

Morven

Morven is the oldest community in the county. It was here that the first settlers in present Brooks County first came in 1823. The beginnings of Morven go back beyond the building up of the present town; it was in 1826-27 that Hamilton W. Sharpe came from Tatnall County and built a little log store on the Coffee Road near the residence and inn of Sion Hall, a mile or so northeastwardly from present Morven. "Sharpe's Store" post office was soon after established.

The present town had its beginnings shortly before the Civil War. The post office was moved and re-named "Morven" in July, 1853.

Morven was incorporated in 1901. The advent of the South Georgia Railroad in 1897 placed the town on a railroad for the first time. In the years that followed, Morven took a jump in industries and population. There is considerable activity around Morven in such lines as naval stores, sawmilling, pulp-wood operations, and farming including truck farming.

Barney

The Town of Barney dates back only to 1897 when the South Georgia Railroad was built through. The first settlement in this district was made more than a hundred years ago when William Folsom moved here from Irwin County in the 1830's. His home and plantation was near Little River. This land is now known as the Roundtree Place.

A new day dawned with the coming of the railroad. A railroad station was established here and named "Barney" by the Oglesbys in honor of one of the owners of the Barney-Smith Car Company of Ohio from whom the new railroad bought much of its equipment.

The community has kept pace with the surrounding sections in agricultural advancement, planting year-round crops, using modern machinery for cultivating the crops, and trucks to haul the produce to market. At times Barney has been known as "a good cotton market." People hauled their cotton many miles to the gins here to be ginned, baled and sold. The watermelon market was just as good for a long time. At the present time many thousands of pounds of beans and other vegetables are marketed here each year and hauled away in large trucks to cities and canneries.

Pavo

Pavo is located on the county line of Brooks and Thomas counties. Its business section and most of the population is in Thomas County. It is generally known as a Thomas County town, therefore, its history more properly belongs to Thomas County. But some information about its early beginnings will be given here.

Pavo was originally called "McDonald" and was the old antebellum home and plantation of Captain James McDonald who commanded one of the Brooks County companies in the Confederate Army. Until about 1868 it was generally believed Captain McDonald lived in Brooks County but a re-survey placed his residence just over in Thomas County. The original McDonald activities included a community store and gin mill and probably saw mill in addition to the large plantation.

In April 1892, the new railroad then being built from Pidcock northward to Moultrie was completed to McDonald, and a station established there. The coming of the railroad gave considerable impetus to the long-cherished plan of developing a town at McDonald. A number of families quickly moved in, stores were built and a post office established. When the name of the post office was submitted to the Post Office Department it was objected to on account of another post office in Georgia being named McDonald Mill. It remained for Duncan D. Peacock who became the first post master to submit a new name "Pavo" which was the Latinized form of the name "Peacock" and it was adopted.

Barwick

Barwick is another town that is partly in Brooks and partly in Thomas counties. It is located about four miles south of Pavo, and is on the Georgia Northern Railroad whose main track through the town is the county line. The business section of the town is in Brooks County. About half of the residential area of the town is in Thomas County.

Barwick is reached by a paved road from Pavo, also by a paved highway from Quitman completed in 1948. Another paved road runs westward and intersects with the Pavo-Thomasville Road.

Like Pavo, the town had its inception with the new railroad being built in 1891-92.

Barwick is built on lands formerly owned by T. M. Massey and John Massey. The former owned all the land on the Brooks County side of the railroad, and the latter owned the land on the Thomas County side.

Barwick was first incorporated about 1900.

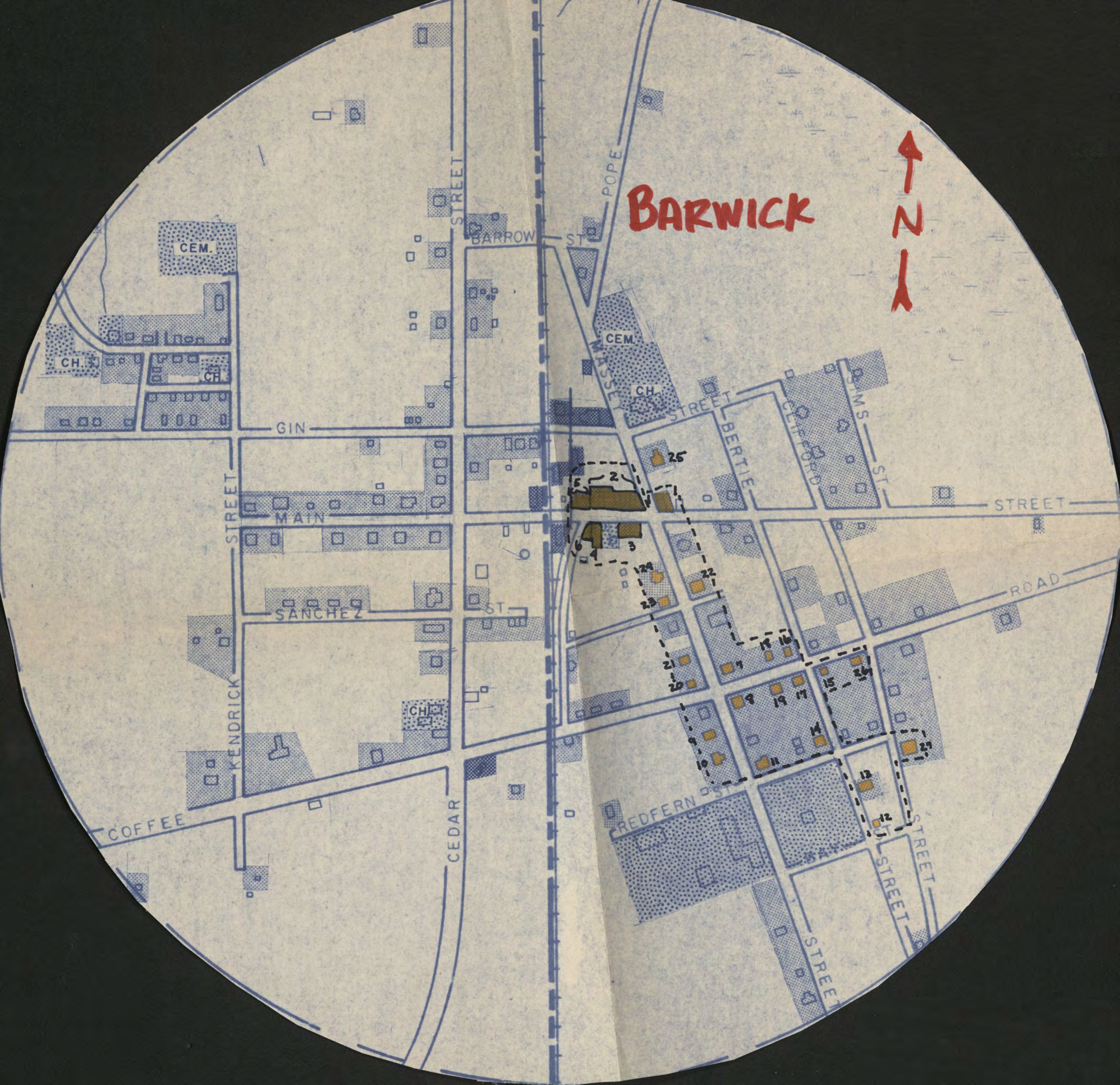
Dixie

Dixie was the successor to old Grooverville. When the A. & G. Railroad was built through in 1860-61 it missed Grooverville a few miles. A station was established and was known as No. 17 "Groover's Station." During the war there was a line of stage coaches which ran between No. 17 and Monticello, Florida, connecting with trains at both points.

About 1869, Jacob Moody, Jr., from Wayne County, built a big sawmill at No. 17, and operated it there several years. This industry later drew several families who bought lots and built homes at Dixie.

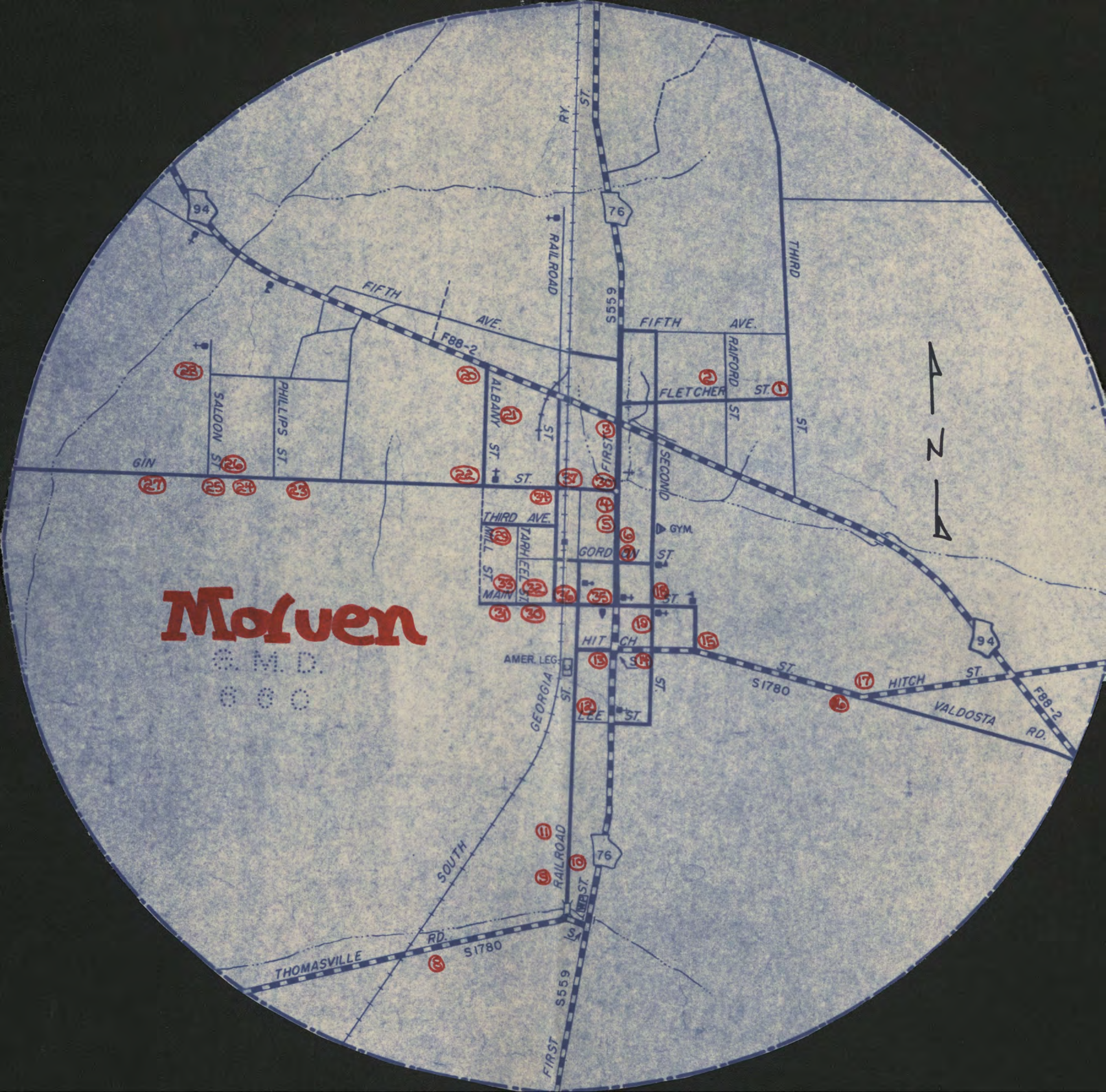
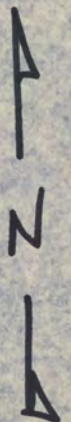
The territory around Dixie became a great farming section and for years the railroad depot and sidetrack was the scene each year of much shipping of watermelons, cotton, truck crops, etc. The long string of freight cars on the sidetrack waiting to be loaded, was a familiar scene. This with the lumber cut from the virgin forests, and the naval stores, made Dixie a very busy and prosperous place for many years.

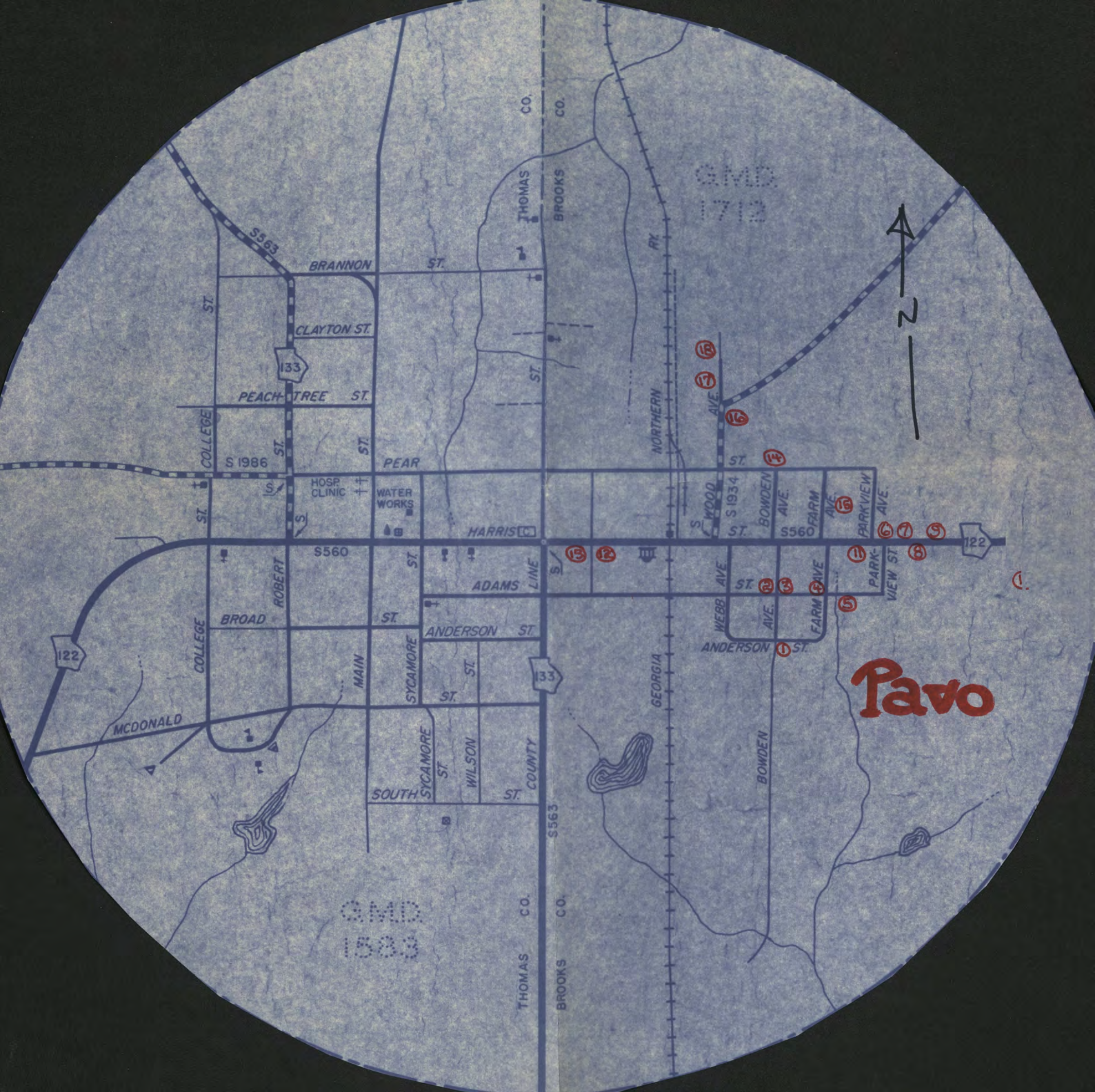
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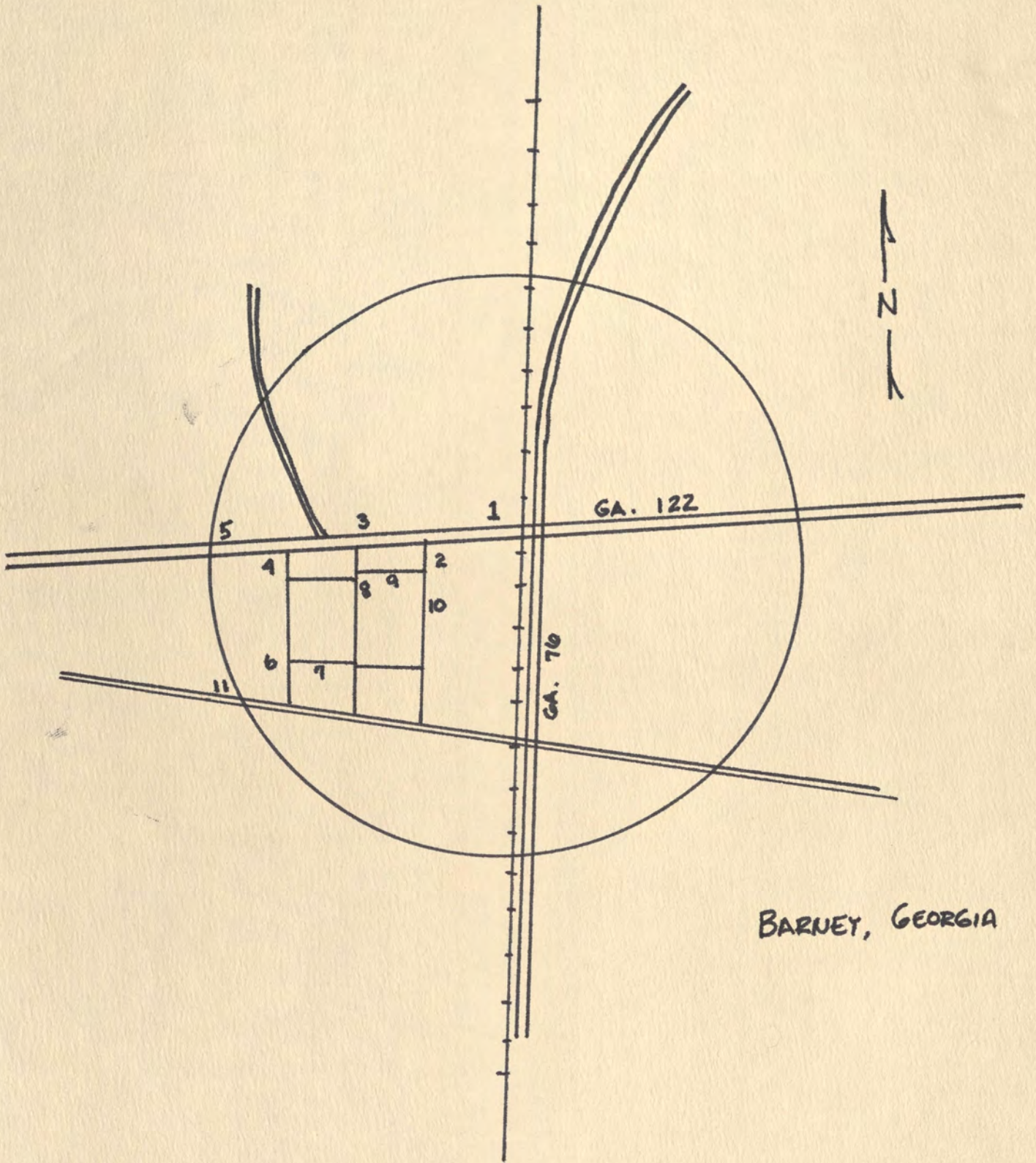
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