

Mont. 17-51-10
Wallace and Horace Hamilton Houses
Poolesville vicinity, Jerusalem community
Private

c. 1876 and early
1900's

A one and a half story log house with two rooms down and two up, heated by wood stoves, once stood on this site and was the first home of this Black landowning family. In the early 1900's it was replaced by the second generation owner by a one story frame structure with a three bay facade and two rooms down. This transition from log to frame houses was in keeping with the trend in most Black communities throughout the state near the turn of the century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Horace and Wallace Hamilton Houses (2)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Jerusalem Church Rd.

CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF Jerusalem community 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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Abandoned

NAME John T. Hardisty

Telephone #: 229-7738

STREET & NUMBER 5941 Searl Terrace

CITY, TOWN Bethesda VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 4376 Property Map:
Folio #: 111 CT 33 P. 13

STREET & NUMBER County Courthouse

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

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Two houses of the Hamilton family stood on this site. The first was the log house of Wallace Hamilton, and the second the frame house of his son Horace. The log house was burned down, but this frame house remains, though in deteriorating condition.

According to Mae Isabelle Moore Owens, who was born in 1899 in Jerusalem, the daughter of Hartley Moore, the log house of Wallace Hamilton was a one and a half story dwelling, resembling that of Dennis Hamilton on the adjacent property. The house faced south. It had two rooms down and two up, like the Dennis Hamilton house (the walls of which remain standing), and was heated by wood stoves. It had a cellar. See the description of the Dennis Hamilton house, 17-51-9.

After the log house of Wallace Hamilton burned in the early 1900's, his son Horace built a one story frame house on the same site. It had only two rooms downstairs. There was no upstairs. The house faced south, and the facade contained three bays, a door centrally located, flanked by a window on each side with 6 x 6 panes in a double hung sash. The balloon frame was sheathed with weatherboards on the outside and with plaster board panels inside. William Moore, who was born in Jerusalem in 1910, recalls that this was the only interior paneling ever used in this house, and there is no evidence of any board siding. The front door opened directly into the west room, which was used as the kitchen and dining room. The east room was the bedroom. A brick stove flue ascended along the back wall through the middle of the house, with openings for stove pipes into each room. To the back of the kitchen was attached another small room, which was used as the "summer kitchen", according to William Moore.

According to Mae Isabelle Owens and William Moore, the house was the center of the farmstead complex. To the east of the house, running along the property line of Dennis Hamilton was long field planted in corn, the corn being used to feed the Hamiltons' stock. In front of the house and slightly to the west was a stable and lot for the work horse, and attached to the stable was a wagon shed. To the southwest of the house was a vegetable garden. Directly in front of the house was cleared yard, and a large silver maple for shade and a pear tree. There was also a well in front of the house. To the west of the house was a meat house, hen house, and privy, in a line running east-west. The meat house was dismantled by William Moore after the house was dismantled, and re-used to build his hog pen. This re-use of available and sound building materials was a common occurrence especially for the construction of farm buildings and animal shelters. These places around the Hamilton house give evidence of their daily life.

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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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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. 1876 and early 1900's BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History of Black ownership of the land:

Wallace Hamilton purchased this property of 2.5 acres from Leonidas Jones in 1876, making him one of the first of the black landowners in the Jerusalem community, along with Robert Williams and Maria Moore. He paid \$75 for the 2.5 acres. In 1876 this would have represented a considerable outlay of cash. The tract was a portion of the larger tract of "Aix La Chappelle", and was identified as lot #3 in the division of the real estate of John A. Chiswell. (BBF15/281)

In 1880 Wallace and his wife Alice made Olie Hamilton, Trustee, to hold their land for their children: Hester, Margaret A., Sarah E., and Horace. (EBP 23/172).

Significance of the Houses:

The log house of the Hamilton family was one of the first built and representative of the dwellings of the first settlers of the Jerusalem community. The second dwelling of the early 1900's represented the transition in building and design of house. That transition was in keeping with the pattern of log to frame buildings found in most frontier communities.

Family History:

This property was adjacent to that of their cousin, Dennis Hamilton, thus making this community into an extended family.

According to Cra Lyles, Wallace Hamilton's wife Alice was her father's sister. Her father, Charles McPherson, lived in the The Pines community nearby and later moved to Jerusalem in the early 1900's.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
 Oral interviews with Mae Isabelle Moore Owens and Cra Lyles and William Moore, September-October, 1978, Jerusalem community, by George McDaniel (not taped).

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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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ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

Sept. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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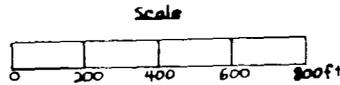
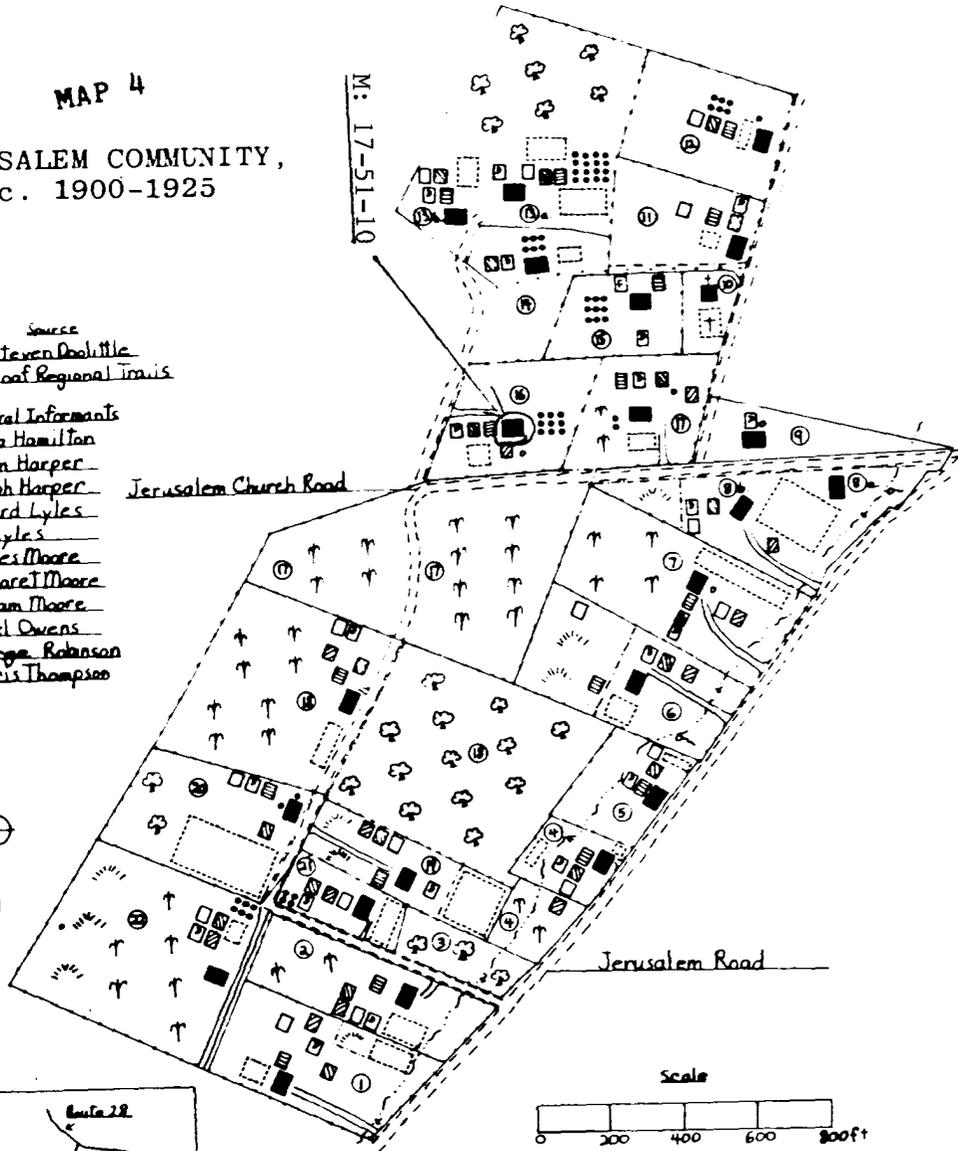
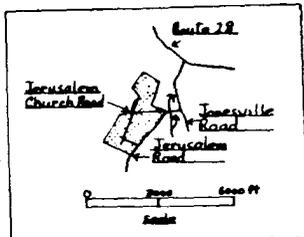
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MAP 4
 JERUSALEM COMMUNITY,
 c. 1900-1925

Source
 Steven Doolittle
 Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Oral Informants
 Joshua Hamilton
 Evelyn Harper
 Joseph Harper
 Howard Lyles
 Ora Lyles
 Charles Moore
 Margaret Moore
 William Moore
 Isabel Owens
 George Robinson
 Francis Thompson



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

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

Key

1. WILLIAM ROEDSON ESTD.	3.22 AC.
2. SARAH JOHNSON ESTD.	2.00 AC.
3. MILTON HARPER ESTD.	1.00 AC.
4. WILLIAM LYLES ESTD.	2.00 AC.
5. SUSAN PROCTOR ESTD.	1.00 AC.
6. FRANK DORSEY ESTD.	2.90 AC.
7. GEORGE DORSEY ESTD.	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 ESTD.	2.00 AC.
12. JAMES DORSEY ESTD.	3.00 AC.
13a. WILLIAM MOORE ESTD.	7.00 AC.
b. HARTLEY MOORE ESTD.	
14. DAVID COPELAND ESTD.	2.00 AC.
15. ROBERT WILLIAMS ESTD.	3.75 AC.
16. WALLACE HAMILTON ESTD.	2.50 AC.
17. DENNIS HAMILTON ESTD.	9.66 AC.
18. CHARLES McPHERSON ESTD.	11.00 AC.
19. LIZZIE GRIMES ESTD.	4.00 AC.
20. GEORGE LYLES ESTD.	3.00 AC.
21. JOHN HARPER ESTD.	1.00 AC.
22. JOHN HALLMAN ESTD.	10.00 AC.



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Wallace & Horace Hamilton log Houses
Seneca 15 Quad, 1908 Reprinted 1975

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MONTGOMERY CO.

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Sellman

Beallsville

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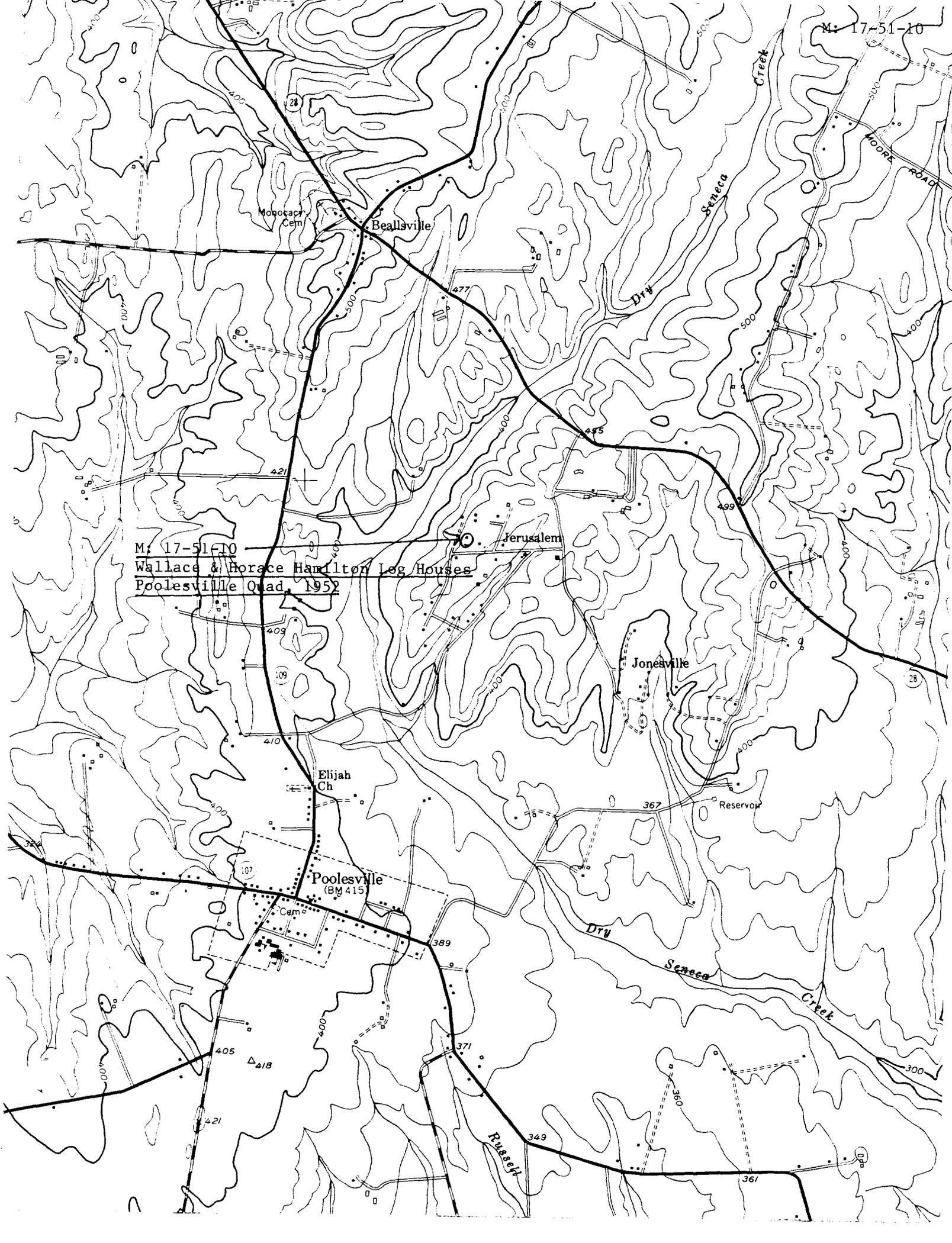
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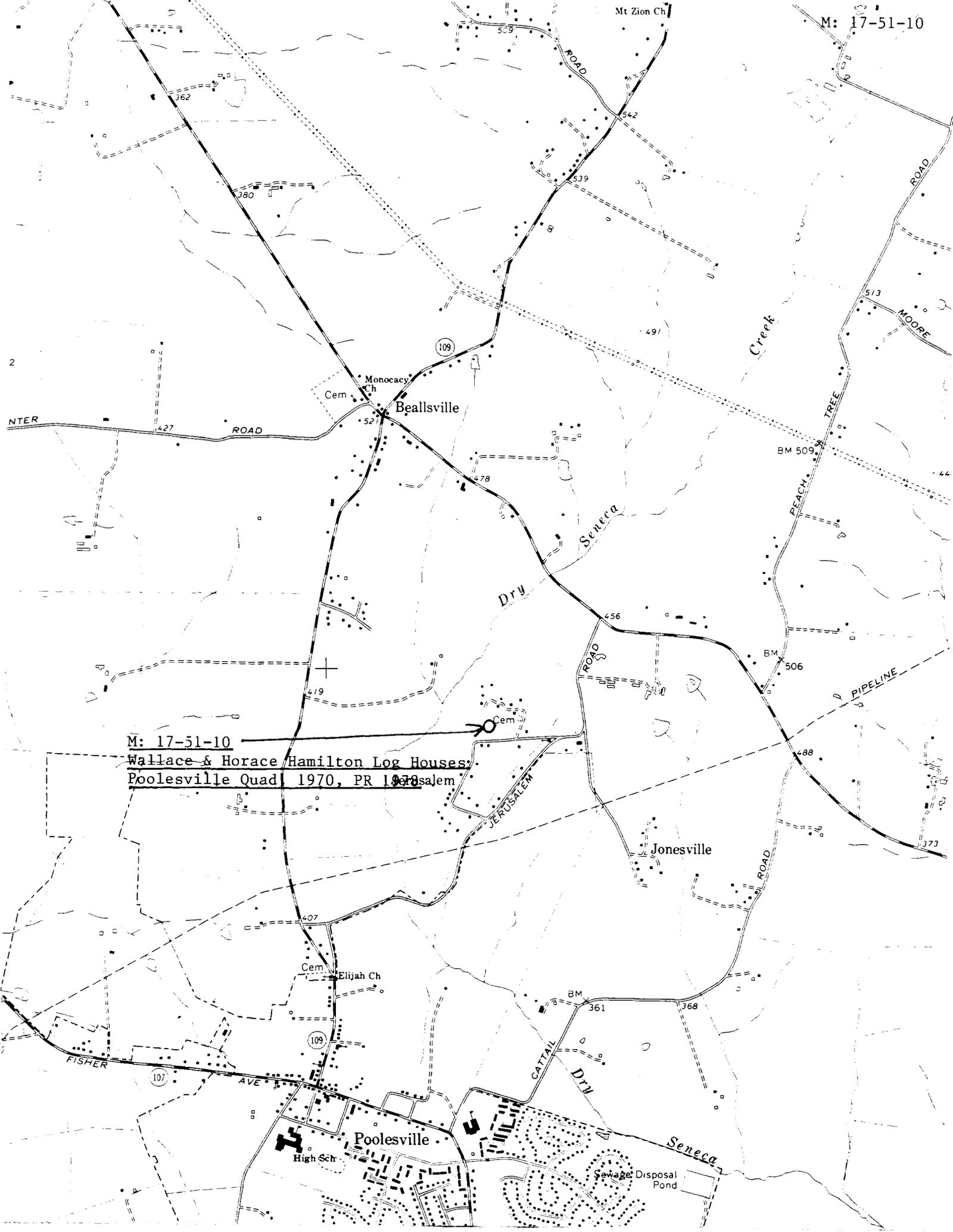
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EDWARDS FERRY

POTOMAC RIVER
LODHPATN RIVER

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Wallace & Horace Hamilton Log Houses
Poolesville Quad, 1952





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 Wallace & Horace Hamilton Log Houses
 Poolesville Quad 1970, PR 1978
 Salem



House + Wallace Hamilton House

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South length (front)

Jerusalem Community

Poolesville vicinity

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Roll-1 # 32



Horace & Wallace Hamilton House

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North length (near)

Jerusalem community

Poolside vicinity

& Wm

Roll-1 # 35-