

The History of Brunswick's African-American Community

BRUNSWICK'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Where did they come from?

Where did they establish their homes?

What was unique about their community?

Stories about individual families.



Four Important Dates to Remember:

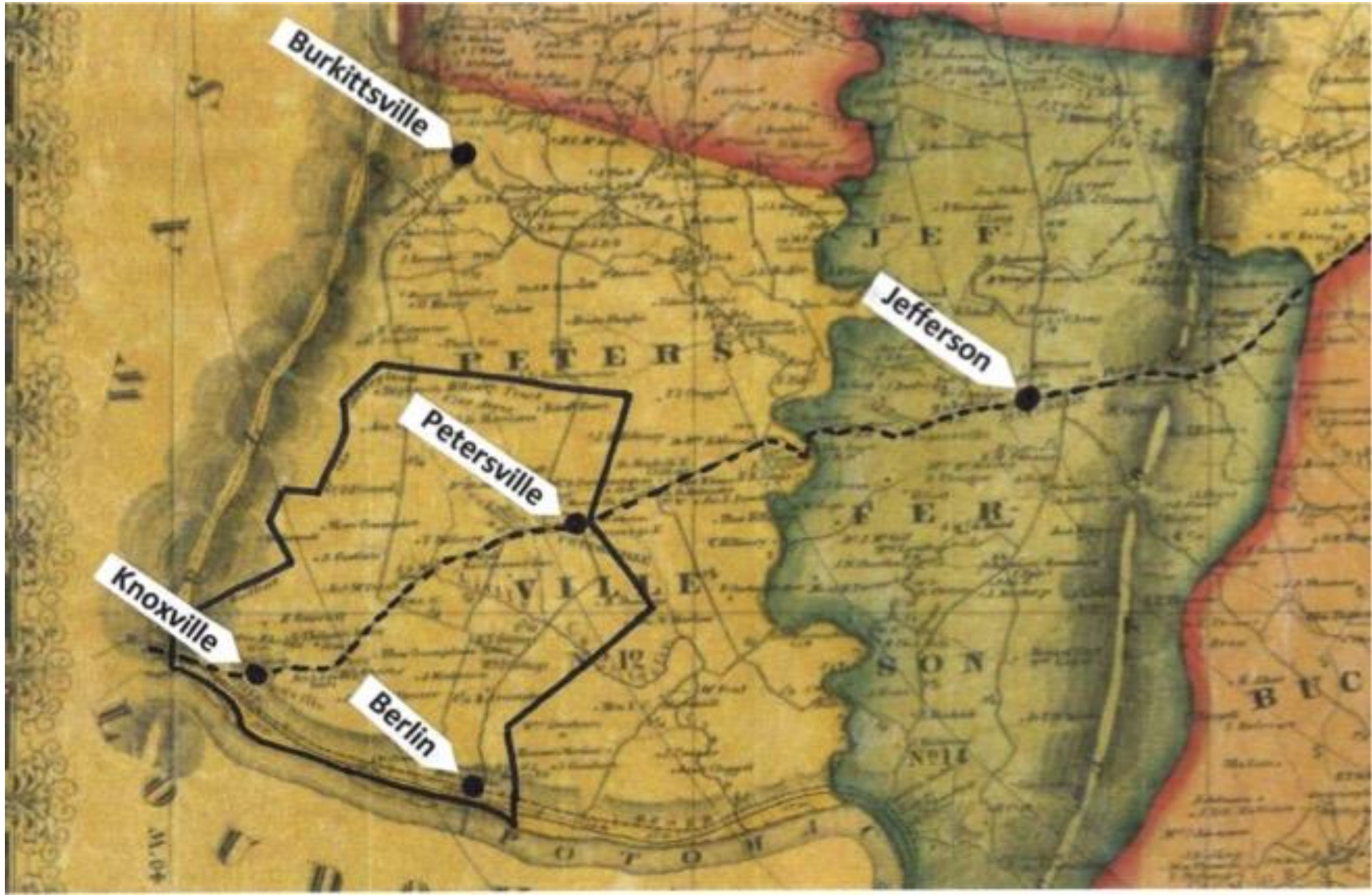
1787 Leonard Smith founds Berlin

1834 C&O Canal and B&O RR come to
Berlin

1864 Emancipation of slavery in MD

1890 B&O expands in Berlin/Brunswick

Merryland Tract (1853 map)



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1864: Emancipation of slaves in Maryland



1890: B&O Railroad expands in Berlin



MAP
OF
BRUNSWICK
FREDERICK CO. MD.

C.M. WENNER'S
2ND ADDITION

9TH/J →

8TH/I →

7TH/H →

C.M. WENNER'S
1ST ADDITION

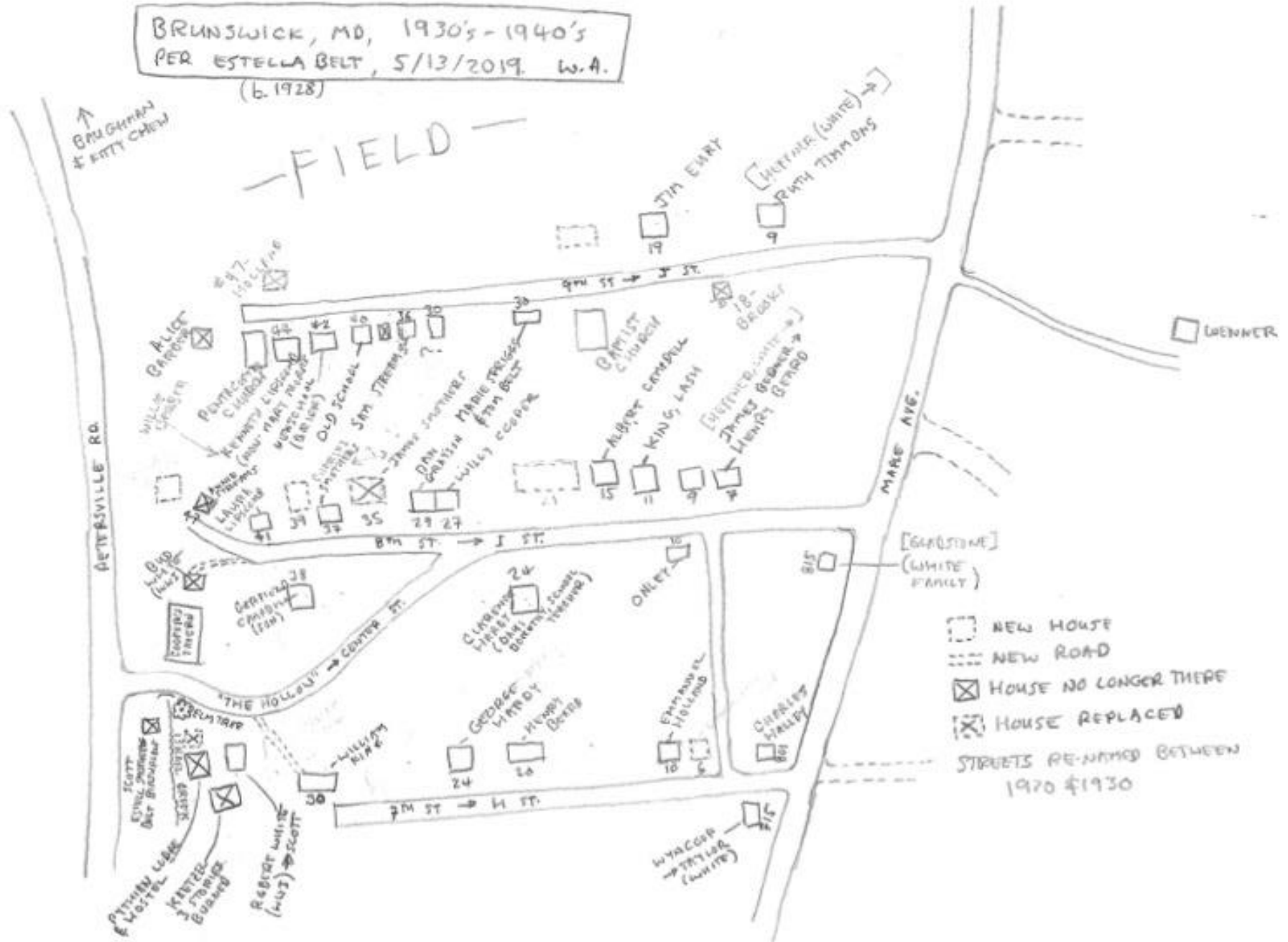
BERLIN

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BRUNSWICK, MD, 1930's-1940's
 PER ESTELLA BELT, 5/13/2019. W.A.
 (b. 1928)



- NEW HOUSE
- NEW ROAD
- ⊗ HOUSE NO LONGER THERE
- ⊠ HOUSE REPLACED
- STREETS RE-NAMED BETWEEN 1920 & 1930

Life in the early 1900's

- **Cooper's Tavern (aka, The Swing Inn)**
- **Schools**
- **Churches**
- **Cemeteries**

Cooper's Tavern (The Swing Inn)

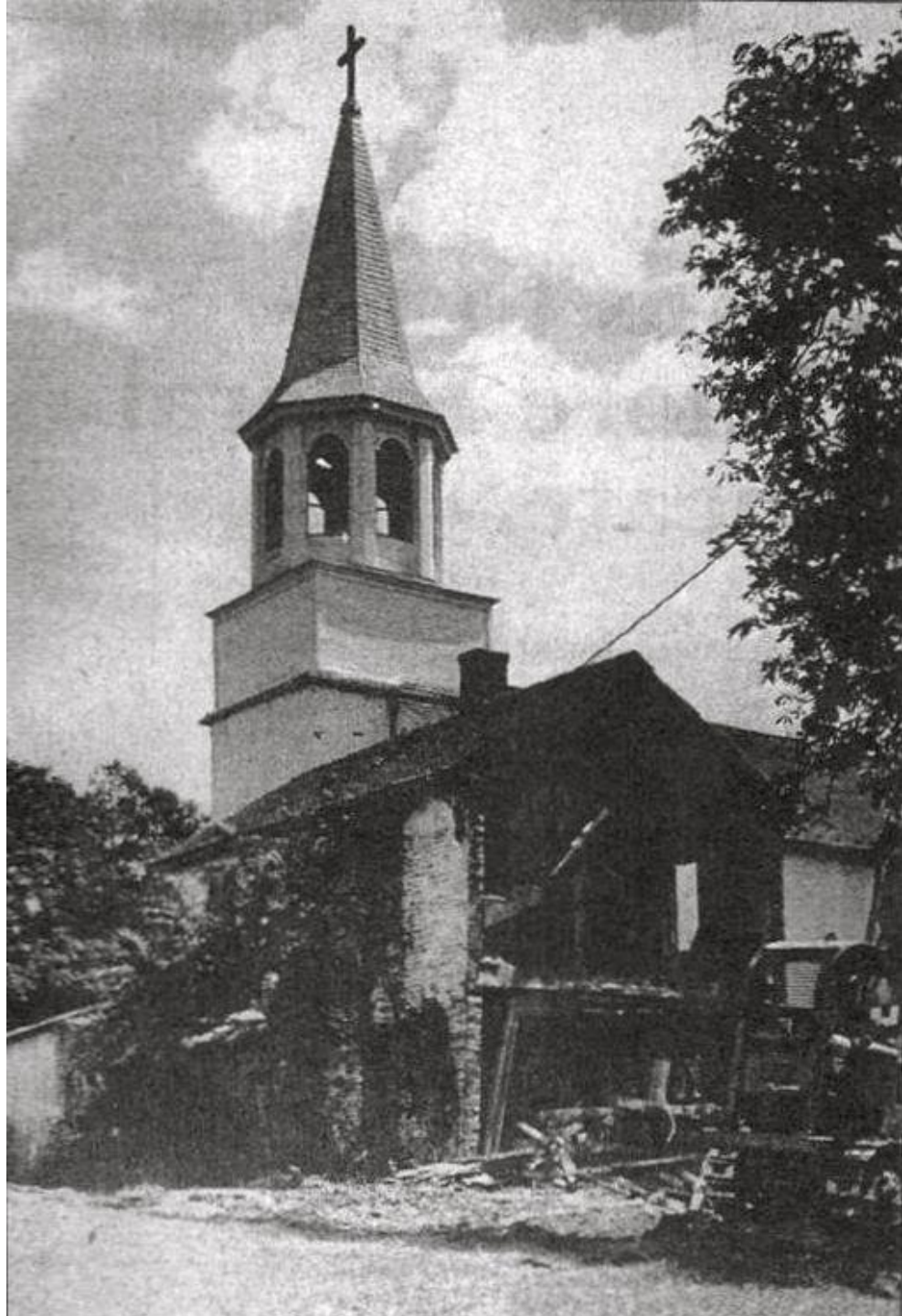
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Henry Beard with Pete Cooper at Cooper's Tavern. Mr. Beard was owner/operator of the tavern at the time. Mr. Cooper's father was the original proprietor until his death in the 1950s.



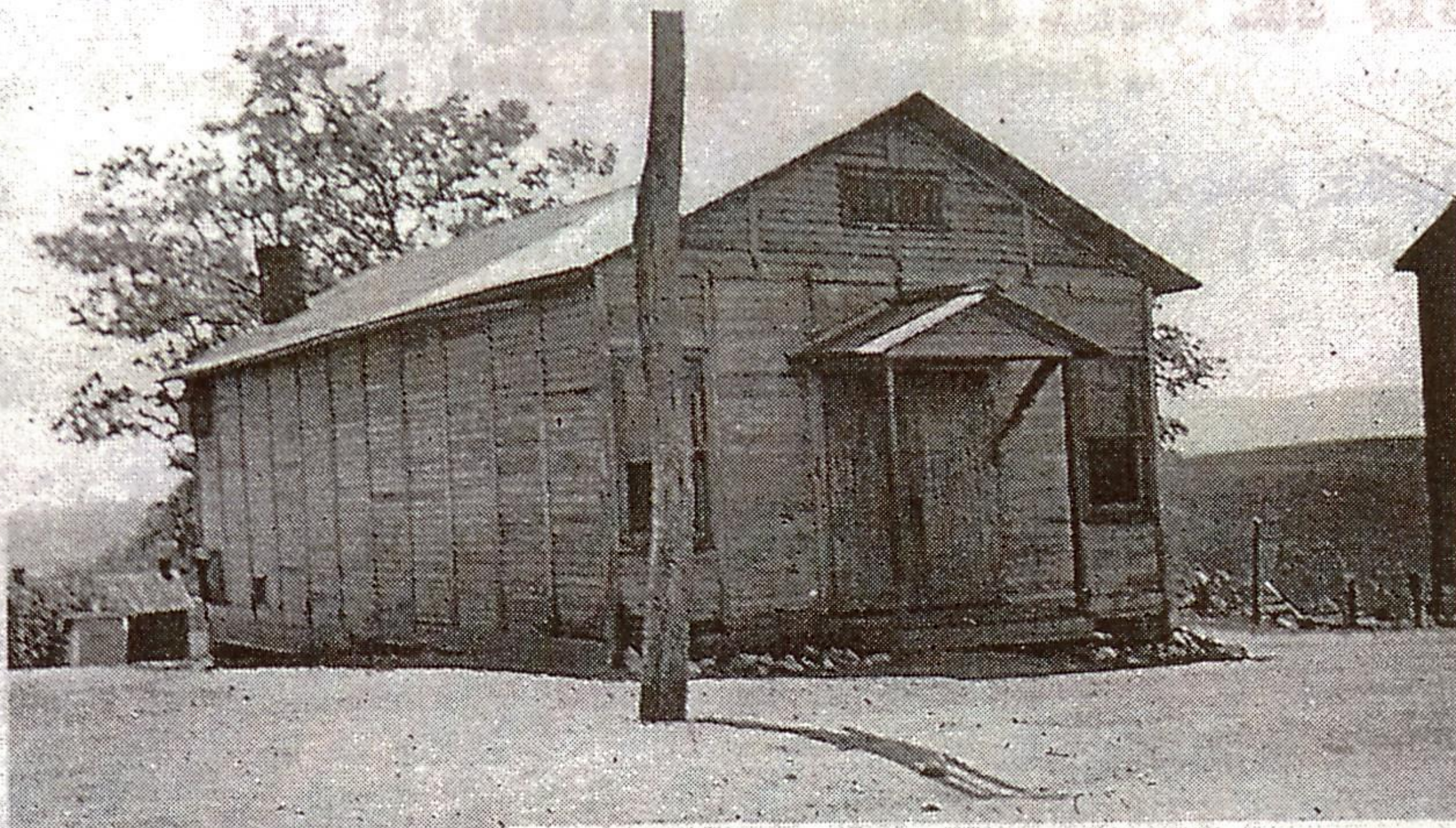
Schools



Old weathered corn crib











Churches













EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH

WELCOME
SUN WORSHIP 11 AM
SUN CHURCH SCH 10 AM
WED BIBLE STUDY 7 PM
BY LINDA W KELLY PASTOR







Cemeteries

Union Bethel A.M.E. Cemetery





HARRISON
BORN 1900
DIED 1900
AUG 20 1900

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WILLIAM G.
MASINROE
1852
1936

Knoxville Mountain Cemetery



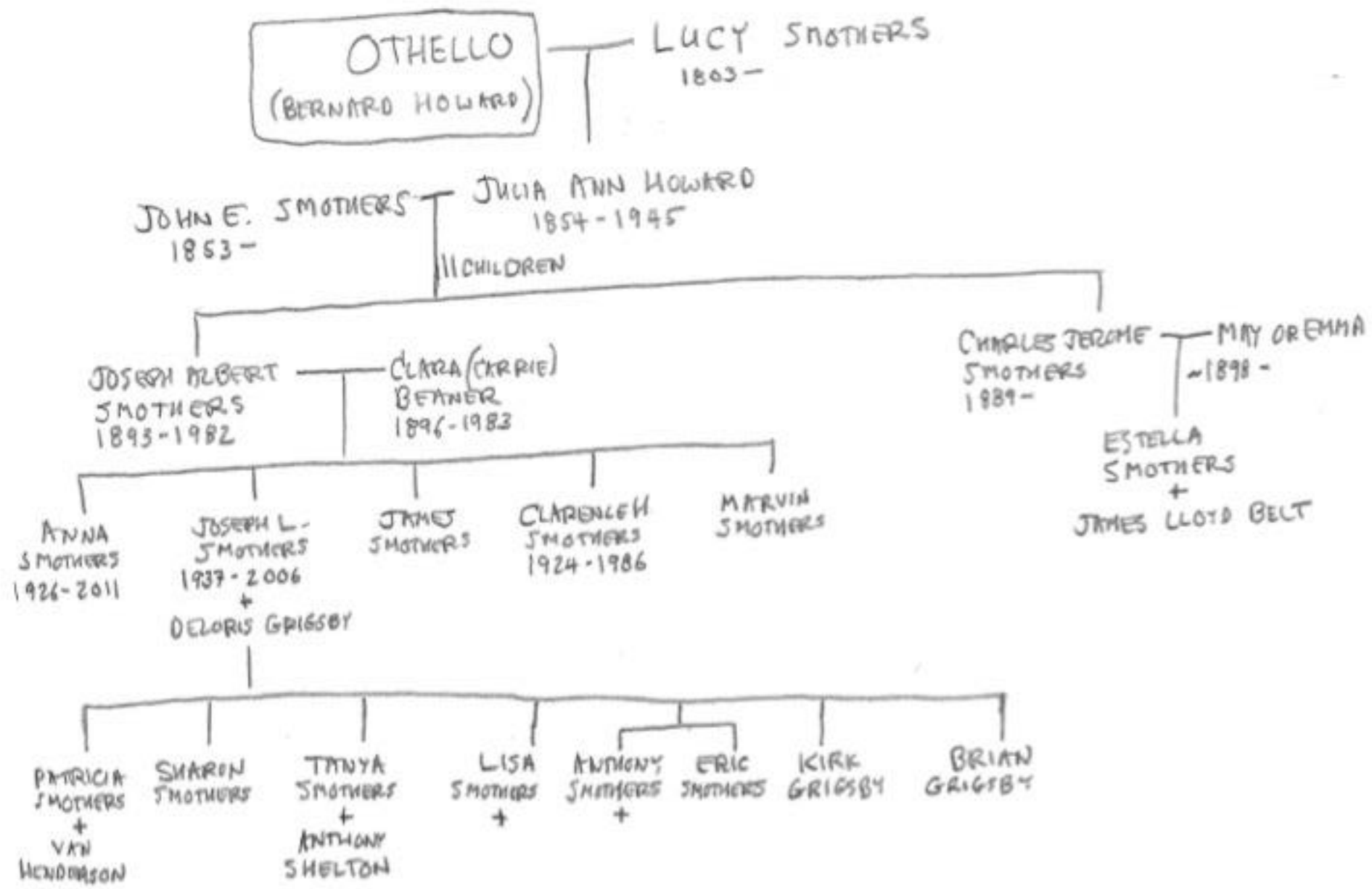


Families

- **Othello (Bernard Howard)**
- **Daniel Hall**
- **Jackson**
- **Streams**
- **Cooper**
- **Beard**
- **Hardy + Streams + Grayson + Barber + Morris + Smothers**
- **Sprigg**
- Holland
- King
- Campbell
- Onley
- Smothers
- Monroe, Scott, Giles, Jackson
- Butler
- White
- Brooks
- Lipscomb

Othello
(aka Bernard Howard)

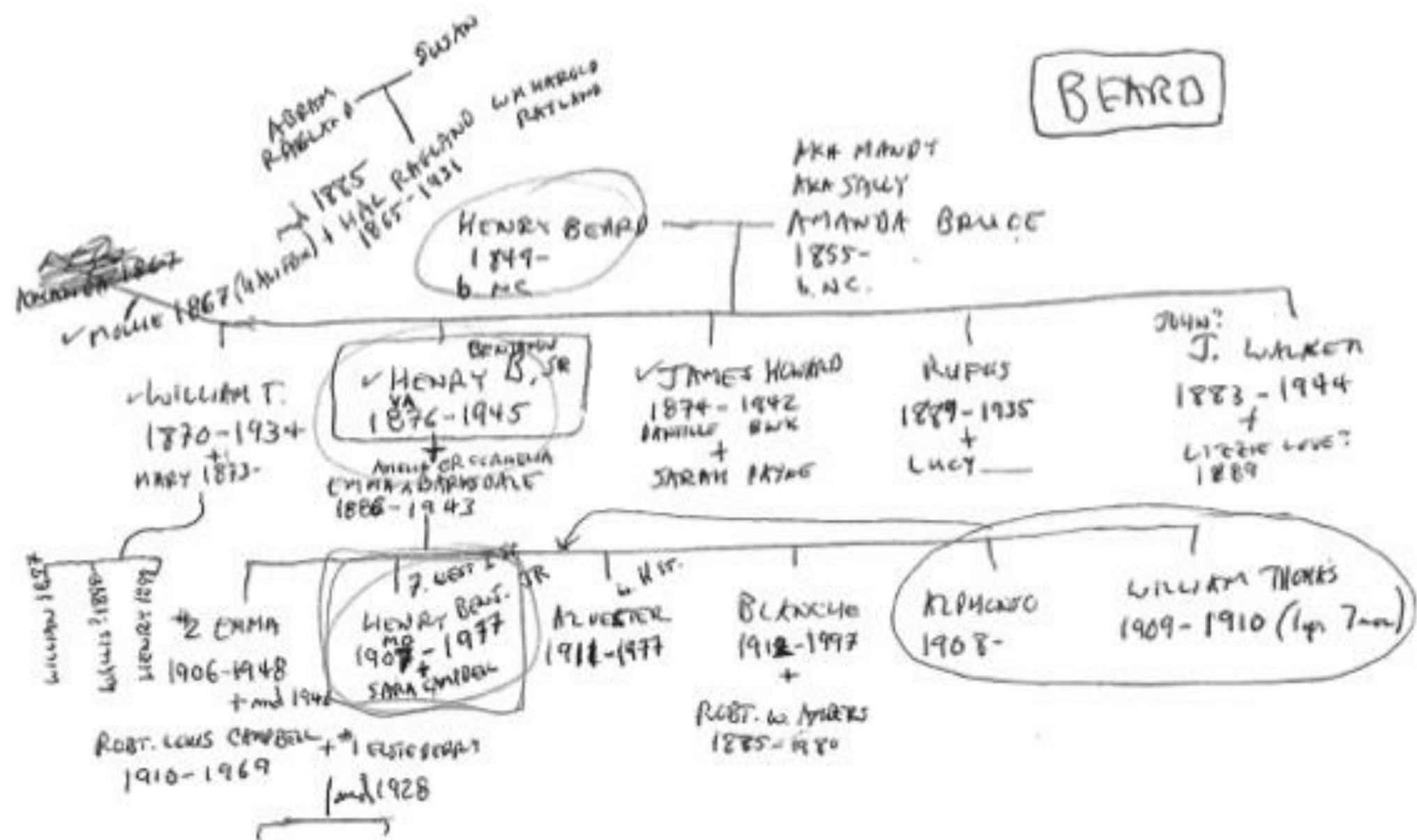




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COOPER

JOSEPH HARDY 1810 - CAROLINE 1831 -

RAYNOLD COOPER m 1872 1850 - SARAH HARDY 1851 -

MARY 1870
JOHN 1893
ELIZABETH 1896
ELISA 1898
WILLIAM COLEMAN COOPER

JOHN PALMER
MARY PINKETT

VERNIE COOPER 1886
RAYNOLD 1907
EDNA MR LETCH 1909

WILLIE COOPER 1904-1949
FLORENCE ODELLA PALMER 1907-1986

WILLIAM 1924-1998
RAYMOND 1925-1998
JOHN R. 1928-2013 + (1950)
EDNA 1930
CLARENCE 1932-1981 17 MAR

ANN L HENDERSON

RAYNOLD RICKY
VANESSA L WILLIAMS +
RHOWNT "RUBY"
VELVA A. COOPER

