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George Dorsey Log House (Site)
Jerusalem community
Private

c. 1903

This small one and a half story log house was built by its owner, George Dorsey. It contained one room down and one up in the principal block and had a small frame kitchen attached to the rear length. Dorsey was a carpenter in the Jerusalem community and was the principal builder of the Jerusalem Baptist Church near the turn of the century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC George Dorsey Family House (SITE)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Jerusalem Rd.

CITY, TOWN R Poolesville (Jerusalem)

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 B.C. Harper

Telephone #: Not Listed

STREET & NUMBER

19315 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 #: 988

Folio #: 67

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small log house stood on the west side of Jerusalem Road and faced east toward the road. It stood one and a half stories high, and was similar in design and plan (one room down and one up) to the Frank Dorsey house on the adjacent property. See the description of that house for further details.

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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 type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" 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 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. 1903 - 1903* BUILDER/ARCHITECT *George Dorsey*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed TD 27/204, George W. Dorsey purchased this tract of 4.75 acres from William Wallace Poole in 1903. He probably built this house at that time. His brother Frank had purchased land south of him in 1897, and built a log house on it.

According to Beulah Clarke in Jerusalem, George Dorsey was a fine carpenter. In the Centennial of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Dorsey is cited as the "one of the principal contractors in the construction of the church, which was a two story frame building with a balcony". This was the first church that stood near the site of present-day cemetery in Jerusalem.

To supplement his income, George Dorsey raised honeybees, according to Beulah Clarke, and sold the honey.

According to the U.S. Census of 1900 for Montgomery County, Maryland, E.D. 52, p. 11A, George Dorsey was born in ~~1862~~ 1853. His wife Mary W. was born in 1862, and his son William T. in 1884. Confirming the oral tradition, the U.S. census lists George Dorsey's occupation as "carpenter". All the family members were born in Maryland, except Dorsey's wife, who was born in Virginia.

Photographs:

As part of this survey, the family photograph of George Dorsey in the possession of Charles Moore, who lives near Jerusalem, was copied. Also, a copy of the photograph of his son Frank was made. We therefore have photographs of these two brothers, born *during slavery*, George and Frank Dorsey.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Oral interviews with Beulah Clarke, Jerusalem community, October 1977-1978 by George McDaniel
- 2) Centennial of Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1874-1974, Charles Harper
- 3) Land Records, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.

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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		George W. McDaniel, Surveyor	Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant
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STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE	Box 87	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	Dickerson	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

Jerusalem Road

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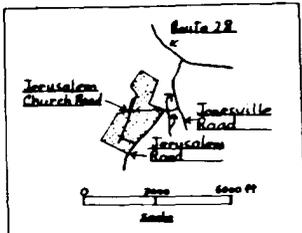


Key

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	
RAY 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 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.

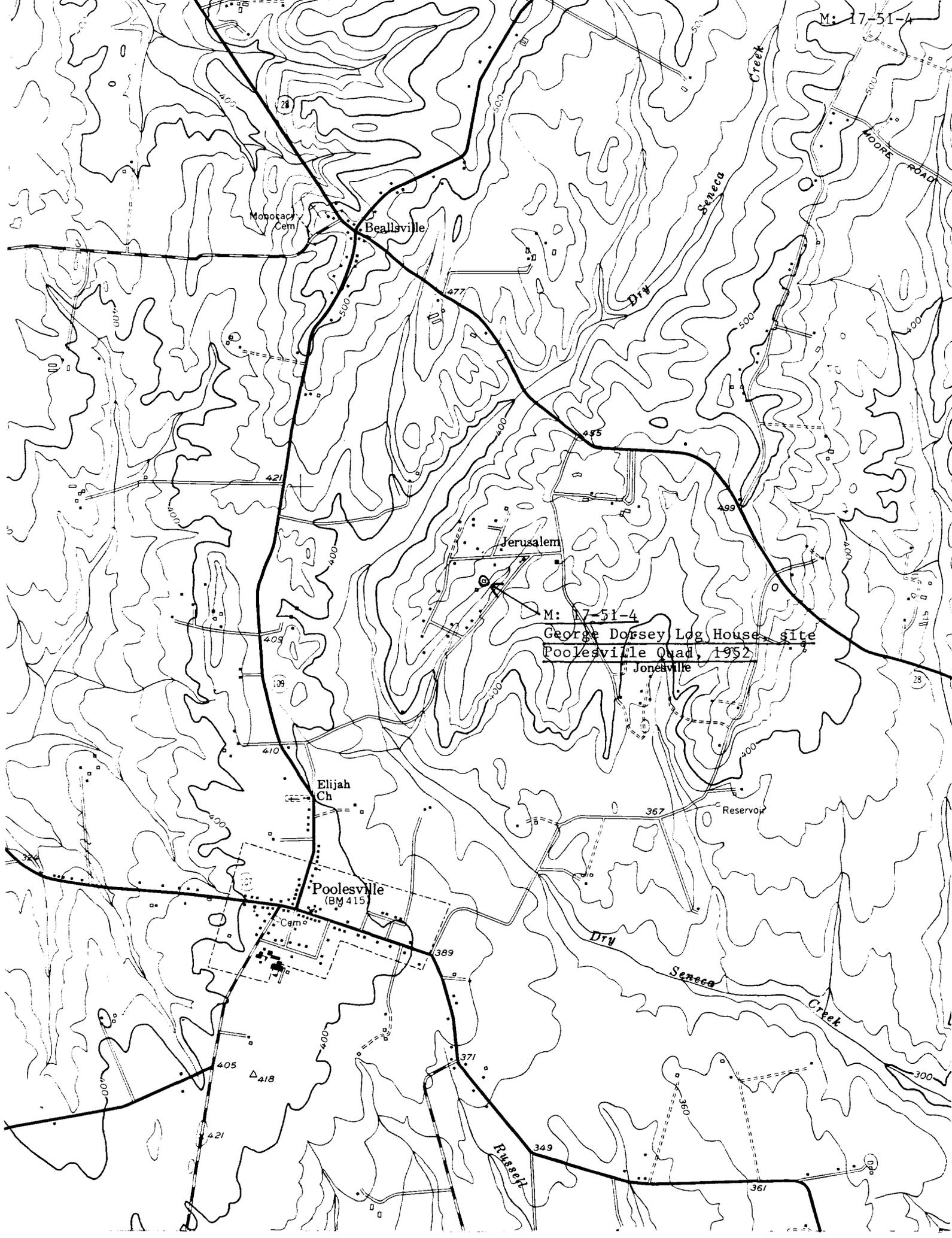
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HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY





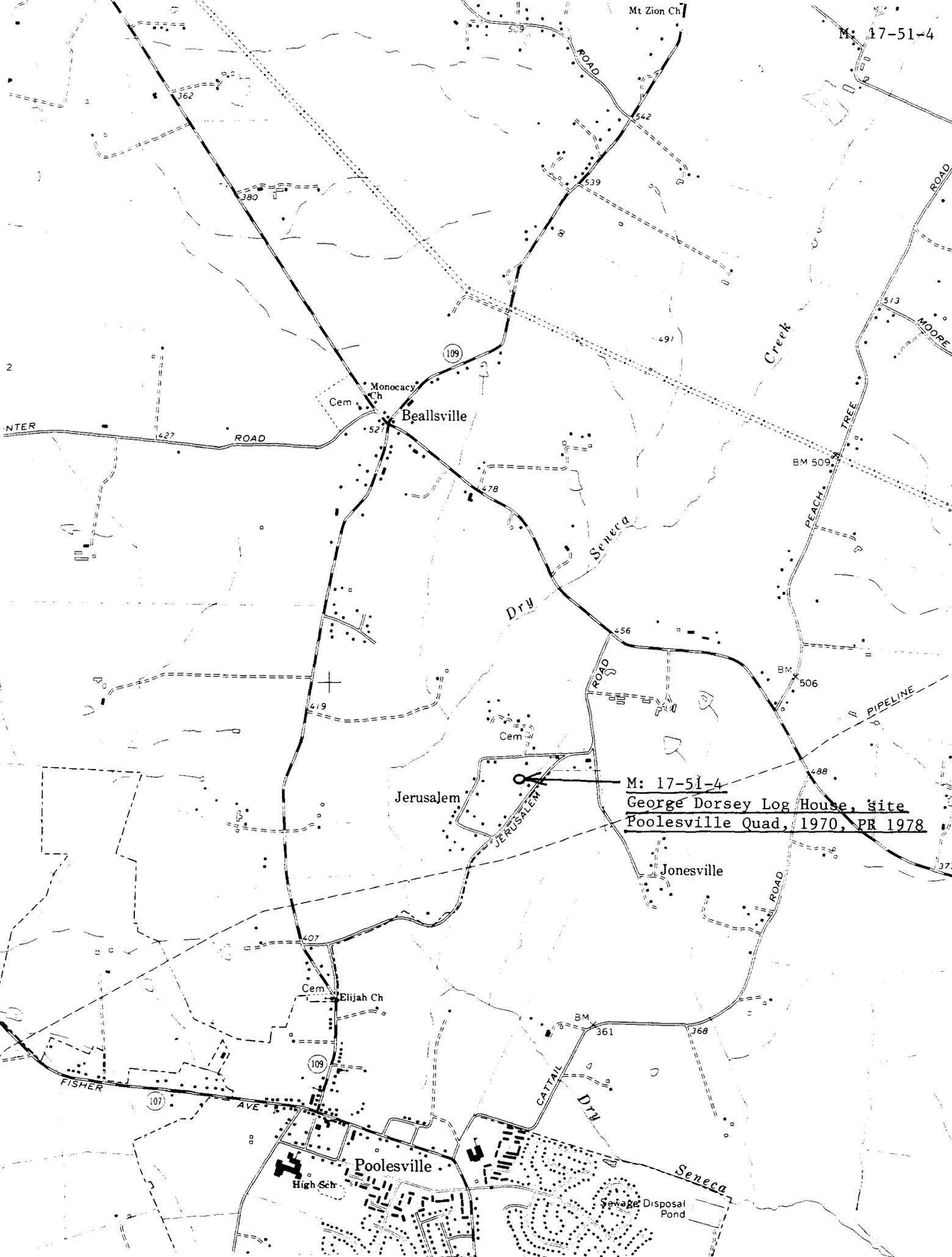
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 Saneca 15 Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

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George Dorsey Log House site
Poolesville Quad, 1952

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George Dorsey Log House, site
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978

Jerusalem

Jonesville

Poolesville

High Sch

Sewage Disposal Pond

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ENTER

ROAD

427

Monocacy Ch
Cem

Beallsville

527

478

Dry Seneca

456

ROAD

BM 509

BM 506

PIPELINE

PEACH TREE

MOORE

513

491

373

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Elijah Ch

BM

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CATTAIL

Dry

Seneca

FISHER

AVE



Charles Moore w/ photo of

George Dorsey

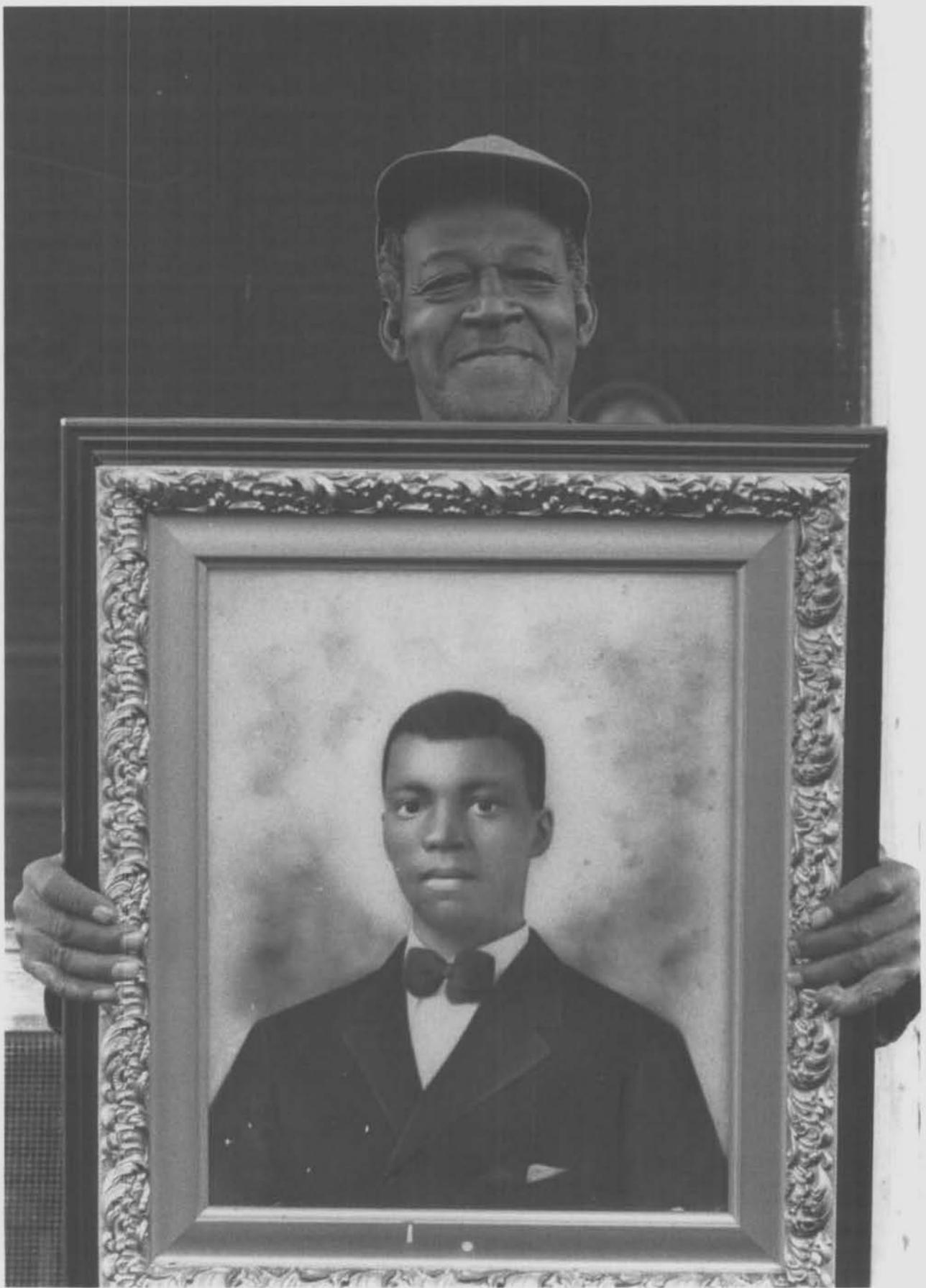
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Charles Moore w/ photo of
William Dorsey, son of
George Dorsey

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Jerusalem

10/98

~~an~~ George McDaniel

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