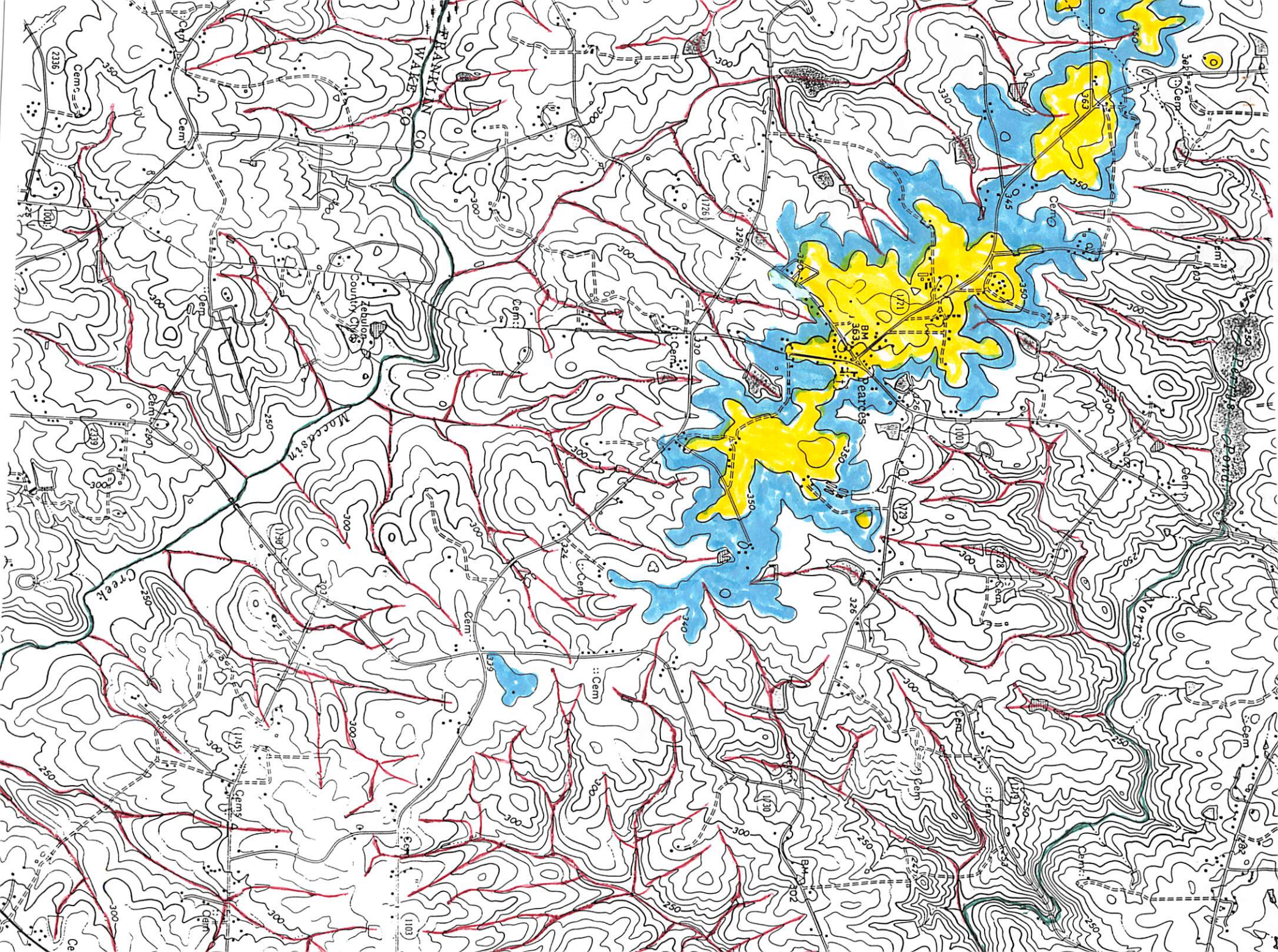


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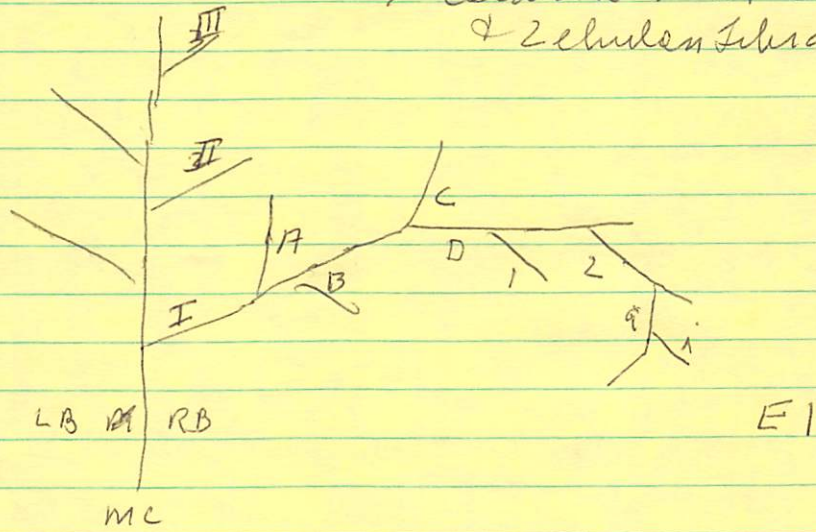
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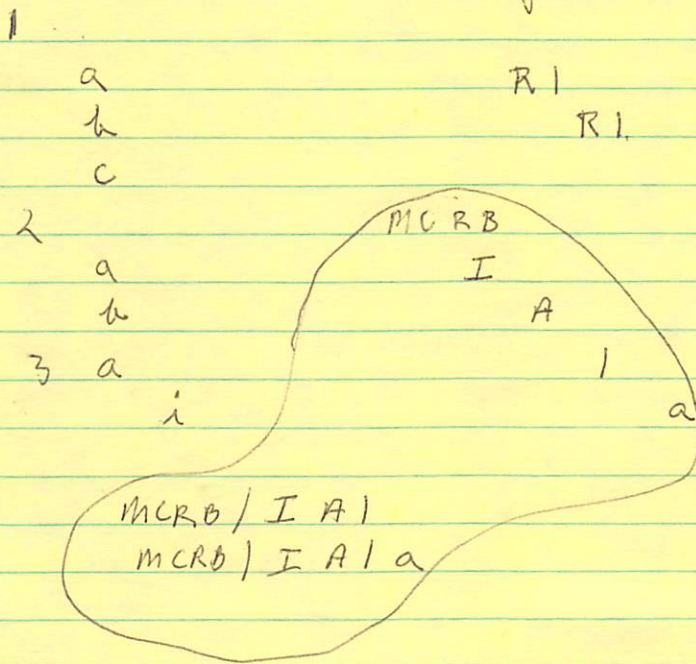
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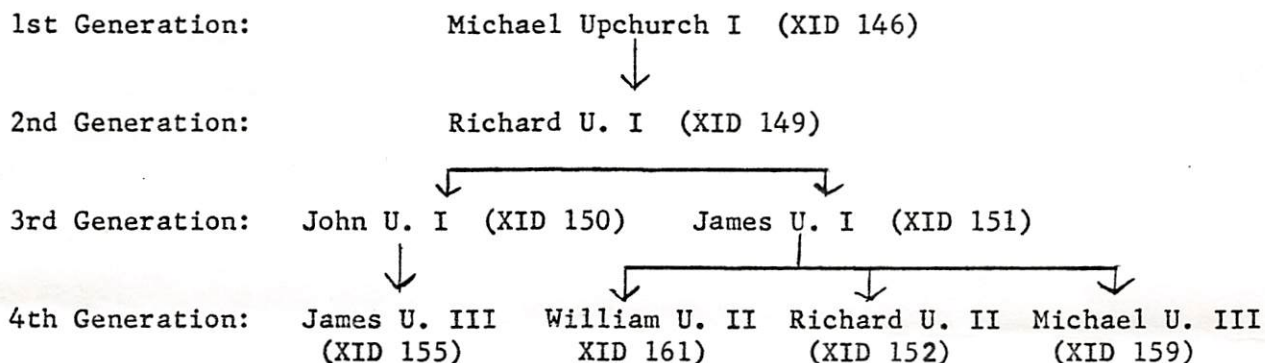




COLONIAL UPCHURCHES

The Moccasin Creek Area of Wake and Franklin Counties in Perspective

There are at present only eight known key members of the Upchurch family who constitute the first four generations of Upchurches in America. They are:



There were more offspring among these four generations (see UB Vol. 1, pg. 9) but the eight individuals listed above are the only ones who are known to have had further issue. Hence all present-day members of the Upchurch family must trace their lines back through one of the four fourth generation Upchurches listed above. These four individuals gave rise to the Heads of the 22 known Upchurch Clans. Of these 22, James U. III produced 5, William U. II produced 2, Richard U. II produced 11 and Michael U. III produced 4. It is Richard U. II and his eleven offsprings who are associated with the Moccasin Creek Area. A map of the area is provided herewith.

According to West's Upchurch Family book, Richard U. II was born in VA and moved to NC about 1750. Some of his 11 children were born in VA and some in NC. The Moccasin Creek Area Proper today lies at the western most reach of Franklin Co., NC between the east and west prongs of Moccasin Creek (see map next page). It is an elliptical shaped area about 1 and 3/4 miles wide and 3 and 1/2 miles long at the most. The area appears to have been a part of Johnson County prior to 1760 and as such became a part of Wake County on March 12, 1771, when Wake was formed. In 1787 the Wake/Franklin boundaries were changed so that the dividing line ran up the east prong of Moccasin Creek rather than the west prong and the area was thereby shifted from Wake to Franklin County. When Richard U. II and his brother, William U. II came to NC about 1750 the large area now occupied by Franklin, Granville and Warren Counties was known as Granville County. In 1764 it was divided into a western section (Granville Co.) and an eastern section (Bute Co.). Prior to 1880 Bute County was eliminated by creating a northern section (Warren County) and a southern section (Franklin County).

Richard U. II and his brother, William U. II were on the Tax Rolls of Granville Co., NC in 1755 but the location of their property at that time is as yet unknown. In 1769 Richard U. II bought 200 acres of land in Bute County (probably in the section that was to become Franklin Co.) on the south side of Crooked Creek between the property of Womack and that of Hunnicutt. This purchase from Lodovick Alford of Warren Co., NC

is shown in Warren Co., NC Records (Recorded 6 JAN 1770, Bk 2/281). In 1772 Richard U. II sold 150 acres of this land to Richard U. III (Head of Clan 4). Hopefully, someone will recognize these names and help to fix the location of the property. In 1785 Richard U. II bought in the Moccasin Creek area 100 acres from James Cone and 100 acres from Jesse Broadway. Witnesses were James Bolton, Sherwood Bolton and Jesse Broadway in the first instance and James Bolton and James Cone in the second. This land Richard U. II gave to his son, Nathan U. (Head of Clan 3) in 1794. In 1779 Benjamin U. (Head of Clan 23), a son of Richard U. II purchased 500 acres of land in the Moccasin Creek area the site being bound by Moccasin and Turkey Creeks.

The above examples are a few of those available to indicate that many Upchurch Clans trace their roots through the Moccasin Creek area. Hopefully, we will be able to identify many more sites on the Wake/Franklin boundary which have significance for our Upchurch heritage. The map provided herewith has a number of distinctive features. Highway 96 traverses the eastern edge of the area while old 64 and new 64 pass through the southern portion. Little River has its branches in the northwest corner while Norris Creek drains the northeast and Moccasin Creek, the central portion. In Wake Co. we find Zebulon and the communities of Wakefield and Hopkins. In Franklin Co. we find the communities of Pilot, Pearce and Riley. The town of Bunn lies only 3 miles northeast of Perry's Pond (57). Upchurches and their descendants still abound in the area and are well represented in some of the cemeteries. A noteworthy case is the Ambrose U. Cemetery on old 64 just west of Pilot. Ambrose U. (1818-1894) 545 whose homeplace is just south and east of the cemetery, was a son of Burkely U. and a grandson of Richard U. III (Head of Clan 4). Another 65,63 noteworthy instance is spot (52) at the northern edge of the map. This is the approximate location of the home of Moses U. (Head of Clan 1), 1 son of Richard U. II according to a 1943 map prepared by Worth S. Ray 152 and published in a book "Lost Tribes of North Carolina". However, due to the coarseness of the scale on the Ray map the home of Moses could have been anywhere between the community of Riley and 4 to 6 miles further northwest along the Franklin/Wake border.

In future issues of UB we will hope to report additional facts about the gold mine of Upchurch history known as the Moccasin Creek area of NC. Contributions and inquiries regarding this effort are invited.

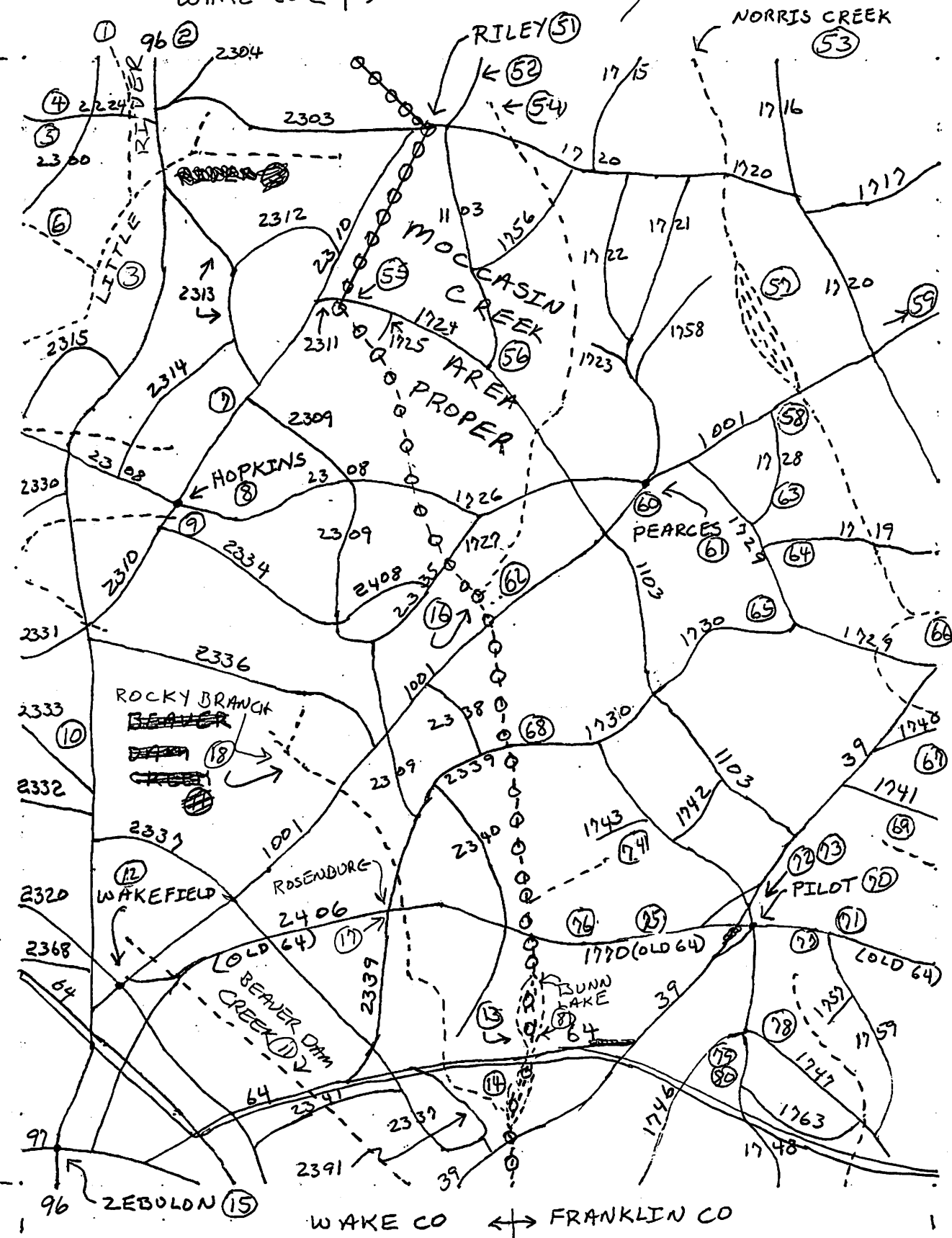
THE MOCCASIN CREEK AREA
of
FRANKLIN AND WAKE COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

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SCALE

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Identification of Specific Aspects
of the Moccasin Creek Area of North Carolina

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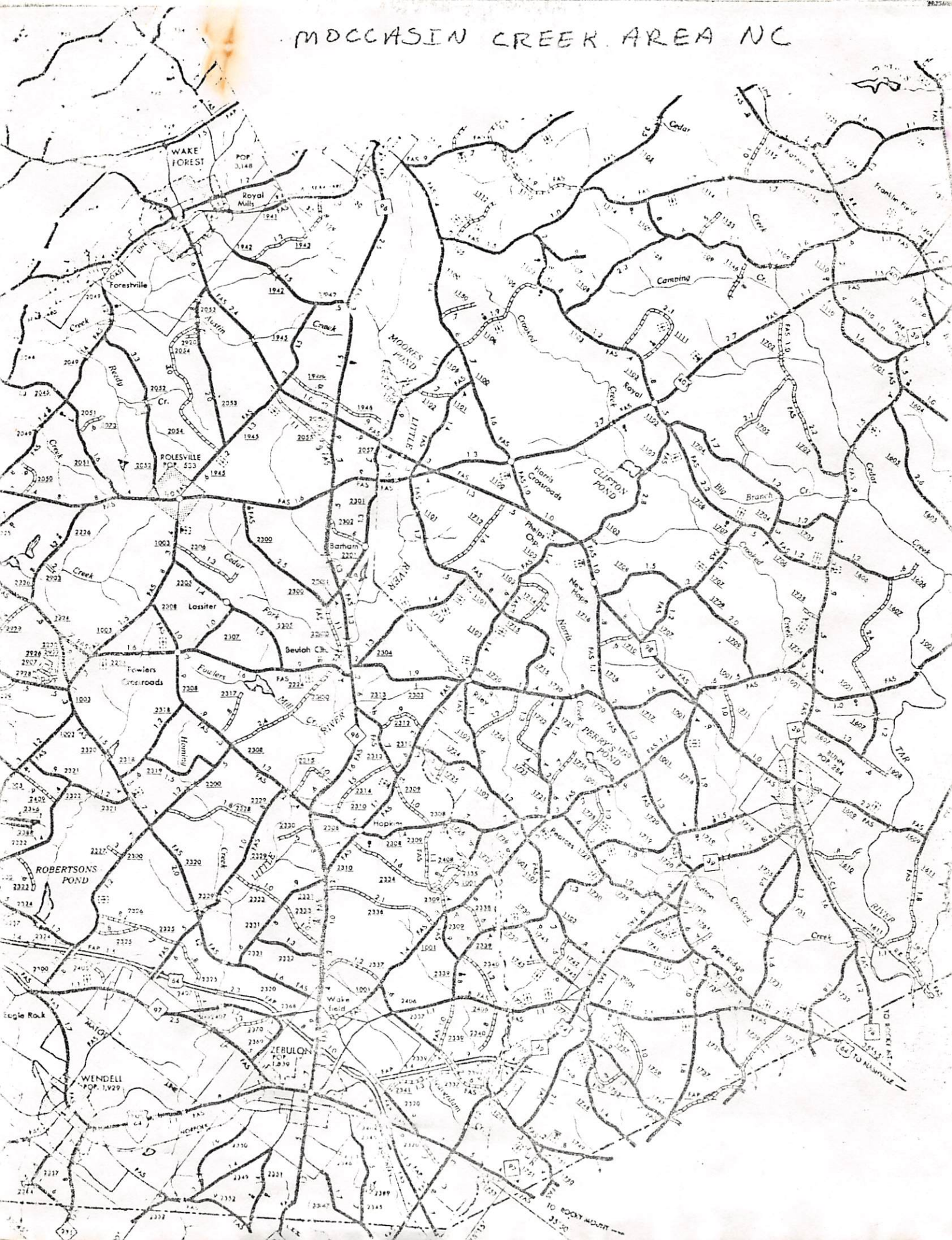
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| 1 Cedar Fork Creek | 9 Church |
| 2 Highway 96 | 10 Church with cemetery |
| 3 Little River | 11 Beaver Dam Creek |
| 4 Beulah Church | 12 Wakefield |
| 5 Cemetery | 13 Lake on Moccasin Creek |
| 6 Fowlers Mill Creek | 14 Confluence of Beaver Dam
and Moccasin Creeks |
| 7 Church with cemetery | 15 Zebulon |
| 8 Hopkins | 16 Confluence of West Fork
and East Fork Moccasin Creeks |
| | 17. Rosenberg |

Franklin County Section 18 Rocky Branch

- 51 Riley
- 52 Residence of Moses Upchurch, Head of Upchurch Clan
- 53 Norris Creek
- 54 Headwater of East Fork Moccasin Creek
- 55 Headwater of West Fork Moccasin Creek
- 56 Center of the Moccasin Creek area
- 57 Perry's Pond
- 58 Church
- 59 To Bunn three miles
- 60 Church with cemetery
- 61 Pearce
- 62 Cemetery
- 63 Cemetery
- 64 Cemetery
- 65 Cemetery
- 66 Sutton
- 67 Cemetery
- 68 Cemetery
- 69 Cemetery
- 70 Pilot
- 71 Cemetery
- 72 Cemetery
- 73 Church and cemetery
- 74 Cemetery
- 75 Cemetery
- 76 Cemetery
- 77 Church
- 78 Cemetery
- 79 Cemetery
- 80 Cemetery
- 81 BUNN LAKE

Carla Tate (nee Carla Sue Jance) Monrose
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MOCCASIN CREEK AREA NC





STREAMS (RED) AND
ROADS (BLACK) OF THE
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FRANKLIN & WAKE
COUNTIES
IN N. C.

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POND

RILEY

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LINE

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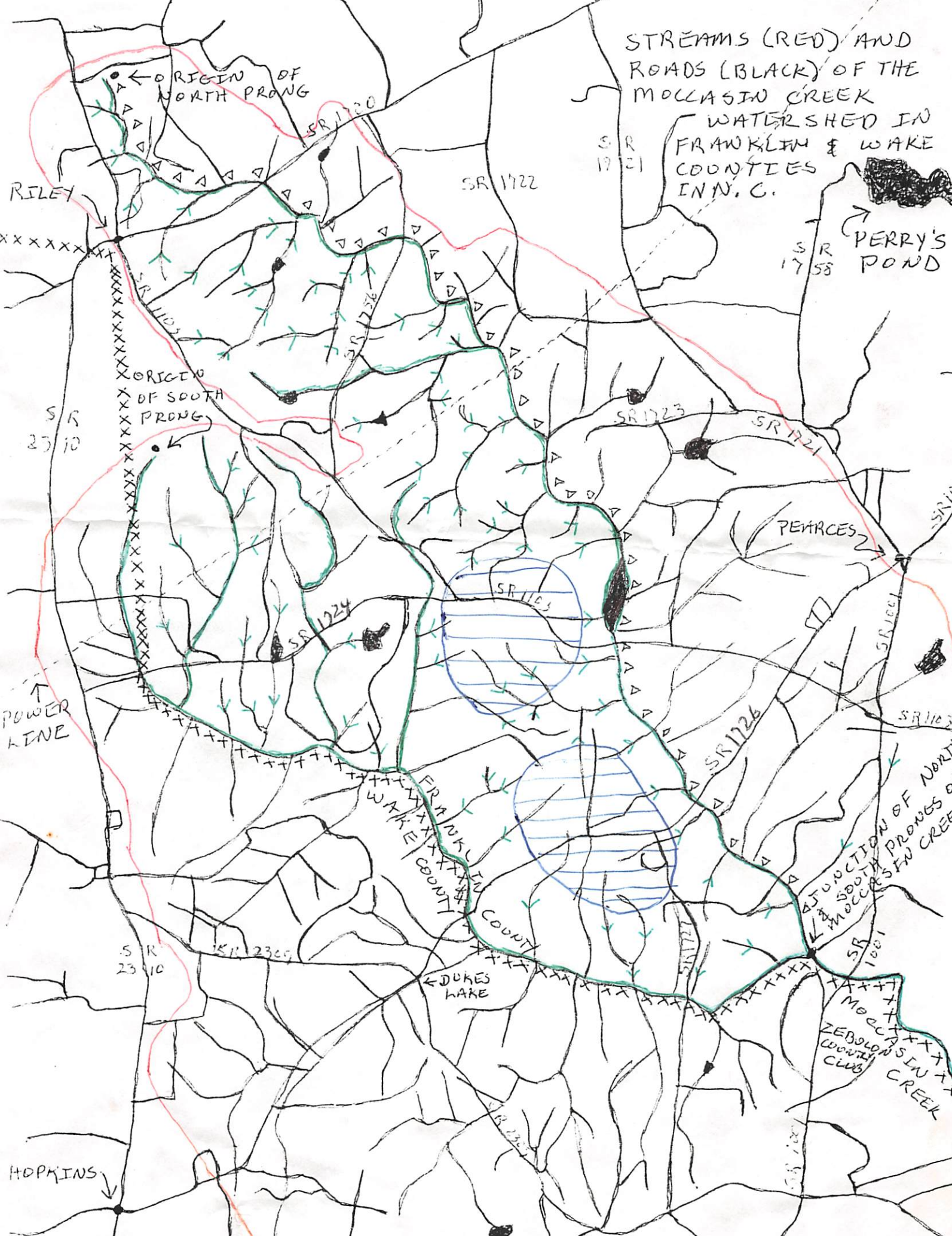
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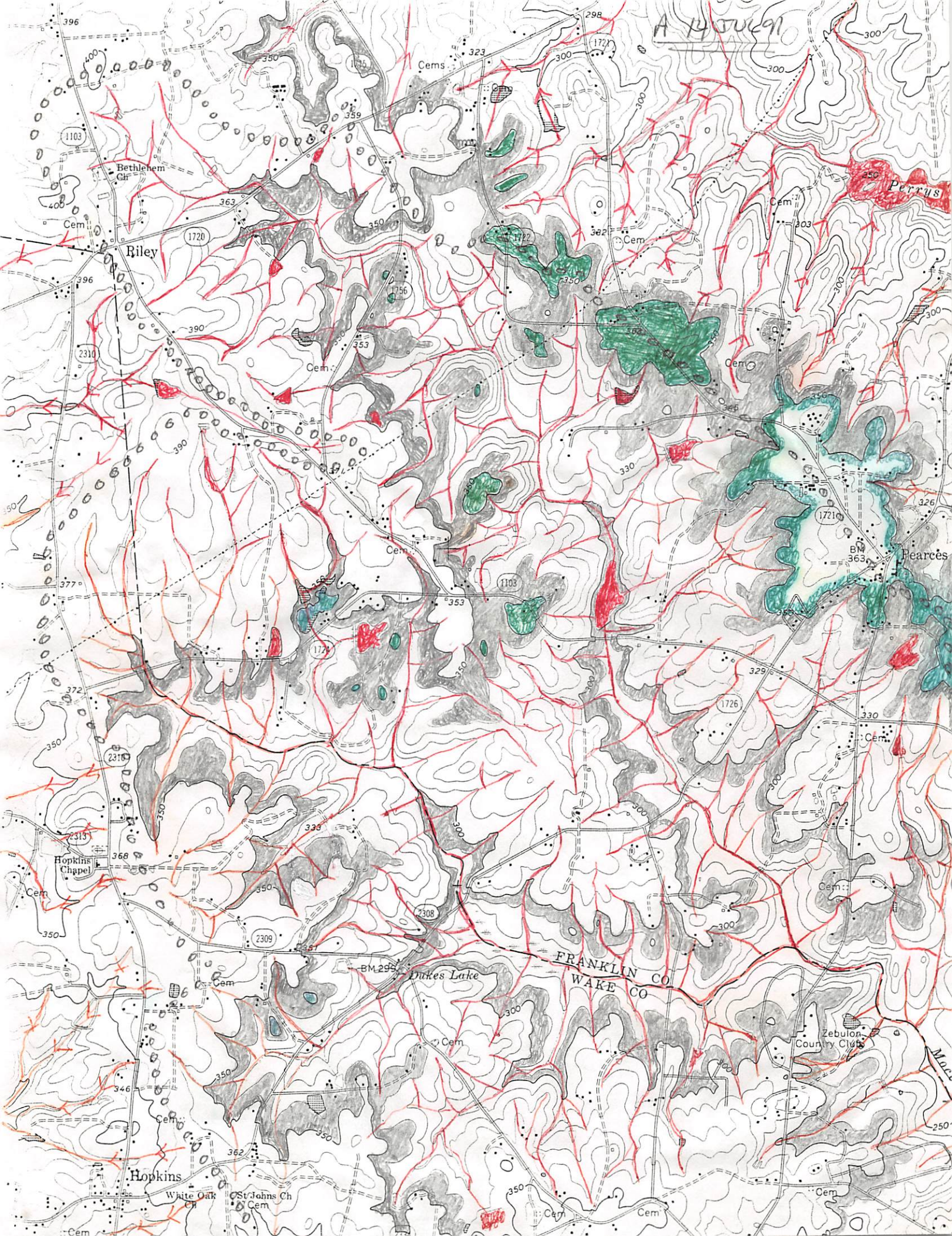
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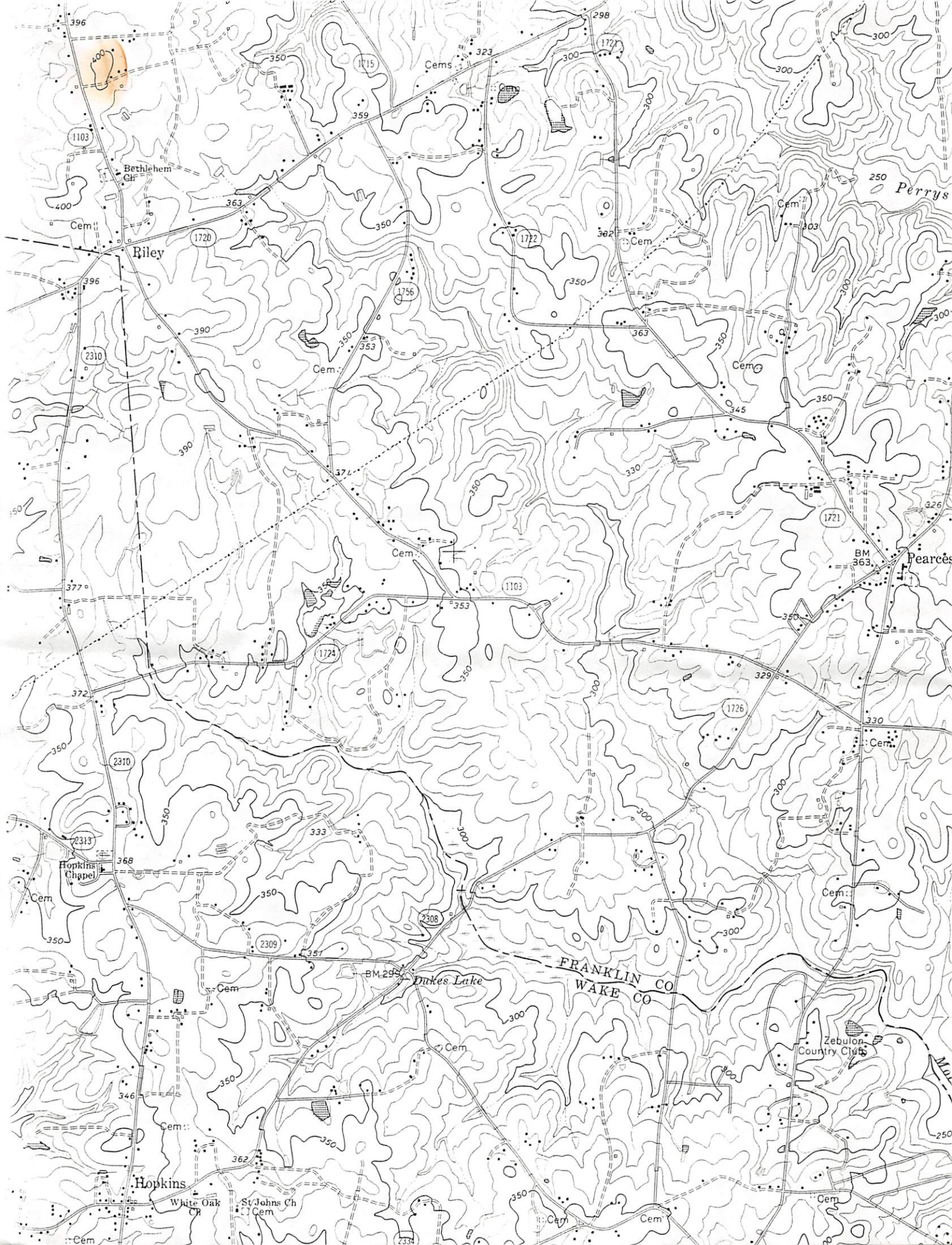
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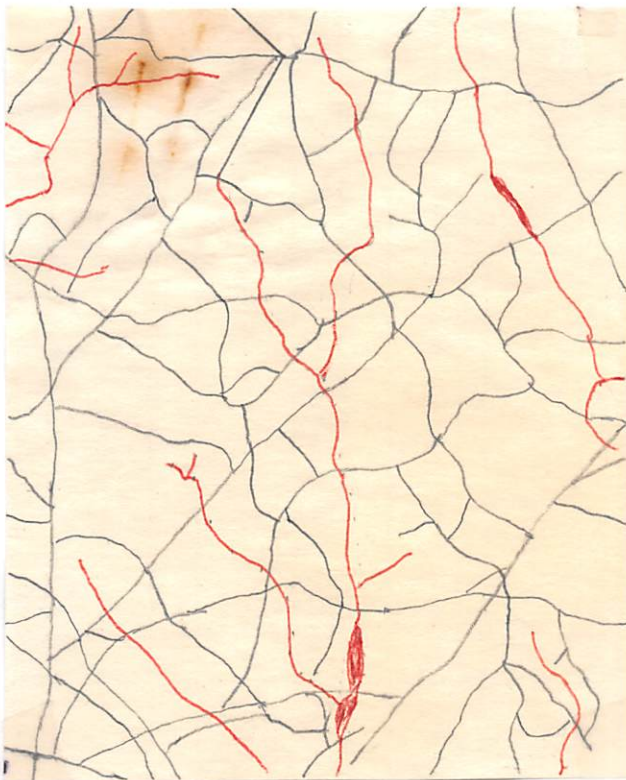








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