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PREFATORY NOTE

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(Sources: *Nineteenth-Century Cadastral Maps in Ohio*, by Walter W. Ristow, *Philadelphia Mapmakers*, by Jefferson M. Moak.)

The years before the outbreak of the Civil War saw surveyors and publishers of various firms preparing maps for most of the counties of the State of Ohio. Between 1855 and 1864 some 60 cadastral maps of Ohio counties were published, showing details such as names of landowners, streets, warehouses, industries, public buildings, and railroad stations. Many other maps were made, but they are fragile and have become brittle, water-stained and pieces have flaked off the cloth to which the paper was glued.

When war broke out, many of the young and technically trained surveyors joined the Union forces, which badly affected production of cadastral maps. The situation was further aggravated by the fact that there was little demand for maps of those states not in the combat area. After the war many individuals were attracted to the business of map making in states west of the Allegheny mountains. According to esteemed mapmaker and publisher Henry Walling, the method they employed was to take the outlines from the United States Land Survey plats, and add the location of wagon roads, buildings, cemeteries, and orchards from an odometer traverse along the roads. They obtained bearings from a compass, and private property lines and names to owners from county records.

The maps were usually hand painted. To reprint satisfactorily, it is necessary to use modern photographic techniques to delete the water colors that would otherwise hide names below.

After the war the idea was conceived of printing township plats on separate sheets and binding them between covers to form an atlas of the county, which permitted the inclusion of a large number of illustrations and biographical sketches of prominent citizens. Walling criticized commercialization of the maps and atlases after the Civil War. Most of the maps made before the Civil War were made on commission by county officials wanting a plat map, but the map-makers often found a market for their product. The publisher of this Greene County Map was Anthony D. Byles.

Anthony D. Byles was a Philadelphia publisher, a city with which mapmaking has been associated from earliest times. This industry peaked in the 1860's and 1870's when Philadelphia was claimed by some to be the cartographic capital of the United States. According to the Greene County map, Byles was established at 15 Minor St., Philadelphia, when it was published, though the Free Library of Philadelphia searched its directories for 1855 and 1856 and found no listing for him those years. Byles also published at least three other wall-maps: Madison County, NY 1853; Warren County, OH 1856; and Kent County, Conn. 1859. According to the 1880 Philadelphia city directory consulted by Waldo A. Turk of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Byles was in real estate at 20 N. 7th St., and his home was at 1624 Columbia Ave. The surveyors of the 1855 Greene County, Ohio wall-map were Andrew E. Rogerson and E.J. Murphy, who also surveyed at least three other cadastral wall-maps together: Oneida County, NY 1852; Rensselaer County, NY 1854; and St. Lawrence County, NY 1858. The Free Library of Philadelphia has no listing for Rogerson or Murphy in the 1855 and 1856 directories. However, the 1880 directory at the Historical Society of PA lists Andrew E. Rogerson as an engineer with home address at 1027 S. 18th St.

NOTE: The engraver made several errors in spelling of a sizable number of names on the 1855 map, using field notes and drawings made by the surveyor. To determine the spelling on the map and, when in doubt, to provide cross-references in the index of two possible spellings, The Bookmark consulted the 1850 Ohio census index and the 1874 Greene County Atlas by L.H. Everts & Co. The engraver's spelling was used, but the engraver tried to change letters on the lithographic stone, and some t's and l's are especially difficult to interpret.



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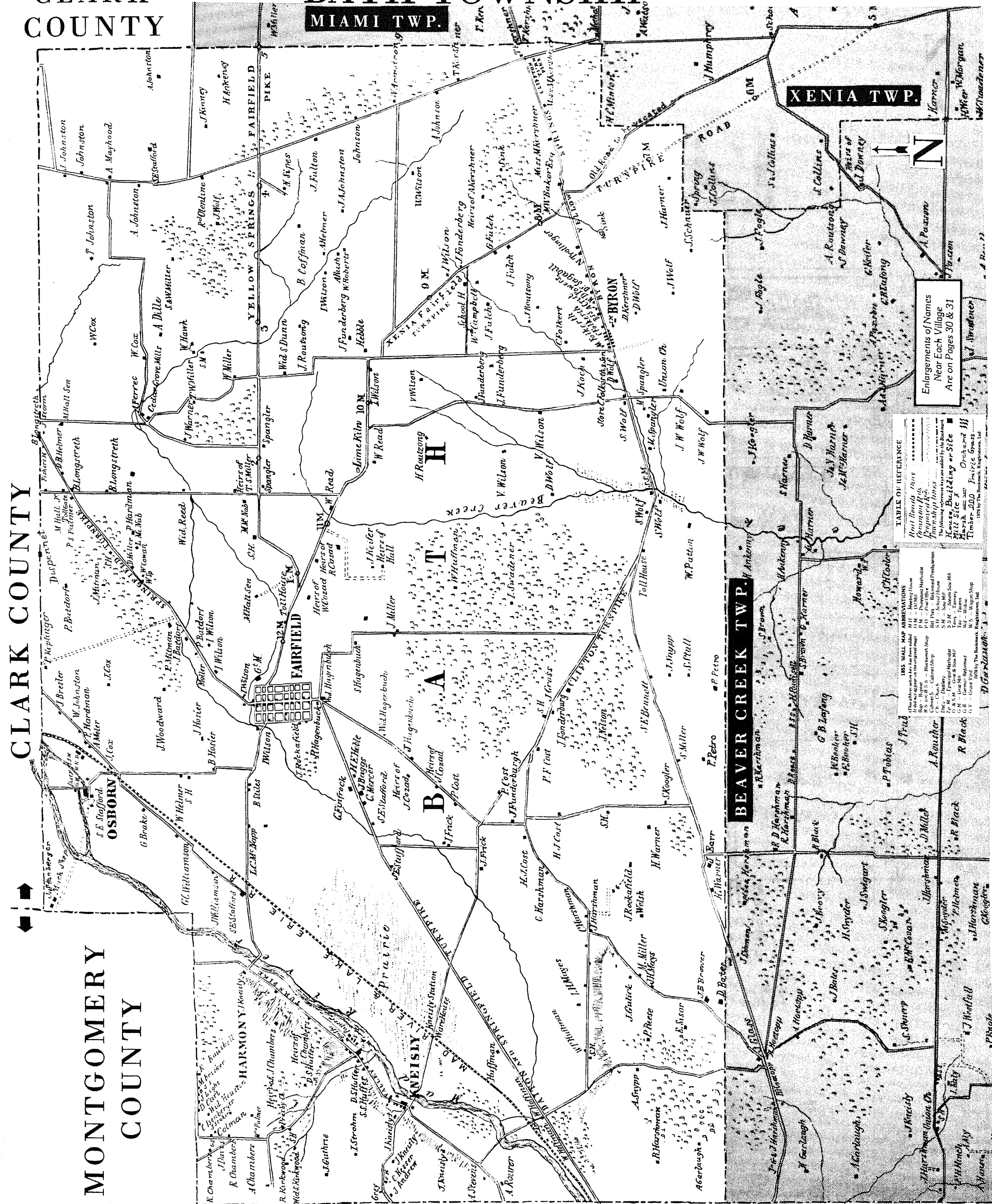
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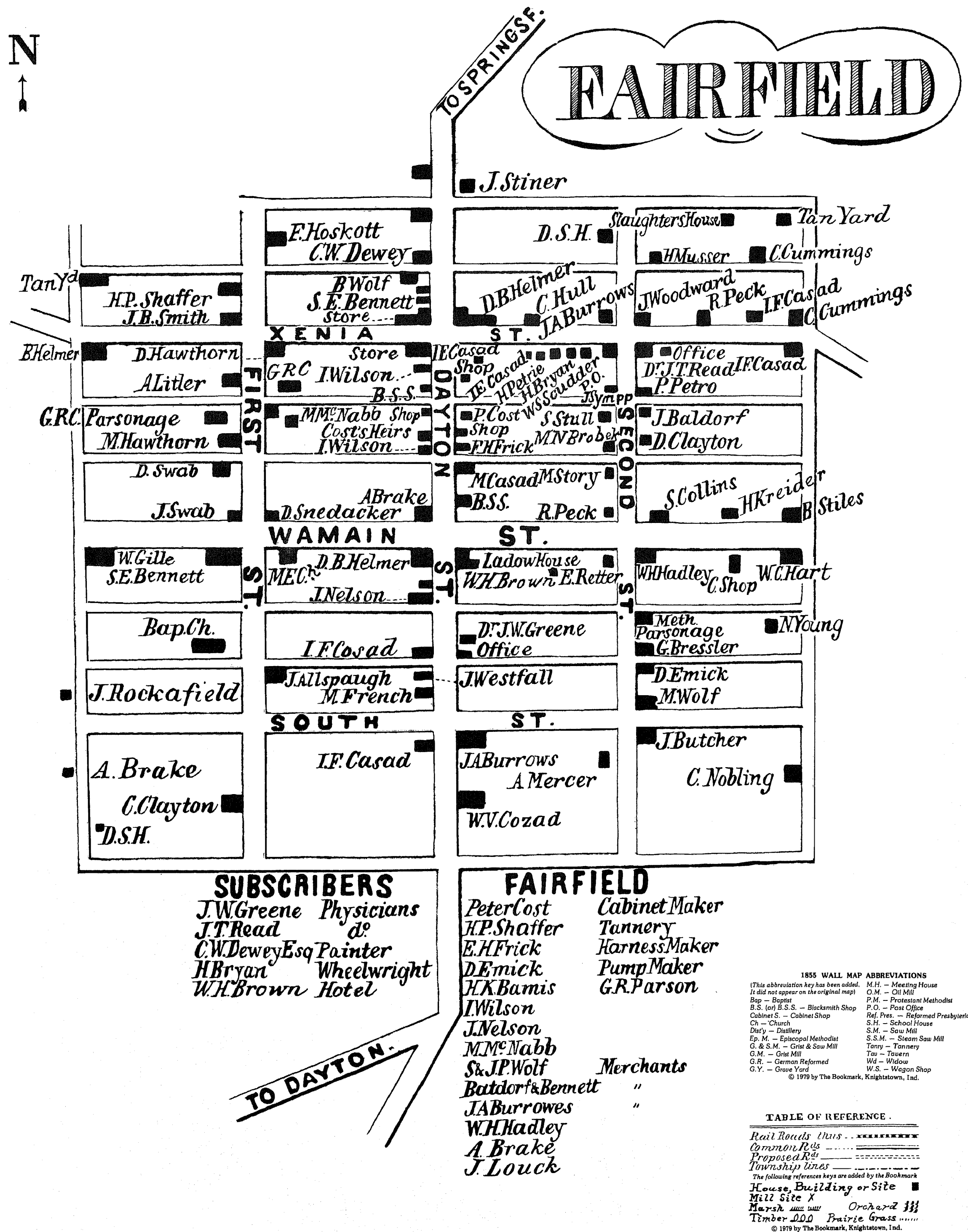
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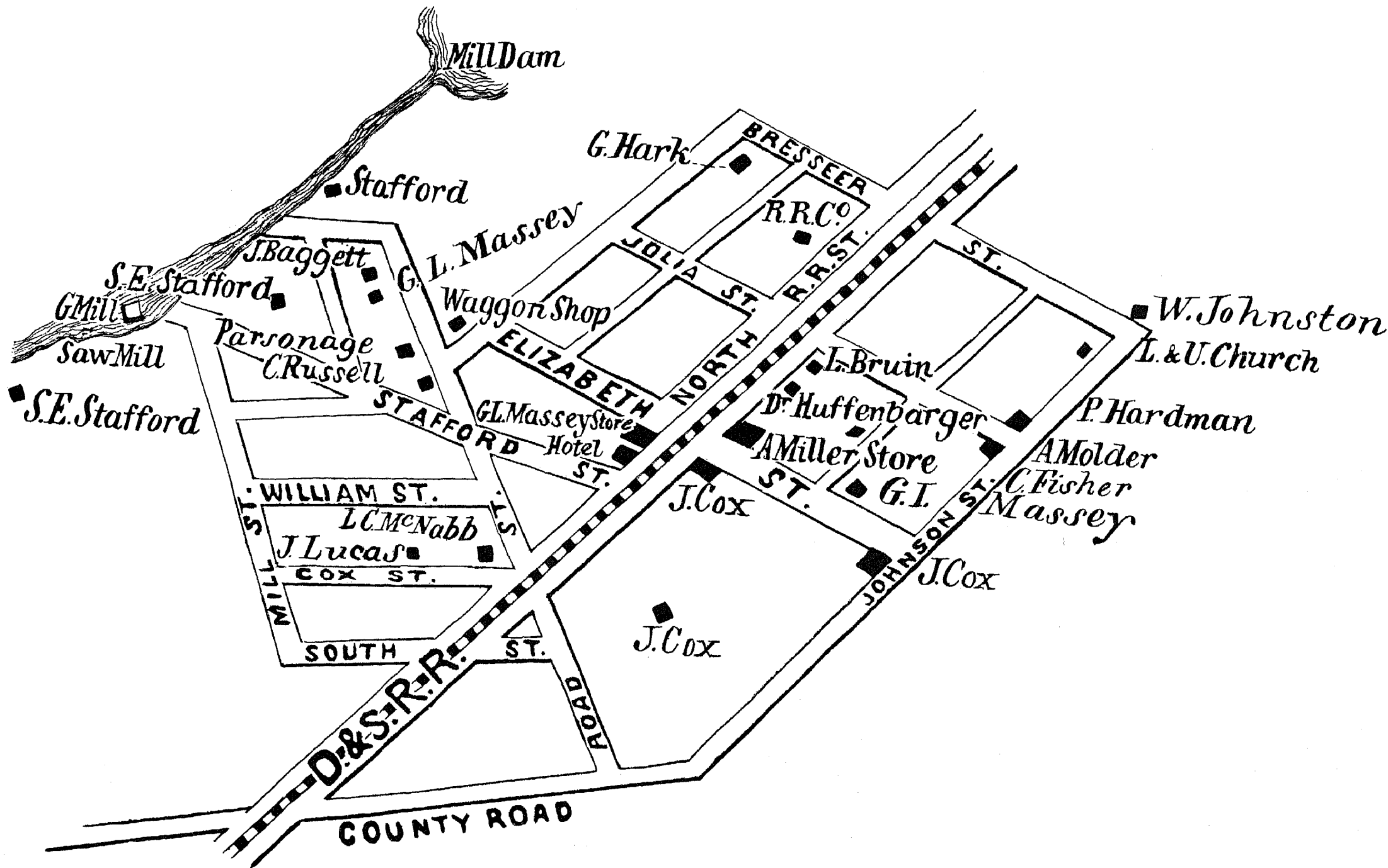
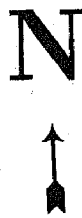
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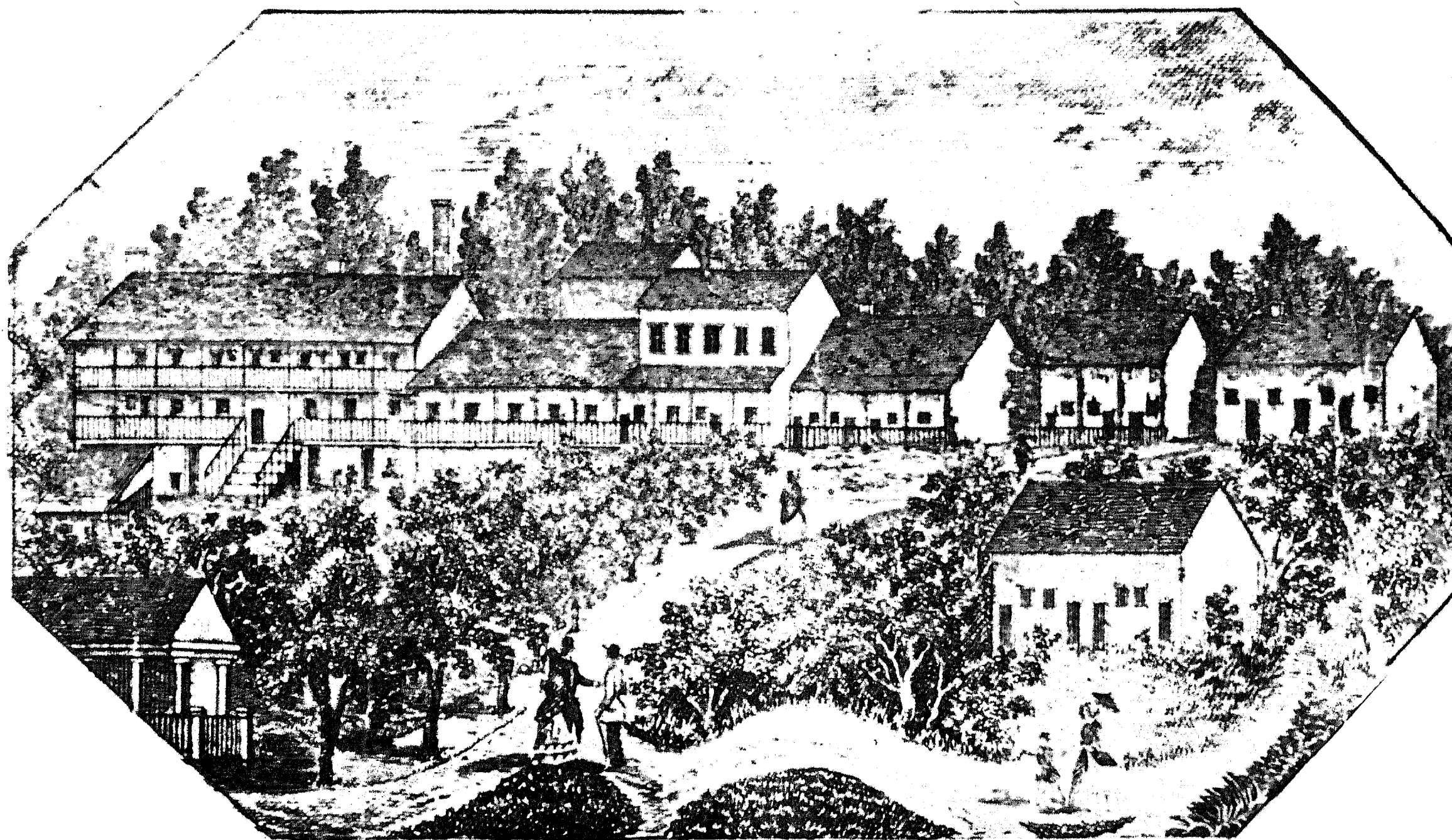
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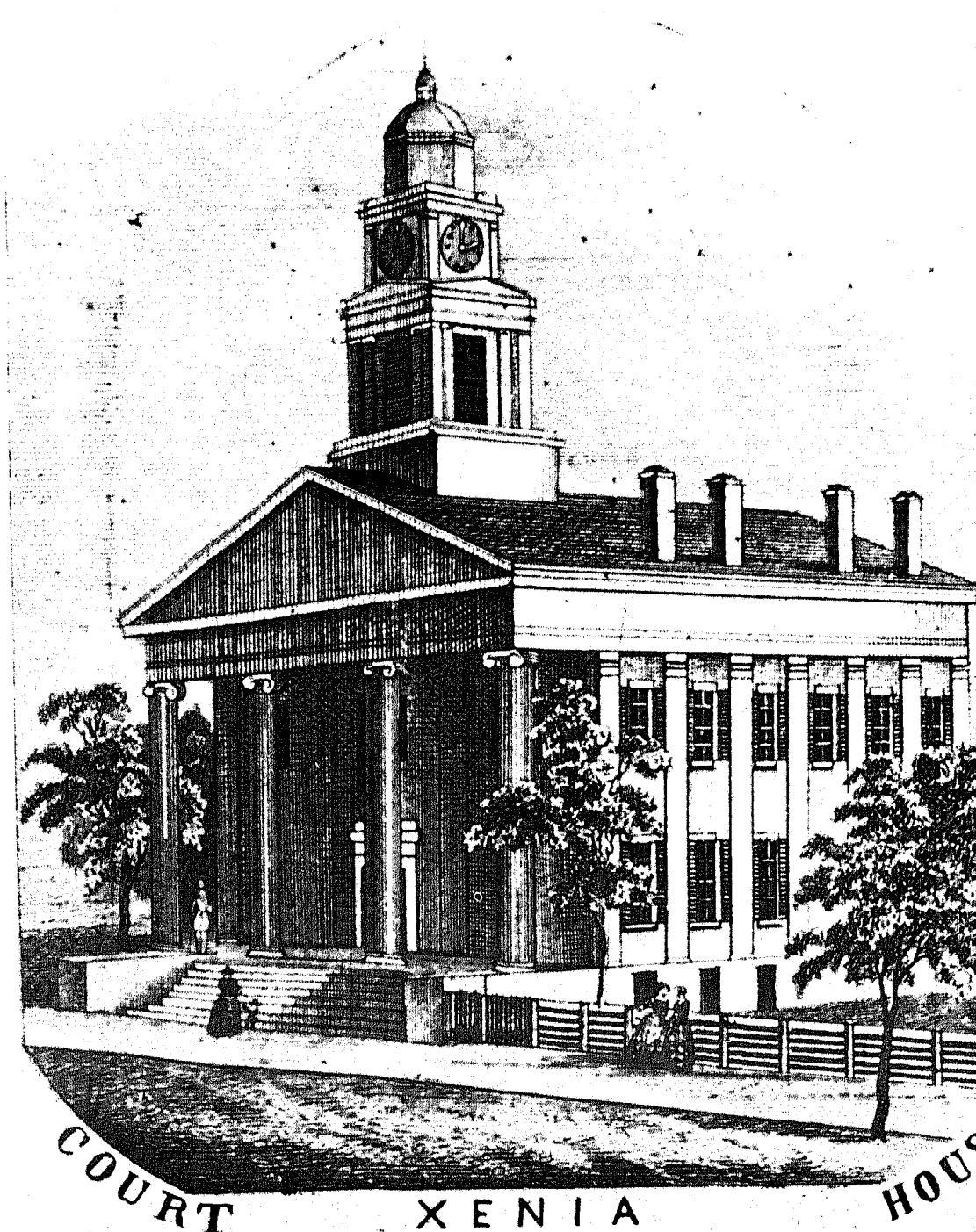
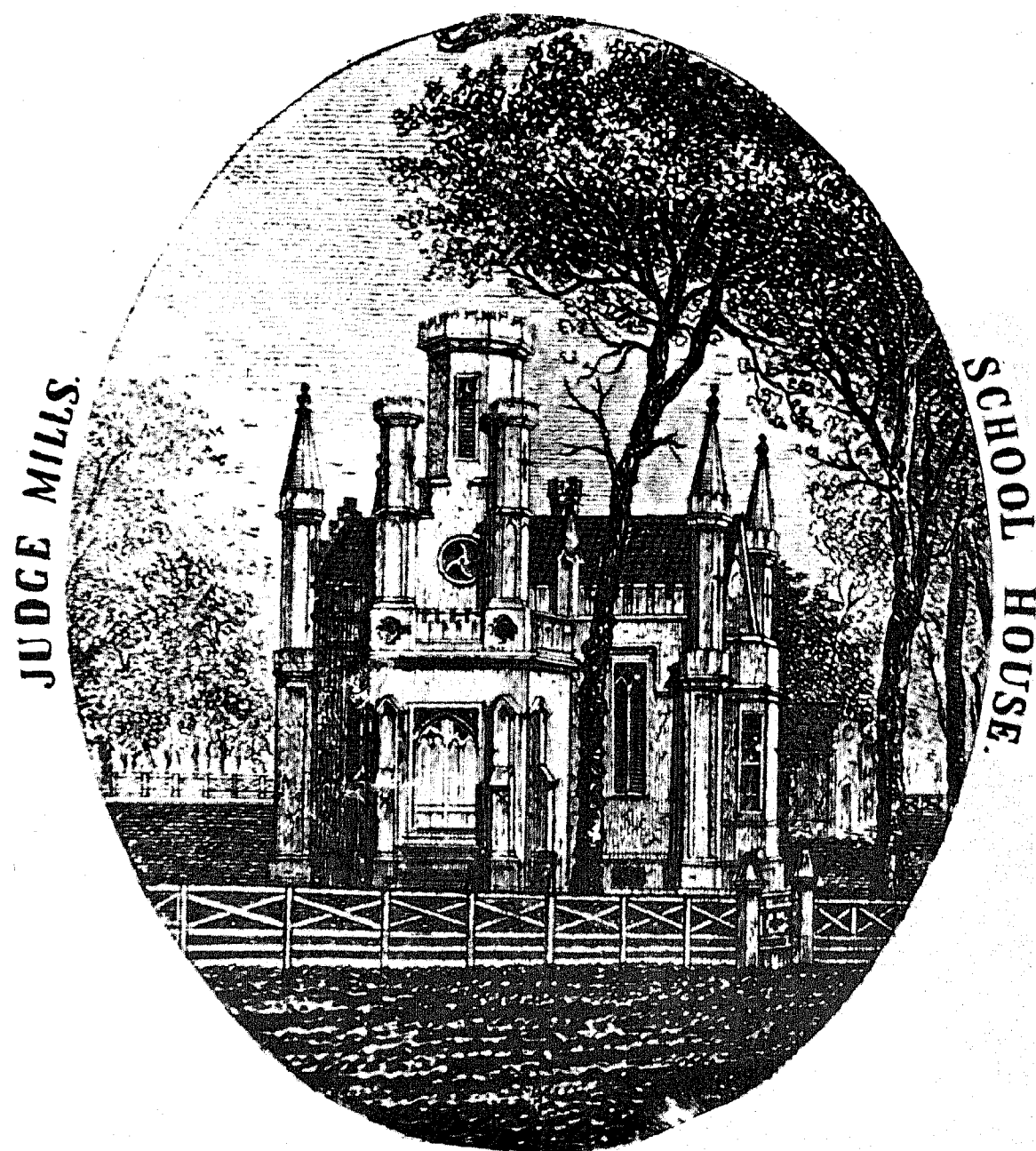
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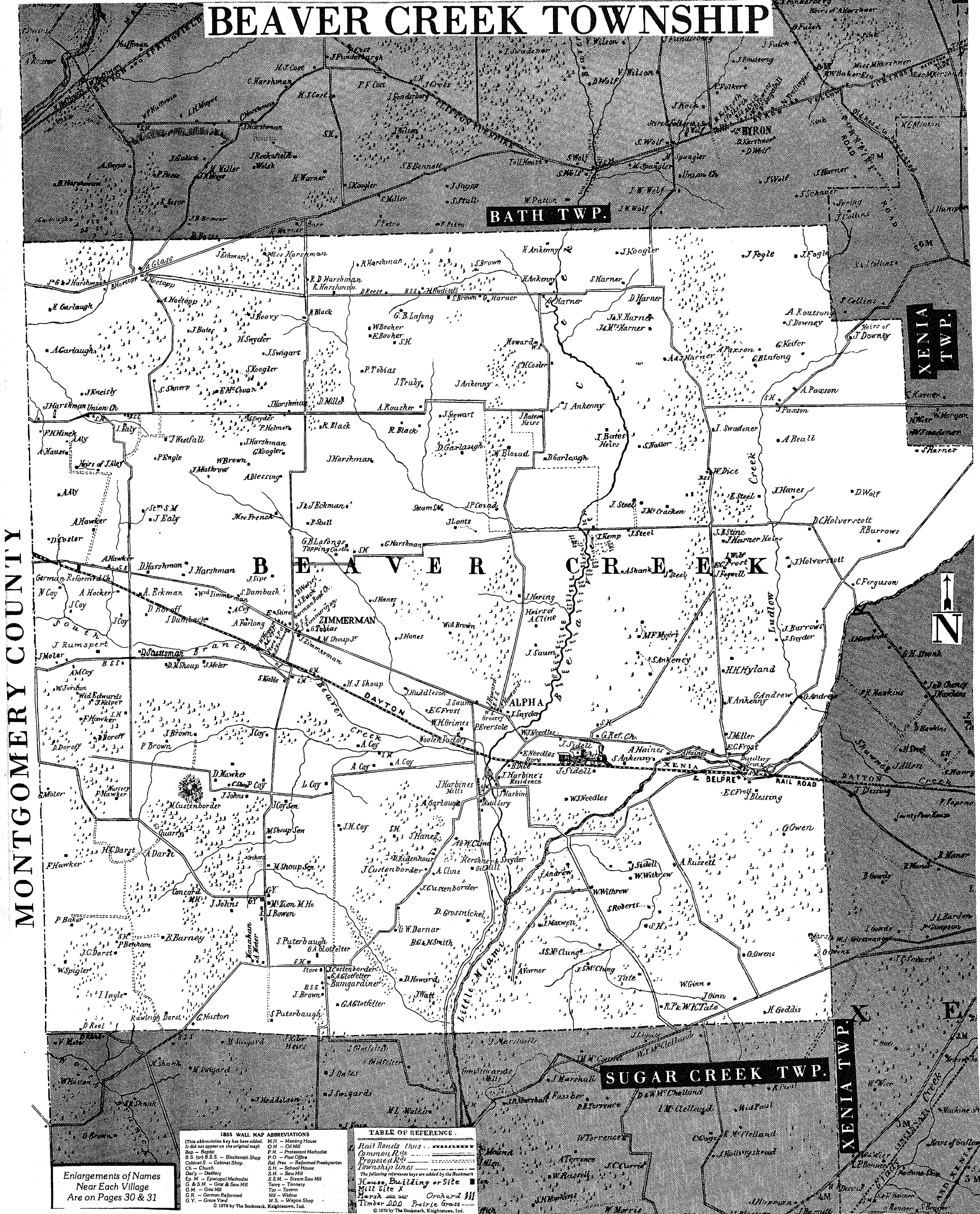
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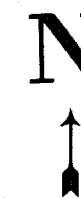


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<i>J. M. Stewart</i>	<i>Physician</i>
<i>John Orr</i>	<i>Merchant & Farmer</i>
<i>J. C. Nisbett</i>	<i>Merchant</i>
<i>H. R. McClellan</i>	<i>Physician & Drug^t</i>
<i>J. F. Frazier</i>	<i>Merchant</i>
<i>R. S. Finley</i>	<i>Eclectic Physician</i>
<i>G. W. Dunlap</i>	<i>Commission & Forwarding Mer.</i>
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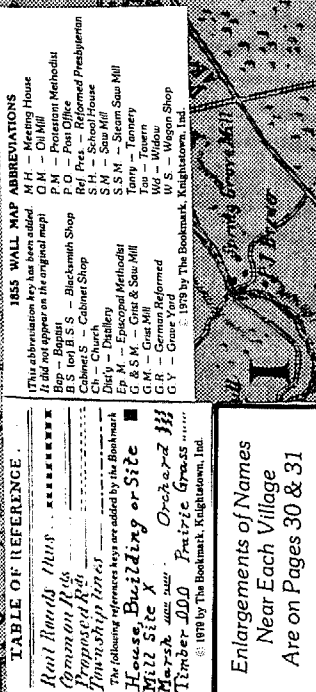
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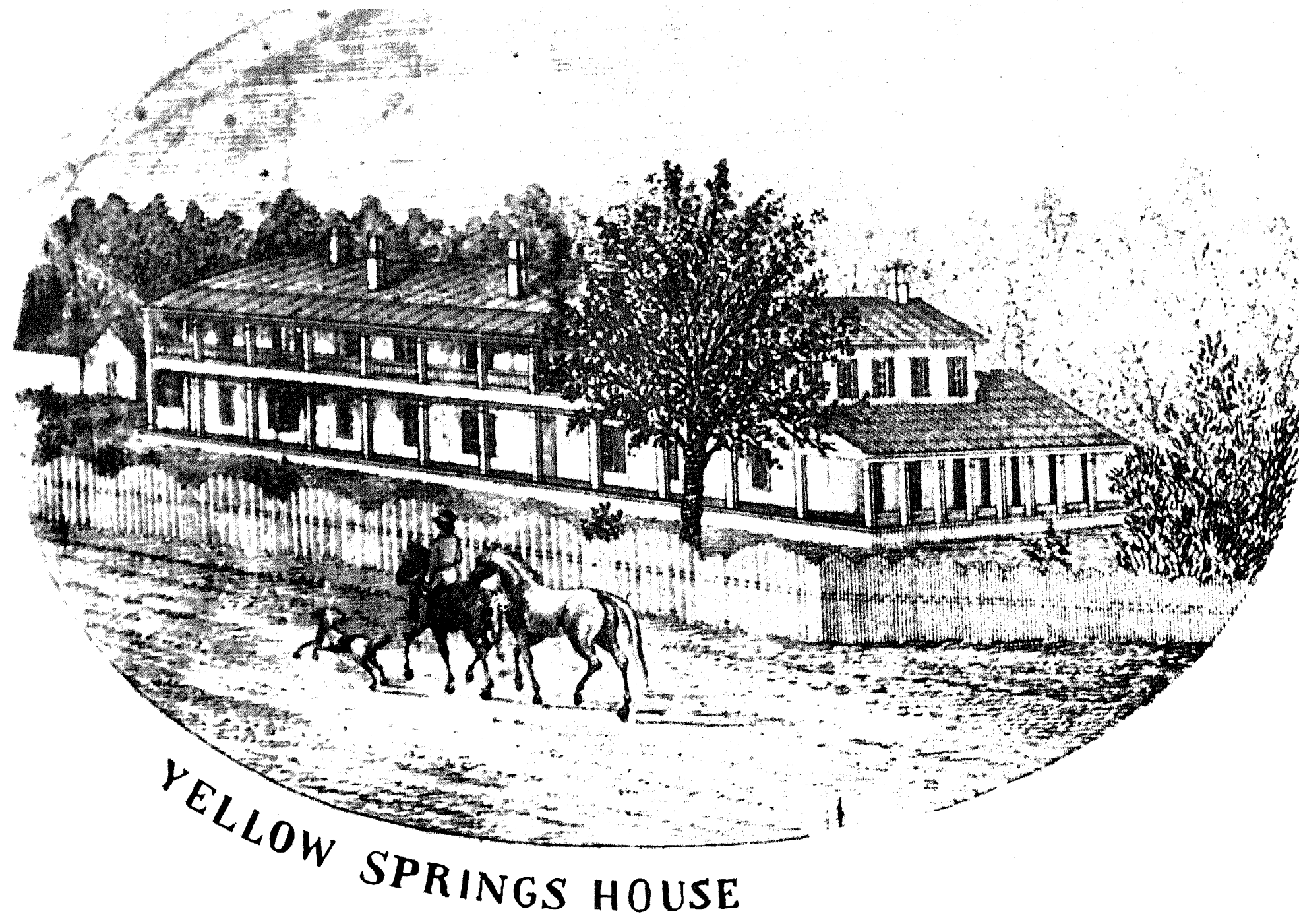
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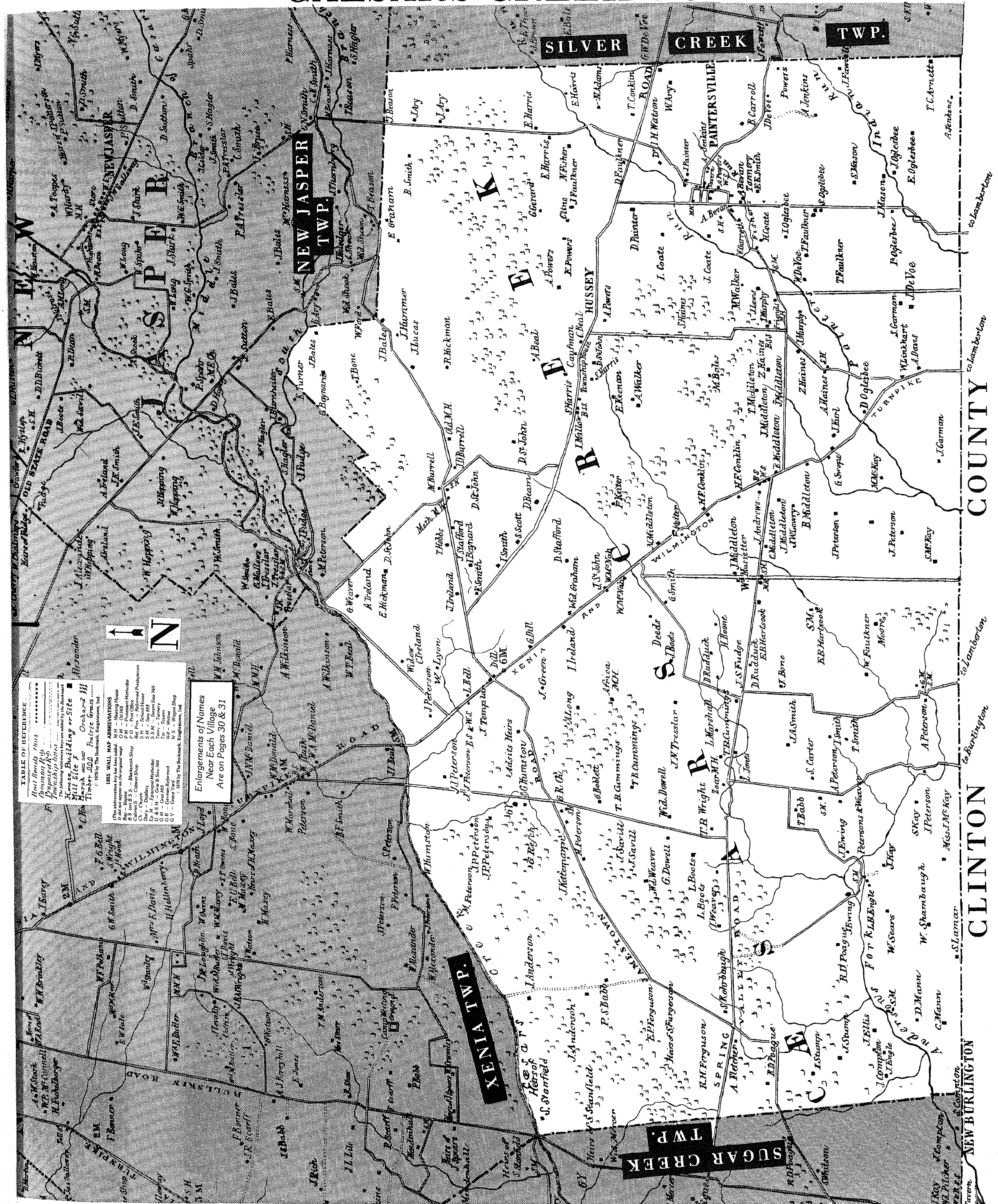
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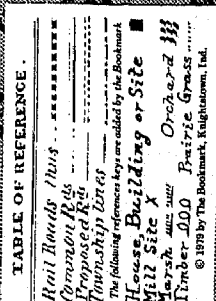
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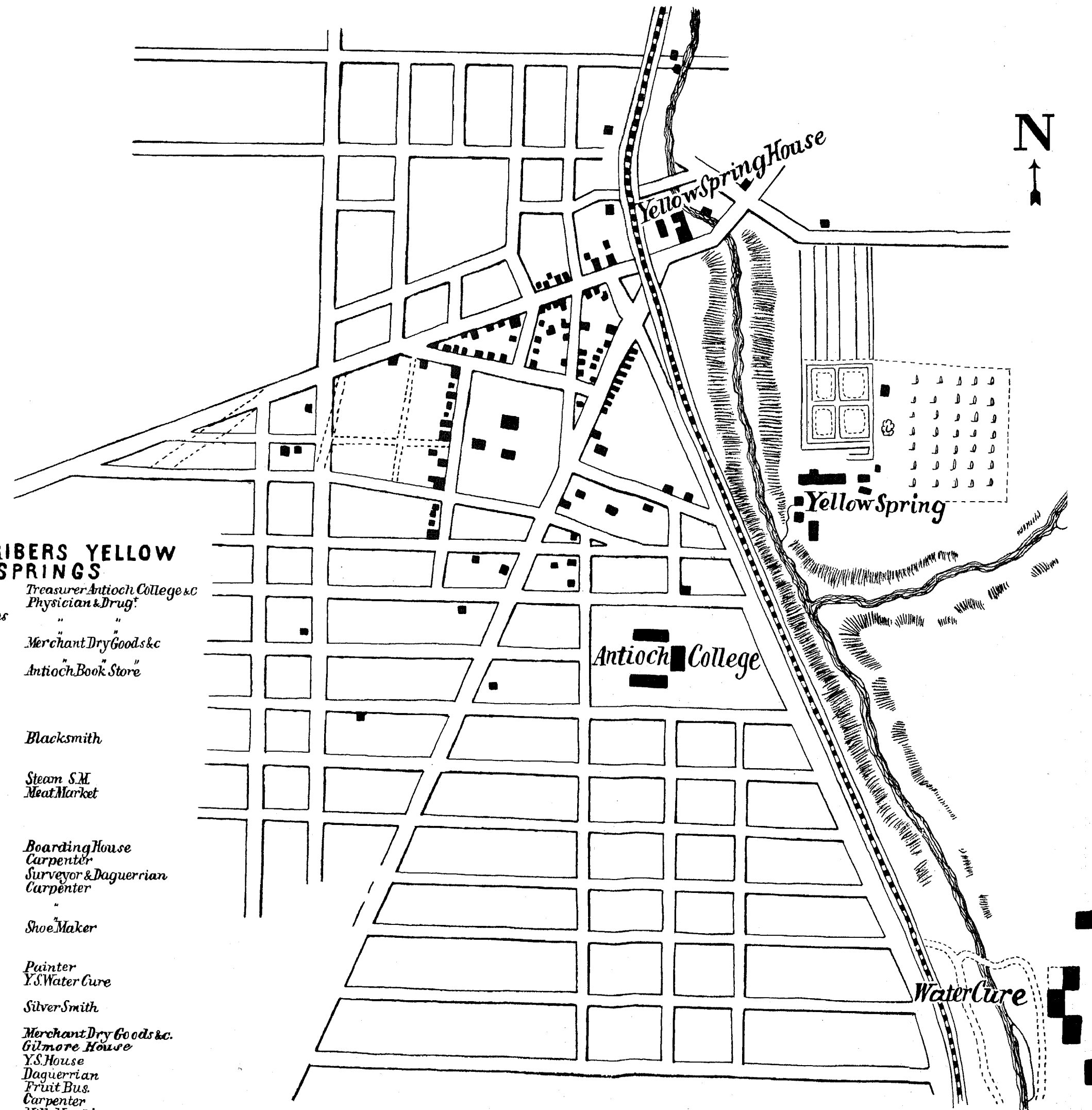








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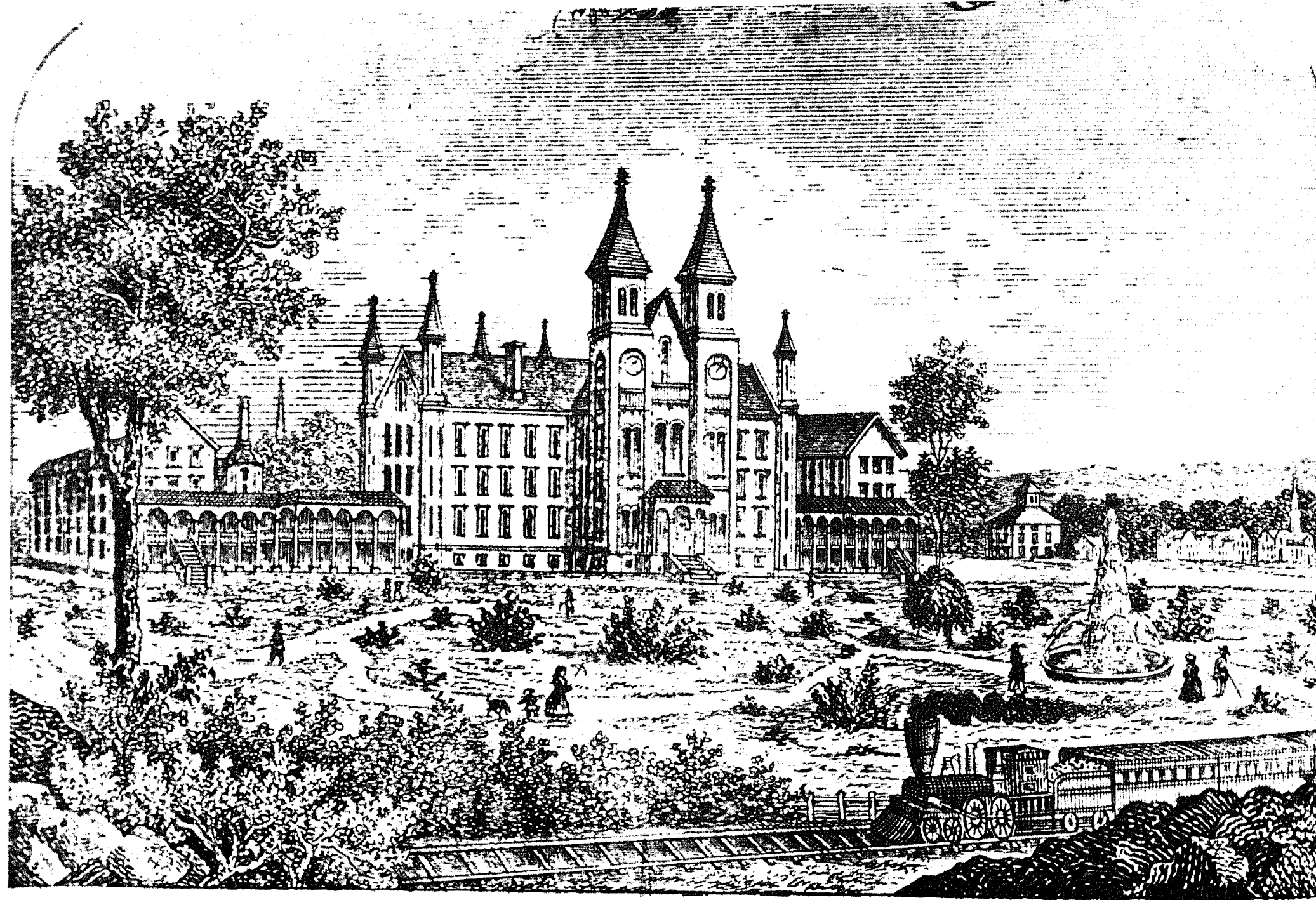
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Joel Wilder	Antioch Book Store
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J E Wilson	"
Wm Neff	"
J A Brown	"
Eli Jay	Blacksmith
D A Job	"
C Cox	"
Wm Jackson	Steam S M
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John Bonner	Carpenter
Wm S Green	Surveyor & Daguerrian
J Cone	Carpenter
L Wilson	"
O V Florey	"
John Hammond	Shoe Maker
A Seales	"
E Tulley	"
Wm R King	Painter
W L Huzell	Y S Water Cure
A Cheney & Co	"
Wm Jay	"
J Cooper	Silver Smith
P Davis	"
H Davis	Merchant Dry Goods &c
H A Hall	Gilmore House
M G Dean	Y S House
W B Huffman	Daguerrian
W B Baker	Fruit Bus
S R Hand	Carpenter
F Kemp	Milk Merch
Hon A Harlan	"
R Best	Carpenter
A S Dean	"
Rev A L Rankin	Carpenter
R R Twist	Teamster
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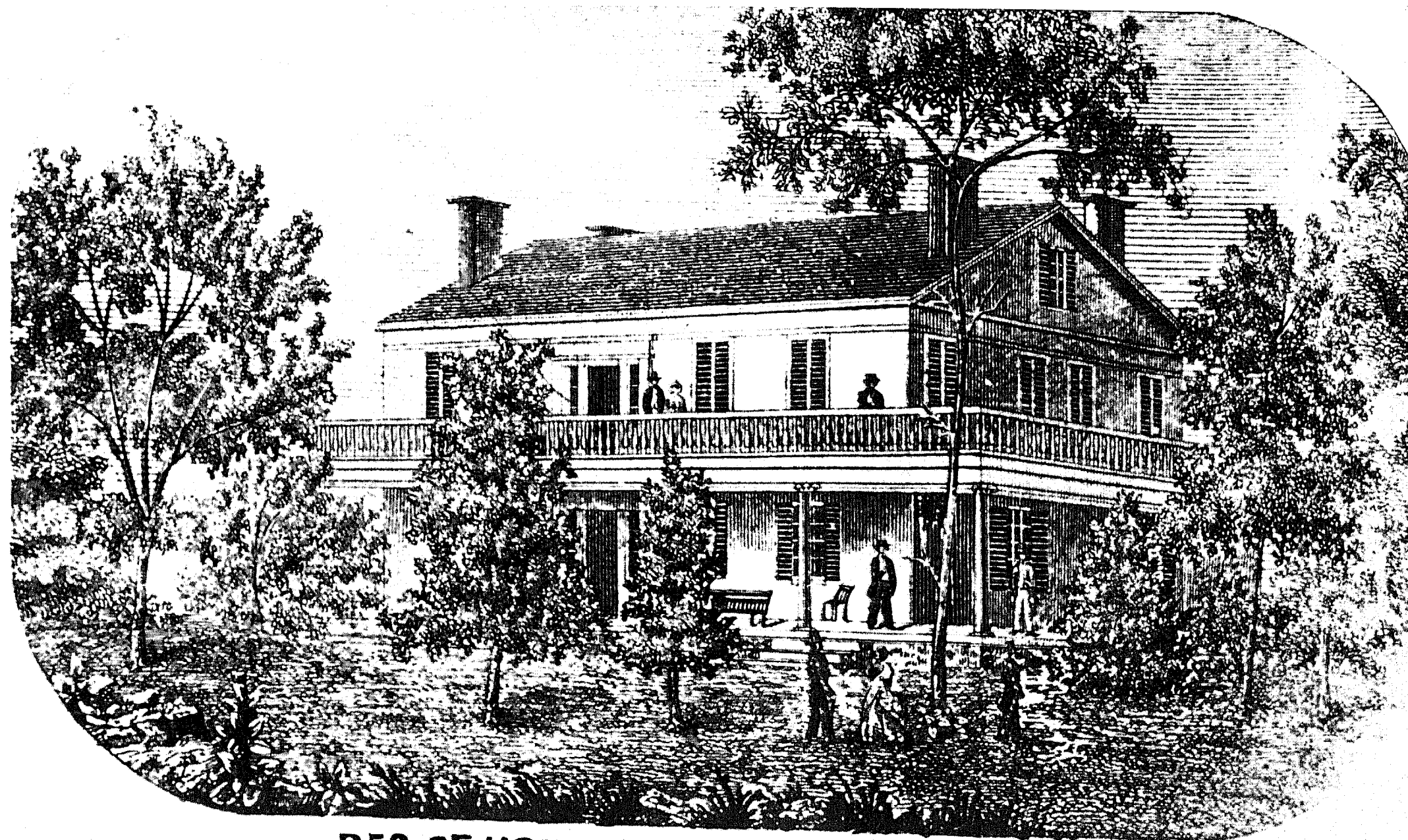
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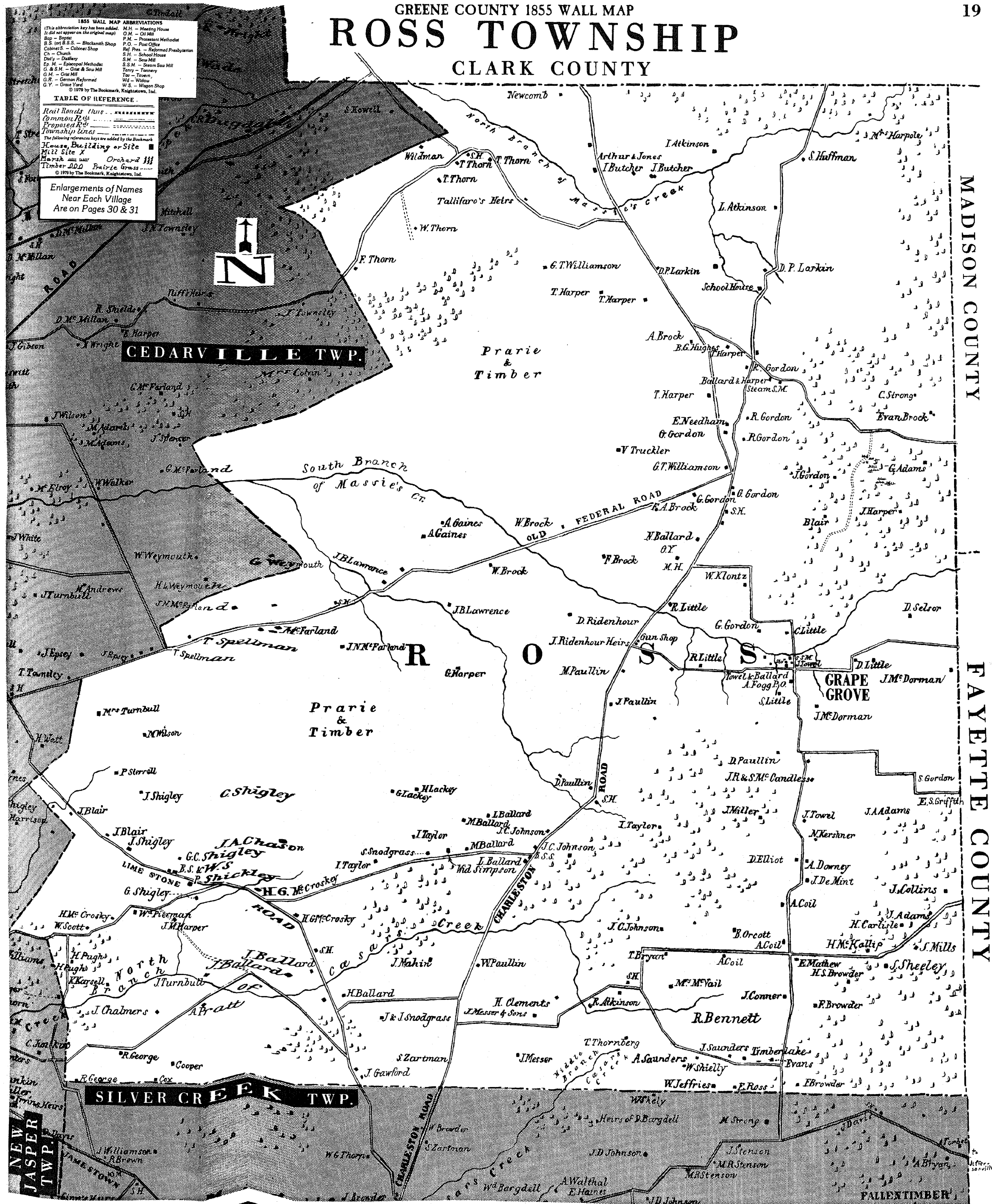
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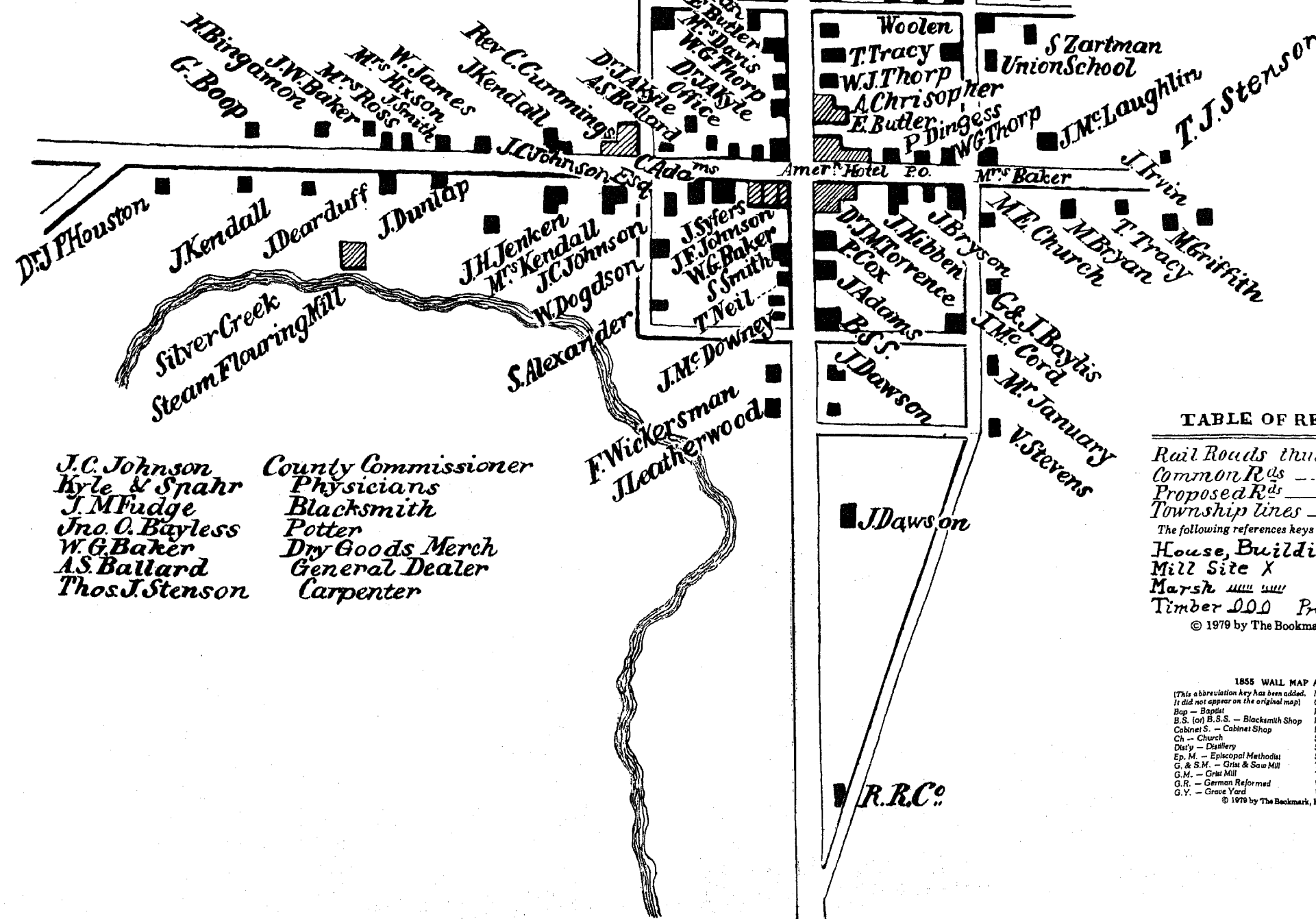
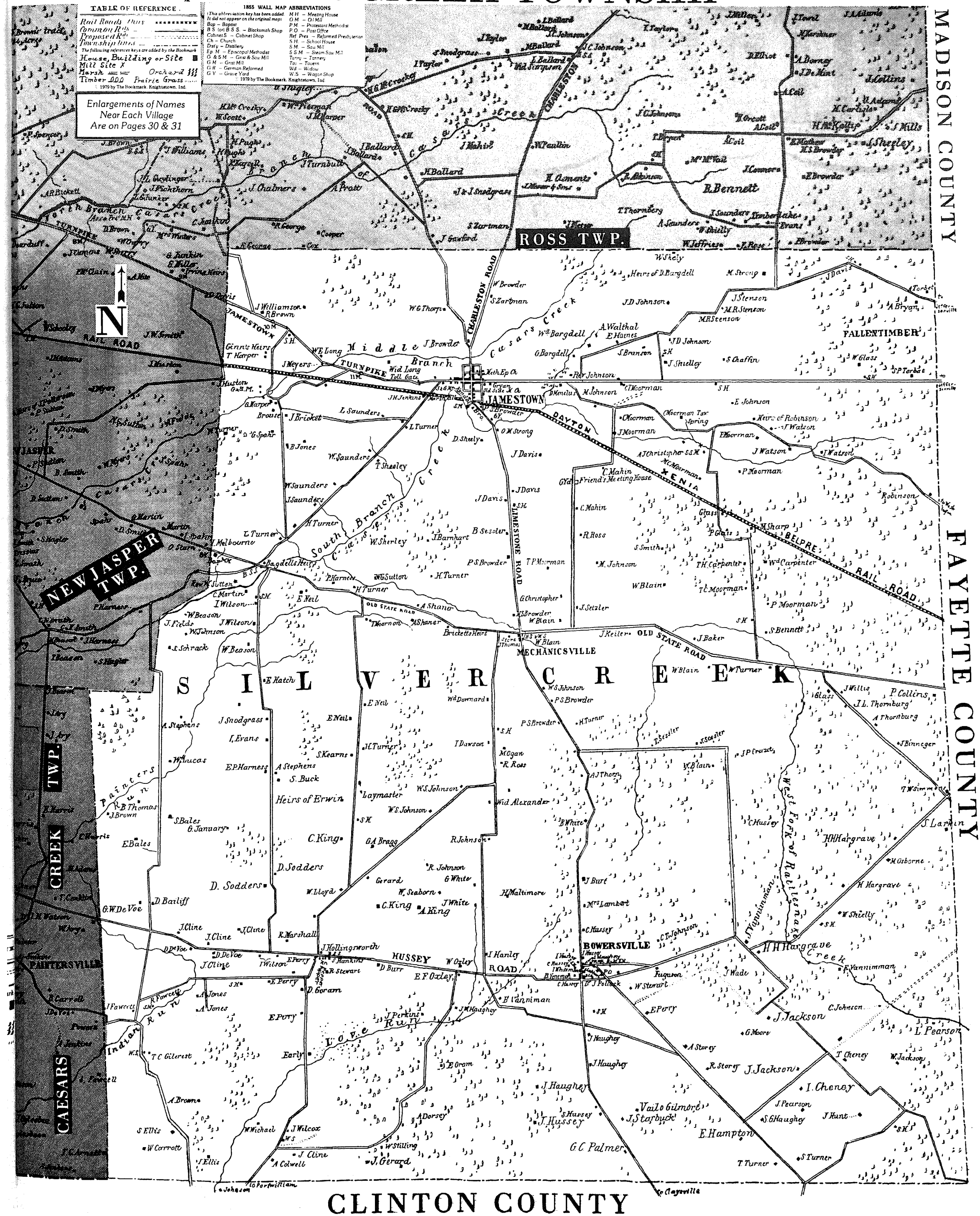


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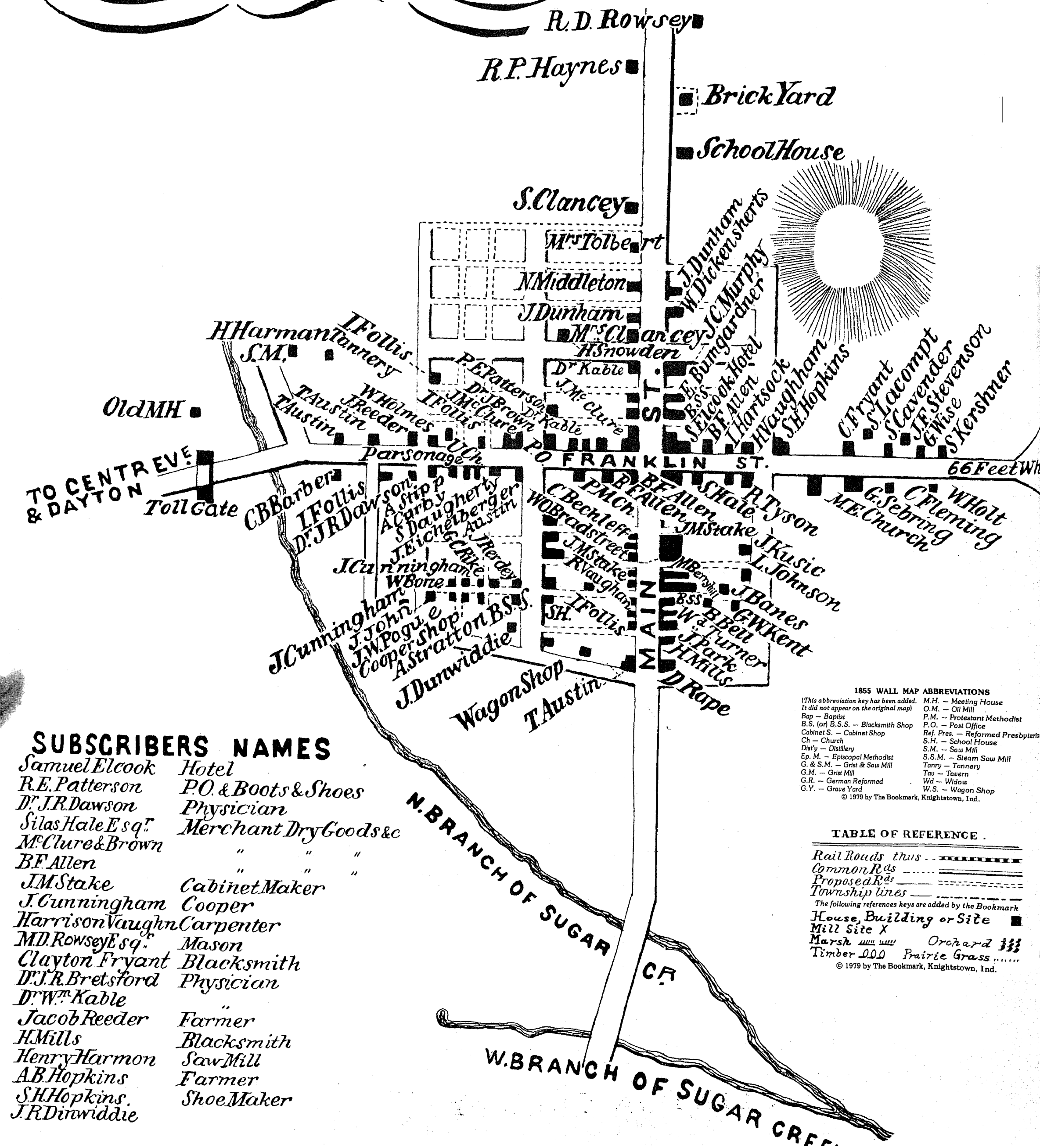
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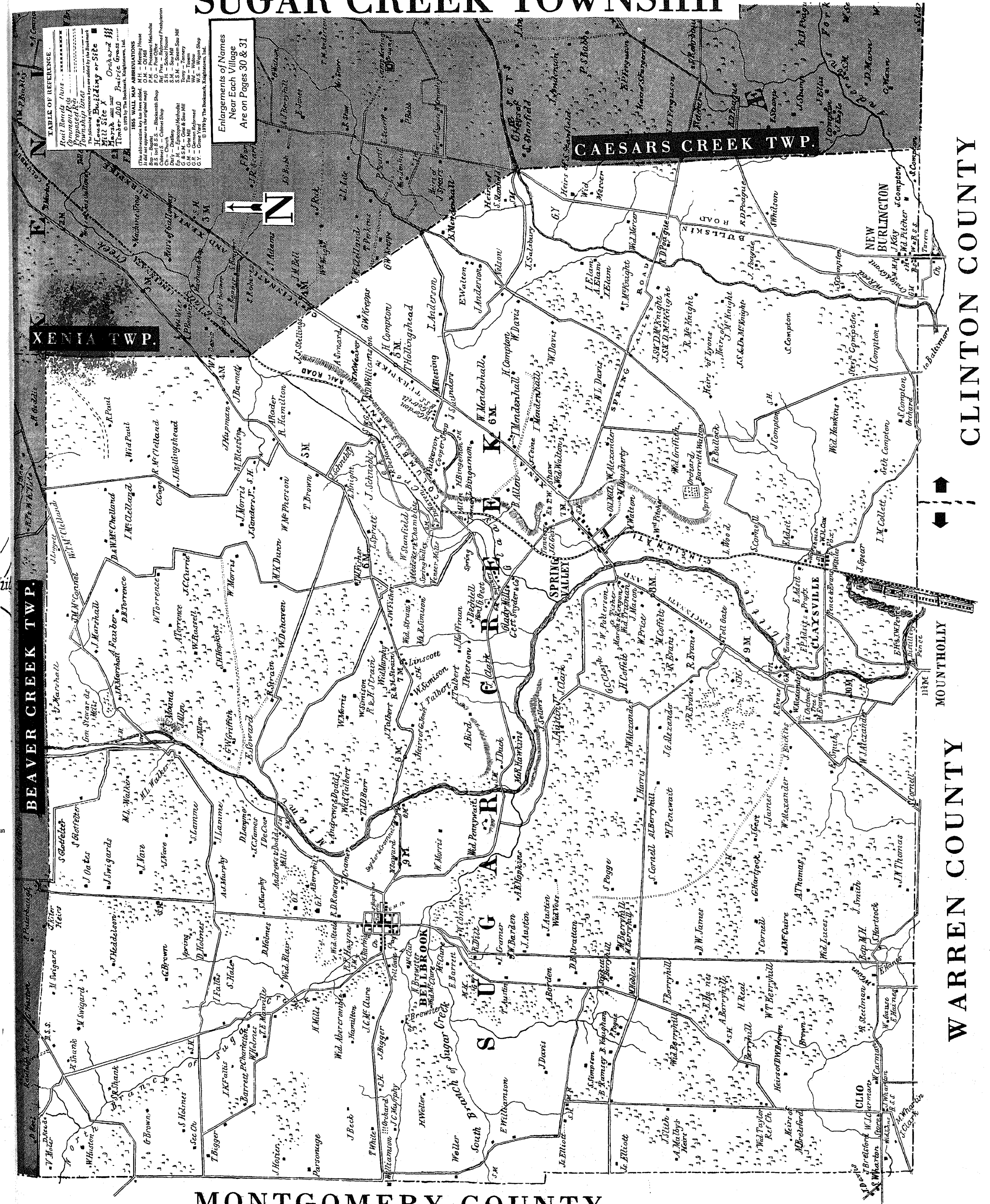
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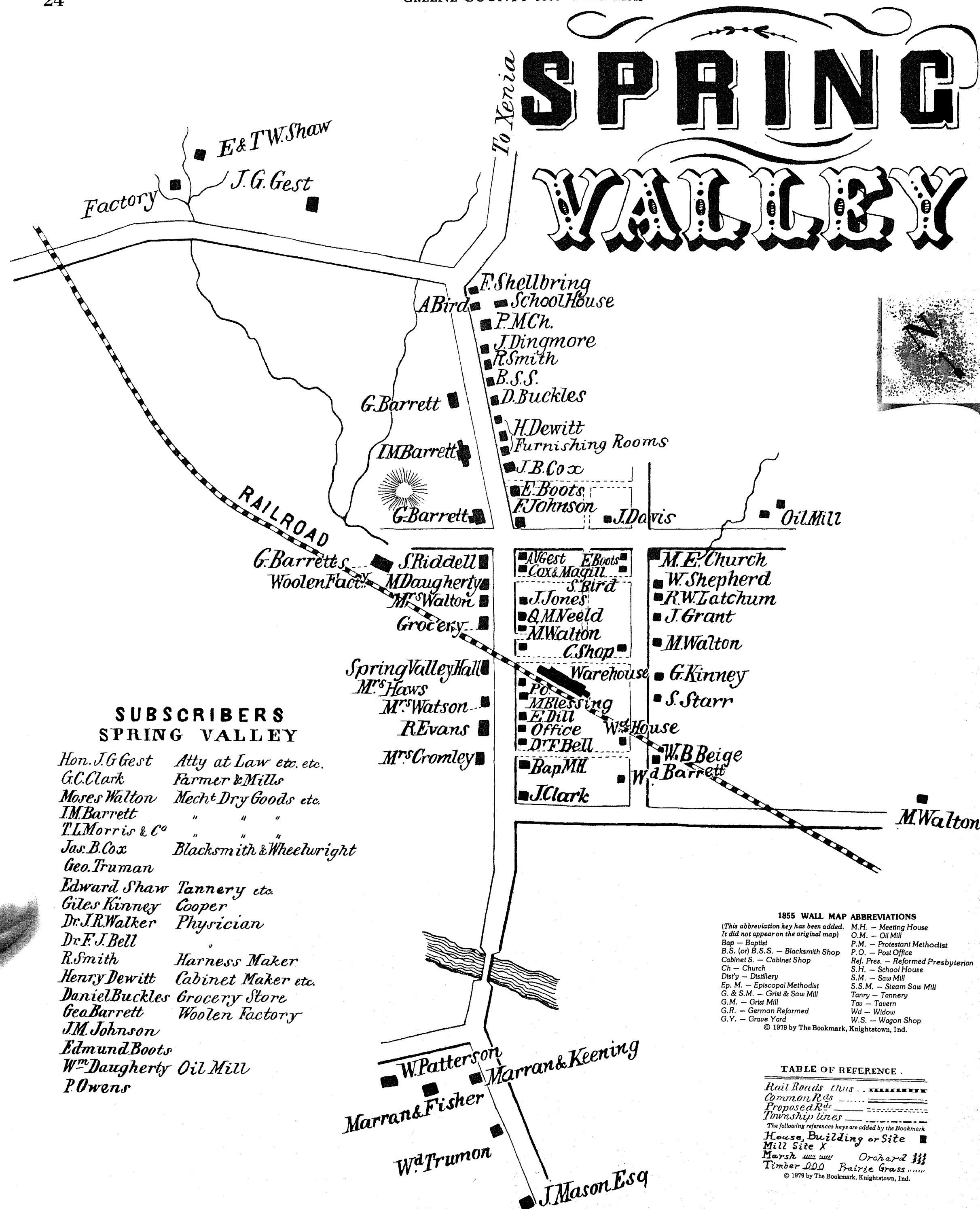


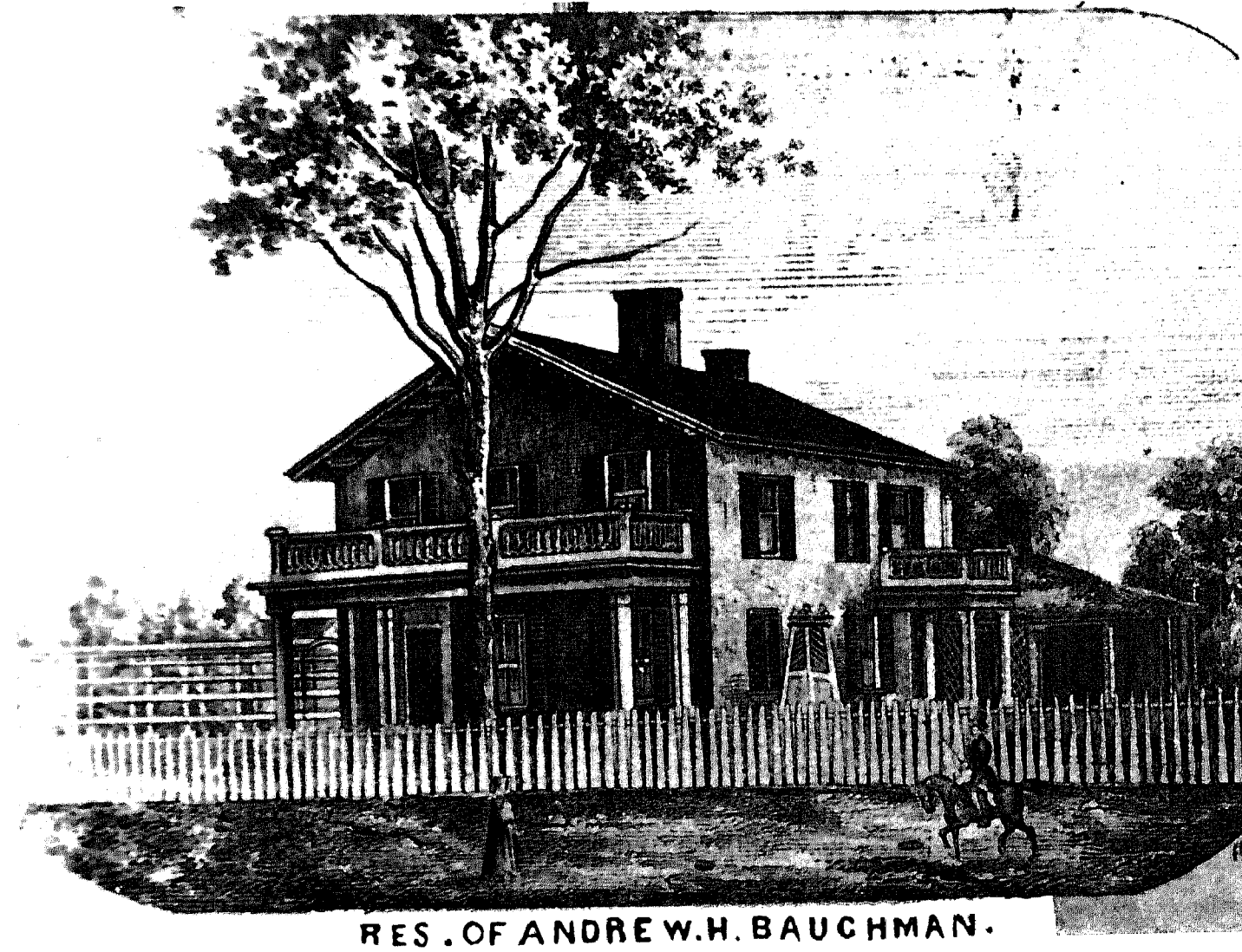
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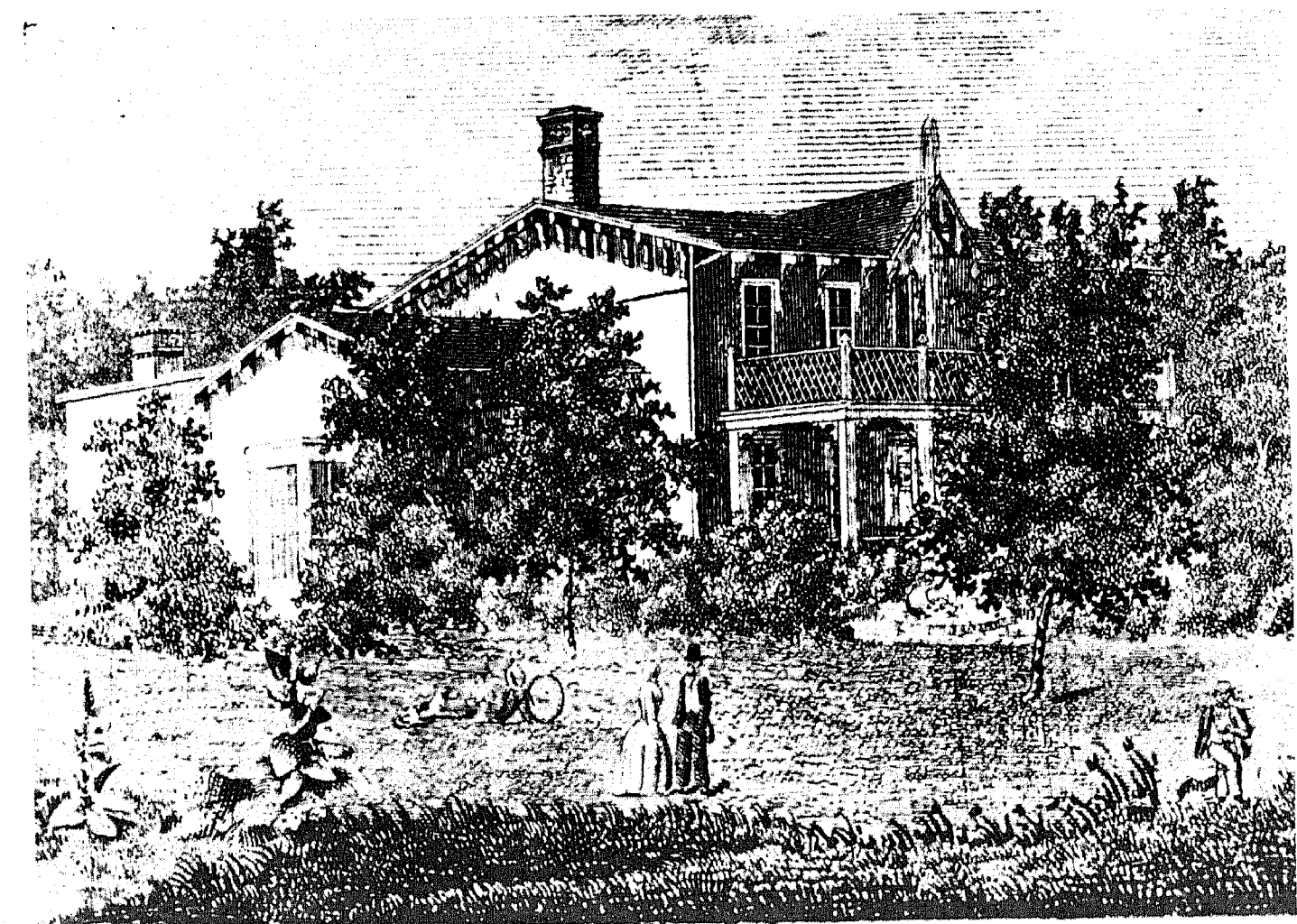
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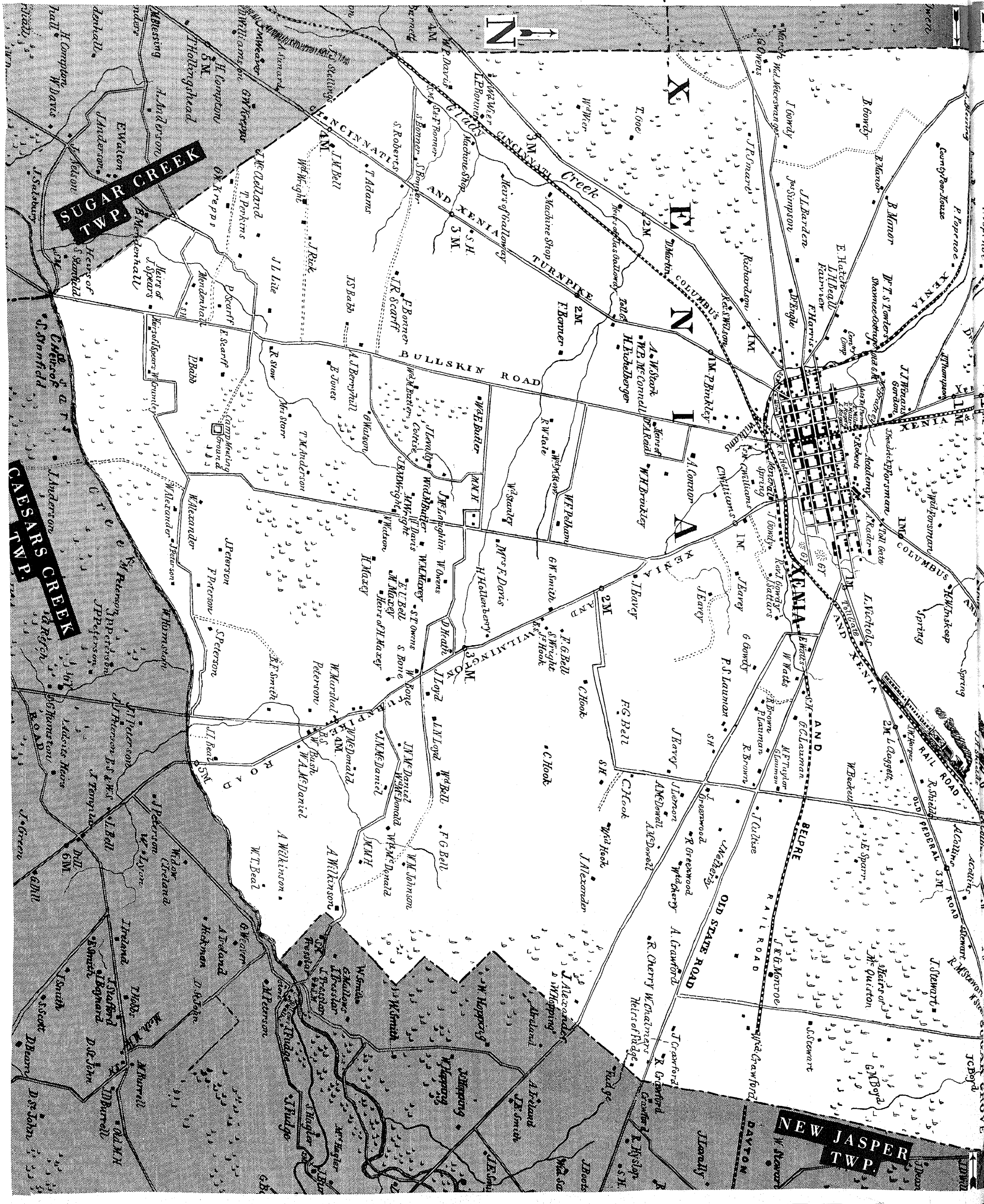
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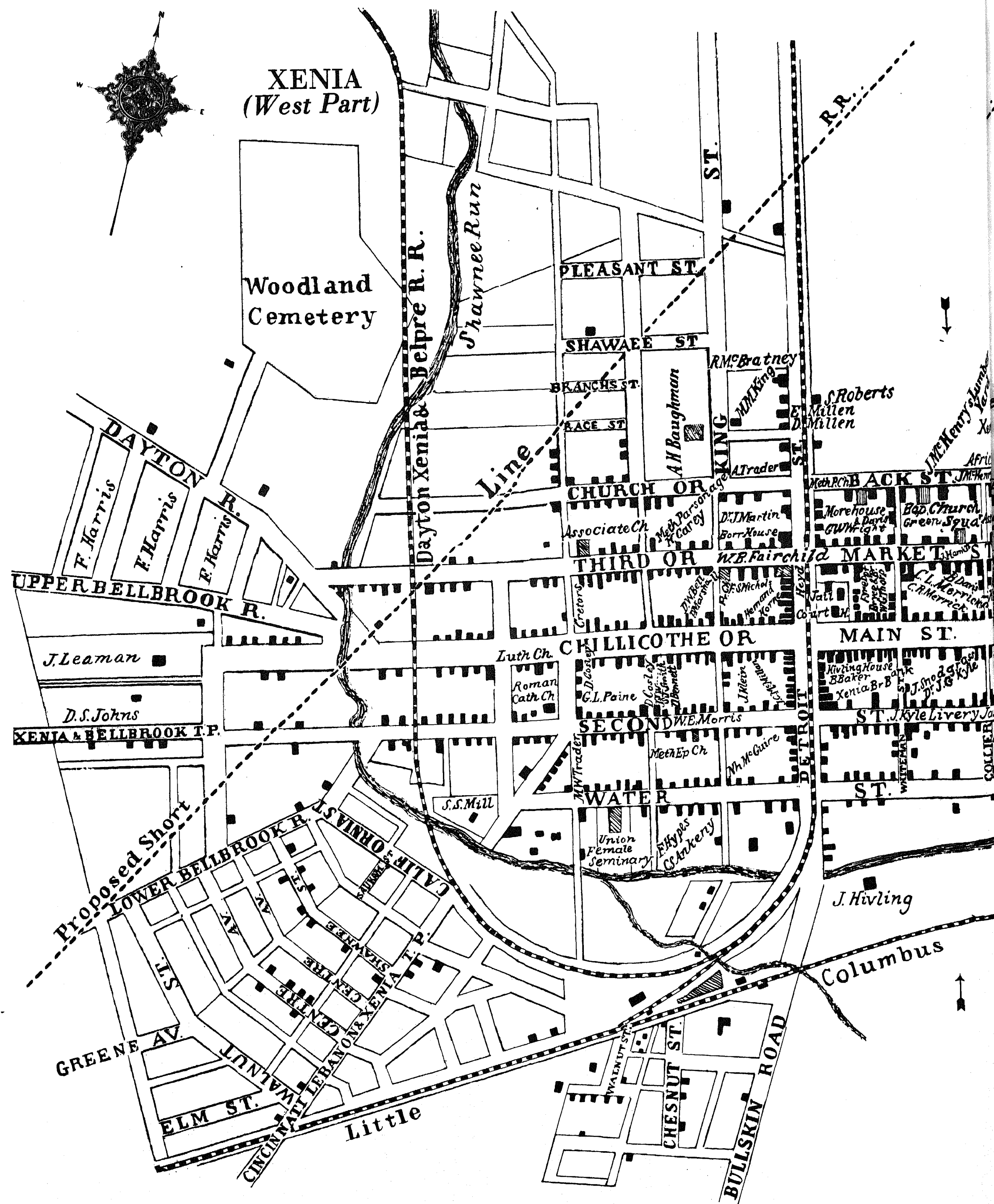
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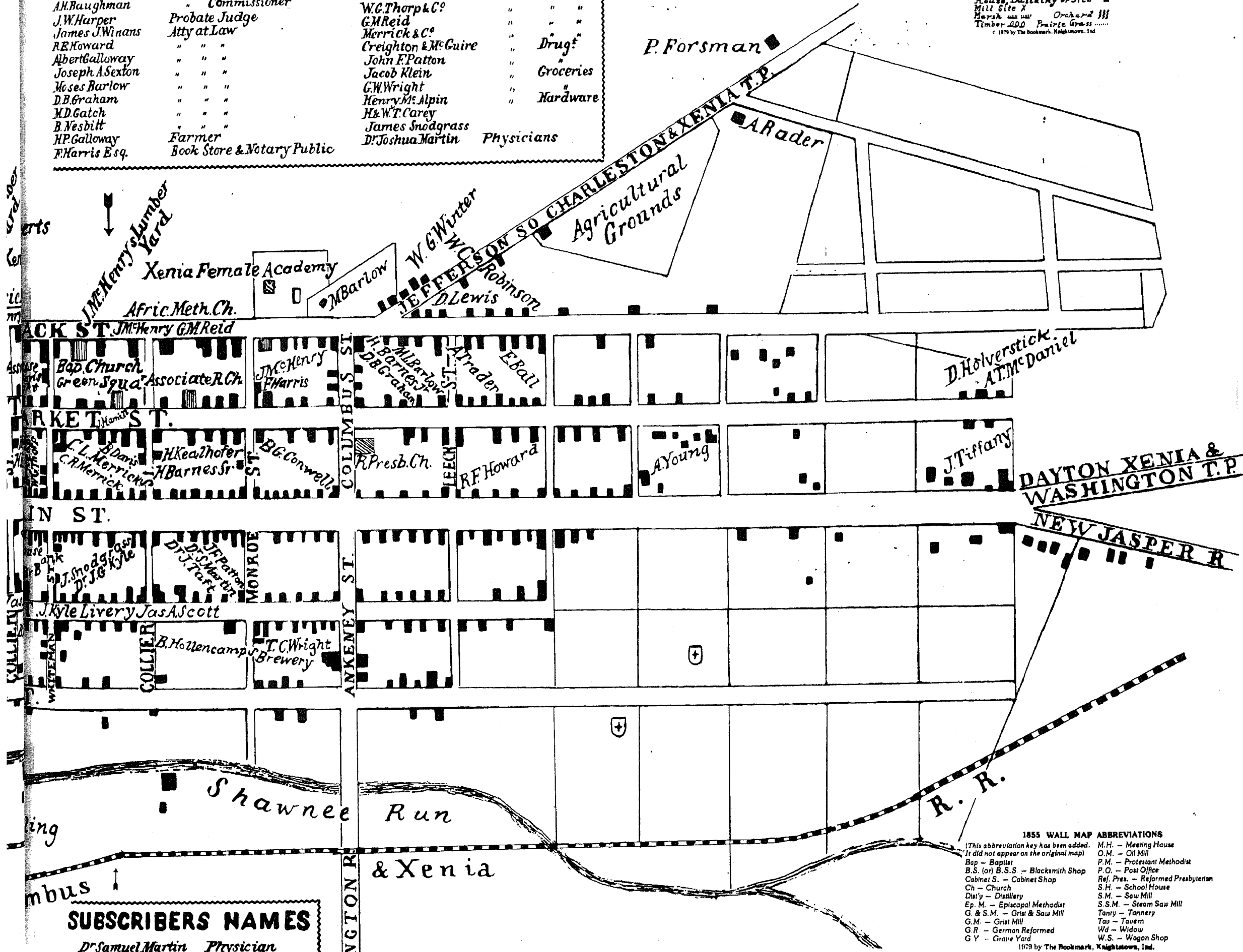
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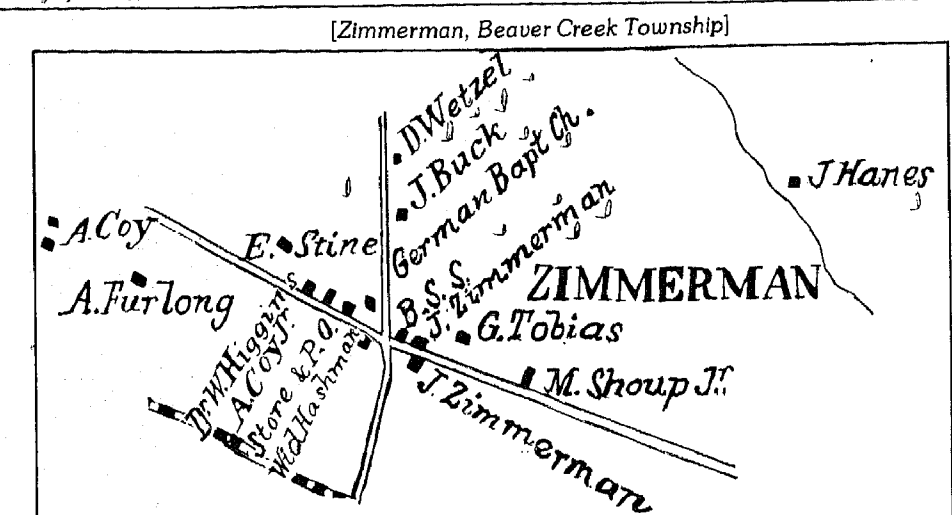
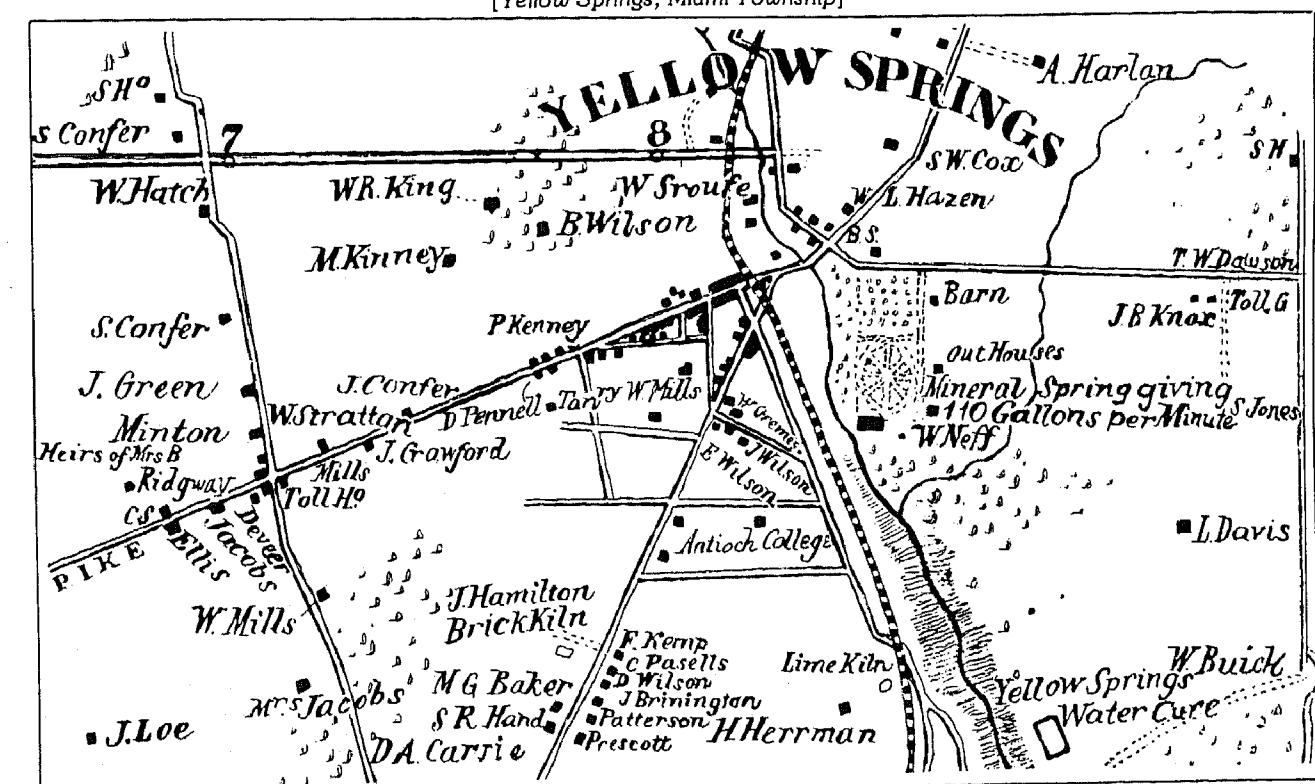
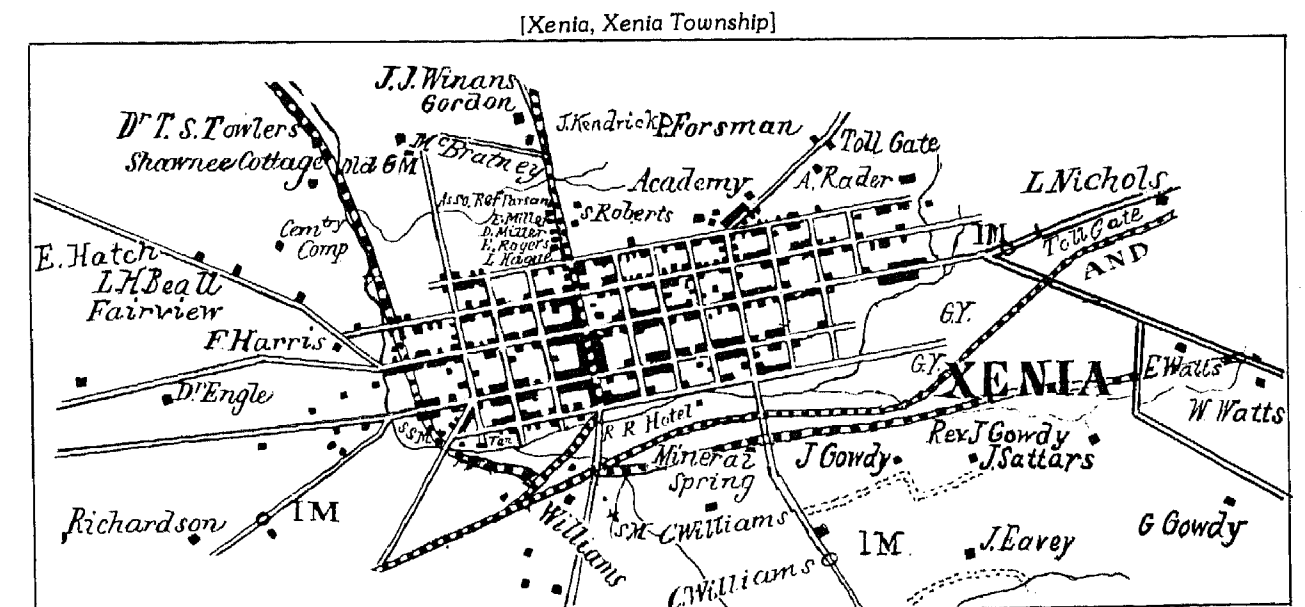
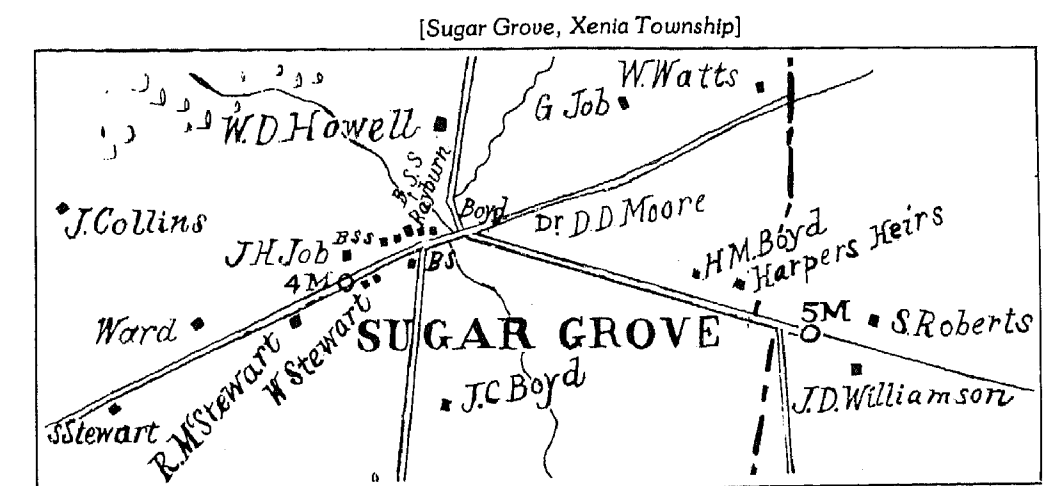
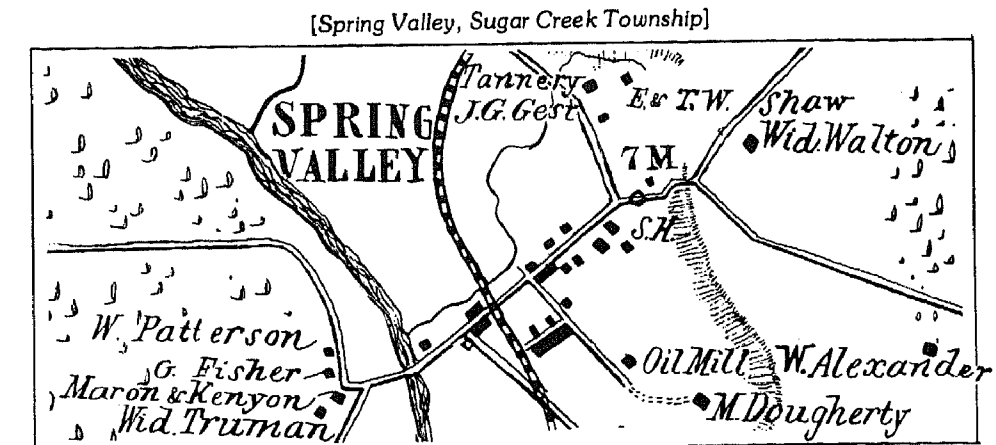
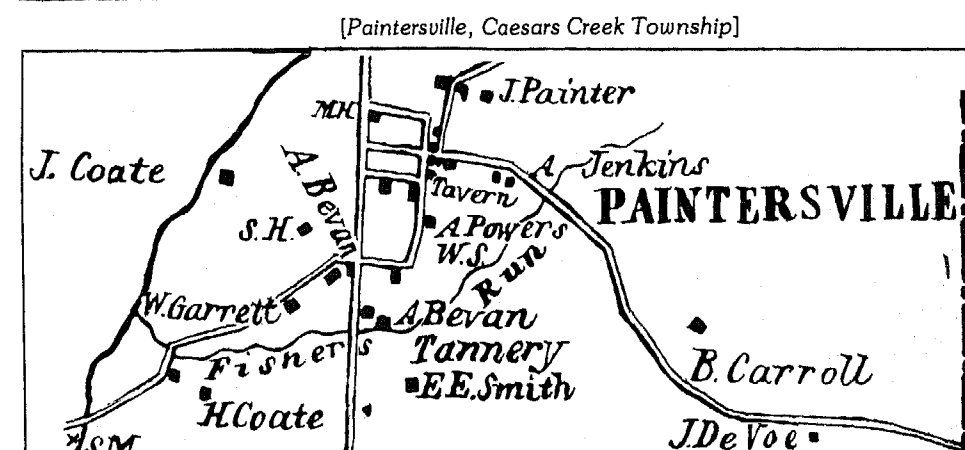
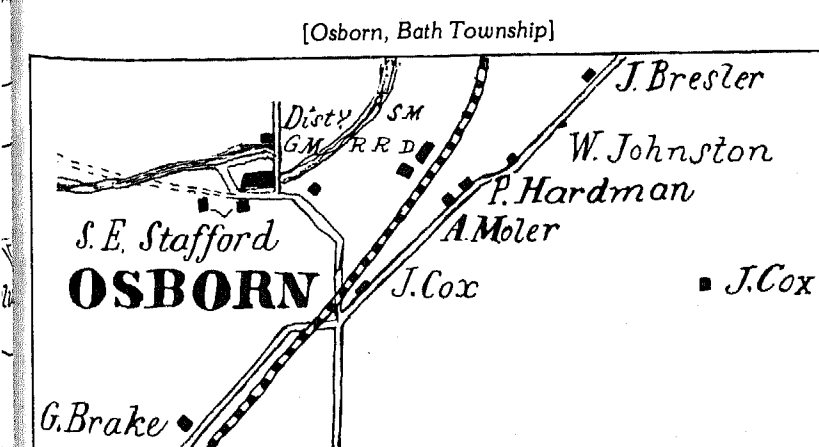
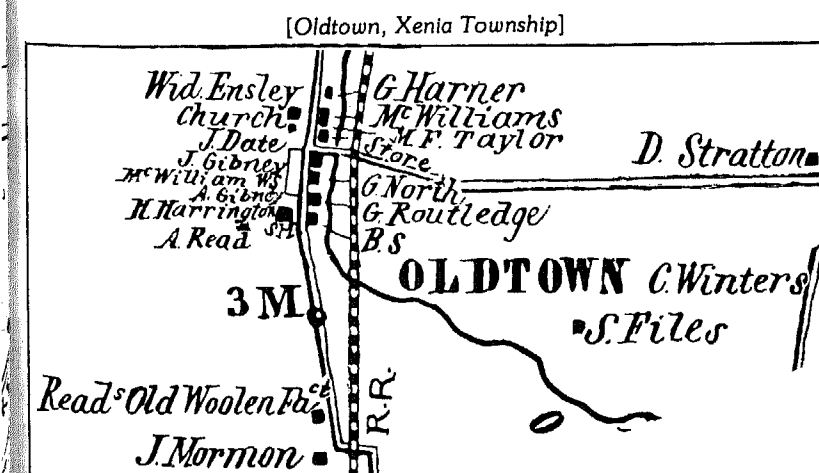
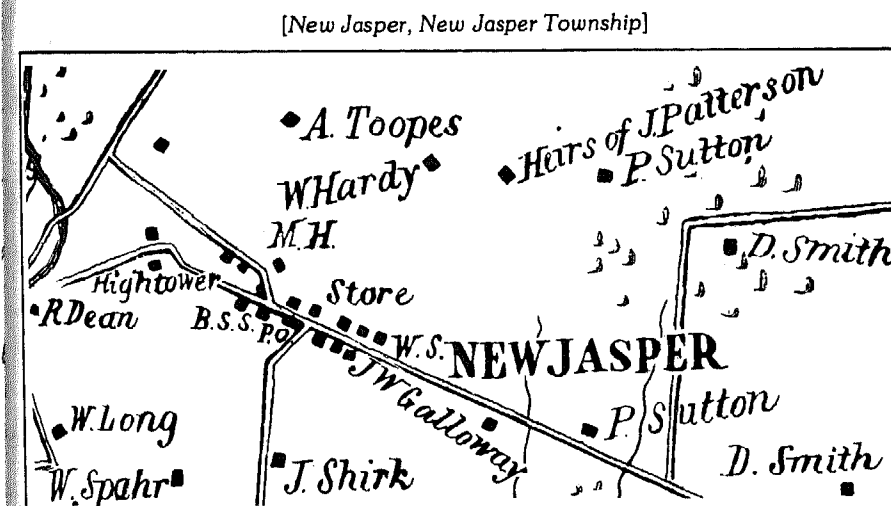
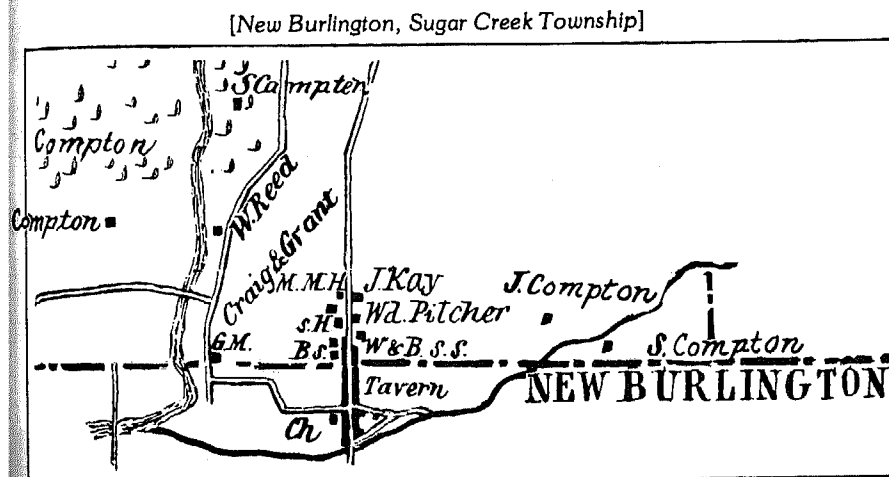
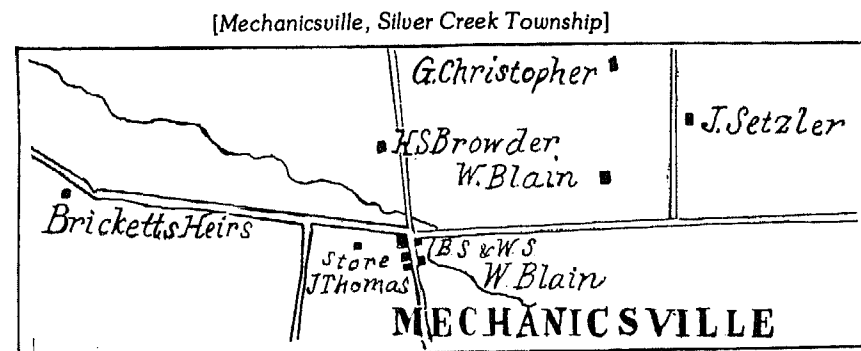
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James M. Henry Lumber Merch
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D. C. Thurston Hitting Horse
J. B. Allen Banker
S. Roberts
W. King

David Barr
D. D. Williamson
M. Jane Glenney Millener
W. C. Robinson Bricklayer
John Mclelland Pump Maker
Russell Rice Jr.
W. C. Winter
F. Hypes
John Coulter
James Curt
Adam Rader
P. Forsman
A. Damon
J. S. Ankeney Teller Xenia Bank

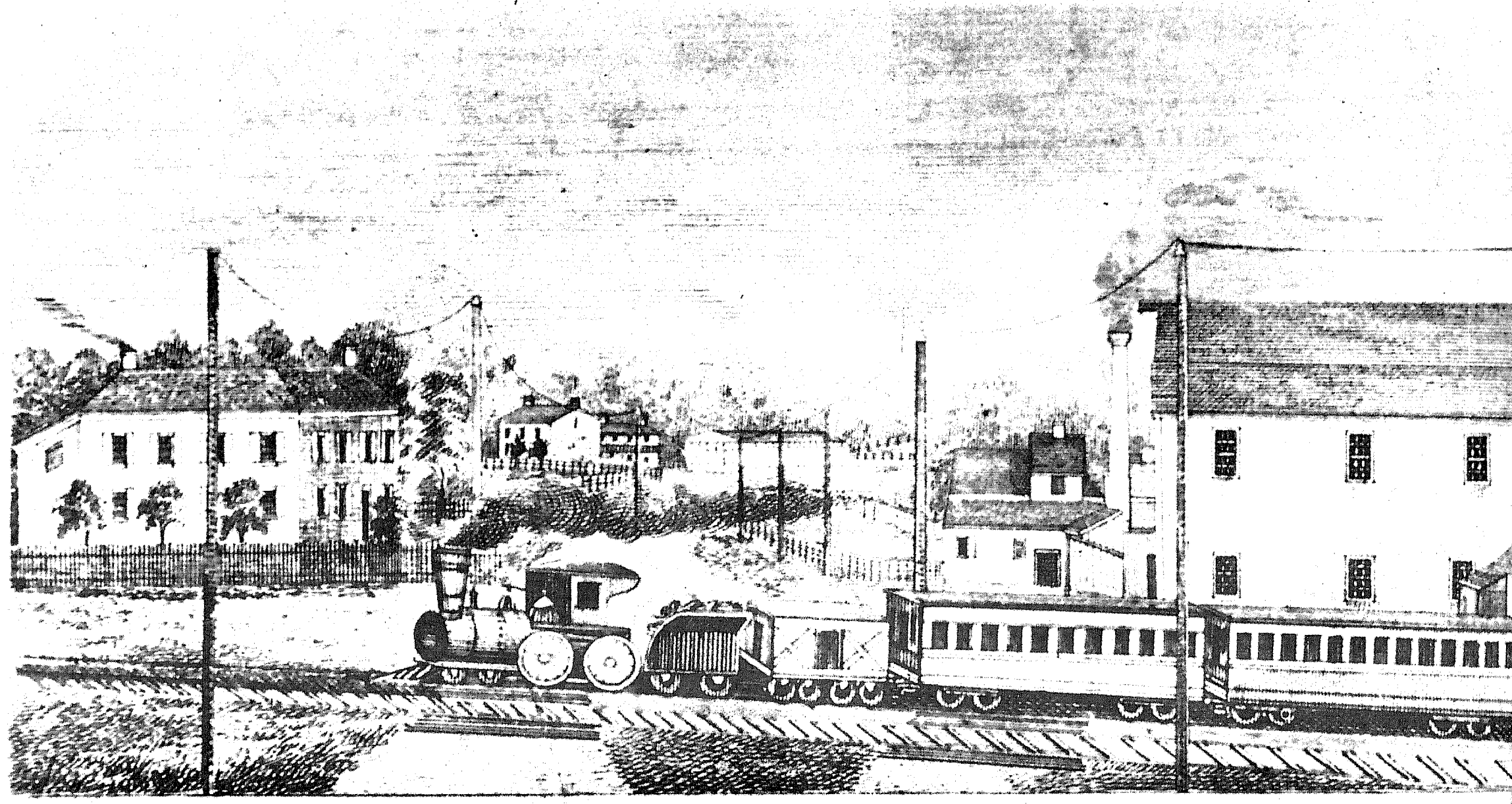
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D. C. Thurston
D. Lewis Sheriff
D. Miller & Co. Dry Goods & c
J. T. Eichelberger Drug Store
W. E. Morris Atty at Law & c
H. Mitchell Tinner
T. B. Galloway
D. S. Johns

1855 WALL MAP ABBREVIATIONS
(This abbreviation key has been added.
'It did not appear on the original map.)
Bap - Baptist
B. S. (or) B. S. S. - Blacksmith Shop
Cabinet S. - Cabinet Shop
Ch - Church
Disty - Distillery
Ep. M. - Episcopal Methodist
G. & S. M. - Grist & Saw Mill
G. M. - Grist Mill
G. R. - German Reformed
G. Y. - Grave Yard
M. H. - Meeting House
O. M. - Oil Mill
P. M. - Protestant Methodist
P. O. - Post Office
Ref. Pres. - Reformed Presbyterian
S. H. - School House
S. M. - Saw Mill
S. S. M. - Steam Saw Mill
Tannery - Tannery
Tow - Tavern
Wd - Widow
W. S. - Wagon Shop
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These enlargements are made of areas surrounding towns & villages, making it easier to read the smaller names.



From Greene
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RES & MILLS OF E.C. FROST N^R XENIA.



CATAWBA PLACE RES. OF JAS. ALLISON.
NEAR XENIA.

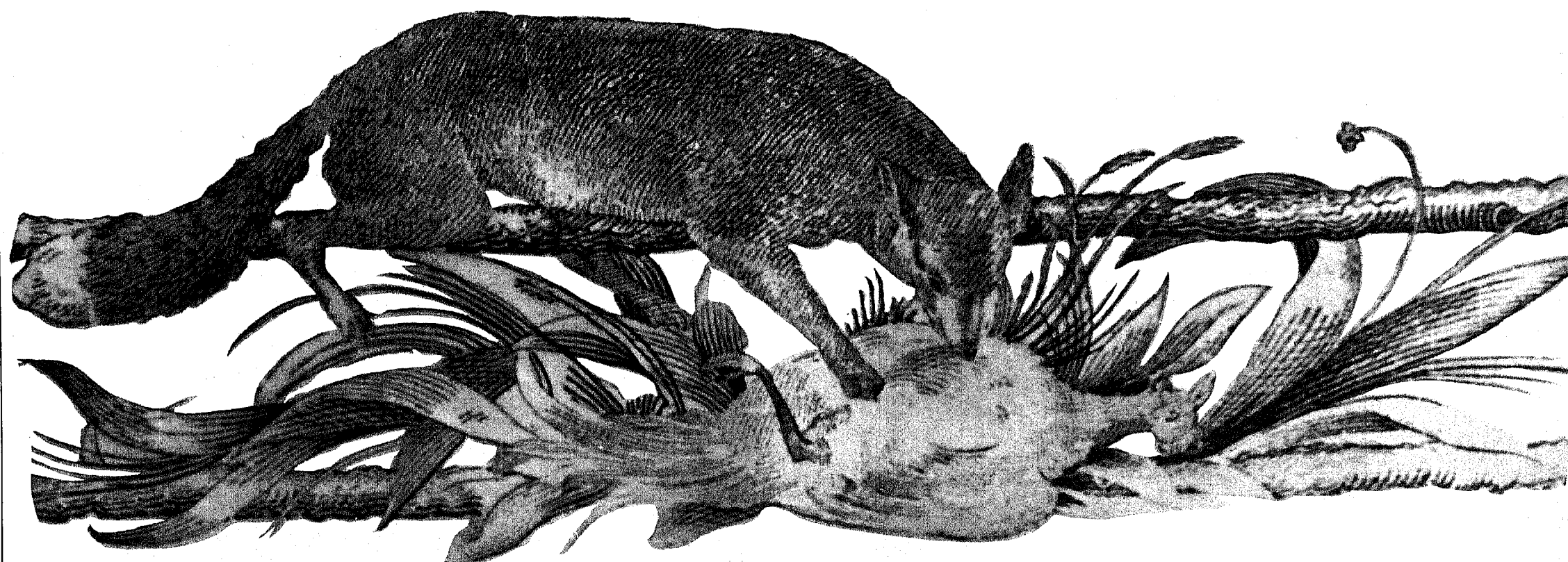
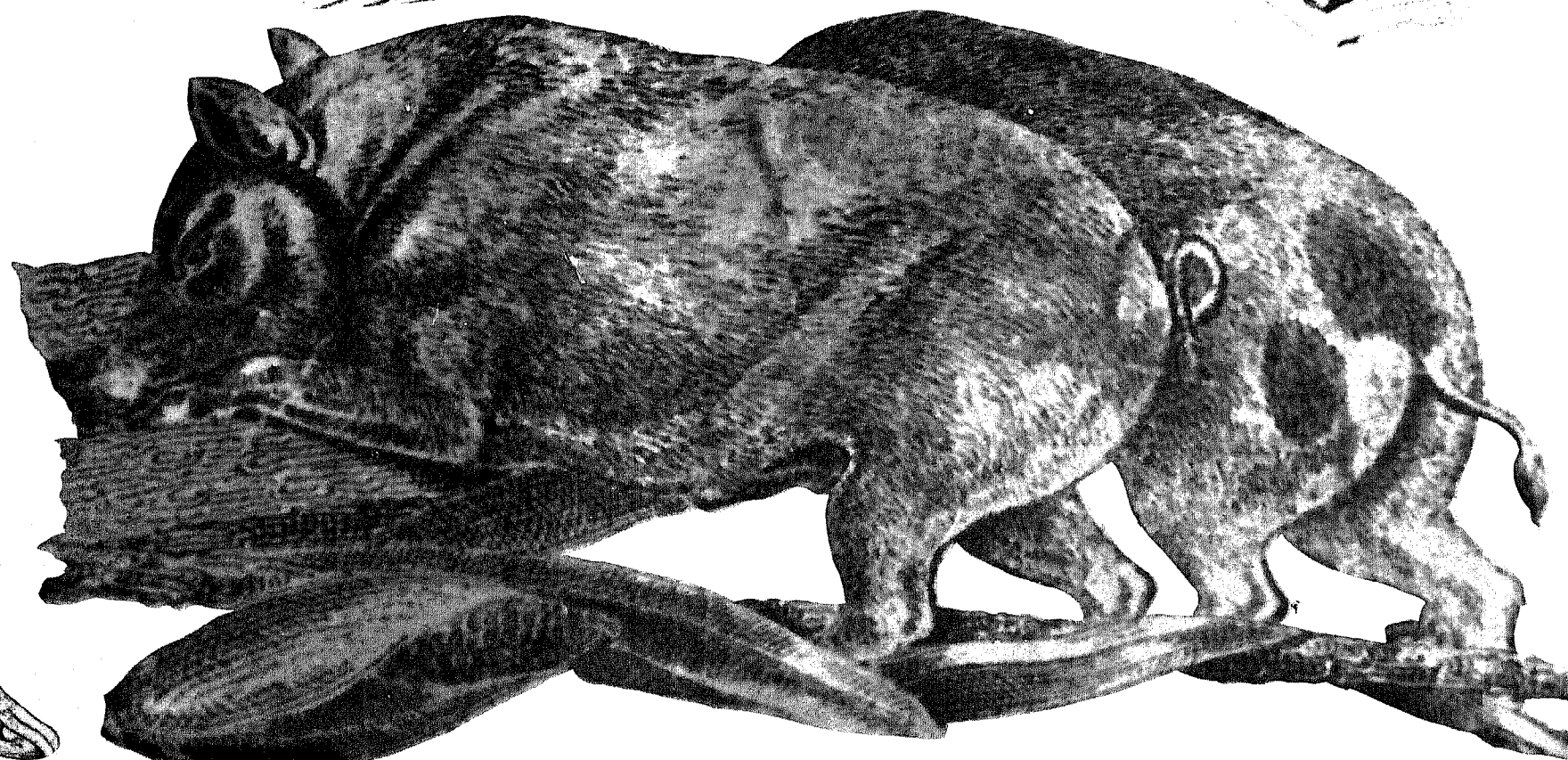
AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS OF GREENE CO														
on June 1 st 1855.														
Names of Townships	Wheat.		Corn.		Horses.		Cattle.		Mules.		Sheep.		Hogs.	
	No. of acres so written	No. of bushels produced	No. of acres planted	No. of bushels produced	No.	Value Dollars	No.	Value Dollars	No.	Value Dollars	No.	Value Dollars	No.	Value Dollars
Sugar Creek...	2812	40244	4641	202596	2311	72333	2978	34888	23	940	3649	5729	8241	15842
Beaver Creek	3530	75433	3851	153005	1017	65279	2358	27500	4	225	3388	4662	5826	19461
Bath.....	3145	58681	2600	74880	699	46526	0969	23482	2	250	2121	3801	1315	14809
Miami.....	1440	20548	1525	39755	447	27081	916	12188	3	015	4108	6593	1845	4905
Xenia.....	3417	45293	3587	138129	1095	59854	3809	34115	19	1450	6817	8455	4556	9458
Ceasar Creek.	2007	21788	2625	75882	813	44881	1358	08995	23	935	3470	3664	2618	5192
Silver Creek..	1306	20305	4880	147765	1309	65493	3223	39330	26	1010	1548	15613	4500	9517
Ross.....	887	8341	2780	75145	693	35653	2669	53743	14	315	9965	12366	2668	5633
Cedarville...	2148	42886	3028	87000	777	42269	0948	23484	2	60	9177	11186	3232	6525
New Jasper..	1769	19243	2380	73086	330	29964	1342	13324	1	25	3760	4883	1731	3245

POPULATION &c. OF GREENE CO								
on June 1 st 1850								
Towns & Townships	Populat	Birth Places			Attending School		Who cannot read or write	
		State of Ohio	Other States	Foreign	Native	Foreign	Native	Foreign
SUGAR CREEK	3082	2829	621	432	762	12	107	24
BEAVER CREEK	2063	1489	525	99	550	12	66	14
BATH	2079	1428	557	94	578	16	50	12
MIAMI	1865	1175	555	135	496	10	54	13
XENIA	7055	4496	1998	561	1501	214	250	84
CEASAR CREEK	1870	1893	447	30	544	5	55	6
SILVER CREEK	2565	1929	597	39	660	4	131	12
ROSS	1367	1034	284	49	401	8	20	6
CEDARVILLE	Formed census since was taken.							
NEW JASPER								
Total	21949	15223	5584	1139	4092	281	733	171

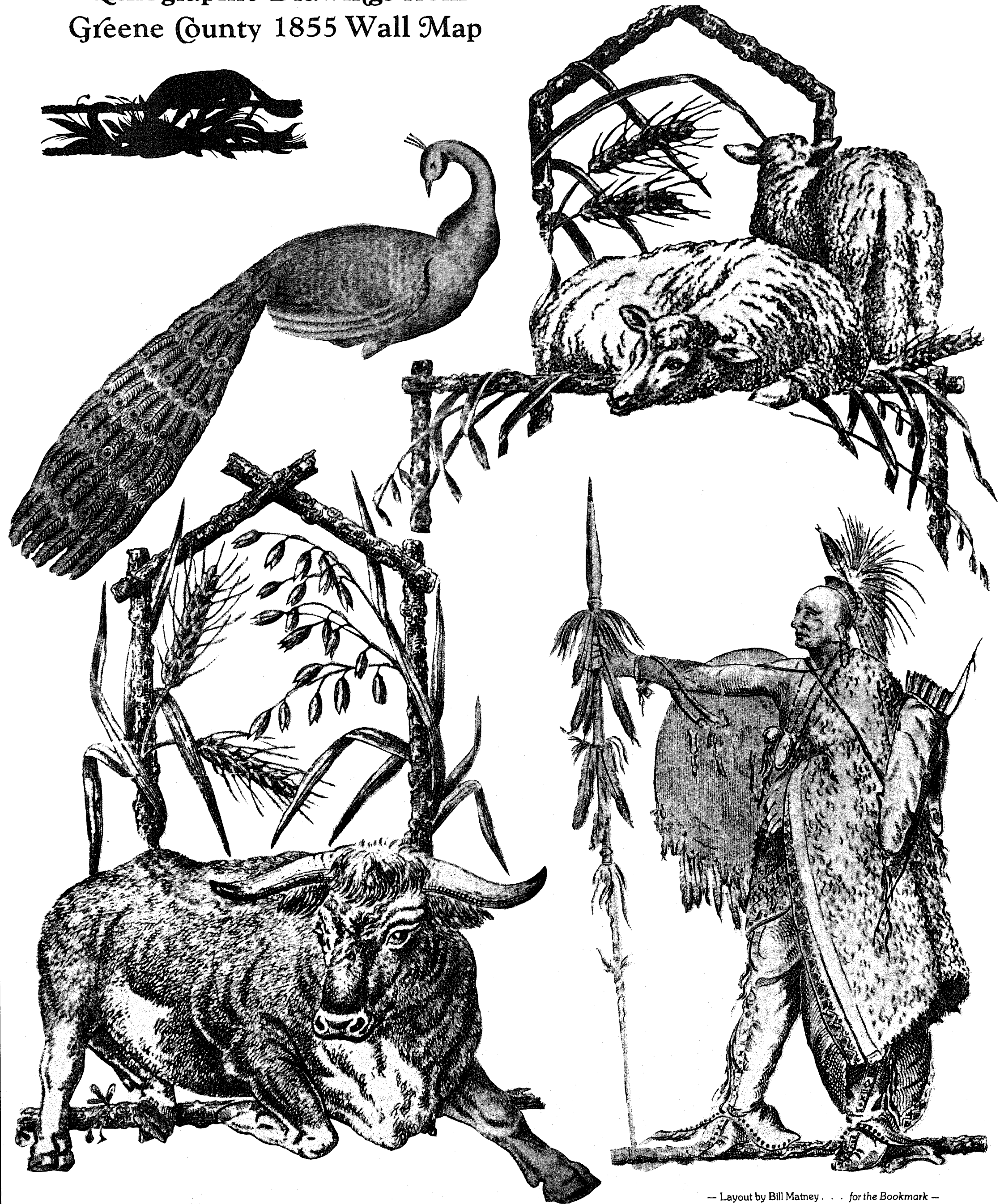
PRODUCTIONS OF AGRICULTURE GREENE CO			
on June 1 st 1850.			
Improved land	131,316	Buck Wheat bus of	2,733
Unimproved "	108,589	Value of Orchard Fruit	25,344
Cash Value of Farms	6,055,691	Wine Gals of	15
Value of farm implan ^t	192,902	Prof Market Gardens	669
Horses	6,947	Butter lbs. of	515,168
Milch Cows	7,094	Cheese " "	8,961
Working Oxen	133	Hay tons "	15,704
Other Cattle	10,217	Cloverseed bus of	607
Sheep	47,898	Other grass " "	253
Swine	36,994	Flax lbs. "	178
Value of live Stock	655,884	Flaxseed bus. "	9445
Wheat bus. of	241,794	Silk Cocoons lbs "	
Rye " "	8,058	Maple Sugar " "	53,622
Oats " "	115,714	Mollasses " "	3,245
Wool lbs. "	112,063	Beeswax & Honey "	9,420
Irish Potatoes bus.	43,453	Value of homemade Manufacture	10,973
Peas & Beans "	349	Value of Animals slaughtered	121,362
Barley " "	1,373		

Lithographic Drawings from Greene County 1855 Wall Map

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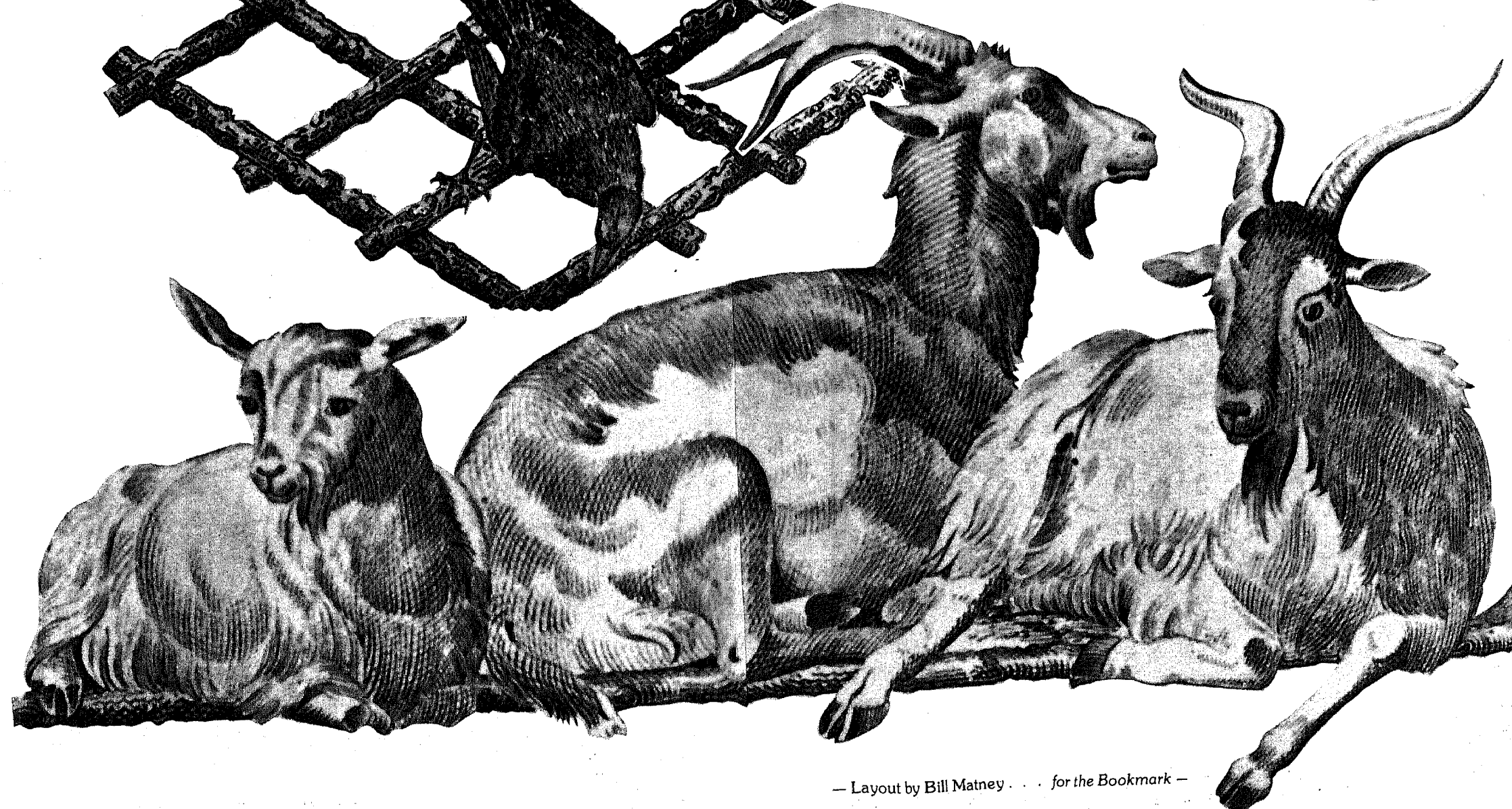
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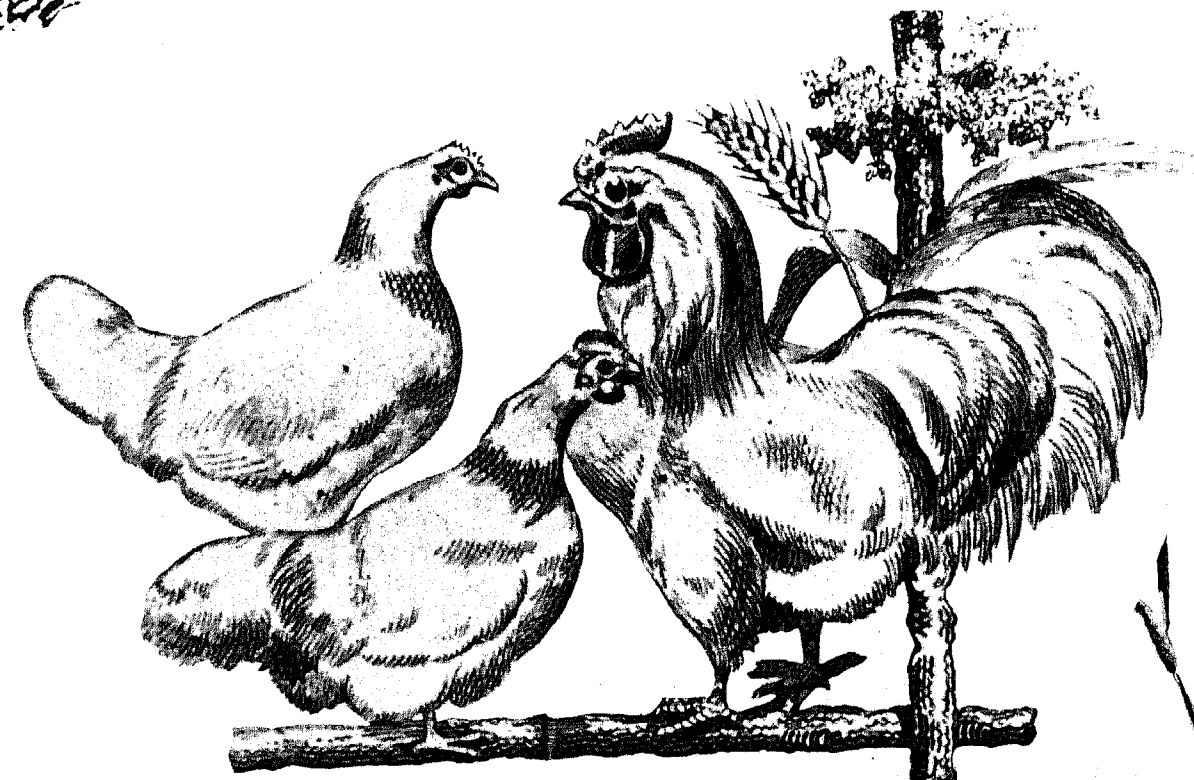
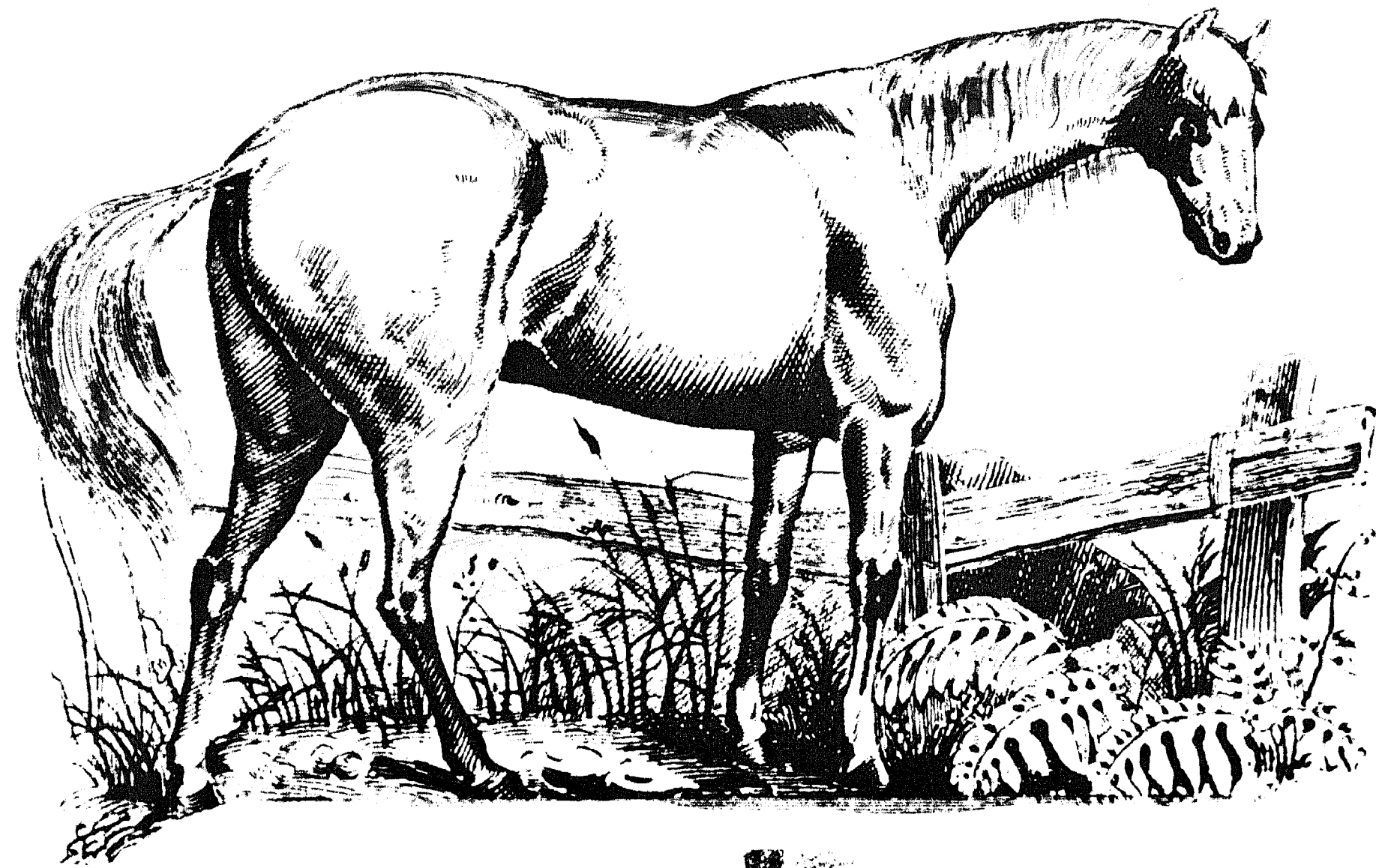
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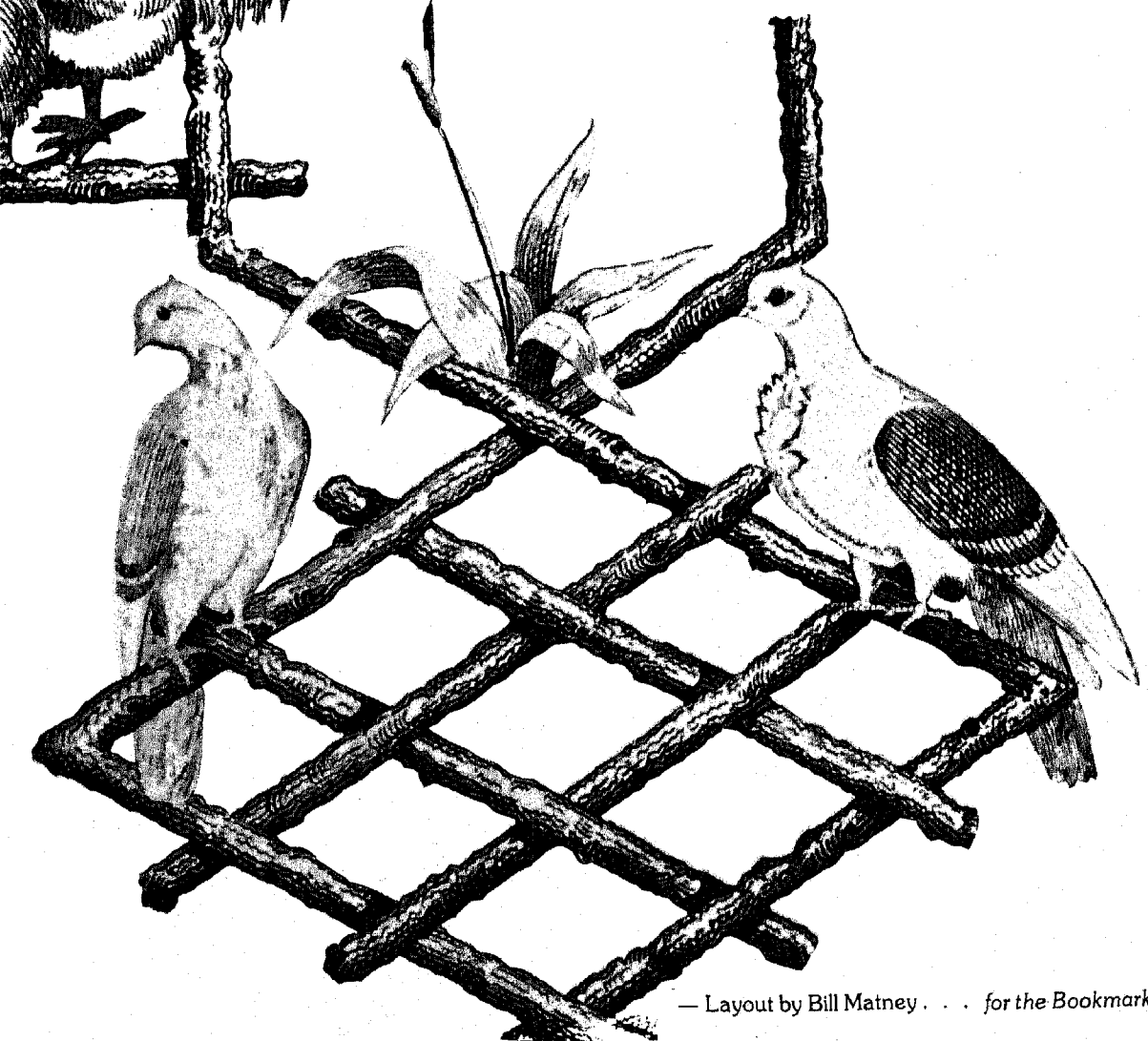
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INDEX TO 1855 WALL-MAP OF GREENE COUNTY, OHIO

Compiled by Julie M. Overton, Joan Baxter and Sharon Baxter

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In this index, references have a code immediately following the name which indicates the township and/or town where the name appears on map. (EXAMPLE: ABERCROMBIE Wid Sug indicates that this name appears in Sugar Creek Township. ADAMS G, Sil-Jam indicates that the name of G. Adams appears on the Jamestown Plat Map. Page numbers of each map are shown with abbreviation.

TOWNSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND PAGE NUMBERS:

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C.C.	Caesars Creek	13	Sil	Silver Creek	21
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Mia	Miami	15	Xen	Xenia	26-7

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TOWN OR VILLAGE ABBREVIATIONS AND PAGE NUMBERS

(These abbreviations follow the township abbreviation)

Be or Bel	Bellbrook	22	X	Xenia	284
C	Cedarville	10	Y.S.	Yellow Springs	11
Cl	Clifton	14			
Fa	Fairfield	6			
Jam or Jas	Jamestown	20			
Os	Osborn	7			
S.V.	Spring Valley	24			

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS:

N	North
S	South
2x	Appears twice

Index to Streets, Railroads, Towns, Waterways, Buildings and Businesses on 1855 Map.

Alpha, BC
Ankerly St, Xen-X
Bach St, Xen-X
Bellbrook, Sug
Bowersville, Sil
Branch's St, Xen-X
Bresser St, Ba-Os
Bullskin Rd, Xen-X; Xen
Byron, Ba
Byron-Yellow Springs-Clif-
on Turnpike, Ba-Mia
California St, Xen-X
Centre Ave, Xen-X (2x)
Charlton Rd, Ba
Chestnut St, Xen-X
Chillicothe St, Xen-X
Church St, Xen-X
Cincinnati & Xenia Turn-
pike, Xen
Cincinnati, Columbus &
Cleveland RR, Ced-C
Cincinnati, Lebanon &
Xenia Turnpike, Xen-X
Clay St, Mia-Cl
Claysville, Sug
Clifton, Mia
Clifton Turnpike, Ba
Clinton St, Mia-Cl
Collier St, Xen-X
Columbus St, Xen-X
Columbus & Xenia Pike,
Xen-Ced
Columbus & Xenia RR, Ced
Cox St, Ba-Os
Dayton Rd, Xen-X
Dayton St, Ba-Fa
Dayton St, Mia-Cl
Dayton & Springfield Turn-
pike, Ba
Dayton, Xenia & Washing-
ton Turnpike, Xen-X
Dayton, Xenia & Belpre
RR, BC; Xen; NJ; Sil,
Xen-X
Detroit St, Xen-X
Elizabeth St, Ba-Os
Elm St, Xen-X
Fairfield, Ba-Fa
First St, Ba-Fa
Franklin St, Sug-Bel
Grape Grove, Ros
Greene Ave, Xen-X
Harmony, Ba
High St, Mia-Cl
Hussey Rd, CC
Jackson St, Mia-Cl
Jamestown, Sil
Jamestown Rd, CC
Jamestown Turnpike, Ced
Jefferson St, Mia-Cl
Jefferson, So Charleston &
Xenia TP, Xen-X
Johnson St, Ba-Os
Jolia St, Ba-Os
King St, Xen-X
Knealy, Ba
Leech St, Xen-X
Lime Stone Rd, Ced
Limestone Rd, Sil
Little Columbus & Xenia
RR, Xen-X
Lower Bellbrook Rd, Xen-X
Mad River & Lake Erie RR,
Ba
Main St, Mia-Cl
Main St, Sug-Bel
Main St, Xen-X
Market St, Xen-X
Mechanicsville, Sil
Mill St, Ba-Os
Monroe St, Xen-X
Mount Holly, Warren Co
New Burlington, Clinton Co
New Jasper, NJ
Old Federal Rd, Ced
Old State Rd, NJ
Oldtown, Xen
Osborn, Ba
Paintersville, CC
Pleasant St, Xen-X
Race St, Xen-X
Sauham St, Xen-X
Second St, Ba-Fa
Second St, Xen-X
Shawale St, Xen-X
Shawnee St, Xen-X
South St, Ba-Fa
South St, Ba-Os
Springfield Turnpike, Ba
Spring Valley, Sug
Spring Valley Rd, Sug; CC
Stafford St, Ba-Os
Sugar Grove, Xen
Third Street, Xen-X
Upper Bellbrook, Xen-X
Valley Turnpike, Ba
Walnut St, Xen-X (2x)
Water St, Xen-X
Water St, Mia-Cl
W Main St, Ba-Fa
Whiteman St, Xen-X
William St, Ba-Os
Wilmington Pike, Xen-X
Xenia, Xen
Xenia St, Ba-Fa
Xenia & Bellbrook Turn-
pike, Xen-X
Xenia-Fairfield Turnpike,
Xen
Xenia & Springfield RR,
Xen-Mia
Xenia & Wilmington Turn-
pike, Xen; CC
Yellow Springs, Mia

WATERWAYS

Andersons Fork, CC
Beaver Creek, BC
Branch of, BC
Caesars Creek, Sug; CC;
NJ
Caesars Creek, Middle
Branch, NJ; Sil
Caesars Creek, North
Branch of, NJ; Ros
Caesars Creek, South
Branch, NJ; Sil
Clarke Run, Ced; Xen
Gladys Creek, Sug; Xen
Indian Run, CC; Sil
Little Miami River, Sug;
BC; Xen; Mia; Mia-Cl
Love Run, Sil
Ludlow Creek, BC
Mad River, Ba
Massies Creek, Ced-C;
Ced; Xen
Massies Creek, North
Branch of, Ced; Ros
Massies Creek, South
Branch of, Ced; Ros
Oldtown Run, Xen
Painters Run, CC; Sil
Rattlesnake Creek, West
Fork of, Sil
Shawnee Creek, Xen
Shawnee Run, Xen-X
Sugar Creek, North Branch
of, Sug-Bel; Sug
Sugar Creek, South Branch
of, Sug
Sugar Creek, West Branch
of, Sug-Bel

BUILDINGS, BUSINESSES, MISC.

AB Church, Ced-C
Academy, Xen
Africa Meeting House, CC
African Methodist Church,
Xen-X
Agricultural Grounds, Xen-
X
American Hotel, Sil-Jas
Ancient Works, Ced
Antioch College, Mia; Mia-
Ys
Asso Pres MH, NJ
Associate Ch, Xen-X
Associate Ref Ch, Xen-X
Assoc Ref Parsonage, Xen-
N
Augur Factory, Xen
Bakery, Ced-C
Baptist Church, Ba-Fa;
Ced-C
Bap MH, Sug; Sil; Sug-SV
Black Smith Shop, Ba; Ba-
Fa; Mia; Ros; Ba-Cl
Ced-C; Ced; Sug-SV; BC
(6x); CC (2x); Sil (4x);
Sil-Jas (2x); Sug-Bel
(2x); Sug (4x); NJ
Barr House, Xen-X
Brewery, Xen-X
Brick Kiln, Mia
Brick Yard, Sug-Bel
BS, Mia; Ros; Xen (2x);
Sug; CC; Sil
C Shop, Ba-Fa; Mia-Cl;
Mia; Sug-SV; BC
Camp Meeting Ground, Xen
Cartle, BC
Catawba Place, Inset
Cedar Grove Mills, Ba
Cemetery, Xen-S
Chestnut Tree, Sug
Clifton House, Mia-Cl
Concord Meeting House, BC
Cooper Shop, Sug
Cotton & Woolen Factory,
Mia-Cl
County Poor House, Xen
Court House, Xenia, Inset;
Xen-X
DSH, Ba-Fa (2x)
Dam, Mia-Cl
Distillery, Ba; Mia-Cl;
Mia; Xen (2x); BC (2x);
Sug (2x)
Drying House, Xen
Episcopal Meth Meeting
House, Sil
Factory, Sug-SV
Flouring Mill, Mia-Cl
Free Presbyterian Ch, Mia-
Cl
Friends Meeting House,
CC; Sil
Furnishing Rooms, Sug-SV
German Baptist Church,
BC
German Reformed Church,
BC (2x)
German Reformed Church
Parsonage, Ba-Fa
Gilmore House, Mia-Ys
Gladys Mills, Sug
Graveyard, Ros; Ced (2x);
Xen (3x); BC (2x); Sug
(8x); NJ; CC; Sil (8x)
Grist Mill, Ba; Ba-Os; Mia
(2x); Ced-C; Xen (3x);
BC (8x); Sug (9x); NJ;
CC; Sil (2x)
Gun Shop, Ros

GYD Friends Meeting

House, Sil
Hwy House, Xen-X
Hotel, Ba-Os; Mia-Cl; Ced-
C
Jail, Xen-X
Knealy Station, Ba
L & U Church, Ba-Os
Ladown House, Ba-Fa
Lime Kiln, Mia-Ced-C; Ced
S; Ba
Lumber Yard, Xen-X
Luth Church, Xen-X
Machine Shop, Xen-N; Xen-
S; Ba
Meeting House, Ced; Sug-
Bel; Sug (2x); NJ; CC
(8x)
Methodist Ep Church, Sil;
Mia-Cl; Ced-C; Sug-SV;
Sug-Bel; Sil-Jas; NJ; Sil;
Xen-X
Methodist Church, Sug-Bel;
Sil-Jas; Mia; Sug-SV
Methodist Meeting House,
Xen (2x); Sug; CC
Meth Parsonage, Xen-X;
Ba-Fa
Meth P Ch, Xen-X
Mill Dam, Ba-Os
Mineral Springs, Mia; Xen-
X
Mound, Sug
Mt Zion Meeting House, BC
Nursery, BC
Oil Mill, Sug-SV; BC; Sug
Old Presbyterian Ch, Mia-
Cl
Orchard, Sug (3x)
Old Side M Church, Sil
Prin Meth Meeting House,
Sil
PM Ch, Sug-SV; Sug-Bel
(2x)
Paper Mill, Ba; Mia
Parsonage, Sug; Ba-Os;
Ced-C; Sug-Bel
Post Office, Ba-Fa; Ros;
Sug-SV; BC; NJ; Sug-
Bel; Sil-Jas
Powder Mills, Xen
Pr Ch, Xen-X; Ba-Mia-Cl
Presbyterian Mtg House,
Mia
Railroad Co, Ba-Os; Sil-Jas
Railroad Hotel, Xen-S
Ref Ch, Sug
Roman Cath Ch, Xen-X
R Presby Ch, Xen-X
RF (?) Church, Ced-C
S, B, & S W CC
Saw Mill, Ba (2x); Ba-Os;
Mia; Ros; Mia-Cl; Ced
(8x); Xen (5x); BC (8x);
Sug-Bel (4x); Sug (5x);
NJ (5x); CC (5x); Sil (8x)
School House, Ba (3x); Mia
(3x); Ros (4x); Mia-Cl;
Ced (4x); Sug-SV; Xen
(7x); BC (6x); Sug-Bel
(2x); Sug (8x); NJ (4x);
CC (8x); Sil (10x)
Sec Ch, Sug
Shawnee Cottage, Xen
Silvercreek, Steam Flower-
ing Mill, Sil-Jas
Slaughter House, Ba-Fa
Spring Grove Mill, Mia
Spring Valley Hall, Sug-SV
Steam Saw Mill (SSM), Ba;
Mia-Ys; Xen-X; Ros
(2x); Ced-C (2x); BC; Sil
(2x)
Steam Bending Mill, Ced-C
Steam Flouring Mill, Sil-
Jas
Tannery, Mia; Clark Co;
Mia-Cl; Sug (2x); CC
Tan Yard, Ba-Fa (2x)
Tavern, Ced; CC; Sil; Clin-
ton Co
Tawawa Springs, Xen
Tollgate, Ba; Mia; Ced-C;
Xen (2x); Sug-Bel; Sug
(2x); Sil
Toll House, Ba
Township House, CC
U Church, Sil-Jas
Union Church, Ba; BC;
Sug-Bel
Union Female Seminary,
Xen-X
Union School, Sil-Jas
Variety Bending Mills, Ced-
C
Veneer Mills, Sug
WS, Mia; Ros; BC; NJ; CC
(2x); Sil (8x)
Wagon Shop, Ba-Os; Mia-
Cl; Sug-Bel
Ware House, Ba; Ced-C;
Sug-SV; Sug
Water Cure, Mia-Ys
Woodland Cemetery, Xen-X
Woolen Factory, Sug-SV;
Xen; BC; Sil-Jas
Xenia Branch Bank, Xen-X
Xenia Female Academy &
Collegiate Institute,
Inset; Xen-X
Inset; Xen-X
Yellow Springs, Mia-Ys
Yellow Spring House, Mia-
Ys; Special Inset
Yellow Springs Water Cure,
Inset
Zoar Meeting House, CC

ABERCROMBIE

Wid Sug
ACAM
B.C.
ADAMS
C, Ros
G, Sil-Jam
I, H, N.J.
J, Ros; Sil-Jam
J, A, Ros
J, G, Xen-N
M, Ced (2x)
N, C.C.
S, Xen-N
T, Xen-S
ADST
E, Sug (2x)
E, F, Sug
Heirs, C.C.
ALEXANDER
H, A, Mia
J, Xen-S (2x)
J, G, Sug
S, Sil-Jam
W, Sug (4x) Xen-S (2x)
W, J, Sug
Wid, Ced, Sil
ALEY
J, Heirs of, B.C.
ALLEN
B, Sug (2x)
B, E, Sug-Bel
B, F, Sug-Bel (2x)
G, Mia
J, Sug (2x); Xen-N
J, B, Xen-X
ALLISON
J, Xen-N (2x); Xen-X
Jas, res., Inset
ALLSFAUGH
J, Ba-Fa
ALLYLE
D, J, Sil-Jam
ALY
A, B.C. (2x)
ANDERSON
D, Mia-Cl
I, Sug
J, C.C. (2x); Ced; Mia-Cl
(3x); Sug; Clark Co.
J, Sug
T, M, Xen-S
W, Ced; NJ, C.
Wid, Clark Co.
Anderson & Lewis Woolen
Factory, Mia
ANDREW
G, B.C. (2x)
J, Ba; Ced-C (4x)
T, J, D, Sug
ANDREWS
H, Ced
J, C.C.
T, Ced
G, Sug-SV (3x)
Geo, Sug-SV
I, M, Sug-SV (2x)
Wid., Sug-SV
ANDREY
H, Ba
J, S, Xen-X (2x)
S, B.C.
ANKENY
H, B.C. (2x)
J, B.C. (2x)
N, B.C.
S, B.C.
ANSTIN
T, Sug-Bel (2x)
ARMSTRONG
J, Xen-N
W, Ba
ARNETT
T, C.C.C.
ARTHUR
& Jones, Ros
ARY
J, C.C. (2x)
L, N.J.
W, C.C.
ATKIN
J, Xen-N
ATKINSON
I, Ros
L, Ros
U, Ros
AUSTIN
Sug-Bel
J, Sug (2x)
J, Jr, Sug
T, Sug-Bel
& King, Xen-N
BABB
J, S, Xen-S
WS, Mia; Ros; BC; NJ; CC
(2x); Sil (8x)
P, S, C.C.
T, C.C.
BAGDELL
Sug-SV; Sug
Water Cure, Mia-Ys
Heirs, Sil
BAGGETT
J, Ba-Os
BAGGS
J, Ba
BAILIFF
D, Sil
BAKER
B, Xen-X (2x)
I, Mia
J, Sil
J, B, Mia
J, W, Sil-Jam

MG, Mia-Y.S.; Mia

Wid Sug
N, Mia
P, B.C.
W, G, Sil-Jas (2x)
BALES
E, N.J.; Sil
J, C.C. (2x); N.J. (2x)
M, C.C.
S, Sil
BALL
E, Xen-X
BALARD
A, S, Sil-Jas (2x)
H, Ros
J, Ced
L, Ros (2x)
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GREENE COUNTY HISTORY

(FROM HOWE'S HISTORICAL COLLECTION OF OHIO 1849)

Reprint Editor's Note: These pages of Greene County history and sketches from Howe's 1849 edition were thought to be of sufficient interest to include. This history was written six years before the 1855 wall map was published.

GREENE.

GREENE was formed from Hamilton and Ross, May 1st, 1803, and named from Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of the revolution. The soil is generally clayey; the surface on the east is flat and well adapted to grazing, the rest of the county is rolling and productive in wheat and corn. Considerable water power is furnished by the streams. There are some fine limestone quarries, and near Xenia, on Cæsar's creek, is a quarry of beautifully variegated marble. The principal productions are wheat, corn, rye, grass, grass seed, oats, barley, sheep and swine. The following is a list of the townships, in 1840, with their population.

Bath,	1717	Miami,	1230	Sugar Creek,	2379
Beaver Creek,	1762	Ross,	1310	Xenia,	5190
Cæsar's Creek,	1730	Silver Creek,	2435		

The population of Greene, in 1820, was 10,509: in 1830, 15,122; and in 1840, 17,753, or 43 inhabitants to a square mile.

The Shawnee town, "*Old Chillicothe*," was on the Little Miami, in this county, about 3 miles north of the site of Xenia: it was a place of note, and is frequently mentioned in the annals of the early explorations and settlements of the west.

In the year 1773, Capt. Thomas Bullit, of Virginia, one of the first settlers of Kentucky, was proceeding down the Ohio river, with a party, to make surveys and a settlement there, when he stopped and left his companions on the river, and passed through the wilderness to Old Chillicothe, to obtain the consent of the Indians to his intended settlement. He entered the town alone, with a flag of truce, before he was discovered. The Indians, astonished at his boldness flocked around him, when the following dialogue ensued between him and a principal chief.

Indian Chief. What news do you bring? are you from the Long Knife? If you are an ambassador, why did you not send a runner?

Bullit. I have no bad news. The Long Knife and the Red men are at peace, and I have come among my brothers to have a friendly talk with them about settling on the other side of the Ohio.

Indian Chief. Why did you not send a runner?

Bullit. I had no runner swifter than myself, and as I was in haste, I could not wait the return of a runner. If you were hungry and had killed a deer, would you send your squaw to town to tell the news, and wait her return before you would eat?

This reply of Bullit put the bystanders in high humor; they relaxed from their native gravity and laughed heartily. The Indians conducted Bullit into the principal wigwam of the town, and regaled him with venison, after which, he addressed the chief as follows:

Brothers:—I am sent with my people, whom I left on the Ohio, to settle the country on the other side of that river, as low down as the falls. We came from Virginia. I only want the country to settle and to cultivate the soil. There will be no objection to your hunting and trapping in it, as heretofore. I hope you will live with us in friendship.

To this address, the principal chief made the following reply.

Brother:—You have come a hard journey through the woods and the grass. We are pleased to find that your people in settling our country, are not to disturb us in our hunting; for we must hunt to kill meat for our women and children, and to have something to buy powder and lead, and procure blankets and other necessities. We desire you will be strong in discharging your promises towards us, as we are determined to be strong in advising our young men to be kind, friendly and peaceable towards you. Having finished his mission, Capt. Bullit returned to his men, and with them descended the river to the falls.*

Some of this party of Bullit's shortly after laid out the town of Louisville, Kentucky.

The celebrated Daniel Boone was taken prisoner, with 27 others, in Kentucky, in February, 1778, in the war of the revolution, and brought to Old Chillicothe. Through the influence of the British Governor, Hamilton, Boone, with 10 others, was taken from thence to Detroit.

The governor took an especial fancy to Boone, and offered considerable sums for his release, but to no purpose, for the Indians also had taken their fancy, and so great was it that they took him back to Old Chillicothe, adopted him into a family, and fondly caressed him. He mingled with their sports, shot, fished, hunted and swam with them, and had become deeply ingratiated in their favor, when on the 1st of June, they took him to assist them in making salt in the Scioto valley, at the old salt wells, near, or at, we believe, the present town of Jackson, Jackson county. They remained a few days, and when returned to Old Chillicothe, his heart was agonized by the sight of 450 warriors, armed, painted and equipped in all the paraphernalia of savage splendor, ready to start on an expedition against Boonesborough. To avert the cruel blow that was about to fall upon his friends, he alone, on the morning of the 16th of June, escaped from his Indian companions, and arrived in time to foil the plans of the enemy, and not only saved the borough, which he himself had founded, but probably all the frontier parts of Kentucky, from devastation.

Boone told an aged pioneer, yet living,* that when taken prisoner on this occasion, the Indians got out of food, and after having killed and eaten their dogs, were ten days with-

out any other sustenance than that of a decoction made from the oozings of the inner-bark of the white oak, which after drinking, Boone could travel with the best of them. At length, the Indians shot a deer, and boiled its entrails to a jelly, of which they all drank, and it soon acted freely on their bowels. They gave some to Boone, but his stomach refused it. After repeated efforts, they forced him to swallow about half a pint, which he did with wry faces and disagreeable retchings, much to the amusement of the simple savages who laughed heartily. After this medicine had well operated, the Indians told Boone that he might eat; but that if he had done so before, it would have killed him. They then all fell to, and soon made amends for their long fast. At Detroit, he astonished the governor by making gun-powder, he having been shut up in a room with all the materials.

Another early pioneer,* who knew Boone well, says in a communication to us:

It is now (1847) 54 years since I first saw Daniel Boone. He was then about 60 years old, of a medium size, say 5 feet 10 inches, not given to corpulency, retired, unobtrusive, and a man of few words. My acquaintance was made with him in the winter season, and well remember his dress was of tow cloth, and not a woollen garment on his body, unless his stockings were of that material. Home-made was the common wear of the people of Kentucky, at that time: sheep were not yet introduced into the country. I slept four nights in the house of one West, with Boone: there were a number of strangers, and he was constantly occupied in answering questions. He had nothing remarkable in his personal appearance. His son, Capt. N. Boone, now an old man, is serving in the 1st regiment United States Dragoons.

In July, 1779, the year after Boone escaped from Old Chillicothe, Colonel John Bowman, with 160 Kentuckians, marched against the town. The narrative of this expedition is derived from the "*Notes on Kentucky*."

The party rendezvoused at the mouth of the Licking, and at the end of the second night got in sight of the town undiscovered. It was determined to await until daylight in the morning before they would make the attack; but by the imprudence of some of the men, whose curiosity exceeded their judgment, the party was discovered by the Indians before the officers and men had arrived at the several positions assigned them. As soon as the alarm was given, a fire commenced on both sides, and was kept up, while the women and children were seen running from cabin to cabin, in the greatest confusion, and collecting in the most central and strongest. At clear day-light, it was discovered that Bowman's men were from seventy to one hundred yards from the cabins, in which the Indians had collected, and which they appeared determined to defend. Having no other arms than tomahawks and rifles, it was thought imprudent to attempt to storm strong cabins, well defended by expert warriors. In consequence of the warriors collecting in a few cabins contiguous to each other, the remainder of the town was left unprotected, therefore, while a fire was kept up at the port holes, which engaged the attention of those within, fire was set to 30 or 40 cabins, which were consumed, and a considerable quantity of property, consisting of kettles and blankets, were taken from those cabins. In searching the woods near the town, 133 horses were collected.

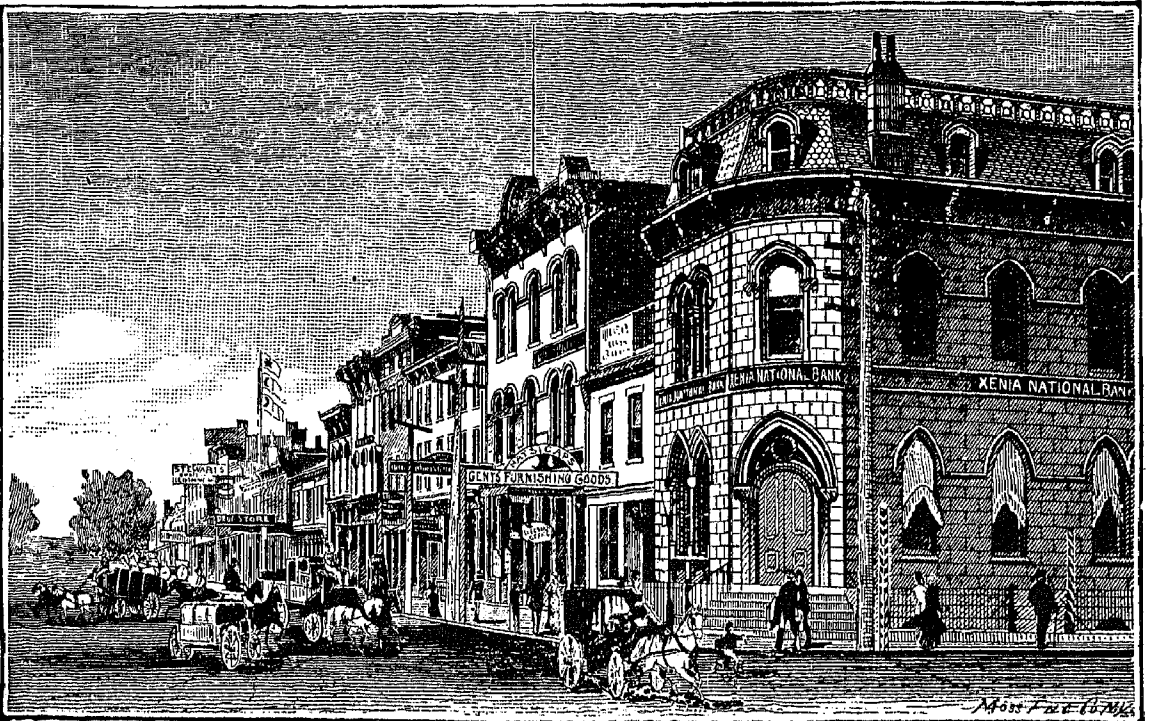
About 10 o'clock, Bowman and his party commenced their march homeward, after having nine men killed. What loss the Indians sustained, was never known, except Blackfish, their principal chief, who was wounded through the knee and died of the wound.† After receiving the wound, Blackfish proposed to surrender, being confident that his wound was dangerous, and believing that there were among the white people surgeons that could cure him, but that none among his own people could do it.

The party had not marched more than eight or ten miles on their return home, before the Indians appeared in considerable force on their rear, and began to press hard upon that quarter. Bowman selected his ground, and formed his men in a square; but the Indians declined a close engagement, only keeping up a scattering fire, it was soon discovered that their object was to retard their march until they could procure reinforcements from the neighboring villages.

As soon as a strong position was taken by Col. Bowman, the Indians retired, and he resumed the line of march, when he was again attacked in the rear. He again formed for battle, and again the Indians retired, and the scene was acted over several times. At length, John Bulger, James Harrod and George Michael Bedinger, with about 100 more mounted on horseback, rushed on the Indian ranks and dispersed them in every direction. After which the Indians abandoned the pursuit. Bowman crossed the Ohio at the mouth of the Little Miami, and after crossing, the men dispersed to their several homes.

* Col. John Johnston.

† This is an error. A late publication gives evidence that he was killed in an excursion into Kentucky, by a white woman.—H. H.



Wm. M. Gatch, Photo., Xenia, 1886.

VIEW IN XENIA.

* Notes on Kentucky.

† Joseph Wood, Esq., of Marietta.

In the summer after this expedition, Gen. Clark invaded the Indian country. On his approach, the Indians reduced Old Chillicothe to ashes.

The article relating to early times in Greene county, is slightly abridged from a communication by Thomas C. Wright, Esq., the county auditor.



First Court House in Greene.

After Abolonyms had been taken from his humble station in life, and made king of Sidonea, it is said he kept a pair of wooden shoes near his throne, to remind him of his former obscurity, and check the pride which power is so apt to engender in the heart of man. The above drawing is deemed worthy of preservation, not only as a memento of early times, and serving as a contrast to the present advanced state of improvement, but on account of the historical associations it raises in the memory of the first judicial proceedings and organization of Greene county.

The house, of which the engraving is a correct representation, is yet standing, $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Xenia, near the Dayton road. It was built by Gen. Benj. Whiteman, a short distance south of the log cabin mill of Owen Davis, on Beaver creek. This mill, the first erected in Greene, was finished in 1798. A short distance east, were erected two block-houses, and it was intended, should danger render it necessary, to connect them by a line of pickets, and include the mill within the stockade. This mill was used by the settlers of "the Dutch Station," some 30 miles distant, in the center of Miami county.

On the 10th of May, 1803, the first court for organizing Greene county, was held in this house, then the residence of Peter Borders. Wm. Maxwell, Benj. Whiteman and James Barret were the associate judges, and John Paul, clerk. The first business of the court was to lay off the county into townships, and after transacting some other business, they adjourned "until court in course," having been in session one day.

The first court for the trial of causes, was held in the same house, on Tuesday, Aug. 2d, 1803, with the same associate judges, and Francis Dunlavy, presiding judge, and Daniel Simms, prosecuting attorney. "And there came a grand jury, to wit: Wm. J. Stewart, foreman, John Willson, Wm. Buckles, Abm. Van Eaton, James Snodgrass, John Judy, Evan Morgan, Robt. Marshall, Alex. C. Armstrong, Joseph C. Vance, Joseph Willson, John Buckhannon, Martin Mendenhall and Harry Martin, who were sworn a grand jury of inquest, for the body of Greene county." After receiving the charge, "they retired out of court;" a circumstance not to be wondered at, as there was but one room in the house. Their place of retirement, or jury room, was a little squat-shaped pole hut, shown on the right of the view.

And now, while their honors, with becoming gravity, are sitting behind a table ready for business, and the grand jury making solemn inquest of crimes committed, the contrast between the state of the county then and at present, naturally presents itself to the mind. Since then, forty-four years ago—a period within the recollection of many of our citizens—and what a change! Then it was almost an entire wilderness—a primeval forest, planted by the hand of nature. The first house in Greene county was built by Daniel Willson, who is now living near Centerville, Montgomery county. It was raised on the 7th day of April, 1796, about 4 miles from where Bellbrook has long since been laid out, in Sugar creek township. In 1798, Thomas Tounsley settled near the falls of Massie's creek, some 8 miles from Xenia. The same year, James Galloway, sen., settled on the Little Miami, 2 miles north of Oldtown. Isaiah and Wm. Garner Sutton erected the first house in Caesar's creek township, in 1799, about 5 miles south of Xenia, near where the Bullsken road crosses Caesar's creek. Caesarsville was laid out by T. Carneal, in 1800, and the first house in it was built the year following. It was expected to become the county seat, but was finally rejected in favor of Xenia. Caesarsville, at the time of this court, contained a few log cabins, and so scattered about, miles apart, the traveller might find one of these primitive dwellings sending up its smoke from a mud and stick chimney among the giants of the forest, each cabin with a little patch of a corn-field, thickly dotted over with girdled trees. A bridle-path, or blazed trees, led the traveller from one to the other. But they were the abodes of contentment, simplicity of manners, whole-hearted hospitality and generosity of soul, which does honor to human nature and gives a charm to existence. We glance at the county as it now appears, teeming with population, in an advanced state of improvement and cultivation—farm contiguous to farm, with large barns—the hewed log-houses which succeeded log-cabins are mostly gone; and in their stead are commodious brick, stone and frame dwellings—flourishing orchards, numerous excellent mills—the whole county intersected with roads in every direction—a railroad running through it, connecting it with the Queen city, and the same connection will soon be with Lake Erie, affording a speedy transportation to market of the immense quantities of produce raised by the farmers. The change is so great that it brings to mind the wonder-working wand of Prospero, which, being waved over a wilderness, had transformed it into a blooming garden. But the magical wand, in this case, was free, white labor, persevering industry and good management.

But to return to the court. From a careful examination of the records and other sources of information, I cannot learn there was any business for the grand jury when they retired. But they were not permitted to remain idle long: the spectators in attendance promptly took the matter into consideration. They, doubtless, thought it a great pity to have a learned court and nothing for it to do: so they set to and cut out employment for their honors

by engaging in divers hard fights at fifty-cuffs, right on the ground. So it seems our pioneers fought for the benefit of the court. At all events, while their honors were waiting to settle differences according to law, they were making up issues and settling them by trial "by combat"—a process by which they avoided the much complained of "laws delay," and incurred no other damages than black eyes and bloody noses, which were regarded as mere trifles, of course. Among the incidents of the day, characteristic of the times, was this: A Mr. —, from Warren county, was in attendance. Owen Davis, the owner of the mill, who, by the way, was a brave Indian fighter, as well as a kind-hearted, obliging man, charged this Warren county man with speculating in pork, alias stealing his neighbor's hogs. The insult was resented—a combat took place forthwith, in which Davis proved victorious. He then went into court, and planting himself in front of the judges, he observed, addressing himself particularly to one of them, "Well, Ben, I've whipped that d—d hog-thief—what's the damage—what's to pay? and thereupon, suiting the action to the word, he drew out his buckskin purse, containing 8 or 10 dollars, and slammed it down on the table—then shaking his fist at the judge, whom he addressed, he continued, "Yes, Ben, and if you'd steal a hog, d—n you, I'd whip you too." He had, doubtless, come to the conclusion, that, as there was a court, the luxury of fighting could not be indulged in gratis, and he was for paying up as he went. Seventeen witnesses were sworn and sent before the grand jury, and nine bills of indictment were found the same day—all for affrays and assaults and batteries committed after the court was organized. To these indictments the parties all pleaded guilty, and were fined—Davis among the rest, who was fined eight dollars for his share in the transactions of the day.

The following is the first entry made on the record after the grand jury retired: "The court then proceeded to examine the several candidates for the surveyor's office, and James Galloway, jun., being well qualified, was appointed surveyor of said county." On the 2d day of the term, Joseph C. Vance (father of ex-Gov. Vance, of Champaign county,) was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for establishing the seat of justice, who, with David Huston and Joseph Willson, his securities, entered into a bond, with a penalty of 1500 dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties. He surveyed and laid out the town of Xenia (which, by the way, is an old French word, signifying a new-year's gift,) the same season, for at the next December term, he was allowed "\$49.25 for laying off the town of Xenia, finding chainmen, making plots and selling lots." On the 3d day of the term, Daniel Symmes was allowed twenty dollars for prosecuting in behalf of the state. The presiding judge then left the court, but it was continued by the associate judges for the transaction of county business. In addition to the duties now pertaining to associate judges, they discharged the duties now performed by the board of county commissioners. Archibald Lowry and Griffith Foos, were each licensed to keep a tavern in the town of Springfield, on the payment of eight dollars for each license. A license was also granted to Peter Borders to keep a tavern at his house, on the payment of four dollars, "together with all legal fees." So our old log-house has the honor of having the first learned court held within its rough walls; and, in addition to that, it was, in fact, the first hotel ever licensed in the county in which hog and hommony, and new corn whiskey could be had in abundance. Perhaps the court was a little interested in granting the license. Like old Jack Fallstaff, they might like "to take their own ease in their own inn." James Galloway, sen., was appointed county treasurer. The court then adjourned, having been in session three days. Napoleon said, it was "but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous." Old Faneuil Hall has the proud boast of being the cradle of liberty; and it may be claimed for our old cabin, that it is the cradle of Greene county—in which it was organized—in which was had the first judicial proceedings—whose walls first resounded with the eloquence of those long-robbed gentlemen, of whom Martial has satirically said, "*Irascit et verba locant.*"

On the 19th day of the same month, (August,) the associate judges held another court for the transaction of county business. They continued to meet and adjourn from day to day, waiting for the lister of taxable property to return his book, until the 22d, when they made an order, that 50 cents should be paid for each wolf killed within the bounds of the county, and "that the largest block-house should be appropriated to the use of a jail;" and Benjamin Whiteman, Esq., was appointed, in behalf of the county, to contract for repairing it—a decisive mark of civilization—and that the rights of *meum* and *tuum* were hereafter to be observed and enforced. Among the allowances, at this term, there was one of 6 dollars to Joseph C. Vance, for carrying the election returns of Sugar creek township to Cincinnati; and a like sum to David Huston, for returning the poll-book of Beaver creek. He afterwards held the office of associate judge 21 years, and twice represented Greene county in the state legislature. He lived the life of an honest man—was beloved and respected by all who knew him. He died in 1843. The clerk and sheriff were allowed 20 dollars each for ex-officio fees, and Jacob Shingledecker, 9 dollars and 50 cents, for preparing the block-house to serve as a jail—a great perversion from the original design of the building, as it was intended, at first, to keep unwelcome visitors out, and ended in keeping unwilling visitors in. It was ordered by the court, that the inhabitants of Mad River township should be exempted from the payment of taxes, or rather, their taxes were reduced two cents on each horse and one cent on each cow. The reason assigned for this favor, was "for erecting public buildings." As we have seen no public buildings yet but the two block-houses, and the one which figures at the head of this communication, the reader would, doubtless, be much surprised that the erection of these should be deemed sufficiently meritorious as, in part, to exempt the inhabitants from the payment of taxes. But these public buildings were situated in Cincinnati. We apprehend that but few of our citizens are aware of the fact, that the first settlers in this county contributed to the erection of public buildings in Cincinnati—the old stone court-house, we suppose, which was burnt down while used as barracks in time of the last war, and the hewed log jail which stood on the north side of the public square.

The first supreme court was held in the same house, on the 25th day of October, 1803, by their honors Samuel Huntington and Wm. Spriggs, judges; William Maxwell, sheriff, John Paul, clerk, and Arthur St. Clair, Esq., of Cincinnati, prosecuting attorney. Richard Thomas was admitted an attorney and counsellor at law. Nothing more was done, and the court adjourned the same day.

At the November term of the court of common pleas, the first thing was to arraign Thomas Davis, a justice of the peace, for misconduct in office. He pleaded guilty, was fined one dollar, and ordered, in the language of the record, "to stand committed until performance." But what the misconduct was for which he was fined, the record sayeth not; neither is it known whether he raised the dollar, or was made familiar with the inside of the block-house. On the first day of this term, the Rev. Robert Armstrong received a license to solemnize the rites of matrimony. He and the Rev. Andrew Fulton were sent by the general associate synod of Scotland, as missionaries to Kentucky, and arrived at Maysville in 1798; but, not liking the institution of slavery, Mr. Fulton went to the neighborhood where South Hanover now is, Indiana, and Mr. Armstrong came to Greene county Ohio. This was the commencement of the Seceder denomination in this county. From this small beginning, it has become the most numerous, perhaps, of any other in the county. They form a large portion of an orderly, law-abiding and industrious population—strict in observing the Sabbath and in the discharge of their religious duties, and correct in more conduct. They are mostly farmers, in independent circumstances. Mr. Armstrong was

small man, of vast learning, with the simplicity, in some things, of a child. An anecdote is told of his being at a log-rolling, assisting to carry a log, and having but a few inches of handspike, the weight of it rested mostly on him. The person with whom he was lifting, seeing his situation, said, "stop, Mr. Armstrong—let me give you more handspike." "No," said the rev. gentleman, "no more stick for me; I have already as much as I can carry." He was universally esteemed and respected. He died in 1818. He brought a very large library of books with him, and was very liberal in lending them. To this circumstance, perhaps, may be attributed the fact, that more books have been sold and read in this county than in any other of the same population in the state.

At this term, in the case of Wm. Orr vs. Peter Borders, leave was given to amend the declaration, on payment of costs—an indication that some attention began to be paid to special pleading. The first civil case that was tried by a jury, was that of Wallingsford vs. Vandolah. A verdict was rendered for the plaintiff of 24 cents, upon which "he paid the jury and constables fees."

At the December term of the common pleas, four cases of assault and battery were tried by jury, which took up the first day. The day following, this entry was made: William Chipman vs. Henry Storm, "judgment confessed for *one cent* damages and costs." But such is the imperfect manner in which the records were kept, that it is impossible to ascertain what the subject matter of the controversy was in which such heavy damages were admitted. The court decided, that the fee paid to the states' attorney, at the August term, was illegal, and should be refunded. This was the result of "the sober second thoughts" of the court about that twenty dollar fee, for which the attorney came from Cincinnati, more than 50 miles, through the woods, and drew nine bills of indictment and attended to the cases. At this term, Andrew Read, an early settler near where the beautiful village of Fairfield now is, took his seat on the bench as associate judge, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of William Maxwell to the office of sheriff. The first view and survey of a new road route was granted at this term. It was to commence at Springfield, pass the Yellow spring and intersect the Pinkney road near Isaac Morgan's. Wm. Maxwell, Lewis Davis, and Thomas Tounsley were appointed viewers, and James Galloway, jun., surveyor. So our fellow-citizen, Maj. Galloway, was the first county surveyor, surveyed the first road by order of the court, and afterwards made a map of the county, in its present metes and bounds, showing all the surveys and sections of the land, with their divisions and subdivisions into tracts. Tavern licenses were granted to Thomas Fream, William Moore, and James M'Pherson, to keep taverns in their houses for one year, and so ended the term.

The June term of 1804, was the last court ever held in the old log house. It was composed of the same judges, clerk and sheriff, with Arthur St. Clair, Esq., of Cincinnati, prosecuting attorney. The writer of this has been informed, he wore a cocked hat and a sword. William M'Farland was foreman of the grand jury. A singular incident took place at the opening of this court. There was a shelf in one corner, consisting of a board on two pins inserted in the wall, containing a few books, among which counsellor St. Clair searched for a bible, on which to swear the jury. At length he took down a volume, and observed, with his peculiar lisp, "Well, gentlemen, here is a book which looks *this* like a testament." The foreman of the grand jury was accordingly sworn upon it—but the book, which so much resembled a testament in external appearance, turned out, in fact, to be an odd volume of *The Arabian Nights Entertainment!!* From this mistake, or some unknown cause, the practice of swearing on the Evangelists, has gone entirely out of use in this county, being substituted by swearing with the uplifted hand, or affirming. The grand jury found several bills of indictment, and were discharged the same day.

In proportion as cases of assault and battery begin to decrease, a sprinkling of civil suits make their appearance on the docket. Fourteen cases were called the first day, and all continued, except one, in which judgment was confessed, and stay of execution granted until next term. The entry of continuance was in this form: A. B. vs. C. D. E. F. and G. H. pledges for the defendant in the sum \$——. This form was observed in all cases, the amount being more or less, according to the subject matter in controversy. On Wednesday of this term, Joseph Tatman produced his commission as associate judge, and took the oath of office. He afterwards, in 1816, in company with Samuel and William Casad, laid out the town of Fairfield, not far from the site of an old Indian town, named Piqua, at which Gen. George R. Clark defeated the Indians, in 1780. On this day, 22 cases were called: 11 continued, 2 settled, 1 judgment, 5 ruled for plea in 40 days, one in 10 days, 1 discontinued and 1 abated by death. This was certainly a pretty fair beginning, and quite encouraging to the learned profession.

The total amount of taxable property returned by the "listers," was \$393.04, and this levy included houses and mills, if any. As to houses, there was but one returned, and that was valued for taxation at *one dollar!* Considering the sparseness of population, and small amount of property in the county, the proportion of litigation was greater then, than at this time, 1847, when the total amount of taxable property is \$6,583,673. So much of a change in 43 years. They fought less and lawed more. In newly settled counties, there appears to be a peculiar fondness among the people for lawsuits. After a court has been organized in a new county, they still continue to settle their difficulties by combat, until fines become troublesome. The court then becomes the arena in which their contentions and quarrels are carried and finally disposed of. If one cannot afford the fine or imprisonment which would be incurred, by taking personal satisfaction, he can bring a suit, if any cause of action can be found, and no matter how small the amount claimed, or frivolous the matter, if he can only cast his adversary and throw him in the costs, he is as much gratified as if he had made him halloo "enough—take him off." It is this spirit which gives rise to so many trifling and vexatious law suits.

And now we take leave of our primitive dwelling house, court house and tavern. It is still standing, and occupied as a residence. While our drawing was being taken, an old-fashioned long-handled frying-pan was over the fire—its spacious bottom well paved with rashers of ham, sending forth a savory odor, enough to make a hungry persons' mouth water. What scenes it has witnessed—what memories it recalls. It has witnessed the organization of the county—the first administration of law and justice—the first exercise of the right of suffrage through the ballot-box, and the first legal punishment of criminals. Near it the first corn was ground into meal for the use of the settlers, and here they rallied to build block-houses to protect them from the hostile attacks of the Indians. As a tavern many a weary traveller, through the tall and lonely forest, has been sheltered and refreshed beneath its humble roof. How many buckeye lads and lasses have been reared within its walls—for

"Buirly chiefls and clever hizzies
Are bred in sic a way as this is!"

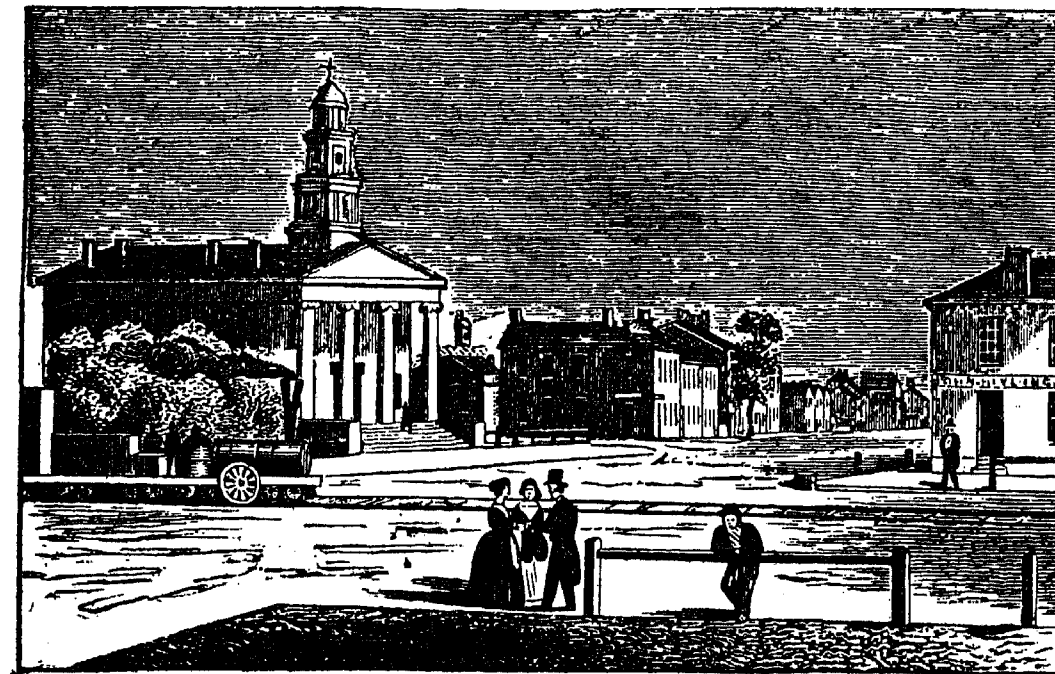
How many jovial dances have been had on its puncheon floor. While we may suppose some lame or lazy fellow seated on a stool in a corner, prepared with an awl or Barlow knife, to extract splinters from the heels of the dancers, as fast as the sets were over. How many courtships have been carried on during the long winter nights—the old folks asleep, and the young lovers comfortably toasting their shins over the decaying embers—happy in present love, and indulging in bright anticipations of housekeeping in a cabin.

Long mayest thou stand, old relic, as a memento of pioneer life, primitive simplicity and

good old-fashioned honesty, to remind the rising generation of the hardships and privations our pioneer fathers encountered, in first settling the county, and to show by this humble beginning, compared with the present state of improvement, how much honest labor, pains-taking industry and thrifty management can accomplish.

Xenia, the county seat, is on the Little Miami railroad, 64 miles north of Cincinnati, and 61 from Columbus. It is a handsome, flourishing and well-built town, with broad streets, and some fine stores and elegant dwellings. The engraving represents a part of the principal street: the court house, shown on the left, is the most elegant, as yet built, in Ohio.

Xenia was laid off in the forest, in the autumn of 1803, by Joseph C. Vance, on the land of John Paul, who gave the ground bounded by Main, Market, Detroit and Greene streets, for the public buildings. The first cabin was erected in April, 1804, by John Marshall, in the southwest corner of the town. The first good hewed log house was erected for the Rev. James Towler, of the Methodist persuasion, from Petersburg, Va.: it is still standing, and is now the hatter's shop, a short distance west of the old bank. David A. Sanders built the first frame house, on the spot occupied by the new bank: it is yet standing, on Main street, in Gowdy's addition.



View in Xenia.

The first supreme court was held Oct. 3d, 1804. The grand jury held their deliberations under a sugar tree, in the rear of the present residence of James Gowdy.

The first court of common pleas in Xenia, was on the 15th of November, 1804, and was held by the associate judges. A license was granted to "William A. Beatty, to keep a tavern in the town of Xenia for one year, on the payment of \$8.00!" This was the first tavern ever licensed in the place. It was a double hewed log house, two stories high, and was in progress of erection at the same time with Fowler's house. It stood on the south side of Main street, opposite the public square, on the spot where there now is a two story brick house, occupied as a drug store. In the west room, above stairs, the court was held. The first election in the place was held in this house. It continued to be a tavern until after the last war with Great Britain, and, until Mr. James Collier built his brick tavern on Detroit street, was the *grand hotel* of the place. In a corner of the west room, there was an old-fashioned bar—the upper part enclosed with upright slats of wood, with a little wicket, through which the grog was handed out in half pint glass cruets. In time of the war, the recruiting officers put up at this house; and here might be seen the recruiting sergeant rattling dollars on a drum's head, and calling for half pints, appealing to the patriotism of the bystanders, tempting them with ginging dollars, and adding thereto the potency of whiskey, to enlist recruits for the army. Court continued to be held in this house for the years 1804 and 1805, and until a new court house was built.

In 1804, the building of the first jail was let to Amos Darough; it was received from the contractor in October. It stood on ground now covered by the new court house, and was constructed of hewed logs. It was burnt down the year following; and in April, 1806, a new jail was accepted from William A. Beatty. It stood on the site of the present market house—was a rough log building; two stories high, with a cabin roof, and was burnt down in time of the war with England. The building of the first court house was let on the 8th day of April, 1806, to William Kendall, who was allowed six dollars for clearing the timber from the public square. The house was built of brick, 40 feet square and 28 feet high, with a cupola in the center of the roof, 10 feet in diameter and 15 feet high. It was finished, and on the 14th day of August, 1809, accepted.

On the 6th of April, 1806, "a license was granted to James Gowdy, for retailing merchandise, on his complying with the law!" He opened his goods in a log house, with a mud and stick chimney, which stood on Greene street, at the north end of where Mr. John Ewing's store now is. He was the first merchant in the place.

The first punishment for crime was in 1806. The person was convicted for stealing leather, to half-sole a pair of shoes. There was a sugar tree on the public square, which served as a whipping-post. He was tied up to the tree, and underwent the sentence of the court, which was to receive *one stripe* on his bare back, which was inflicted by James Collier. The sugar tree served as a whipping-post for the last time on the 8th of October, 1808. A man was convicted for stealing a shovel-plow and clevis, and the sentence was that he should receive eight lashes on his bare back, "and stand committed until performance." He drank a pint of whiskey just before hugging the tree, though it did not prevent him from halloing lustily, while receiving the eight stripes.*

Xenia contains 1 German Lutheran, 1 Methodist Episcopal, 1 Methodist Protestant, 1 Seceder, 1 Associate Reformed and 1 Bap-

tist church, beside 2 churches for colored persons—two church edifices are erecting, one by the Presbyterian and the other by the Associate Reformed denomination—17 mercantile stores, 1 foundry, 2 newspaper printing offices, 1 bank, a classical academy in fine repute, and in 1840, had 1414 inhabitants, and in 1847, about 2800.

JOSIAH HUNT resided in this county in the time of the last war with Great Britain. He was a stout, well-formed, heavy-set man, capable of enduring great hardships and privations, and was then a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. There was a tone of candor and sincerity, as well as modesty, in his manner of relating the thrilling scenes in which he had been an actor, which left no doubt of their truth in the minds of those who heard him. He was one of Wayne's legion, and was in the battle of the Fallen Timber, on the 20th of August, 1794.

At the commencement of the onset, just after entering the fallen timber, Hunt was rushing on, and about to spring over a fallen tree, when he was fired at by an Indian, concealed behind it. The latter was compelled to fire in such haste that he missed his aim. It was, however, a close shave, for the bullet whizzed through the lock of his right temple, causing that ear to ring for an hour after. The Indian's body was entirely naked from the waist up, with a red stripe painted up and down his back. As soon as he fired, he took to his heels. Hunt aimed at the center of the red stripe, the Indian running zig-zag "like the worm of a fence." When he fired the Indian bounded up and fell forward. He had fought his last battle.

He was an excellent hunter. In the winter of 1793, while the army lay at Greenville, he was employed to supply the officers with game, and in consequence was exempted from garrison duty. The sentinels had orders to permit him to leave and enter the fort whenever he chose. The Indians made a practice of climbing trees in the vicinity of the fort, the better to watch the garrison. If a person was seen to go out, notice was taken of the direction he went, his path ambushed and his scalp secured. To avoid this danger, Hunt always left the fort in the darkness of night, for said he, "when once I had got into the woods without their knowledge, I had as good a chance as they." He was accustomed, on leaving the fort, to proceed some distance in the direction he intended to hunt the next day, and bivauck for the night. To keep from freezing to death, it was necessary to have a fire; but to show a light in the enemy's country, was to invite certain destruction. To avoid this danger he dug a hole in the ground with his tomahawk, about the size and depth of a hat crown. Having prepared it properly, he procured some "roth," meaning thick white oak bark, from a dead tree, which will retain a strong heat when covered with its ashes. Kindling a fire from flint and steel at the bottom of his "coal pit," as he termed it, the bark was severed into strips and placed in layers crosswise, until the pit was full. After it was sufficiently ignited, it was covered over with dirt, with the exception of two air holes in the margin, which could be opened or closed at pleasure. Spreading down a layer of bark or brush to keep him off the cold ground, he set down with the "coal pit" between his legs, enveloped himself in his blanket, and slept cat-dozes in an upright position. If his fire became too much smothered, he would freshen it up by blowing into one of the air holes. He declared he could make himself sweat whenever he chose. The snapping of a dry twig was sufficient to awaken him, when uncovering his head, he keenly scrutinized in the darkness and gloom around—his right hand on his trusty rifle "ready for the mischance of the hour." A person now, in full security from danger, enjoying the comforts and refinements of civilized life, can scarcely bring his mind to realize his situation, or do justice to the powers of bodily endurance, firmness of nerve, self-reliance and courage, manifested by him that winter. A lone man in a dreary interminable forest, swarming with enemies, blood-thirsty, crafty and of horrid barbarity, without a friend or human being to afford him the least aid, in the depth of winter, the freezing winds moaning through the bare and leafless branches of the tall trees, while the dismal howling of a pack of wolves—

"Cruel as death, and hungry as the grave;
Burning for blood, bony, gaunt and grim,"

might be heard in the distance, mingled with the howlings of the wintry winds, were well calculated to create a lonely sensation about the heart and appal any common spirit. There would he sit, nodding in his blanket, undistinguishable in the darkness from an old stump, enduring the rigor of winter, keeping himself from freezing, yet showing no fire,—calm, ready and prompt to engage in mortal combat, with whatever enemy might assail, whether Indian, bear or panther. At day-light he commenced hunting, proceeding slowly and with extreme caution, looking for game and watching for Indians at the same time. When he found a deer, previously to shooting it, he put a bullet in his mouth, ready for reloading his gun with all possible dispatch, which he did before moving from the spot, casting searching glances in every direction for Indians. Cautiously approaching the deer, after he had shot it, he dragged it to a tree and commenced the process of skinning with his back towards the tree, and his rifle leaning against it, in reach of his right hand. And so with his rear protected by the tree, he would skin a short time, then straighten up and scan in every direction, to see if the report of his rifle had brought an Indian in his vicinity, then apply himself to skinning again. If he heard a stick break, or any—the slightest noise indicating the proximity of animal life, he clutched his rifle instantly, and was on the alert prepared for any emergency. Having skinned and cut up the animal, the four-quarters were packed in the hide, which was so arranged as to be slung to his back like a knapsack, with which he wended his way to the fort. If the deer was killed far from the garrison, he only brought in the fore-quarters. One day he got within gun-shot of three Indians unperceived by them. He was on a ridge and they in a hollow. He took aim at the foremost one, and waited some time for a chance for two to range against each other, intending, if they got in that position, to shoot two and take his chance with the other in single combat. But they continued marching in Indian file, and though he could have killed either of them, the other two would have made the odds against him too great, so he let them pass unmolested. Amidst all the danger to which he was constantly exposed, he passed unharmed.

Owing to the constant and powerful exercise of the faculties, his ability to hear and discriminate sounds was wonderfully increased, and the perceptive faculties much enlarged. He made \$70 that winter by hunting, over and above his pay as a soldier.

At the treaty at Greenville, in 1795, the Indians seemed to consider Hunt as the next greatest man to Wayne himself. They inquired for him, got round him, and were loud and earnest in their praises and compliments: "Great man, Capt. Hunt—great warrior—good

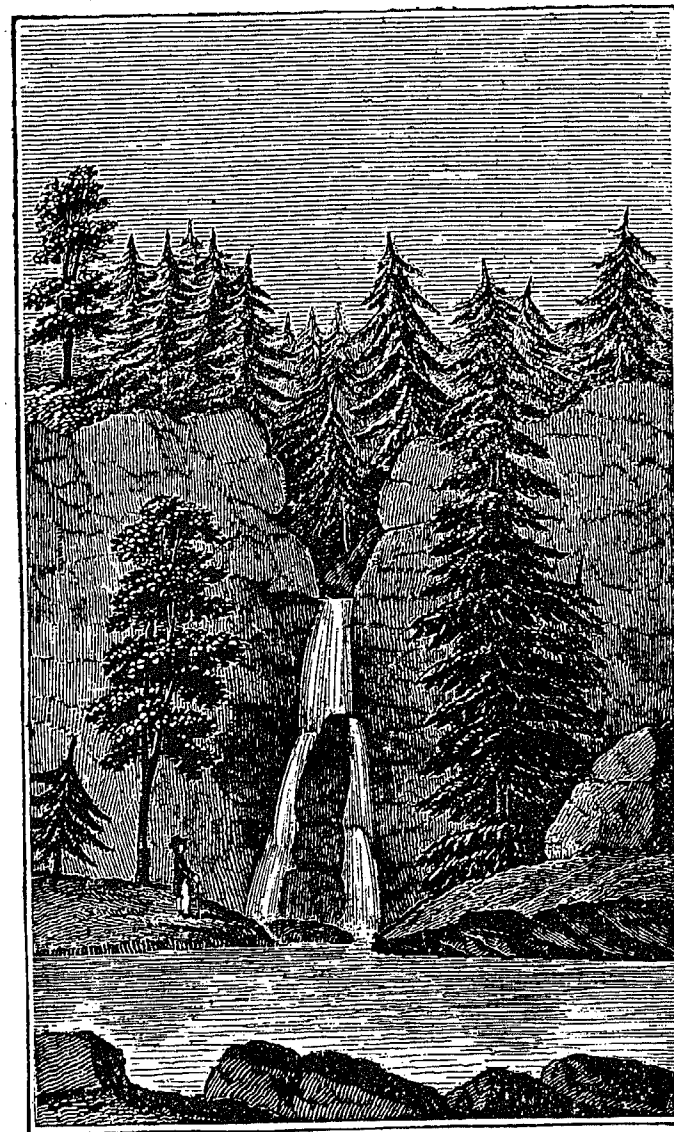
hunting man; Indian no can kill!" They informed him that some of their bravest and most cunning warriors, had often set out expressly to kill him. They knew how he made his secret camp-fires, the ingenuity of which excited their admiration. The parties in quest of him had often seen him—could describe the dress he wore, and his cap, which was made of a raccoon's skin with the tail hanging down behind, the front turned up and ornamented with three brass rings. The scalp of such a great hunter and warrior they considered to be an invaluable trophy. Yet they never could catch him off his guard—never get within shooting distance, without being discovered and exposed to his death-dealing rifle.

Many years ago he went to Indiana, nor has the writer* of this ever heard from him since, nor is it known among his old friends here, whether he is living.

Nine miles north of Xenia, on the Little Miami river and railroad, are the Yellow Springs. It has been fitted up as a place of fashionable resort. The improvements, consisting of a hotel and numerous cottages, are in a picturesque situation. "The springs are strongly impregnated with sulphur and possess medicinal qualities, deemed equal in utility to any in the United States." The Duke of Saxe Weimer says in his Travels:

The spring originates in a limestone rock, the water has a little taste of iron, and deposits a great quantity of ochre, from which it takes its name. The spring is said to give 110 gallons of water per minute, which is received in a basin surrounded with cedar trees. The yellow stream which comes from the basin, runs a short distance over a bed of limestone and is afterwards precipitated into the valley. These limestone rocks form very singular figures on the edge of this valley; the detached pieces resemble the Devil's Wall of the Hartz.

Clifton is a flourishing manufacturing village, 10 miles north of Xenia, on the Little Miami, and contains 2 churches, 3 stores, 1 cotton and woollen factory, 1 paper, 1 grist and 1 saw mill, and over 300 inhabitants. The name originated from the cliffs which bound the river at this place. The



Cascade at Clifton.

stream commences running through a deep ravine at the eastern extremity of the village, and after circling around the town, leaves it on the southwest. For more than two miles it runs through a deep and narrow gorge, bounded by perpendicular and impending rocks, overhung by evergreens, and presenting scenery of a wild and picturesque character. In this distance the stream is estimated, in an ordinary stage of water, to afford sufficient power for one hundred and five pair of burr stones. The mills and factories above mentioned are upon it, and the woollen and cotton factory is built in the ravine and extends completely across it. The view given, was taken a short distance below this building, and shows a little water-fall on the northern wall of the bounding cliffs, at that point about 50 feet high.

Fairfield, 12 miles northwest of Xenia, on the Dayton and Springfield turnpike, is a smart business place, in a rich country. It contains 4 churches, 5 stores and about 400 inhabitants. Bellbrook, 9 southwest of Xenia, has 3 stores, 4 churches and about 350 inhabitants. Jamestown, 11 east of Xenia, on the Dayton, Xenia and Washington turnpike, has 8 stores, 3 churches and 50 dwellings. Spring Valley, 7 southwest of Xenia, is a small manufacturing village, at which is a woollen factory, 1 oil, 1 grist and 1 carding mill.

Cedarville, on Massie's creek, 8 miles from Xenia, has 3 stores and churches, and about 300 inhabitants. Burlington and Paintersville are small places. On Massie's creek, 7 miles northeast of Xenia,* an ancient stone fort and a mound.

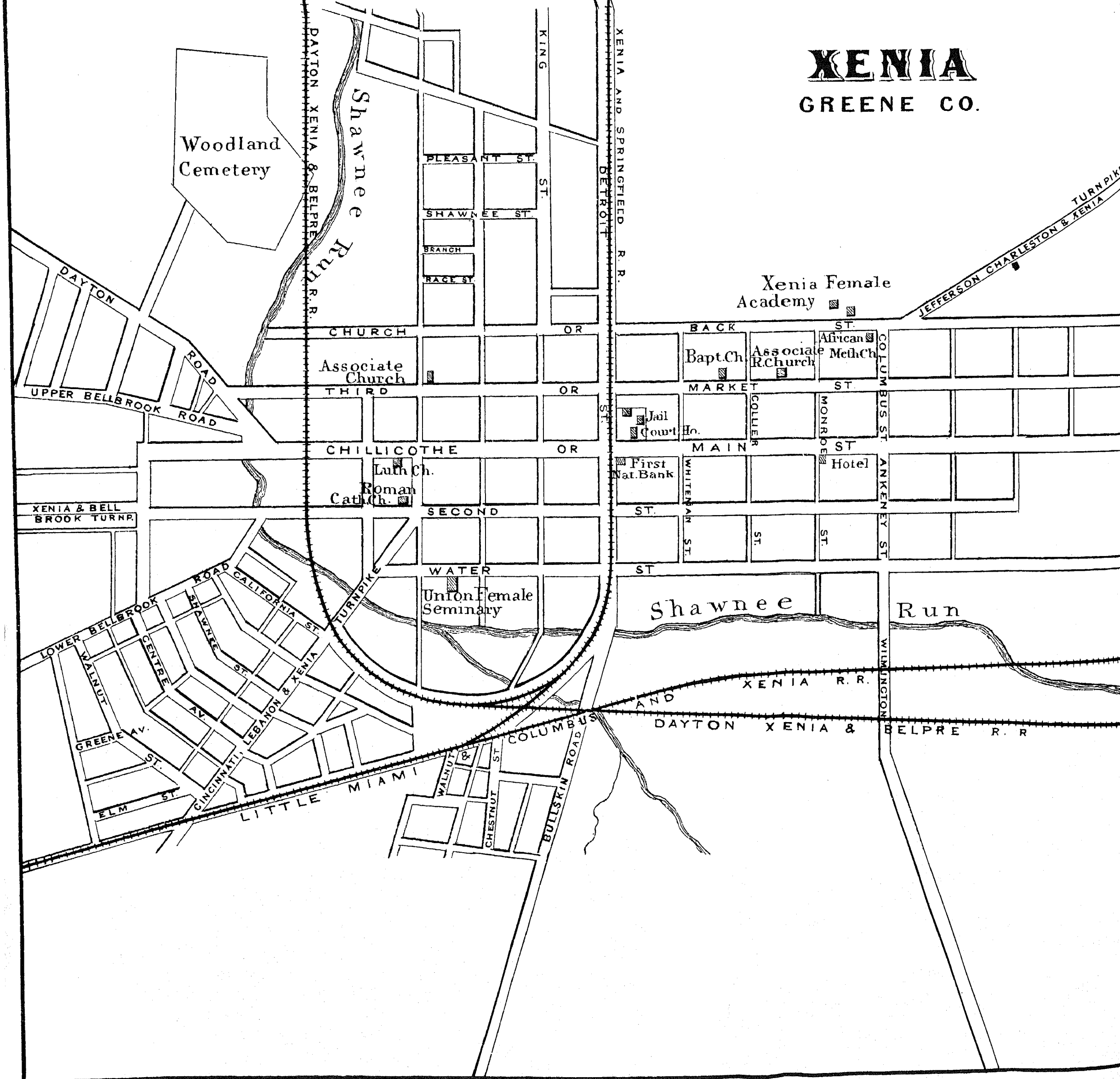
* Thomas Coke Wright.

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This is a detailed topographical map of the Cedarville, Ohio area. The map features a grid system with letters (A-Z) and numbers (1-36) for location reference. Key geographical features include the Ohio River flowing through the center, and several major roads such as U.S. Route 40, U.S. Route 22, and U.S. Route 12. Towns and communities shown include Cincinnati, Xenia, Springfield, and Cedarville. The map also depicts various smaller towns like Harrisonville, Fairfield, and Bellbrook. The terrain is indicated by contour lines and shading, showing a mix of hilly and flatter areas. The map is oriented with North at the top.

Xenia, as published
in Walling's
1868 Ohio Atlas.

XENIA
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Greene County as Described in the Following Gazetteers and Sources

The original copy has been re-set since the original sources varied in size and legibility.

Scott and Wright's

1833 Ohio Gazetteer

GREENE, an interior county, bounded on the north by Clark, east by Fayette, south by Clinton and Warren, and west by Montgomery counties. It is 18 by 24 miles in extent, containing 400 square miles. It is divided into the eight townships of Bath, Beaver Creek, Sugar creek, Silver creek, Ross, Miami, Caesar's creek and Xenia. It also contains the six villages or towns of Xenia, the county seat, Fairfield, Bellbrook, Jamestown, Milford, and Winchester. Beside Mad river, the streams in Greene county are the Little Miami, Caesar's creek, Beaver, and Massie's creeks, and Anderson's creek, and are in magnitude, in the order they are mentioned; beside other smaller streams, namely: Little Beaver, Glad y, Shawnee, Old Town, and Yellow Spring runs, all of which have water works of several descriptions on them; such as grist mills, saw mills, fulling mills, carding, spinning and nail factories; and most of which machines and mills have a supply of water through the year. The county abounds with springs of excellent water, and is considered generally very healthy. All the before mentioned streams, excepting Mad river, run into the Little Miami. In 1830, this county contained 15,084 inhabitants.

XENIA, a post town and seat of justice for Greene County, situated on Shawnee creek, three miles east from the Little Miami. It contains several stores, 919 inhabitants, two houses for public worship in the town, and one within sight of it, two built of brick and one of stone — one associate or secession, one methodist and associate reformed, and a brick academy. The court house, commissioners' and clerk's offices, are of brick, and the jail is of stone. The houses lately built and now building, are principally of brick and stone. Distance, 32 miles southwardly from Urbana, and 56 southwestwardly from Columbus. N. lat. 49 degree, 44 min. W. lon. 6 deg. 55 min.

BELLBROOK, a post town so called in Sugar creek township, Greene county, eight miles southwest from Xenia, and 65 southwest from Columbus. Pop. in 1830, 189.

FAIRFIELD, a pleasant post town, in Bath township, Greene county. It is situated on the northwestern margin of an extensive plain, on the south-eastern side of Mad river. It contains two taverns, one of which is a three story building, two stores, about 30 dwelling houses, and about 150 inhabitants. It was laid out in 1815. Distance 11 miles northwest from Xenia, 11 northeast from Dayton, 9 westerly from the Yellow Springs, 13 southwest from Springfield, and 56 in the same direction from Columbus. N. lat. 49 deg. 50 min. W. lon. 7 deg.

JAMESTOWN, a small post town or village in Silver creek township, Greene county, containing one store. Distance, 9 miles southeasterly from Xenia, and 63 southwest from Columbus. In 1830, it contained 101 inhabitants.

MILFORD, not described.

WINCHESTER, a small town on Anderson's creek; in Caesar's creek township in Greene county, 7 miles from Xenia.

YELLOW SPRINGS, situated in Greene county, nine miles north from Xenia, and 52 southwest of Columbus, near the source of the Little Miami river, are a curiosity, and are said to possess considerably strong medicinal qualities. Here is also kept a post office, and a well furnished hotel, which has become a place of fashion-

able resort during the summer season.

BATH, a township in the northwest corner of Greene county. At the census of 1830, it contained 1534 inhabitants.

BEAVER, a township of Greene county. Population at the census of 1830, 1505.

CAESARS CREEK, a township of Greene county, through which Caesar's creek, a considerable stream, passes. At the census of 1830, it contained 1,812 inhabitants.

MIAMI, a township of Greene county. Population in 1830, 782.

ROSS, a post township of Greene county, 44 miles southwest of Columbus on the road from thence to Cincinnati. It contained 1,256 inhabitants at the last census.

SILVER CREEK, a township of Greene county, in which is laid out the village of Jamestown. Population at the last census, 1719.

SUGAR CREEK, a township of Greene county, containing 2,339 inhabitants at the last census. In it is situated the village of Bellbrook.

XENIA, a large and populous township in Greene county. It contains a population of 4127. The town of Xenia is in this township.

From William Chapin's 1839 U.S. Gazetteer

GREEN (sic) **COUNTY**, near the SW part of Ohio, watered by Little Miami, Mad rs. and other streams — a well cultivated agricultural co. Pop. 1830, 15,082. Xenia, ct. Pop. 1830, 14,800.

XENIA, t. and c.t. Green co. 0. 57 m. from Columbus. A place of considerable trade. Pop. of the t. and v. 1830, 4,127. The village contains 2 churches, and about 1,100 inhabitants.

BELLBROOK, v. Green co. O. Contains about 220 inhabitants.

CLIFTON, v. Green co. O. on the falls of Lit. Miami r. affording a fine water power for mills and manufactories. Dist. 47 m. from Columbus. Pop. about 350.

FAIRFIELD, v. Green co. O. contains about 400 inhabitants, and pleasantly situated.

JAMESTOWN, v. Green co. O. a small v. of about 220 inhabitants.

OLDTOWN, v. Green co. O.

YELLOW SPRINGS, p.o. and watering place, Green co. 0. 9 m. N. of Xenia.

Townships:

BATH, t. Green co. O.

BEAVER CREEK, t. Green co. O.

CAESARS CREEK, t. Green co. Pop. 1830, 1,812.

MIAMI, t. Greene co. O.

ROSS, t. Greene co. O. Pop. 1830, 1,256

SILVER CREEK, t. Greene co. O. Pop. 1830, 1,719.

SUGAR CREEK, t. Greene co. O. Pop. 1830, 2,339

Lippincott's

1855 World Gazetteer

GREENE, a county in the S. W. part of Ohio, has an area of 432 square miles. It is intersected by Mad and Little Miami Rivers, and also drained by Caesar's and Massey's Creeks. The soil is clayey, and very productive. Good limestone is abundant, and a quarry of variegated marble has been opened near Xenia. It is intersected by the Dayton and Springfield Railroad, and four other railroads terminate at Xenia, the capital of the county, connecting it with Cincinnati, Columbus, etc. Pop. 21,946.

XENIA, a handsome and flourishing town of Xenia township, capital of Greene co., Ohio, on the Little Miami Railroad, 65 miles NE of Cincinnati,

and 61 miles WSW of Columbus. The town is regularly planned and well built, and contains many handsome residences. The courthouse is one of the finest buildings of its class in the state. The surrounding country has an undulating surface and a fertile soil, and is liberally supplied with water power, and with excellent limestone. Xenia has an active trade, and the prosperity of the place has been much augmented by the construction of railroads in various directions. Besides the line above named, the following railroads connect at this place: the Columbus and Xenia; the Lebanon and Xenia; and the Delaware and Xenia; the last two being unfinished. The Dayton Xenia and Belpre Railroad will connect it with Dayton and Chillicothe. It contains several churches, one bank, and two newspaper offices. Pop. of the township in 1850, 7055; of the village in 1853, estimated at 3500.

ALPHA, a post-office of Greene co., Ohio.

BELLBROOK, a post village of Greene co., Ohio, 70 miles WSW of Columbus, contains several churches and stores. Pop. near 350.

BOWERSVILLE, a small post village in the SE part of Greene co., Ohio.

BYRON, a small post village of Greene co., Ohio.

CEDARVILLE, a post village of Greene co., Ohio, on the Columbus and Xenia Railroad, 53 miles WSW of Columbus, has several churches, and about 300 inhabitants.

CLAYSVILLE, a village of Greene co., Ohio, on the Little Miami Railroad, 10 miles from Xenia, the county seat.

CLIFTON, a post village of Greene co., Ohio, on the Little Miami River, 75 miles NE of Cincinnati. The water power of the river propels a cotton and a woolen factory, a paper mill, and grist mill. Pop. about 300.

CLIO, a post-office of Greene co., Ohio.

FAIRFIELD, a thriving post village in Bath township, Greene co., Ohio, on the Dayton and Springfield Railroad, 64 miles NNE of Cincinnati. It contains 4 churches, 1 academy, and over 400 inhabitants.

GRAPE GROVE, a post-office of Green co., Ohio

JAMESTOWN, a post village of Greene co., Ohio, on the Xenia and Washington Turnpike, 64 miles WSW of Columbus. It contains three churches and several mills.

KNEISLEY, a post office of Greene co., Ohio.

NEW JASPER, a post office of Greene co., Ohio.

OSBORN, a station on the Sandusky and Dayton Railroad, 10 miles from Dayton (*no county shown*)

PAINTERSVILLE, a post village of Greene co., Ohio.

SPRING VALLEY, a thriving post village of Greene co., Ohio, on the Little Miami Railroad 58 miles NE of Cincinnati. It has 1 woolen factory and a carding mill. Pop. in 1853, about 400.

YELLOW SPRINGS, a flourishing post village in Miami township, Greene co., Ohio, on the Little Miami Railroad, about midway between Xenia and Springfield, being 9 miles from either, and 74 miles NNE of Cincinnati. lat. 49 degrees 45 N, long. 84 degrees 15 W. It is celebrated for the beauty of its scenery, the healthfulness of its climate and the medicinal and restorative character of the waters from which it takes its name. It contains three churches, viz. Methodist, Presbyterian, and Christian; 10 stores, including two book-stores; two hotels, three school houses, and Antioch College, a flourishing institution incorporated in 1852. In some particulars of its aim and

scope, this college differs from most of the higher literary institutions of the country. It recognizes the claims of the female sex to equal opportunities of education with the male, and these opportunities it designs to confer. Its founders believe that labors and expenditures for the higher education of men will tend indirectly to elevate the character of women; but they are certain that all wise efforts for the improved education of women will speed the elevation of the whole human family. The president of the institution is the Hon. Horace Mann, LL.D. It has 9 professors, besides other instructors. During the first two terms of the collegiate year 1854-5, it was attended by 397 students; of whom 238 were males and 141 females. The library numbers 2000 volumes and is constantly increasing.

The college edifices consist of one main building, a large and handsome structure, and two dormitory buildings. The former is in the form of a cross, 170 feet long and 110 feet wide, designed for chapel, library, lecture room, laboratory, recitation rooms etc. The two dormitory buildings stand back from the main building about 70 feet, one on the N, the other on the S side, the distance between the two being about 350 feet. Their dimensions are 39 feet by 160 feet and four stories high. They are situated in a beautiful enclosure, 20 acres in extent, and are surrounded by a street 75 feet in width. Adjoining the college plat on the E is a highly romantic and picturesque ravine, affording all the scenic variety of overhanging cliffs, waterfalls, isolated rocks, numerous gushing springs, deeply embowered amid climbing vines and clustering evergreens, threaded with varied walks, inviting the pedestrian by their cooling shade and graceful bowers. Yellow Spring is situated about half a mile NE of Antioch College. It discharges from a crevice in a limestone rock, above 100 gallons of water per minute. A large and well regulated water cure establishment has been opened from half to three quarters of a mile southward of the spring. Valuable limestone quarries are worked in the vicinity. The population has doubled in the past 18 months, being in 1855 about 1500.

ZIMMERMAN, a post-office of Greene co., Ohio.

BATH, a township in Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 1,647.

BEAVER CREEK, a township in Greene co., Ohio, about 10 miles W.N.W. of Xenia. Pop. 7,055.

CAESAR'S CREEK, a post-township in the S. part of Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 1,870.

CEDARVILLE, not listed.

MIAMI, a township of Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 1,865.

NEW JASPER, not listed.

ROSS, a township of Greene co., Ohio, intersected by the Columbus and Xenia Railroad. Pop. 1,367.

SILVER CREEK, a township forming the S. E. extremity of Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 2,565.

SUGAR CREEK, a township of Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 3,082.

XENIA, see town of Xenia

McCurdy's

1876 U.S. Gazetteer

GREENE, co. in Ohio, S. W. central part. Area, 430 sq. mls. Pop. 28,038; in 1860, 26,197. It is intersected by the Mad and Little Miami rs. The surface is rolling; the soil very fertile. It is intersected by the Little Miami, Columbus and Xenia R.R., Dayton and Xenia R.R., and the Springfield Branch of the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati R.R. Xenia is the co. seat. Agr. productions in

1870: Wheat, 643,980 bush; rye, 10,674 bush; Indian corn 1,527,647 bush; oats, 152,747 bush; Irish pot's, 83,270 bush; sweet pot's 3,237 bush; butter, 370,179 lbs.; hay, 14,283 tons. Cash value of farms, \$14,868,341. Total, estimated value of all farm productions including additions to stock, etc., \$2,877,165. Value of manufactures, \$2,017,936.

XENIA, city in Xenia township, Greene co., Ohio, and the county seat. On Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis RR, at S. terminus of Springfield Branch of Little Miami RR and E. terminus of Dayton and Xenia RR 61 miles SW of Columbus and 65 NNE of Cincinnati. Has an active trade with rich surroundings and center of general manufacturing interests. Pop. 6,377; in 1860, 3,850. Two newspapers.

ALPHA, p.v. in Green co., Ohio, on the Dayton & Xenia R. R., 5 mls. W. of Xenia.

BELLBROOK, p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, 4½ miles NW of Spring Valley, on the Little Miami RR. Pop. 369.

BOWERSVILLE, p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, 8 miles N. of Reesville on the Cincinnati and Zanesville RR. Pop. 193.

BYRON, p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, 5 mls. W. of Yellow Springs.

CEDARVILLE, p.v. in Cedarville township on the Little Miami R.R. 8 miles NE of Xenia. Pop. 753.

CLIFTON, p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, on the Little Miami R., 3 mls. E. of Yellow Springs. Pop., 253.

FAIRFIELD, p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, 1½ miles SW of Osborn, pop. 397.

GRAPE GROVE, p.o. in Greene co., Ohio.

JAMESTOWN, a p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, 11 miles E of Xenia. An agricultural town. Pop. 532.

NEW JASPER, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 1,084. New Jasper, P.O. in above tn.

OSBORN, p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, on the Atlantic and Great Western RR and the Cincinnati Sandusky and Cleveland RR 25 miles from Urbana. Pop. 639.

PAINTERSVILLE, p.o. in Greene co., Ohio

SPRING VALLEY, p.v. in Spring Valley township, Greene co., Oh., on the Little Miami RR 6¾ miles SW of Xenia. Pop. 290.

YELLOW SPRINGS, p.v. in Greene co., Ohio, on the Springfield Branch of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis RR, 10 miles N. of Xenia. It has medicinal springs of great value, is the seat of Antioch College and is surrounded by a rich agricultural district, abounding in pleasant and picturesque scenery. Pop. 1,435.

ZIMMERMAN, p.o. in the v. of Hawker's in Greene Co., Ohio, on the Dayton & Xenia R.R., midway between Dayton and Xenia

BATH, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 2,684.

BEAVER CREEK, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 2,289.

CAESARS CREEK, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 1,114.

CEDARVILLE, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 2,361.

JEFFERSON, not listed.

MIAMI, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 2,748.

NEW JASPER, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 1,084.

ROSS, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop. 1,076.

SILVER CREEK, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 1,701.

SPRING VALLEY, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 1,555.

SUGAR CREEK, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 1,482.

XENIA, tn. in Greene co., Ohio. Pop., 8,631.

Evolution of Greene County Boundaries

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Illustrates the Boundary Changes that Affected Greene County

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Greene County

- May 1, 1803 — Erected and organized.
- March 1, 1805 — Diminished by formation of Champaign.
- March 1, 1818 — Diminished by formation of Clark.
- February 25, 1819 — Greene-Clark boundary altered.



Ohio County Boundary Lines in 1803.

Greene — May 1, 1803.

All of Hamilton and Ross — beginning at the south-east corner of Montgomery County; east to Ross County line and the same course continued 8 miles into the said County of Ross; north to the state line; westwardly to the east line of Montgomery County; south to the beginning. *Acts of Ohio*, I, p. 11. Passed March 24, 1803.



Ohio County Boundary Lines in 1806.

Champaign — March 1, 1805.

Parts of Greene and Franklin — beginning where the range line, between R 8 and 9, between the Great and Little Miamis, intersects the east boundary of Greene, and to continue 6 miles into the County of Franklin; north to the state line; west with said line until it intersects the said east boundary of Montgomery; to the place of beginning. *Acts of Ohio*, III, pp. 285-286. Passed February 20, 1805.



Ohio County Boundary Lines in 1812.

Clark — March 1, 1818.

All of Champaign, Madison and Greene, beginning on the line between Miami and Champaign on north boundary of 5th tier of sections in R 10, between Sections 35 and 36; east to line between United States Land and the Virginia Military Land; eastwardly to line of Madison; southwardly to point on line of Madison 6 miles north of southeast corner of Champaign; diagonally so as to intersect the south line of Champaign 2 miles west of southeast corner of said county; west with line of Champaign 1 mile; south 5½ miles into Madison; west to line of Greene; west 5 miles in Greene; north one-half mile; west to line between townships 4 and 5, R 8, of the survey between the Miami Rivers; north to line between Sections 3 and 4; west to line of T 3; north to sectional line between 4th and 5th tier of sections in R 8; then westwardly to east line of Montgomery; north to southwest corner of Champaign; north with line between Champaign and Miami line to place of beginning. *Acts of Ohio*, XVI, pp. 33-36. Passed December 26, 1817.

That part of the south line of Clark, beginning at a point five miles west of Greene County line, and one-half mile north, "thence west to line between townships 4 and 5, range 8, in survey between the Miami Rivers" cannot be drawn, as such a line west would go to the south of the southern end of said line between the townships 4 and 5. This had to be rectified by the act of February 25, 1819.



Ohio County Boundary Lines in 1818.



Ohio County Boundary Lines in 1820.

CHANGES

Clark-Greene Line Changed — February 25, 1819.

Whereas, by act of December 26, 1817, the line between Greene and Clark will not run to those points, therefore, line shall run from Greene County line where it first strikes said county line; west 5 miles in Greene; north one-half mile; west so as to strike the line between T 4 and 5 on the north side of Little Miami in R 8; north with said township line to line between Sections 3 and 4; west with said sectional line to line of third township; north to sectional line between 4th and 5th tier of sections in said range; westwardly with said line to east boundary of Montgomery. *Acts of Ohio*, XVII, pp. 60-61. Passed February 25, 1819.

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