

MONT. 17-41-4

James Beckwith House (Site)
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

c. 1886

This house was one and a half stories in height and contained one room down and one room up. The property on which it stood was shared cooperatively by the households of two brothers, each of whom had his own house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC James Beckwith House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Sugarland Lane

CITY, TOWN Poolesville X VICINITY OF (Sugarland) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William T. Johnson Telephone #: Not Listed

STREET & NUMBER RFD 1 , Box 32

CITY, TOWN Poolesville X VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tax Assessment Office

Liber #: Plat: CR 43 Folio #: Parcel: 562

STREET & NUMBER Unibank Office Bldg.

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"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tilghman Lee says this was a two story frame house with one room up and one room down. There was a door in front and in back. It was heated with a wood stove. It was later built than the earlier log houses.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though Tilghman Lee described this house as being two stories, it was probably only one and a half since there was only one room down and one up. This was a size similar to earlier log houses. The Mary Davis house (which is frame) in the Jonesville community which has been surveyed, exemplifies this type.

No land records were found that gave the history of this house. The parcel of land, CR 43-P.562, has no liber/folio in the tax assessment lists. James Beckwith was not listed as a grantee in the index of grantees in the land records office in the courthouse. Nor was there a Beckwith listed as grantee from the Webb family (the grantors to the Black landowners in Sugarland), except for Katie Beckwith, wife of Tilghman Beckwith. Since Tilghman and his brother James were neighbors, according to Tilghman Lee, it is likely that the 4 acres purchased by Katie Beckwith were occupied by the families of the two brothers.

According to Lee, James Beckwith's wife was named "Mage", and they had one daughter named "Lottie". There is no James Beckwith in the 1870 or 1880 censuses whose family matches this description. *BUT THERE WAS SUCH A FAMILY IN THE U.S. 1900 CENSUS. SEE ATTACHED PAGE.*

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse
Oral Interviews, Tilghman Lee, Sugarland Community, June-July, 1978
U.S. Census, 1870 and 1880, Montgomery County

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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 Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

(Father-in-law)

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NAME: James H. Beckwith (Levi Mason - Head)

CENSUS: 1900 Mont. Co.

PAGE: 7 B

AGE/D.O.B.: Jan. 1853

OCCUPATION: Farm laborer

WIFE:

CHILDREN:

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Maryland

NAME: William Beckwith

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CENSUS: 1900 Montgomery Co.

PAGE: 7 B

AGE/D.O.B.: Jan. 1860

OCCUPATION: Farm Laborer

WIFE: Maria - June, 1864

CHILDREN: Mary E. - Apr. 1884
Henry W. - Oct. 1886
John T. - Dec. 1893
Taylor S. - Apr. 1894

Jeremiah - March 1896
Julius N. - Nov. 1898.

PLACE OF BIRTH:

All members - Maryland

Probably brother of ~~James~~ James &
Tilghman Beckwith ^{since} Listed in Sugarland
community.

NAME: James Beckwith.

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CENSUS: 1900 Montgomery County

PAGE: 6 B

AGE/D.O.B.: June 1854

OCCUPATION: Day Laborer

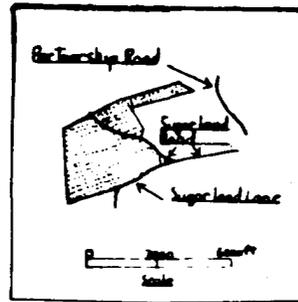
WIFE: Margaret - April 1865

CHILDREN: Lottie - Jan. 1887

PLACE OF BIRTH:

All Members - Maryland

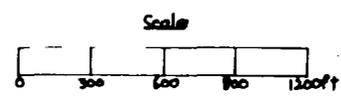
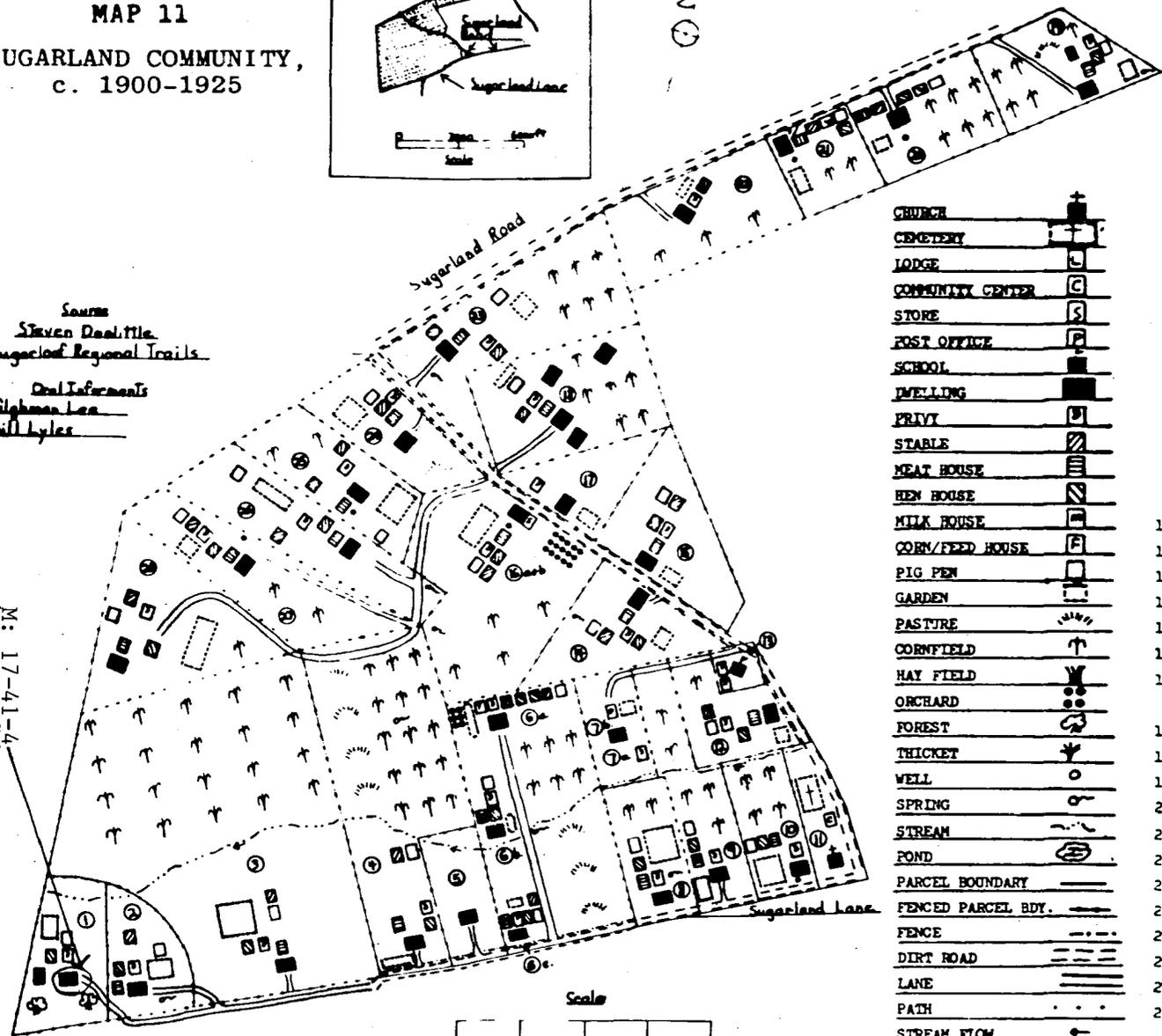
MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925



Source
Steven Dealittle
Sugarcreek Regional Trails

Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles

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Key

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| POST OFFICE | [Icon] |
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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 HERBON HSTD. | 17.00 AC. |
| b. LUKE HERBON HSTD. | |
| c. ROBERT HERBON 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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James Beckwith House, site
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STERLING QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE

M: 17-41-4
5562 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

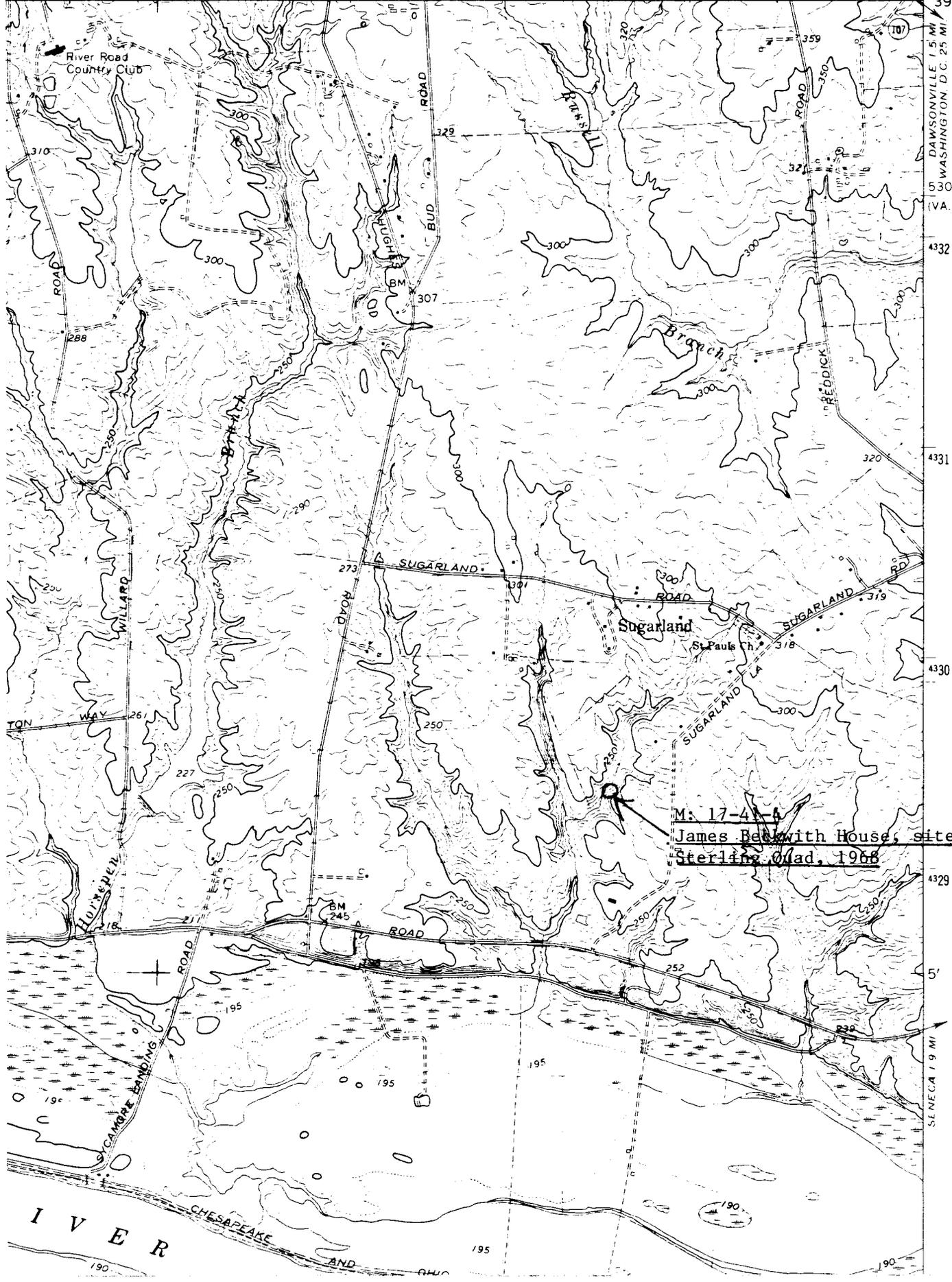
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POOLESVILLE 3 MI 77° 22' 30"
39° 07' 30"

DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI
WASHINGTON, D.C. 25 MI

530 000 FEET
(VA.)



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James Beckwith House, site
Sterling Quad, 1968

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AND