

# Leaves of History



Historic Area :

Jefferson Township  
Irish Ridge - Scott Hollow Road

STATE LINE - SCOTT HOLLOW TOUR, VINCE KOTOUCH, TOUR LEADER MARCH 27, 1995 1 p.m.

Gather at the CORNER in Eldersville at 1 p.m. Take State Line Road to Dave Gregorski home. STOP and park off main road. Walk with Dave across his garden to State Line marker. Speaker, Dave Gregorski. Just before arriving at State Line, look to left at large mound in field. What is it??

Take State Line Road into the country. Notice on second turn, hedges that have grown into trees. Osage Orange, bear large "hedge apples" every September.

Andy Mikus home far to the right, end of long lane. Was Smith, earlier, Leeper. Possibly others.

Down hill to large stripped area. Harry Campbell home, once part of McCready, listed on some maps as McCarty. No visible sign of anything having been there.

Old coal mines on right, McCready lane on left. Grown over. Out of sight of the road was the first house in Jefferson Township - Robert McCready. Large sheep farm. All stripped.

Long lane on right, up hill, to what was once old Pogue Homestead. Possibly Leeper. At one time, Sturgis and Moss. Tony Resnik family later years. Large brick house gone, farm abandoned.

Sugar Water Park. STOP and park. Sugar trees tapped here for maple syrup. Old swimmin' hole nearby. Muzopappa and Korpos homes. Shinn family, Guy Clemens, John Resnik, homes at various times. Crossroads ahead. Cross straight over. To right would be site of Kidd's Mill, Moore, Jackson, Murchland, Graf, Thorley, McFarland. All stripped out. Nothing left except ruins of Kidd's Mill. To left, back road to Eldersville. Speakers, Vince Kotouch and Jean Korpos.

State Line Road continues straight across. At one time known as Irish Ridge. Note other coal mines, abandoned, both sides of road. Fisher mines. First house on left, STOP and park - old Melvin Homestead. Prominent pioneer family. Log house was on right, across from present house. Speaker, Matthew Puskarich.

To top of hill. STOP and park. Clara Ivanac will lead walk across field to site of one-room Melvin school. Walk optional. Or remain in cars until walkers return.

Robert Cassidy home on right. Unoccupied at present. Joe Macugoski farmed and raised his family here.

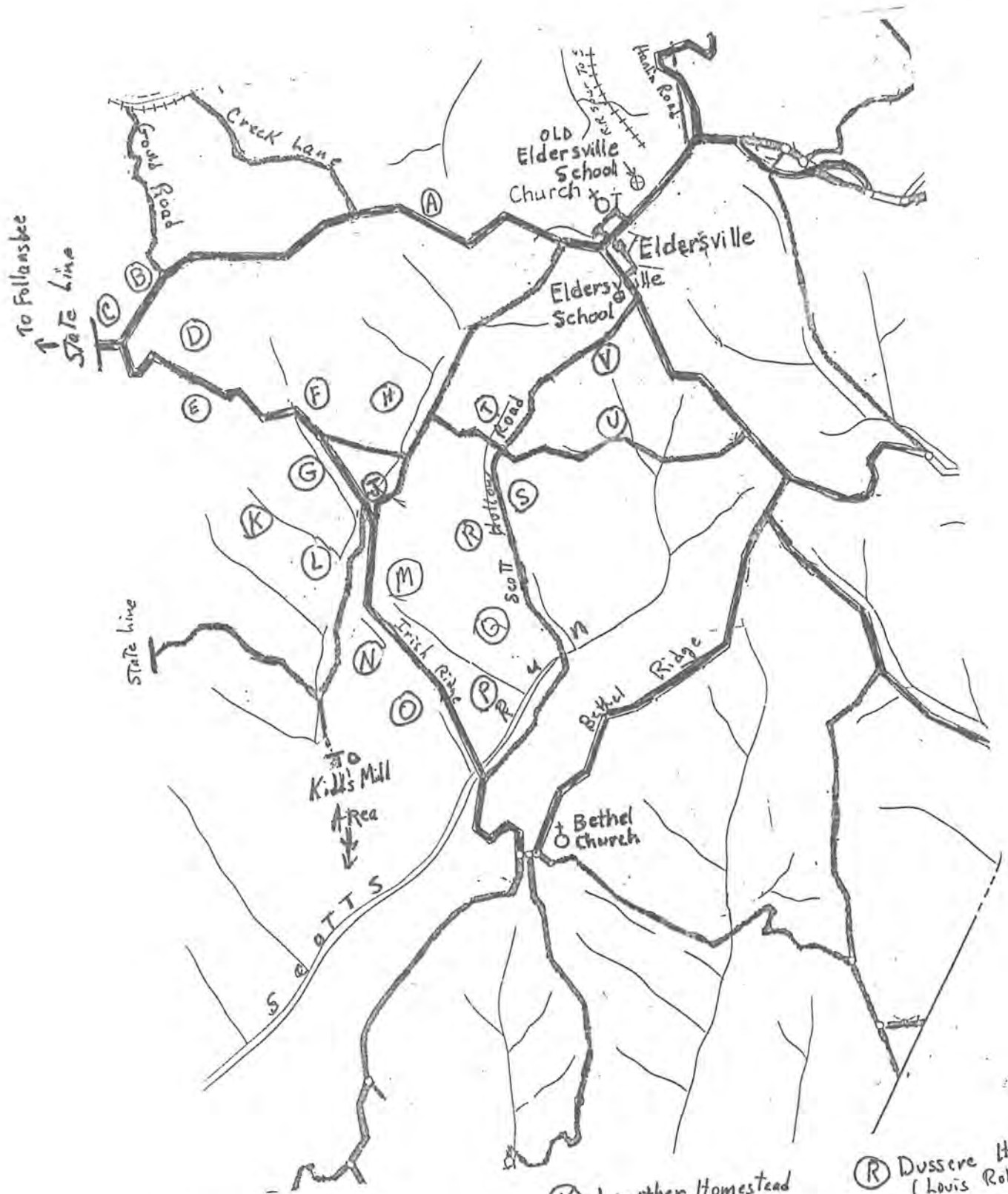
Take road to left - Scott Hollow Road. STOP, park. Old Scott farm where Wilbert and Elza were born. Elza, Tri-State historian. Speakers, Vince Kotouch and Joyce Takah.

After passing Scott farm, three Orenchuk homes. John lives on old McConnell farm. Knows of old cabins and an old school in various areas of today's woods.

Steen farm. Now Robert Simpson. Once, Robert Stewart, Swearingen, Joe Wagner, McGinnis, Wylie, and others. New house is on same site. Old barn was where lake is.

Go through a somewhat obscure crossroad. Past various homes and farms. Into Eldersville. STOP at Baileys home. Eldersville jail in the yard. Park. Speakers, Vince Kotouch and Carmen Brown.

Return to point of beginning. Discuss trip. Cold drinks available Heritage Hall



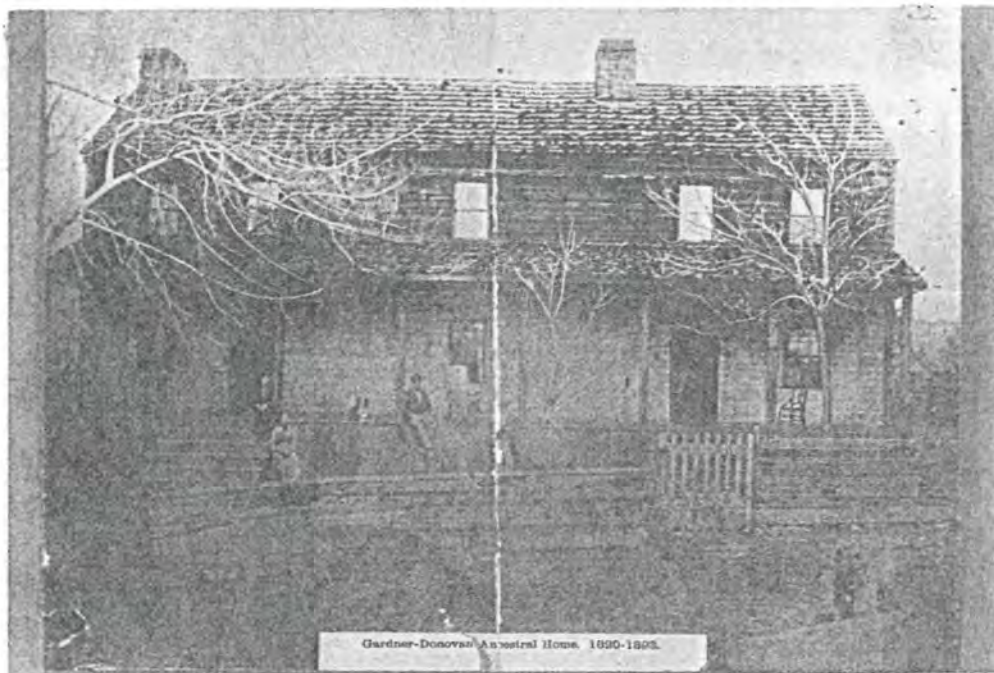
- (A) Greathouse Castle No. 2
- (B) Greathouse Castle No. 1
- (C) State Line Marker
- (D) Possibly an Indian Mound
- (E) Leeper (Mikus) Farm
- (F) Harry Campbell Farm
- (G) Pogue Homestead
- (H) Robert Mc Cready Homestead
- (J) Sugar Water Park (McCready Grove)
- (K) Lawther Homestead (McFarland)
- (L) Thorley Homestead
- (M) Melvin Homestead - (Puskariich)
- (N) Melvin School
- (O) Cassidy Homestead (Macvoski)
- (P) John Franklin Scott Home (Ella, Wilbert, etc.)
- (Q) McConnell Homestead (John Orenchuk)
- (R) Dussere Home (Louis Robert)
- (S) Steen Homestead
- (T) Magee Homestead (Englent)
- (U) James Clarke Homestead (Louis Weigmann)
- (V) the Jail





The Second Greathouse Castle.

At or near this location  
John and Elizabeth Clark Gardner  
went to house keeping. Last  
occupants prior to its demolition  
were Gaylord and Helen Weigmann Martin.



The First Greathouse Castle.  
Ancestral Home of Gardner-Donovans.  
Site of present (1995) home of  
Alan Gould.



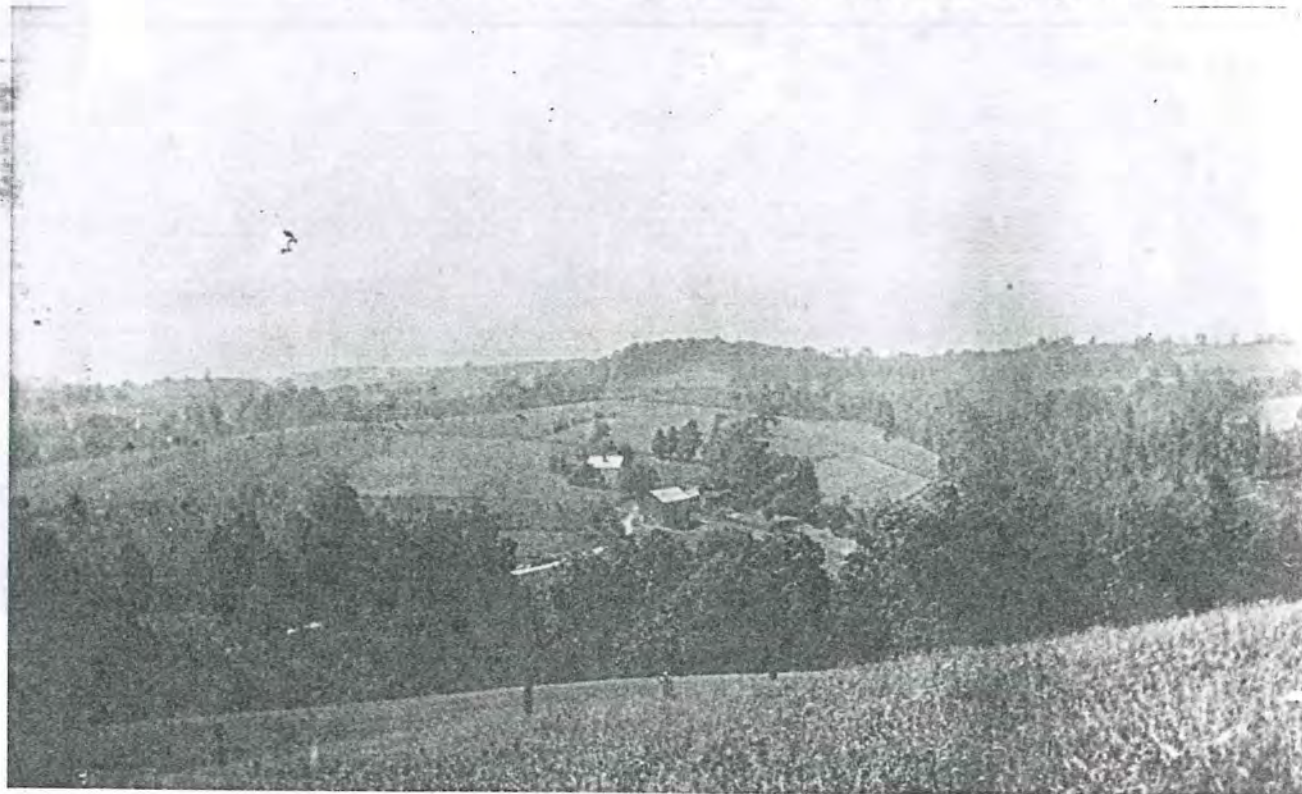
CORNER OF Sturgis home, now gone. Sturgis and Mikus property believed to Leeper territory in pioneer days.

Owned and occupied by Tony and Ann Puskarich Resnik and their daughters, Marlene Resnik Stroh and Lorraine Resnik Billie for many years after the Sturgis Family moved.





Robert McCready Homestead. Pictured are Lorin and Margretta Melvin McCready, the last of the McCready family to occupy it. The log part of the house was probably the first log house built in Jefferson Township. Pioneer Robert McCready was its builder. In his journal he states that he built it not far from the Mingo Trail.



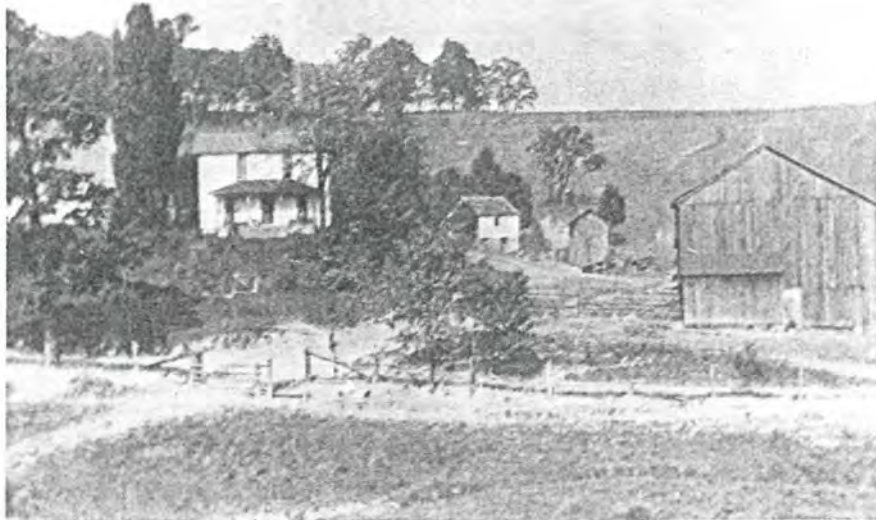
THE THORLEY farm, as seen from the Melvin homestead. Area is stripped now.





Melvin Schoolhouse

Located on Irish Ridge between the  
Melvin and Cassidy homesteads.



The old Steen farm located on  
Scott Hollow Roa

# General Pic-Nic



*You are respectfully invited to be present  
at a Pic-Nic to be held at McCready's  
Grove, near Eldersville, Pa.,  
On Thursday, July 4th, 1872*

## COMMITTEE OF INVITATION:

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MUSIC BY BROWN'S COTILLION BAND.

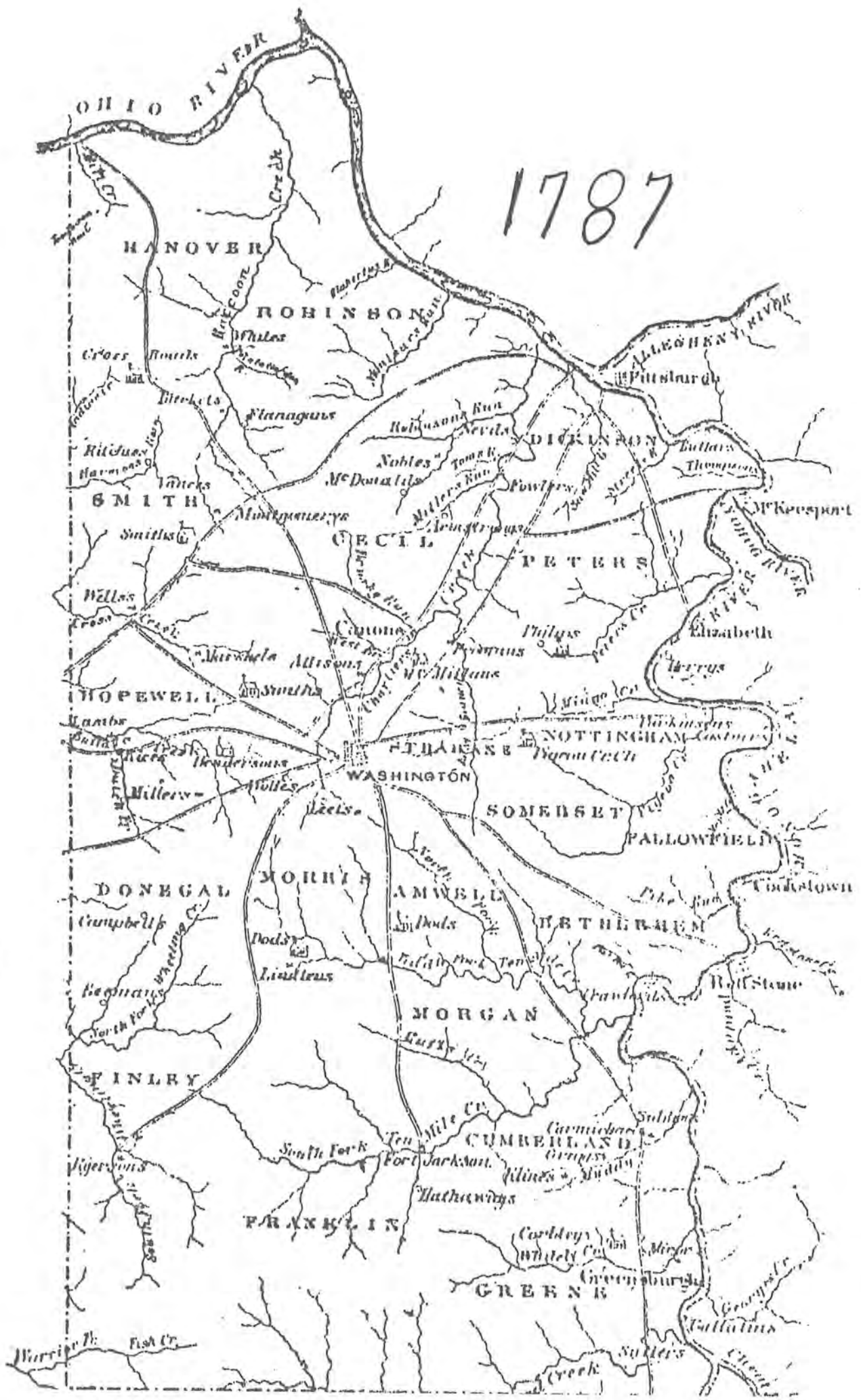
## REFRESHMENTS ON THE GROUNDS.

Assemble at 9 o'clock, A. M.

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COUNTY.  
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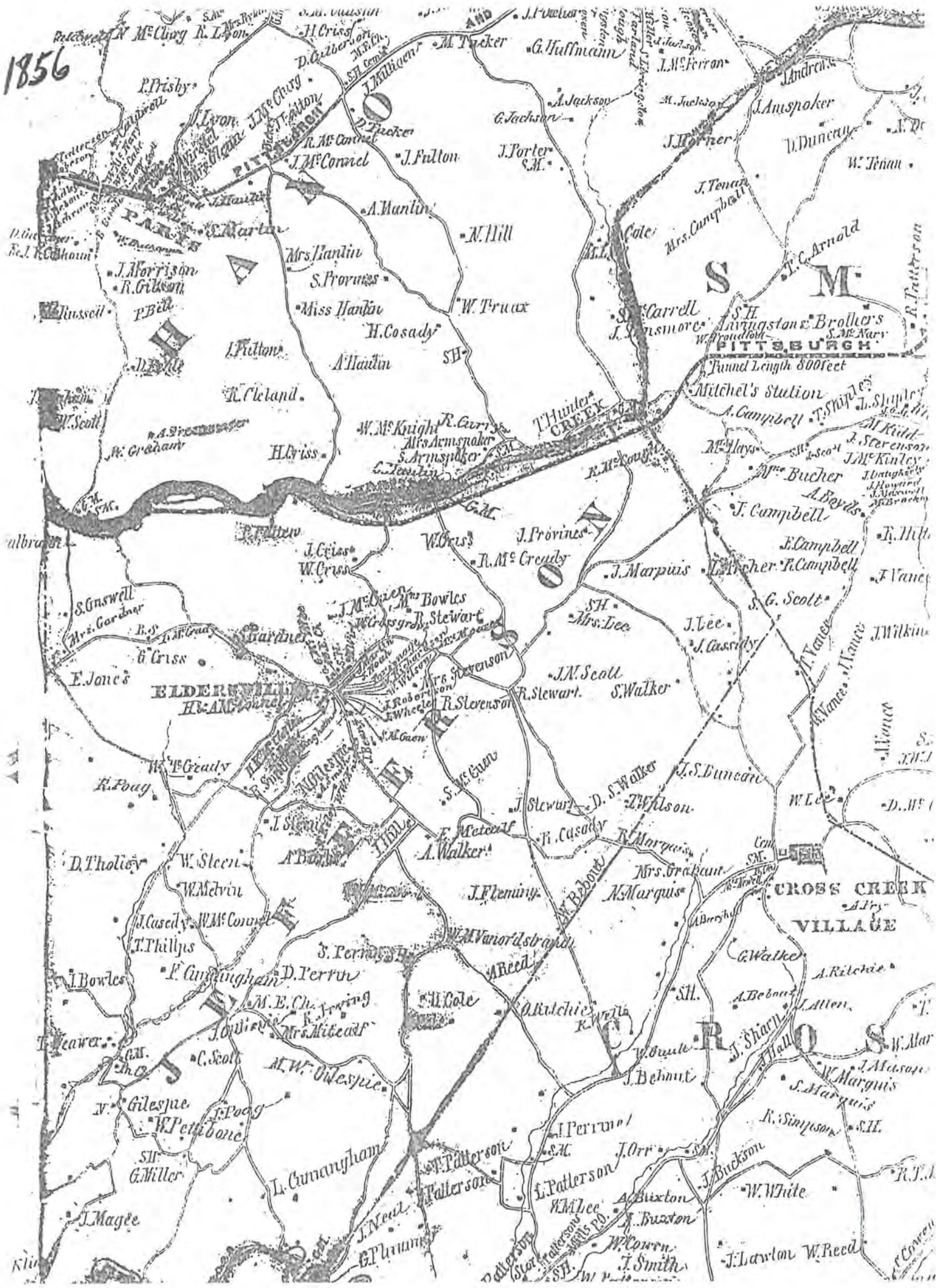
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1856



PITTSBURGH

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S.H. Livingston & Brothers  
S.M. Mary  
PITTSBURGH

Tunnel Length 800 feet

THUNDER CREEK

ELDER WILSON

ELDER WILSON

CROSS CREEK VILLAGE

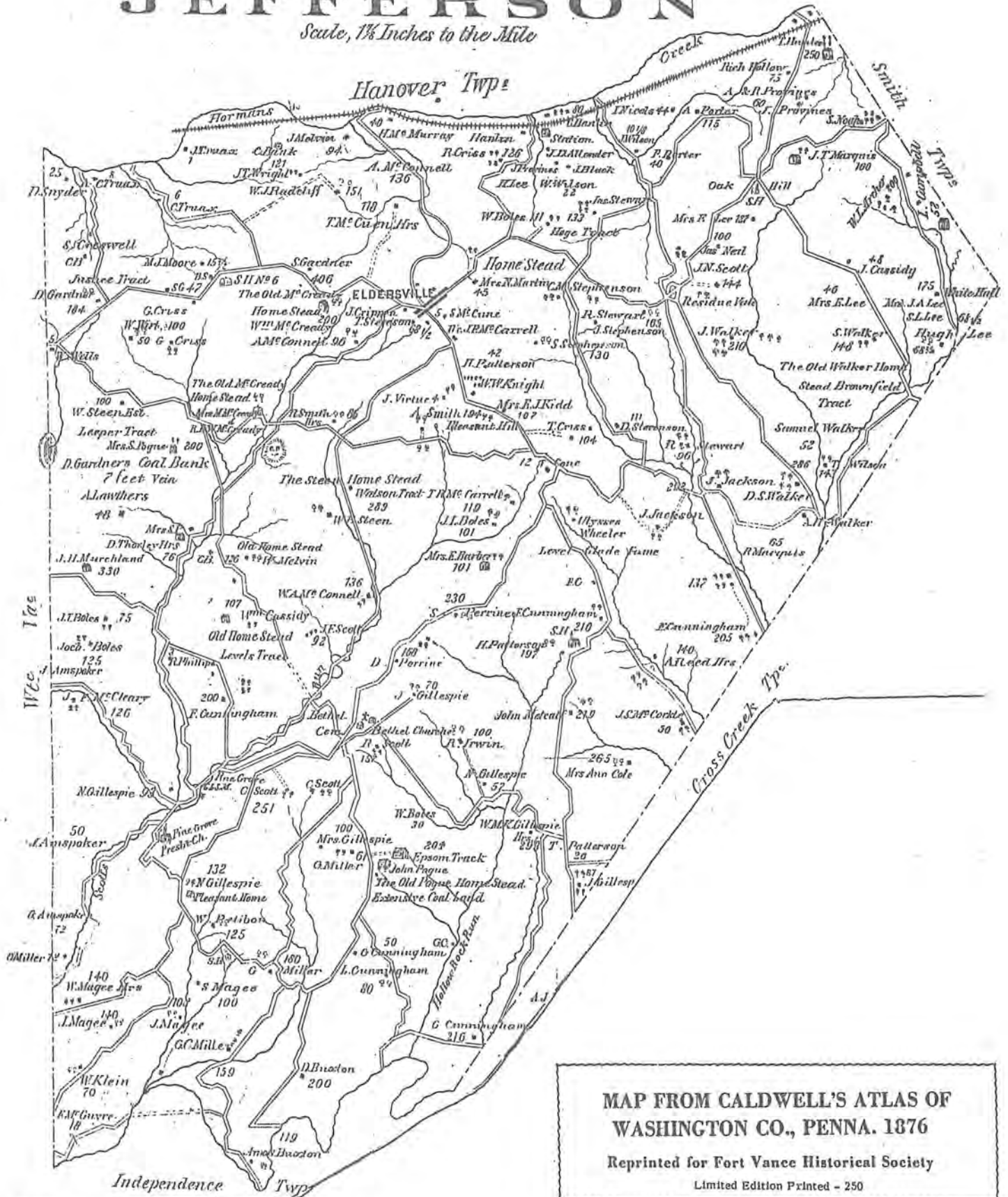
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1876

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Scale, 1/4 Inches to the Mile



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