

CANAAN HILL CEMETERY

The CANAAN HILL CEMETERY is located on the westerly side of the "Old County Road" and on the easterly edge of Lot 59 in the Second Division of lots in Canaan. I have been unable to locate any deed in the land records or any mention of this cemetery in the Miscellaneous Records of the Town.

I have not found complete dimensions of the Canaan Hill Cemetery given in any deed of the lands which surround it. A part is described in a deed to William Dulude which is recorded in Book 30, page 621, and shown on "Plan of Land for Germain Pariseau, Canaan, VT" dated July 29, 1975, by D.C. Garcelon and in the Town Vault in Plan Book 1, page 30. The entire cemetery is sketched with no dimensions on a plan by Robert Shaw entitled: "Elinor C. Gooch, Town of Canaan", dated Nov. 2, 1972 and in the Town Vault in Plan Book 1, page 31. A plan of the "Northeast Quarter, Lot 51, Div. 2, Canaan, VT." dated Sept. 10, 1975 by F.W. Cowan, also in Plan Book 1, on page 24, shows some dimensions. This last plan indicates that the easterly side of the cemetery is 150 feet long, with ninety feet of this lying within the NW1/4 of Lot 51, Div. 2, formerly owned by Gooch. The Tax Map, if scaled, gives a plot of about 250 feet north and south and a width of about 150 feet west from the "Old County Road". These dimensions would give an area of 0.86 acre. It would be useful to measure out the traces of the fence about this plot, both to see how much new fence is needed and to record as Town Property for future reference.

Following back on deeds to the lands surrounding this cemetery, I have not found any mention of it in the conveyances of Lot 59 for the past hundred and fifty years except as previously mentioned. If no conveyance was ever made to the Town, it must be assumed that it has become a Public Burial Place under Title 18, Sec. 531 of the Vermont Statutes.

Access to The Canaan Hill Cemetery has been ensured by a Right-of-way easement conveyance by William E. and Alice L. Dulude to the Town of Canaan dated 11 Feb. 1988 and recorded in Book 34, page 139 of the Canaan Land Records. This right-of-way is shown on a sketch map included herein.

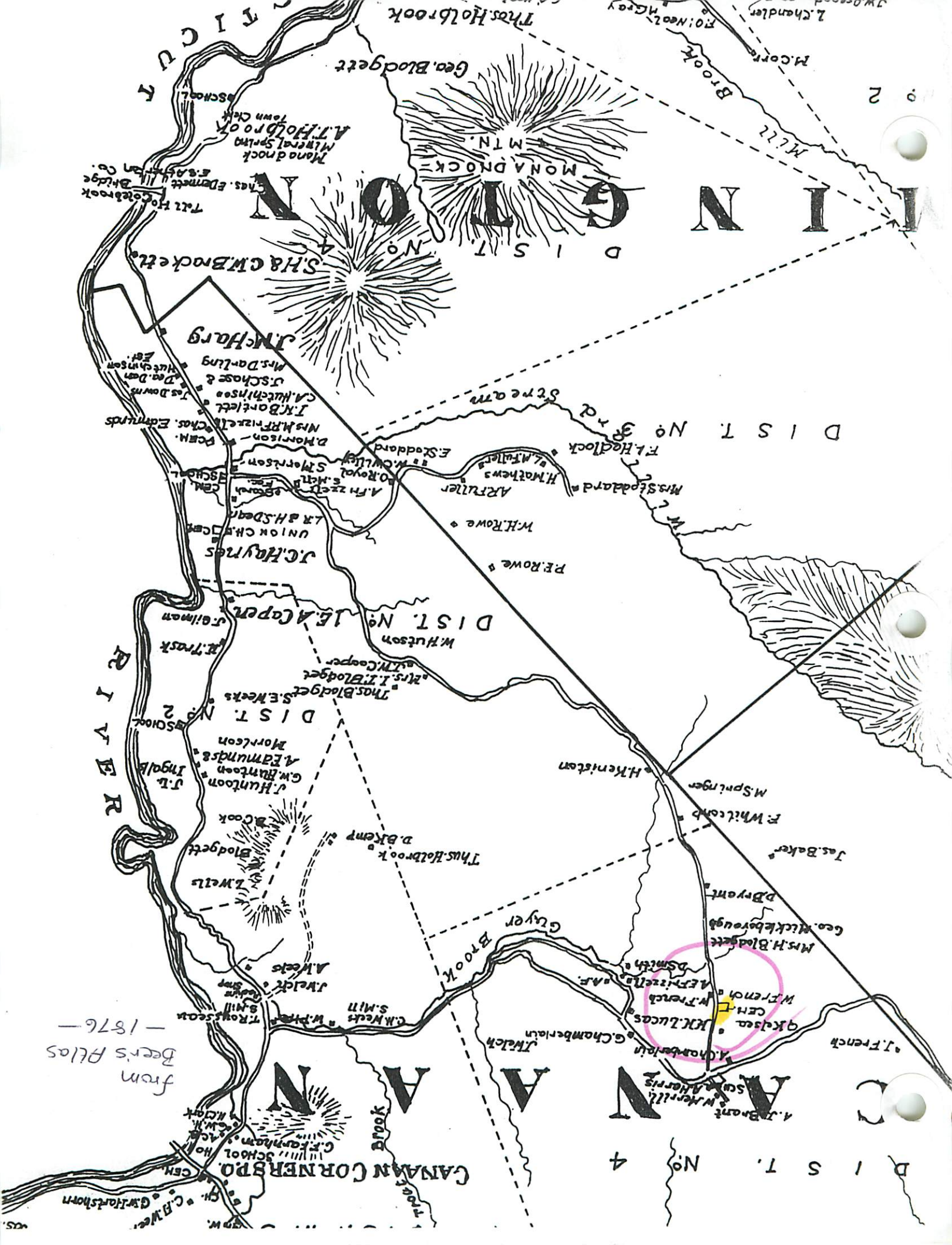
The Canaan Hill Cemetery fence is in very bad repair as of summer of 1993. Also many of the stones have been tipped over and some are buried under weeds and sod. This condition should be remedied as soon as is practical in order to meet the requirements covered by Title 18, Sec 5362, VSA.

The oldest legable stone is that of Mary Weeks who died on April 24, 1839 at age 16 days. The Weeks family had purchased at least three full Lots on Canaan Hill in 1803. At least one of the Weeks and probably more were buried in the older burying ground on the Morrill Road.

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The next oldest is that of George Mickelborough who died on Feb. 24, 1844 at age 55 years.

Copies of parts of the mentioned plans and Statutes are included herewith.



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RIVER

CANAAN CORNER S.P.O.

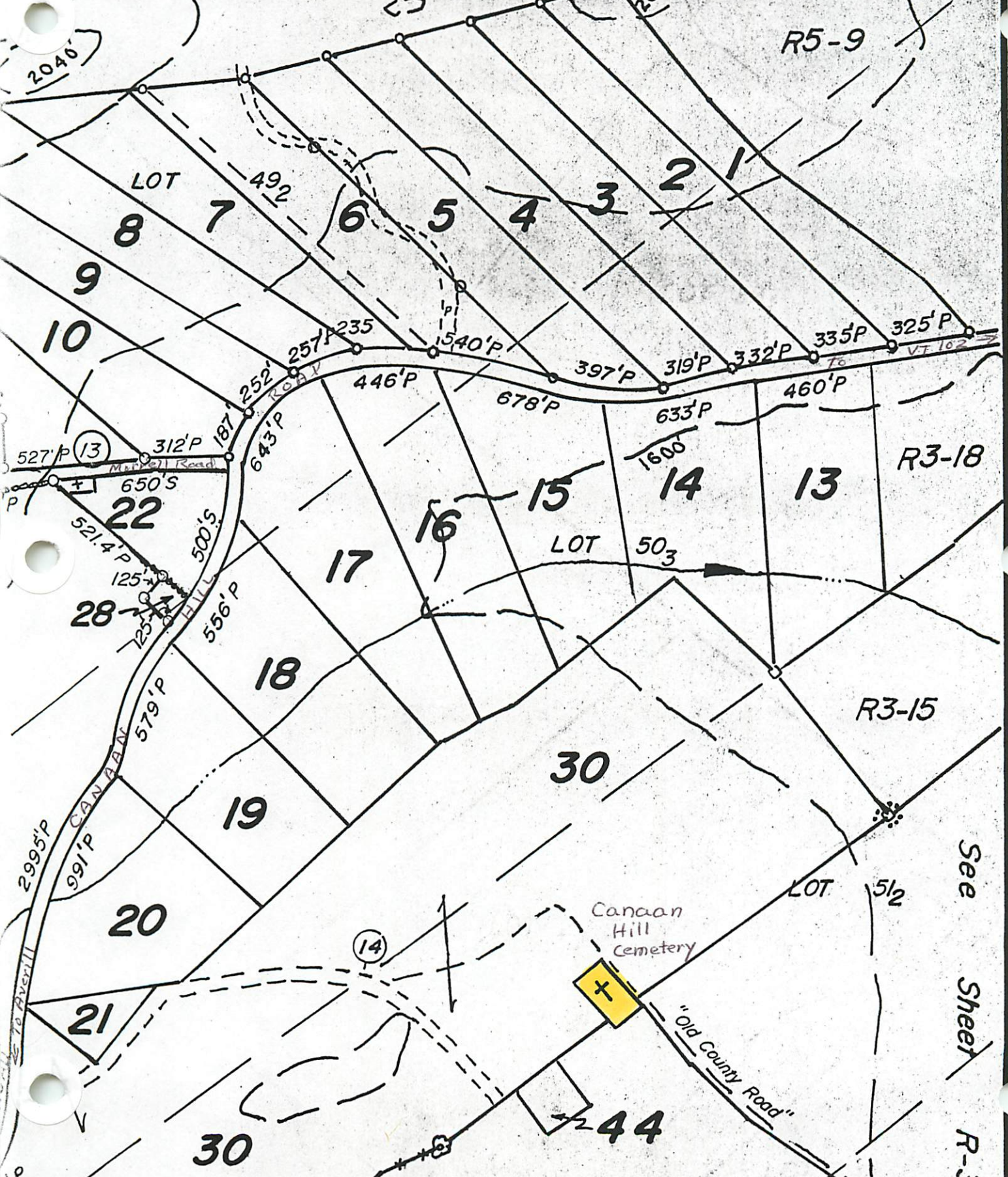
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Canaan Hill Cemetery

"Old County Road"

2000

2040'

2006'

R5-9

LOT

R3-18

R3-15

LOT 503

LOT 512

44

30

21

20

19

18

28

22

17

15

14

13

16

6

5

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3

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1

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7

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10

527' P (13)

650' S

521.4' P

125' S

257' P

579' P

2995' P

991' P

500' S

556' P

579' P

2995' P

991' P

500' S

556' P

312' P

187'

643' P

500' S

556' P

579' P

2995' P

991' P

500' S

556' P

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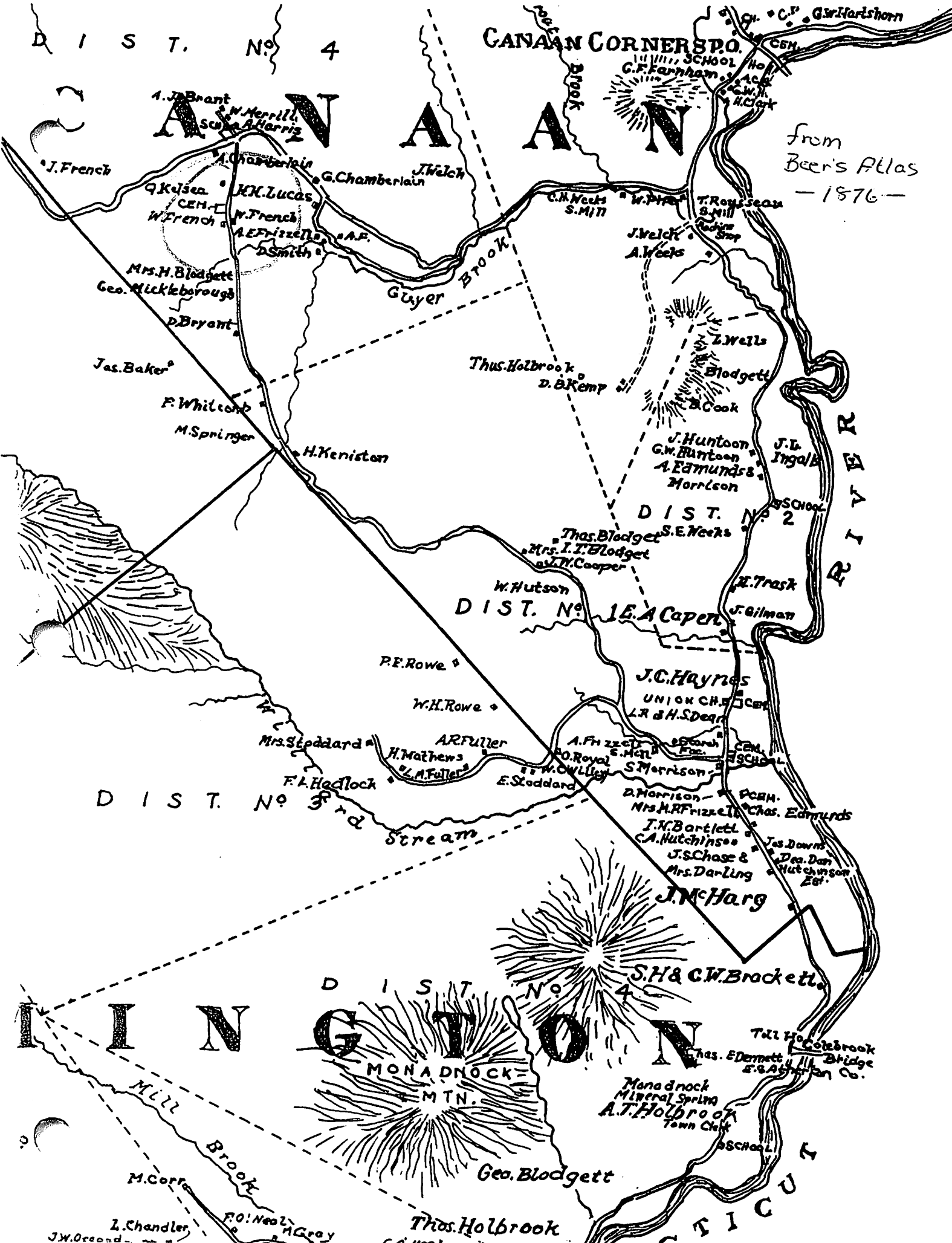
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CANAAN

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CANAAN

MONO DNOCK MTN.

MILL Brook

Thos. Holbrook

CALDONIA RIVER

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