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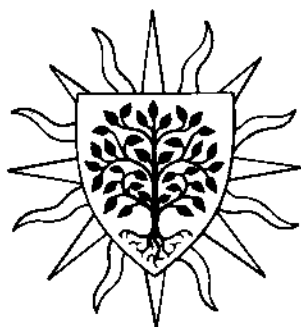
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As President of the South Carolina Genealogical Society, I take great pleasure in endorsing CEMETERIES OF UPPER COLLETON COUNTY on behalf of the Society. Tombstone inscriptions are valuable—but often inaccessible—records of those names, dates and relationships that we genealogists try so diligently to establish. But alas! So many of them, through neglect or design, have vanished, taking their irreplaceable data with them.

To those of us who study and cherish the records of the past, this book is a phenomenon. It is phenomenal not only because it is a storehouse containing a vast amount of essential knowledge, but also because of the unbelievable diligence and expertise that went into its compilation. It is truly a labor of love, for what else could have motivated its authors to spend hour after endless hour on such a project, overcoming the enormous difficulties that they did? The result speaks for itself.

We who enjoy poring over the intriguing manuscripts and microfilms in the comfort of an archive might well ask ourselves what part we can play in preserving records for future generations. The example set by Mr. and Mrs. Bryan in this monumental book demonstrates the kind of valuable contribution that can be made by dedicated amateurs such as we are. Go and do likewise!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James L. Haynsworth".

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*President*  
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## INTRO

For many years both authors were one in Florida, the other, in South Carolina, a mother whose appreciation of family facts until she became curious, from early youth, of many of them in writing. Hence, Carolina history and lore has been a Sandlapper (The Magazine of the Illustrated, Names in South Carolina and Courier newspapers. She has been *Hunting Your Ancestors in S. C.* in a greatly enlarged, revised

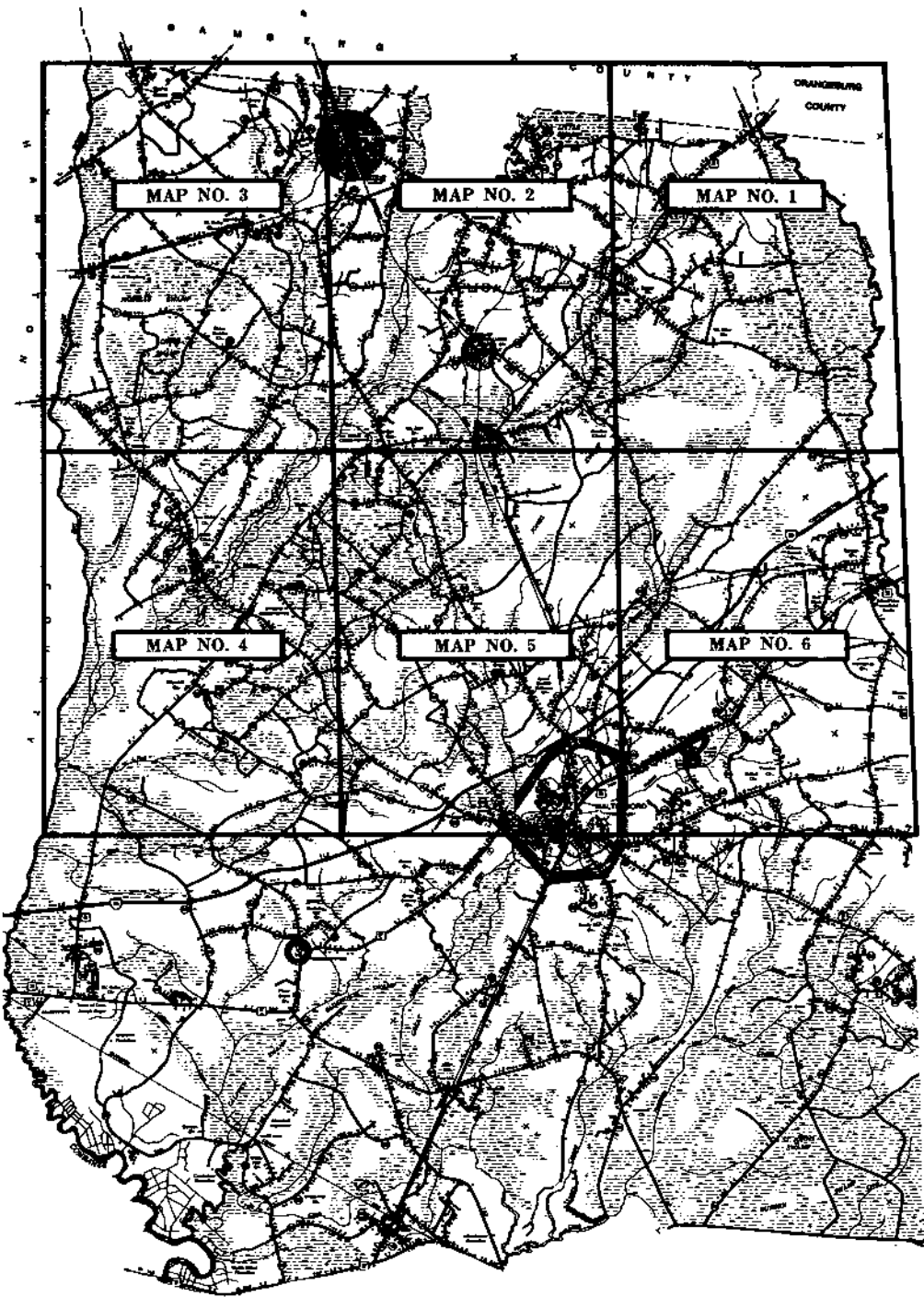
When she and G. Howard Bryan immediately became evident. It may be rather difficult to pinpoint the exact date. Rather it might be better to say that which would explain the reason

Back in 1969 she had an article in a house published in the *Charleston* after considerable revision, appeared in *South Carolina History Illustrated* that year to commemorate South Carolina's 200th birthday. In the story, the name of the Reverend Bryan, at that time, he being prominent in the area, one of a committee of three appointed to study a "new" courthouse to be built in the citizenry had voted for in Walterboro (Jacksonborough). Shortly thereafter, a call from Jacob F. Bryan, III, in South Carolina, for further information on his ancestor, she sent him what material she had on hand. To be released was a book by her on the Bryan genealogy, this book being the first published under her then name.

As a result of these events, in 1970, the book was published by G. Howard Bryan—a brother-in-law—research on the Rev. Bryan. On

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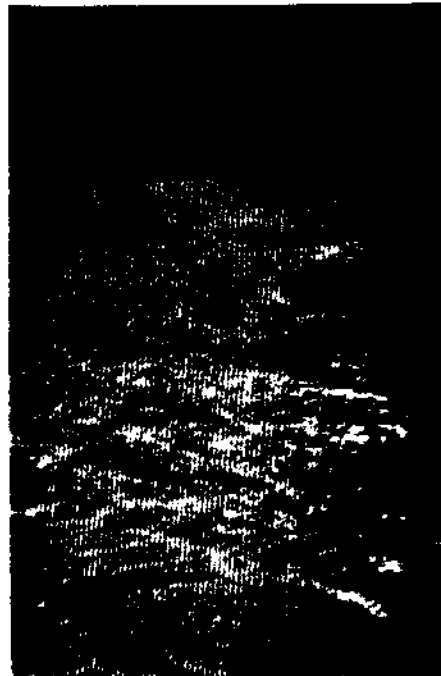
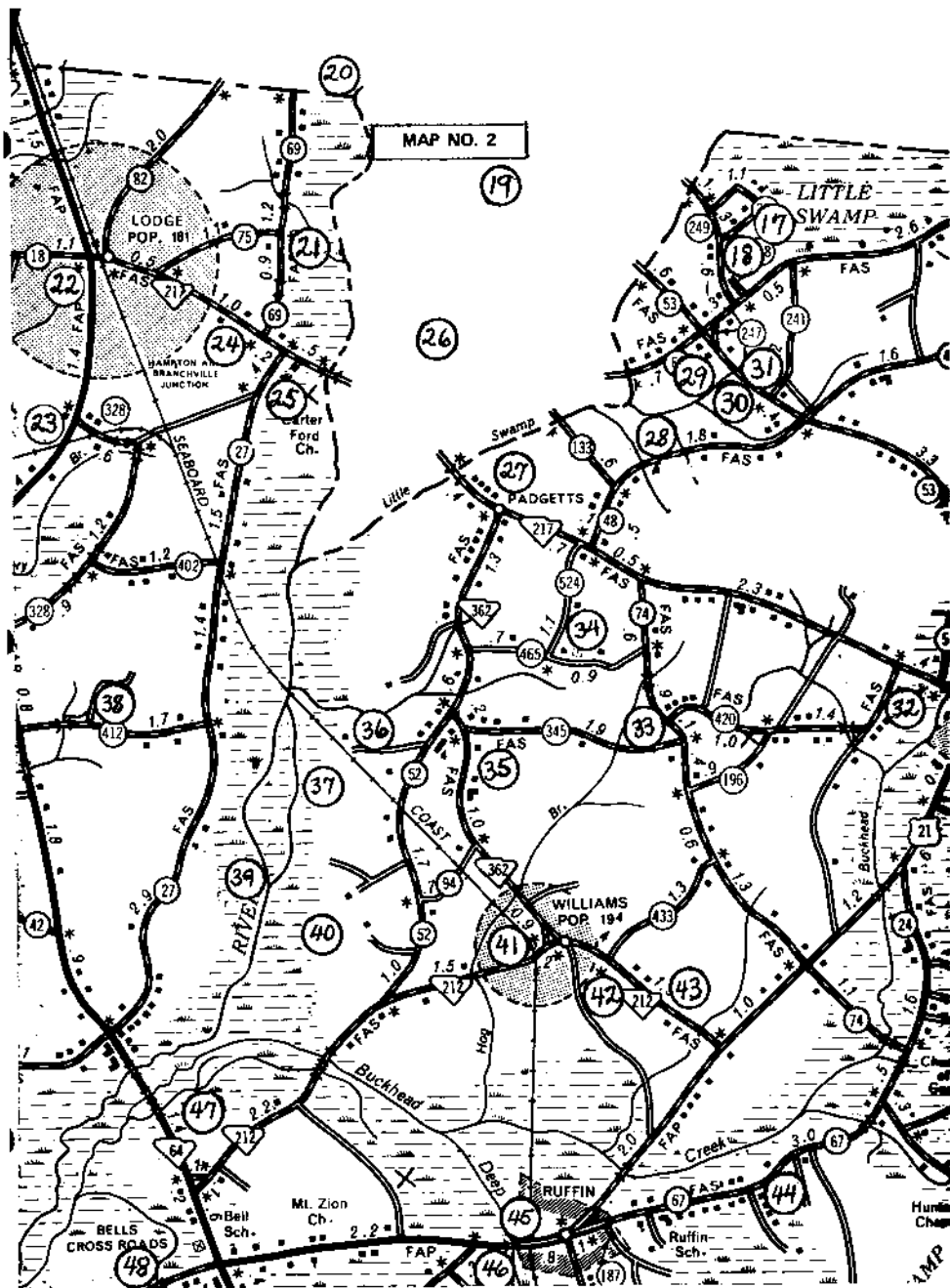
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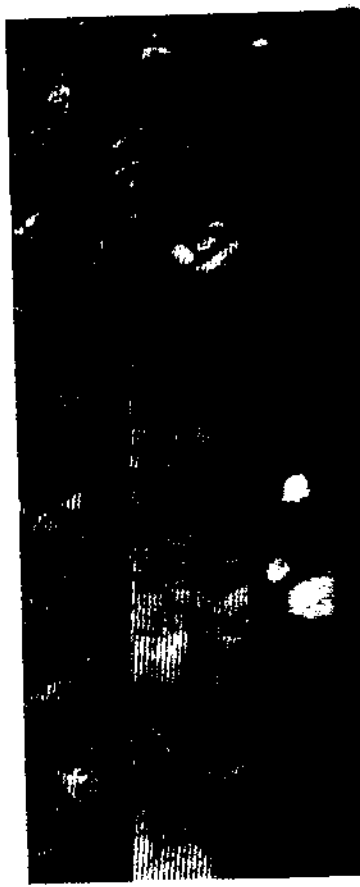
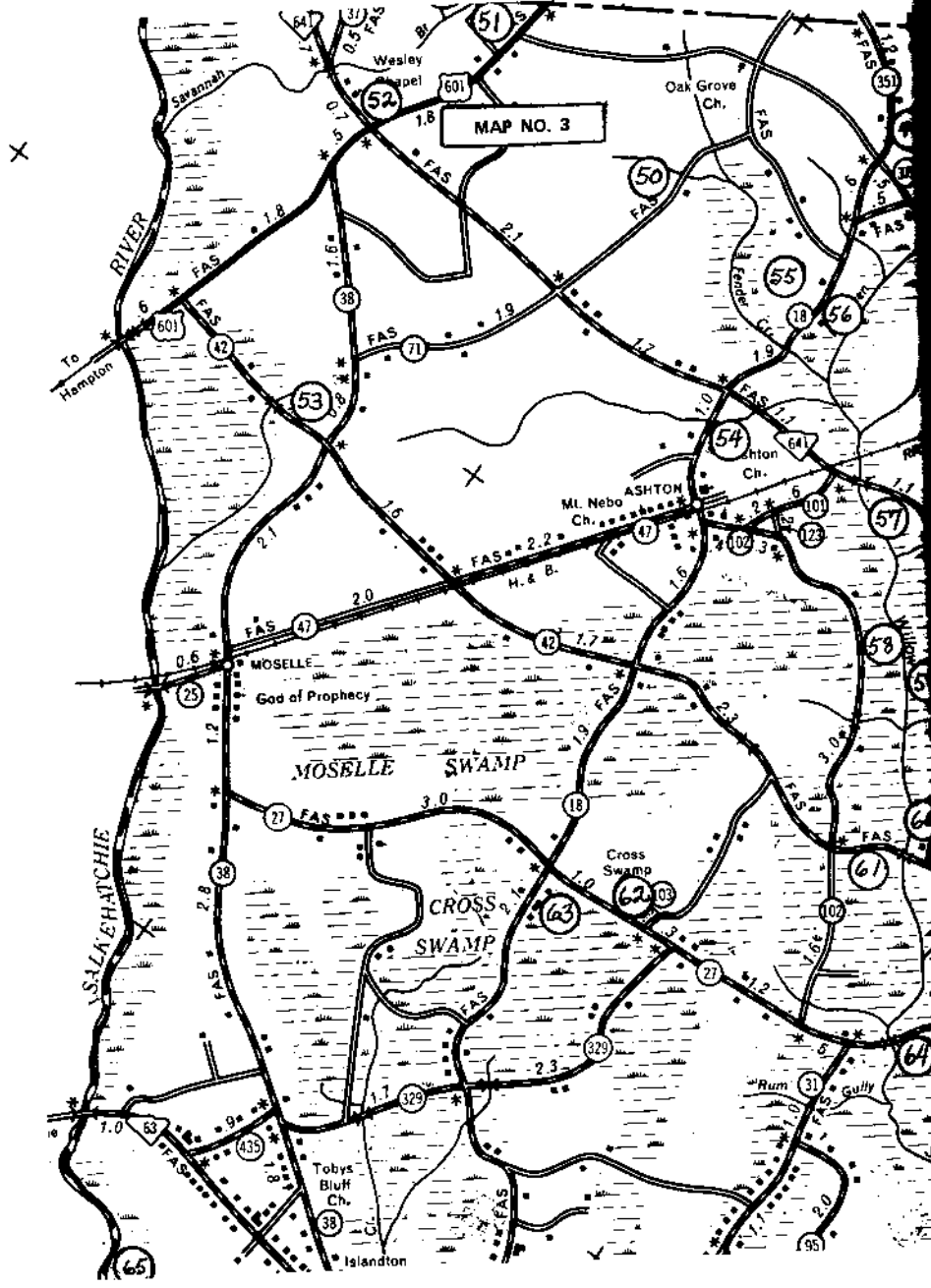
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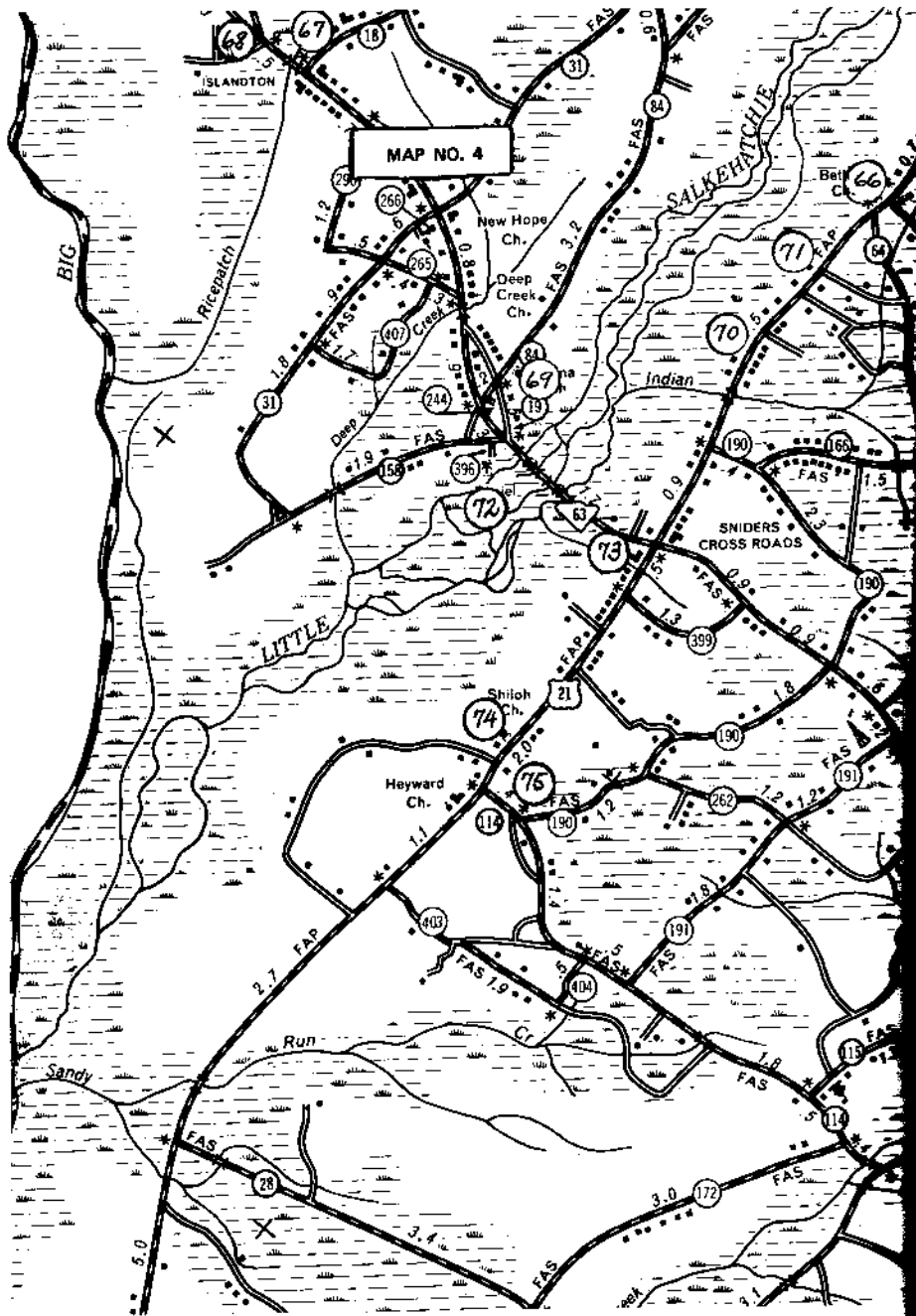
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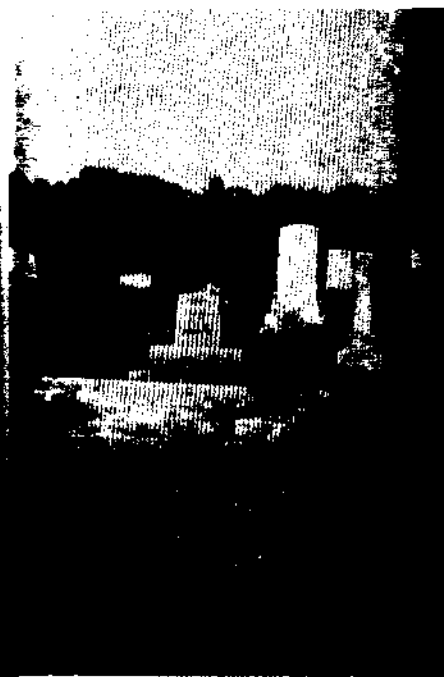
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# BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CEMETERY



The Bryan Section of the Bethel United Methodist Church is located some 3 miles south of Bells Creek on the highway. The grounds are shaded with trees, all beautifully draped with barbed wire farm fence on a hill on the road.

The oldest gravestone here is that of Snider, "who departed this life on the 12th of June, 1862, at the age of 66 years, 6 months and 1 day." There are also many Confederate veterans buried here. In the lower right-hand corner of the Bryan section, there are many old wooden gravestones, many of which are rotten and lost.



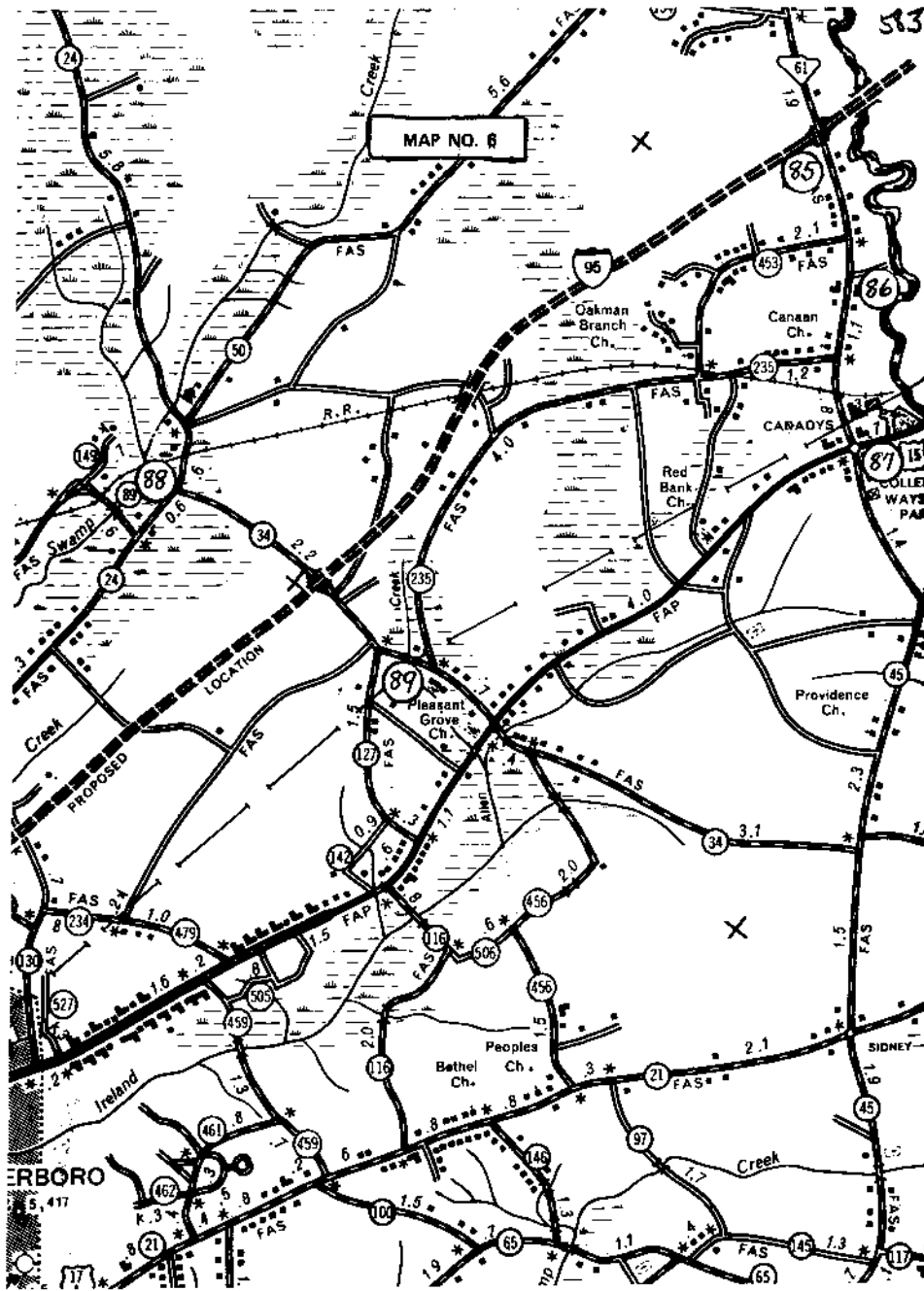
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RICHARD RISHER



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According to Mrs. Sara Williams, S. C., a Risher descendant jamin Risher, Sr., and his wife guenet descent. She was born in

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