

CAPTAIN BROWN'S HOUSE

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report--RSP MM-H-35--is to acquire, interpret and prepare in useable form all available documentation about Captain David Brown's House. The report will be useful as a guide to archeological work, a source of information for interpretation, and will document the historical base map.

Captain David Brown of Concord

David Brown, farmer, early patriot, and distinguished civic leader of Concord, was the son of Ephrain Brown and Hannah Wilson. He was born in 1732--the sixth of nine children--presumably in his father's old homesite near the Old Groton Road.¹ Young David was married to Abigail Munroe in 1756. She was probably of Concord also, and may have been a daughter of Thomas Munroe who had a large family of girls about David's age. He was described as a "tall, fine looking man, very kind-hearted and social in his feelings, well to do in matters of property, owning the farm on which he lived, then quite valuable, and carrying it on up to the time of his death."²

That Brown was a very active and prominent man in town affairs, before and after the Revolution, is attested by the Concord Town Records. His name appeared for the first time in the 1750 records as being paid for "labour done at the highway."³ From that day on, until his death in 1802, he filled the following town offices:

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1. Register of Births, Marriages and Death: 1635-1850, p. 133.
 2. John S. Keyes, "Memoirs of David Brown," Social Circle Memoirs, 1, 74-78. From this short biography, dated January 18, 1853, we will quote freely.
 3. Town Records, 4, 35.

Surveyor of Highways, Tythingman, Constable, Fire Warden, Field Driver, Fish Officer, and Selectman three years from 1767 to 1770. He was a member of numerous committees which had to do with schools, property assessment, highways and bridges, church affairs, court affairs, minutemen, recruitment of regular troops, regulation of prices, and of committees of Safety, Inspection, and Correspondence. Quite frequently he received payment for construction and maintenance work of highways and bridges, especially the Great North Bridge and the Old Groton Road.⁴

In 1774, as a member of a Committee of Inspection, his duty was to see that the articles of association of the Continental Congress were strictly observed, and to report to the town the names of those who failed in their duty to the country, "and whom it was recommended should be treated with neglect and detestation."⁵

By 1775 he was the Captain of a company of minutemen and as he is mentioned first in the lists of captains of the regiment of minute-men commanded by Colonel Abijah Pierce of Lincoln, probably was the senior captain, and active in its formation. His company, there is reason to believe, was the "Alarm company," so-called, who were directed to take care of and learn the exercise with the cannon. They, or a part of them at least, paraded on the morning of the 19th of April, 1775, at daybreak, and finding that the British troops were not then close at hand, were dismissed to meet at beat of the drum. Although no stores seem to have been deposited at his house, yet from his rank, Captain

4. See Appendix on Captain Brown's activities.

5. Town Records, 4, 409.

Brown must have been a busy man in the winter and early spring of that year when great military ardor prevailed, and the companies were paraded and drilled almost every week. Rev. Mr. Emerson preached more than one sermon for their especial benefit, and directly to them drawn up in a body in the church at these parades.⁶

Captain Brown led a Concord company of minutemen on April 19. When the battle was over, recorded Reverend Grindall Reynolds, Captain Brown went home and wrote succinctly: "Had a sharp skirmish today."⁷

John S. Keyes, in the Social Circle Memoirs, has a general account of Brown's skirmish:

At the battle of the North Bridge, after the parade in the early morning, Captain Brown's company, having again assembled on the hill in the centre of the town, fell back on the approach of the enemy to the high ground west of the bridge . . . and were drawn up in line with the other companies awaiting the onset After the passing of the detachment of "Regulars" the Acton Company, under Captain Isaac Davis, arrived on the ground, and marched down towards the bridge. Captain Brown led his company parallel with the Acton company, on the north side of the causeway, in files of two abreast and equally in front and near to the enemy's force posted at the bridge. There he stood at the head of his men on the birthplace of American liberty, and gave the order if he did not fire "the shot heard round the world." He escaped unwounded, though one of the privates in his company bearing the same name was wounded by the first fire of the British before Captain Davis was killed, showing the exposed position of his company. So much at least he served his country on that eventful day, and if he was not in active service afterwards in the Revolution, it was probably owing to the circumstances of his family.⁸

6. Keyes, Memoirs.

7. Social Circle Memoirs, 1, 34.

8. Keyes, Memoirs.

Except for one year, Brown was a member of the Committee of Correspondence from 1776 to 1783.⁹ Right after the war, the members of this committee founded the Social Circle, a club which was responsible for "almost every improvement made in Concord during the club's first hundred years."¹⁰

In 1779 he was chosen member of a committee to "hire men for the continental army," with discretionary powers to "hire them with money or grain or other fruits of the earth." He was a delegate to the State Convention that met in Concord on July 14th to establish "a state price current"; later in the month he was member of a committee of thirteen with authority to regulate fully the prices of agricultural products and manufactured goods. In October of the same year Brown and Colonel Cumming were delegates to another State Convention that sat seven days deliberating on the subject of price regulations.¹¹

During the troubled days of the war and its aftermath, Brown seemed to have been held in high consideration by his fellowmen. In 1781 he was honored by being selected representative of the town in the Great and General Court.

9. Town Records, 4, 440-41; 5, 112, 135, 165; Keyes, Memoirs.

10. Ruth R. Wheeler, North Bridge Neighbors (Concord, 1964), typescript copy, p. 94.

11. Keyes, Memoirs; Town Records, 5, 119-21.

During Shays' rebellion he was active on the side of government, and attended as a delegate a county convention in August, 1786, to consult on matters of public grievance under which people labor, instructed by the town to "oppose every unconstitutional measure which may be proposed." In September of the same year, when Job Shattuck, at the head of an armed body of men, came here to prevent the court from holding its session, he seems to have been active in preventing a riot. He was a member of a committee chosen by the town, at a special meeting, to mediate between the insurgents and the authorities. This committee called a county convention, and by their timely efforts prevented violence and bloodshed.¹²

Brown was an unsuccessful candidate for Senator, Middlesex County, in 1789.¹³ He continued his activities in town affairs until May 22, 1802, when he died of a fever at the mature age of seventy-two, according to the record of death, but sixty-nine, if his birth record is correct. From the nature of his disease and the entries of the town records, it can be inferred that the Captain was a robust and active man to the end of his life. He left a widow with ten children, "some of whom were partially insane and feeble minded, and were supported on the farm. . . ."¹⁴ His personal letters to some of his children reflect the preoccupation with family health problems, the work on the farm to support the family, the general welfare of all his children, and his interest in real estate. In his will Brown provided liberally for his family, leaving to

12. Keyes, Memoirs.

13. Town Records, 5, 413.

14. Keyes, Memoirs.

his widow one half of his house, and a good support during her lifetime.¹⁵

Brown was a man of much consideration and often was quoted in his sayings and doings. It was said

that the brave Captain never crossed alone to the causeway to the "North Bridge" after dark, on his way to and from the market, without singing at the top of his lusty voice some good old psalm tune, that would ring out in the night, and wake many a sleeper in the village. Perhaps to lay the ghosts of the British soldiers buried there, perhaps as a requiem to their souls--who knows?¹⁶

15. Some of Brown's letters are reproduced in Appendix form, the same as his will and property inventories.

16. Keyes, Memoirs.

Captain Brown's Homesite

Family ownership of Brown's homesite can be traced back to a few years after the incorporation of Concord. On February 1, 1644, Thomas Brown, David's great grandfather, purchased from Reverend Peter Bulkeley "the house . . . on the west side of the Great River together with four acres of ground which it stands on," and ten acres of meadow on the same side of the river. In 1667 the house-lot contained seven acres, "bounded upon the east and west by Samuel Hunt, upon the south by the high-way and upon the north by his swine land." The highway referred to was the left branch of the Groton Road that ran westward, as it will be explained later. In 1680, when David's grandfather inherited the land, the homesite had "houses, edifices, yards, gardens, orchards, fences . . ."17

David Brown inherited the old house and lot from his father, Ephraim, who died in 1750. Here the Captain and his wife "seemed to have lived happily together for many years in the old red house on the bank of the river, near the battleground, and had a large family of children."18

17. Middlesex Deeds, 4:42-43; Town Records, 1, 221, 285-87.

18. Keyes, Memoirs.

When Captain Brown died in 1802, his son Joseph inherited the homestead; his mother received half the house. Joseph died in 1821 and a year later the homestead had become so run-down that a court-appointed administrator had to sell the property--46 acres of land, a dwelling house, two barns and other buildings--to pay the claims of Joseph's mother. After this the farm had a succession of tenants. In 1865 George Keyes bought the property, took the house down and sold the homestead to Edwin Barrett who built a mansion near the spot of the old red house. Thus disappeared Captain Brown's house, a silent witness of the events of April 19, 1775.¹⁹

Land deeds, real estate wills and property inventories, which are the most likely sources of information for locating Brown's homesite, are as a whole an almost complete disappointment. A description of the house, outside of the fact that it was painted red, is yet to be found. All references to the house are general and casual. Various survey maps give only approximate or slightly different locations, perhaps because of inaccurate surveying methods and the shifting delineation of the so-called Old Groton Road, an elusive demarcation point.

Old Groton Road, a landmark associated with the location of Brown's house, had many changes in layout during the seventeenth

19. Middlesex Probate No. 2976; 244:24; 258:127: Edward Jarvis, Houses and People in Concord: 1810-1820 (Concord, 1882), typescript manuscript, Concord Public Library, p.180.

and eighteenth centuries. Many of these changes are unknown to us. Any documentary reference about Brown's housesite or location shown on a map, therefore, should be interpreted in the light of changes made on this road at different times.

As laid out in 1699, the Old Groton Road began at the Concord meeting-house and ran as Monument Street runs to and over the Great North Bridge. After running a few rods over a causeway on the low land next to the river, the road formed an open fork. A branch turned sharply to the right and ran "up the hill" to the present road at the Stedman Buttrick's place. The left branch of the fork stayed close to the river and ran generally westward past Barrett's Mill and Colonel Barrett's farm to Acton. Both branches were called Groton Road.²⁰

Some change in delineation was made in 1764 since Brown was paid for building "two walls through his pasture upon the new laid out way in the north part of the town . . ."²¹

The most important dismemberment of the old road began by the end of the eighteenth century. The low causeway west of the bridge was very troublesome and even dangerous. In the spring and fall,

20. Charles Hosmer Walcott, Concord Roads (Concord, 1938), typescript notes, MS 44, Concord Public Library; 1752 map, north part of Concord.

21. Town Records, 4, 229, 242-43; Lemuel Shattuck, A History of the Town of Concord (Concord, 1835), pp. 104-05.

the freshets covered the causeway completely and at times made it impassible. This was one of the reasons assigned for setting off the district of Carlisle. In 1793 the North Bridge was finally abandoned and a new one built partially of the same materials where Flint's Bridge now stands. The causeway and the road from the present Monument Street to Minute Man were discontinued. Monument Street was extended over the new bridge and through the Flint Farm into the road which ran to Blood's Farm joining the latter at Darby Ferguson's. Liberty Street was built in order to connect it with the Old Groton Road at Buttrick's. From here it ran south to the new Red Bridge, then called Hunt's Bridge.²²

Three property inventories of Captain Brown's father, dated 1750, 1752 and 1768, infer the first dim light on the housesite. The 20-acre homestead had a two-story house, with at least four bedrooms, and a cellar. A small barn adjoined the westerly end of a larger one; the yard or lane in front of the small barn was "eight paces" distant from the road on the south, that is, from the west branch of the Groton Road. Only a yard or lane separated the house from the same road.²³

In the Doolittle and Earl print of the North Bridge fight, sketched from somewhere on the south^{EAST}~~west~~ bank of the river, Brown's

22. In 1875 the Great North Bridge was restored on the old historical spot.

23. Middlesex Probate No. 3003 (see Appendix).

house is shown painted red,²⁴ two stories high, a central chimney, and the roof overhanging on the north side; another building, presumably the barn, is on the right. By the position of the troops you can tell that the west branch of the Groton Road ran parallel to the river, undoubtedly over wet ground, below Brown's house. The house and the barn were located midway between the road and the top of the hill. There was a stone wall near the house, and another which began near the barn and then continued eastward and up the hill. This wall seemed to be followed by a post and rail fence. Shortly after the fence began, there was another post and rail fence which led down the hill and then turned west and perhaps joined the stone wall near Brown's house, thus enclosing a triangular piece of land.²⁵

When Liberty Street was laid in 1793, it cut through Brown's homesite; the road began

at a heap of stones by the stone wall on the westerly side of the road opposite to the dwelling house of Jonas Buttrick and running southerly with a curve line about ten feet to a stake and stones, from thence turning southwesterly a strate line through Cap David Brown land between his house and barn, and through Lt John Richardsons land and before the front of his house to a stake and stones three feet south of an apple tree in the front

24. Keyes, who undoubtedly was familiar with Brown's house, at least with its location, calls it "the old red house."

25. Amos Doolittle and Ralph Earl's engraving of the North Bridge fight, 1775, original in Connecticut Historical Society.

of said house, and from thence strate to the road now
trod . . .²⁶

By the 1793 alteration or laying of the new road, Brown's house was left either north or south of the new road. Jarvis asserts that the house was on the south or river side of the new road, "with its back to the road," and its front facing the west branch of the Groton Road.²⁷

Conclusion:

Documentary evidence suggests very strongly that the Bicentennial Map (see Illustration No. 6) has the correct location of Brown's house. If the area is excavated, the remains of other buildings might be found near the site. We do not have information on how much the site was disturbed after the house was taken down around 1865. Perhaps a closer search of primary sources in the Concord Public Library could disclose some more concrete information about the house, especially during the nineteenth century.

26. Original manuscript, Concord Public Library. Underlined words are for emphasis.

27. Jarvis, p. 180.

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APPENDIX OF DOCUMENTS

SUMMARY OF DAVID BROWN'S PUBLIC SERVICES, TAKEN FROM
CONCORD TOWN RECORDS, COVERING THE YEARS 1750-1801

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Concord Town Records</u>		
1750	paid for labor at the highways	Vol.	4	35
1753	" " " " " " (twice)	"	"	63, 81
1755	" " " " " "	"	"	99
1757	selected Surveyor of Highways	"	"	134
1758	" " " " "	"	"	144
1760	" " " " "	"	"	178
1761	" " " " "	"	"	186
1762	selected Tythingman	"	"	208
1763	paid for work at the highways	"	"	219
1763	paid for making stone wall at East Burying Place	"	"	224
1764	paid for work at the highways and for supply of lumber	"	"	232
1764	chosen Constable	"	"	234
1764	paid for making two walls upon the new laid out way through his pasture	"	"	242-43
1765	paid for his services as Constable	"	"	260
1766	paid for work at the highways and bridges	"	"	274
1767	chosen Selectman	"	"	283, 285
1768	paid for diverse services for the town and work on the highways	"	"	295
1768	chosen Selectman	"	"	297-98
1769	" "	"	"	307
1769	paid for diverse services for the town	"	"	305
1770	chosen Selectman	"	"	317, 323
1770	paid for diverse services, for supplies for the poor, and for work at the highways	"	"	315
1770	chosen Selectman and Surveyor of Highways	"	"	318, 328
1771	paid for work as Surveyor, for railing posts for the North Bridge causeway, building materials, and for diverse services	"	"	330, 339

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Concord Town Records</u>		
1772	paid for diverse services and for work at the highways	Vol.	4	345
1772	chosen Warden	"	"	353
1773	paid for work at the highways	"	"	366
1774	Surveyor of Highways, paid twice for work on the highways	"	"	372
1774	Field Driver	"	"	394
1774	member of school committee	"	"	394-95
1774	railed the North Bridge	"	"	397
1774	member Committee of Inspection	"	"	409
1775	paid for work and timber for the highways; was militia officer	"	"	415-16, 421, 425
1775	paid for son Purchase being a minute man	"	"	425
1775	paid for work on the highways, and for timber	"	"	421
1775	member committee to study estate of minute men--training and arms	"	"	415-16
1775	Committee of Safety	"	"	416
1776	paid for service as minute man--Captain	"	"	438
1776	Committee of Correspondence	"	"	440-41
1776	paid for "keeping school in the Town Society at the school house"	"	"	444
1776	paid "for the remaining part of the school money for the school house"	"	"	447
1776	member of committee to supply the church pulpit	"	"	459
1777	member committee of assessment	"	"	462-63
1777	member committee of the church to supply the pulpit	"	5	74
1778	Committee of Safety	"	"	83
1778	paid for load of stones	"	"	88
1778	member of committee to determine salary of minister	"	"	94
1778	member of committee to estimate services of minute men	"	"	96
1778	member of committee to secure the meeting house for the ordination of the minister	"	"	102
1779	Committee of Correspondence	"	"	112
1779	member of committee to hire men for the continental army	"	"	119

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Concord Town Records</u>		
1779	member of committee for regulating prices of articles of "Produce and Manufacture"	Vol.	5	120-21
1780	paid as surveyor, for planks, and for services as delegate to convention on prices	"	"	129
1780	Committee of Correspondence	"	"	135
1780	Committee of Inspection and Safety	"	"	135
1780	Surveyor of Highways	"	"	135
1780	member of committee to hire men for continental army	"	"	149, 159
1780	paid for timber and work at the North Bridge	"	"	160
1781	Committee of Correspondence	"	"	165
1781	representative of Concord to the Great General Court	"	"	175
1781	paid for use of an ox	"	"	181
1782	paid for use of a horse	"	"	189
1782	member of Committee for the Betterment of the North Bridge	"	"	200-01
1782	member committee to select the place "where hay market should stand"	"	"	207
1782	Warden	"	"	219
1783	paid for work and load of stones for the highways	"	"	224
1783	member of committee to draw instructions for the representative of the town to the General Court	"	"	229
1783	paid for work connected with school	"	"	232, 244-47
1784	member committee to study state of bridges and causeways	"	"	252
1784	member committee to select site for Court House	"	"	259
1785	Surveyor of Highways	"	"	265
1785	member of committee to study Great North Bridge	"	"	264-66
1785	paid for work on the highways	"	"	280
1786	" " " " " "	"	"	293
1786	Surveyor of Highways	"	"	297
1786	member of committee for drawing instructions for representative to General Court	"	"	306
1786	member of committee for studying improvement of a road	"	"	307, 309
1786	member of committee to meet in convention of several towns	"	"	315

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Concord Town Records</u>		
1786	member of committee to study the practice of some people of interfering with proceedings of courts of justice	Vol.	5	317
1786	member of committee to study the two Great Bridges	"	"	327-28
1787	member of committee to procure material for building Great South Bridge	"	"	335
1787	paid for work done on the highways	"	"	331
1788	paid for material and work done at the South Bridge	"	"	363
1788	member of committee to procure material for rebuilding the Great North Bridge	"	"	370
1788	paid for labor, timber, and other materials for Great North Bridge	"	"	392
1789	member of a committee to draw rules by which the office of Collector shall be regulated	"	"	405
1789	candidate for Senator--Middlesex County	"	"	413
1789	paid for wood and work done at the Great North Bridge	"	"	429
1790	member of committee to confer with the Corporation of Harvard College regarding disposition of land lot in Concord	"	"	449
1791	member of committee to ascertain the bounds of the Town's lands	"	6	8
1791	paid for trip to Boston "as a committeeman"	Assessors Records, 1790-1808		
1791	paid for stone wall made on the new road, and for wood	"	"	"
1792	Fish Officer	Vol.	6	19
1796	Surveyor of Highways	"	"	88
1797	Warden	"	"	110
1798	Surveyor of Highways	"	"	128
1798	member of school committee	"	"	132
1799	paid for timber for several bridges and for work done on the highways	Assessors Records, 1790-1808		
1801	Surveyor of Highways	Vol.	6	189
1801	refused to serve as Thythingman and Surveyor	"	"	193
1801	member of committee for building a house for the poor	"	"	197

Ephraim Brown Inventory, Probate No. 3003, item 5.

Concord, March ye 16, 1749/50

We whose names are subscribed being appointed and impowered by the Hon. Saml (?) Danforth Judge of Probate to apprise all the Estate of Mr. Ephraim Browne of Concord dec'd and Sworn to the faithful discharge of said trust, have apprized the Estate of said Ephraim Brown as follows.

Imps.	In cash or Bills Cred. of this Province according to the old tenor	L02/11/00
It.	one bond	29/00/00
It.	two notes of hand	122/12/00
It.	Debts on book due to said estate	009/06/00
It.	old Silver	004/10/00
It.	Wearing Apparel with boots and shoes	034/00/00
It.	The first bed and furniture	059/00/00
It.	The second bed and furniture	039/12/00
It.	The third bed and furniture and five pounds of geese feathers	023/10/00
It.	The fourth bed and furniture	024/00/00
It.	One looking glass	012/00/00
It.	One silk and one druget blanket	008/10/00
It.	A large chest of sheets napkins and linen wear	016/10/00
It.	A case of draws an oval table a chest & trunk	010/00/00
It.	A great chair & thirteen small chairs	003/09/00
It.	A meal trough, baggs, sieve and old casks	003/19/00
It.	Chair spinning wheels cards and sheeps wool	010/00/00
It.	a cloath basket and other old baskets, flax and hemp	003/00/00
It.	25lb. of hogs fat & 9 lb of Tallo	004/06/00
It.	A pair of old scales and other woodin wear	001/18/00
It.	Mariner's (?) books and instruments	005/00/00
It.	A bible, a law book and other books	006/00/00
It.	A wine glass and other glass bottles	000/14/00
It.	Knives and forks	000/10/00
	churn (?)	
It.	A chum, wooden bottles, funnel and other old casks	002/10/00

Ephraim Brown Inventory---2---No. 3003, item 5

It.	12 cyder barrels and 2 half barrels	007/00/00
It.	Two barrels of cyder	009/00/00
It.	Pork and beef with 3 powdering tubbs all at	034/00/00
It.	Grease and earthen pots	001/10/00
It.	A brass kettle & 7 large pewter platters	031/00/00
It.	A dozen of puter plates, half a doanen of spoons	003/07/00
It.	11 lb of old puter and one brass skellet	003/14/00
It.	Two Frammels and 2 Iron kettles	005/05/00
It.	A brass weight, a skimmer & other old brass	001/05/00
It.	An Iron pot and pot hooks & frying pan	003/10/00
It.	A tongs and fire shovel, Iron mortar and -----	004/00/00
It.	A box Iron, heaters and other old Iron	002/00/00
It.	an old Hekkel (?) and candlestick	001/14/00
It.	A saddle, bridle and Pannel all	005/05/00
It.	Two pillions and one pillion cloath	003/10/00
It.	A warming pann	001/05/00
It.	a breako (?) and old rakes	001/05/00
It.	a carriage, axeltree and iron pins	001/10/00
It.	2 old grindle stones and hanging	002/00/00
It.	one Dung fork and 2 hay forks	001/12/00
It.	2 hows and 2 old shovels	001/10/00
It.	3 old augres, a sap boarer & gimlet	001/05/00
It.	2 old adds and a hay puller	001/05/00
It.	3 old hammers & two tobacco boxes	000/11/00
	clivile (?)	
It.	2 old ploughs and a small _____	004/00/00
It.	2 Iron barrs and a broad ax	007/15/00
It.	A cart, rope, clivile and yoke irons	027/04/00
It.	A logg chain and 2 Draught chains	007/00/00
It.	Horse traces, collar and harns and a cowbell	002/15/00
It.	2 Bushels of oats, a bushel of beans & flax seed	004/00/00

Ephraim Brown Inventory--3--No. 3003, item 5

It.	8 Bushels of rye and malt together	015/00/00
It.	Fifty Bushels of indian corn	045/00/00
It.	Five Geese and seven Dunghill fowls	007/15/00
It.	One old horse and two Swine	020/00/00
It.	Three cows and one heifer	080/00/00
It.	One pair steers, one pair of steer calves	050/00/00
It.	one pair of oxen, a young mare & colt	105/00/00
It.	7 sheep, 2s, 10d-- ? sheep	017/10/00
It.	The homestead 21 acres 1/2. with the Buildings	1030/00/00
It.	an adjacent Pasture 8 acres by Estimation	0200/00/00
It.	four acres of cut grass meadow in the great meadow	0072/00/00
It.	Thirty four acres, called oak meadow lot and strawberry meadow, all valued at	0550/00/00
It.	A woodlot near Ash Swamp 8 acres	0096/00/00
It.	2 Small rights in Acton	0020/00/00
		2349/04/00
		575/17/06
	the total	2925/01/06

This inventory Contains in Real Estate----L 1968/0/0

Concord June ye ? 1750

Jonathan Buttrick

Simon Hunt

Comme^{tt}

Abishai Brown

Middlesex Sept. 10, 1750. Hannah Brown the Admin^x exhibited the foregoing inventory on oath.

S. Danforth J prob.

The admin^x mentions some Land in the Government of New Hampshire

Concord, March 17th, 1752

We the Subscribers being appointed and authorized by the Hon^{ble} Samuel Danforth Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Middlesex to apprise the Real Estate which Ephraim Brown Late of Concord Dec^d Died possessed of in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, being each of us first sworn to the faithfull Discharge of Said Trust, having Notified the Persons Concerned Proceeded to apprise Said Estate as follows, viz.

	Lawful Money
Imprimis: The Homestead Containing Twenty Acres @ Six Pounds Twelve Shillings p acre, one Hundred and Thirty Two Pounds	132/0/0
Item The House & Barn, Twenty Pounds	20/0/0
Item The Pasture Near or adjoining about Eleven Acres at Three pounds five shillings p acre, Thirty five pounds fifteen shillings	35/15/0
It. About Six acres of meadow called Oak Meadow at Four pounds Twelve Shillings p acre, Twenty Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings	27/12/0
It. About Twenty three acres of woodland and Swamp by Oak Meadow at Two pounds five Shillings and four pence p acre, Fifty Two Pounds Two shillings and eight Pence	52/2/8
It. About eight acres of woodland @ one pound twelve shillings p acre, Twelve pounds sixteen shillings	12/16/0
It. Four acres of meadow in the River Meadow at two pounds p acre, eight pounds	8/0/0
It. A right in the Township Called Narragansit number Six @ Sixteen pounds	16/0/0
	<u>L 304/5/8</u>

Then we proceeded to set off to Hannah the widow of the Said Dec^d one Third part of the Said Real Estate as follows viz.

The Easterly Side of the Homestead Containing about Ten Acres and one Quarter being Twenty Rods wide at the Northerly End and about Twenty Two Rods wide at the Southerly End Set----by a
(?)
Streight/line by Several Heaps of Stones.

Ephraim Brown Inventory--2--No. 3003, item 5(?)--1752

Also about three acres and one Quarter of woodland at the westerly side of the Lot by Oak Meadow being Thirteen Rods wide at the Northerly End and Seven Rods at the Southerly End the Division line being Streight and a heap of Stones at Each End.

Also the Easterly End of the Dwelling House that is to Say the Lower Room and Chamber and also one full Third part of the Celler and Conveniency thereto belonging.

Also the Little Barn adjoining the westerly End of the Large Barn and the yard before it Eight paces wide to the High way and also one Third part of the yard or Lane before the House to the High way and Liberty of Drawing water out of the well as may be Necessary or Convenient.

The Remainder or other Two Third parts we find will make but one Settlement without Spoiling the Whole and Thomas the Eldest Son having Received his full Share or proportion in his fathers life time and a quitted the Estate and William the Second Son Living out of this government having (as we are Informed by the Said Widow) Received in his fathers life time Forty pounds old Tenour and having Signified by writing that he declines Taking any Part of the Land and Elias the Third Son having for Some years past been uncapable of managing any Business we agreed that it Should be Settled on David the youngest Son.

Thomas Browne, Juner
David Brown
Joseph Buttrik

James Minot
Ephraim Jones
Sam^l Chandler
Abishai Brown
John Flint

Mem. The apprizers are Satisfied by the Said David Brown

Eph. Brown's Real Estate Settled--1755. Entd Lib 47. prob. Report of Commrs. filed

Ephraim Brown Inventory--No. 3003, item 9

An Inventory of that Part of the Real Estate whereof Ephraim Brown Late of Concord in the County of Middlesex Gentleman Deceased, Intestate, died Siezed and Possessed of in Said Concord which was Set off to his widow Mrs. Hannah Brown Late of sd Concord Deceas'd as her Dower or Third as Shewn to us the Subscribers by the Heirs of Said Deceased.

Apprizd in Lawful money August 31, 1768

Imprs. About Ten Acres and one Quarter of Land Lying on the Easterly Side of the Homestead of the sd Deceased bounding at the Southerly End about Twenty two Rods on a highway and Easterly on a highway Northerly Easterly and Northerly with Several angles on Land belonging to John Brown (or on Land Laid off to the widow of John Brown Deceas'd), the Northerly end being Twenty Rods wide westerly on David Brown's Land there being a heap of stone at the Northwesterly And Southwesterly corners. Prized at Forty one Pounds-----

41/0/0

Also a Small Barn and a piece of Land being Eight Paces wide at the Southerly end bounding on a highway and westerly on Jonas Bateman's Land Northerly and Easterly sd David Brown's Land Containing about Nine Rods of Land Priz'd at one Pound, eight shillings

1/8/0

Also one Third Part of the yard or Lain from where the old House stood to the Highway and the Liberty of Drawing water out of the well as set forth in the former Inventory. Priz'd at one Pound

1/0/0

Also about three acres and one Quarter of wood Land Near oak meadow (so called) being Thirteen Rods wide at the Northerly end and Seven Rods wide at the Southerly End Bounding Southerly and Westerly on Capt. Thomas Jones his Land, Northerly on John Brown's Land, Easterly on sd David Brown's Land, their being a heap of stones at each corner Priz'd at Four Pounds

4/0/0
47/8/0

Ephraim Brown Inventory--2--No. 3003, item 9

The Foregoing Premise not being sufficient for a settlement we return the same settled on David Brown, one of the sons of sd Deceased who had the other two thirds of sd Deceased Estate settled on him

Fee for ye warrant of apprizement & swearing ye apprizers	0/3/0
The apprizers Service	0/9/0
Inventory	0/2/0
Entertainment	9/7/0

Simon Hunt	
Benj ^a Brown	Apprizers
John Flint	

The children of said deceased Thomas Brown being the eldest son Draws no Shear in this Division he having Received his full Portion in the Lifetime of sd Deceased by Signing an aquittance

William	Mary
Elias	Sarah
David	Ruth

[At right angles to the above is written] Mr. Eph^m Brown's widows dower settled.

9/4. Ent'd Lib. 41, p. 142. Report of Commrs.

Ephraim Brown Inventory--3--No. 3003, item 9

[And then below]

Charges

Journey to Camb.	0/6/0
Copy of	0/1/6
Commiss ^r & Swearing one apprizor	0/2/0 1/2
Swearing the other 2	0/2/0
To the apprizing	0/9/0
the Inventory	0/2/0
Entertaining ye apprizers	0/7/0
Fees to the Judge	0/6/0
to the Reg ^r	0/9/4
	2/4/10 1/2

Will and Inventory of Captain Brown, Probate No. 2976

In the name of God, Amen. I, David Brown of Concord in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Gentleman, being weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, Blessed be God, do this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and two, make and publish this my last will and testament in Manner following, that is to say, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and my body to the earth from whence it came, in hopes of a joyful resurrection through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ; and as for that worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, I dispose thereof as follows.

First, I give and bequeath to Abigail Brown, my dearly beloved wife the free use and improvement of the one half of all my Lands I am in possession of in the Town of Concord and the district of Carlisle during her natural life; and I do order and my will is that my son Joseph Brown, the executor of this my last will and testament, carry on and improve according to the rules of good husbandry said lands and render annually to my said wife and his mother the services hereafter mentioned, and also procure and deliver to her yearly the following articles for her support into the house which is provided for her as hereafter expressed, to wit, twenty bushels of Indian corn and ten bushels of rye ground into meal if she pleases, one hundred and twenty pounds of pork, and one hundred and fifty weight of beef, both well fattened, twenty weight of tried tallow, two barrels of good winter apples, two barrels of good cyder well secured in her cellar hereafter mentioned, twenty pounds of sugar, and four pounds of good tea, one bushel of salt and one bushel of malt, together with eight dollars in money. And my will further is that my said wife have two cows out of my stock of cattle, and ever after during her life to have two cows provided and kept for her on my farm in Concord, summer and winter, and drove and fetched for her in the season of it to and from pasture, and that my executor, named hereafter provide for my said wife a sufficiency of firewood, cut fit for the fire and carried into her house at all times during her life. And in case of her being sick to provide for her nursing and doctoring and pay for them, and to keep a good horse and suitable carriage for her to ride to meeting and elsewhere when she pleases. And also I give her all my household furniture for her to dispose of the same to any of my children as she pleases. And my will further is that my said wife have the free use and improvement of the westerly end of my now dwelling house in Concord from the top to the bottom of the cellar and the one half of my pew in Concord meeting house during her life,

and she to have a sufficient quantity of sauce of every kind at all seasons of the year--and at her decease to have a decent burial (if she dies my widow) out of my estate.

Item. I give to my oldest son, Purchase Brown, fifteen dollars to be paid him by my executor in one year after my decease that sum, with what I have heretofore given him is his portion out of my estate.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two sons David Brown and Ephraim Brown and their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them, all the lands I shall die seized and possessed of in the township of Flintstown, so called--and I give to my son David my gun and all my warlike equipment thereto belonging--which with what I have given them before is their full portion out of my estate.

Item. I give to my son William Brown three hundred dollars, to be paid him in one year after my decease if he should be restored to his right mind again, but if he should remain in the delirious state of mind he now is in, my will is that my son Joseph Brown have the sum given to William as above provided he or his heirs provide for him the necessaries of life during his life.

Item. I give to my son Reuben Brown twenty dollars to be paid him in one year after my decease by my executor hereafter named, the said sum with what he has had of me before is his full portion out of my Estate.

Item. I give to my daughter Molley Flint twenty dollars to be paid her in two years after my decease, that sum with what she has heretofore had of me is her portion out of my estate.

Item. I give to my daughter Abigail Flint, thirty dollars to be paid her in two years after my decease, which sum, with what she has had of me before, is her share of my estate.

Item. I give to my three daughters, to wit Sarah Brown, Elizabeth Brown, and Hannah Brown, now single women, the privilege and improvement of that part of my dwelling house I have given their mother, to live with her, they or either of them to live in the same so long as they or either of them remain single, and I give to my said daughters one hundred and fifty dollars cash at their or either of their marriage, they and each of them to be paid the interest of said sum yearly after my decease so long as they or either of them remain single by my executor hereafter named--and if he should neglect to pay the same interest annually, then to call for the principal, to wit the one hundred and fifty dollars cash.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Brown and to his heirs and assigns forever the whole of my land and buildings I shall die seized and possessed of in this Commonwealth (except that given to my sons David and Ephraim) on condition he pays all my just debts, legacies above given and funeral charges, and performs what I have in this my last will and testament enjoined upon him to do for his mother.

And I give to my son Joseph Brown the whole of my personal estate of what name or nature whatever (except my wearing apparel, which I hereby order to be equally divided between my sons above named, and except the household furniture given to my wife)--and I hereby constitute and appoint my son Joseph Brown the executor of this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly revoke and make void all other wills, testaments and executors by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness where I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and
delivered by the said
David Brown as his last will
and testament in presence of us--

David Brown

Reuben Flint
John Buttrick
Ephraim Wood

Inventory of Estate of David Brown

An inventory of the estate, both real and personal, that Capt. David Brown, late of Concord, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, died seized and possessed; taken by virtue of the commission from the Honble Oliseen Prescott, Esq., Judge of probate of Wills, etc. for said county, which is hereunto annexed the sixth day of October, A.D. 1802

First the real Estate--to wit:

The dwelling house apprizd at	\$400
Barns \$140--other out houses, \$100	\$240
The Home Lot of Land on which said buildings stand containing thirty-nine acres more or less, apprizd at	\$1187
Back meadow so called containing by examination thirty acres apprizd at	\$210
Poplar hill lot of wood containing eight acres	88
Lot of tillage land in the Great fields so called apprizd at	\$120
A lot of Meadow Mowing lying in Great Meadow so called containing twelve acres apprizd at	\$180
A small piece of Meadow lying the same Meadow	20
Six acres of Wood land lying near Gersham Healer in Carlisle apprizd at	54
Five acres of wood land lying near N. Hutchinson's on Groton road so called	25
Five hundred acres of Wild lands lying in Flintstown in the County of Cumberland, apprizd by information at	500
	3024

Personal Estate follows to wit

One horse apprizd at \$15--a pair of oxen \$55	\$70
Seven cows \$112--one bull \$10--a three years heifer \$12	134
Four yearlings \$20--four calves \$8	28
Five sheep and three lambs \$8--two old swine \$20	28
Cart and wheels \$25--three sleds \$4, slay and harness \$4	33
Three plows \$4--two draft chains \$3--two forks \$.60	7.60
Pair of chisels, gauge, augre square, saw and copper adz	2.50
Shovel, compasses and trowel \$.50, four broad hoes \$1.50	2
A narrow hoe \$.50, shovel \$.83, dung fork \$.50	1.83
	305.93

Personal estate brought over	305.93
Three narrow axes, \$1--one broad D°, \$2	3
Grindstone, \$.50, wheelbarrow \$1, iron barr, \$2	3.50
Ox yoke and Irons \$1, one cyth and tackline \$1, iron fettters \$1	3
Chaise and harness \$70, five sickles \$.50, sheep shears \$.33	70.83
Eight harrow teeth \$1.50, hammer \$.67, saddle and saddlebags \$10	12.17
Four cyder barrels \$1.33, three meal bags \$1, cyder hogshead \$1.50	3.83

Wearing apparel, to wit,

His two outside coats \$12, three straitbodied D° \$12	24
Seven waistcoats \$7--four pair of small cloths \$4	11
Pair of boots \$4, two pair of shoes \$1.50, his Linen \$7	12.50
Two hats \$2, his best Gun and Bayonet \$7, other D° \$3	12
His great Bible and other Book	4

Household furniture follows to wit,

Best bed and furniture \$25, second bed and furniture \$18	\$43
Third bed and its furniture \$18, two blankets \$2.75	20.75
Three bed quilts \$6, fourth bed and furniture \$6	12
Five pairs of sheets \$8.33, a dining table \$3.50	11.83
Six fanback chairs \$7, two roundback D° \$2.50, tea table \$1.50	11
Candle stand \$.50, old oval table \$.60, looking glass \$1.50	1.60
A desk \$3, wooden clock \$8, crockery ware \$6	17
Glassware \$2.50, tongs and fire shovel \$.50, and irons \$.50	3.50
Pair bellows \$.50, an old chest with one draw \$1	1.50
Two other old chests \$1, six pewter dishes \$3.50, tinware \$2.25	6.75
Six pewter plates \$.50, earthen ware \$1.17, ironware \$4	5.67
Pair flat irons \$.67, chopping knife, meat fork and iron skillet \$.58	1.25
Tongs - and fire shovel \$1, and irons \$.50, brass kettle \$7	8.50
Flax (?) hatchet \$1, wooden ware \$1.67, one _____ line, \$.50	3.17
Mortar \$.50, toasting iron \$.17, half dozen old chairs \$.50	1.17

An old kitchen table \$.50, iron candlesticks \$.25	.75
Cloth loom and apparatus \$13, two woolen and two linen wheels \$.50	13.50
Meal chest and bread trough \$2, three meat _____, \$1.50	3.50
An old case with draws, \$1, two meal bags \$1	2
Provision chest, in cellar \$1.50, vinegar cask \$.33	1.83
4 cyder barrels \$1.33, lumber in garret, etc. \$2	3.33
One warming pan \$1.25	1.25
	<u>640.61</u>

Submitted by Ephraim Wood
 Reuben Hunt
 John Buttrick

Committee

Inventory of Land in Estate of David Brown

An inventory of the estate of David Brown, late of Concord in said County, Gentleman deceased, testate, appraized on oath by us the Subscribers, as follows, viz:

House Lot, supposed to contain about seven acres with the House and other buildings	\$975.00
About 14 1/2 acres of tillage land back of the Barn at \$50 per acre	725.00
About 24 1/2 acres of pasture land near to John Dakin's at \$22 per acre	539.00
One piece of land in the River Meadows containing about six acres at \$15 per acre	90.00
One other piece of land in the River Meadows containing about 4 acres at \$11 per acre	44.00
One piece of orchard land near oak meadow containing about one acre	70.00
One other piece of land called the oak meadow about 30 acres \$11.50 per acre	345.00
One other piece of land called Poplar hill, 9 acres at \$18.00 per acre	162.00
One other piece of land called the Hutchinson Lot containing nine acres	108.00
	<u>\$3058.00</u>
One other piece of land in the possession of Nathaniel Hutchinson containing about six acres	\$152.00
One other piece of land in the Great Fields containing about six acres now in the possession of Jonas Buttrick, \$13 acre	78.00
One other piece of land in the river meadow containing about six acres in possession of Ephraim Wheeler at \$25 per acre	150.00
One other piece of land near to lot Jonas Buttrick's containing about 2 1/2 acres in possession of Daniel Clark	120.00
	<u>\$3558.00</u>

May 25, 1827

Daniel Wood	
Reuben Brown, Jr.	Appraisers
Abisheu Brown	

Captain Brown to his sons, Concord, July 20, 1792, from Concord
Public Library

Dear children I write you these few lines ynforming that through the goodness of almighty God we are all in a comfortable meashur of helth excepting William who yet remains of unwell or more so than ever. Joseph has something of the canker but we hope not dangerous; I have nothing remarkable to write. I wrote in David's letter of sistir Buttrick marrying. I have done my early moing and secured my hay greatly short of what it was last year; I have done reaping my rie that is also short. My river meadow bank is not worth moing great part of it, this year it has bin something dry hear thoe this day we have had a plentyfull rain; I send you here the note that you gave to Doctor Hodges, you may send me the receipt that I gave you for the money that I took the notes with some time when you have a convenient oportuinity I some expect that I shall come down to see you this faule, I should be very glad if I could help you some about your building, but I have had so much sickness in my family lately that I am somewhat put... Hannah has recovered her helth in a good meashur. I yntended Joseph should have had a----?----but he is not harty---?---at present I wood have you take the business of building with moderation as it is a very hevi peace of business and not over doo least you get discouraged. I hope that David and you will have a chance to sell som wild land before long. Cory tells me that millikin maks---?---a route about that goar of land that you dont love to sell it but I dont intend he shall have it without paying for if you and I sell any of the land to advantage I am willing of you stand in need of help. I being in grate---?---close my letter all the family sends their love and respects to you and your wife, remeber me to all my friends, I remain your affectionate and tender father.

David Brown

Concord, July 20th 1792.

Letters of Captain Brown to his children, from the Concord Antiquarian Society

Mr. Ephraim Brown Flintetown [1794]

To Ephraim Brown & wife I write you a few Lines Informing that through the goodness of allmighty god we are all in a Comfortable meashur of helth Excepting William he is not So well at present as he has been it is a general Time of helth hear Excepting Some are Sick with the putreed fever you write To me that Somebody wanted that goar of Land near Millicans my price for it is 40 Dollars . . . I intend the Rest for you & David Excepting millican Lott when I Sell the corn I mean To Give him a Deed if he Treats me well I ment to Com Down this faul But my horse is Gone up to Clarendon after Hannah She has been their ever Since Last June Reuben is gone after her is not Returned yet Polley & Abby are both well & their famalys they have both been Down To See us this Sumer Remember my Love To all Enquiring Friends your mother Brothers & Sisters all Remember their lov to you and famaly I Remain yore affectsonate father David Brown

Concord october ye 12th 1794

both write back To me

Dear Son I Recd your Letter by Lieut Jones am glad To hear that you & all your famaly was well hoape these few Lines which I Right in grate haste by the goodness of almighty god will find you all in good helth as by his goodness they Leafe us all us Excepting william. Elias Departed this Life the Last Day of october about eight oclock in the morning of Said Day he was Drooping Two or three Days and then Taken Sick with a Violant fever Lay about a fortnit he boar his Sickness with a Cristian patiants and I believe he Died in peec he Seamed to Go Like a Lam he Did not Stir him Selfe on the bed we Gave him a decent burial Blessed are the Dead that Die in the Lord may we all be Sutebly affected there with an be prepared for oure own Turn william Remains very poorly hannah has Com home and brings the heavy news that purchis^s wife Died Two Days after Reuben gat up She was Deliverd of Son a very Likly Child and Lived about Eight hours after and expired purchis and his father Smith Came Down with hannah they brought his oldest Son David he is with us now Reuben is not Com Down yet Purchis Carried his an^t prudenc up with him Jest a week aftar your uncle Elias was Buried She that was hannah Buttrick vis. Mrs. Hoar was buried they Brought her Down from winchendon to her fathers She Lived but a few Days after Communacate this Letter to David as I have not Time to write Two Letters at this Time I Send as much Love To one as the other & Love & Respect you all alik Give your Self no Concern about Hodges Deed I Tak it that Fitch Shoud have his Deed Recorded & So Doct^r Hodges must have his Recorded also I See no Danger I Recd the present Sent by your wife the mittens and fore body of a Jackit for Thos for which we Return you Thanks I Shall Take Care to pay Nabby Dudley the Interest of her note. my Love to you and David and all your famalys Equilly aloke your mother and all of us Remember oure Love To you all I Shall write To David next

David Brown

Concord November ye 19th 1794

Letter from David Brown to his son Ephraim Brown, Feb. 13, 1796--
taken from Concord originals in Antiquarian Society

Dear Son and Daughter I Rec'd Your Letter by the hand of John Cumings Flint am very glad that you where all well also that you have another Daughter to you and your wife. Our famaleys are all in a Comfortable State of helth at present through the goodness of almighty God hoape that through the Same Devine Care these lines will find you and all yours Injoying the same Blessing. I recd twelve Dollars of said Fint for which I shall send your note and I shall send you a Deed for Jona Sanborn according to your Desier We should been exceeding glad to have seen you up hear I hear that you have presented a petition to the General Court for a penny tax on the acre for Highways and Bridges I wish you may Succeed But the grate proprietors will be against it I want to com down and See you very mutch and git out some shingles if you thought it would answer the end pray write to me how you think it would do to send them up to Boston or Mistick. I Dont think of any news to write William has been Better for six Weeks past than common we are grately Incouriged that may git over it in time He is very urgent to com down with Cumings But we think it not best at Present. Your mother had concluded to Com Down in a Slay with me But it is so late in the seson that we thought not to ventur Purchis and his wife was hear last week and two of his children one about six weeks old he has been married about eleven month he married the widdow Mason she is sister to Harri Goulds wife She was a Starns born in this Town She had two children when they married, her mother was a Farrer no more at present but Remain your tender parent your Brothers your mother and Sisters all Remember their Love to you your wife and Children. Your Aunt Prudence joins with them

David Brown

Concord February ye 13th 1796

N.B. Your uncle Ephram Munro Died very Suddenly the fore part of December takuen Sick one Day and died the next. hannah Gennus and her child died about the same time with the Kanker Rash very suddenly Dannil Brown Died very suddenly about a fortnit ago.

Letter--Messrs David and Ephraim Brown Flintstown

Dear Children I write these few Lines in grate hope to be felt. Let you know that we are all of well of usual excepting William he still Remains very unwell I should write more full But I sent a Letter by Mr. Sanbun brother in law to Coming Flint But I expect that the Decon will call to see you and I wood have you write back by him both of you I hope some of you will Com up to see us this faule I hope I shall Com Down to see you once more yet before I Die I send my Love to you all hoaping these Lines will find you all in helth and prosperity praying that the God of all Grace may be with you all and Bless and prosper you. I remain your Tender & afectionate father all you Frennds are in helth in the Line of the Buttricks Betsy is to be marryed the next week to Mr. John Hodgeman

David Brown

Concord Juneye 13th 1798

Letter--David Brown to sons David & Ephraim, Flintstown by Saco River, Concord, Feb. 15, 1800

Dear Children. I write these few lines to Inform you that we are all in a Comfortable State of helth through Divine Goodness. hoape they will find you all enjoying the Same Blessing by the Same Divine goodness. Purchis and his wife was hear in January Last He has been Soarly visited with Sickness since he moved up to Stalbens near the Lake and after he had spent 500 Dollars in his Sickness and Recovered their health again. Some Time about September Last he had the misforten to have a Ladlefull of Scalding hot potash faul onto his foot in the Instept which had Like to have been fatal to him. His Docters gave over all hoape and concluded to cut off his Leg. His Leg turned all Black up to his hyp, thought mortified he wood not consent to have it cut off without the advice of a nother Docter which lived a grate Distance from him and in the time that they sent for him, he being gone from home and could not com they was still in the use of meaned [??] and applied Bitter erbes in hot Baths and in a Short Time brought it to the right couller again and his Docters took Currage and cured it so that he can go without Limpen. To be purceived he has Let out his house in St. Alben and gone up further about 8 miles to a Town called Swontown where he tells me he Left Reuben to Fix up an old Loge House which they intend to live in Till they git able to build a Better. Purchis owns 100 acres of Excellent Land with it he tels me and is to carry Reubens wife & child up with him when he goes up. Joseph Stays with me and Does very well we have got a Good Pile of wood at the Doer and are pritte well on it for hay. Nathan Flint was Down hear yesterday and Tells us that they was all well and Thos's wife had got to bed with a fine Daughter he said her name was to be Salle Major John Buttrick is well and his famaly and Timothy Brown and his family They move into his House next week they tell me that he bought of Col Heald in Carlisle. I got home safe the 3 Day after I left you and found all well your mother and I Intende to Com Down to See you in the Latter part of September next or October if we are well and can git spending money I have been somewhat troubled in my mind about Taken the money from you. But if you dont obtain a full Recom-pense by the goar [?] of land I will make it up to you in as mutch money or Somthing els. All the whole famaley Sends their Love to you all in both famaleys and in purticuler your mother I Remain your tender parrant David Brown

I just now heard from you by Mr. Amos Barns of Conway wilst Righting this Letter

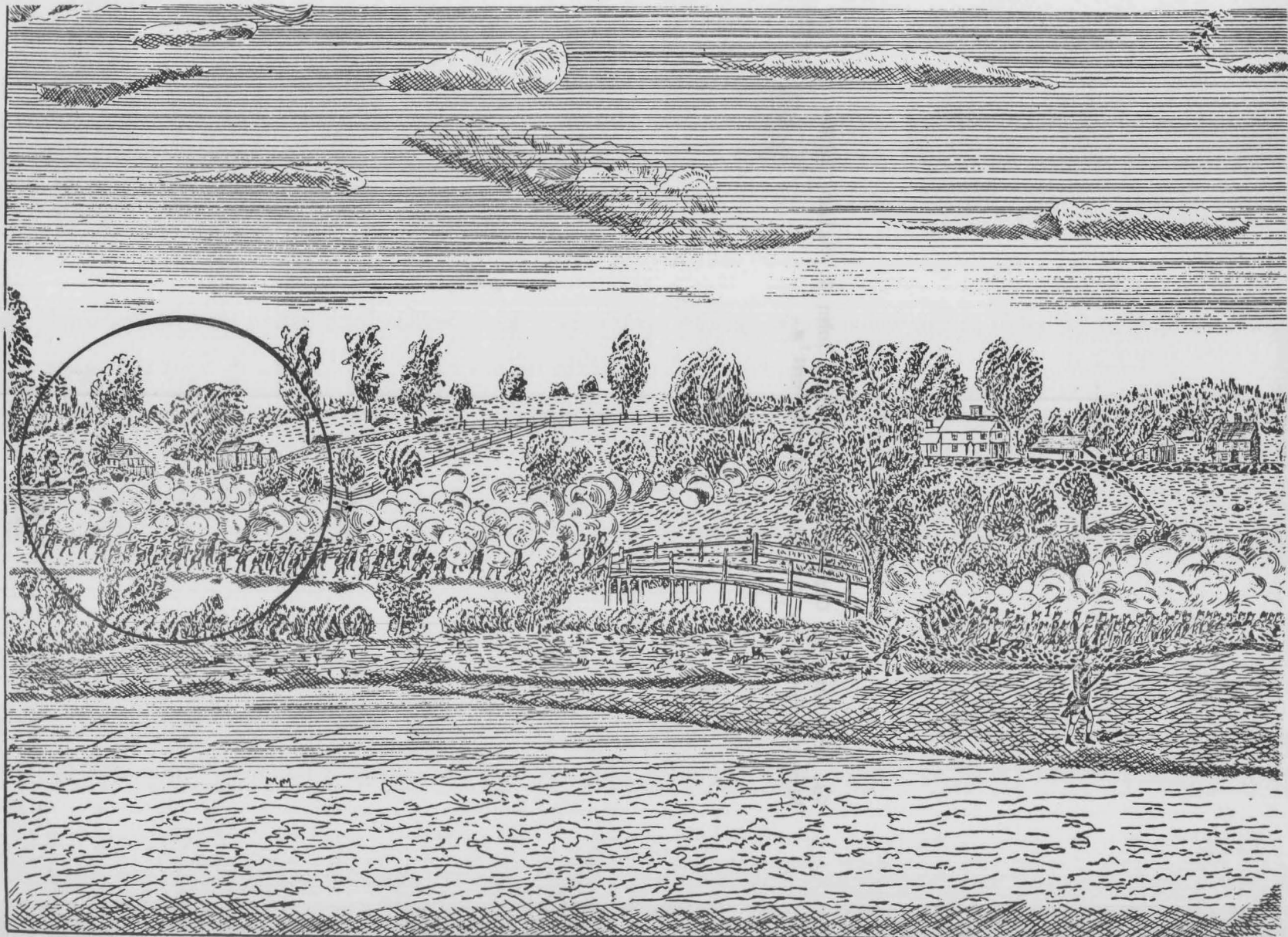
Concord February ye 15th 1800

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APPENDIX OF MAPS

No. 1: North Part of Concord or District of Carlisle,
1754, Survey by Benjamin Brown. Brown's house is shown
north of the west branch of the Groton Road, next to
Bateman's.

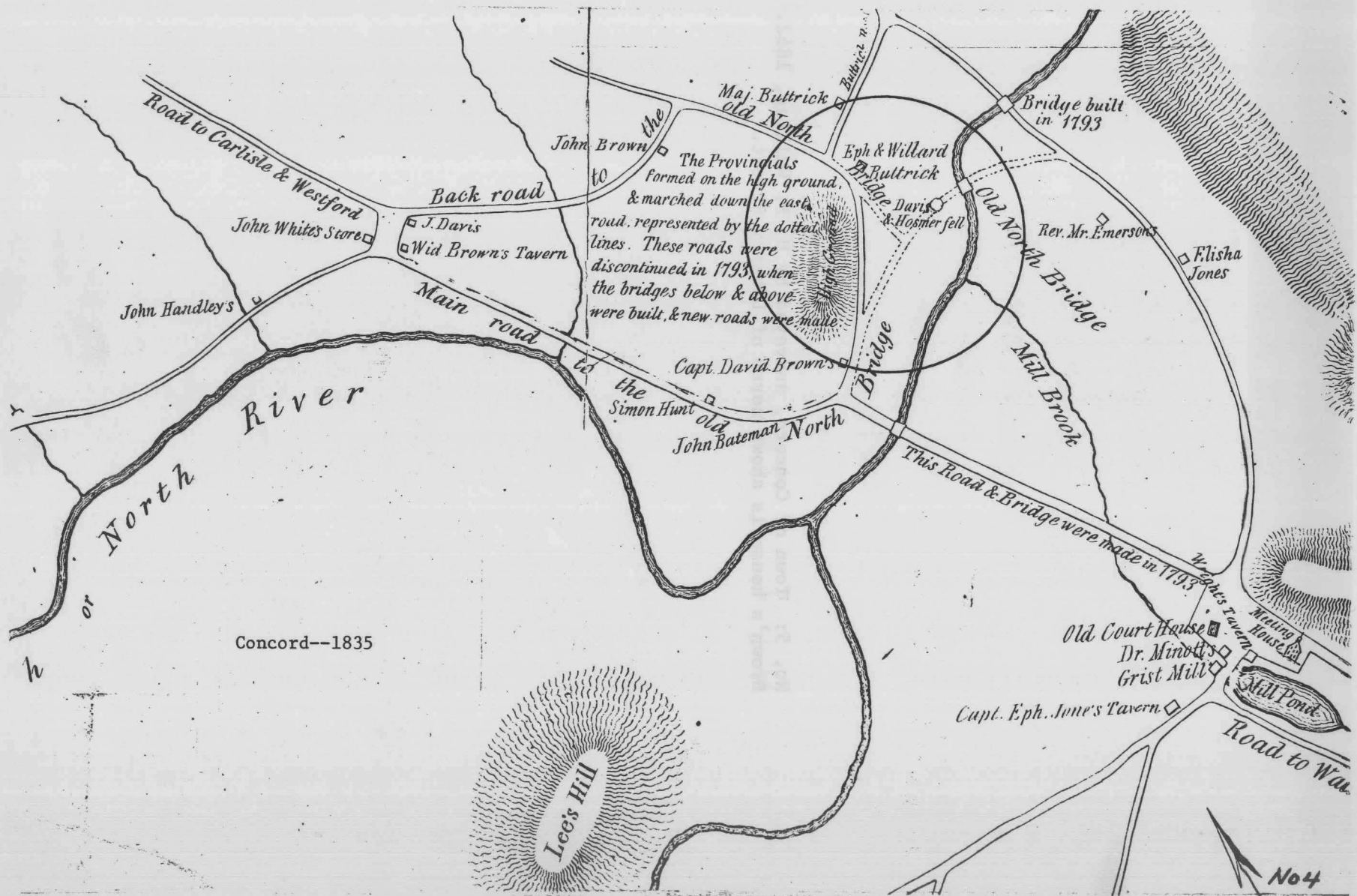
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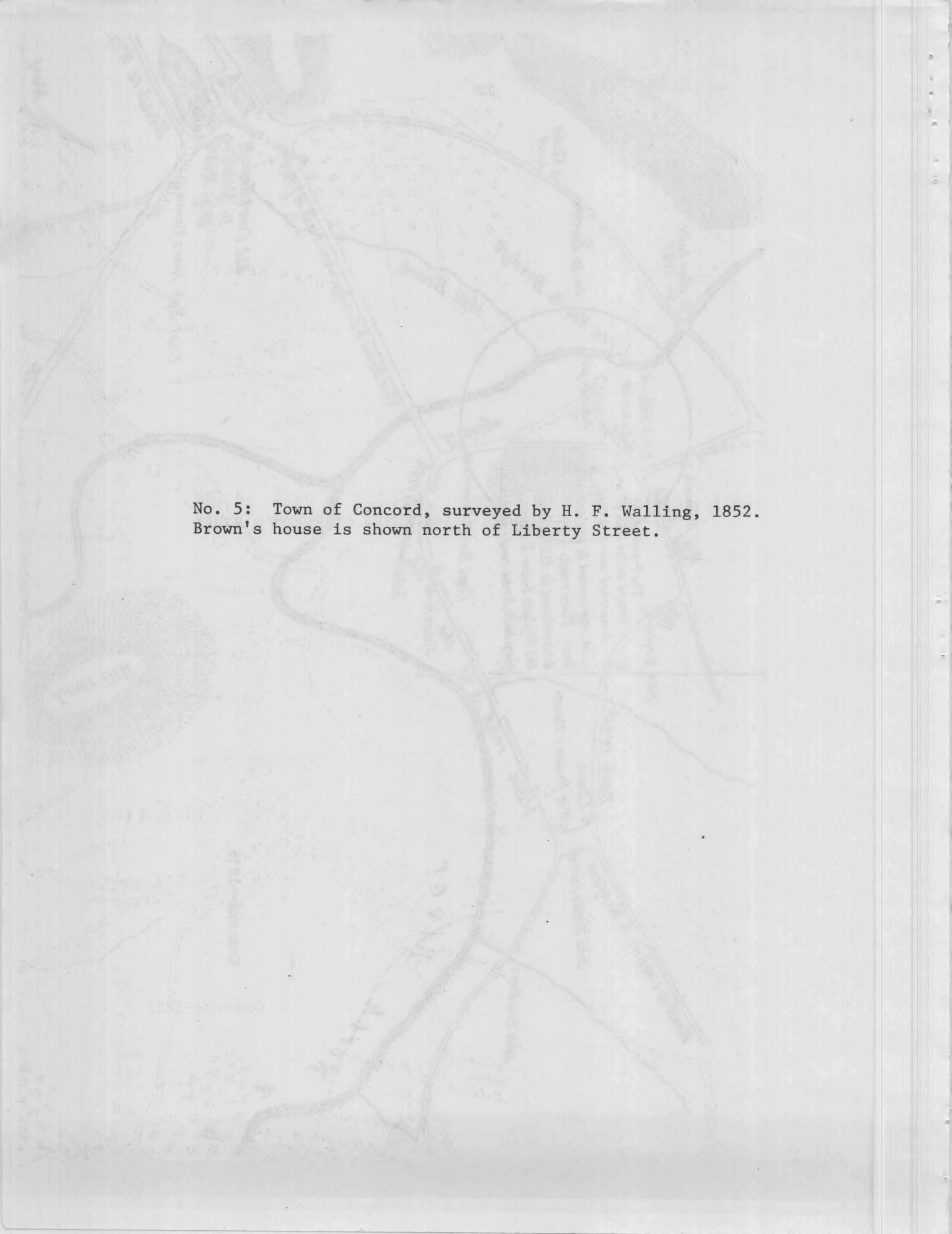


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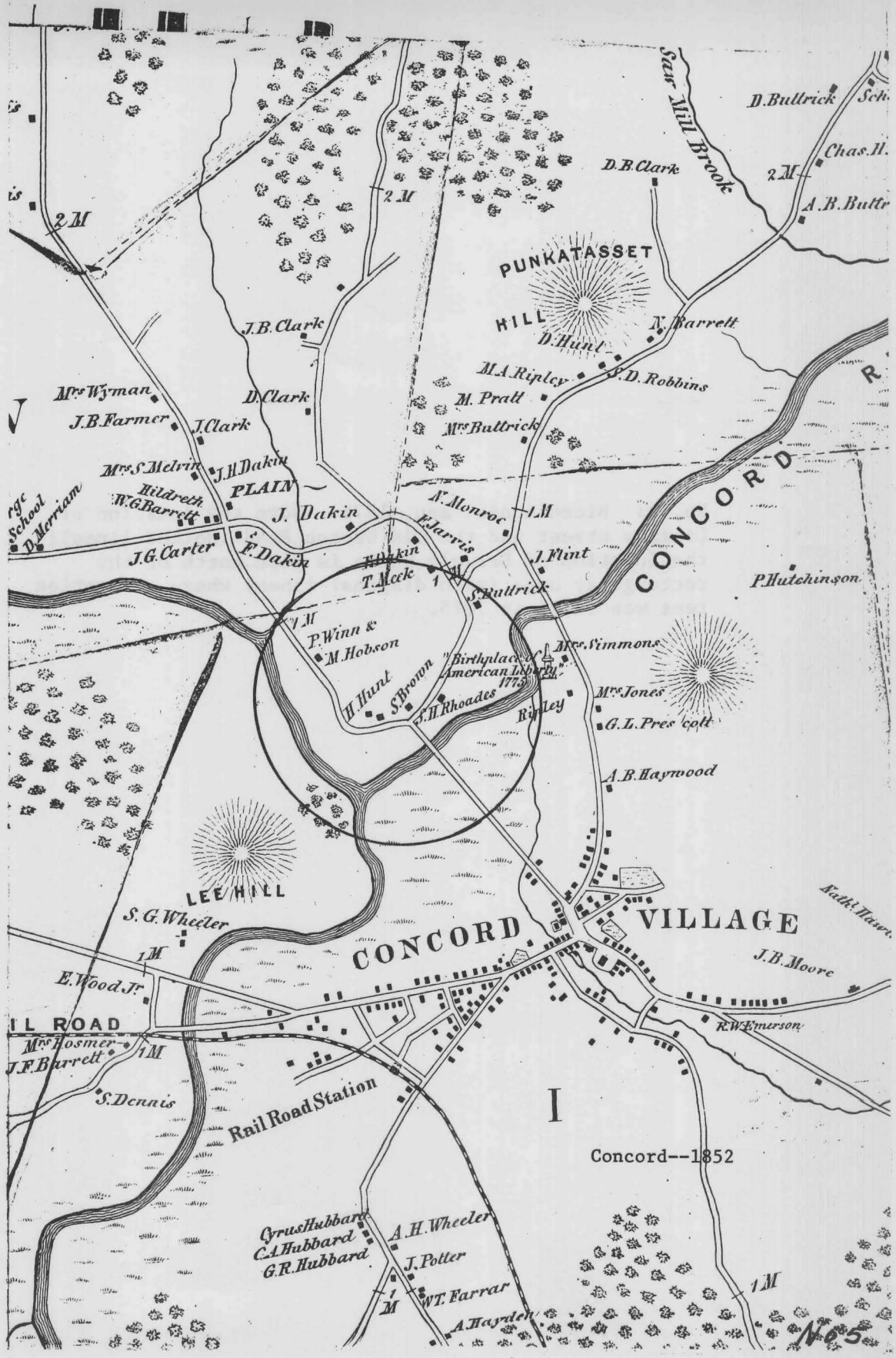
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No. 3: Town of Concord, surveyed by John G. Hales, 1830.
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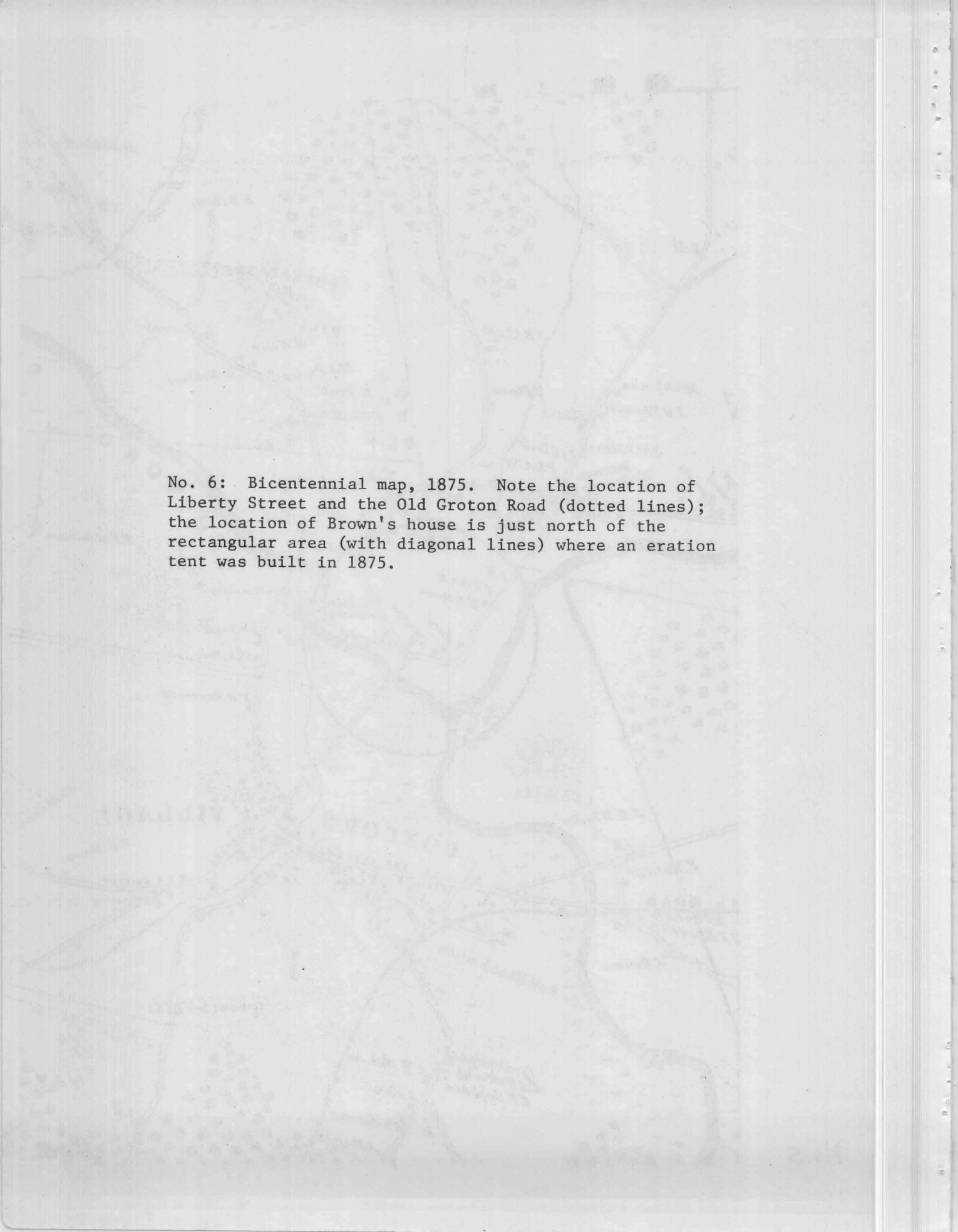


No. 5: Town of Concord, surveyed by H. F. Walling, 1852.
Brown's house is shown north of Liberty Street.

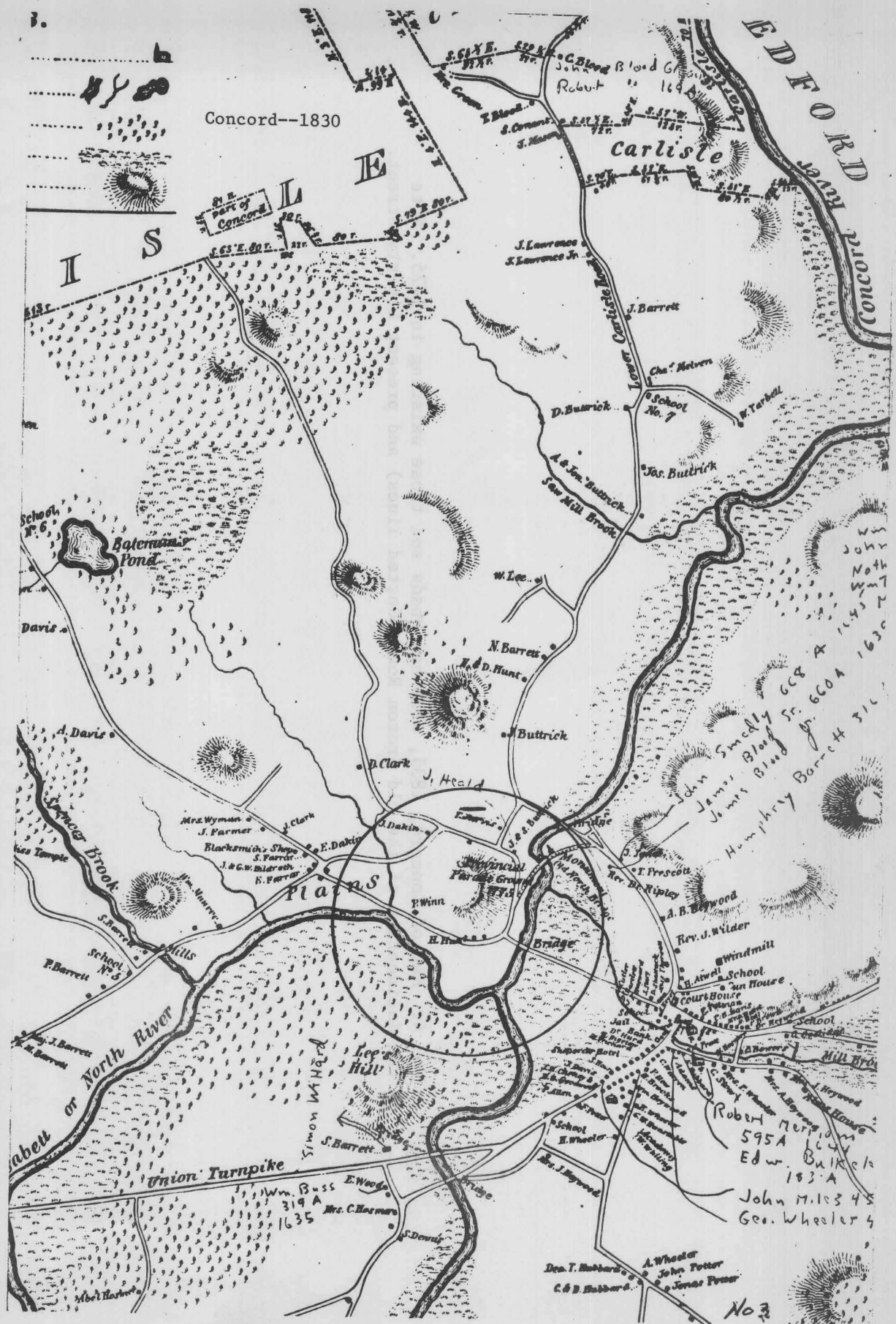


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No. 6: Bicentennial map, 1875. Note the location of Liberty Street and the Old Groton Road (dotted lines); the location of Brown's house is just north of the rectangular area (with diagonal lines) where an eration tent was built in 1875.



Concord--1830

Carlisle

EDFORD
Concord River

School No. 6
Balemus Pond

A. Davis

Blacksmith's Shop

School No. 5

North River

Union Turnpike

Simon Ward

Wm. Buss

Mrs. C. Bosmore

John M. 1834

Geo. Wheeler

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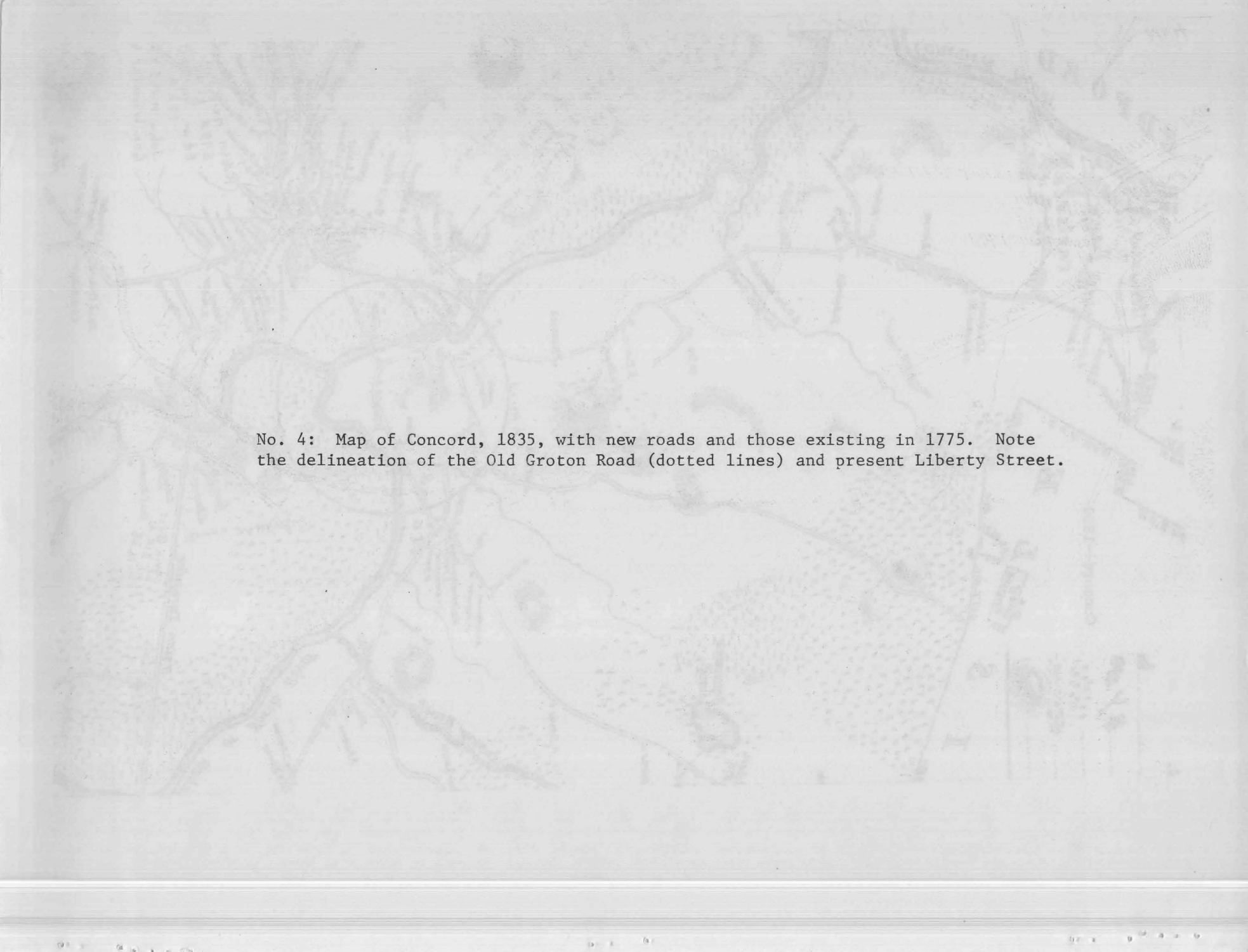
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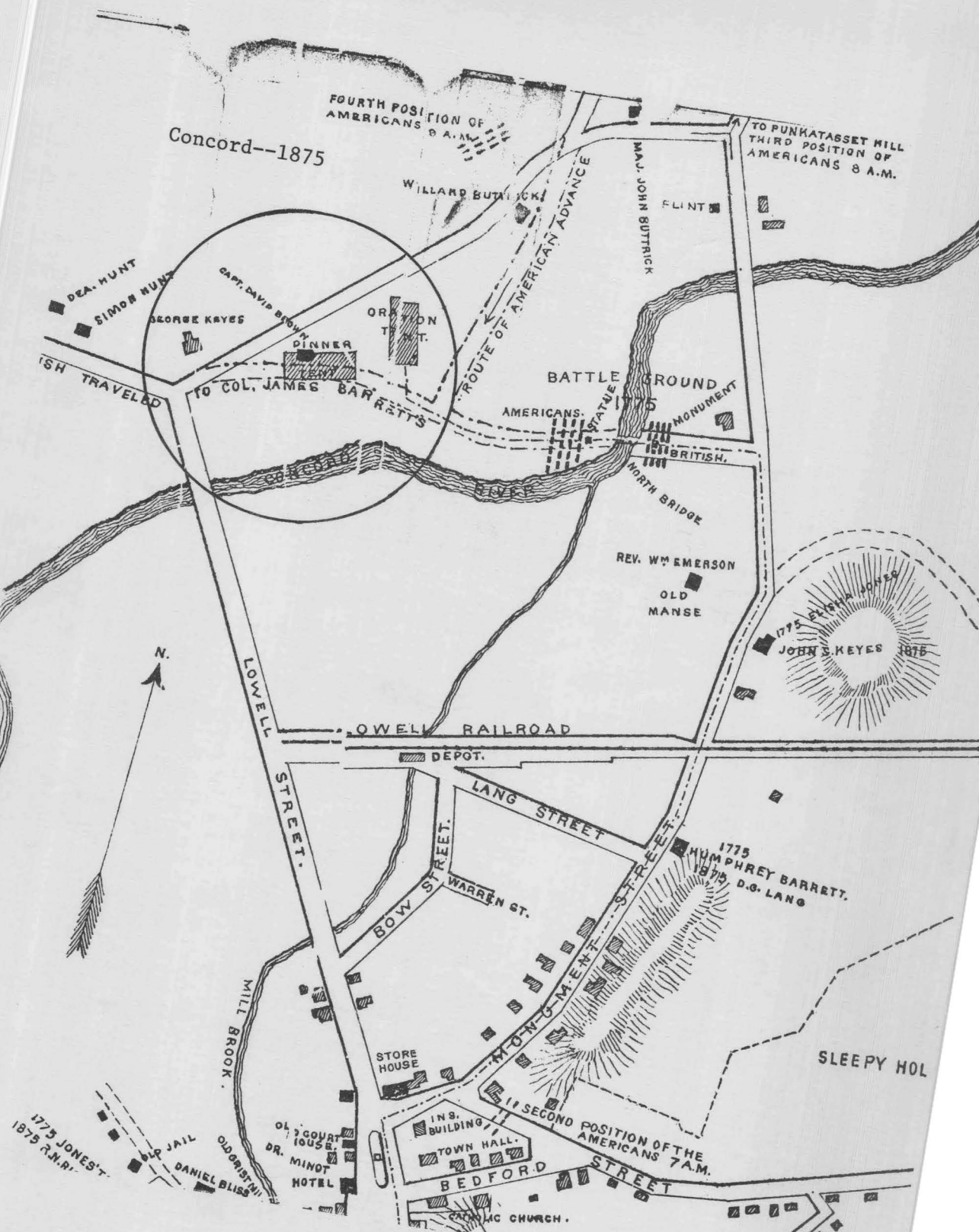
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No. 4: Map of Concord, 1835, with new roads and those existing in 1775. Note the delineation of the Old Groton Road (dotted lines) and present Liberty Street.



Concord--1875

FOURTH POSITION OF AMERICANS 8 A.M.

TO PUNKATASSET HILL
THIRD POSITION OF AMERICANS 8 A.M.

WILLARD BUTTRICK

MAJ. JOHN BUTTRICK

FLINT

DEA. HUNT
SIMON HUNT

GEORGE KEYES

CAPT. DAVID BOW

ORRISON
T. T.

DINNER

ISH TRAVELED

TO COL. JAMES BARRETT'S

BATTLE GROUND

AMERICANS

STATUE 1775

MONUMENT

BRITISH

REV. WM. EMERSON

OLD

MANSE

1775 EUGENIA JONES
JOHN S. KEYES 1875

LOWELL RAILROAD

DEPOT

LANG STREET

LOWELL STREET

BOW STREET

WARREN ST.

1775 HUMPHREY BARRETT
1875 D.G. LANG

STORE HOUSE

SLEEPY HOLE

1775 JONES
1875 R.N.R.

OLD JAIL

DANIEL BLISS

OLD COURT HOUSE

DR. MINOT

HOTEL

INS. BUILDING

TOWN HALL

BEDFORD STREET

CATHOLIC CHURCH

1775 SECOND POSITION OF THE AMERICANS 7 A.M.

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