

Mont. : 17-41-12

Dorsey House
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

c. 1874

This small, two room, one story log house was built by the former slave, Basil Dorsey. It was among the smallest houses built by the Black landowners in Sugarland, but it still was constructed with a wood stove and glass windows instead of a fireplace and wooden shutters as were many log houses of Black landowners of that era in Southern Maryland.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Basil Dorsey's Log House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Sugarland Lane

CITY, TOWN

Poolersville

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

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"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Forest

NAME

Perry and Doris Crotts

Telephone #: 942-2996

STREET & NUMBER

12100 Grandview Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse-land records

Liber #: 4636

Folio #: 797

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tilghman Lee remembers the house as follows:
 This was a one story log house with a low attic (for storage, not sleeping quarters, even for children). Its facade contained two bays, a front door off to one side and a window with a double hung sash containing six panes in each sash. There was a wood shingled, gable roof. There was a wood stove served by a brick flue or possibly stone. There was no fireplace. In plan, there were two rooms downstairs, and the "upstairs" was only the attic which was very low. You had to stoop down to walk around up there. The frame shed added on to the back length contained two rooms, a kitchen and possibly a bedroom with the front rooms of the main block possibly being used as a sitting room and bedroom after the addition.

Note: Interview with Tilghman Lee
 Sugarland Lane
 Poolesville Vicinity
 301-972-8454
 By George McDaniel

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <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

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|----------------|-------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
| c. 1874 | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log dwelling is an example of the first and small houses built at Sugarland and at other black landowning communities in Montgomery County and Southern Maryland after emancipation. It is significant that - - though it was small, like the Southern Maryland log houses of this era - - it was built for a wood stove and with double hung sash windows. The frame addition on the log block is in keeping with housing trends in the rest of rural Maryland.

According to Tilghman Lee, Basil Dorsey was probably born during slavery and was perhaps a child at the time of emancipation. Due to time limitations of this preliminary survey, Basil Dorsey was not researched in the U.S. census.

On the tax maps, CR53-P40 and P42 are adjacent and were the tracts that comprised the property of the Dorsey family.

In 1874, Augusts Webb et. ux. conveyed to Nancy Dorsey (wife of Basil Dorsey) a tract of land (EBP 14/59), but the acreage was not given. But when CR53-P40 was sold in 1975, its two acres were identified as "being part of the land conveyed by Augustus Webb et. ux. to Nancy Dorsey in EBP 14/59". Tilghman Lee says that these two tracts were once one, and were owned by the Dorsey family. Based upon the land records and his oral account, this is an acceptable supposition.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., 4636.797; EBP 14/59.

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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

Wesley Stubbs, Research
Assistant

ORGANIZATION

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Box 87, Stronghold

STATE

Dickerson,

MD

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

SITE: p. 40

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: Perry and Doris Crofts

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: CR 53

ACREAGE: 2

L/F: 4636/797

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Ernest Pearson and James W. Sykes
GRANTEE: Perry L and Doris A. Crofts

DATE: April 28, 1975 ACREAGE: 2

MISC.: recorded: May 2, 1975
STS 3/238 Being part of the land conveyed by Augustus P. Webb et ux to Nancy Dorsey by deed dated May 8, 1874 and recorded EBP 14/59 (over)

probably wife of Basil Dorsey

2) GRANTOR: Being all the lands and premises described in a deed from Oscar

DATE: ACREAGE: Cooke et ux to

MISC.: Ernest Pearson and James W. Sykes dated June 29, 1971 and recorded July 8, 1971 in L/F 4091/594

Note: Oscar Cooke, surviving husband of Mary L. Cooke, the grantee in the deed of conveyance from Tilghman Lee

3) GRANTOR: et al to Mary L. Cooke, dated July 30, 1947 recorded in L/F 1203/19

In EBP 14/59 the ^{acreage} ~~land~~ that
the Webbs sell to Nancy Dorsey
is not given, only the survey
records so it is not known how
this tract was. Probably this tract
was ^{included} ~~to~~ the same as P. 42 (assessed
under name as "Basil Dorsey", but not
named as grantee), and P. 40 since
when ^{P. 40} it is sold in STS 3/238
it is identified as "part of land"
sold by Webb to Nancy Dorsey.

L/F 673/448

Grantee: Margaret Lee

(Grantor Frederick W. and Mary L. H. Jones

date: June 7 1937

date recorded: Aug. 2, 1937

Being same land conveyed to
 Frederick W. Krehm by J. Forest
 Walker L/F PBR 458/246

~~to be~~

Grantee: Frederick W. Krehm

Grantor: J. Forest Walker, Treasurer of Mont. Co.

date April 12, 1926 recorded April 18, 1928

tract: 4 acres

(J. Forest Walker - Treasurer of Mont. County
 Maryland.

April 12, 1926. J. Forest Walker,
 then Treasurer of Mont. County Md.
 as Collector of State and County taxes
 for Mont. County, Md.

The sale of land was made to
Basil Dorsey (No Basil
 Dorsey in Index as grantee)

said ~~for~~ property was then assessed on the Tax
 Books of said county in the name of Basil Dorsey
 in whose name the levy thereof and said sale were made

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Site p-42

current owner T Lee Jr
address

plat CR53

tract 2 ac

4/F 1203/16

Grantee: Tilghman Lee, Jr.

Grantors: Tilghman Lee, widower

Archie Lee, unmarried

Mary L. Cooke who intermarried

with Oscar Cooke her husband

Sadie Lee unmarried

Minnie Mason unmarried

Margaret Lee died intestate

leaving above mentioned as her sole
heirs.

tract: 2 ac.

date: July 30, 1947

Recorded:

described land being the
southerlymost half of that 4 acre
tract of land which is described in a
deed from Frederick W. Krumm and
Mary L. Krumm his wife to Margaret Lee

HISTORY CONTINUED

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SITE: p. 42
current owner: T. Lee Jr.
plat: CR53
tract: 2ac 4/F 1203/16
GRANTOR:

Grantors: Tilghman Lee, widower
Archie Lee, unmarried
Mary L. Cooke, married
Oscar Cooke, her husband
Sadie Lee, unmarried
Minnie Mason, unmarried

GRANTEE: Tilghman Lee, Jr.

DATE: July 30, 1947 ACREAGE: 2ac.

MISC.:

Margaret Lee died intestate leaving above mentioned as her sole heirs.

GRANTOR: Frederick W. and Mary L. Krehm

GRANTEE: Margaret Lee

DATE: June 7, 1937 ACREAGE:

recorded: Aug. 2, 1937
MISC.:

Being same land conveyed to Frederick W. Krehm by J. Forest Walker. 4/F PBR 1458/246

GRANTOR: J. Forest Walker, Treasurer of Mont. Co.

GRANTEE: Frederick W. and Mary L. Krehm

DATE: April 12, 1926 ACREAGE: 4 ac.

recorded: April 18, 1928
MISC.:

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

MISC.:

tax Equity court record, 3/1/240,
Shows sale of land of "assessed to
"Basil Dorsey" but gives no Liber/folio
no mention of "improvements"

NAME: Charles Dorsey

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CENSUS: 1900 Mont. Co.

PAGE: 6 A

AGE/D.O.B.: June 1845

OCCUPATION: Farm Laborer

WIFE: Mary E.

CHILDREN: Son in Law - Wm H. T. Turner - Jan. 1871
Nephew - Martin Isaac - June 1882
Nephew - Henry H. (Grimes) - Apr. 1882

PLACE OF BIRTH:

All members - Maryland

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NAME: Basil Dorsej

CENSUS: 1900 Montgomery Co.

PAGE: 6 B

AGE/D.O.B.: Apr. 1828

OCCUPATION: Laborer

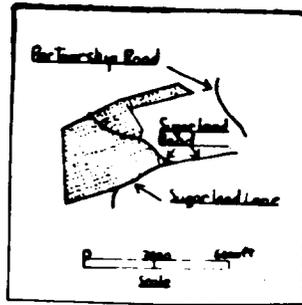
WIFE: Nancy - Jan. 1830

CHILDREN:

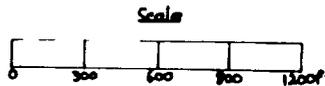
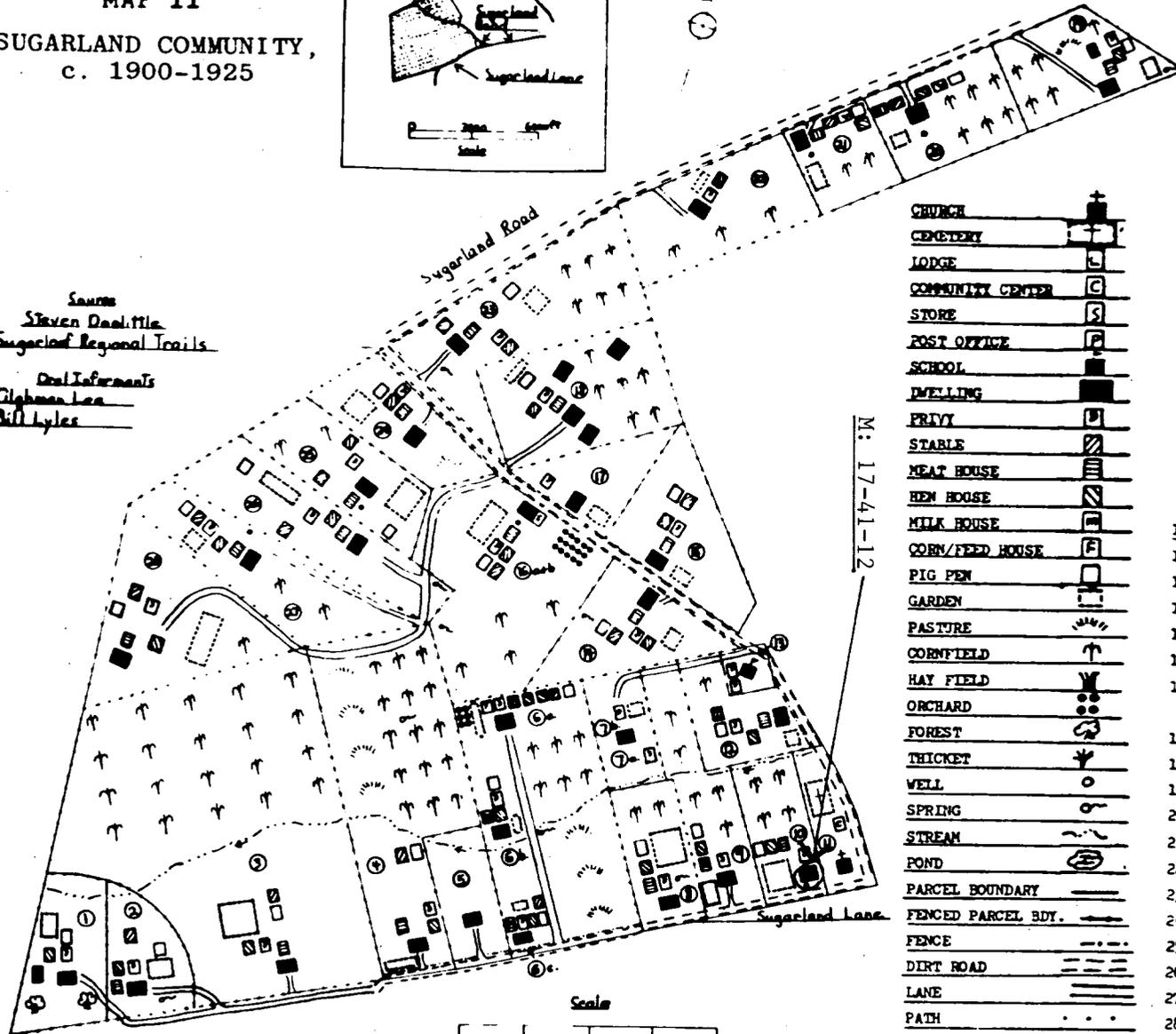
PLACE OF BIRTH:

Both - Maryland

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925



Sources
Steven Doolittle
Sugarland Regional Trails
Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles



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| CHURCH | [Symbol] |
| CEMETERY | [Symbol] |
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| POST OFFICE | [Symbol] |
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| GARDEN | [Symbol] |
| PASTURE | [Symbol] |
| CORNFIELD | [Symbol] |
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| THICKET | [Symbol] |
| WELL | [Symbol] |
| SPRING | [Symbol] |
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| PARCEL BOUNDARY | [Symbol] |
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| FENCE | [Symbol] |
| DIRT ROAD | [Symbol] |
| LANE | [Symbol] |
| PATH | [Symbol] |
| STREAM FLOW | [Symbol] |

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

Key

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD. | 4.00 AC. |
| 3. JOHN ADAMS HSTD. | 18.00 AC. |
| 4. LEWIS GARRETT 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. EASIL 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. | 5.00 AC. |
| 28. LEVI HALL HSTD. | 10.00 AC. |

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

M: 17-41-12
5562 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

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

