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On the National Register of Historic Sites, The Riley Home was built in 1896 by Calvin Riley. The Riley Family has played an important role in the history of Ohio.

Calvin Riley's grandfather Captain James Riley, mariner and author, surveyed Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana of the Old Northwest Territory, 1819-1823. Captain Riley also platted Willshire in 1822, and settled there. He was elected as State Representative to the Ohio Legislature in 1823. He later returned to the mariner's life at sea.

Calvin Riley's father James Watson Riley, not only surveyed Ohio with the Captain, but also platted Celina, with three others, in 1834. James W. Riley served as Clerk of Courts of Mercer County, 1821-1841; in 1843 he was elected to the Ohio Legislature.

Calvin Riley served as President of Commercial Bank Company of Celina at the turn of the century. Calvin's son Ashley, his grandson Roscoe, and his great-grandson David have also served as President of this Bank, which became Citizens Commercial Bank and Trust Company. Calvin's son James Zura Riley, a hardware merchant, participated in the Yukon Gold Rush, 1898-1900. Calvin's son Robert Riley was a physician and druggist. Calvin's son Calvin Willshire Riley was a farmer. Calvin's daughter was Grace, whose son Parker Snyder placed Captain Riley's maritime records in the Museum.

James Zura Riley and family lived in the Riley Home; his daughter Lena Riley lived her life there, until 1974. In 1975 The Riley Home became The Mercer County Historical Museum.

PASSPORT TO HISTORY



PREFACE

Director Joyce L. Alig

THE PASSPORT TO HISTORY SERIES is a Passport to Mercer County's past, with the reader as the guest traveler of the Mercer County Historical Society.

BOOK III, Passport to History Series MERCER COUNTY'S CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS is celebrating the *THE RILEY HOME CENTENNIAL, 1896-1996*.

"Seeking Centennial Sites for those too busy to hunt" is the sub-title for **BOOK III**, which is an historical reference for those in quest of identifying Centennial Buildings. The Village Plat Maps from the 1888 and 1900 Mercer County Atlases mark the homes and buildings. Therefore, if a home is on the 1888 Village Map, the home is over 108 years old in 1996; if on the 1900 Village Map, a home is over 96 years old in 1996.

MERCER COUNTY CENTENNIAL HOME REGISTER is preserved at the Mercer County Historical Museum, The Riley Home, 130 East Market, Celina, Ohio. Those who qualify for this honor may enter their family home in this *HISTORIC REGISTER*.

BOOK III, Passport to History Series MERCER COUNTY CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS, takes the reader around the neighborhood, downtown, to other villages, and home. . . to Mercer County's rich cultural past.

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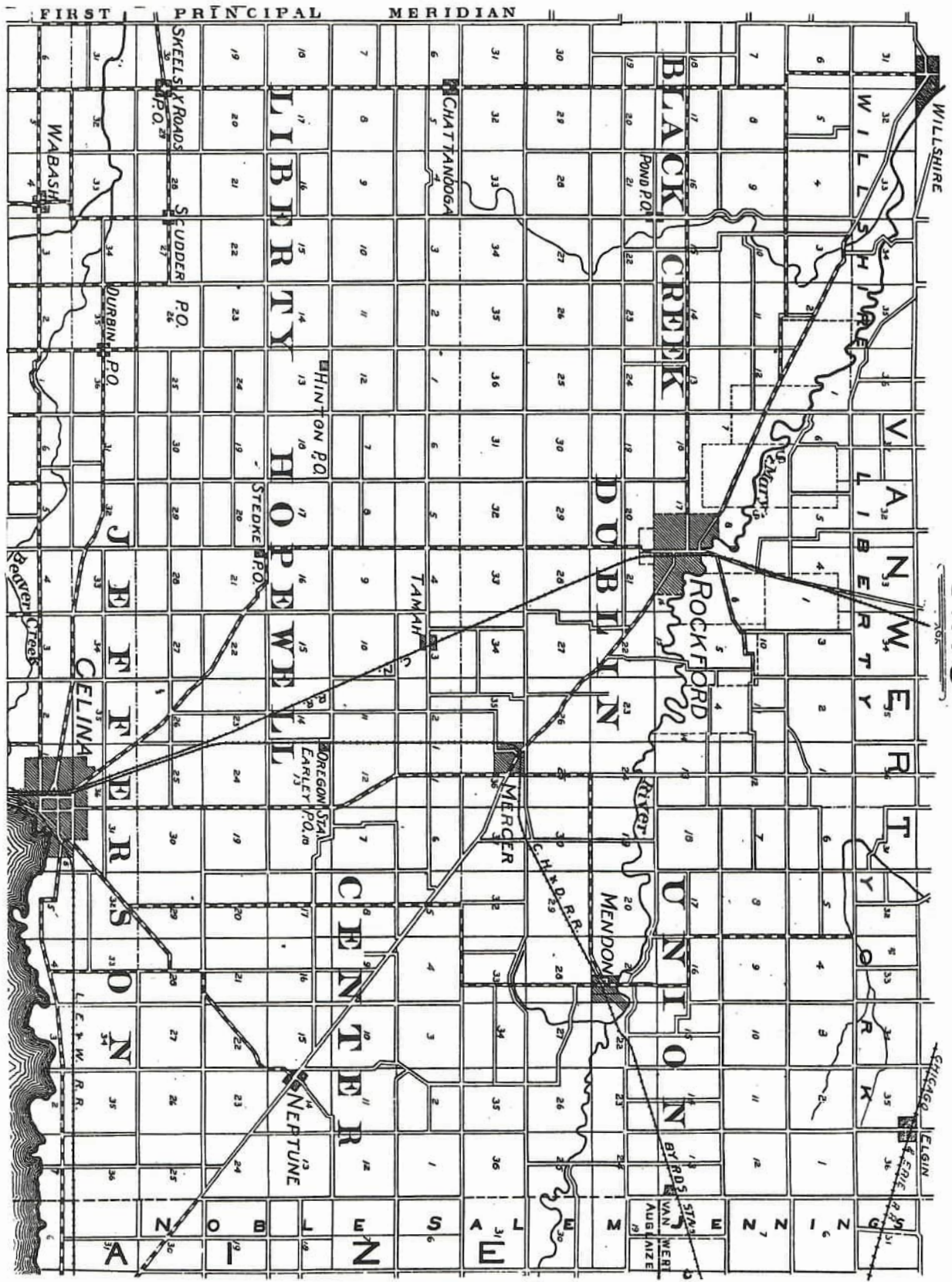
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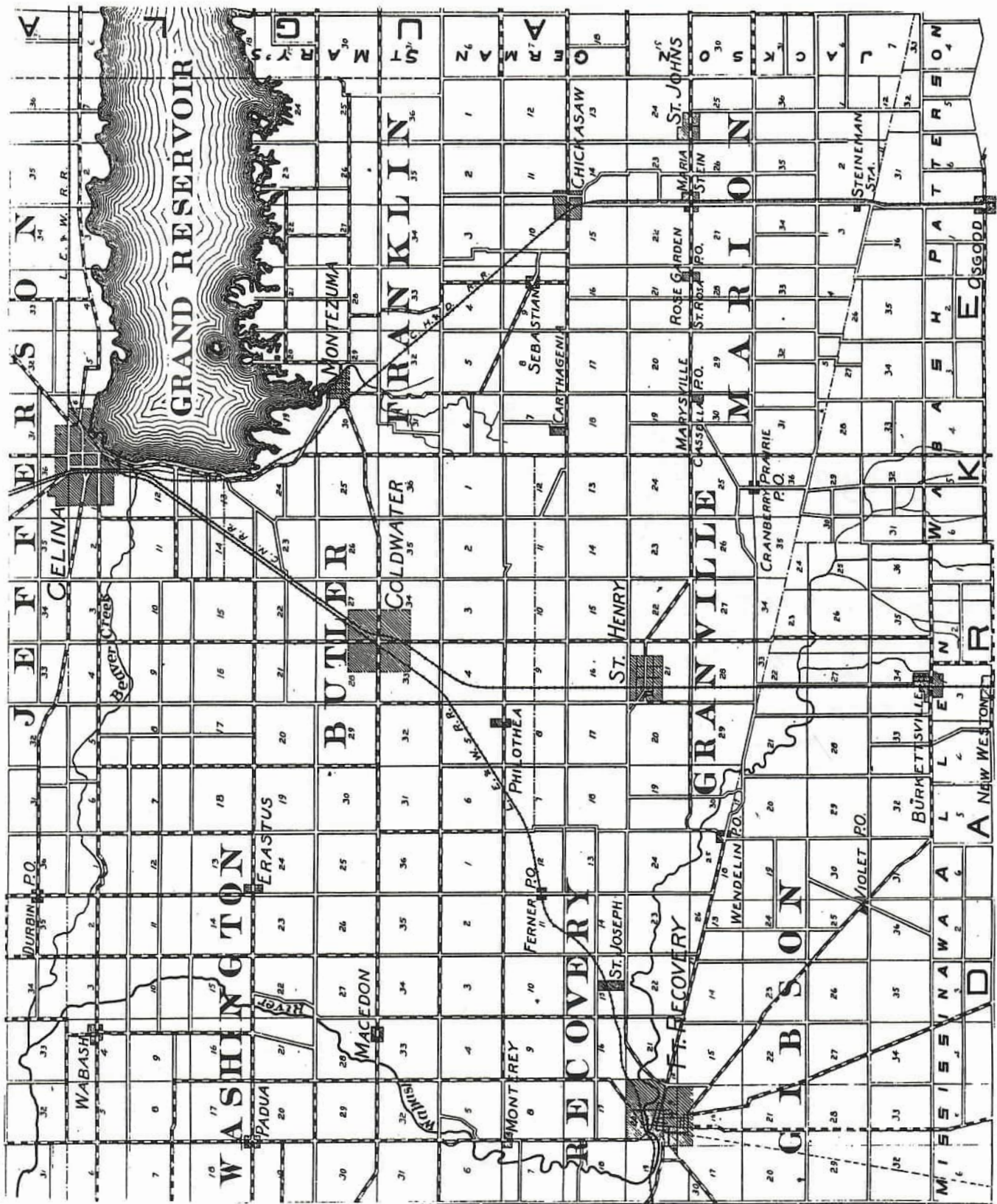
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OHIO

1900





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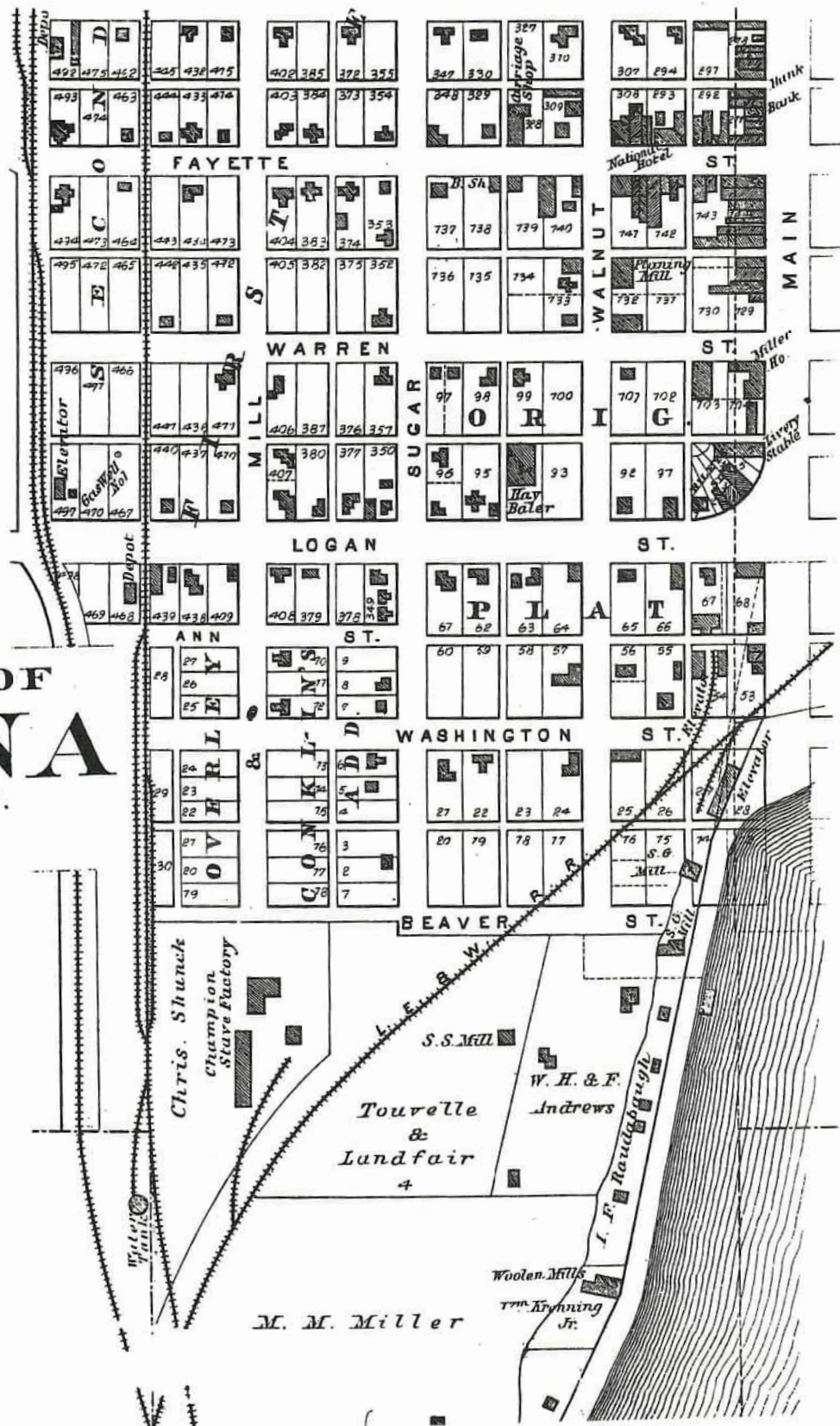
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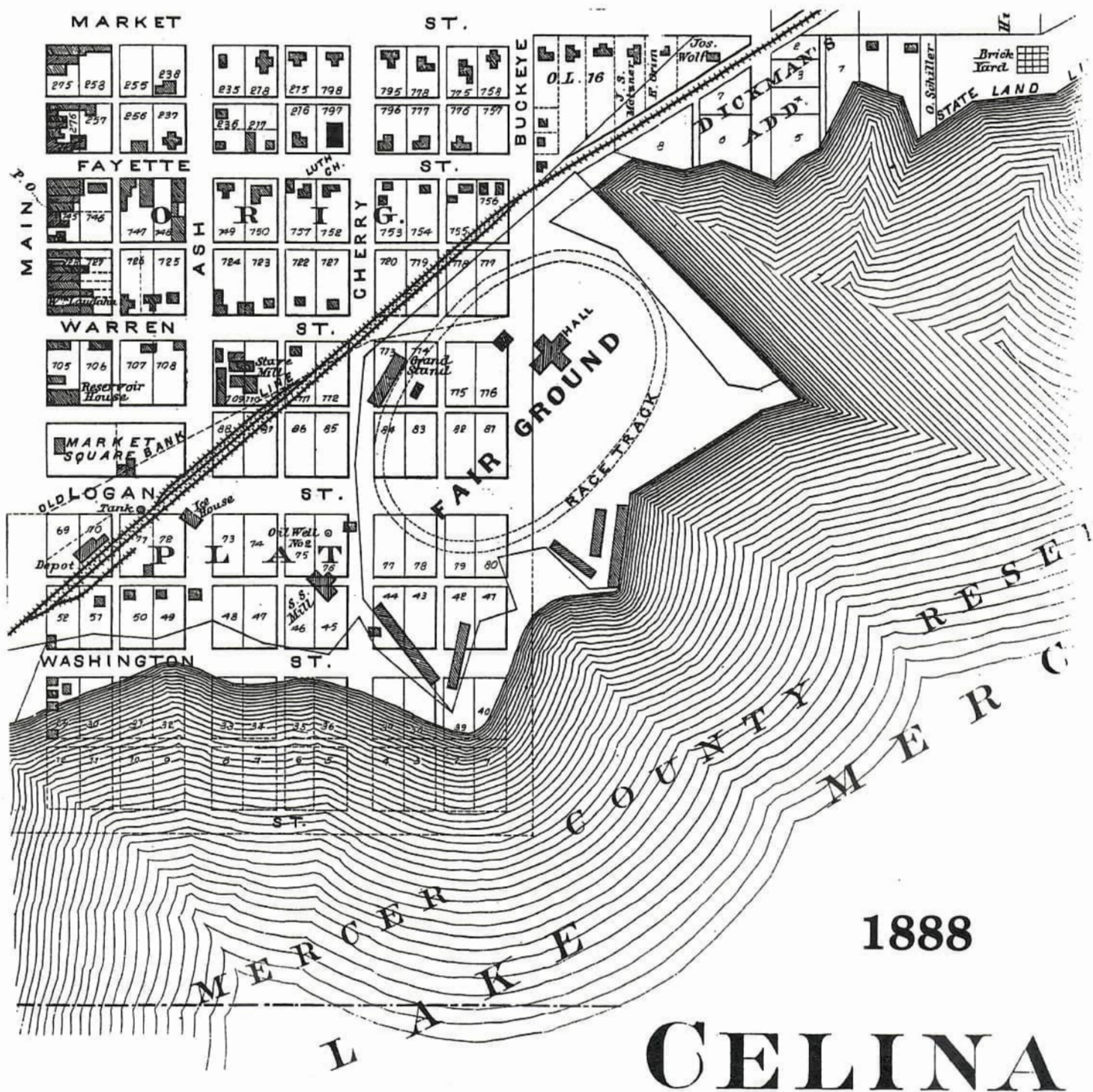
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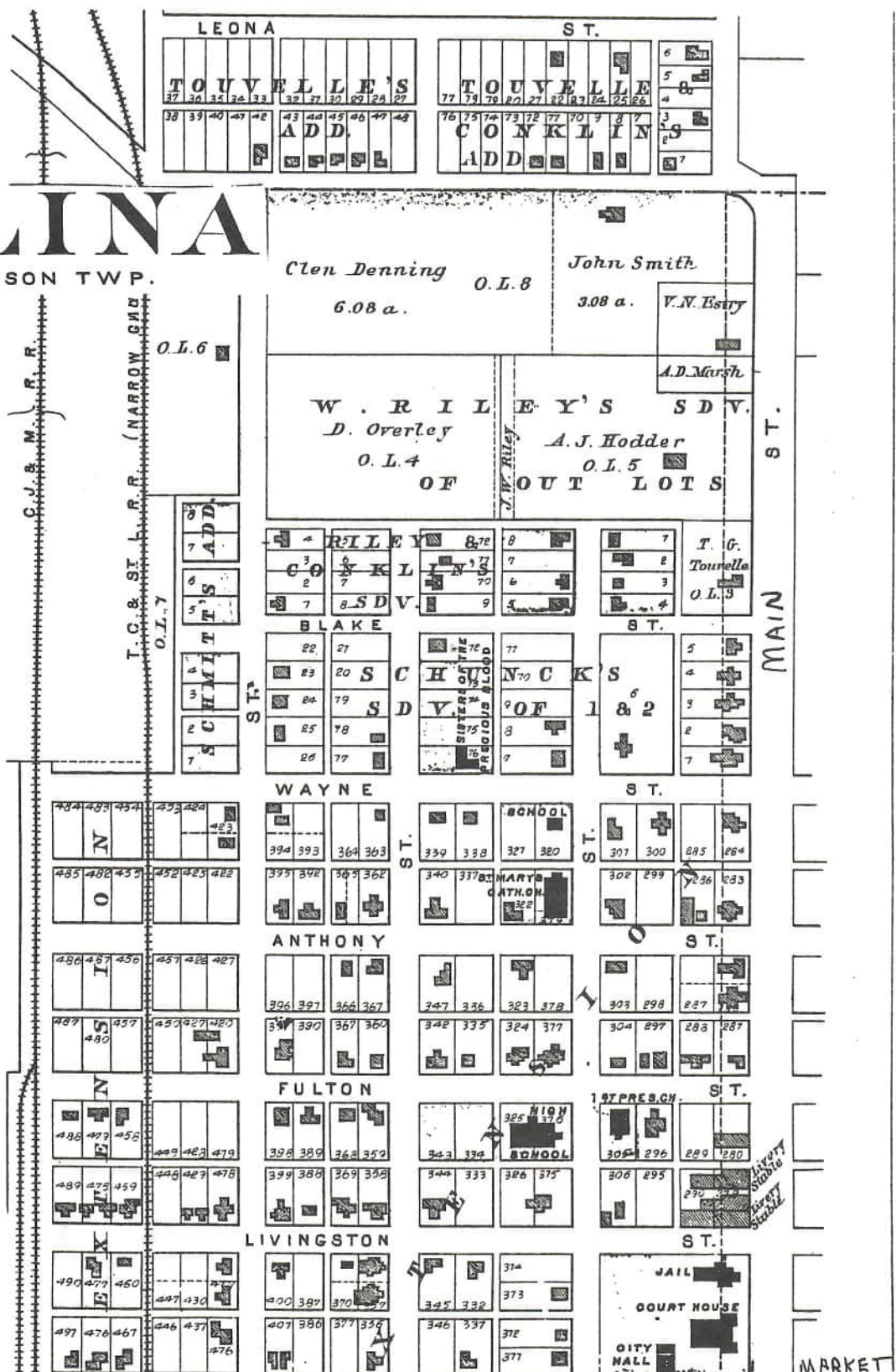
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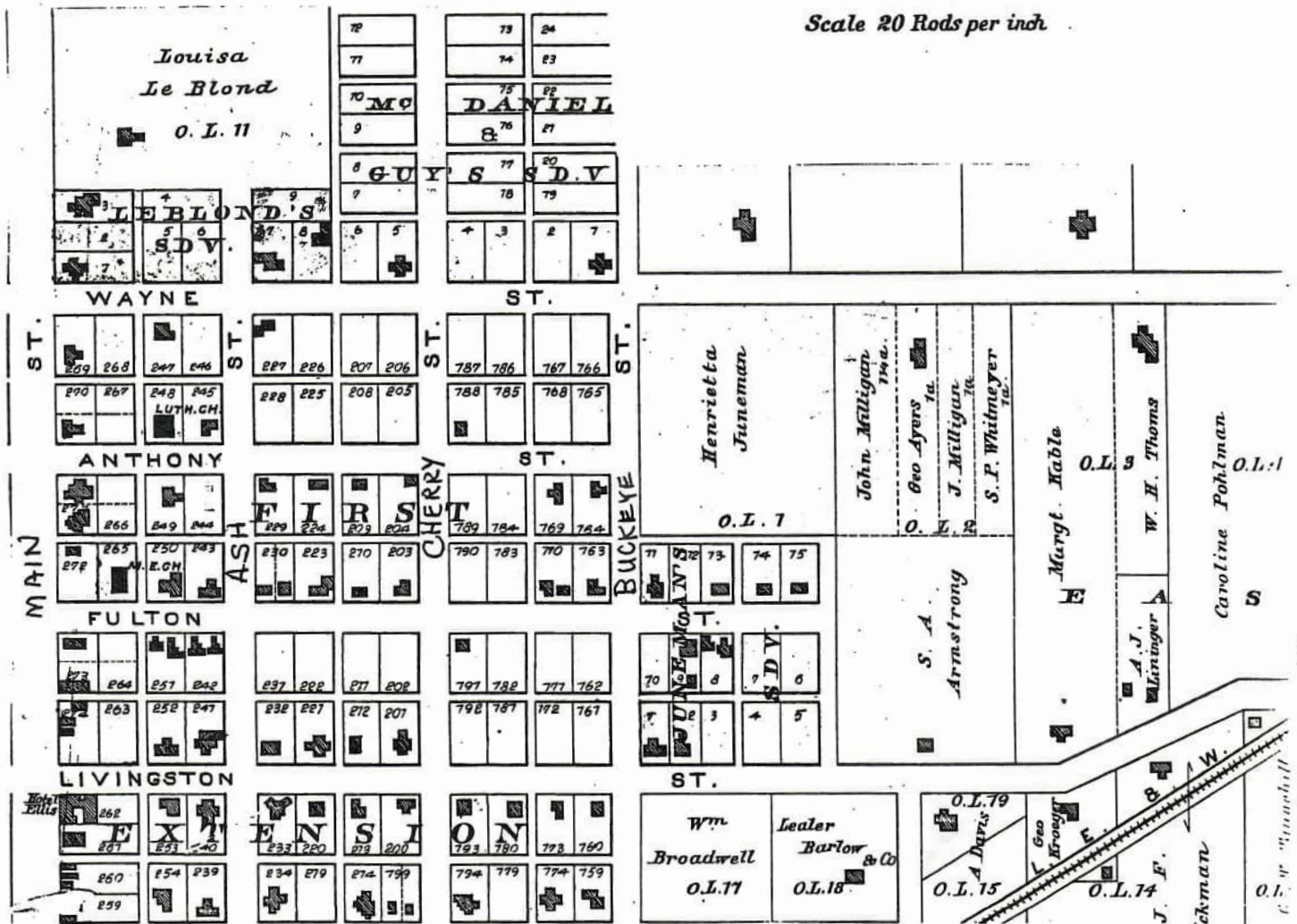
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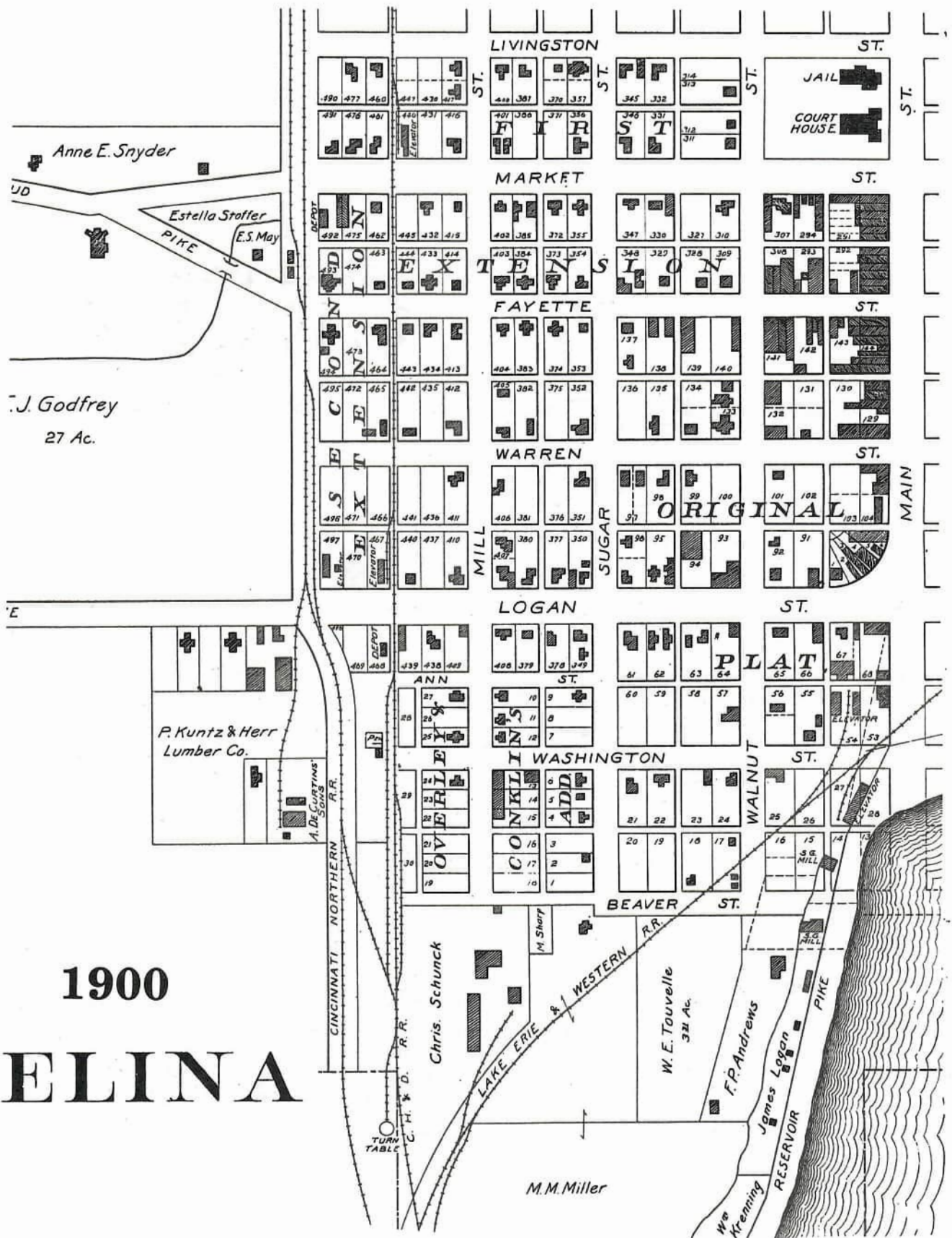
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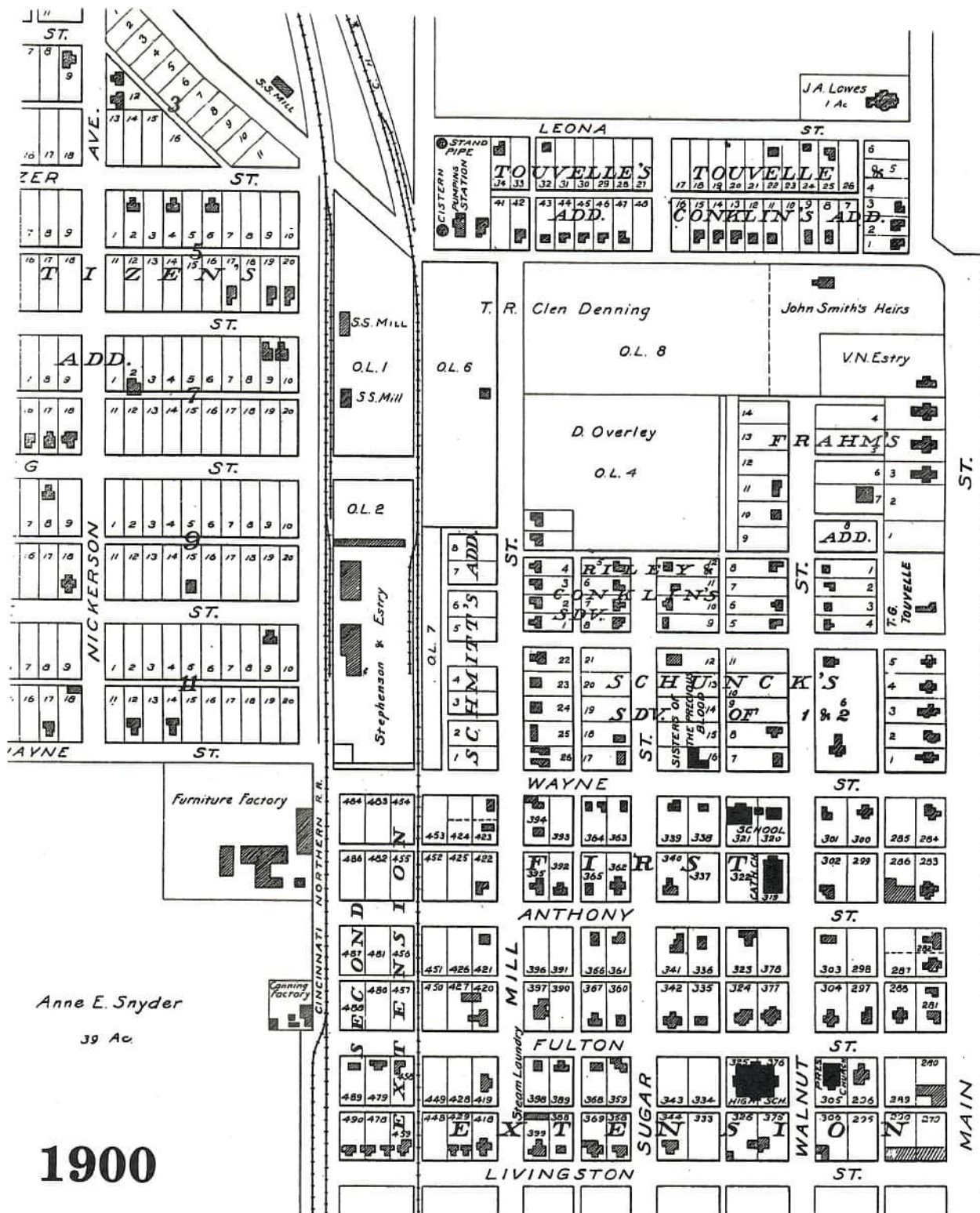
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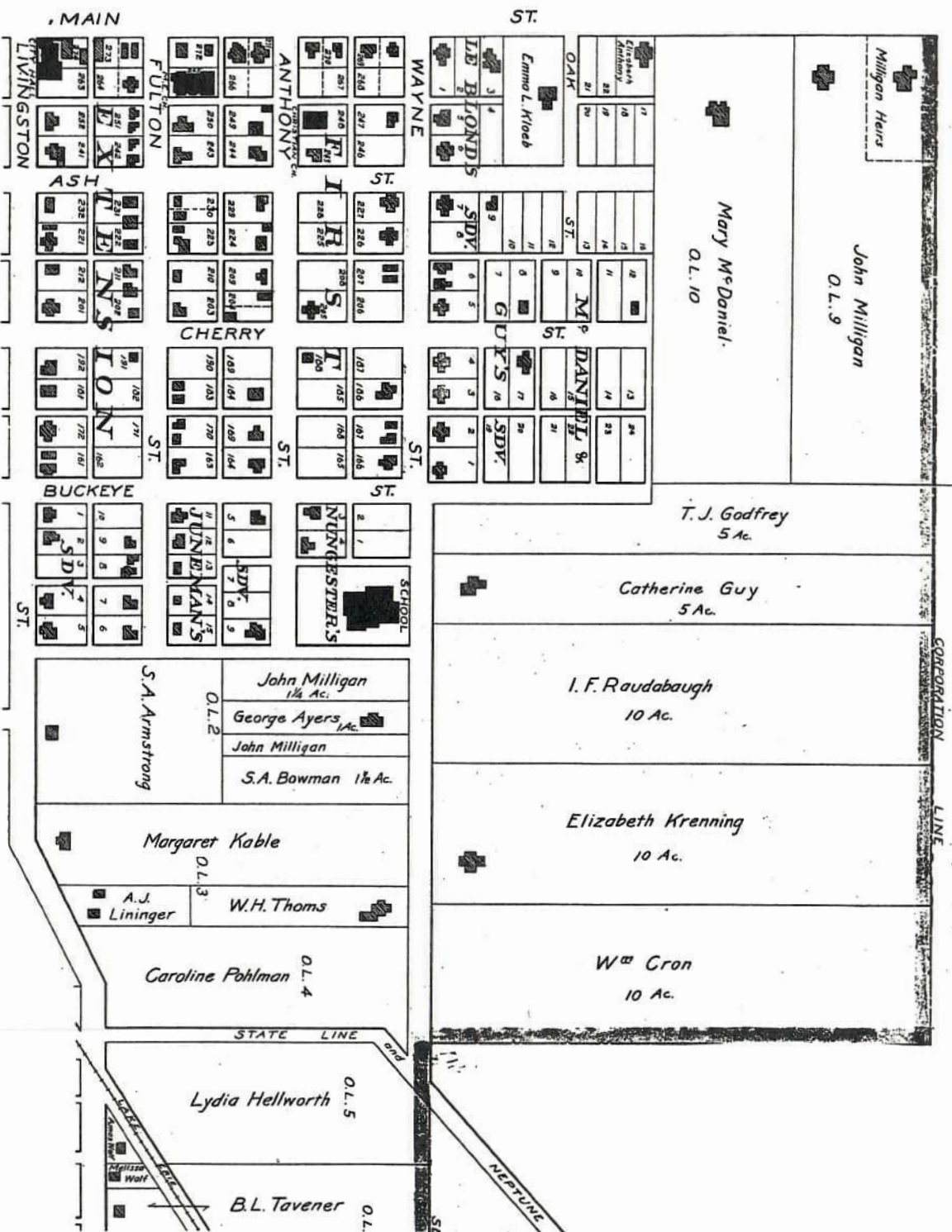
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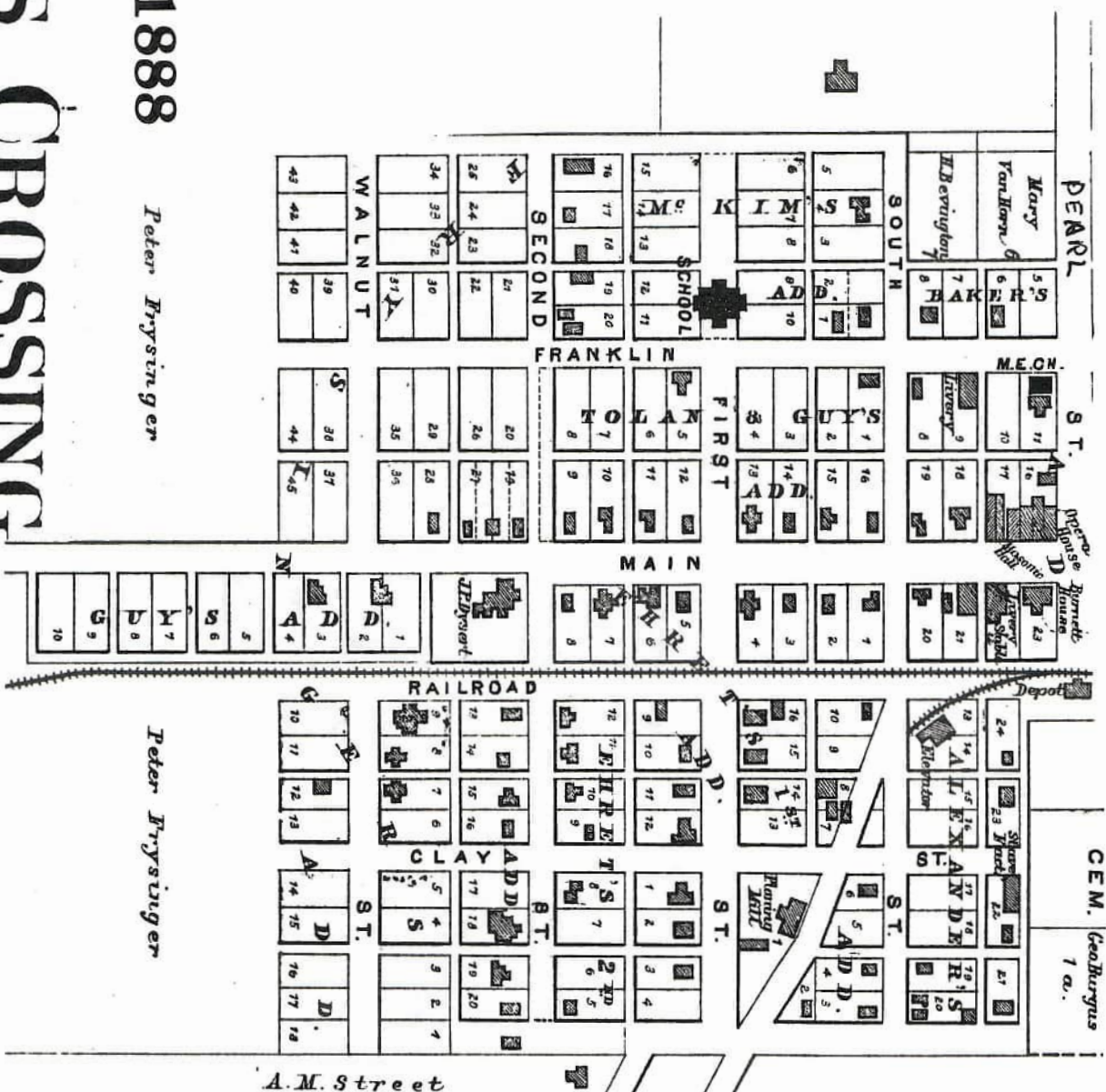
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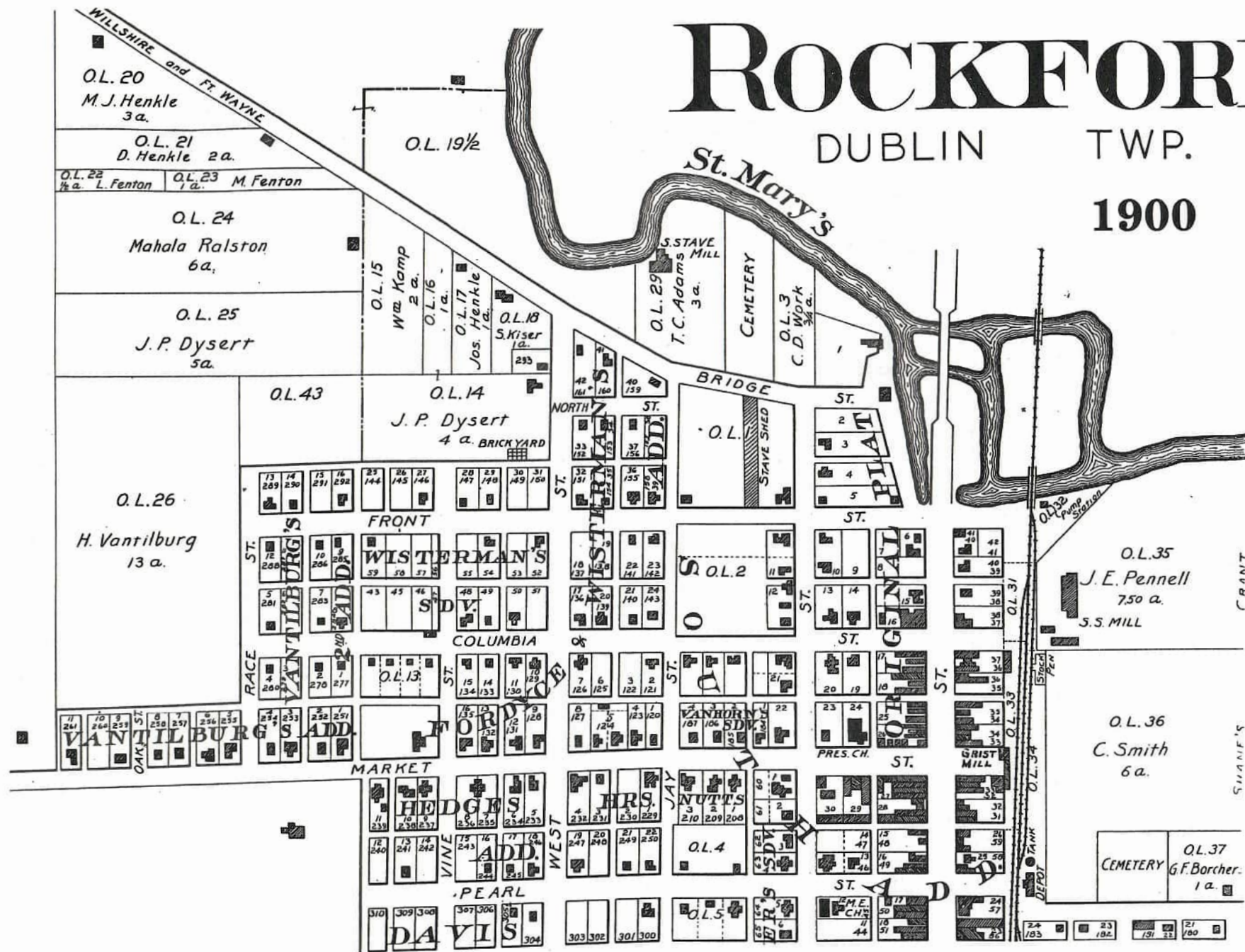
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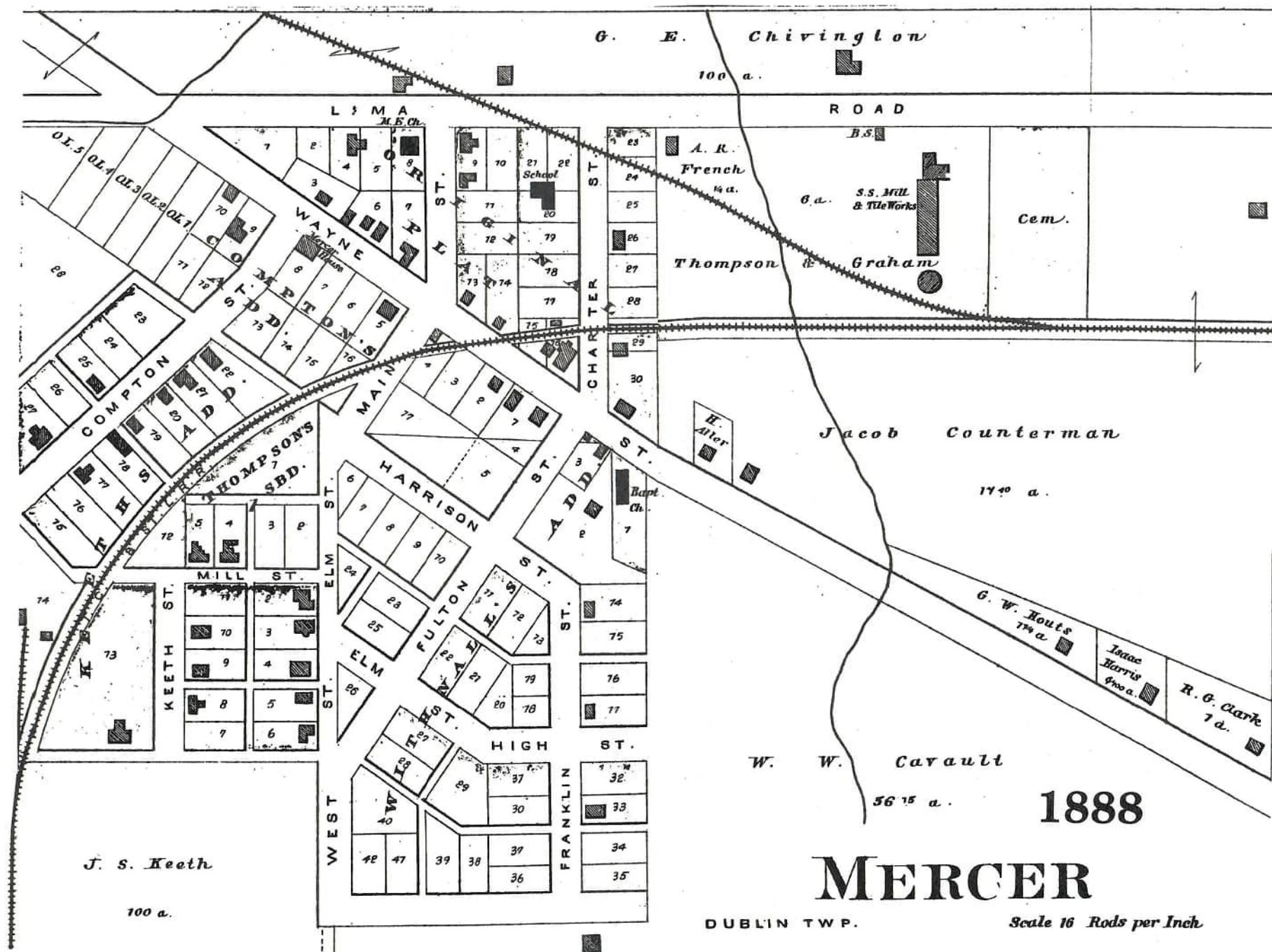
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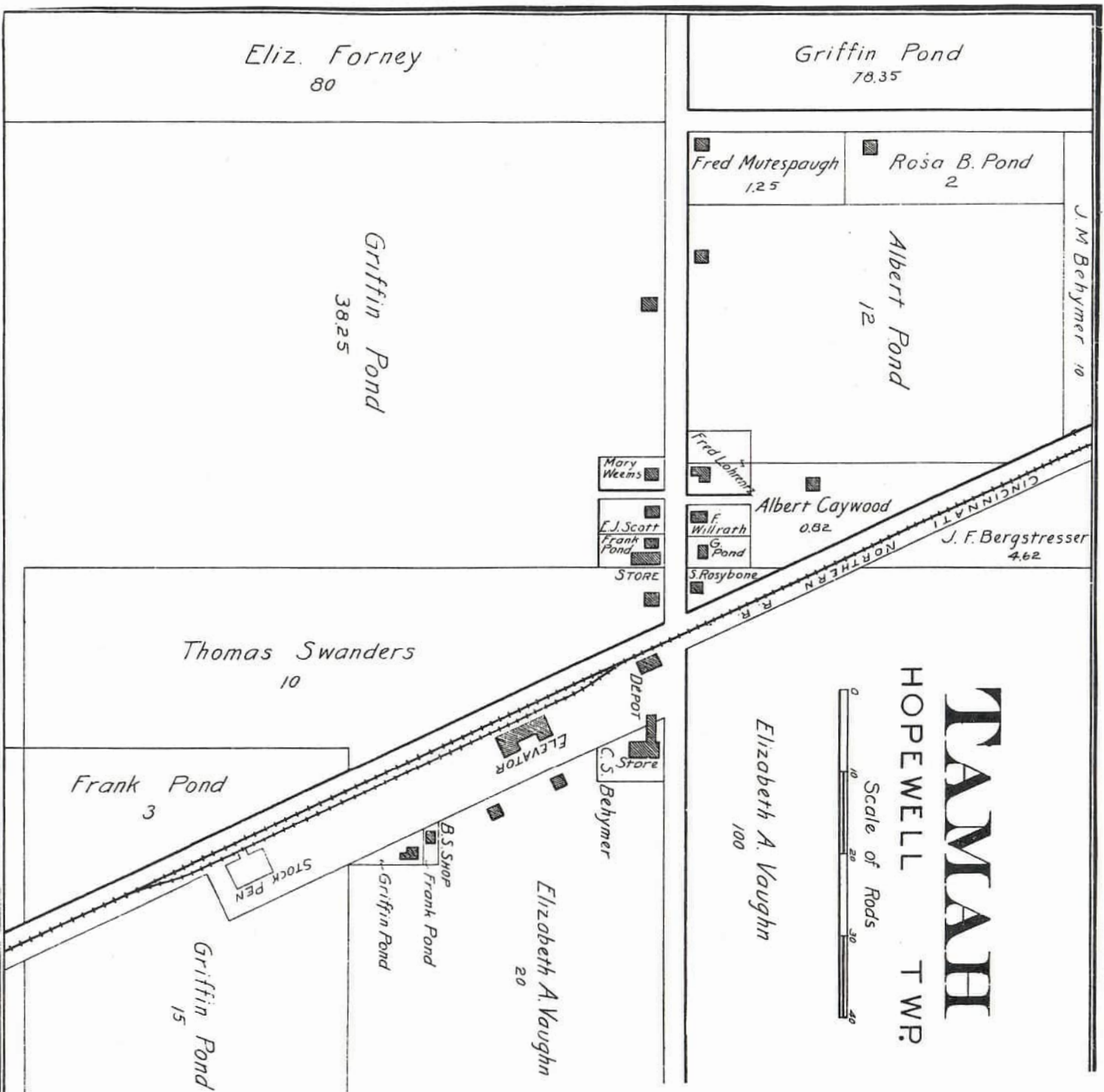


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1900

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Jas. Pearson

22 1/2 a.

Shoe Shop

Res.

L. B. Runyan

1 1/2 a.

P.O.

PIKE

Res.

E. Loudenbeck

40 a.

NORTH ST.

1/4 S. Sprigs

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MAIN

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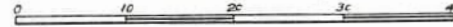
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Scale of Rods



1900

James Pearson

22.50

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SPRIGGS' ADD. CHURCH ST. DONER ST. KNOX ST. PIKE

Emory Loudenbeck

F. E. Ayers

Mary Davis

SCHOOL

Seth and Dan Spriggs

NORTH ST.

8 16 7 15 6 14 5 13

4 12 3 11 2 9 10 1

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Mary A. Karr 1.70

ST.

David Knox 99/100

Wm Powell

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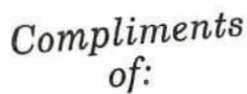


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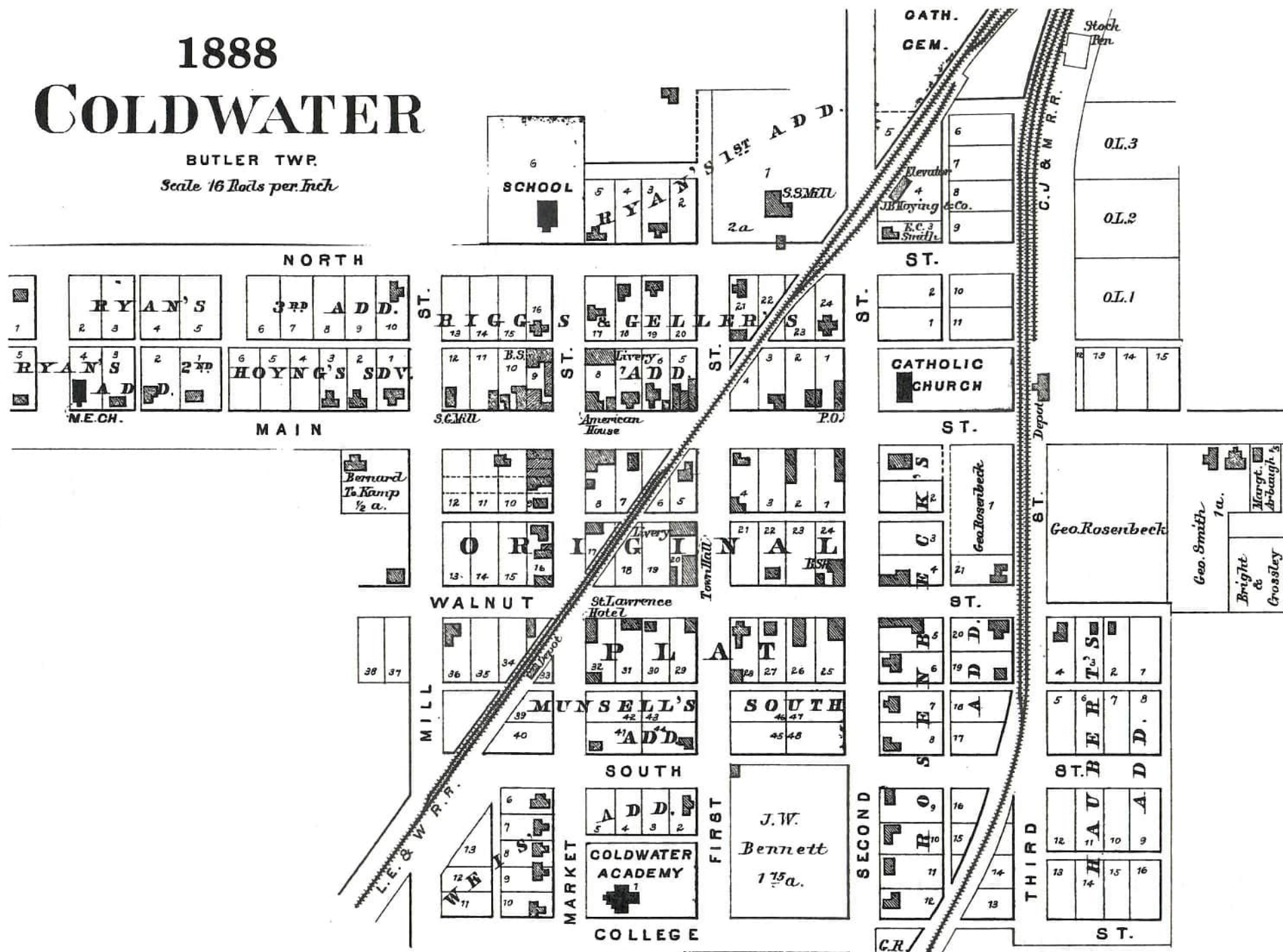
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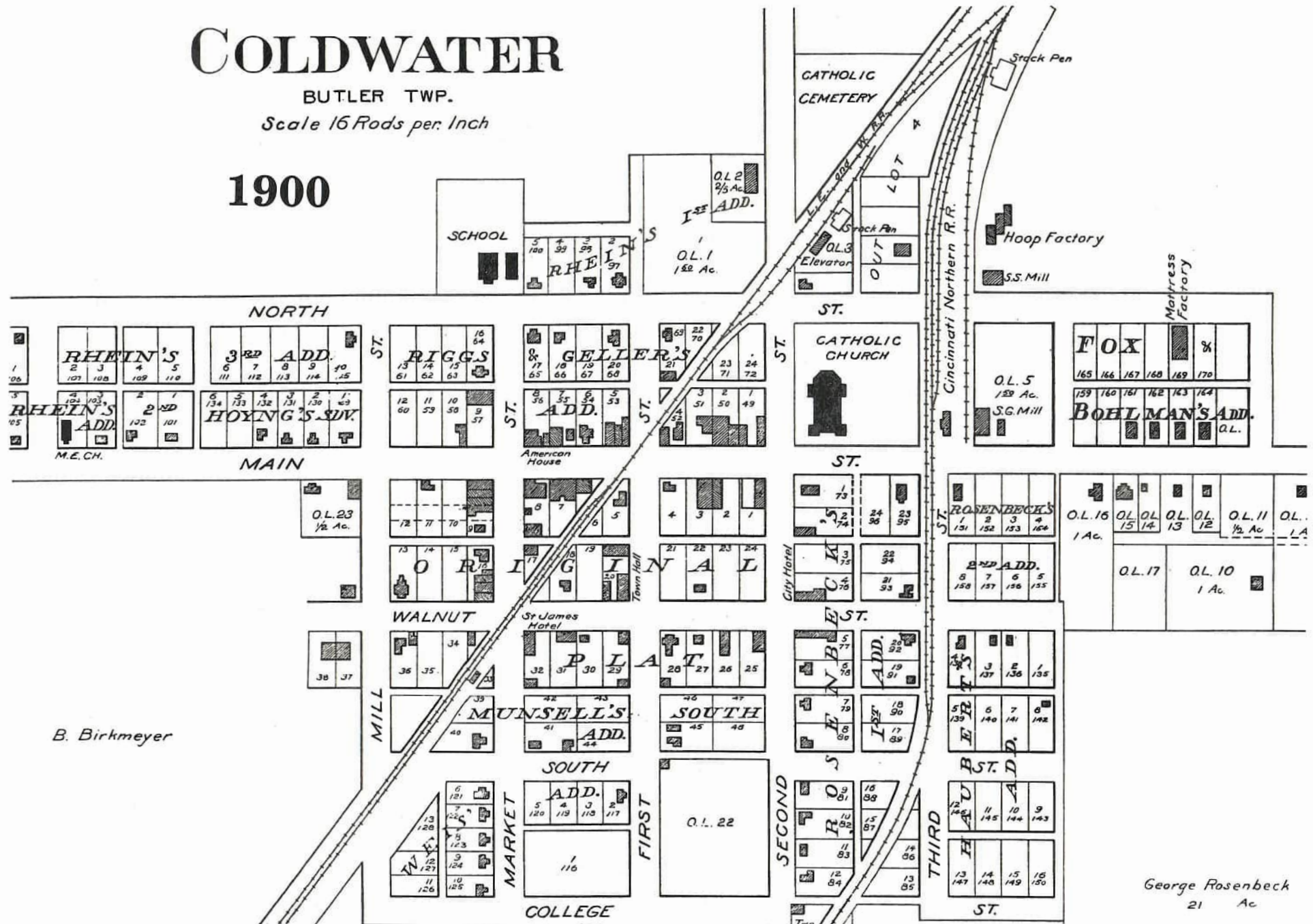
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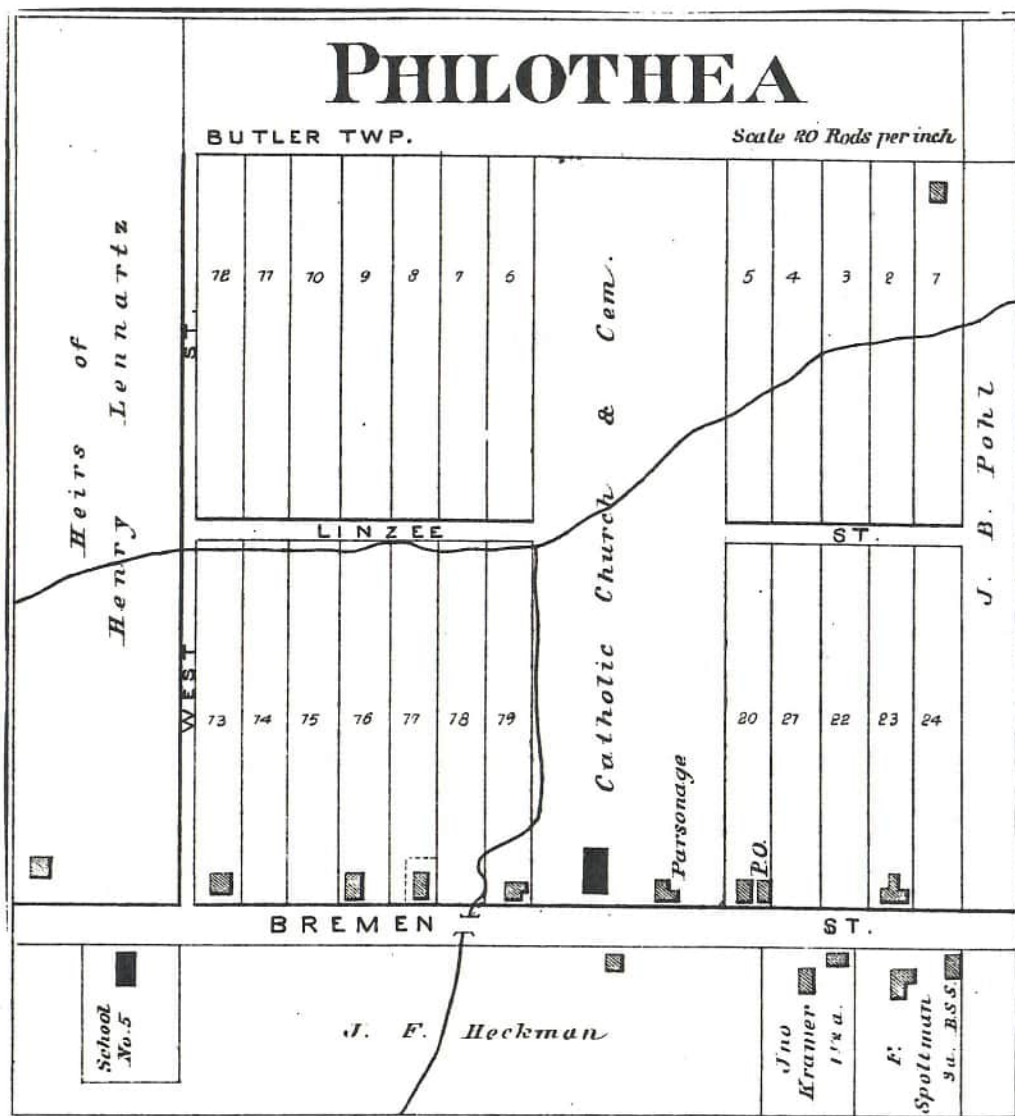
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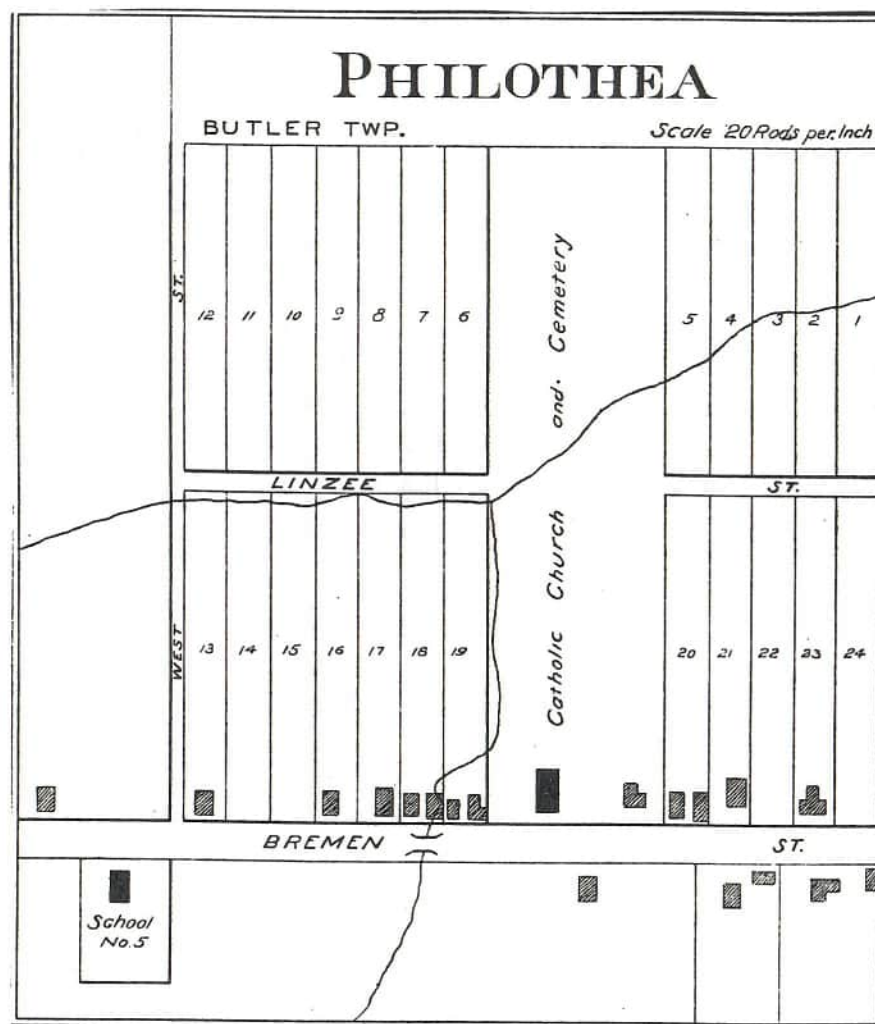


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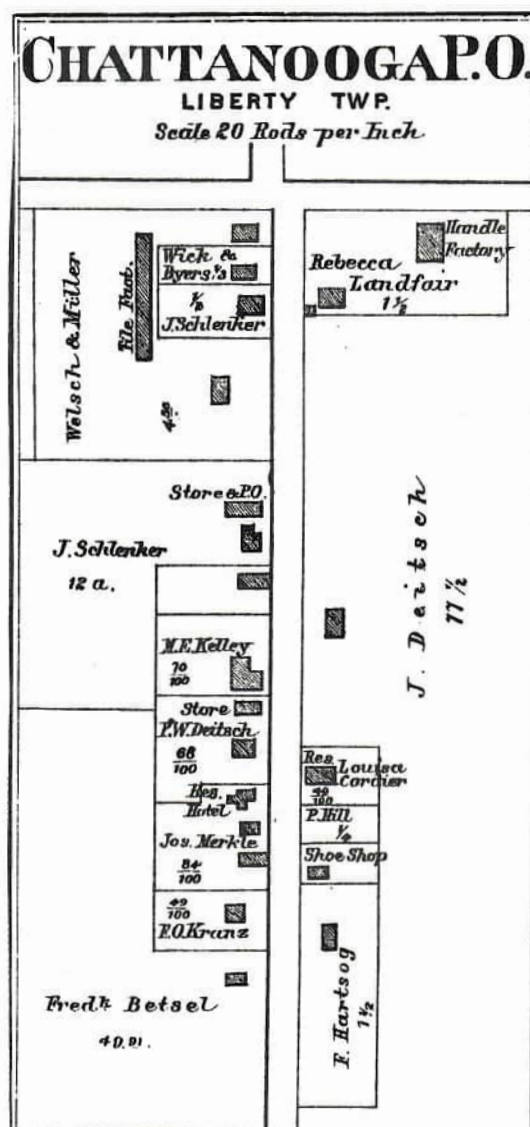
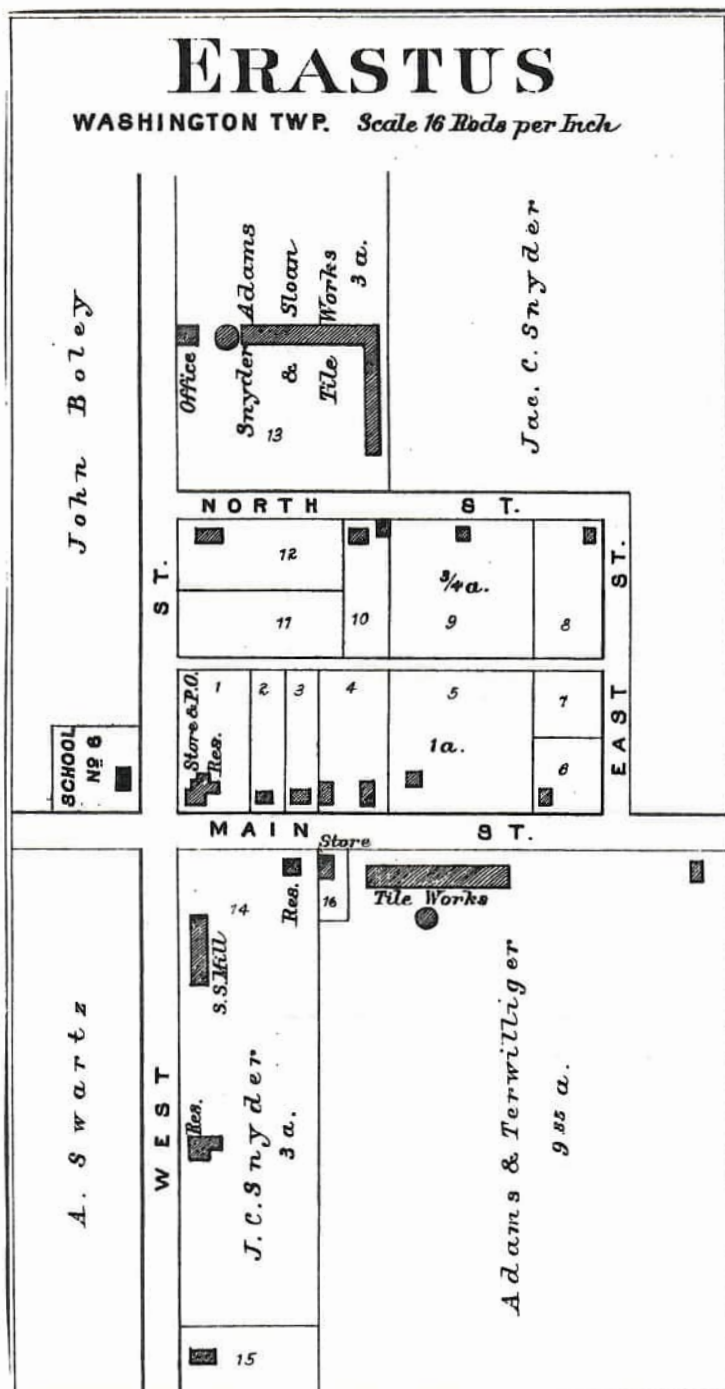
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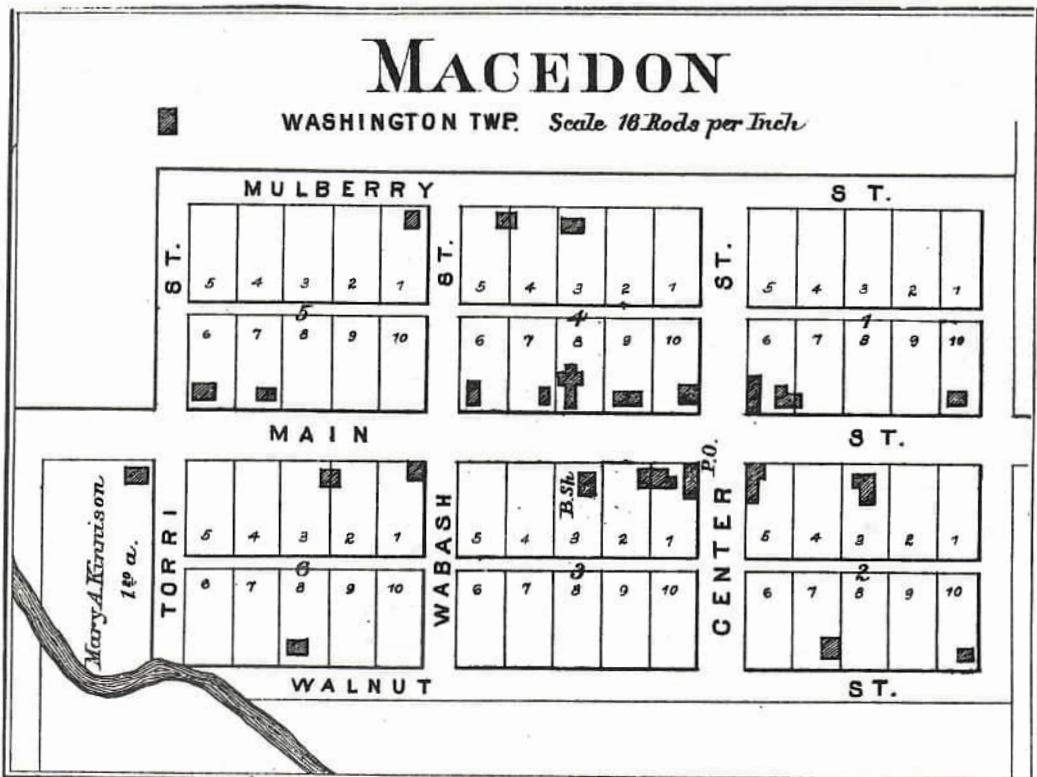


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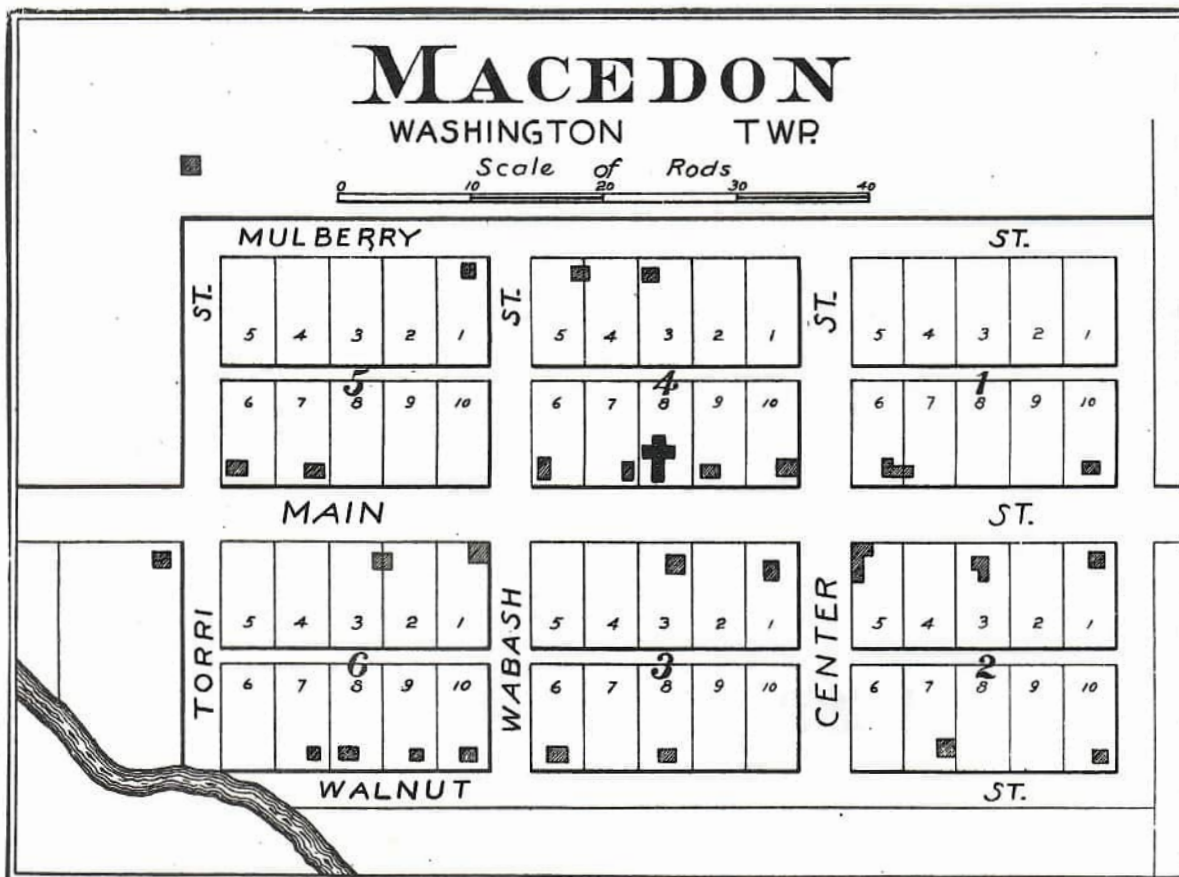
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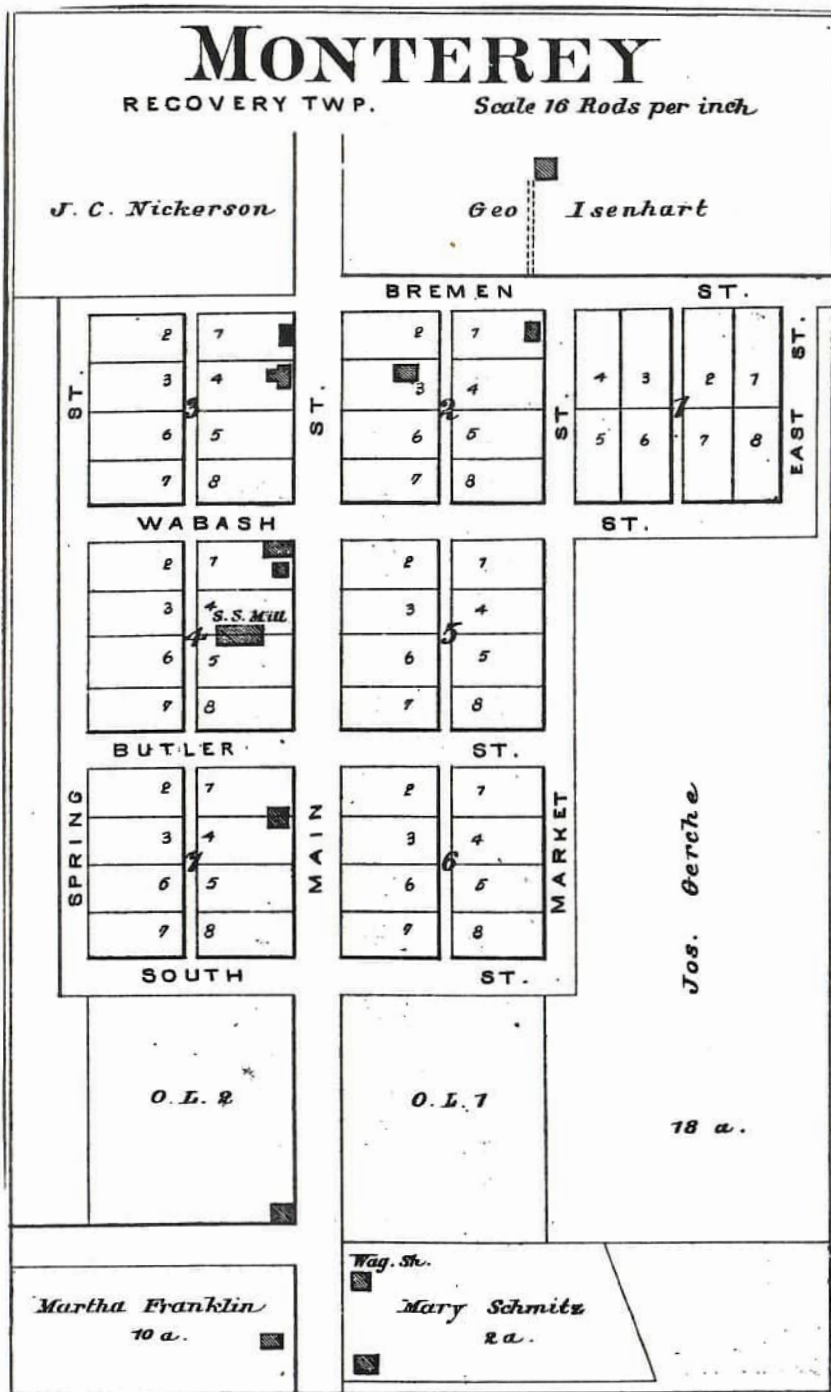
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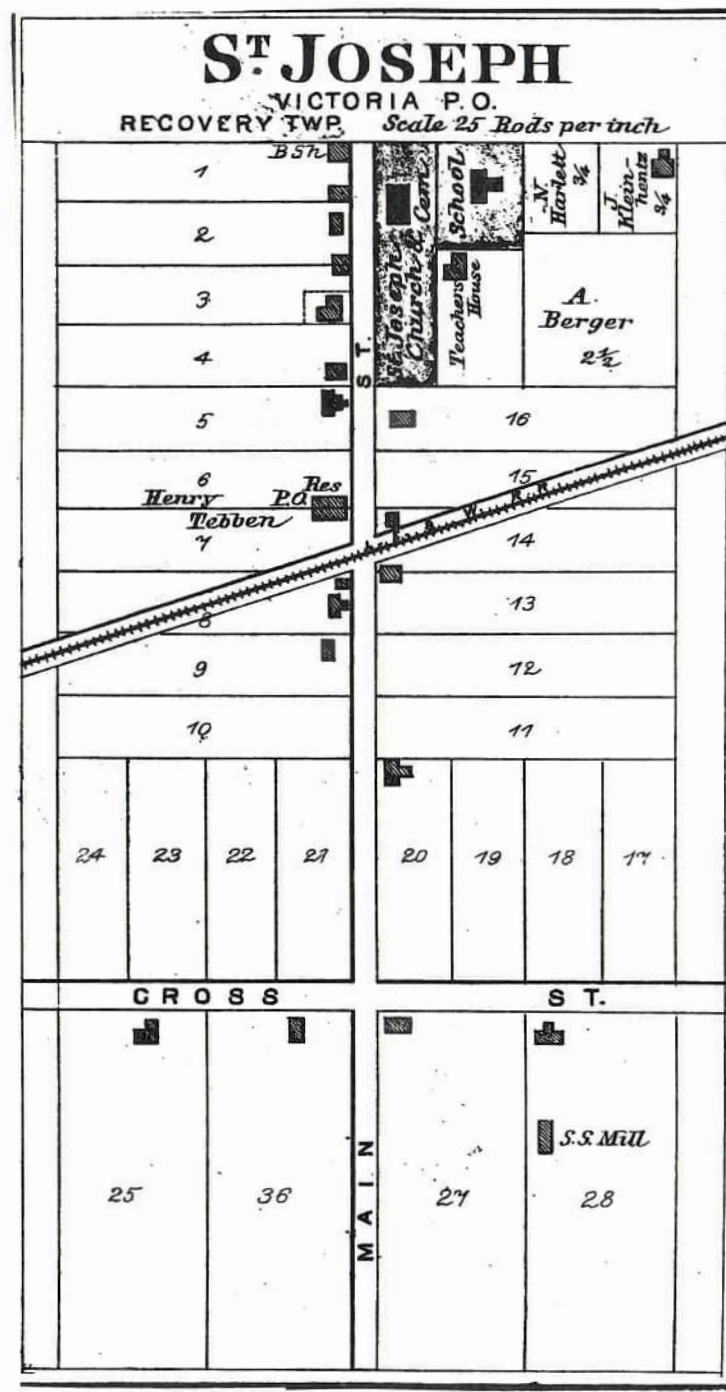
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Construction**



1888



1888

FT. RECOVERY P. O.

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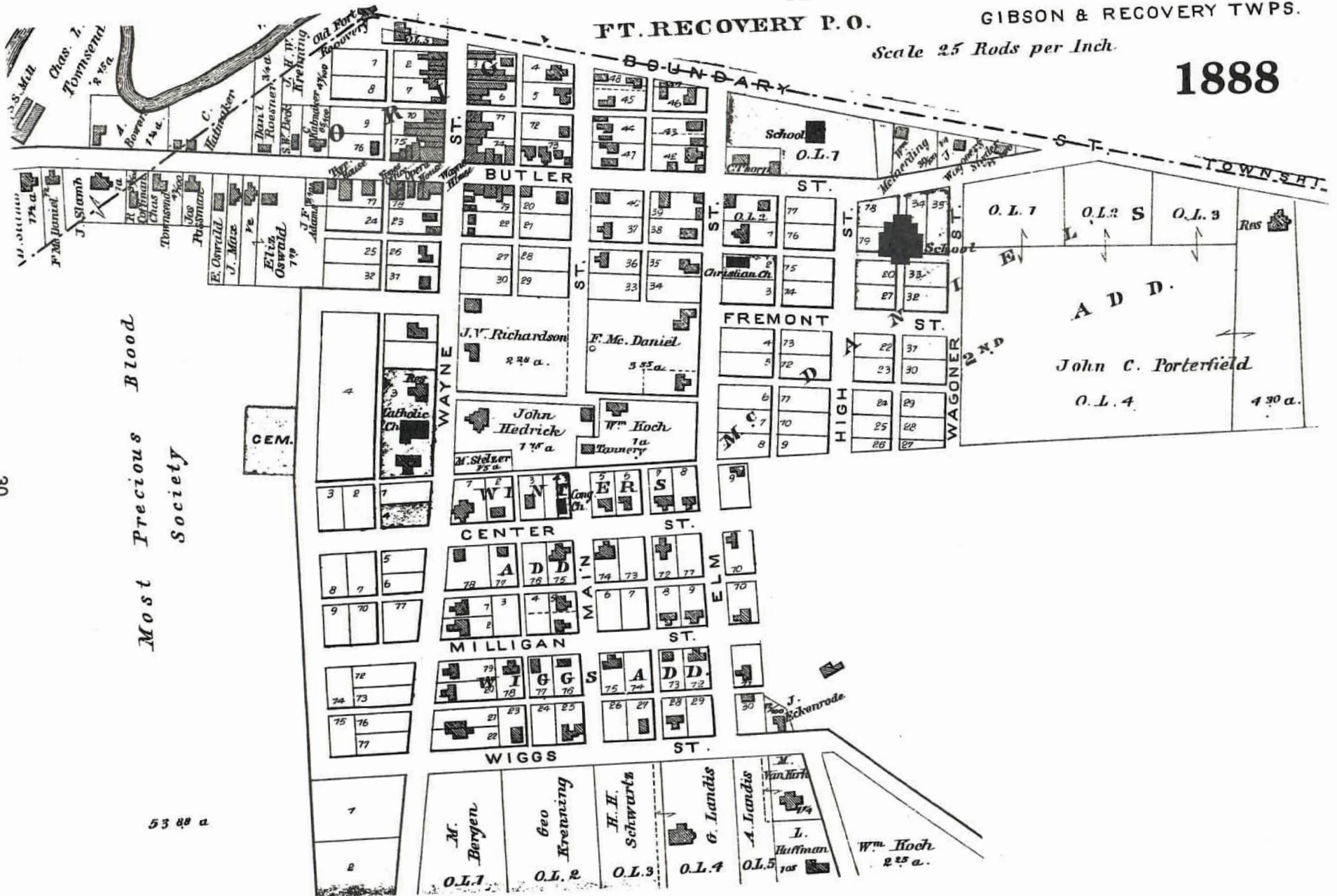
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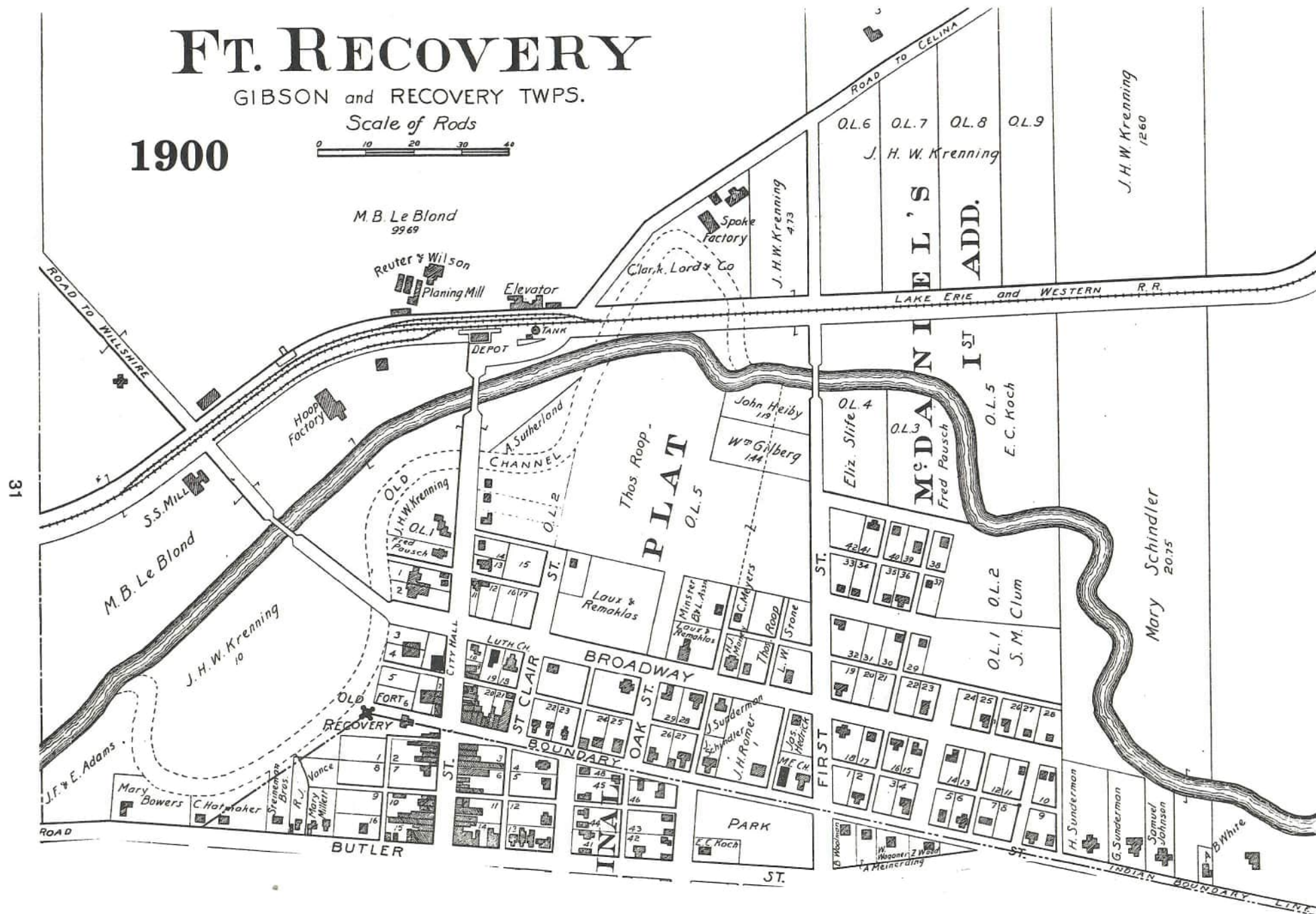
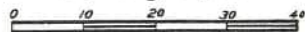


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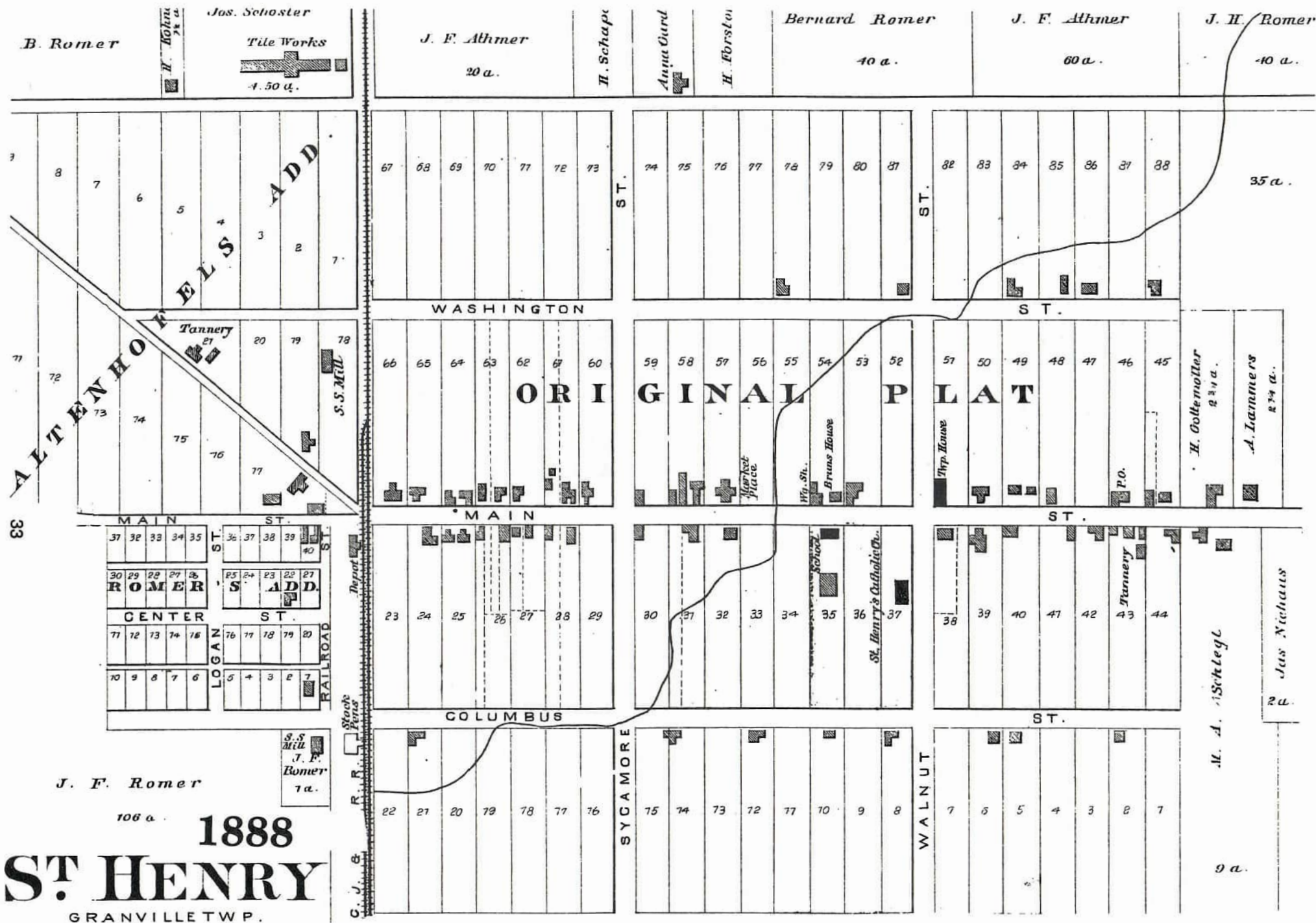
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Scale of Rods



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35

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GRANVILLE TWP.

Scale of Rods
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Bernard Hoewemeyer
60

Susan Olgier
11

ORIGINAL PLAT
CATH.
SCH.

DARKE

MAIN COUNTY

WALNUT ST.
GREEN
ORIGINAL
PLUM ST.

CINCINNATI NORTHERN R.R.

C. N. R.R.

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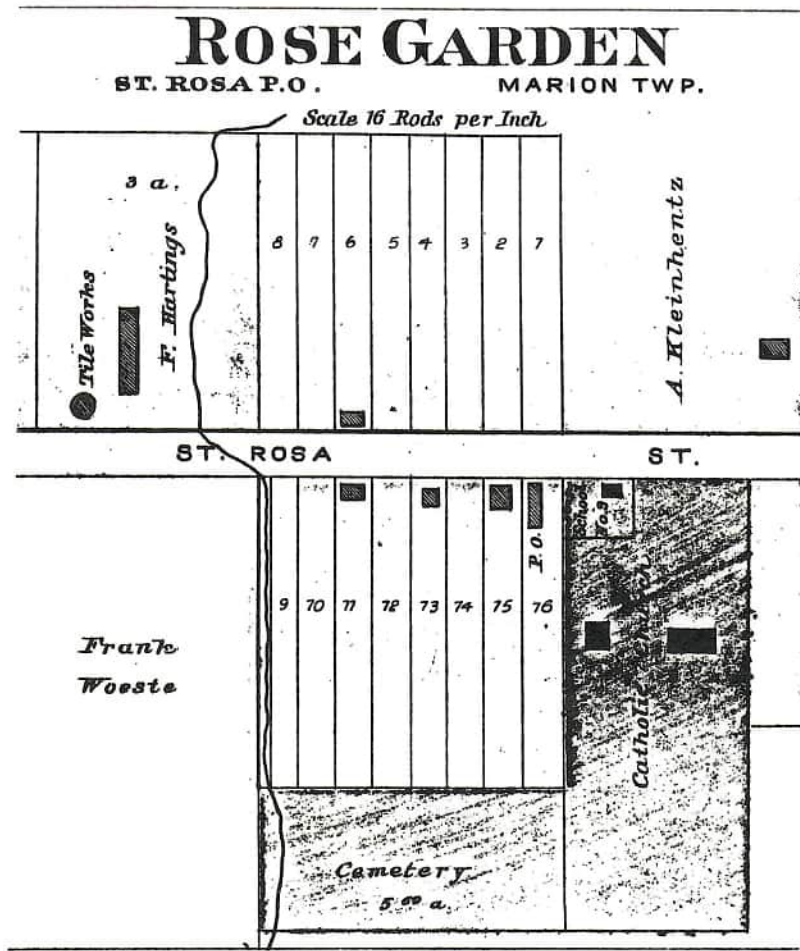
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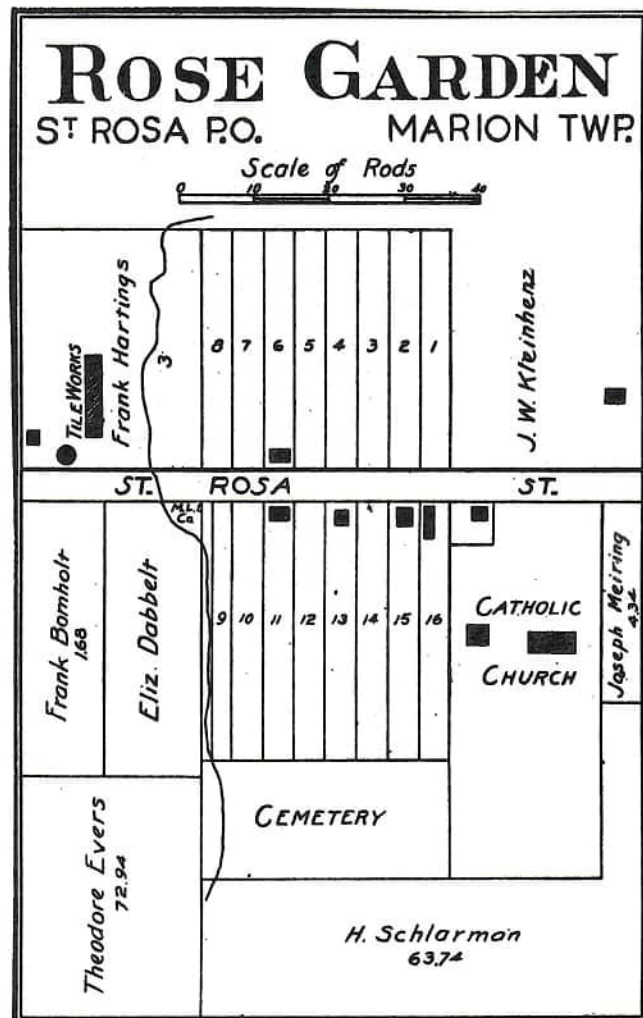
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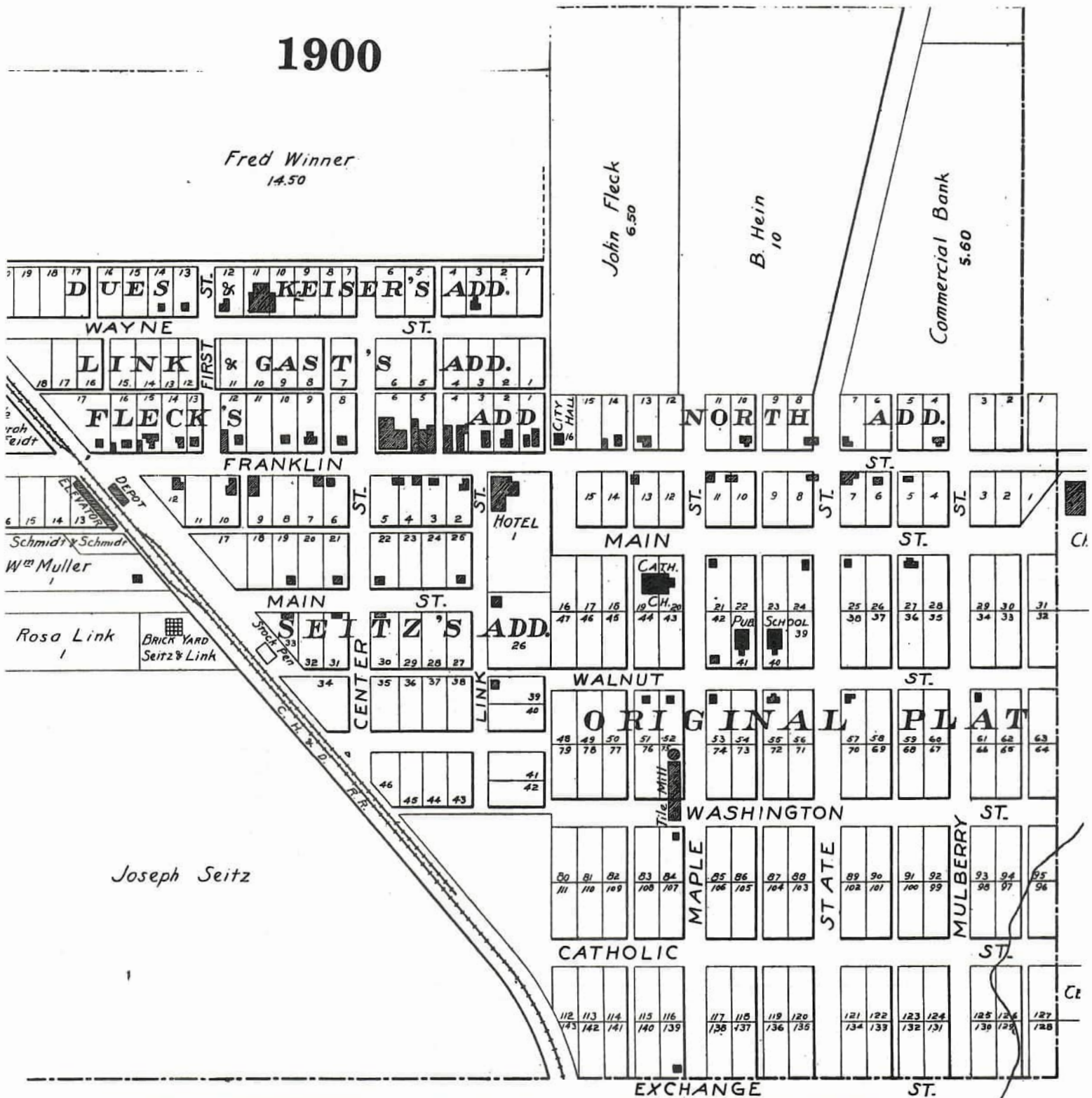
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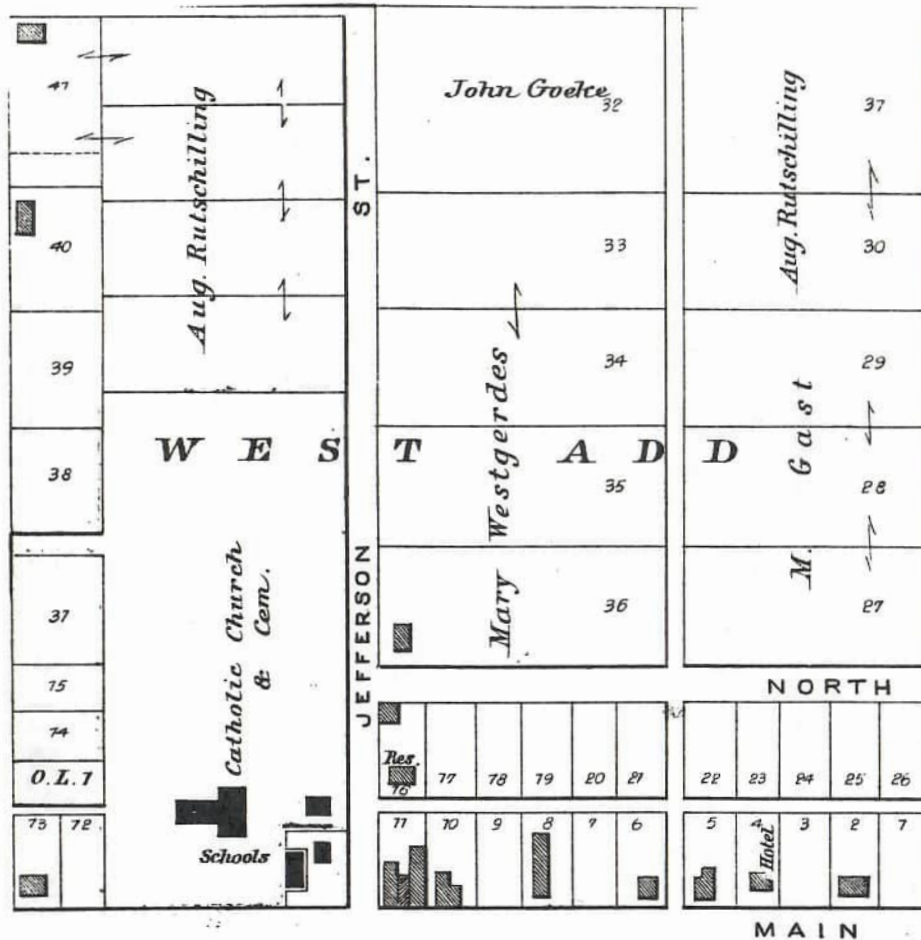
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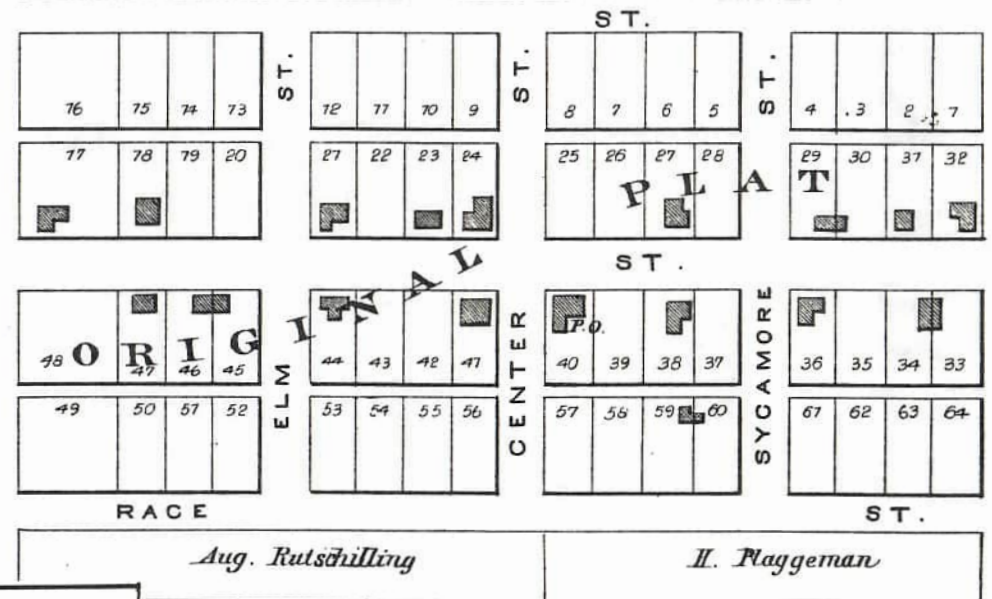


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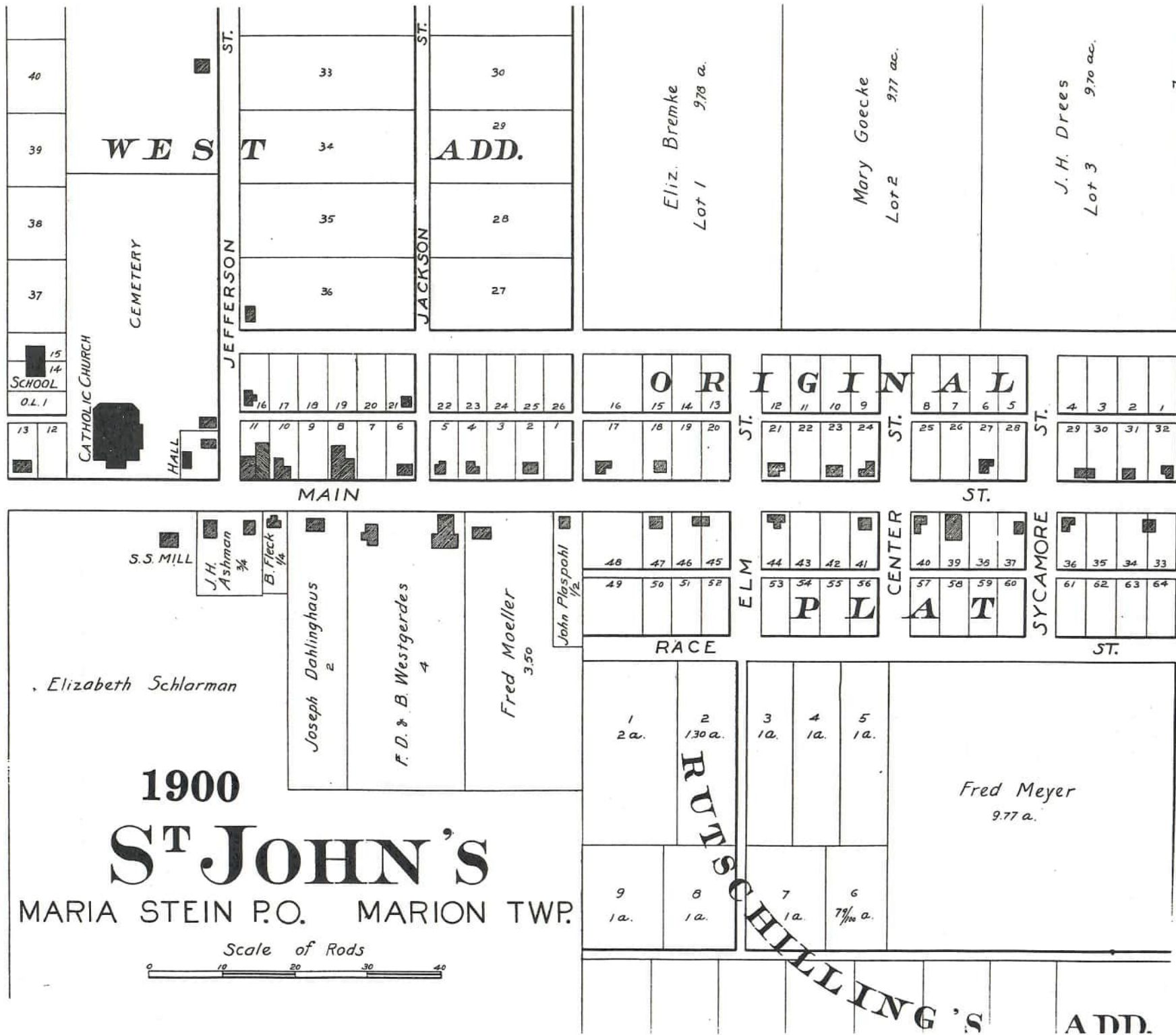
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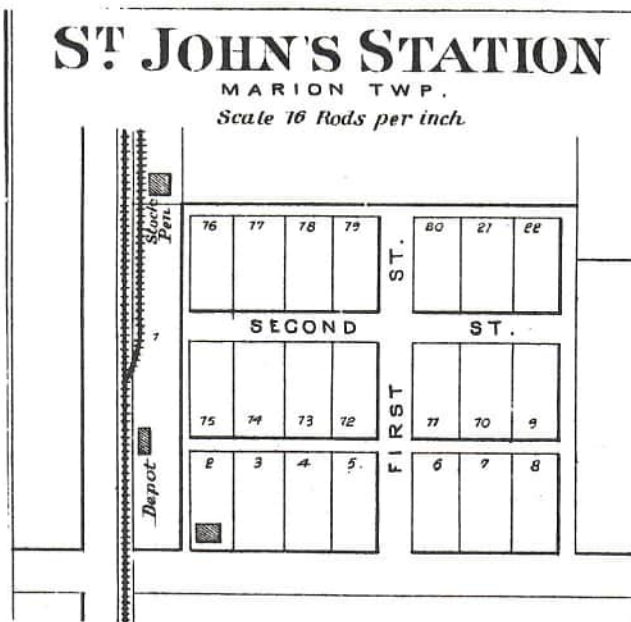
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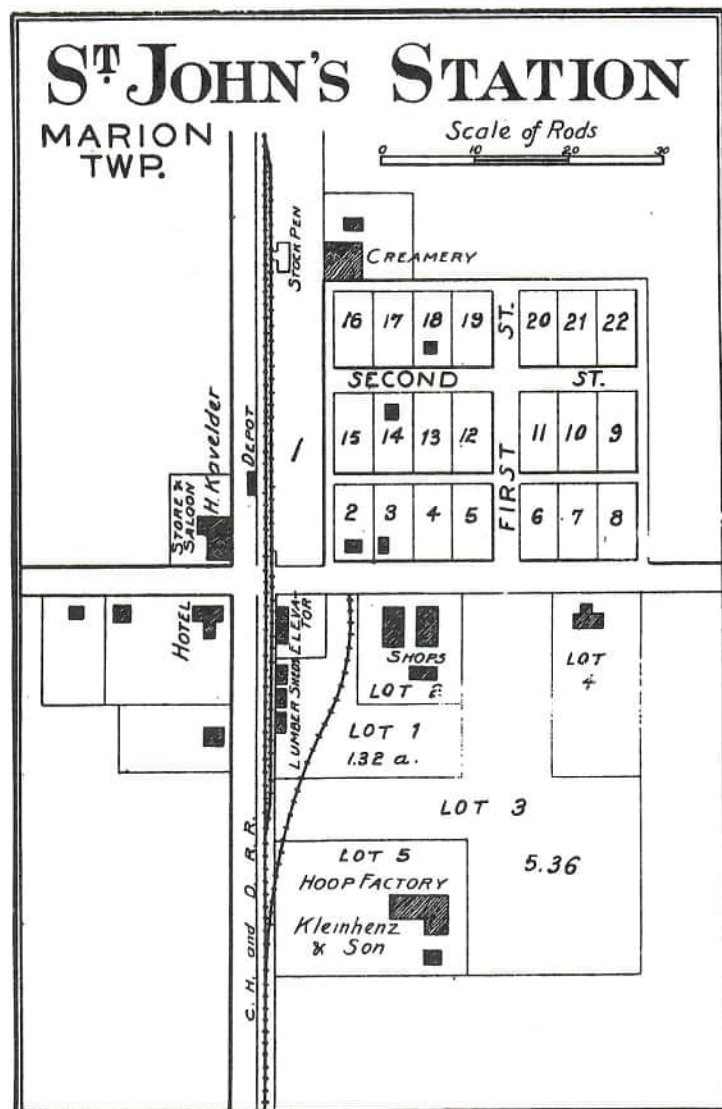
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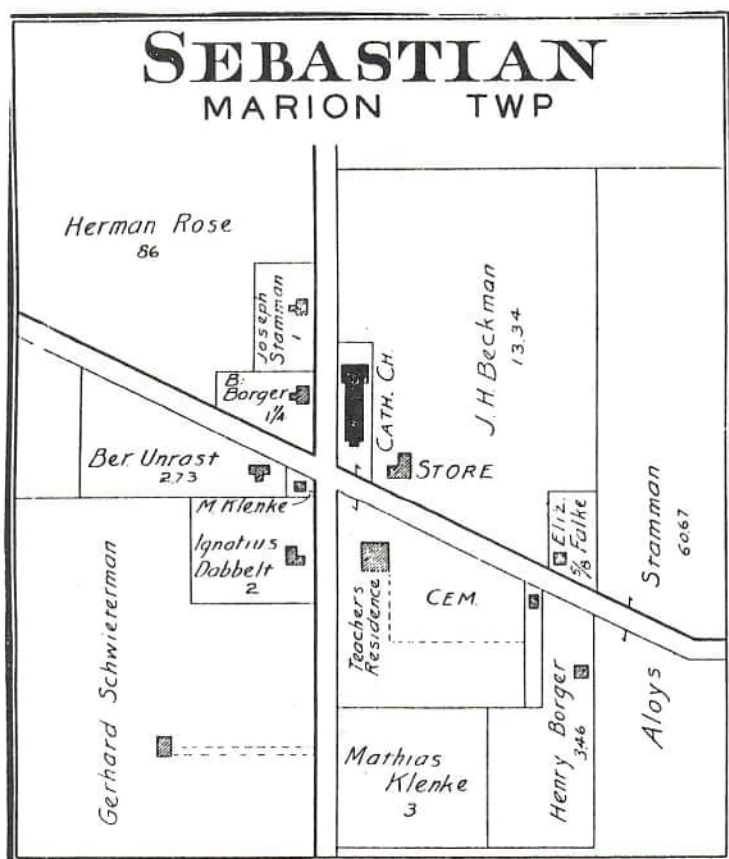




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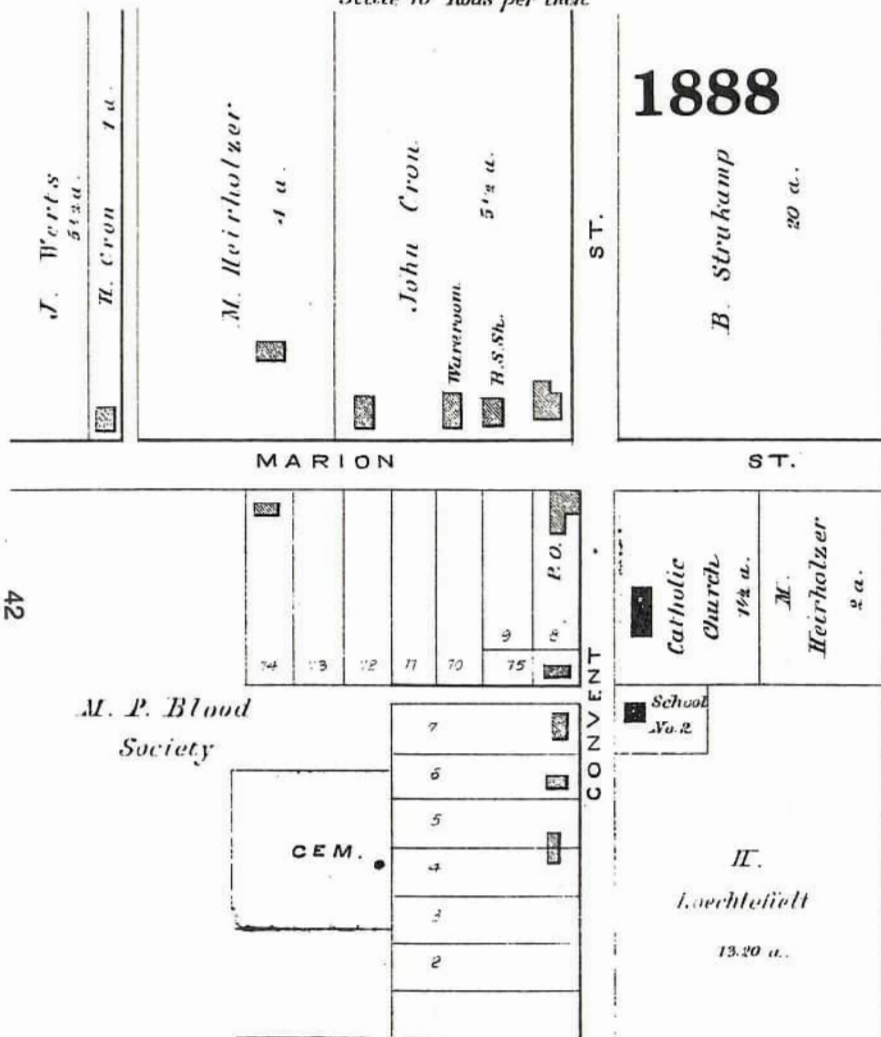
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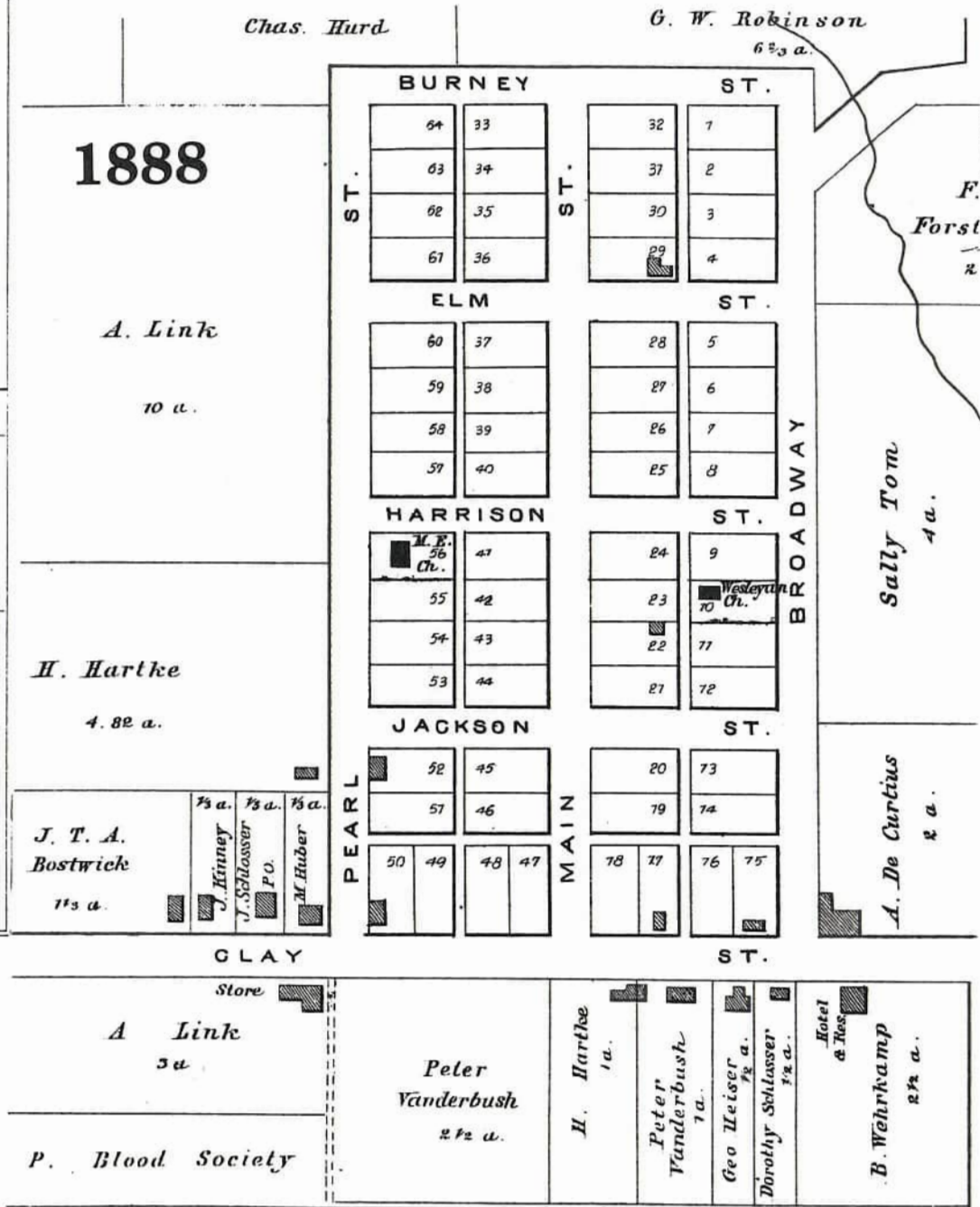
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THE MERCER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

The Mercer County Historical Museum, the Riley Home, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, stands at 130 East Market, Celina, Ohio. This fine cultural institution is owned by the Mercer County Commissioners and is administered by the Mercer County Historical Society, Inc. The 1995 Executive Board of Directors includes David Riley, Frank Snyder, Donald Muhlenkamp, Bradley Bulp, George Schroyer, and Harrison Frech; and Officers, President Joyce L. Alig, Vice President Philip Naumann, Secretary Marjorie Pierstorff, and Treasurer Paul William Dilworth. Joyce L. Alig is Museum Director, 1973-1995.

The Mercer County Historical Museum, The Riley Home, is a classical example of Victorian architecture. The Museum displays exhibits of period furniture, musical instruments, clocks and lamps, military accoutrements, carpenters and blacksmith tools, agricultural implements, one room schoolhouse and children's exhibits, quilts and textiles, general store display, medical exhibit, and prehistorical artifacts. The Mercer County Archival Collections include extensive records on Mercer County history and genealogy.

Roscoe D. Riley, President; Carleton Reiser, Vice President, and Carroll Stubbs, Secretary/Treasurer, were the Founders of the Mercer County Historical Society, January 28, 1958. The Mercer County Historical Museum was first located at Main and Fayette Streets; Bronsart Gilberg was the first curator. In 1975, David Riley, son of the first President Roscoe Riley, made it possible for the Mercer County Commissioners to purchase the Lena Riley Home for the Museum.

Over 5000 guests visit the Museum annually. Guided tours for civic organizations are held. Exhibits are hosted by many groups; e.g. Old Fashioned Farmers and Mercer County Indian Relic Collectors. Scholarly programs about history are held. To preserve local history, books have been printed:

- 1978 *MERCER COUNTY, OHIO HISTORY*;
- 1984 *CELINA SESQUICENTENNIAL*;
- 1987 *SAINT HENRY SESQUICENTENNIAL*;
- 1988 *COLDWATER AT 150*;
- 1989 *NATIVE AMERICANS AND EARLY SETTLERS*;
- 1990-1993 *THOSE MAGNIFICENT BIG BARNS OF MERCER COUNTY*;
- 1995 *MERCER COUNTY CENTENNIAL BUILDINGS*.

The Mercer County Historical Museum is a place of ideas, exhibiting ideas implemented in the past and inspiring creative thinking and ideas for progress in the future.

Funds for the Mercer County Historical Museum have been by the Mercer County Commissioners, Libraries, Township Trustees, Cities and Villages, Combined Drives, Mercer County Civic Foundation, civic organizations, private estates, and Mercer County Historical Society Memberships.

Gifts and endowments are always welcome to preserve Mercer County's rich cultural heritage. Friends of Mercer County's history are invited to join in this stewardship.

