

John Branison House (Site)
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

c. 1884

This two story, frame house was built because its owner wanted to build a home in the "higher style", which was frame instead of log, according to a elderly oral informant in the community.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Magi # 17-19-41-9

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC John Branison House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North Side of Sugarland Rd.

CITY, TOWN

POOLESVILLE

X 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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Benjamin H. and Pearl E. Randolph Telephone #: 972-8527

STREET & NUMBER 14750 Sugarland Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 20837

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Courthouse-land records

Liber #: 2838 Folio #: 178

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE Maryland

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 recalls that this house was a frame house, two stories in height. Like other frame houses in Sugarland, it was sheathed with weatherboards that were whitewashed.

Lee says that it was built after the log houses because Branison was younger and wanted to build his house in the "higher style", which was frame instead of log.

Note: Interview with Tilghman Lee
 Poolesville Vicinty
 Sugarland Lane
 301-972-8454
 July, 1978
 By George McDaniel

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	
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<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. 1884 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was representative of the house built by Black landowners of the last decades of the 19th century. Tilghman Lee's explanation that this house was frame, instead of log, because frame houses were considered more in keeping with the styles of the time is supported by the testimony of other Black informants in the country, such as Lemuel Graham in Martinsburg.

The U.S. Census for Montgomery County for 1880 lists John Branison (sic) with wife Mary. He was born in 1850, and she in 1854. Her occupation was "keeping house", while his was "work on farm". Tilghman Lee confirms that Jonn Branison's wife was named Mary. Branison's children were:

- Arthur, age 10
- Sarah, age 9
- Anna, age 6
- Ida, age 5
- Mamie, age 3
- Hattie, age 1
- Henrietta, age 1

Tilghman Lee remembers that two of the Branison children were named Arthur and Mamie, so this is the Sugarland family.

According to deed EBP 29/76, John Branison purchased this tract of 11 acres in 1880 from A. Pleasants Webb and Anne A. Webb, and the Sitlers. Thus this is one of the older generation of houses, nearly contemporary to the William Taylor house. In order for Branison to build a frame house at this time instead of the more commonplace log dwelling, his family must have been somewhat better off economically or been more concerned about investing their money in a house of the newer style.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse
 Oral Interview, Tilghman Lee
 U.S. Census, 1880

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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	Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant	
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CITY OR TOWN	Box 87 Stronghold	STATE
	Dickerson	Maryland

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

1870

NAME: John Brandison

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AGE/D.O.B.:

WIFE:

CHILDREN:

OCCUPATION:

1880

AGE/D.O.B. 30 w
- T. Lee

WIFE: Mary 26 keeping house
T. Lee

CHILDREN: Arthur 10
Sarah 9
Anna 6

OCCUPATION: Ida 5 } at home
work on farm } T. Lee
Mamie 3
Hattie 1
Henrietta 1

NAME: John Branison

M:17-41-7

CENSUS: 1900 Montgomery County

PAGE: 6 B

AGE/D.O.B.: April 1840

OCCUPATION: Farmer

WIFE: Mary - Jan . 1850

CHILDREN:

Annie E. - June 1873

Claude - Mar. 1887

Calaf - Feb. 1881

Benjamin H. - Nov. 1888

John - Mar. 1884

Amelia J. - Mar. 1892

James - Aug. 1886

PLACE OF BIRTH:

All Members - Maryland

Webb

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P. 682

SITE: John Branson (Branison)

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: Benjamin H and Pearl E. Randolph

ADDRESS: 14750 Sugarland Rd., Poolesville, Md. 20837

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: C551 p 682

ACREAGE: 10.50 ac.

L/F: 2838 / 178

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Nettie Branison Johnson and Phillip Samuel Johnson

GRANTEE: Benjamin H. and Pearl E. Randolph

DATE: April 15, 1961 ACREAGE: 11 ac. 20 39 perches of land

recorded: April 18, 1961
MISC.:

L/F 4662-334 - not the same people or the same land

2) GRANTOR: Virginia Withers

L/F 2772 / 430

GRANTEE: Phillip S. Johnson

DATE: Aug. 30, 1960 ACREAGE:

MISC.:

3) GRANTOR: John Branson Jr.

GRANTEE: Virginia Withers

DATE: Aug. 29, 1960 ACREAGE: 11, 27 59 perches

rel. Aug. 30, 1960
MISC.:

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Grantee John ~~S~~ Branson, Jr.

Grantor A. Pleasants Webb and Anne A.
and Sitlers

4E EBP 29/76

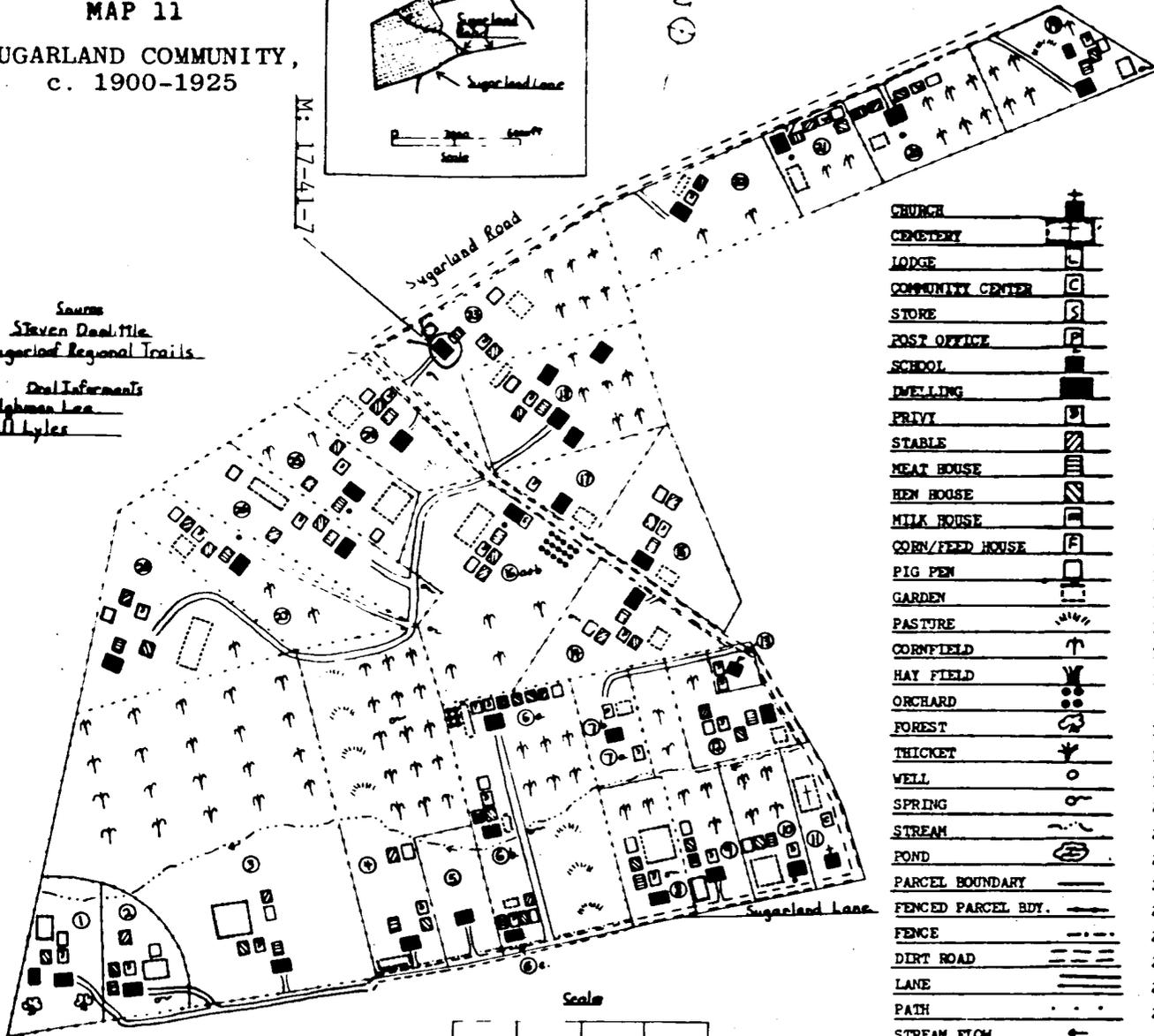
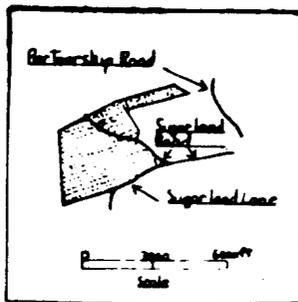
recorded June 9, 1883

date Nov. 13, 1880

tract: 11 ac 20 sq. perches

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925

Sources
Steven Deal M.E.
Sugarland Regional Trails
Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Hyles



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]
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FENCED PARCEL BDY.	[Symbol]
FENCE	[Symbol]
DIRT ROAD	[Symbol]
LANE	[Symbol]
PATH	[Symbol]
STREAM FLOW	[Symbol]

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

John Branison House 163 site
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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"

39°07'30"

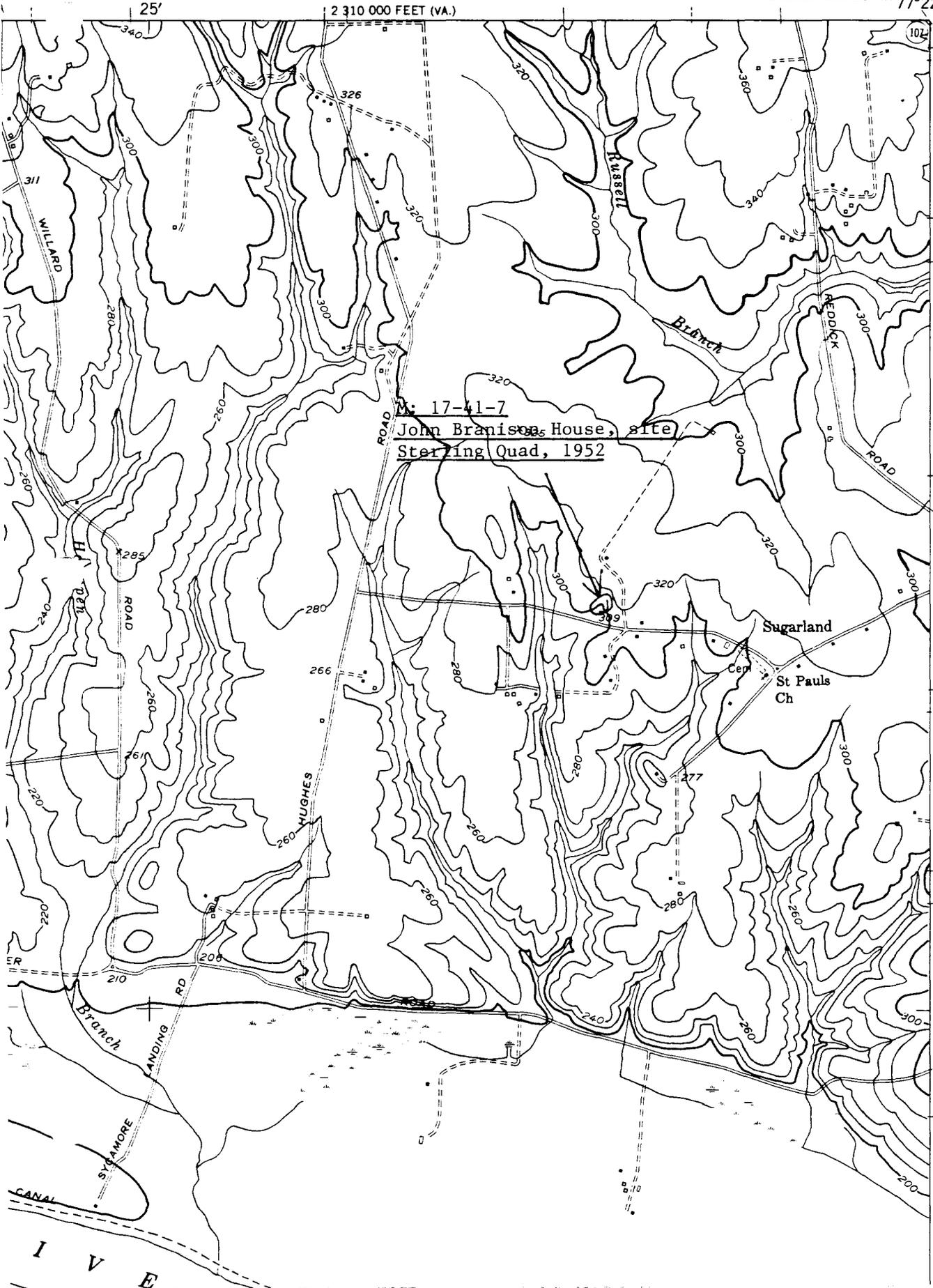
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(GERMANTOWN)



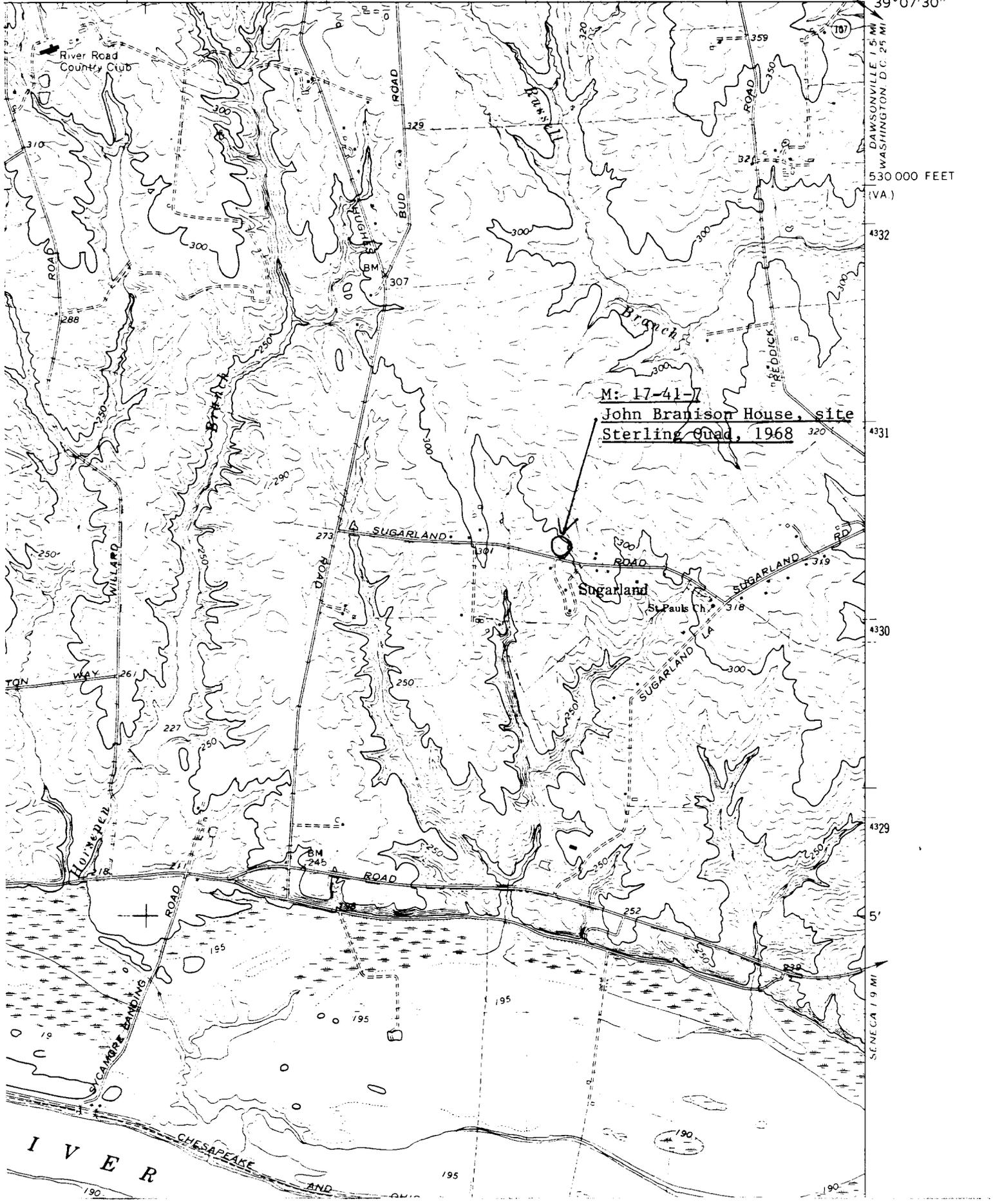
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John Branison House, site
Sterling Quad, 1952

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

M: 17-41-7
5562 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

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



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John Branison House, site
Sterling Quad, 1968

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AND