

*MONT. 17-51-4*

George Dorsey Log House (Site)  
Jerusalem community  
Private

*c. 1903*

This small one and a half story log house was built by its owner, George Dorsey. It contained one room down and one up in the principal block and had a small frame kitchen attached to the rear length. Dorsey was a carpenter in the Jerusalem community and was the principal builder of the Jerusalem Baptist Church near the turn of the century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC George Dorsey Family House (SITE)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West side of Jerusalem Rd.

CITY, TOWN P. Poolesville (Jerusalem)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE Md.

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME B.C. Harper

Telephone #: Not Listed

STREET & NUMBER

19315 Jerusalem Church Rd.

CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20837

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 988

Folio #: 67

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small log house stood on the west side of Jerusalem Road and faced east toward the road. It stood one and a half stories high, and was similar in design and plan (one room down and one up) to the Frank Dorsey house on the adjacent property. See the description of that house for further 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	XARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
X1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	XOTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

*Black History*

SPECIFIC DATES

*c. 1900 - 1903*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

*George Dorsey*

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed TD 27/204, George W. Dorsey purchased this tract of 4.75 acres from William Wallace Poole in 1903. He probably built this house at that time. His brother Frank had purchased land south of him in 1897, and built a log house on it.

According to Beulah Clarke in Jerusalem, George Dorsey was a fine carpenter. In the Centennial of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Dorsey is cited as the "one of the principal contractors in the construction of the church, which was a two story frame building with a balcony". This was the first church that stood near the site of present-day cemetery in Jerusalem.

To supplement his income, George Dorsey raised honeybees, according to Beulah Clarke, and sold the honey.

According to the U.S. Census of 1900 ofor Montgomery County, Maryland, E.D.52, p. 11A, George Dorsey was born in ~~1862~~ 1853. His wife Mary W. was born in 1862, and his son William T. in 1884. Confirming the oral tradition, the U.S. census lists George Dorsey's occupation as "carpenter". All the family members were born in Maryland, except Dorsey's wife, who was born in Virginia.

Photographs:

As part of this survey, the family photograph of George Dorsey in the possession of Charles Moore, who lives near Jerusalem, was copied. Also, a copy of the photograph of his son Frank was made. We therefore have photographs of these two brothers, born during slavery, George and Frank Dorsey.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Oral interviews with Beulah Clarke, Jerusalem community, October 1977-1978 by George McDaniel
- 2) Centennial of Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1874-1974, Charles Harper
- 3) Land Records, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.

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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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CITY OR TOWN		Dickerson	STATE Maryland

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~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~  
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MAP 4  
 JERUSALEM COMMUNITY,  
 c. 1900-1925

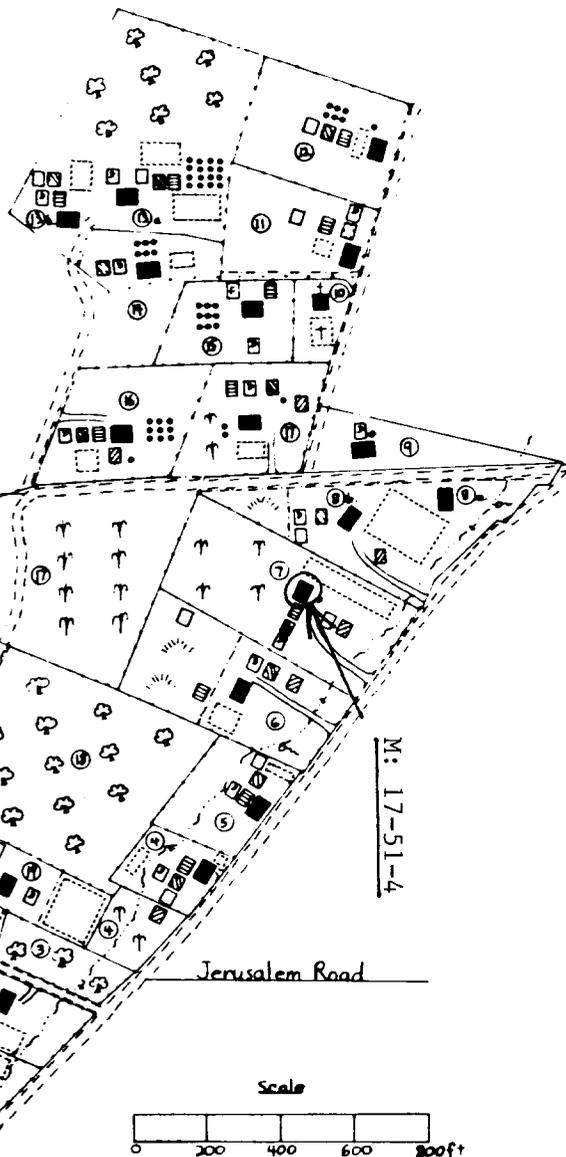
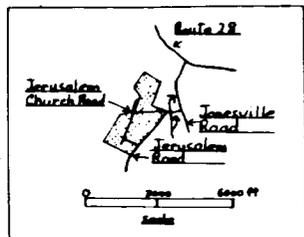
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 Sugarloaf Regional Trails

Oral Informants  
 Joshua Hamilton  
 Evelyn Harper  
 Joseph Harper  
 Howard Lyles  
 Ora Lyles  
 Charles Moore  
 Margaret Moore  
 William Moore  
 Isabel Owens  
 George Robinson  
 Francis Thompson

Jerusalem Church Road

Jerusalem Road

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Key

CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
JUDGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
BEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
POND	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
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DIRT ROAD	
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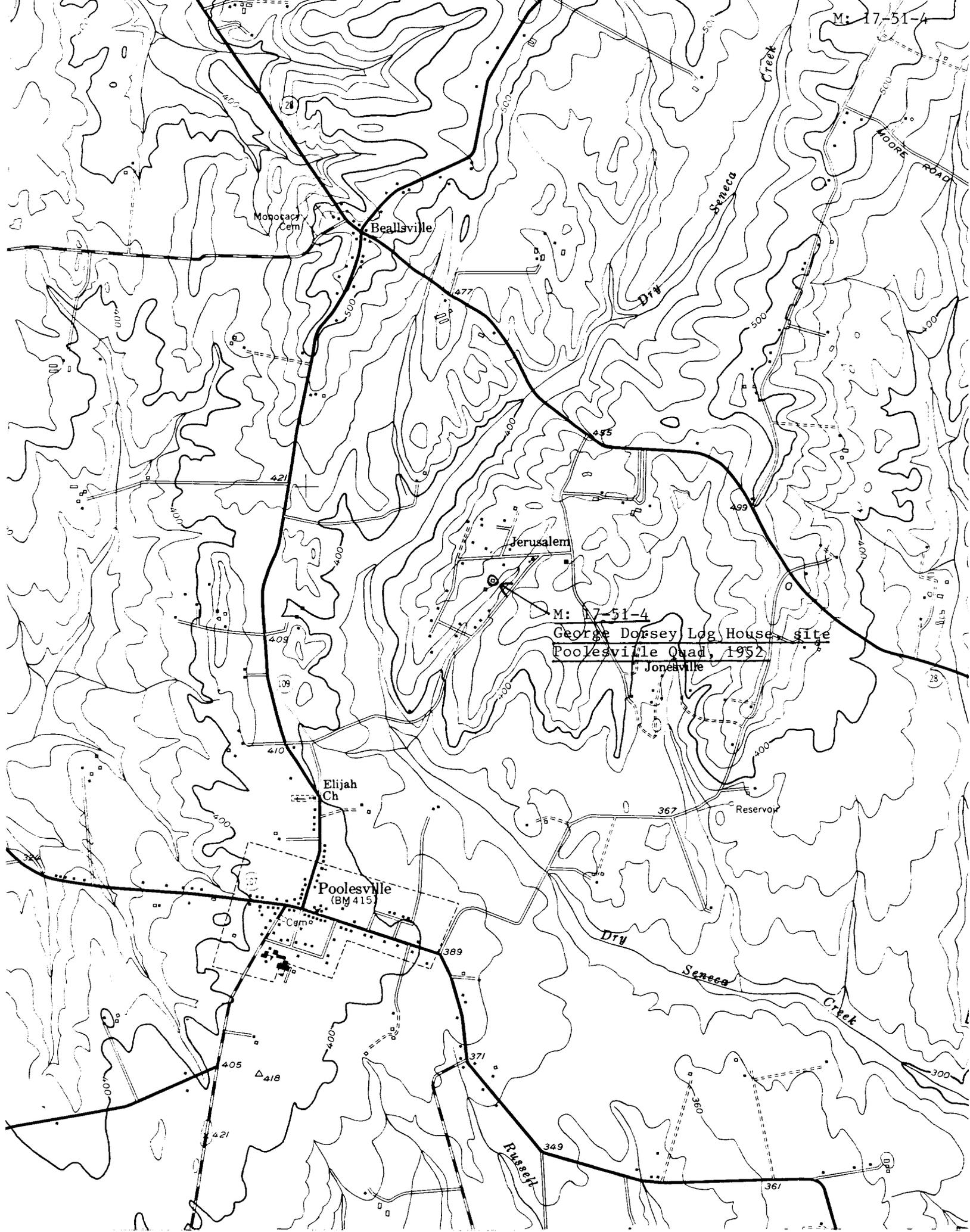
1. WILLIAM ROBINSON ESTD.	3.22 AC.
2. SARAH JOHNSON ESTD.	2.00 AC.
3. MILTON HARPER ESTD.	1.00 AC.
4. WILLIAM LYLES ESTD.	2.00 AC.
5. SUSAN PROCTOR ESTD.	1.00 AC.
6. FRANK DORSEY ESTD.	2.90 AC.
7. GEORGE DORSEY ESTD.	4.75 AC.
8a. 1st CLARCE HOME (log)	4.40 AC.
b. 2nd CLARCE HOME (frame)	
9. JERUSALEM PARSONAGE	1.50 AC.
10. JERUSALEM CHURCH	0.50 AC.
11. WILLIAM DORSEY ESTD.	2.00 AC.
12. JAMES DORSEY ESTD.	3.00 AC.
13a. WILLIAM MOORE ESTD.	7.00 AC.
b. HARTLEY MOORE ESTD.	
14. DAVID COPELAND ESTD.	2.00 AC.
15. ROBERT WILLIAMS ESTD.	3.75 AC.
16. WALLACE HAMILTON ESTD.	2.50 AC.
17. DENNIS HAMILTON ESTD.	9.66 AC.
18. CHARLES McPHERSON ESTD.	11.00 AC.
19. LIZZIE GRIMES ESTD.	4.00 AC.
20. GEORGE LYLES ESTD.	3.00 AC.
21. JOHN HARPER ESTD.	1.00 AC.
22. JOHN BALLMAN ESTD.	10.00 AC.

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



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 George Dorsey Log Houses site  
 Seneca 15 Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

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George Dorsey Log House, site  
Poolesville Quad, 1952

Beallsville

Jerusalem

Elijah Ch

Poolsville  
(BM 415)

Reservoir

Seneca  
Creek

Dry

Dry  
Seneca  
Creek

Russell

MORE ROAD

Mobotacy  
Cem

Cem



M: 17-51-4  
George Dorsey Log House, site  
Poolesville Quad, 1970, PR 1978



Charles Moore w/ photo of

George Dorsey

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Charles Moore w/ photo of  
William Dorsey, son of  
George Dorsey

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