

Results of the Riverfront Archaeological Survey, Fredericksburg, Virginia

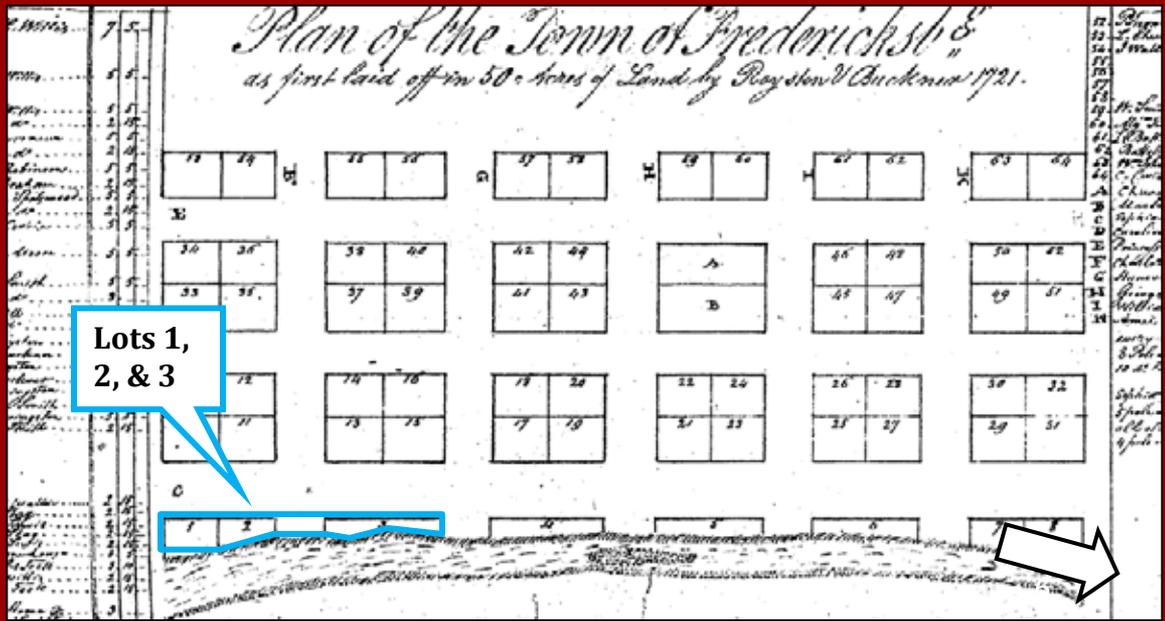


A background image of a park. In the foreground, there is a paved path leading to a metal park bench. The bench is situated on a grassy area. In the background, there are several trees and a paved road with a few vehicles parked. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

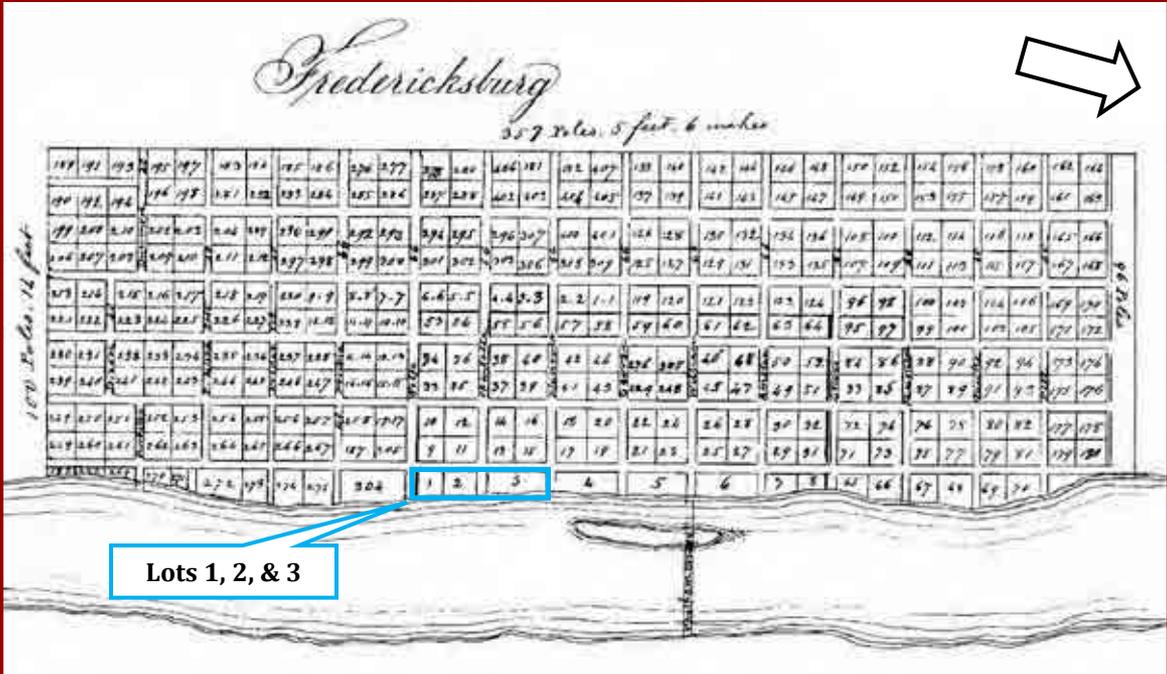
❖ Brief History and Project
Methodology

❖ Results of the Fieldwork

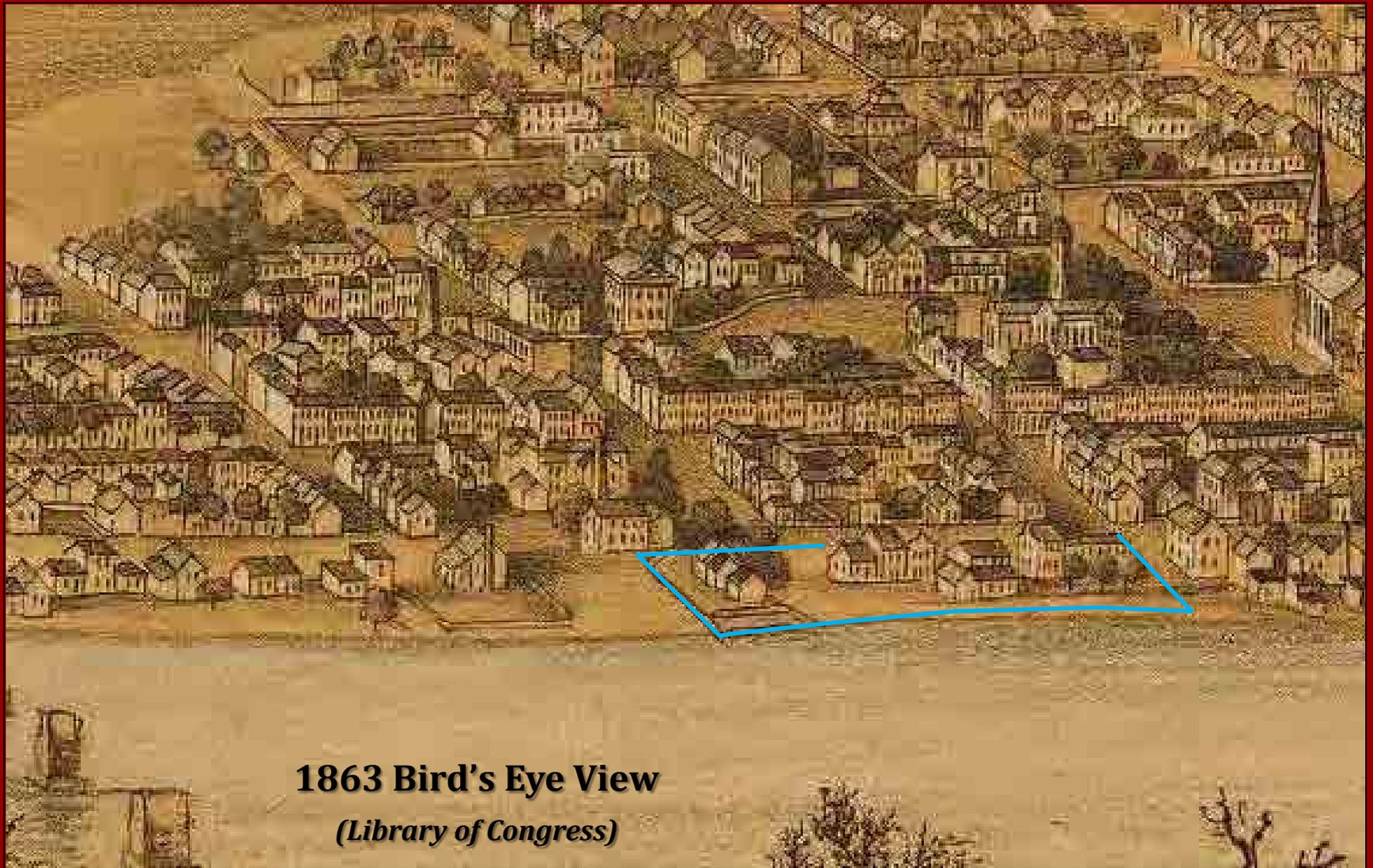
❖ Recommendations for
Future Work



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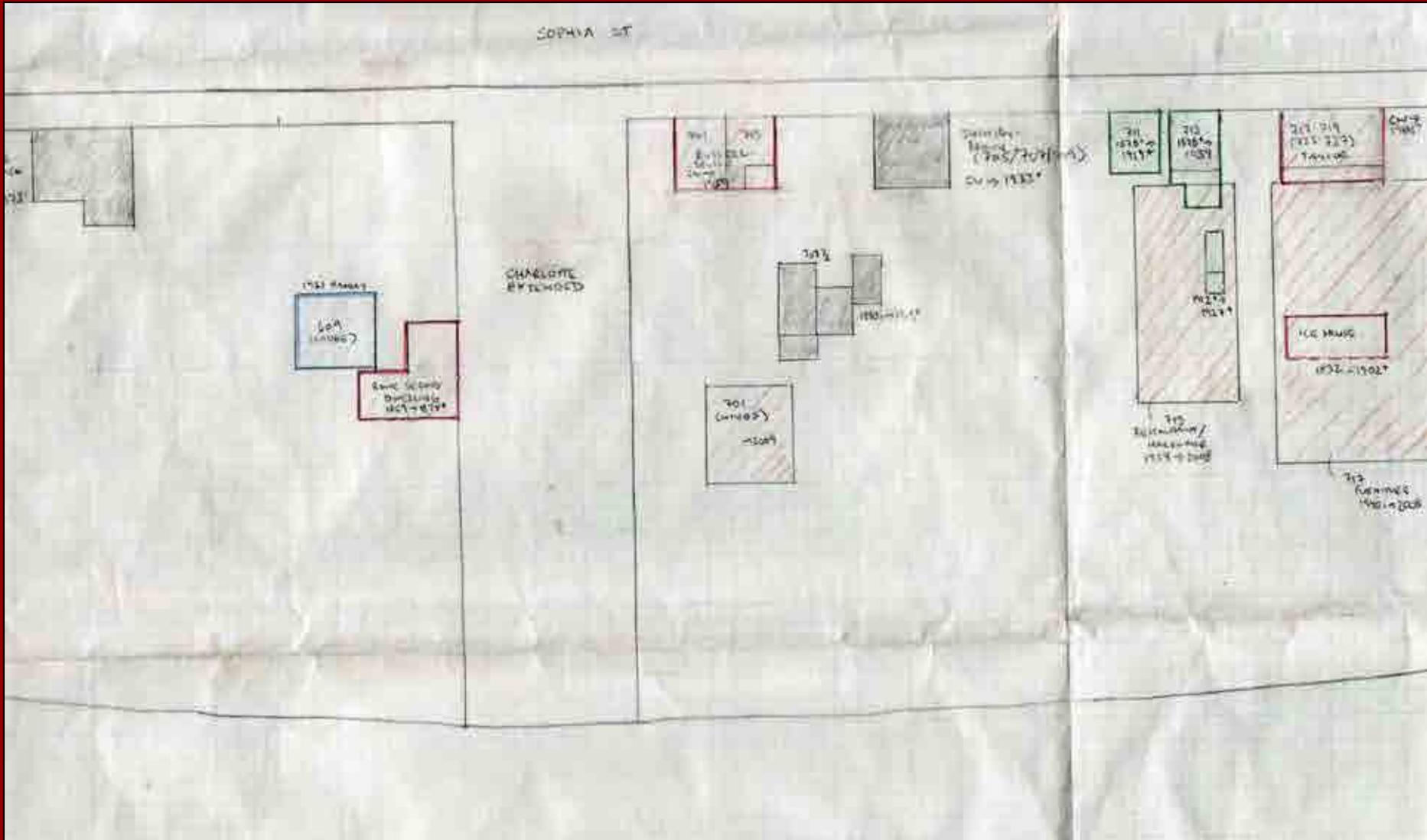


1863 Bird's Eye View
(Library of Congress)

**Georeferenced Overlay:
1930 Tax Map &
2005 Aerial**



Hand-Drawn Diachronic Overlay of Occupations





- Legend:**
- Test Unit
 - Trench
 - Historic Buildings**
 - Pre-Civil War
 - Postbellum
 - Early 20th Century
 - 1920s - 1930s
 - 1940s - 1950s

Charlotte Street

Sophia Street





**c. 1920 Photo of 700 Block of
Sophia, Looking Southeast**
(Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.)



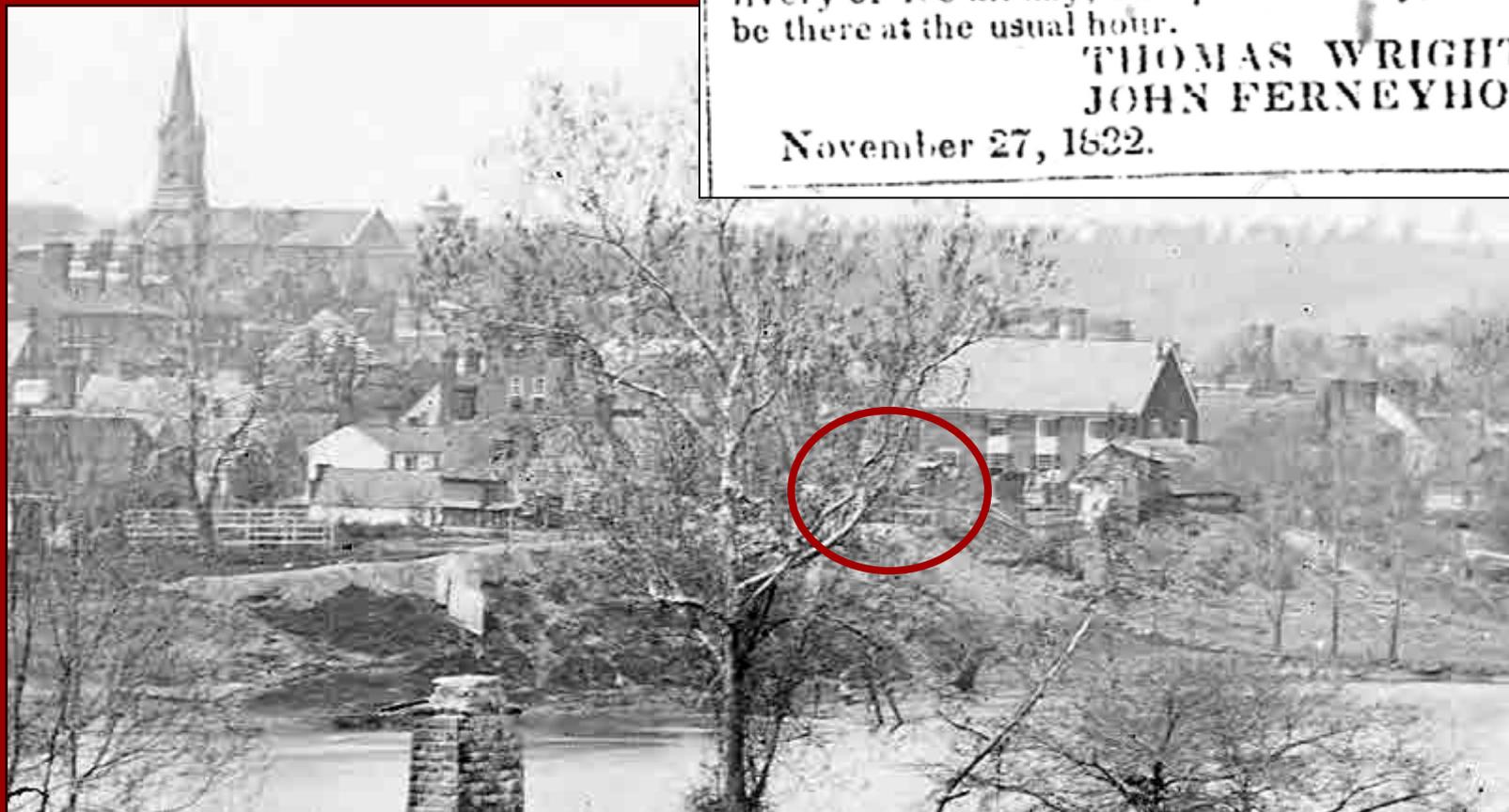


**1930s HABS Photo of 600 Block of
Sophia Street, Looking Northeast**
(Library of Congress)



**1863 Stereoscopic of
Fredericksburg Showing
Ferneyhough Ice House**

(National Park Service)



ANOTHER ICE HOUSE.

THE subscribers inform their former customers and the public, that they have built a large Ice House, on the lot adjoining the Brick Baptist Church, which will be filled with Ice this winter, if the season will permit. All who may favor them with their custom are hereby assured that no pains will be spared to give them satisfaction.

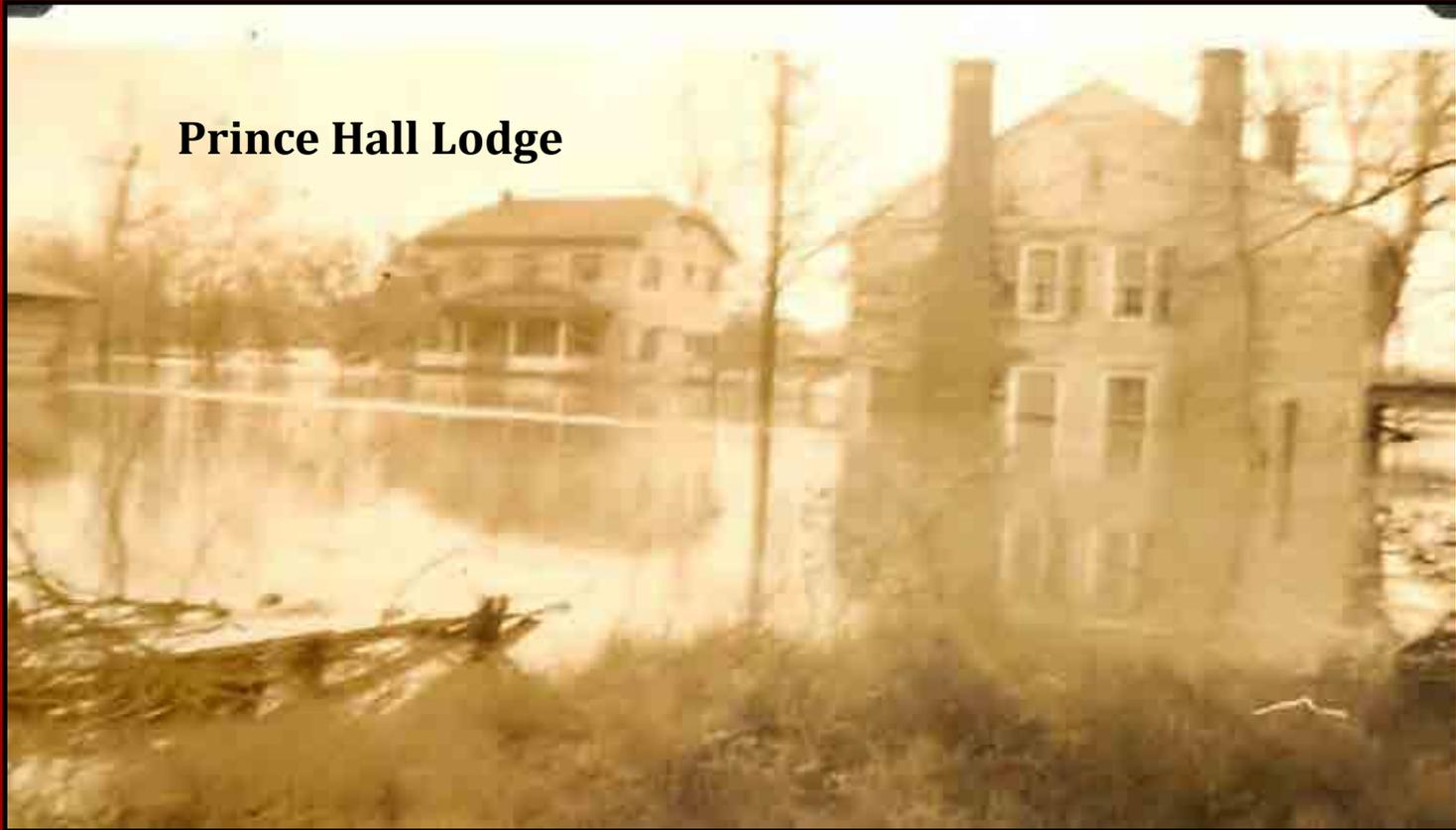
A person will be kept at the Ice House, for the delivery of Ice all day, except on Sunday, when he will be there at the usual hour.

THOMAS WRIGHT,
JOHN FERNEYHOUGH.

November 27, 1822.

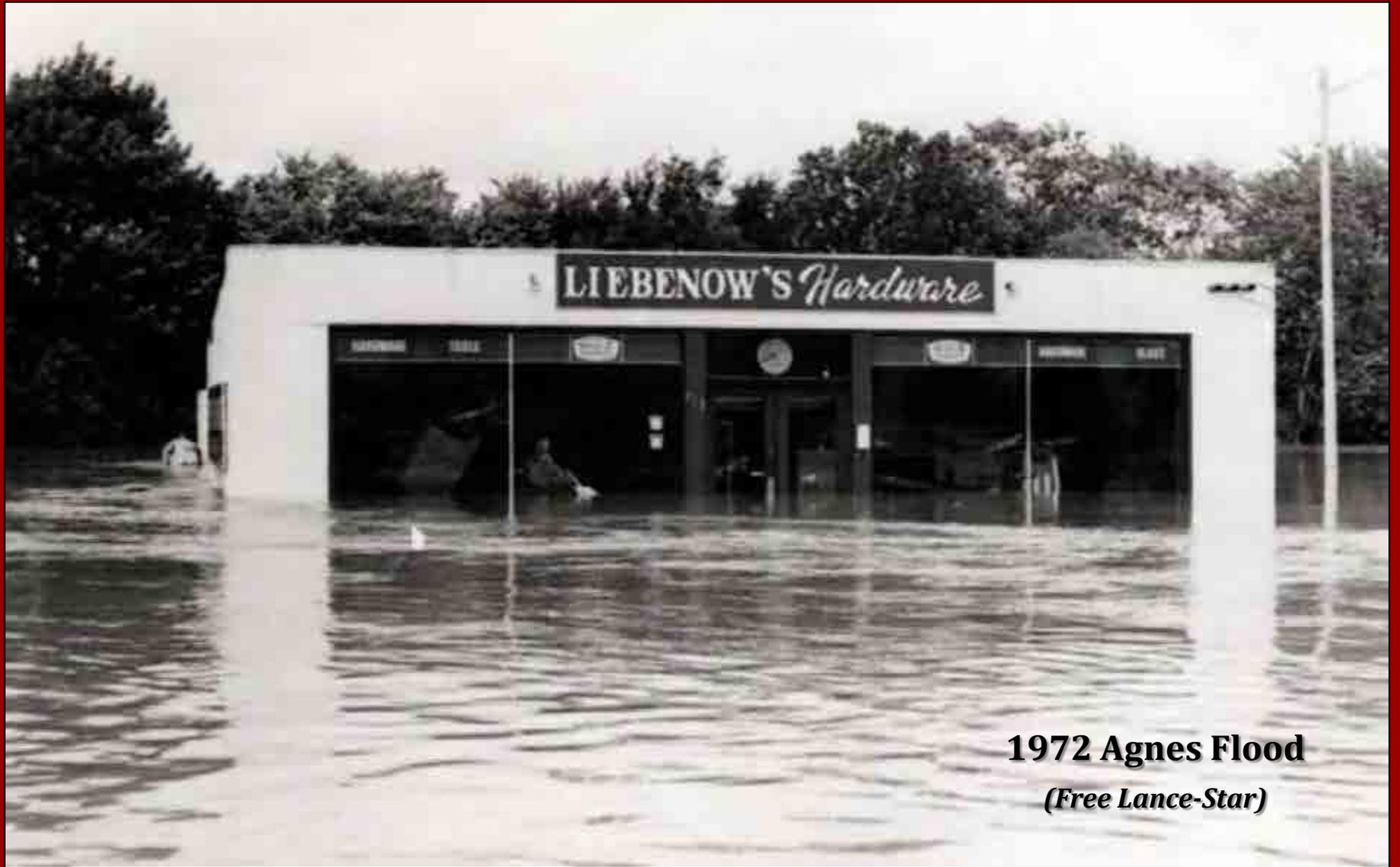
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Prince Hall Lodge



October 1942 Flood

(Historic Fredericksburg Foundation, Inc.)



1972 Agnes Flood
(Free Lance-Star)

Fieldwork



RIVERFRONT PARK ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT



1856 Mutual Assurance Society Policy showing the residence of A.P. Rowe (A) and a second dwelling (B)



1863 Fredericksburg Waterfront, looking NW. Home and yard of A.P. Rowe. Civil War earthworks are visible in the foreground.



607 Sophia Street circa 1920, looking NE. William and Celia Goeltrick owned both 607 & 609 Sophia Street. Celia hired E.G. "Peck" Heflin to construct a dwelling at 609 Sophia Street in 1921.

Situated along the Rappahannock River, Native Americans, colonists, and Fredericksburg citizens have continuously used this land for shelter, food, travel, and recreation. From the initial settlement in the early 18th century through the mid-19th century, the wharfs and warehouses along Sophia (Water) Street grew as trading, storing, and selling commerce increased.

Although there is no archaeological ordinance in the City of Fredericksburg, City Council and the Office of Parks, Recreation & Public Facilities wanted to conduct a cultural resource study of the proposed Riverfront Park development area. Archaeologists are excavating this site to gain a better understanding of how the riverfront landscape has changed over time. Excavations will uncover valuable information about the people who lived here and what their lives were like.



705 Block of Sophia Street looking SE. Circa 1920s photograph (top) 1920s photo overlaid on current image showing approximate location (bottom).



Bird's Eye View of Fredericksburg, VA. Nov. 1862. Project area including Riverfront Park is highlighted. Shows (from left to right): A.P. Rowe's house, yard, and outbuildings; dwellings owned by Russell, Johnston, and Taylor; and, an early 19th-century ice House owned by Forneyhough.

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A person will be kept at the Ice House, for the purpose of Ice all day, Sat. & Sun. & also for the purpose of Ice all day.

THOMAS WRIGHT
JOHN FORNEYHOUGH.

Nov. 27, 1862.

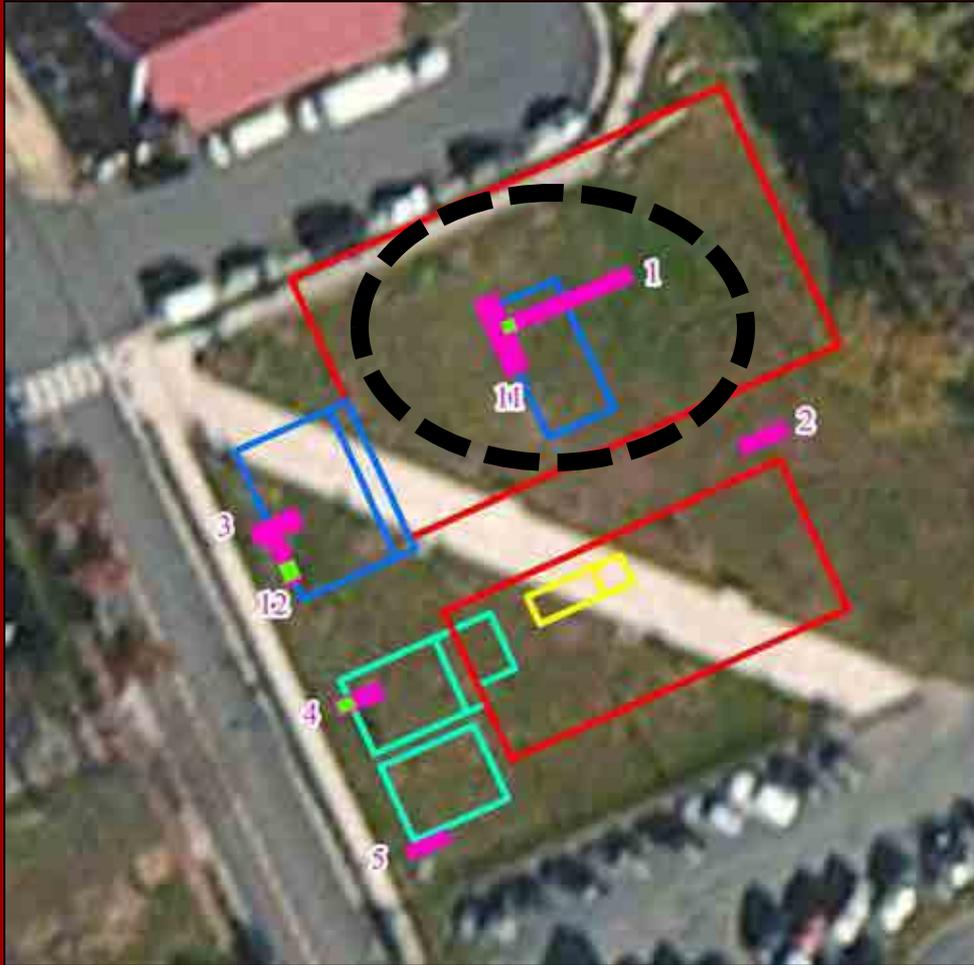
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FERNEYHOUGH'S ICE HOUSE
Trenches 1 and 11; Test Unit 4



Trench 11



Test Unit 4

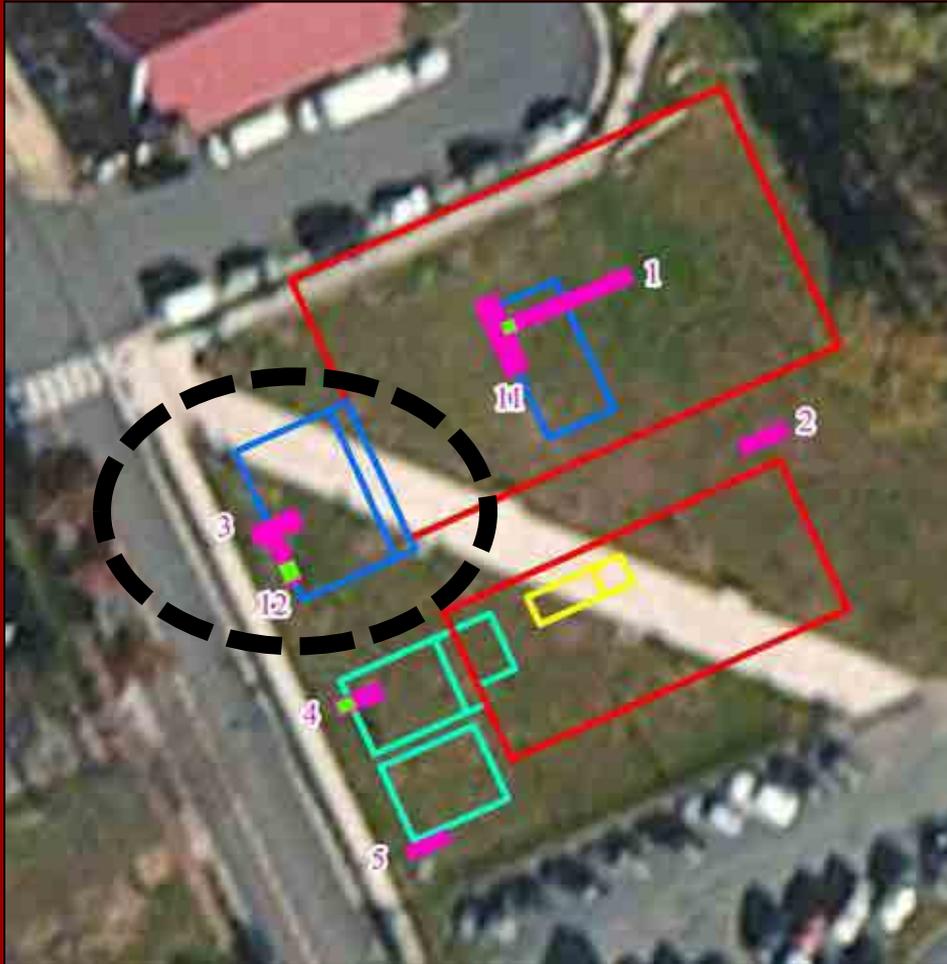




**Artifacts Found in
circa 1907 Ice House Fill**



717-719 SOPHIA STREET
Trenches 3 and 12; Test Unit 3

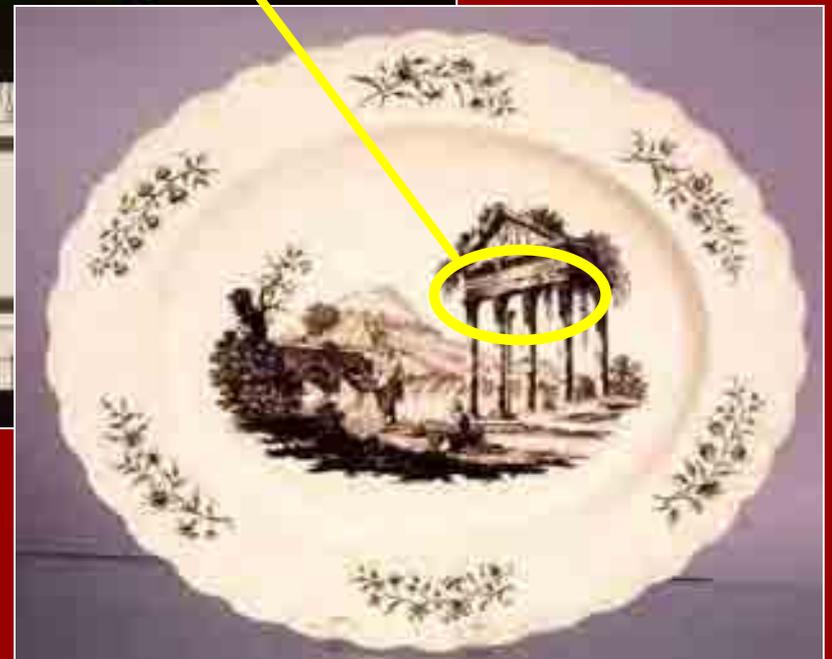




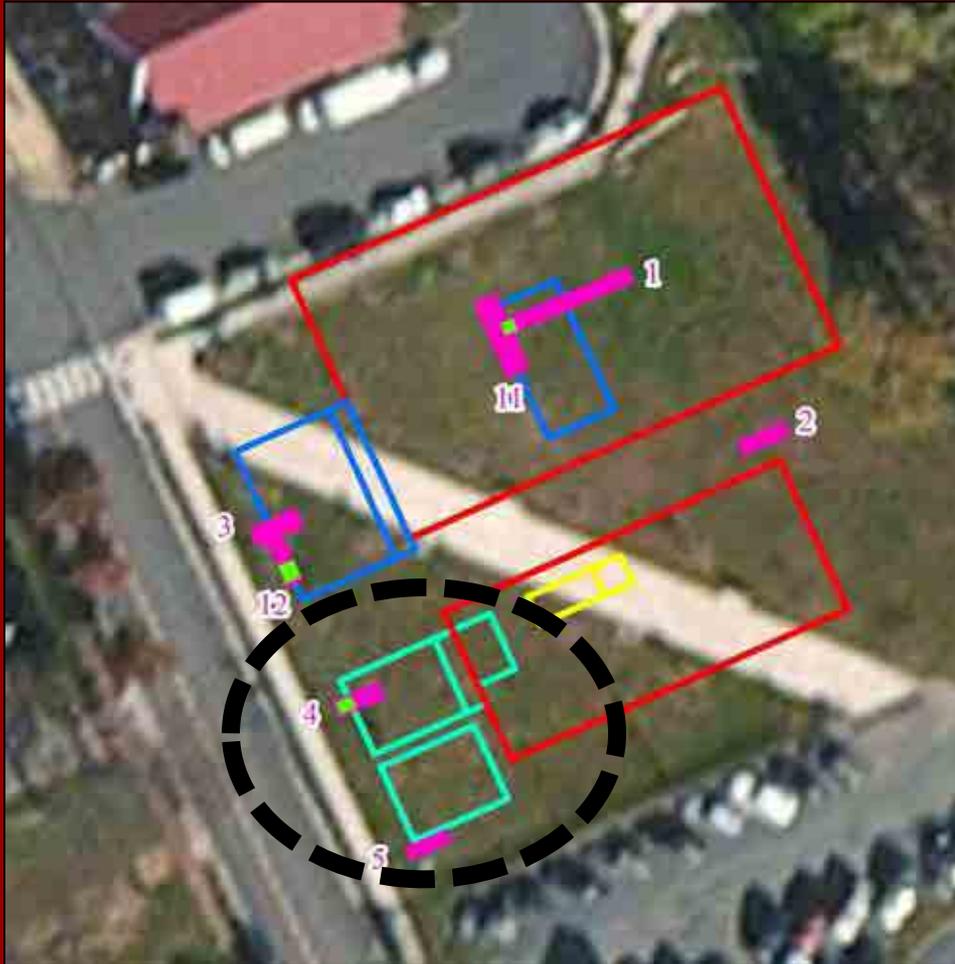
Trench 12



Test Unit 3



**Domestic Artifacts From House
at 717-719 Sophia Street**



711-713 SOPHIA STREET
Trenches 4 and 5; Test Unit 2



Test Unit 2



Trench 4



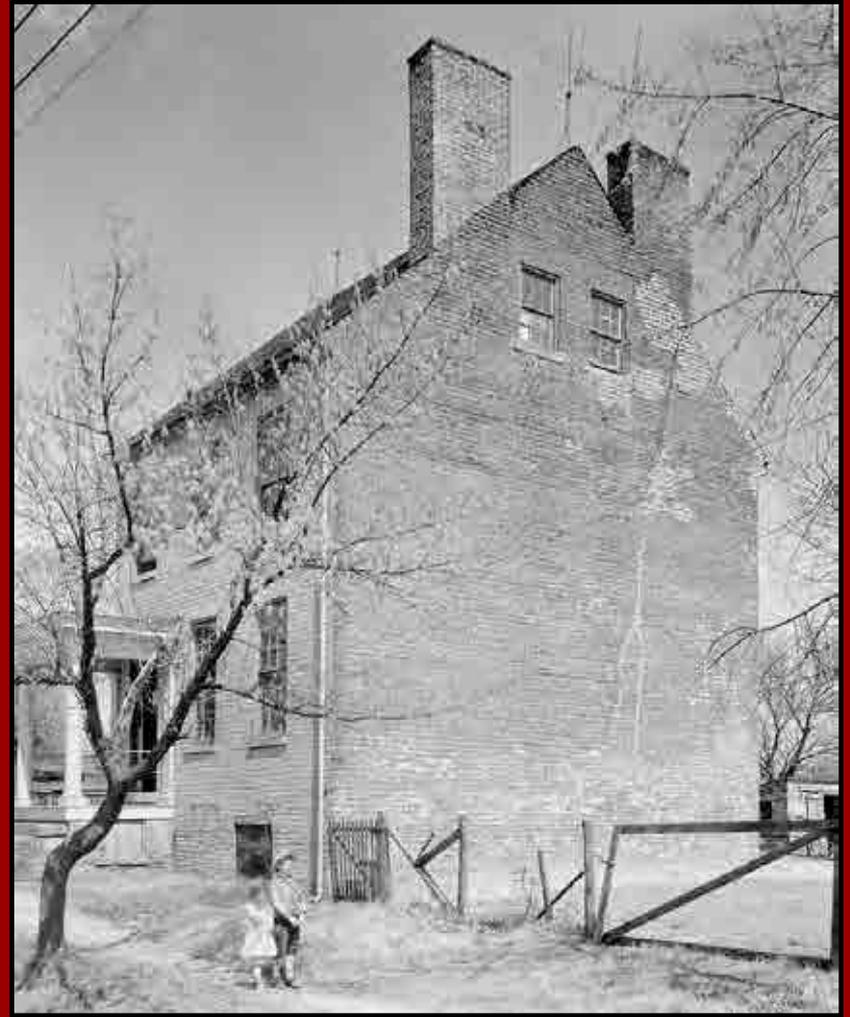
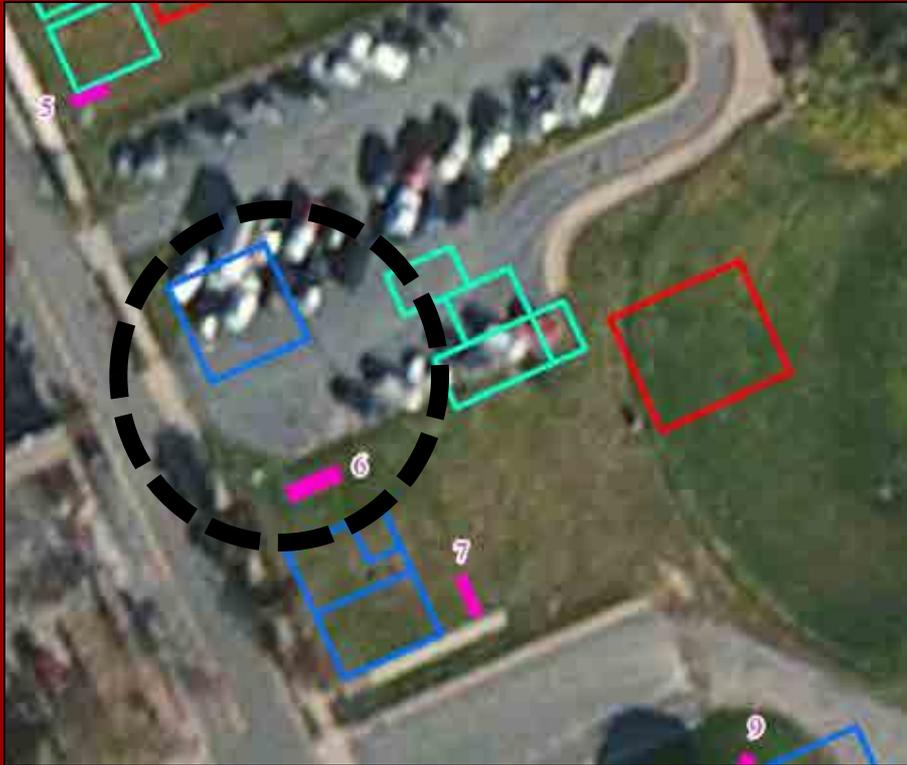
Trench 5



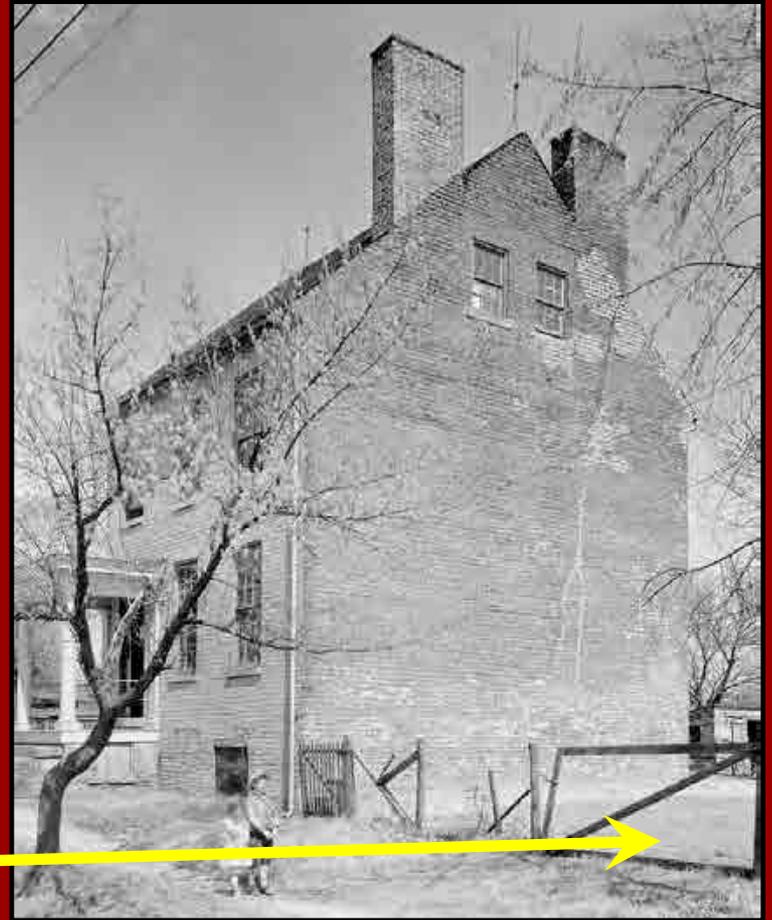
**1878 Grey's Map of
Fredericksburg**

Trench 2

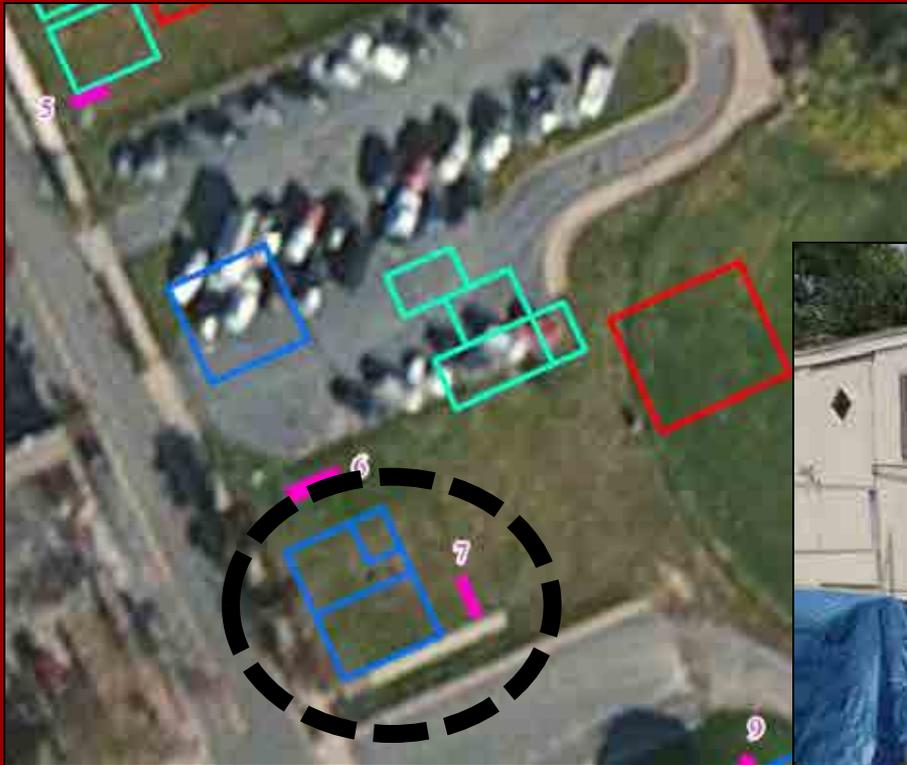




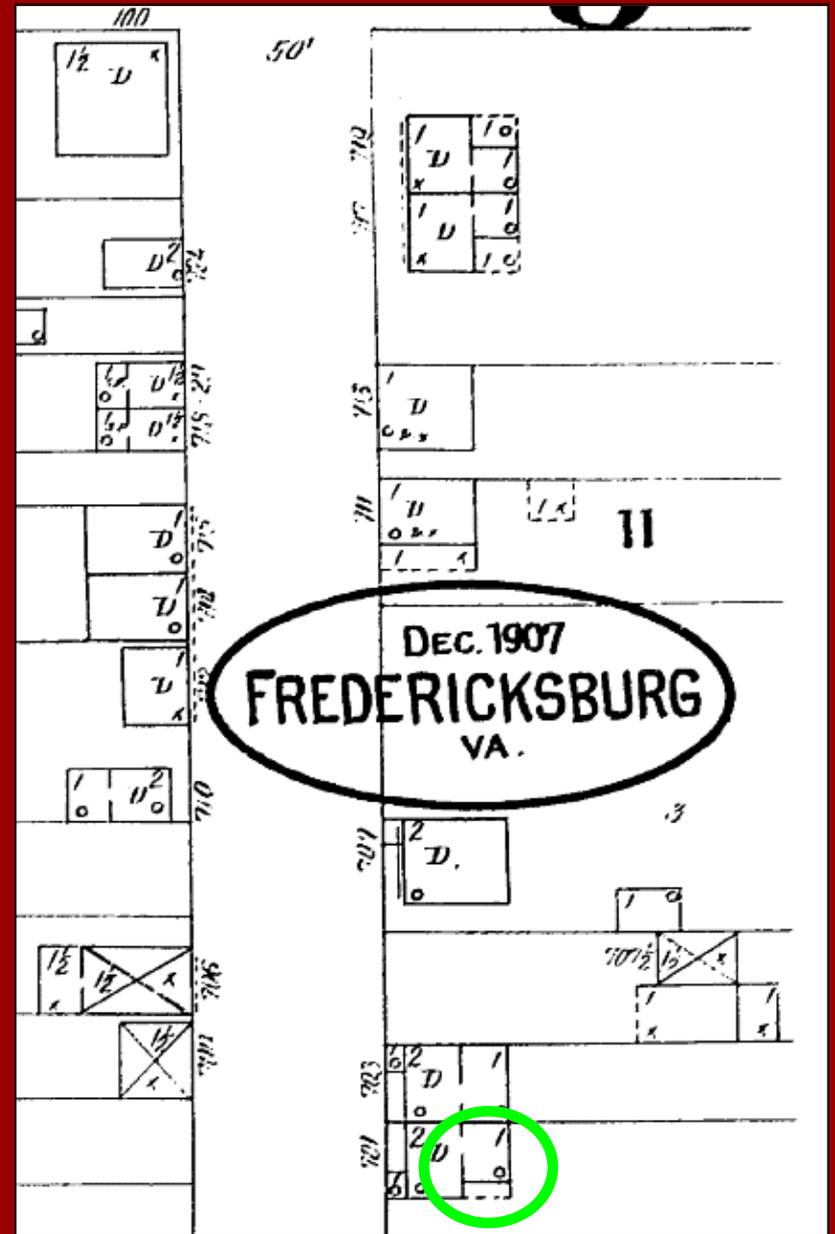
705 (707/709) SOPHIA STREET
Trench 6



**1927 Photo by Frances
Benjamin Johnson**
(Library of Congress)



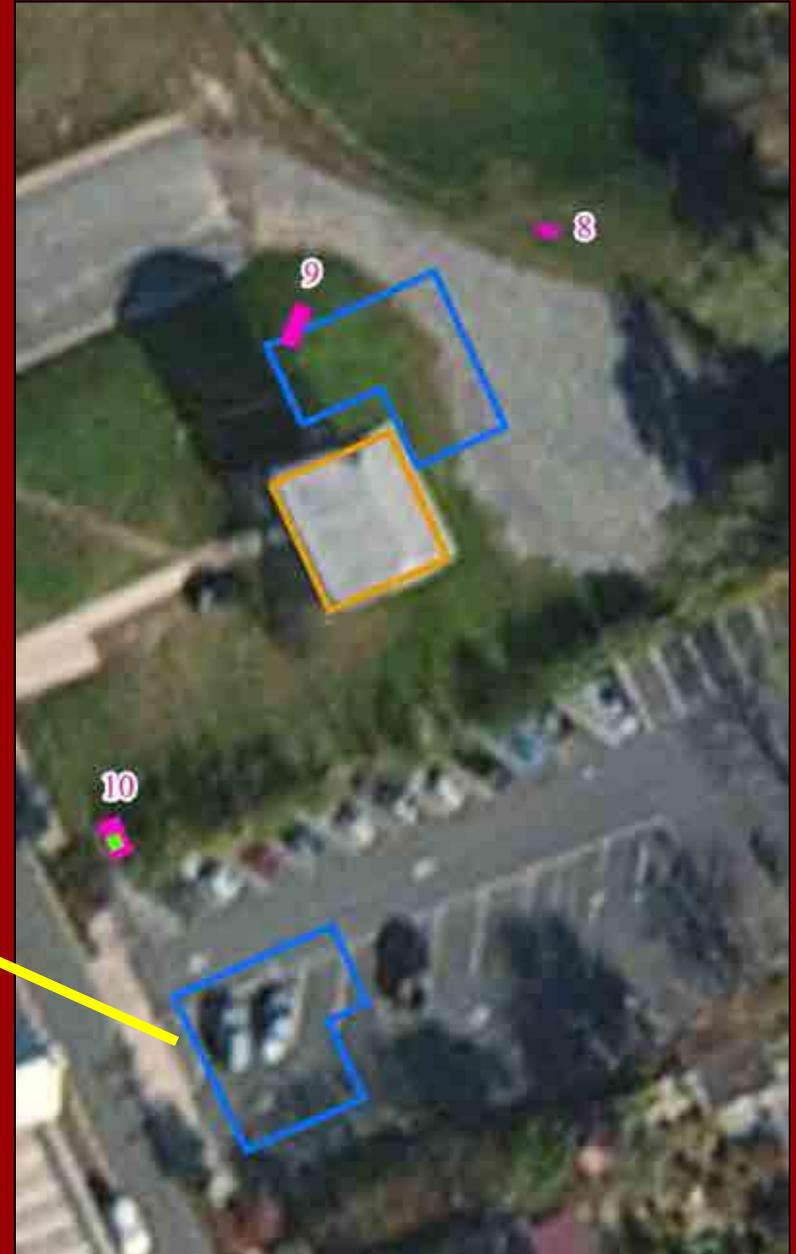
701-703 SOPHIA STREET
Trench 7

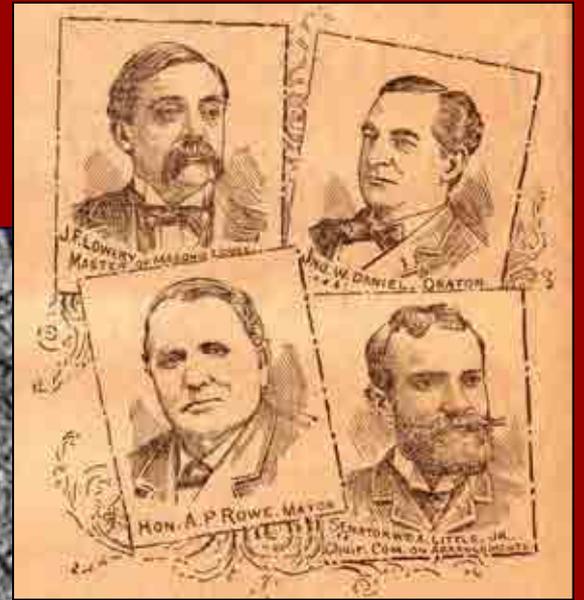


Long/Rowe/
Goolrick House



607-609 SOPHIA STREET
Trenches 9 & 10; Test Unit 1

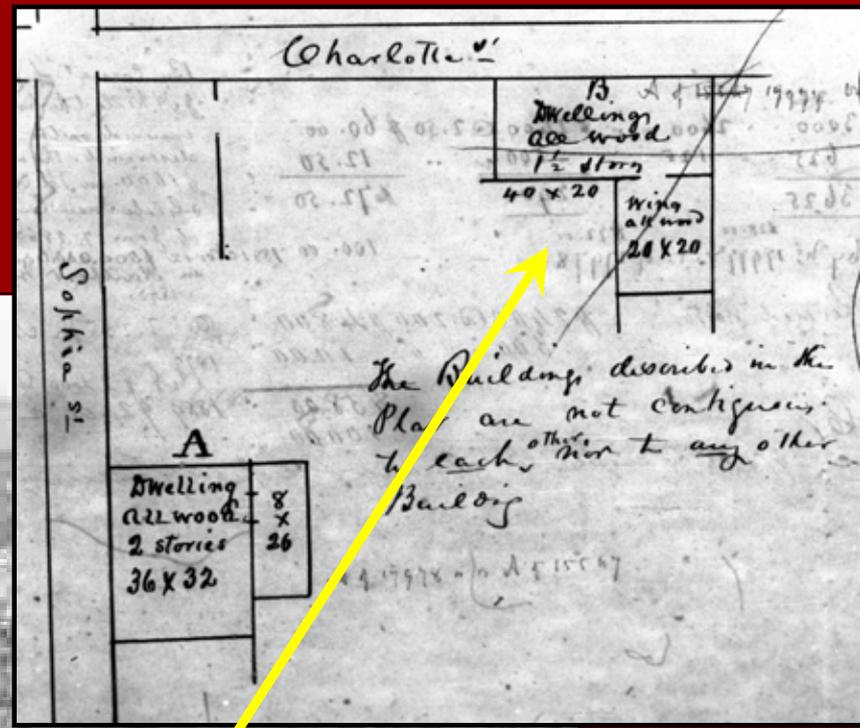
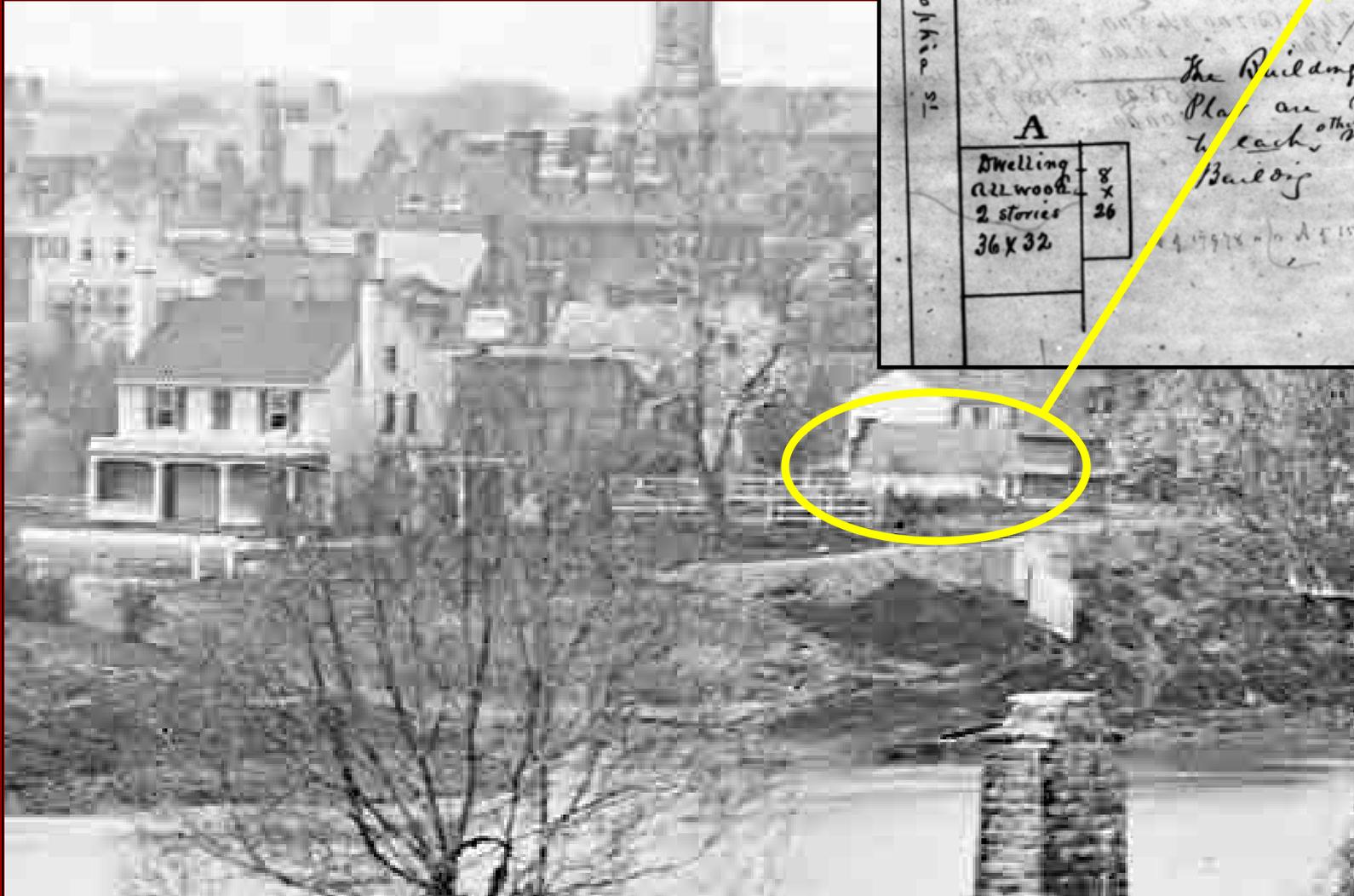




Test Unit 1



1859 Mutual Assurance Society Policy

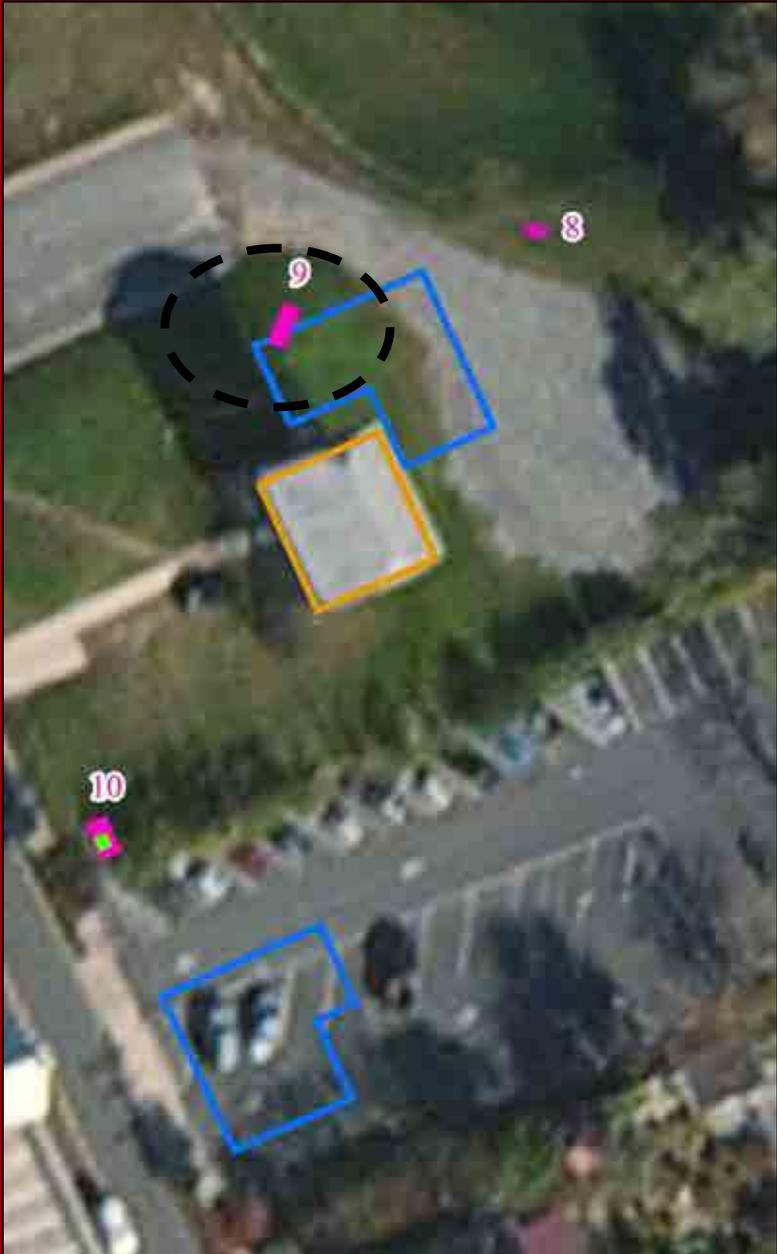


Trench 9



1930 Aerial of
Fredericksburg
(HFFI)





Trench 8





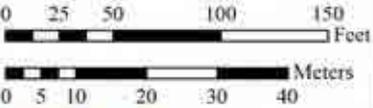
ICE! ICE!!
 THE Subscriber informs his patrons that his Houses are still supplied with good ice, which they are invited to use during the season.
 Non subscribers can be supplied, on reasonable terms, by calling on Mr. THOMAS WRIGHT.
 Subscribers are cautioned against selling, or transferring, their tickets,
JOHN FERNEYHOUGH.
 November 13, 1835.—(Herald 2p.)





Legend:

-  Test Unit
-  Trench
-  Tested; High Sensitivity Area
-  Not Tested; High Sensitivity Area





- Additional fieldwork if park plans call for impacts in an area of high sensitivity
- Accompanying archival research in these areas
- Archaeological monitoring during construction

Thank You

