

Mont. 17-51-5

c. 1900

James Dorsey House (Site)

Poolsville Vicinity, Jerusalem Community

Private

This one and a half story frame house had two rooms down and two up. Its facade consisted of three bays. It was the home of a black landowning family.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

James (Jim) Dorsey House (site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Jerusalem Church Rd., north side

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF Jerusalem

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

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

Elmer H. and N.S. Frolich

Telephone #: 301-772-1499

STREET & NUMBER

7007 E. Inwood

CITY, TOWN

Kentland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4143

Folio #: 1

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**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		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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This house no longer stands, and there is no visible evidence of it remaining. According to community informant, William Moore, this house was a one and a half story frame dwelling with two rooms down and two up. It faced the north branch of Jerusalem Church Road. The design and dimensions of the house resembled the original block of the Lizzi Grimes-Havannah Jackson house in Jerusalem, which has been surveyed. Refer to that site for further details. According to Moore, this house did have a cross gable pediment, unlike the Grimes-Jackson house, and it was not as tall as his grandfather William Moore's house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 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
<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 Local history

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1954 this tract of 3 acres was sold for taxes (deed 1902/162). There was no being clause in the deed. No James A. Dorsey was listed in the 1777-1927 grantee index, nor was there any Dorsey listed except for William H. Dorsey, who purchased property of 2 acres adjacent to this tract. Perhaps reference to this property can be found among the tax records.

This house was similar to several other smaller, one and a half story frame houses in the Jerusalem community and other black communities in the county. It is representative of the type occupied by the families who were small landowners near the turn of the 19th century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Oral interviews, William Moore, Jerusalem community, Sept.-October,  
 1978 (not taped), by George McDaniel.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.0

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

DATE

Sugarleaf Regional Trails

Sept. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland 20753

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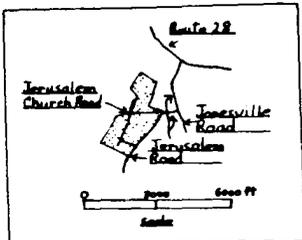
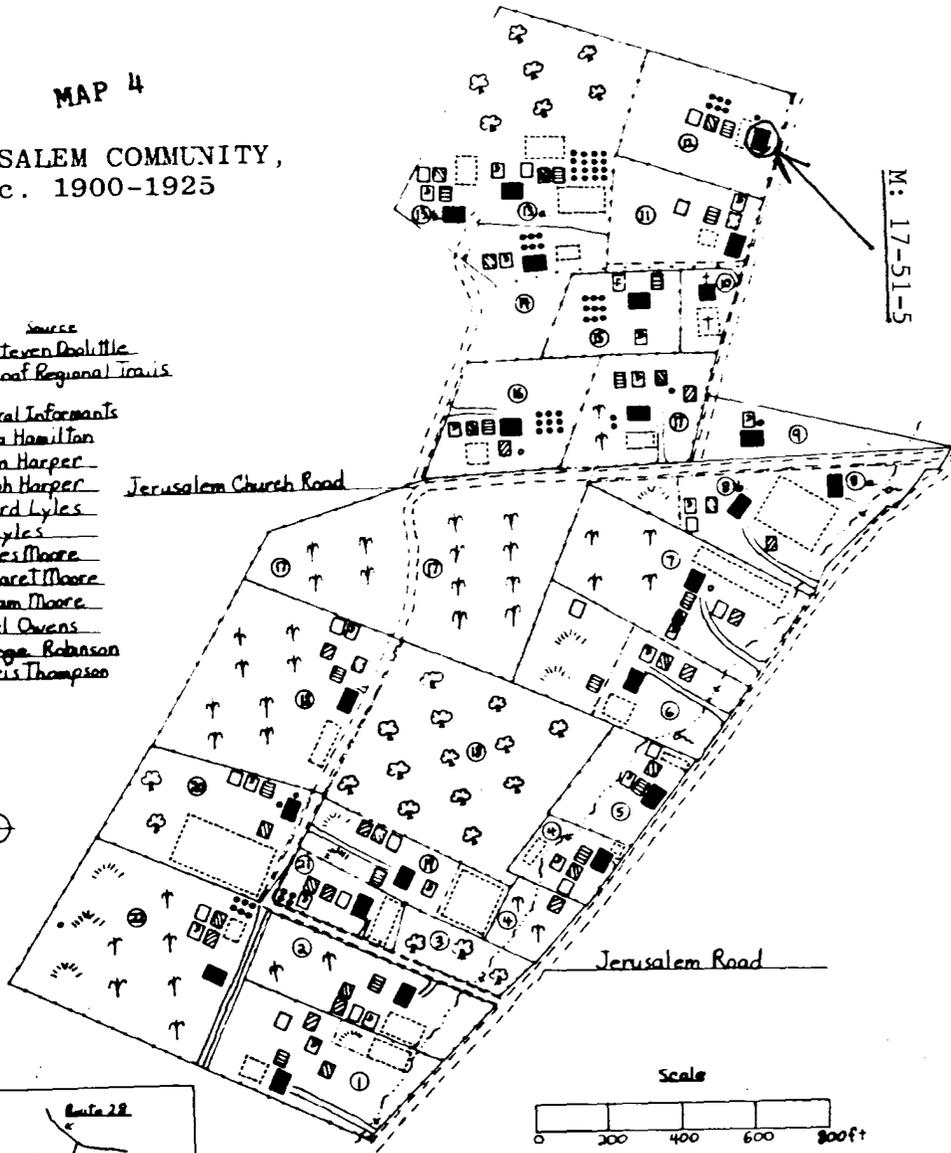
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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

MAP 4  
 JERUSALEM COMMUNITY,  
 c. 1900-1925

Source  
 Steven Dealittle  
 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

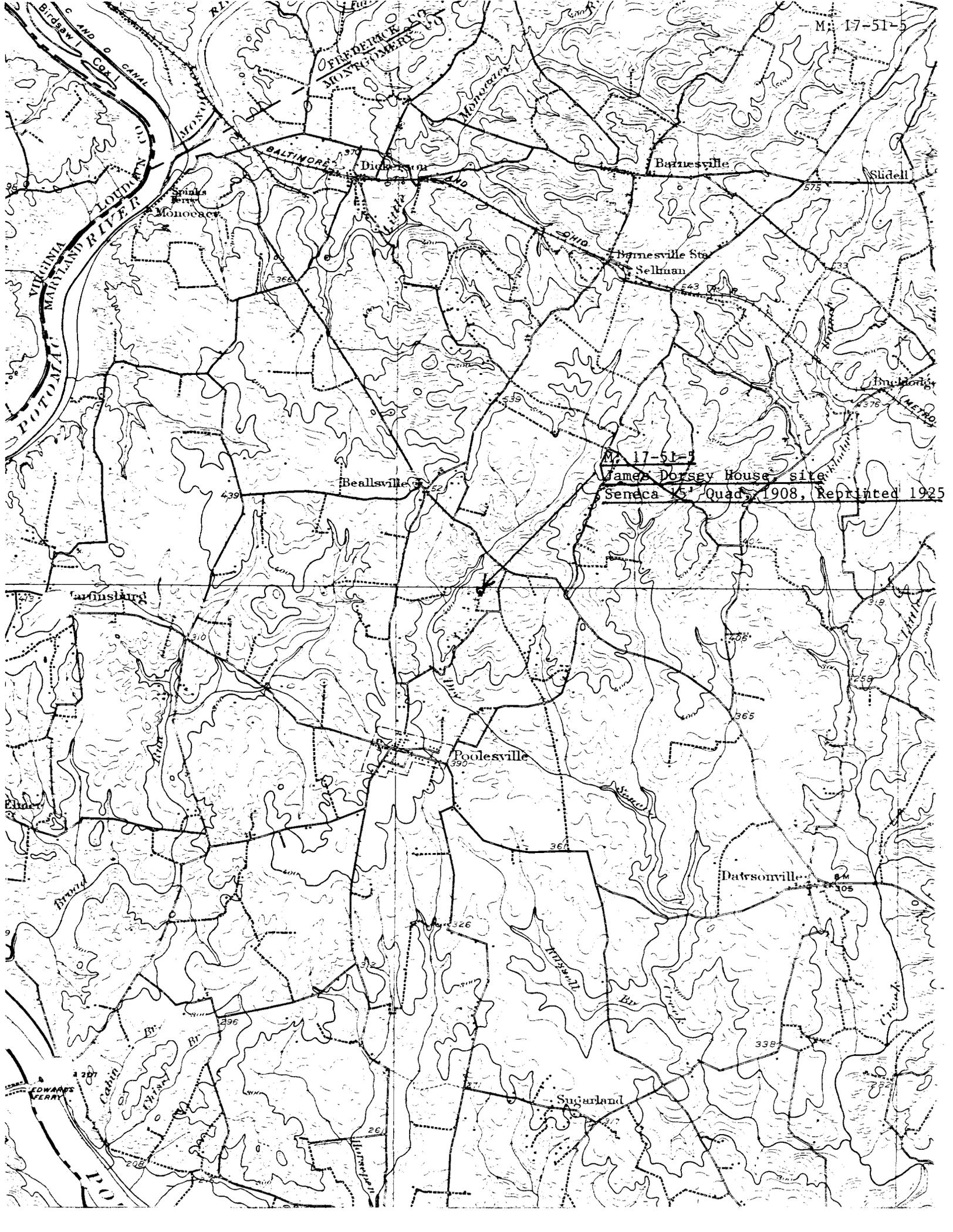


CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
JUDGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	
FENCE	
DIRT ROAD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

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

Key

1. WILLIAM 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.



FREDERICK CO.  
MONTGOMERY CO.

BALTIMORE

Dickinson

Barnesville

Slidell

Spinks  
Monocacy

Barnesville Sta  
Selman

Beallsville

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James Dorsey House site

Seneca 65 Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

Poolesville

Datsonville

Sugarland

EDWARDS FERRY

BIRDSONG  
C AND O CANAL

POTOMAC RIVER  
VIRGINIA  
MARYLAND RIVER

Ansland

Elroy

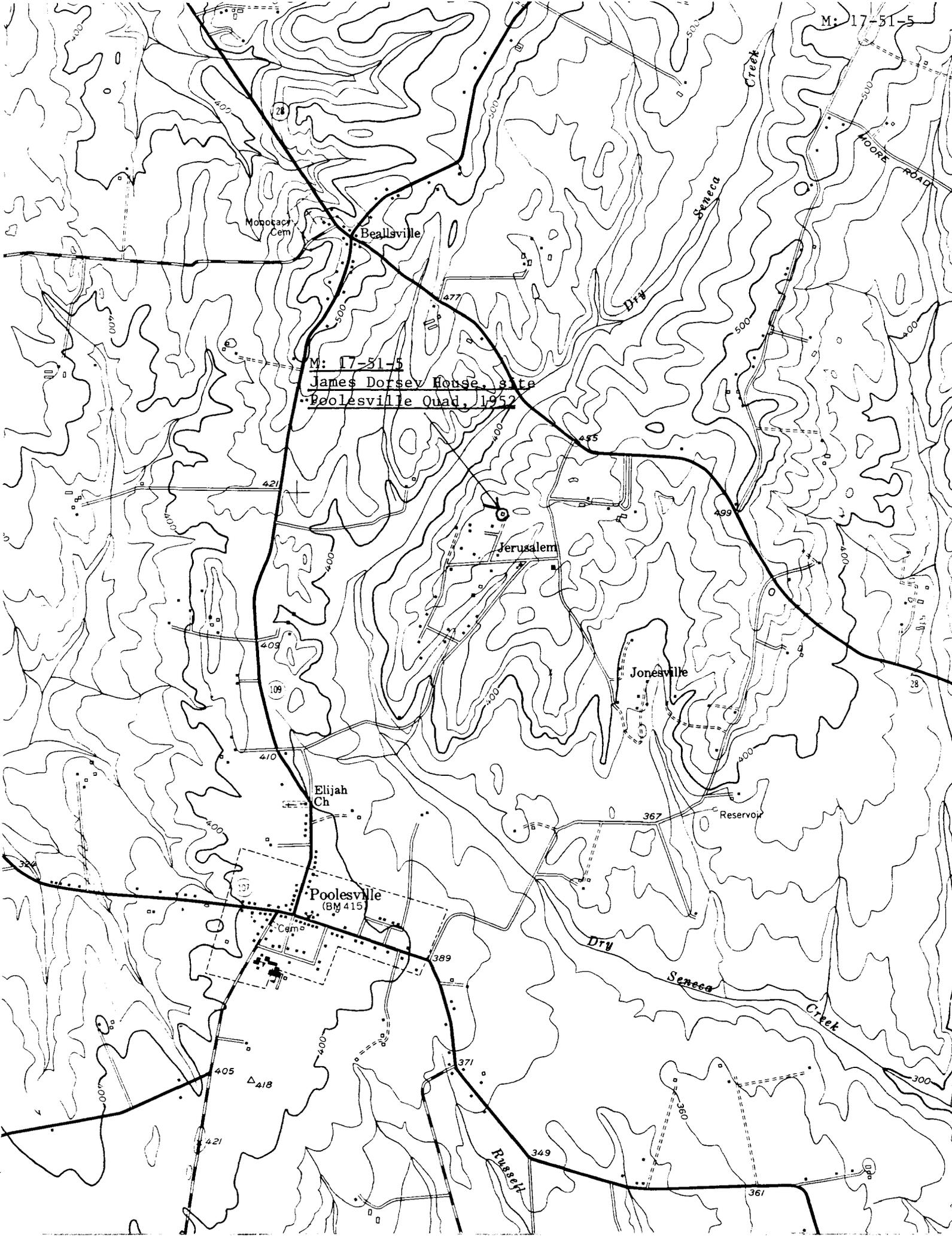
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Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978

