

# Where Was Camp Walton?

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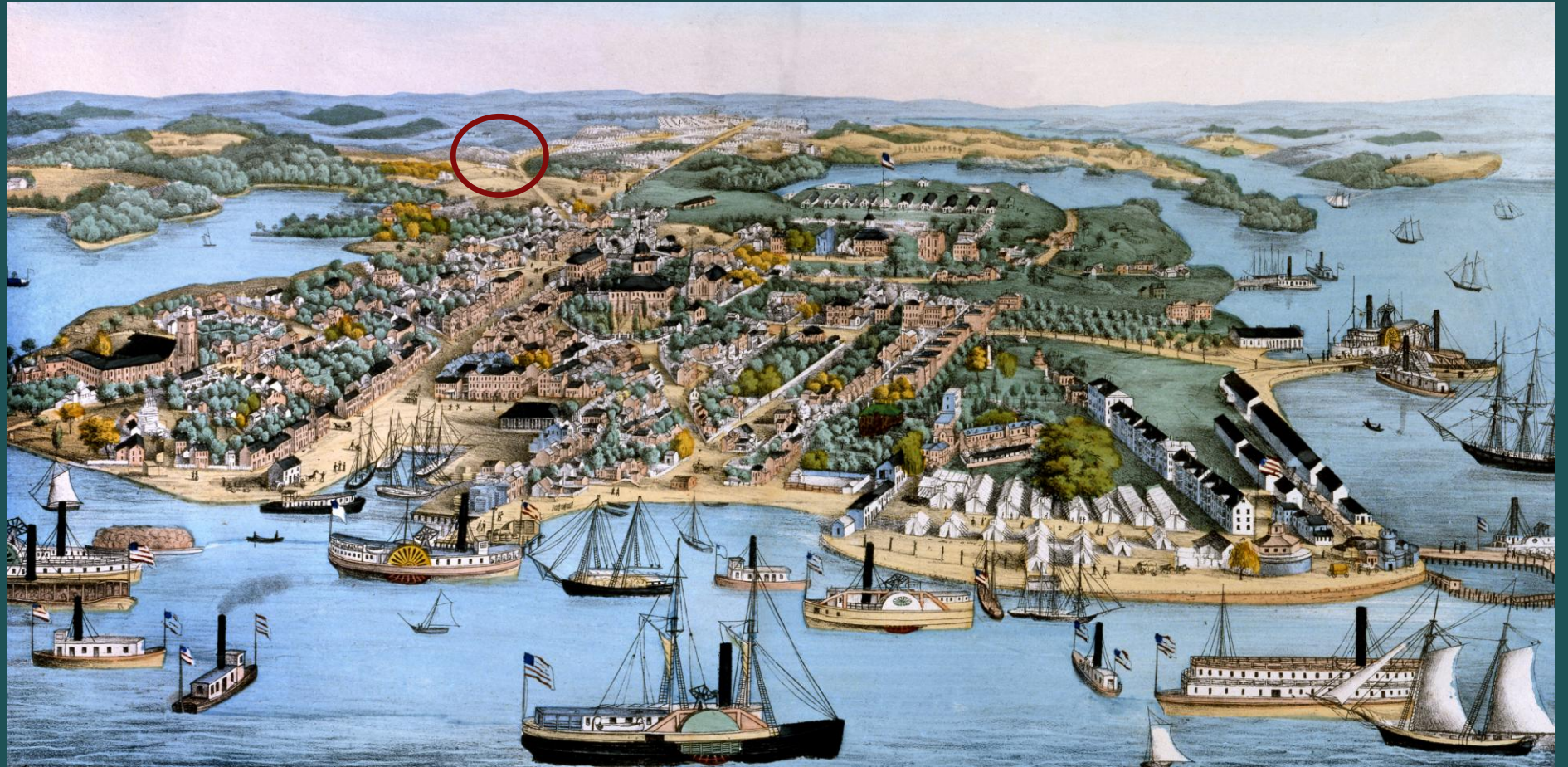
Why do we care?

How many kinds of apples  
grew in Anne Arundel  
County?

# Will Mumford's list of Camps of Instruction at Annapolis

- ❖ Camp Andrews
- ❖ Camp Burnside
- ❖ Camp Christ
- ❖ Camp Foster
- ❖ Camp Harris
- ❖ Camp Hicks
- ❖ Camp Lincoln
- ❖ Camp Richmond
- ❖ Camp Sherman
- ❖ Camp Springfield
- ❖ Camp Union
- ❖ Camp Walton
- ❖ 12 and counting . . . .

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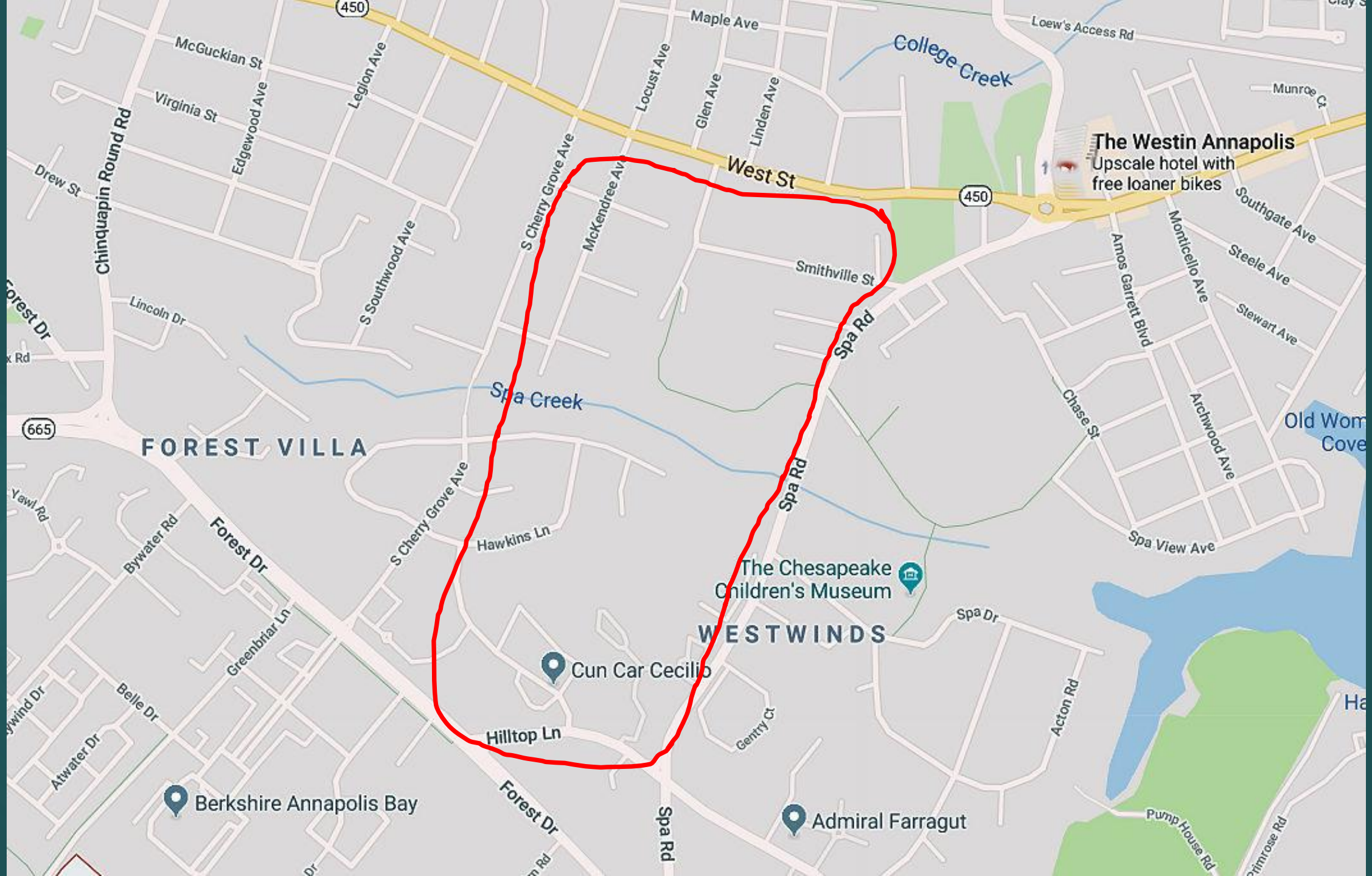






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- ❖ Proprietor of the City Hotel
- ❖ . . . Now site of Hillman Garage (Gorman Street)
- ❖ One of richest persons in town
- ❖ Enslaver
- ❖ Staunch Unionist
- ❖ I care because. . . .
- ❖ He was parishioner of St. Mary's
- ❖ Family named mentioned more than 300 times in my forthcoming book.

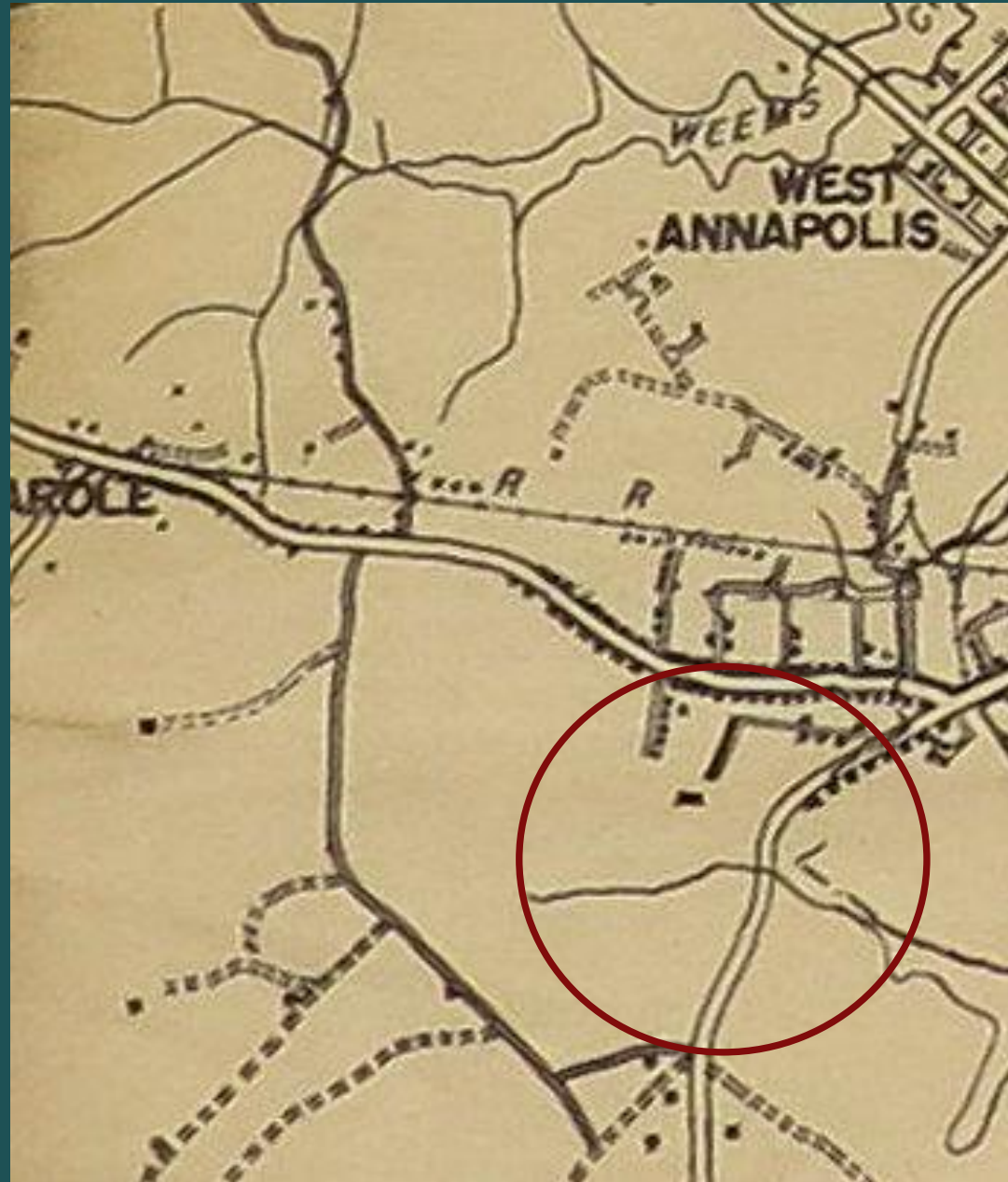


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Forest Drive

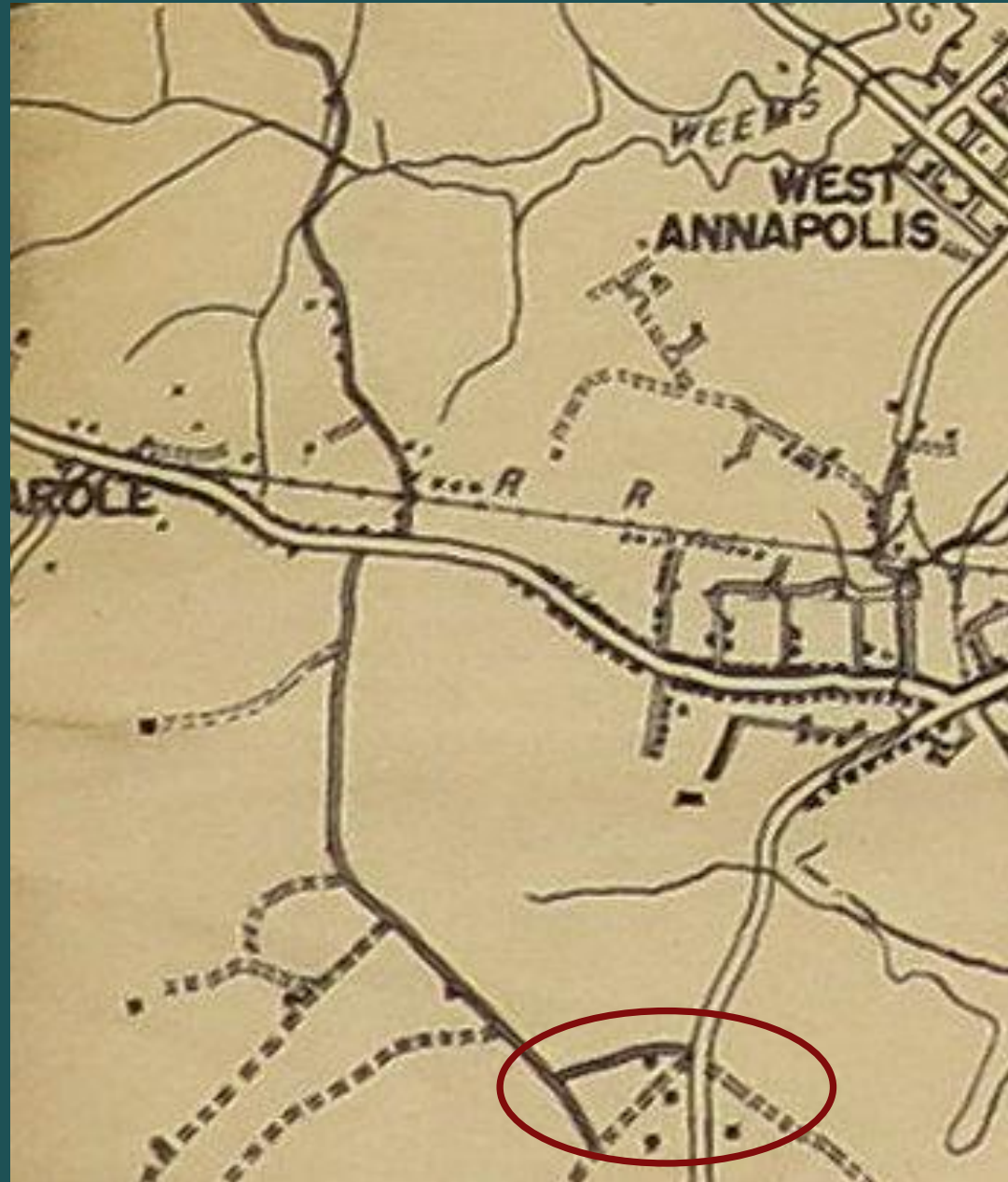




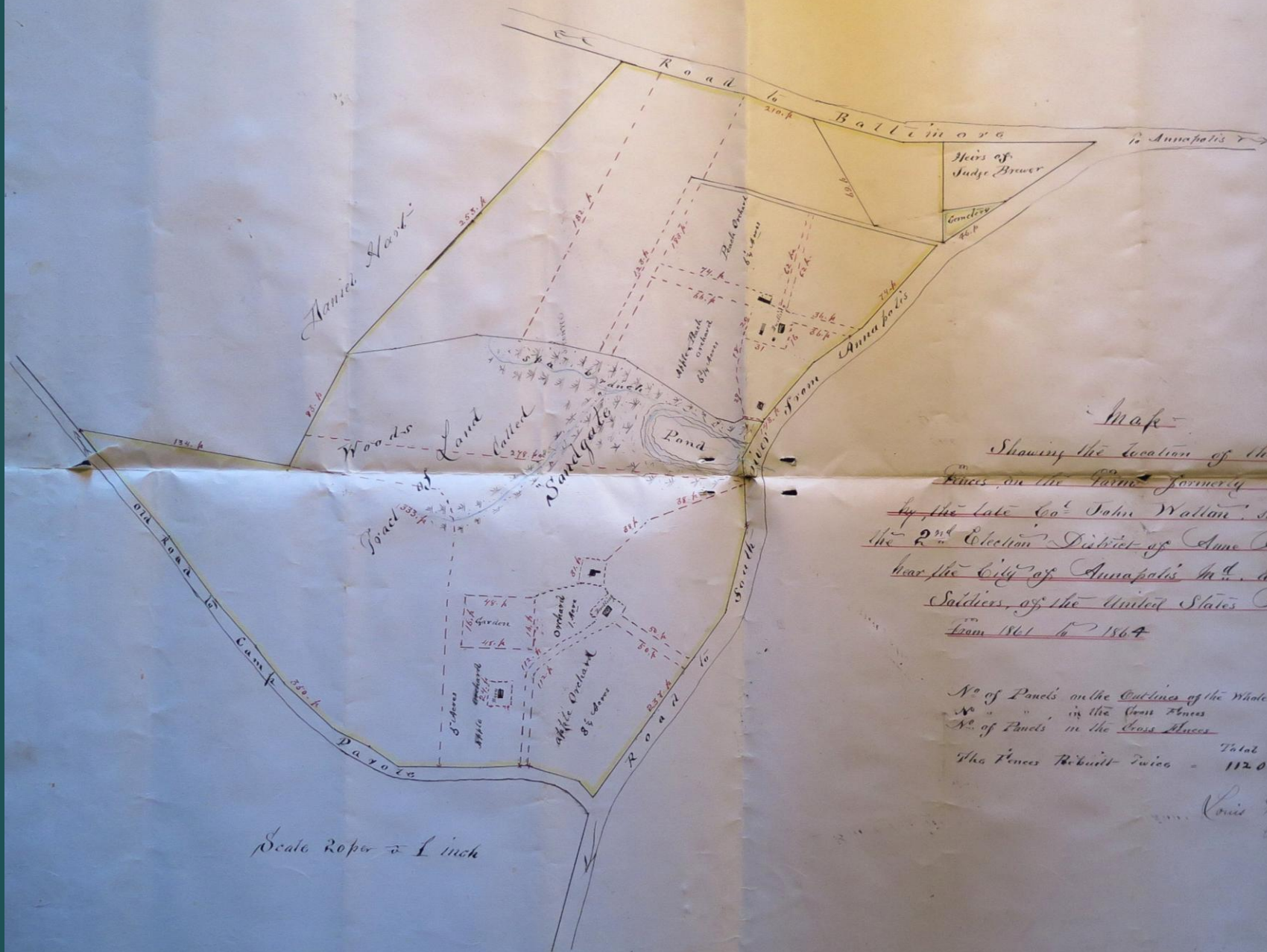
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 Total = 3136  
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(Signed 1892)

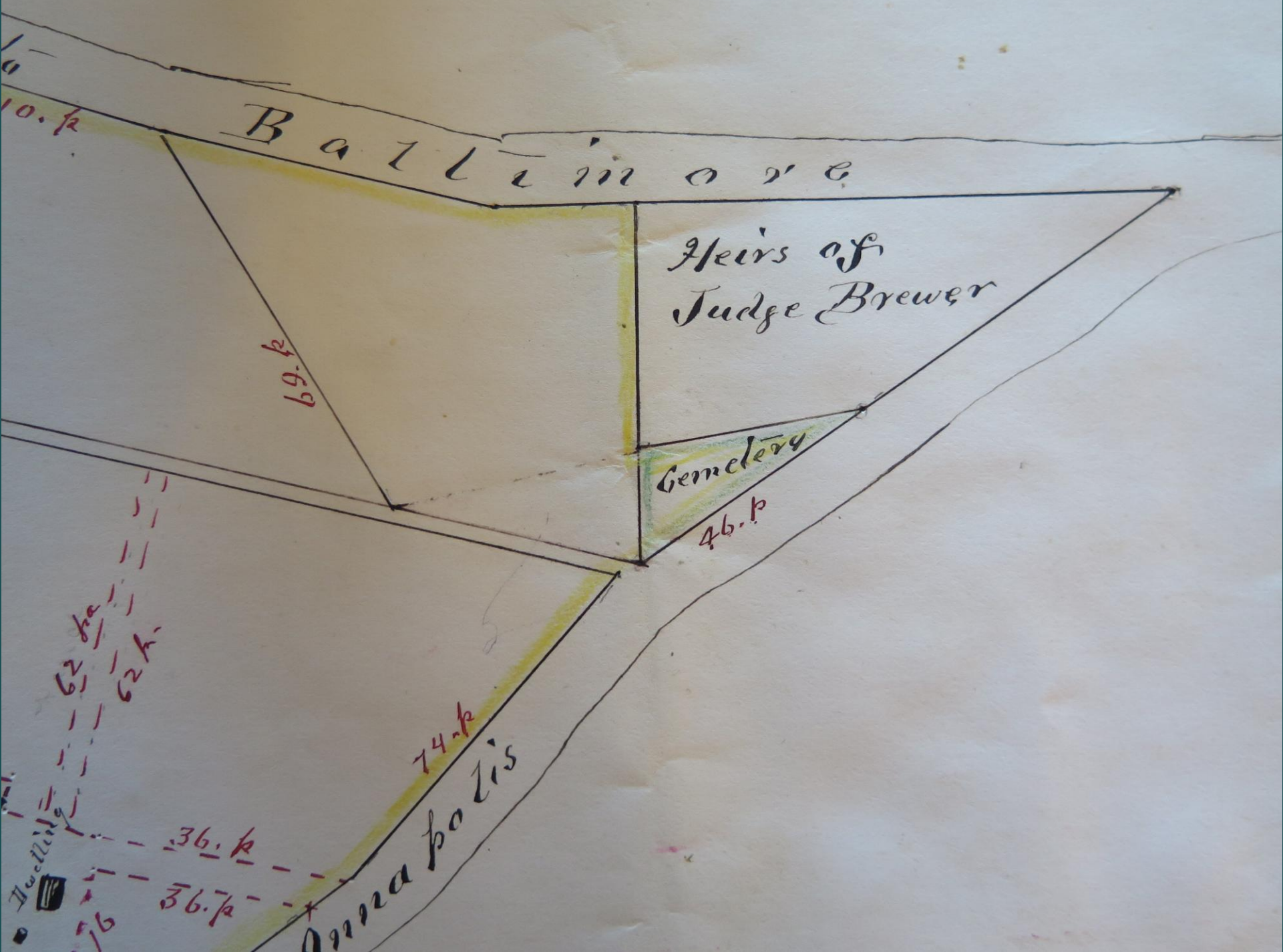


Map

Showing the Location of the  
Fences on the Farm formerly owned  
by the late Col<sup>t</sup> John Watton, situated in  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Election District of Anne Arundel County,  
near the City of Annapolis M<sup>d</sup>. Destroyed by the  
Soldiers of the United States Army  
from 1861 to 1864

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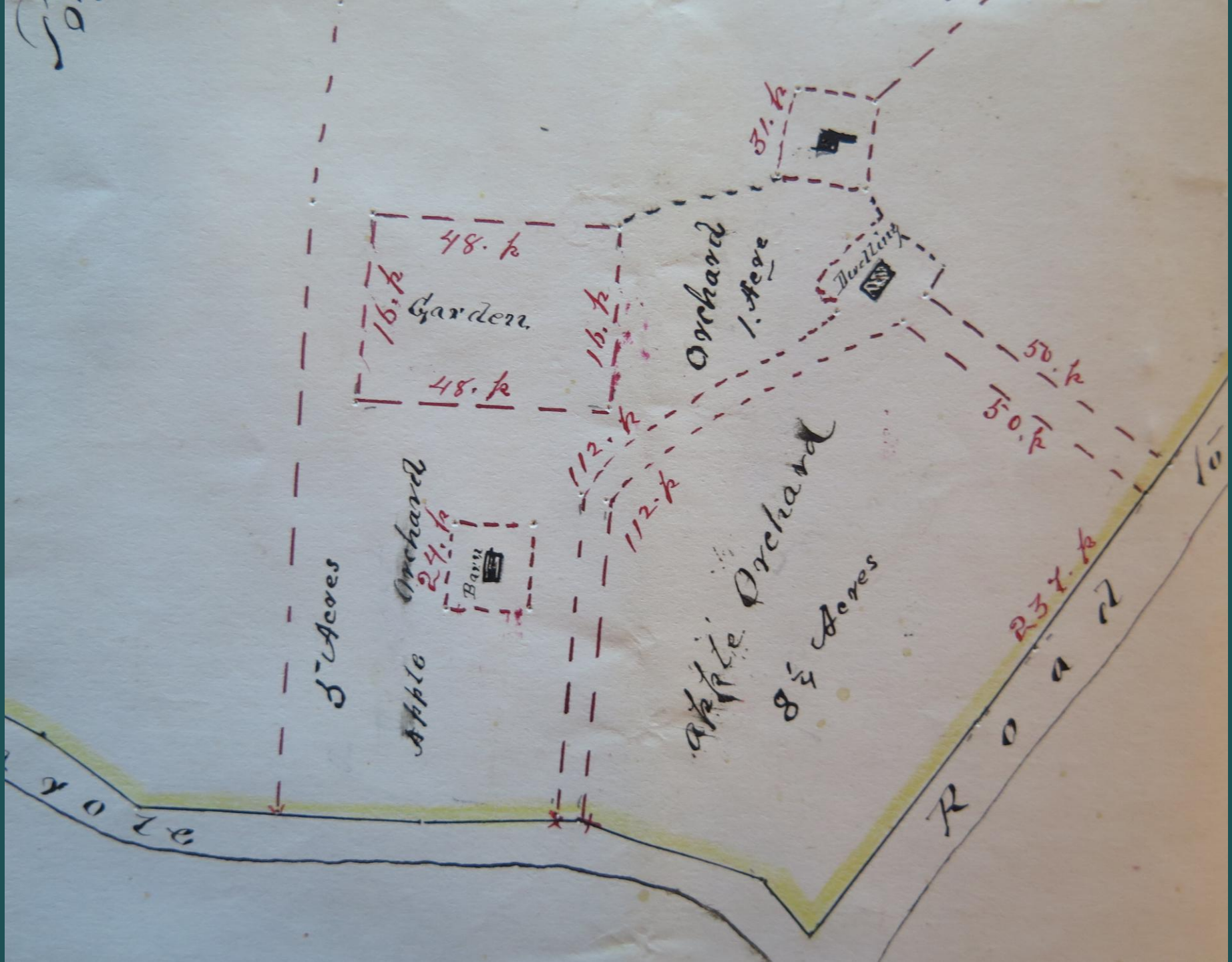
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August 1892  
( " )













Daniel

93. p

Woods Land called

248. p

of  
Pond 333. p

Sandgate

Pond

Apple & Peach Orchard  
5 3/4 Acres

48. p  
16. p  
48. p  
Garden

Orchard  
1. Acre

Trailing

38. p

38. p

South

river

48. p

39

18

20

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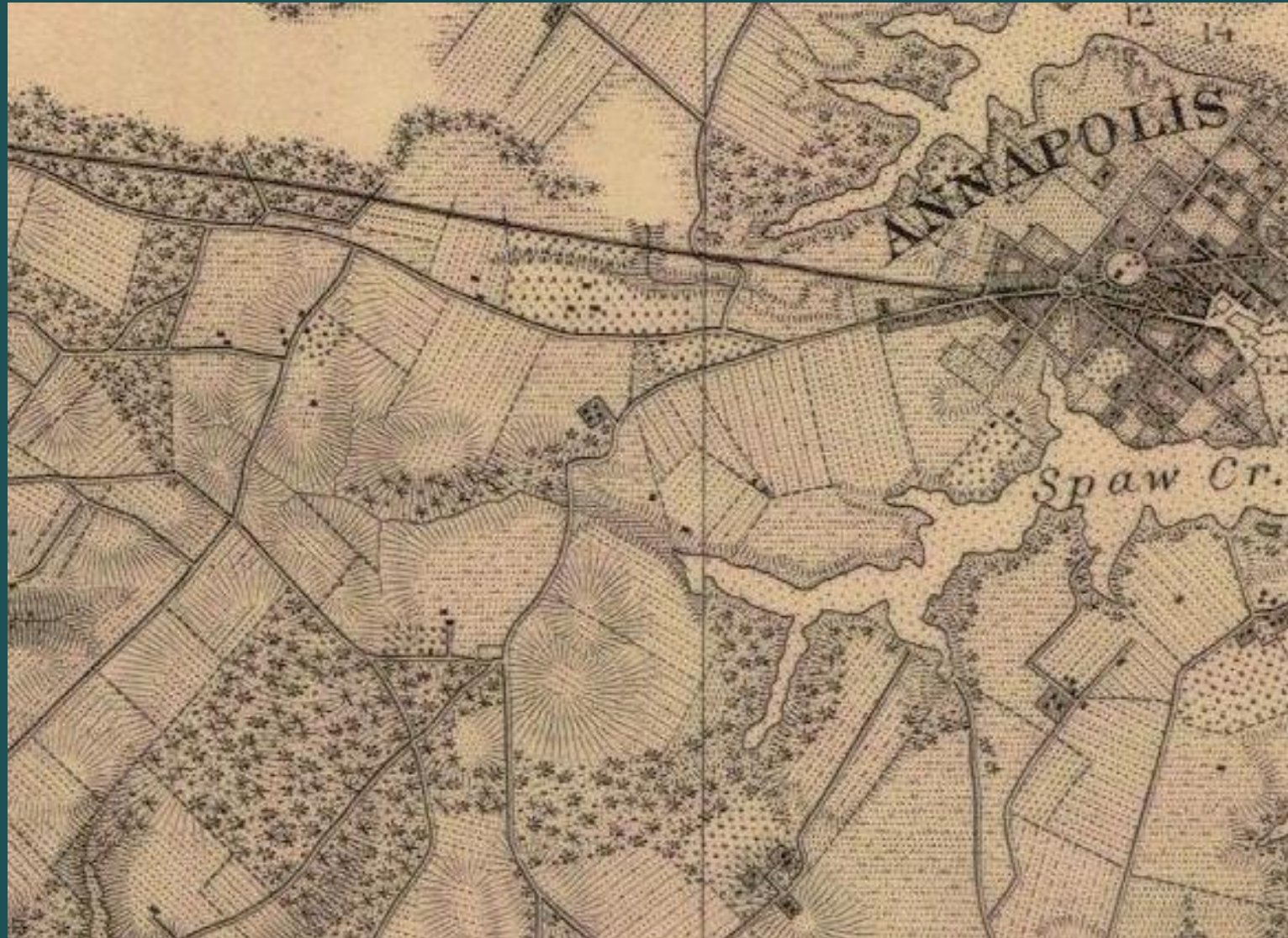
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# U.S. Coast Survey map, 1862





*Journal of  
Literature  
and Politics  
(Portsmouth,  
NH)  
October 26,  
1861*

A letter received from a member of the New Hampshire 4th Regiment, dated "Camp Walton, Annapolis, Oct. 19th," states that there were then about 30,000 men there, and it was said that other forces from New York and Fortress Monroe were to be united with them. The N. H. Third embarked on the afternoon of the 18th, and the Fourth received orders at 6 o'clock the next morning to embark that forenoon, on board the Baltic, formerly of the Collins line. No one knew anything with certainty as to the destination of the fleet. Yet the men were all eager to embark, and wherever they go will try to maintain untarnished the honor of the State.

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Special Correspondence of the Mirror. 

**The Secret Expedition. Fourth Regiment N. H. V.**

CAMP WALTON,  
Annapolis, Md., Oct. 18, '61. }

DEAR MIRROR: To-morrow we embark. To-morrow's dawn beholds us as soldiers for the Constitution and Union treading the soil of a loyal State, may be, for the last time. How solemn the feeling; in the solitude of night reflecting upon the changes which destiny impel, and of the morrow which ushers in a new phase of warlike movements. Embarked for unknown regions to advance upon an armed foe; going forth to meet hardships, and it may be, death, the reflections of the instant are dis-

# Will Mumford's soldier letters . . .

- ❖ Private John W. Warren, F&S Co. [Band], 9th Maine Infantry, Camp Walton, Oct. 18, 1861
- ❖ Private Ira Bisbee, Co. F, 9th Maine Infantry, Camp Walton, Oct. 19, 1861
- ❖ Corporal Frank J. Willis, Co. A, 51st NY Infantry, Camp Walton, Nov. 15th, 1861



David Haight  
found this . . .

Dated May  
9, 1867

Quartermaster  
General (RG  
92)

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Quartermaster General's Office,  
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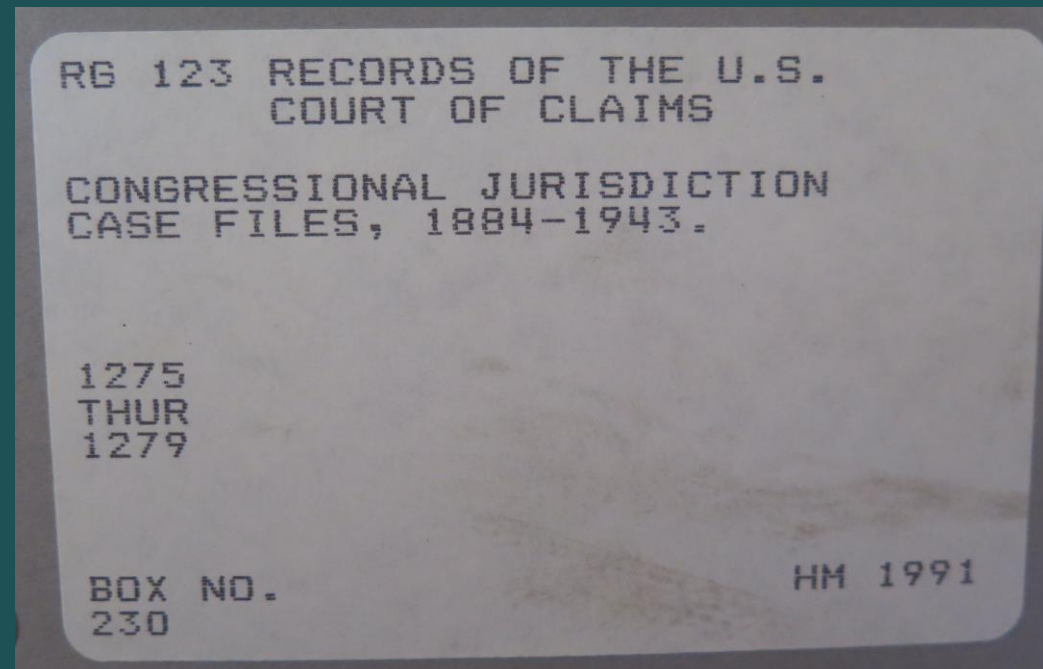
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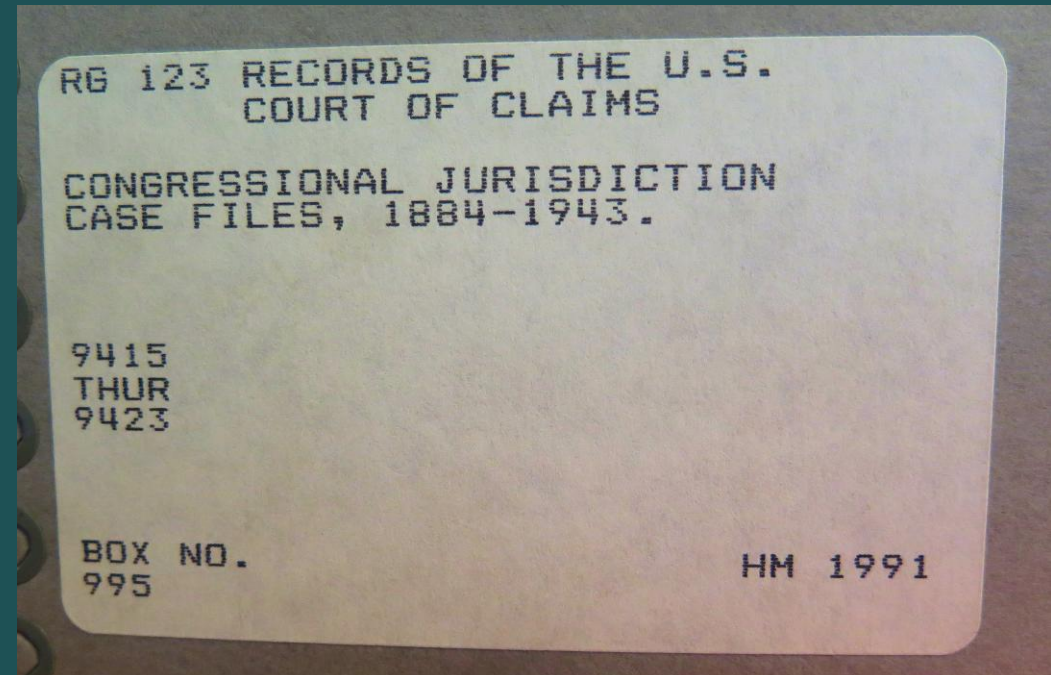
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# Walton's Farm

- ❖ Sandgate = 100 acres (1845) (NORTH)
- ❖ Half acre sold 1858 for St. Mary's Cemetery (more later)
- ❖ Part of Brushy Neck = 92 acres (SOUTH)
- ❖ Supply farm for City Hotel
- ❖ And the market

# Walton's Farm

- ❖ Corn (for feed & for the table)
- ❖ Cabbage, celery, turnips
- ❖ Water melons, cantaloupes, strawberries
- ❖ Oats, clover & timothy (for hay & silage)

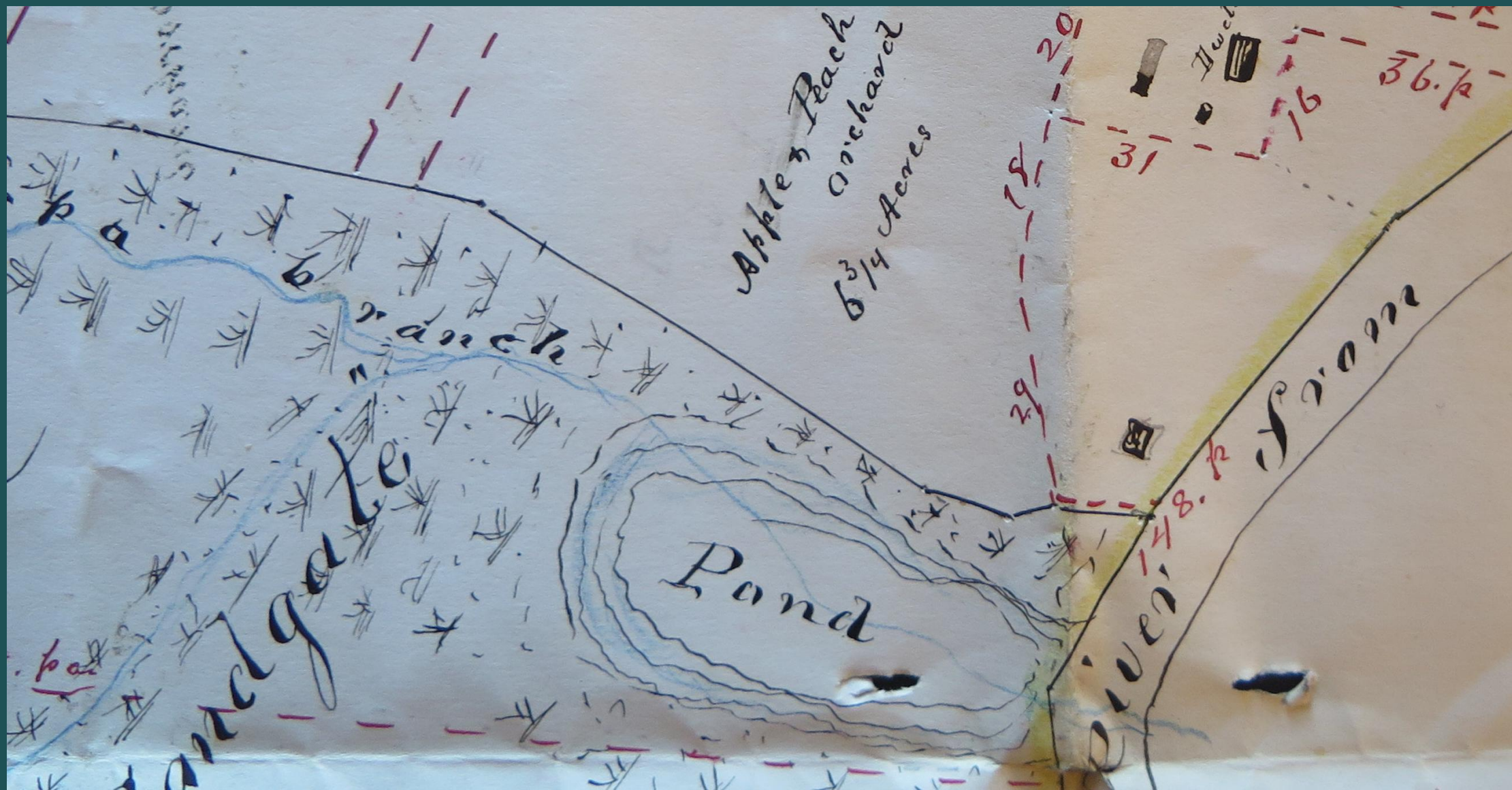
. . . Also had . . .

- ❖ 40 acres of apple & peach orchards
- ❖ 40 acres of woodland
- ❖ Including chestnut, hickory, oak & pine
- ❖ Hogs, poultry, cattle, sheep, horses



. . . And . . .

- ❖ Fences all around & within
- ❖ Two farm houses
- ❖ Live-in caretaker (John Basnett)
- ❖ 13 slaves on the farm, 15 more in town
- ❖ Ice pond









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- ❖ **JOHN HATCH'S CAVALRY BRIGADE (Nov. 1861-Mar. 1862)**

- ❖ 1st Massachusetts
- ❖ 1st Vermont
- ❖ 5th New York

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- ❖ **PAROLED SOLDIERS (12,000 by Sep.1862,some at Camp Walton)**
- ❖ **CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION (Spring & Summer 1863-64)**
- ❖ **ENTRENCHMENTS BUILT (Jul. 1864)**



# What did the soldiers take?

- 1,351 fence panels + posts (3 TIMES!)
- Fruit from 600 peach trees
- Fruit from 670 apple trees
- 3 tons of hay (1861)
- 60 barrels of corn (1861)
- The entire turnip crop (1861)

# What else?

- Cut down fruit trees for fuel
- Took 100 cords of timber for fuel and construction
- Damaged the landscape & buildings
- Polluted the ice pond
- Threatened the overseer (John Basnett) and his wife (Catherine)

# Walton's claims (1862-1902)

- ❖ 1862 — fences, crops, and more
- ❖ 1863 — ditto
- ❖ 1864 — ditto
- ❖ 1867 — claim for rent \$17,000 (paid \$4,860)
- ❖ 1871 — John Walton died



# Walton's claims (1873-1902)

- ❖ 1873 — son Dr. Henry Roland Walton petitioned Congress (\$12,000)
- ❖ 1884 — Claim “a stale one and ought not to be allowed”
- ❖ 1886 — new petition, this time sent to U.S. Court of Claims (\$28,000)
- ❖ 1894 — new petition to U.S. Court of Claims (\$20,000)
- ❖ 1902 — Congress appropriate \$5,083 for Walton claim — *Finis*
- ❖ 1899, 1901 & 1903 — Congressional bills (died in Committee)

# How do I know all this?

- ❖ Newspaper accounts (1861-62) — Library of Congress)
- ❖ Soldier letters (1861-62) — Will Mumford)
- ❖ War Dept. correspondence (1862-67) — Nat'l Archives)
- ❖ Congressional documents (1873-1906) — Library of Congress
- ❖ U.S. Court of Claims File 1277 (1886) — 200+ pages (Nat'l Archives)
- ❖ U.S. Court of Claims File 9419 (1894) — 300+ pages (Nat'l Archives)

How many kinds of apples  
grew in Anne Arundel  
County?



# At least seven . . .

- ▶ Winter & Fall Pippins
- ▶ Wine Sap
- ▶ Carthouse
- ▶ Bellflower
- ▶ Maiden Blush
- ▶ June (Harvest)
- ▶ “and other varieties”
- ▶ “red steaks and other fine apples”



Any questions?

