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Elmer Jones House

Jonesville Community

Private

1915-1925

This two story house with a balanced, three bay facade was built by its owner, Elmer Jones, the grandson of one of the founders of the Black landowning community of Jonesville. The design of this frame house with its gable roofline accented by a cross gable pediment was in keeping with the style popular to the time and represents the transition from the earlier and plainer log houses, the type in which Elmer Jones was raised.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Elmer Jones House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of Jonesville Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Poolesville (Jonesville)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
C.R. Jones

Telephone #: 912-7123

STREET & NUMBER

c/o James E. Young 5213 Ames St., N.E.

CITY, TOWN

Washington

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

D.C.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 544
Folio #: 327

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This handsome two story frame house stands on the southwest side of the present-day Jonesville Road. In early days, it stood on the west side of the original road. The house is larger now due to several additions over the years, but the original structure can still be clearly seen and the entire site is well maintained by the current occupants/owners.

The house faces south. It stands a full two stories in height and has a three bay facade containing a door centrally located, flanked by a window on either side, creating the balanced facade so popular to the turn of the century in the rural communities. The frame was sheathed with weatherboards, which are painted white. Trim boards accent the corners. The windows contain double hung sashes with two over two lights. The cornices are boxed, and their line is broken with sharply pitched cross gable pediment. Through the center of the roof ascends a brick stove flue.

Additions to the house include a one story section along the entire facade and a smaller one story room with a shed roof along the east gable end. A similar addition was attached to the northwest corner of the house.

The interior contained two rooms down and two up. The east room downstairs was the kitchen and the other, the living room, according to Elmer Jones' widow, Hannah Jones. The two rooms upstairs were bedrooms.

The outbuildings of the house included the hen house and privy behind the house (north), and hog pen at a further distance. A smoke house stood in front of the kitchen. There was also an orchard with apple and pear trees, according to Mrs. Jones, and the family used to store the apples and pears in bins of straw in their cellar.

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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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1915-1925

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

ELMER JONES

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As part of this survey, a photograph of MARIA E. Peters Jones, mother of Elmer Jones, was copied. She was sister of John Peters, the blacksmith in Martinsburg. Hisa copied was photo of Elmer Jones + his 1st wife, Nora E. Hall Jones.

This land has been owned by a member of the Jones family since 1866. In deed EBP 3/313, Erasmus Jones purchased 9 1/8 acres (of which this one acre is a portion, today's parcel CT 43 P. 635) from Thomas Hall in 1866. In 1911, William P. Jones acquired it at a tax sale (224/143), and in 1913, Elmer Jones purchased one acre of that 9 1/8 acres for this house. The property remains in the possession of his descendants.

According to Hannah Jones, her husband built this house when he was in his late twenties or early thirties. This was during his first marriage. This would make the construction of this house to be approximately 1915-1925 since he was born in 1888. Probably the house was built soon after Jones purchased the land in tract in 1913, so 1915 is a good estimate. The house is representative of the type built by the more prosperous landowners of that period in Black communities throughout the county and the state.

According to Mrs. Jones, her husband built this house with the help of his father and nephew. Elmer Jones was a carpenter, stone mason, bricklayer, and cement finisher -- a jack of all trades. The principal significance of this house is that it was built by him and is a personal statement of his carpentry skills, economic means, and design concepts.

Elmer Jones was born in 1888, the son of Henry Jones, and was raised in the double log cabin nearby in Jonesville. His paternal grandfather was Richard Jones, whose house also still stands (See the Jones-Hall house). The identity of Erasmus Jones and his relation to this line of Jones is not yet known. Perhaps he was the brother of Richard Jones.

Elmer Jones is listed in the 1900 census of Montgomery County as the son of John Henry Jones and Maria E. Jones. His father was born in 1853 and mother in 1858. There was no mention of Erasmus Jones in the census nor of Richard and Rachel Jones. See the attached research notes.

Elmer Jones' second wife was Hannah Tibbs from the Big Woods community in Montgomery County. See the Big Woods Sites for more details about the Tibbs family.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
 U.S. Census, 1900, Montgomery County, Maryland, E.D. 52, p. 11B.
 Oral interviews, (not taped), Hannah Jones and Rebecca Scott, Jonesville
 community, September, 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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Sept. 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland

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Significance

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As part of this survey, the family photographs of Elmer Jones were copied. They were: Maria E. Peters Jones, mother of Elmer Jones, daughter of John Peters, from Martinsburg whose house has been surveyed. Elmer Jones and his first wife, Nora Hall Jones, granddaughter of Levin Hall of Jonesville. She was raised in the Jones-Hall house, so this Jonesville community was indeed home to her.

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Tenn.

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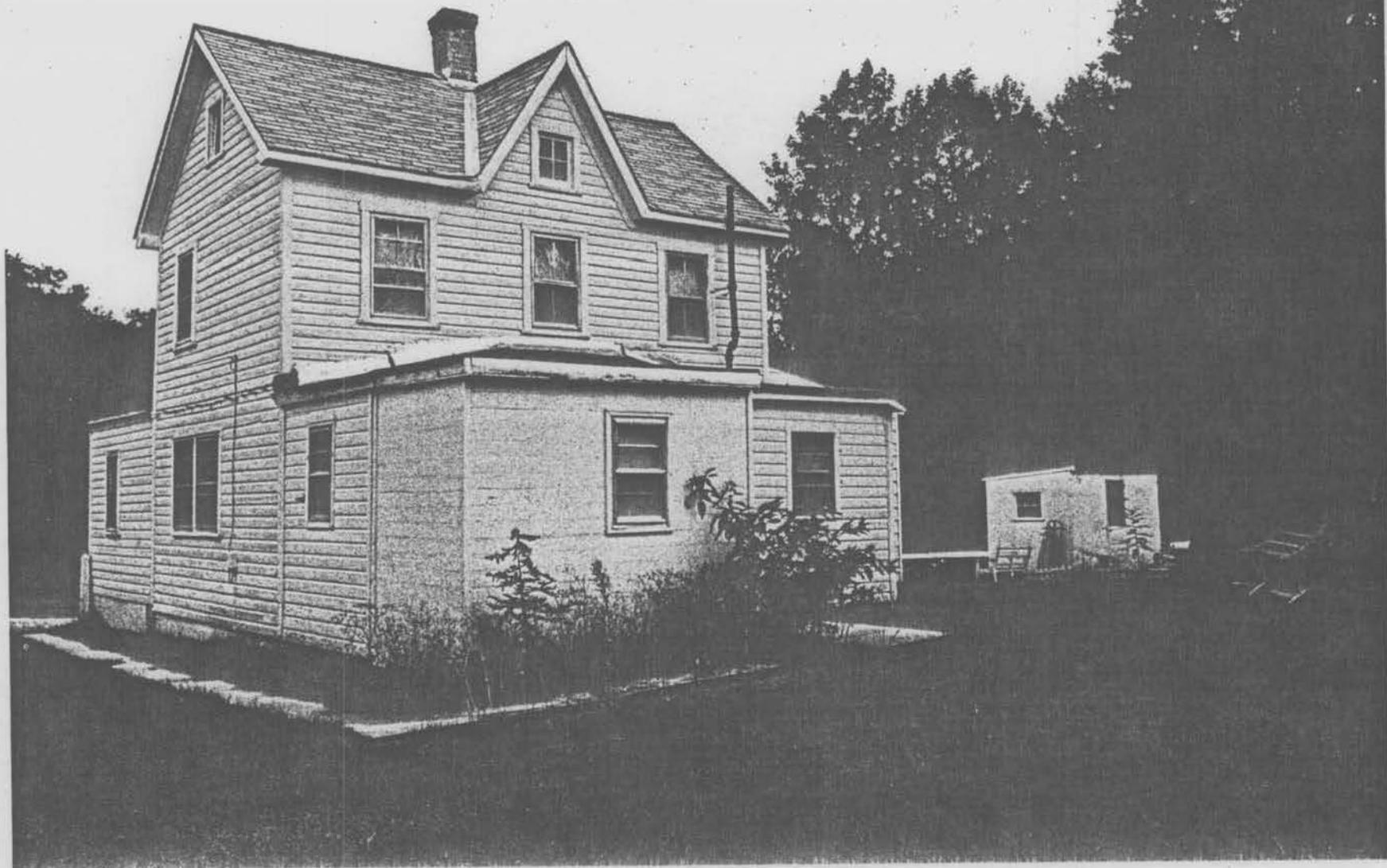
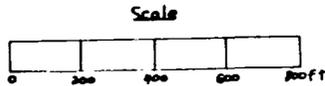
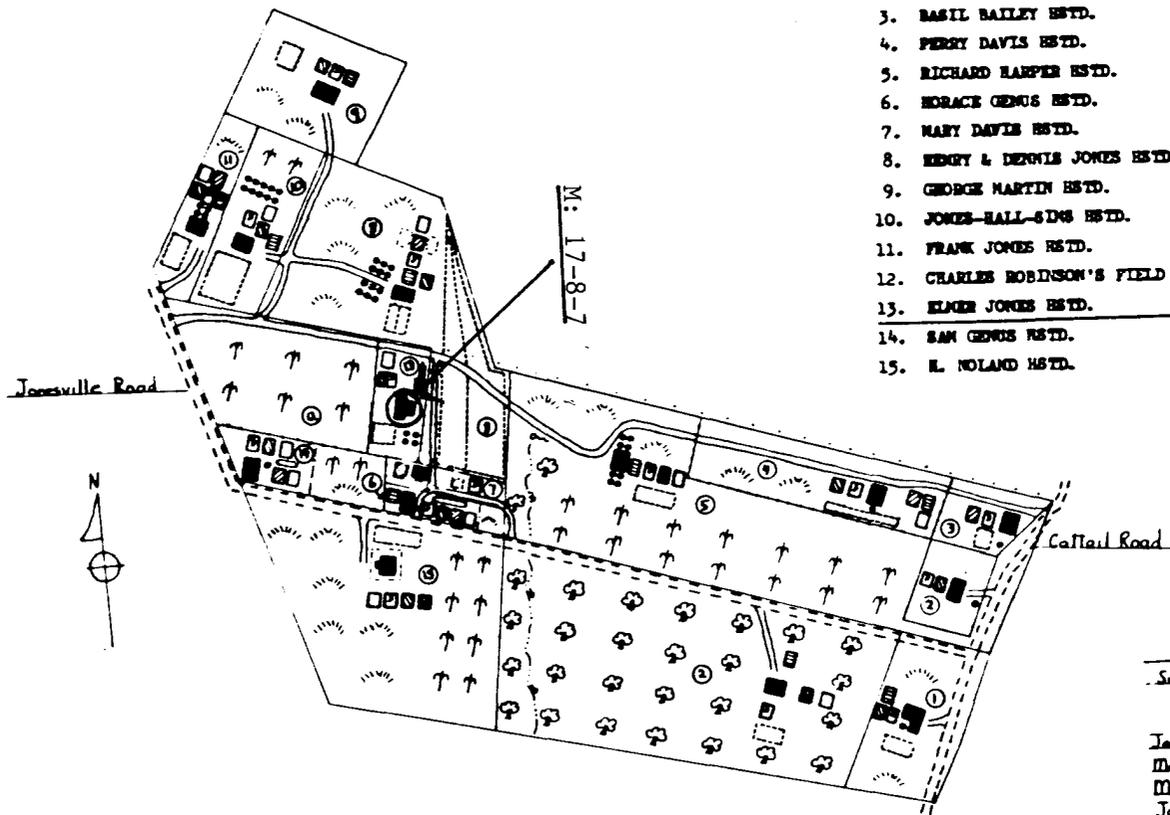


Figure 18. Elmer Jones house, Jonesville. The two story frame section was built between 1915 and 1925 by Elmer Jones. His descendants continue to live in the house. Jones was a jack-of-all-trades; carpenter, stone mason, bricklayer. His house is representative of the type built for the more prosperous landowners in the black communities throughout the County and State around the turn of the 20th century.

CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/YARD 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

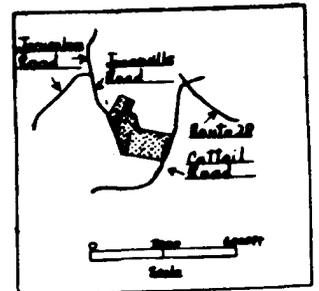


Key

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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 GEWIS HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 7. MARY DAVIS HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 8. HENRY & DEVONIS 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. |
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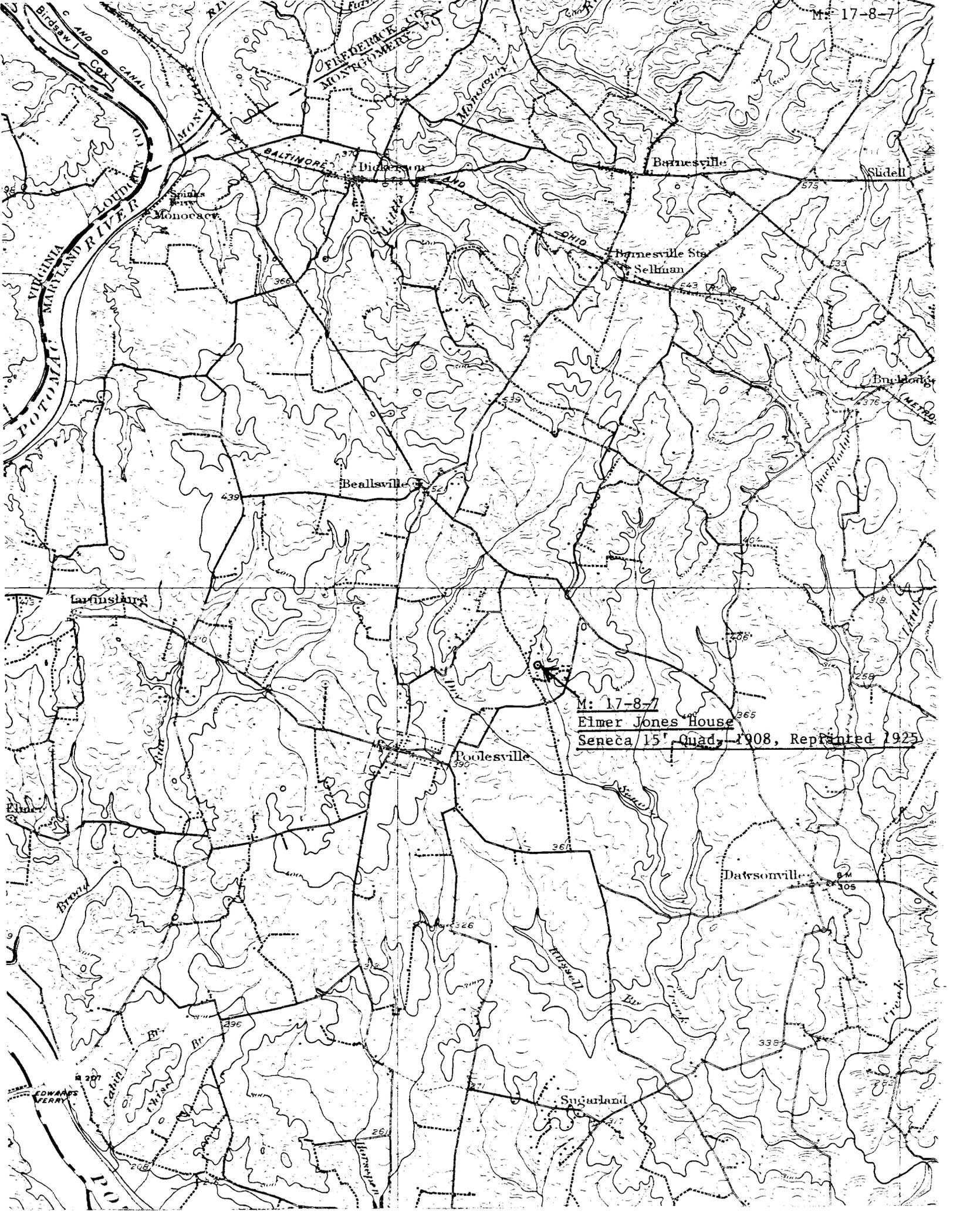
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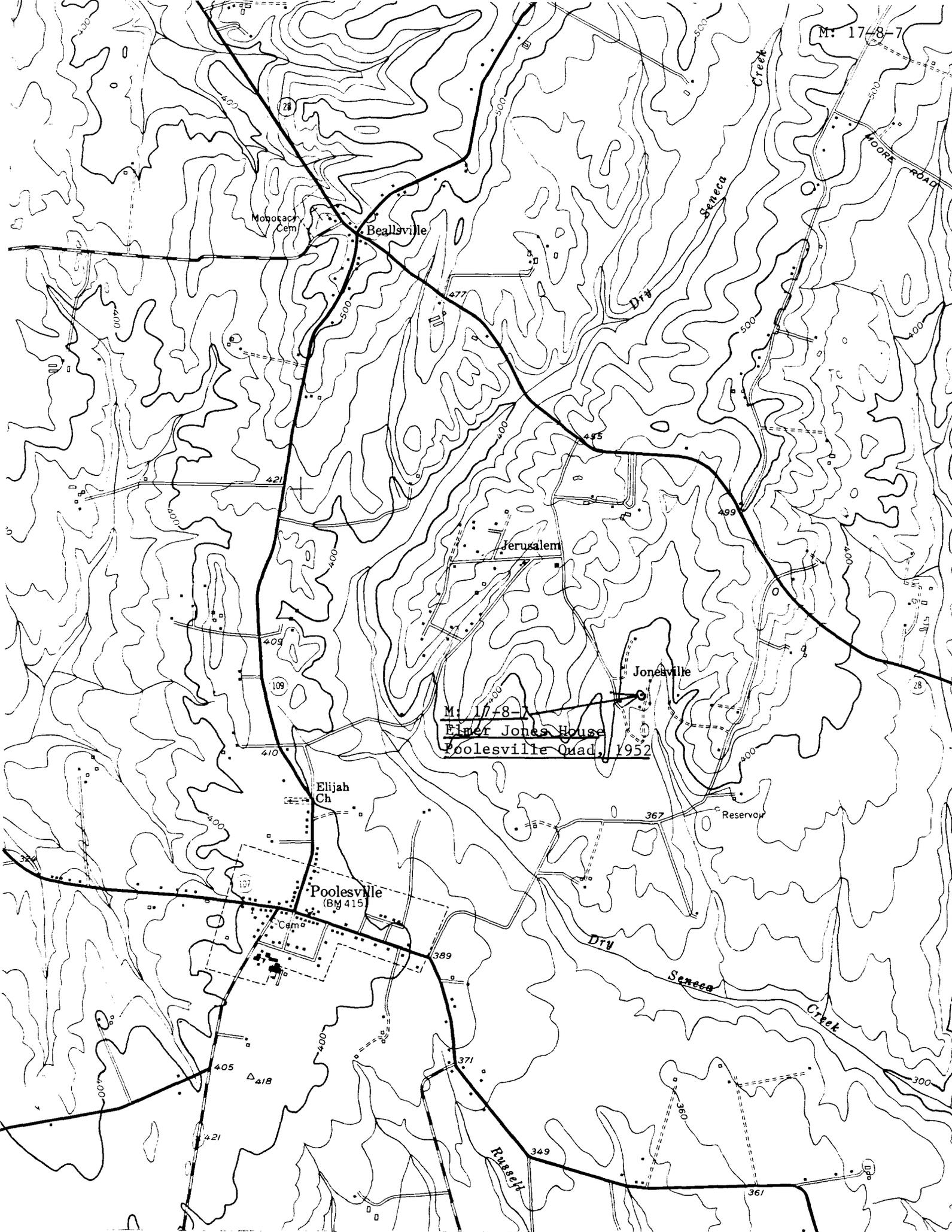
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JONESVILLE COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

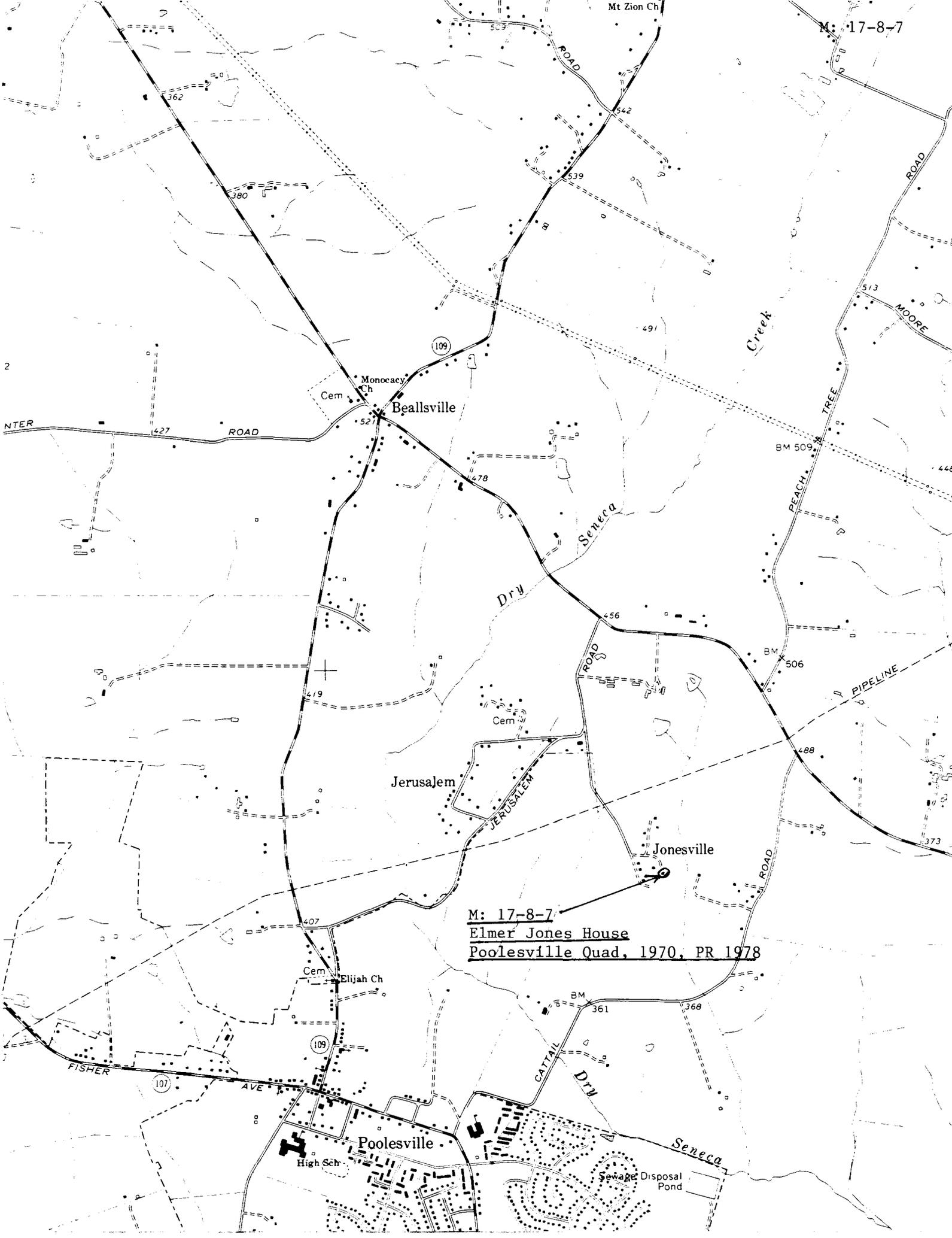


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 Elmer Jones House
 Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

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Elmer Jones House
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978



Slower Jones House

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Facade: South
~~the~~ Length

Jonesville

Anne Lewis
SWM

10/78

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Elmer Jones House

N-E Elevation

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Jonesville

~~Wm~~ Ann Lewis

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~~At~~ Maria E. Peters Jones

mother of Elmer Jones

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Jonestown

Ann Lewis

copy in collection of

Hannah Jones,

Jonestown



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