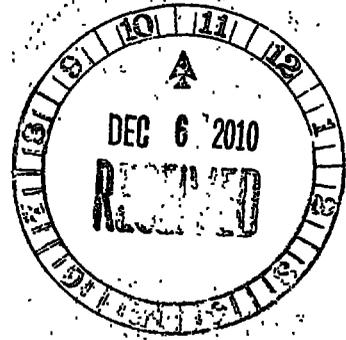


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December 3, 2010

Re: Western Kentucky Railway LLC -- Abandonment -- Webster, Union, Caldwell
and Crittenden Counties, KY
STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub. No. 3X)

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and 10 copies of the
Environmental/Historic Report being filed in connection with the above-referenced
abandonment.

Please time stamp the extra copy of the letter to indicate receipt and return it to
me in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided for your convenience.

Please let know if there are any questions about the filing. Thank you for your
assistance.

Respectfully,

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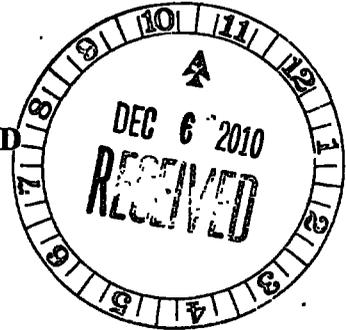
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ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT

Western Kentucky Railway, LLC (“Applicant”) will be seeking authority to abandon all of its remaining lines of railroad (the “Subject Lines”) which Applicant believes are as follows¹:

- Between MP 48.0 at Dekoven and MP 62.5 at Blackford;
- Between MP 0.0 at Blackford and MP 3.8 at Pyro Wye and between MP 3.8 and MP 8.5 at Clay;
- Between MP 0.0 at Costain Prep Plant and MP 9.5 at Providence
- Between MP 0.0 at Costain Prep Plant and MP 5.5 at Caney Creek; and
- Wheatcraft loop track

These lines are located in Webster, Union, Caldwell and Crittenden Counties, Kentucky, and pass through the cities of Sturgis, Sullivan, Blackford, Wheatcroft, Clay and Providence. They traverse through United States Postal Zip Codes 42459, 42604, 42404 and 42450.

Applicant plans to seek Board authorization on or about December 28, 2010 for its abandonment by filing a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.50. This report is being filed in connection therewith in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7. To prepare this report, Applicant consulted with various state and federal agencies. See the letters attached as Exhibit A. Based on the written responses received by Applicant attached as Exhibit B,

¹ A description of the acquisitions and previous abandonments of rail lines of Applicant is set forth below in the Historic Report, Section 5. The intention is to abandon all of Applicant’s remaining lines, even if some are inadvertently not included in these line descriptions.



and the responses (both oral and written) noted in the Response Log attached as Exhibit C, Applicant states as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

(49 CFR 1105.7)

1. PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Applicant proposes to abandon the Subject Lines. Applicant acquired the Subject Lines in 1995. In 2005, Genesee & Wyoming Inc. (“GWI”) acquired indirect control of the Applicant. *See Genesee & Wyoming Inc., RP Acquisition Company One and RP Acquisition Company Two—Control Exemption—Rail Partners, L.P., AN Railway, et al., Atlantic & Western Railway, et al., and KWT Railway, Inc.,* STB Finance Docket No. 34708 (served June 24, 2005). At that time, Applicant was not providing any freight service, and there has been no freight service on the Subject Lines since the new management took over in 2005. At the time new management took over, some of the track had been removed. Since that time, other track has been scavenged without permission of the Applicant. Applicant does not believe that continued freight service is a realistic alternative. Applicant intends to remove and sell the remaining track and believes that some or all of its right of way could be used for trail and other public purposes.

2. EFFECTS ON TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

There has been no freight service on the Subject Lines since before 2005. Therefore, the abandonment of the Subject Lines would have no effect on the transportation system. Applicant served notice of the proposed abandonment upon the Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet. *See* letter attached as part of Exhibit A. A copy of the response dated June 25, 2010, with no comments or objections to the abandonment, is attached as part of Exhibit B.

3. LAND USE

i) Applicant is unaware of any regional or local land use patterns with which the proposed abandonment would be inconsistent. Applicant served notice of the proposed abandonment upon the following agencies that may be concerned with land use issues: Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (“KDEP”); KDEP (Owensboro regional office); KDEP (Paducah regional office); Kentucky Department of Natural Resources (“KDNR”); Kentucky Natural Resources Conservation Service (“KNRCS”); Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner, Union County; Joel C. Rich, Master Commissioner, Webster County; Alan Stout, Master Commissioner, Crittenden County, Jill Giordano, Master Commissioner, Caldwell County; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) (Region 4); National Park Service (Southeast Region); U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”); NRCS (Union County); NRCS (Caldwell County); NRCS (Webster County); NRCS (Crittenden County); and United States Department of Commerce, NOAA, N/NGS2 (Spatial Reference System Division). Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of written responses received to date are attached as part of Exhibit B. Both written and oral responses are summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C. Responses were not received from all agencies that received notices. The following is a summary of the responses (written or oral) received to date:

- In an email, Jill Giordano, Master Commission of Caldwell County responded that she had no opinion on the abandonment’s effect on the environment.
- In a letter, the Kentucky Natural Resources Conservation Service advised that it had forwarded the environmental consult letter to its field office for handling.
- The letter addressed to Natural Resources Conservation Service was returned unopened and marked “Remove from Mailing List”.

- In a letter, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Crittenden County advised that it expected no significant impact on the environment.
- In a letter, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Caldwell County advised that it expected no significant impact on the environment.
- In a letter, Joel C. Rich, Commissioner of Webster County expressed concern regarding the method and manner in which the salvage and clean-up is conducted and recommends a local company to do the work.

ii) Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse effect on any prime agricultural land. As noted above, notice of the abandonment has been provided to the Kentucky Natural Resources Conservation Service; NRCS; NRCS (Union County); NRCS (Caldwell County); NRCS (Webster County); and NRCS (Crittenden County), copies of which are attached as part of Exhibit A. See paragraph 3 (i) for a summary of the relevant responses received to date.

iii) The site of the proposed abandonment is not located in a coastal zone and the State of Kentucky has no coastal agency. Therefore, no notice was sent regarding effects to coastal areas.

iv) Applicant believes that the right of way may be suitable for trail and other public purposes.

4. ENERGY

Since there has not been any traffic on the Subject Line since before 2005,

- i) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of energy resources.
- ii) The proposed abandonment will have no effect on recyclable commodities.
- iii) There will be no effect on overall energy efficiency.

iv) The proposed abandonment will not divert any traffic from rail to motor carriage. Thus, the effects of the proposed abandonment will not exceed the thresholds set forth in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(4)(iv).

5. AIR

Since there has not been any traffic on the Subject Line since before 2005, the proposed abandonment will not result in any increases in rail traffic or rail yard activity. The effects of the proposed abandonment will not exceed the thresholds set forth in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(4)(v).

6. NOISE

Since there has not been any traffic on the Subject Line since before 2005, Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will result in any increase in noise levels.

7. SAFETY

Since there has not been any traffic on the Subject Line since before 2005, Applicant does not believe that the proposed abandonment will have any adverse effect on public health or safety.

8. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Applicant has given notice of the proposed abandonment to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Southeast Division) and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, as well as to the following agencies that are potentially concerned with biological resources: KCNRS; KDEP; KDEP (Owensboro regional office); KDEP (Paducah regional office); KDNR; EPA; National Park Service (Southeast Region); NRCS; NRCS (Union County); NRCS (Caldwell County); NRCS (Webster County) and NRCS (Crittenden County). Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of written responses received to date are attached as part of Exhibit B. Both written and oral responses are summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C.

i) Applicant does not believe that there are any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests in the vicinity of the proposed abandonment. Notices of the proposed abandonment were sent to the following agencies: KNRCS; KDEP; KDEP (Owensboro regional office); KDEP (Paducah regional office); KDNR; EPA; National Park Service (Southeast Region); NRCS; NRCS (Union County); NRCS (Caldwell County); NRCS (Webster County) and NRCS (Crittenden County). Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. Copies of the written responses received are attached as part of Exhibit B. Both written and oral responses are summarized on the Response Log attached as Exhibit C. Responses were not received from all agencies that received notices. *See Section 3(i) above for summaries of the responses received from the listed agencies.*

9. WATER

i) The proposed abandonment will be handled in a manner that is consistent with the applicable local, State and Federal water quality standards. *See Sections 3(i) and 8(i) above for a list of agencies notified by Applicant.*

ii) Applicant also sent a notice of the proposed abandonment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Louisville District) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Great Lakes and Ohio River Division). A copy of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. A letter received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Louisville District) advised that additional information concerning the details of the abandonment may be required. Applicant will provide any required additional information that is necessary to comply with the request.

iii) As noted, notices of the proposed abandonment were sent to the following agencies: KDEP; KDEP (Owensboro regional office); KDEP (Paducah regional office); KDNR; and EPA. Copies of these letters are attached as part of Exhibit A. No responses have been received.

Applicant does not believe that any Clean Water Act permits will be required. The proposed abandonment will be handled in a manner that is consistent with the applicable local, State and Federal water quality standards.

10. PROPOSED MITIGATION

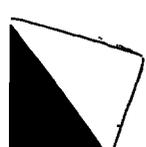
Since no adverse environmental impacts are expected, no mitigation is proposed.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR RAIL CONSTRUCTION

Not applicable.

12. CONSULTATION

As shown by the copies of letters attached as Exhibit A, Applicant has consulted with the following agencies: Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet; KNRCS; KDEP; KDEP (Owensboro regional office); KDEP (Paducah regional office); KDNR; EPA; National Park Service (Southeast Region); NRCS; NRCS (Union County); NRCS (Caldwell County); NRCS (Webster County) and NRCS (Crittenden County); Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner, Union County; Joel C. Rich, Master Commissioner, Webster County; Alan Stout, Master Commissioner, Crittenden County, Jill Giordano, Master Commissioner, Caldwell County; United States Department of Commerce, NOAA, N/NGS2 (Spatial Reference System Division); Fish and Wildlife Service (Southeast Division); Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Louisville District) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Great Lakes and Ohio River Division). Written responses are attached as Exhibit B, and all responses (no oral responses were received) are summarized in the Response Log attached as Exhibit C.



13. CERTIFICATIONS

Applicant certifies that:

i) It consulted with the agencies listed in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7, as described in paragraph no. 12 above.

ii) On this date, it sent copies of this report to each of the agencies consulted.

iii) Notice of the proposed abandonment will be published in The Providence Journal Enterprise, The Union County Advocate and The Times Leader on December 8, 2010 and in The Crittenden Press on December 9, 2010. A copy of the form of notice is attached as Exhibit D. Proofs of publication will be submitted upon receipt.

iv) Applicant will not file its verified notice of abandonment until at least twenty (20) days after the agencies have been served with a copy of this report.

HISTORIC REPORT

(49 CFR 1105.8)

1. U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

U.S.G.S. topographic maps showing the location of the proposed abandonment are attached as Exhibit E. Exhibit F is a listing of the structures on the Subject Lines known to current management that are over 50 years old.

2. DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY

To the best knowledge of current management, the width of said right of way varies along the Subject Lines, with an average width of 50 feet. The surrounding area is predominantly rural.

3. PHOTOGRAPHS OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE(S)

Please refer to Exhibit F for a milepost listing of the structures over 50 years old along the proposed abandonment. Photographs of these structure(s) and the area surrounding the right of way are submitted as Exhibit G.

4. DATES OF CONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC STRUCTURE(S)

Exhibit F lists the structures along the abandonment that are believed by current management to be more than 50 years old. Current management does not have additional information with respect to the structures or any major alterations to such structures.

5. HISTORY OF CARRIER OPERATIONS IN THE AREA

Portions of the Subject Lines were originally constructed by Illinois Central Gulf Railroad (or its predecessors). They, along with other lines, were acquired by Tradewater Railway (a subsidiary of Costain Coal) in 1982 to service Costain Coal's mines. *See Tradewater Railway Co. – operation over Illinois Central Gulf Railroad Co., ICC Finance Docket No. 29807, 47 FR 2529*

(January 18, 1982). Applicant, then an affiliate of Rail Management and Consulting Corporation, acquired the lines of Costain Coal and Tradewater Railway in 1995. *See Western Kentucky Railway, LLC – Acquisition and operation Exemption – Rail Lines of Costain Coal, Inc. and Tradewater Railway Company*, ICC Finance Docket No. 32641, 60 FR 4193 (January 20, 1995). Portions of the acquired lines between Dekoven and Waverly, and between Blackford and Princeton were later abandoned by the Applicant. *See Western Kentucky Railway, LLC – Abandonment Exemption – In Union County, KY*, ICC Docket No. AB-449 (Sub-No. 1X), 60 FR 39968 (August 4, 1995); and *Western Kentucky Railway, LLC – Abandonment – Between Blackford and Princeton, KY*, STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub-No. 2) (served June 20, 1996).² Freight service has not been provided over the Subject Lines since before 2005. In 2005, indirect control of the Applicant was acquired by GWI. *See Genesee & Wyoming Inc., RP Acquisition Company One and RP Acquisition Company Two—Control Exemption—Rail Partners, L.P., AN Railway, et al., Atlantic & Western Railway, et al., and KWT Railway, Inc.*, STB Finance Docket No. 34708 (served June 24, 2005). There have been no requests for service or operations since that time.

6. SUMMARY OF STRUCTURE DOCUMENTATION

Current management does not believe that it possesses additional documents related to the structures listed in Exhibit F, such as engineering drawings, that would be useful in documenting a structure that might be found to be historic.

² The portion of the abandoned line between Fredonia and Princeton was later acquired by Fredonia Valley Railroad. *See Fredonia Valley Railroad, Inc. – Acquisition and Operation Exemption – In Caldwell County, KY*, STB Finance Docket No. 33695 (served December 30, 1998).

7. OPINION REGARDING CRITERIA FOR LISTING

Applicant has given notice of the proposed abandonment to the Kentucky Heritage Council. No response has been received. Based on readily available information in the Applicant's possession, Applicant does not believe that there is a likelihood of archaeological resources or previously unknown historic properties in the project area.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Applicant is unaware of any prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, or environmental conditions which might affect the archeological recovery of resources or the surrounding terrain. The salvage work that Applicant proposes will be surface work only and will not disturb subsurface resources.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: December 3, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 3rd day of December, 2010, I served a copy of the foregoing Environmental/Historic Report on the persons listed below by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Kentucky Energy and
Environmental Cabinet
Department for Environmental
Protection
300 Fair Oaks Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Southeast Division
Sam Hamilton, Regional Director
1875 Century Blvd., Suite 400
Atlanta, GA 30345

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Department for Environmental Protection
Owensboro Regional Office
3032 Alvey Park Drive West, Suite 700
Owensboro, KY 42303-2191

Kentucky Department of Fish and
Wildlife Resources
#1 Sportsman's Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Department of Environmental Protection
Paducah Regional Office
130 Eagle Nest Drive
Paducah, KY 42003-9435

U.S. Army Engineer District,
Louisville
Attn: Public Affairs Office
P.O. Box 59
Louisville, KY 40201-0059

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Department for Natural Resources
#2 Hudson Hollow
Frankfort, KY 40601

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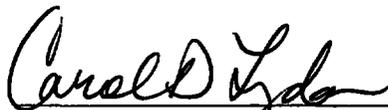
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June 7, 2010

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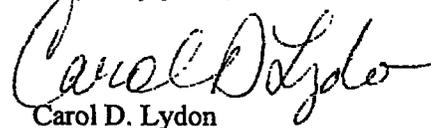
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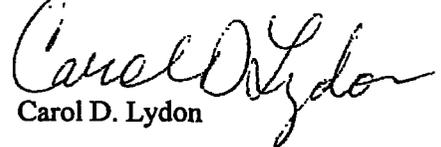
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Re: Western Kentucky Railway LLC -- Abandonment -- Webster, Union, Caldwell
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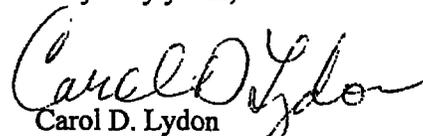
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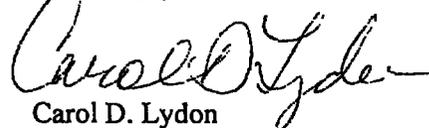
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Ms. Donna Neary, SHPO & Executive Director June 7, 2010
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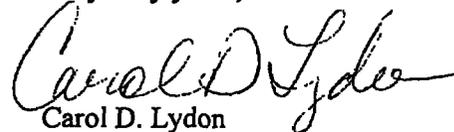
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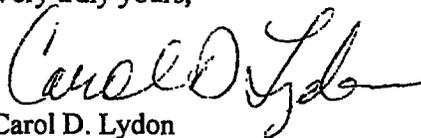
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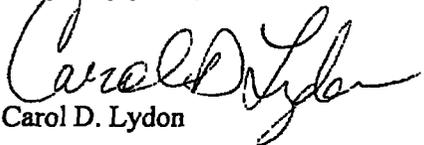
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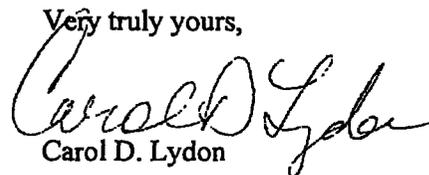
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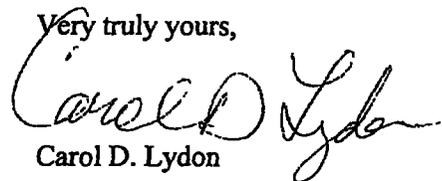
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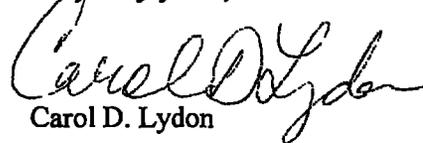
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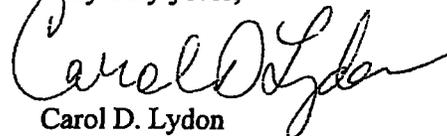
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at Clay
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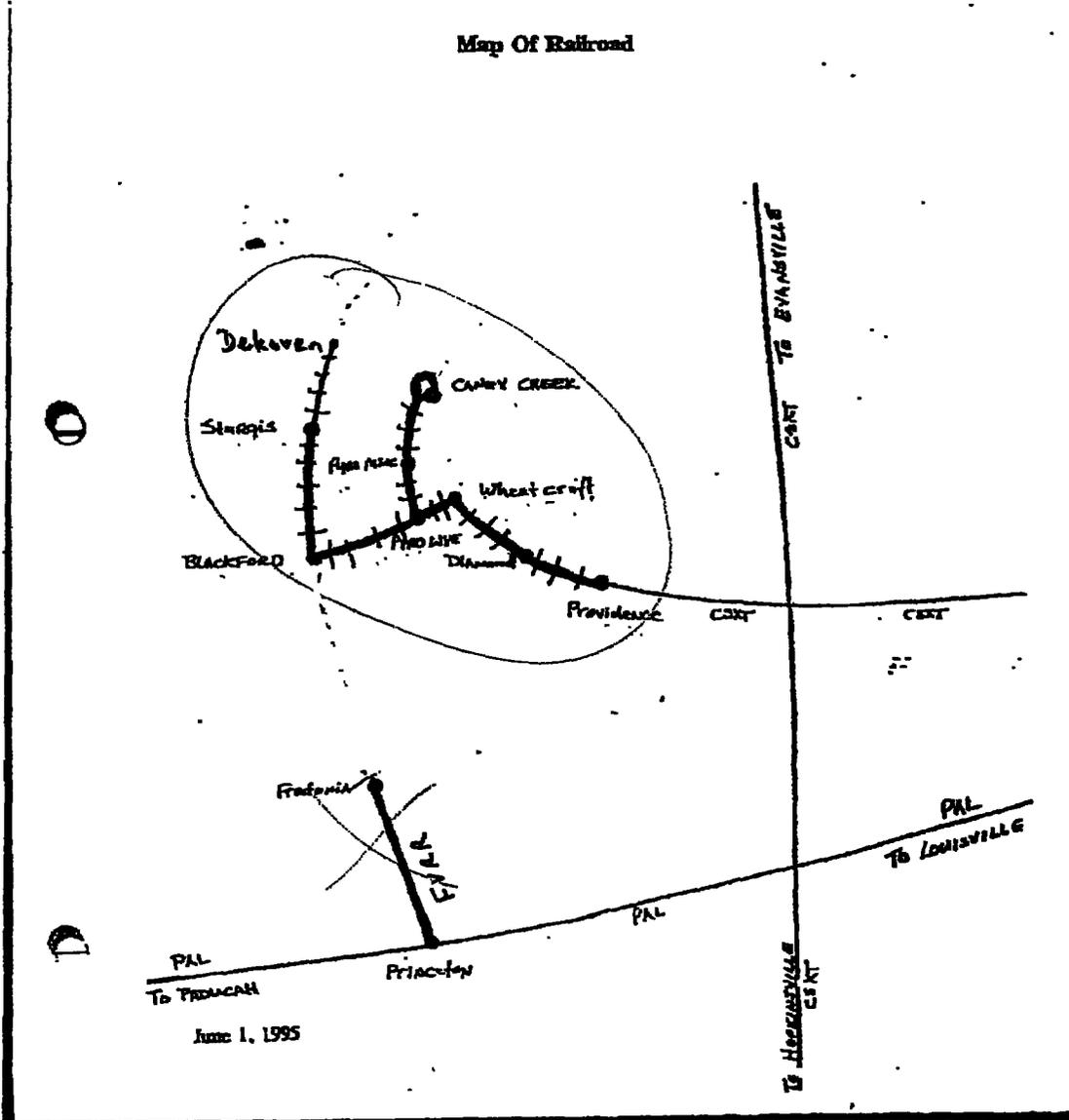
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Map Of Railroad



+++ Abandonment Lines

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Carol Lydon, certify that on June 7, 2010, I served a copy of the attached document on the persons listed below by U.S. regular mail, postage prepaid.

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From: Curtis, Connie - Lexington, KY [connie.curtis@ky.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2010 9:53 AM
To: Lydon, Carol
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red
Attachments: Western Kentucky Railway LLC.pdf

Good morning. Attached is the letter we received from you regarding the Western Kentucky Railway LLC. It is NRCS State Office policy to refer this to our Field Office. You should receive comments from our Field Office by your requested date of July 7, 2010. If you have further questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

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WKRL plans to seek Surface Transportation Board ("STB") authorization for its abandonment through a Notice of Exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §1152.50 on or about August 9, 2010 in STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub-No. 3X).

Based upon information in our possession, the line does not contain federally granted rights of way. Some of the track was removed prior to 2005 when ownership of WKRL was transferred to its current owner; WKRL plans to remove and sell the remaining track and believes that some or all of the right of way could be used for trail and other public purposes. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

There are no open agency stations, and no local service has been provided on these lines in the last two years. Because the tracks connect to the interstate network only at one end, there is no overhead traffic to be diverted. WKRL does not believe that there are any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. WKRL believes that the abandonment will not have a significant effect upon the environment. WKRL intends to salvage the track materials such as rails and ties, but anticipates that the roadbed, bridges and culverts will be left intact. WKRL and/or its salvage contractor will comply will all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to the environment in conducting any salvage of the line.

In advance of preparing an environmental report as required by applicable STB regulations, we are consulting with appropriate agencies such as yours as to any concerns, which they may have as to environmental effects of the proposed abandonment.

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215 640 8501 Fax

Lydon, Carol

From: Giordano Law Office [glo@vci.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 5:11 PM
To: Lydon, Carol
Subject: Western Ky Railway LLC-Abandonment (Caldwell Co)
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: Friday, June 18, 2010 12:00 AM
Flag Status: Red

Dear Ms. Lydon:

I received your letter of June 7th, 2010 regarding railway abandonment and requesting my opinion, as Master Commissioner, regarding the effects this may have on the environment.

I am sorry that I cannot be of any help, but I don't believe that as Master Commissioner, I have the authority to give such an opinion.

If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jill L. Giordano
Caldwell Co. Master Commissioner
P. O. Box 128
Princeton, KY 42445
270-365-0230
270-365-0264 (fax)

6/18/2010

Lydon, Carol

From: Boggs, Lorin - Hopkinsville, KY [Lorin.Boggs@ky.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 2:17 PM
To: Lydon, Carol
Cc: clayton, mike - Princeton, KY; Starr, Larry - Marion, KY
Subject: Western KY Railway abandonment

Carol,

I forwarded the information contained in your correspondence dated June 7th, 2010 on to the district conservationists in Caldwell and Crittenden counties. Based upon their review it is my opinion that the proposed Western Kentucky Railway LLC rail lines abandonment will have no significant impact on the environment. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Lorin C. Boggs
Lead District Conservationist
Hopkinsville Service Center
3237 Eagle Way Bypass
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
270-885-8688 #3

7/8/2010



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June 25, 2010

Carolyn D. Lydon
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Re: Western Kentucky Railway LLC – Abandonment – Webster, Union, Caldwell, and Crittenden Counties, KY
STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub. No. 3X)

Dear Ms. Lydon,

The Energy and Environment Cabinet serves as the state clearinghouse for review of environmental documents generated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Within the Cabinet, the Commissioner's Office in the Department for Environmental Protection coordinates the review for Kentucky state agencies.

We received your letter dated June 7, 2010 requesting our review of the proposed abandonment of the Western Kentucky Railway segments described in the letter and the anticipated filing with the Surface Transportation Board. Based on our review of the submitted materials including the attached map, we do not have any comments or objections to the proposed abandonment and do not consider the project to have an adverse effect on the environment.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (502) 564-2150, ext. 112.

Sincerely,

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Larry C. Taylor
State Environmental Review Officer



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MARK DENNEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

July 7, 2010

Carol D. Lydon
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**Re: Western Kentucky Railway LLC Abandonment in Webster, Union, Caldwell, and
Crittenden Counties, KY STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub. No. 3X)**

Dear Ms. Lydon:

The State Historic Preservation Office has received information on the above referenced project on behalf of your client, Western Kentucky Railway LLC (WKRL). According to your submission, WKRL intends to abandon all of its remaining lines, including the Wheatcraft Loop Track and sections between MP 28 at Waverly and MP 97.25 at Princeton, between MP 0 at Blackford and MP 3.8 at Pyro Wye, between MP 3.8 and MP 8.5 at Clay, between MP 0 at the Costain Prep Plant and MP 9.5 at Providence, and between MP 0 at the Costain Prep Plant and MP 5.5 at Caney Creek. While some track was removed prior to 2005, WKRL will remove and sell the remaining track, leaving the roadbed, bridges and culverts intact.

Provided the salvage work is surface work only and will not disturb any subsurface resources, the project should not affect archaeological sites. If the proposed salvage will require the use of heavy machinery or methods which result in ground disturbance, please contact our office for additional consultation.

We do not have enough information to determine whether any above-ground, cultural historic properties are present in the project area. Any bridges and culverts that are over 50 years of age have the potential for National Register consideration. If these features are left intact, the project should not impact them in a negative way. In order to complete our file on this project, we request that a list of known bridges and culverts on these lines or a map indicating their locations be submitted. If it is possible to identify which of these structures is over 50 years of age, this would be useful information as well.

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Carol D. Lydon
7/7/2010

It is therefore the determination of this office that the work as proposed will have **No Adverse Effect** on historic properties. Once we have received the additional information requested, provided no changes to the project are made that impact subsurface features or structures over 50 years of age, no further consultation with this office should be required. If you have questions regarding these comments, please contact Jill McNutt of my staff at (502) 564-7005, extension 121.

Sincerely,



Mark Dennen
Executive Director and
State Historic Preservation Officer

MD:jm



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Operations Division
Regulatory Branch (West)
ID No. LRL-2010-723-mad

Carol D. Lydon
Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP
One Commerce Square
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Dear Carol D. Lydon:

This is in regard to your letter dated June 7, 2010 advising the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers that Western Kentucky Railway LLC proposes to abandon lines located in Webster, Union, Caldwell, and Crittenden County, Kentucky. In this letter you request that, within our area of authority, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers comment on the perceived effects upon the environment of this activity.

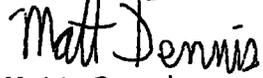
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers takes jurisdiction of "Navigable Waters of the U.S.", as defined in 33 CFR 329, and "Waters of the U.S.", as defined in 33 CFR 328 and Supplementary Information, under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. "Waters of the U.S." include all waters which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce.

According to the information and maps you provided, additional information will be required to determine the effects to "Waters of the U.S." If the project would necessitate the discharge of dredged or fill material into "Waters of the U.S.," including wetlands, plans should be submitted to this office for review.

Our comments on this project are limited to only those effects which may fall within our area of jurisdiction and thus does not obviate the need to obtain other permits from state or local agencies. Lack of comments on other environmental aspects should not be construed as either concurrence or nonconcurrence with stated environmental effects.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact this office at the above address, ATTN: CELRL-OP-FW or call me at 812-853-0472. Any correspondence on this matter should refer to our ID Number LRL-2010-723-mad

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Dennis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "D".

Matt Dennis
Regulatory Specialist
Regulatory Office

Enclosure



Joel C. Rich

Attorney At Law

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September 3, 2010

Attention: Carol D. Lydon
Thorp, Reed & Armstrong, LLP
One Commerce Square
2005 Market Street
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Re: Western Kentucky Railway-Abandonment

Dear Ms. Lydon:

I thank you for your letter to me, dated June 7, 2010. I am familiar with the rail-lines which are the subject of your letter. Of course, the greatest concern of mine, would be the method and manner in which the salvage and clean-up is conducted.

I am familiar with the work ethics and professionalism of a local salvage company, S & S Salvage, LLC, 112 East Main Street, Providence, Kentucky 42450. I have personally been aware of the job performance of S & S on several similar projects. I can highly recommend this company, and feel comfortable that they will do a good job.

This company is owned and operated by Mr. Tim Smith. I'm sure that this local company would appreciate the opportunity to discuss with you, or the proper representative in authority, the chance to do the salvage and cleanup on this abandonment project.

If Mr. Smith and his company could be considered as a prospect to do these services, please contact, either me or him with instructions and requirements to involve him in the negotiating process for the job contract.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please call or contact me or Mr. Smith.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel C. Rich". The signature is stylized and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Joel C. Rich

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**ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORICAL/COASTAL CONTACT LIST
FOR THE WESTERN KENTUCKY RAILWAY ABANDONMENT**

**Western Kentucky Railway, LLC – Abandonment – Union, Webster, Crittenden and Caldwell Counties, KY
STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub No. 3x)**

AGENCY	CONTACT	DATE SENT/RESPONSE REC'D	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet Department for Environmental Protection 300 Fair Oaks Lane Frankfort, KY 40601		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	Letter – 6/25/10. No comments or objections to abandonment.
Commonwealth of Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection Owensboro Regional Office 3032 Alvey Park Drive West, Suite 700 Owensboro, KY 42303-2191		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	
Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection Paducah Regional Office 130 Eagle Nest Drive Paducah, KY 42003-9435 (270) 898-8468		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	
Commonwealth of Kentucky Department for Natural Resources #2 Hudson Hollow Frankfort, KY 40601		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	

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AGENCY	CONTACT	DATE SENT/RESPONSE REC'D	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner Union County P.O. Box 419 Morganfield, KY 42437		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	
Joel C. Rich, Master Commissioner Webster County P.O. Box 248 Dixon, KY 42409		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	Letter dated 9/3/10 expressing concern about method and manner of salvage and clean-up.
Alan Stout, Master Commissioner Crittenden County 111 W. Bellville Street Marion, KY 42064		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	
Jill Giordano, Master Commissioner P.O. Box 128 Princeton, KY 42445	6/17/10	Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	Via email: No opinion.
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303-8960 (800) 241-1754		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	

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AGENCY	CONTACT	DATE SENT/RESPONSE REC'D	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Southeast Division Sam Hamilton, Regional Director 1875 Century Blvd., Suite 400 Atlanta, GA 30345 404-679-4000		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources #1 Sportsman's Lane Frankfort, KY 40601 800-858-1549		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	
U.S. Army Engineer District, Louisville Attn: Public Affairs Office P.O. Box 59 Louisville, KY 40201-0059		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	07/10 – Letter received – additional information may be required
US Army Engineer Division, Great Lakes and Ohio River, CELRD Attn: Public Affairs Office 550 Main Street, Room 10032 Cincinnati, OH 45202-3222 (513) 684-3010		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	

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AGENCY	CONTACT	DATE SENT/RESPONSE REC'D	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
<p>David Vela, Regional Director National Park Service, Southeast Region 100 Alabama St. SW 1924 Building Atlanta, GA 30303 (404) 562-3100</p>		<p>Consult. letter sent 6/7/10</p>	
<p>Dick Coombe, Regional Asst. Chief, East Natural Resources Conservation Service USDA, NRCS 14th and Independence Ave., SW, Room 6101-A Washington, DC 20250 (202) 690-2196</p>		<p>Consult. letter sent 6/7/10</p>	<p>Received letter unopened marked "Return to Sender – Remove from Mailing List"</p>
<p>Kentucky Natural Resources Conservation Service 771 Corporate Drive, Suite 210 Lexington, Kentucky 40503 (859) 224-7350</p>		<p>Consult. letter sent 6/7/10</p>	<p>Via email 6/22/10. Letter was forwarded to field office for handling.</p>
<p>Natural Resources Conservation Service Union County Morganfield Service Center 717 U.S. Highway 60E Morganfield, KY 42437</p>		<p>Consult. letter sent 6/7/10</p>	

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Natural Resources Conservation Service Webster County Dixon Service Center 555 State Road 1340 Dixon, KY 42409-9401		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	
Natural Resources Conservation Service Crittenden County Mayfield Service Center 1000 Commonwealth Dr. Mayfield, KY 42066		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	Email 7/6/10 – no significant impact expected.
Natural Resources Conservation Service Caldwell County Princeton Service Center 501 Park Way Drive Princeton, KY 42445		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	Email 7/6/10 – no significant impact expected
Mr. Richard A. Snay Chief, Spatial Reference System Division United States Department of Commerce NOAA, N/NGS2 SSMC3, Room 8828 1315 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	

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STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub No. 3x)**

AGENCY	CONTACT	DATE SENT/RESPONSE REC'D	FORM OF RESPONSE/SUMMARY
Ms. Donna Neary, SHPO & Executive Director Kentucky Heritage Council 300 Washington Street Frankfort, KY 40601 (502) 564-7005		Consult. letter sent 6/7/10	T/C 7/8/10 -- response will be late; no significant impact expected; 7/20/10 - letter received

*NOTE: Line not located within a coastal zone. Kentucky has no Office of Coastal Management, therefore no letter was sent.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON RAIL SERVICE

Western Kentucky Railway, LLC gives notice that on or about December 28, 2010, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F – *Exempt Abandonments*, permitting the abandonment of all of its remaining lines of railroad which Applicant believes are as follows:

- Between MP 48.0 at Dekoven and MP 62.5 at Blackford;
- Between MP 0.0 at Blackford and MP 3.8 at Pyro Wye and between MP 3.8 and MP 8/5 at Clay;
- Between MP 0.0 at Costain Prep Plant and MP 9/5 at Providence
- Between MP 0.0. at Costain Prep Plant and MP 5.5 at Caney Creek; and
- Wheatcraft loop track

(The intention is to abandon all of Applicant's remaining lines, even if some are inadvertently not included in these line descriptions.) These lines are located in Webster, Union, Caldwell and Crittenden Counties, Kentucky and pass through the cities of Sturgis, Sullivan, Blackford, Wheatcraft, Clay and Providence. They traverse through United States Postal Zip Codes 42459, 42604, 42404 and 42450. The proceeding will be docketed as STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub. No. 3X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public, and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001 [see 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [see 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative: Eric M. Hocky, Esquire, Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000, Philadelphia, PA 19103; (215) 640-8500.

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ATTACHMENT E

Western Kentucky Railway, LLC

STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub-No. 3X)

Abandonment Lines

1. Between MP 48.0 at Dekoven and MP 62.5 at Blackford
2. Between MP 0.0 at Blackford and MP 3.8 at Pyro Wye and between MP 3.8 and MP 8.5 at Clay
3. Between MP 0.0 at Costain Prep Plant and MP 9.5 at Providence
4. Wheatcroft loop track
5. Between MP 0.0. at Costain Prep Plant and MP 5.5 at Caney Creek (*unable to locate on USGS maps; rail may have been removed.*)

** See attached key for map arrangement. Maps are sorted by line segment as described above.*

*** Full-sized USGS maps available upon request.*

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QUADRANGLE

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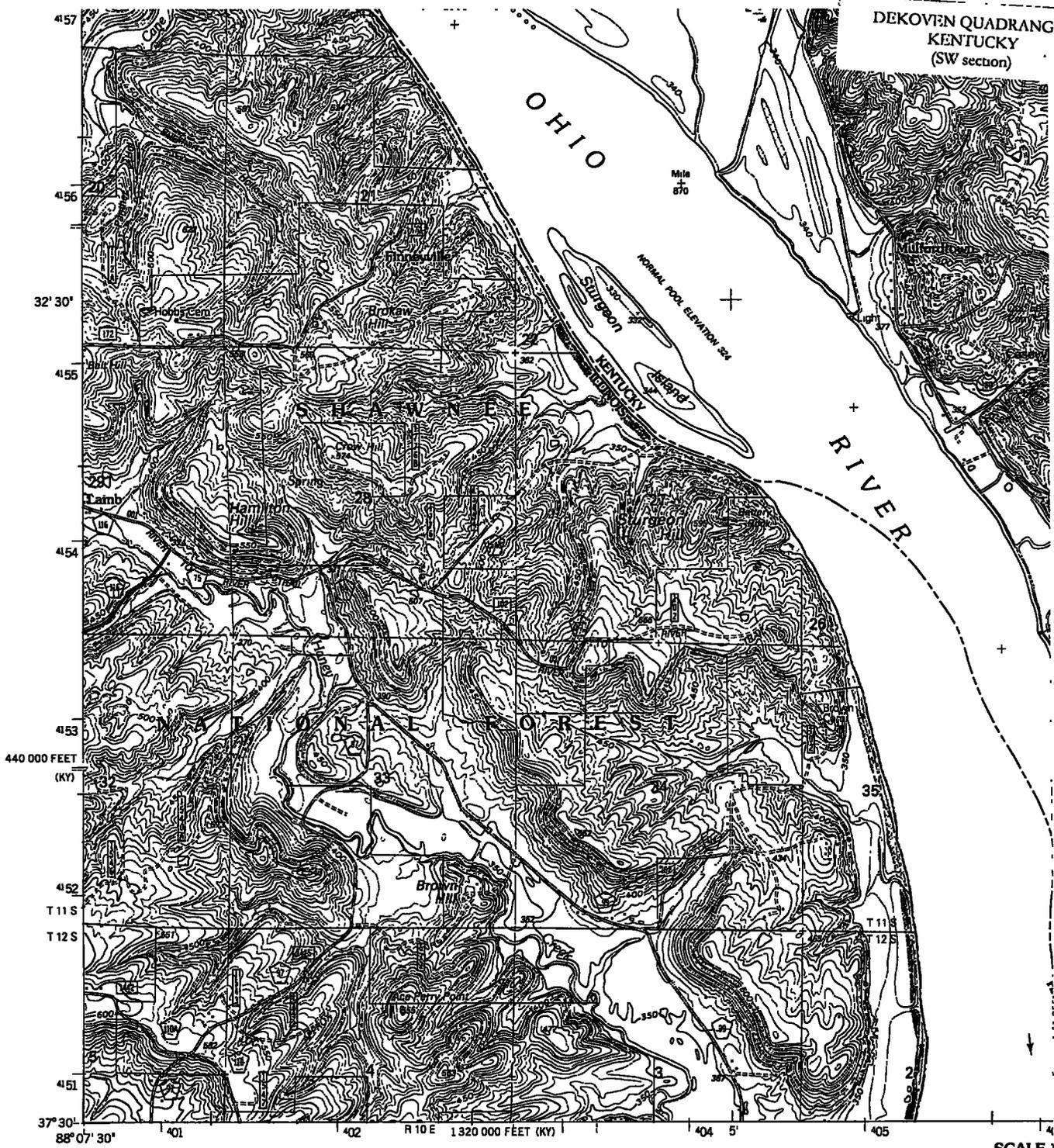
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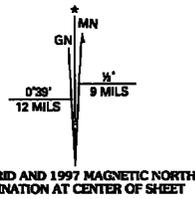
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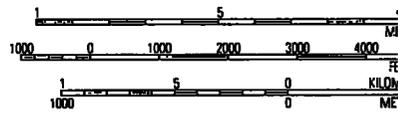
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This map is not a legal land line or ownership document. Public lands are
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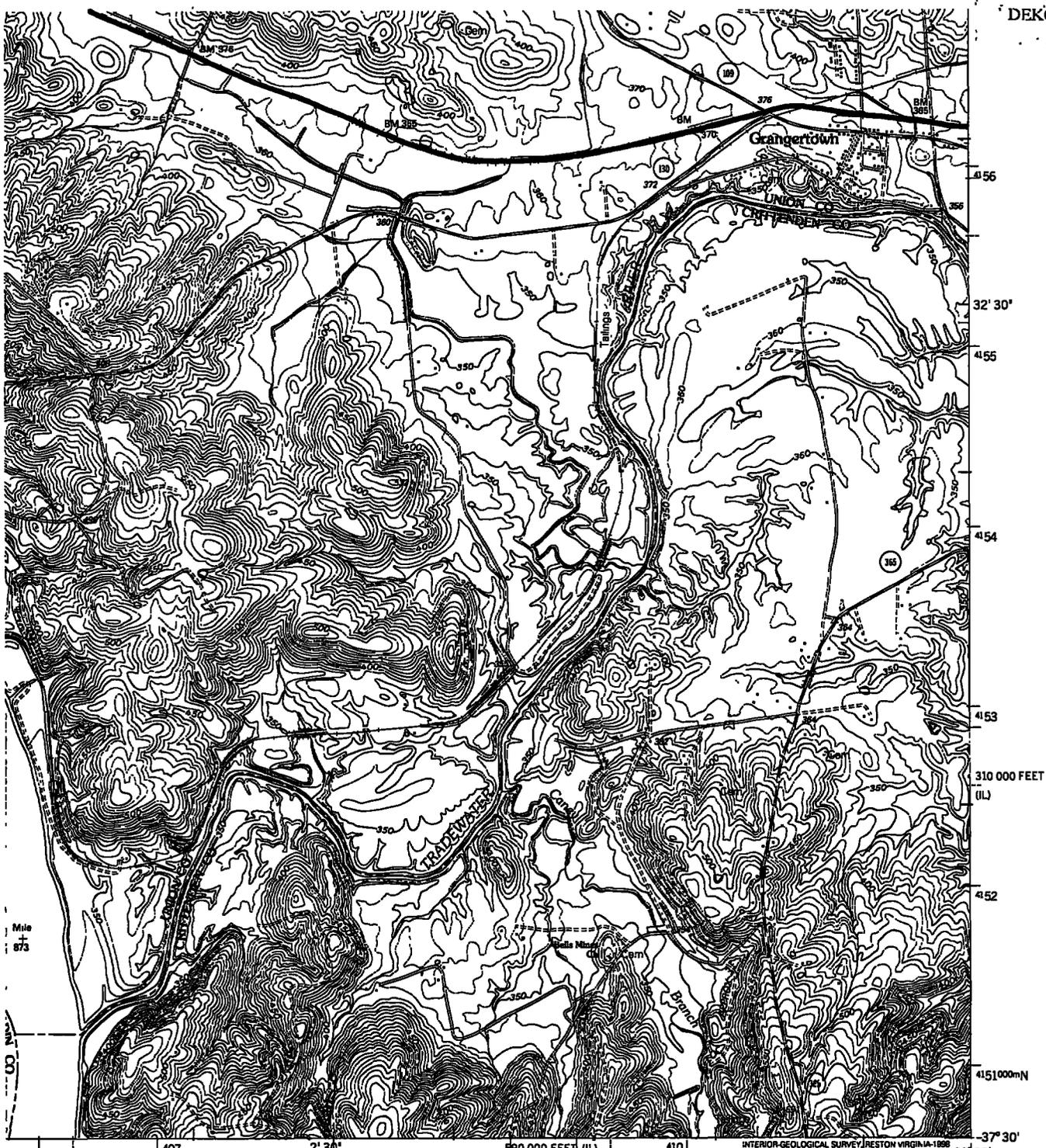
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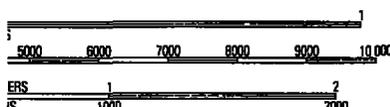
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLES

HIGHWAYS AND ROADS

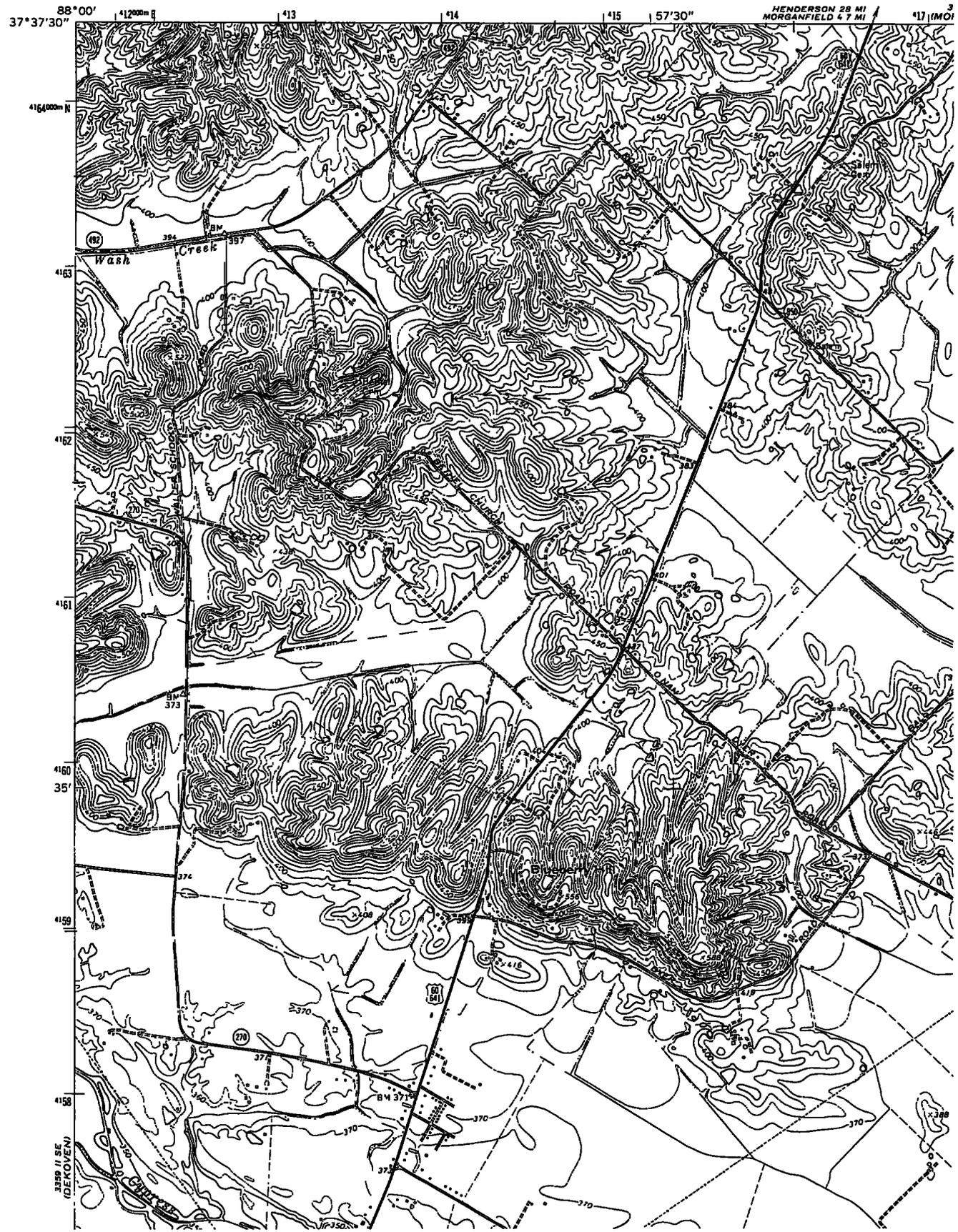
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- Gate; Barrier

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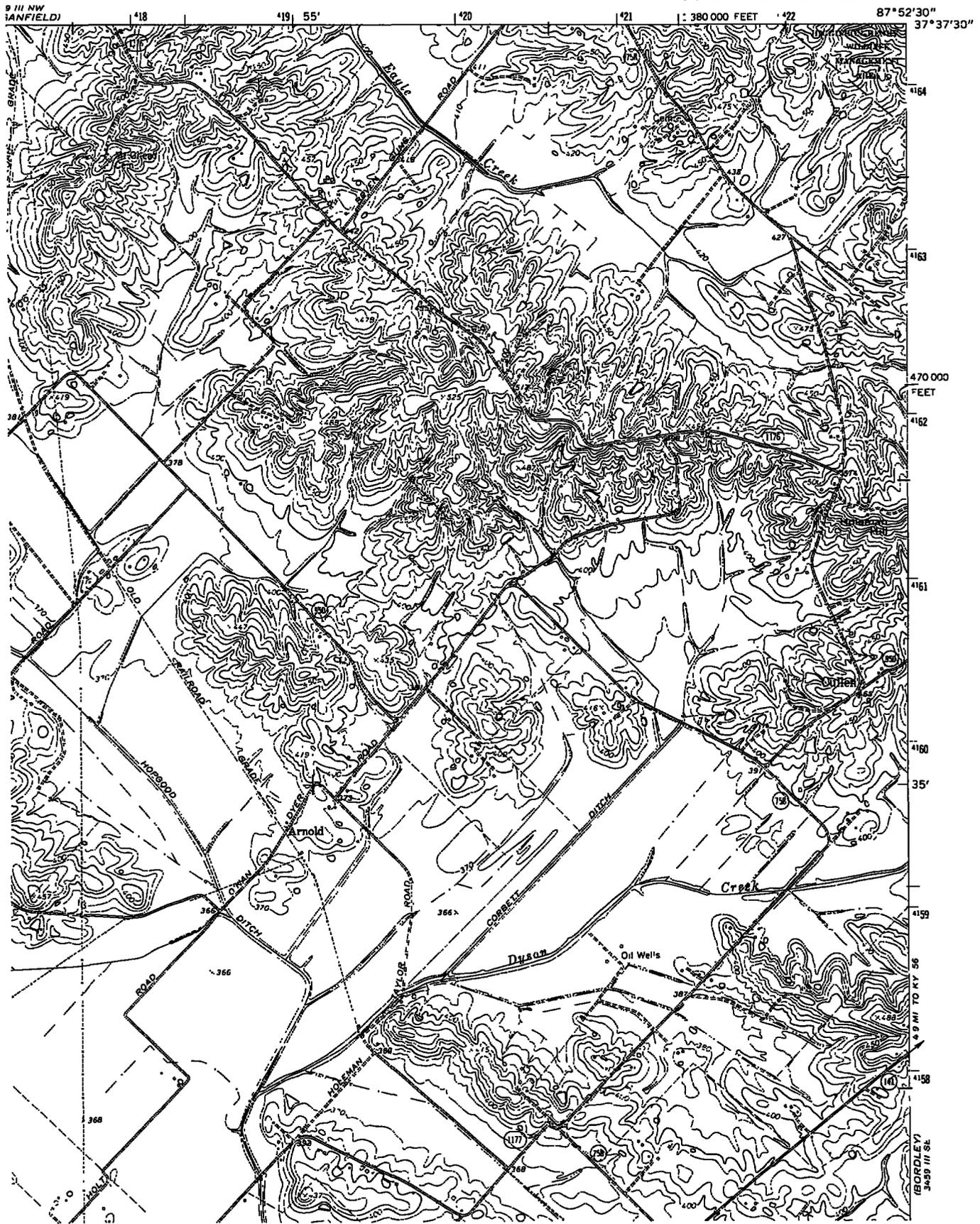


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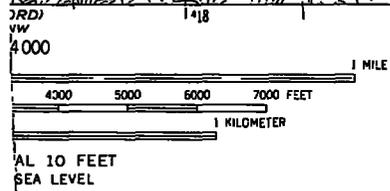
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STURGIS QUADRANGLE
KENTUCKY
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
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STURGIS QUADRANGLE
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ADDITIONAL SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
○ U S Route	○ State Route

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PRIDE 5.1 MI



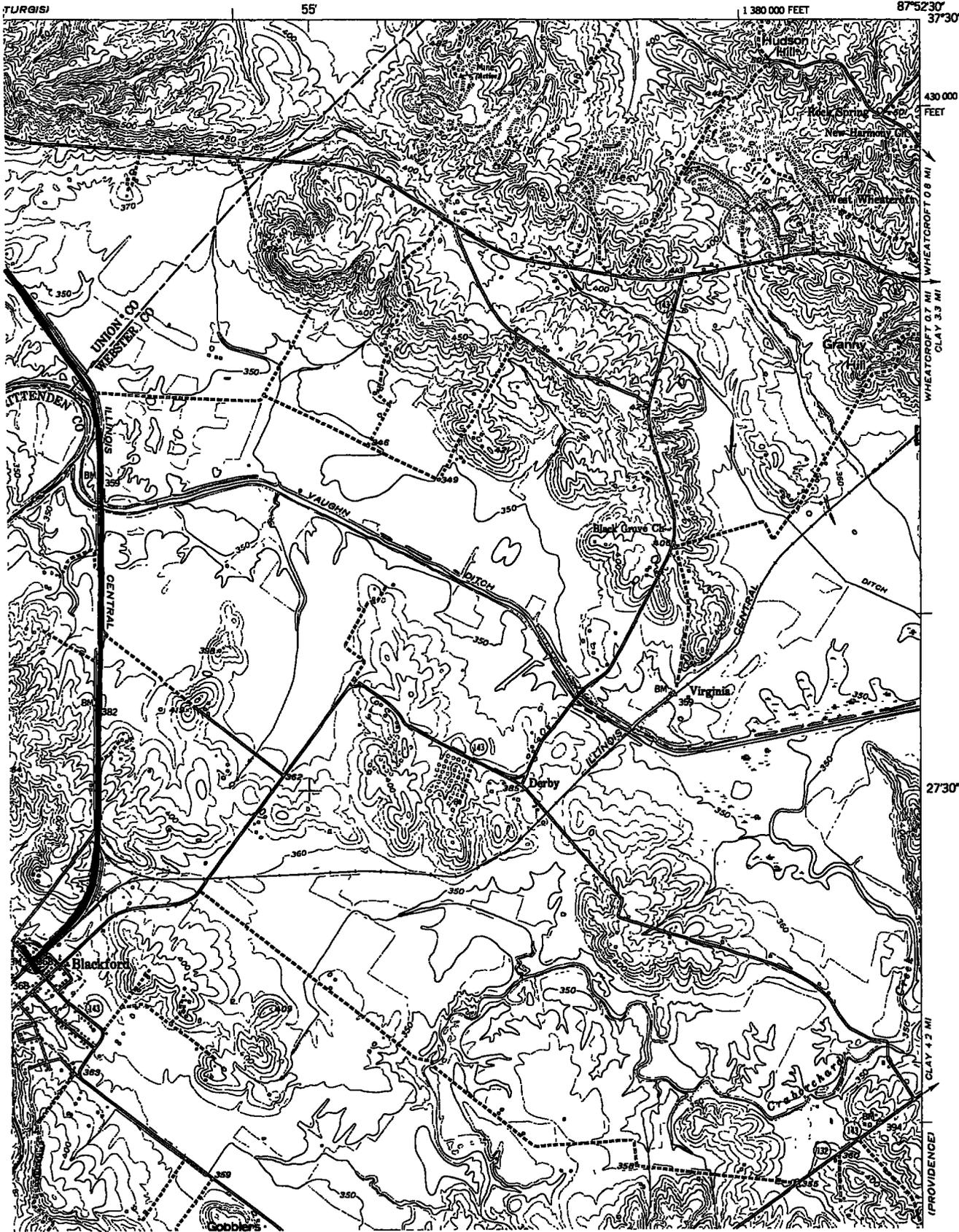
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1.3 MI. TO KY. 365

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NW/4 PROVIDENCE 15' QUADRANGLE

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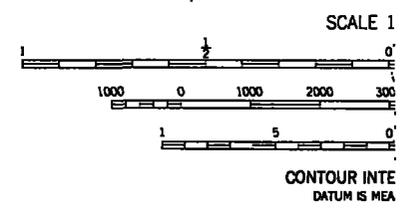


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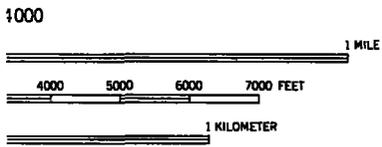
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 KENTUCKY
 (SE section)



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PROVIDENCE 6.7 MI

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————
- Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- U. S. Route (shield symbol) State Route (circle symbol)

BLACKFORD, KY.
 NW/4 PROVIDENCE 15 QUADRANGLE
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88°00'
37°30'

STURGIS 4.3 MI
57°30'

MORGANFIELD 15 MI
STURGIS 4.3 MI

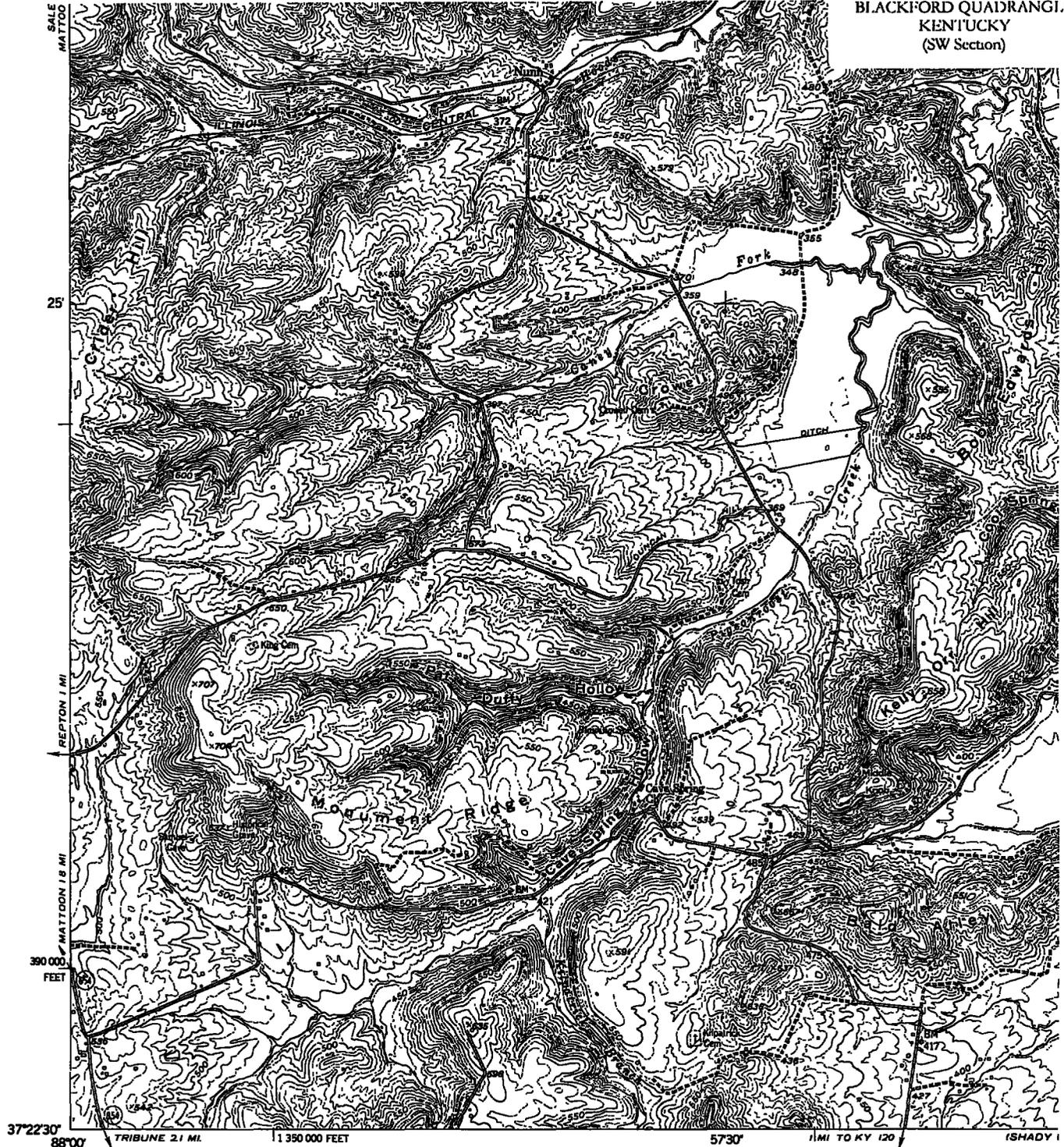
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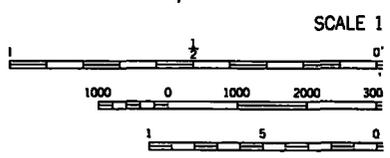
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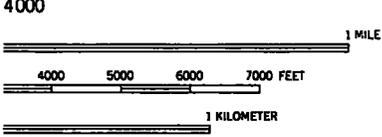


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BLACKFORD, KY.
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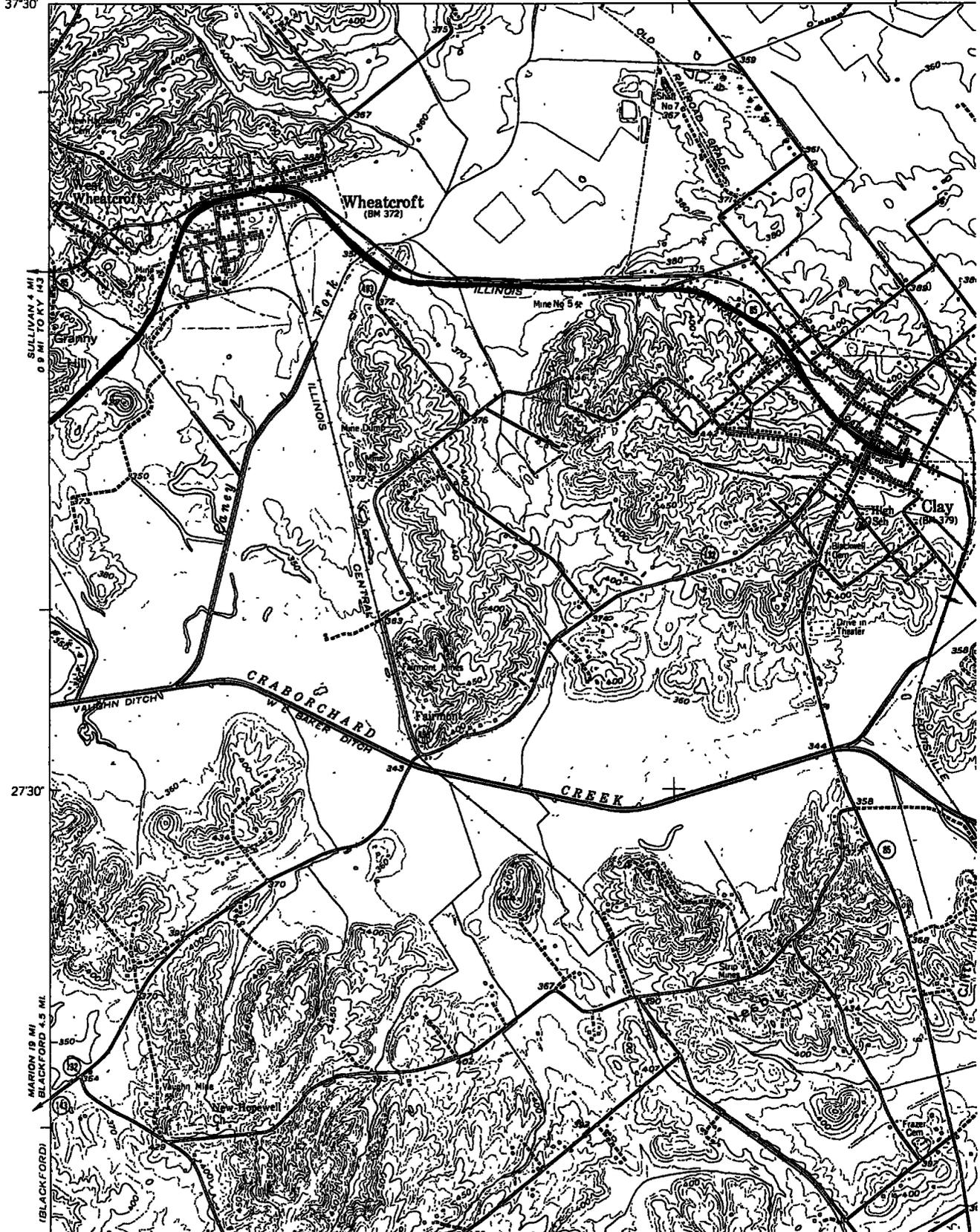
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87°52'30"
37°30'

50' 3.2 MI TO KY 270

1801



SULLIVAN 4 MI
0.9 MI TO KY 270

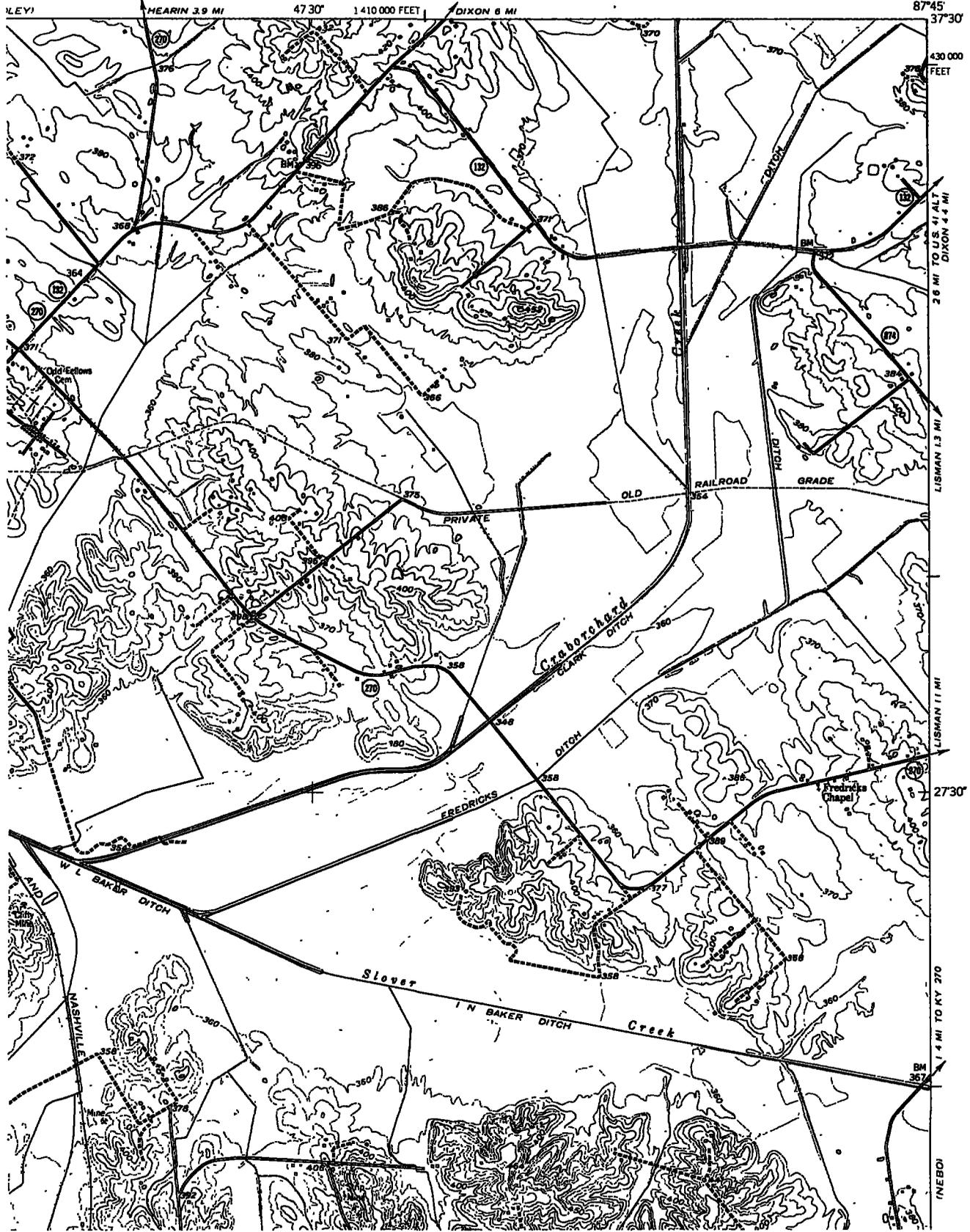
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MARION 19 MI
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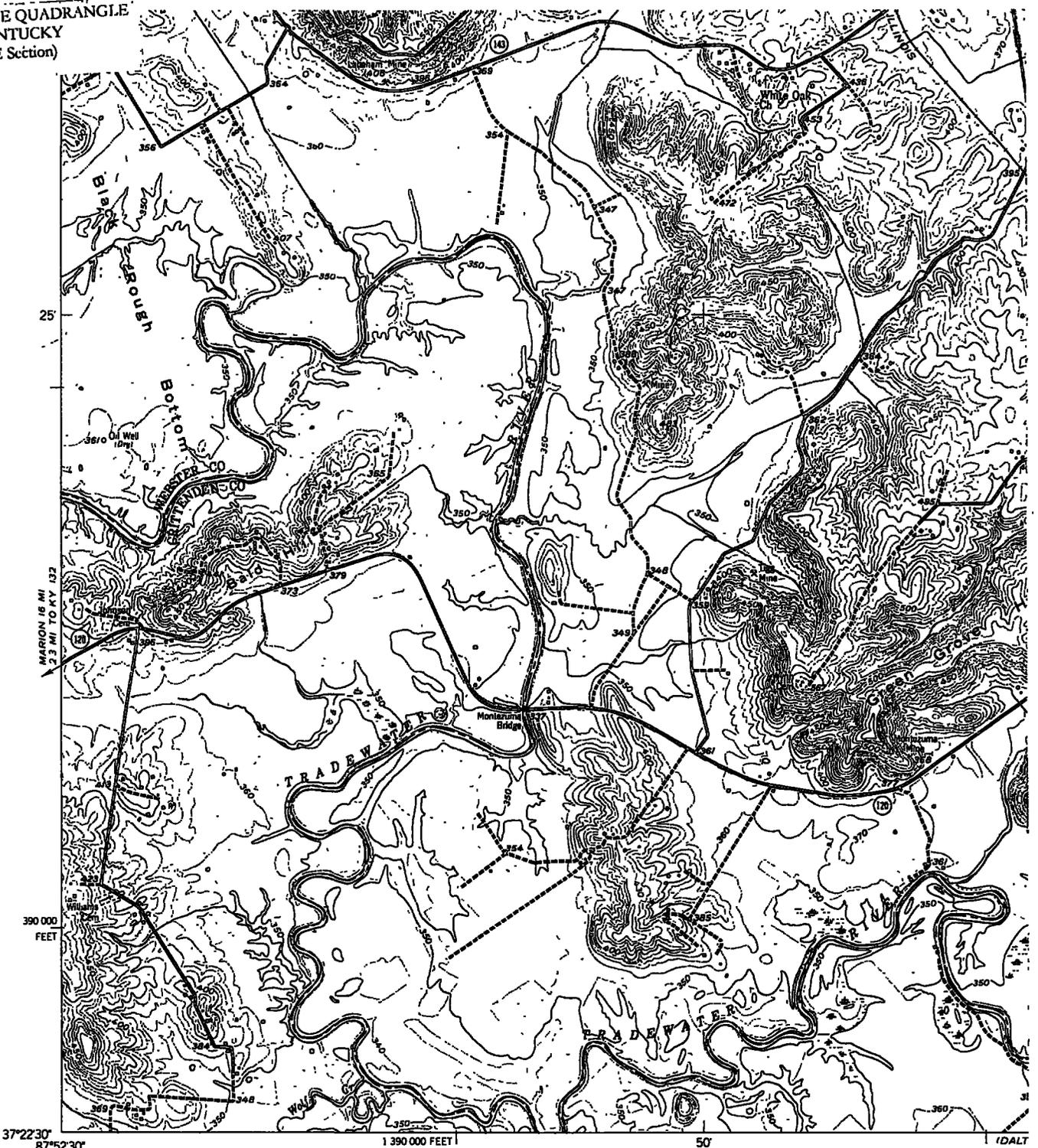
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KENTUCKY
75 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE, 1/4 PROVIDENCE 15 QUADRANGLE



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37°22'30"
87°52'30"

1 390 000 FEET

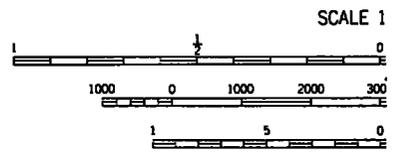
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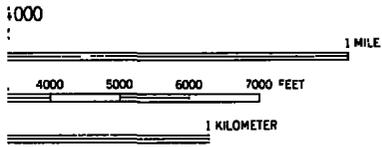


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1 MI TO U.S. 41 ALT.
 STANHOPE 0.3 MI

0.2 MI
 DAWSON SPRINGS 18 MI

37°22'30"
 87°45'



10 FEET
 SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface _____
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface _____
- Secondary highway, hard surface _____
- Unimproved road _____
- Interstate Route □ U S Route ○ State Route

PROVIDENCE, KY.
 NE/4 PROVIDENCE 15 QUADRANGLE
 N3722 5—W8745/7 5

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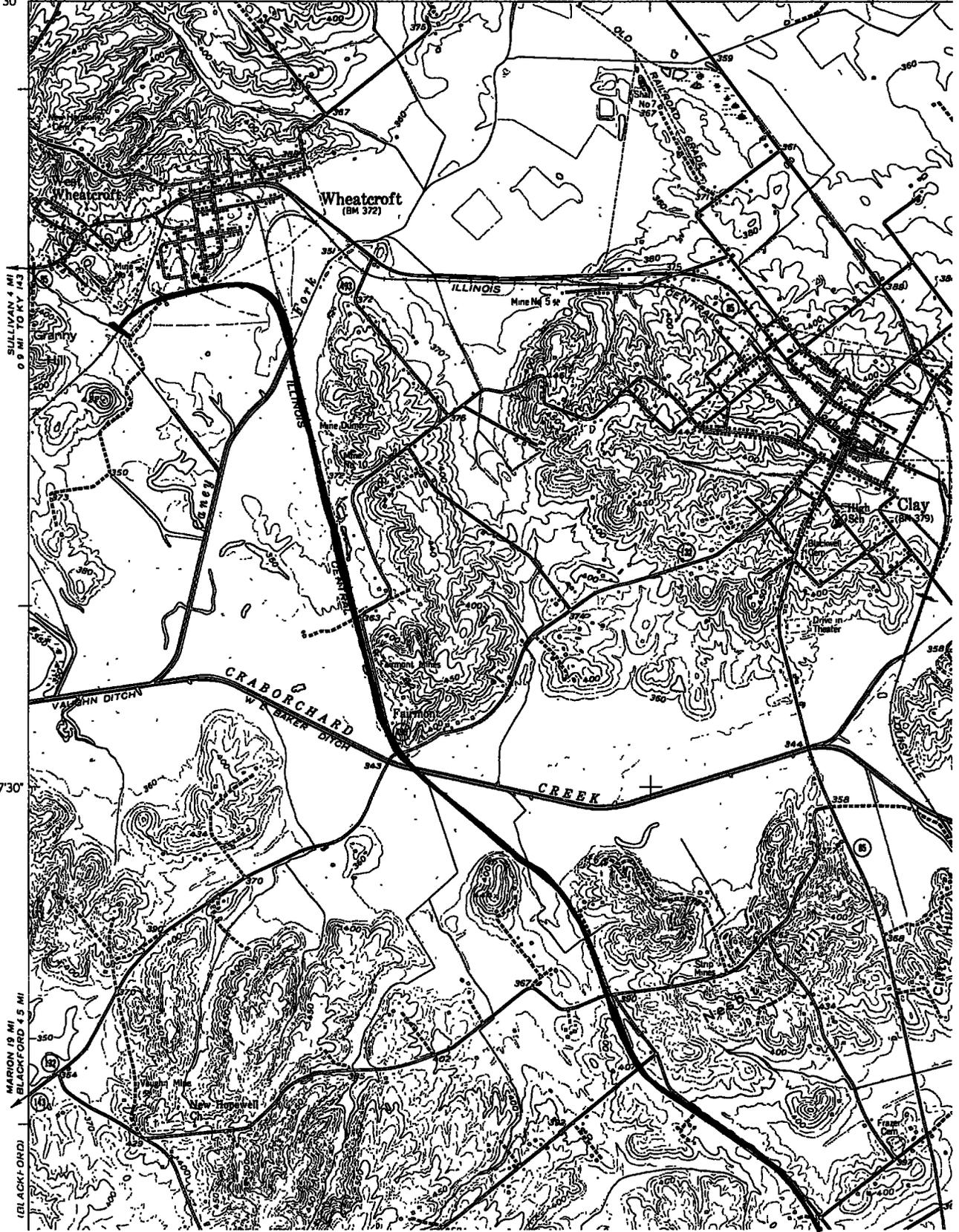
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87°52'30"
37°30'

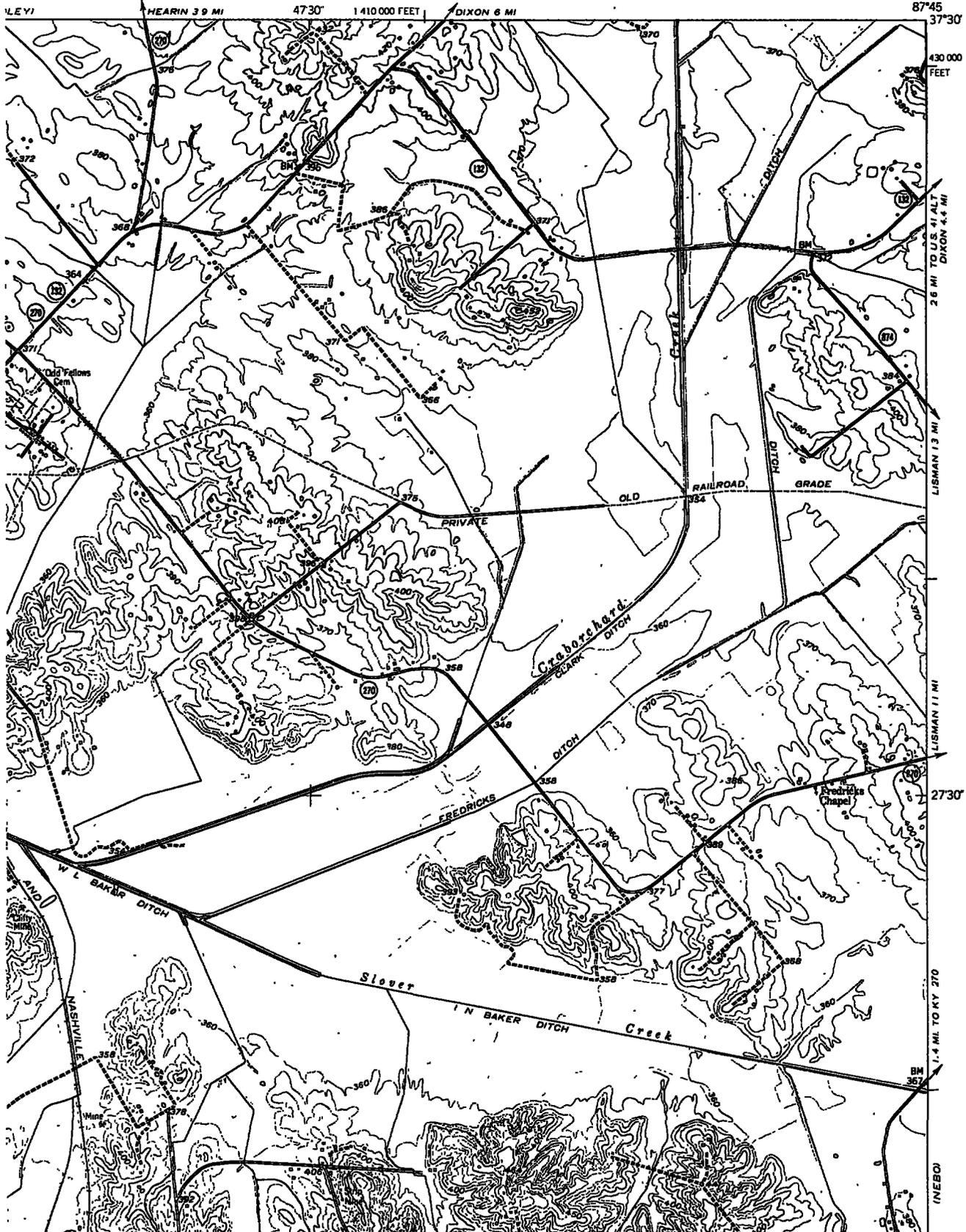
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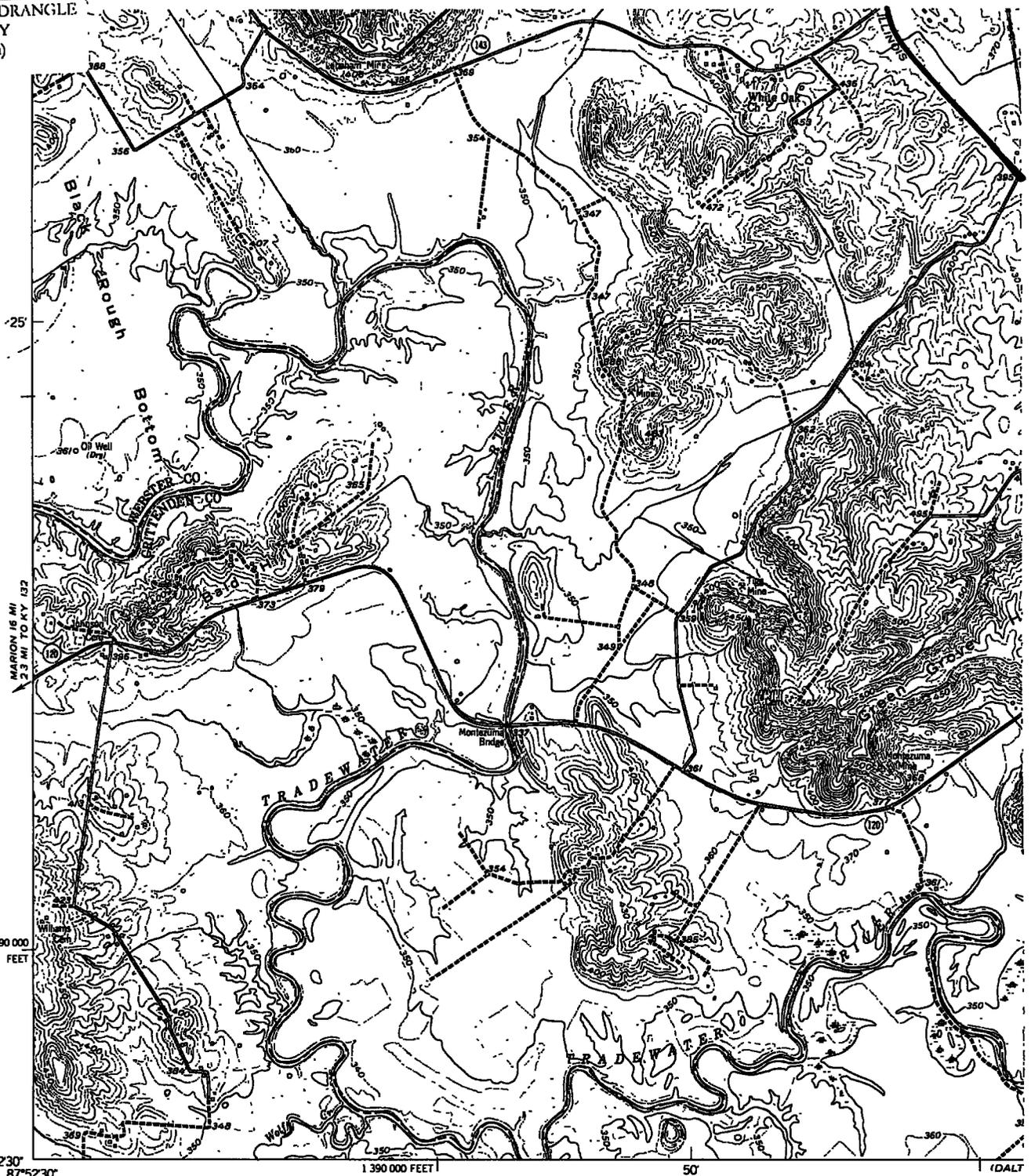


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NE/4 PROVIDENCE 15' QUADRANGLE



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 KENTUCKY
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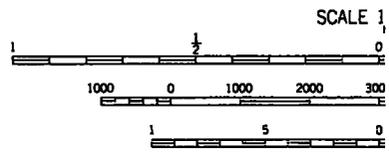
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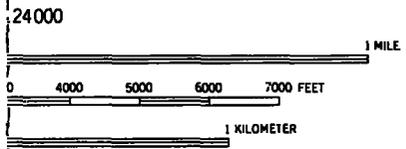
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 KENTUCKY
 (SF Section)



1 MI TO U.S. 41 ALT.
 STANHOPE 5.3 MI

BEULAH 8.2 MI
 DAWSON SPRINGS 18 MI

24000 4730' 87°45' 37°22'30" INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON VIRGINIA



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface _____
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface _____
- Secondary highway, hard surface _____
- Unimproved road _____
- Interstate Route (circle with 'I')
- U S Route (circle with 'U')
- State Route (circle with 'S')

PROVIDENCE, KY.
 NE/4 PROVIDENCE 15 QUADRANGLE
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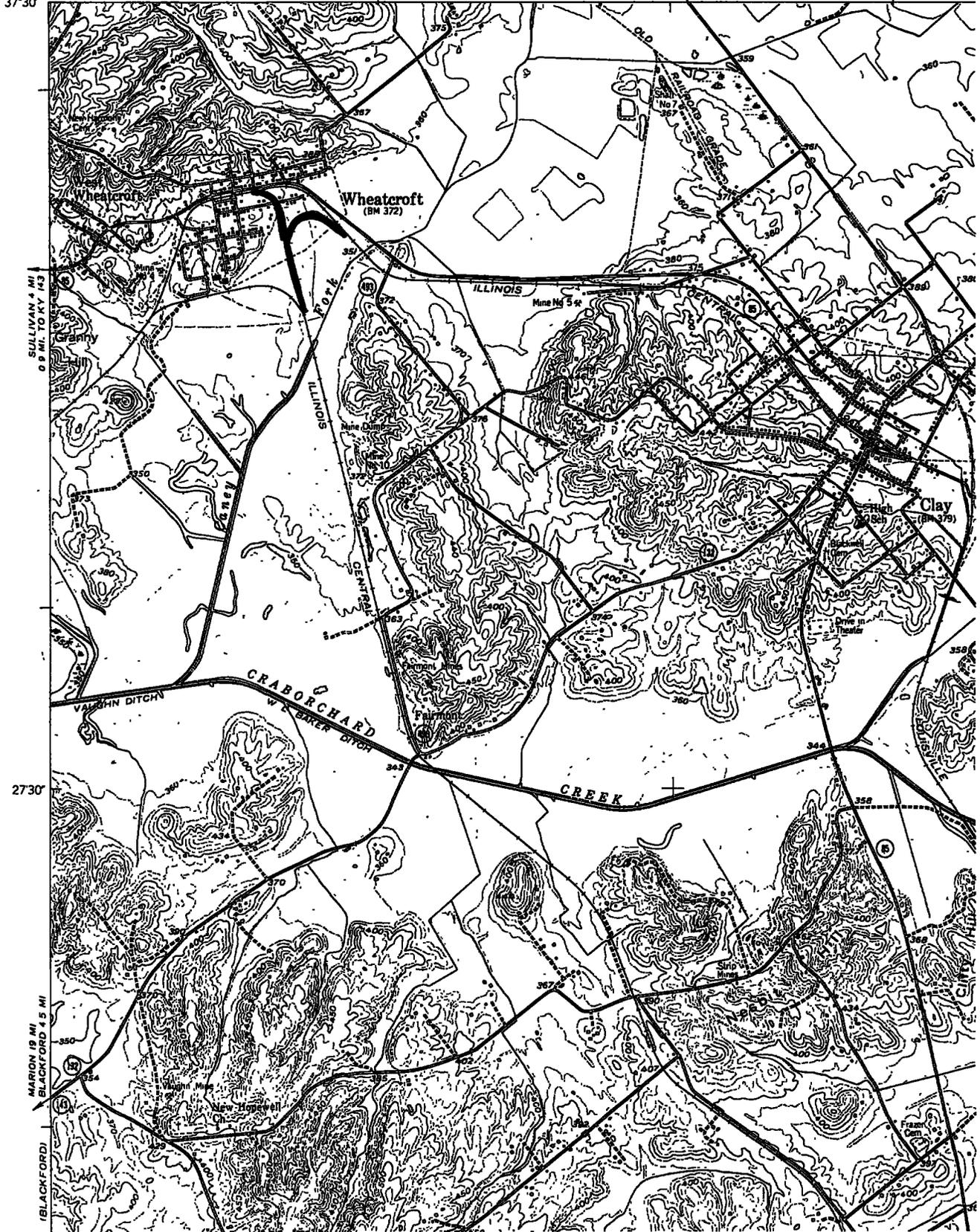
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50° 3.2 MI TO KY 270

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SULLIVAN 4 MI
0.8 MI. TO KY 143

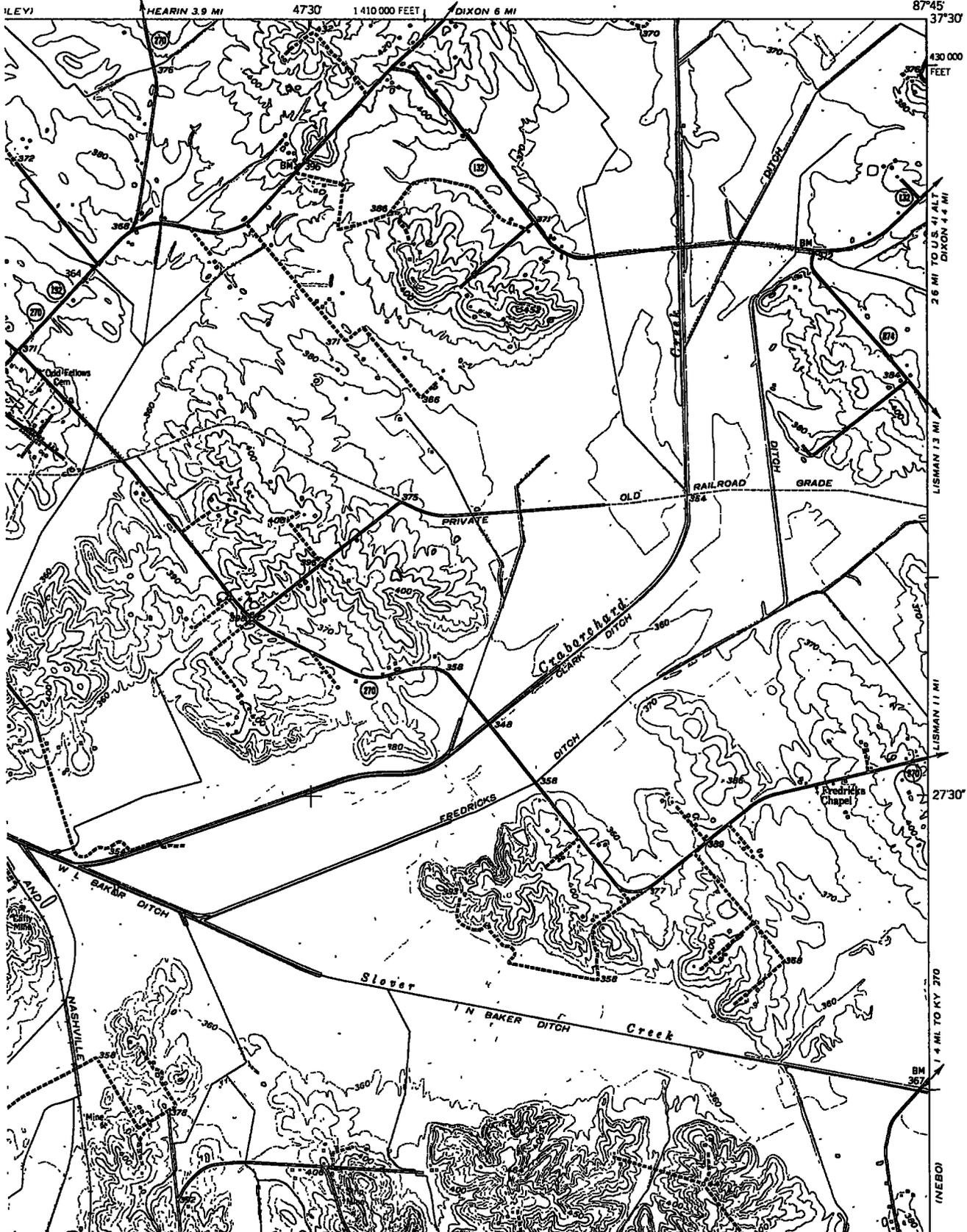
2730'

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BLACKFORD 4.5 MI

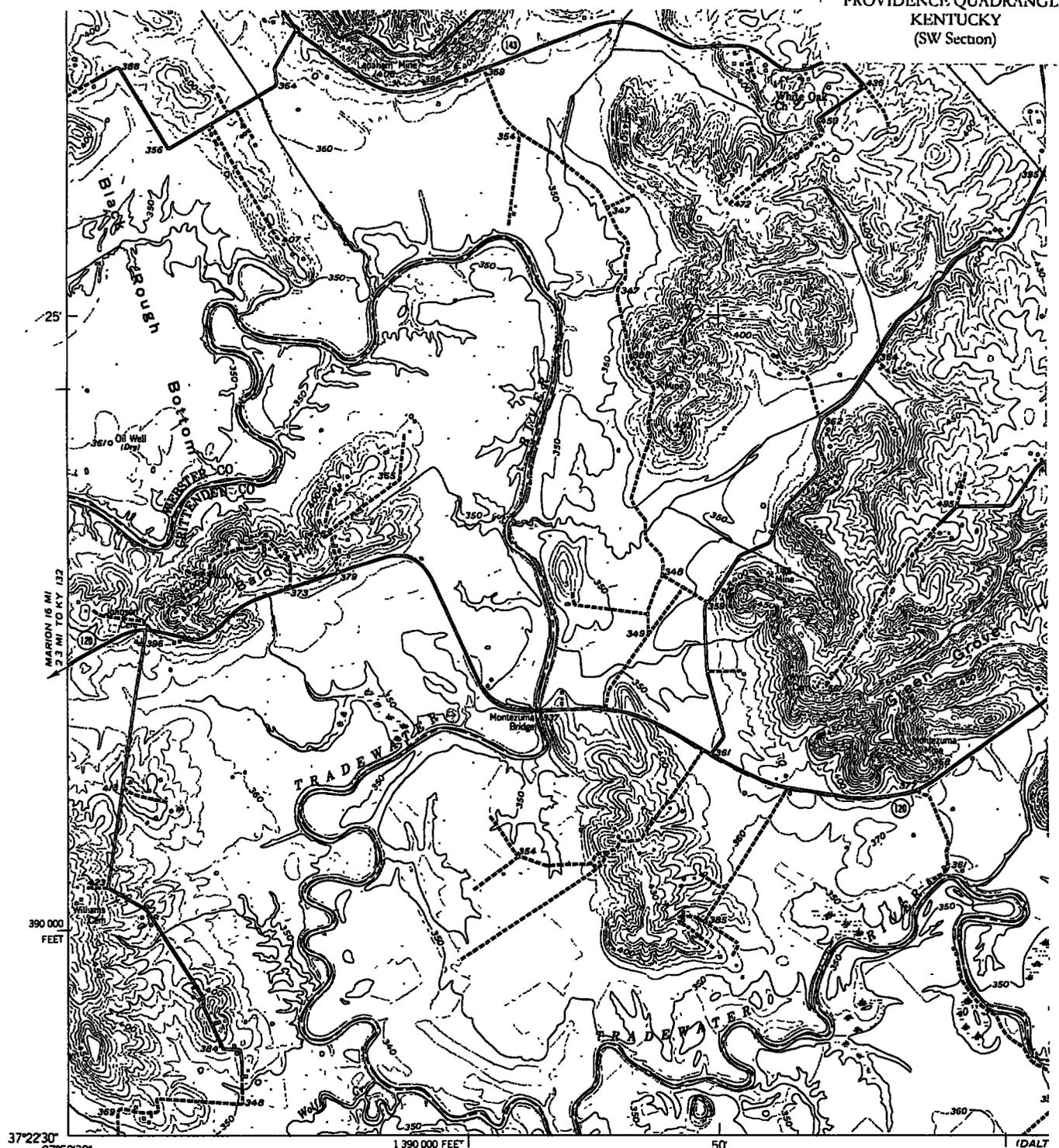
(BLACKFORD)

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75 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 PROVIDENCE 5 QUADRANGLE



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KENTUCKY
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37°22'30"
87°52'30"

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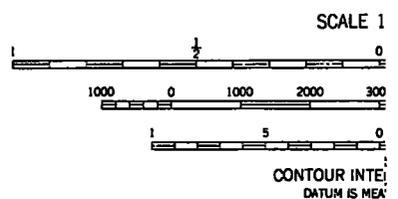
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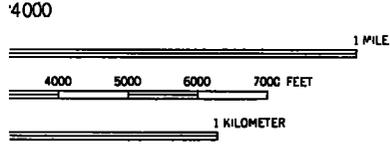
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 KENTUCKY
 (SE Section)



37°22'30"
 87°45'
 100 FT TO 100 FT ALT
 STANHOPE 5.3 MI
 100 FT TO 100 FT ALT
 DAWSON SPRINGS 18 MI
 100 FT TO 100 FT ALT
 COOL TOWN

SHADY GROVE 5.3 MI 47°30' DALTON 7.2 MI INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON VIRGINIA



10 FEET
 SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface _____
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- State Route

PROVIDENCE, KY
 NE/4 PROVIDENCE 15 QUADRANGLE
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ATTACHMENT F

Western Kentucky Railway, LLC

STB Docket No. AB-449 (Sub-No. 3X)

Abandonment Lines - Structures

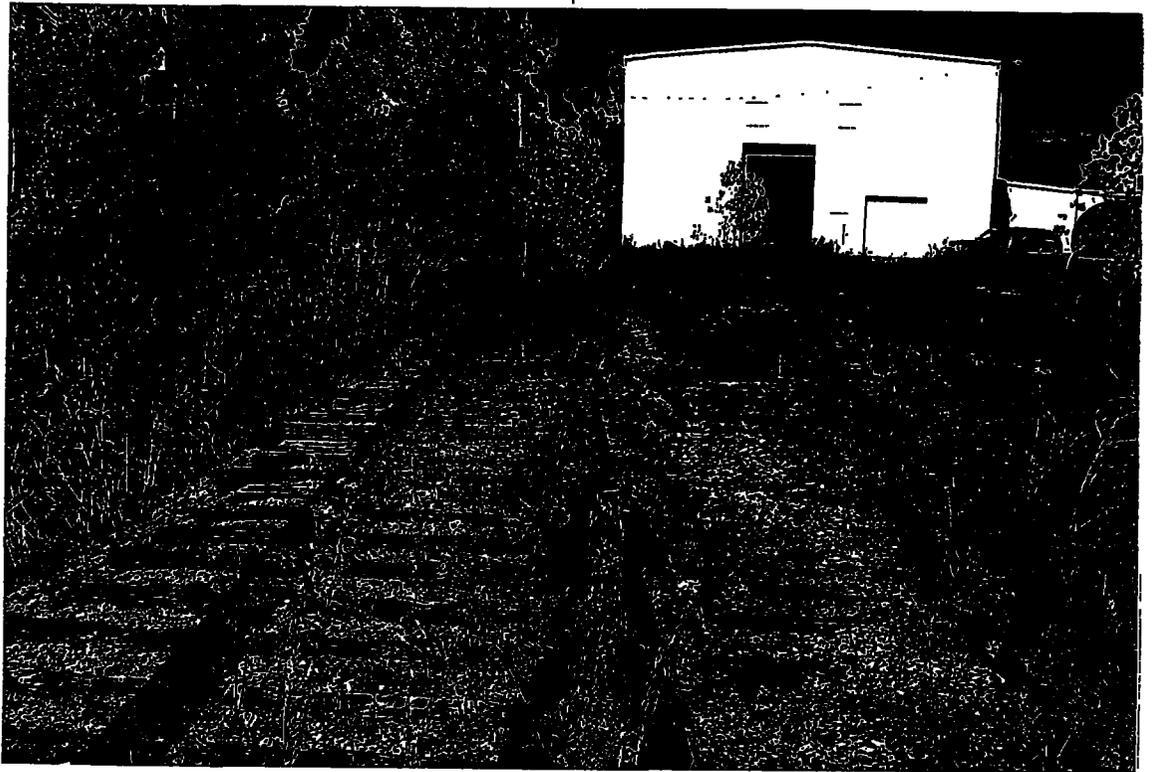
Line 2 - Between MP 0.0 at Blackford and MP 3.8 at Pyro Wye and between MP 3.8 and MP 8.5 at Clay

Current management is aware of the following three structures along the Subject Lines:

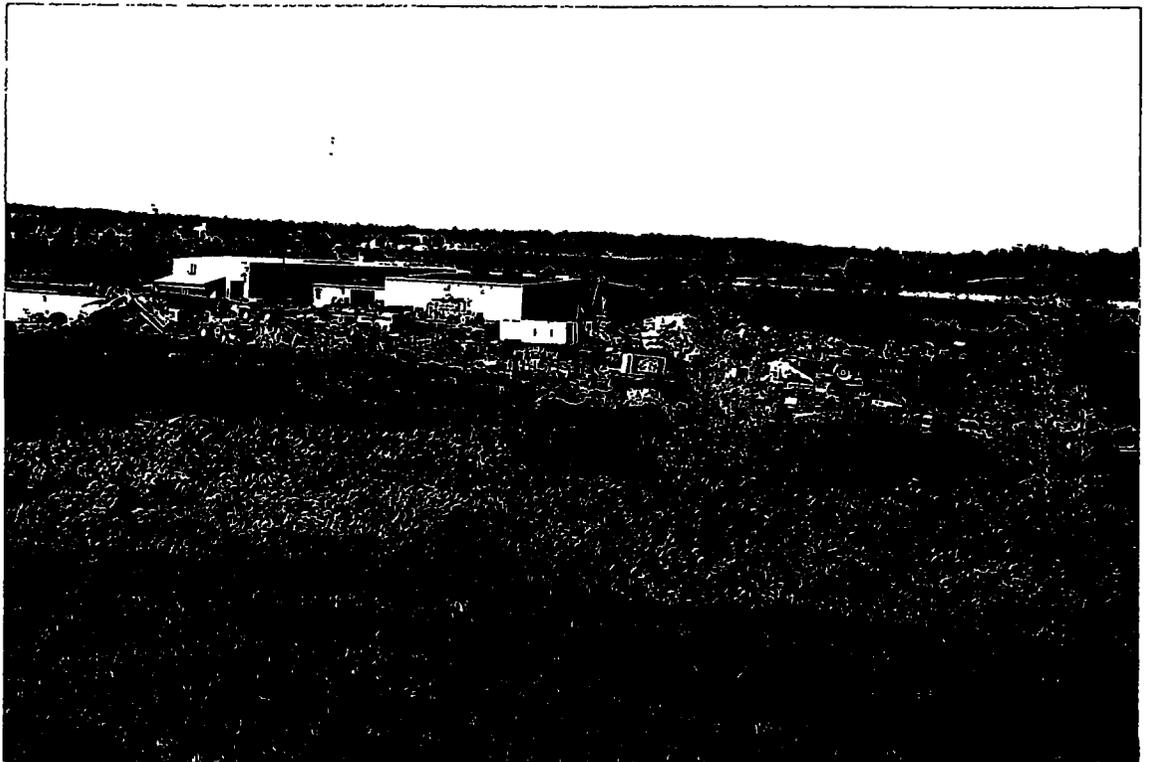
- (1) an old mine and its buildings in Clay (which are not railroad property),
- (2) a bridge located at Blackford, and
- (3) the former locomotive shop located in Clay, Kentucky.

No other information is available regarding any of these structures.

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Locomotive shop, near Clay,
KY



Old mine, near Clay, KY



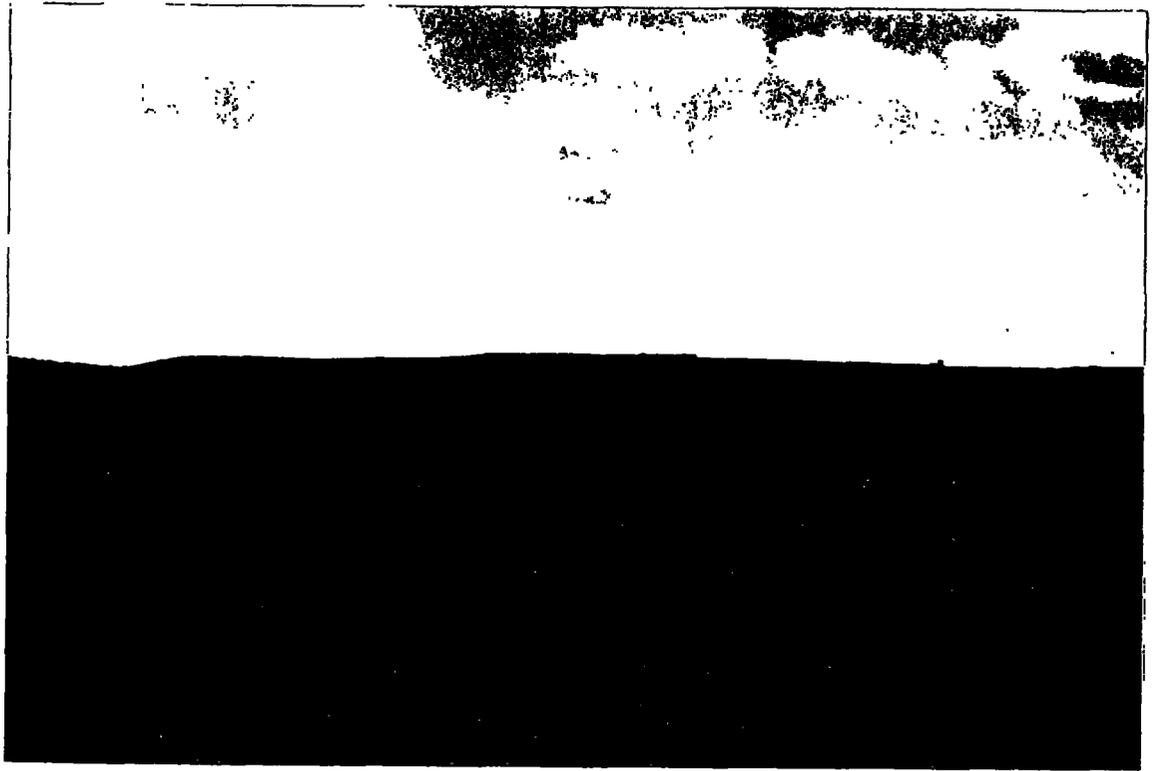
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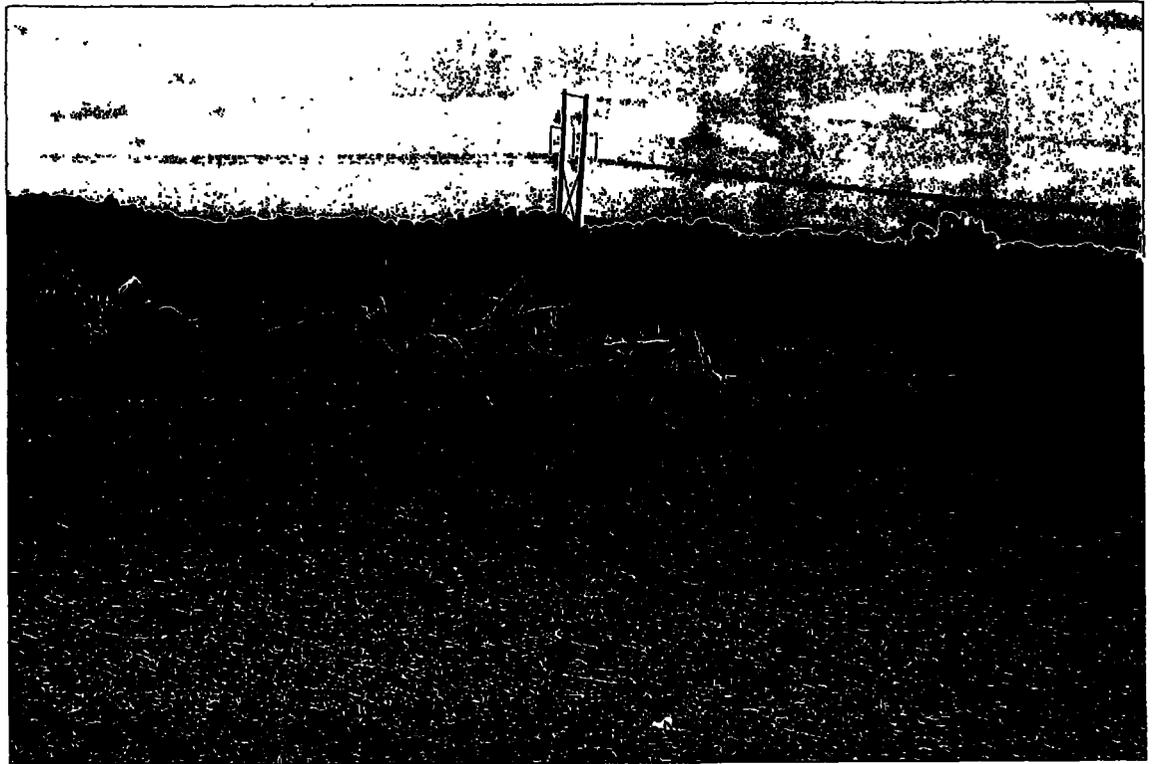
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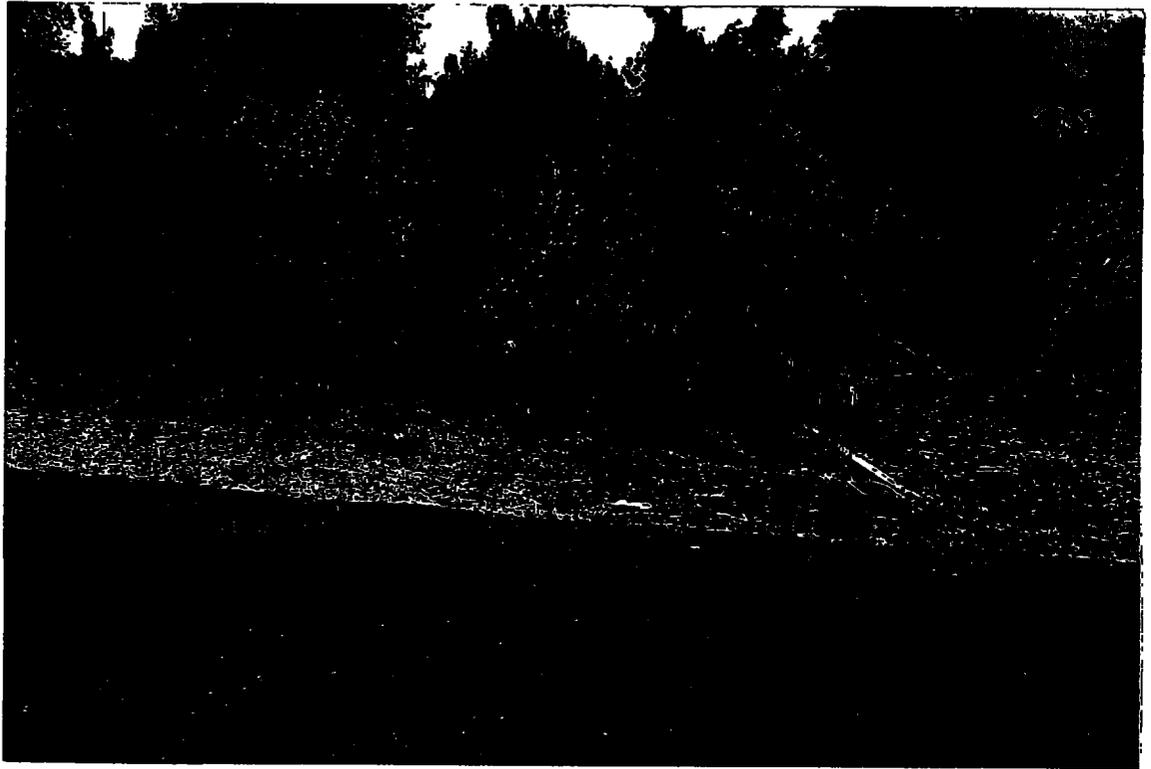
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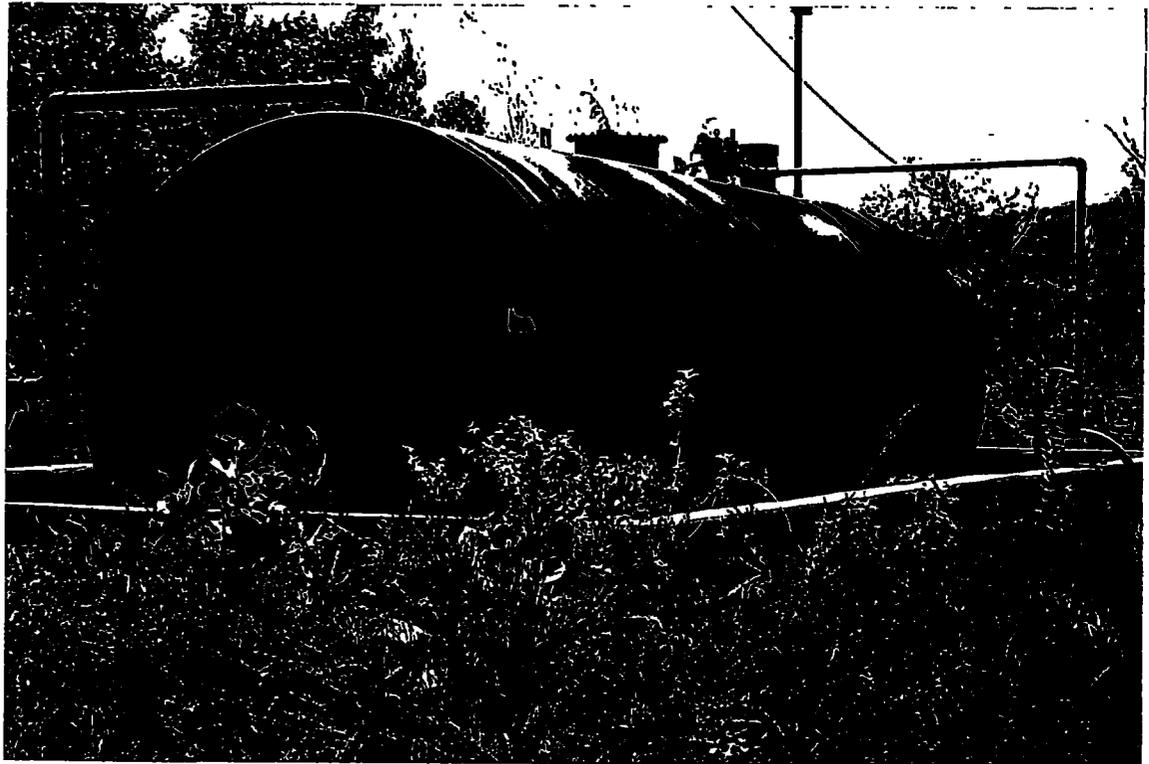
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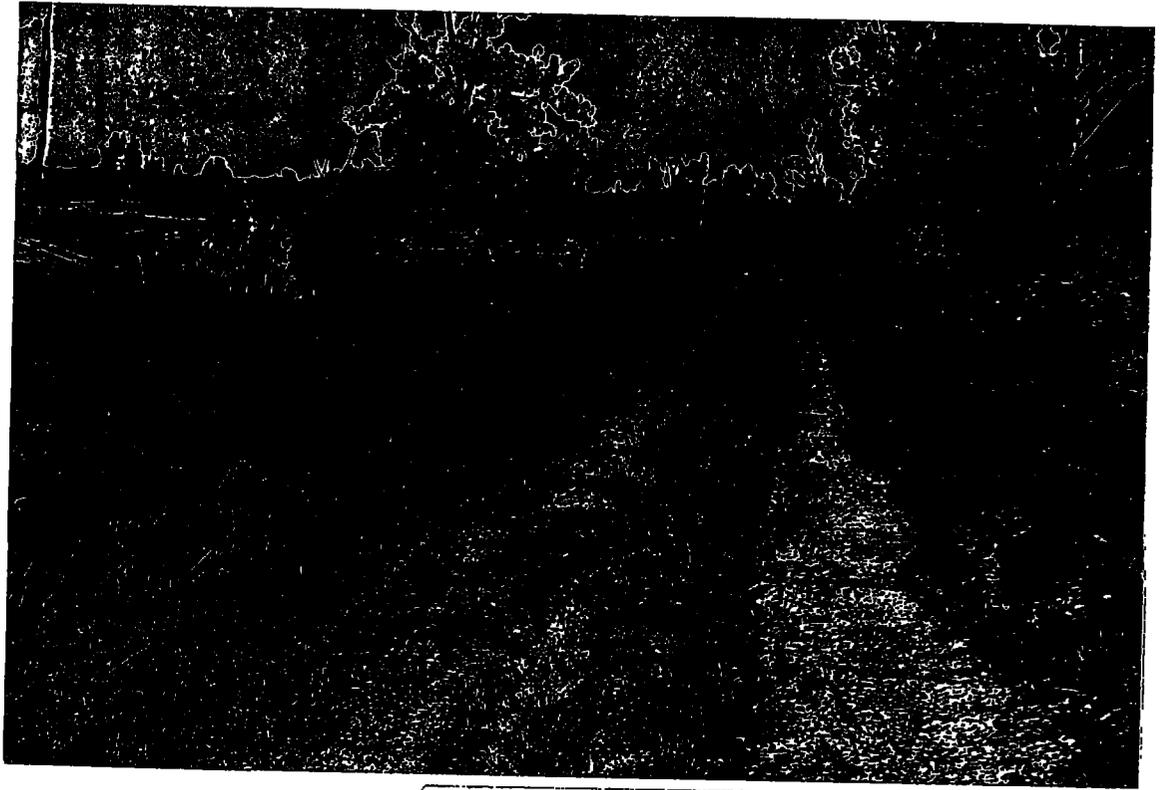
Sturgis, KY



Between Clay and Sturgis, KY



Locomotive shop, Clay KY



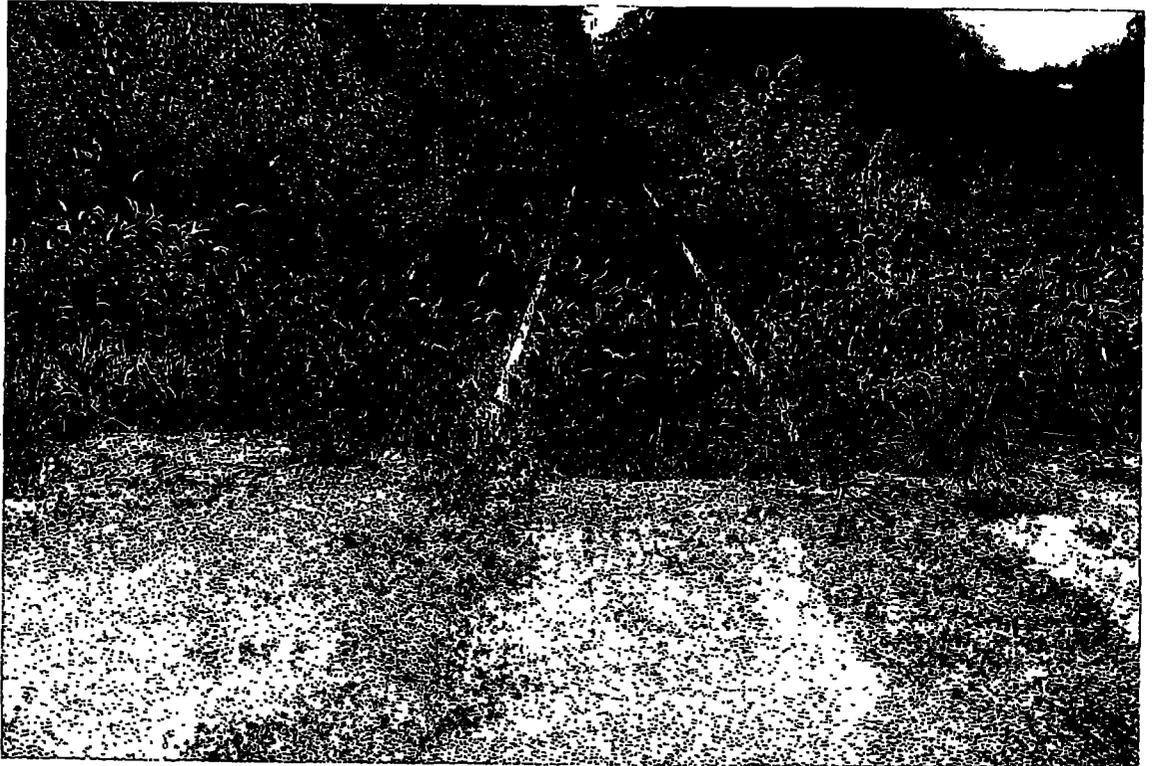
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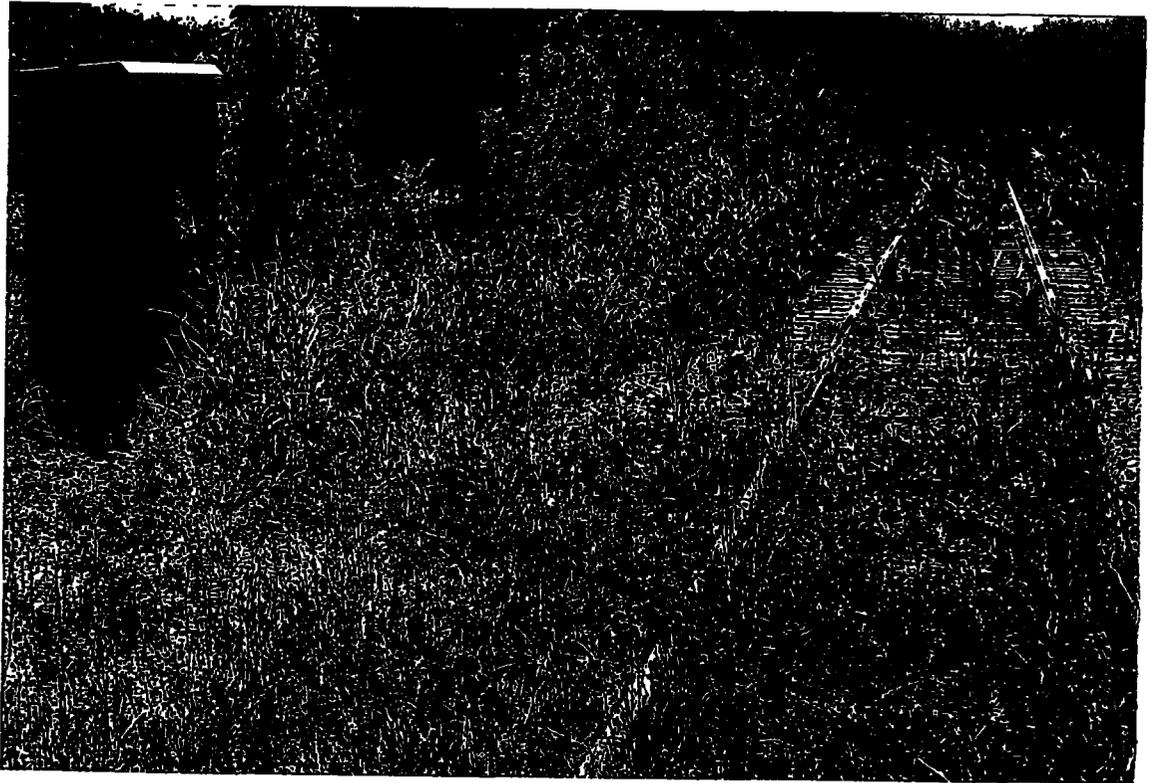
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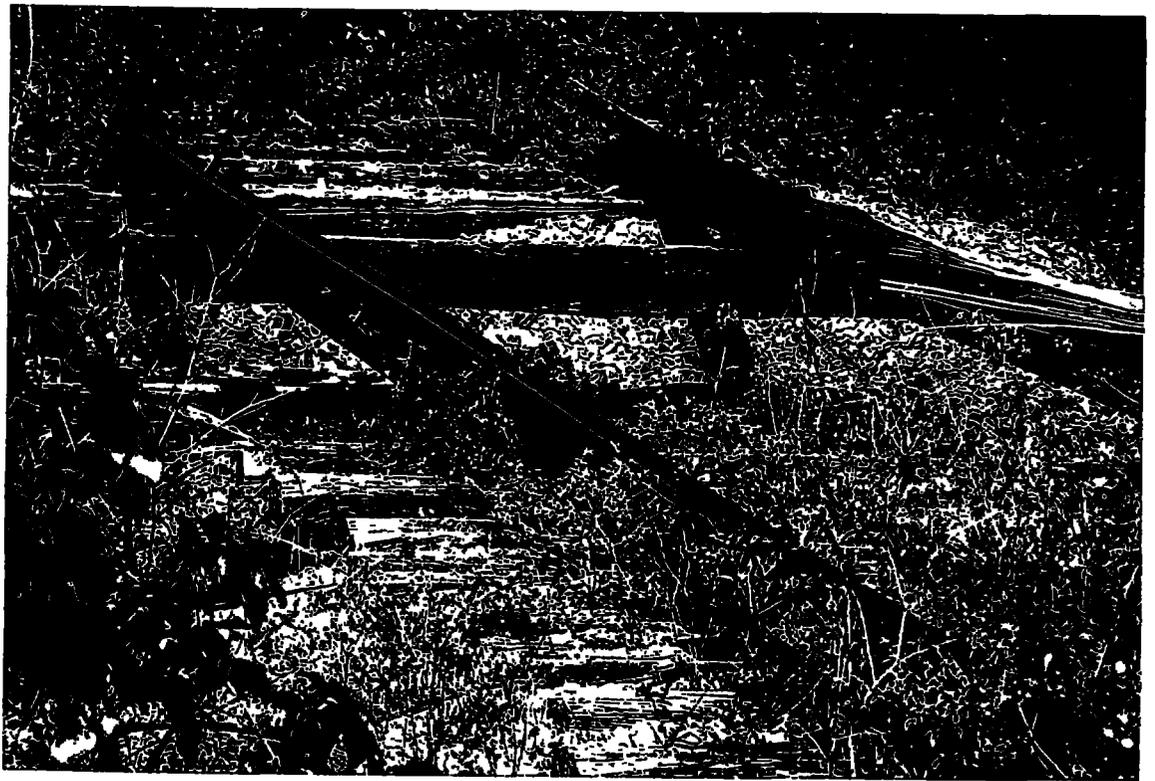
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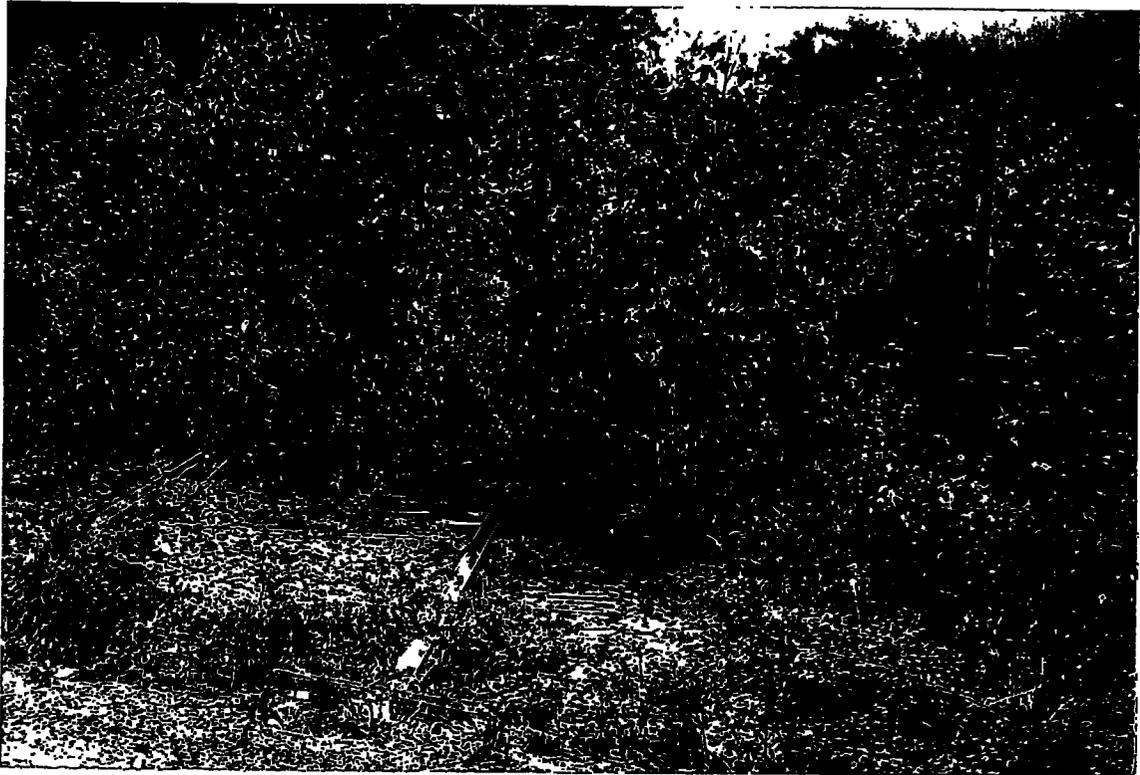
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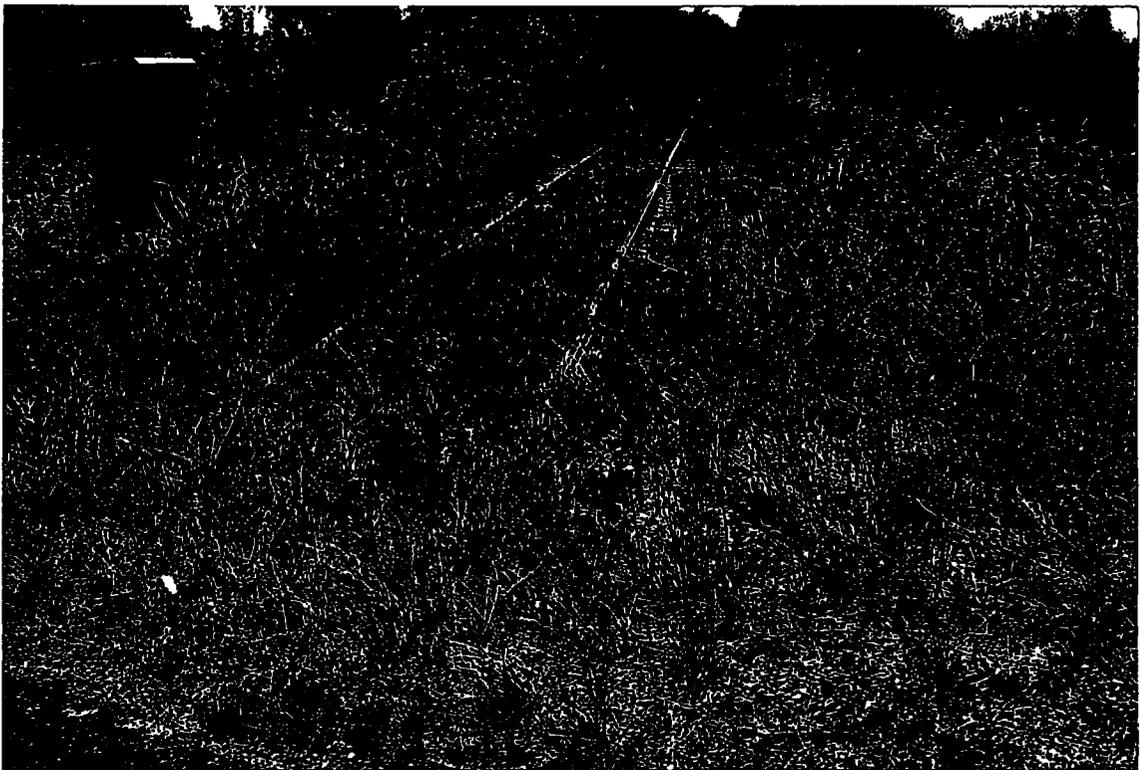
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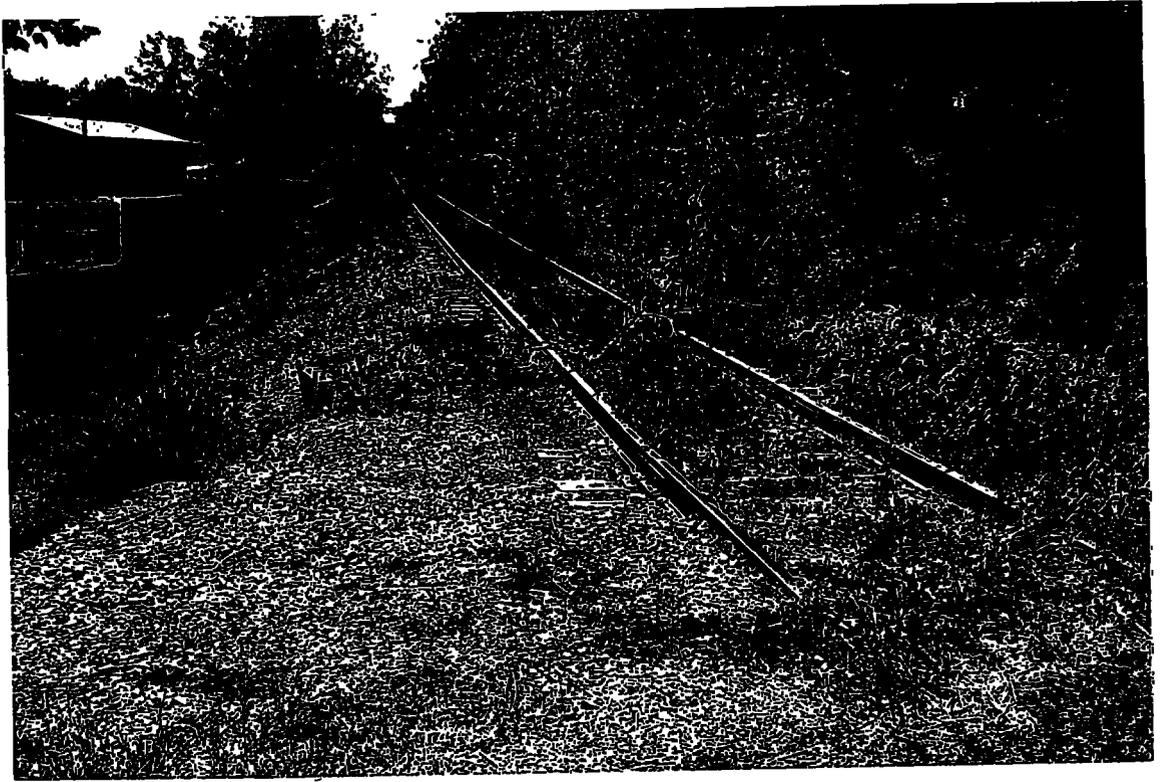
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Near CSX interchange,
Providence, KY



Providence, KY



Providence, KY