



Finding  
Granby

## ARCHAEOLOGY ENTHUSIASTS



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# COUPLE DIGS HISTORY IN CAYCE YARD

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Just add a video crew and the Saturday morning activity at the corner of Brookcliff and Riverland drives in Cayce could be a pilot for a new reality show – a combination of “Flip This House” and “The History Detectives.”

David and Modesta Brinkman bought a foreclosed house in the Riverland Park subdivision a couple of years ago primarily to do archaeological work in the yard. They have put some work into renovating the 1,050-square-foot home, but they won't be selling it until their crew of his-



Small pieces of pearlware were found during the dig. They date from roughly 1780 to the 1830s.



# Filipino American Gothic - 2012

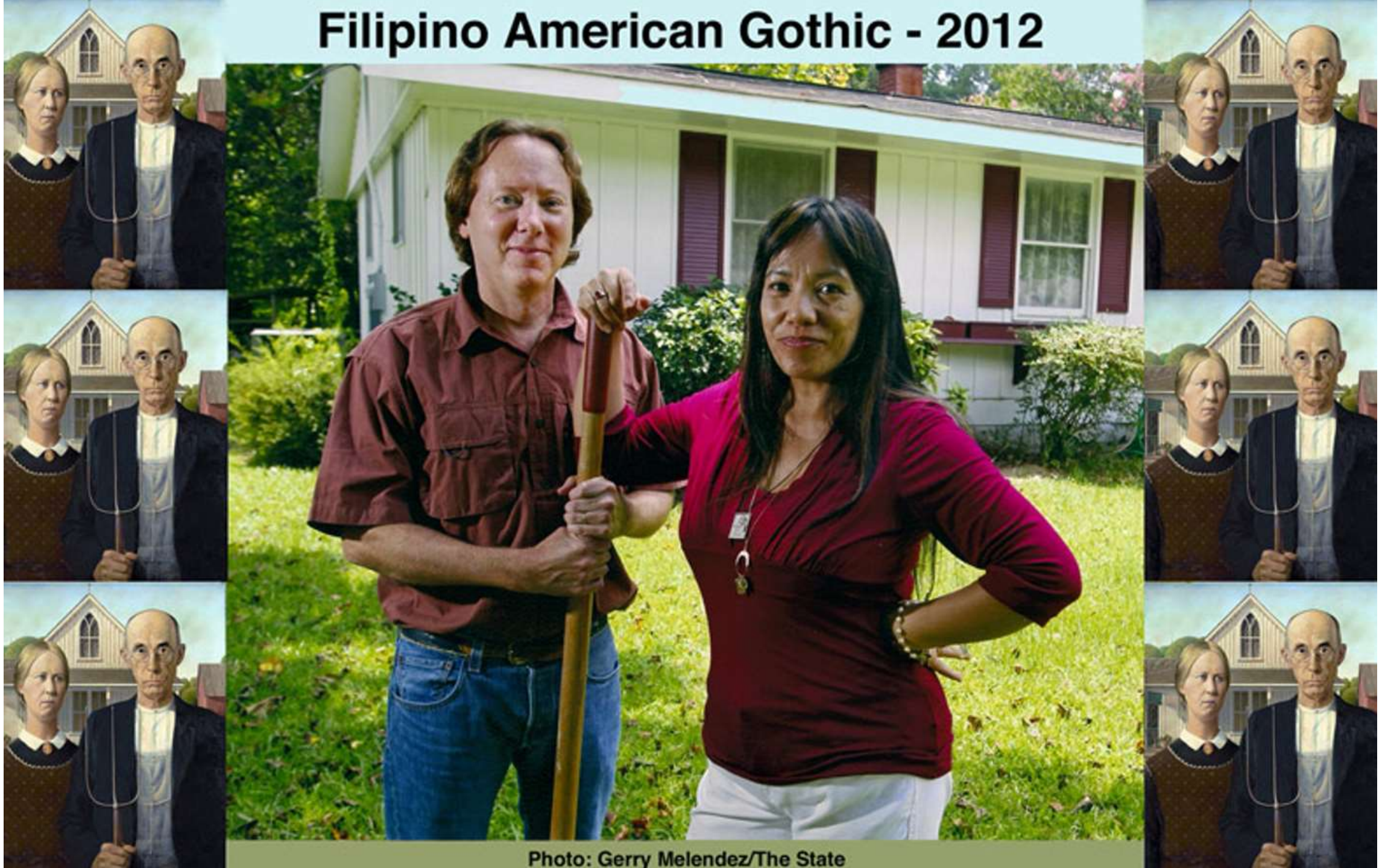


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# History Diggers





# The History Begins: The USS Lowndes: 1996



# Iwo Jima: 1945





# A Lot of History: 2004













Below are photos showing what may be the old road to this bridge and McGowan's Ferry.



Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3



Other finds in the river and on the east side of the river



Above are photos of an iron object embedded in a river rock. This may have been used to hold a cable/rope from the bridge.

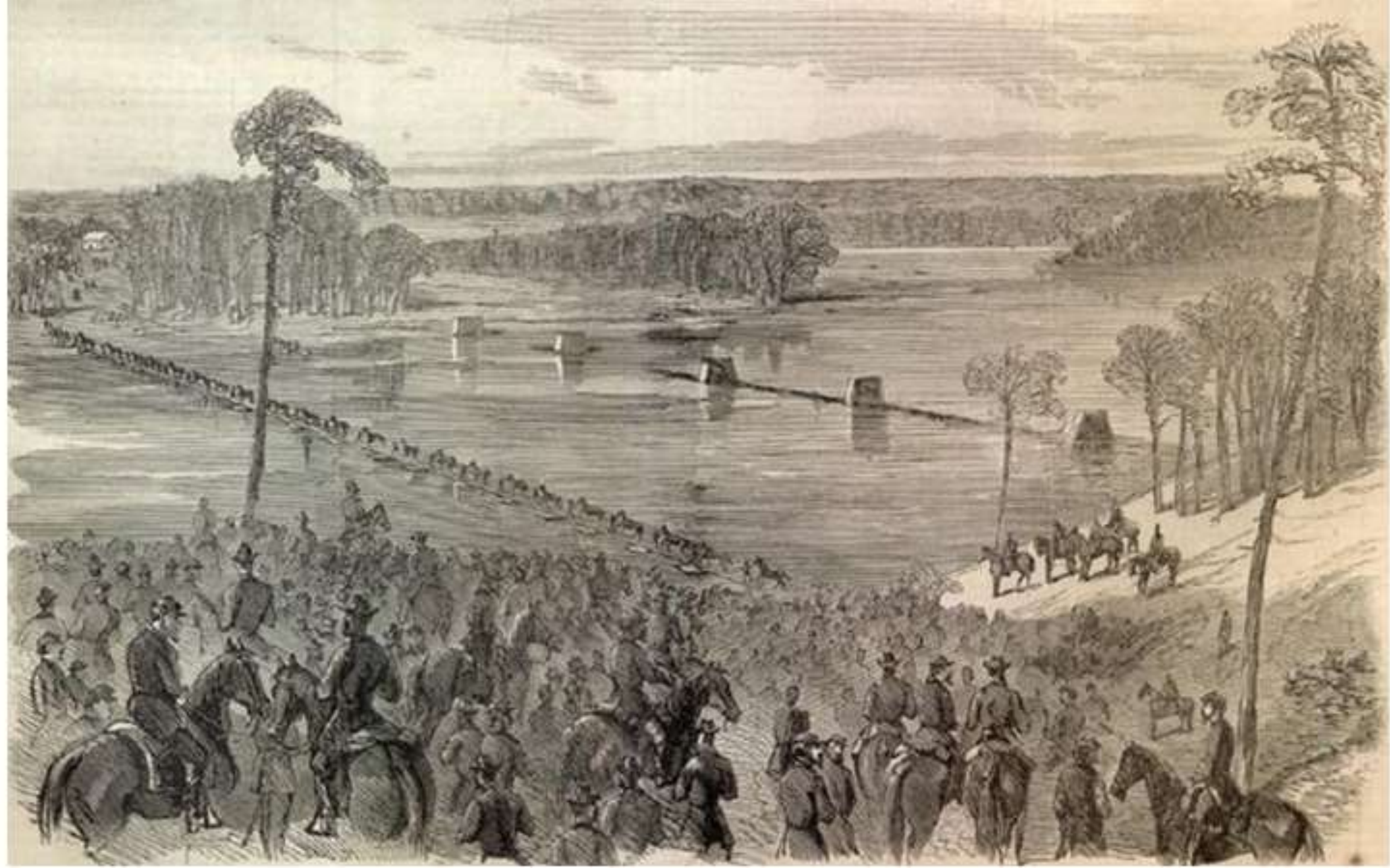


Above are photos from the Canal embankment directly across from the 154 Castle Road abutment. These are quarry stones and are mostly covered by roots. This may have been the embankment pier of the final bridge at 154 Castle Road.



Photos to the left, show an old road on the east side of the river/canal. It is lined with very old oak trees. This road seems to end directly across from where the 154 Castle Road bridge would have crossed.









Jon Leader running the gradiometer in the woods. (SCIAA photo)

history  
detectives

PBS

Investigations  
Civil War Bridge



## 7 Miracles lead to 12 Discoveries in 12 Years

1. Compty 1792 bridge site
2. Compty 1796 bridge site
3. Confederate Broad River bridge site
4. Sherman's pontoon crossing site
5. Lady of Lourdes Grotto (St. Peters)
6. Granby site
7. Fort Congaree II site
8. Indian Trader Thomas Brown site
9. Old State House sites
10. Rives Tavern Site
11. Geiger's Mill site and the Congaree Dam
12. King Richard III DNA matches in America.



## 5 Miracles in 1 year lead to writing the book and more

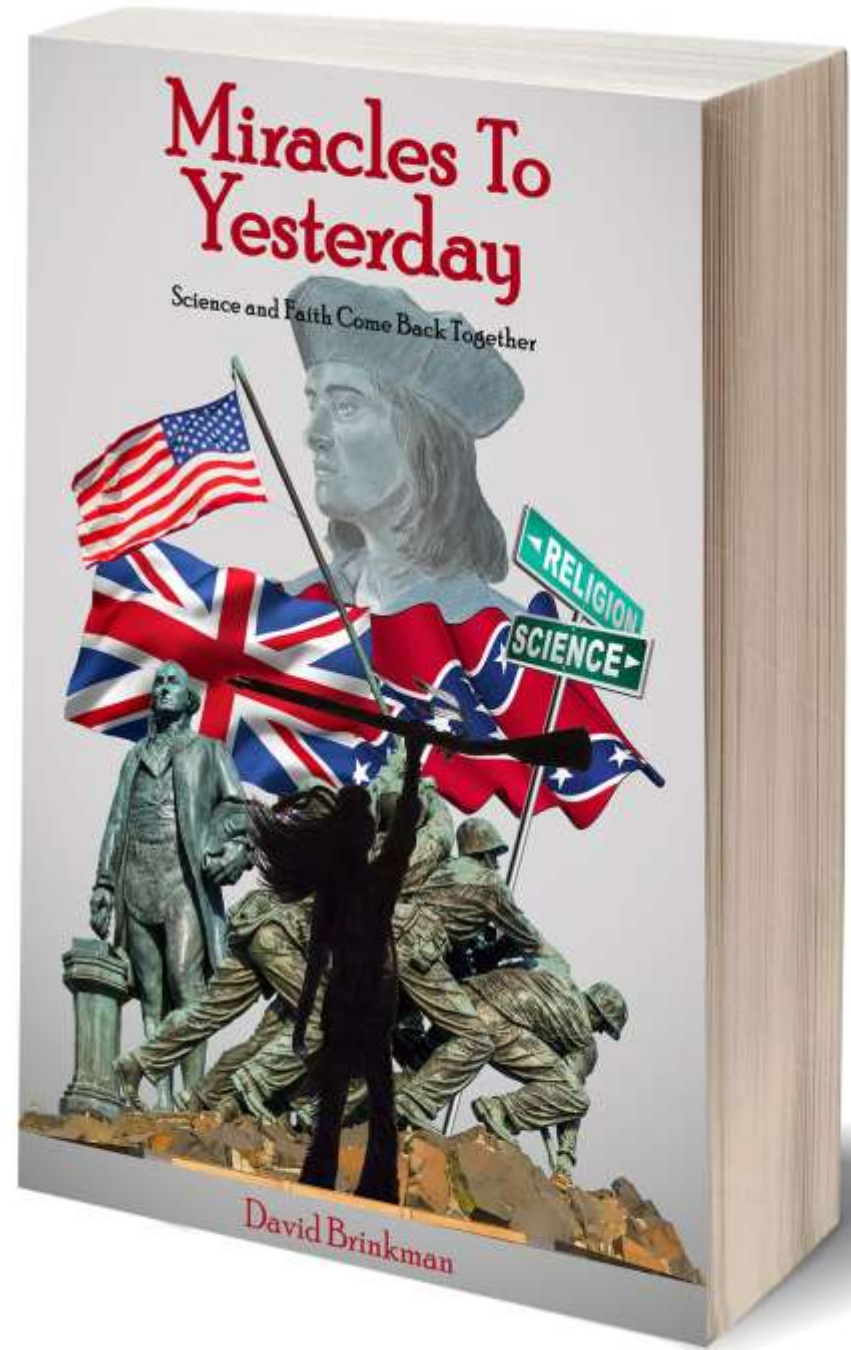
1. The Calling
2. Miracle at McDonalds and lost job
3. The Falling clock
4. Archaeologist of the Year
5. Next: “The Answer To Life, the Universe, and Everything”



A book with many themes

Final paragraph:

In closing, this book was not just about finding lost places. Had it been a purely scientific endeavor, that's all it would have been. Miracles to Yesterday, however, was also about bringing back to life the forgotten good of special people - people who set the right examples and gave much to their family, community, and country. And, most importantly, it was about how our unclear path to the truth can be paved with belief.

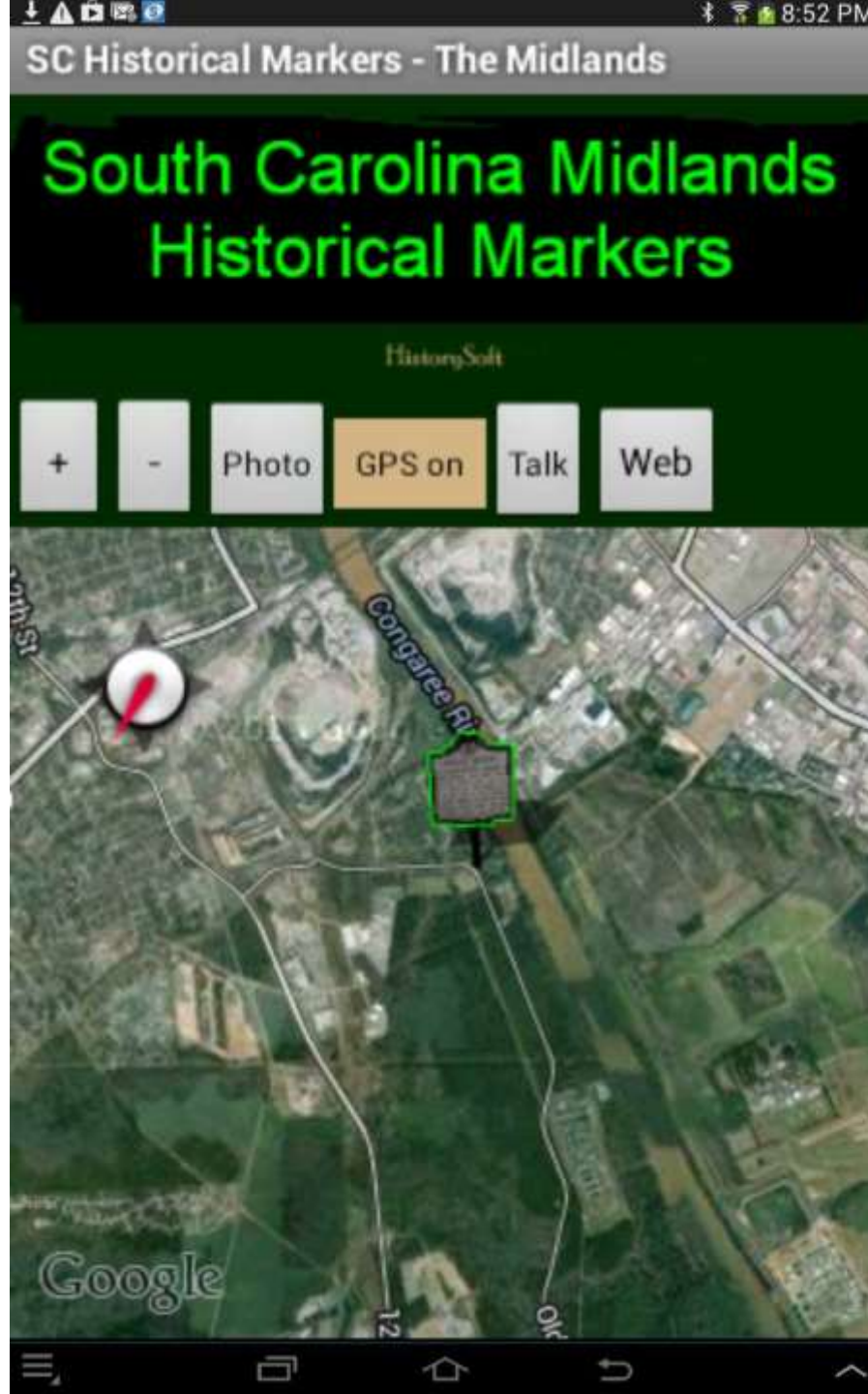


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# South Carolina History

Where is it?







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Uncovering Cayce's past are history buffs David Brinkman, left, and Bill Schumpert, center, and Leo Redmond, Cayce Historical Museum director.

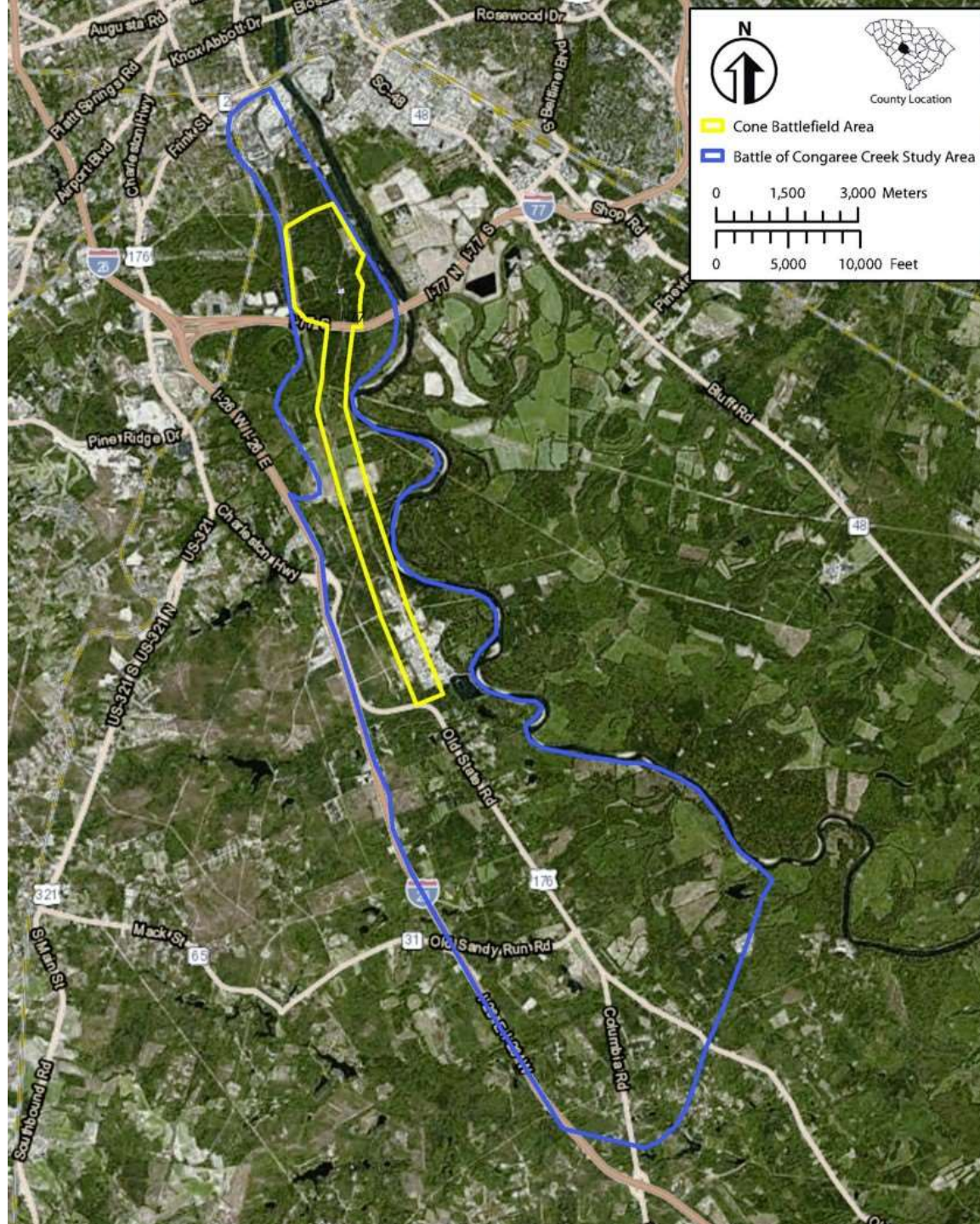
# 'This is where the history is'



But.. Did you know?

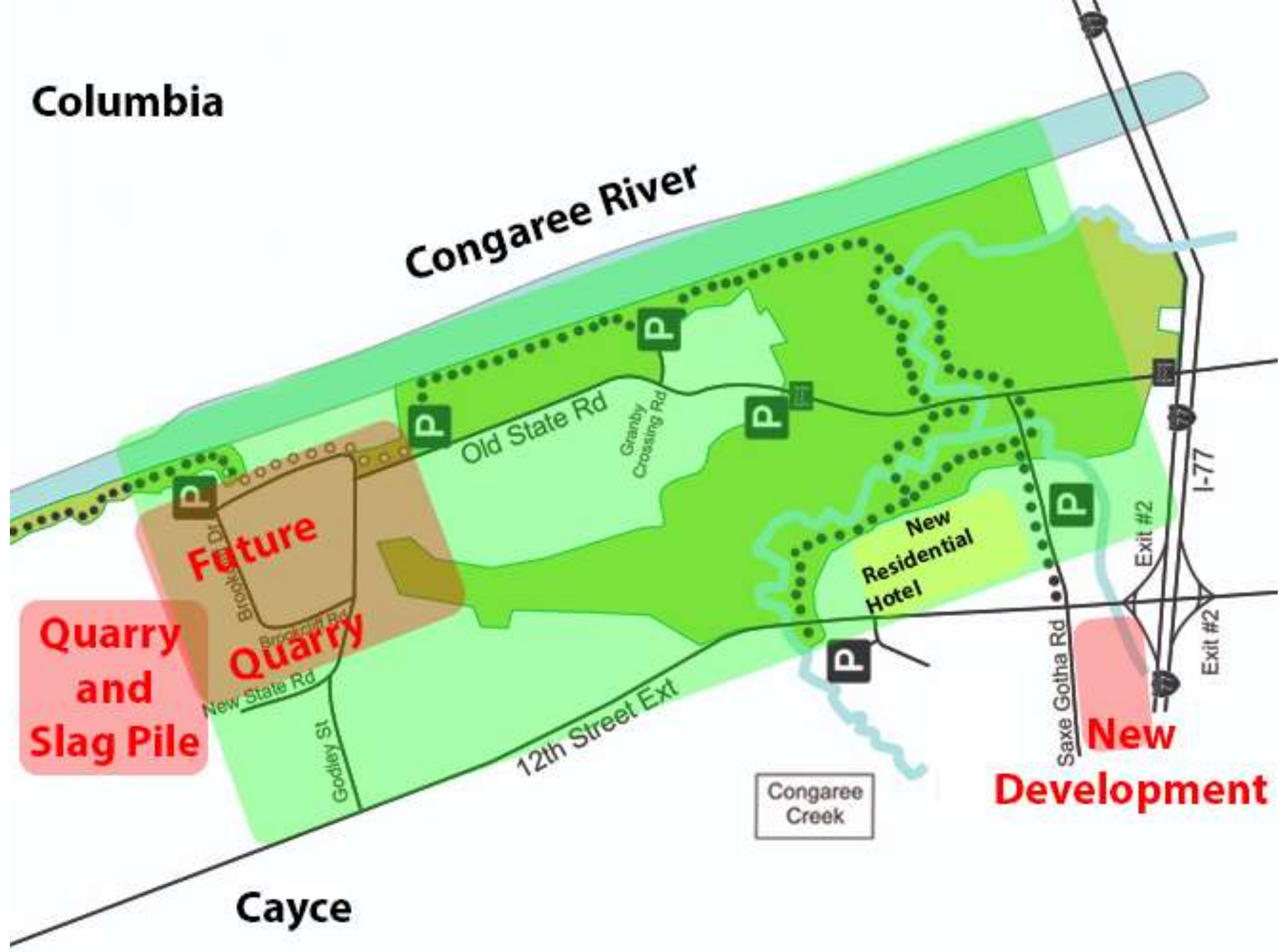
There are 12,000 Years of continuous Human habitation on the Congaree River in Cayce, SC.

Charleston and Columbia can't touch that.  
Nor can England.





Area of  
12,000 Year  
History Park





Found:

Saxe Gotha (1730-1745)

Fort Congaree I (1718-1721)

Fort Congaree II (1748-1756)

Granby (1756-1825)



Where are the signs of this History?











# How do we find/prove history?

## Archaeology

- [Background Research](#)
- [Fieldwork Techniques](#)
- [Laboratory Analysis](#)
- [Interpretation and Write-Up](#)

# Background Research



Hernando de Soto was a Spanish explorer and conquistador who led the first European expedition deep into the territory of the modern-day United States,



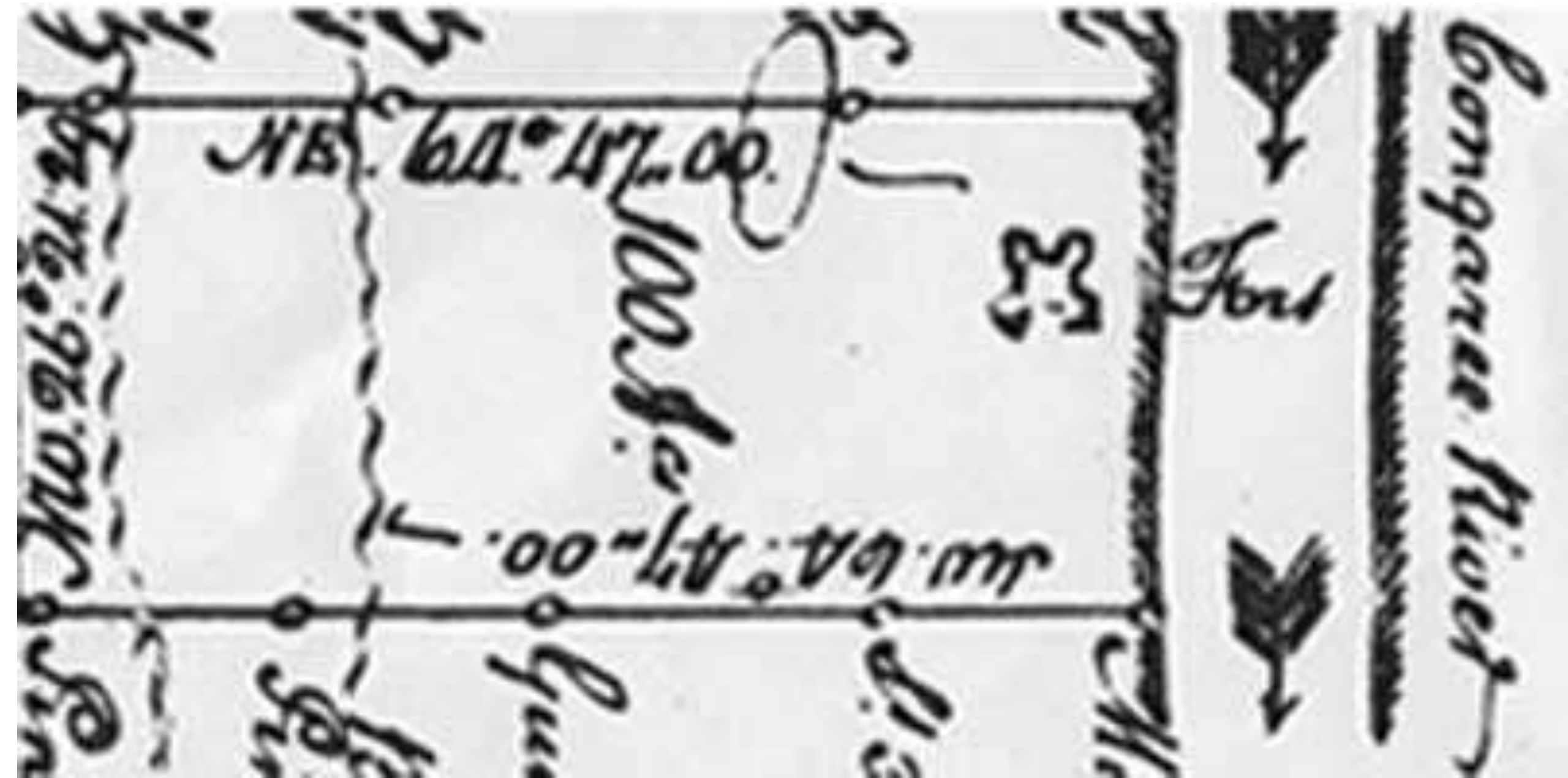


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John Mathews received 100 acres of land in 1738. Friday Family Genealogy at SCDAH shows that the 100 acres of land (which would later become Granby) was passed from John Matthews to the Indian Trader Thomas Brown in 1740, and then to Martin Friday 1748 after Brown's death.

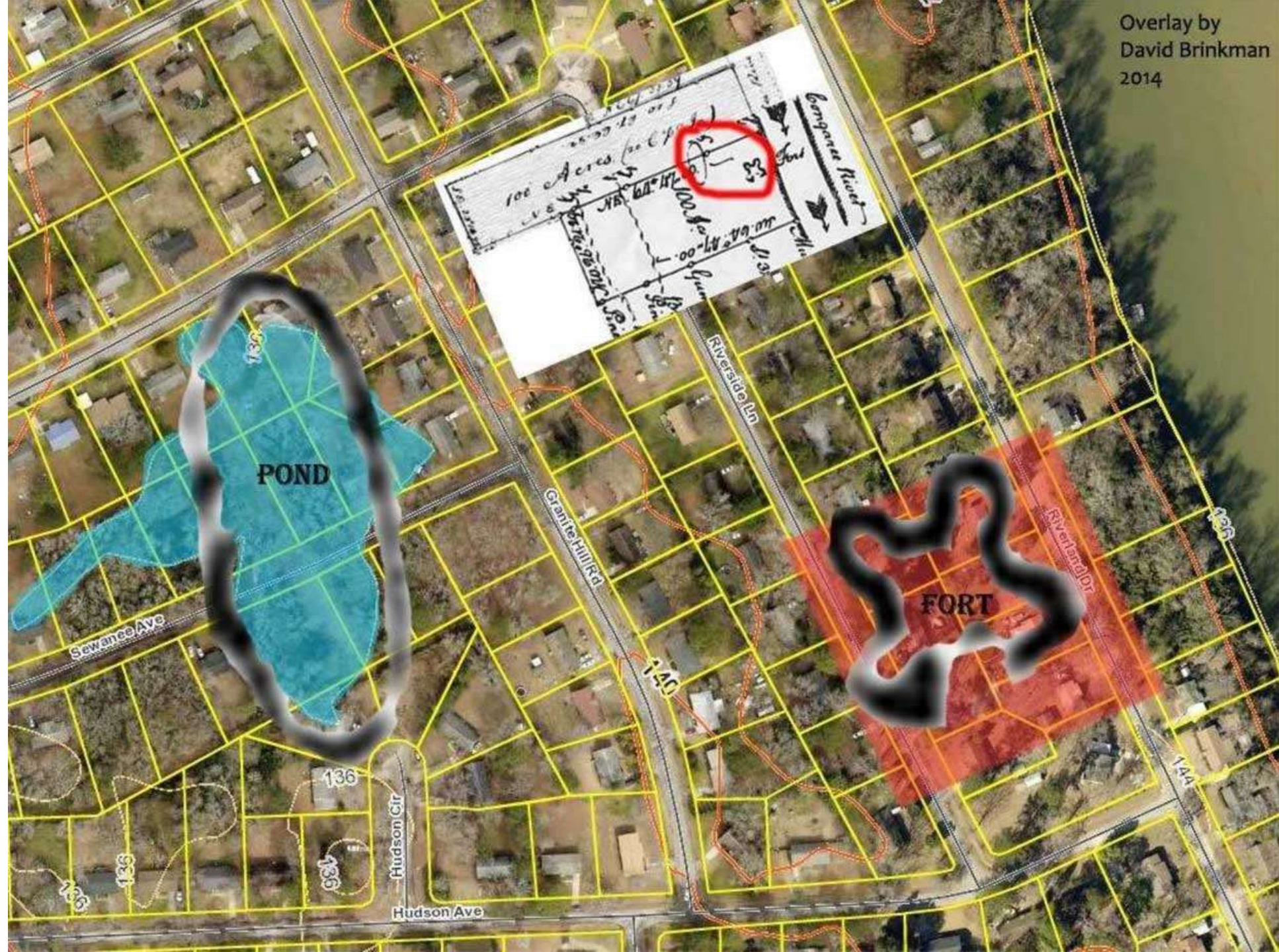


1750 Plat showing fort





Overlay by  
David Brinkman  
2014





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# 1870 Canal Survey





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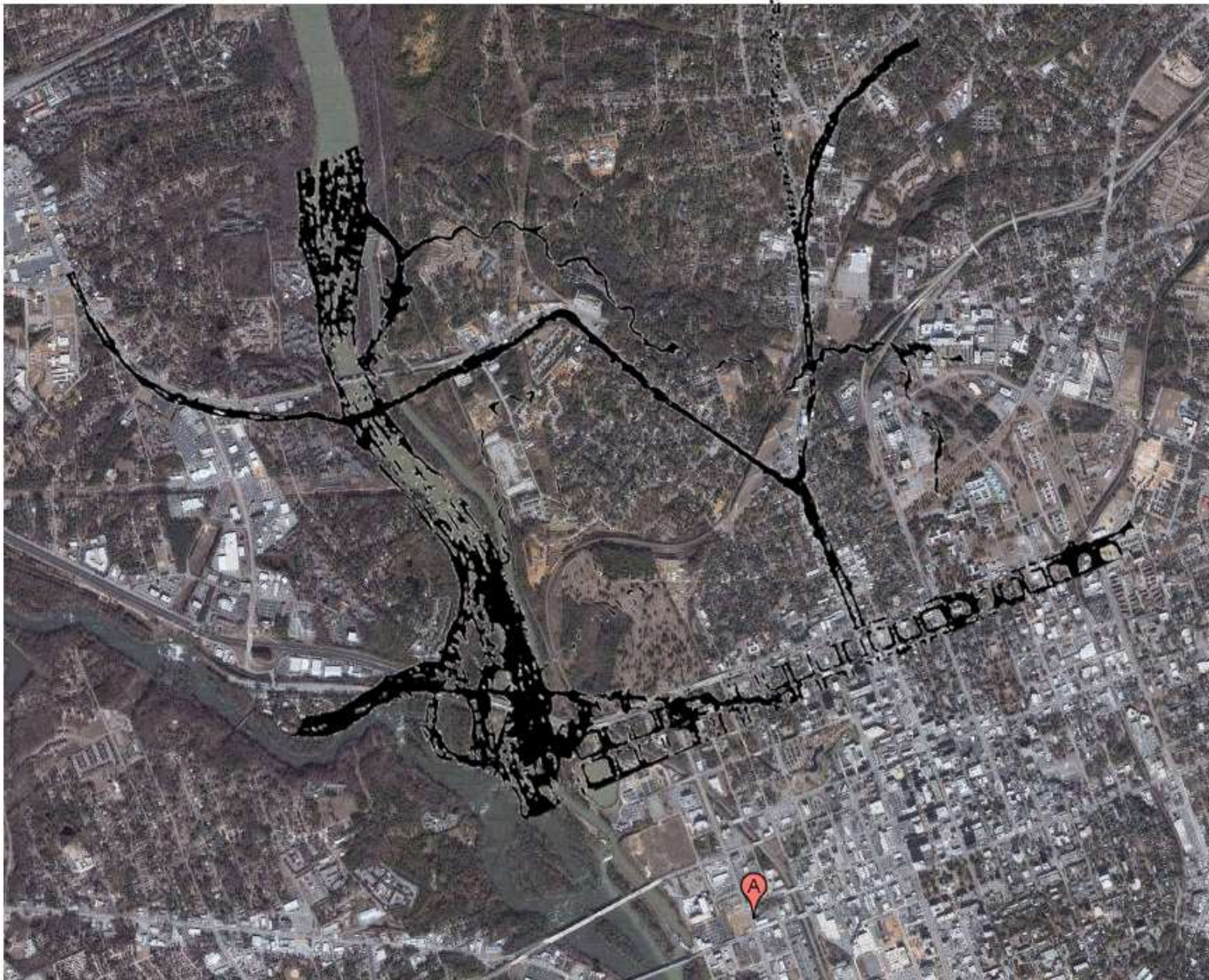




This Blackburn/Coate survey from 1818 was used in the creation of the Mills Atlas but it agrees with the 1806 plat and 1870 survey in regards to Bulls Sluice. What about other landmarks like roads?

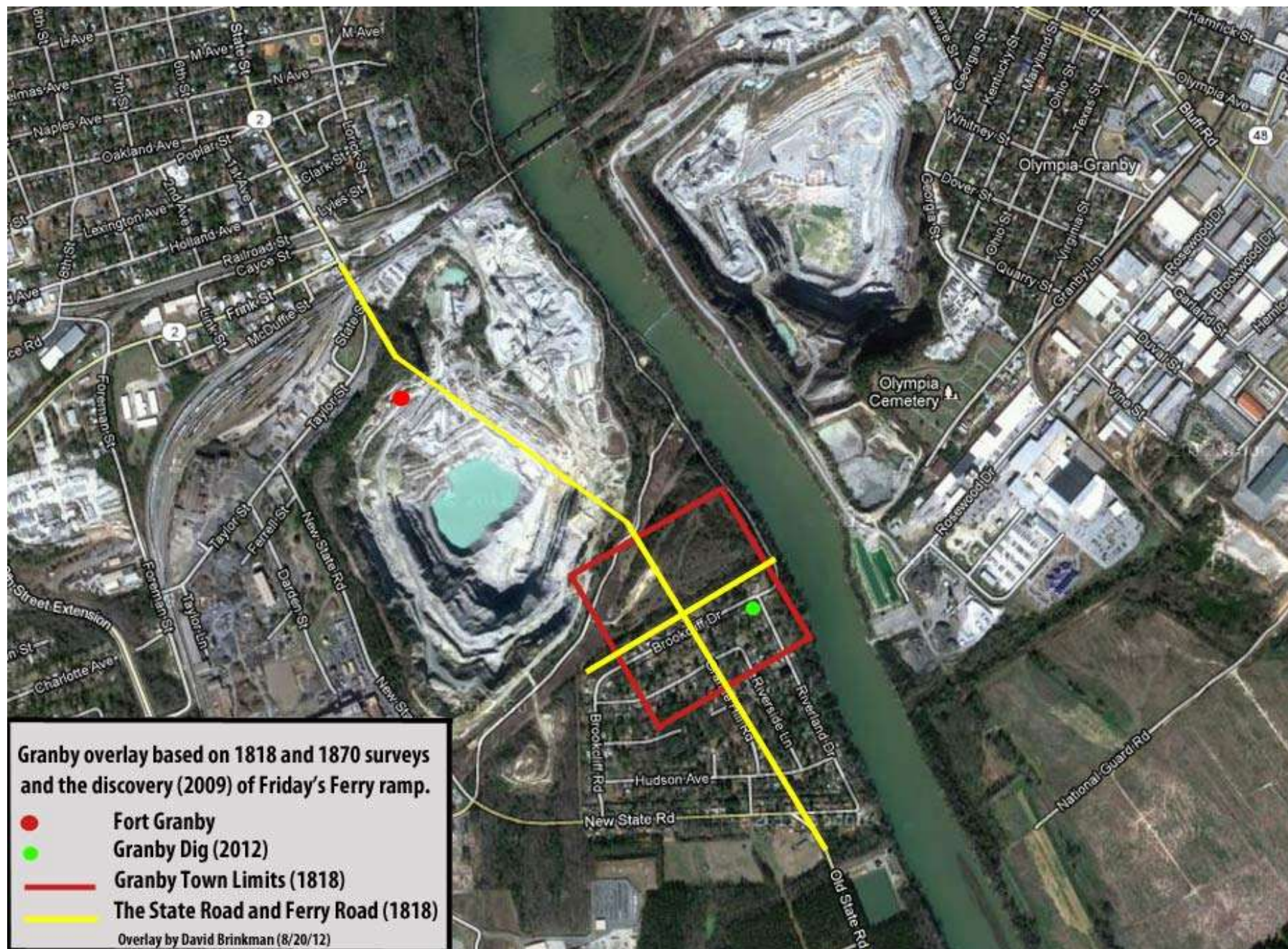






overlay on 2008 photo







# Fieldwork Techniques

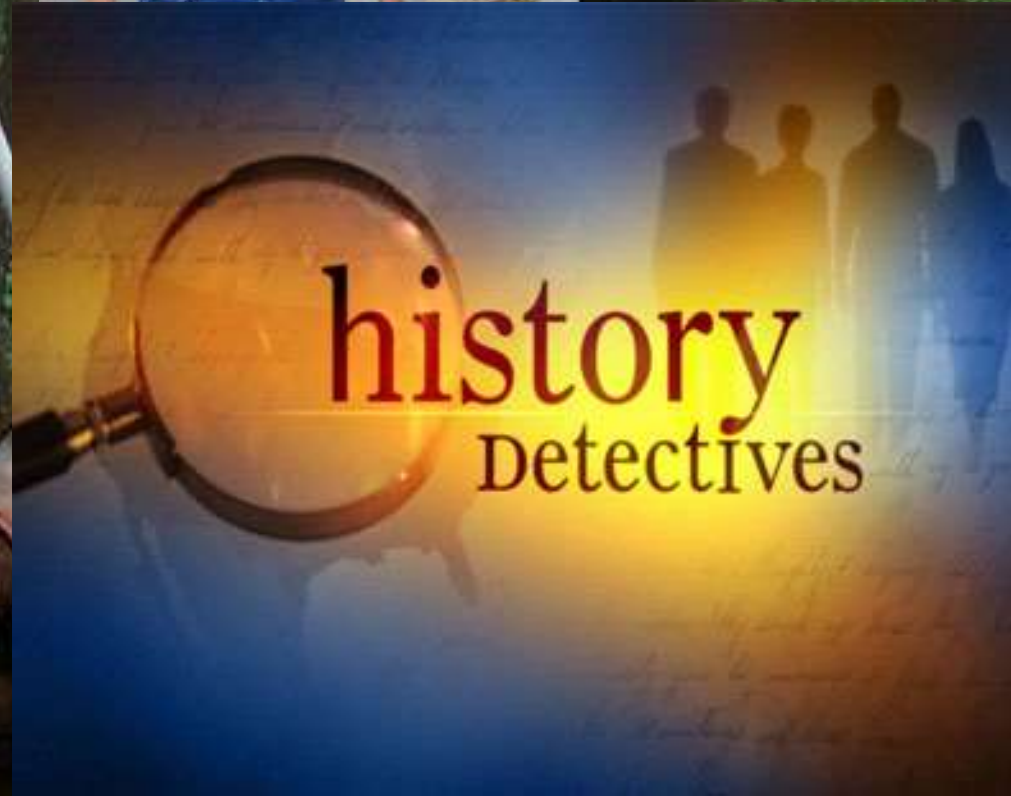
1. Geophysical Survey
2. Digging



# Geophysical Survey









# Digging!









# Artifacts

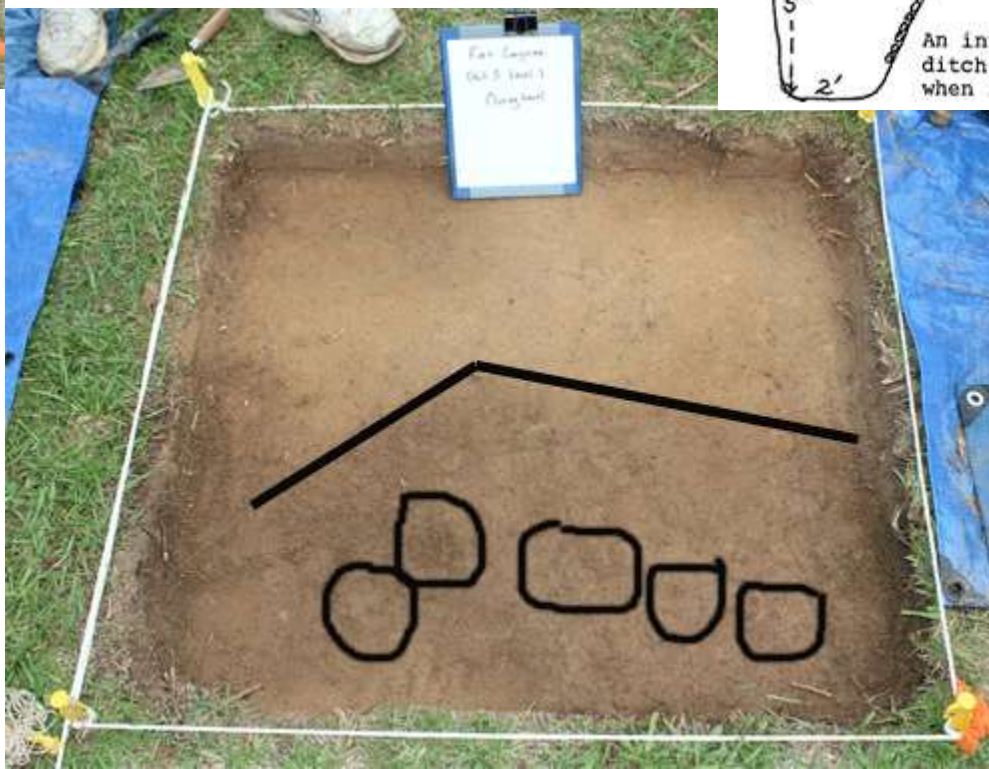
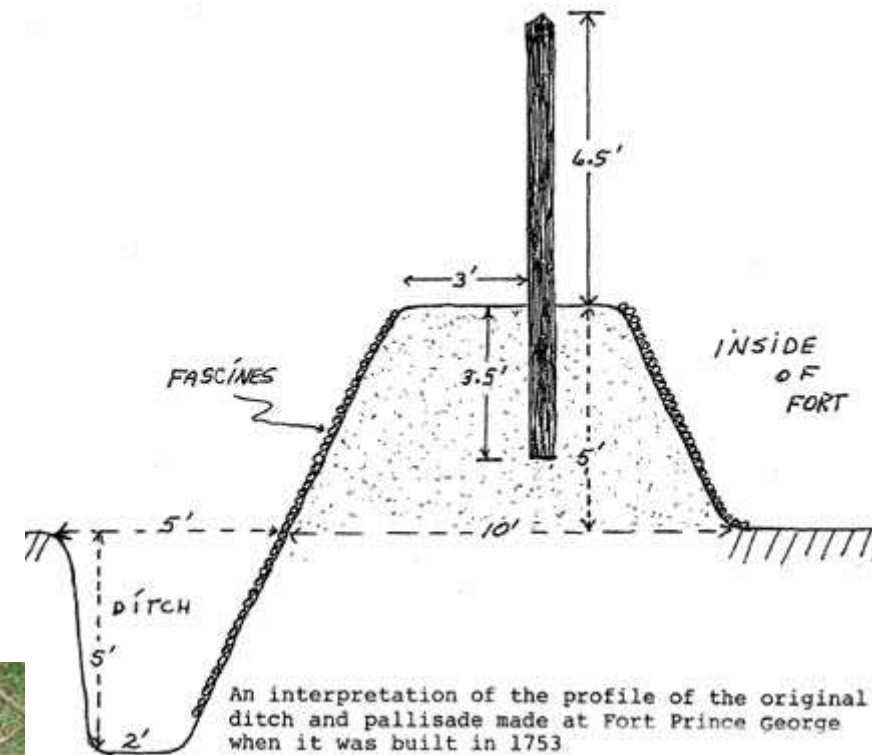




# Features









- Laboratory Analysis
- Interpretation and Write-Up



























## Our Top finds in Cayce



# Besides Columbia, what happen to Granby?

## Early Epidemics in South Carolina

Colleton County, South Carolina, A History of the First 160 Years, 1670-1830, by Evelyn McDaniel Frazier Bryan, pub. 1969, 1974

- 1753 Yellow Fever
- 1755 Yellow Fever, Whooping Cough
- 1758 Smallpox, Yellow Fever
- 1759 Yellow Fever, Whooping Cough, Measles
- 1760 Smallpox
- 1761 Typhus, Yellow Fever
- 1763 Smallpox
- 1765 Whooping Cough
- 1768 Mumps
- 1770 Quinzey
- 1772 Measles
- 1775 Measles
- 1781 Typhus, Smallpox
- 1787 Scarlatina Anginosa
- 1788 Scarlatina Anginosa
- 1790 Influenza
- 1792 Yellow Fever
- 1794 Yellow Fever
- 1795 Yellow Fever
- 1796 Yellow Fever
- 1797 Yellow Fever
- 1799 Yellow Fever
- 1800 Yellow Fever
- 1807 Influenza
- 1809 Yellow Fever, Whooping Cough
- 1814 Diphtheria
- 1815 Influenza
- 1816 Influenza, Smallpox
- 1817 Yellow Fever
- 1819 Yellow Fever
- 1824 Yellow Fever



# An ongoing Environmental and Historical Disaster





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Slag Pile:  
150' tall

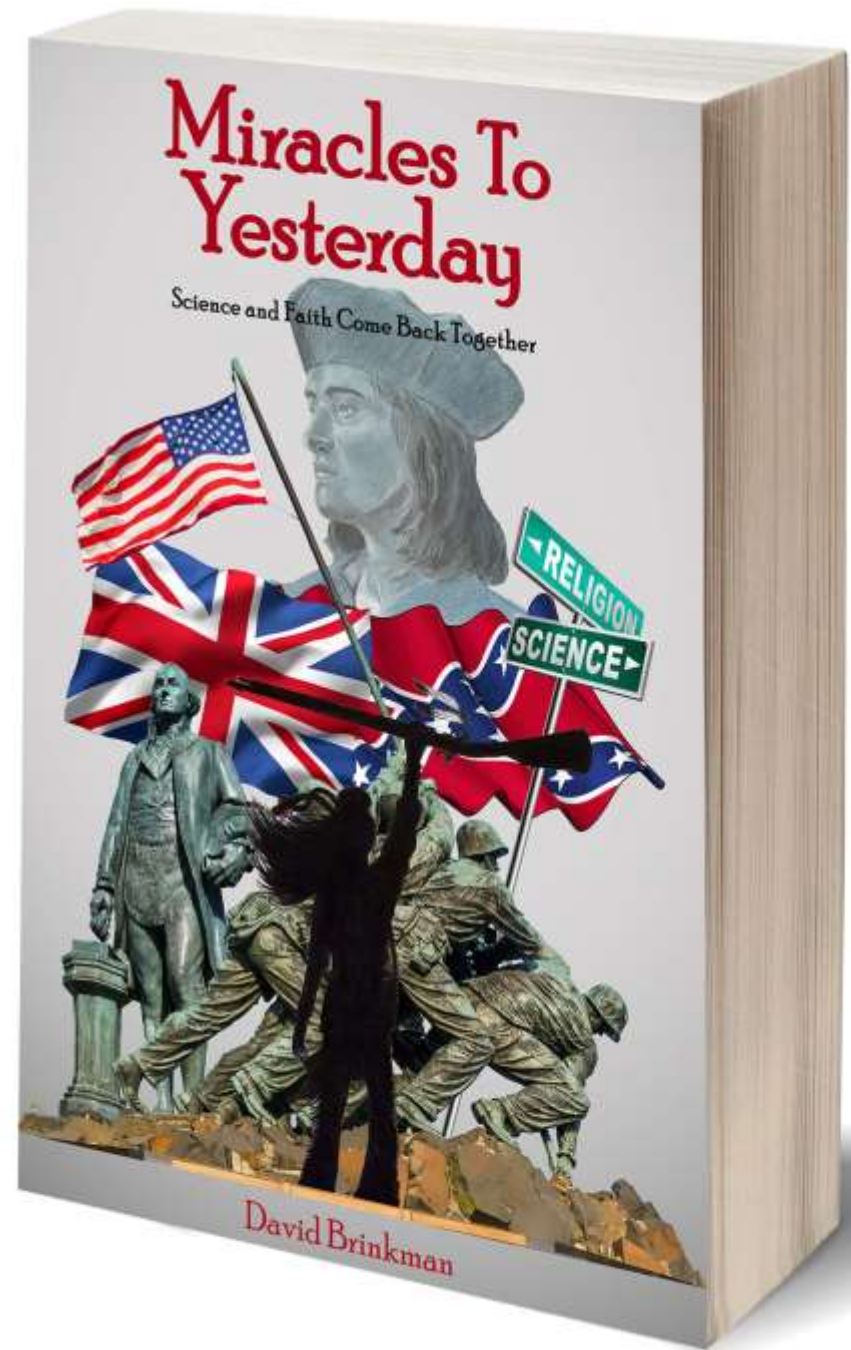
Quarry hole:  
420' deep





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