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INVESTIGATIONAL AREAUNITED STATES, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
RECREATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

-- TRI-MONTHLY REPORT --

(To be received in the Washington Office on the 7, 17, and 27, of each month two copies to be mailed direct to Washington and one to the Regional Office of the National Park Service)

Date MARCH 15, 1935.Report on SANDY CREEK AREA Land Program Project

1. Location: County VENANGO; State PENN'A.; Symbol _____
2. Area proposed for purchase _____ acres; area under option _____ acres
3. Price per acre: Average _____; maximum _____; minimum _____
4. Number of farms in the proposed area _____; percentage of farmland _____; percent of cropland _____
5. Total number of families on proposed area _____. Total number of persons on area _____. Average number of persons per family _____. Total number of families to be cared for _____; with insufficient assets to relocate without assistance _____.
6. Number of families on optioned area _____. Families to remain on area _____ (a) to be employed _____, (b) by agreement _____, (c) refusing to move _____
7. Population within radii of 10 miles _____; 20 miles _____; 50 miles _____
8. When will optioning be completed? _____
9. Has State Relief Administrator designated a representative to work with the Project Manager? _____, if so, give name and address _____
10. Will State Relief Administration furnish labor and materials for project? _____
11. When will project plan be ready to submit for purchase authorization? _____
12. Name of agency that will take responsibility for completed area _____
13. Has written agreement to above been signed? _____
14. Project Manager's name and address _____
15. On reverse side give a statement of the progress and difficulties encountered during the last ten days together with names of all persons actively engaged in promoting this project. In addition to these statements, difficulties should be called to the attention of the Regional Projects Manager by separate letter.

Don H. Graham
(Signature)

A preliminary report on this area was worked up and sent in to the Harrisburg Office. Indication points that apx. 6,000 acres could be acquired at an average of \$ 15.00 to \$ 20.00 per acre.

The area is located about 5 miles south of Franklin, Pa., on Penn'a. Highway # 8 in Sandy Creek and Victory townships. In Sandy Creek 448 people out of the 1079 are on relief and 151 of the 201 in Victory are on relief. Apx. $\frac{1}{2}$ of these live on the area.

About 25% of the area is open country of which apx. 15% is now being tilled. It is submarginal in character.

Owing to topography, streams, tree growth and ready accessibility to over 600,000 people within 50 miles, it is ideal for development as a demonstrational recreation area. Report proper will cover same.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
STATE PARK DIVISION

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72 West Pondfield Road
Bronxville, New York

April 15, 1935

State Park ECW
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

THE LAND PROGRAM

Subject: Land Program -
Projects, Pa.

Att: Mr. John Dreier, Coordinator,
The Land Program

Sirs:

We have just received your letter to Mr. Borgeson of April 9 and your record of approved projects is correct. We expect to submit Sandy Creek (Venango County), to Washington some time during the coming week.

Blacklick (Indiana County), was recently returned by the Washington office for revision.

Weiser South Mountain (Lebanon and Berks Counties), is being held in Washington.

Killbuck Area (Cambria County), is in this office and will probably be submitted some time during the next ten days.

Warm Springs (Perry County), has been prepared but may or may not be submitted.

Plunketts Creek (Lycoming County), directly west of Ricketts Glen has been prepared and may or may not be submitted.

Studies are being made of probable Waysides and several reports on these will doubtless be submitted before May 1.

Hoping that the above gives you the information desired, we are

Very truly yours

MELVIN B. BORGESON
Regional Officer

By: J. I. Neasmith
JOHN I. NEASMITH
Regional Projects Manager

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
STATE PARK DIVISION

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72 West Pondfield Road
Bronxville, New York

April 16, 1935.

State Park ECW,
National Park Service,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

THE LAND PROGRAM

Subject: Sandy Creek Project, Venango
County, Preliminary Report

Sirs:

We enclose three copies of the Preliminary Report for this project. You will note that certain changes in connection with the boundaries have been made by Mr. Southwick. These have been incorporated in a supplement sketch which is attached to the report as submitted.

You will note that the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern R.R. has a single track freight road running along Sandy Creek Valley. This, shows very little signs of use and we are very sure that the very occasional use which it may receive will not hinder the development of the area.

The proposed project has been recommended by Mr. Ralph M. Bashore, Secretary, Department of Forests & Waters, Mr. Alexander Fleisher, Consultant Director of the State Planning Board, and Mr. B. G. Southwick, Regional Assistant, Agricultural Adjustment Administration. We concur with these opinions and recommend that the area be approved for land acquisition.

Yours very truly,

MELVIN B. BORGESON
Regional Officer

By:

John I. Neasmith
JOHN I. NEASMITH
Regional Projects Manager

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cc: Southwick
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

LAND PROGRAM DIVISION
April 19, 1935.

Second Regional Office,
State Park ECW,
72 West Pondfield Road,
Bronxville, New York.

Attention: Mr. J. I. Neasmith.

Subject: Preliminary Report - Sandy Creek
Area, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:

We have received the Preliminary Proposal for the Sandy Creek Area in Venango County, Pennsylvania, which was submitted to us in triplicate under date of April 16.

This report is being studied, and you will be notified whether it is approved for further investigation.

Very truly yours,

Conrad L. Wirth,
Assistant Director

By:

M. C. Muppuch,
Supervisor of Recreation
Demonstration Projects

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2 cc: Mr. Borgeson
cc: Mr. Lansill

Sandy Creek Pa
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1935.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Director of the Land Program.

FROM: The National Park Service.

PROJECT: Preliminary Proposal - Sandy Creek Area, Venango County,
Pennsylvania.

This project contemplates the acquisition of approximately 6,000 acres located in Venango County, Pennsylvania, to be developed as a recreational demonstration project of the Land Program. There are six hundred thousand people living within fifty miles of this proposed project. The Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters has indicated its willingness to accept the responsibility of maintenance and operation of this area. The proposed area is endorsed by the State Planning Board.

Regional Assistant B. G. Southwick has inspected the proposed area and has designated it as submarginal farm land.

The National Park Service approves and recommends this proposed project for your consideration. The project, if approved, will be known as Pennsylvania R-9.

For the Director.

(SGD) E. A. PESONEN

E. A. Pesonen,
Acting Assistant Director

Approved for Investigation:

John S. Lansill

Date: _____

Enc. 563189

2 cc: Mr. Borgeson
cc: Mr. Lansill

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

LAND PROGRAM DIVISION
April 23, 1935.

MR. DEGELEKE:

SUBJECT: Sandy Creek Area, Pennsylvania.

This seems to be a natural, even to the enthusiastic
OK of Mr. Southwick.

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galore. The railroad cutting through the area along the
creek is unfortunate but perhaps might act as a natural
barrier in the development.

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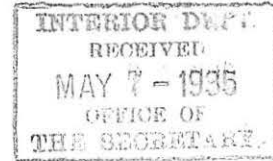
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 6, 1935.



FELTON M. JOHNSTON, CLERK

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Attention: Mr. Conrad Wirt

The Department of Forests and Waters of the State of Pennsylvania I understand has recommended to your National Park Service the erection of a sub-marginal area in Pennsylvania, known as Sandy Creek.

I believe this to be a most worthy project, and I will appreciate it if you can act favorably thereon.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Guffey

Hon. Harold L. Ickes,
 Secretary of the Interior,
 Washington, D. C.

PRS NO. 18841

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

MAY 11 1935

Hon. Joseph P. Guffey,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator Guffey:

Secretary Ickes has asked me to reply to your letter of May 6 regarding the establishment of a recreational demonstration project in the Sandy Creek area in Pennsylvania.

This project has been recommended for establishment by the National Park Service, but as the activities of the Land Program have recently been transferred to The Resettlement Administration, it is possible that there will be some delay before action will be taken.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD.) HARRY SLATTERY

HARRY SLATTERY
Personal Assistant
to the Secretary

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THE LAND PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY REPORT

RECREATIONAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

PROPOSED

SANDY CREEK AREA

P E N N S Y L V A N I A

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE PARK DIVISION

SUBMITTED BY

REGIONAL OFFICE

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.

Pennsylvania

Proposal No. R-9

SANDY CREEK AREA

Comments of Arthur W. Ayers, 5-17-35

Mr. Dreier has prepared a summary of the proposal.

Recommendations:

1. That the proposal be approved and that investigational work be started as soon as the Regional Officer has submitted a budget for investigational work (Form SL No. 8).
2. That the Regional Officer be requested to prepare and submit Form SL No. 13 and a brief summary of development work to be made available.



May 15, 1935

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Clayton

RE: Preliminary Proposal for Sandy Creek Recreational Project

This preliminary proposal was submitted to Mr. Lansill's office at the end of April, and is now re-submitted to Dr. Gray for approval of field investigation. It is one of several projects planned in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Planning Board, and is located with particular reference to the recreational needs of the northwestern portion of Pennsylvania.

Six thousand (6,000) acres are proposed for purchase, at an average price of \$12. per acre.

Six hundred thousand (600,000) people live within fifty miles of the area, and are in need of recreational facilities.

The area is submarginal for agricultural use, according to Assistant Regional Director Southwick, (letter in proposal) and is admirably adapted for recreational development.

The Pennsylvania Commissioner of Forests and Waters, Mr. Ralph M. Bashore, has expressed his approval of this project and expresses confidence in the ability of the state to lease the area from the Federal government after pending legislation has been passed.

The project compares favorably with other Pennsylvania recreational projects already approved by the Land Program. I recommend that approval be given for the setting up of a project staff in the field and the carrying out of land acquisition work.


John Dreier

May 13, 1935.

Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, Assistant Director,
National Park Service,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wirth:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of one copy of the Preliminary Proposal for the following Park Projects from your office:

1. Arkansas R-3, Petit Jean State Park Extension.
2. Arkansas R-4, Pine Bluff Regional Negro Park.
3. California R-2, Laguna Mountain Meadows.
4. Mississippi, Jackson Industrial Recreational Area.
5. Missouri R-8, Lewis County Recreational Area.
6. New Jersey R-2, Proposed Voorhees Area.
7. Pennsylvania R-8, Proposed Weiser, South Mountain Area.
8. Pennsylvania R-9, Proposed Sandy Creek Area.
9. Rhode Island R-2, Proposed Stafford Pond Area.

Thank you for having transmitted this material to us.

Sincerely yours,

C. F. Clayton,
Assistant to the Chief
In Charge of Projects.

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CC:Mr. Denny
Mr. Hart

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

May 8, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of the Land Program.

FROM: The National Park Service.

SUBJECT: Preliminary Proposal - Sandy Creek Area, Venango County,
Pennsylvania.

This project contemplates the acquisition of approximately 6,000 acres located in Venango County, Pennsylvania, to be developed as a recreational demonstration project of the Land Program. There are six hundred thousand people living within fifty miles of this proposed project. The Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters has indicated its willingness to accept the responsibility of maintenance and operation of this area. The proposed area is endorsed by the State Planning Board.

Regional Assistant B. G. Southwick has inspected the proposed area and has designated it as submarginal farm land.

The National Park Service approves and recommends this proposed project for your consideration. The project, if approved, will be known as Pennsylvania R-9.

For the Director.



Conrad L. Wirth,
Assistant Director

Approved for Investigation:

L. C. Gray

Date:

Enc. 491982

cc: Dr. Gray

P R O P O S E D
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Proposed

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE PARK DIVISION 72 West Pondfield Road
Bronxville, New York.

April 3, 1935.

State Park ECW
National Park Service
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Proposed Sandy Creek Area,
Venango County, Pennsylvania.

Sirs:

This area is hereby recommended for land acquisition.

It is readily accessible by main arterial highways and serves a population of approximately 600,000 people within a radius of 50 miles. The land is definitely submarginal for agriculture. Generally speaking, this land is absolutely forest land and should never have been farmed. Buildings are in need of repair and living conditions are deplorable.

In Venango and surrounding counties, no provisions now exist and none are contemplated for proper recreational facilities, particularly, for the large percentage of the population which are in the low income group. The establishment of recreational areas is therefore urgently needed.

The topography is, in general, a plateau intersected by deep valleys and streams. This type of topography together with the tree growth make possible a great variety of recreational developments of all types.

Very truly yours,

Melvin B. Borgeon

MELVIN B. BORGESON
Regional Officer



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
STATE EMERGENCY RELIEF BOARD
HARRISBURG

STATE PLANNING BOARD
928 N. THIRD STREET
APRIL 11, 1935

The Land Program
Federal Emergency Relief Administration
Washington, D. C.


Gentlemen:

Subject: Sandy Creek Area
Venango County

The field staff of the State Planning Board of Pennsylvania has spent a considerable amount of time in considering possible locations for recreational areas in Pennsylvania.

In view of the many conditions in Western Pennsylvania affecting the selection of recreational areas such as density of population, scarcity of unpolluted water, etc. we feel that the Sandy Creek Area is particularly desirable.

Very truly yours,


Alexander Fleisher
Consultant Director

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THE SECRETARY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND WATERS

HARRISBURG

March 20, 1935

The Land Program,
F.E.R.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:


In re: Proposed Sandy Creek area
located in Venango County

The Sandy Creek proposed recreational area has been submitted to me and I have gone over the same and approve its acquisition on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters.

I understand that the U. S. Government will purchase this land in the name of the Federal Government, and I understand further that this proposed area will be developed within the limits of the appropriations for recreational purposes, and be turned over to the State either by lease or gift for the State to maintain and operate.

The State of Pennsylvania under its present law is not able to take lands under lease, but an Act of Assembly has been introduced to the present Legislature, which will correct this situation and I feel confident that it will be speedily passed, so that the maintenance and development of areas such as this for recreational purposes might be continued in accordance with the plan of the National Resources Board.

Yours very truly,


RALPH M. BASHORE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION
Land Policy Section
Division Program Planning

Room 208
Post Office Building
White Plains, N.Y.
March 30, 1935

Mr. Melvin B. Borgeson
District Officer
National Park Service
72 West Pondfield Road
Bronxville, N.Y.

Subject:- Proposed Sandy Creek
Area, Penn.

Dear Mr. Borgeson:

I inspected this area carefully on March 26 with Don H. Graham. It was possible to go over some roads that were impassable earlier and therefore make a rather careful inspection of the area. I have tried to show on the accompanying map the roads that no longer exist, and also the good and poor farm sections in the vicinity of this area.

I am willing to recommend the investigation of this proposed Sandy Creek Area with the understanding that it is neither possible or desirable to purchase all the land along the State highway around the Village of Springville, or along the same road (Route #8) at the northern part of the area. This area in general represents two hilly plateau areas separated by Sandy Creek that runs thru a rather steep wooded valley. The farm land is on the plateau areas and much of it is very poor where the soil is sandy and rocky. At the northern end of the area there is good farm land beyond Congress Hill school. This area of good farm land is not needed in any way for adequate development.

In my judgment this Sandy Creek area is the most feasible and desirable of the three that I have inspected in the north western part of Pennsylvania. I believe there is no reason to expect serious difficulty in acquiring adequate control of several branches of Sandy Creek and sufficient area so that an excellent recreational area can be developed. The percentage of occupied sub-marginal farm land will be very small and the number of families involved not very large. The actual details and problems concerned can only be determined by a rather detailed investigation which I recommend be undertaken as soon as possible.

Very truly yours

B. G. Southwick
B. G. SOUTHWICK

Regional Assistant

BGS:KB

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THE LAND PROGRAM

F. E. R. A.

PROPOSED SANDY CREEK AREA

Located in

Venango County

PENNSYLVANIA

SCHEDULE I.

A. General

1. Name of Area

The suggested name for this area is Sandy Creek because of its bordering on Sandy Creek, a beautiful fresh water, meandering stream.

2. Location

This area is located in Sandy Creek and Victory townships in the County of Venango, Pennsylvania..

3. Acreage

All available data indicates that it should be easy to acquire six thousand acres in this suggested area.

4. Nature of Ownership

The area suggested for purchase is all privately owned. On the southwest side of Sandy Creek and west of Pennsylvania Route #8 (the western boundaries of this suggested

area) there is a state owned game preserve. On the north side of Sandy Creek, bordering the western edge of this area, is a State owned institution known as the Polk School for Insane.

5. Probable Price per Acre

The total assessed valuation for 5,016 acres in Victory Township amounts to \$33,600 or 6.69 per acre, which indicates that this land should be acquired at approximately \$10.00 per acre. Tax assessment books of Sandy Creek owners in the area indicate an average assessment of \$8.20. This leads one to believe that land should be acquired for approximately \$12.00 per acre average. Indications are, from various owners, banks, etc., that the land and improvements in this suggested project should all be acquired for \$15.00 or less per acre average. From the court house it is learned that many of the properties are far behind in taxes and that possibly many properties will be sold this year for taxes. A few of the properties have been taken over by local banks. There are relatively few improvements amounting to anything, so it should not raise the average of the whole to more than \$15.00 per acre.

6. Accessibility

a. Highways

This area is readily accessible by the Pittsburgh Road, known as Pennsylvania highway #8 which is one of the main north and south arterial

highways in Western Pennsylvania. Route #8 runs directly through the suggested area. The lakes to seas highway #322 and state highway #62 intersect highway #8 at Franklin which is four (4) miles from the area. Along the Northeastern boundary of the area is a Pinchot Macadam road #237 which also makes the area proper more readily accessible from route #8.

b. Railroads

The Lake Shore and Michigan Southern R. R. has a single track (apparently for freight only) running along the Sandy Creek Valley. Same would not hinder development of the area. The Erie and the Pennsylvania R. R. have lines into Franklin, Pa. The area is not accessible by water.

7. Distances from Large Centers of Population

<u>City</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Population</u>
Franklin	4	10,254
Oil City	10	22,075
Butler	40	23,568
New Castle	40	48,674
Meadville	30	16,698
Youngstown	60	170,002
Sharon	40	25,908
Clarion	27	3,201

Within a radius of 50 miles of the area, there is a population of over 600,000 people. Within a radius of 25 miles, there is over 125,000 people-- Venango County has a population of 63,000 people.

8. Reason and Need of Area and Development

In Venango and the surrounding counties, there is no provision made and none contemplated for a proper recreational area. The large percentage of people are in the low income groups (working when possible in the oil fields and small manufacturing plants, and refineries.) A considerable number of the total population live in rural sections. With conditions as they are, they have much time on their hands and there is no provision made for proper places to recreate. The establishment of one of these recreational areas is greatly needed.

B. Number of Families, Occupations, Relief, etc.

The population of Venango County is 63,000 people. From the relief department figures, 19% of these people are on relief. In Sandy Creek township there are 448 people on relief out of the 1079 population. In Victory township 151 of the 201 people are on relief. The average family is between 4 and 5 people. The exact number of these families living on the area proposed is not known at this time. It is felt that $\frac{1}{4}$ of these are living on the area, however. Most of these people have previously worked in the oil fields.

C. Agricultural Status: Submarginality; Distress

There is no question about this land being submarginal for agriculture. Generally speaking this land is absolute forest land and never was good farm land. The soil is stony and shallow. Open fields on which farming

is attempted is depleted of fertility. The low forms of vegetation are very much in evidence on abandoned fields, showing definitely that the land is submarginal for agricultural use. Buildings on these farms are in need of repair and in many cases conditions are deplorable. All this gives a definite picture of the area.

D. Land Use

Of the area proposed, approximately 25% is open type on which farming has been attempted. It is very doubtful whether more than 10% is now being farmed, that is tilled for crops. The remaining 15% of this 25% is, or has been used for pasture land. The remaining area of the proposed is forest land. Most of the merchantable timber has been cut off and it is now grown up in second growth approximately 30 years of age. These woodland areas are on all the steeper slopes, refer to map.

E. Schools

There is only one school on the area and it is very likely that the purchase of this land and the rehabilitation of the people living on same would be the means of closing said school, which would be a saving to the township.

F. Roads

The roads of the inner area are all dirt of the most secondary nature. They all are in a very bad state of repair. Many of them are already in the process of abandonment and are no longer being maintained by the

township. These roads are sandy and gravel in nature and in the summer months would be passable with little work on same, but apparently due to abandonment of many farms they are no longer being maintained. Acquisition of these lands, and the rehabilitating of the people living thereon, would allow the complete abandonment of some of these roads, which would mean a saving to the township.

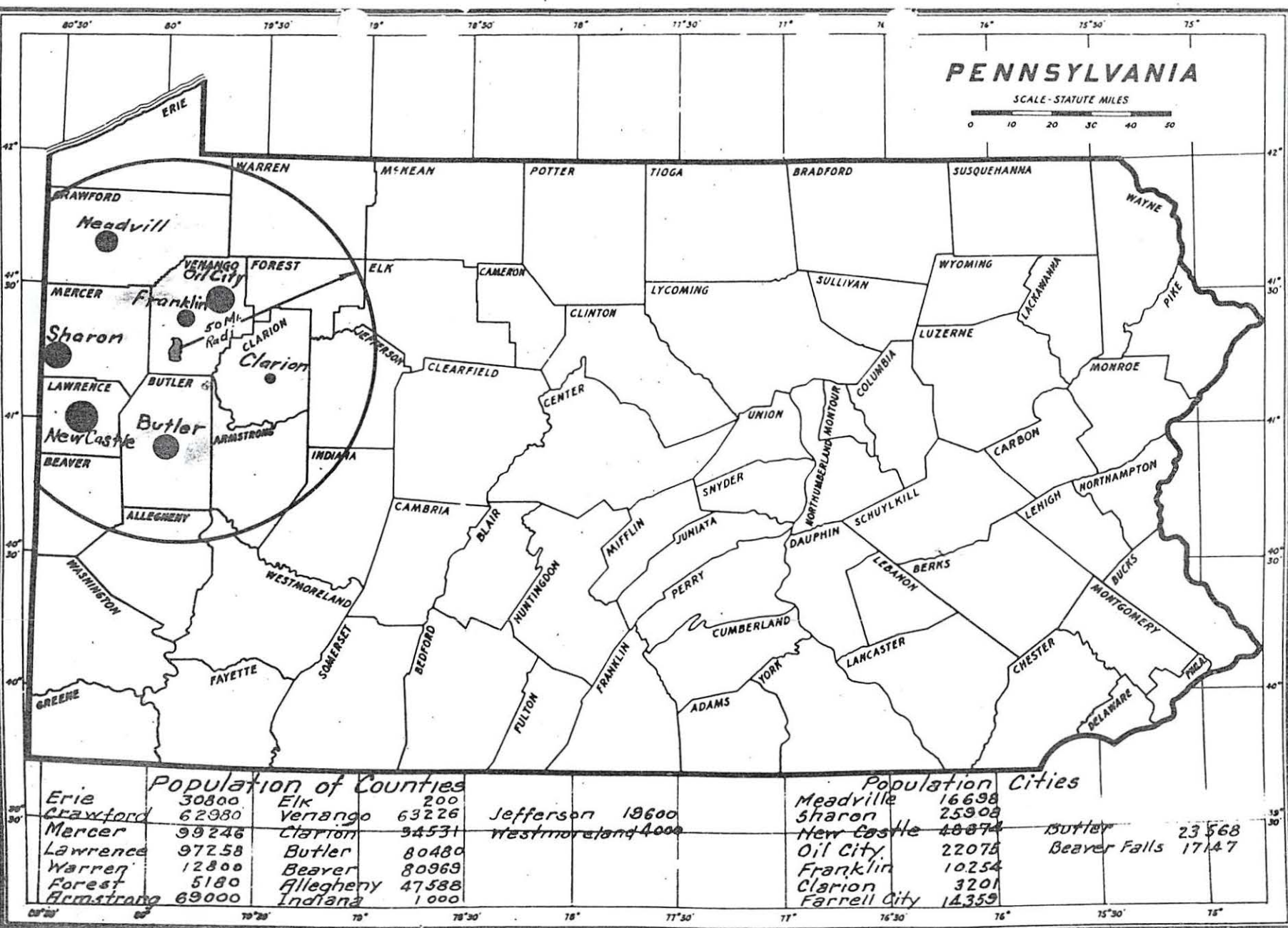
G. Topography, Soil, etc.

The topography of this area is generally a plateau approximately 1500' elevation but by many deep valleys, from the meandering of the Allegheny River, Sandy Creek and many smaller streams. These valley floors are about 950' at the Allegheny River rising to 1000' in the bed of Sandy Creek on the area proposed. The hillsides in the creek valleys proper are rather steep and abrupt. Sandy Creek is a good sized fresh water stream (fish in same). Nicholson and Victory Run are typical mountain type trout streams. There are many fresh water springs over the entire area, for drinking purposes. The soil of the area is generally stony and sandy on the more level areas and rocky on the steeper hillsides.

H. Recreational Development Possibilities

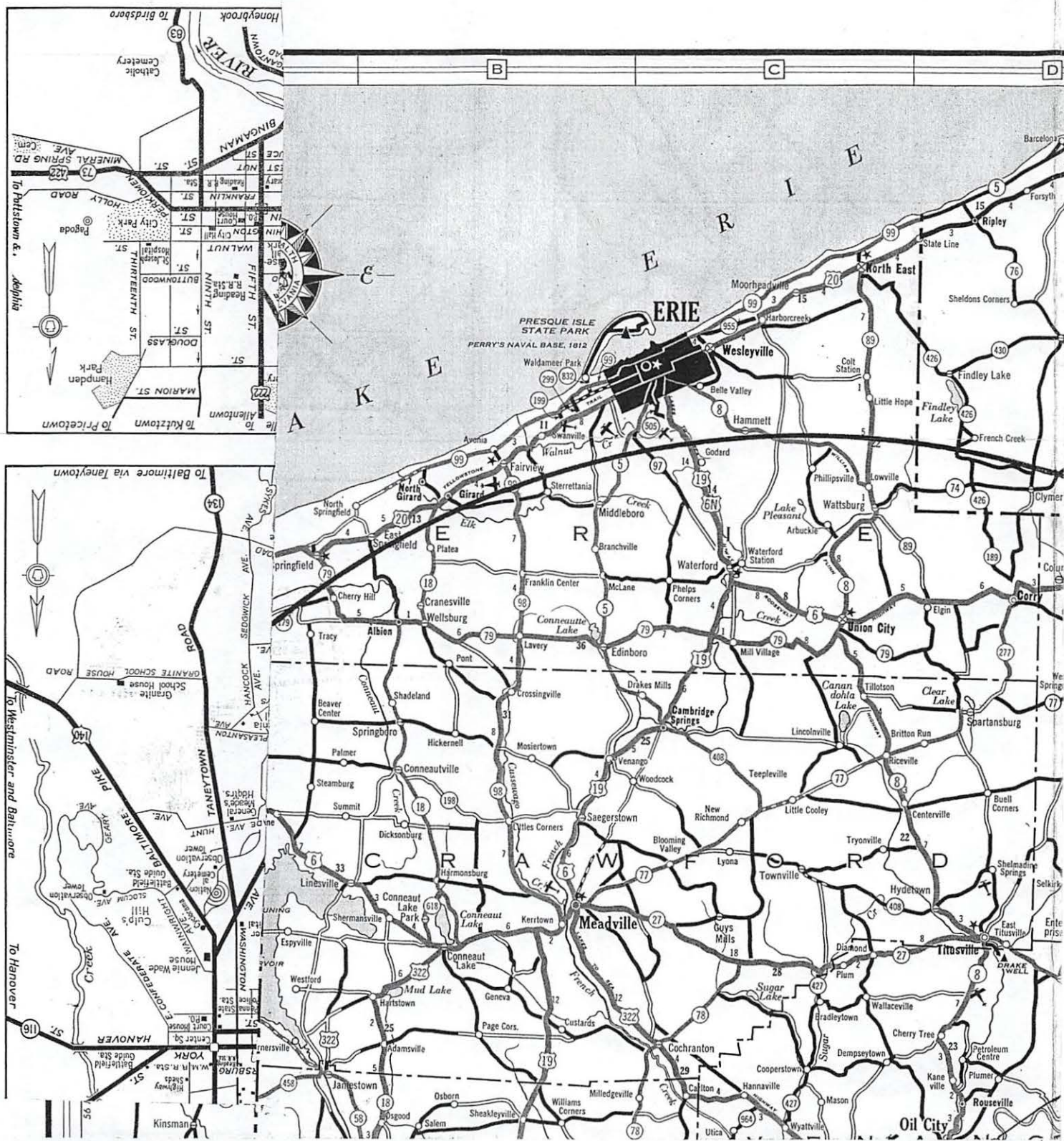
Owing to the ready accessibility, topography, tree growth, many fresh water streams, etc. the recreational development possibilities are innumerable. There are large numbers of sites on the high plateaus, overlooking the

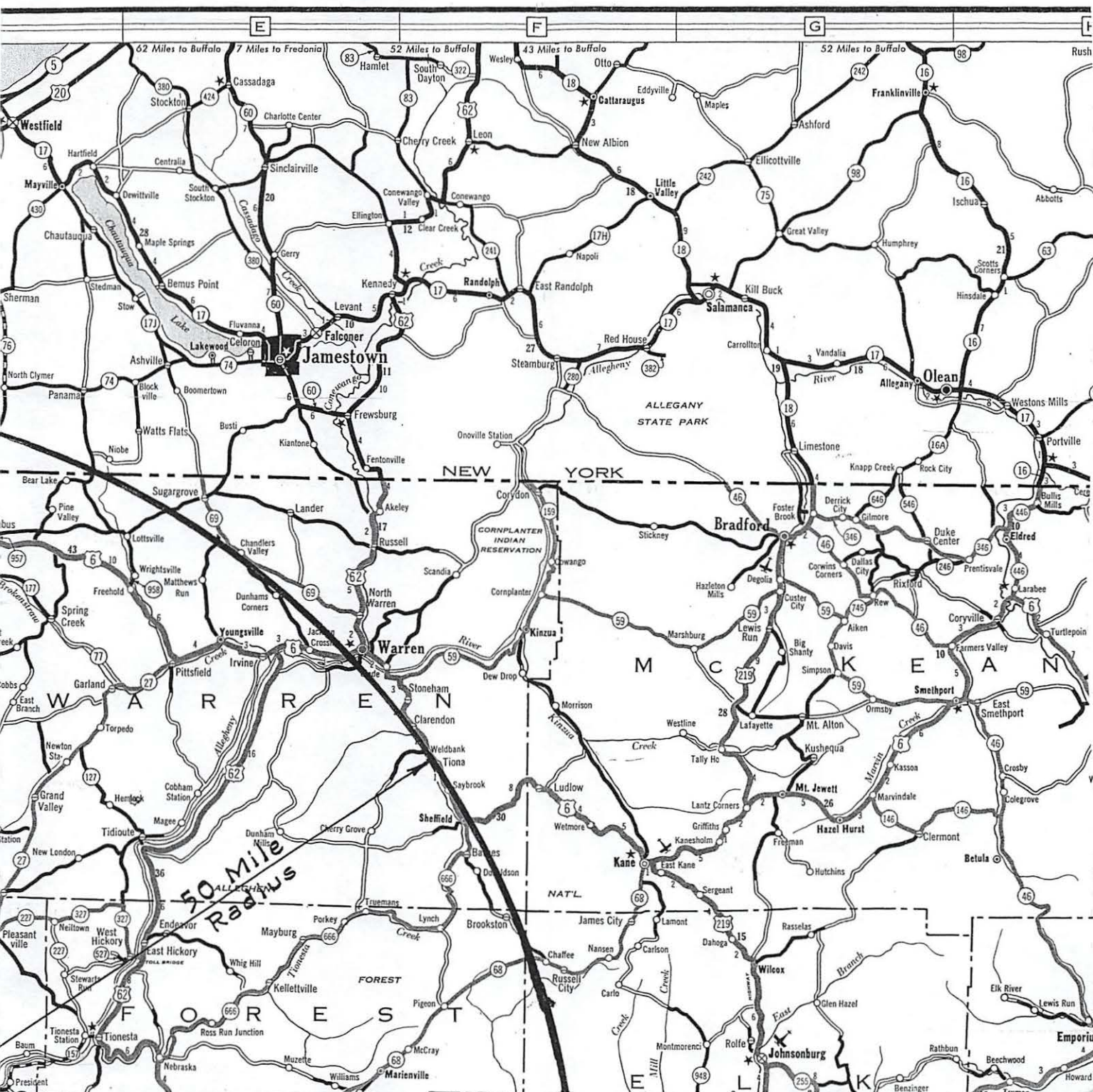
the valleys where camping units, day picnic areas, large play fields, etc. could be developed. Bathing facilities and beach development is very promising along the banks of Sandy Creek. A wonderful system of nature trails, and bridle paths could be layed out and developed. The entire area is very scenic with many local spots of extreme beauty.

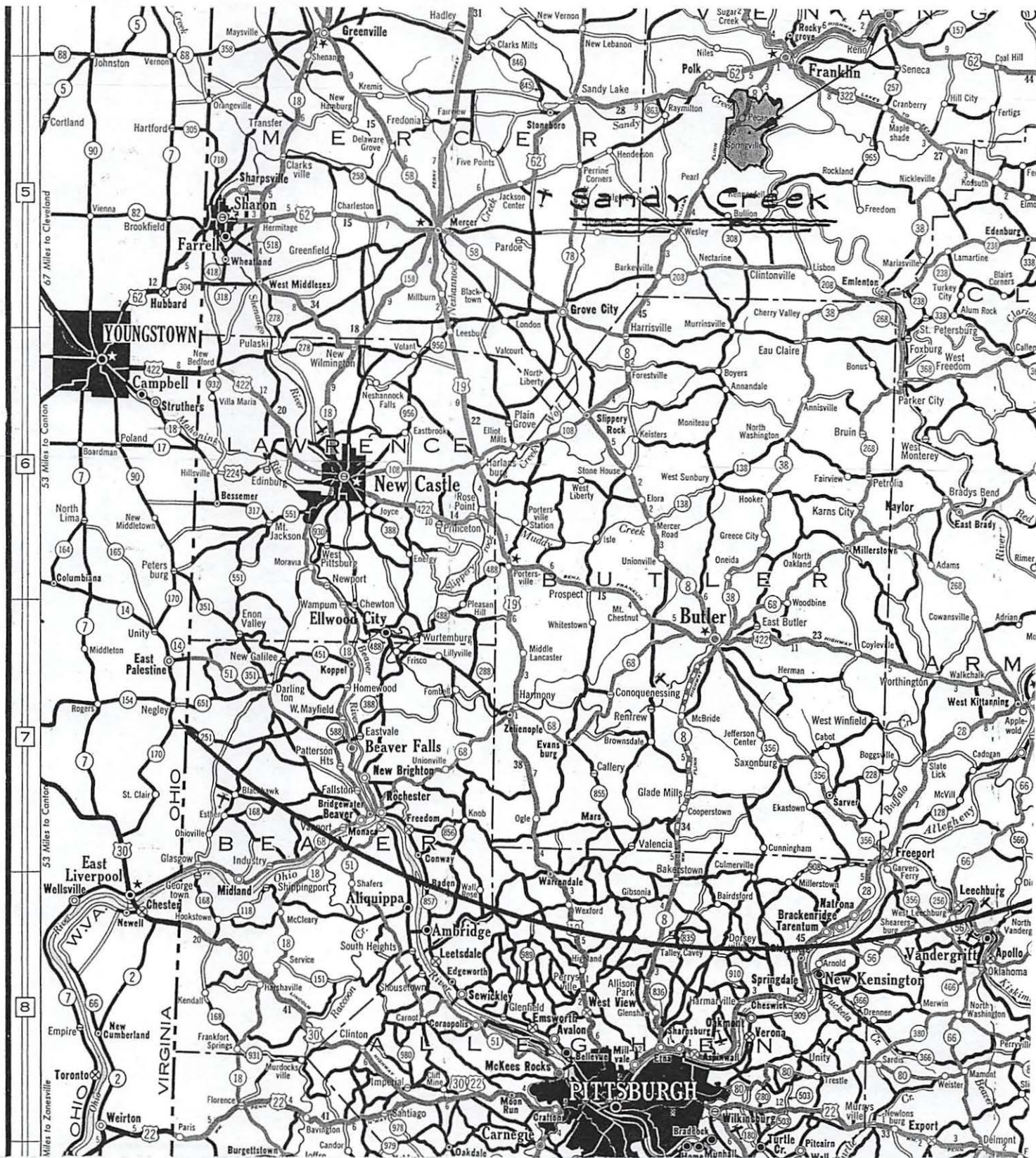


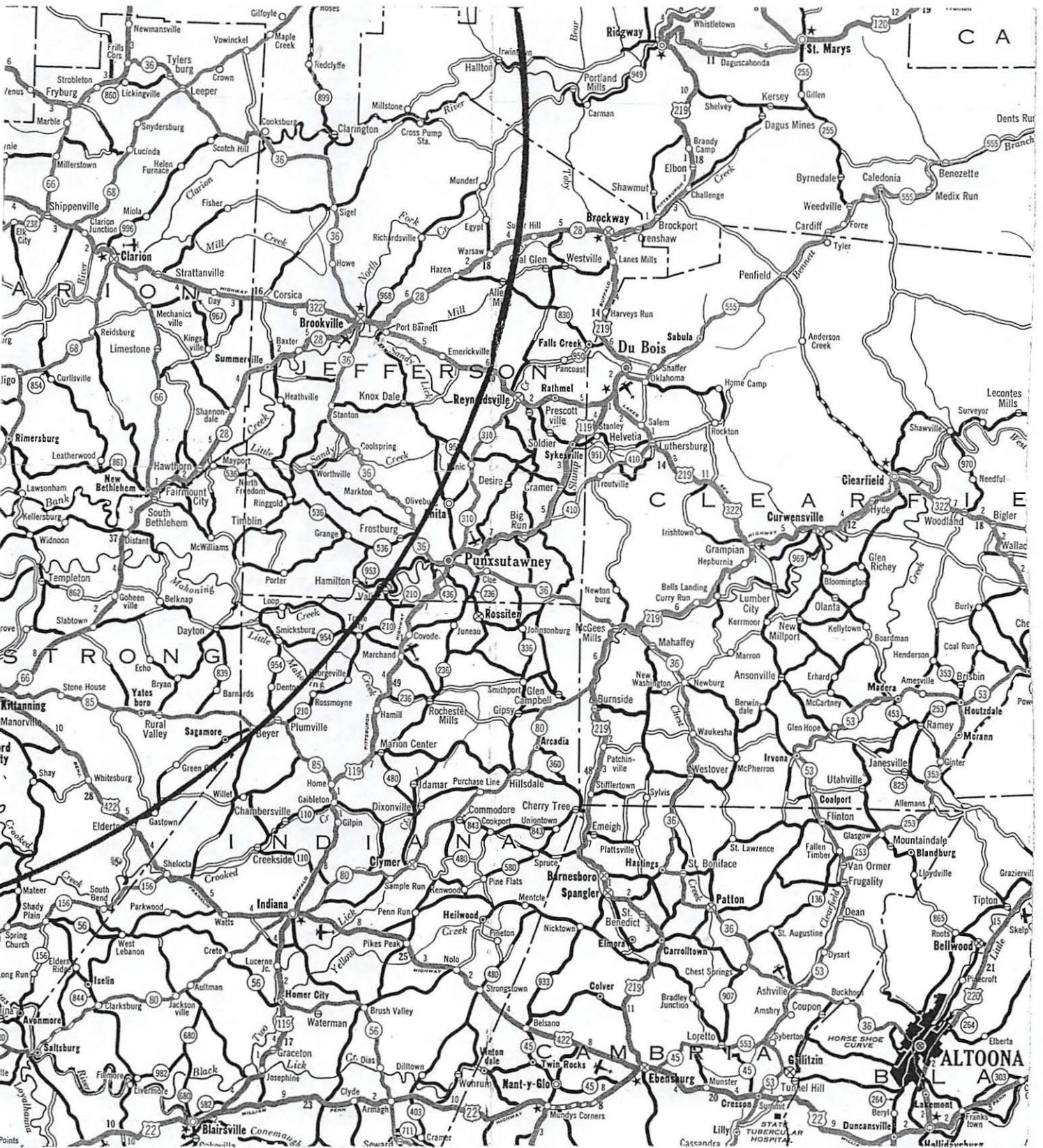
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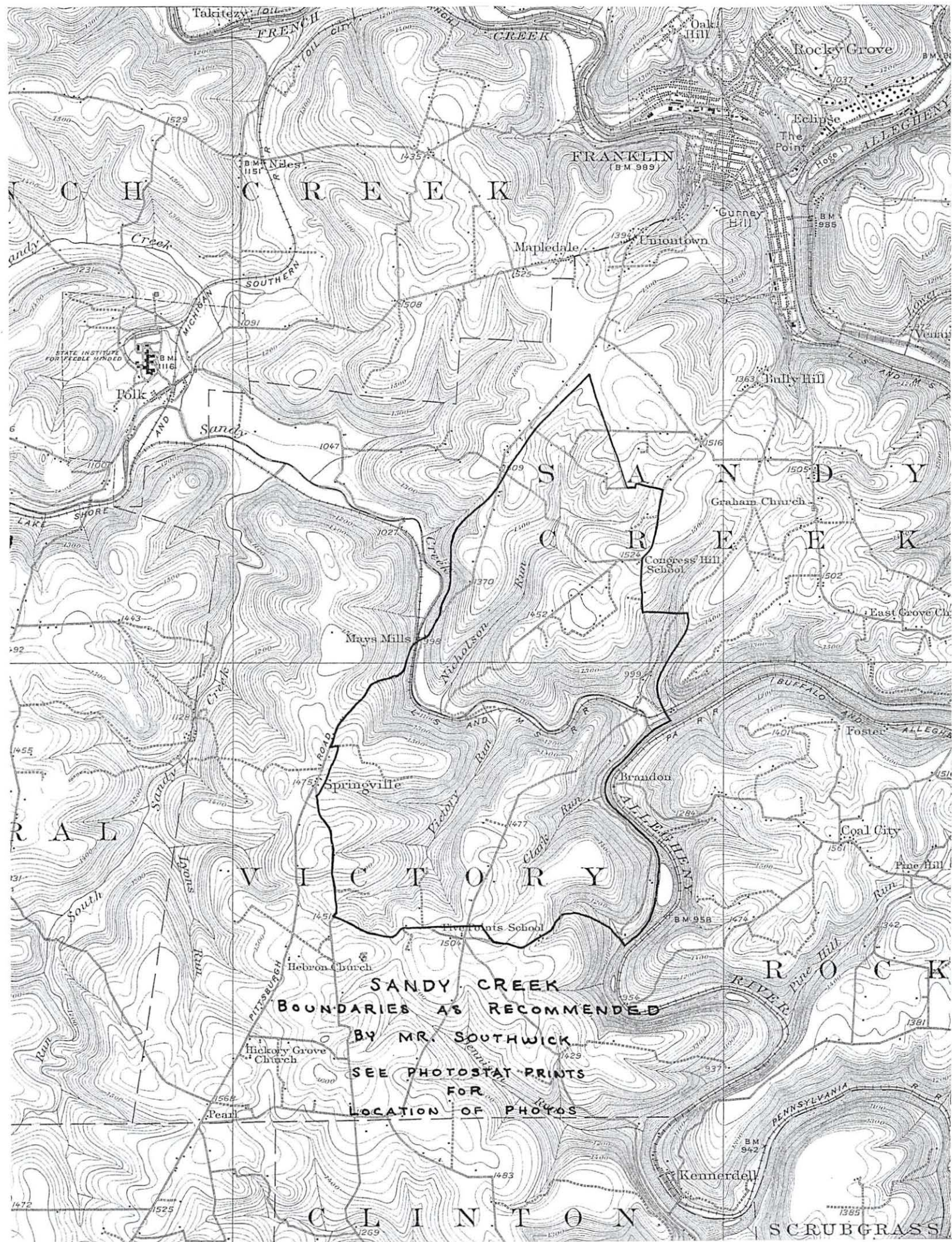
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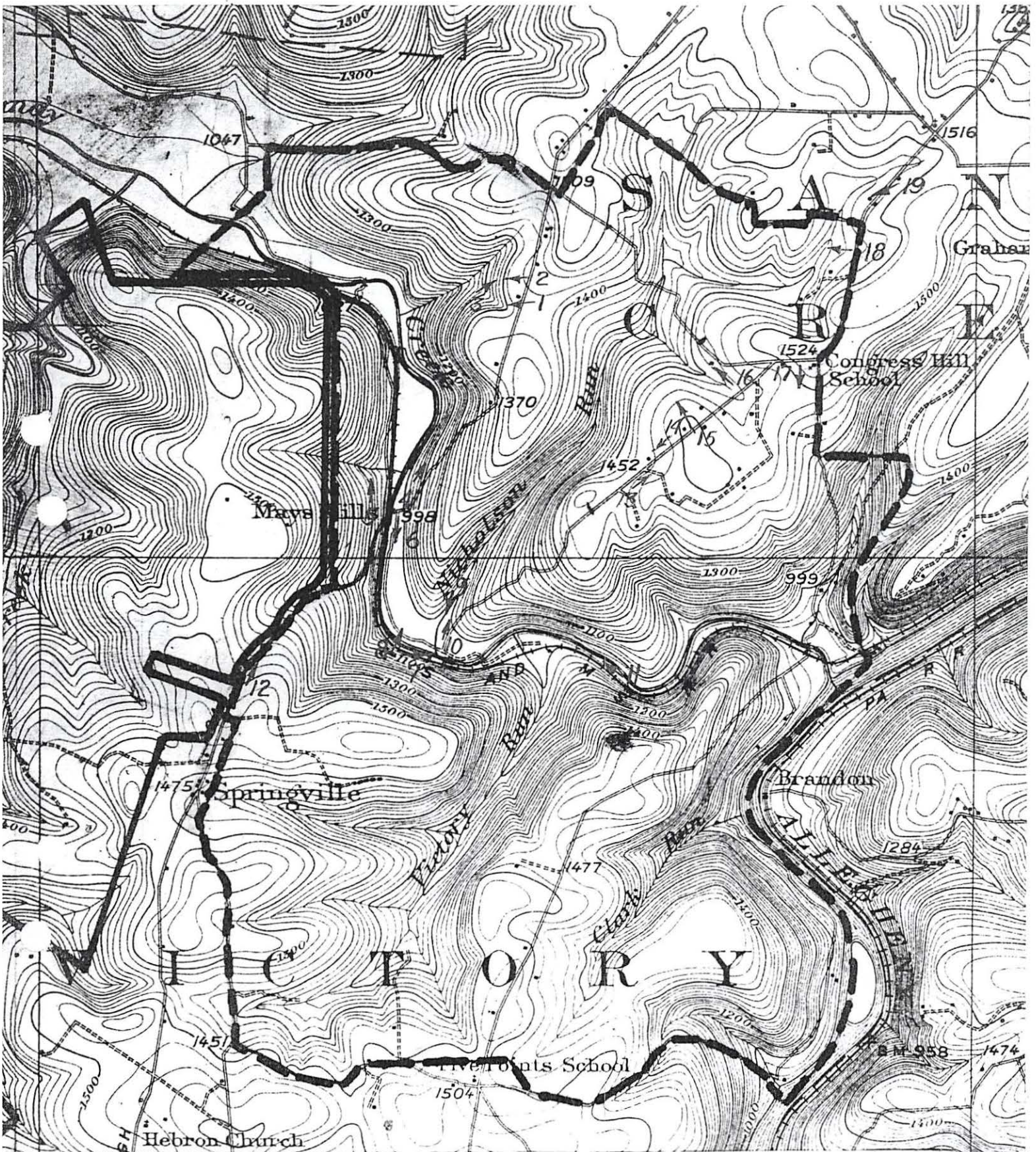










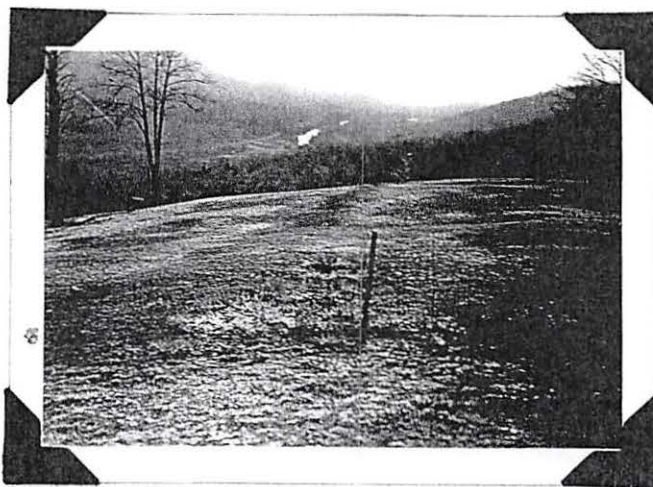


SANDY CREEK

STATE GAME LANDS



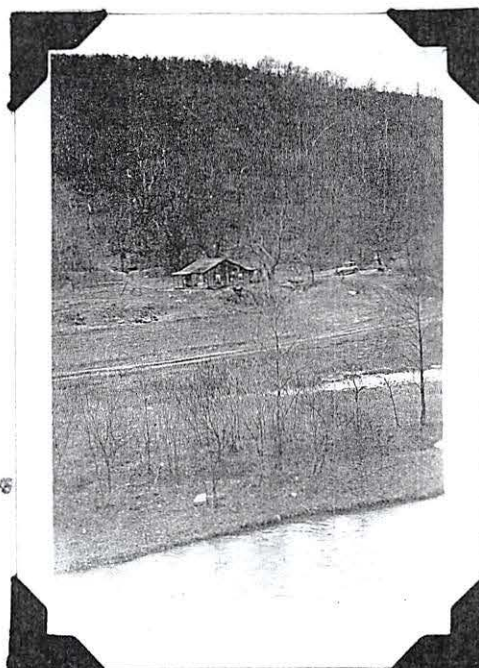
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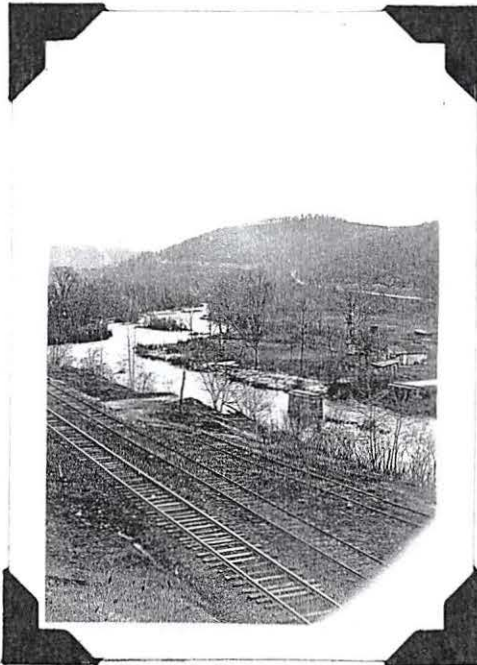
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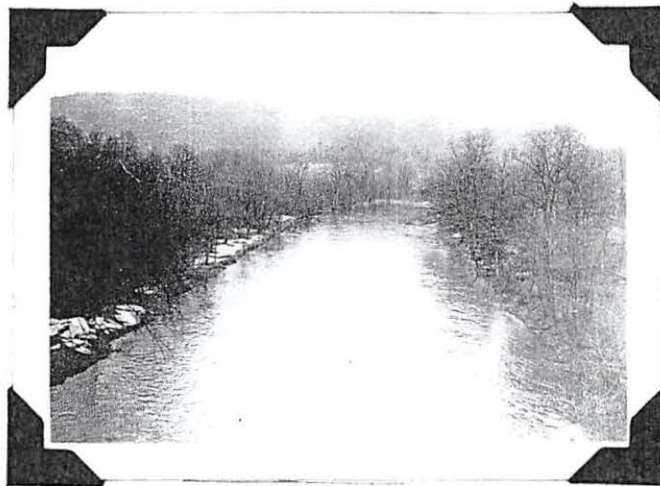
3. Highway above Sandy
Creek



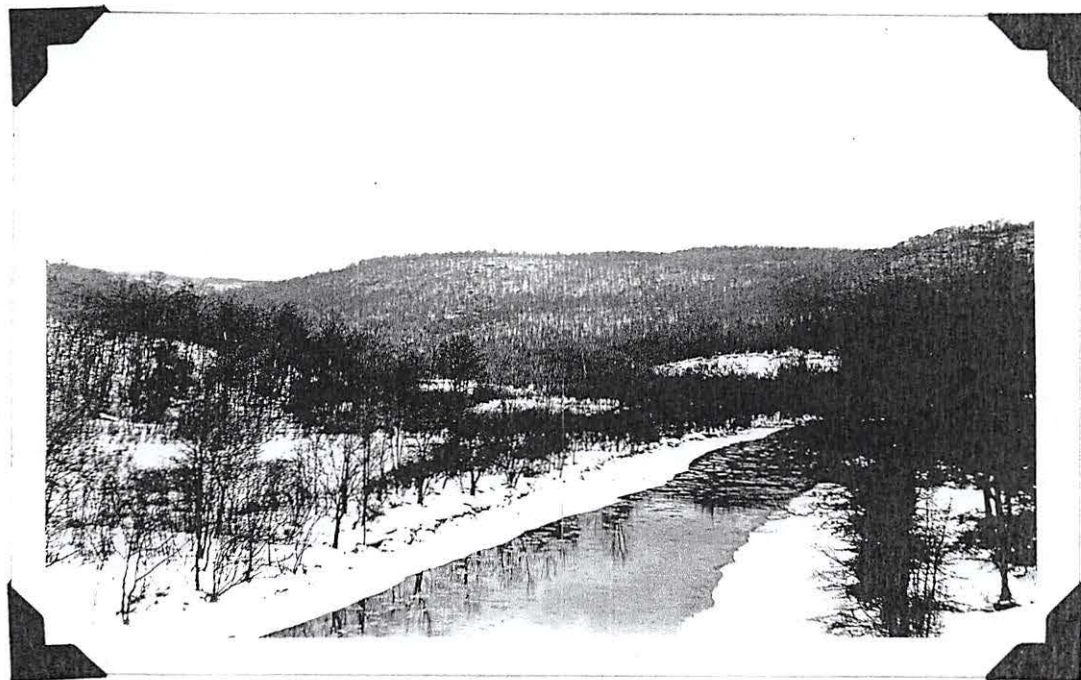
4. Shack along Sandy
Creek



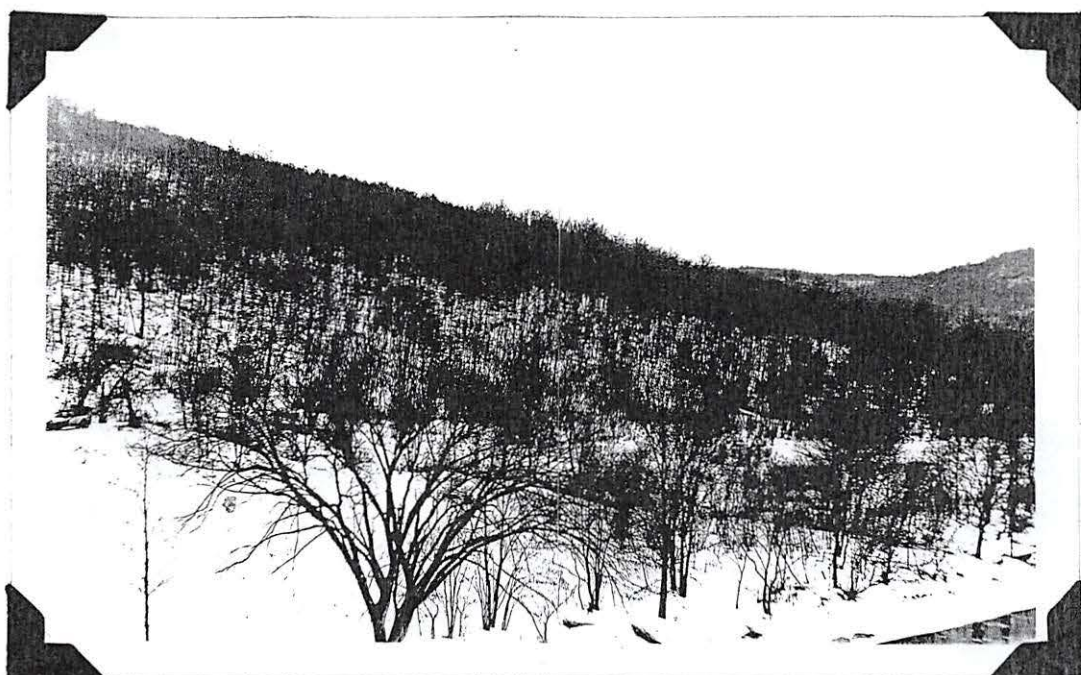
5. Sandy Creek above Highway Bridge showing Railroad and Highway.



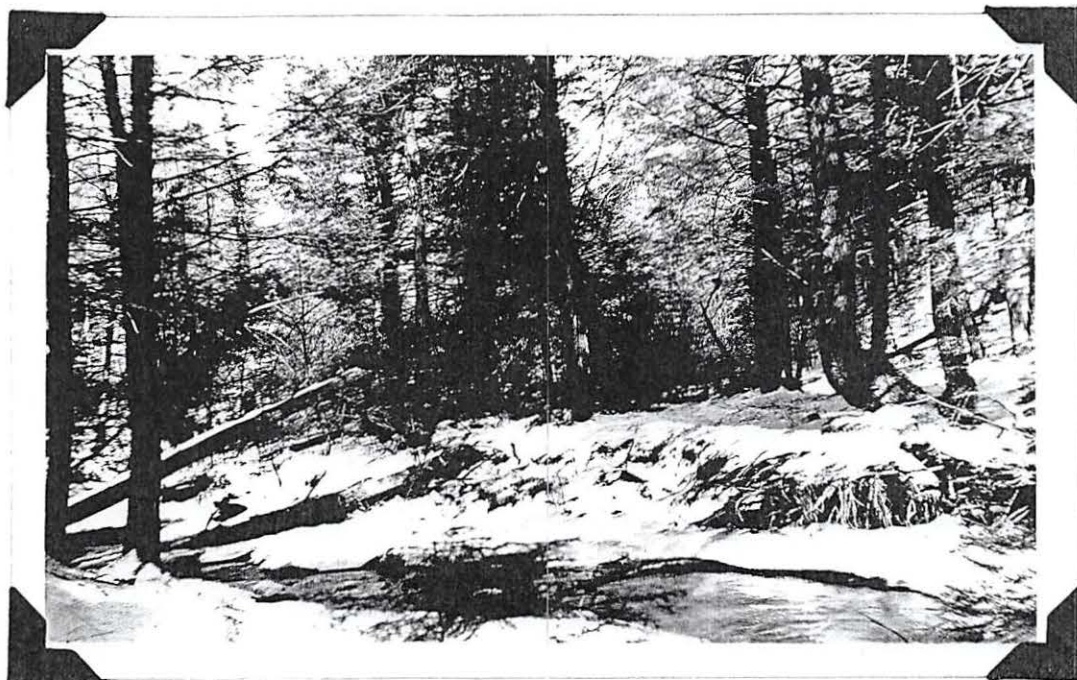
6. Sandy Creek.



7. Sandy Creek. Showing possible camp area.



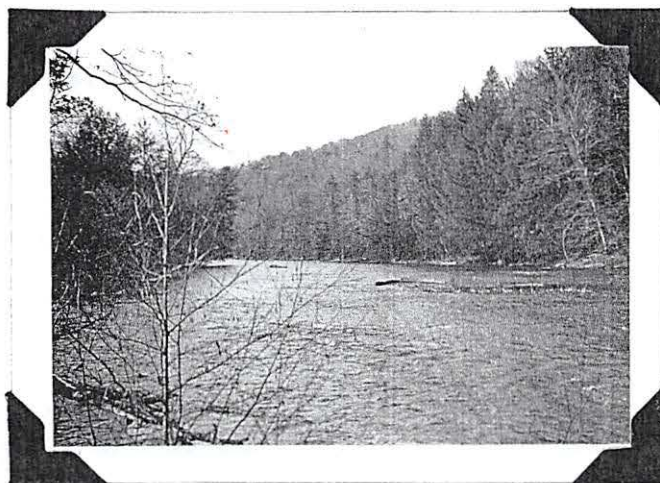
8. Detail of camp area along Sandy Creek.



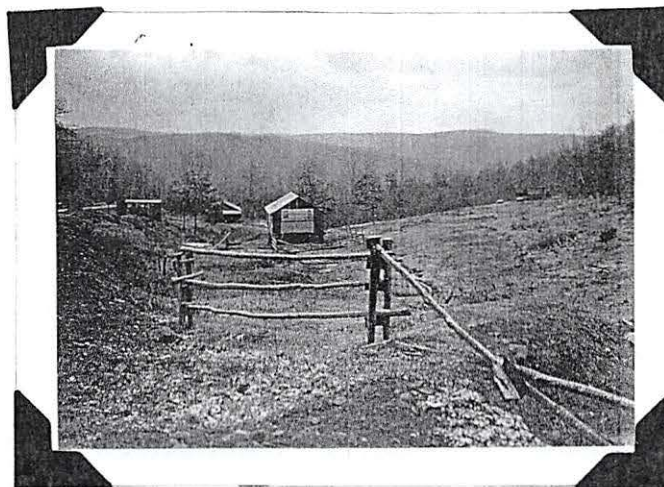
9. Nicholson Run



10. Nicholson



11. Sandy Creek.



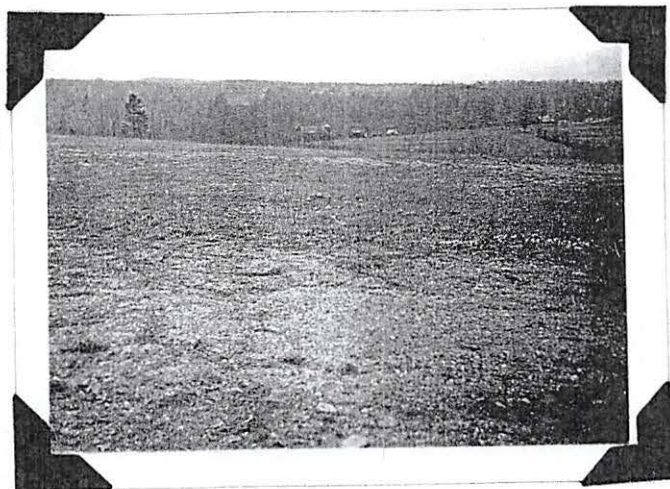
12. Submarginal Fields along
main highway.



13. Submarginal farm.



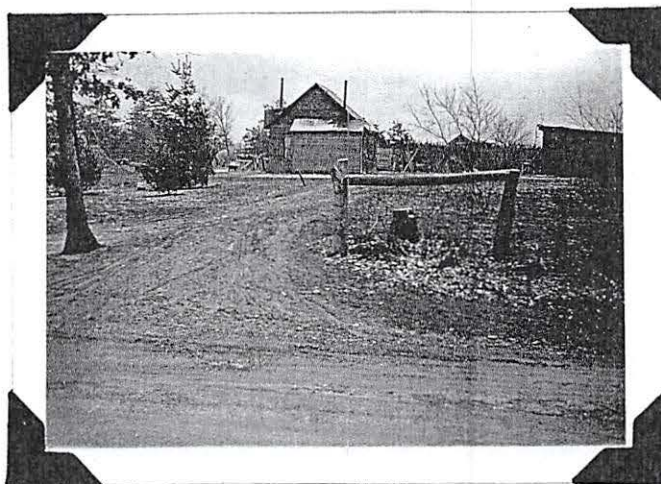
14. Same Farm as No. 13



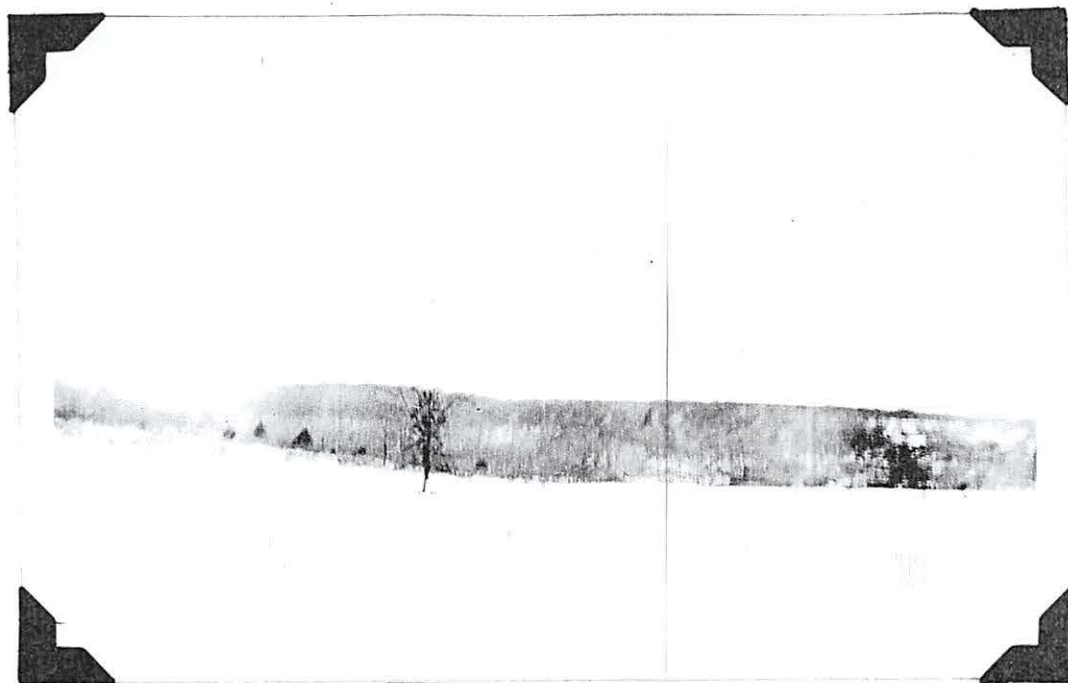
15. Submarginal Fields



16. Poor road and Sub-
marginal fields



17. Submarginal farm building



18. Fields and cut-over woodland near edge of area.



19. Farm in area.

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Area No. 4. Mineral Twp. Area - The suggested area along South Sandy Creek in Mineral Township is well situated for a recreational project area. The farms are definitely submarginal, and the area possesses fairly good development possibilities. However, it was found that the property of the State Game Preserve includes practically all the proposed area and controls all of the fresh water streams so that this area is disqualified.

I believe that the county contains other possibilities, however, as there seems to be quite an amount of poor farm land and plenty of interesting topography and streams. Perhaps at a later date an area may be selected here.

A summary report of the county as a whole will be made upon the completion of the investigations in the county.

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