

Mont. 17-51-1

Clarke Family Houses (Sites)  
Poolesville  
Jerusalem community, Poolesville Vicinity  
Private

c. 1896 and early 1900's

Two houses once stood on this site: a small, one story log house dwelling, built by the black landowning family in the late 1890's, and the second a handsome two story frame house with two rooms down and two up, built by the second generation of the same family. These houses were centers of the community, because their owners were prominent religious and educational leaders in the community and county.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Clark Family Houses (Sites)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Jerusalem Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Jerusalem 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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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
	<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Cemetery

NAME

Roland C. Harper

Telephone #: 410-301-349-5038

STREET & NUMBER

19315 Jerusalem Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 3947 (Property Map:  
Folio #: 1 CT 33 p. 73)

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse

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**

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

This house was among the most handsome in the Jerusalem community. It stood on the property of the Clarke family, a triangular tract formed by the junction of Jerusalem and Jerusalem Church Roads. This house stood on the south side of Jerusalem Church Road and faced the road. It has since been destroyed; nothing remains except a small pile of rubble. However, a portion of the property has been conveyed to the Jerusalem Baptist Church and is now a lovely cemetery.

The house was a two story frame dwelling with a hipped porch, sheltering most of the front length, according to oral informant, William Moore. The facade consisted of three bays, displaying the bilateral symmetry popular in the design of houses of the late 19th century. There was a door centrally located, flanked by a window on each side. The windows contained double hung sashes. According to Moore, this house was painted yellow, unlike most which were either whitewashed or left natural. This was one of several more decorative features that set this house apart. Other decorative features included trim boards along the corners and a cross gable pediment that accented the roof line. According to Moore, the pediment contained a window of a rectangular or square design. A brick stove flue ascended inside each gable end. The gable roof was sheathed with wood shingles.

In plan, the interior contained two rooms down and two up. A stairway was located in the middle of the house, directly in front of the door. The kitchen was the room to the left, as one entered, and the living room was to the right. According to Moore, each room measured about 16' in depth and 12' in length. The walls were lathed and plastered. In the kitchen a door opened underneath the central stairway to the steps leading down to the cellar. There was another door leading from the outside into the cellar on the left gable end. The two rooms upstairs were bedrooms.

A dirt drive led from Jerusalem Road along the property of George Dorsey to the back to this house. Off to the side was Clarke's stable, where he kept his horse. According to Moore, Clarke travelled extensively about the county in his horse and buggy since he was a salesman, educator, and community and church leader.

To the northeast of the house stood a smaller, one story log house. It was the home of Leanna Clarke, the mother of Noah Clarke. Presumably this small log house was the dwelling first built by the Clarke family (James and Leanna Clarke) when they purchased the property in 1896. Moore recalls that between this small log house and the larger frame dwelling was the family vegetable garden.

For further details of the plan of the homestead and the design and construction of the house, contact Sam Clarke in Rockville, 301-962-2914, or his nephew, Sam Harper in Big Woods, 301-349-5287.

**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
<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 checked="" 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
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<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		

*Black History*

SPECIFIC DATES *c. 1896 early 1900's* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed JA 49/426, James Clarke purchased this tract of 4.4 acres from William Wallace Poole in 1896. This establishes him as among the second set of landowning settlers, such as Frank and George Dorsey who also purchased land near the turn of the century. The first set included Robert Williams, Maria Moore, and David Copeland. Since the purchase in 1896, this property has remained in the possession of the Clarke family and is now owned by Clarke's grandson, making three ongoing generations of ownership by the same family.

This house was among the largest and best built in the Jerusalem community. Its construction and style were representative of the types popular to the turn of the century for homes of landowners of moderate means. The two houses on this property -- the log house and the larger frame dwelling -- reflected the transition in living conditions as this family became more prosperous, accumulating money with which to purchase building materials and hire a carpenter rather than build a home themselves with the volunteer assistance of the community, as they probably did in constructing the log house. It is possible that the carpenter George Dorsey constructed this house since he was the brother of Leanna Dorsey Clarke, wife of James Clarke.

According to the U.S. Census, 1900, Montgomery County, James Clarke was born in 1840 and was employed as a farm laborer. His wife Leanna was born in 1850. They were both born in Maryland. For further details about the family history, contact Nina Clarke, 301-762-2914, or Sam Harper, 301-349-5287.

Noah Clarke, the son of James Clarke, was one of the leading Black citizens in the county in the drive to improve public schools for Black students. For numerous references to his activities and to those of his associates, see the pioneer study co-authored by his daughter-in-law, Nina Clarke: History of the Black Public Schools of Montgomery County, Maryland 1872-1961.

As part of this survey, the family portrait of Noah Clarke's son Rev. Millard Edward Clarke was copied along with snapshots of Rev. Clarke's wife Beulah Clarke and son Selino Edward Clarke. The latter is a musician. Requests have been made to Nina Clarke for family photographs of Noah Clarke, and if made available, they will be copied too.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
- 2) Oral interview with William Moore, Jerusalem community, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> 78. (not taped), by George McDaniel.
- 3) U.S. Census, Montgomery County, Maryland, E.D. 52, p. 11B
- 4) Clarke, Nina H. and Brown, Lillian B., History of the Black Public Schools in Montgomery County, Md., 1872-1962, Vantage Press, New York, NY.

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	
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ORGANIZATION	DATE
Sugarloaf Regional Trails	Oct. 1978
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
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CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Dickerson	Maryland

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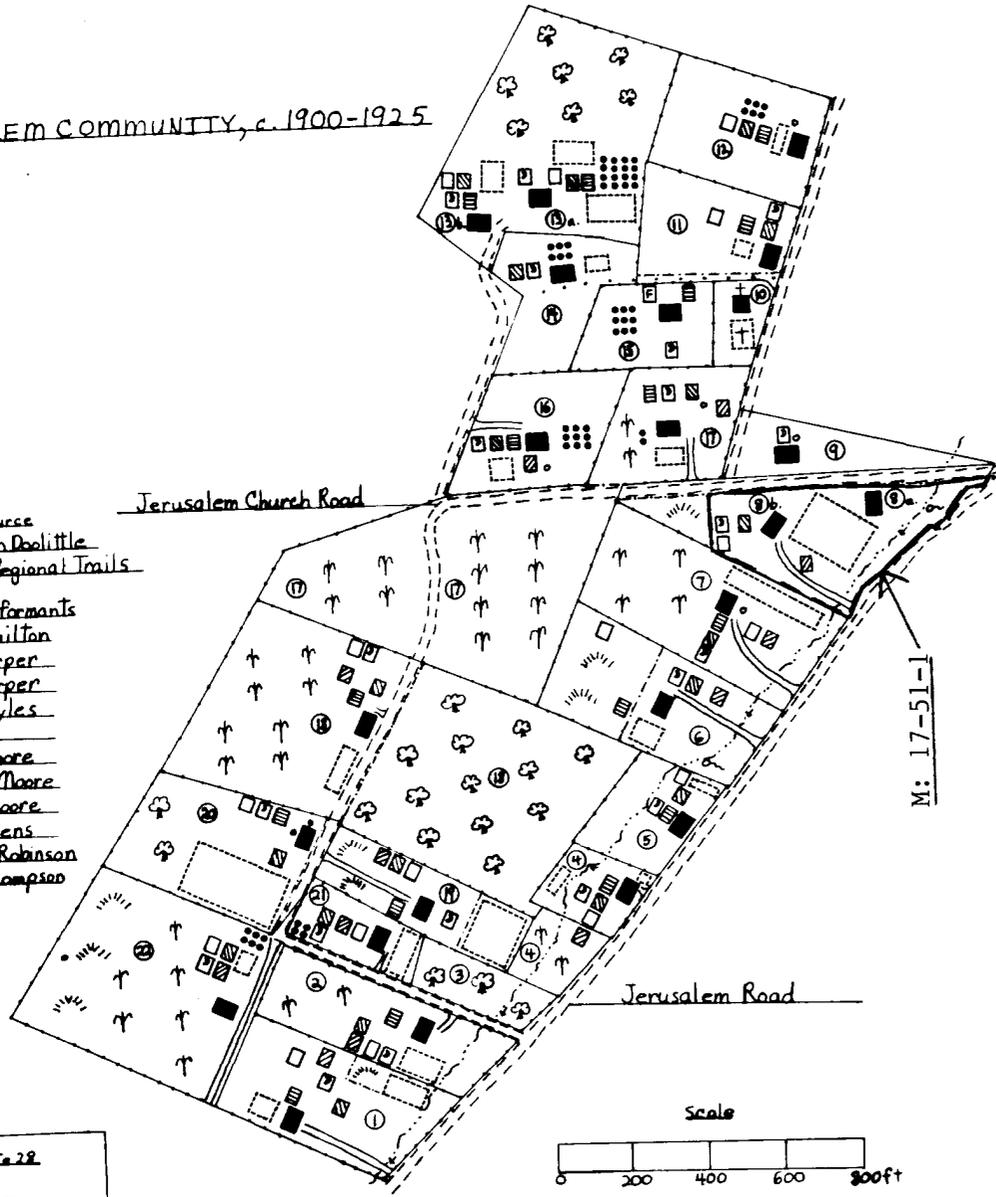
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JERUSALEM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

Source  
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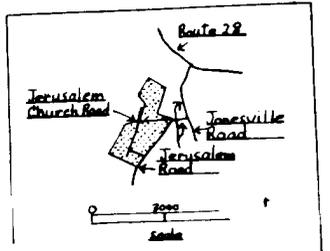
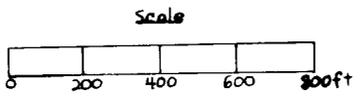
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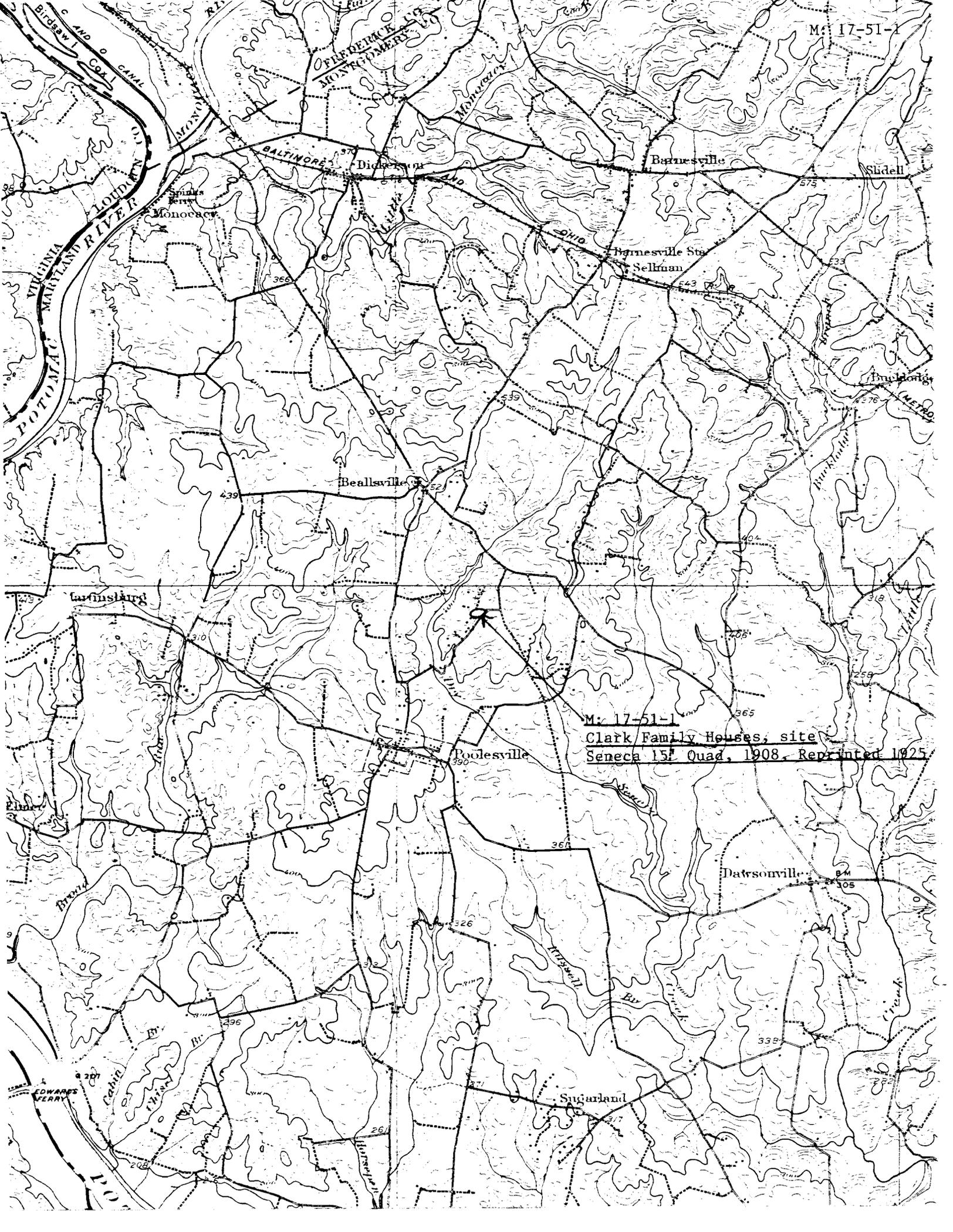


- Key**
- CHURCH
  - CEMETERY
  - LODGE
  - COMMUNITY CENTER
  - STORE
  - POST OFFICE
  - SCHOOL
  - DWELLING
  - PRIVY
  - STABLE
  - MEAT HOUSE
  - HEN HOUSE
  - MILK HOUSE
  - CORN/FEED HOUSE
  - PIG PEN
  - GARDEN
  - PASTURE
  - CORNFIELD
  - HAY FIELD
  - ORCHARD
  - FOREST
  - THICKET
  - WELL
  - SPRING
  - STREAM
  - POND
  - PARCEL BOUNDARY
  - FENCED PARCEL BDY.
  - FENCE
  - DIRT ROAD
  - LANE
  - PATH
  - STREAM FLOW

Key		
1.	WILLIAM ROBINSON HSTD.	3.22 AC.
2.	SARAH JOHNSON HSTD.	2.00 AC.
3.	MILTON HARPER HSTD.	1.00 AC.
4.	WILLIAM LYLES HSTD.	2.00 AC.
5.	SUSAN PROCTOR HSTD.	1.00 AC.
6.	FRANK DORSEY HSTD.	2.90 AC.
7.	GEORGE DORSEY HSTD.	4.75 AC.
8a.	1st CLARKE HOME (log)	4.40 AC.
b. 2nd CLARKE HOME (frame)		
9.	JERUSALEM PARSONAGE	1.50 AC.
10.	JERUSALEM CHURCH	0.50 AC.
11.	WILLIAM DORSEY HSTD.	2.00 AC.
12.	JAMES DORSEY HSTD.	3.00 AC.
13a.	WILLIAM MOORE HSTD.	7.00 AC.
b. HARTLEY MOORE HSTD.		
14.	DAVID COPELAND HSTD.	2.00 AC.
15.	ROBERT WILLIAMS HSTD.	3.75 AC.
16.	WALLACE HAMILTON HSTD.	2.50 AC.
17.	DENNIS HAMILTON HSTD.	9.66 AC.
18.	CHARLES McPHERSON HSTD.	11.00 AC.
19.	LIZZIE GRIMES HSTD.	4.00 AC.
20.	GEORGE LYLES HSTD.	3.00 AC.
21.	JOHN HARPER HSTD.	1.00 AC.
22.	JOHN HALLMAN HSTD.	10.00 AC.

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





FREDERICK CO  
MONTGOMERY CO

POTOMAC RIVER  
VIRGINIA  
MARYLAND RIVER

BALTIMORE

Dickerson

Banesville

Slidell

Spinks  
Monocacy

Banesville Sta  
Sellman

Beallsville

Lanfinsland

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Clark Family Houses, site  
Seneca 15<sup>th</sup> Quad, 1908. Reprinted 1925

Poolesville

Dawsonville

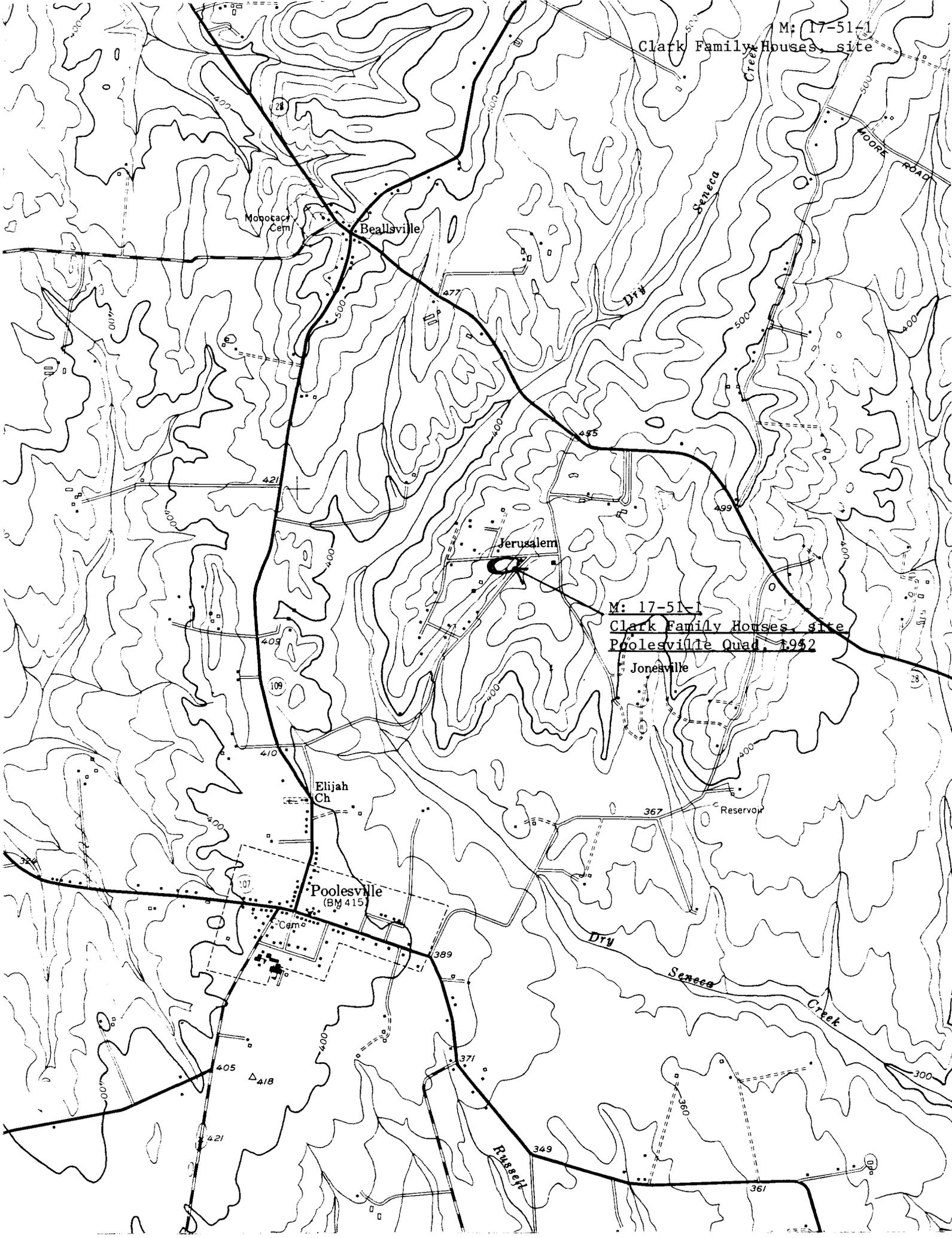
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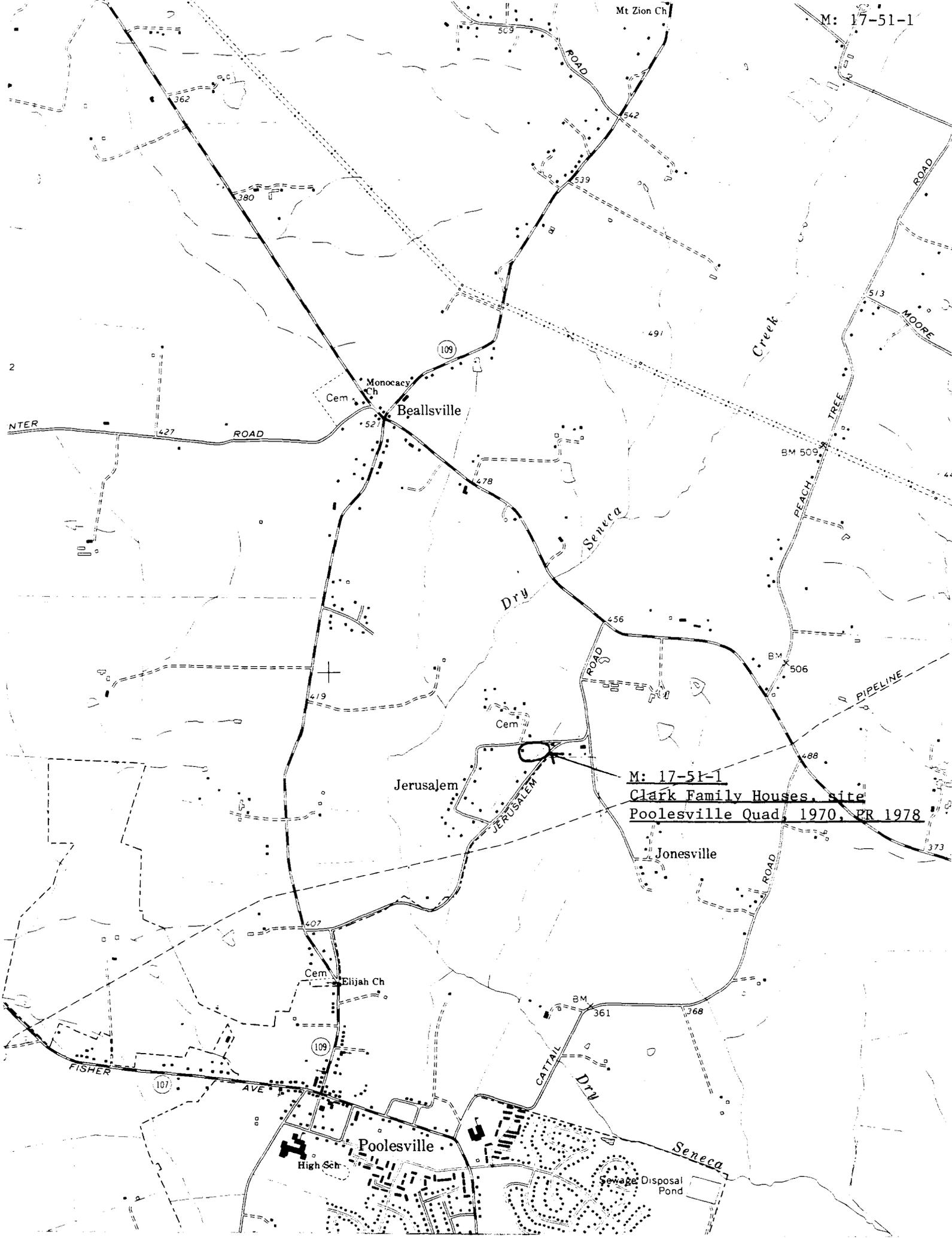
EDWARDS FERRY

Cabin  
Thicket

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Clark Family Houses, site





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Clark Family Houses, site  
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978

Jerusalem

Beallsville

Poolesville

Jonesville

Sewage Disposal Pond

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Monocacy Ch

Mt Zion Ch

Creek

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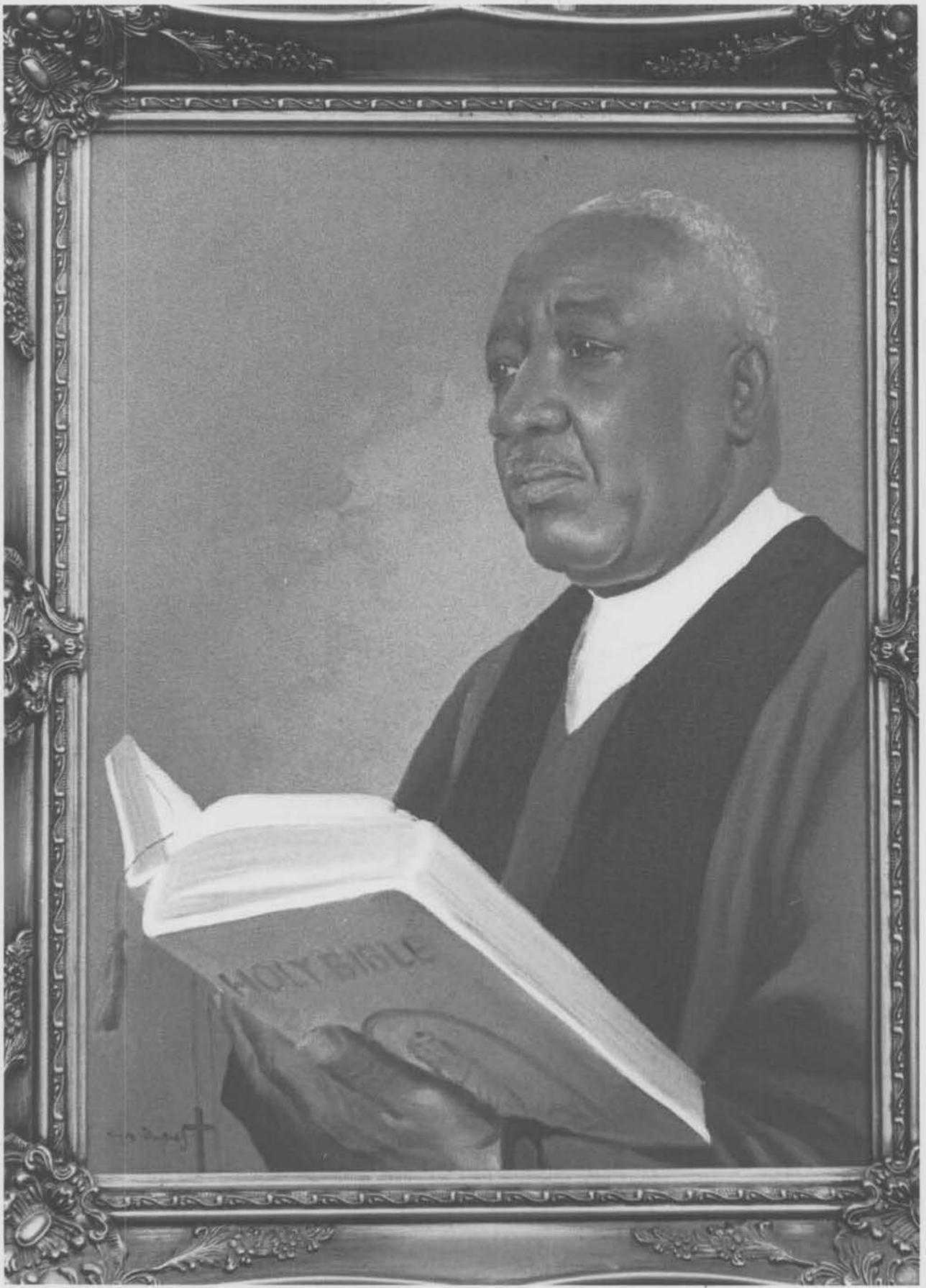
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Millard Clark  
Mont. Co. 17-51-1  
Jerusalem  
bwm

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Clarke Family Cemetery and  
Jerusalem Church Cemetery

M-17-51-12

Jerusalem

GWM

10/78



Beulah Lee Clark  
17-51-1 Mont. Co.  
Jerusalem  
G W M

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Selinou Clark + Sat.  
Son of M.E. + Beulah Clarke  
Mont. Co. 17-51-1  
Jerusalem  
GWM

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