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David Copeland Log House (Site)

Jerusalem Community (Poolesville Vicinity)

Private

c. 1881

This one and a half story house contained one room down and one room up and was the residence of a black landowning family in the last decades of the 19th century. Though it was unusually small for a landowning family, it does represent the continuation of early house types from slavery, and the similarity in housing among landless tenants of the 19th century and some small landowners.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC David Copeland House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER South side of Jerusalem Church Rd. (current road, north branch)

CITY, TOWN Poolesville  VICINITY OF Jerusalem Community CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 3

STATE Md. 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 checked="" 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
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William and Cora Moore

Telephone #: 301-972-8786

STREET & NUMBER Jerusalem Church Rd.

CITY, TOWN Poolesville STATE, zip code Md.  
VICINITY OF Jerusalem community

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 1023

Property Map:

Folio #: 464

CU31  
P. 905

STREET & NUMBER County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville, Md. STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house no longer stands, and there is no visible evidence of it remaining. According to community oral informant William Moore, who was raised on the property adjacent to the Coplin place, and to his mother, Mae Isabelle Owens, who was also raised in the community, this was a small log house with two rooms down and two up. It was similar to the Dennis Hamilton house, the walls of which remain standing. The Coplin house stood on the east side of the north-south continuation of the west portion of Jerusalem Church Road. That continuation has since been abandoned and is grown up in woods. This house faced the road (west) and was located to the southwest of the Hartley Moore house, on the opposite side of the road.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|--|---|---|---|
| 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 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. 1881*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed EBP 23/412, this tract of land was purchased by David "Coplin" from Robert Williams in 1881. It was a portion of the 3 1/8 acres that Robert Williams had acquired from Leonidas Jones in 1877, (deed EBP 16/329). That land had once been part of the much larger estate, "Aix-La-Chappelle".

According to William Moore, the current owner of the property, Copeland had purchased one acre from Williams, and another one on the north side of the current Jerusalem Church Rd. from his grandparents, William and Maria Moore. At this stage, research of the deeds has not been completed to verify this, but it is clear that Coplin owned two acres of property, and that his first acquisition was in 1881. This establishes him as one of the founders of the Jerusalem community.

This house is representative of the type often built by small landowning families in the decades after freedom. Such houses were common in the Jerusalem and Jonesville communities and in other Black, as well as white, communities in 19th century Montgomery County. Most of these houses are gone.

According to 1900 U.S. census for Montgomery County (see attached page), David Copeland was born in 1843. He was listed as a widower. Being born in 1843, he was the same age as Wallace Hamilton, and was one of the oldest members of the early Jerusalem community. Further research of the freed slave lists of 1867 in Montgomery County may identify further details about his history.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, MD
- 2) Oral interviews, not taped, with William Moore, Mae Isabelle Owens, and Howard Lyles, Jerusalem community, September-October, 1978 by George McDaniel

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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**

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DATE

Sept. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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MAP 4

JERUSALEM COMMUNITY,  
c. 1900-1925

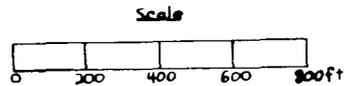
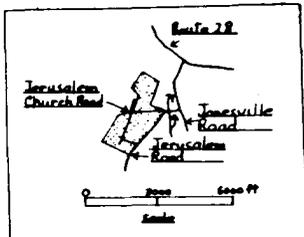
Source  
Steven Doolittle  
Sugarloaf Regional Trails

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

Jerusalem Church Road

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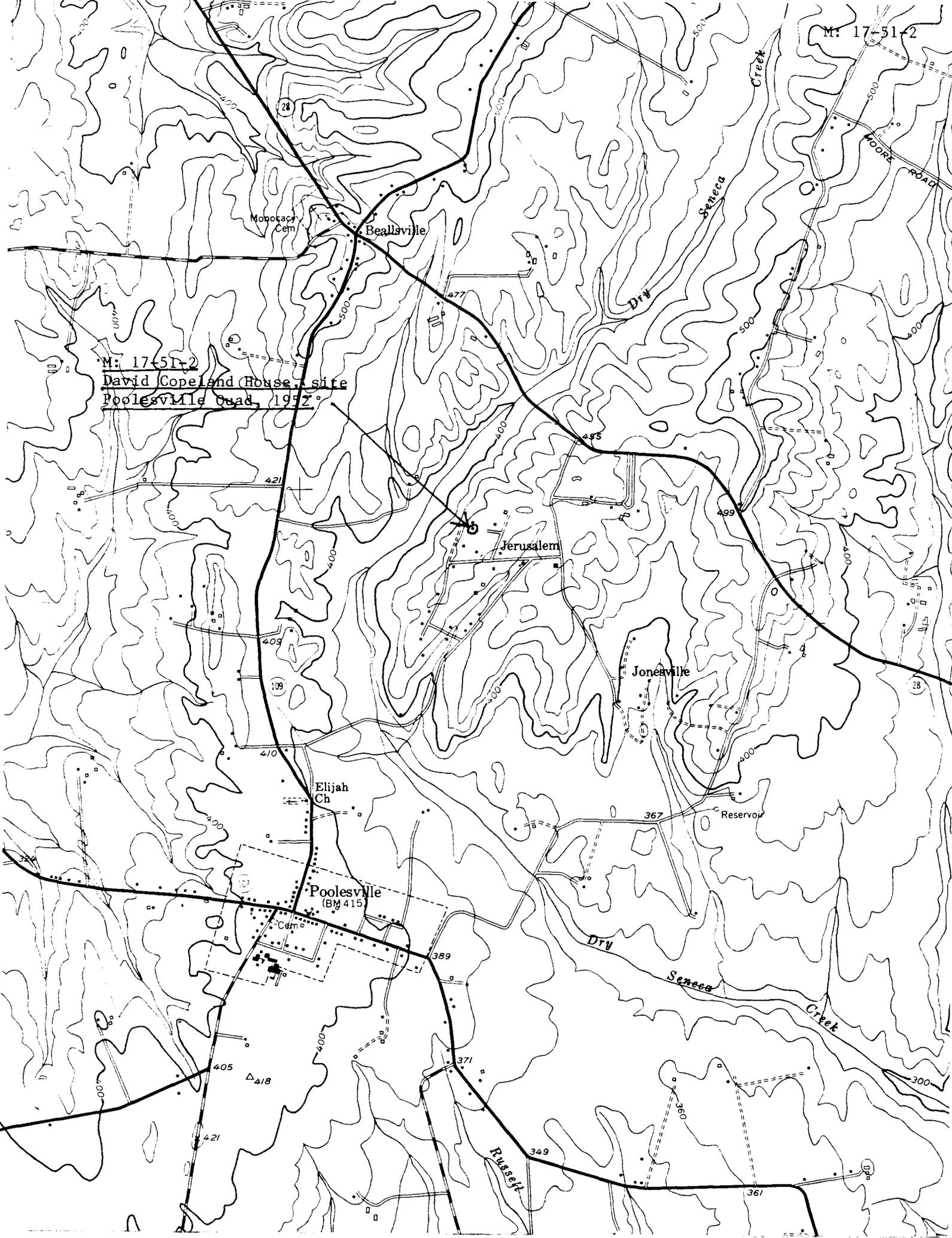
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HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
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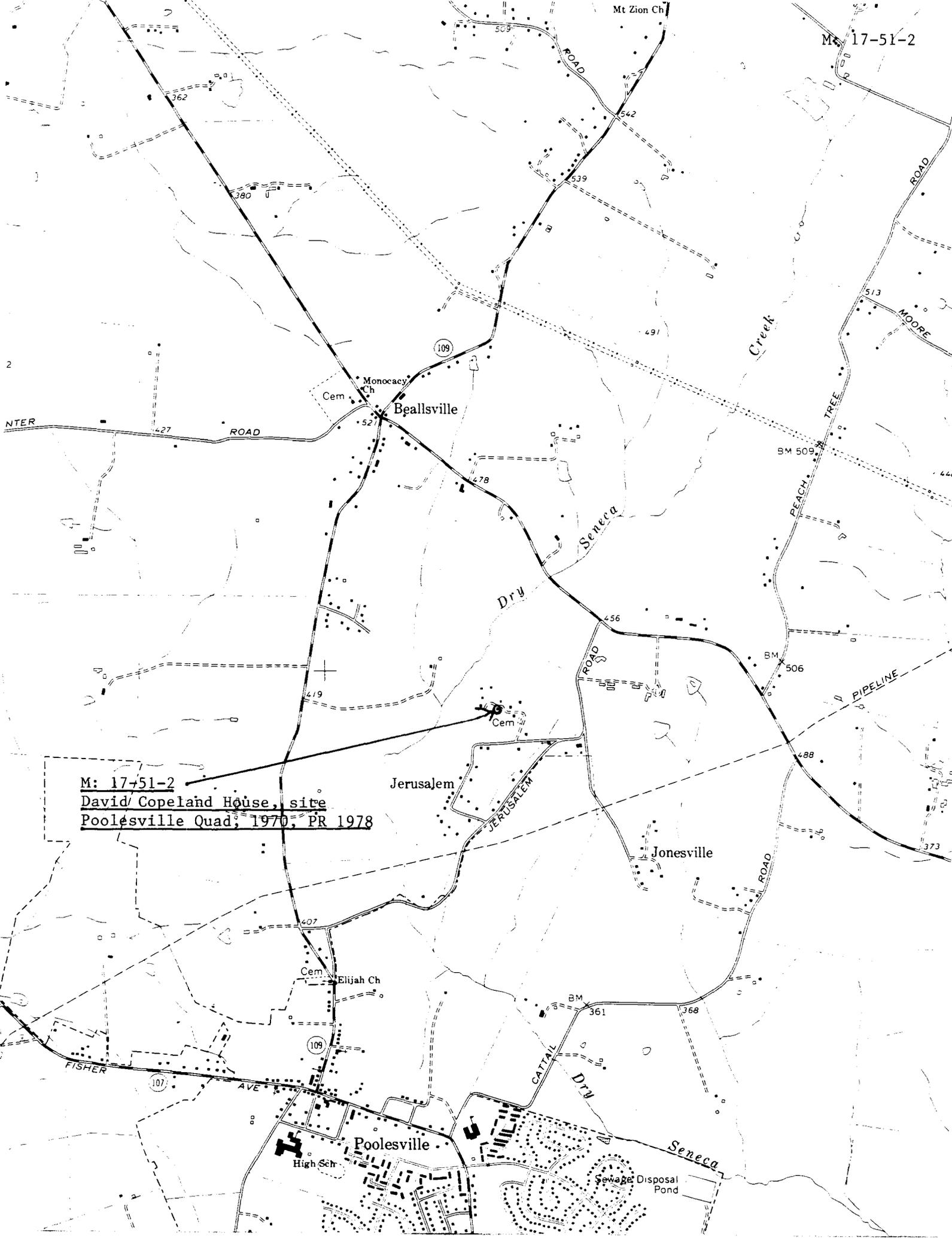
DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

Key

1. WILLIAM ROBINSON 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 CLARCE HOME (log)	4.40 AC.
b. 2nd CLARCE 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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David Copeland House, site  
Poolesville Quad, 1957





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David Copeland House, site  
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978