

Mont. : 17-41-24

Sam Johnson House (site)
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

c. 1870's

This two story log house with two rooms down and two up was one of the largest log houses to have been built in this region, and its owner and builder was one of the patriarchs in the Black community.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Sam Johnson House (site)
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER North Side of Sugarland Road
 CITY, TOWN Poolesville 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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY Forest
 NAME See Significance Section Telephone #: Not Listed
 STREET & NUMBER _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE, zip code _____
 _____ VICINITY OF _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION Liber #: No deed of number
Folio #: on County Tax Map
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. courthouse-land records
 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 _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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

According to Tilghman Lee, this house resembled closely the William Taylor log house that stood on the adjoining property to the north. It stood two stories high, had two rooms down and two up, and was heated by wood stoves. However, its facade was the southern gable end, (facade of Taylor house is its east length.)

The gable end facade was three bays in width, containing a door flanked by two windows. They were double hung sashes with 6 over 6 panes. The log sills were supported by upright field stones and were not underpinned completely. Like the other houses at Sugarland, there was no basement. This log house did not have a frame shed kitchen as was often added on the log houses in later years. Instead of a brick or stone flue, the wood stoves were served by tin stove pipes which were surrounded with ceramic sleeves as they passed through the roof. The logs were left bare and were whitewashed.

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

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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 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

SPECIFIC DATES

1870's, 1880's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Research on this site has revealed a mistake in the tax records. According to Tilghman Lee, the property north of John Branison's (Plate CS41, Parcel, 682) belonged to John Henry Diggs. This was followed by Sam Johnson's property, then Lloyd Coates' tract, and last William Taylor's. The tax maps have the Johnson and Diggs properties reversed. The problem is caused by the fact that there is no deed for the Sam Johnson property, nor even a parcel number on the tax map.

Investigation of the U.S. Census of 1880 of Montgomery County has located the Sam Johnson family. Sam Johnson was born in 1819 and his occupation was given as "working on farm". His wife was named Margaret and was born in 1842. Her occupation was keeping house. His children, who Tilghman Lee recognized, were John, born 1868; Mary, born 1870; Saliva, born 1876; Josephine, born 1869. The census listed Phillip Johnson, born in 1854, as brother of Sam Johnson, and his wife was named Rachel, born 1858. Another brother was named Nathan, born 1857. But Tilghman Lee recalls specifically that Nathan and Phillip Johnson were the sons of Sam, not his brothers. Further research with Johnson descendants should clarify this discrepancy. Probably Tilghman Lee is correct because of the great difference in age between Sam Johnson (age 61) and Nathan and Phillip (age 23 and 26 respectively). Probably they were sons of Sam Johnson by a first marriage, and the other children beginning with John (age 12) were the offspring of his second marriage. This supposition is supported by an interview by the W.P.A. in 1937 with the former slave Phillip Johnson. A copy is included in the survey of the Phillip Johnson house. In that interview Phillip Johnson says that his father's name was Sam and his mother was Willie Ann. She died when he was young, and he had the three brothers and one sister. His father remarried and had seven or eight more children. He said that his father died when he was 89, that is 1908, and was buried in the cemetery at Sugarland.

The Johnson descendants continue to live in Sugarland. For example, William Lyles is the grandson of Phillip and Rachel Johnson. This is an important Black family in this region of Montgomery County and more research ought to be conducted to record its history.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse
U.S. Census, 1880, Montgomery County
Oral Interviews, Tilghman Lee

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

NAME: Samuel Johnson

8 CENSUS: 1900 Montgomery County

PAGE: 7 B

AGE/D.O.B.: April 1819

OCCUPATION:

WIFE: Mary M. - Jan. 1835

CHILDREN:

Gertrude E. - Dec. 1897

Jacob - Mar. 1880

Willie - Mar. 1885

Robert - Mar. 1880

8 PLACE OF BIRTH:

All members - Maryland

Not known if this is ^{the} Maryland
Samuel Johnson.

1870 CENSUS

NAME: Samuel Johnson

AGE/D.O.B.:

WIFE:

CHILDREN:

OCCUPATION:

1880

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AGE/D.O.B. ^{let}

WIFE: ^{Lee} Margaret 38 - keeping house

CHILDREN: John 12 going to school

Mary 10

Female Saliva 4

Josephine 1 } at home

OCCUPATION: working on farm

Note

Brother Philip 26 work on farm

Rachel his wife 22 assist in home

Milton 4 son

Samuel 2

Brother Nathan 23 work on farm

2 T. Lee

Sammul's son is named
Phillip & married to
Rachel.

Webb
1 of 2 tracts

SITE: P. 955

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: Philip S. Johnson, Jr.

ADDRESS: 14761 Sugarland Rd., Poolesville, Md. 20837

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: C541 p. 955

ACREAGE: 6.37

L/F: 1110/257

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Philip S. Johnson and Nettie Johnson
GRANTEE: Philip S. Johnson, Jr.

DATE: Oct. 14, 1947 ACREAGE:
recorded Oct. 15, 1947
MISC.:

2) GRANTOR: John B. Diamond (treasurer)
GRANTEE: Philip S. Johnson

DATE: ACREAGE:
recorded: Oct. 13, 1947
MISC.:

2 parcels of land
1st parcel conveyed by A. Pleasants Webb, et al, to
Philip Johnson by deed dated Nov. 30, 1880
L/F EBP 35/96 acreage: 3 acres, 3 roads, 25 sq. perches

3) GRANTOR: 2nd parcel conveyed to Philip Johnson by
GRANTEE: Clarence H. Hoskinson and Elizabeth S.

DATE: ACREAGE: Hoskinson his wife by deed
dated July 23, 1924 recorded in 4F 362/56
MISC.: acreage: 2.465

W.M.F.

HISTORY CONTINUED

SITE: p. 955

2nd parcel 2/F 362/56

GRANTOR: Clarence H. Hoskinson and Elizabeth S. Hoskinson

GRANTEE: Philip Johnson

DATE: July 23, 1924 ACREAGE: 2.465

Recorded: Oct. 1, 1924

MISC.:

Being the same land conveyed unto Isaac Bell
by Augustus P. Webb and others recorded in 4/F 260/³¹³
less however that part conveyed by Isaac Bell and wife

GRANTOR: unto Margaret Lee recorded in 4/F 270/145

GRANTEE: John Gardner

DATE: June 20, 1923 } recorded in 4/F 334/182
ACREAGE: Clarence H. Hoskinson

MISC.:

GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE: ACREAGE:

MISC.:

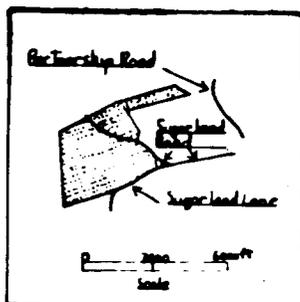
GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE: ACREAGE:

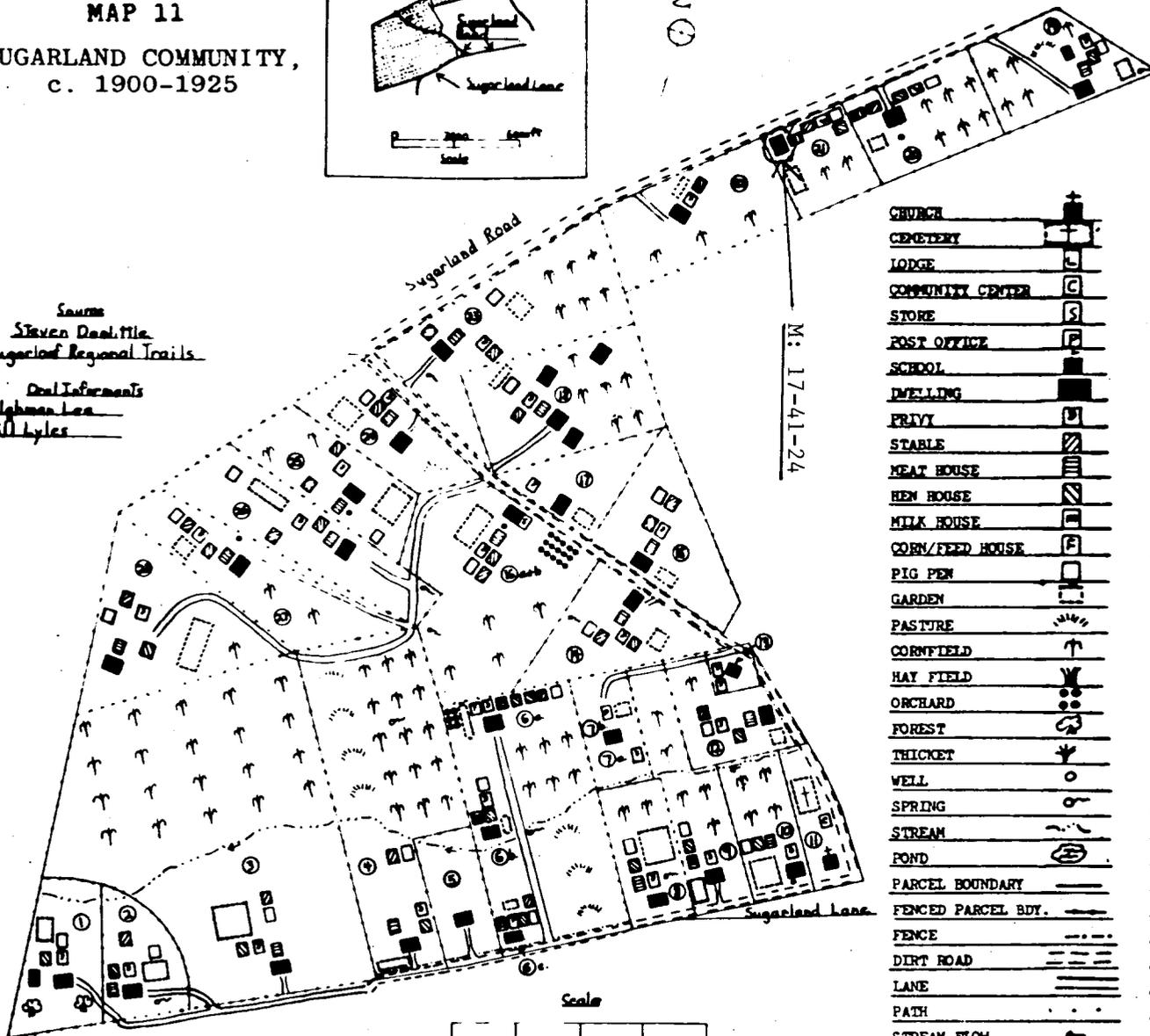
MISC.:

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925



Source
Steven Dealittle
Sugarland Regional Trails

Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles



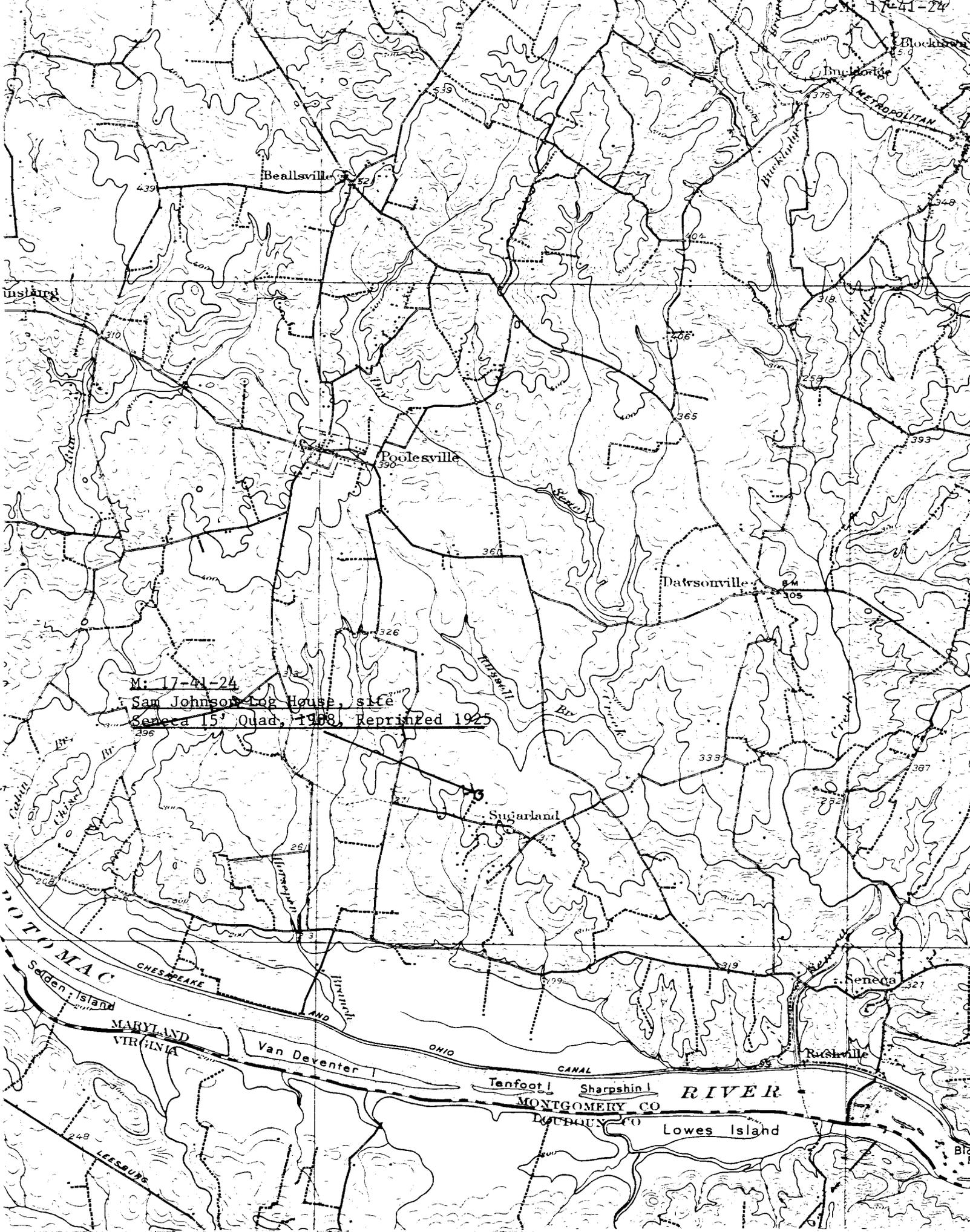
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Key

CHURCH	[Symbol]
CEMETERY	[Symbol]
LODGE	[Symbol]
COMMUNITY CENTER	[Symbol]
STORE	[Symbol]
POST OFFICE	[Symbol]
SCHOOL	[Symbol]
DWELLING	[Symbol]
PRIVY	[Symbol]
STABLE	[Symbol]
MEAT HOUSE	[Symbol]
HEN HOUSE	[Symbol]
MILK HOUSE	[Symbol]
CORN/FEED HOUSE	[Symbol]
PIG PEN	[Symbol]
GARDEN	[Symbol]
PASTURE	[Symbol]
CORNFIELD	[Symbol]
HAY FIELD	[Symbol]
ORCHARD	[Symbol]
FOREST	[Symbol]
THICKET	[Symbol]
WELL	[Symbol]
SPRING	[Symbol]
STREAM	[Symbol]
POND	[Symbol]
PARCEL BOUNDARY	[Symbol]
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	[Symbol]
FENCE	[Symbol]
DIRT ROAD	[Symbol]
LANE	[Symbol]
PATH	[Symbol]
STREAM FLOW	[Symbol]

1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD.	3.00 AC.
2. TILGEMAN 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 HEBRON HSTD.	17.00 AC.
b. LUKE HEBRON HSTD.	
c. ROBERT HEBRON 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.	5.00 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



M: 17-41-24
Sam Johnson Log House, site
Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

Beallsville

Poolesville

Darsonville

Sugarland

Seneca

Rochelle

POTOMAC

CHESAPEAKE

MARYLAND VIRGINIA

Van Deventer

OHIO

CANAL

Tenfoot I Sharpshin I
MONTGOMERY CO

DOUBOIN CO

RIVER

Lowes Island

LESBURG

Block Pt

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

M: 17-41-24
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.)

4332

4331

4330

4329

5'

SENECA 1.9 MI

