

Mont. 17-41-29

Tom Nichols' House (Site)
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

c. 1882

The two story, frame house with two rooms down and two up was representative of the type built by the more prosperous black landowners in the late 19th century. Also on the site was a "brush shed" or "brush barn" made of upright poles interlaced with pine boughs and covered with a roof of similar materials. It was used to shelter animals on farms and was once rather common on small farms in southern Maryland and this county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Tom Nichols House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Sugarland Rd.

CITY, TOWN Sugarland (Poolesville) VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William R. and Elaine Murry

Telephone #: 972-8940

Abandoned Land

STREET & NUMBER 14840 Sugarland Rd.

CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Courthouse, Land records

Liber #: 3927

Folio #: 773

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story, frame house stood on the north side of Sugarland Road, and its front length was facing the road. The facade was two bays in length, a door and a window downstairs, balanced by two windows above. In plan, there were two rooms down and two up, with a one story, one room shed attached to the back length. This was used as the kitchen, as was common. There was a brick stove flue. The walls inside the house were covered with "wainscotting". This was the local term for narrow tongue and groove siding that became popular in the late 19th century.

A door led from the shed kitchen to the yard and out-buildings. These were a chicken house, meat house, stable for horses and a hog pen. The stable for the animals was often a "shed", which Lee describes as a structure made of upright poles like a lean-to, with its roof and sides covered with straw. In Charles County, black informants have described similar structures used as shelter for animals and called them "brush barns", but this term was not used in Sugarland, instead they were simply called "sheds".

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The deed, EBP 27/205, shows that Thomas and his wife Henrietta Nichols purchased this tract from A. Pleasant Webb in 1882. The U.S. Census for 1870 lists Thomas Nichols (age, 23, therefore born in 1847) with his brother Frank (age, 18), and his sister Carrie (age, 20). His occupation was farm laborer. In the 1880 census, he was listed (age, 35 -- the age discrepancy is not unusual --) with his wife Henrietta (age, 26) and with children:

Mary, (age, 11)	daughter?, (age, 4)
George, (age, 8)	Abbey, (age, 3)
Anna, (age, 5)	

His occupation was "works on farm", and Henrietta's was "keeps house". His birthplace was Virginia, and Henrietta's was Maryland.

The two story frame house that Nichols built on this site was representative of the type built by the more prosperous Black land-owners in the community. The brush shed, a type also found in Charles County, is another significant feature, since it has thoroughly vanished from the historical landscape, and it was once common around Black settlements in southern Maryland and this county.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

U.S. Census, 1870, 1880 for Montgomery County
Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse
Oral interviews, Tilghman Lee

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

ORGANIZATION DATE
SRT 7/78

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Box 87 301-926-4510

CITY OR TOWN STATE
Dickerson, Md.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20763
(301) 926-4510

SITE: p. 809 Tom Nichols Property

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: Charles E. Jr. and Eleanor Smith

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: C551

ACREAGE: 2

L/F: 4409/162

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Charles Carroll and Madeline Alice Thomas

GRANTEE: Charles E. Jr. and Eleanor Smith

DATE: July 9, 1973 ACREAGE: 2
Rec. July 16, 1973
MISC.:

2) GRANTOR: Ida Johnson

GRANTEE: Charles and Madeline Thomas

DATE: 1962 ACREAGE:

MISC.:

L/F 3067/609

3) GRANTOR: Thomas E. Nichols, et al.

GRANTEE: Ida Johnson

DATE: ACREAGE: 5 ac, 3 rods and 8 sq.

MISC.: L/F 2964/205 perches

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HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: p. 809

GRANTOR: Webbs and Sillers

GRANTEE: Thom as Nichols

DATE: Nov. 13, 1880

ACREAGE: 5 ac, 3 roods, 8 perches

MISC.: EBP 27/208

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

Tom Nichols Property

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HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: p. 815 current owner: WR and EW Murry
tract 3.77 ac tax plat C551

GRANTOR: Walters and Ruth A Johnson L/F 3927/773

GRANTEE: W^m R and Elaine W. Murry

DATE: Nov. 5, 1969 ACREAGE:

Recorded Dec. 19, 1969
MISC.:

GRANTOR: J. Moran McConine

GRANTEE: Walter S and Ruth A. Johnson } L/F

3707/31

DATE: Aug. 28, 1967 ACREAGE:

MISC.:

GRANTOR: W^m R. and Elaine L. Murry } L/F

GRANTEE: Walter S. and Ruth A. Johnson } 3799/668

DATE: Oct. 10, 1968 ACREAGE:

MISC.:

Grantee: W^m R and Elaine Murry

Grantor: Ida Johnson

L/F 3018/673

GRANTOR: Thomas E. Nichols

GRANTEE: Ida Johnson

DATE: ACREAGE: 5 ac. 3 rds. 8 sq. perches

MISC.:

HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: p. 815

GRANTOR: All heirs at law and next of kin of the
late Thomas and Henrietta S. Nicholas and John
GRANTEE: Ida Johnson
and Henrietta Johnson

DATE: ACREAGE:

MISC.:

EB P 27/205
GRANTOR: A. Pleasant Webb et al
GRANTEE: Thomas Nichols and Henrietta Nichols
DATE: ~~Dec~~ Nov. 30, 1880 ACREAGE: 5 ac. 3 roods and 8 sq.
MISC.: Dec. 24, 1882 perches.

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE: ACREAGE:

MISC.:

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE: ACREAGE:

MISC.:

1870

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NAME: Thomas Nicholls

AGE/D.O.B.: 23

WIFE: Brother Frank 18 farm laborer
 sister Carrie 20 domestic servant

CHILDREN:

OCCUPATION: farm laborer

1880

Thomas Nichols p. 52

AGE/D.O.B. 35

WIFE: Henrietta - 26 keep house

CHILDREN: Mary 11
 Geo. 8
 Anna - 5
 (daughter?) - 4 } at home

OCCUPATION: A b key 3

work on farm

he is from Va
 she is from Md.

NAME: Mary Lynch.

NOT known if Sugawana
though listed with other black
families

CENSUS: 1900 Mont. Co.

PAGE: 7 A

AGE/D.O.B.: Apr. 1870

OCCUPATION:

WIFE:

CHILDREN:

- Henry W. - Sept. 1893
- Alice E. - July 1888
- Robert F. - Dec 1889
- Reason L. - Feb. 1893
- Richard J. - Mar. 1896
- Rosetta B. - Apr. 1899

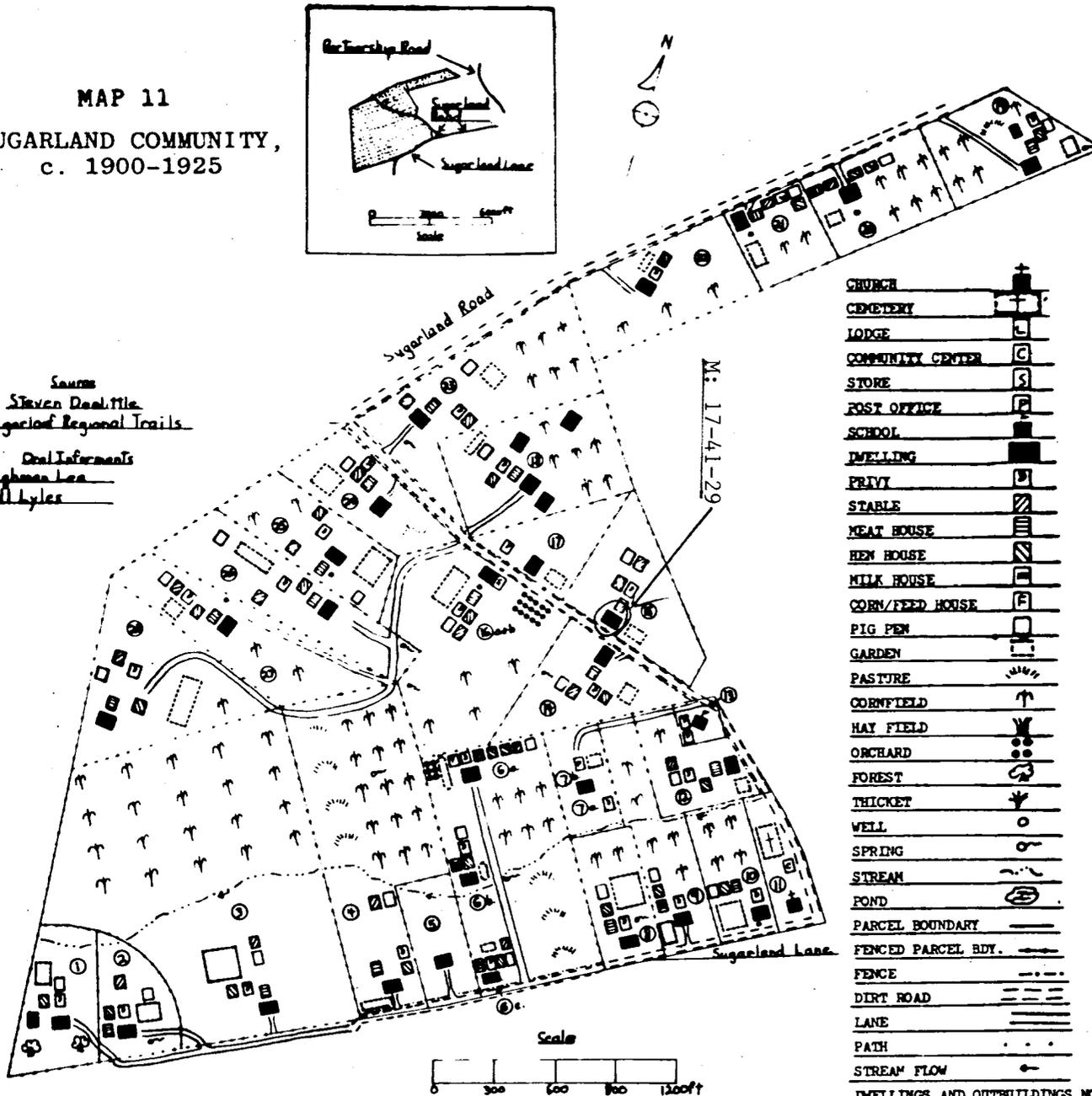
PLACE OF BIRTH:

All members - Maryland

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925

Sources
Steven Deal, file
Sugarland Regional Trails

Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles

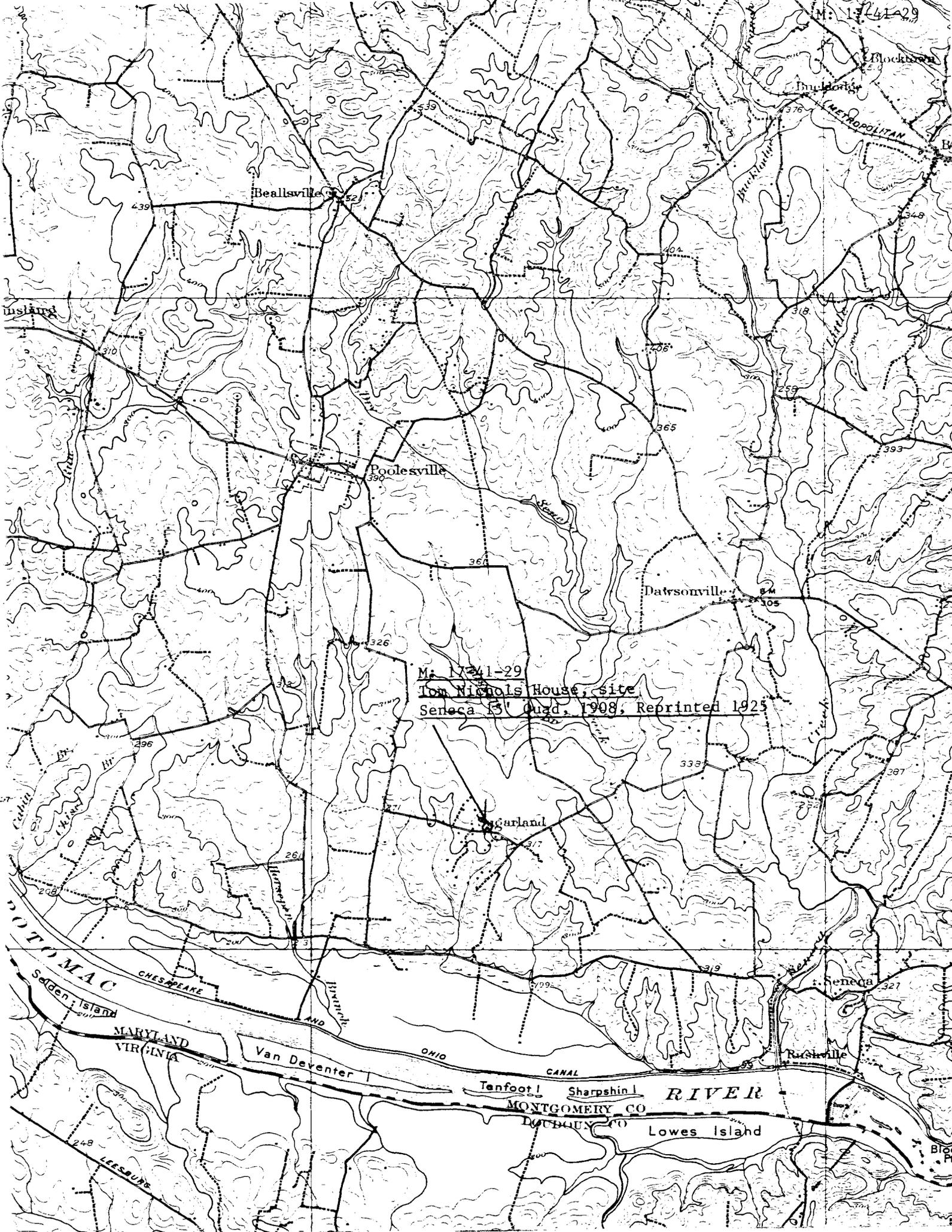


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1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD.	3.00 AC.
2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD.	4.00 AC.
3. JOHN ADAMS HSTD.	18.00 AC.
4. LEWIS GARNETT HSTD.	14.00 AC.
5. PETER JACKSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
6a. PATRICK HEBRON HSTD.	17.00 AC.
b. LUKE HEBRON HSTD.	
c. ROBERT HEBRON HSTD.	
7a. NATHAN JOHNSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
b. POST OFFICE	
8. JOHN HIGGINS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
9. JOE CURTIS HSTD.	6.00 AC.
10. EASIL DORSEY HSTD.	4.00 AC.
11. ST. PAUL'S M.E. CHURCH	1.00 AC.
12. HORACE JACKSON HSTD.	2.00 AC.
13. SUGARLAND SCHOOL	1.00 AC.
14. SAM BEANDER HSTD.	6.00 AC.
15. THOMAS NICHOLS HSTD.	10.00 AC.
16a. BENJAMIN SPARROUGH HSTD.	14.75 AC.
b. SUGARLAND STORE	
17. CHARLES JACKSON HSTD.	4.50 AC.
18. LUKE LYNCH & FAMILY HSTD.	10.00 AC.
19. WILLIAM TAYLOR HSTD.	3.00 AC.
20. LLOYD COATES HSTD.	4.00 AC.
21. SAMUEL JOHNSON HSTD.	4.00 AC.
22. JOHN DIGGS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
23. JOHN BRANISON HSTD.	11.00 AC.
24. RAF BRANISON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
25. PHILLIP JOHNSON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
26. ISAAC BELL HSTD.	10.00 AC.
27. SAMUEL LEE HSTD.	5.00 AC.
28. LEVI HALL HSTD.	10.00 AC.

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY



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Tom Nichols House, site
Seneca 13' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

Beallsville

Poolesville

Dawsonville

Garland

Seneca

Rushville

Island

CHESAPEAKE
Selden Island

MARYLAND
VIRGINIA

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OHIO

CANAL

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Lowes Island

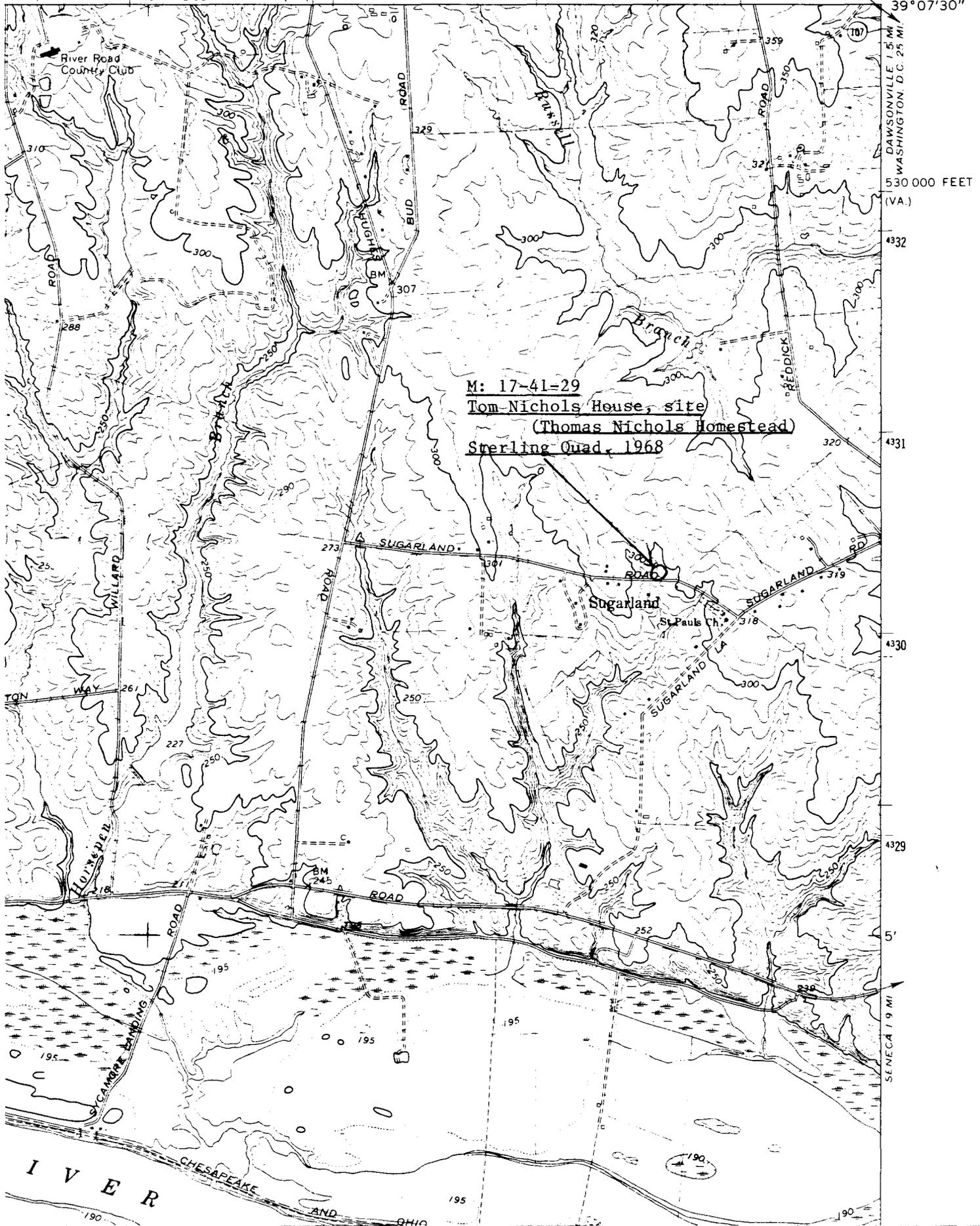
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STERLING QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE

M: 17-41-29
5562 III ME
(GERMANTOWN)

291 25' 2 310 000 FEET (VA.) 292 293 POOLESVILLE 3 MI 77° 22' 30" 39° 07' 30"



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Tom-Nichols House, site
(Thomas Nichols Homestead)
Sterling Quad, 1968

RIVER
CHESAPEAKE
AND OHIO