

Mont. 17-51-22

c. 1877

Robert Williams Log House (Site)
Poolesville vicinity, Jerusalem community
Private

This one and a half story log house contained four rooms, two down and two up, and was similar to other log houses built in the late 1800's by Black landowning families in rural Montgomery County. Larger than the earlier slave houses, they represented a measure of improvement in the living conditions of black families in the years soon after emancipation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Robert Williams House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Jerusalem Church Rd.

CITY/TOWN
Poolesville (Jerusalem)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 M.E. and E. Moore

Telephone #: 972-7224

STREET & NUMBER

Box 143 Jerusalem Church Rd.

CITY/TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20837

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 4692

Folio #: 21

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 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 Mae Isabelle Moore Owens and William Moore, this log house, which has since been destroyed, was a four room dwelling, two rooms down and two up. It resembled the log house of the Dennis Hamilton family in Jerusalem community, which still remains and which has been described in depth (Mont. 17-51-9). See descriptions and photographs of h that site.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
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. 1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed EBP 16/329, Robert Williams purchased this property of 3.75 acres from Leonidas Jones in 1877. This was part of the Aix La Chappelle tract. Robert Williams was therefore one of the first of the Black landowners to settle in the Jerusalem.

According to the Centennial of the Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1874-1974, Robert Williams founded the Jerusalem Baptist Church by calling upon other families in the community to come to his log house to hear the gospel. Since church tradition maintains that this was in 1874, it is most likely that Williams was living here before the land was formally purchased by him from Leonidas Jones in 1877.

According to the U.S. census of 1900 for Montgomery County, Maryland, Robert Williams was born in 1838 in Virginia. This makes him one of the oldest of the founders of the Jerusalem community. No descendants of him were located, nor any family photographs.

Like the other families in Jerusalem, Williams was related to his neighbors. His wife Millie Dorsey, born in 1825 according to the 1900 census, was the sister of the father of James, George, (Charles) Frank, and Leanna Dorsey (according to William Moore).

Williams donated a portion of this property to the Jerusalem Baptist Church, though the deed was not recorded. That land is now used for a cemetery.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
Oral interviews with William Moore and Mae Isabelle Moore Owens,
Jerusalem community, September-October, 1978 by George
McDaniel, not taped.
Centennial of the Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1874-1974.

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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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ORGANIZATION DATE
SRT 10/78

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Box 87

CITY OR TOWN STATE
Dickerson Md.

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MAP 4

JERUSALEM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

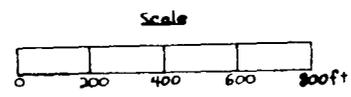
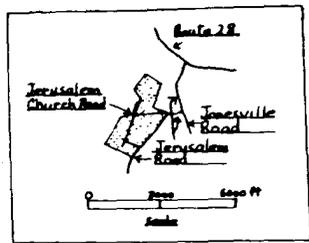
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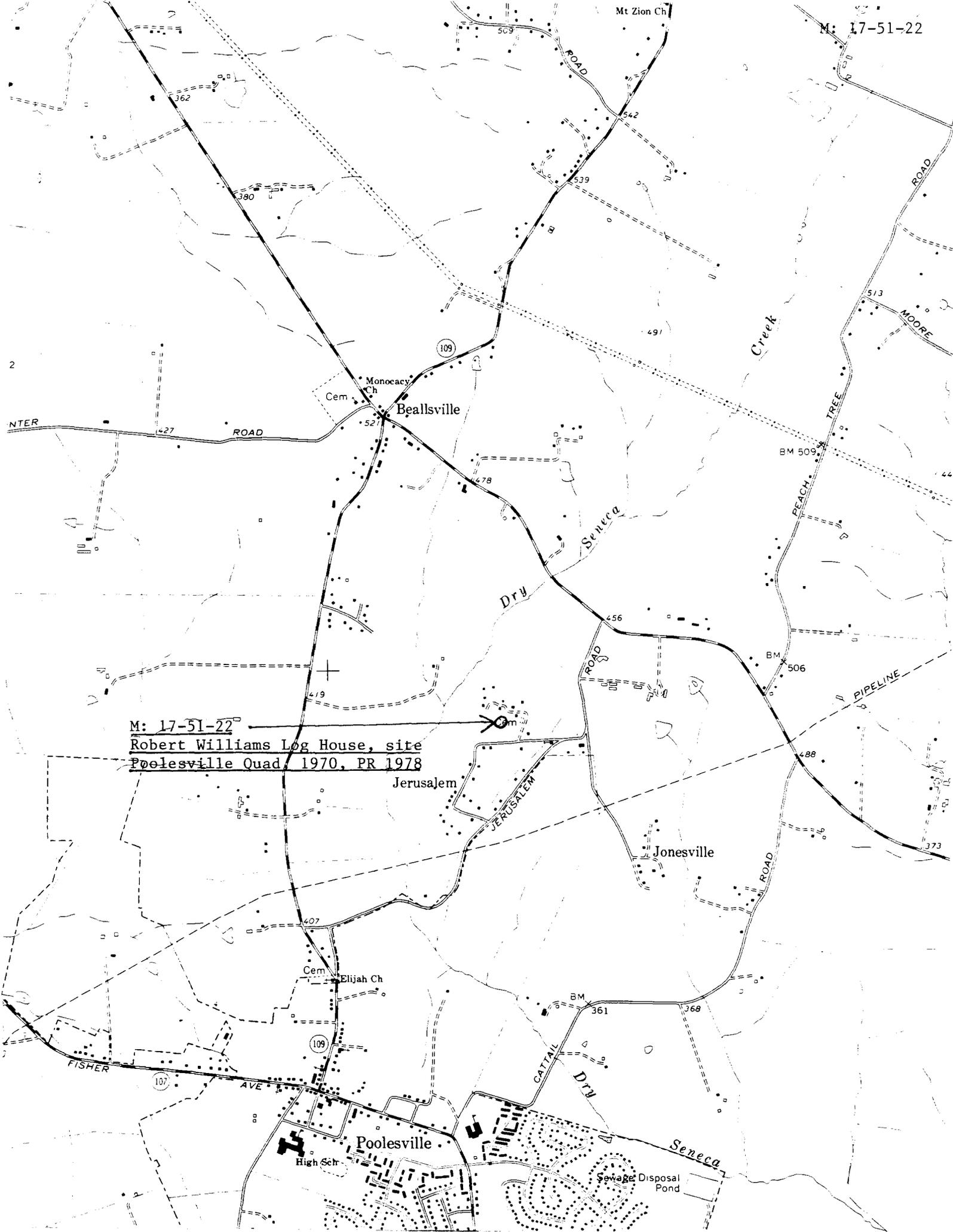


CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
TRICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	
FENCE	
DIRT ROAD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

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

Key

1. WILLIAM 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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 Poolesville Quad 1970, PR 1978