



Painting by  
Mildred Gaylord  
Circa 1951

**B**y-gone

**A**nthologies  
of a

**T**reasured

**H**arbor

Old Photographs of Bath's Past  
Compiled by  
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## Introduction

This photo "album" is dedicated to all the folks who have an undying interest and desire to preserve the history of old Bath for future generations to enjoy and appreciate.

The advent of this book was the quest of Jimmy Taylor of Bath. He felt an innate need to gather and preserve the antique images in book form so they could be available to the public. Jimmy has spent several years in his tireless efforts to accumulate as many pictures as possible. His contributions, editing, and historical knowledge helped to make this book possible. Jimmy collected over seven hundred photographs. Thus, because of limited book space and expense, only the most unique and rare views could be selected.

With that in mind, this book is not for sale, or circulation, and is to remain permanently in the public libraries of Bath and Washington for the use by all.

The majority of the pictures incorporated here are from the works of professional photographer Thomas R. Draper of Bath. In 1890 he set up a portrait studio that included the needed light of the era, a northern facing skylight roof. He made postcards from his photographs and sold them in his souvenir shop. He lived and worked in Bath until his death in 1940. It appears that his pictures are the earliest known optically recorded views of Bath. He had a wide array of photographic interest, ranging from studio portraits, to everyday life scenes. Special thanks go to Helen Florence Brooks Richardson, a distant relative of Tom Draper, for the use of her Draper album that has been handed down through the generations in her family. My parents purchased the Draper house in 1952 when I was 12 years old. Helen's grandmother, sister to Tom, and my grandfather were first cousins. After my parents deceased, the house was sold in 1990 and later demolished.

Special appreciation goes to the life-long Bath resident, Virginia Brooks Carson; as her personal pictures, interest, and historical knowledge are priceless.

Other contributors have shared their precious and priceless images of Bath's past: Billy Moore, Joy Henderson, the family of Mary Libby Wallace Selby, and of course, Jimmy Taylor. Their graciousness and the permission to use their pictures is sincerely appreciated. Recently I converted many of my old photographs and early 1950s slides of Bath to digital format for use as well.

Many books and pamphlets were useful in assembling the content for the historical thumbnails, especially *Beaufort County, North Carolina* by Louis Van Camp, and *Bath, The First Town in North Carolina* by Alan D. Watson with Bea Latham and Patricia Samford. A valuable source of information is located on the Internet site, <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/bath/>. A special map was drawn a few years back by Wingate Reed, which gives a visual placement of the many interesting historical sites in Bath.

Additional photographs, corrections, and comments are welcomed.

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Swing draw bridge, Draper Photo, 1915



Rare snow storm



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T.A. Brooks' lumber warehouse and saw mill



Building "new" bridge, 1944  
Don. Carrow, age 4



Car overboard, circa 1945  
Car owned by D.B. Ricks



Mid 1940s photograph looking west  
Warehouse dock on left, hardware store on right  
Not shown west side of store, Dr. "Joe" Norman's Office,



Front Creek Bridge, early 1940s  
Nurse Fanny Myrtle Shepherd and Cary Norman



Bridge and swing draw, December 1955





Hurricane Ione, Front Creek Bridge, September 1955

Opening of new bridge  
dedication and ceremony  
circa 1962



Old bridge, circa 1955







Dixie Filling Station on southeast corner Main and Carteret Streets  
 Bottom left: Will Duke, David Waters, Rivers Beasley, Marion Brooks, Holland Gurkins  
 ESSO Gas Station, circa 1930s  
 A fuel dock was located west side of creek for off-loading fuel barges  
 Fuel line ran under the creek to gas station on east side of bridge



Stone Monument commemorating the history of Bath on the 219th anniversary, 1924  
 Helen Waters and Arcadia Tankard  
 Bottom right photo taken in 1955  
 Young man with "1924 sign" possibly Guy Cutler, Sr.





View, looking east, circa 1925  
Dixie gas station on right next to automobile

"Horse and buggy days"  
View of Main Street  
looking south from the  
Bath Marker  
T. A. Brooks' store on far  
right



Photo taken from roof of T.A. Brooks' store, 1900s  
The photographer is facing northeast



Bath Marker,  
T. A. Brooks' home and store,  
mid 1900s





View south, circa 1925



Photo taken from mid-town, looking south on Main Street  
Easter Sunday 1942



Facing south, circa 1944  
Williams (Glebe) House at left



Main Street in front of Marsh House, looking south  
December 1955

Williams (Glebe) House on  
left,  
built between 1827 and  
1832

All views on page are  
facing south



Draper's souvenir shop on left



Looking toward Bonner's Point  
Dr. John T. Nicholson's home and car on right





All photos taken looking north, except bottom left, facing west  
Circa 1920s and '30s



Top views taken near Bonner's Point looking north, circa 1920s  
Note Dr. J. T. Nicholson's home and cars on far left of frame



Bottom views taken mid-town Main St.  
looking north, early 1950s







Near Bonner's Point, looking north, 1952



Photo taken facing north from Nicholson House,  
(not shown) at left

This view taken in the 1940s of the Bonner House  
believed to have been built around 1830





1920s view of the Bonner House



Old photo of Bonner's Point looking south  
Note small fence around pecan tree for protection  
Pecan trees were planted throughout Bath by Molly Brooks



Note old ship with sails in the distance



After restoration, 1962





The Williams House was built  
between 1827 and 1832  
In 1947 it was sold to the Episcopal  
Diocese and became known as the  
Glebe House



Older and newer  
views of the  
Glebe House on  
church property  
in front of  
St. Thomas'  
Episcopal Church







St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, built 1734, above photo circa 1920s



Early views taken in the 1920s and 30s



Rev. A. C. D. Noe and Don. Carrow, Jr. in doorway, early 1940s  
 This photo was converted into a drawing and placed on the  
 North Carolina highway ESSO map, mid 1940s  
 ( Drawing shown, 1951 map )





Early view inside St. Thomas

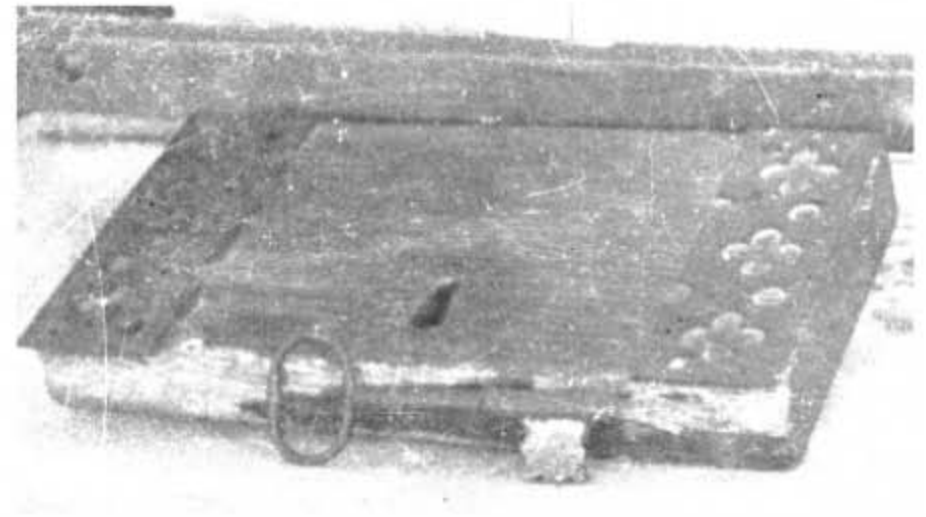


Photo taken in 1953 of the original lock and key, both were later stolen, and have never been recovered



Note wood-burning stove



Slave gallery, December 1955



Buzzard Hotel  
Built circa 1830  
No longer standing  
Top right, 1953  
Bottom right, 1946



Buzzard Hotel - Bath, N.C.





Palmer-Marsh House, built 1744

Top left, old graveyard, east end of yard; bottom right shows fire place in cellar in 1952





View, circa 1940s



Draper photo taken in the 1930s



Girls at a hitching post in front of the Marsh House

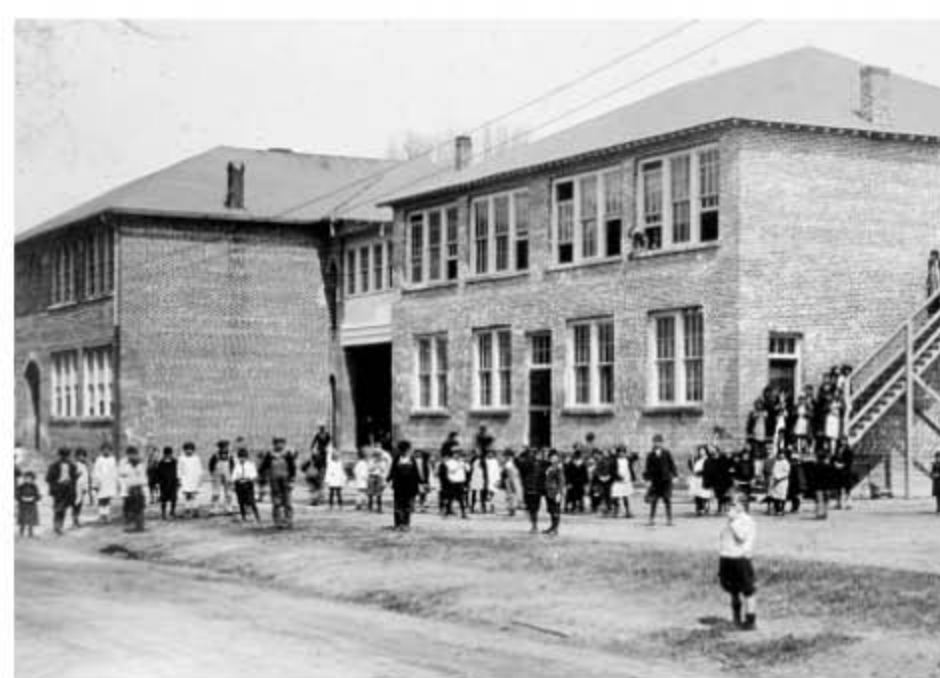


1953 Photograph



Graduation and Daisy Chain, 1920s  
 First girl on left, Eva Mae Hassell, to her right, Mary Arcadia Tankard  
 Fourth girl on right, Katy Stilley Brooks





View of school looking northeast



Bath High School and buses, circa 1934  
Student and bus driver Ab. T. Alligood on top of bus



Original portico entrance to school's auditorium  
Photo taken in Feb. 1951



2nd floor classrooms fire escape, 1951



Top photos  
Draper placed the sign  
on this kettle to sell  
postcards.  
No proof this was ever  
Teach's or used by him

At left,  
Artist McMullen portrait  
of Blackbeard, presented  
to Mayor Braxton Brooks  
1955



Legend states that the bricks above were part of Teach's cellar wall





Bath Front Creek



Shoreline, Front Creek, looking east



Old Civil War boat



The "Marion" 1916





Dr. Joseph Norman's office, at foot of Front Creek bridge  
Young girl, possibly Peggy Latham, circa 1944



Home of T.A. and Molly Brooks



Van Der Veer House, built circa 1790



Water tank for the T. A. Brooks home and store

View of the  
Van Der Veer House  
from Bath Creek



**W. O. WINFIELD,**  
Dealer in  
**GENERAL  
MERCHANDISE,**

Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats,  
Caps, Groceries and School Books.  
Highest Prices Paid For Country Produce

Bath, N. C., ..... 190

Winfield house and store  
that burned in April 1918

*This is our old home where that was  
burned the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in April 1918*

Store on Main Street





T.A. Brooks' Grocery Store, built 1905



The shop later became Swindell's Cash Store  
Bill and Eunice Tankard



Old Marsh potato grader, 1940s



Thad Tankard's barber shop, circa 1940





The James Franklin Carrow House, built late 1800s



Draper photo of the Waters-Brooks home, circa 1930



Bryan House near Archbell Point



The Hamilton House, South Main Street,  
no longer standing



Draper's souvenir shop, in Belhaven after the 1913 hurricane



1900s restaurant, exact location unknown, perhaps on Main Street  
2nd. person on left appears to be Rev. W. O. Winfield, 1st. minister of the Bath Christian Church



Plowing in Bath behind the former Draper home, 1953



Draper's Souvenir Shop in Bath





Tom R. Draper, Photographer



Dr. John T. Nicholson, Physician



Tennis Team, 1910--1915, Bath High School



Early 1900s photograph of town's people  
Young girl, bottom right, sitting on ground,  
Mildred Winfield



Bath's first garbage pickup, early 1960s, operated by  
Plum Oden in cart, "Esta Murry" with can



Site of  
"Queen Anne's Bell" Drama  
celebrating  
Bath's 250th birthday  
Stage location, end of Craven St.



Bath's birthday cake, celebrating 250 years of  
incorporation



Bath was founded in 1705  
W.B. Midyette, Jr., with pony and buggy





Virginia Reel  
scene  
outdoor  
drama,  
October 1955

Queen Anne's  
Bell at  
St. Thomas,  
18 years older  
than the  
Liberty Bell



Norman  
Cordon played  
the part of  
Blackbeard

Scene with  
Gov.  
Luther Hodges



Audience awaiting  
the opening of  
"Queen Anne's Bell,"  
written by  
Edmund Harding





Scenes from the golden days of Bayview, photos probably snapped in the 1920s and 30s  
 The grand hotel, built in 1925, burned in 1944  
 Pictured also are Coast Guard Cutters  
 Photo, upper left corner, drawing of the Jay Kilby dance hall of the 1950s



Directly above  
Slade grocery store and dance hall  
circa 1943

## Thumbnail History

### Glebe House

Built between 1827 and 1832 by Jesse B. Lucas, it is located on the church lot in front of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The current house is probably the third to occupy the lot. In 1877, the Williams family purchased the house. Rev. A. C. D. Noe purchased it in 1937 and later transferred it to the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. In colonial time, a "glebe" referred to church land set aside for use by a church and minister for financial needs.

### Buzzard's Hotel

The hotel was located on Main Street, mid-town, facing Bath Creek. It was built about 1830 reflecting the style of the time. After many years of use by private owners, it was later condemned and demolished around 1980. It is supposedly named for its builder and operator.

### Bath Marker

This stone monument was erected to commemorate the 219<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bath in June 1924. It is estimated that 4,500 people attended the ceremony. The inscription reads:

*"This marker was erected 1924. Bath, the original Indian town of Pamticough, was settled by white men about 1690 and incorporated in 1705. It is the oldest town in North Carolina. Its first commissioners were John Lawson, Joel Martin, and Simon Alderson. Here was founded in 1700 the first public library in the colony. St. Thomas Church was built in 1734. It is the oldest church in North Carolina. The General Assembly met in Bath in 1744 and 1752."*

### Van Der Veer House

Built around 1790 by Dr. Ephraim Whitmore the house reflects Dutch Colonial design. Eventually, it was purchased by Joseph Bonner and almost immediately sold to Jacob Van Der Veer who was a merchant and a rope manufacturer.

### Bonner House

This structure was erected in 1830 on the lot that originally belonged to John Lawson, one of the first landowners in Bath. It is said that during colonial days a fort in the rear of the yard defended Bath during the Tuscaroran Indian War. The home reflects early nineteenth-century Carolina architecture. Some of the original features still remain: the small blown-glass window panes; wide-board pine floors; hand-carved mantels and paint finishing of the period that include wood graining on interior doors and "marbleizing" on baseboards. Several names, etched many years ago by the Bonner children, can be seen on one of the front windowpanes.

### Palmer-Marsh House

This grand house was built by Captain Michael Coutanch, a Frenchman, in 1744. He served as town commissioner and Bath's representative in the Assembly. In 1764 the house was purchased by Robert Palmer, Colonel of the Beaufort County militia. He was Surveyor General of the Colony, served in the Assembly and a member of the Governor's Council. Governor Eden was said to reside there once as well as Rev. Alexander Stewart. The house was eventually purchased by Jonathan and Daniel Marsh in 1802 and remained in the Marsh family until 1915.



### **St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**

It is the oldest church building in existence in North Carolina. The Parish was created around 1701 with church construction beginning in 1734. Contrary to popular belief, the bricks were probably not shipped from England but were made locally from the excellent clay source. The structure was completed before 1740. The church was presented a pair of three-branch silver candelabra by King George II, circa 1740; it has a Bible printed in 1704 and a silver chalice given by the Bishop of London to Rev. John Garzia, circa 1739.

### **Queen Anne's Bell**

The bell was cast in 1732 and presented by the Queen whose name it bears and is eighteen years older than the Liberty Bell. It is housed outside the church on the south side and is still in use today.

### **Blackbeard**

He is perhaps better known as Edward Teach. Many legends abound but it is a fact that he came into the local historical scene in 1717. He supposedly lived in Bath at times, as well as near Bath, at Plumb Point where his cellar was supposedly filled with his stolen goods. Tobias Knight, Secretary of State, was probably his partner and advisor. It is said that he married his thirteenth wife in Bath. Teach was killed by Lieut. Maynard at Ocracoke in 1718.

### **Tar Kettle**

The pictured kettle was located in a field near the end of King Street, on the east side, near Back Creek. The Draper photos show examples of tar kettles located on local farms that were used in much earlier times. The kettles were needed to make tar and pitch necessary for weatherproofing, glue, and sealant-like substances. Draper placed the sign, as shown, on the kettle located within his farm in order to sell postcards. There is no actual proof that this kettle belonged to, or was ever used, by Edward Teach.

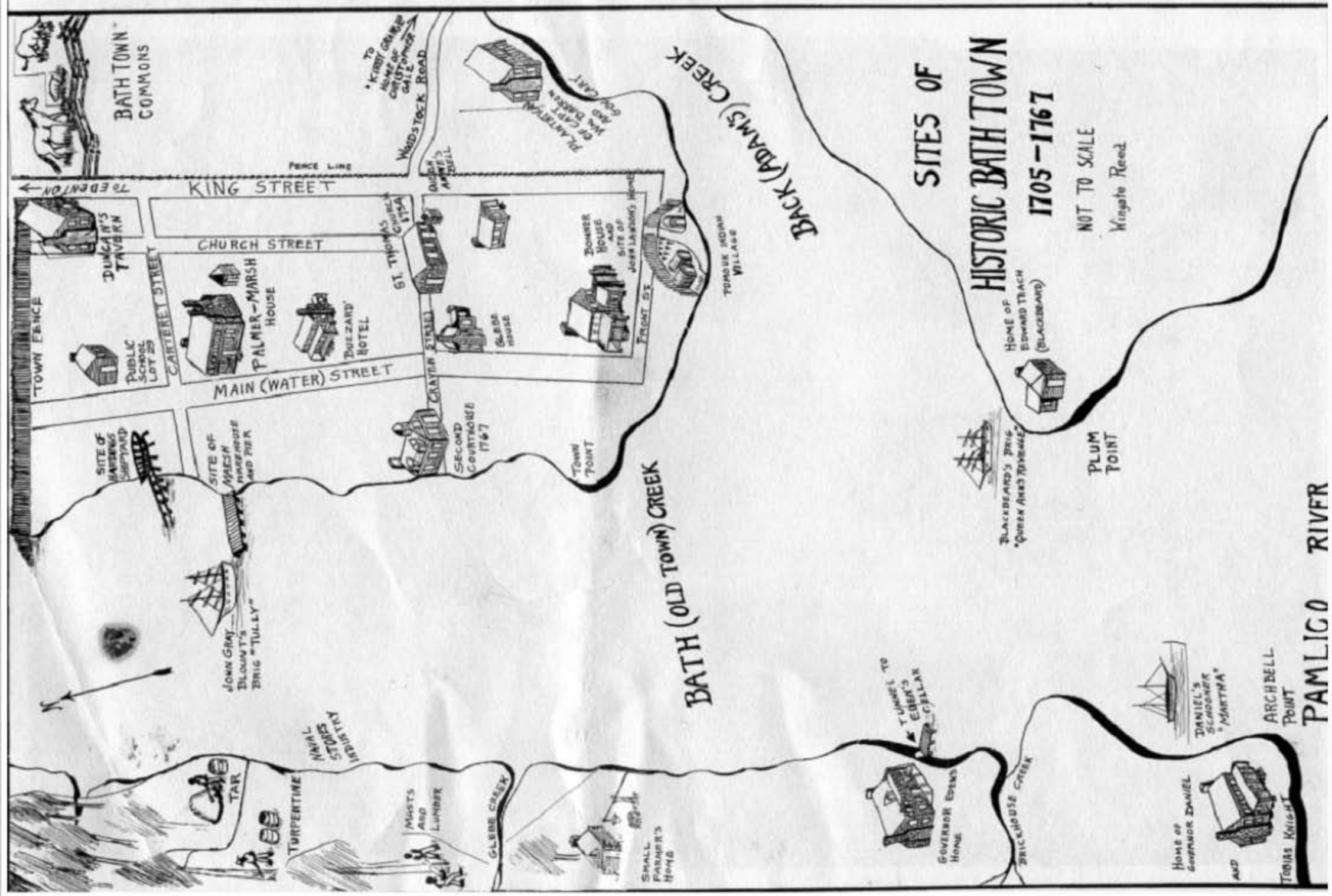
### ***The Marion***

This was a fifty-foot, gas powered, cargo boat, that capsized and sank on June 16, 1916 near Archbell's Point. Four passengers drowned. It was on a run to Washington with a large load of potatoes.



Hurricane Hazel, October 1954  
View of waves over bridge  
Destruction of piers and  
oyster-crab house





SITES OF  
HISTORIC BATH TOWN

1705-1767

NOT TO SCALE  
Vingate Reed

PAMLICO RIVER

ARCHBELL  
POINT

TODIAS KNIGHT  
AND

HOME OF  
GOVERNOR DANIEL

DANIEL'S  
SCHOONER  
"MARTHA"



PLUM  
POINT

"BLACKBEARD'S BRIG  
"QUEEN ANNE'S REVENGE"



HOME OF  
EDWARD TRACH  
(BLACKBEARD)

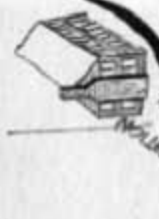


TOMOKU INDIAN  
VILLAGE

BATH (OLD TOWN) CREEK

BACK (ADAMS) CREEK

PLANTATION  
OF CAPT  
AND DICKSON  
GOV. GARY



TO  
KIRBY GARDEN  
HOME OF  
CAPT. GARDNER

WOODSTOCK ROAD

PEACE LINE

KING STREET

CHURCH STREET

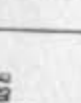
MAIN (WATER) STREET

CARTER STREET

ST. THOMAS  
CHURCH  
1754

SECOND  
COURTHOUSE  
1767

BOWER  
HOUSE  
AND  
SITE OF  
JOHN LAWSON'S HOME



TURPENTINE

NAVAL  
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MASTS  
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GOVERNOR EDENS  
HOME



TUNNEL TO  
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BRICKHOUSE CREEK

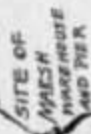
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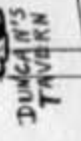
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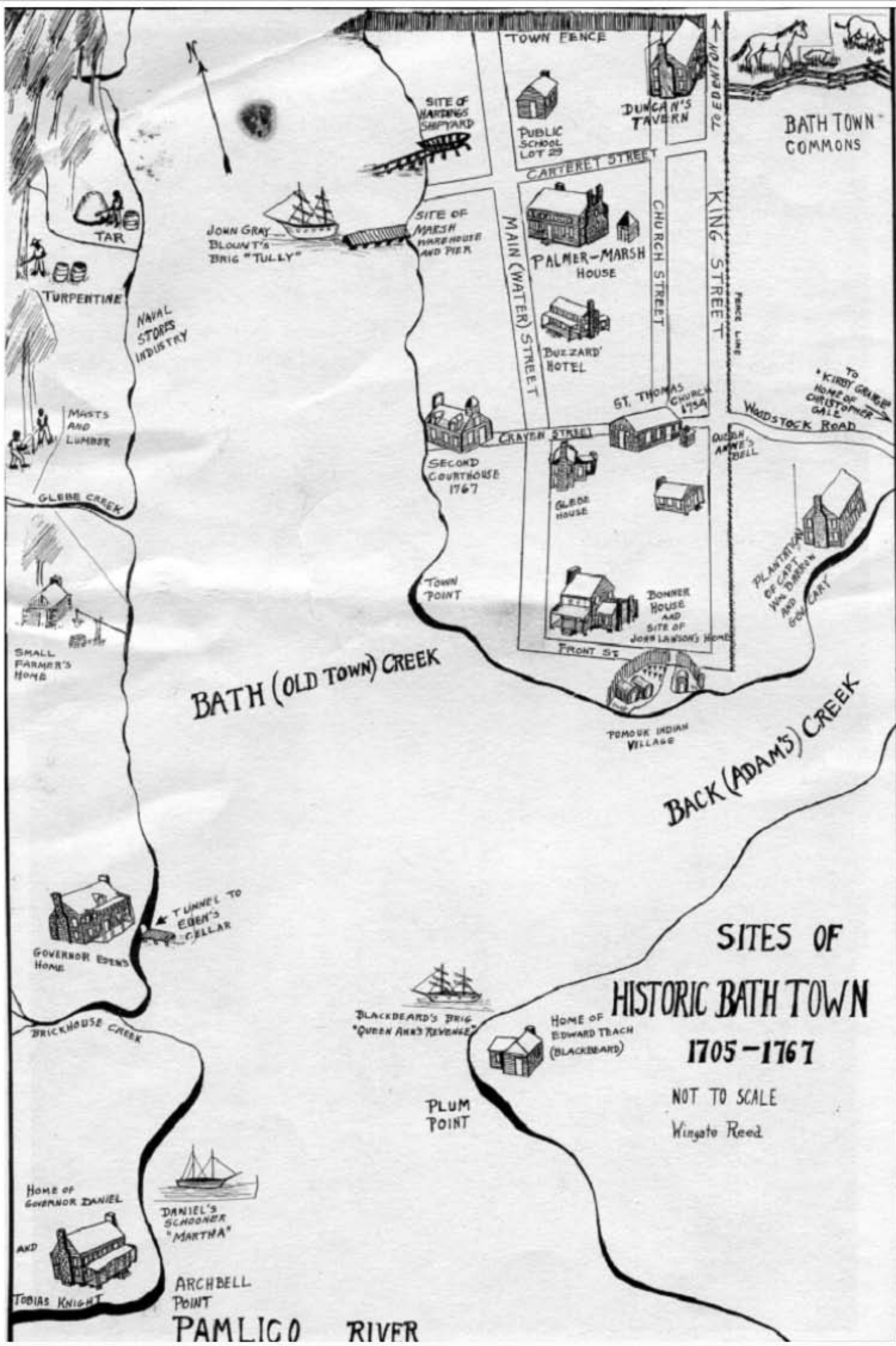
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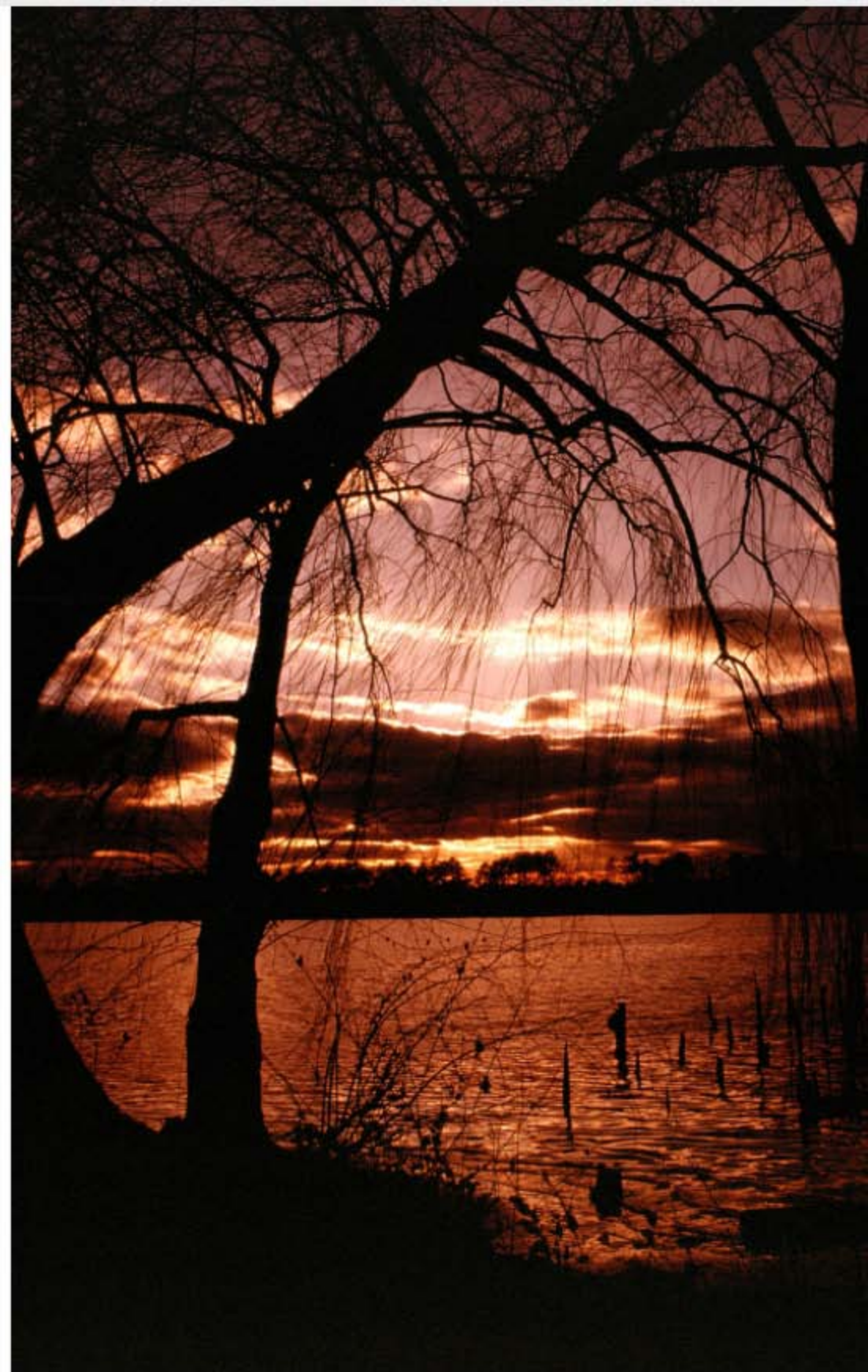
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