1800s-1960

Seabird Island

Traditional Land Holdings

Maps and Notes

Arranged Chronologically by Decade

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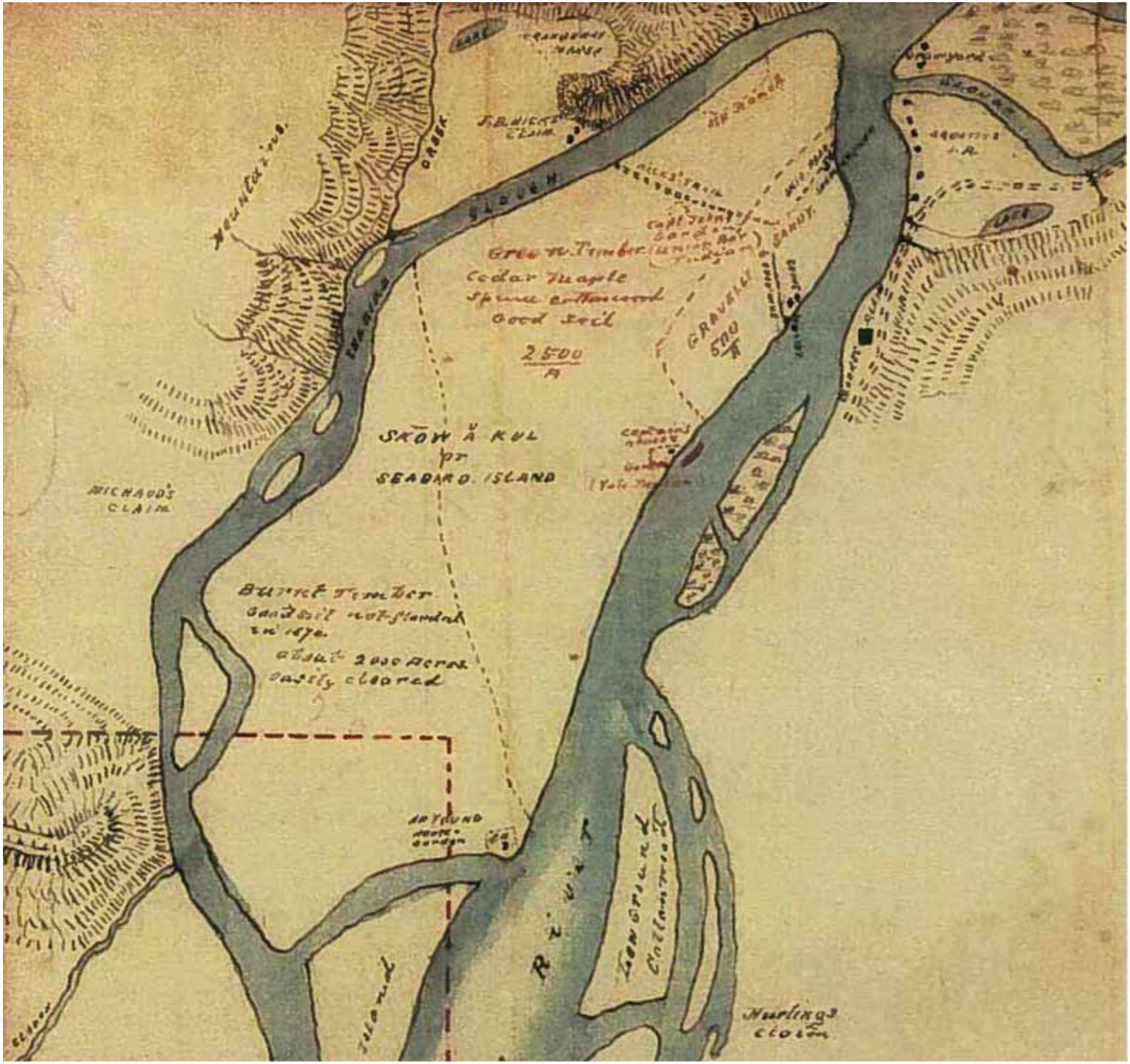
PART 1

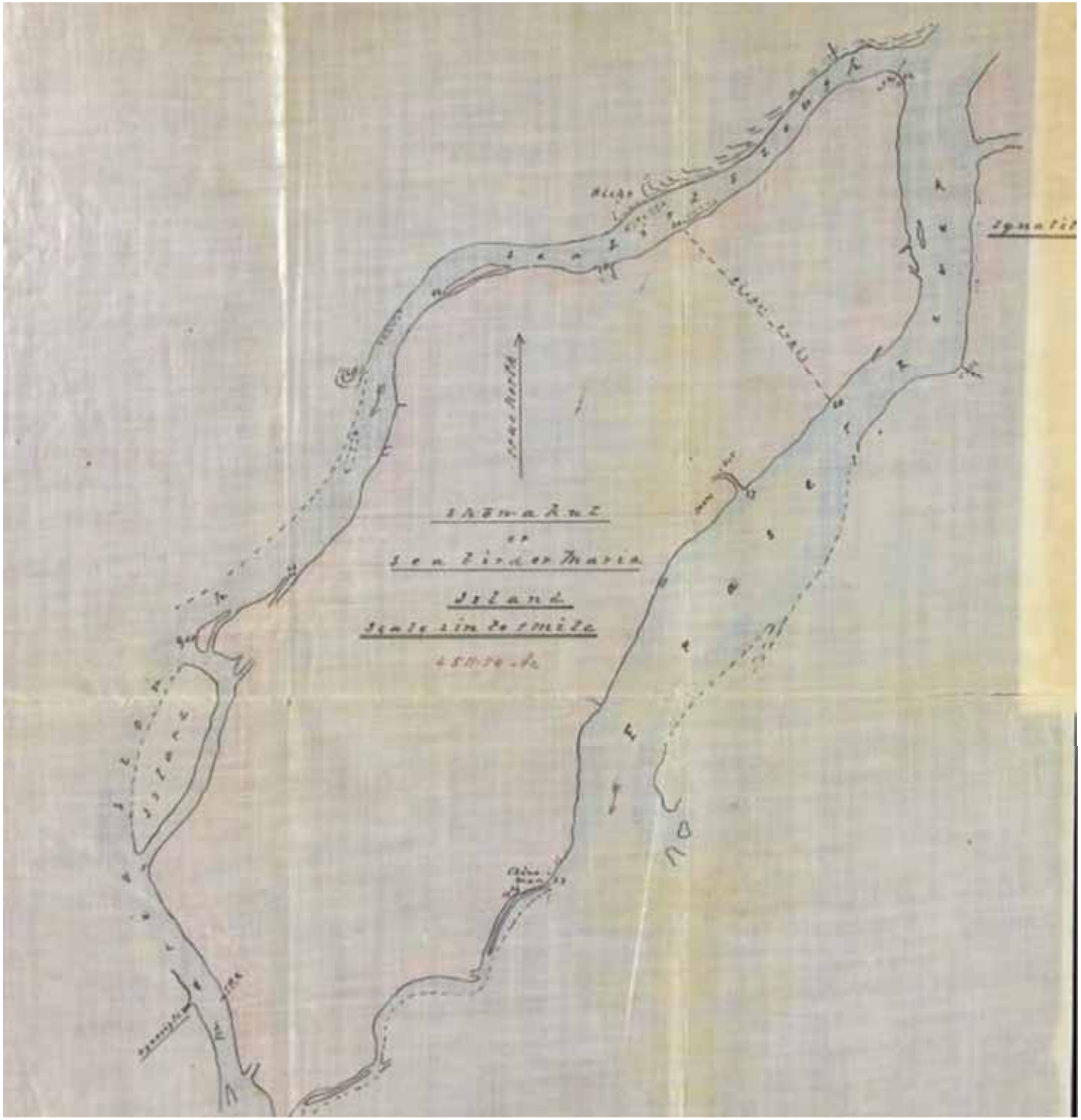
Maps of Seabird Island from the 1800s

Sketch of Part of Fraser River From Popcum to Ohamil, accompanying letter to GM Sproat Indian Commissioner June 1879, map by Farwell.

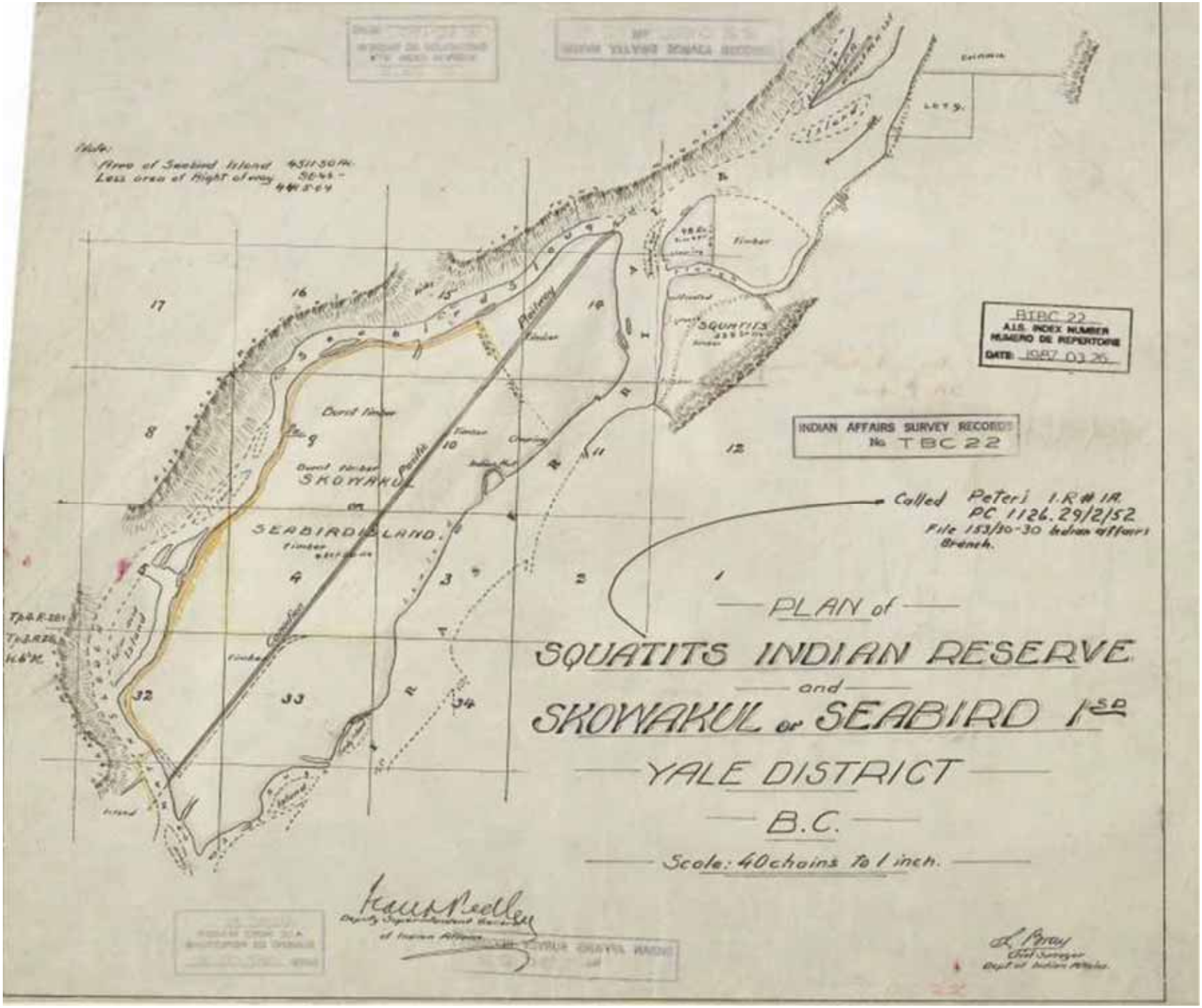


Seabird Island showing land type and land cover and land use.

Note: Ah Yung's Hut and garden



Original Sept 1881 Surveyor's sketch of Seabird Island by W.S. Jemmet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Area of Seabird Island 4511.50 ac.
Less area of Right of way 50.45 -
4461.64
Dead Timber
SKOWAKUL
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Timber
Pathway
SQUATITS
Timber
Called Peteri I.R. # 1A.
PC 1126. 29/2/52
File 153/10-30 Indian Affairs Branch.
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PLAN of
SQUATITS INDIAN RESERVE
and
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Chief Surveyor
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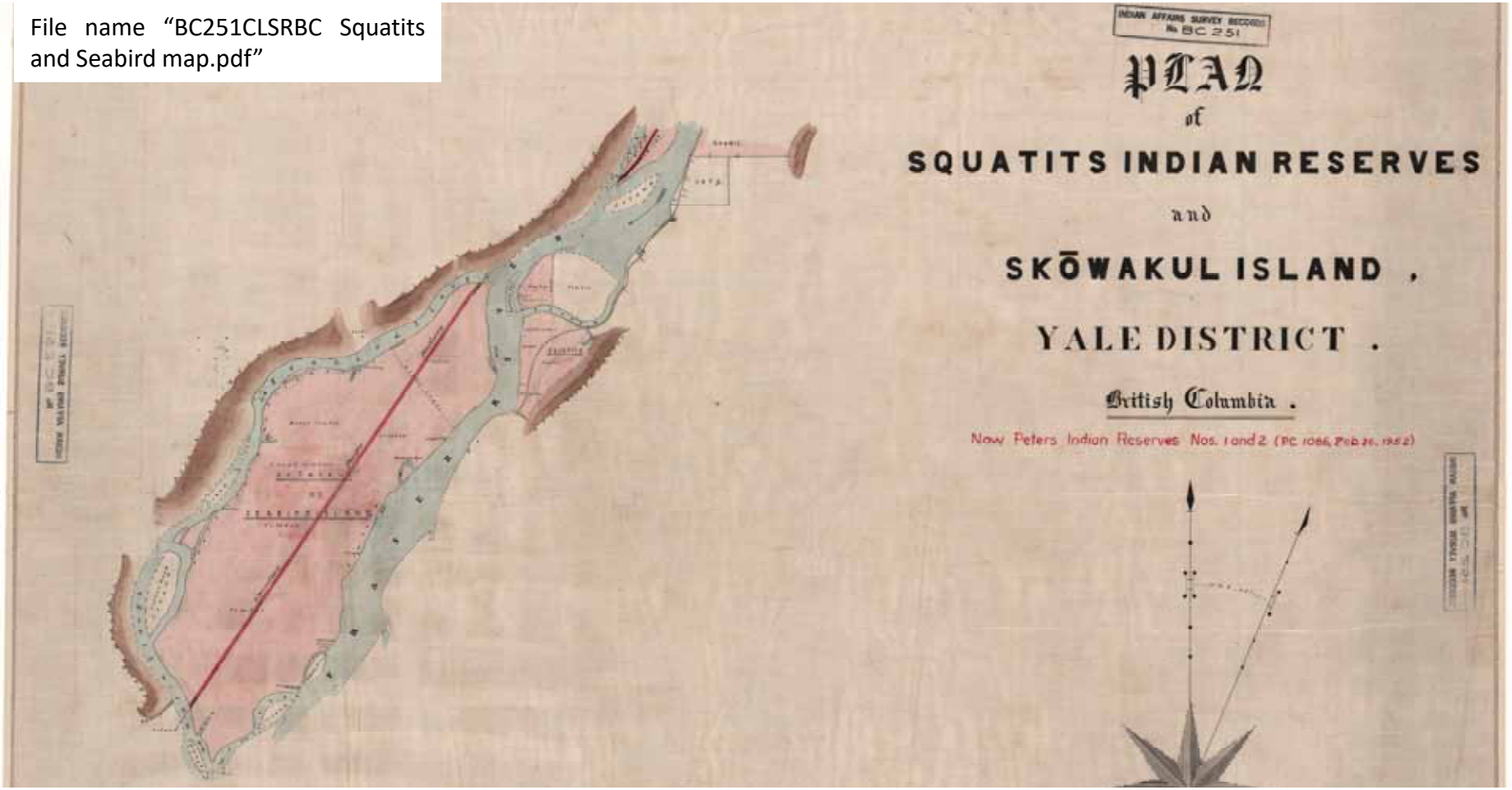
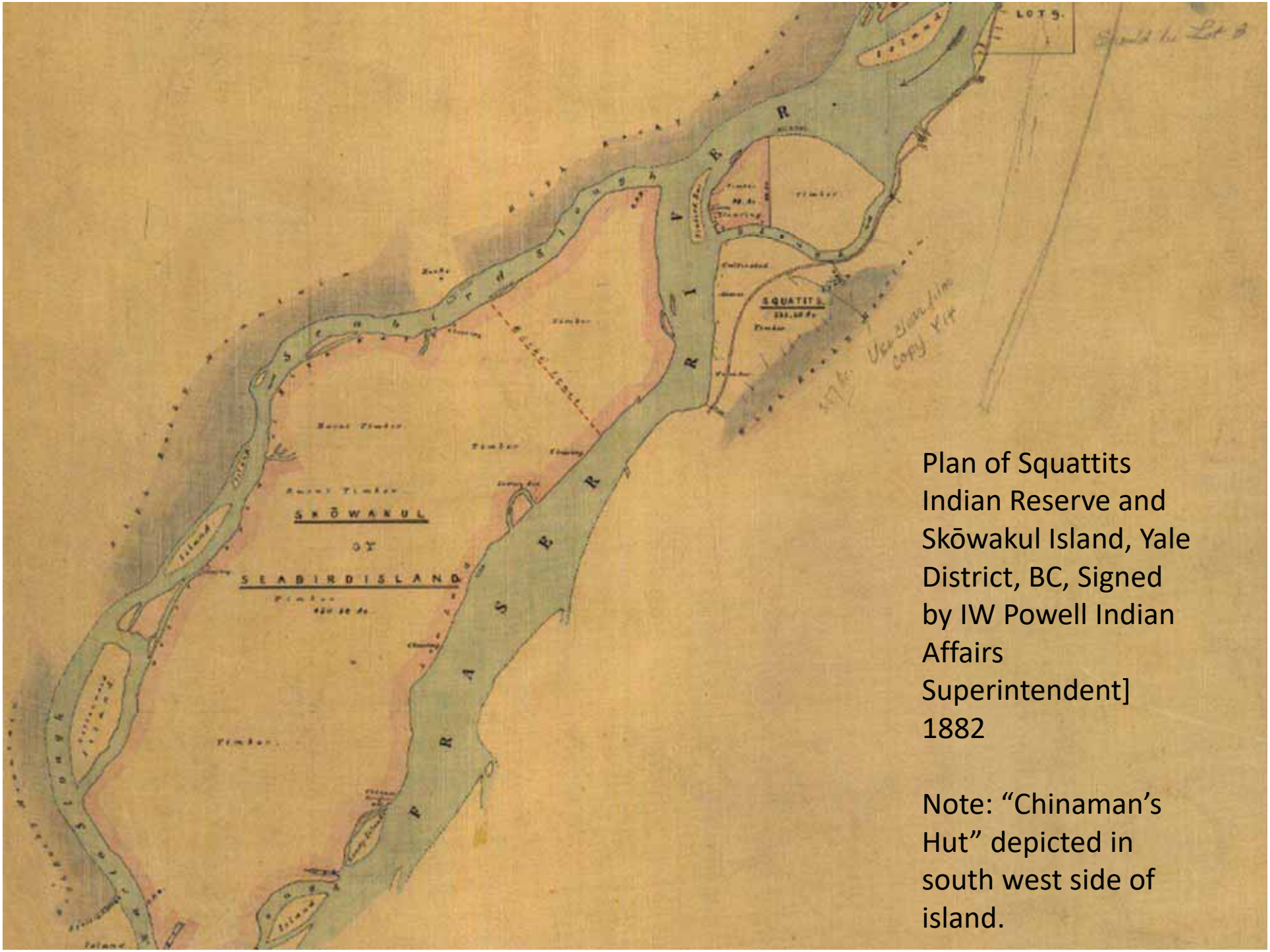


Figure 80: Plan of Squatits (Peters, 1952) Indian Reserves and Skōwakul (Seabird) Island. The CPR passes through the latter, which is covered by timber except for the burned northwestern portion. On the northern tip of the island, there are clearings on both the west and east sides. The small Island No. 1A I.R. is surrounded by a flowing slough, faced on the main island by a place called Indian Hut. The central-western area of Seabird Island is classified as a lowland with clearings. There is also a Chinese Garden [….] in front of a Sandy Island. There are sloughs and small islands drawn around the southern tip of the main island. Maria Slough separates the latter from Cottonwood Island and the "High Rocky Mountain," where the Agassiz Slough flows on the southwestern side. The western bank of Seabird Island is labelled as "overflowed at highwater." A road is traced with a pencil. A point called Hicks on the mountainous mainland west of Seabird is in front of the Hicks' trail, which splits the island's northern tip. In front of Seabird Bar, the island above the Peters (Squatits) reserve is covered by timber. The smaller east side (44.60) belongs to the reserve, covered by timber on the north and a cleared area in the southern portion, with "staves." The Peters (Squatits) reserve is split by a drawn road. On the east side, the northern part is a cultivated area above staves. The southern and eastern portions are timbered, with a swamp in the northern-eastern corner. Northward of Seabird, a few islands are drawn in front of Lot 9 and the lower border of Ohamil Reserve. The CPR line passes over Wahleach Island. **1881-1882**



Plan of Squattits Indian Reserve and Skōwakul Island, Yale District, BC, Signed by IW Powell Indian Affairs Superintendent] 1882

Note: “Chinaman’s Hut” depicted in south west side of island.

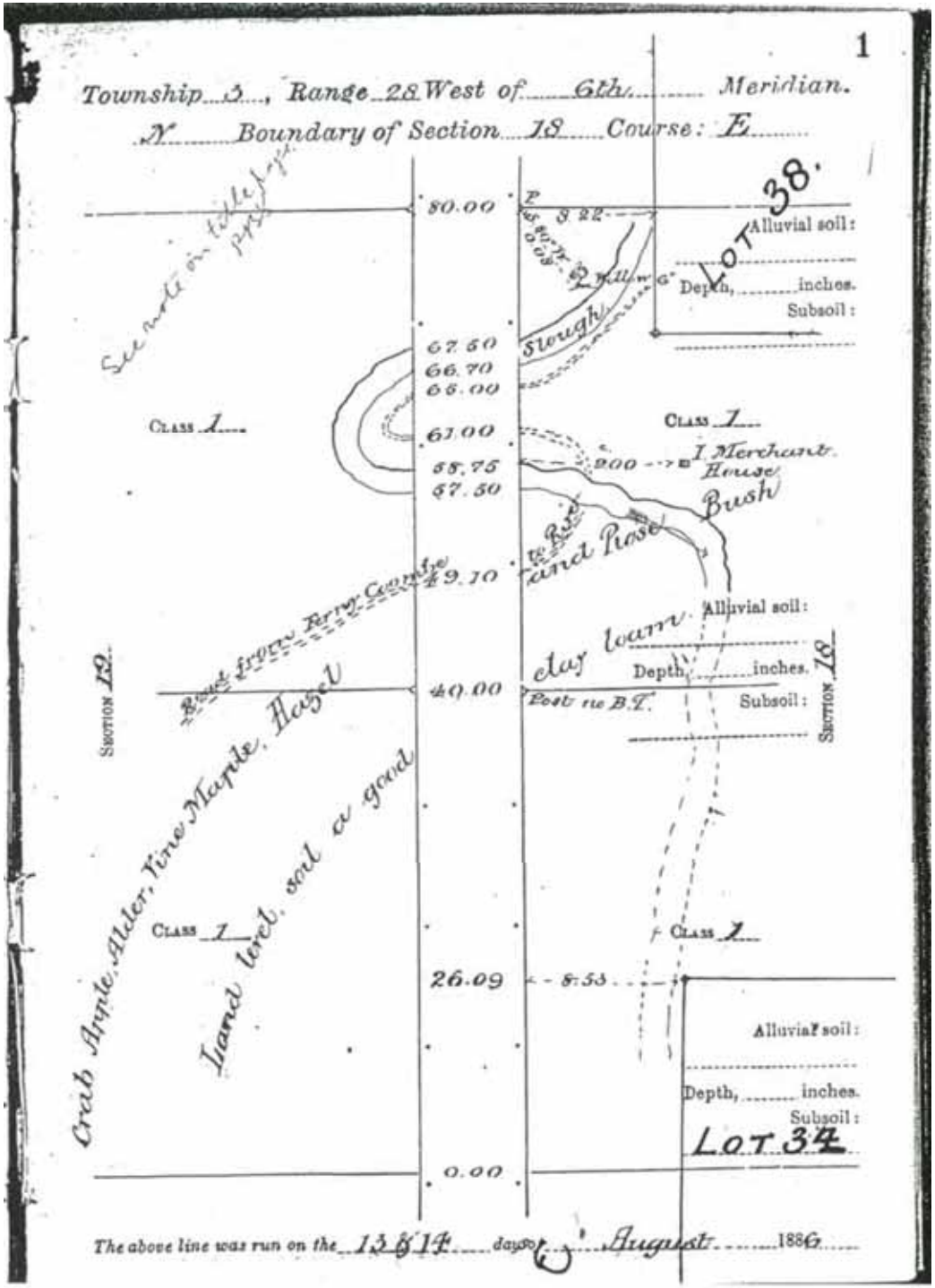


Figure 142: On the left side of the slough, the soil is “a good clay loam,” which is surrounded by crab apple, alder, vine, maple, hazel, and rose bush. A road “from Ferry Coombe” crosses the slough in the top portion of the map. A Merchant House is on the right side of the slough, close to the road. At the top-center of the map, the road passes in front of a willow tree on the other bank of the slough. **1886**.

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Figure 143: On the bottom of the left map (E Boundary of Section 18, Course: S, Lot 38), a road (to the river) flanks the slough. On the other bank, there are bushes of crab apple, alder, vine, and maple. On the left map (E Boundary of Section 18, Course: S, Lot 49 G.I.), and on the left of the slough, the soil is “a good clay loam,” surrounded by crab apple, alder, vine, maple, gooseberry, and rose bush. **1886.**

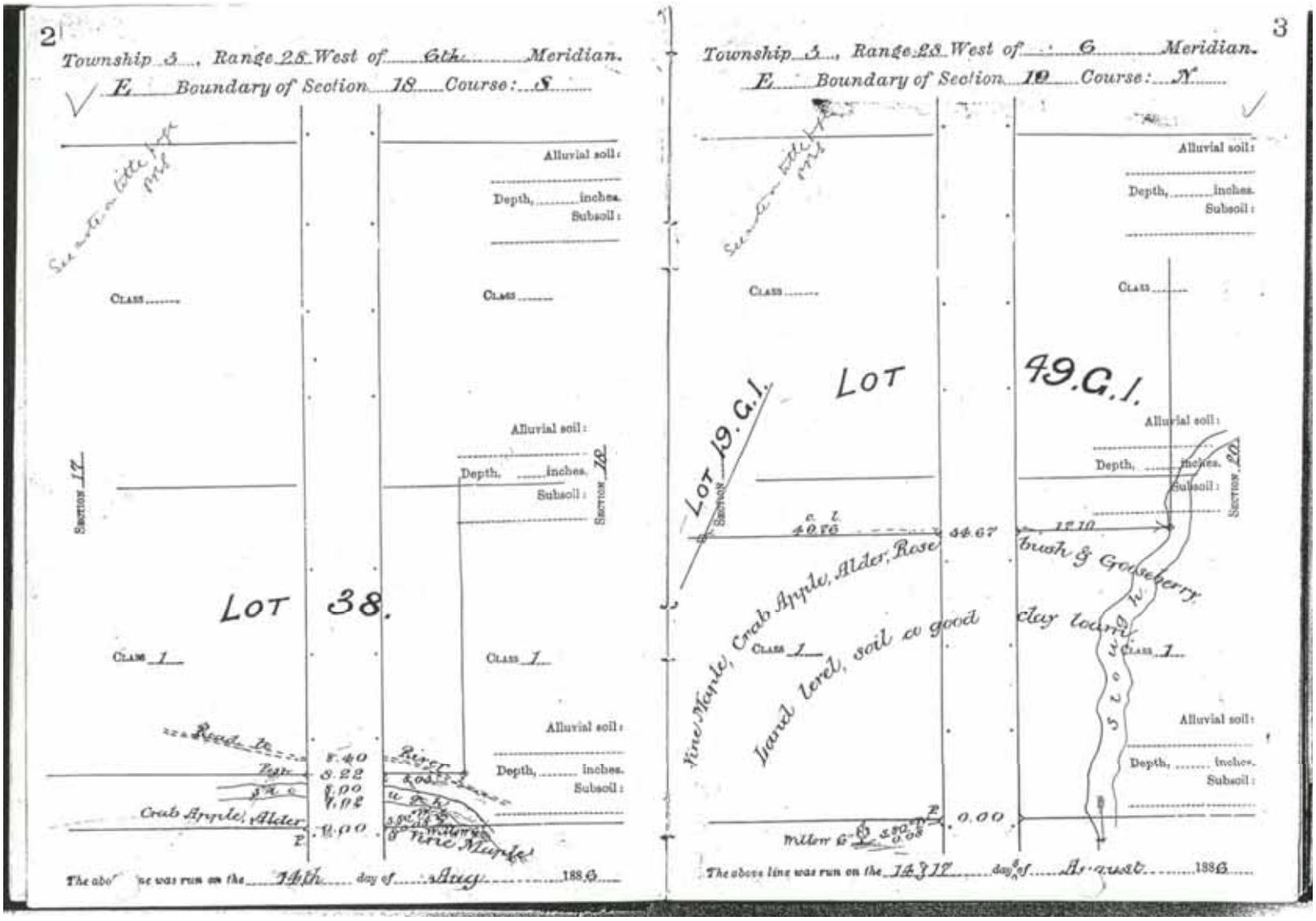

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Figure 144:

Left map – Lots C. Nelsons and 38 lie between Maria Slough and a smaller slough, where a road reaches a drawn square labelled as "Chas. Trotter." On the opposite bank (at the bottom of the map), there are crab apples, alder, vine, maple, and bushes. Furthermore, the soil is "a good clay loam."

Right map – on the top portion, mountains are timbered with fur and hemlock, "not very large." Below the mountains, the CPR line borders woods of maple, alder, vine & maple, cedar, and dense underbrush. Maria Slough flows around a small island and "Maria Island." The land below the sloughs is covered by willow, alder, vine, maple, and dry cedar on the bottom of the map. The soil is "a good clay loam."

1886

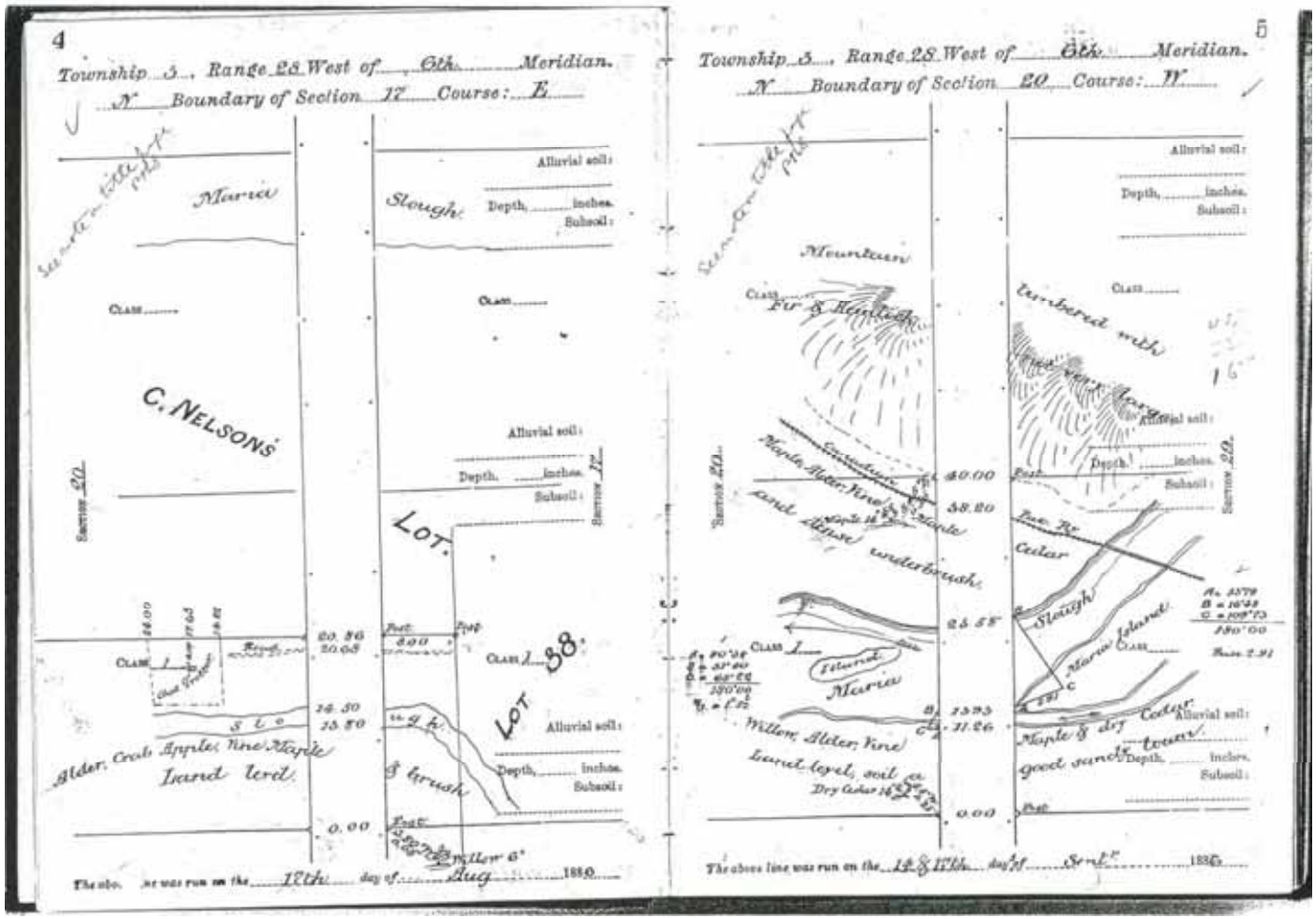

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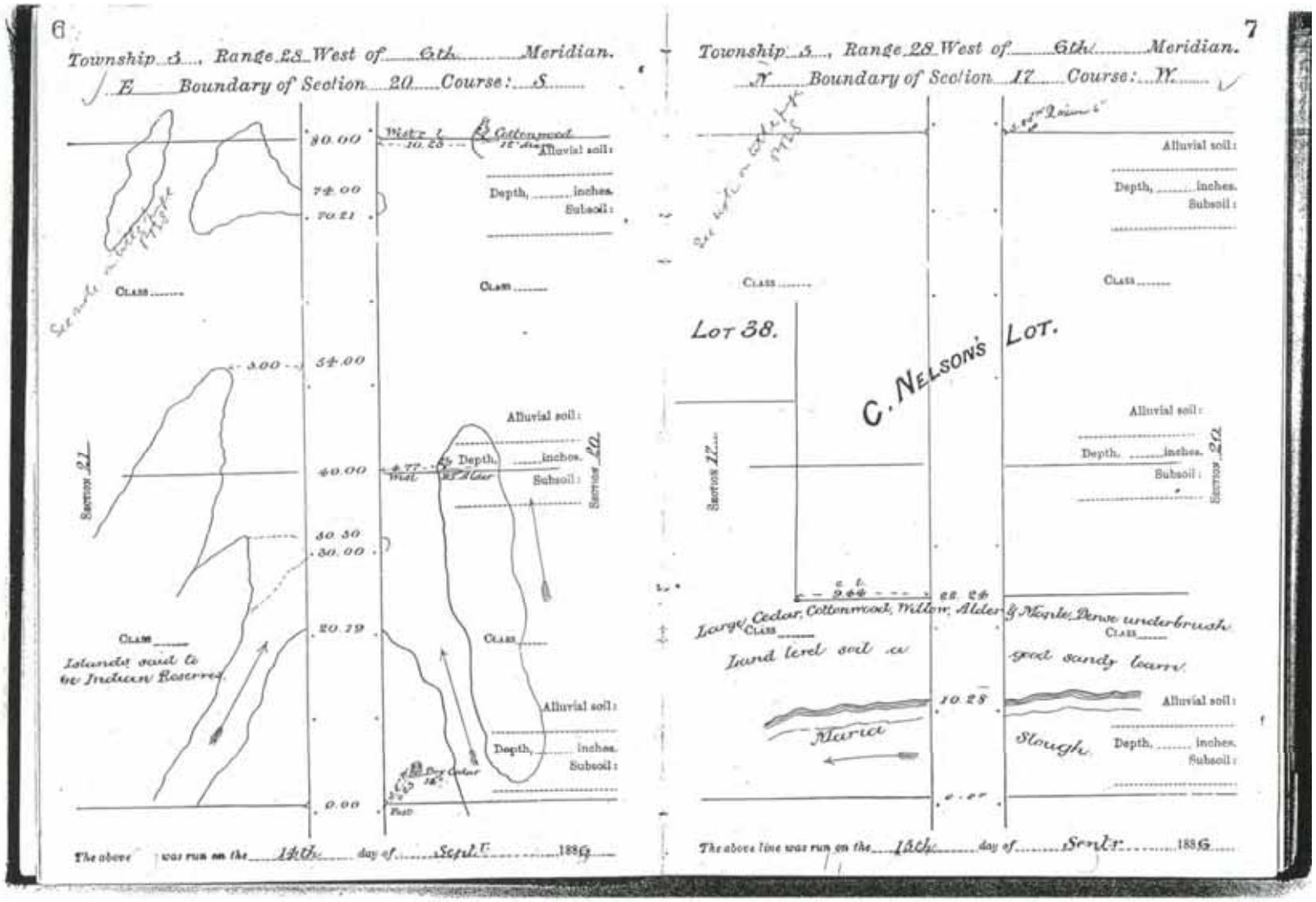
Figure 145:

Left map – On the bottom-left corner, drawn pieces of land are labelled “Islands said to be Indian Reserves.” There is a red cedar tree on the bottom center of the map.

Right map – Below the Lots C. Nelsons and 38, there are large cedars, cottonwood, willow, alder, and maple dense underbrush, up to Maria Slough’s bank.

1886



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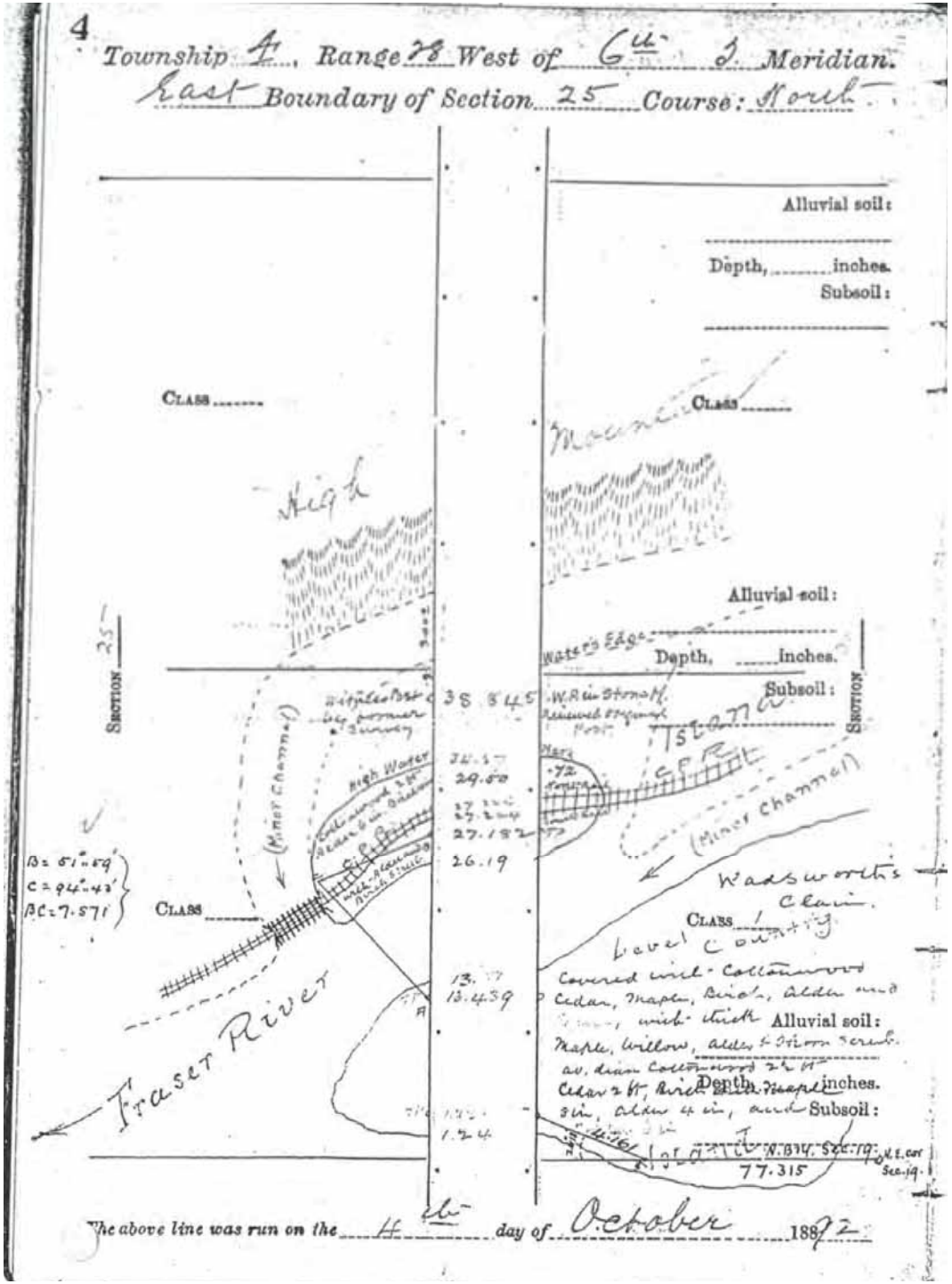

Figure 158: In the bottom-right corner, H. Adsword [?] claim is covered with cottonwood, cedar, maple, birch, alder, and scrubs of maple and willow. The CPR line passes over two islands, one bigger than the other. The latter is covered by cottonwood, alder, and birch. Furthermore, a high watermark is drawn. From the top-right corner to the bottom left one, two minor sloughs flow into the Fraser River. Finally, a high mountain slope ends into a drawn water edge on the top portion of the map**. 1892**

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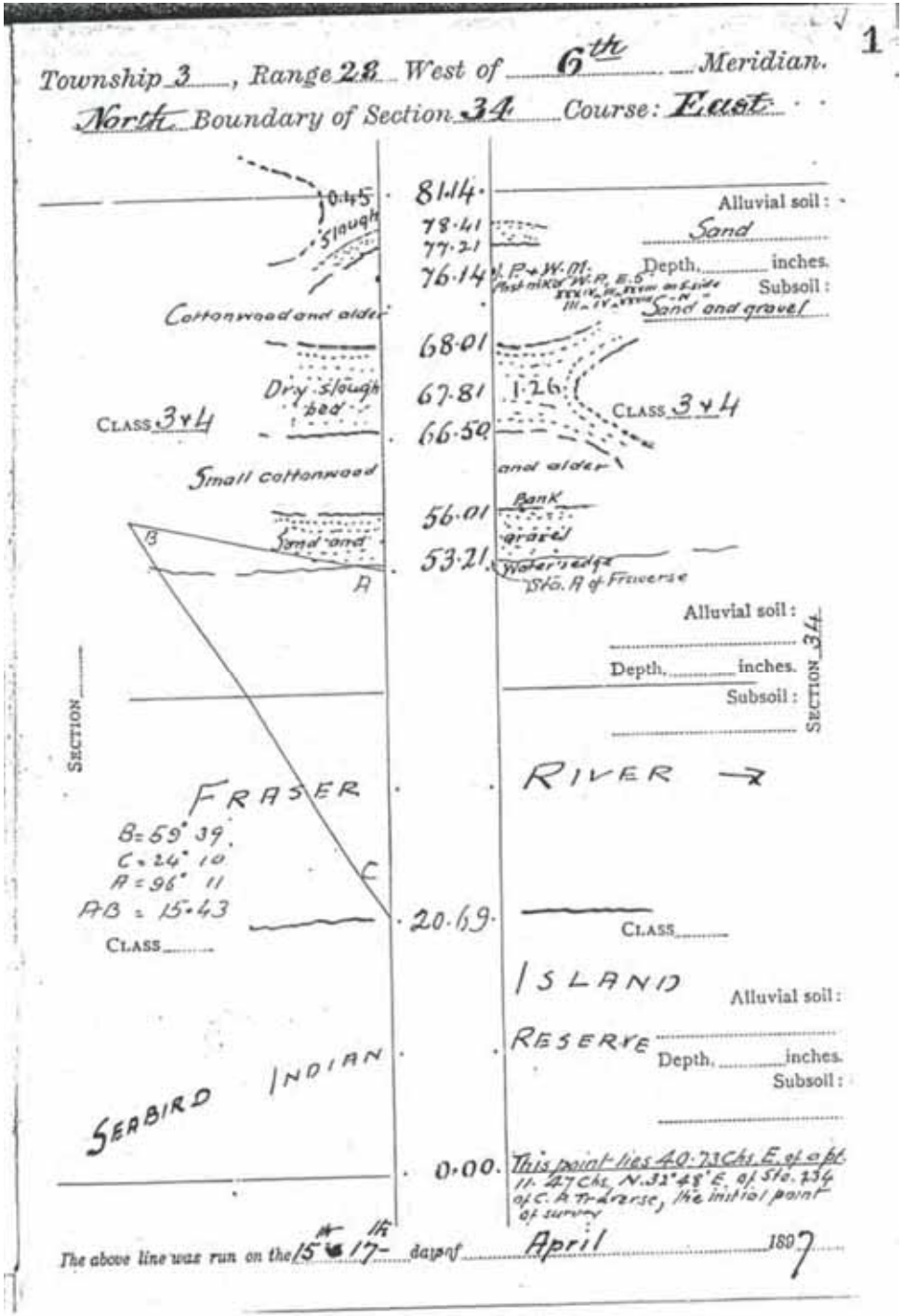

Figure 148: From top-down, a slough is flanked by land covered by cottonwood and alder. Then, a dry slough is followed by "small cottonwood and alder." The Fraser River flows between a bank of sand and gravel on one side and Seabird Indian Reserve on the other one. **1897.**

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Figure 149:

Left map – From top-down, the huge boulders of a high precipitous rocky mountain emerge from woods of cedar and alder. The Yale Road is built on sandy loam and gravel, which is separated from the main slough by a thick brush.

Right map – Cedar and fir are at the bottom of the mountain ridge, flanked by the Yale Road.

1897

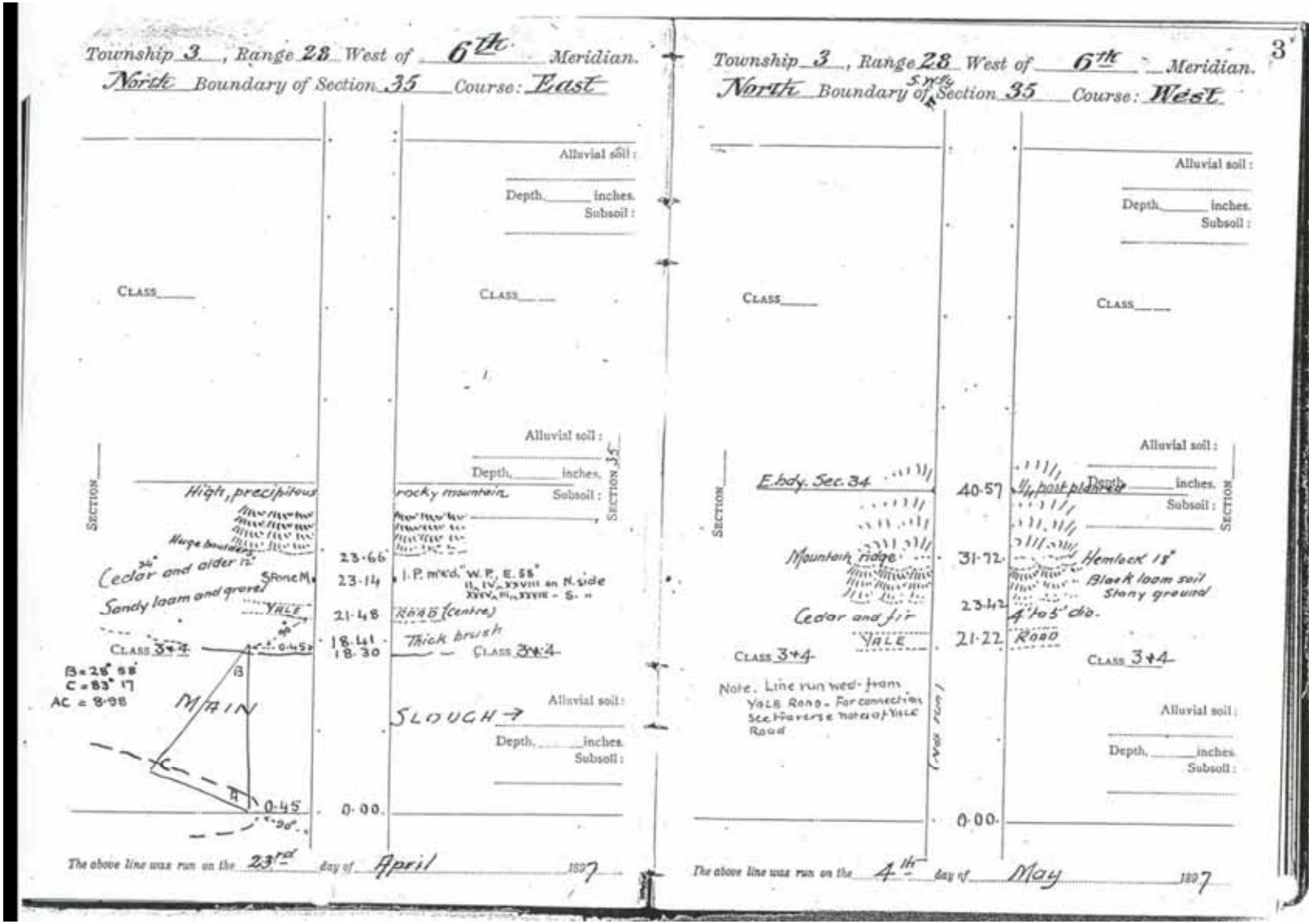

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Figure 150:

Left map – From the bottom-up, the perpendicular rock wall of a rocky mountain is covered by fir and hemlock. A small creek flows through cleared and then cultivated land into the main slough.

Right map – Below the main slough, small timber of cottonwood and alder cover the sandy soil. A point above the Fraser River is labelled as "Witness Mound."

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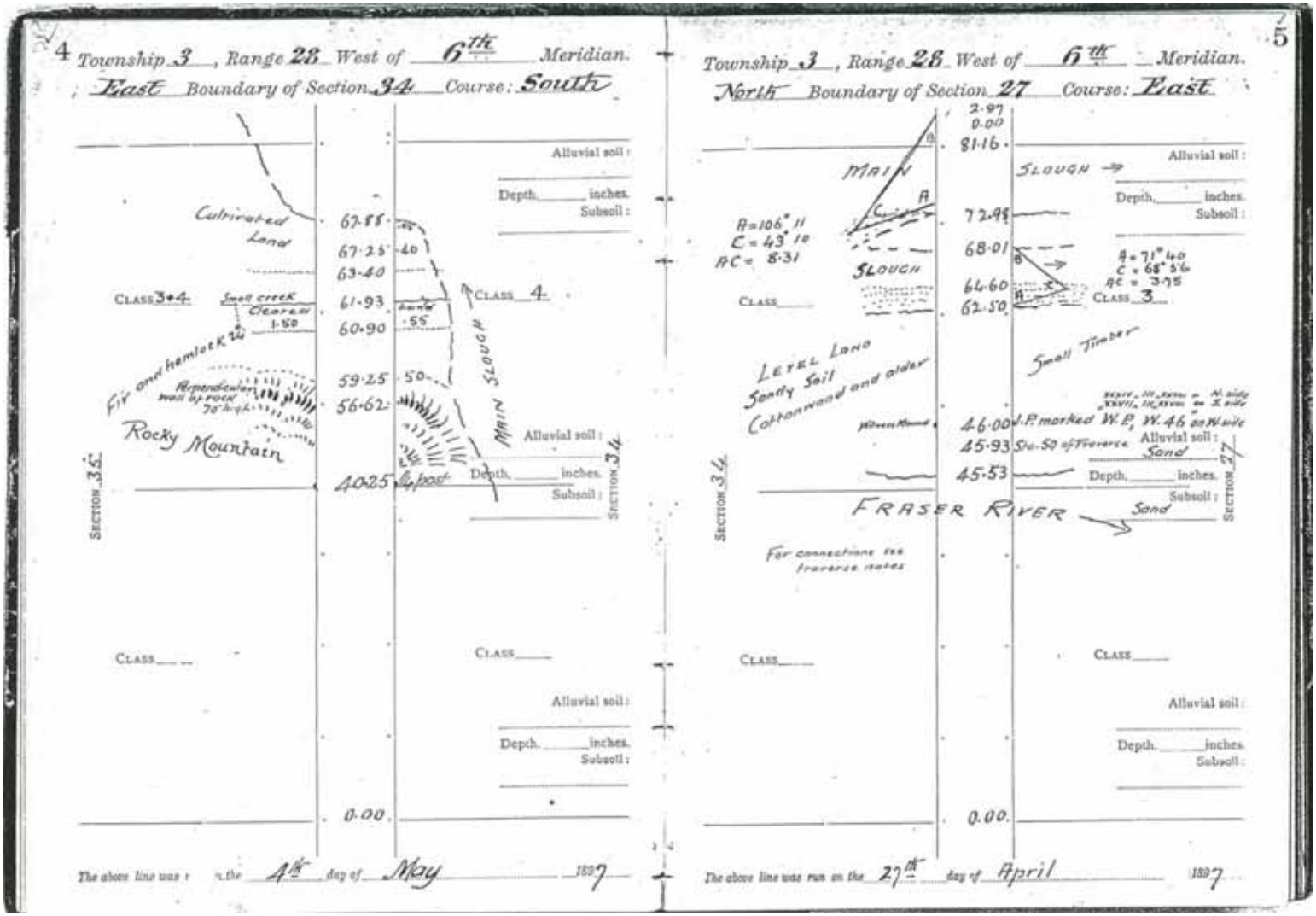

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Figure 151:

Left map – Cedar and spruces cover the foot of the mountain. Timber is slashed below a small creek. A fence separates the cleared land on the left and Mary Jones' clearing from the Yale Road. The Stone Witness Mound is below the Yale Road.

Right map – On the left portion of the map, there is a thick cottonwood and alder bush, with a dry slough below. On the right side, there are level land and good soil.

1897

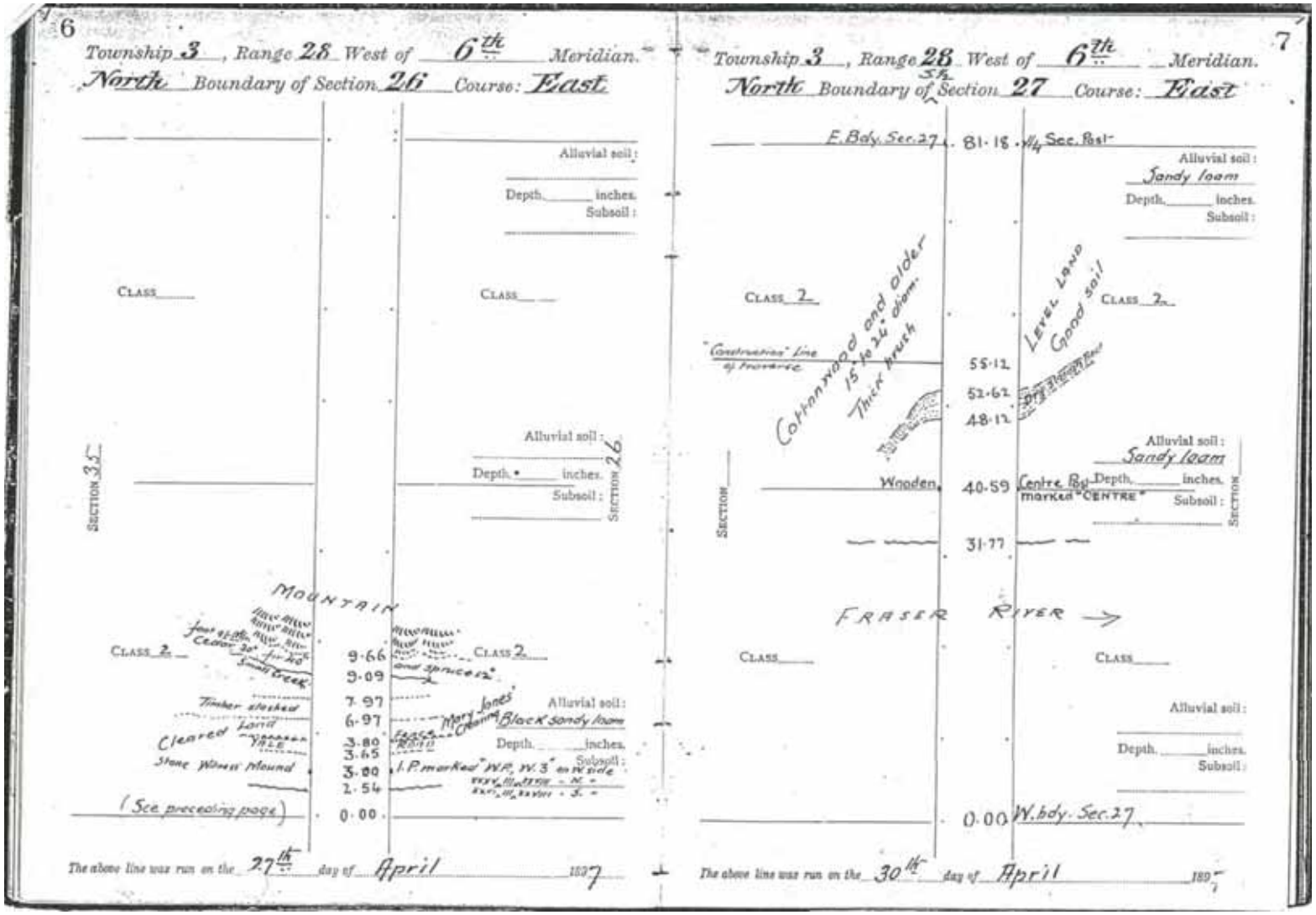

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Figure 152:

Left map – In the left portion of the map, the main slough turns around a piece of land drawn on the right side. Cottonwood, alder, and cedar cover a level land of sandy loam belonging to Gus Herrling in the top-left corner.

Right map – The Yale Road passes through scattered timber, tick brush on sand and gravel above the main slough. Above the road, there is rough, broken and stony ground.

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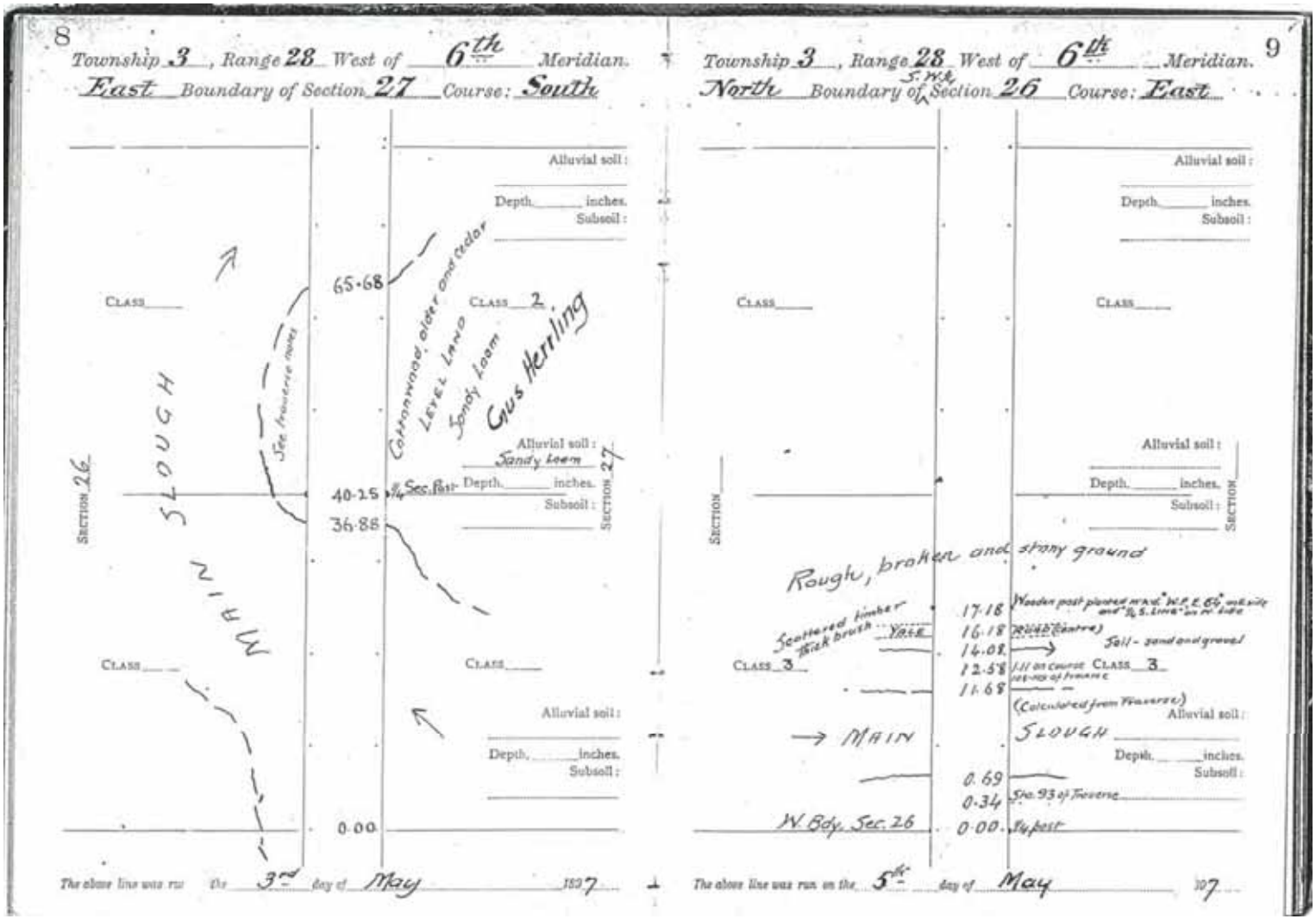

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Figure 153:

Left map – Thick cedar, spruce, and alder brush cover a level land of sandy loam.

Right map – The Yale Road passes above the main slough, going through scattered timber, tick brush on sand and gravel. Above the road, the ground rises and becomes rough and broken.

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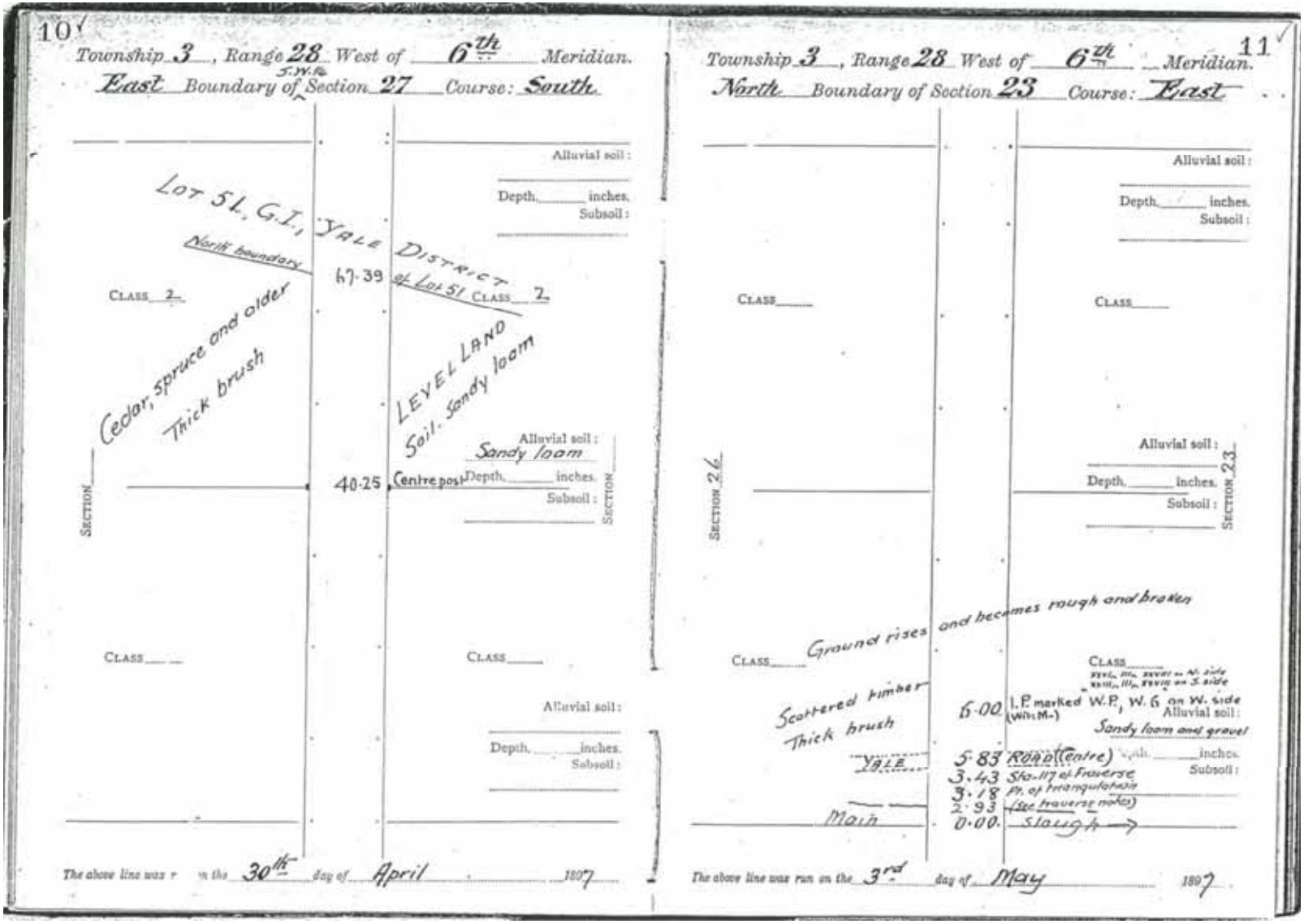

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Figure 154:
Left map – Alder and maple thick brush cover a sandy loam soil crossed by a small body of water above the main slough.
Right map – The Yale Road passes through cottonwood, alder, and cedar growing above a sand and gravel strip of land.
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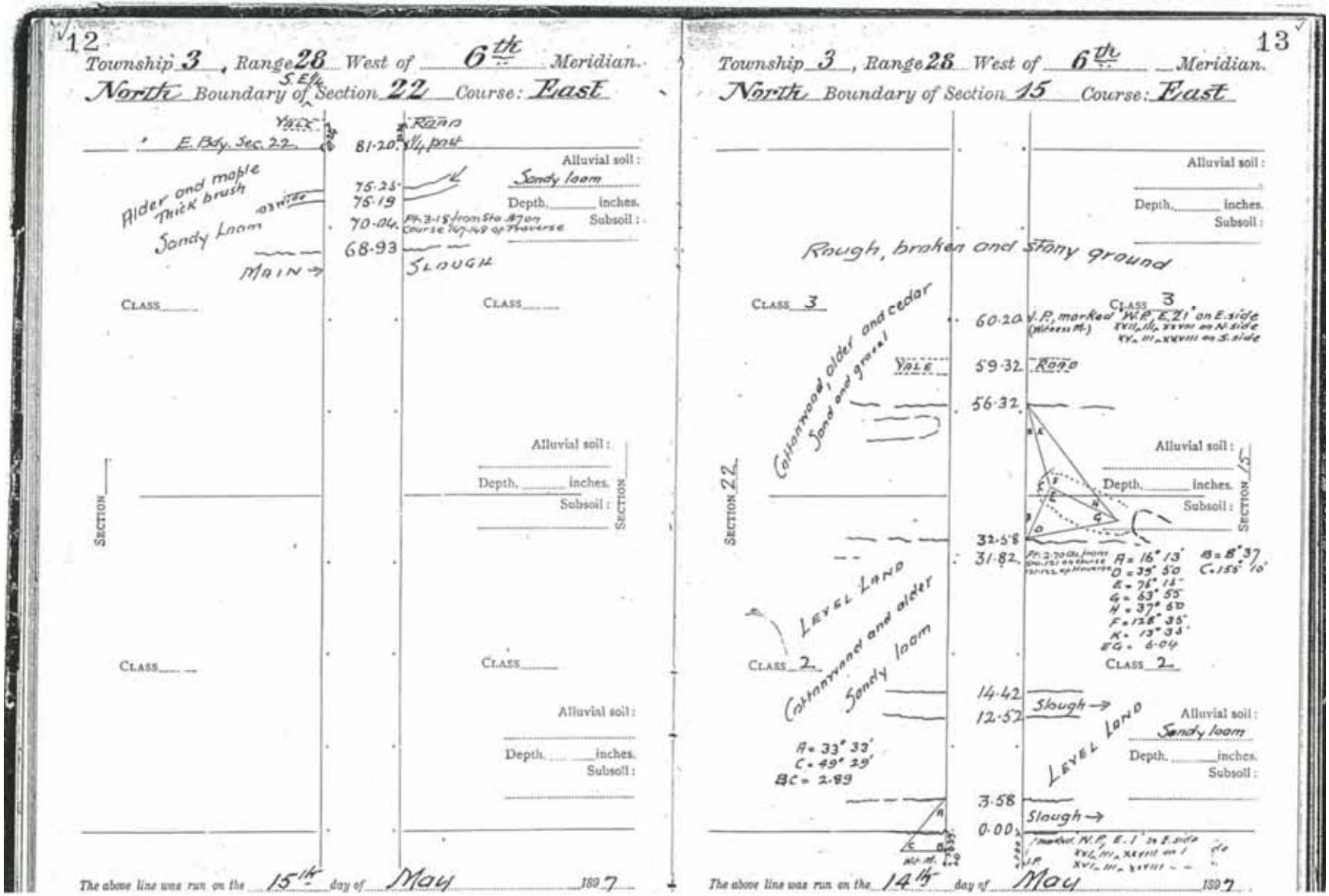

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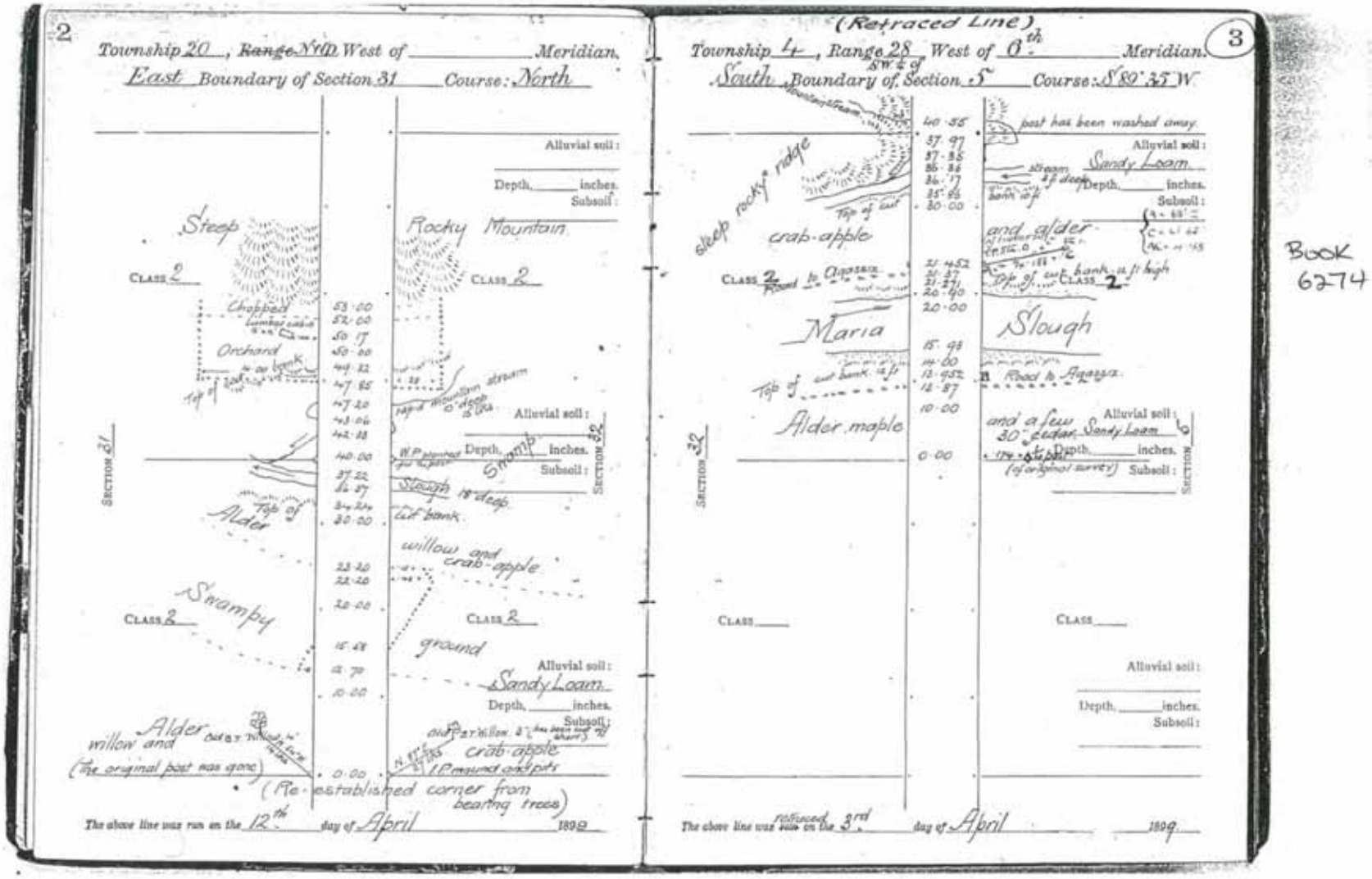
Figure 156:

Left map – A lumber cabin stands between a chopped area and an orchard at the foot of a steep rocky mountain. The area is on a bank with a top cut, flanked by a rapid mountain stream that flows into an 18 [?] deep slough. In the bottom area of the map, the top of the cut of the opposite bank of the slough is covered by alder, willow, and crab apple, among the swampy ground.

Right map – From top to down, a stream flows under a steep rocky ridge, receiving the water from another mountain stream. There is a top of the cut on the opposite bank, crab apple and alder, and the Road to Agassiz flanks Maria Slough. Below, the top of the cut is covered by alder, maple and 30'' cedar.

1899



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PART 2

Maps of Seabird Island from 1900-1920

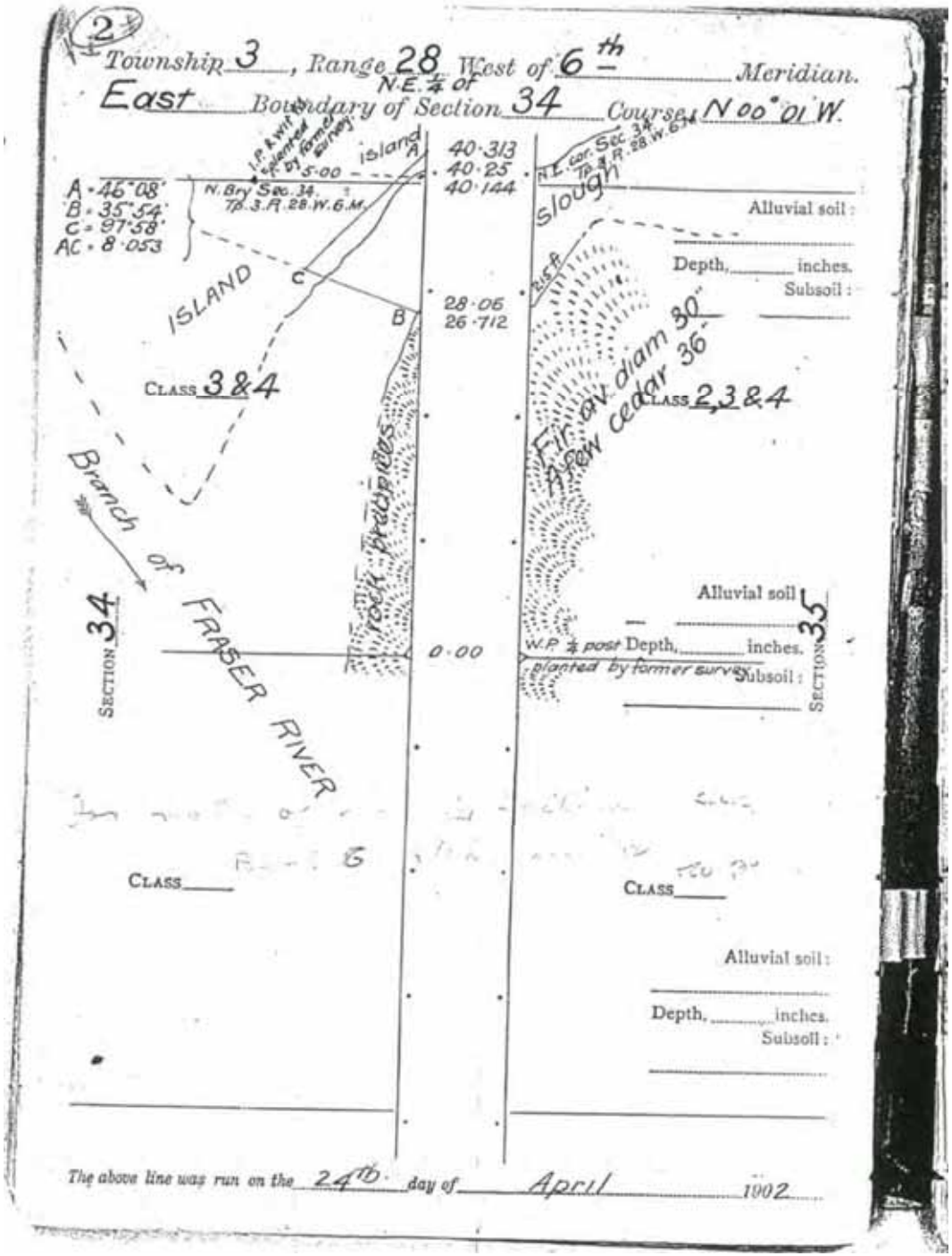

Figure 155: At the confluence between a branch of the Fraser River and a slough, a rock precipice stands in front of the tip of an island, There are fir of 30'' diameter and 36'' cedars. **1902**

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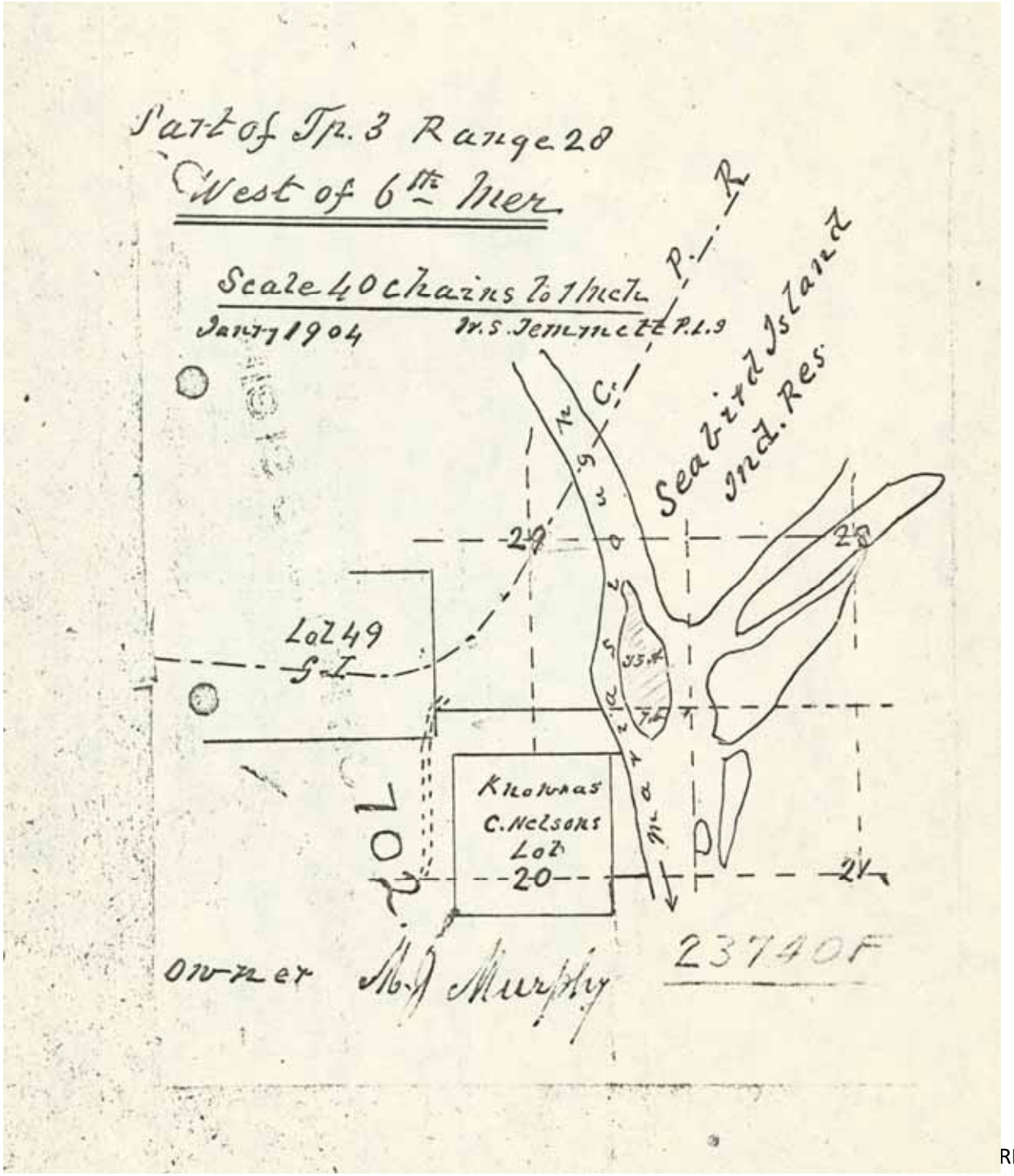

Figure 88: Part of Tp. 3 West of 6th Mer New Westminster District. from the southern tip of Seabird Island, the CPR line passes over Maria Slough towards the right side of the map (Lot 49). On the Agassiz side of the mainland, Lot 20 is labelled as Knownas [?] and C. Nelson. Close to the parcel 702, is noted – "owner M. G. [?] Murphy.**" 1904.**

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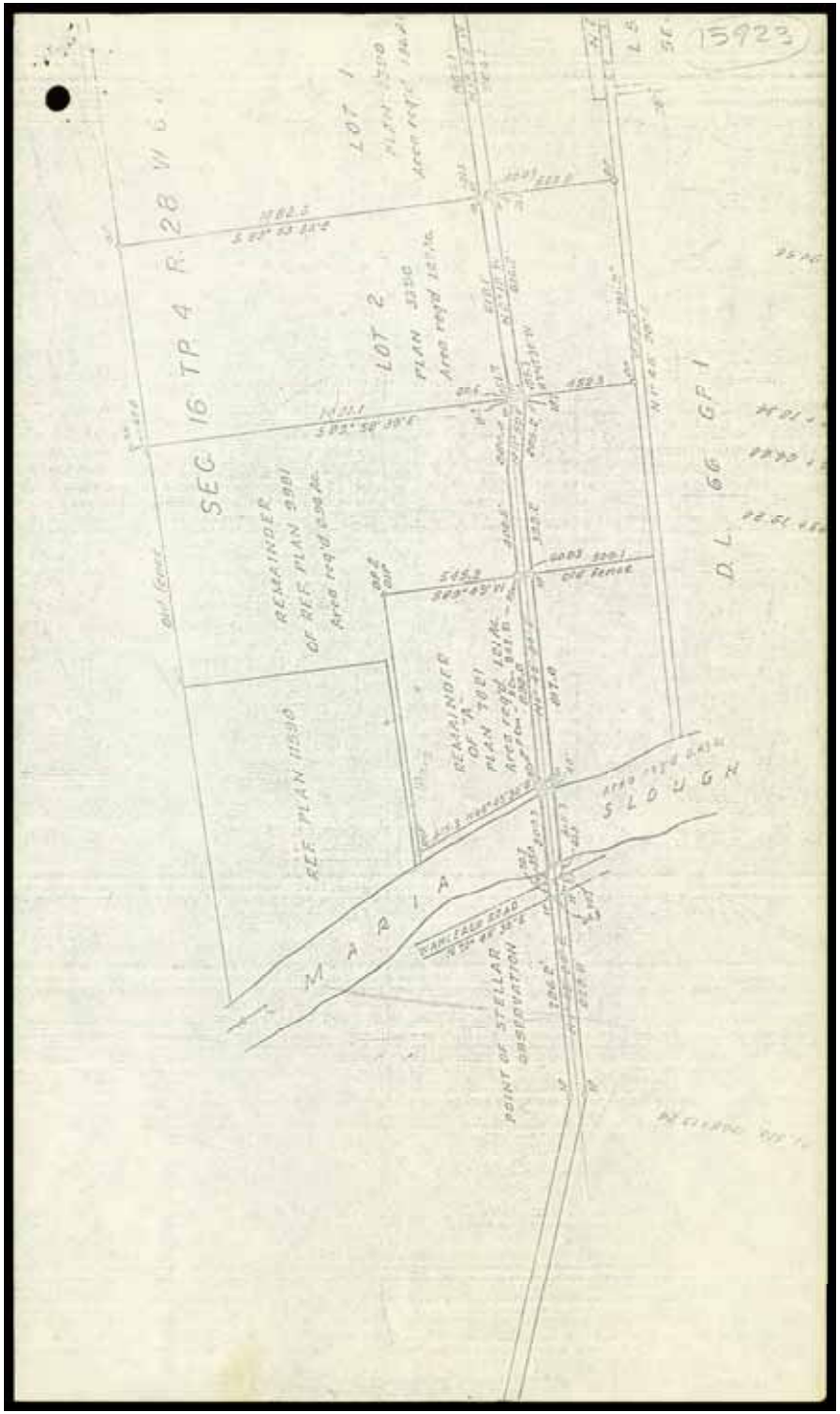

Figure 89: Sec. 16 Tp. 4 R 28 W. After crossing Wahleach Road and Maria Slough, the Right of Way passes thought Lots 1 (136 Ac.) and 2 (109 Ac.). The bridge required 0.43 Ac. An old fence surrounds the "Remainder of a Plan 7821," and the "Remainder of a Plan 9981." **1904 (?).**

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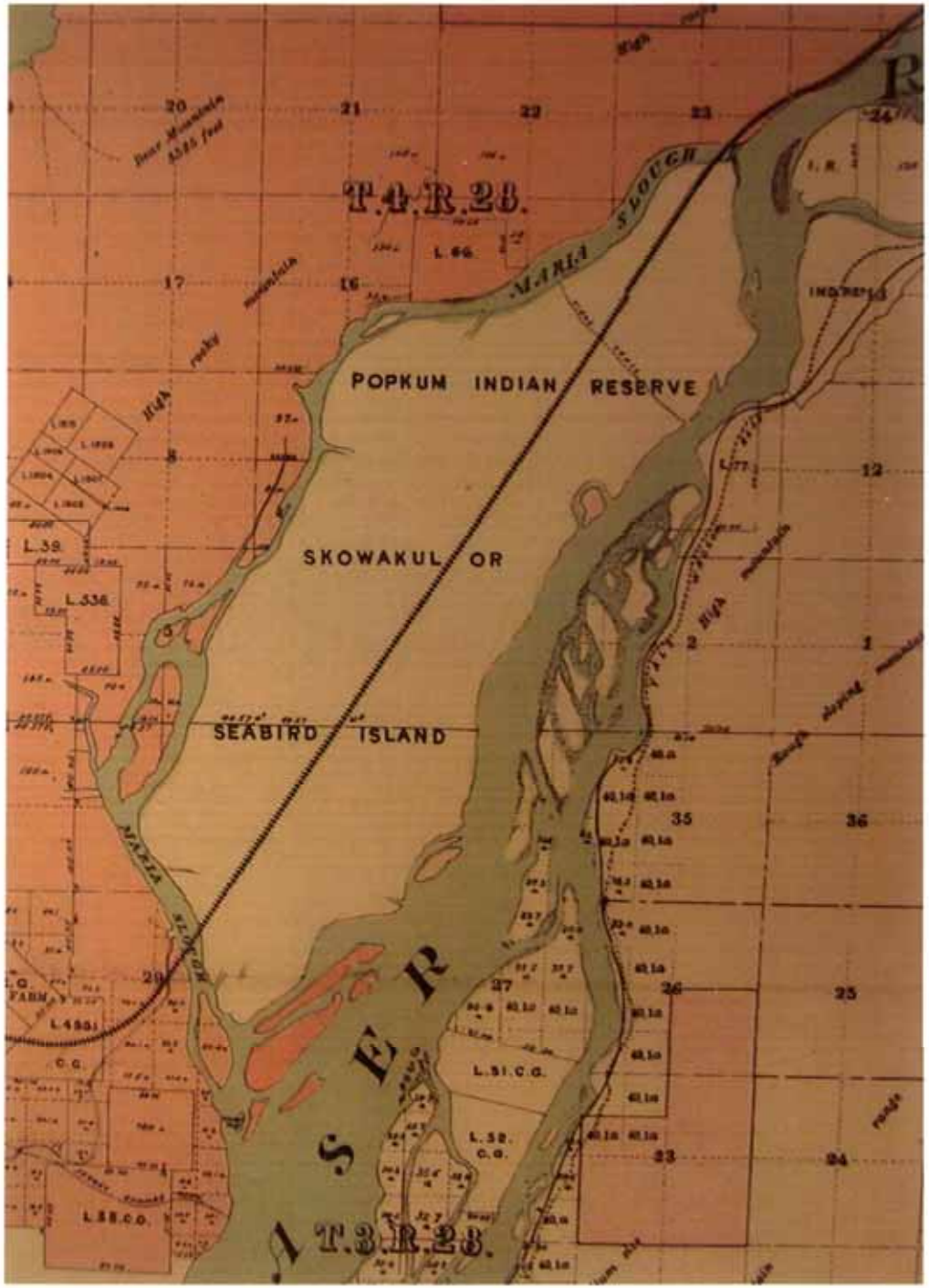

Figure 159: On the Island there is written "Popkum Indian Reserve, Skowakul or Seabird Island." Lots are drawn everywhere except for the island. **1905**

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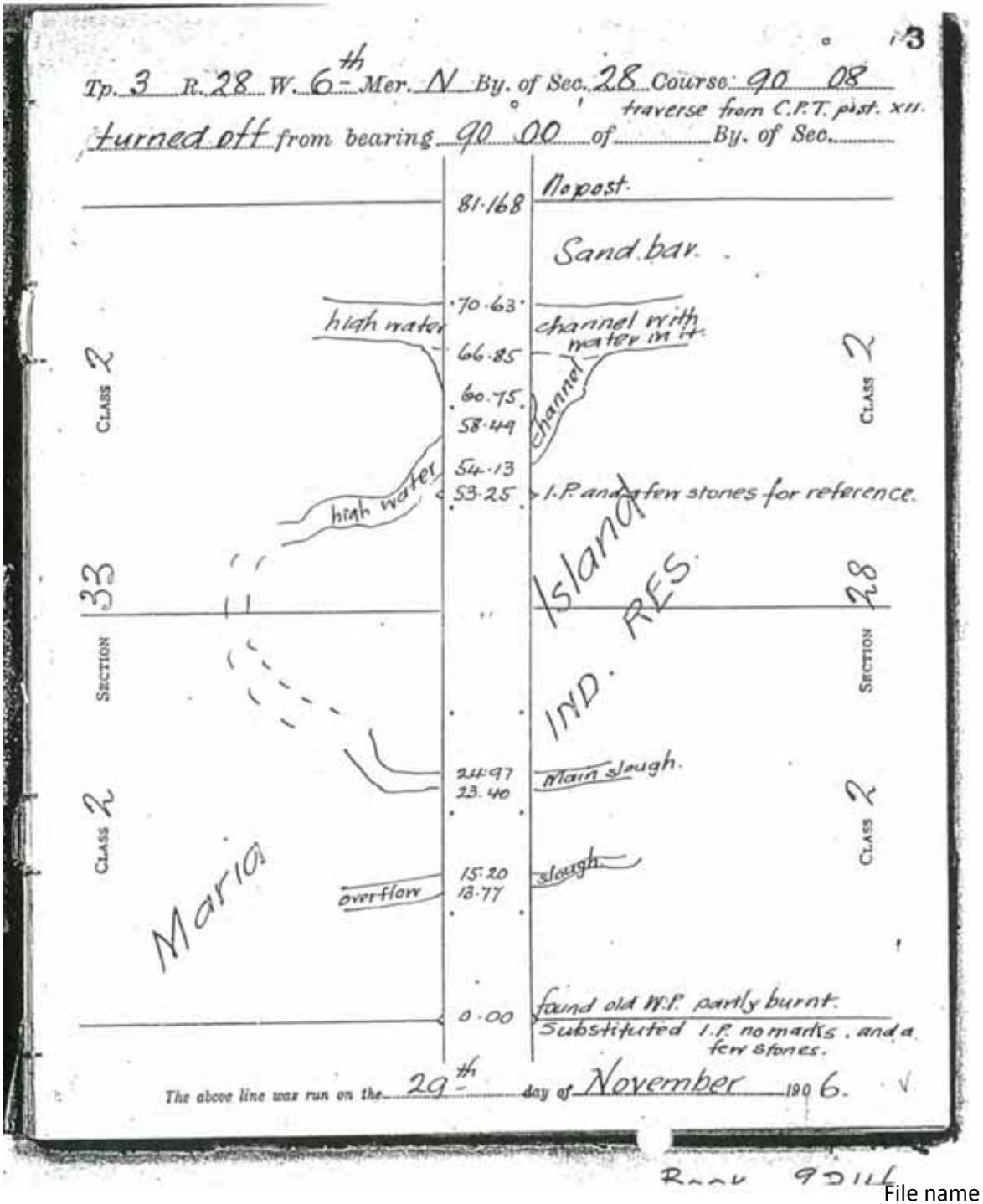

Figure 146: Within Maria Island Indian Reserve, From top top down, a sandbar borders an high water channel (with water in it), which intersects a high water channel drawn descending towards Maria slough. On the bottom of the map, there is a parallel overflow slough. **1906**

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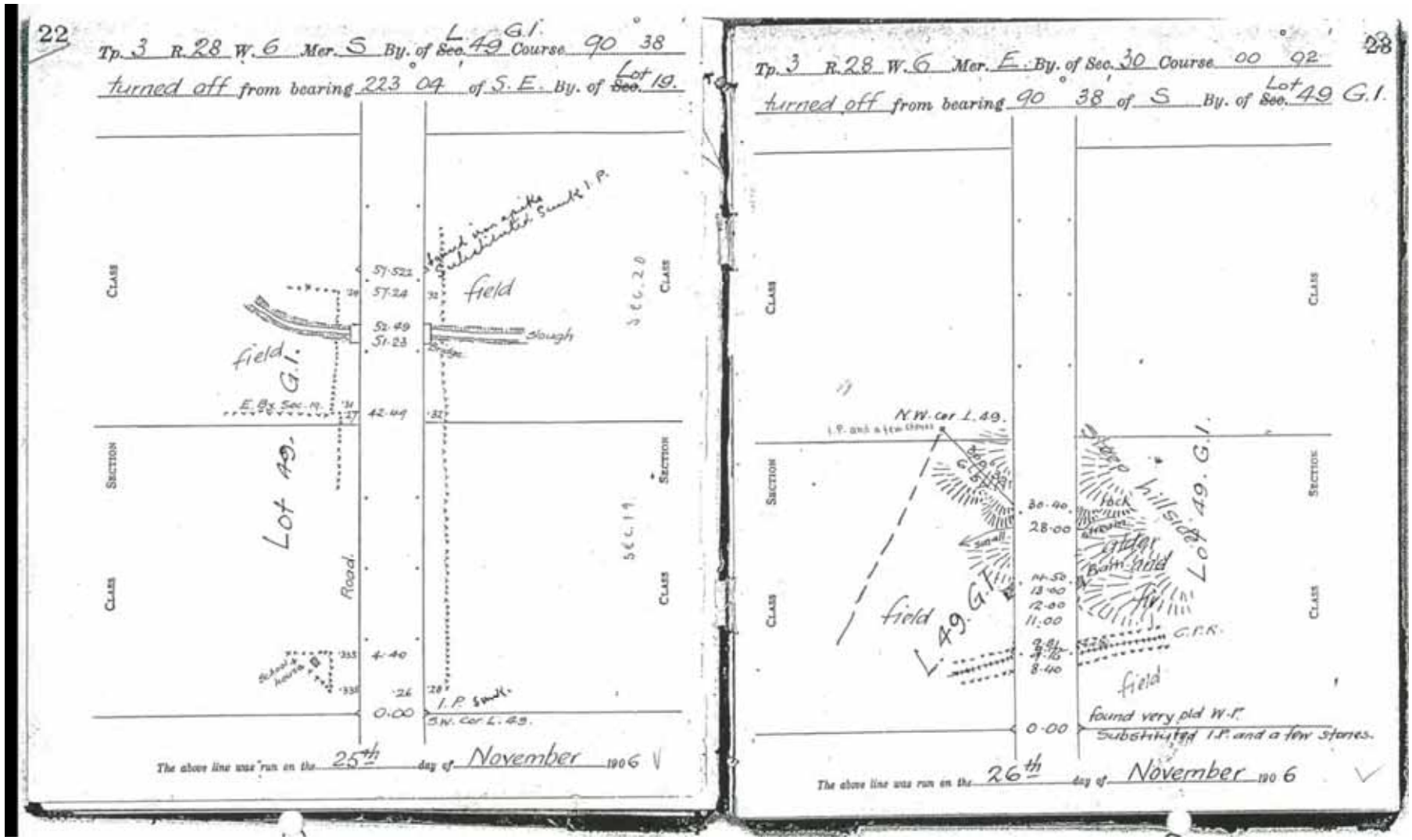
Figure 147:

Left map – On the bottom-canter, a school is drawn near the road. Some borders are fenced. The road passes over a bridge on the slough.

Right map – On the left portion of the map, there is a field where a "small stream" flows from the right side. Up to the steep hillside above the CPR line, there is a barn surrounded by rocks, alder, and fir.

1906.



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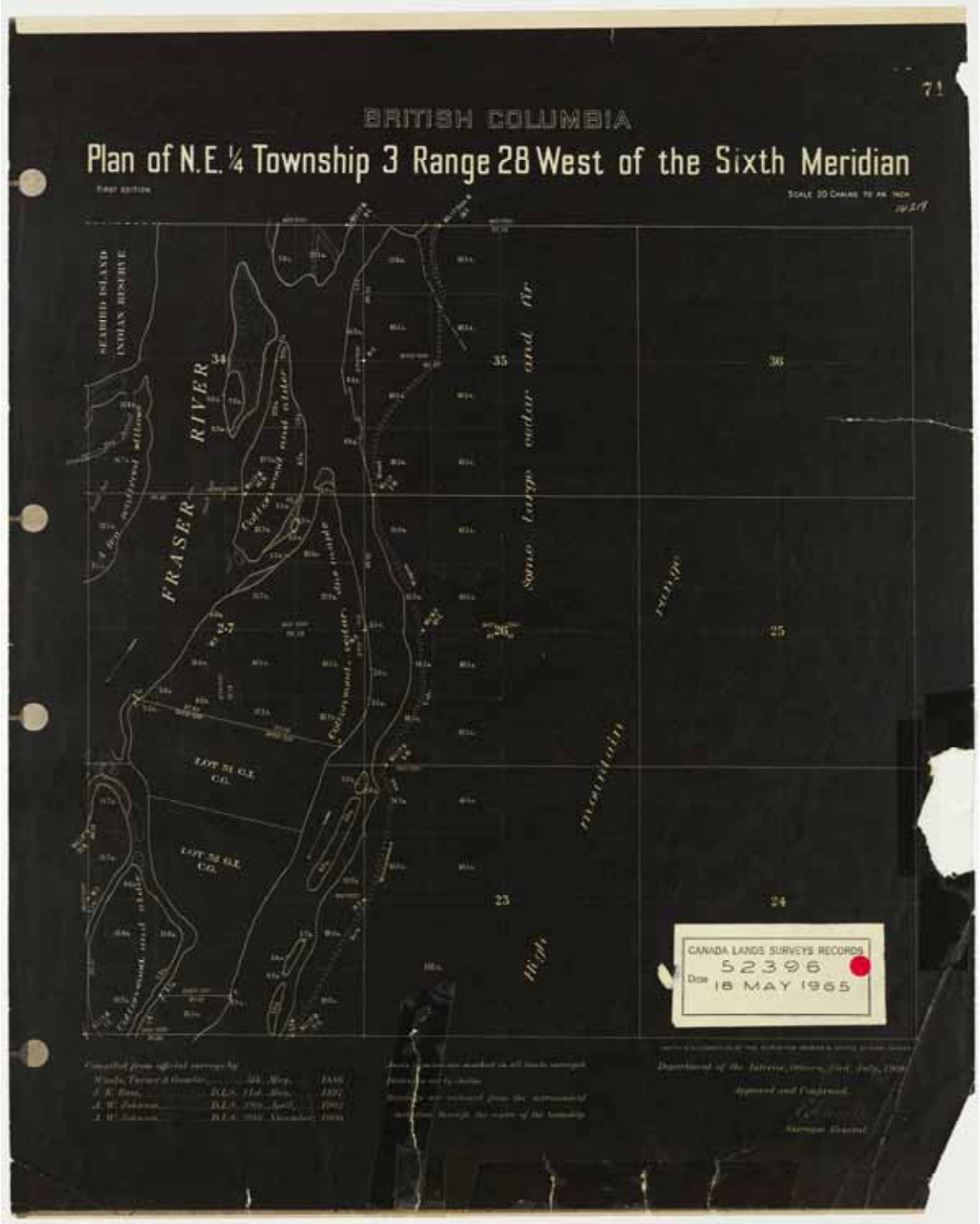

Figure 26: blueprint map of the North East portion of Seabird Island Indian Reserve (small islands) with geographical references to Lot numbers and local flora, particularly giant cedar and fir on the close mountain range. **1908**

Surveyor General of Canada and Canada's Director General for the Bureau of Surveys Édouard-Gaston Daniel Deville compiled the map from official surveys by Woods, Turner, & Gamble (May 5, 1886); J. E. Ross (May 21, 1897); A. W. Johnson (April 29, 1902); A. W. Johnson (November 29, 1906).

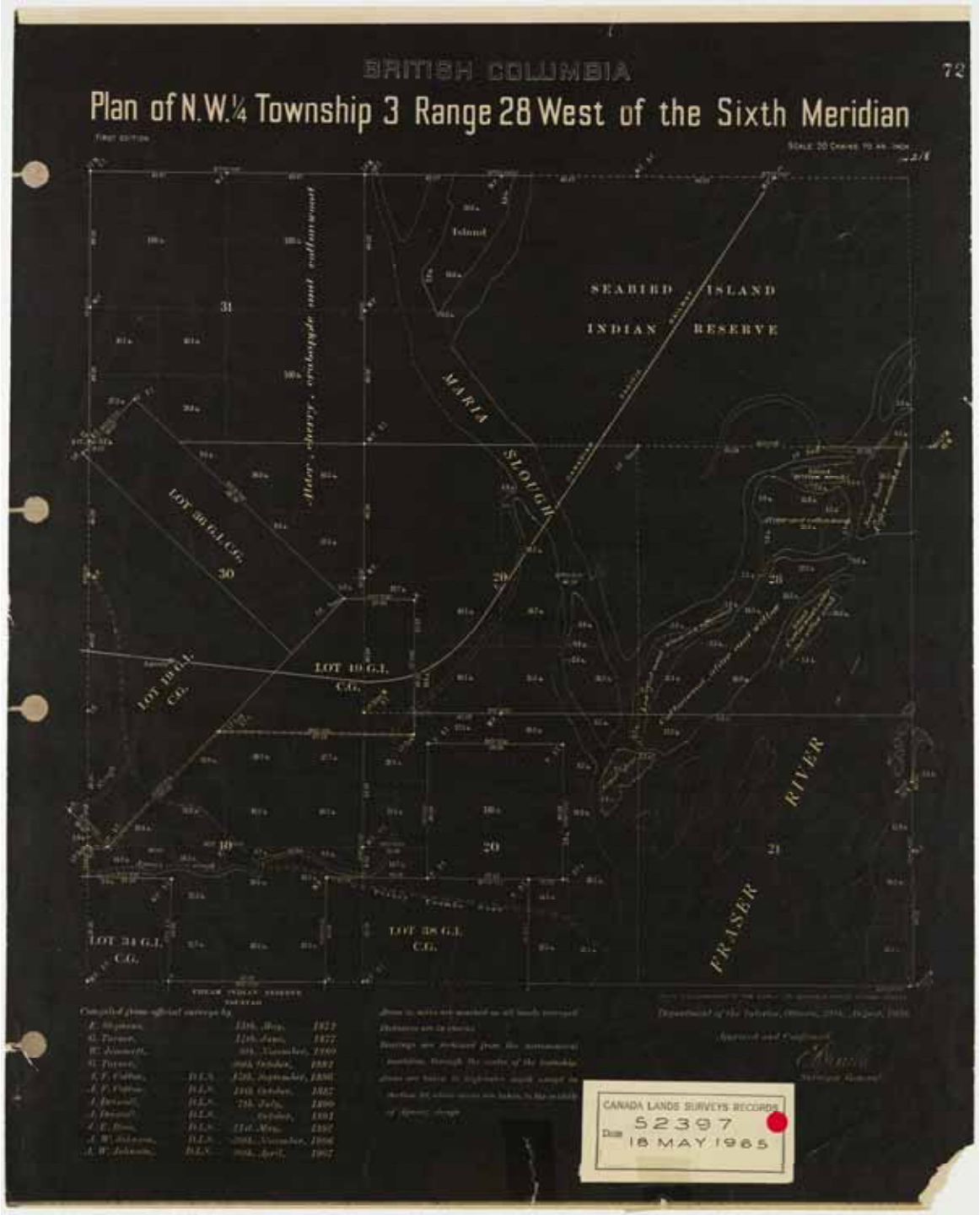

Figure 27: blueprint map of the North West portion of Seabird Island Indian Reserve (small islands) and surrounding areas, with geographical references to Lot numbers, sand bars, and local flora, such as fruit trees.
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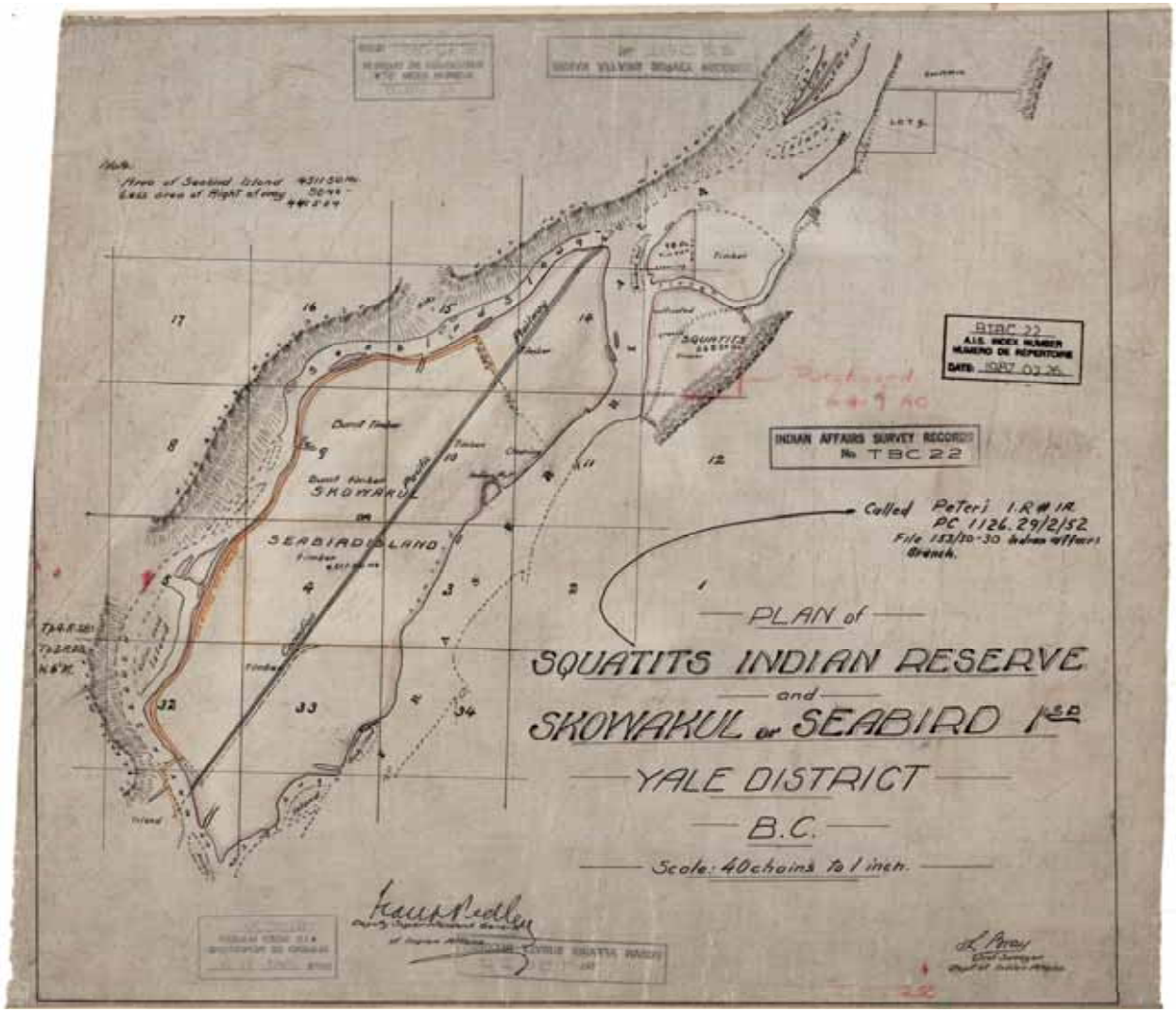

Figure 81: Plan of Squatits Indian Reserves and Skōwakul or Seabird Island, Yale District. British Columbia. Seabird Island is split in Lots. The CPR passes through the island, which is covered by timber except for the burned northwestern portion. The central-upper area is split in Lots 9, 10, and 11. Lots 4, 5, and 6 are in the central-lower zone. The southern portion is spit in lot 32 to the west and 33 (34) to the east. On the northern tip of the island, there is a clearing close to the small Island No. 1A I.R., which is surrounded by a flowing slough, faced on the main island by a place called Indian Hut. There are sloughs and small islands drawn around the southern tip of the main island. On the southwestern side, Maria (Matia) Slough separates the latter from Cottonwood Island and the “High Rocky Mountain.” A point called Hicks on the mountainous mainland west of Seabird is in front of the Hicks’ trail, which splits the northern tip of the island in Lot 14. The Seabird Island area is calculated being of 4511.50 Ac. Without the area of Right of Way (96.46), the island is 4415.04 Ac. In front of Seabird Bar, the island above the Peters (Squatits) reserve is covered by timber. The smaller east side (98 Ac) belongs to the reserve, covered by timber on the north and a cleared area in the southern portion. The Peters (Squatits) reserve is split by a drawn road. On the east side, the northern part is a cultivated area above a place labelled with “graves.” The southern and eastern portions are timbered. A red 1952’s note informs that the southern eastern corner (64.9 Ac) has been purchased. Northward of Seabird, a few island are drawn in front of Lot 9 and the lower border of Ohamil Reserve. The CPR line passes over Wahleach Island. **1909**.

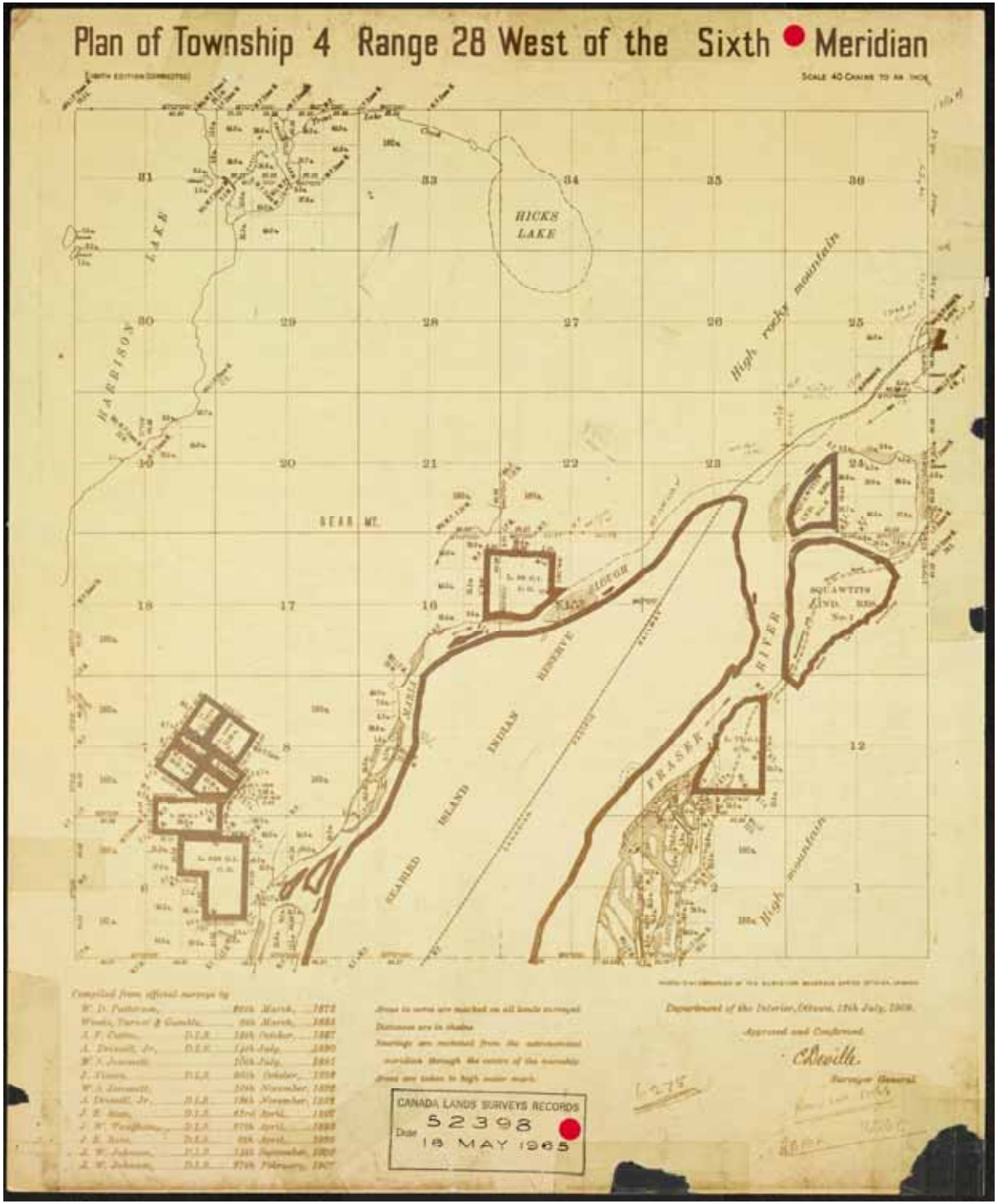

Figure 28: map of the northern portion of Seabird Island Indian Reserve and surrounding areas, such as a portion of Harrison Lake, Trout lake and Creek, and Hicks Lake. with geographical references to Lot numbers, sand bars and gravel. **1909**

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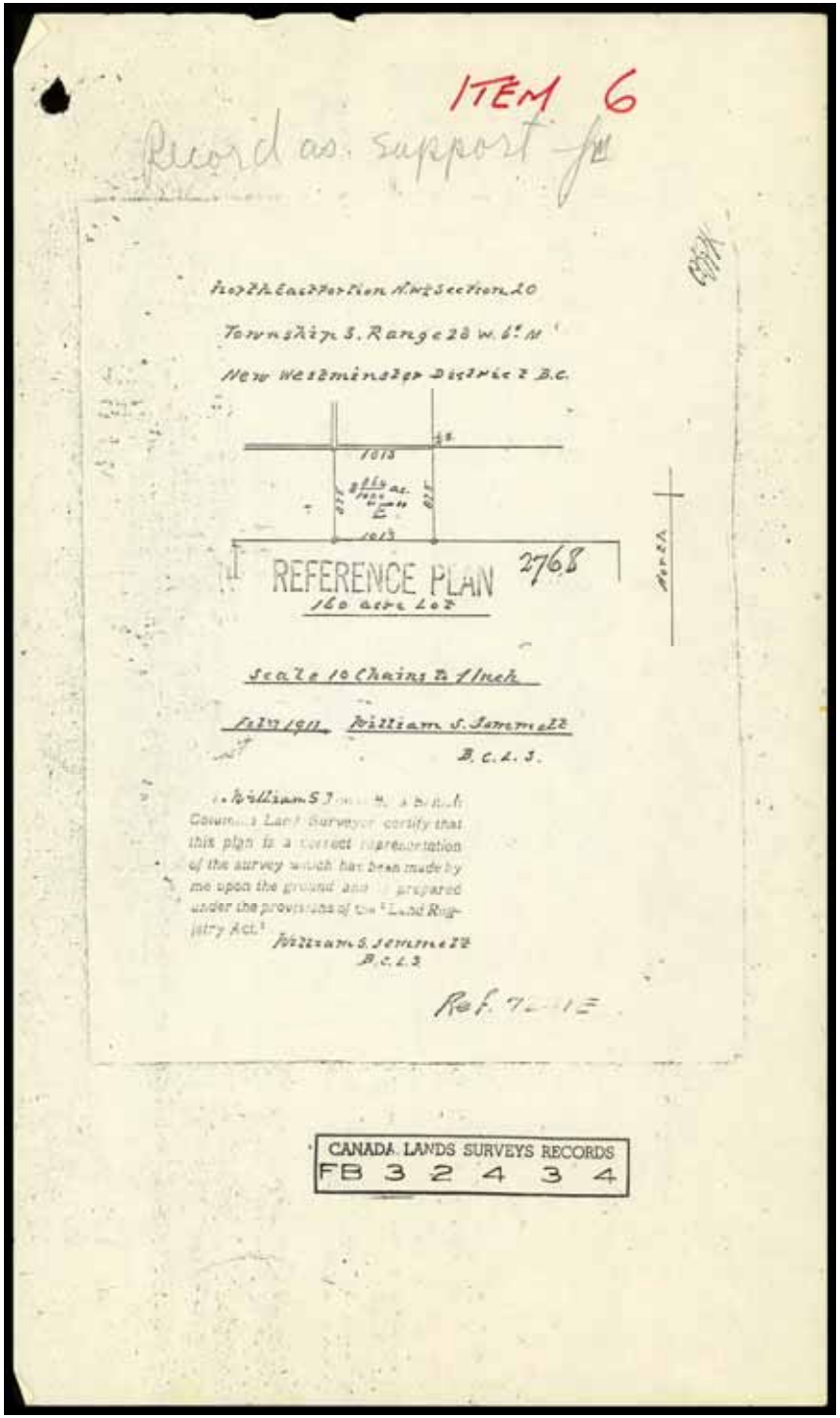

Figure 87: 160 acre Lot , parcel "E." **1911.**

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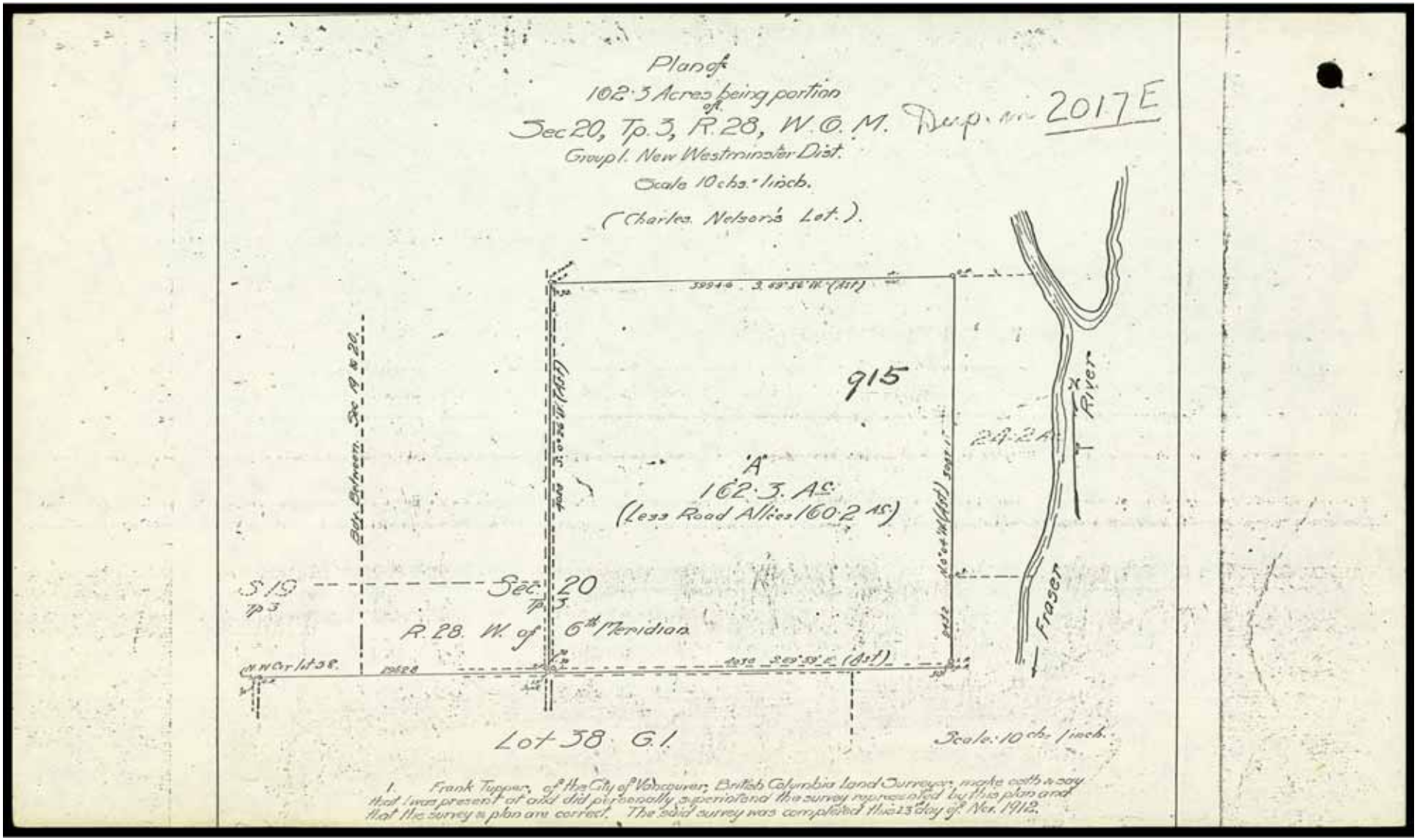
Figure 98: Plan of Charles Nelson's Lot, which is a portion of Sec 20, Tp. 3, R. 28, W. 6. M., Group 1. The Lot "A" is 162.3 acres. Without the Road Allies, the Lot is 160.2 ac. The Lot is shown in relation to the Fraser River. **1912**



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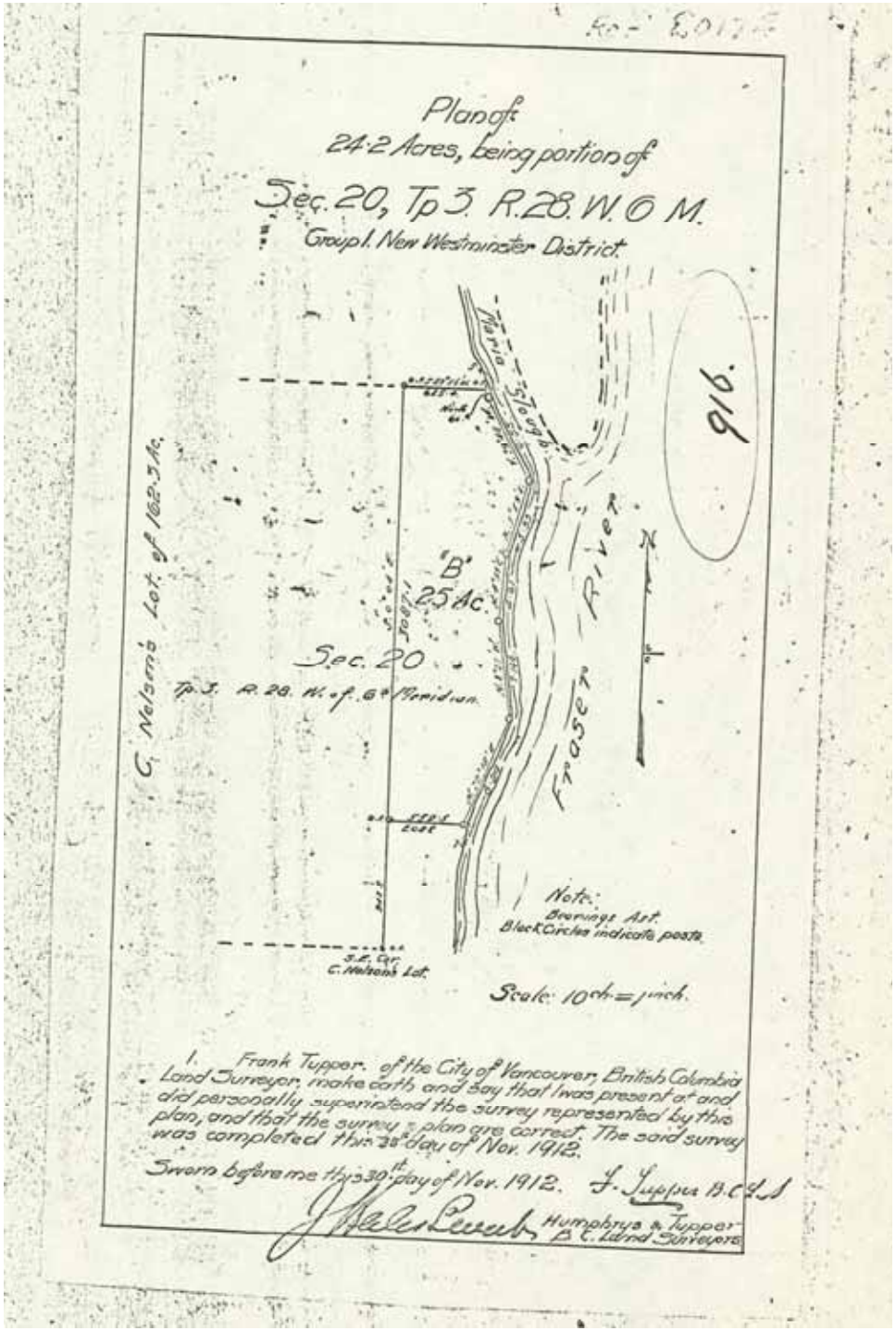

Figure 99: Plan of Lot "B" 925 ac., which is contiguous to Charles Nelson's Lot (a portion of Sec 20, Tp. 3, R. 28, W. 6. M., Group 1). Lot "B" is between Lot "A" (162.5 ac.) and the Fraser River. The Lot is shown in relation to the Fraser River and Maria Slough. **1912.**

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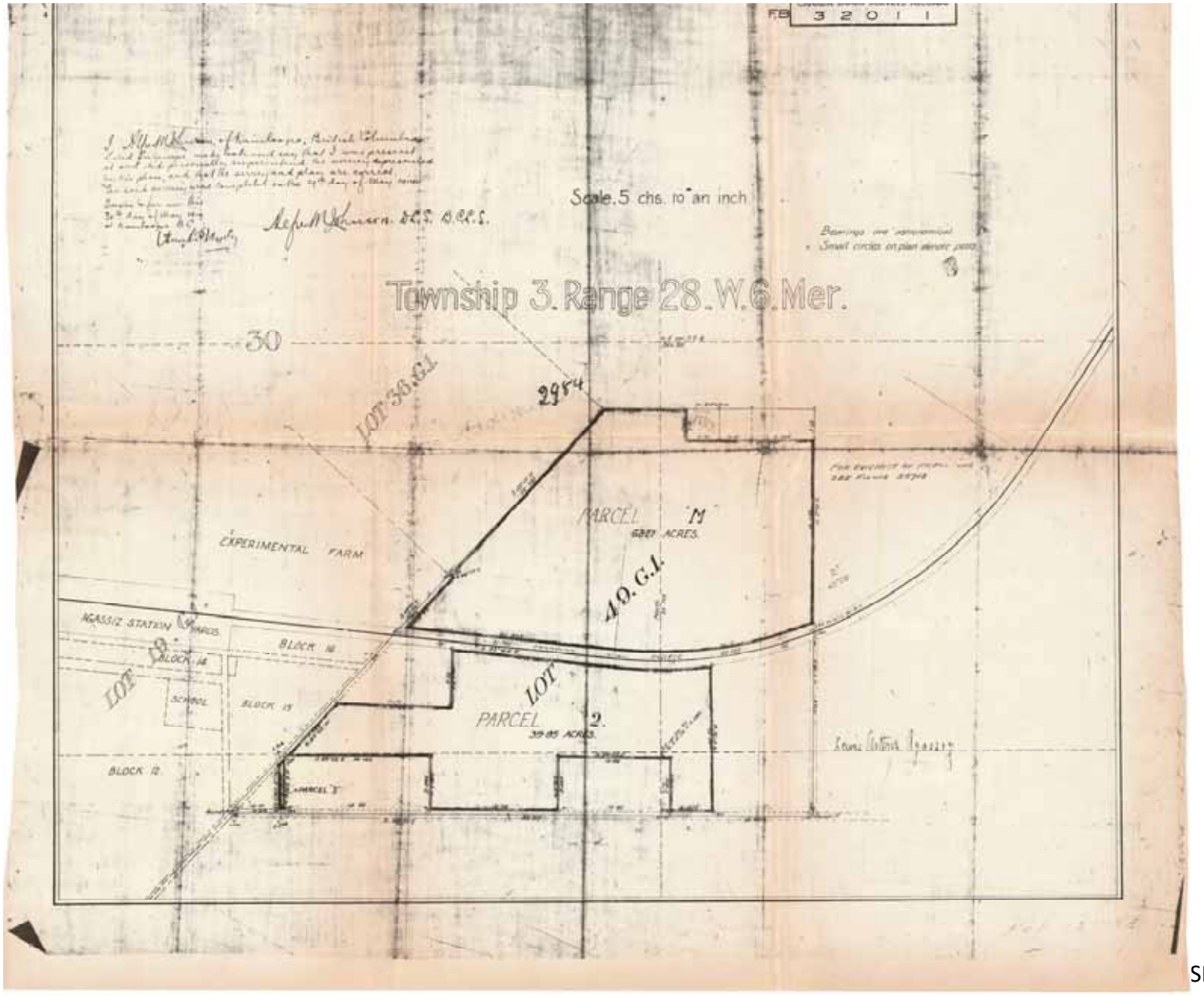
Figure 84: Plan of Lot 49.G.1., which is divided into parcels M (68.27 acres), 2 (39.95 acres), and 3 (14.34 acres). Est of Lot 49, Lot 19 is divided into Blocks 12, 14-16, a school, and the Agassiz Station Yards. An experimental farm lies northwest of Lot 49.G.1. Sheet 5. **1914.**



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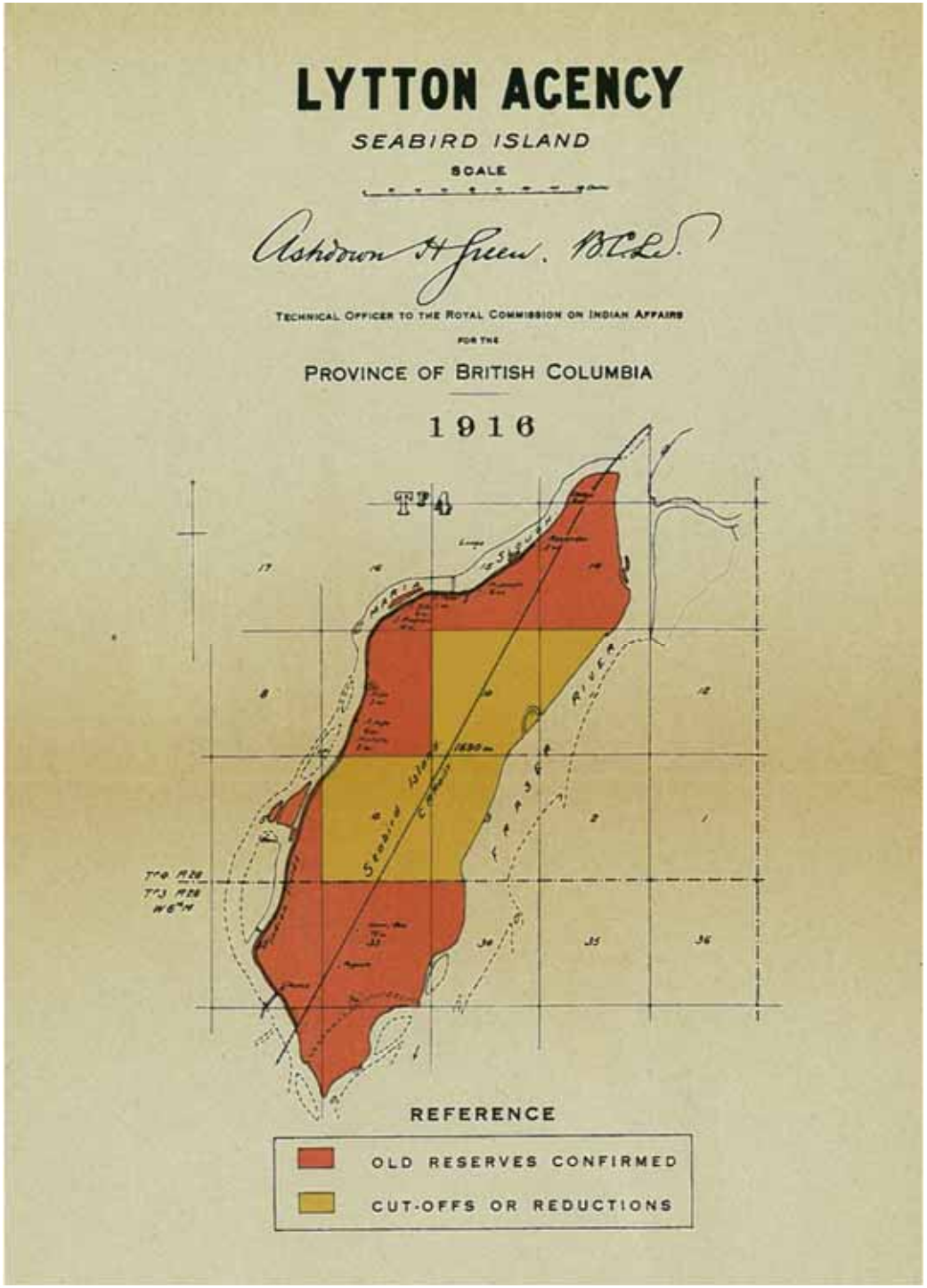

McKenna McBride Commission map of Seabird showing proposed cut offs / reductions. **1916**

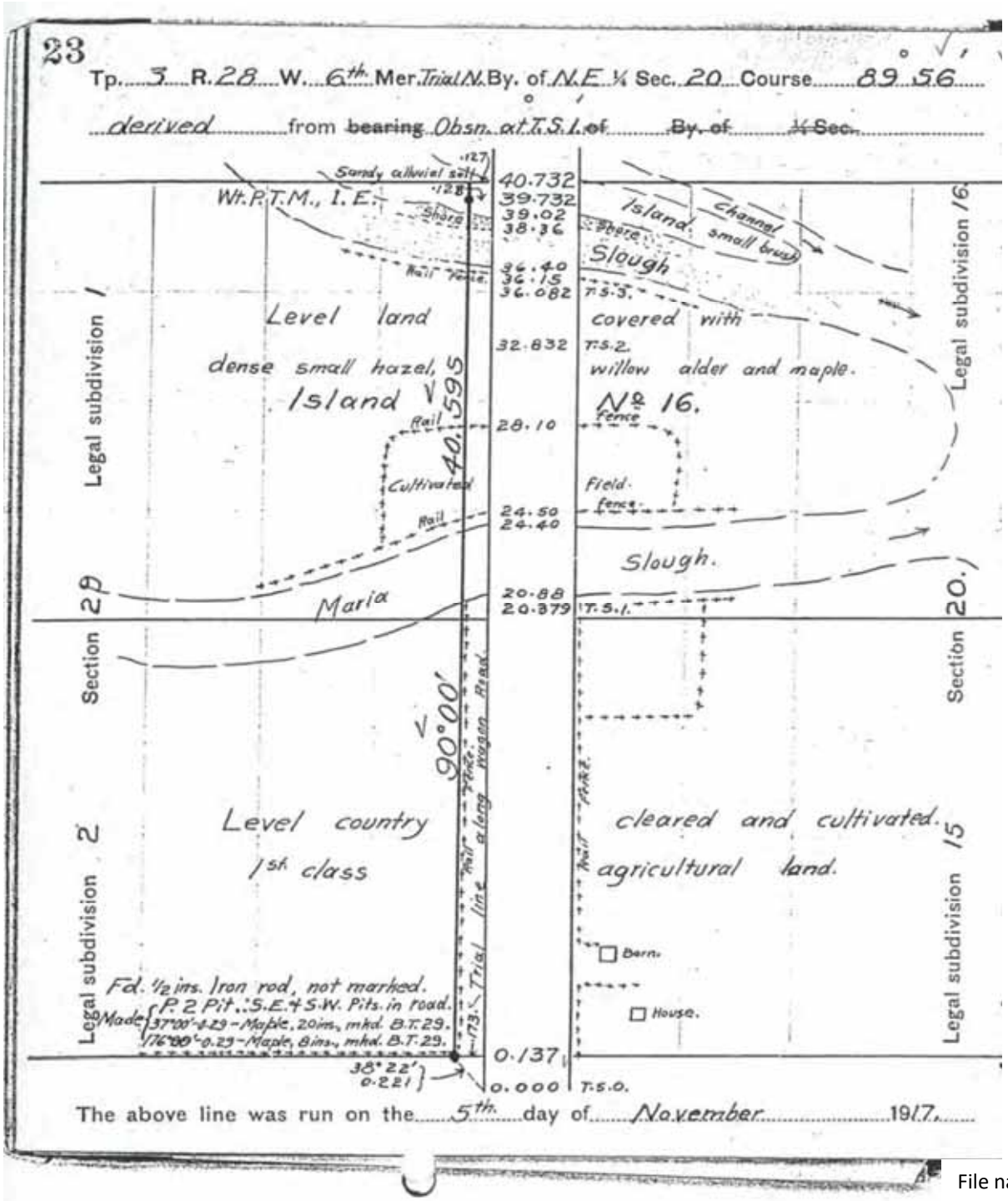

Figure 157: There is a small island, with a drawn shore and a small brush growing on top of it, within the slough flowing from the upper section of the map. The tip of Island n. 16 is at the confluence of the slough with Maria Slough. The island has level land covered by dense small hazel, willow, alder, and maple. A rail fence delimits the area, which is also occupied by a small cultivated field. On the bottom area of the map, there is a "level country cleared and cultivated 1st class agricultural land." A fenced trial (trial line along wagon road) flanks a barn and a house. **1917**.

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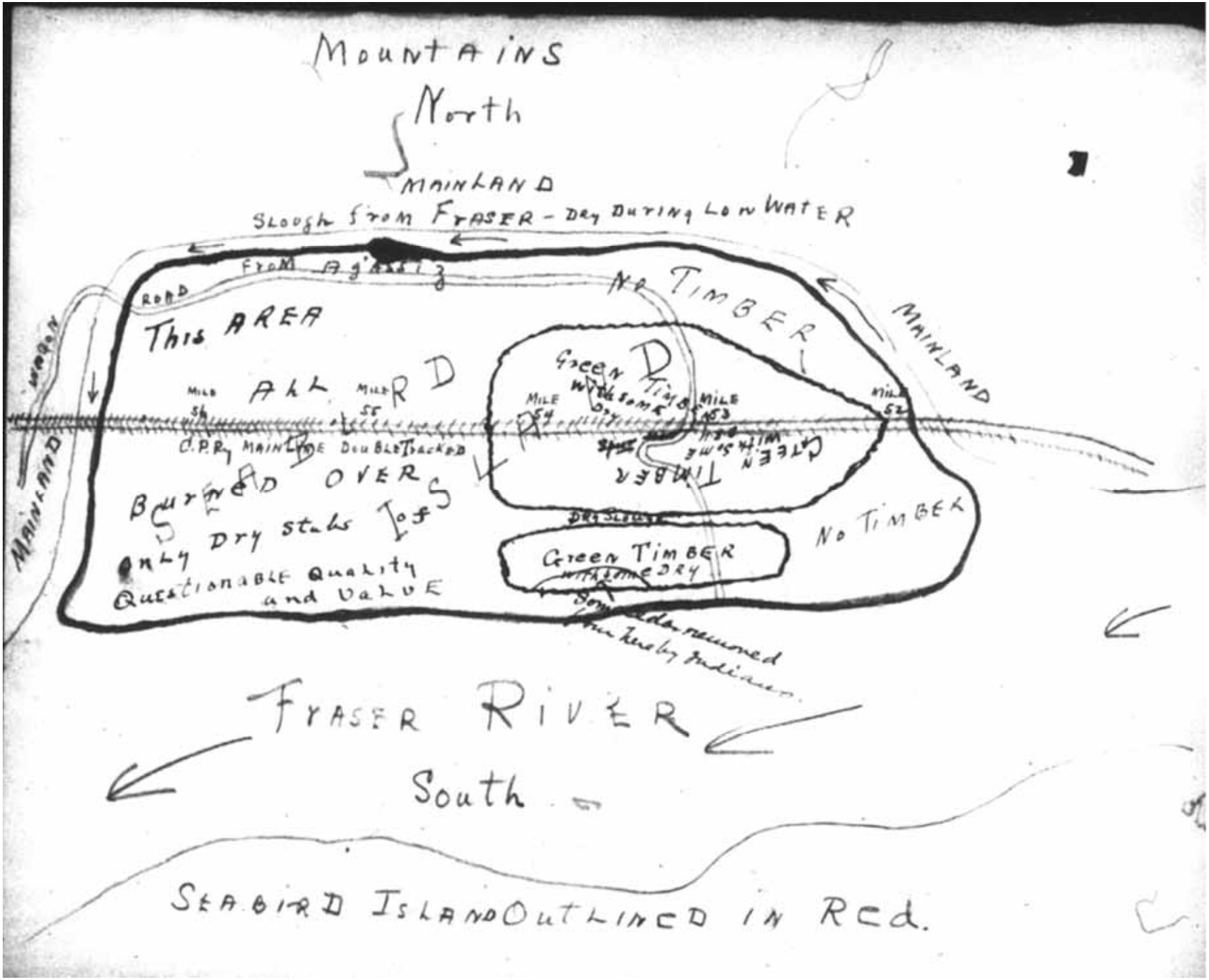
Mountains
North
MAINLAND
Slough from Fraser - Dry During Low Water
From Agassiz
Road
This Area
All Burned Over
Only Dry Stubs of Questionable Quality and Value
Mile 54
Mile 55
C.P.R. Mainline Double Tracked
Green Timber with some Dry
Mile 53
Mile 52
Green Timber with some Dry
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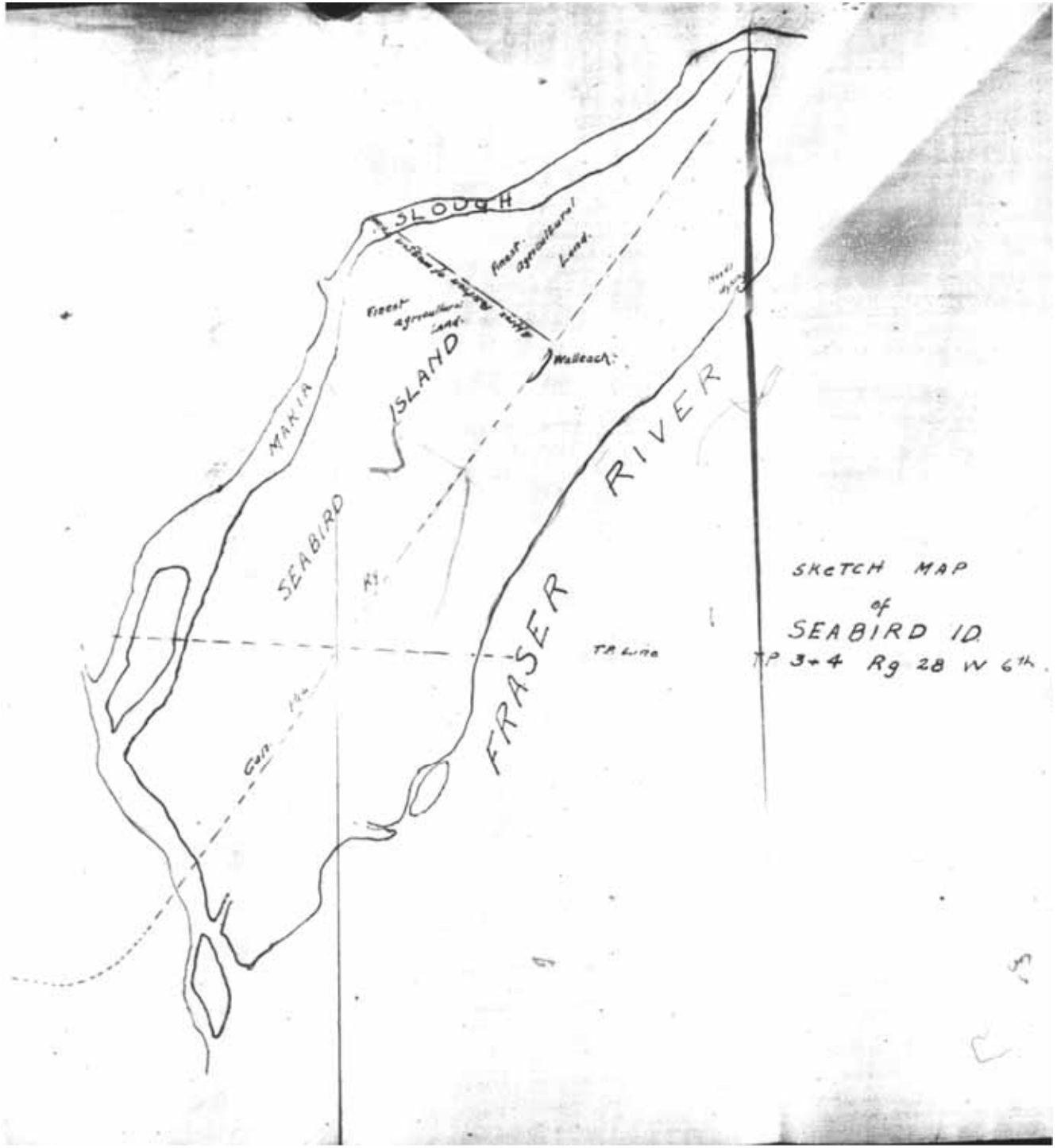
Seabird Island Outlined in Red.


SLOUGH
Forest agricultural Land.
Forest agricultural Land.
Wallace
ISLAND
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SEABIRD
FRASER
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SKETCH MAP
of
SEABIRD ID.
TP 3+4 Rg 28 W 6th.

List of Votes.

Living on the Island.

Yes.	George Seymour
"	August Andrew
"	August Alexander
"	Felix Joe
"	Jim Harris
"	Harry Joe
"	Paul Cheam
"	Jimmy Andrew
"	Harry Joseph
"	McIntyre
"	Richard Paul
"	George Frank
"	Patrick
"	Fred Ura
"	Pierre Alexander
"	George Pettis
"	Joe Pettis
"	Johnny Bob
"	Joseph George
"	Martin Harris
"	James Pettis
"	Alfred Hope
"	Alex Bob
"	Noel Seymour

Living off the Island but in favour.

"	August James	(Hope Band)
"	Billy Popoum	(Popoum")
"	Pierre Chamil	(Chamil")
"	Louie Charley	(Hope ")
"	Harry	(Cheam ")
"	Johnny	(Yale ")
"	Louie Skookum	(Hope ")
"	Billy William	(Yale ")
"	Chief Pierre	(Hope ")
" Billy	Swallasea	(Union Bar Band)

No	Chief Michell	(Maria Island)

1918 Voters List of residents on Seabird

Plus members of the 7 bands who participated in discussions over whether a shingle mill should be built

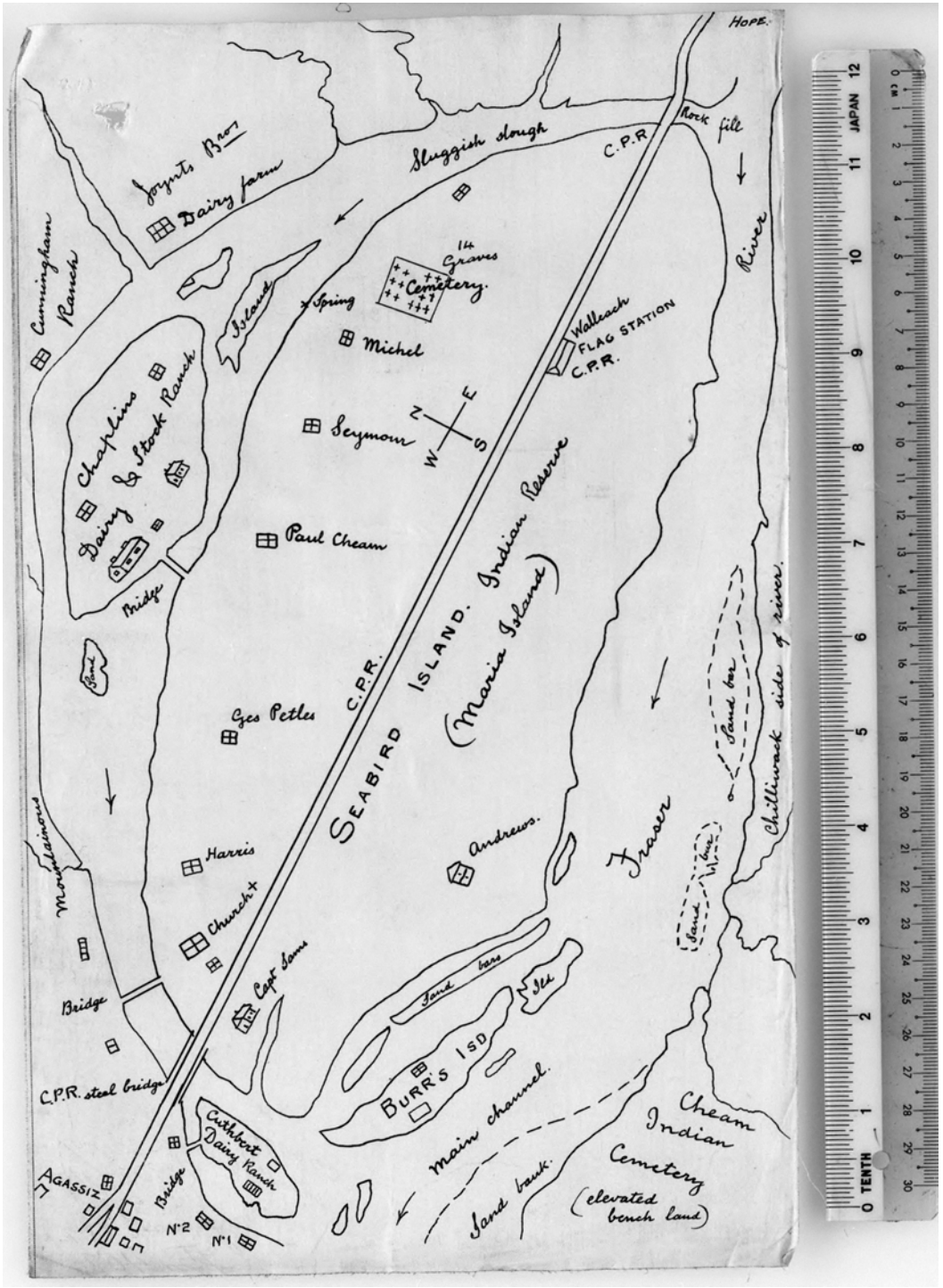

Figure 1: Sketch that indicates some of land holdings on Seabird Island in 1918 provided from the Department of Indian Affairs to the local Indian Agent Graham. **1918**

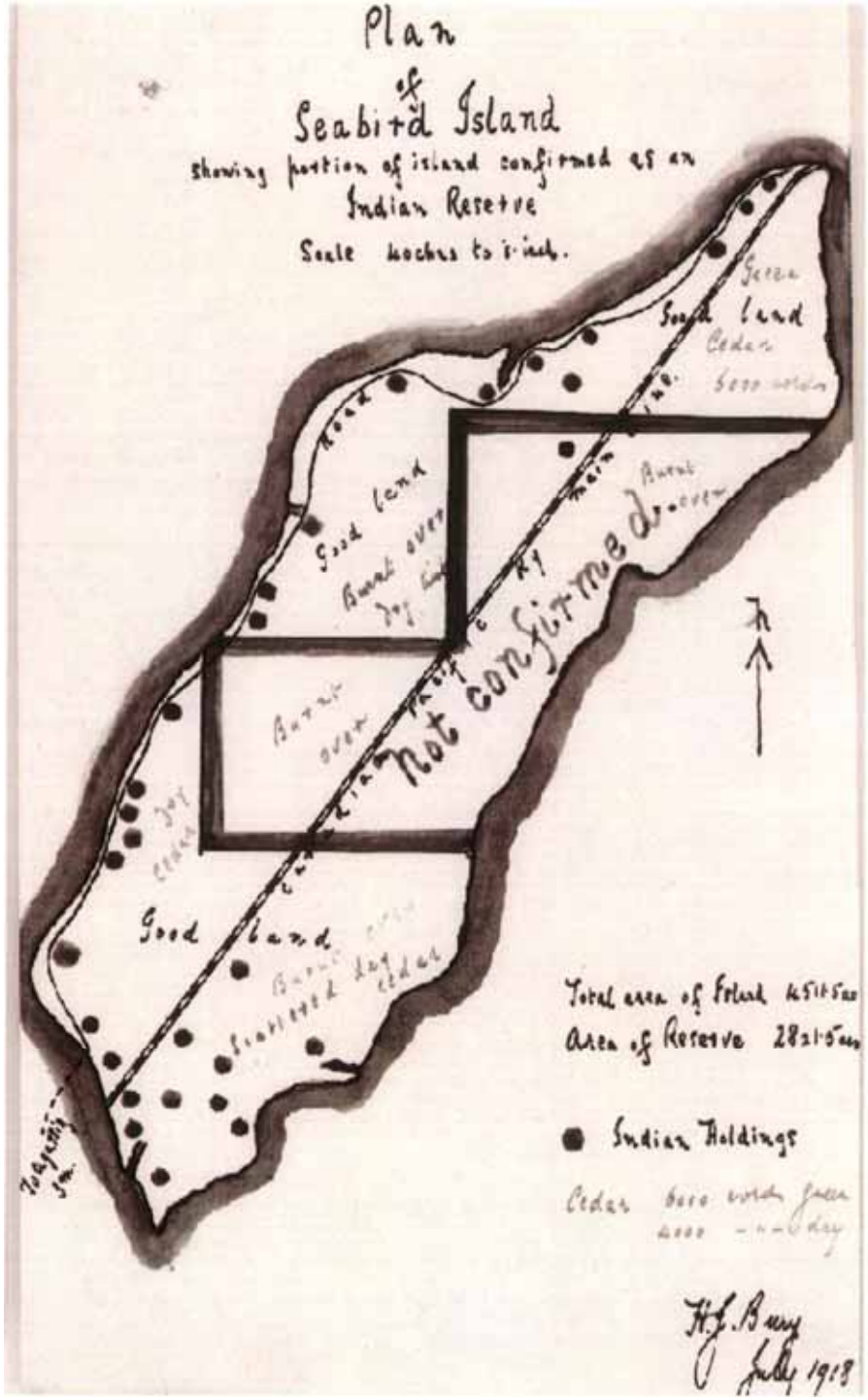

Figure 160: The black points mark the "Indian holdings" on the map. Borders split the island with the indication of burnt-over areas, scattered cedar, and good land. There are 6000 green cedars, and 4000 are dry. The road to Agassiz and the CPR railway are drawn. The area of the Reserve is 2821.5 acres on a total of 4511.5 ac for the entire island. **1918**.

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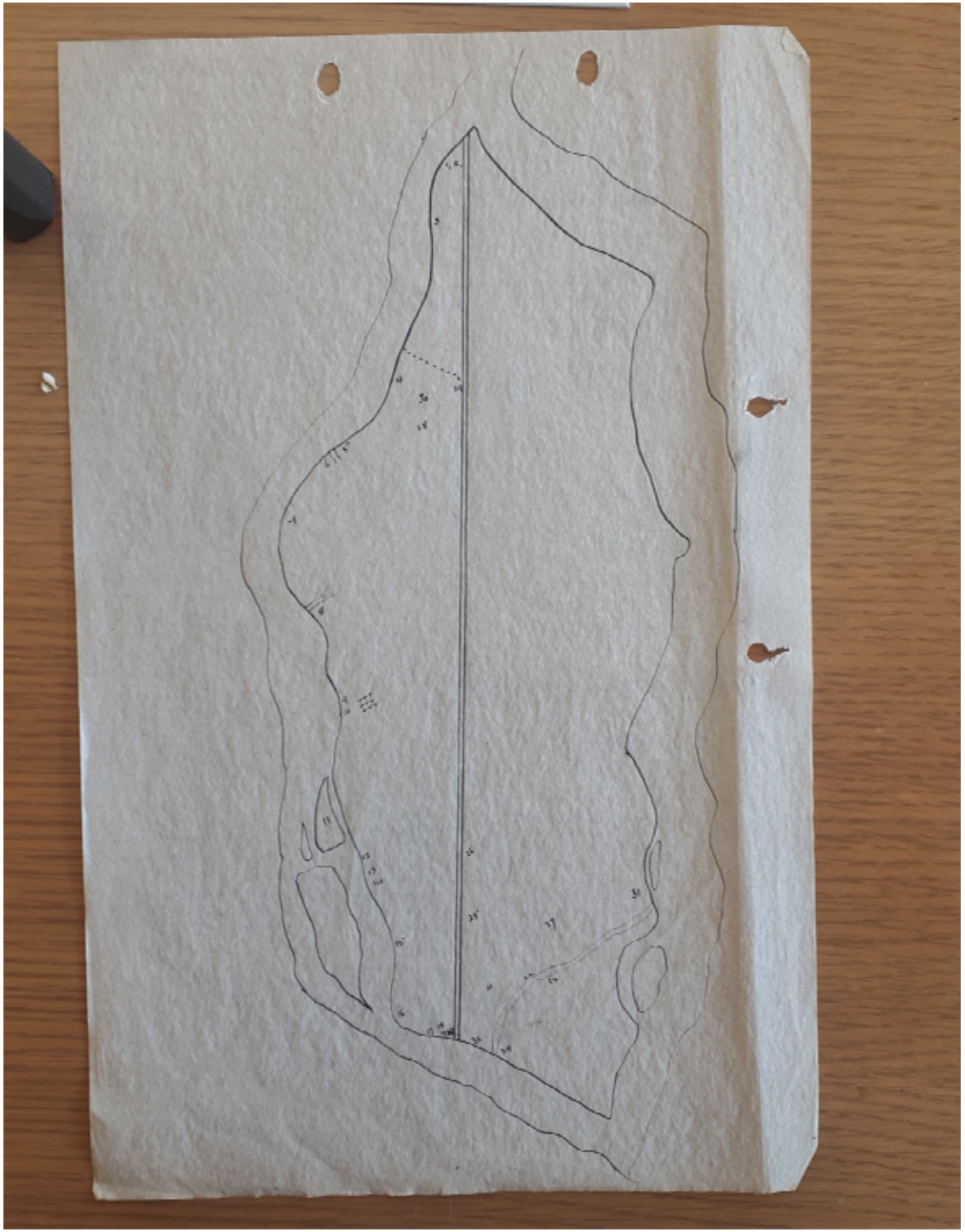

Figure 2: This map with numbering indicates the location of all land holdings on Seabird Island as of May **1918**. See list provided above to match the numbers to individual land holders.

“List of Owners of Land on Seabird Island” 1918, by Indian Agent Graham

No. 1. Patrick Louie - about 2 acres in pasture and house unoccupied.
“ 2. George Charley - 3 acres in pasture
“ 3. Charles Alexander - 9 ½ acres in peas, oats, potatoes, 3 ½ acres of new land in cabbage, turnips, potatoes; 1 acre garden, 1 doz. large fruit trees and quantity of small ones.
“ 4. Harry Joseph - 8 acres under cultivation; 3 acres in pasture a few large fruit trees
“ 5. Dennis Peter - 1 ½ acres cleared but no stumped, potatoes planted in between stumps.
“ 6. Louie Yale - 2 acres cleared (no house)
“ 7. Jimmy Andrew - 11 ½ acres in potatoes, oats; 1 acre hay; 1 acre garden and small fruit, also apples and cherries
“ 8. Felix Joe - 2 acres potatoes; ½ acre garden; 2 acres just cleared in potatoes, turnips; 5 acres in hay, good orchard, 75 trees.
“ 9. George Hope - 5 acres beans, potatoes, good orchard 100 trees just starting to bear[?]; ¾ acres of Raspberries and Strawberries ; ¼ acre of garden; 4 acres hay
“ 10. Mrs. Michael - House and small garden.
“ 11. Martin Harris - 2 acres potatoes; 3 acres hay; good orchard all large trees.
“ 12. George Senour[sic] - ½ acre garden; 6 acres hay; 100 apple trees just bearing, land well cleared, 2 acres claered[sic] but not stumped.
“ 13. Neel Seymour- (Serving at the Front) father working land; 5 acres wheat, turnips etc., 3 acres hay, few fruit trees bearing.
“ 14. August Andrew - No house; 1 acre wheat; 4 acres hay.
“ 15. Paul Cheam - 1 ½ acres peas; 3 acres oats; 4 acres potatoes; 2 acres hay; 2 ½ acres cleared not stumped; fruit trees bearing.
“ 16. George Pettis - 12 acres peas, wheat, oats, beans, potatoes; 4 acres new land not stumped in potatoes, 2 acres in small fruit and garden, large fruit trees; 3xacres[sic] cleared this year and seeded for pasture; 10 acres hay.
“ 17. Jim Harris - 1 acre hay; 1 acre small fruit and garden; 50 young fruit
“ 18. R.C. Church - 2 acres pasture
“ 19. Mrs. Pauline Harris - House destroyed by fire; 1 acre pasture.
“ 20. Jim Harris- (no house) 2 acres cultivated.
“ 21. August Andrew (no house) 2 acres peas, oats and potatoes.
“ 22. August Andrew (no house) 3 ½ acres potatoes; 4 ½ acres hay; 50 fruit trees.
“ 23. Dennis Peter - House unoccupied; 4 acres cultivated.
“ 24. Dan Thomas - (no house) 1 acre cultivated; 1 acre cleared.
“ 25. August Andrew - House; 2 ½ acres hay and fruit trees; 2 acres cleared.
“ 26. Johnny Bob - 10 acres cultivated and in fruit trees.
“ 27. Harry Joe - 2 ½ acres cultivated and in fruit trees.
“ 28. Edmond Joe - 10 acres cleared; 1 acre cultivated in potatoes.
“ 29. Frank James - 5 acres under hay and fruit.
“ 30. Dave Myers - 2 acres cultivated.
“ 31. Fred Ewen - 5 acres oats; 15 acres hay and fruit trees.
“ 32. Captain Sam - 6 acres cultivated.”

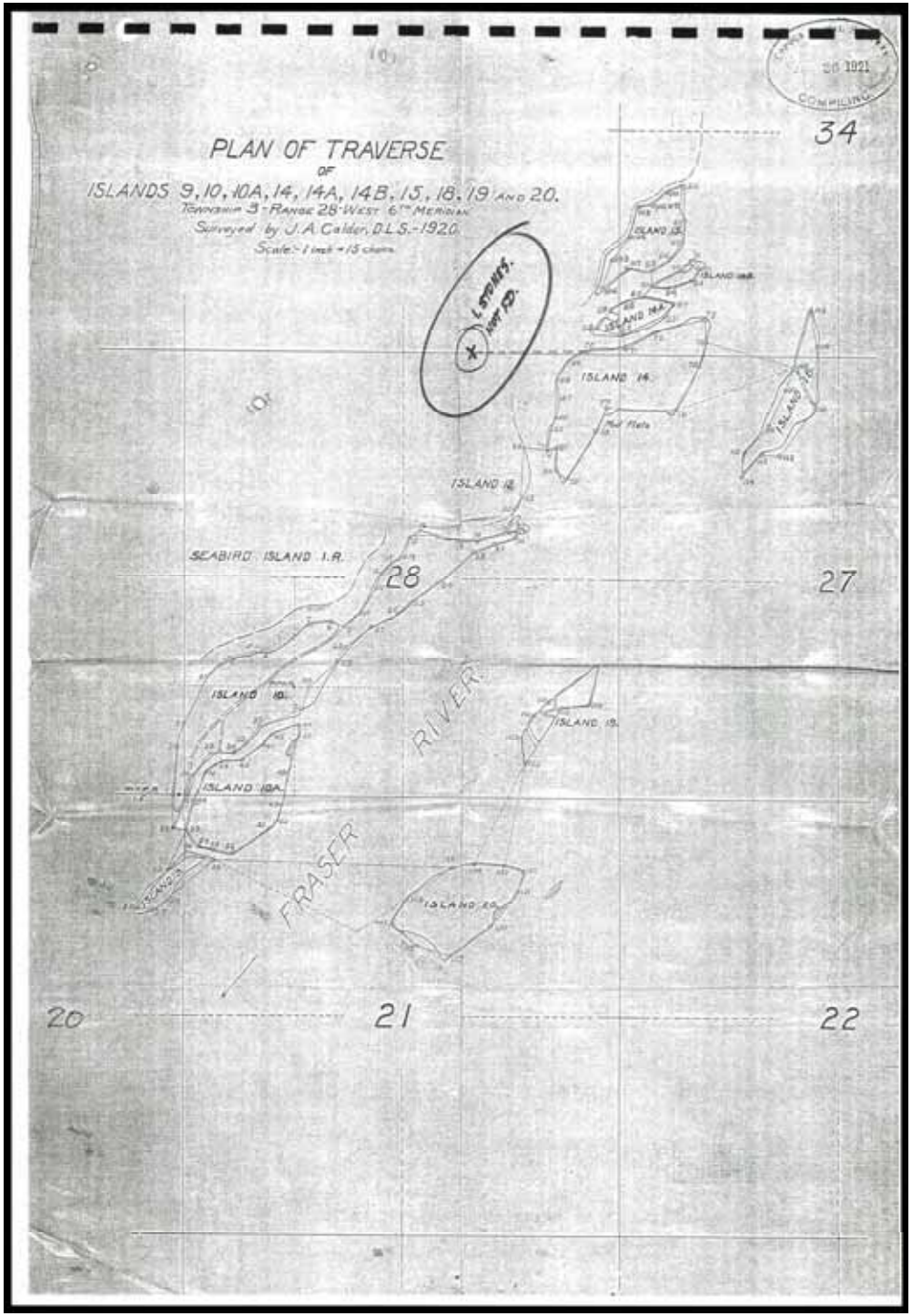

Figure 141: Plan of Traverse of Islands 9, 10, 10A, 14A, 15, 18, 19, and 20 in the Fraser River. There are mud flats west of Island 14. **1920**

PART 3

Maps of Seabird Island from 1921-1940

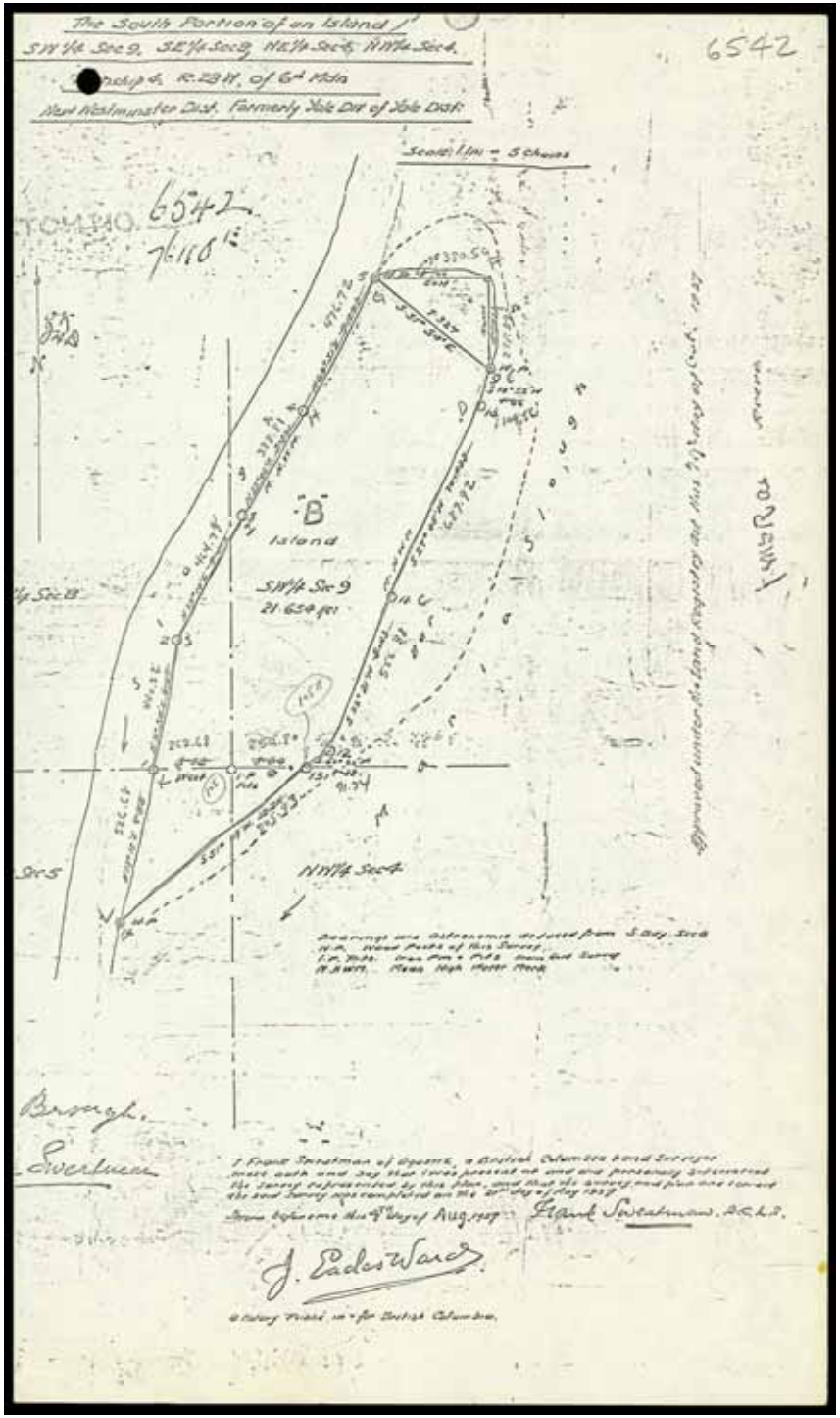

Figure 112: The South Portion of an Island (B) between Maria Slough and another slough. **1927.**

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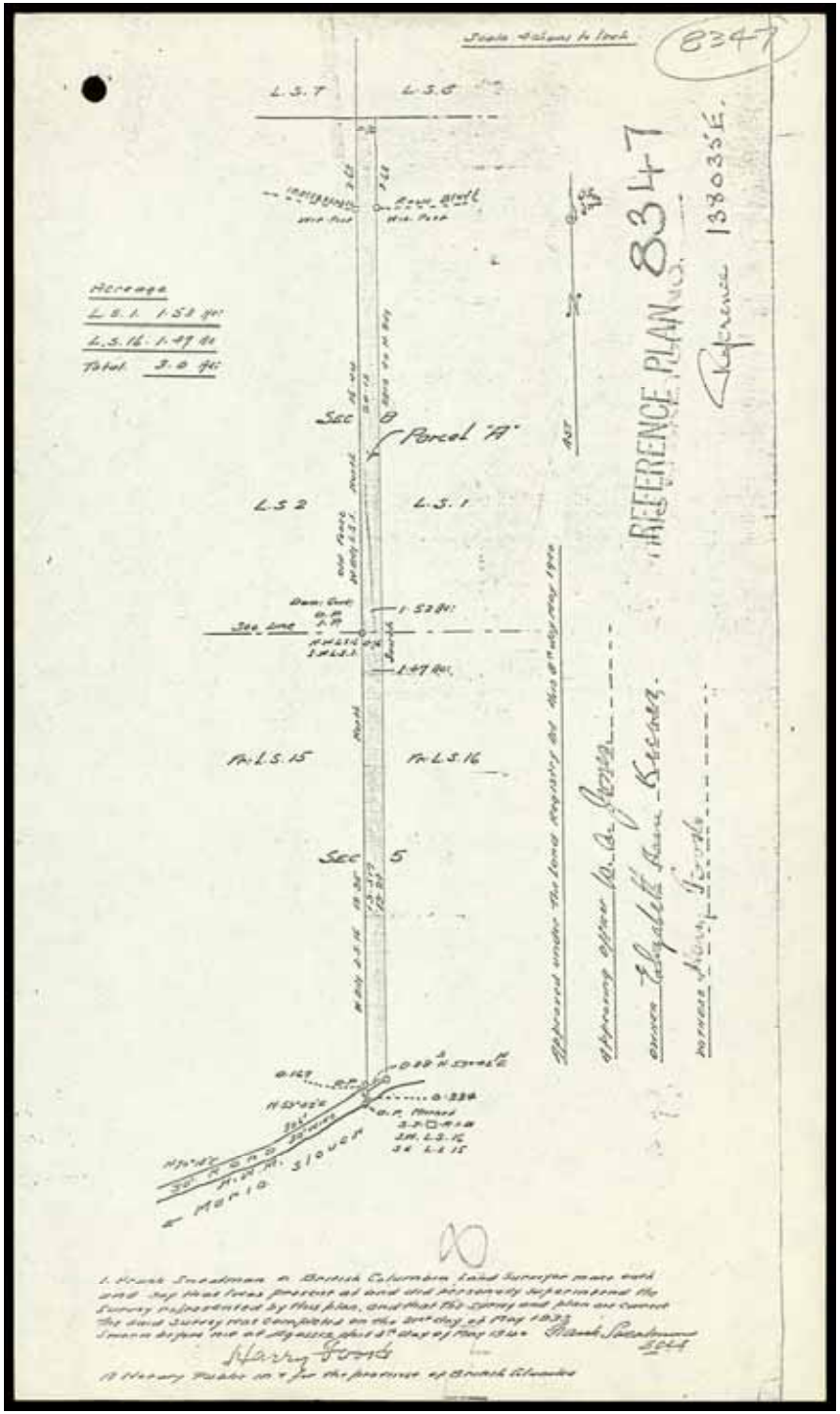

Figure 110: The Right of Way through Elisabeth [?]ss[?] Keener[?] property. Inaccessible rock bluffs are labelled in the upper portion of L.S 2 and L.S 1. The former is delimited by an old fence. **1940.**

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PART 4

Maps of Seabird Island from 1941-1960

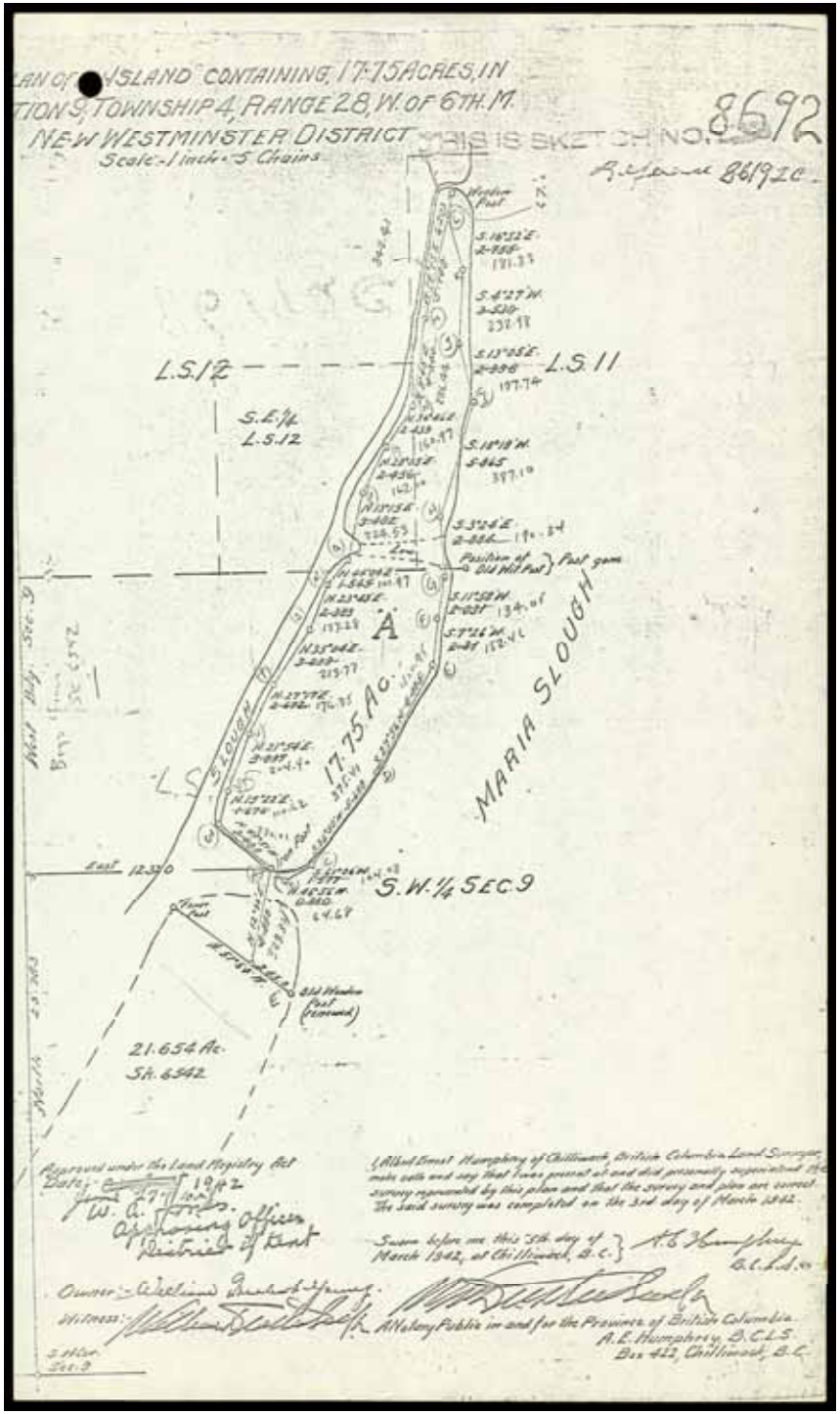

Figure 111: Plan of an Island Containing 17.75 Acres, including William […] Young property, between Maria Slough and another smaller slough. **1942.**

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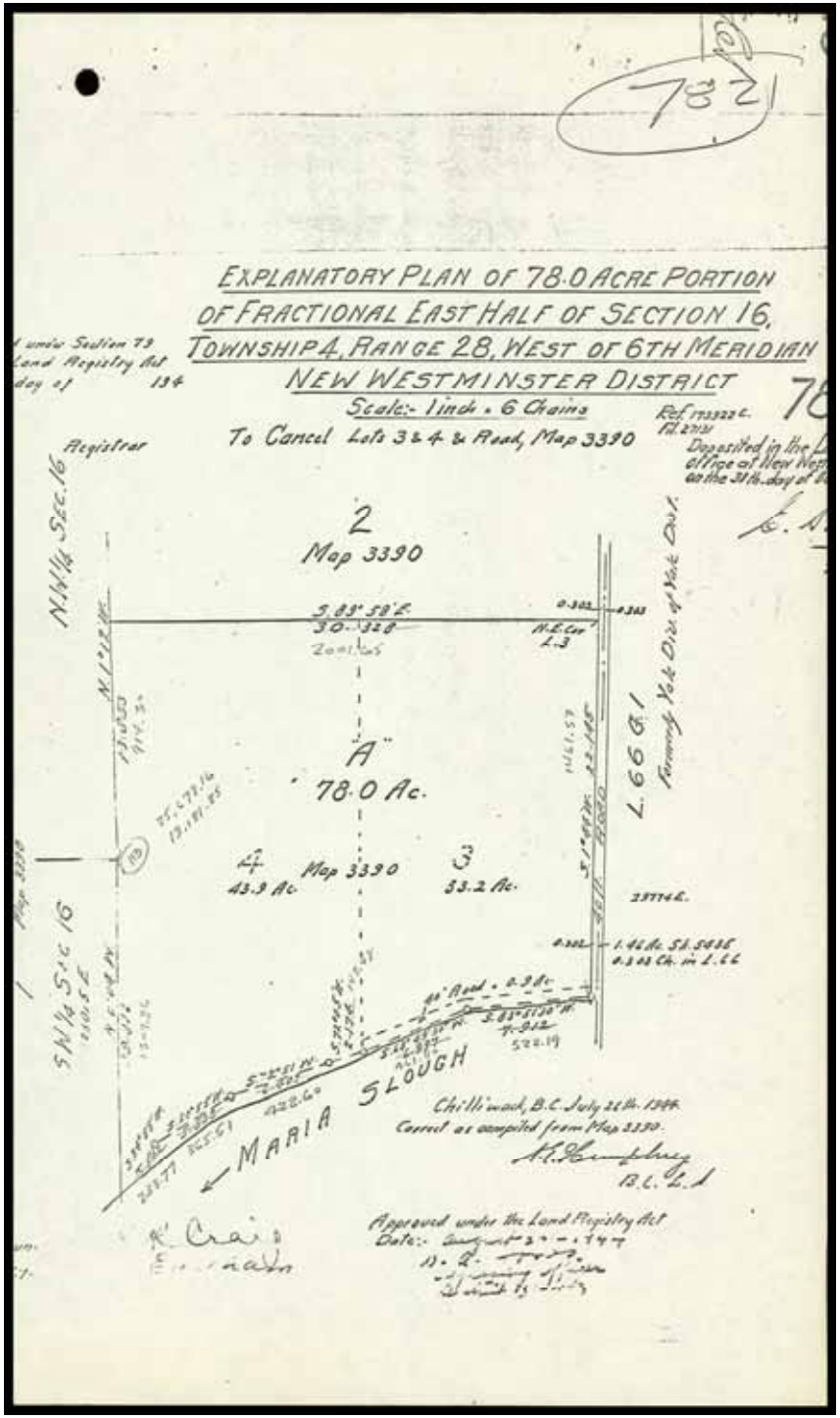

Figure 113: Explanatory plan of 78.0 Acre to cancel Lots 3 (43.9 Ac.), 4 (33.2 Ac.), and road, in order to create the "A" parcel (78.0 Ac.). **1944.**

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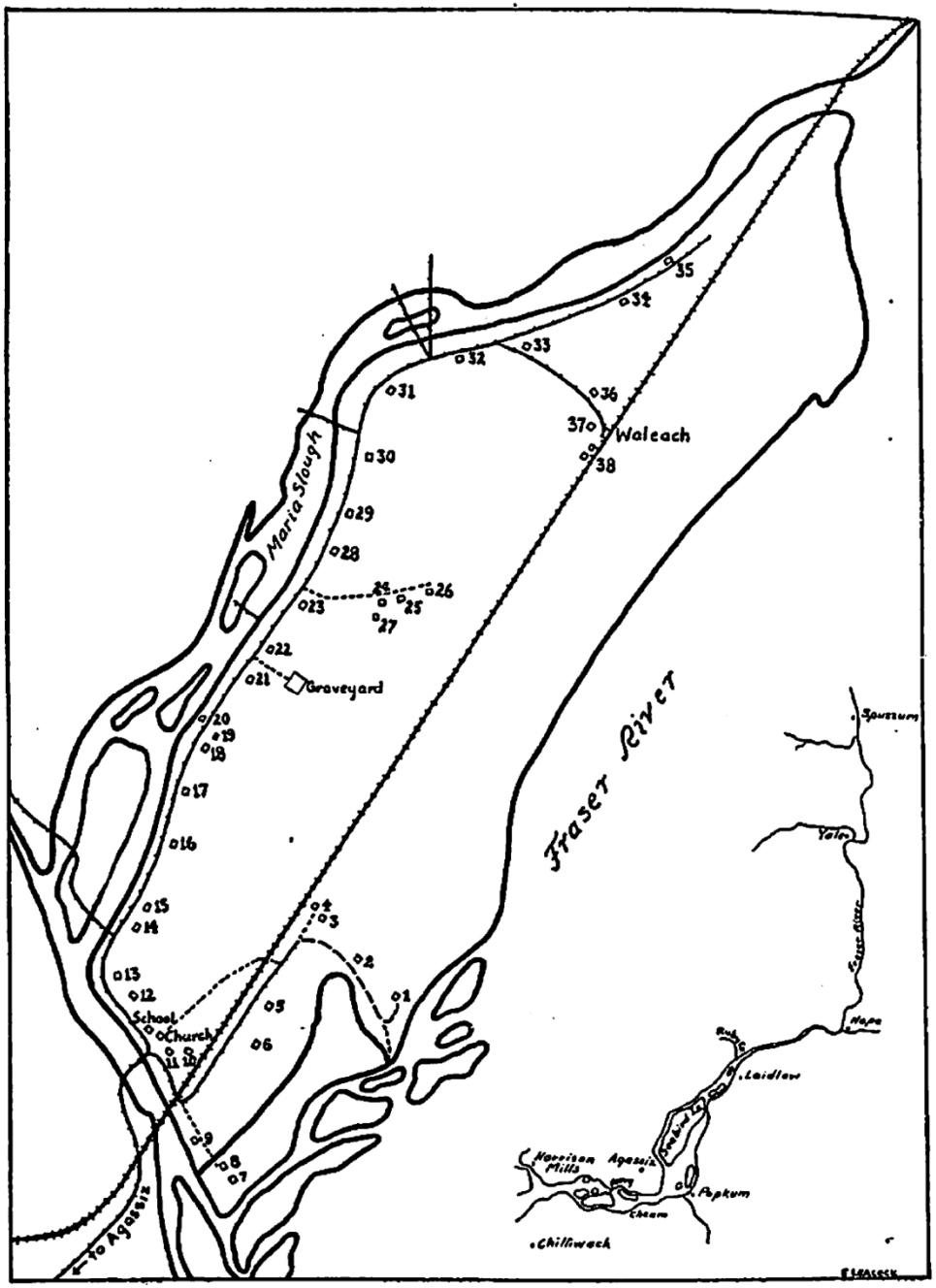

FIGURE 8. SEABIRD ISLAND, SHOWING RAILROAD, ROAD, AND LOCATION OF HOUSES BY NUMBER

Map showing locations of houses on Seabird Island in 1945, as recorded by Elanor Leacock, student of Marian Smith

Population of Seabird in 1945 was c.150
Over half were under age of 18

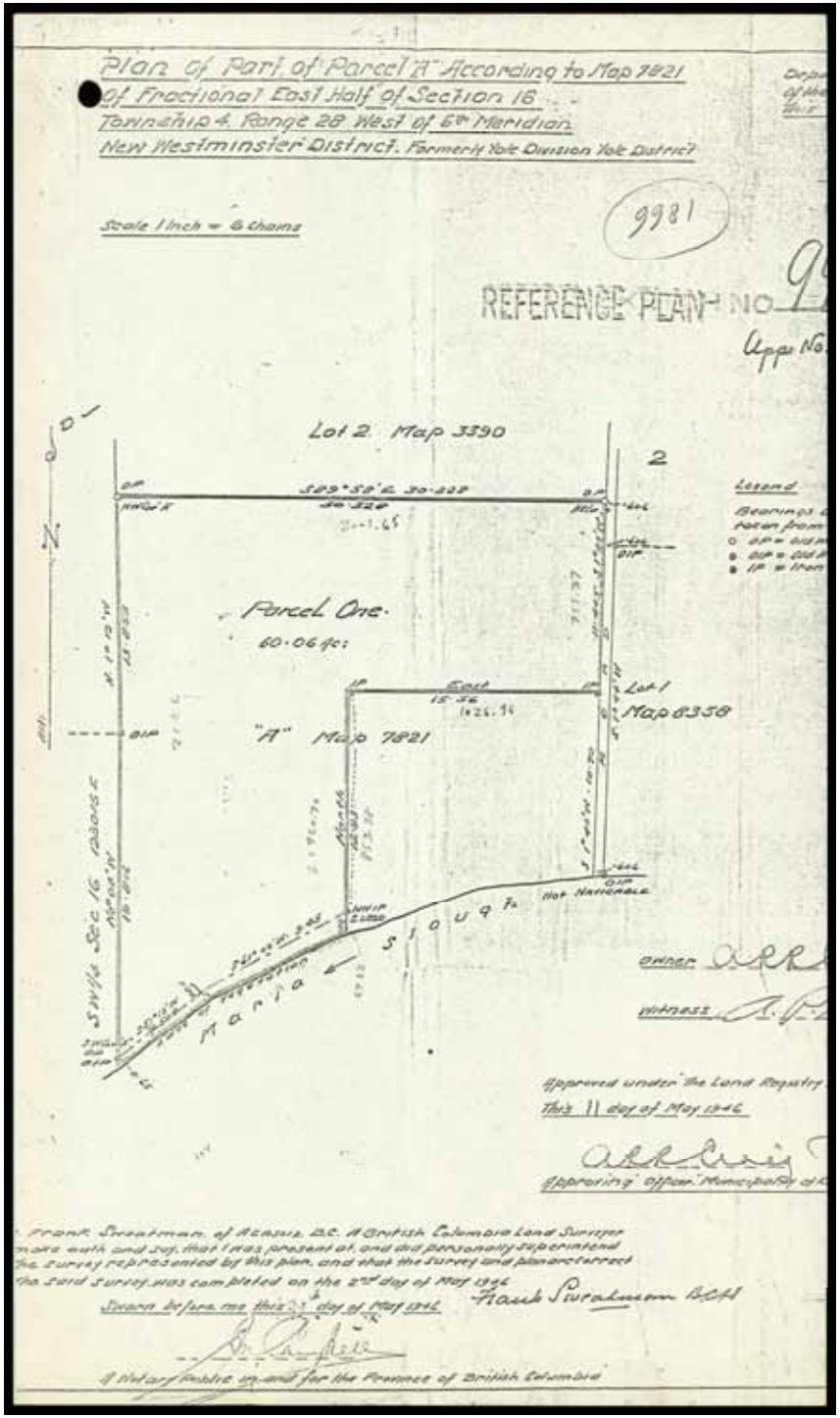

Figure 115: A portion of Parcel One (60.06 Ac.), "A" Map 7821, belongs to an illegible owner – ARR Craig[?], who was also the Approving Officer, Municipality of Kent. In front of the Lot, there is a not-navigable trait of Maria Slough. East of the Lot, the edge of vegetation is on the bank of the slough**. 1946.**

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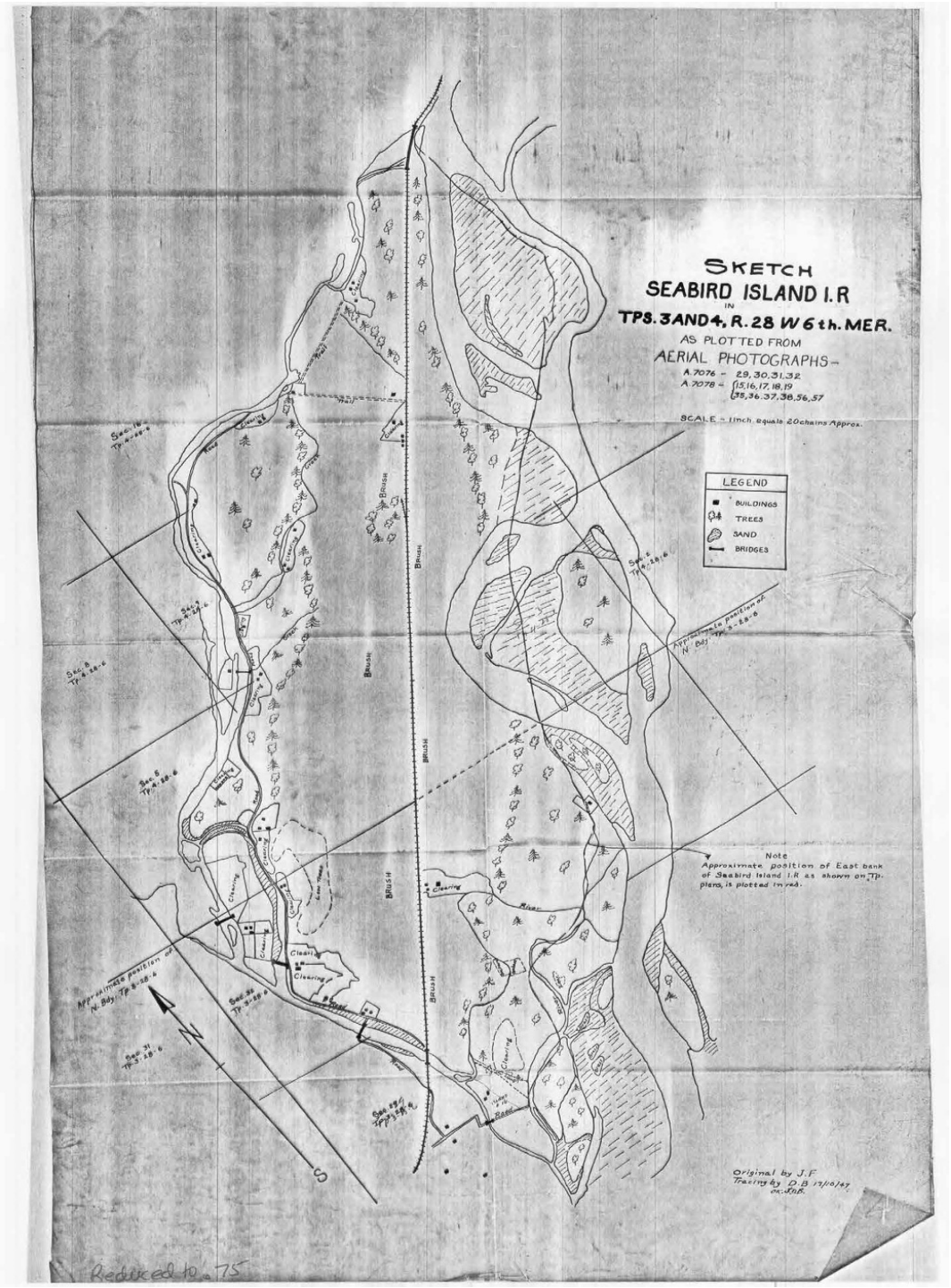

Figure 20: Sketch of Seabird Island using aerial photos dated October 17, **1947**.

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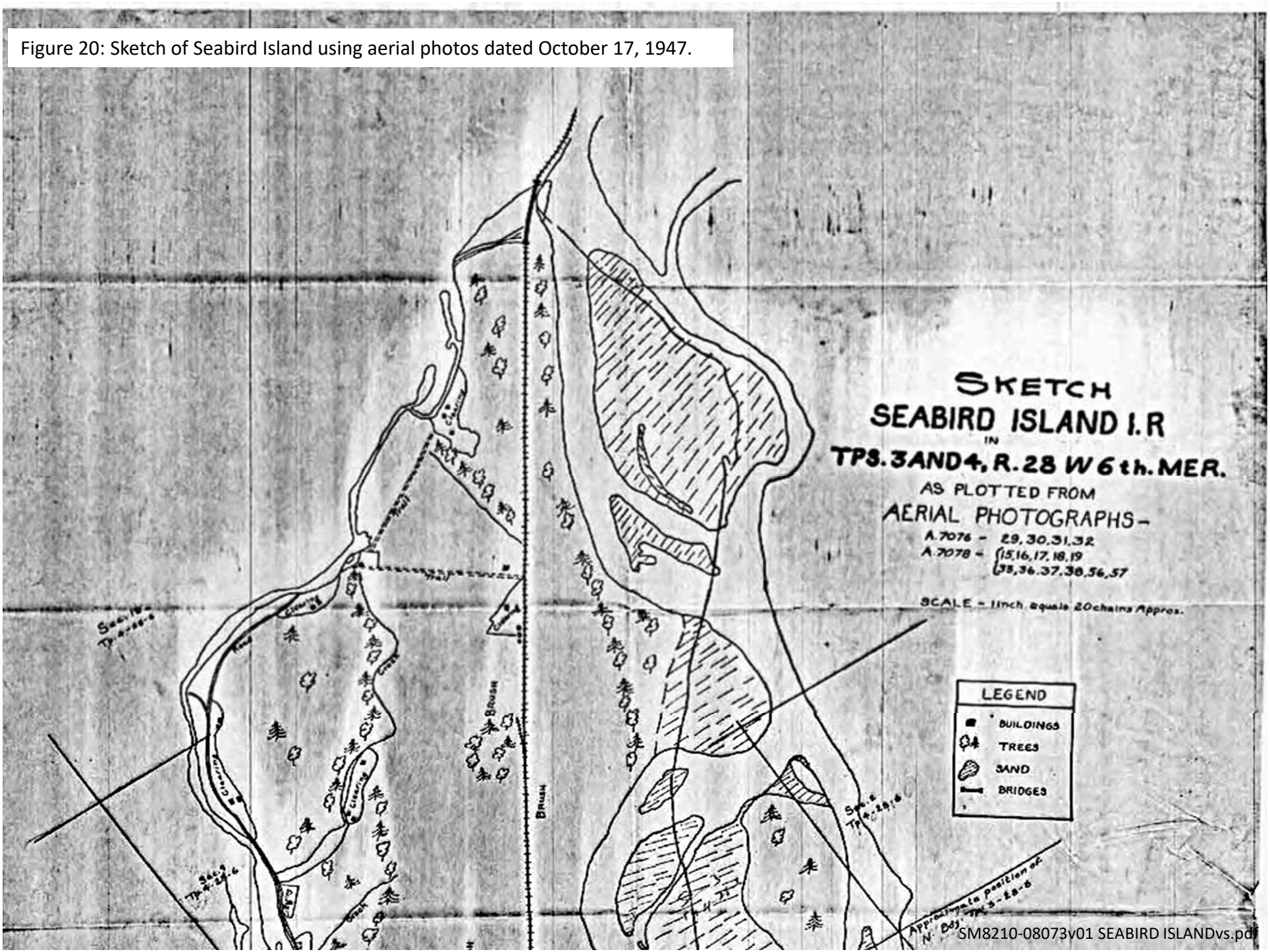

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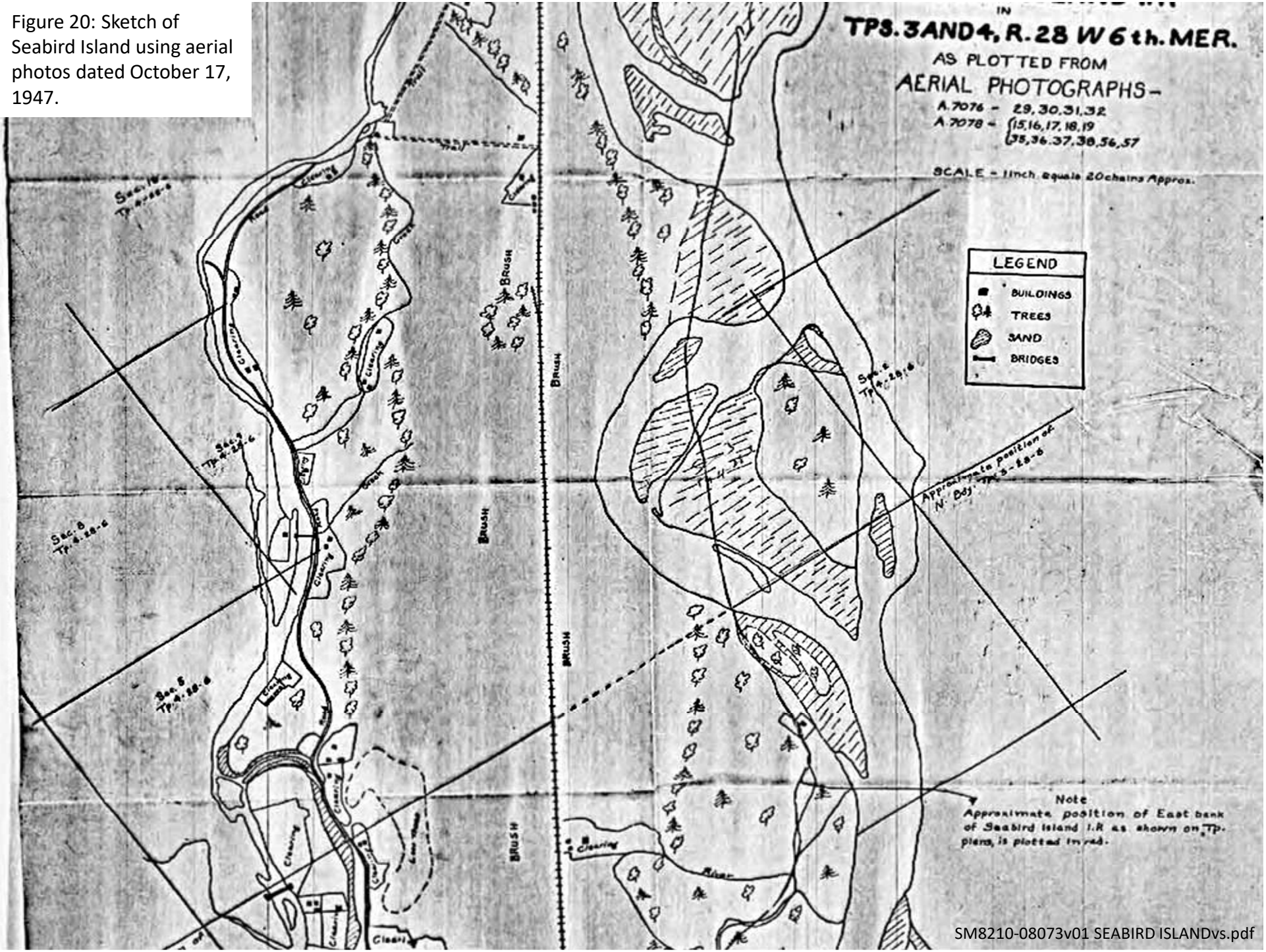

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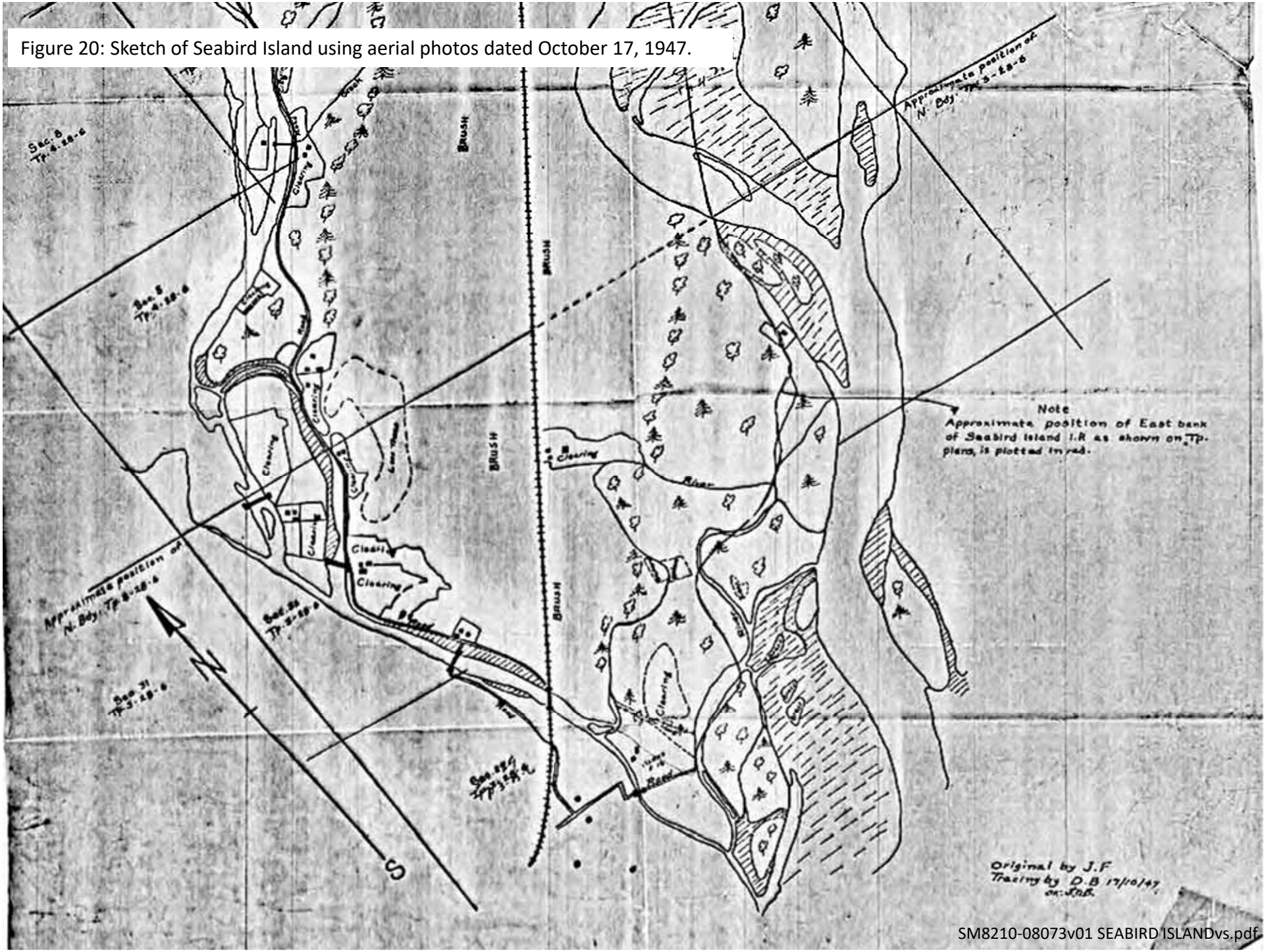

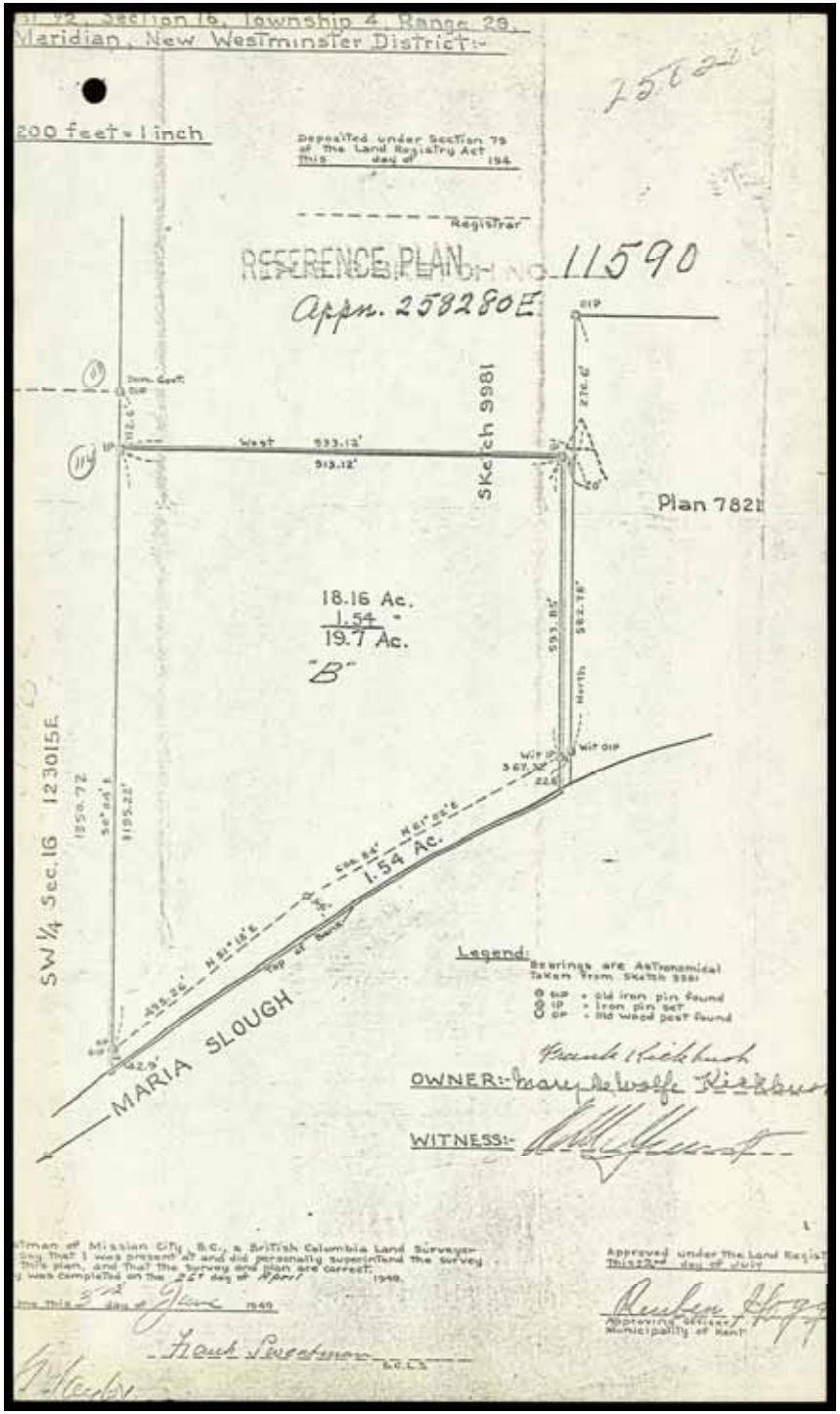

Figure 114: The "B" parcel belongs to Frank Kickbush and Mary [?] Kickbush. The lot is 19.7 Ac., of which 1.54 Ac. are a strip above the top bank of Maria Slough. **1949.**

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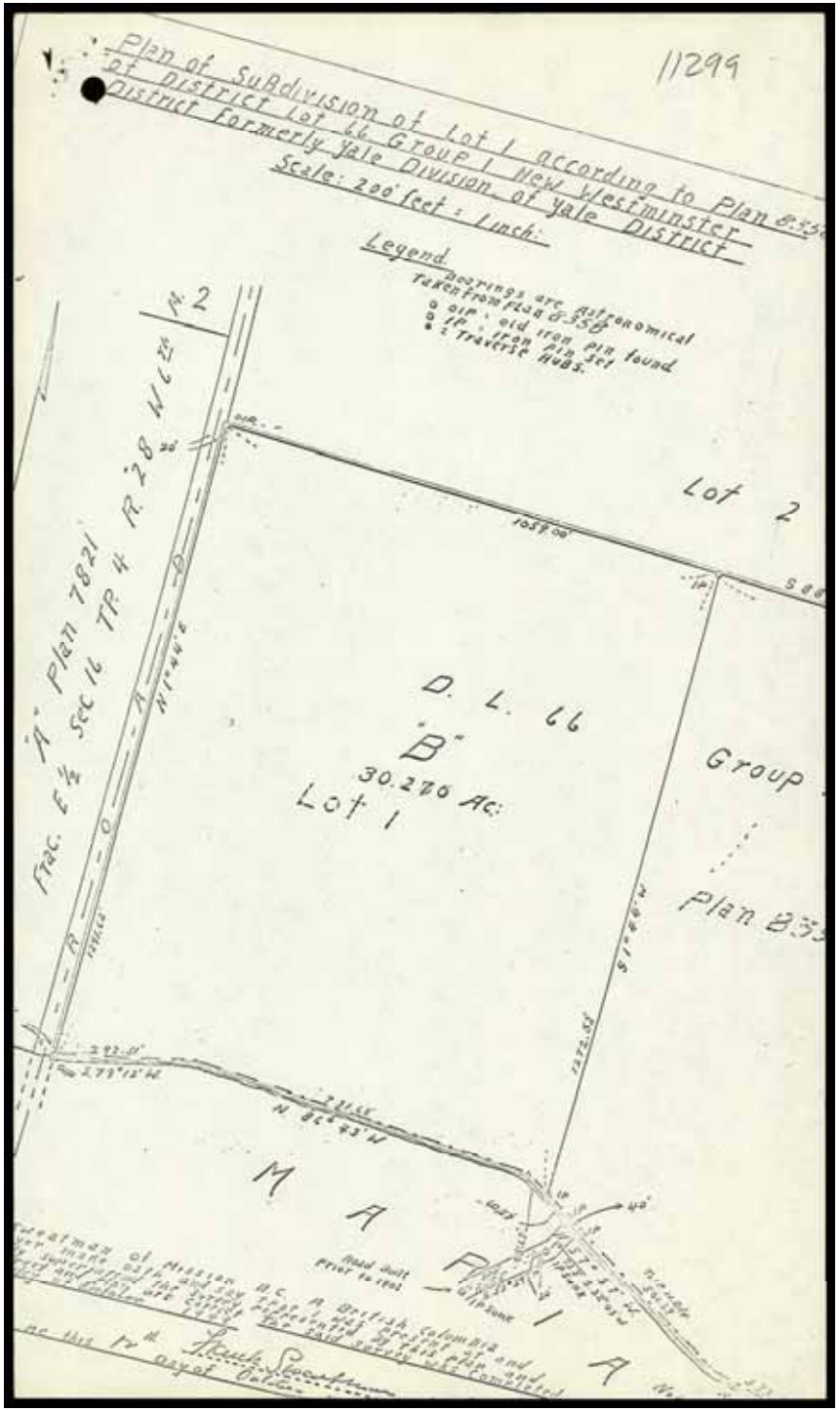

Figure 116: Plan of Subdivision of Lot 1 (according to Plan 8352 of District Lot 66. Group 1) in D.L. 66 "B" (30.270 Ac.). Near the southeast corner, there is a "road built prior to 1902." **1949.**

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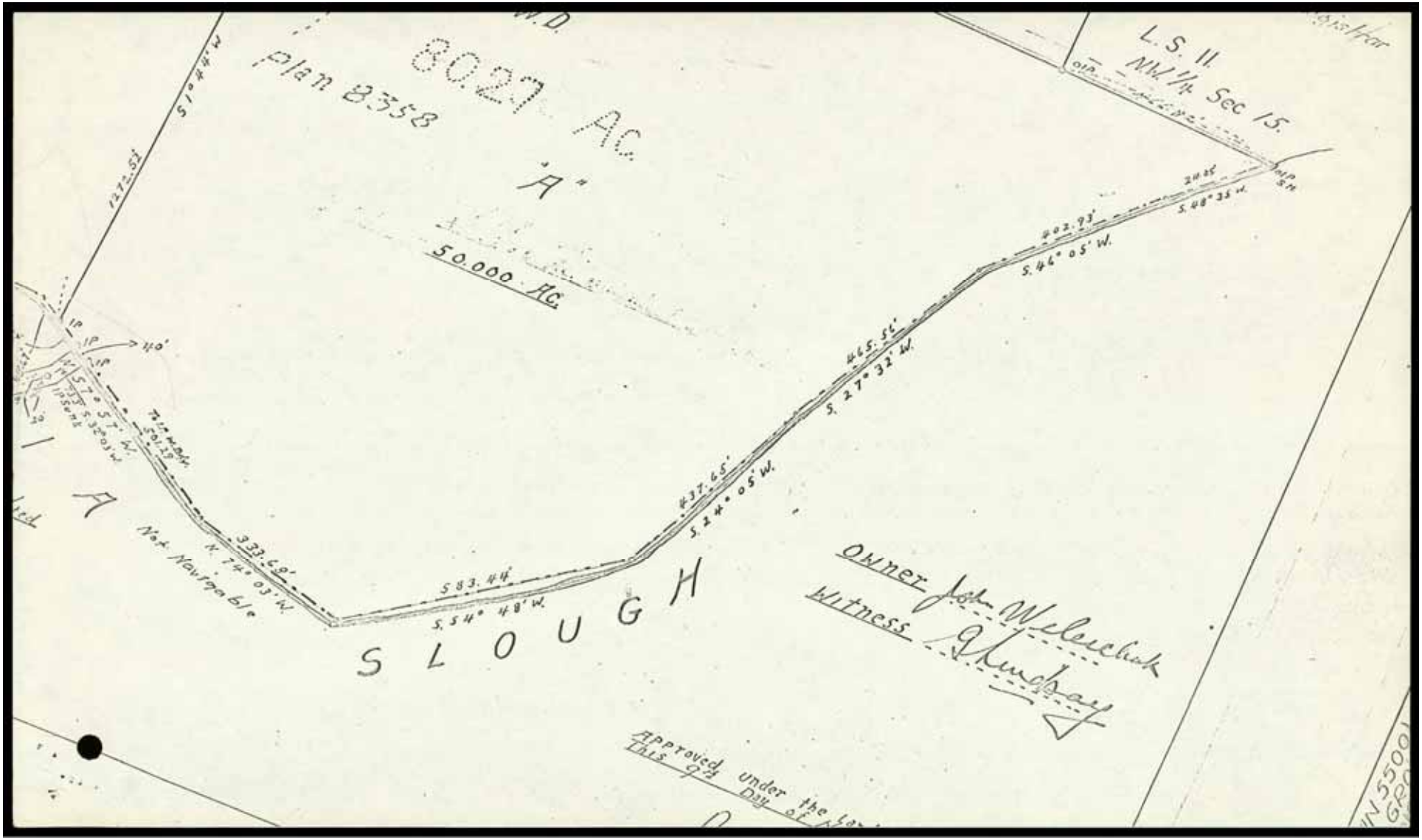

Figure 117: Surrounded by Maria Slough, John Weleschuk/Woloschuk property is parcel "A" (Plan 8358), with 50.000 Ac., although the Plan is labelled 80.27 Ac. **1949**

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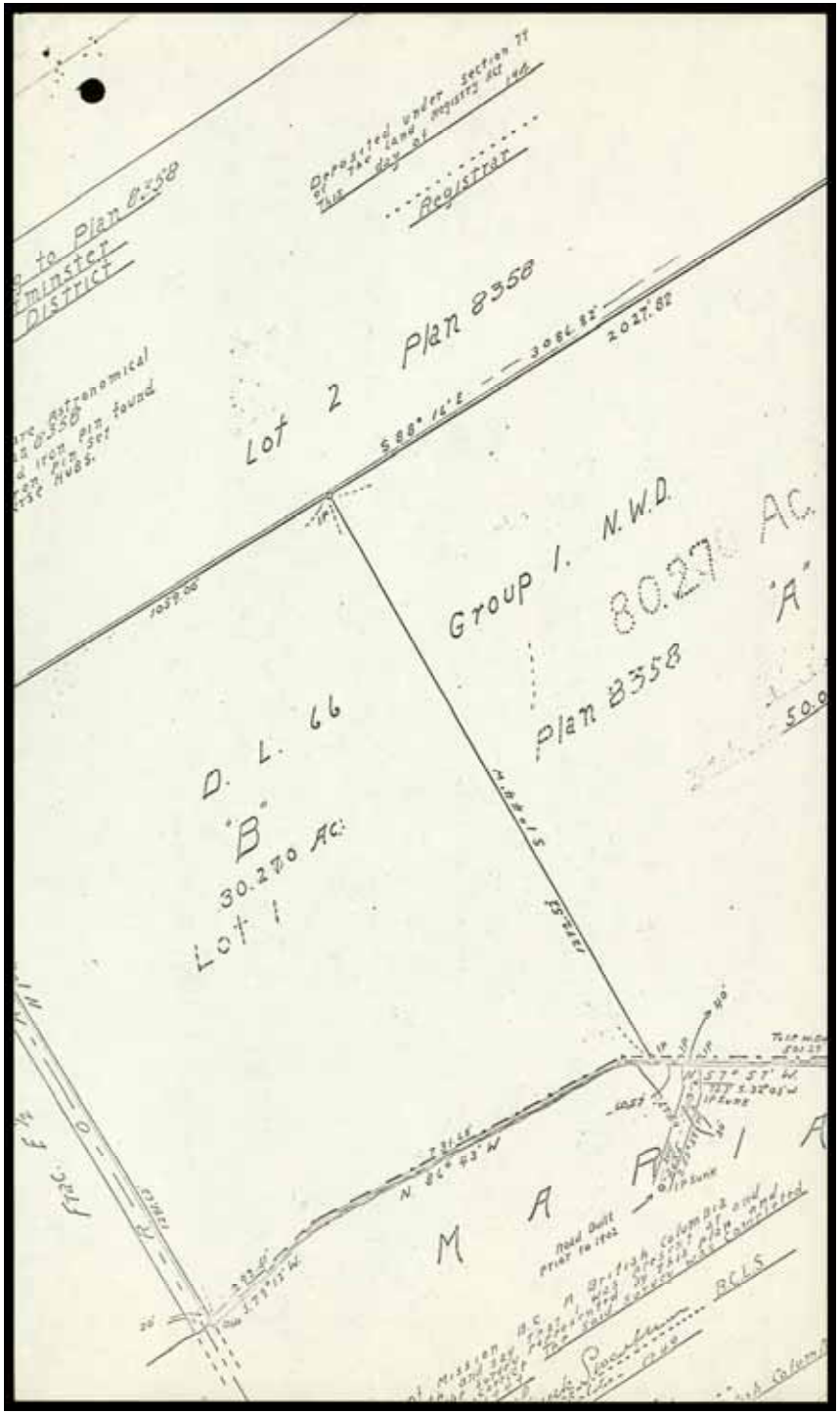

Figure 118: John Weleschuk/Woloschuk property is parcel "B" (Plan 8358), with 30.270 Ac., labelled as Lot 1. East of the Lot, there is a road while Maria Slough is on the south. **1949.**

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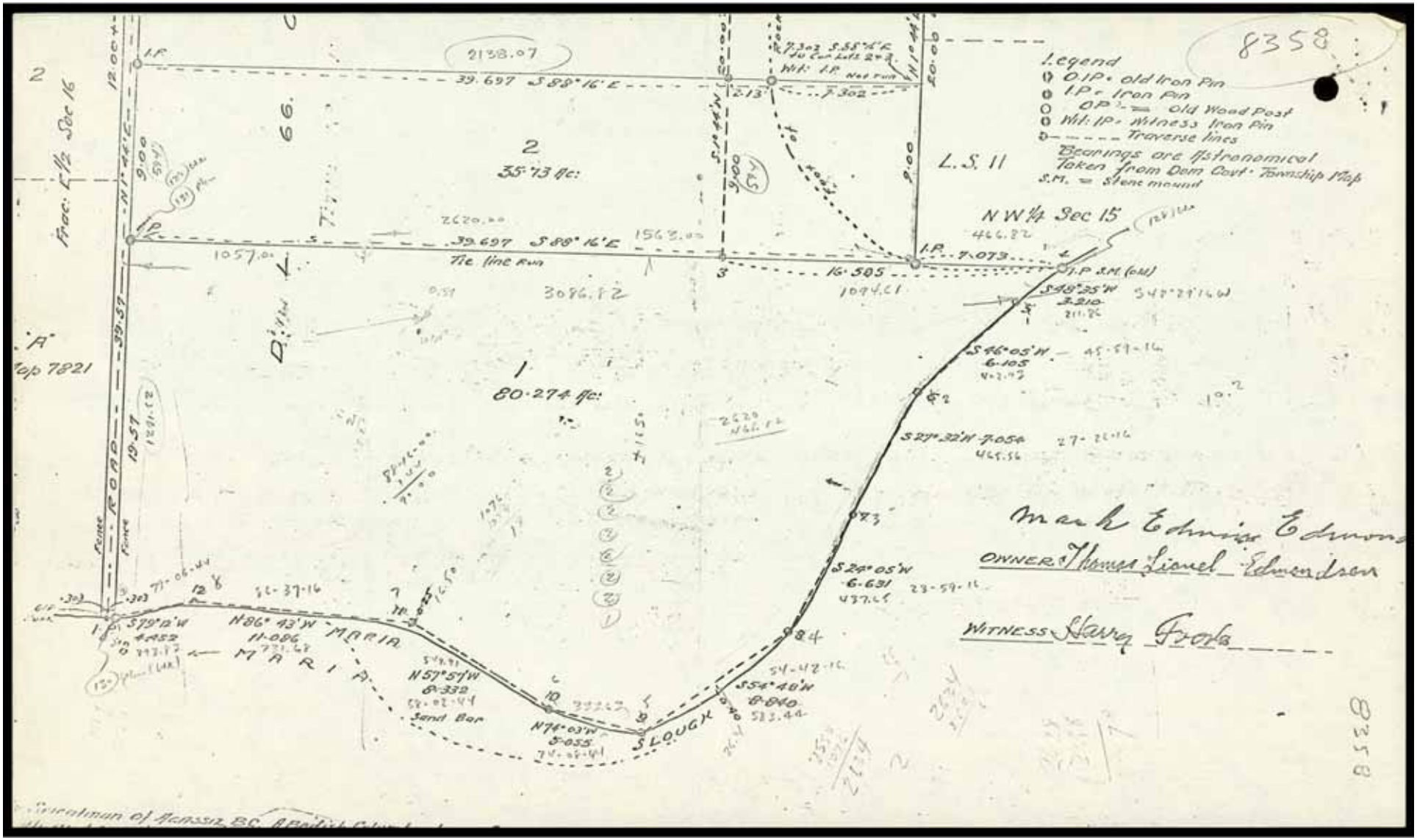

Figure 119: Mark Edwin "Leo" Edmondson, Thomas Lionel Edmondson property (District Lot 66) is divided into Lots, bordered on the south by sand bars on Maria slough, and a fenced road on the east. **1946 [?].**

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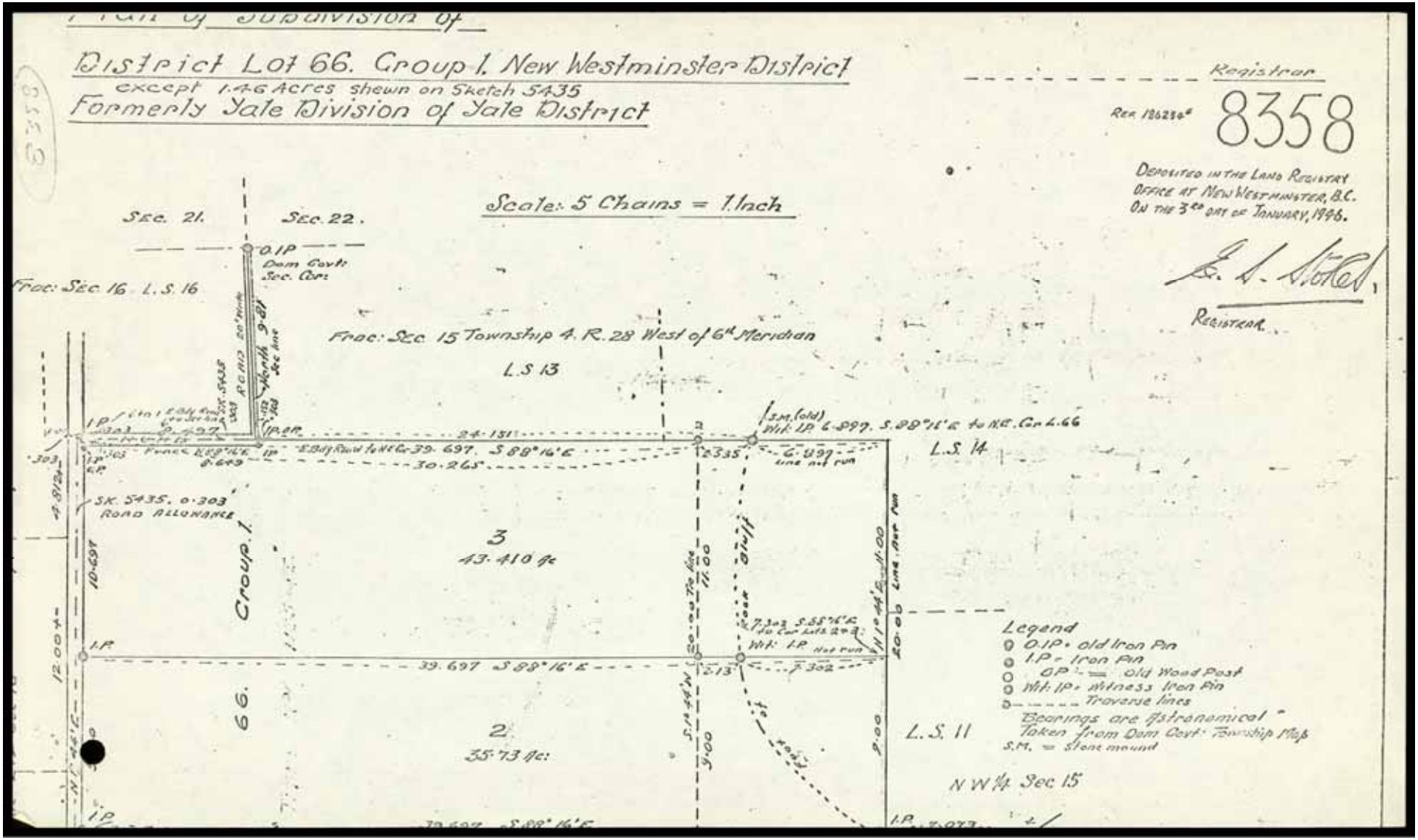

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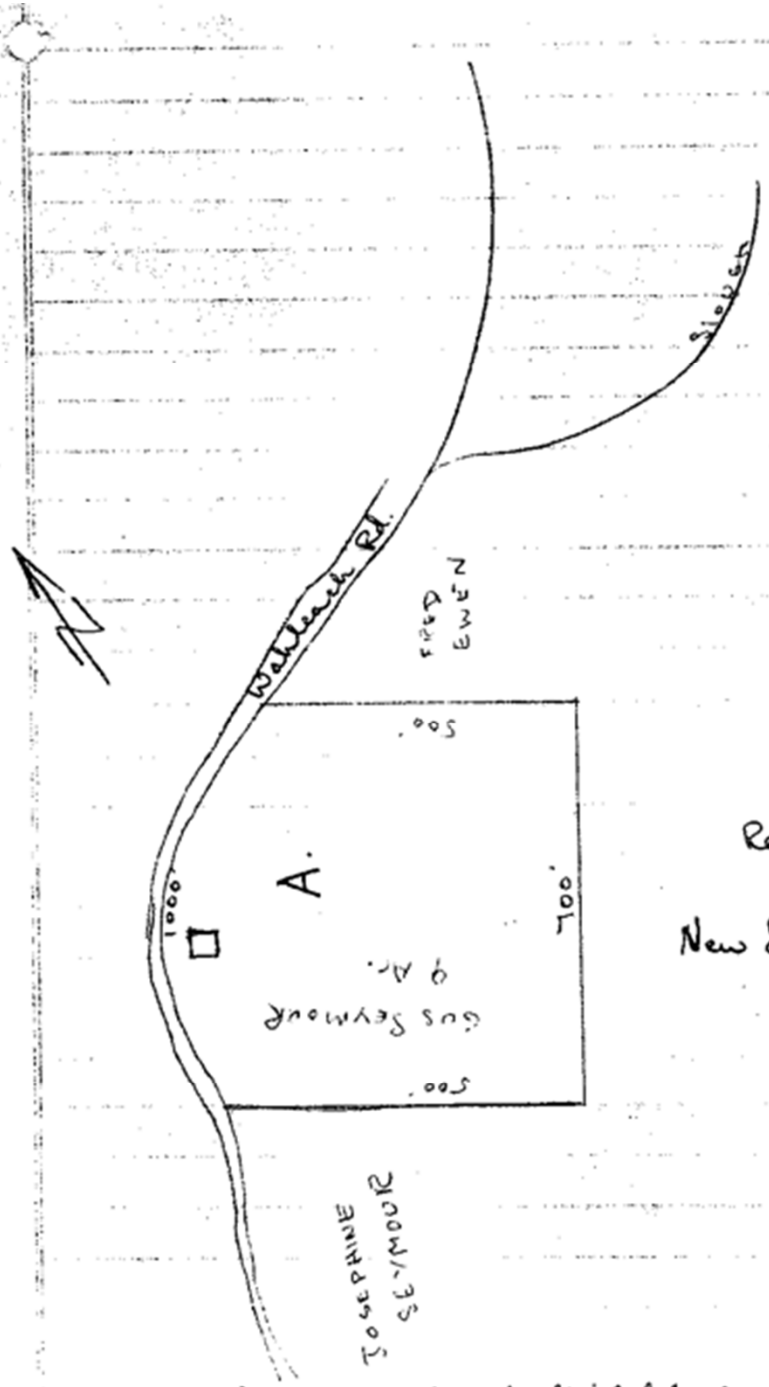
approximately 9Ac of cleared cultivated land on Seabird Is. 1R, bounded ~~to~~ on the northwesterly side by the Public Road, on the north east by property occupied by Fred Ewen, on the southeast by Band land, and on the southwest by property of Josephine Seymour, said property extending along the Road approximately 1000' feet and extending back from the Road about 500 feet and being the location of his home.



Resolution 16 May 1952

New desc. 24 April 59
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Figure 9: shows sketch of Gus Seymour's land. Note resolution is dated May 16, **1952**

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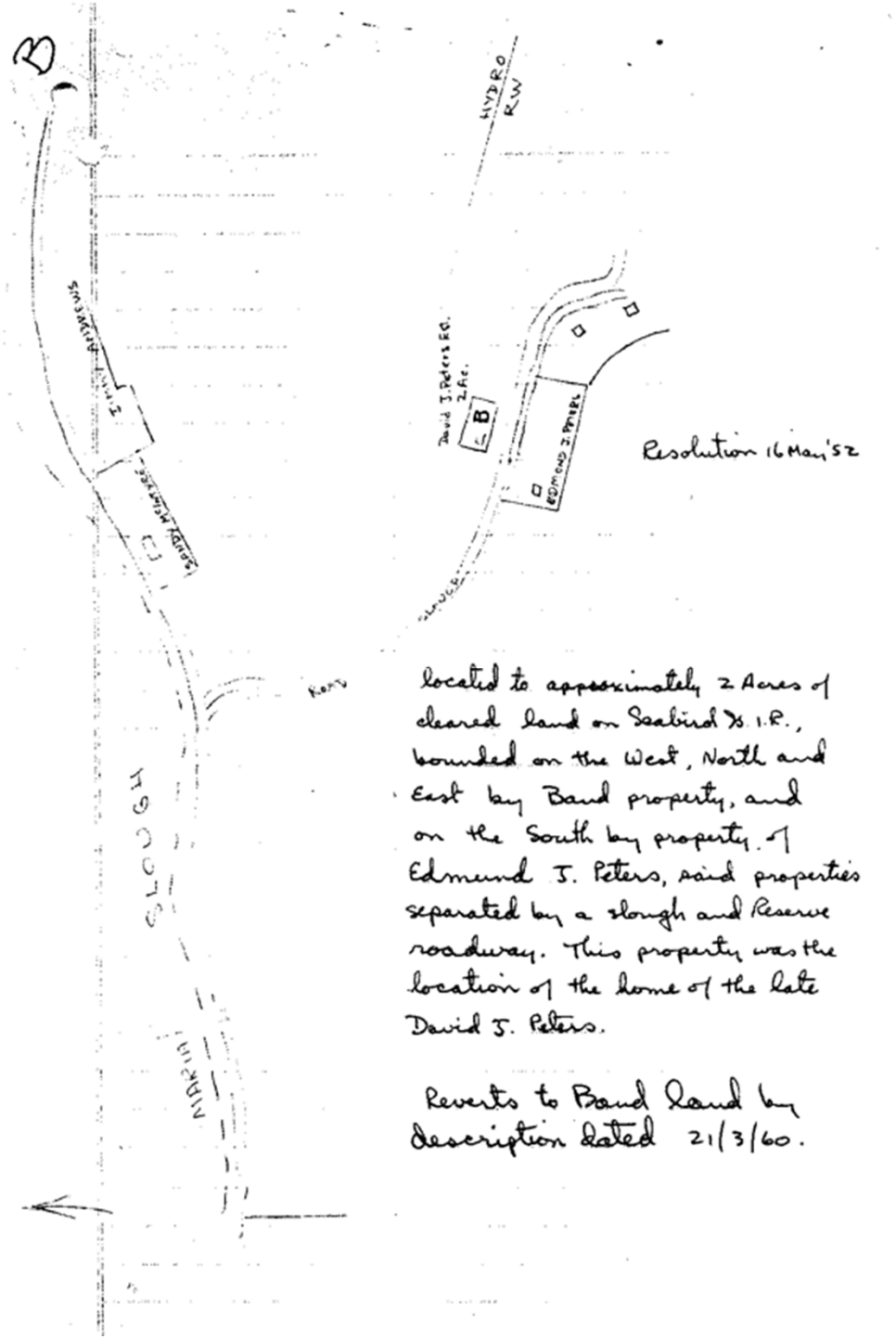
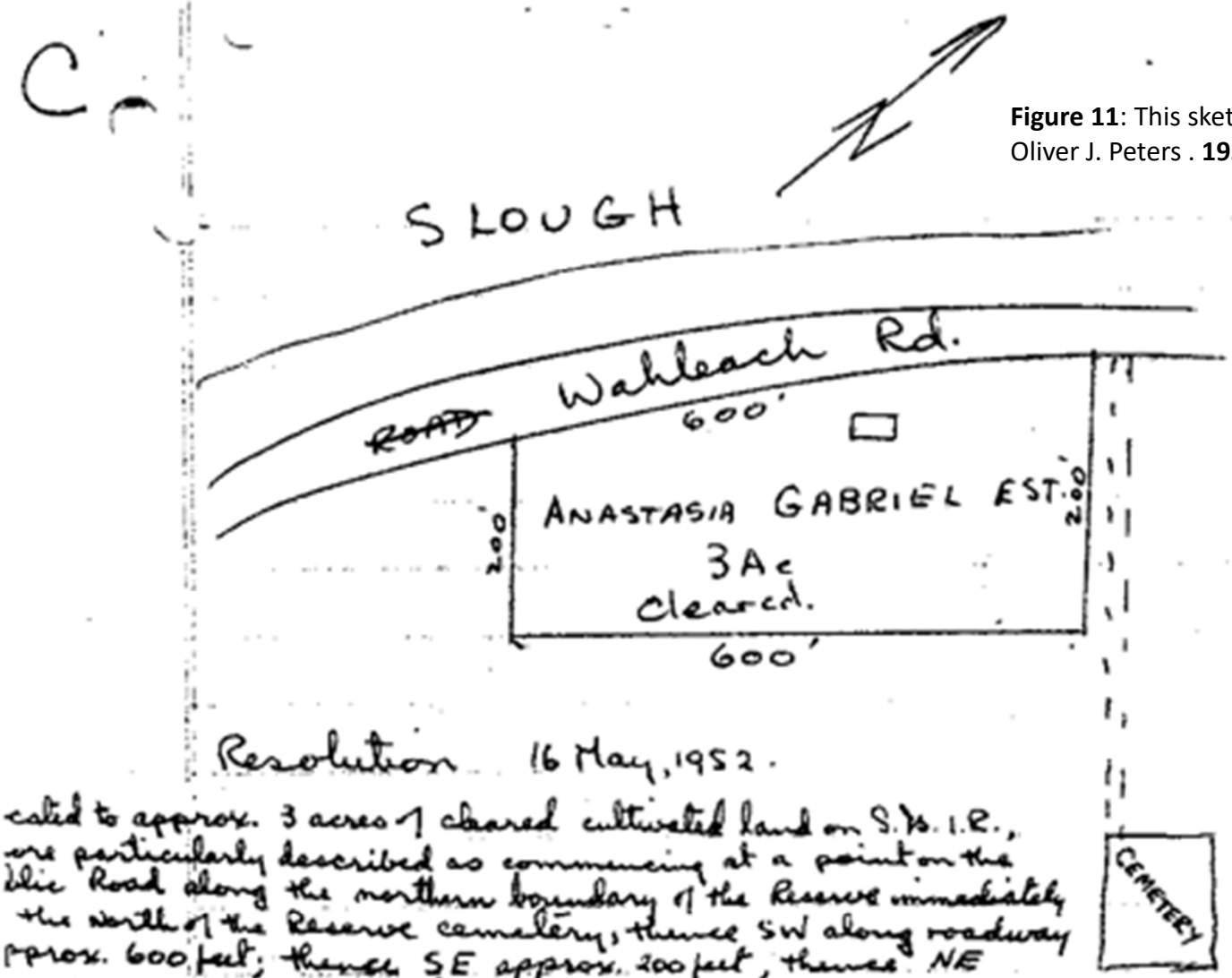


Figure 10: This sketch shows Edmund J. Peter and notes resolution May 16, **1952** Notably, stipulates at end "Reverts to Band land by description dated 21/3/60 [perhaps due to lack of use?]. Note Sandy McIntyre and Jimmy Andrews lots are included in sketch as well.

Figure 11: This sketch illustrates Anastasia Gabriel and Oliver J. Peters . **1952**



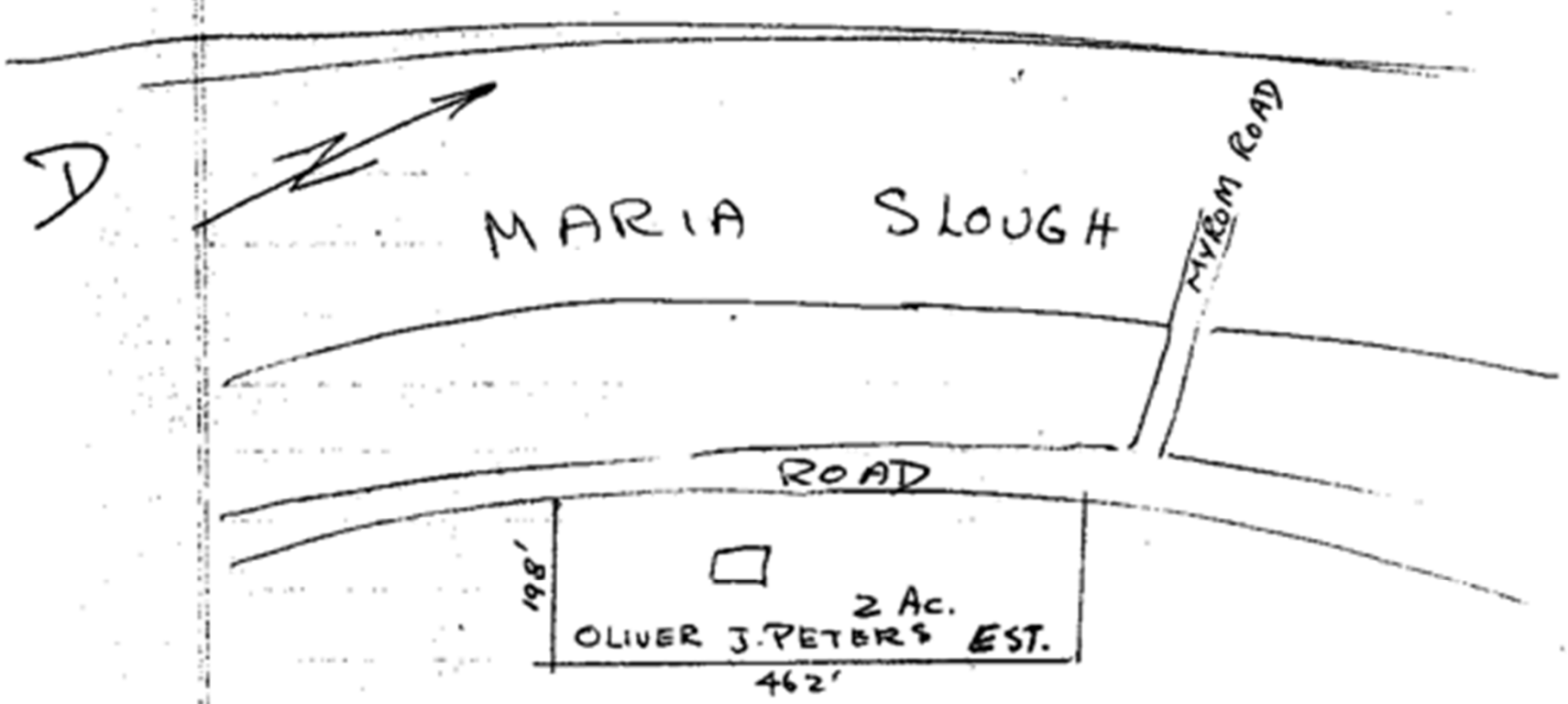
Resolution 16 May, 1952.

cated to approx. 3 acres of cleared cultivated land on S.Ts. I.R., are particularly described as commencing at a point on the blic Road along the northern boundary of the Reserve immediately the north of the Reserve cemetery; thence SW along roadway pprox. 600 feet; thence SE approx. 200 feet, thence NE pprox. 600 feet to a point near the cemetery; thence N.W. approx. 200 feet point of commencement, and being the location of the family home.

New description dated 21/3/60.

New description dated 21/3/60.

Figure 11: This sketch illustrates Anastasia Gabriel and Oliver J. Peters . 1952



Resolution 16 May 1952

located to appox. 2 Acres of cleared cultivated land on Sds. I.R, more particularly described as commencing at a point on the Public Road along the northern side of the Reserve known as MyROM Rd., thence SW approx. 7 chains, thence SE approx 3 chains; thence NE approx 7 chains thence NW approx 3 chains to point of commencement and containing therein the family home

Figure 12: Sketch describing Lizzie Johnson's land holdings and is dated December 15, **1953**. Note reference on top of page to Charlie Alexander with resolution dated October 12, 1953. Side margins note "supended[?] by a resolution Oct 12/53 in favour of the Charlie Alexander Est."

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Resolution of Oct 12/53 contains same description in favour of Charlie ALEXANDER ESTATE.

Dec 15/52

Mrs. Lizzie Johnson be located to portion of land on Seabird Is. I.R. more particularly described as: Commencing at a point on the South Boundary of the BC Electric R/W 1263.1 feet Southwesterly from the junction of the said R/W and the North Boundary of Seabird Island Reserve; thence along said Boundary of the R/W 170 feet to the North edge of a gully, thence Northeasterly following North edge of said gully approx. 700 feet; thence due North approx. 125 feet to the North Boundary of BCE R/W; thence Northwesterly approx 130 feet to West Boundary of Seabird Is. Reserve; thence approx 1100 feet along West Boundary of said Reserve; thence ~~approx~~ South 280 feet to South Bdy of BCE R/W; thence Easterly 270 feet; thence North approx 270 feet to South Boundary of said R/W; thence 50 feet along South Boundary of said R/W to point of commencement, and containing therein 8 Acres more or less of cleared land as shown on attached plan and being the location of her home.

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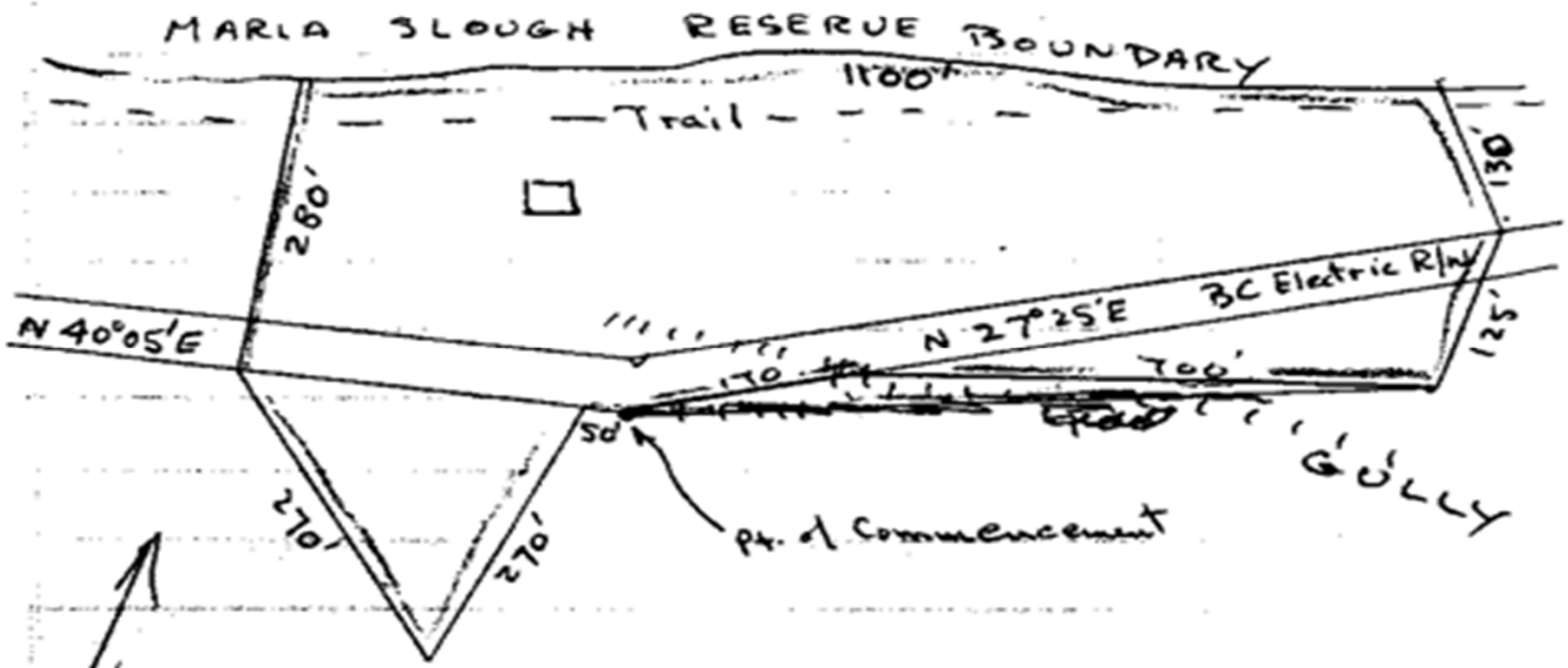

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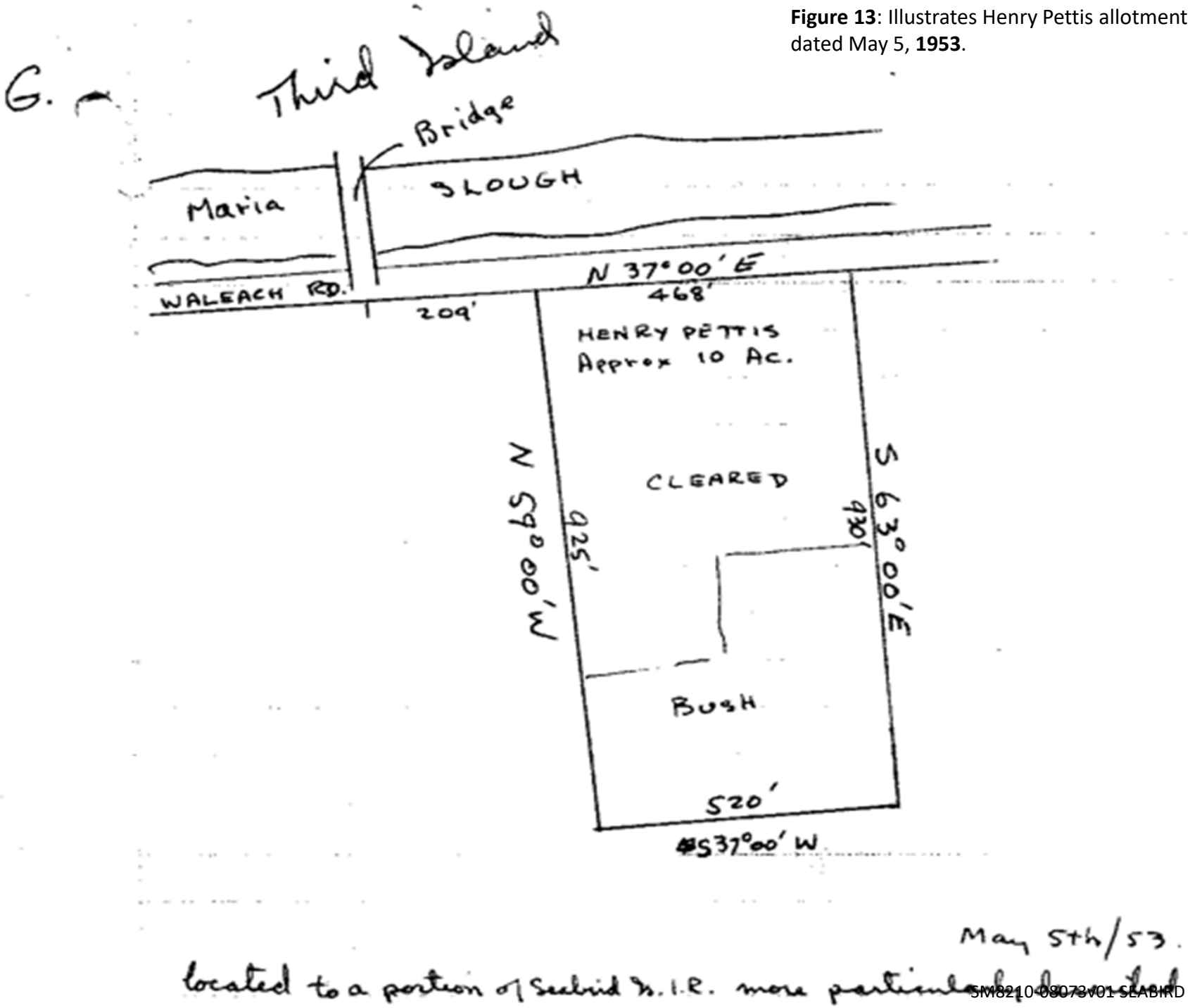

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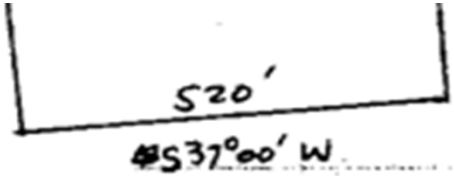
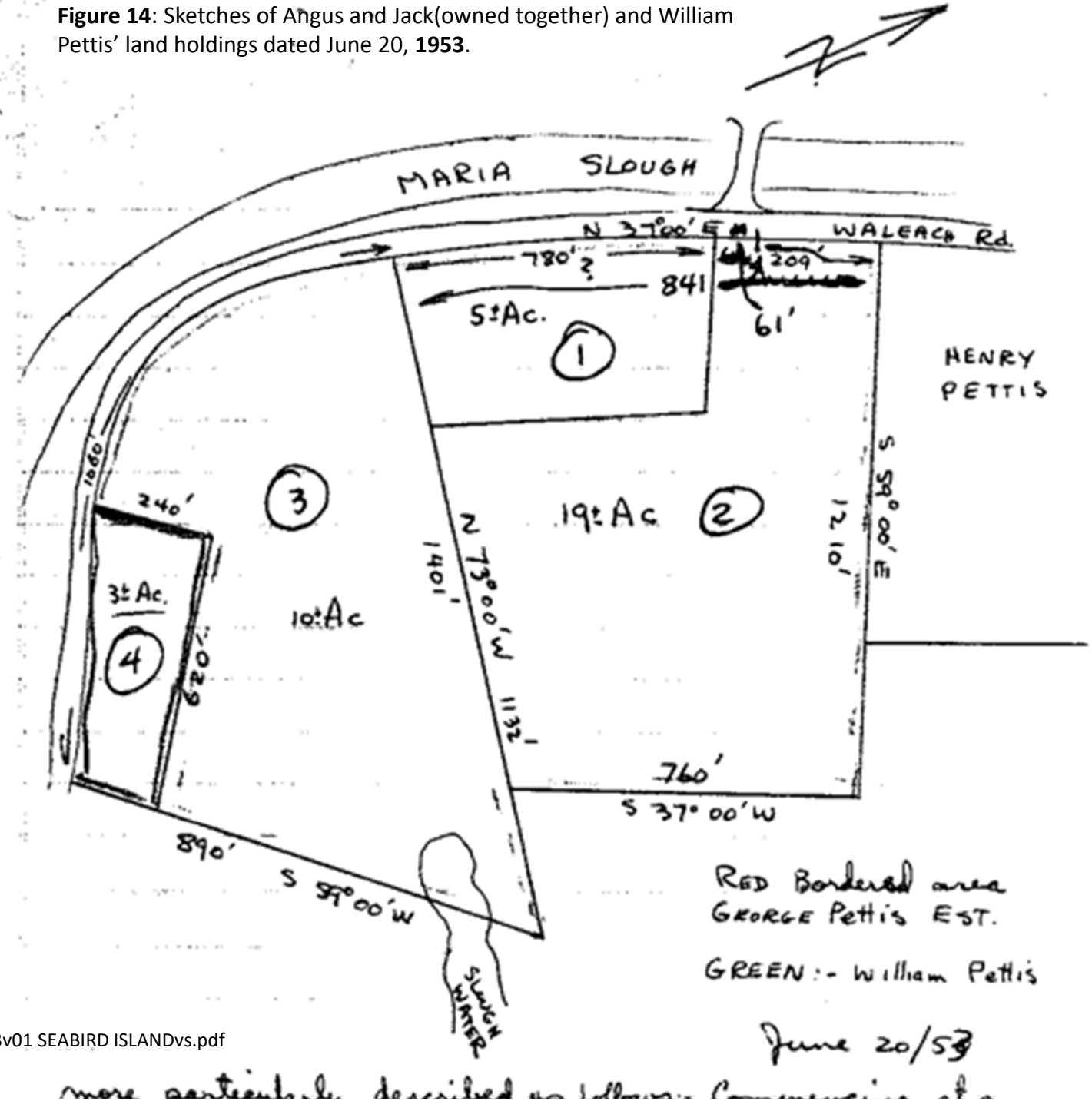


May 5th/53.

located to a portion of Seabird I.R. more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point being N 37°00' E approx. 209 feet along Waleach Road from bridge over Maria Slough connecting Seabird Island with Third Island, thus establishing North West corner of property; thence following said road along same bearing approx. 468 feet; thence S 63°00' E approx. 930 feet; thence S 37°00' W approx 520 feet; thence N 59°00' W approx 925' to point of commencement, and containing therein 10 acres more or less, being the location of his home and fifty percent cleared land

New resolution dated 21 Mar 60.

Figure 14: Sketches of Angus and Jack(owned together) and William Pettis' land holdings dated June 20, **1953**.



GREEN :- William Pettis

June 20/53

more particularly described as follows:- Commencing at a point being N 37°00'E 209 feet from junction of Waleach road and bridge over Maria Slough which connects Seabird Island with Third Island; thence S 59°00'E 1210 feet; thence S 37° W 760 feet; Thence S73°E 269 feet approx; thence S 59° W approx 680 feet; thence Northwesterly approx 620 feet; thence southwesterly approx. 240 feet to Waleach road; thence northerly following Waleach road approx 1291 feet to point of commencement, containing therein 34 Acres more or less of cleared land.

30th Nov. 1955. Parcels ① and ② become one parcel owned jointly by Angus and Jack Pettis

ditto Parcel ③ joined to ④ to belong to William Pettis.

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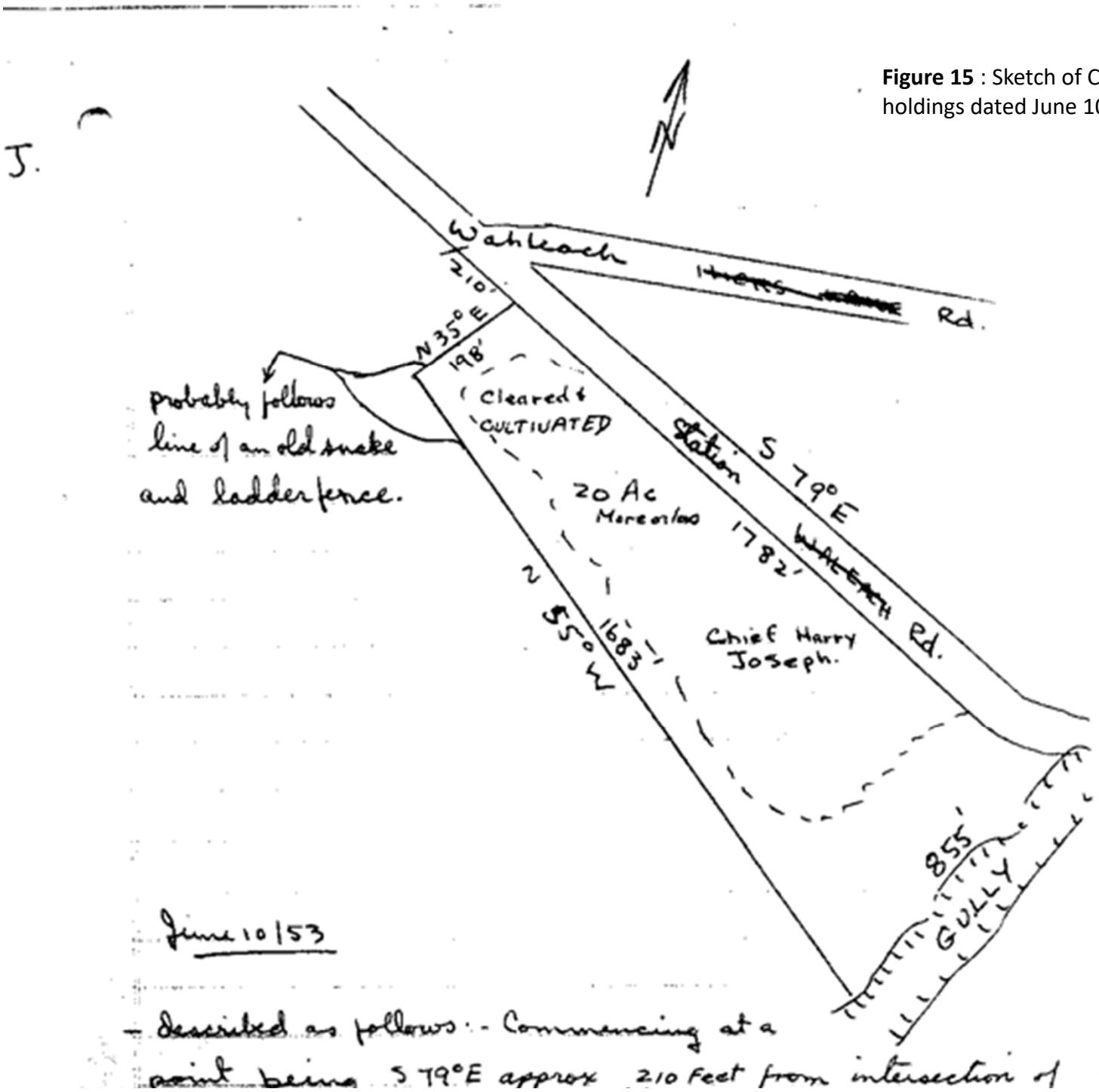
Figure 15 : Sketch of Chief Harry Joseph's land holdings dated June 10, **1953**.



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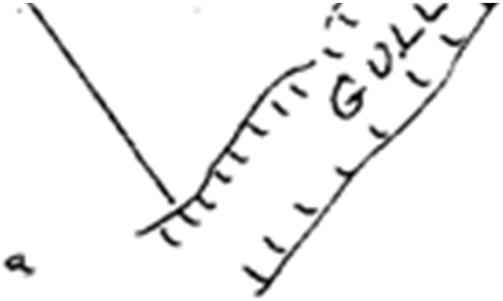
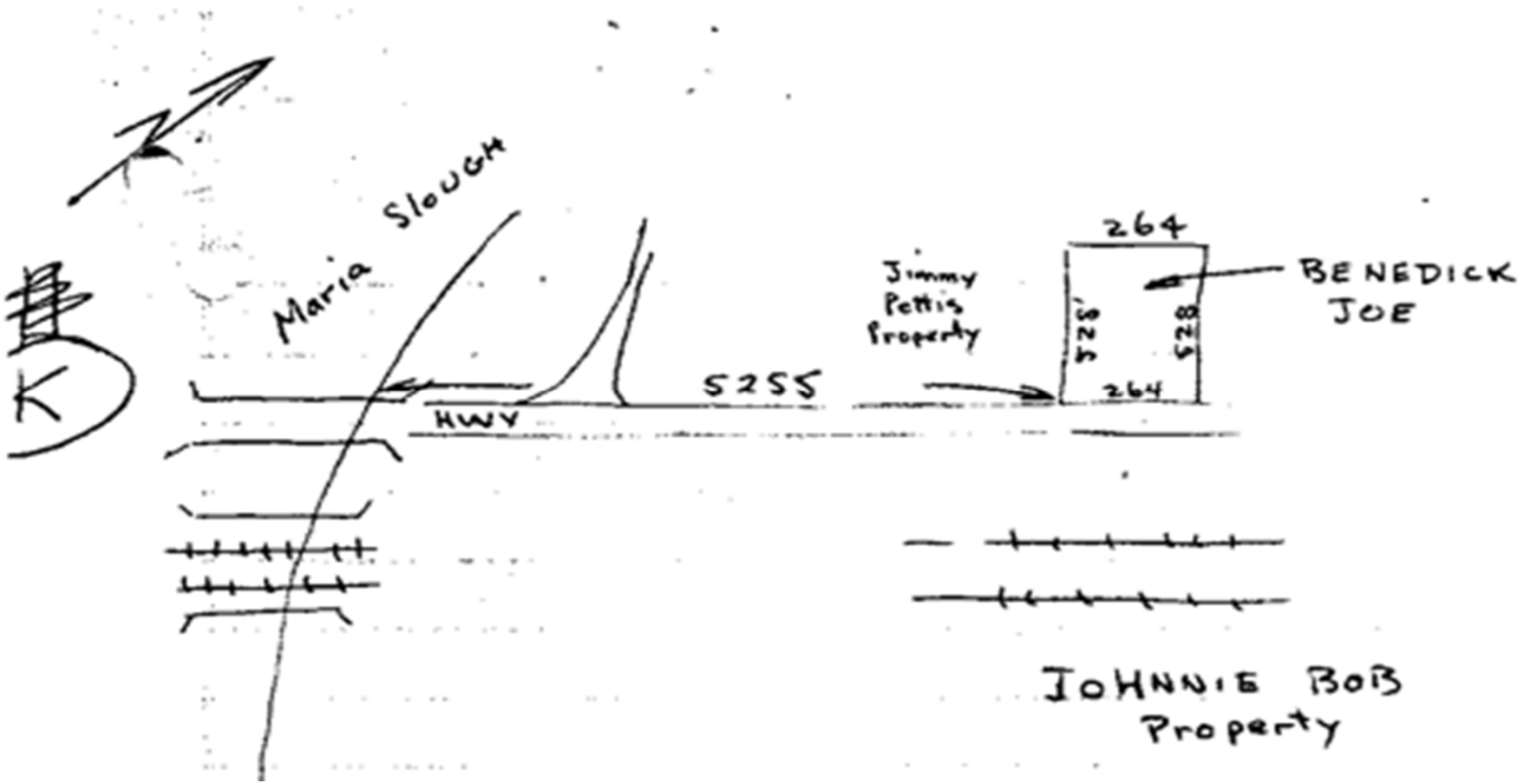


Described as follows: - Commencing at a point being S 79°E approx 210 Feet from intersection of the Waleach road and the station ~~Hicks Lake~~ Road; thence approx. 1782 feet along the station ~~Waleach~~ road following the above bearing to North edge of gully; thence southerly along North of said gully approx. 855 feet; thence N 55° W approx. 1683 feet; thence N 35° E approx. 198 feet to point of commencement, and containing therein 20 acres more or less, being fifty percent cleared and cultivated land and the location of his home.

New resolution dated 21 Mar 60 for same property. Note changes in names of roads.

Figure 16: Dated November 17, **1953**, defines Benedick Joe's land holdings that was located next to Jimmy Pettis' property.



JOHNNIE BOB
Property

Figure 16: defines Benedick Joe's land holdings that was located next to Jimmy Pettis' property. Dated November 17, **1953**,

Nov 17/53

—described as follows Commencing at a point being the easterly end of the Lougheed HWY Bridge over Maria Slough on the Western Boundary of said Indian Reserve; thence Easterly along Lougheed HWY. approx. 5255 feet thus establishing the South westerly corner of the land in question; thence continuing Easterly along Lougheed Highway 264 feet; thence Northerly 528 feet; thence westerly 264 feet; thence Southerly 528 feet to point of commencement, and containing therein 3.2 Acres more or less of brush land. Said land to be the location of his future home.

Figure 84: Plan of Highway Right of Way Through District Lot 49 Group 1, with acreages. The Right of Way comes from southwest towards northeast, passing over the Agassiz Slough and n. 10 Road. The Highway Right of Way intersects other two minor roads. The second one is underscored by a detailed map section. In the easternmost area, the Highway crosses the CPR line and the Road Plan 13751. Sheet 6. **1953.**

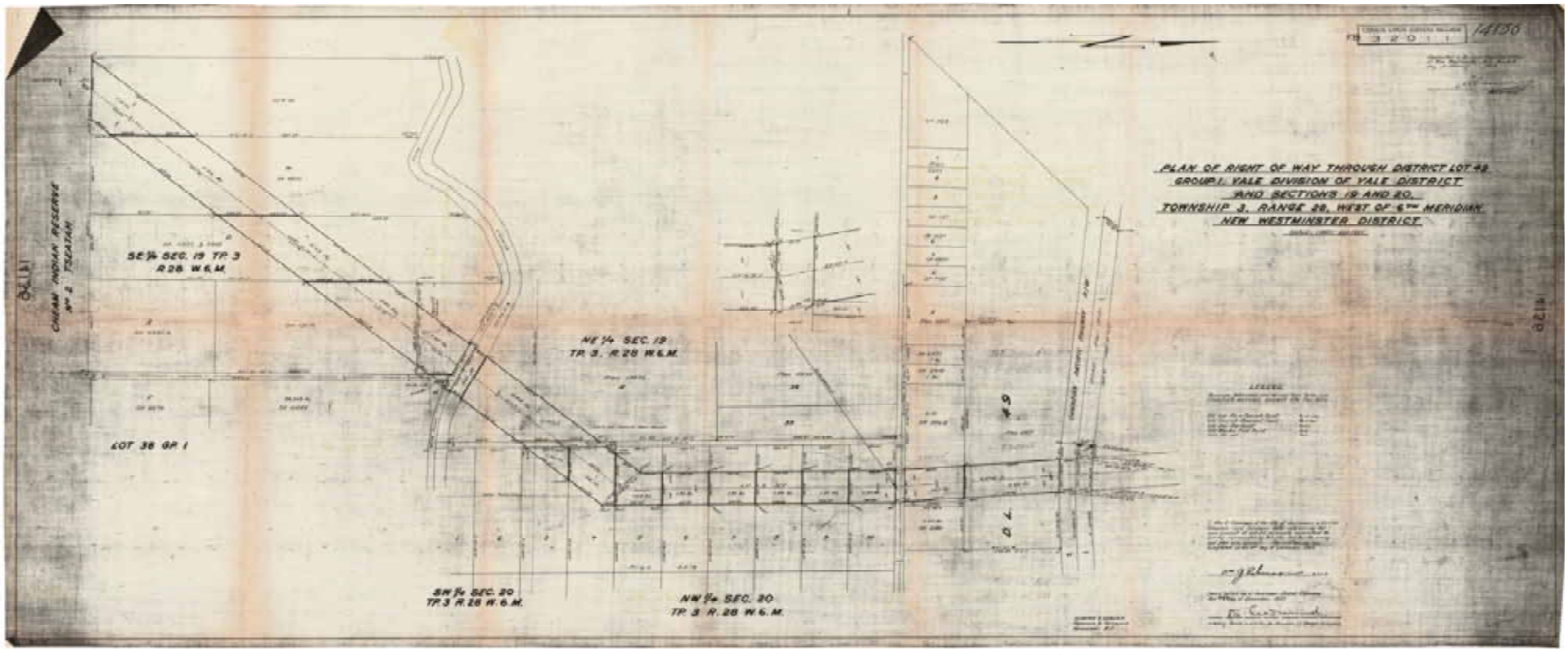


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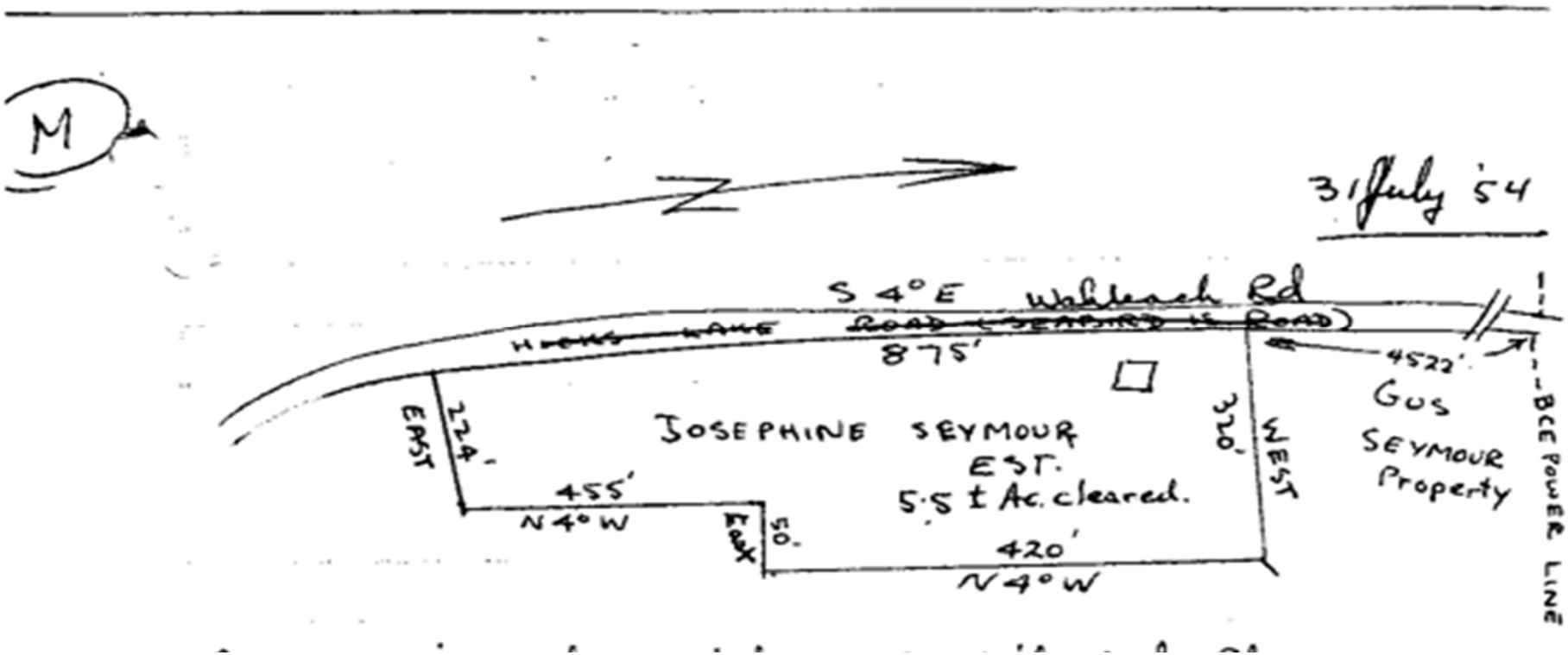
Figure 17: Josephine Seymour's land holdings. These holdings were recognised on October 5, 1955 as David Charles, followed by Archibald Charles. Archie was allotted the 7 acres from David and an additional 4 acres for building. Sketch dated July 31, **1954.**



Commencing at a point on the Hicks Lake Rd. approx. 4522 feet southwesterly along said road from the point where the BC Electric power line R/W crosses ~~Hicks Lake~~ Wahleach Road, thus establishing the NW corner of the property concerned; thence S 4°E approx. 875 ft; thence due East approx. 224 feet; thence N4°W approx 455 feet; thence due East approx. 50 feet; thence N4°W approx. 420 feet; thence due West approx. 320 feet to point of commencement, and containing therein 5.5 acres more or less, of cleared, agricultural land.

Oct. 5/55 recognized possessor of this property is David Charles.

New resolution dated 21 Mar/60. road names changed.

Seabird

/8/49 Archibald Charles recognized owner of 7 Ac. cleared allotted additional 4 Acres for building (Control Point 48/2).

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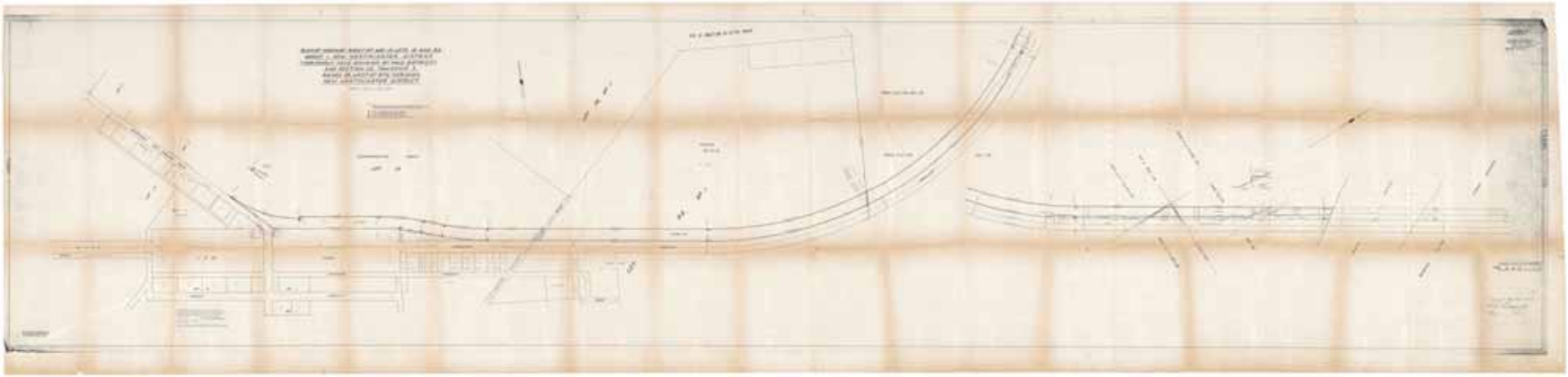
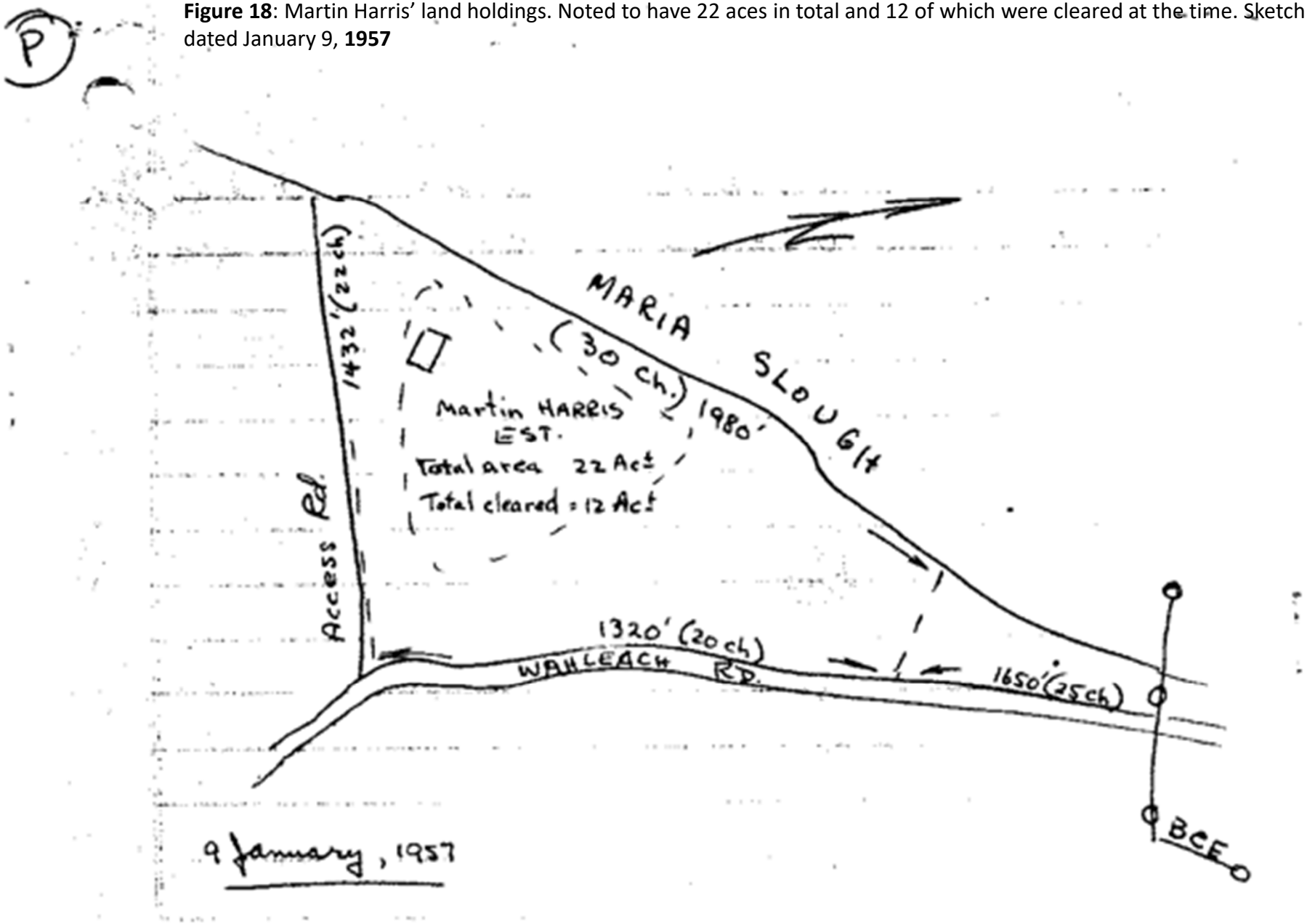


Figure 83: Plan of Highway Right of Way in Lots 19 and 49, which are adjacent to the CPR line. At the border of the experimental farm in Lot 19, the Right of Way is 5.2 ac. westward of the intersecting Gazetted Road June 5th, 1902. Within Lot 49, the Right of Way is 6.052 ac. South of the Highway and CPR lines, several Lots and parcels are shown between the CPRY Yards, Cheam Street, and Pioneer Street. In Section 29, the two lines pass over Maria Slough. Sheet 4. **1954.**

Figure 18: Martin Harris' land holdings. Noted to have 22 aces in total and 12 of which were cleared at the time. Sketch dated January 9, **1957**



9 January, 1957

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Commencing at a point established on the Westerly Boundary of the Reserve established by survey made for the B.C. Electric Co. Ltd., the said point being where the power transmission line (Southerly Boundary of right-of-way) adjoins the Easterly boundary of the travelled road (known as Wahleach Road); thence southwesterly following the travelled road for a distance of approx. 25 chains to the peninsular point of land, being that portion of the Reserve which is situated between Maria Slough and the Wahleach Road and gives the appearance of an island; thence continuing along the winding travelled road for a further distance of approx. 20 chains to the access road leading into the Estate property; thence Westerly approximately 20 chains to Maria Slough; thence North Easterly following the bank of Maria Slough approx. 30 chains to the peninsular point of land. The whole area within the foregoing metes and bounds containing about 20 acres, more or less, of which some 12 acres were cleared and improved by the Late Martin Harris several years ago. This property has been lived on and occupied by the late Martin

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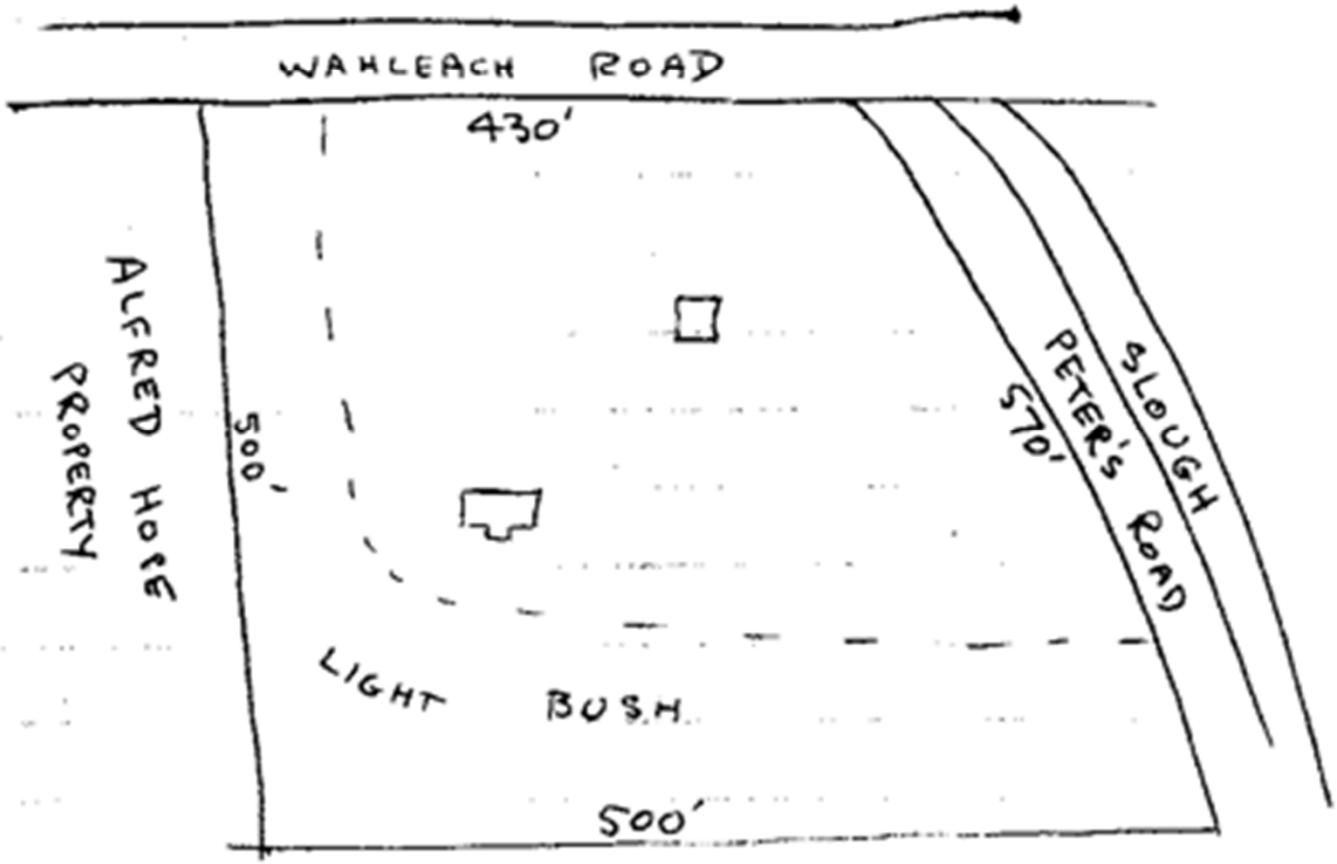
Figure 18: Martin Harris' land holdings. Noted to have 22 aces in total and 12 of which were cleared at the time. Sketch dated January 9, **1957.**

Figure 19: Sketch of Christine Joe's land holding dated June 2, **1956**.



EST. CHRISTINE JOE 2 June '56.

Commencing at the Junction of Wahleach Road and the

Figure 19: Sketch of Christine Joe's land holding dated June 2, **1956**.

Commencing at the Junction of Wahleach Road and the Reserve roadway into the properties of Edmund Joe Peters, Arthur Peters and Stanley Peters; thence Southwesterly following Wahleach road for a distance of 430 feet; thence S Ely a distance of 500 ft; thence N Early a distance of 500 feet to the Peters road; thence Northwesterly, following the said Peters road a distance of 570 feet to point of commencement, and containing therein 5.6 acres, more or less of cleared, fenced land as per plan attached, which is the location of Christine Joe's home and also the house of John Harry, a grandson, the latter having been built thereon with the permission of the late Christine Joe.

Willed to Alphonse Harry.

A meeting held on Monday, April 5, 1959 – discussed individual allotments "with Seabird Island Band Council, and 17 electors" … "It was the unanimous opinion of the twenty electors that confirmation of all previous allotments, by the newly elected Band Council, be required, and that a 10% Band equity be retained in all leases, permits alienating the holding. In this connection the Council and several electors confirmed the holding in the Anne Andrews Estate, and the holding of John and Angus Pettis by Resolution retaining a Band equity of 10% in leases, etc."

BCR dated July 27, 1959 states:
"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Seabird Island Band shall retain an equity of 10% of all rentals received from lease of permit of any individual allotments, and shall retain an equity of 75% of the proceeds of any sale of such individual allotments, provided such sale is to other than a member of the Seabird Island Band."

BCR dated October 10, **1962** granting Pierre Peters a land hold on the reserve with the 10% stipulation. Further, affirms V. Harris' comment regarding the need for locate land to Peters as it was required "to build a home."

Overall, appears that there was an overlap of Gabriel's land holding and Peters' land holding due to various reasons.

- Sketches of Angus and John Pettis, William Pettis, Lizzie Johnson and Joseph Chapman are included.

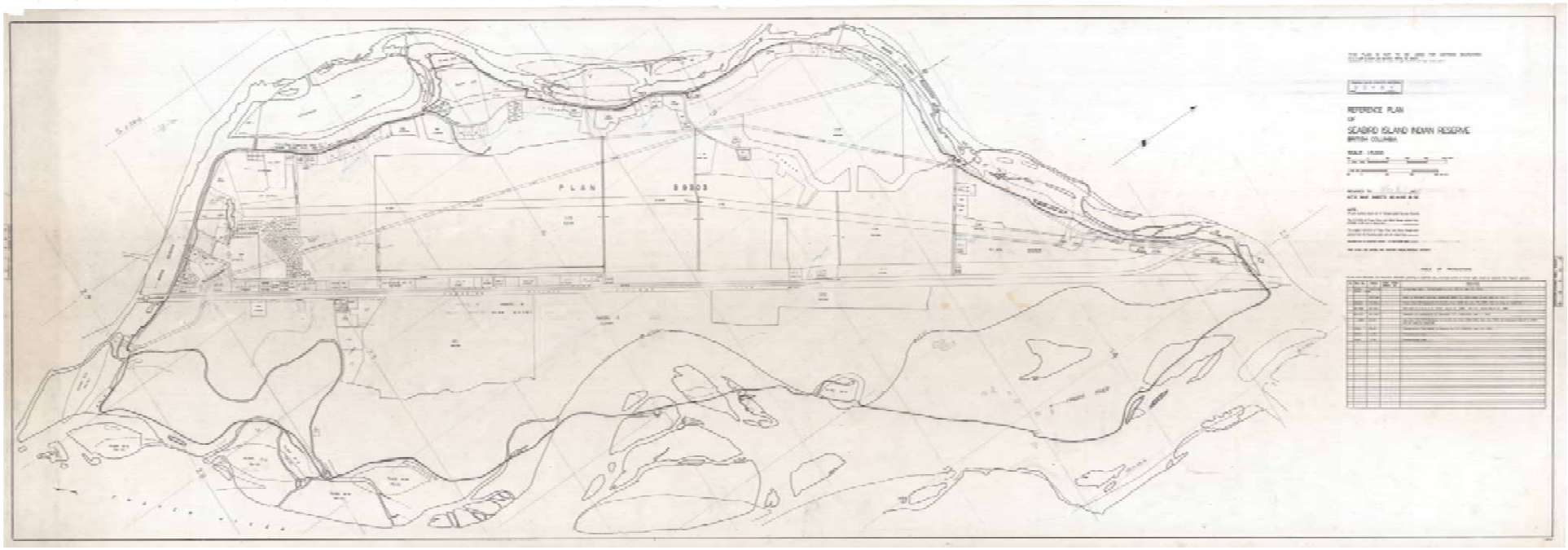



Figure 25: Large **1960** (reviewed in 1998) map of the entire reserve, with detailed numbered lots, infrastructures, and geographical patterns. The *Seabird Island Road* is labelled “66ft. RW not surveyed,” with a handwritten note: “Public Road (Gazette 1896, 66’). Blue notes were added in 1998. They added the numbers 10-104 to Lots 51, 202, 203, 204
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