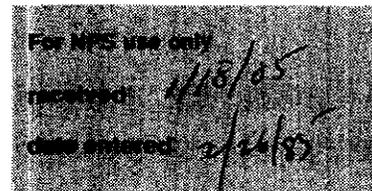


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Lake of the Ozarks State Park Highway 134 Historic District

Description

Lake of the Ozarks State Park Highway 134 Historic District contains seventeen buildings and eighty structures of historical or architectural significance. The district extends south from the park boundary along the route of Highway 134 to the public beach on the Grand Glaize Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks. Along this stretch of road in the 1930's, CCC enrollees built service buildings, a park office, various shelters, a custodian's residence, and many other park structures. To control flooding and curb soil erosion, the relief workers built a series of stone check dams (Photo #4) on the east and west sides of the highway (then a county road). Other CCC projects included development of camp sites and a public beach. Just east of the public beach is an area developed by relief workers as a segregated picnic area, for the use of non-white people only. Remaining in this area are the ruins of several stone ovens or barbecue pits and water fountains.

The district is particularly noteworthy for several log structures, including a small shelter at the park entrance, the park office, the old pump house, and a rest room in the main picnic area. Inspiration for these hewn log structures derived from folk buildings of the area, including the "Old Homestead," an early log home that still stands in the park (Photo #18). Another original log building, salvaged and repaired by the CCC, now serves as the trail center (Photo #13).

Modern intrusions include portions of a small airport, and a large stable complex, residence, and small well house near the Old Homestead. There are several new rest rooms in the campgrounds and new barbecue pits and playground equipment in the picnic and beach areas. In spite of these intrusions, the district retains a high degree of coherence and integrity. The service court behind the park office is a surprisingly well-preserved example of a CCC service area. The numerous dams and bridges along the highway serve as links between the service area, the picnic area and campgrounds, and the public beach.

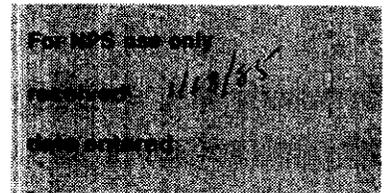
Buildings and structures that contribute to the historical character of the district are, as follows:

La1, Bridge #1 (McDaniel's Bridge): 1934-1942 single-arched concrete bridge, stone facing, rough ashlar, wide arch. Located on Highway 134 about halfway between the park office and the campground, near the McDaniel inholding.

La2, Bridge #2: 1934-1942 single-arched concrete bridge, stone facing, rough ashlar, stair-step placement of stones forming the top of the structure. Located on Highway 134 near the turnoff to Lee C. Fine Airport.

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La3, Bridge #3 (Airport Bridge): 1934-1942 single-arched concrete bridge, stone facing, rough ashlar, small arch. Located on paved secondary road leading to Lee C. Fine Airport overlook area.

La4, Ditch Dams: 1934-1942 approximately 80 stone culvert-type walls, placed at ten-foot intervals, between Bridge #1 and Bridge #2 along the east and west sides of Highway 134, north of the turnoff to Lee C Fine airport.

La5 (1)*, Service and Storage Building (Garage): 1934-1942 four-bay garage, stone foundation, frame construction, clapboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles, located in service court.

La6 (2), Service and Storage Building (Garage): 1934-1942 six-bay garage, stone foundation, frame construction, clapboard siding, gable roof, asphalt shingles. Located in service court.

La7 (3), Service Building: 1934-1942 large multi-purpose service building, stone foundation, frame construction, clapboard siding, rectangular plan (85' x 25'), gable roof, asphalt shingles. Located in service court.

La8 (4), Oil Storage (Pump House): 1934-1942 small stone and frame building, rectangular plan (15' x 17'), rough ashlar to level of window sills, clapboard above, single-sash nine-paned windows, side-gable roof. This building originally served as pumphouse. Minor alterations were made in removing well pump and installing shelves and storage space for gas, oil, tires.

La9 (5), Sign Shop: 1934-1942 large frame service building, rectangular plan (34' x 106'), stone foundation, salt-box shape, gable roof, roof projection over stone loading dock in front. Located in service court.

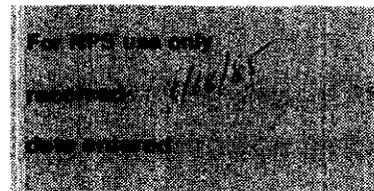
La10 (6), Storage Building (Tool Storage and Grease Rack): 1934-1942 small stone service building, rectangular plan (16' x 22'), side-gable roof, grease rack adjacent to building. Located in service court.

La11 (7), Park Office: 1934-1942 spacious one-and-one-half story building of hewn logs, stone foundation, steeply pitched side-gable roof, cedar shake roofing, board-and-batten siding used above first story at gable ends, entrance portico with hewn log supports, rear entry to basement. Located in screened area off main park road.

La12 (8), Naturalist's Headquarters (Trail Center): 1934-1942 small building of hewn logs, L-shaped plan, side-gable cedar-shake roof, roof projection over front portico, massive stone chimney on north wall. This building predates the 1930's, but was salvaged and rebuilt by the CCC. Located at fork of main park road and side road leading to group camps.

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Lal3 (9), Open Shelter: 1934-1942 stone and wood shelter house, L-shaped plan, cross-gable roof, two massive stone fireplaces. Deterioration has necessitated removal and replacement of some of the log posts and beams. The shelter is located in the main picnic area.

Lal4 (10) Rest Room: 1934-1942 small hewn log building, rectangular plan (18' x 23'), stone foundation, side-gable roof, some board and batten siding at gable ends. Located in main picnic area.

Lal5 (20), Old Pumphouse and Garage: 1934-1942 two-bay garage and storage building of hewn logs, stone foundation, pitched side-gable roof. This building originally served as a pumphouse. However, the well pump has been moved to a new building approximately twenty-five feet to the northeast of the old one, which now serves as a storage building. Located in the Old Homestead Area, west of the stable complex.

Lal6 (21) Residence (Campground Superintendent's Residence): 1934-1942 one-and-one half-story residence, stone foundation and entry steps, pitched cross-gable roof, two stone chimneys. Interior remodeled. Modern storm windows and storm doors. Located in Old Homestead Area, near stable complex.

Note: Surviving in this area is an old house of hewn logs known as the "Old Homestead" (Photo #18).

Lal7 (22) Boat House (Concessionaire's Boat Rental Building): ca. 1936 small frame building, board and batten siding, modified hip roof; original breezeway enclosed; located at northern edge of Public Beach #1.

Lal8 (25) Beach House: ca. 1936 spacious bath house, stone, log and frame construction, rectangular plan (36' x 72'), hip roof, asphalt shingles, central stone chimney. Located at Public Beach #1.

Note: In 1935-1936, the CCC constructed terrace walls and stone steps that remain attractive features of the beach.

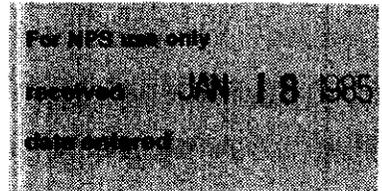
Lal9 (26) Bath House (Campground Rest Room): 1934-1942 frame rest room and shower house, rectangular plan (22' x 35'), hip roof, asphalt shingles, stone foundation and stone facing on walls rising halfway to the eave line. This building has gone through several phases of remodeling, leading to alterations in the interior plan and exterior siding. However, this is the only original CCC rest room/shower house now existing in the campground, which was planned and developed by the CCC under the supervision of the National Park Service. Stone edging remains to mark individual camp sites.

La20 (274) Shelter (Rain Shelter): 1934-1942 three-sided shelter of hewn logs, shed-style roof of cedar shakes. Deterioration of wood has necessitated replacement of some logs and roof shakes, chinking added. Located at park entrance.

Non-contributing structures, previously mentioned, are the runway of the Lee C. Fine Airport (1960's), the new residence and stable complex plus the new well house, in the Homestead Area, and several new latrines in the picnic and beach areas and the campgrounds.

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Significance

Lake of the Ozarks State Park/Highway 134 Historic District is exceptionally significant according to the criteria of evaluation under definitions A and C to wit: it is associated with Emergency Conservation Work involving the labor of CCC enrollees under a New Deal work relief program, a significant development of the twentieth century; it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the rustic architecture promoted by the National Park Service in the years before World War II. This tract was originally part of a federal Recreational Demonstration Area and is now part of Missouri's largest state park. Three companies of the Civilian Conservation Corps, supervised by the National Park Service, engaged in development of this area in the 1930's. Architecture and Landscape Architecture: CCC-built structures in the district include a prime example of a service court, beautiful rustic bridges, and rare examples of hewn-log construction of the Depression Era. The main park road, developed from county road that later became Highway 134, clearly conforms to the National Parks standards for inconspicuous park roads, subordinated to the landscape. An extensive network of stone ditch dams provides erosion control and also adds to the charm of this narrow, winding lane. Politics/Government--Conservation--Recreation: The district has significance in that it represents a massive federally-funded effort to reclaim sub-marginal farmland for recreational use. The area was developed on the shores of Lake of the Ozarks, which formed after the construction of a large dam and hydro-electric plant on the Osage River. At present, Lake of the Ozarks State Park represents a protected natural enclave in a rapidly developing tourist area along the edges of the lake. Social/Humanitarian: The district also has significance as a social/humanitarian endeavor in that the development of park roads, buildings and structure involved the labor of hundreds of young men who were unemployed and without prospects as a result of the Great Depression.

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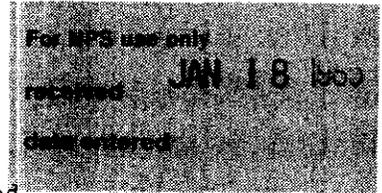
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Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: Approximately 3,120 acres

Quadrangle name: Bagnell, Mo. and Toronto, Mo.

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The boundary of the district is clearly indicated on the appended maps (U.S.G.S. map and district map). The district is bounded on the east by the section line and on the south by the Grand Glaize Arm of the Lake of the Ozarks, as shown. The western boundary of the district is formed by the Grand Glaize Arm and section lines, as indicated. The northern boundary is formed by the boundary of the state park. Most of the district lies in Miller County; however, the southwesternmost section of the district lies in Camden County. These boundaries were selected to include the major E.C.W. resources along the winding park road that runs south from the park entrance to Public Beach No. 1.

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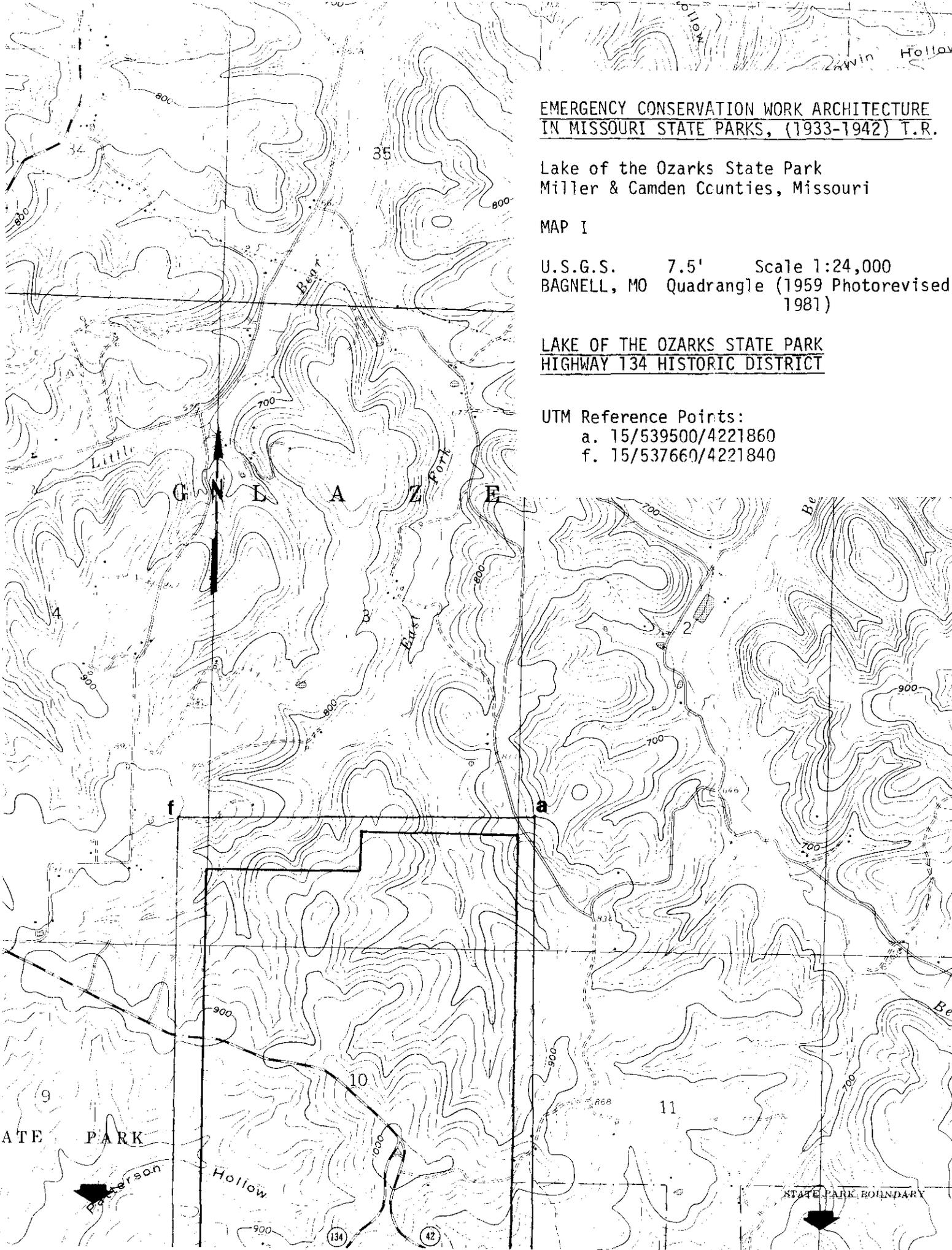
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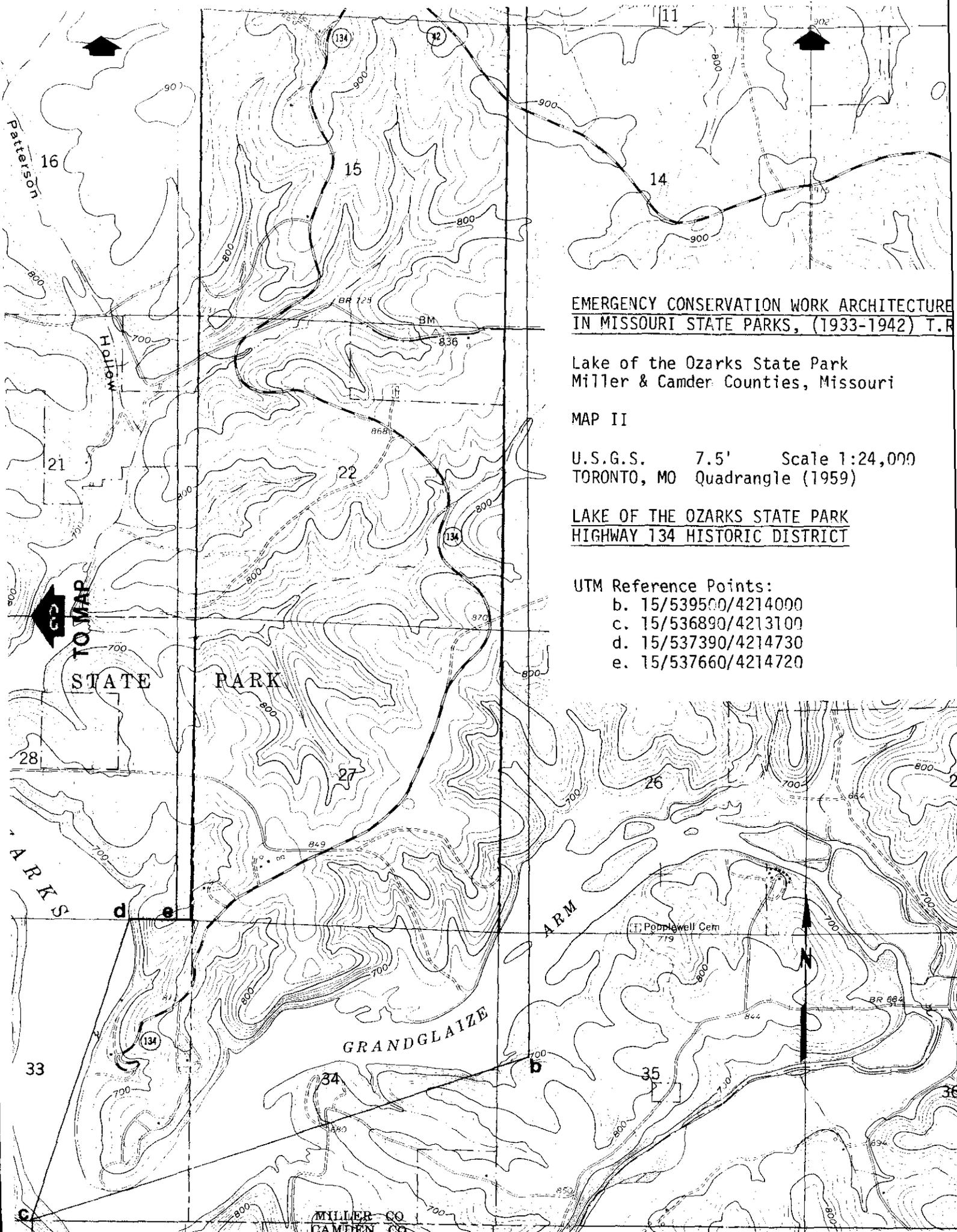
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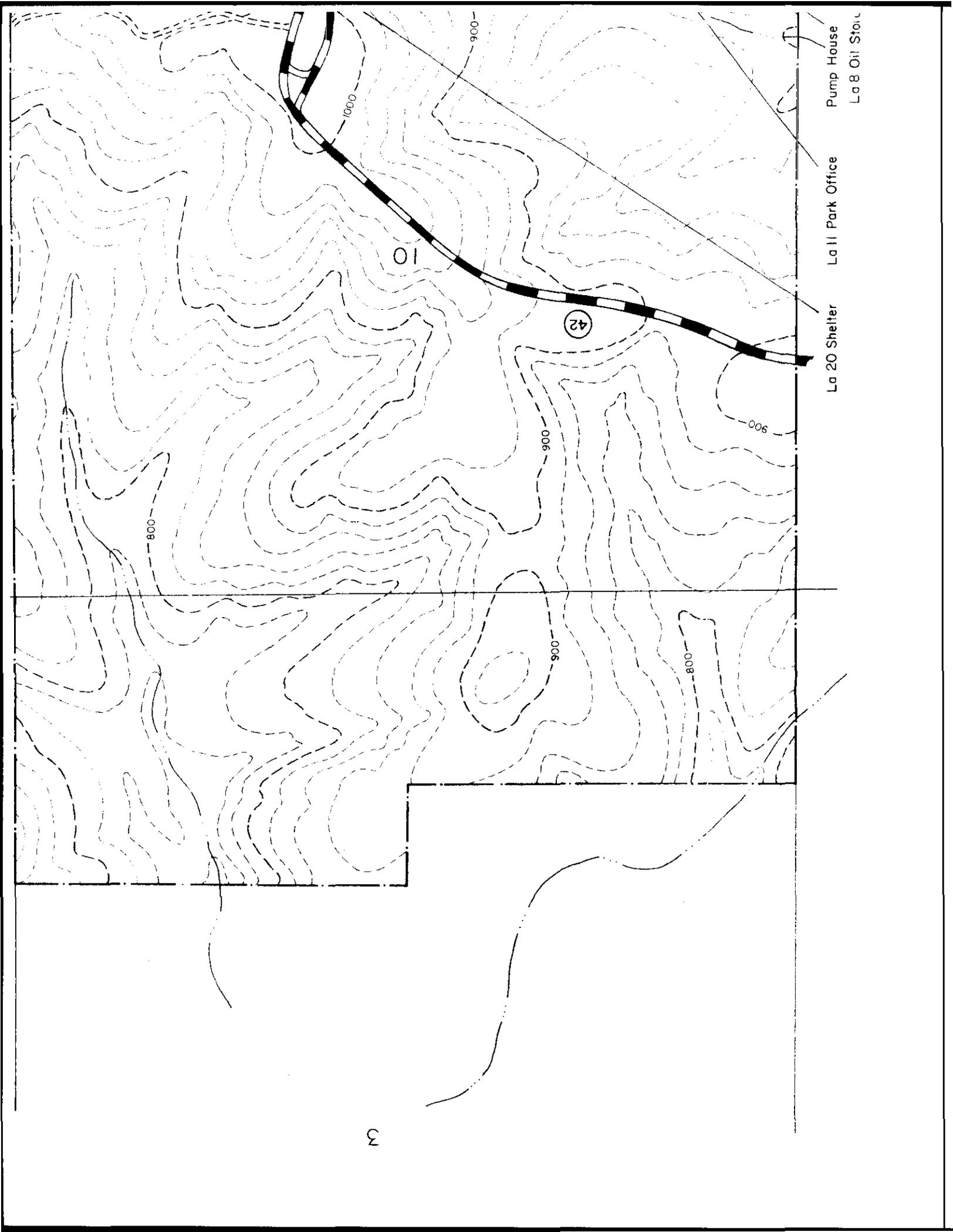
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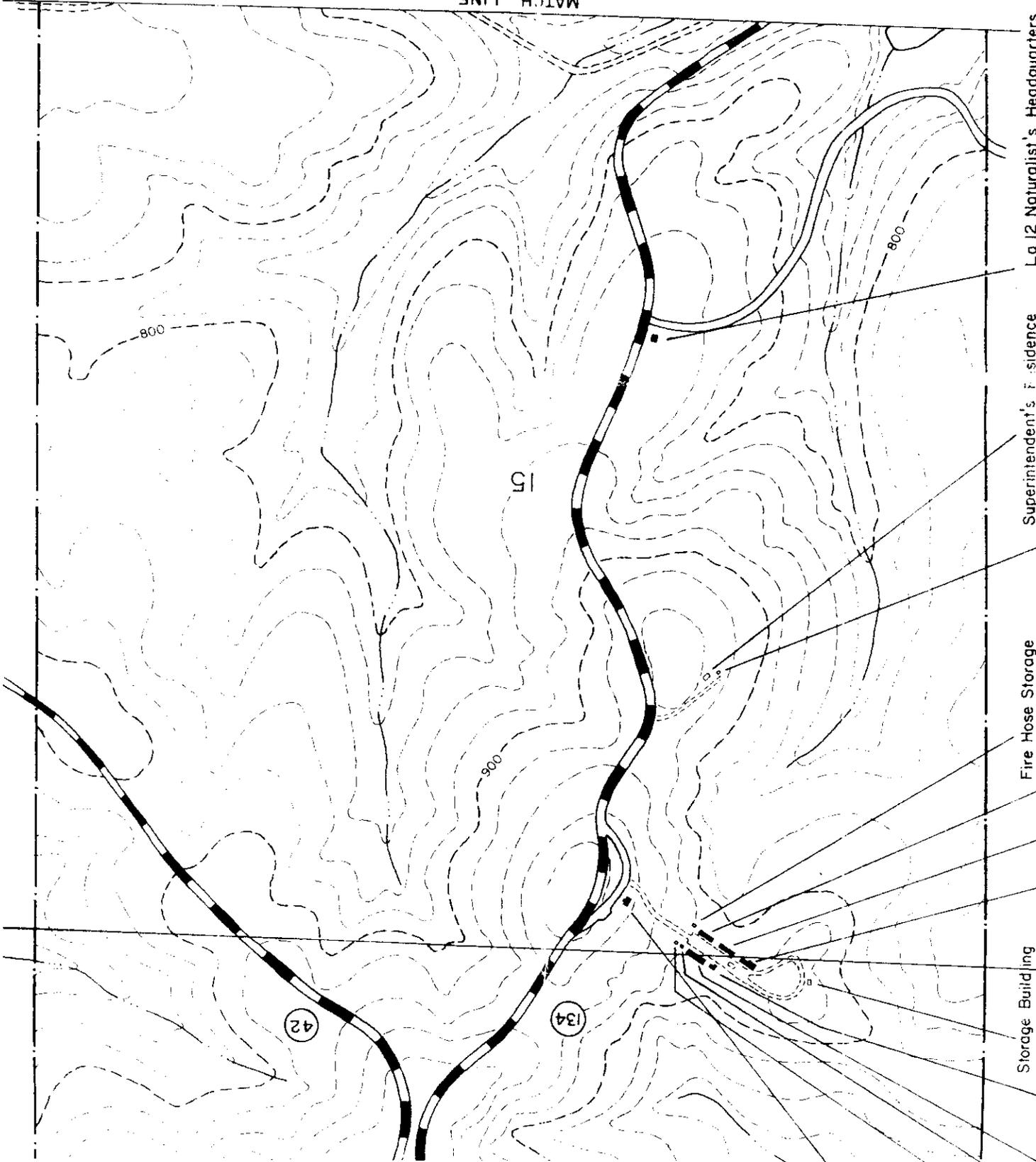
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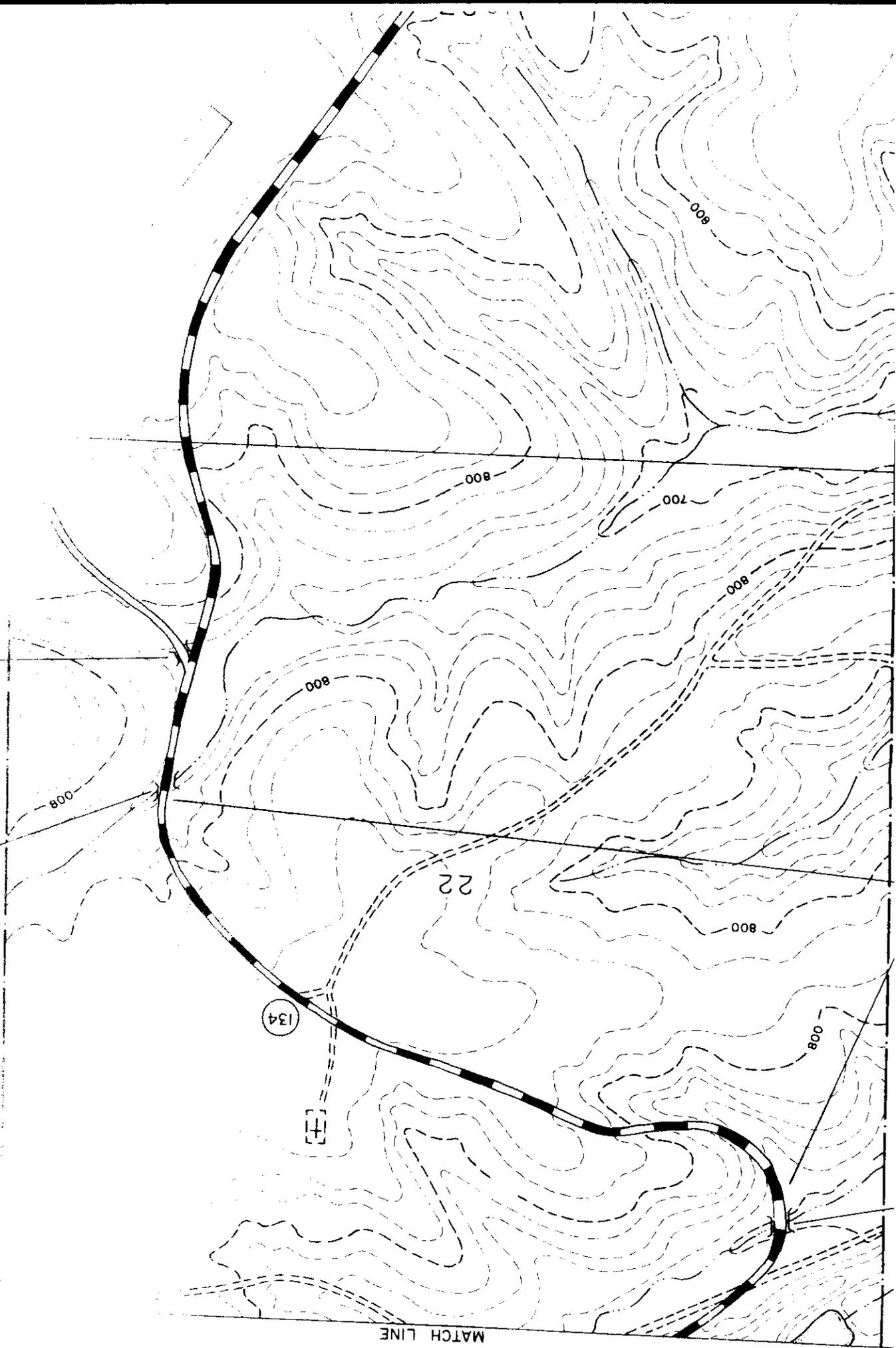
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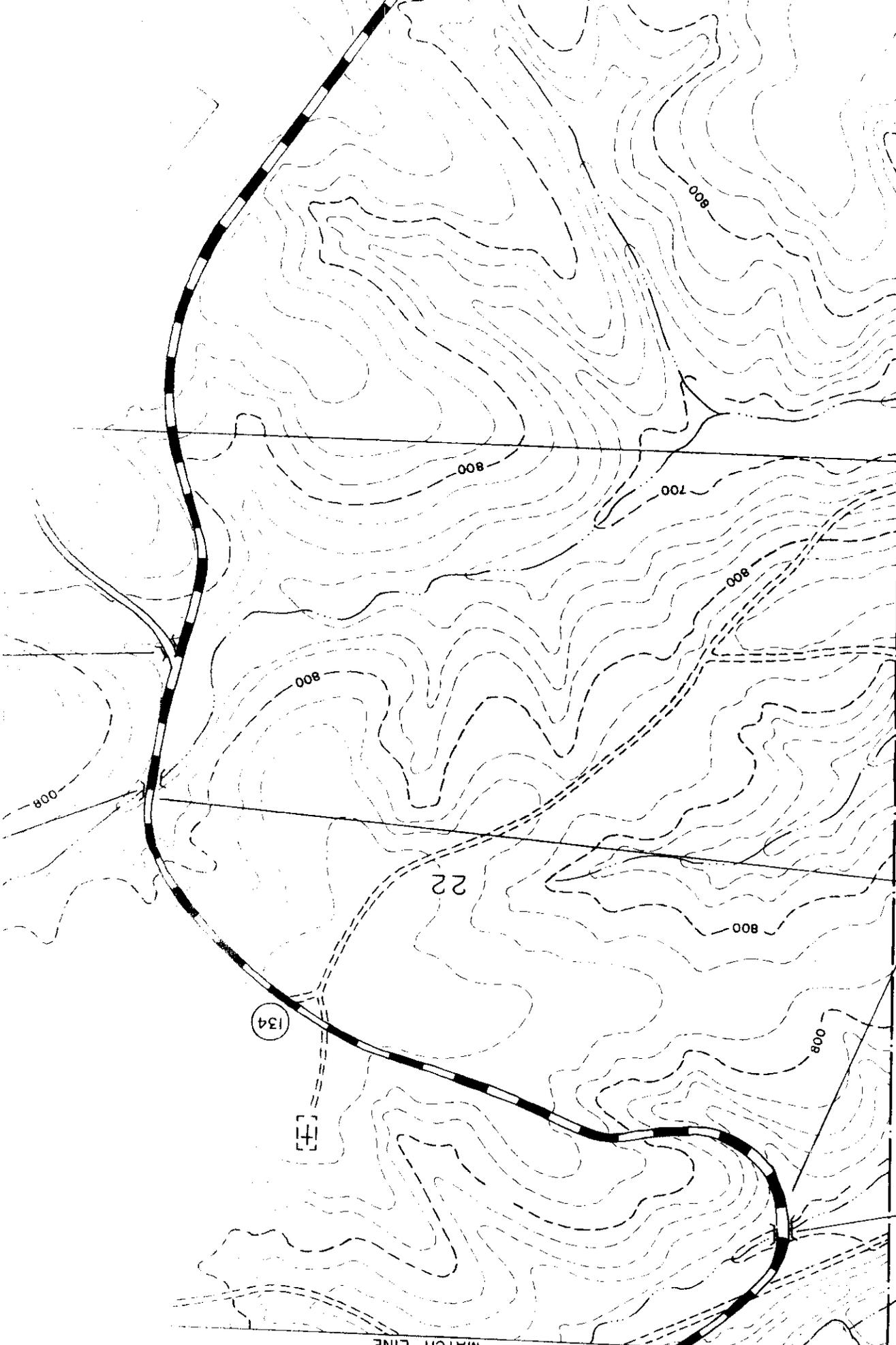
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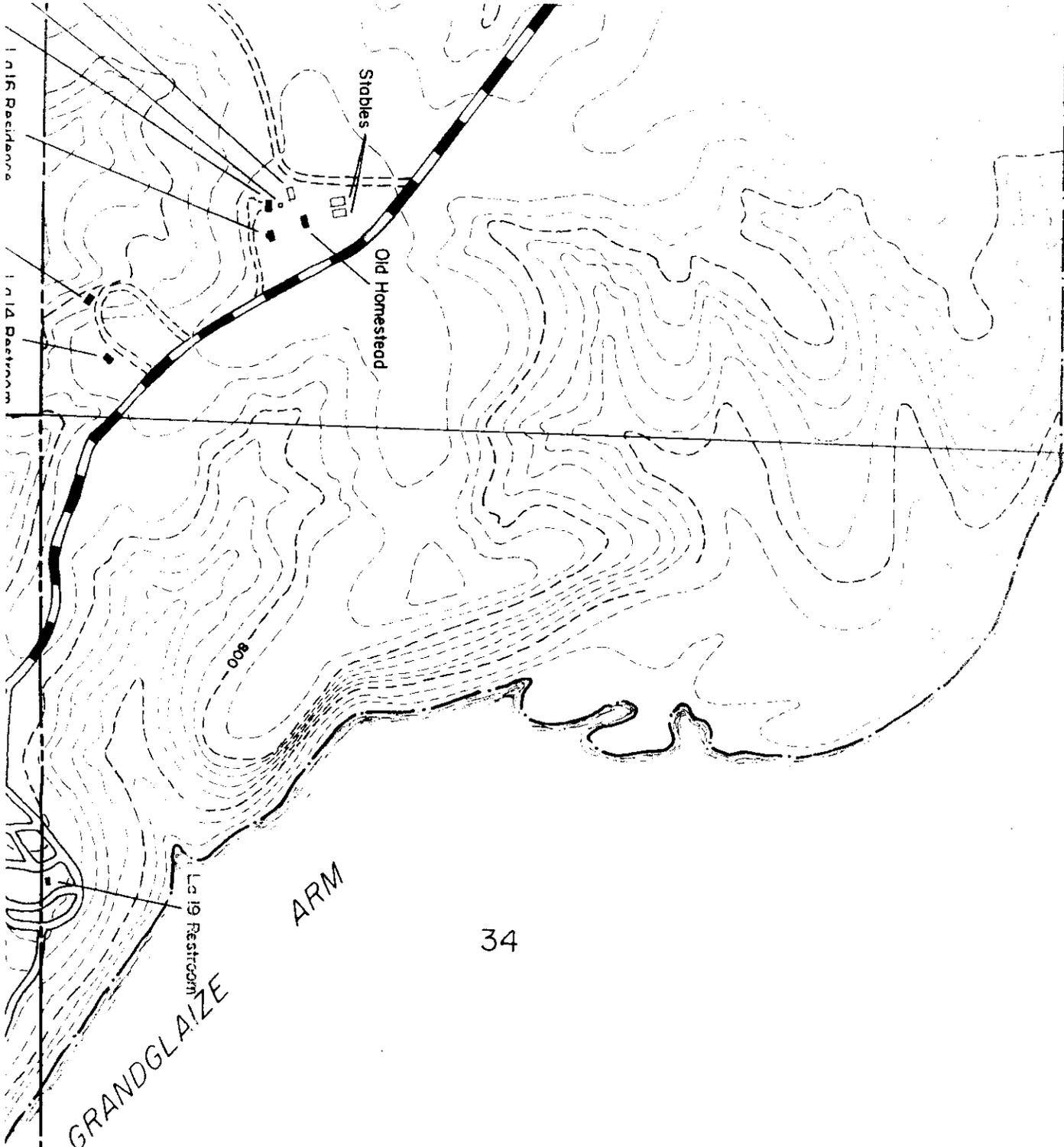


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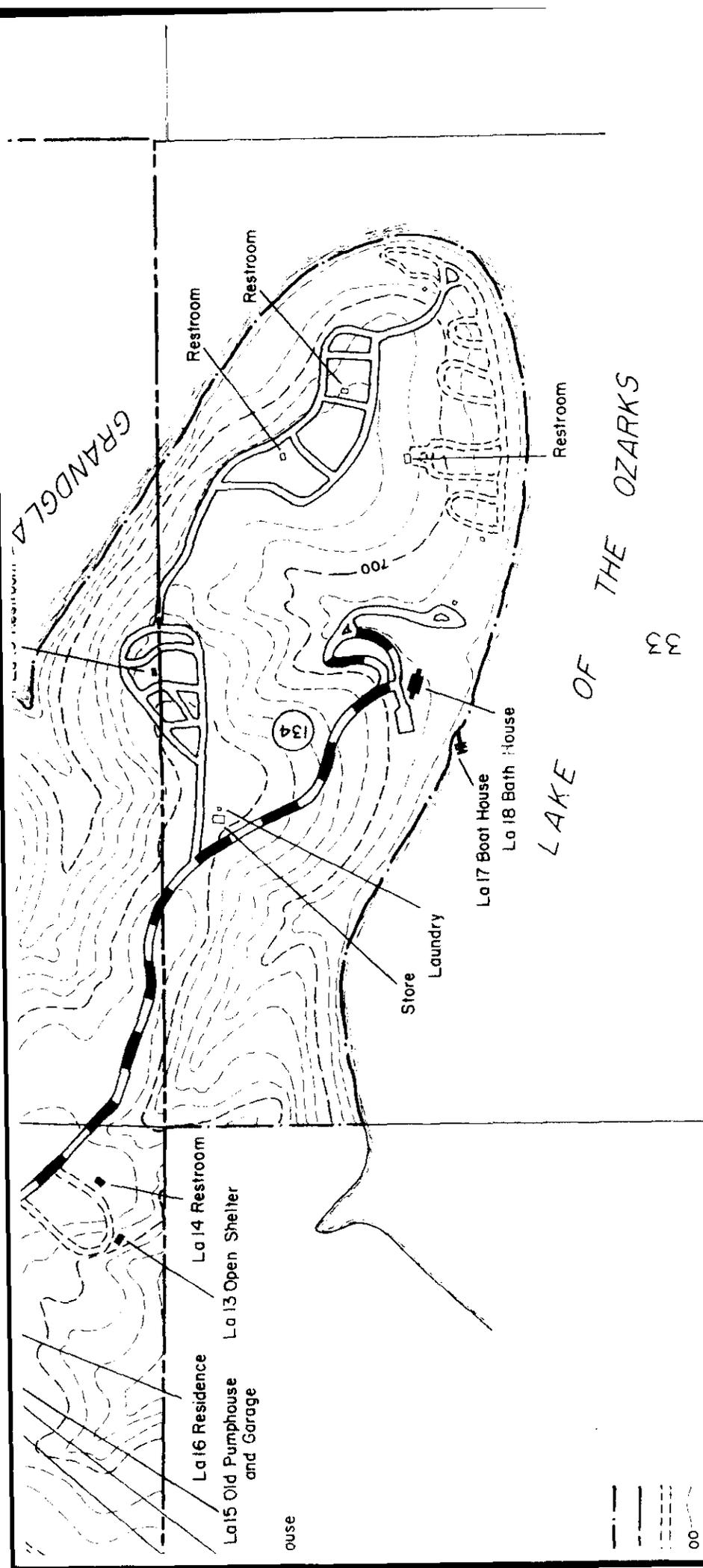
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