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Isaac Bell House (site) c. 1884
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

This log house was a full two stories in height and was among the largest log houses in upper western Montgomery County. It consisted of at least two rooms down and two up. Its owner operated the store in Sugarland in the 20th century.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Isaac Bell Log House (site)

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: South Side of Sugarland Road

CITY, TOWN: Poolesville — X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 3

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Samuel I. and Dora J. Timbers — Telephone #: 762-2395

STREET & NUMBER: 222 Elizabeth Avenue

CITY, TOWN: Rockville — __ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: 3843
Folio #: 476

STREET & NUMBER:

Plate: CR 43 Parcel: 35

CITY, TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	X UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tilghman Lee recalls that this house was a two story log house with two rooms down and two rooms up. Its facade was oriented (north) toward Sugarland Road. Its back door led out to the outbuildings behind the house. Since this house was quite similar to the William Taylor House which has been described in considerable detail, refer to the physical description of that dwelling for details.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	X EDUCATION	__MILITARY	X SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1884 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was probably built in c. 1884 at the time that Isaac Bell purchased the 2.465 acre tract from the white landowning family, the Webbs, recorded in deed, 260/313. According to Tilghman Lee, Bell was not from the Sugarland community, but was raised in the Alabama community, a Black community not far from Sugarland. From that community, he moved to Sugarland and purchased land here. At one time, he operated the store there.

His son is still living, as is his grandaughter, Cora Bell Campbell. Interviews with both are planned and the results will be added to this survey.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse
Oral Interviews: Tilghman Lee, June-July, 1978 Sugarland Community

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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
George W. McDaniel, Surveyor Wesley Stubbs, Research Assistant
ORGANIZATION DATE
Sugarloaf Regional Trails July 1978
STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
Box 87 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN STATE
Dickerson Maryland

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SITE: p. 35 ISAAC BELL

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: Samuel L. and Dora J. Timbers

ADDRESS: 222 Elizabeth Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: CR43 p. 35

ACREAGE: 7.29 acres

L/F: 3843/476

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Warnetta B. Johnson

GRANTEE: Samuel L. and Dora J. Timbers

DATE: March 21, 1969 ACREAGE:
recorded: March 21, 1969
MISC.: note: Being all of those 10.29 acres conveyed in a deed from Margaret Lee Murray, a widow, to Phillip Samuel Johnson and Warnetta B. Johnson, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, dated March 7, 1930 and recorded in L/F 502/68

2) GRANTOR: Those 3.0 acres more or less conveyed by

GRANTEE: Warnetta B. Johnson to Nathaniel A and Emily L. Mason by a deed dated May 1963

DATE: ACREAGE: L/F 3091/616 - see p. 68

MISC.:

2 3) GRANTOR: Margaret Lee Murray } L/F 502/68

GRANTEE: Phillip Samuel Johnson }

DATE: March 7, 1930 ACREAGE: 10.29

MISC.: No Margaret Lee Murray as grantee in Index of land records. — L/F 270/145
under Margaret Lee

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HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: p. 35

L/F 270/145

3) GRANTOR: Isaac Bell and Cassa Bell

GRANTEE: Margaret Lee

DATE: Nov. 16, 1916 ACREAGE: 10.29

recorded March 7, ~~48~~ 1918

MISC.:

the same being the beginning of a conveyance from A Pleasants Webb to Issac Bell by deed dated Nov. 1, 1884 and in L/F 260/313

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE: ACREAGE:

MISC.:

3091/616

GRANTOR: Warnetta B Johnson

GRANTEE: Nathaniel A and Emily C Mason

DATE: May 31, 1963 ACREAGE:

recorded: June 4, 1963

MISC.:

GRANTOR: Margaret Lee Murray

GRANTEE: Phillip Samuel Johnson } 502/68

DATE: March 7, 1930 ACREAGE: 3 ac

MISC.:

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SITE: p. 68 : ISAAC BELL

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: Nathaniel A Mason and Emily L. Mason

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: CR43

ACREAGE: 3 ac

L/F: 3091/616

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Warnetta B. Johnson

GRANTEE: N.A. Mason and E. L. Mason

DATE: May 31, 1963 ACREAGE: 3ac
recorded: June 4, 1963

MISC.: From Margaret Lee Murray (Warnetta wife) to Phillip Samuel Johnson et ux by deed dated March 7, 1930 and recorded in L/F 502/68. P. S. Johnson died on Feb. 21, 1963.

2) GRANTOR: Margaret Lee Murray

GRANTEE: Phillip Samuel Johnson and Warnetta B. Johnson

DATE: March 7, 1930 ACREAGE: 10.29
recorded: March 7, 1930

MISC.: The same being the beginning of a conveyance from A. Pleasants Webb to Isaac Bell by deed dated Nov. 1, 1884 recorded in L/F 260/313. Refer to p.

3) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE: ACREAGE:

MISC.:

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NAME: Isaac Beall

CENSUS: 1900 Mont Co.

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AGE/D.O.B.: July 1850

OCCUPATION: Farmer

WIFE: Cassandra - Apr 1865

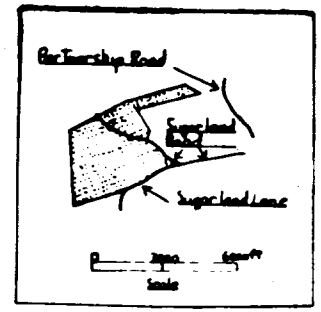
CHILDREN: Estelle - May 1883
George R. - July 1883
John H. - Oct. 1884
Isaac - July 1887
Bessie - July 1889
Lyon E. - Aug. 1892

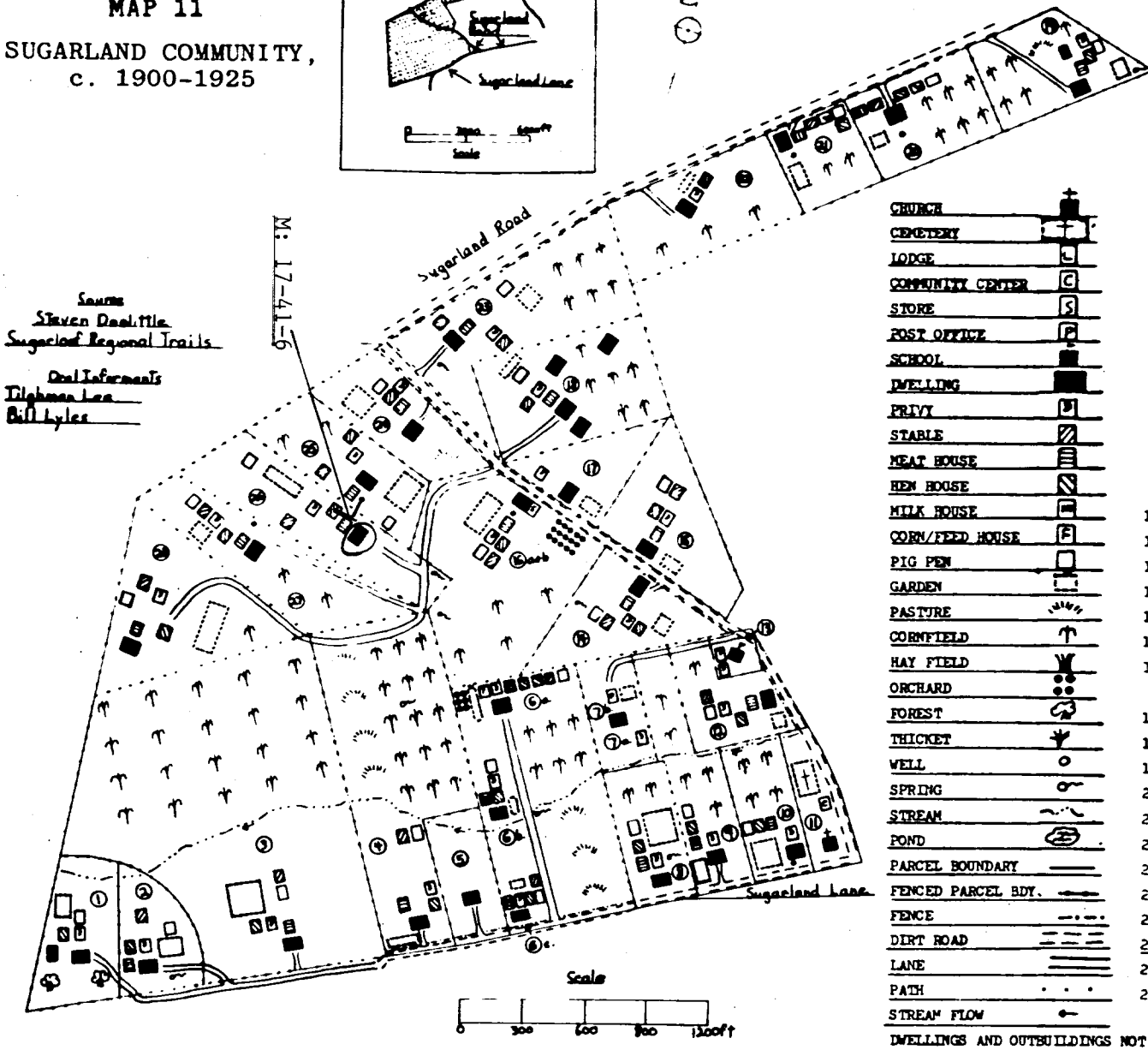
PLACE OF BIRTH:

All members - Maryland

MAP 11

SUGARLAND COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925





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CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
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COMMUNITY CENTER	C
STORE	S
POST OFFICE	P
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	F
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 HSTD.	3.00 AC.
2.	TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD.	4.00 AC.
3.	JOHN ADAMS HSTD.	18.00 AC.
4.	LEWIS GARNETT HSTD.	14.00 AC.
5.	PETER JACKSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
6a.	PATRICK HERRON HSTD.	17.00 AC.
b.	LUKE HERRON HSTD.	
c.	ROBERT HERRON HSTD.	
7a.	NATHAN JOHNSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
b.	POST OFFICE	
8.	JOHN HIGGINS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
9.	JOE CURTIS HSTD.	6.00 AC.
10.	BASIL DORSEY HSTD.	4.00 AC.
11.	ST. PAUL'S M.E. CHURCH	1.00 AC.
12.	HORACE JACKSON HSTD.	2.00 AC.
13.	SUGARLAND SCHOOL	1.00 AC.
14.	SAM BEANDER HSTD.	6.00 AC.
15.	THOMAS NICHOLS HSTD.	10.00 AC.
16a.	BENJAMIN SPARROUGH HSTD.	14.75 AC.
b.	SUGARLAND STORE	
17.	CHARLES JACKSON HSTD.	4.50 AC.
18.	LUKE LYNCH & FAMILY HSTD.	10.00 AC.
19.	WILLIAM TAYLOR HSTD.	3.00 AC.
20.	LLOYD COATES HSTD.	4.00 AC.
21.	SAMUEL JOHNSON HSTD.	4.00 AC.
22.	JOHN DIGGS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
23.	JOHN BRANISON HSTD.	11.00 AC.
24.	RAF BRANISON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
25.	PHILLIP JOHNSON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
26.	ISAAC BELL HSTD.	10.00 AC.
27.	SAMUEL LEE HSTD.	6.00 AC.
28.	LEVI HALL HSTD.	10.00 AC.

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

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Isaac Bell Log House, site
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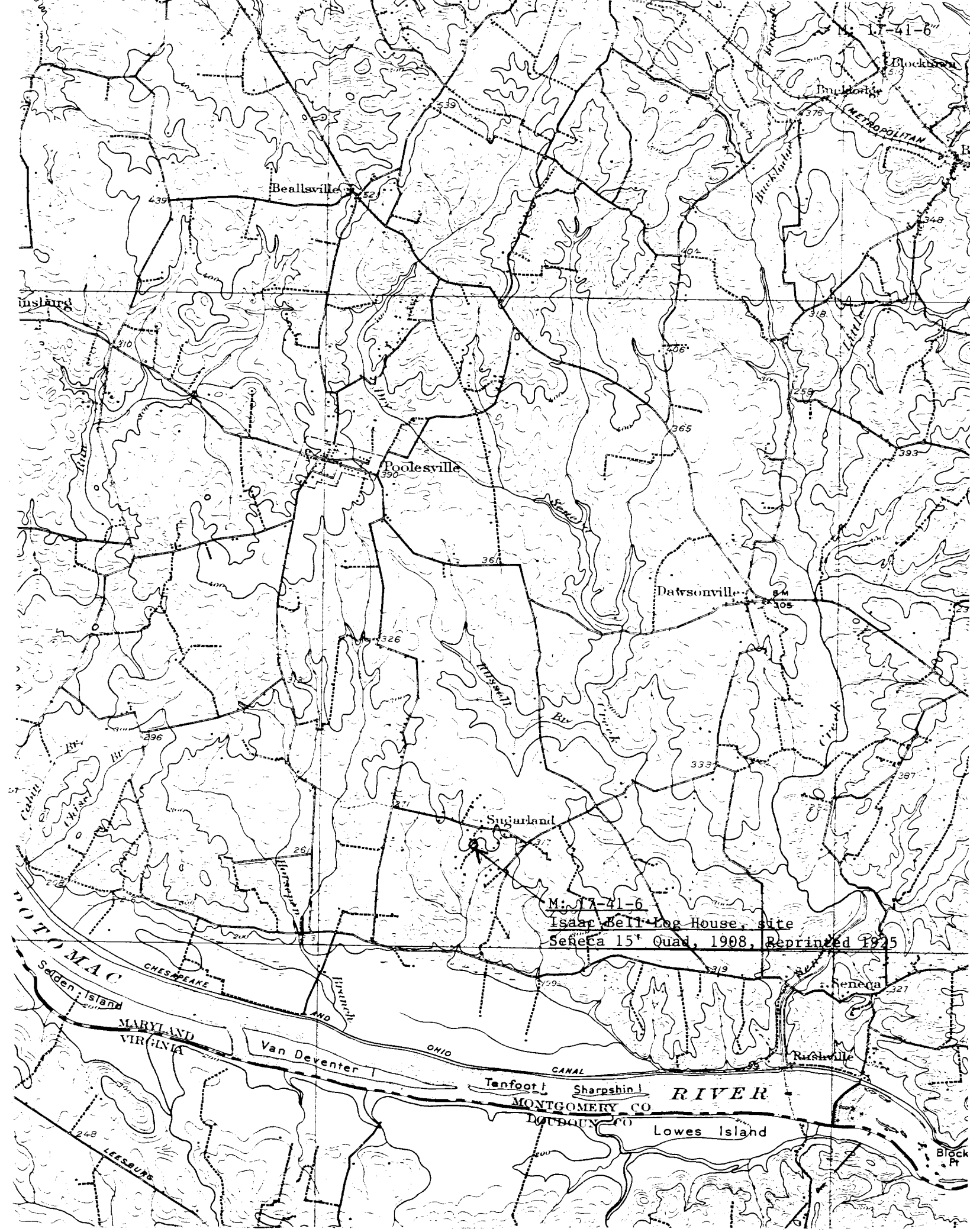

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Isaac Bell Log House, site
Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

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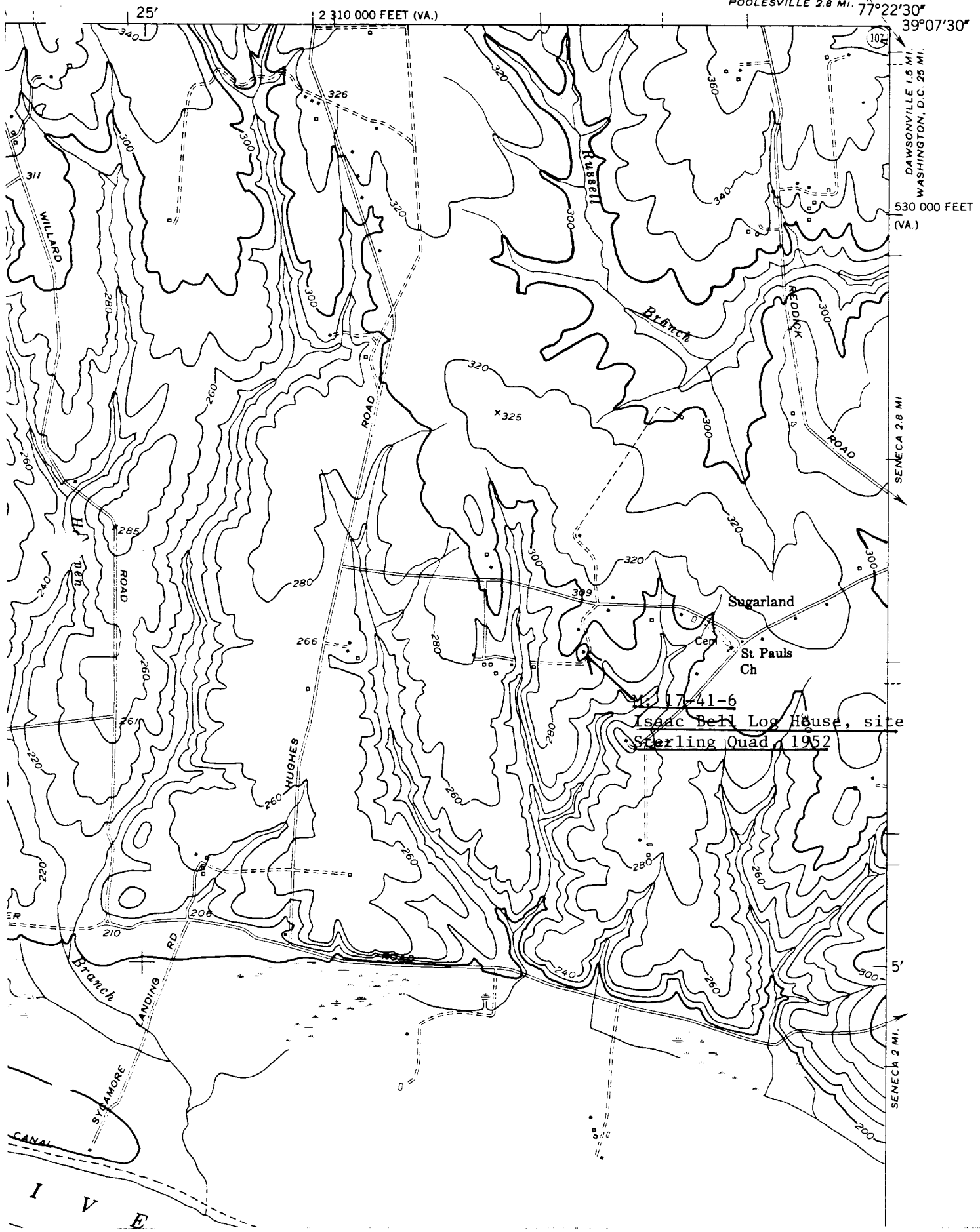

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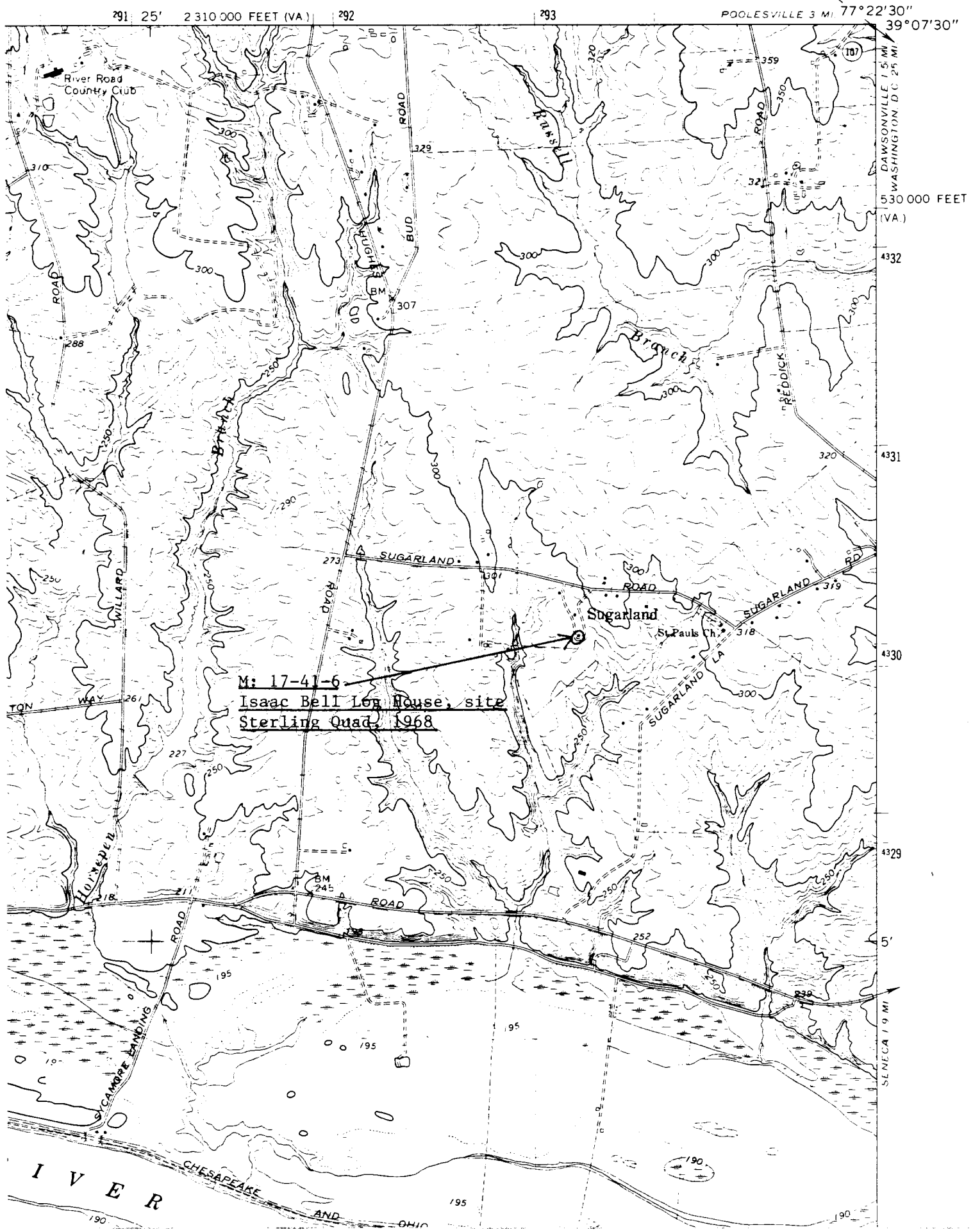
5562 III NE (GERMANTOWN)



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Isaac Bell Log House, site
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