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c. 1911

Horace and Betty Genus House

Foolesville vicinity, Jonesville community

Private

This two story frame house has a facade of three bays, arranged with bilateral symmetry. Its depth is one bay. There are two rooms down and two up. A cross gable pediment accents the roof line. This design is in keeping the style popular to the era. It was the home of a Black landowning family.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Horace and Betty Genus House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of Jonesville Rd.

CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Abandoned

NAME H. Genus, Jr.

Telephone #: 301-279-1000

STREET & NUMBER JONESVILLE RD.

CITY, TOWN POOLESVILLE VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 218 (Property Map Folio #: 170 CT 43, p. 717)

STREET & NUMBER County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS M-NCPPC

CITY, TOWN Silver Spring STATE Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 fine two story house stands on the east side of the old Jonesville Rd. The house is now abandoned and the site is grown in trees, vines, and briars so a thorough investigation of the site was not possible. Further details may be gained from oral interviews with Betty Genus, now 92 years old, who had this house built soon after her marriage to Horace Genus, the owner of the property at that time. Those details will be added to this survey.

Though the yard is overgrown today, there remains large Yucca plants, fruit trees, and other shrubs that indicate that the yard was planted with flowering plants and trees and would have been a lovely home place during its occupancy by the Genus family. The facade has the typical three bays in length, and one bay in depth. The front door was sheltered by a small shed porch with banisters between the posts. The frame was originally covered with weatherboards, but was covered more recently by tarpaper siding, known locally as "felt" siding. The interior contained two rooms down and two up. Probably there was a central stairway dividing the two rooms, as was typical. Along each gable end, stove flues ascended. The cornices were boxed, and there was a cross gable pediment.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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"/> 900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Black history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was once the lovely home of a Black landowning family, one with a rich history, especially an oral history provided by Betty Genus. It is intended that she be interviewed and notes from that interview will be added to this survey.

The property was purchased by James F. Davis and Mary Davis in 1893 from James Hardy (of as yet unknown identity). There was no "being clause" in the deed, and no James Hardy was listed in the grantee index so research halted, to be resumed later, if possible. (deed JA 40/262). In 1911, Horace J. Genus acquired the property from his mother Mary (Davis) Genus (deed 218/170) and had this house built soon thereafter according to his wife, Betty Genus.

Her parents were from Point of Rocks. (Betty Genus's)

As part of this survey, the photographs of Horace Genus were copied, and Betty Genus was photographed too.

This house stands just off from the front of the home of Mary Davis, a small one room down, one room up frame house. Since Horace Genus was raised in that house, and this one is the second generation house for the Genus family and the Jonesville community.

Note: the negatives of the photographs of this house were given to a student from Montgomery College for printing, and he has not returned them nor the prints. He cannot be reached. The only photographs available are the smaller 3 x 5's which are included. The house has since been demolished.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.
 U.S. Census, 1900, for Montgomery County, Maryland, E.D. 52, p. 11E.
 Oral interviews with Betty Genus and Mary V. Owens, Jonesville community,
 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

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Oct. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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Maryland

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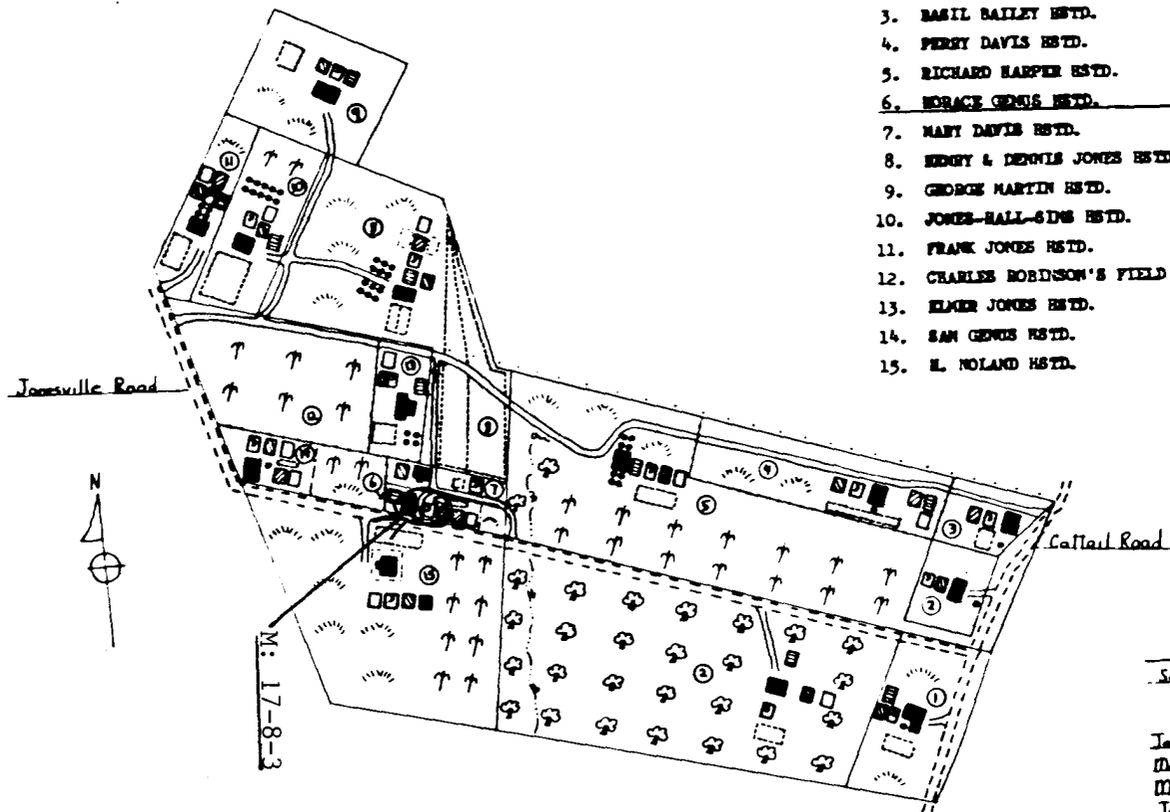
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BARN	
STABLE	
HEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	
FENCE	
DIRT ROAD	
LANE	
PATH	
STREAM FLOW	

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



Key

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| 1. SOLOMON OWENS HSTD. | 2.50 AC. |
| 2. JOHN TYLER HSTD. | 10.66 AC. |
| 3. BASIL BAILEY HSTD. | 1.75 AC. |
| 4. PERRY DAVIS HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 5. RICHARD HARPER HSTD. | 8.25 AC. |
| 6. HORACE GENUS HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 7. MARY DAVIS HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 8. EDNEY & DENNIS JONES HSTD. | 5.76 AC. |
| 9. GEORGE MARTIN HSTD. | 2.50 AC. |
| 10. JONES-HALL-SIMS HSTD. | 2.00 AC. |
| 11. FRANK JONES HSTD. | 1.13 AC. |
| 12. CHARLES ROBINSON'S FIELD | 3.00 AC. |
| 13. ELMER JONES HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 14. SAM GENUS HSTD. | 1.30 AC. |
| 15. E. NOLAND HSTD. | 7.75 AC. |

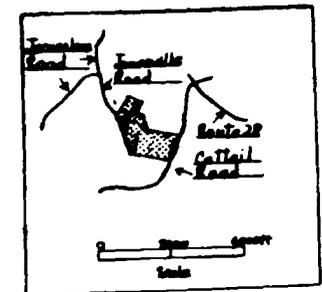
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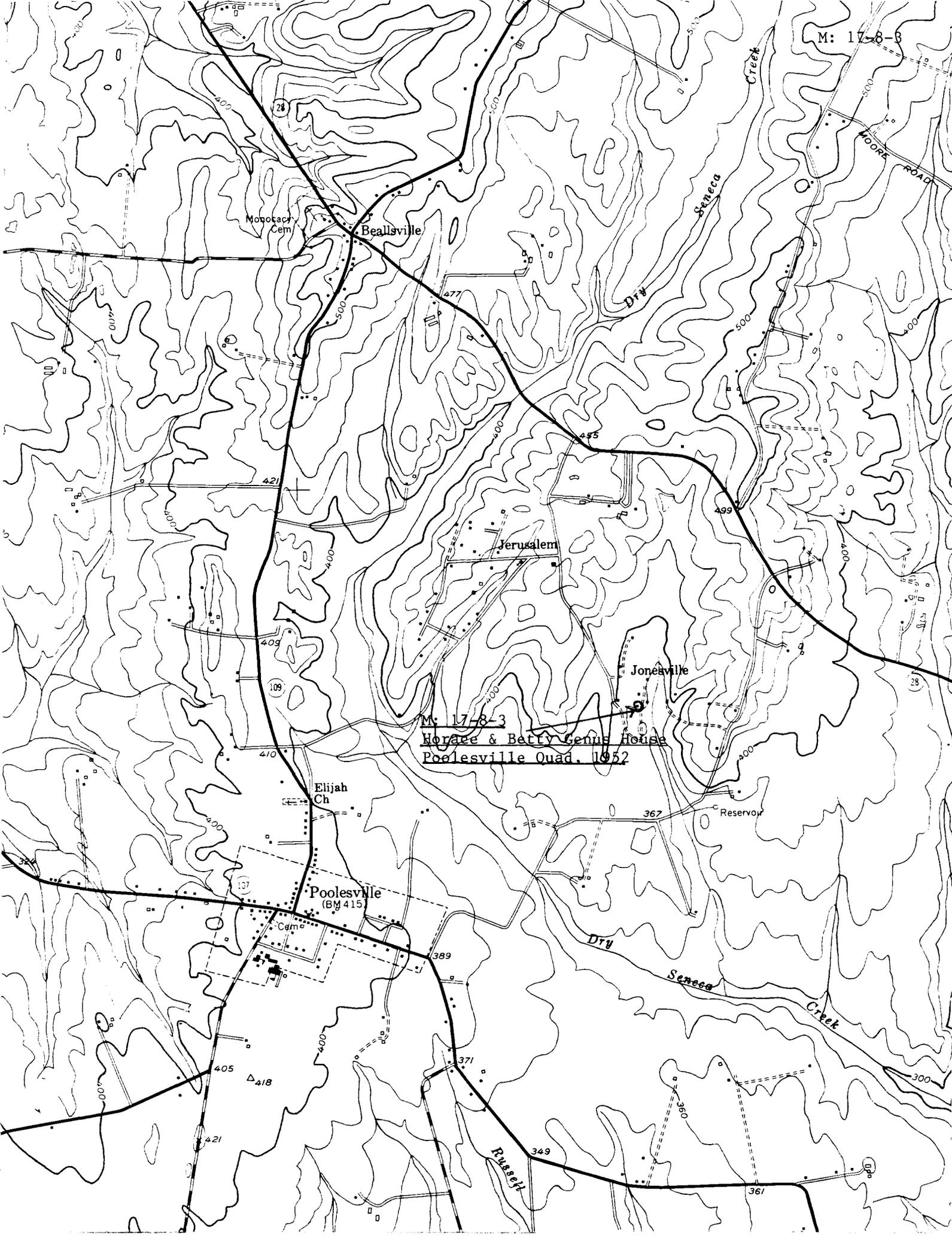


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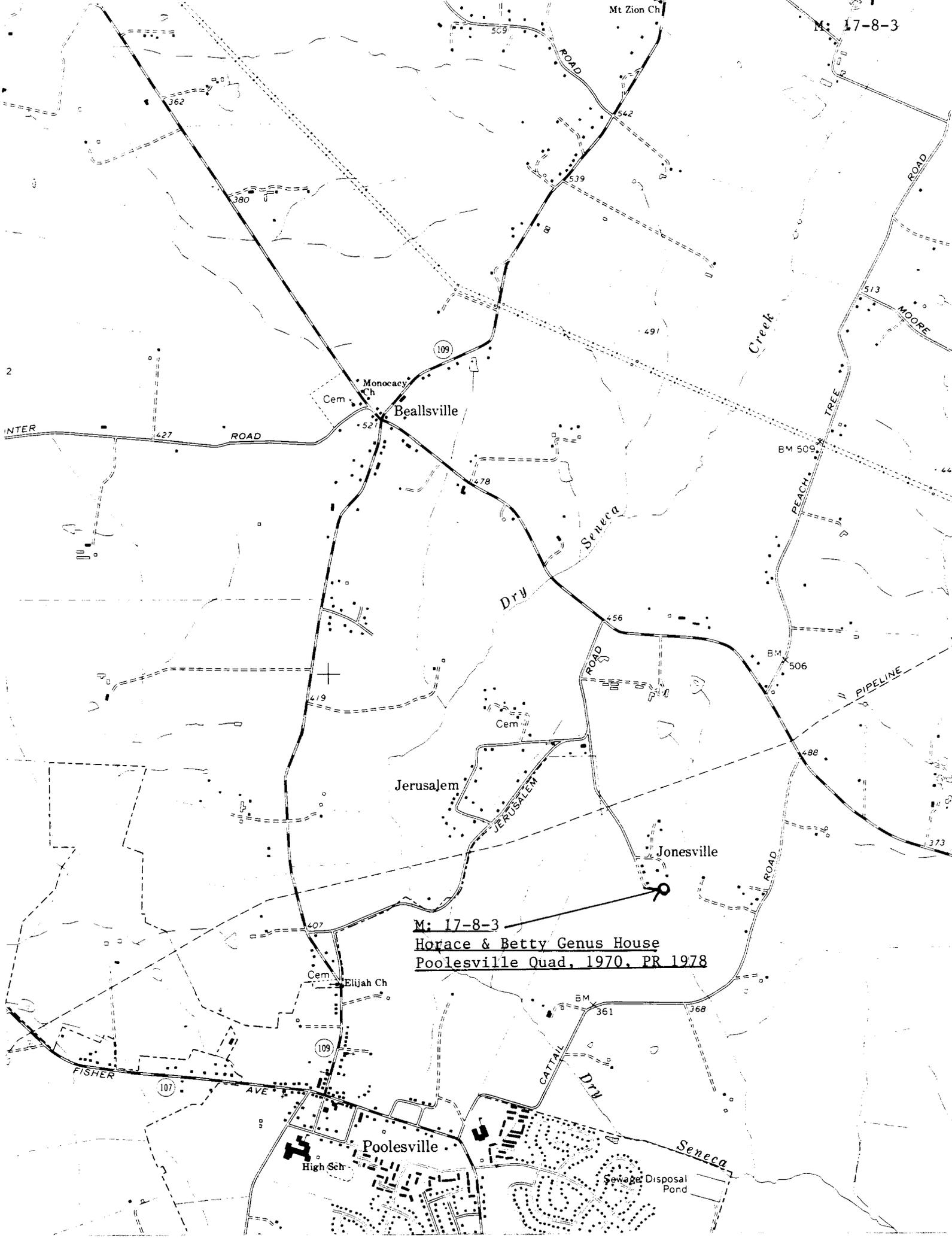
JONESVILLE COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925



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Horace & Betty Gennis House
Poolesville Quad. 1052





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POSTER PHOTO

U.S. Patent No. 3,875,861

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Horace + Betty Zemer House
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Facade; South length
Jonesville
photo by George McNeill
Negatives borrowed for printing
by a student and not returned!



Betty Genus
Wife of Horace Genus

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Jonesville

10/78

Anne Lewis