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Lewis Garnett House (Site)

Sugarland Community

Private

c. 1884

This two story frame house was the home of a Black landowning family, and its floor plan of two rooms down and two up was typical of the homes of rural Black families of moderate means in the late 1800s.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Garnett Family's House (Site)
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER West Side of Sugarland Lane
 CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF 3 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 STATE Maryland 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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Anna Johnson Telephone #: 301-977-0555
 STREET & NUMBER 8323 Warfield Rd.
 CITY, TOWN Gaithersburg VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. courthouse-land records Liber #: 4900
 STREET & NUMBER Folio #: 790
 CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE None
 DATE _____
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tilghman Lee recalls that this was a two story frame house with two rooms down and two up. It stood near the west corner of the Sugarland community on the northwest side of Sugarland Lane. The front of the house was oriented toward the east, and the gable of the house was oriented toward the east, and the gable end toward Sugarland Lane (south). The facade contained a door flanked by a window on each side with double hung sashes with 6 x 6 panes.

Lee's description of the heating in this house and in others gives us glimpses into the methods of keeping warm in these old-time houses. A stove flue ascended through the middle of this house with pipes let into it from either room downstairs. The pipes served the wood stoves which warmed each room. A tin collar surrounded the pipe at its junction with the chimney. In the upstairs there were no stoves; in fact, the only house in the community with stoves upstairs was the Patrick Hebron house. The reason for this absence was that the old people did not trust stoves because of the fire hazard. Nonetheless, the upstairs was warmed somewhat by the heat rising from below, Lee recalls. But to keep warm at night the family members principally covered the bed with piles of quilts that they had made. Instead of pajamas, Lee recalls that they slept in their "Union Suits".

In regard to other clothing for cold weather, Lee says that the old-time men dressed in two or three pairs of trousers, if they were working outside.

During the winter they engaged in such activities as hauling ice or cutting wood for the farms. Lee recalls that each family consumed about ten cords per winter and that in order to acquire this much wood, the families helped one another in the community. They got the wood from forests owned by nearby white farmers, who gave them the wood in return for cutting and hauling wood for their families. This was one way, among many, in which cash was not needed in a traditional society. Instead, families exchanged each others materials and/or services.

Another reciprocal arrangement was cutting and hauling ice. It was sawn from creeks, lakes, the canal, or from special ponds dug for the purpose. The ice was hauled to the farms, deposited in the ice houses where it was bedded in straw, and used in the summer. During the summer, ice was borrowed from these families if one of the family members of Sugarland had the "fever", which could result from a number of illnesses. The ice was used to cool the person, comfort him or her, and if possible bring down the temperature. This was before the days of sulfa drugs and antibiotics, when black families had to depend upon themselves and the skills of experienced community people for much of their medical care.

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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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house itself was fairly representative of the larger homes built by Black landowners in the late 19th century. But more significant was the description of everyday life (given in the Physical Description) that this house elicited from Tilghman Lee. These details are rarely recorded.

The property lines of Lewis Garnett's land have been changed in the 20th century so it is difficult to delineate them exactly. On the county property map, his land consisted of CR53-P.327 and a portion of P.190. But investigation of early deeds do show that Garnett acquired about 14 acres in three separate purchases. In 1884 he purchased two parcels from Augustus P. Webb and Annie Webb (JA 15/500), and another one from Frederick Dawson and Thomas Darby, (administrators for George W. Dawson, deceased), (JA 15/502). In 1885 he purchased another parcel from the Webb family (JA 15/498). In 1926 these were sold for tax purposes (402/63).

The U.S. Census for 1880 lists Lewis Garnett (born 1840) with wife Frances (born 1842) and with two children Henry (born 1873) and Rebecca (born 1875). All were born in Maryland. Garnett's occupation was given as "works on farm" and his wife was a housekeeper. Tilghman Lee recalls two more children born later - - Florence and Lewis, Jr. He confirms the census report.

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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

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

SITE: p. 327 : LEWIS GARNETT HOUSE

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: Anna Johnson

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: CR53

ACREAGE: 4.42

L/F: 4900/790

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Victor L. Crawford, David S. Goldberg, W^{DA} Lyles
GRANTEE: Anna Johnson Melvin H. Lee

DATE: Dec. 10, 1976 ACREAGE: 4.424

recorded: Jan 27, 1977
MISC.:

note: it being the same land conveyed by
John Gardner to Phillip Johnson March 19, 1926
recorded in L/F 402/63

2) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

L/F 2415/66

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

Being the same property conveyed
in a deed recorded 4691/413

L/F 402/63

3) GRANTOR: John Gardner, Treas. of Mo. Co. and Clarence and
GRANTEE: Phillip Johnson Elizabeth S. Hoskinson

DATE: March 19, 1926 ACREAGE:

recorded: May 18, 1926
MISC.:

~~2 OVER~~

assessed in the name of Lewis Garnett being overdue
unpaid. 4 parts containing 14 acres. From Webbs
4F 5A15-498-502

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2415/66

date May 23, 1957 recorded:

Dec. 20, 1957

Grantee: Marietta Hebron Lee

Grantor: Hebron family

tract: 4.424

Being the same lands conveyed by John Gardner to Philip Johnson on March 19, 1926 and recorded in 4/F 402/63

~~4691/413~~

~~Grantee: William and Elaine Murry~~

~~Grantor: Walter S and Ruth A. Johnson~~

~~tract:~~

~~date: Nov. 5, 1969~~

~~recorded: Dec. 15, 1969~~

4691/413

Grantee: W^m Lyles, Melvin Lee and Anna Johnson,
sole heirs or next to kin of Marietta Hebron Lee

Grantor

date Aug. 20, 1975

recorded

tract

1870
NAME: Louis Garnu

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AGE/D.O.B.:

WIFE:

CHILDREN:

OCCUPATION:

1880 p. 6 ED III

AGE/D.O.B. 40

Florence T. Lee

WIFE: Frances 38 housekeeping

CHILDREN: Henry 7 at home

Rebecca 5 at home

Florence - T. Lee

Lewis jr. - T. Lee

OCCUPATION: work on farm

he is from Va.

she is from Md.

children were also born in Md.

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NAME: Lewis Garret

ENSUS: 1900 Montgomery County

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AGE/D.O.B.: Feb. 1846

OCCUPATION: Farmer

WIFE: Francis Mary - Aug. 1850

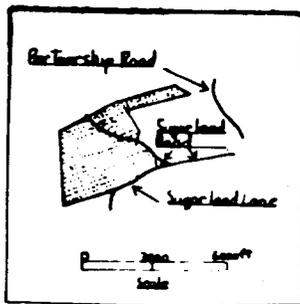
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PLACE OF BIRTH:

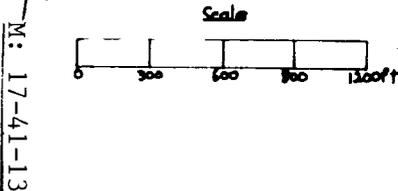
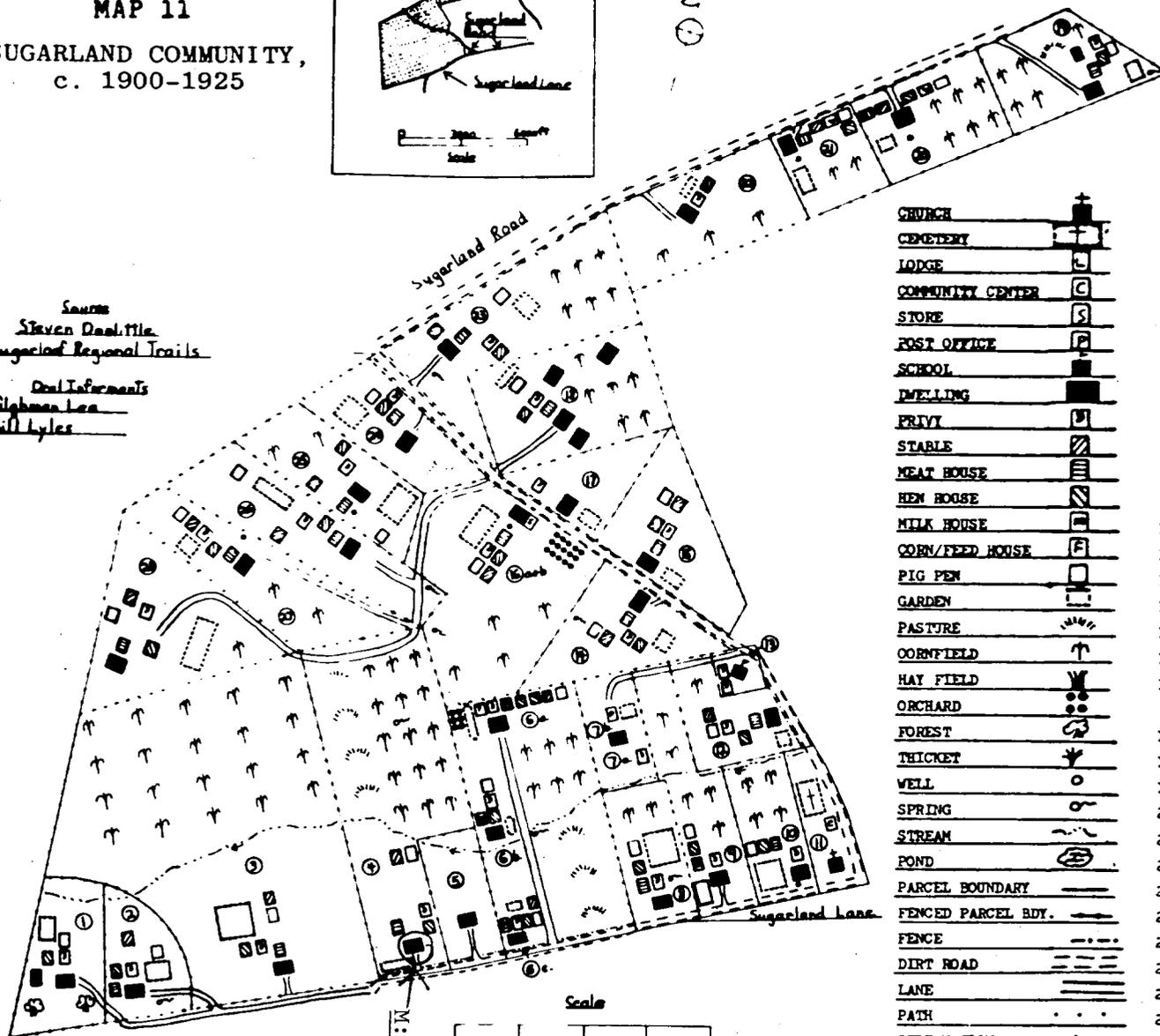
Lewis - Virginia

Francis - Maryland

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925



Sources
Steven Deal, M.E.
Sugarland Regional Trails
Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Hyles



Key

CHURCH	[Symbol]
CEMETERY	[Symbol]
LODGE	[Symbol]
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STORE	[Symbol]
POST OFFICE	[Symbol]
SCHOOL	[Symbol]
DWELLING	[Symbol]
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GARDEN	[Symbol]
PASTURE	[Symbol]
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ORCHARD	[Symbol]
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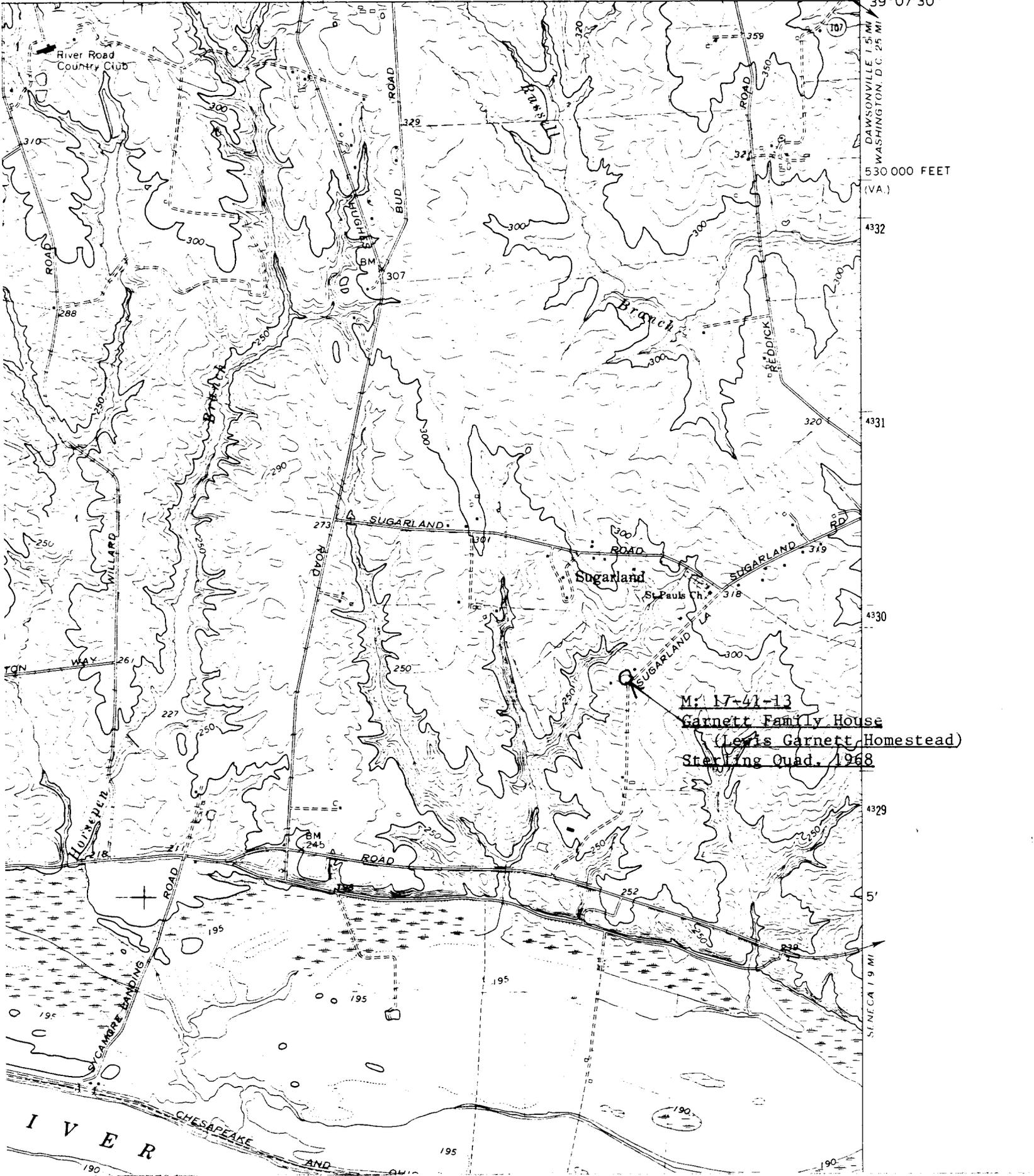
1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD.	3.00 AC.
2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD.	4.00 AC.
3. JOHN ADAMS HSTD.	18.00 AC.
4. LEWIS GARNETT HSTD.	14.00 AC.
5. PETER JACKSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
6a. PATRICK HERRON HSTD.	17.00 AC.
b. LUKE HERRON HSTD.	
c. ROBERT HERRON HSTD.	
7a. NATHAN JOHNSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
b. POST OFFICE	
8. JOHN HIGGINS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
9. JOE CURTIS HSTD.	6.00 AC.
10. 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.

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

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

M: 17-41-13
5582 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

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



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Garnett Family House
(Lewis Garnett Homestead)
Sterling Quad. 1968

DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI
WASHINGTON, D.C. 25 MI
530 000 FEET
(VA.)
4332
4331
4330
4329
5'
SENECA 19 MI

IVER
CHESAPEAKE
AND