

MONT. #7-41-5

Tilghman Beckwith House (site)  
Pooleville Vicinity  
Private

C. 1886

This two story, frame house had two rooms down and two up and was the residence of the Tilghman Beckwith family. Each room was warmed by wood stoves downstairs. It was the only house of those built by late 19th century Black landowners in the Sugarland community to have a front porch.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

Tilghman Beckwith House (Site)

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Sugarland Lane

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF Sugarland)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Md. Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William T. Johnson

Not listed

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 32, RFD 1

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Assessment Office

Liber #: Plat: CR 43

Folio #: Parcel: 562

STREET & NUMBER

Unibank Office Bldg.

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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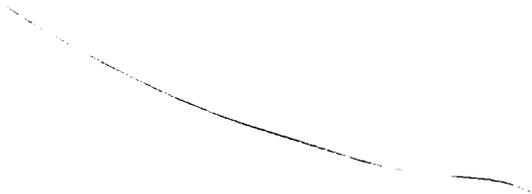
**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Tilghman Lee, this was the home of his uncle, after whom he was named: Tilghman Beckwith. He was his father's half-brother (same mother).

Lee remembers that his uncle's house was a frame structure with two rooms down and two up. It was warmed by wood stoves in each room downstairs. It was the only house in the Sugarland community that had a porch on the front of it.



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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
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<input 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. 1886*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was in keeping with the other two story frame houses of the more properous Black landowners in the Sugarland community. Its type was common in the late 19th century. Since the residents were kin to the nearby family of Samuel Lee, this is another example of the extended family in Sugarland.

The U.S. census of 1870 lists a Tilghman Beckwith with wife Ellen and daughter Martha, but Tilghman Lee recalls that this was not his uncle's family. The U.S. census for 1880, however, lists another Tilghman Beckwith (born in 1850) with wife Katie (born 1853), and Lee identifies this as the family of his uncle and aunt. Their children were Elbert (born 1873), Nancy (born 1876) and James (born 1877), and Sarah (born 1879). Lee recalls that these were the names of their children. Beckwith "worked on a farm" as an occupation, and his wife kept house.

In 1886 Katie Beckwith purchased 4 acres for this farm from the Webb family, recorded in deed JA 1/226. This is an important example of the value of oral history, because without the recollection of Tilghman Lee, one would not have known that Katie Beckwith was the wife of Tilghman Beckwith, and one would not have been able to obtain a date for the purchase of this property nor approximate a date for construction of the house.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse  
 Oral Interviews, Tilghman Lee, Sugarland community, June-July, 1978  
 U.S. census, 1870 and 1880, Montgomery County

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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**

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Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

1870

NAME: Tilghman Beckwith

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AGE/D.O.B.: 20

WIFE: Ellen 23 domestic servant

CHILDREN: Martha? 1

OCCUPATION: farm laborer  
Note: cannot read or write

not the same as  
Tilghman Beckwith of  
Sugland

1880 found in index

~~only wife~~  
~~etc~~

AGE/D.O.B. 30

vol 15 ED 111  
sheet 6 line 40

WIFE: Katie 27 house keeping - T. Lee recognizes this

CHILDREN: Elbert 7 - T. Lee

Nancy 4  
James W 3

Tilghman - T. Lee  
+ Hays

OCCUPATION: Sarah M 1  
work on farm

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NAME: Tillman Beckwith

CENSUS: 1900 Montgomery County

PAGE: 6 B

AGE/D.O.B.: May 1850

OCCUPATION: Farm Laborer

WIFE: Katie - Jan 1882

CHILDREN: Mary E. - Nov. 1881

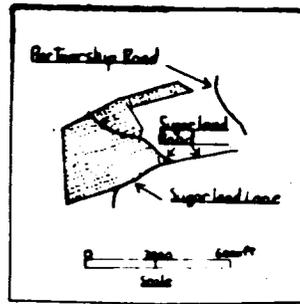
Vina E. - Mar. 1889

Tillman S. - May 1888

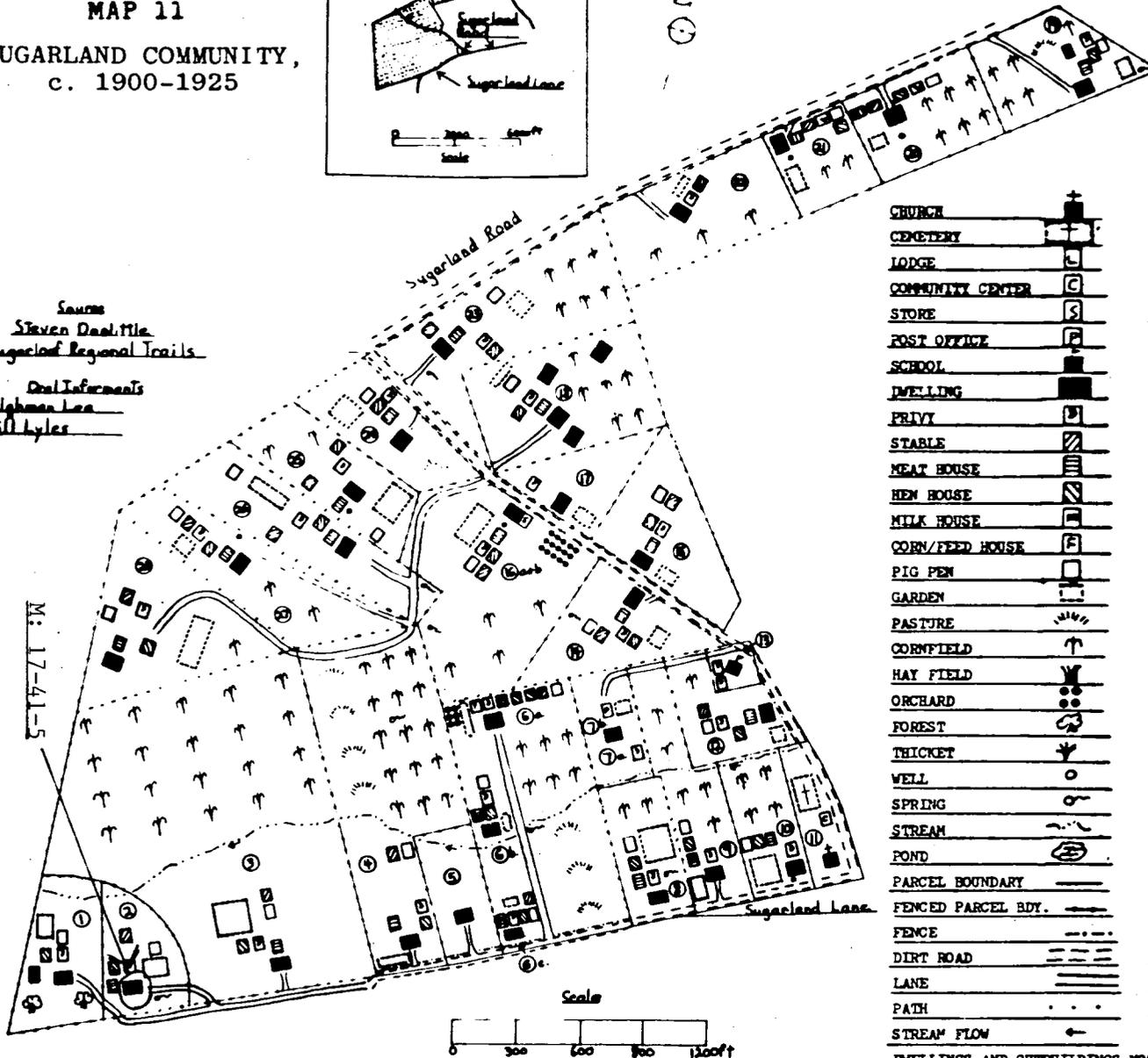
PLACE OF BIRTH:

All Members - Maryland

MAP 11  
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,  
c. 1900-1925



Sources  
Steven Dahl-Mie  
Sugarland Regional Trails  
  
Oral Interviews  
Tilghman Lea  
Bill Lyles



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	⊞
HAY FIELD	⊞
ORCHARD	⊞
FOREST	⊞
THICKET	⊞
WELL	⊞
SPRING	⊞
STREAM	⊞
POND	⊞
PARCEL BOUNDARY	⊞
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	⊞
FENCE	⊞
DIRT ROAD	⊞
LANE	⊞
PATH	⊞
STREAM FLOW	⊞

1. JAMES BECKWITH ESTD.	3.00 AC.
2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH ESTD.	4.00 AC.
3. JOHN ADAMS ESTD.	18.00 AC.
4. LEWIS GARNETT ESTD.	14.00 AC.
5. PETER JACKSON ESTD.	3.00 AC.
6a. PATRICK HERRON ESTD.	17.00 AC.
b. LUKE HERRON ESTD.	
c. ROBERT HERRON ESTD.	
7a. NATHAN JOHNSON ESTD.	3.00 AC.
b. POST OFFICE	
8. JOHN HIGGINS ESTD.	4.00 AC.
9. JOE CURTIS ESTD.	6.00 AC.
10. EASIL DORSEY ESTD.	4.00 AC.
11. ST. PAUL'S M.E. CHURCH	1.00 AC.
12. HORACE JACKSON ESTD.	2.00 AC.
13. SUGARLAND SCHOOL	1.00 AC.
14. SAM BEANDER ESTD.	6.00 AC.
15. THOMAS NICHOLS ESTD.	10.00 AC.
16a. BENJAMIN SPARROUGH ESTD.	14.75 AC.
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19. WILLIAM TAYLOR ESTD.	3.00 AC.
20. LLOYD COATES ESTD.	4.00 AC.
21. SAMUEL JOHNSON ESTD.	4.00 AC.
22. JOHN DIGGS ESTD.	4.00 AC.
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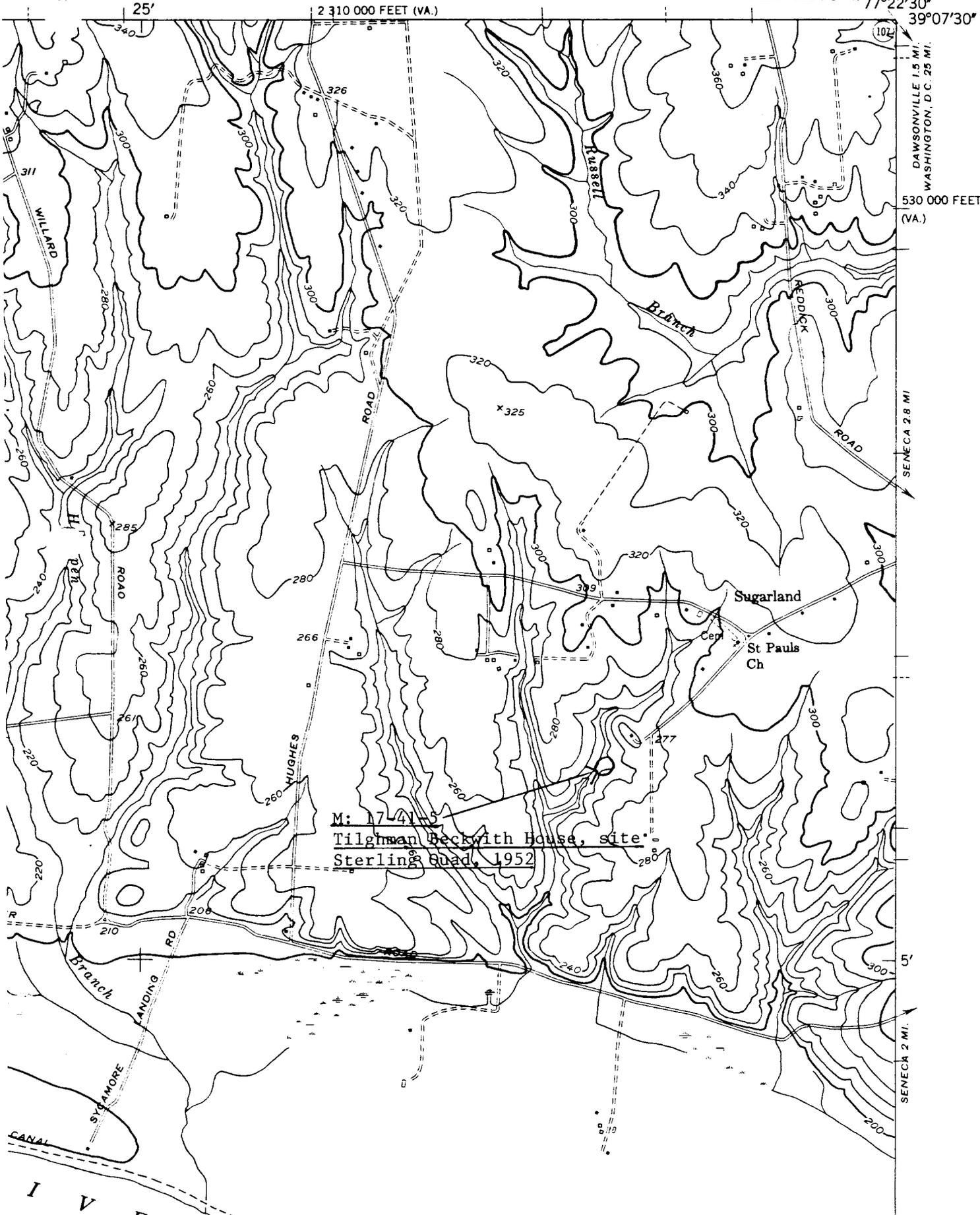
DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
ESTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

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STERLING QUADRANGLE  
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE  
POOLESVILLE 2.8 MI.

(GERMANTOWN)

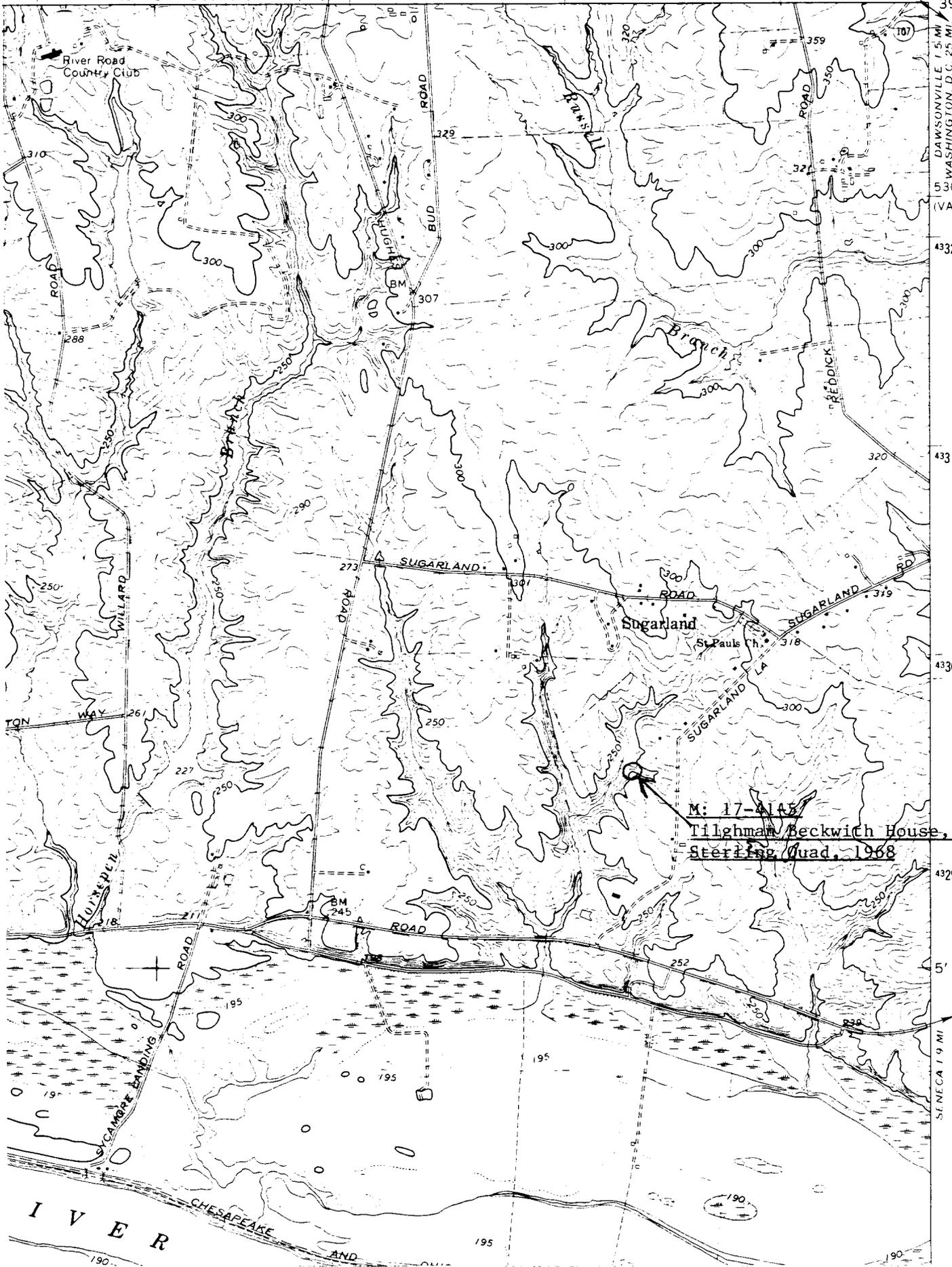


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Sterling Quad, 1952

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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE

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5562 III NE  
(GERMANTOWN)

291 25' 2 310 000 FEET (VA) 292 293 POOLESVILLE 3 MI 77° 22' 30" 39° 07' 30"



DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI  
WASHINGTON D.C. 25 MI  
530 000 FEET  
(VA)

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Tilghman Beckwith House, site  
Sterling Quad, 1968

4332  
4331  
4330  
4329  
5'  
SENECA 1.9 MI

CHESAPEAKE RIVER