

Where Was Camp Walton?

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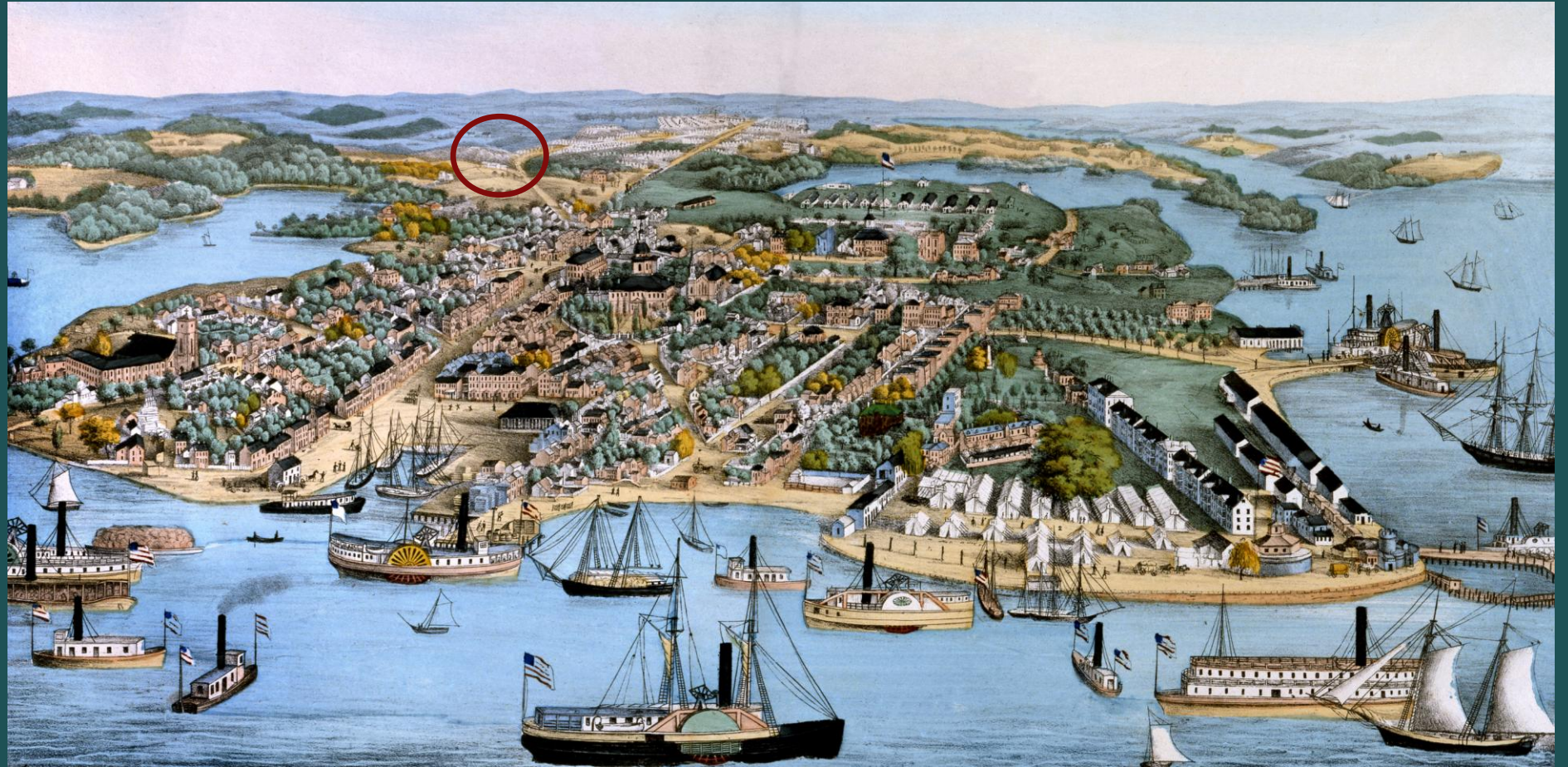
Why do we care?

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

Camp Walton . . .



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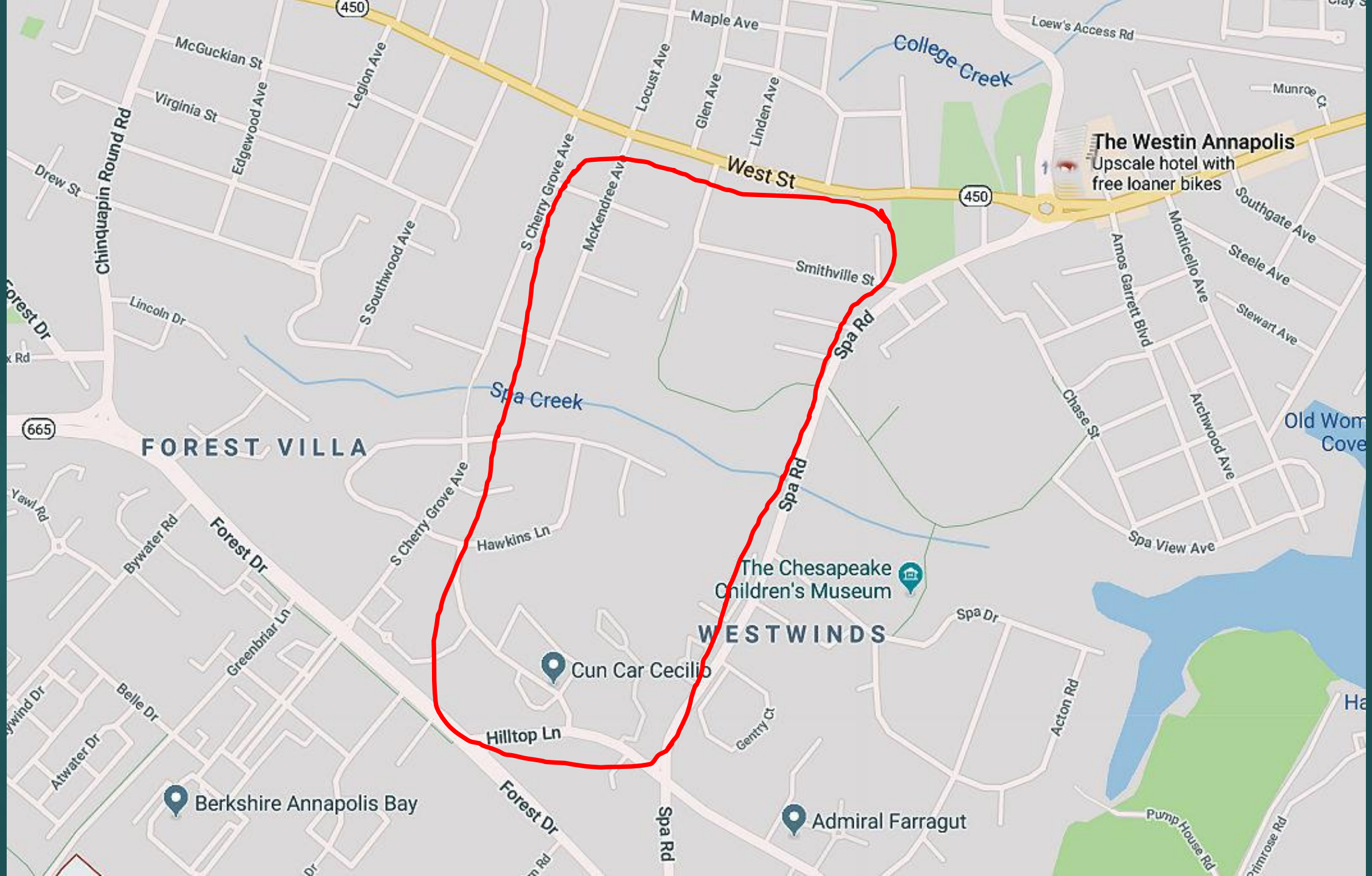
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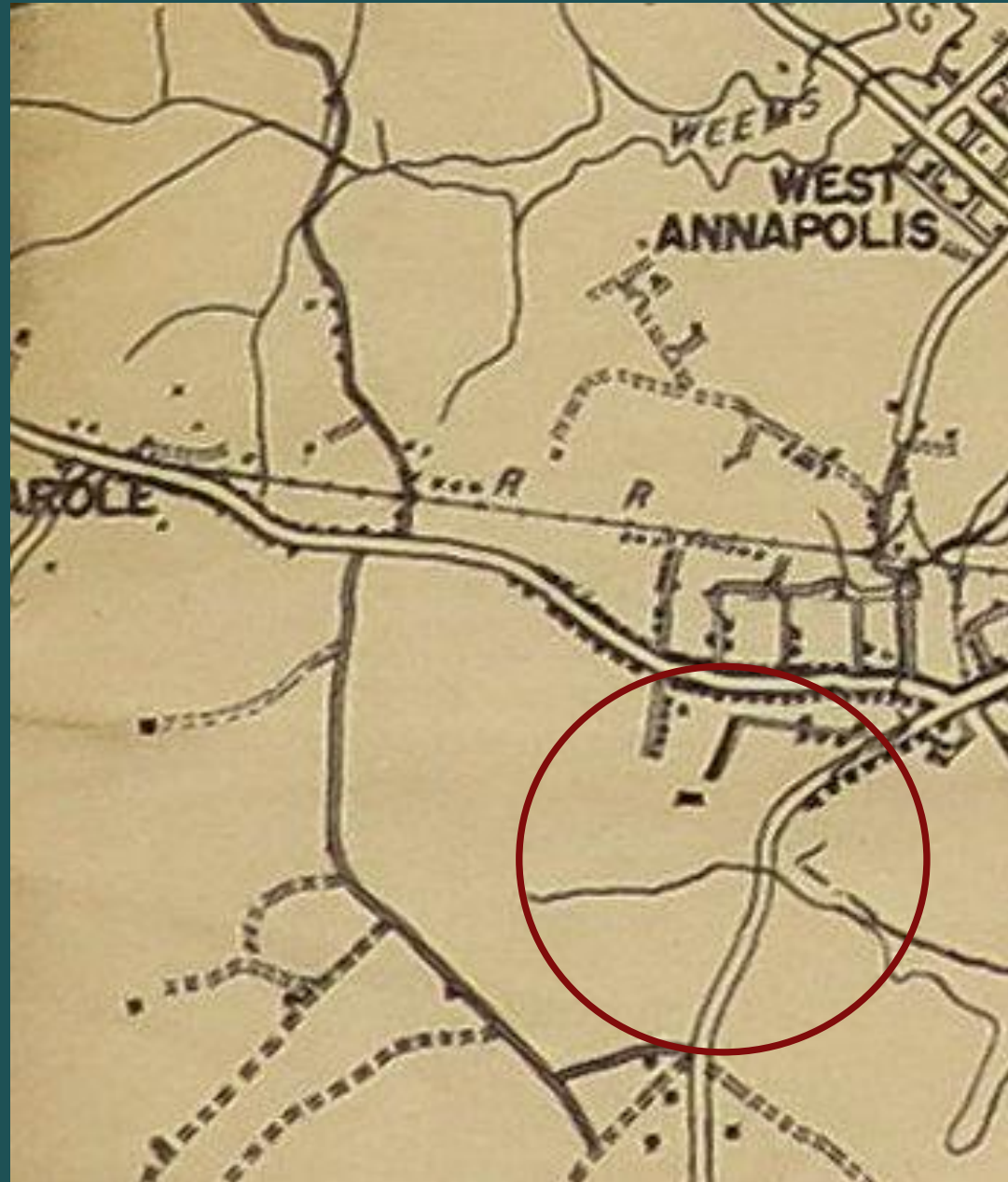
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- ❖ Proprietor of the City Hotel
- ❖ . . . Now site of Hillman Garage (Gorman Street)
- ❖ One of richest persons in town
- ❖ Enslaver
- ❖ Staunch Unionist
- ❖ I care because. . . .
- ❖ He was parishioner of St. Mary's
- ❖ Family named mentioned more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



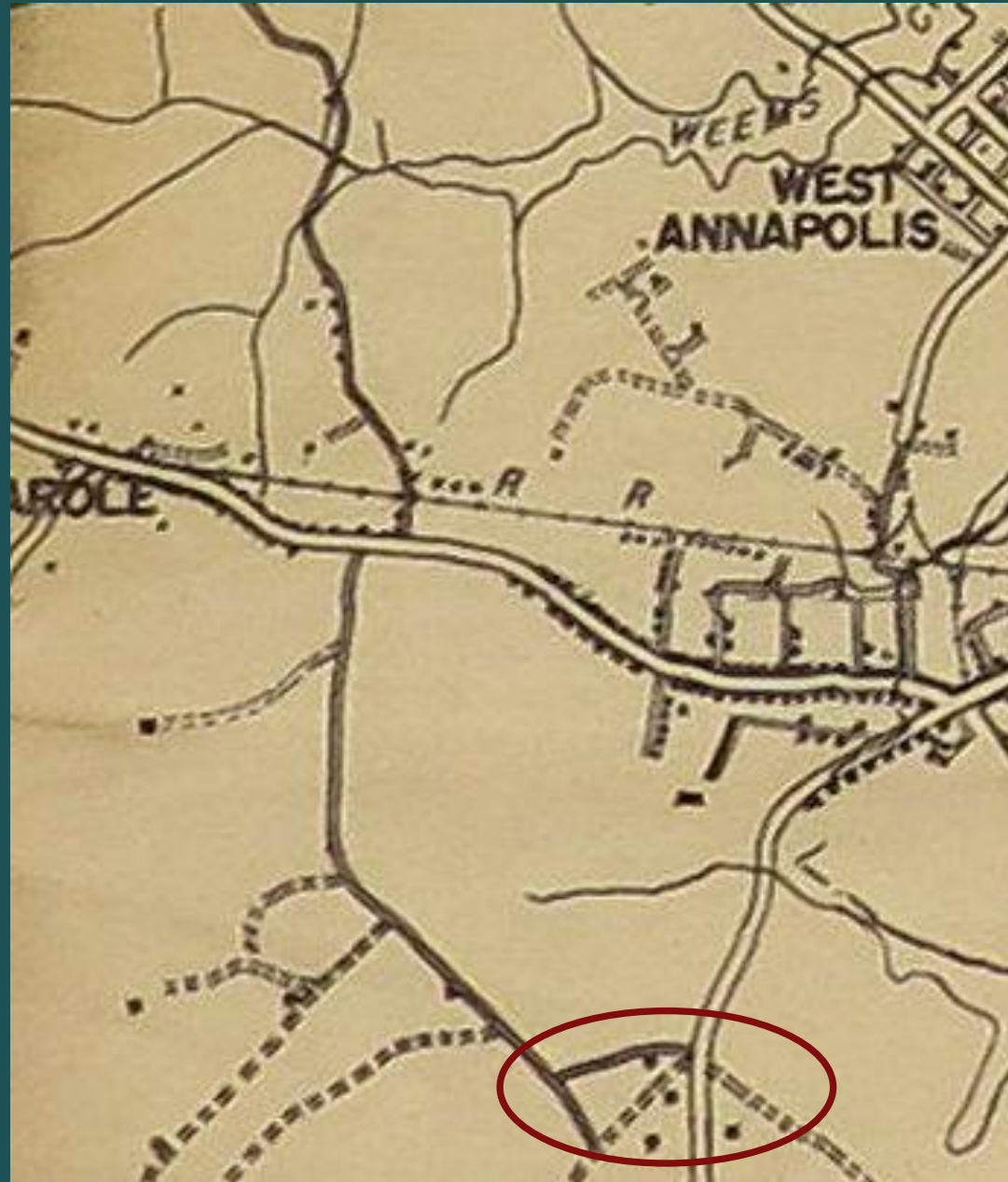
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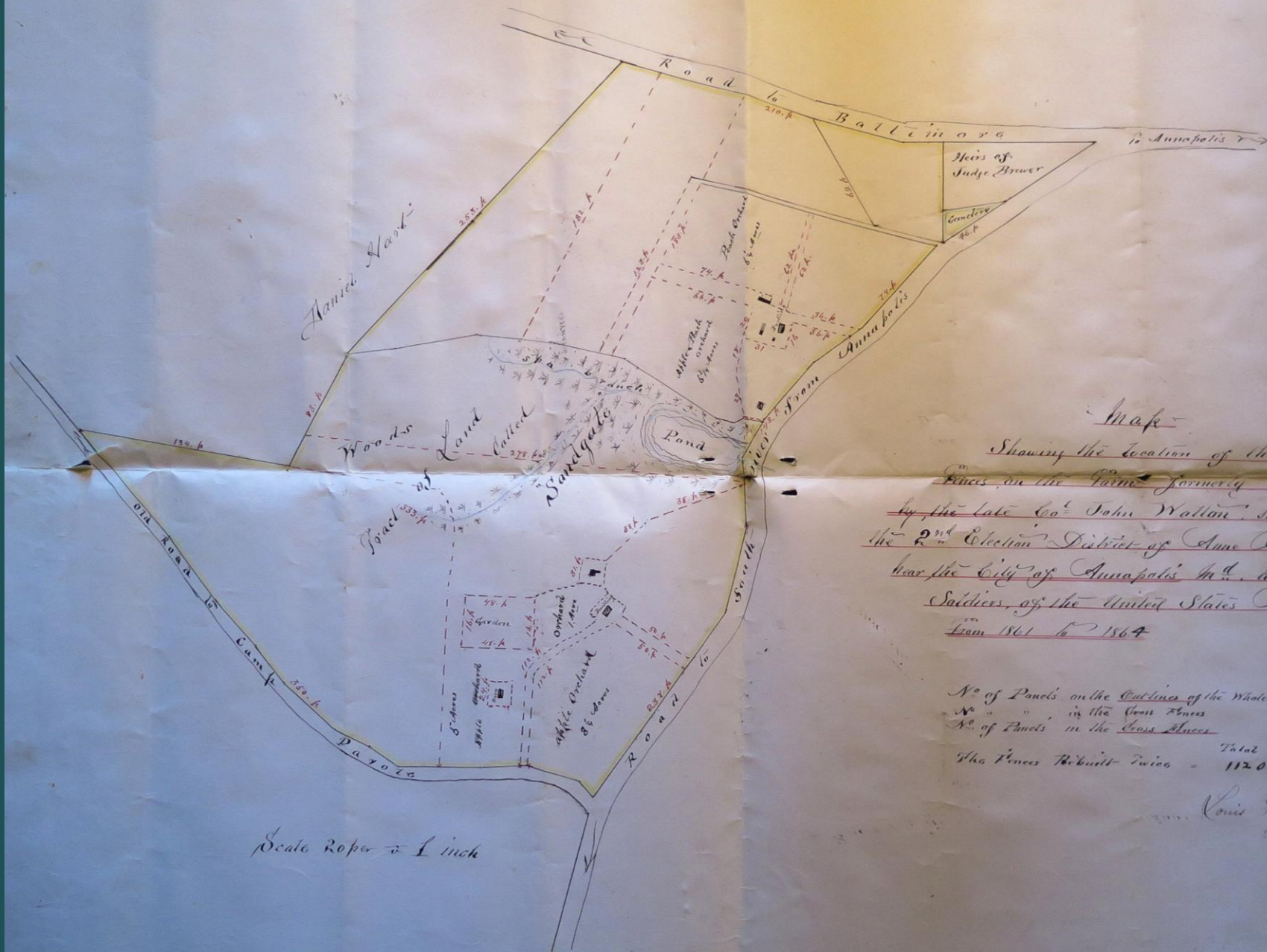


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No " " in the <u>Front Fences</u>	449	
No of Panels in the <u>Loose Pieces</u>	1752	
	<u>Total</u>	3736
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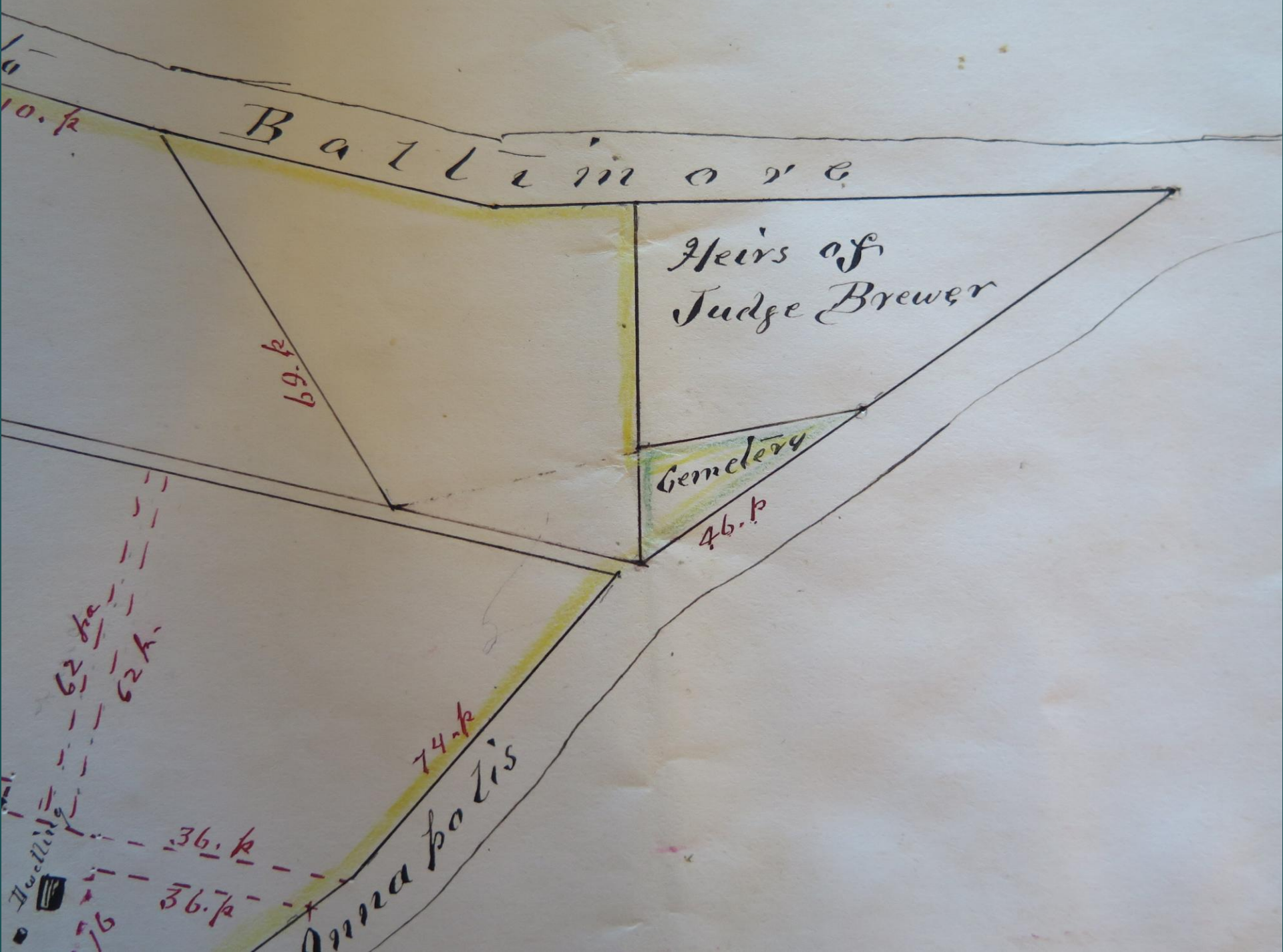
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Map

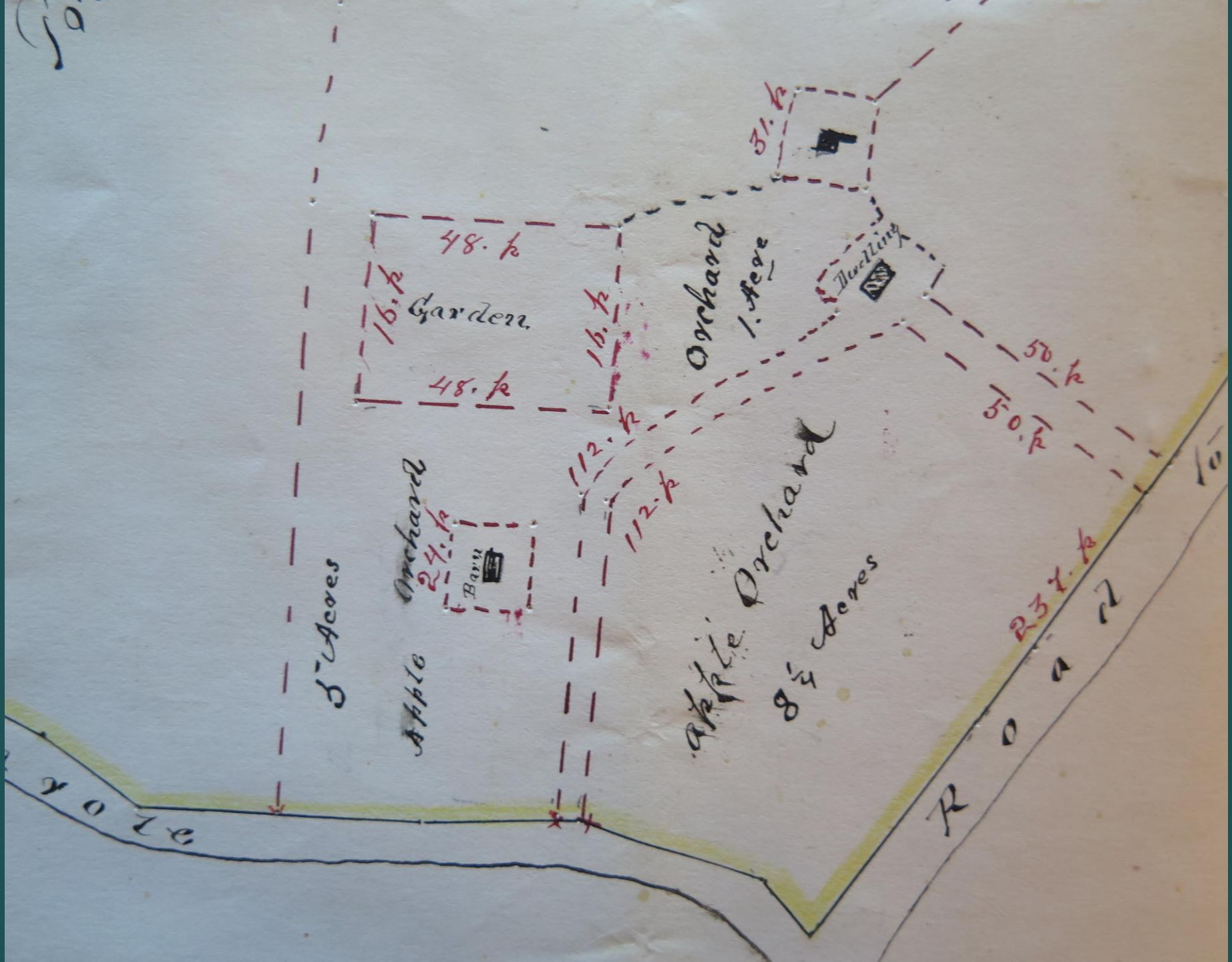
Showing the Location of the
Fences on the Farm formerly owned
by the late Col^t John Watton, situated in
the 2nd Election District of Anne Arundel County,
near the City of Annapolis M^d. Destroyed by the
Soldiers of the United States Army
from 1861 to 1864

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Daniel

93. p

Woods Land called

248. p

of Soil 333. p

Sandgate

Pond

Apple & Peach Orchard
5 3/4 Acres

South

river

Apple & Peach Orchard

66. p

74. p

123. p

39. p

48. p

38. p

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51. p

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Orchard

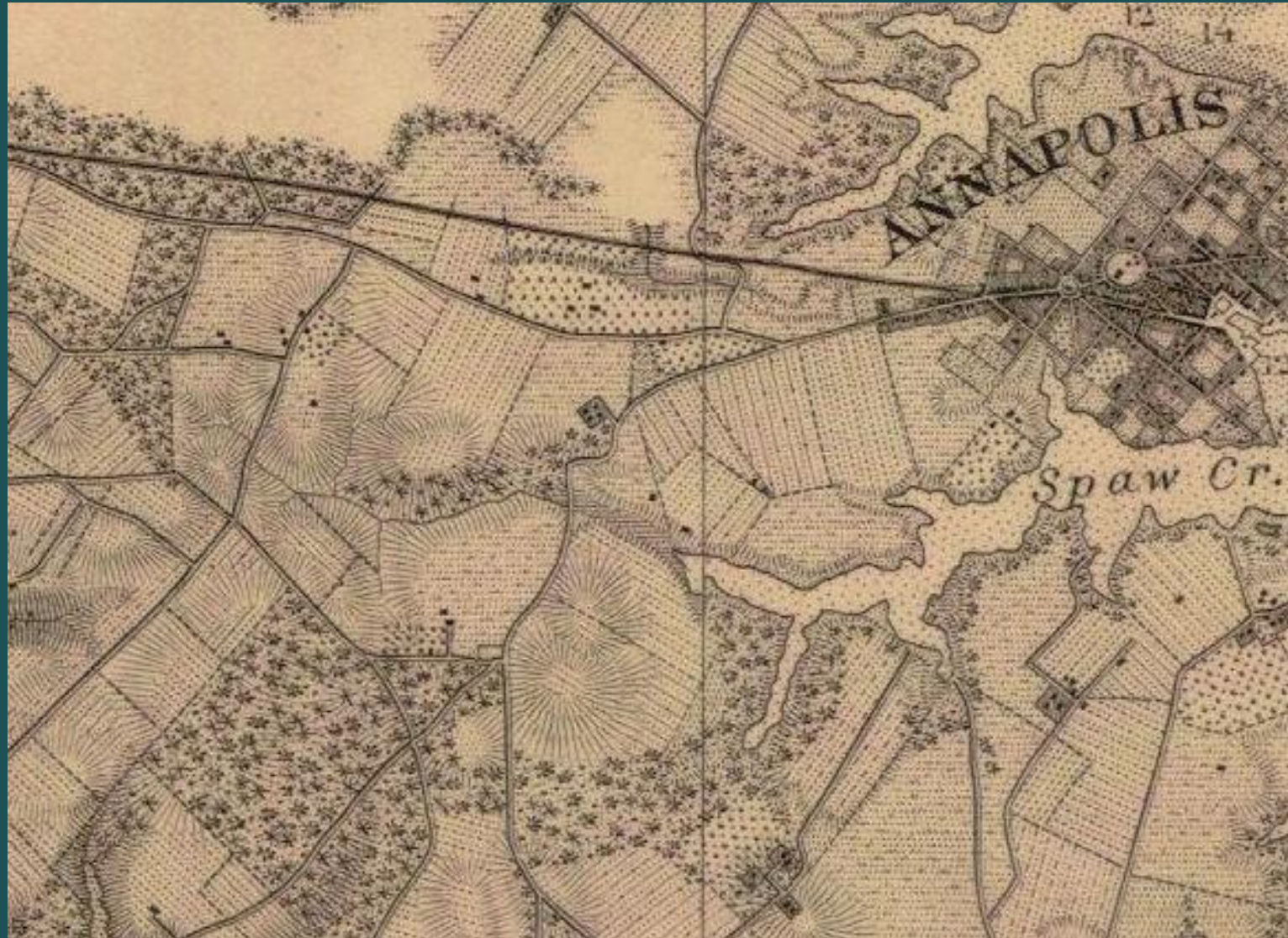
1. Acre

Trailing

50. p

50. p

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.

*Dollar Weekly
Mirror*(Manchester,
NH), October 26,
1861

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
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Fourth Division,
Quartermaster General's Office,
Washington D.C. May 9 1867.
Col Major Genl. D.H. Haight
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Claiming
compensation
for damage to
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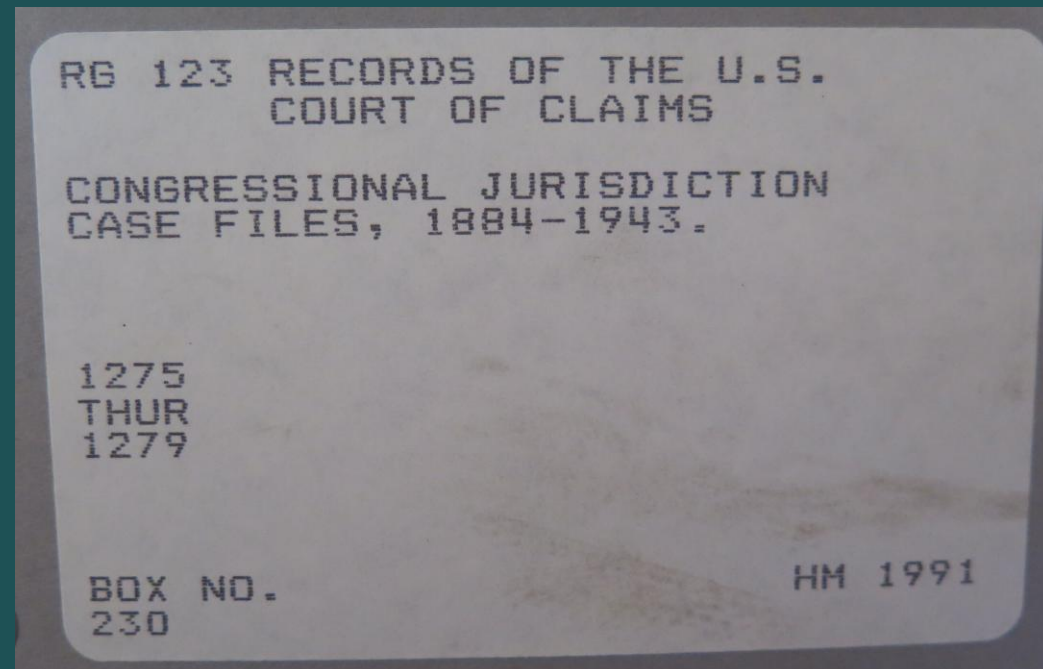
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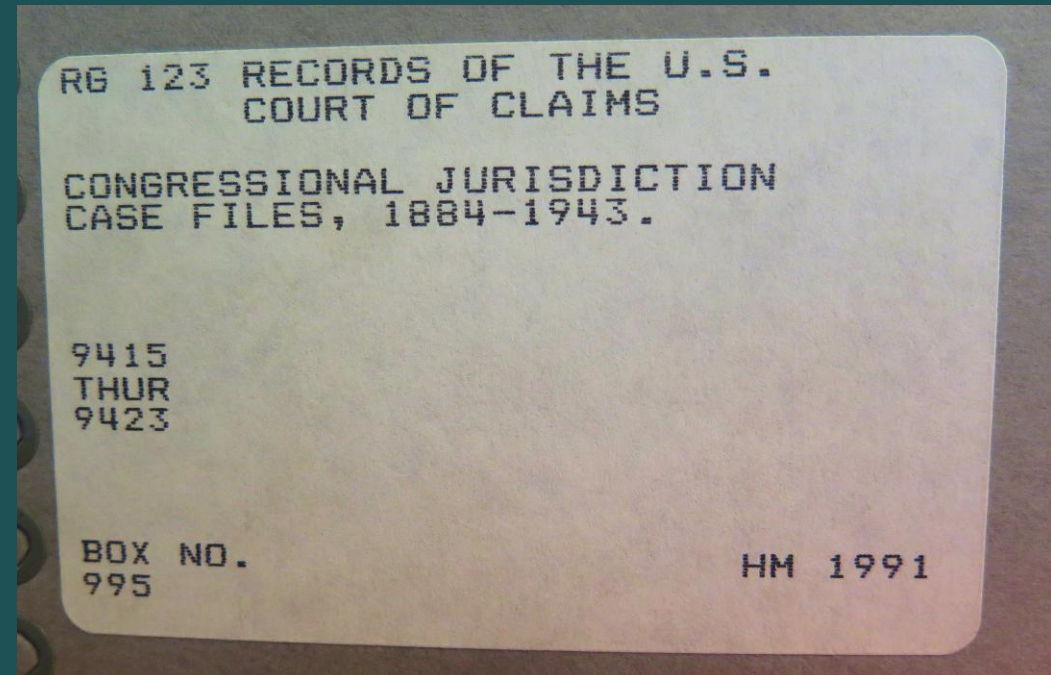
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Walton's Farm

- ❖ 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

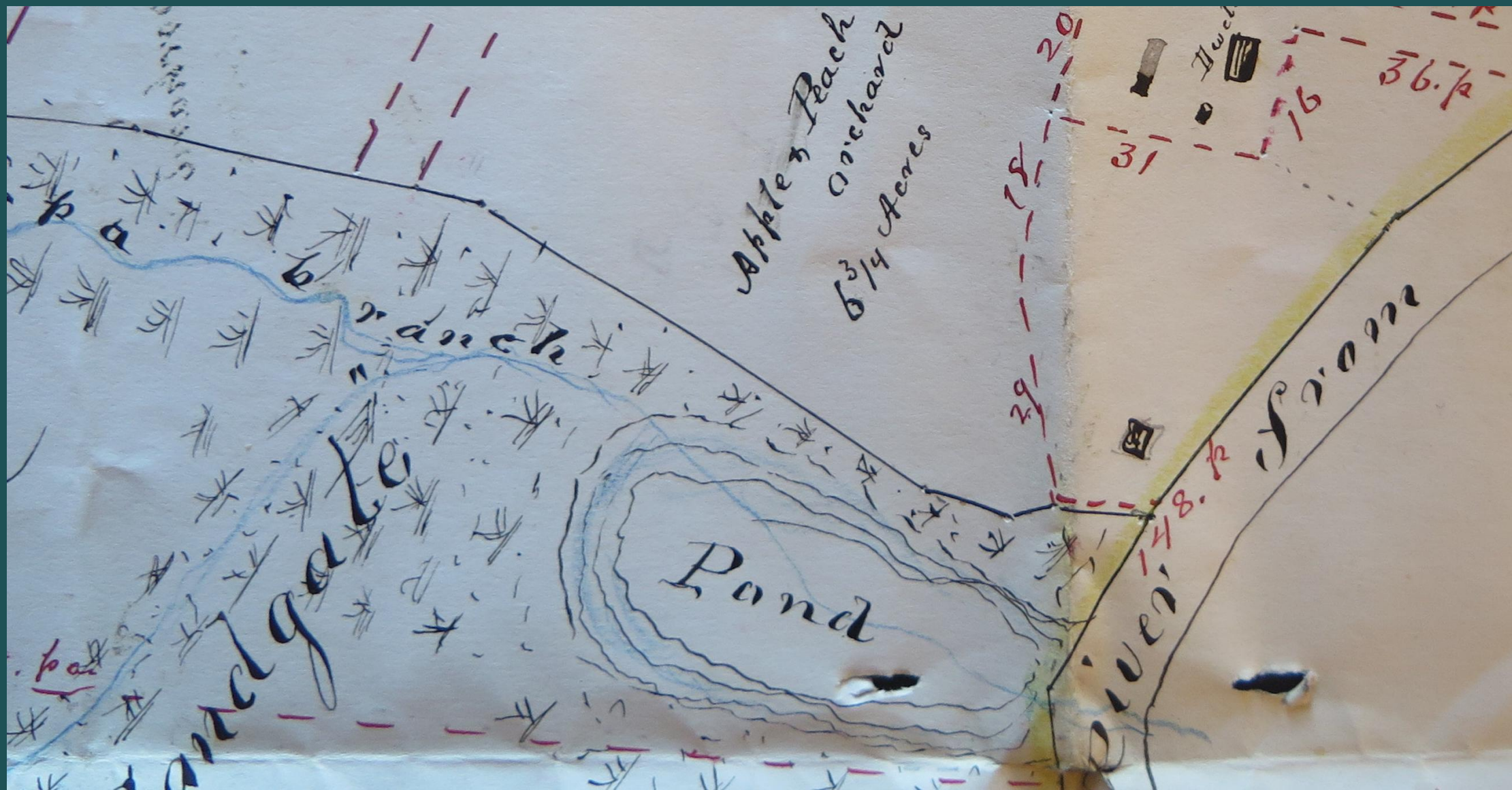
- ❖ Corn (for feed & for the table)
- ❖ Cabbage, celery, turnips
- ❖ Water melons, cantaloupes, strawberries
- ❖ Oats, clover & timothy (for hay & silage)

. . . 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





Troops at Camp Walton

- ❖ **THOMAS SHERMAN'S SOUTH CAROLINA EXPEDITION (Oct. 1861)**
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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?

