

Mont. #7-41-5

Tilghman Beckwith House (site)
Pooleville Vicinity
Private

C. 1886

This two story, frame house had two rooms down and two up and was the residence of the Tilghman Beckwith family. Each room was warmed by wood stoves downstairs. It was the only house of those built by late 19th century Black landowners in the Sugarland community to have a front porch.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Tilghman Beckwith House (Site)
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER West side of Sugarland Lane
 CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF Sugarland) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3
 STATE Md. COUNTY Md. Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME William T. Johnson Telephone #: Not listed
 STREET & NUMBER Box 32, RFD 1
 CITY, TOWN Poolesville 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
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

According to Tilghman Lee, this was the home of his uncle, after whom he was named: Tilghman Beckwith. He was his father's half-brother (same mother).

Lee remembers that his uncle's house was a frame structure with two rooms down and two up. It was warmed by wood stoves in each room downstairs. It was the only house in the Sugarland community that had a porch on the front of it.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was in keeping with the other two story frame houses of the more properous Black landowners in the Sugarland community. Its type was common in the late 19th century. Since the residents were kin to the nearby family of Samuel Lee, this is another example of the extended family in Sugarland.

The U.S. census of 1870 lists a Tilghman Beckwith with wife Ellen and daughter Martha, but Tilghman Lee recalls that this was not his uncle's family. The U.S. census for 1880, however, lists another Tilghman Beckwith (born in 1850) with wife Katie (born 1853), and Lee identifies this as the family of his uncle and aunt. Their children were Elbert (born 1873), Nancy (born 1876) and James (born 1877), and Sarah (born 1879). Lee recalls that these were the names of their children. Beckwith "worked on a farm" as an occupation, and his wife kept house.

In 1886 Katie Beckwith purchased 4 acres for this farm from the Webb family, recorded in deed JA 1/226. This is an important example of the value of oral history, because without the recollection of Tilghman Lee, one would not have known that Katie Beckwith was the wife of Tilghman Beckwith, and one would not have been able to obtain a date for the purchase of this property nor approximate a date for construction of the house.

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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

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Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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

1870

NAME: Tilghman Beckwith

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AGE/D.O.B.: 20

WIFE: Ellen 23 domestic servant

CHILDREN: Martha? 1

OCCUPATION: farm laborer

Note: cannot read or write

not the same as
Tilghman Beckwith of
Sussexland

1880 found in index

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AGE/D.O.B. 30

vol 15 ED 111

sheet 6 line 40

WIFE: Katie 27 House Keeping - T. Lee recognizes this

CHILDREN: Elbert 7 - T. Lee

Nancy 4
James W 3

Tilghman - T. Lee
+ Hays

OCCUPATION: Sarah M 1
work on farm

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NAME: Tillman Beckwith

CENSUS: 1900 Montgomery County

PAGE: 6 B

AGE/D.O.B.: May 1850

OCCUPATION: Farm Laborer

WIFE: Katie - Jan 1882

CHILDREN: Mary E. - Nov. 1881

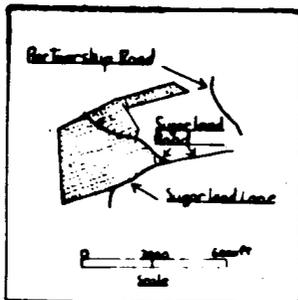
Vina E. - Mar. 1889

Tillman S. - Mary 1888

PLACE OF BIRTH:

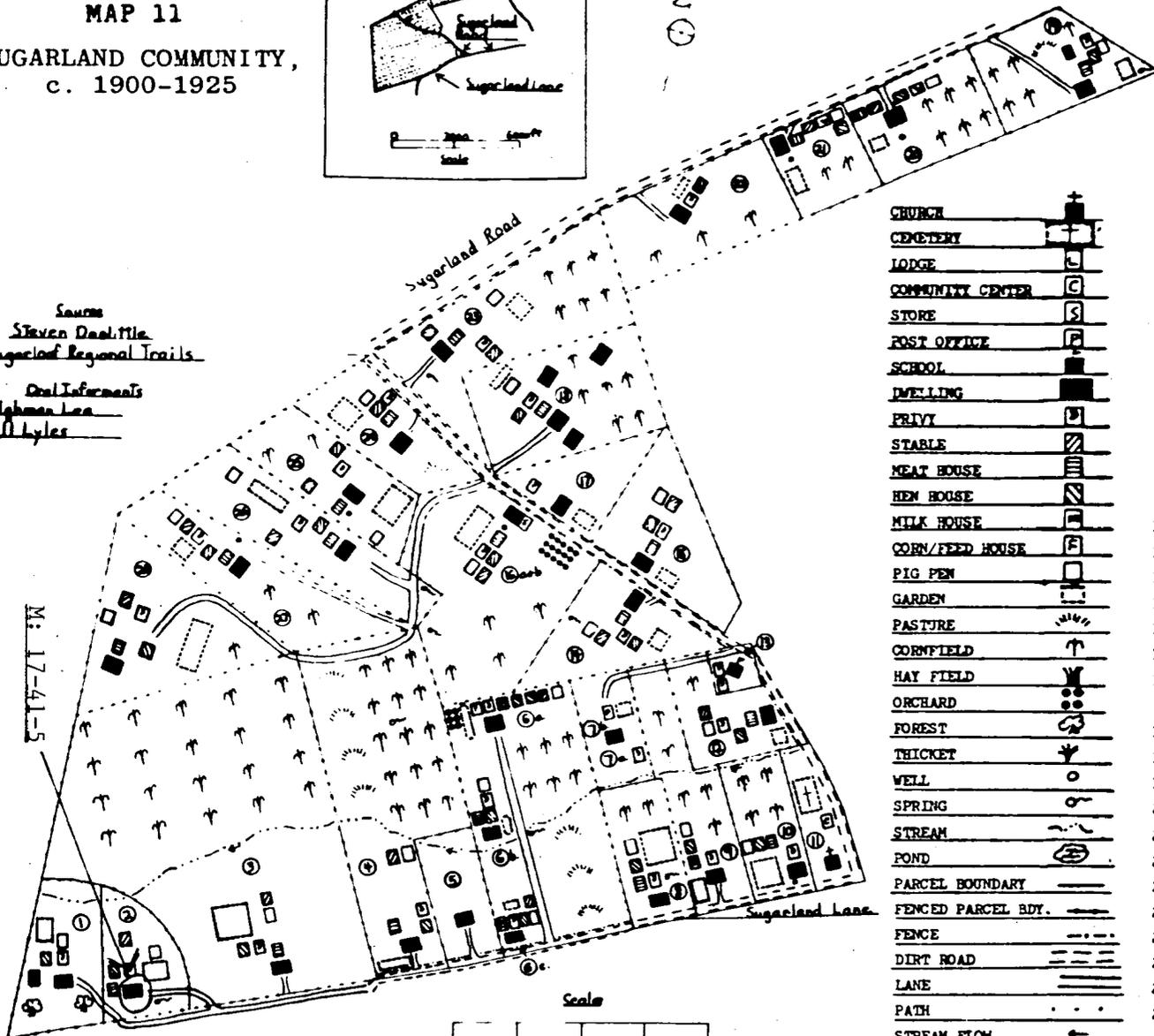
All Members - Maryland

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925



Source
Steven Deal, M.A.
Sugarland Regional Trails

Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles



Key

CHURCH	[Symbol]
CEMETERY	[Symbol]
LODGE	[Symbol]
COMMUNITY CENTER	[Symbol]
STORE	[Symbol]
POST OFFICE	[Symbol]
SCHOOL	[Symbol]
DWELLING	[Symbol]
PRIVY	[Symbol]
STABLE	[Symbol]
MEAT HOUSE	[Symbol]
HEN HOUSE	[Symbol]
MILK HOUSE	[Symbol]
CORN/FEED HOUSE	[Symbol]
PIG PEN	[Symbol]
GARDEN	[Symbol]
PASTURE	[Symbol]
CORNFIELD	[Symbol]
HAY FIELD	[Symbol]
ORCHARD	[Symbol]
FOREST	[Symbol]
THICKET	[Symbol]
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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 HERRON HSTD.	17.00 AC.
b. LUKE HERRON HSTD.	
c. ROBERT HERRON 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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STERLING QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE
POOLESVILLE 2.8 MI. 77°22'30"

GERMANTOWN

25'

2 310 000 FEET (VA.)

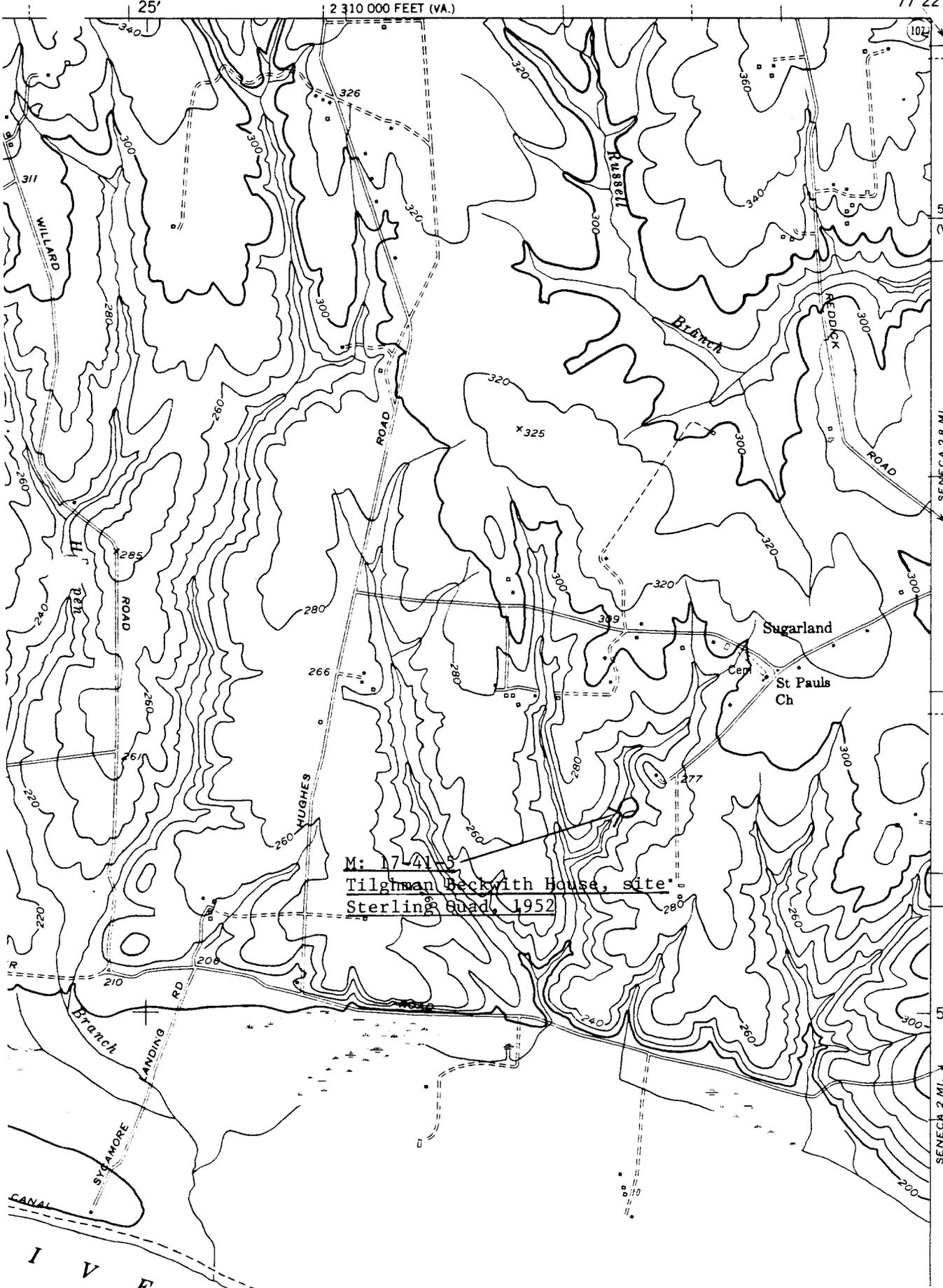
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DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 25 MI.

530 000 FEET
(VA.)

SENECA 2.8 MI

SENECA 2 MI.



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Tilghman Beckwith House, site
Sterling Quad, 1952

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

M: 17-41-5

5562 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

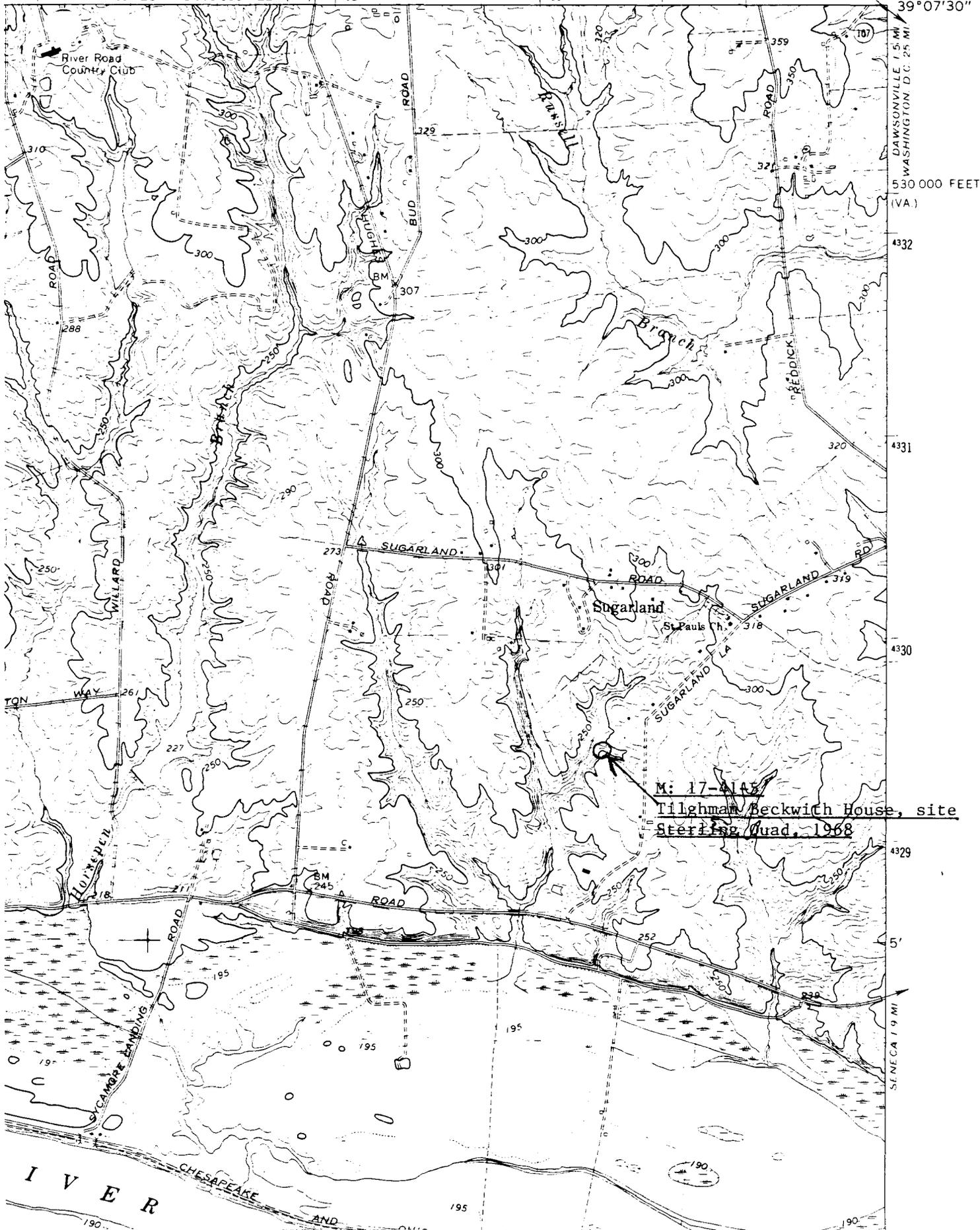
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POOLESVILLE 3 MI 77° 22' 30"

39° 07' 30"



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Tilghman Beckwith House, site
Sterling Quad, 1968

IVER

CHESAPEAKE

AND

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SENECA 15 MI

DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI

WASHINGTON D.C. 25 MI

530 000 FEET
(VA)

4332

4331

4330

4329

5'