

Mont. 17-51-3

Frank and Mollie Dorsey Log House
Jerusalem Community
Private

c. 1897

This small log house, one and a half stories in height, contained one room down and one room up and had a small frame kitchen attached to the rear length. A cellar was dug below the house. The dwelling was unusually small for a Black land-owning family in this era in Montgomery County; most lived in log or frame houses of two rooms down, two up plan or larger.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Frank and Mollie Dorsey House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Jerusalem Rd.

CITY/TOWN Poolesville (Jerusalem)

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

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 B.L. Clarke

Telephone #: 972-8596

STREET & NUMBER

19321 Jerusalem 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 #: 2195

Folio #: 338

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 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 type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small one and a half story log house stands on the west side of Jerusalem Road, about seventy yards from the road. It faces the east and stands on the slope of a gentle hill. In front of it, at the bottom of the hill runs a small creek. The house is now abandoned, surrounded by woods, and is in derelict condition. Due to the danger involved in entering the house, the interior was not closely inspected.

The facade of the house consisted of two bays, a front door centrally located and a window to the south. Since all the windows and sashes were completely removed, it was not possible to determine the type of window for the house. There appears to have been no front porch. Behind the house (west) a small frame kitchen was built, and has disappeared from view, except for brick rubble from the brick stove flue in the back of the kitchen. It was probably original. The logs of the house were well-chinked, plastered and whitewashed. They were left bare. At the corners, they were secured by V notches. A mixture of pine and oak logs were used.

The interior of the house consisted of one room down and one up. The one room downstairs was low in height, and was not ceiled. The hewn joists were left exposed. On the joists were a number of hooks and pegs from which household things were hung, since there were no closets. There was a rack made of the crooks of two tree limbs, which may have served as a gun rack. There were plank shelves along the walls. The floor had given way and revealed the cellar below. A narrow ladder staircase enclosed with tongue and groove siding and closed by a door (now gone) ascended into the one room upstairs.

The upstairs now contains a closet, several old trunks, a bed, and a lot of clothes and other things left behind. The roof was covered with wood shingles. The rafters were a mixture of sawn and hewn materials. A small window in each gable end illuminated and ventilated the upstairs. A brick stove flue was built into the southeast side of the upstairs. A stove pipe from downstairs ascended into the brick flue which was supported by the joists.

The frames of the front and back doors, the windows, and of the enclosed stairway were fastened with wire nails, and were original to construction.

According to oral informant Beulah Clarke, (the current owner of the property), there was a hen house, hog pen, and meat house behind the house. There was also a well.

Overall, the house is small in size and today is plain to the point of starkness in appearance. It is a carcass now, but in earlier days, its occupants would have given it life, as Jerusalem residents can testify.

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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
—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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—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
—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. 1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Possibly George + Frank Dorsey

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed JA 60/242, this property of 2.90 acres was purchased by Charles Frank Dorsey from William Wallace Poole in 1897. According to Beulah Clarke, the current owner of the property and knowledgeable community informant, Frank Dorsey with the assistance of his brother George built this house. This was probably soon after Frank purchased it in 1897, but it may have been built several years earlier as the residence for the Dorsey family, and the land only purchased later. Nonetheless, the presence of wire nails in the framing of the windows and doors and the stairway indicate that the house was no earlier than the 1880's, probably in the 1890's, combining this with oral history, the most likely date of construction is near the time of purchase in 1897.

According to Beulah Clarke, this was the home of Frank Dorsey and his wife Mollie Johnson Dorsey. Frank was the brother of George Dorsey and of Leander Dorsey, who married Sam Clarke, another nearby resident.

As part of this survey, a copy of a photograph of Frank and Mollie Dorsey was copied. See photographs.

According to Beulah Clarke, the only son of the Dorseys (Andrew) died at a young age. For the rest of their years, they lived alone in this house. After the death of Mollie Dorsey in this house about 30 years ago, her husband moved in with Noah Clarke until his death. No one has lived in the house since.

According to Beulah Clarke, Frank Dorsey worked as a laborer on the farms in the vicinity.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
- 2) Oral interviews with Beulah Clarke and Howard Lyles, Jerusalem community, October 1978 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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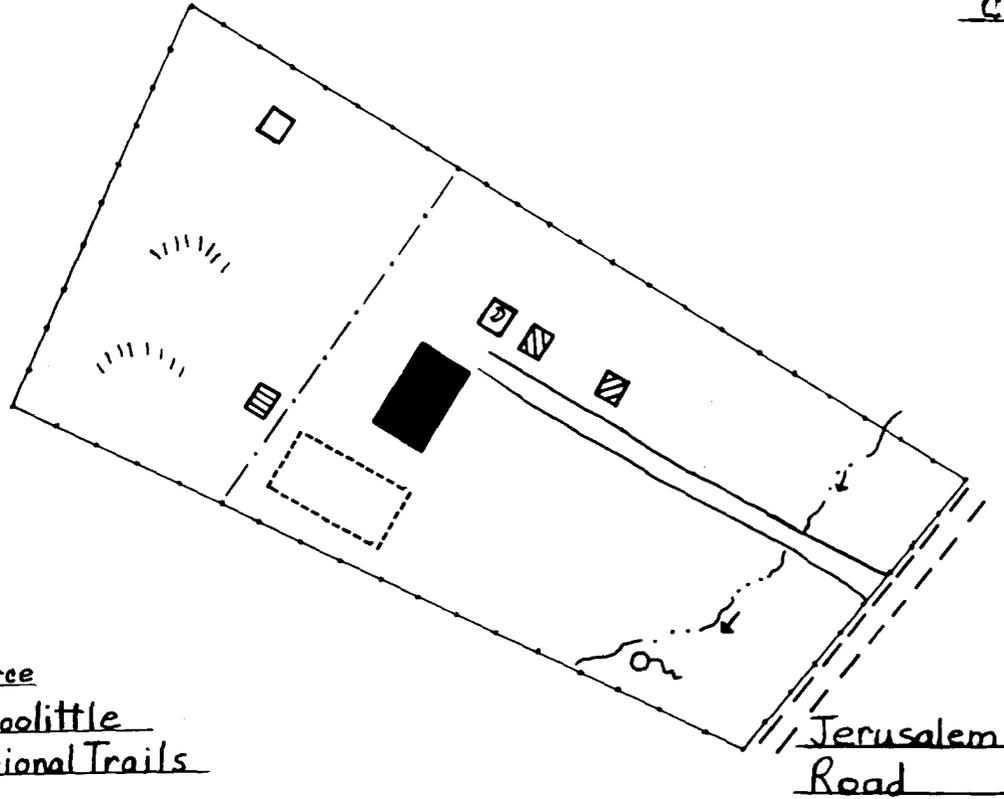
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THE FRANK DORSEY HOMESTEAD
JERUSALEM,
c. 1900-1925



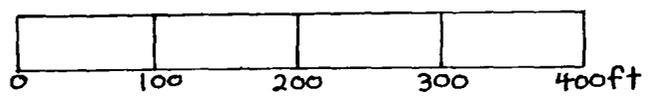
Key

DWELLING	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
PRIVY	
FIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
SPRING	
STREAM	
STREAM FLOW	
FENCED PARCEL BDY	
FENCE	
DIRT ROAD	
LANE	
<u>DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SC</u>	

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Joshua Hamilton
Howard Lyles
Charles Moore

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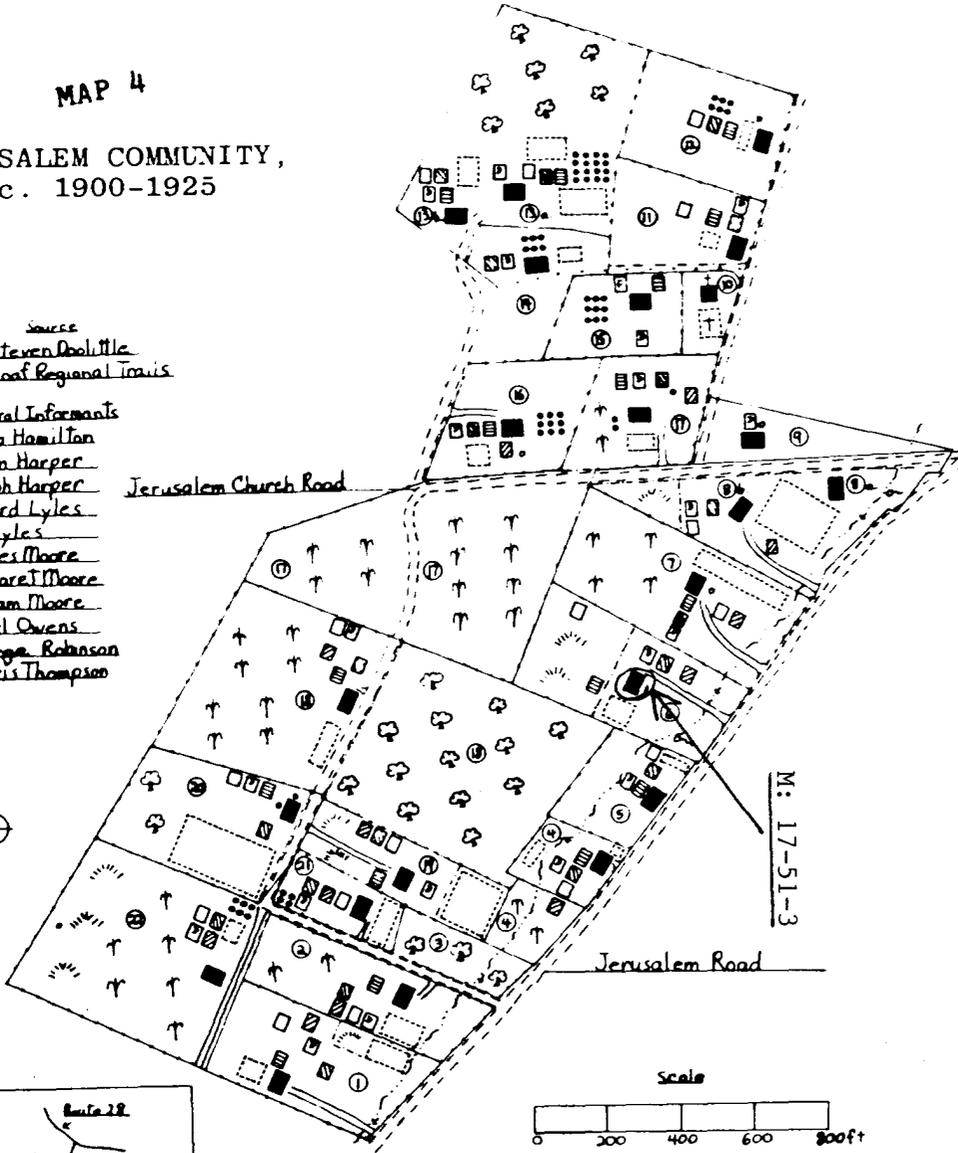


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JERUSALEM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

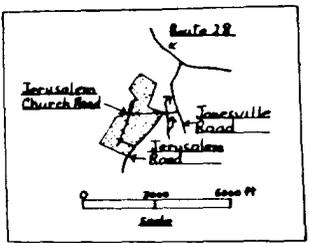
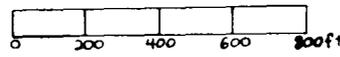
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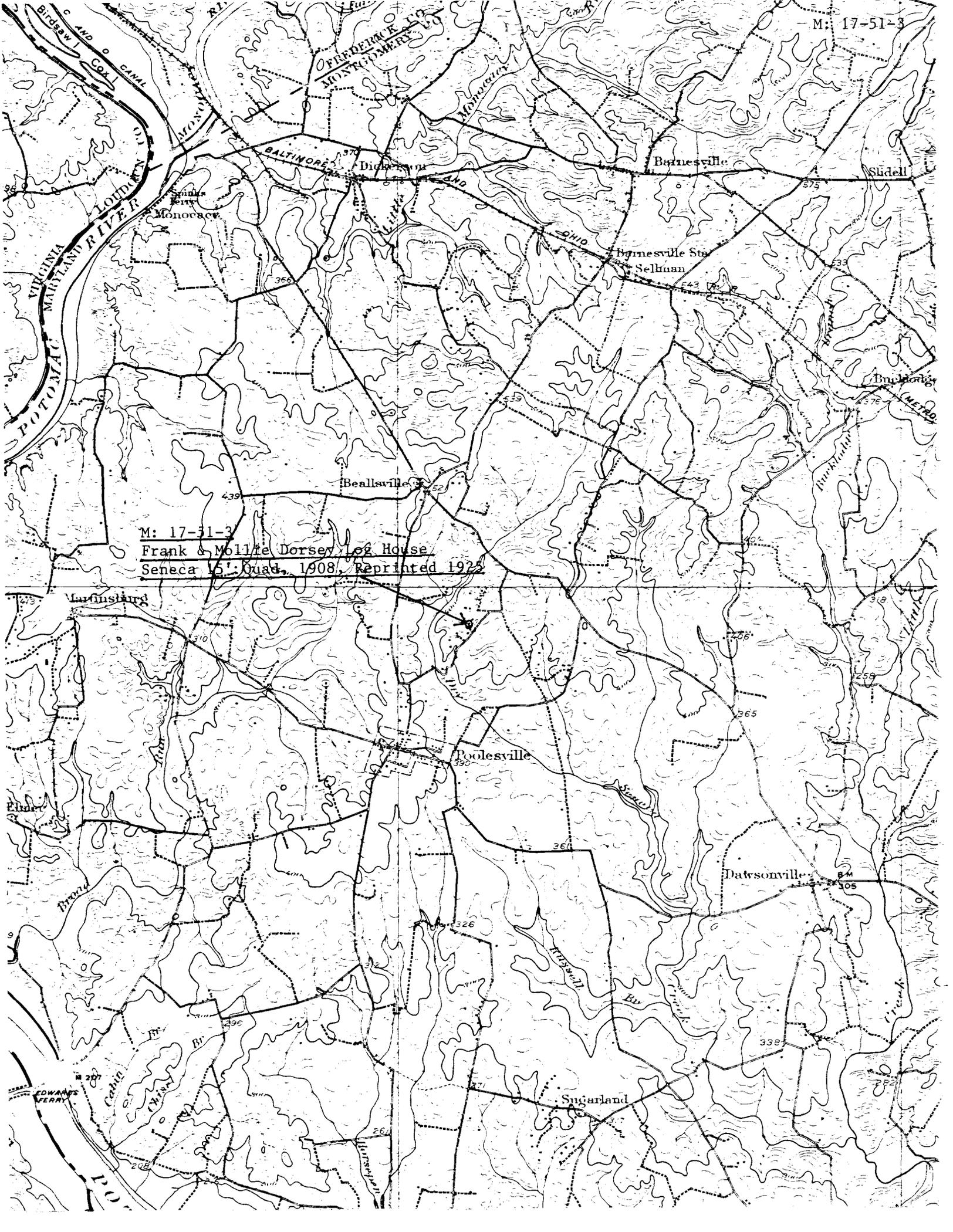


Key

CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
BEN 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	

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.

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



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 Frank & Mollie Dorsey Log House
 Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

BALTIMORE

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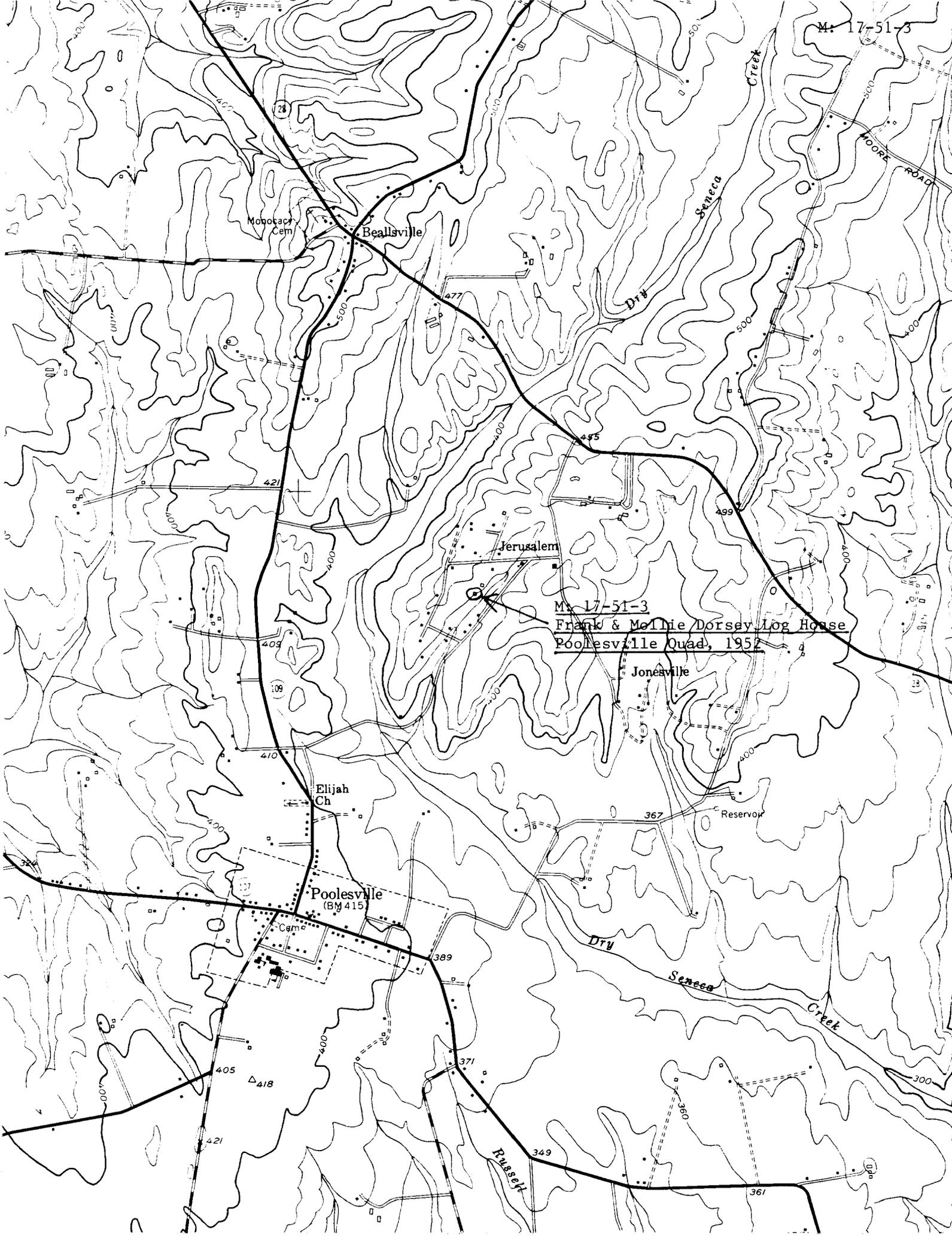
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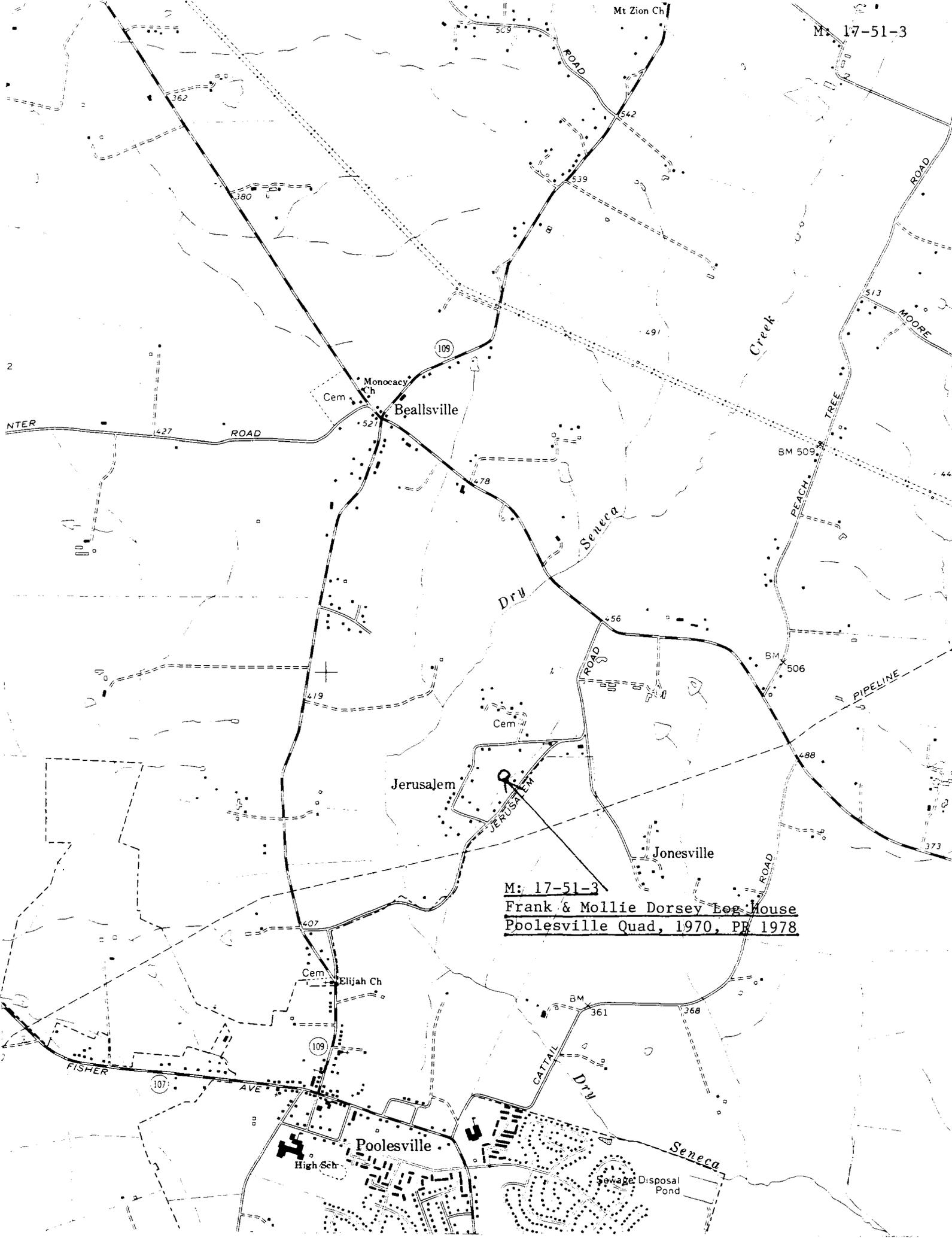
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Frank & Mollie Dorsey Log House
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978



FRANK Dorsey House

WEST GABLE END

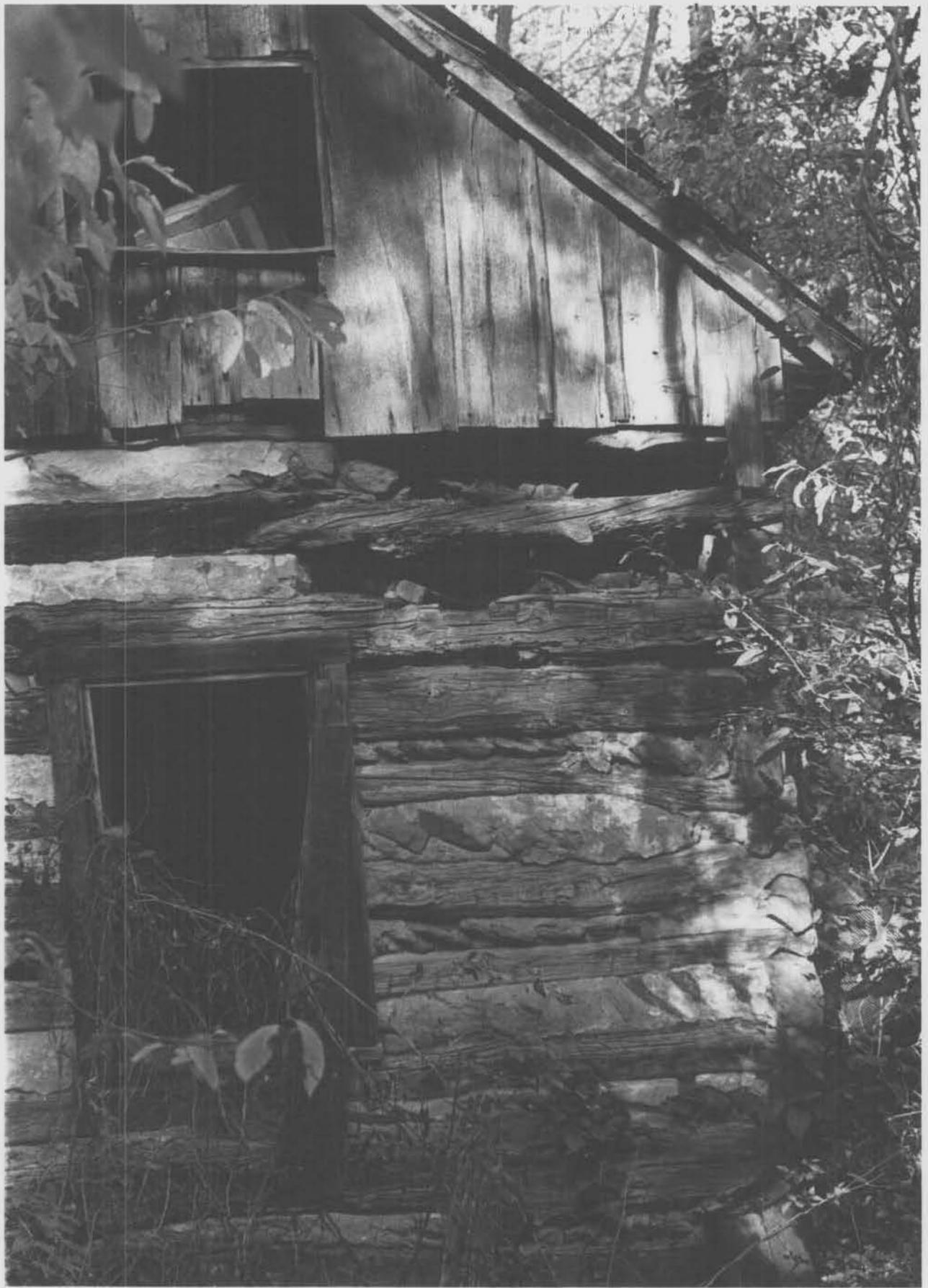
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FRANK Dorsey House

South Gable END

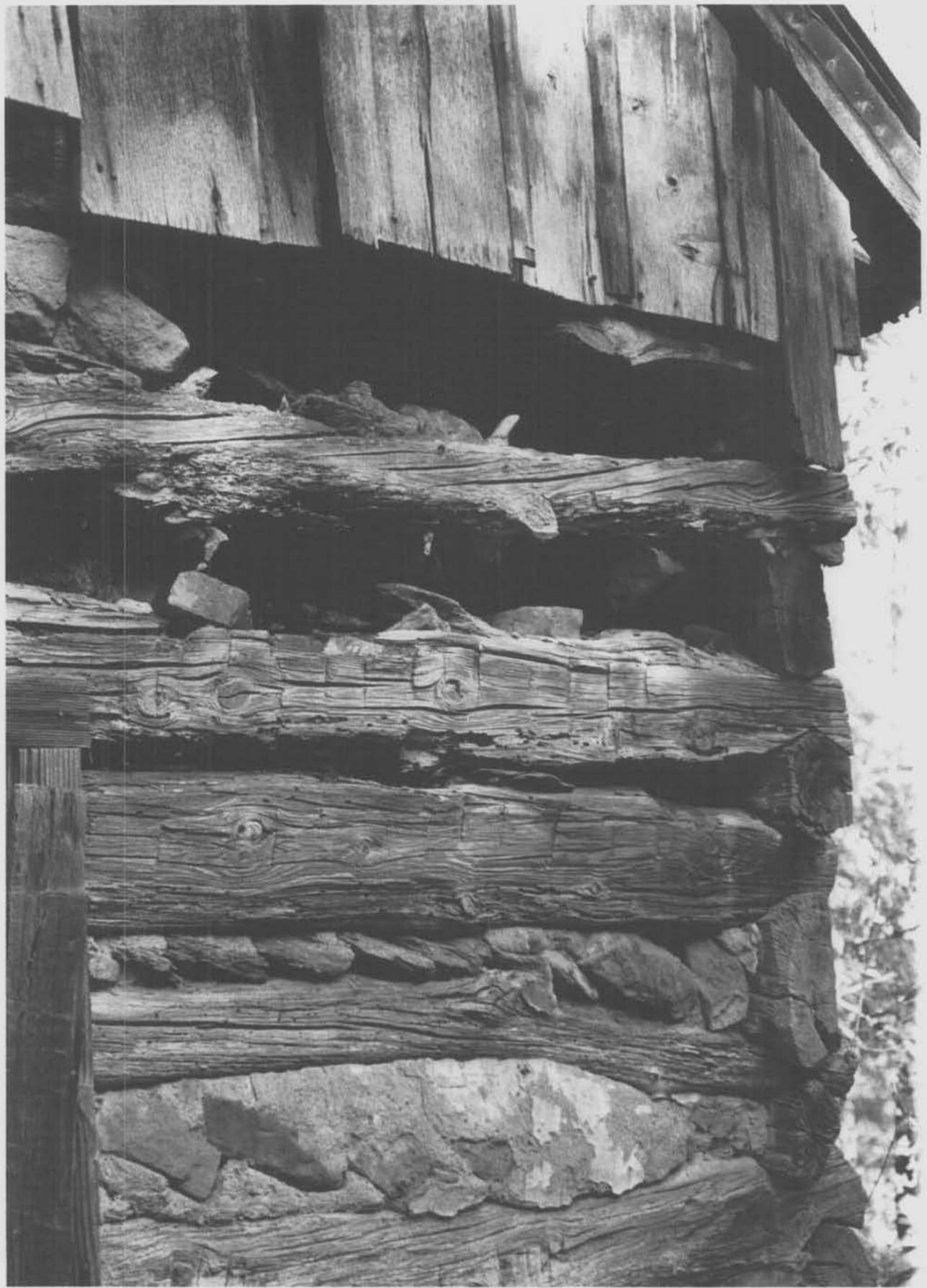
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FRANK Dorsey House

South Gable END

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