

# A few of the recently discovered TVA photos from the Atlanta National Archive Kodak negative collection

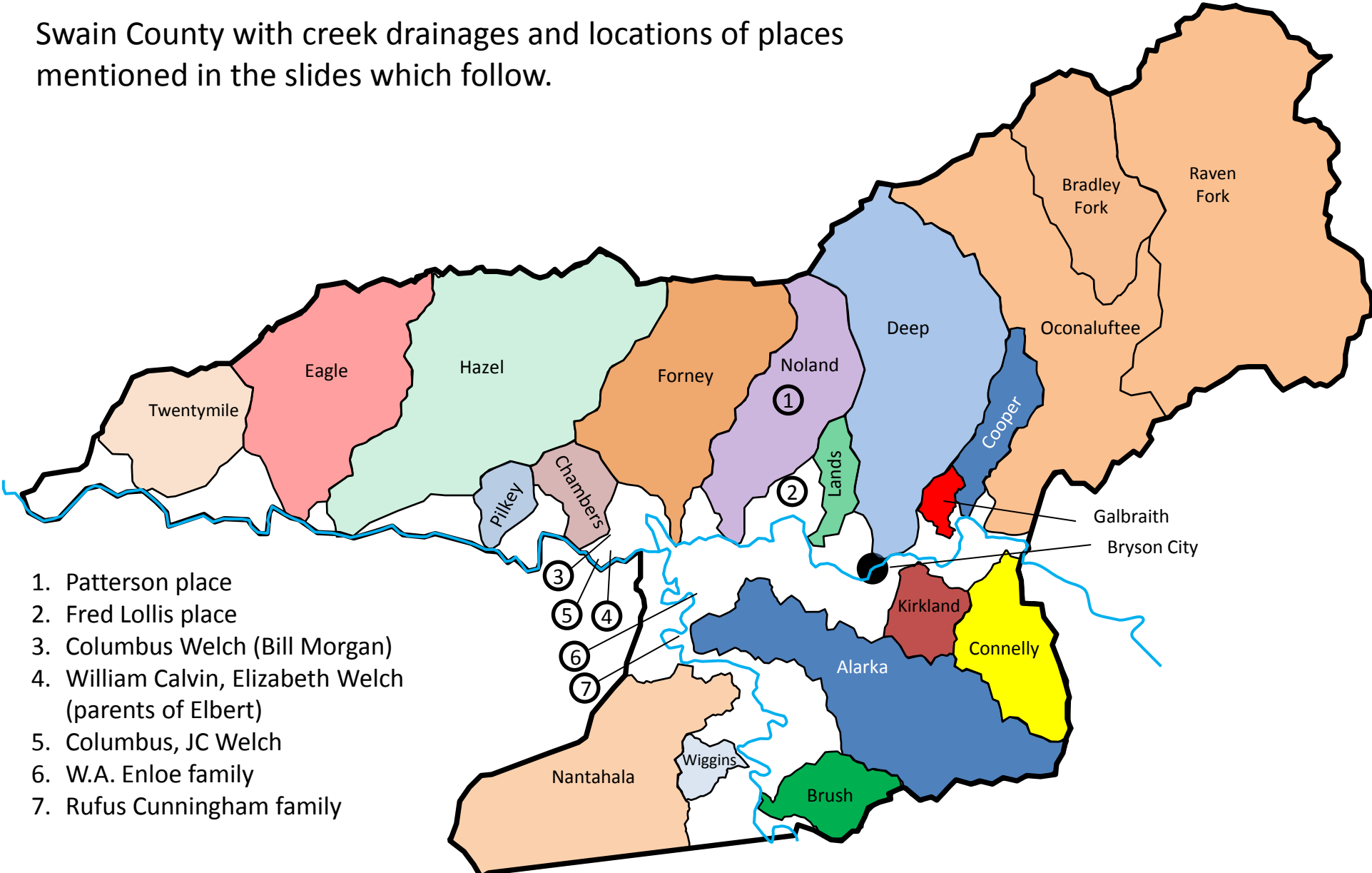
Friends of the Bryson City Cemetery

Don Casada

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Note: Except for Fred Lollis home on Canebrake, all of the places mentioned here were lived in by individuals who are buried in the Bryson City Cemetery, including S.R. Patterson, Jr, several members of the Enloe family, and Dessie Cunningham Coffey.

Swain County with creek drainages and locations of places mentioned in the slides which follow.



- 1. Patterson place
- 2. Fred Lollis place
- 3. Columbus Welch (Bill Morgan)
- 4. William Calvin, Elizabeth Welch (parents of Elbert)
- 5. Columbus, JC Welch
- 6. W.A. Enloe family
- 7. Rufus Cunningham family



1940 map sections of Judson, Bryson City topos

Patterson place

Approximate location  
of the New Road;  
NOT a road to nowhere  
but to a special somewhere

Fred Lollis place

Tunnel

Overlook



Patterson place on Noland Creek, built by Sheriff S.R. Patterson; Cole Hyatt family lived here when he worked as a warden for Philip Rust. S.R. Patterson, Jr is buried in the BC Cemetery

Foundation is still there – on right side of the trail, just before the third bridge above trailhead; large boxwoods line the former walk to the front porch.

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A black and white photograph of a forested hillside. A thick yellow line is drawn across the middle of the image, representing the approximate location of a new road. The line starts on the left, rises slightly, then gradually descends across the center, and rises again on the right. In the lower center of the image, a small, simple wooden house is visible, partially obscured by some trees and bushes. The foreground is filled with out-of-focus foliage.

Approximate location of the New Road

Fred Lollis place on Canebrake Branch; home was taken by TVA  
while Fred was off fighting in WW2

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# Fred Lollis places on Canebrake Branch

Massie Gap

Barn, outbuildings

Home of Ben Lollis, Fred's brother; the New Road passes immediately below it.

Rock wall (still there)

Fred Lollis home  
(behind weeping willow)

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Fred's chimney is still standing and his daffodils are still blooming





## Locations of Welch family homes

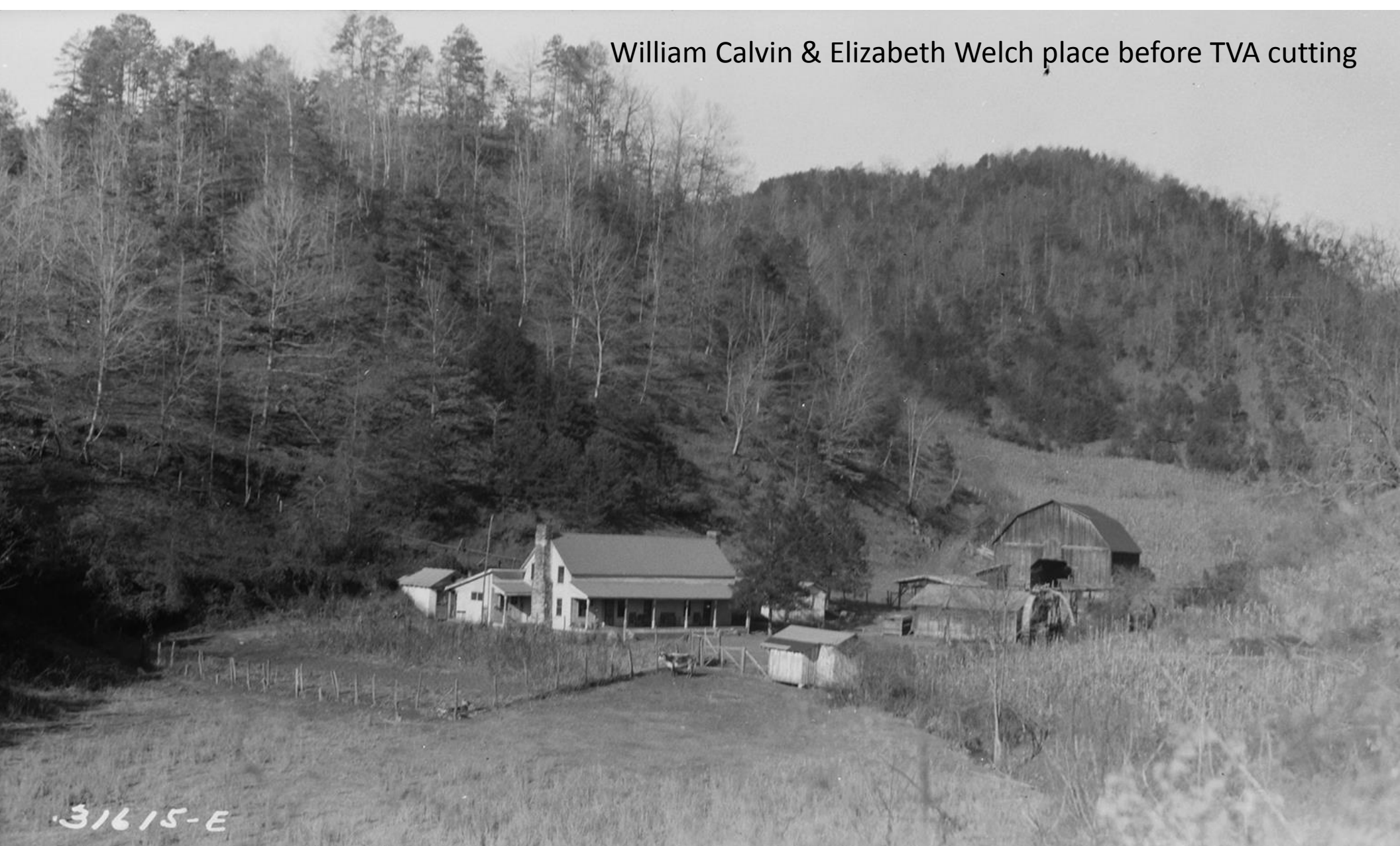
Columbus Welch-owned home, Bill Morgan lived in it. The Lakeshore Trail passes immediately north of it today.

William Calvin, Elizabeth Welch home place, Bushnell Baptist Church

Columbus & JC Welch, Betty Southards, Vivian Muse Macon lived here



William Calvin & Elizabeth Welch place before TVA cutting



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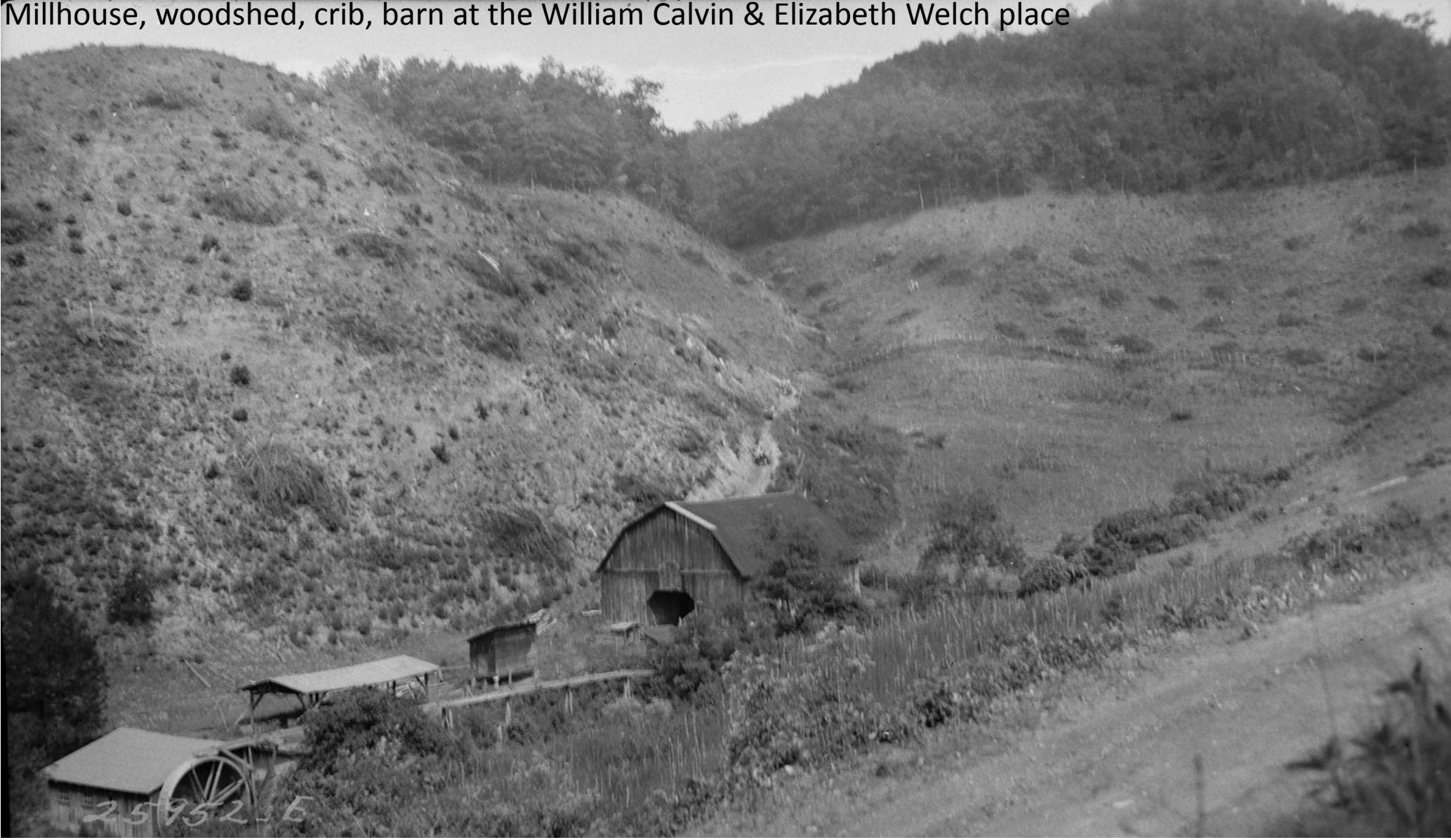
William Calvin & Elizabeth Welch place after TVA clearing

Full pool water line is at the edge of the woods

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Millhouse, woodshed, crib, barn at the William Calvin & Elizabeth Welch place





Mill house at the William Calvin & Elizabeth Welch place



Electrical  
insulator

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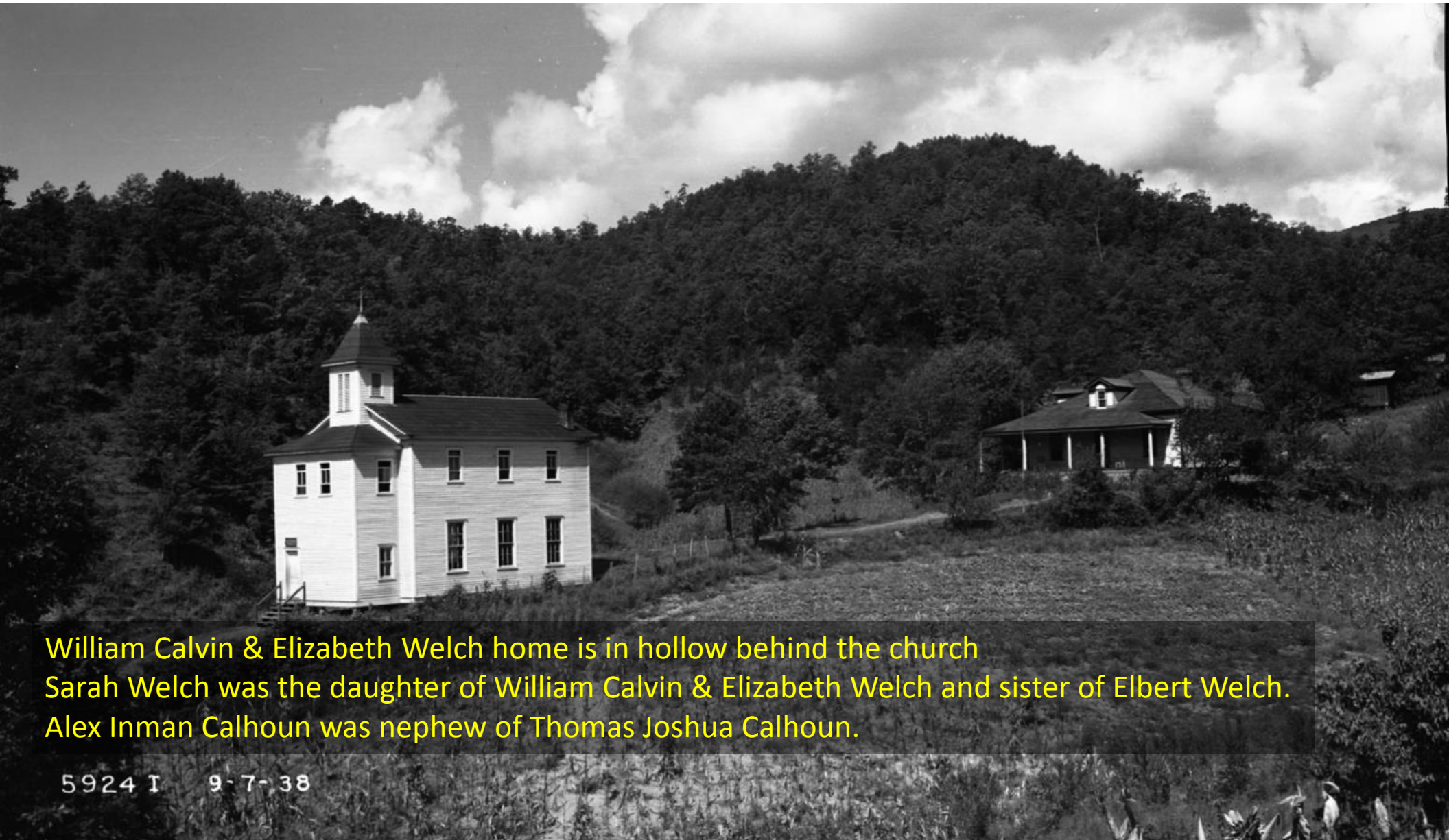


Two car garage at the William Calvin & Elizabeth Welch place

Power lines

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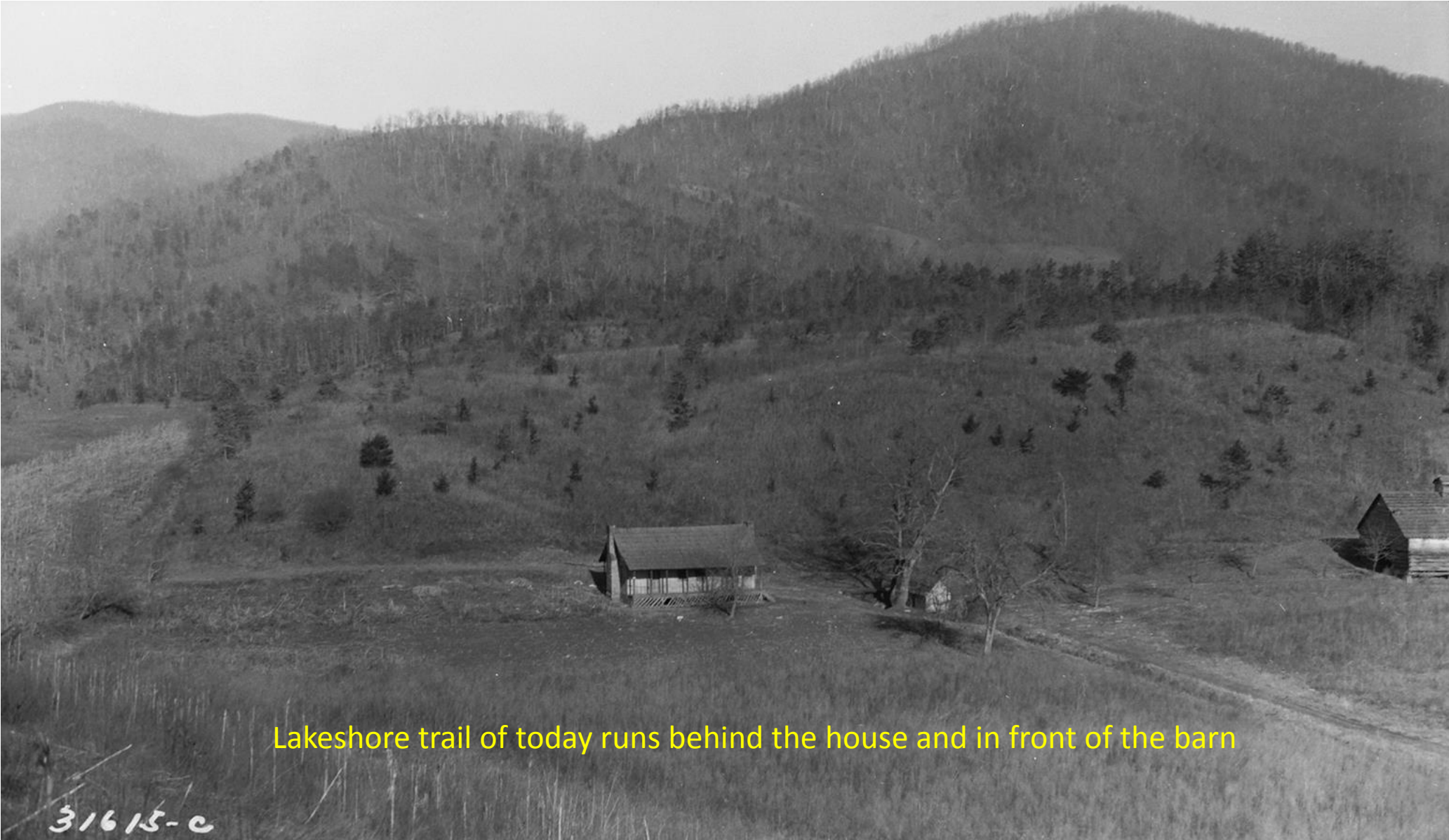




William Calvin & Elizabeth Welch home is in hollow behind the church  
Sarah Welch was the daughter of William Calvin & Elizabeth Welch and sister of Elbert Welch.  
Alex Inman Calhoun was nephew of Thomas Joshua Calhoun.

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163 acre home place owned by Columbus Welch, occupied by Bill Morgan



Lakeshore trail of today runs behind the house and in front of the barn

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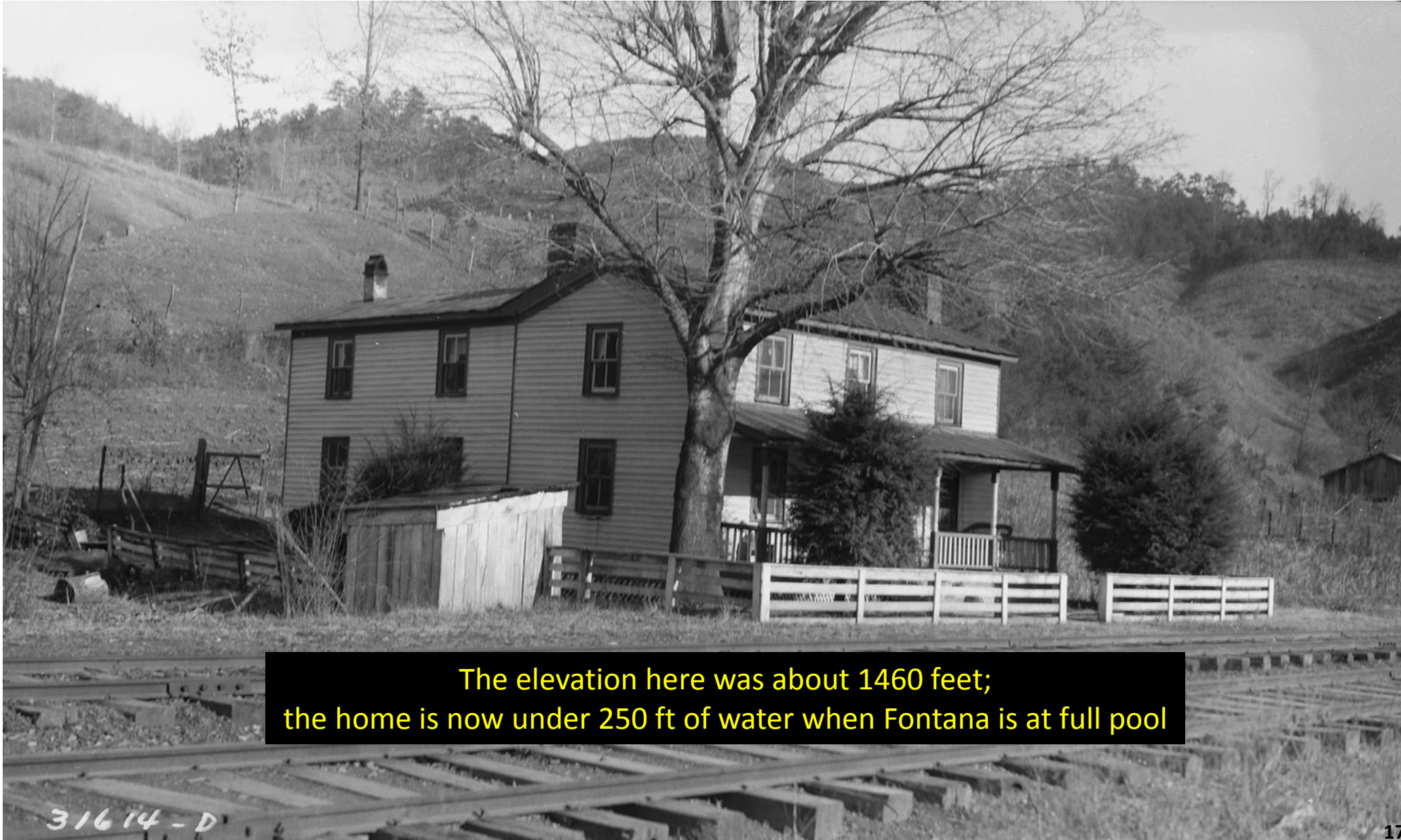


Welch home along the railroad tracks; the Welches\* had sold it to NP&L but still lived here. JC and Columbus were sons of Dr. J.E.T. and Elisabeth Gunter Welch, who are buried in the BC Cemetery along with several of their children and their children's cousins.



\* JC, Columbus Welch, Betty Southards and Vivian Muse Macon lived here

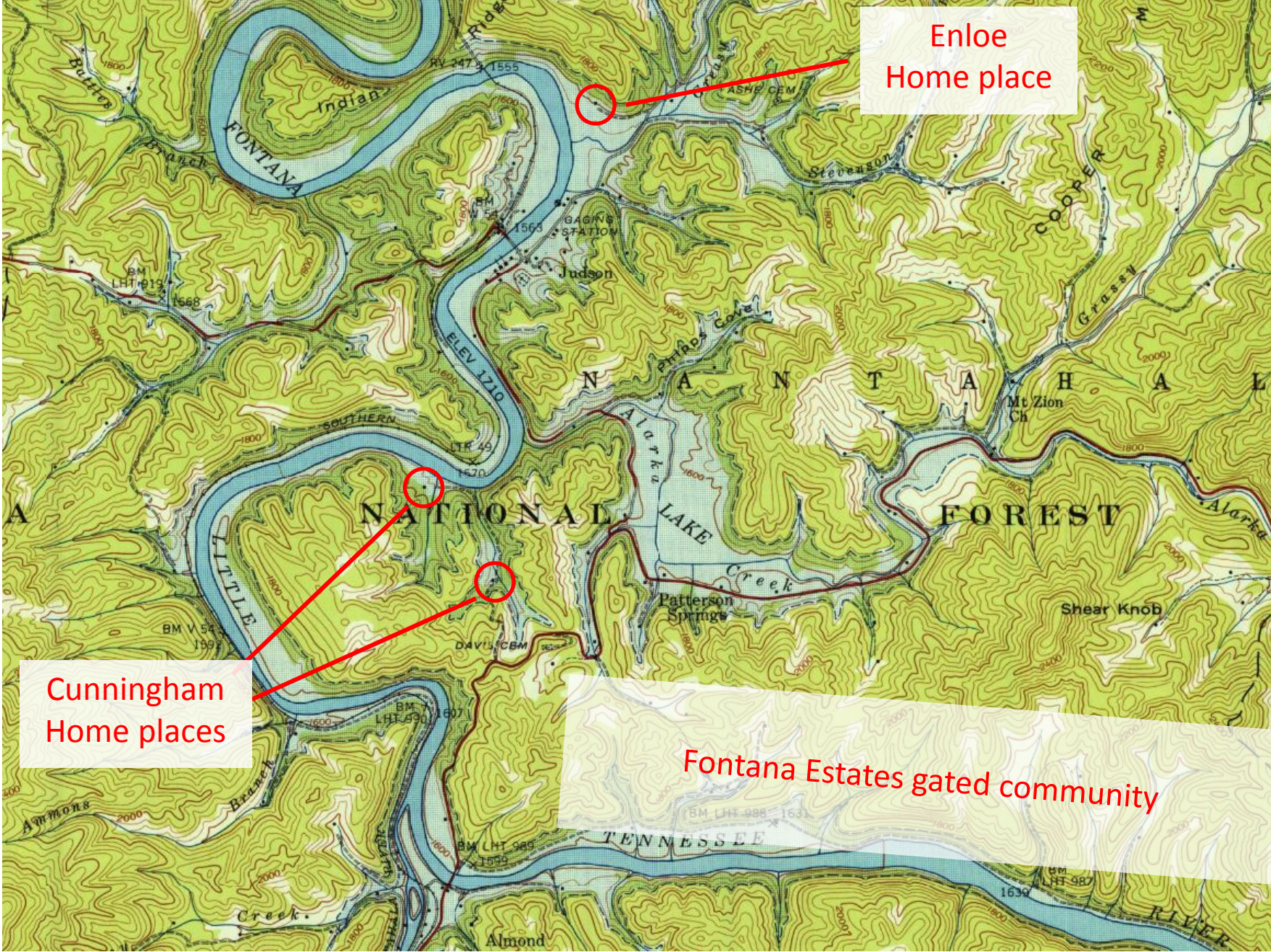
Another view of the Welch home along the railroad tracks



The elevation here was about 1460 feet;  
the home is now under 250 ft of water when Fontana is at full pool

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Enloe  
Home place

Cunningham  
Home places

Fontana Estates gated community



Enloe bottoms along the Little T, from back of chicken house

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Part of W.A. Enloe farm, from railroad on the other side of the river

2-story home

Chicken house

Railroad

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This unnamed peak is about 1.2 miles west and just south of the bridge over Fontana at Almond.

View of the bridge over the Little T at Judson  
Combined Enloe tracts = 79.6 acres

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Side view of Enloe home



Declaration of taking value: \$8500 Final decree: \$10,850 (28% more)



Rear view of Cunningham home in 1944. Rufus Cunningham died in 1931; his wife Mary Jane DeHart died in 1920. One of their daughters was Dessie Cunningham, who married John Hill Coffey. The Coffeys are buried next to their neighbors, Elbert and Edith Fisher Welch. Elbert's parents were William Calvin and Elizabeth Welch, whose home place was shown earlier.





Rear view of Cunningham home; note the railroad and train across the Little T




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Second Cunningham home place

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The 4365 acre Rust tract on Noland Creek covered most of the land from below the viaduct to the Park line, more than five miles up Noland Creek from the trailhead. Had the Great Smoky Mountains National Park not been created, this would likely be the circumstances of much of the area land.



**PRIVATE PROPERTY**

*PARK VISITORS PERMITTED  
TO PASS THRU*

*BUT NO HUNTING - FISHING  
OR CAMPING ALLOWED*

*Philip G. Rust, Owner*