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Wabank…more than a road

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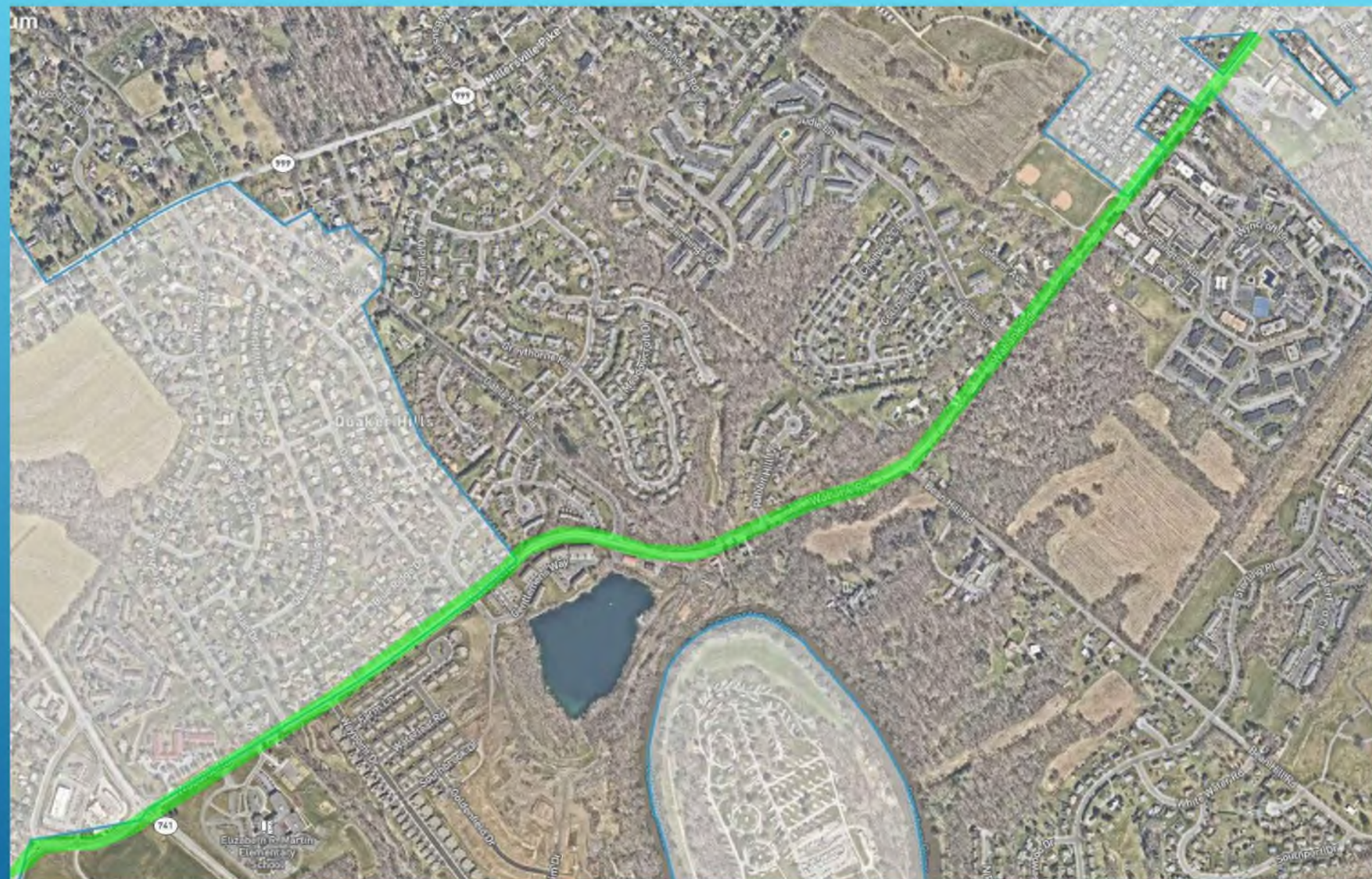
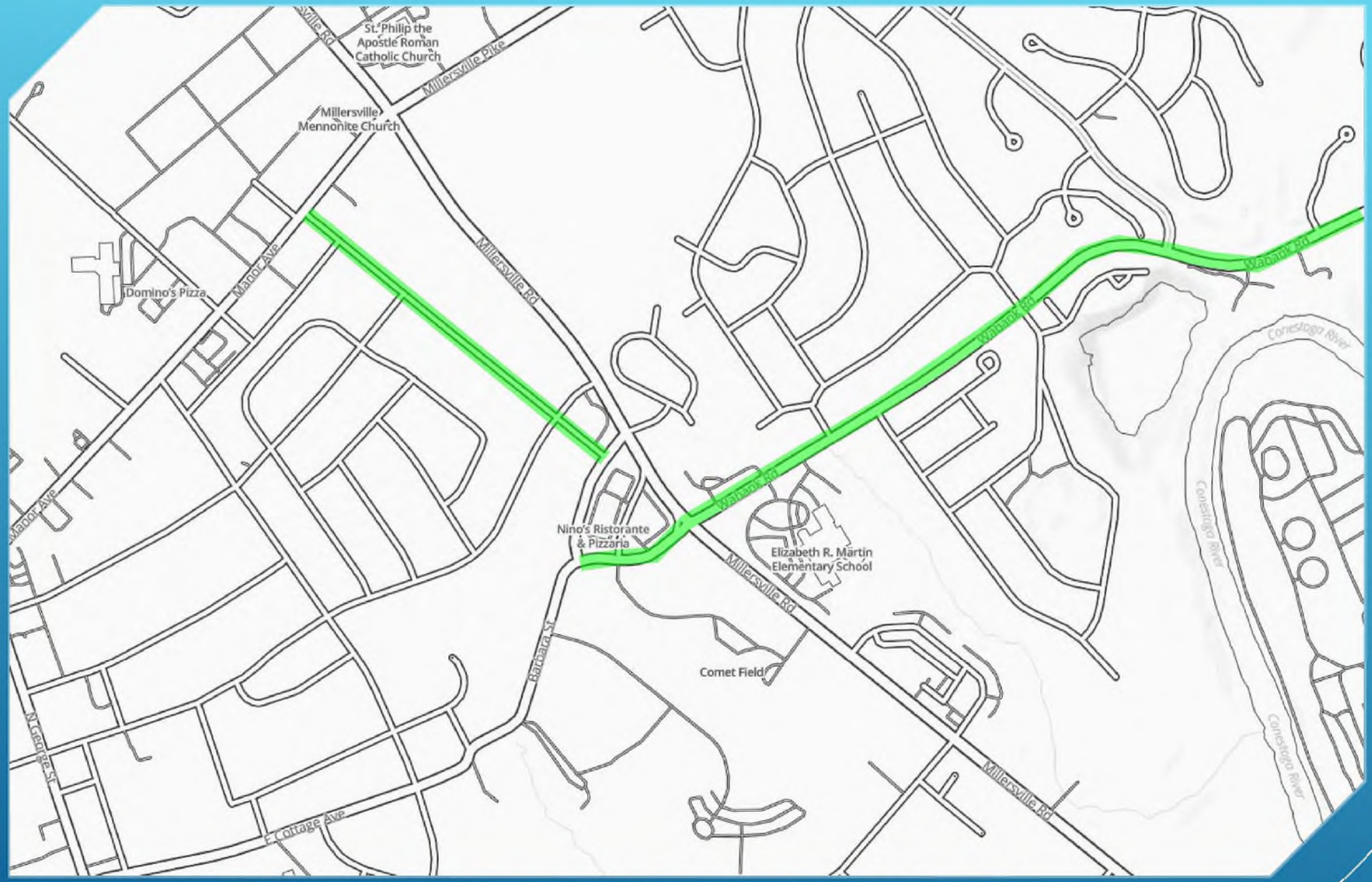


Known today as a PennDOT highway extending from Lancaster City to Millersville Borough, this road has seen a lot of twists and turns over the years.

THERE'S MORE THAN ONE…



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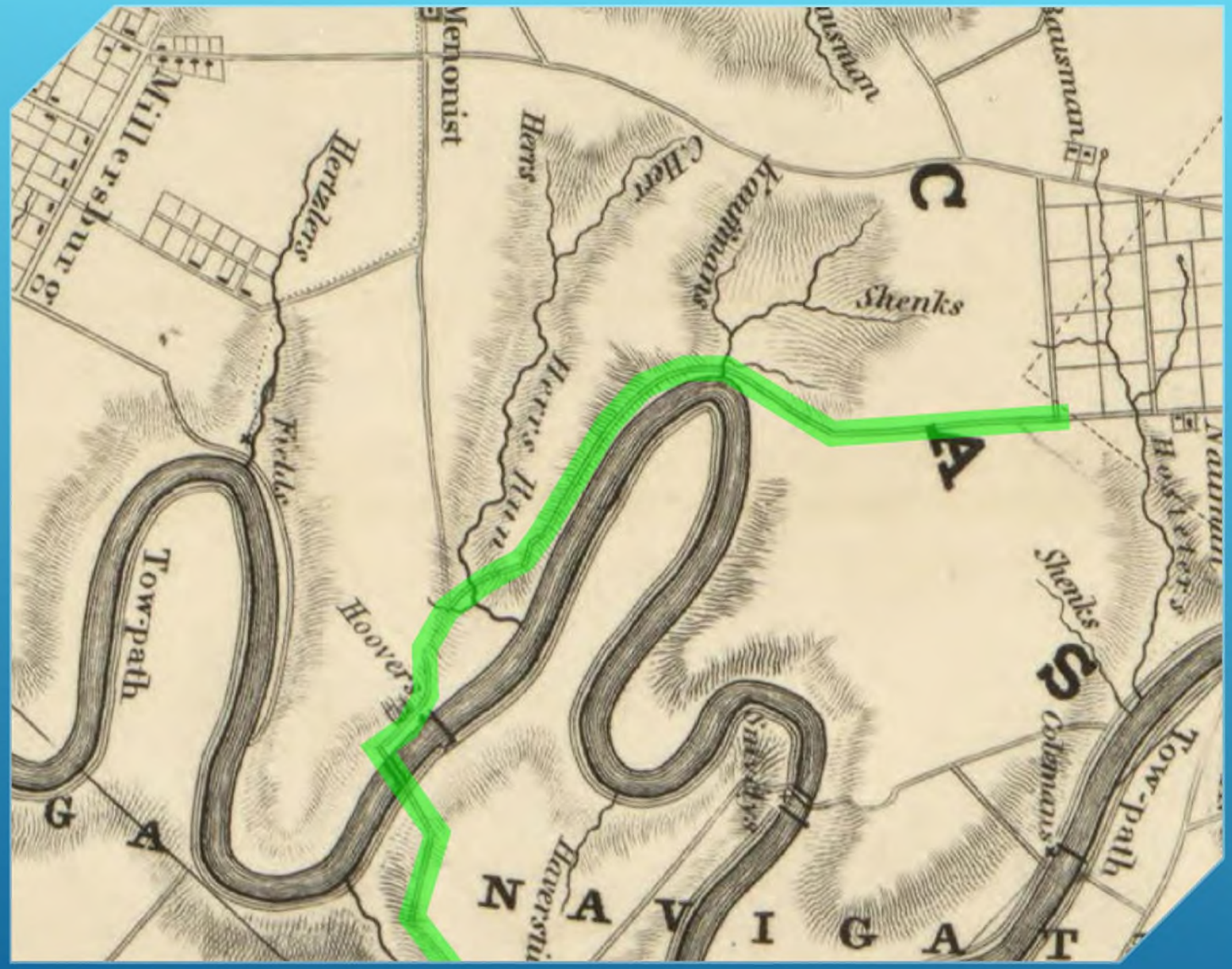
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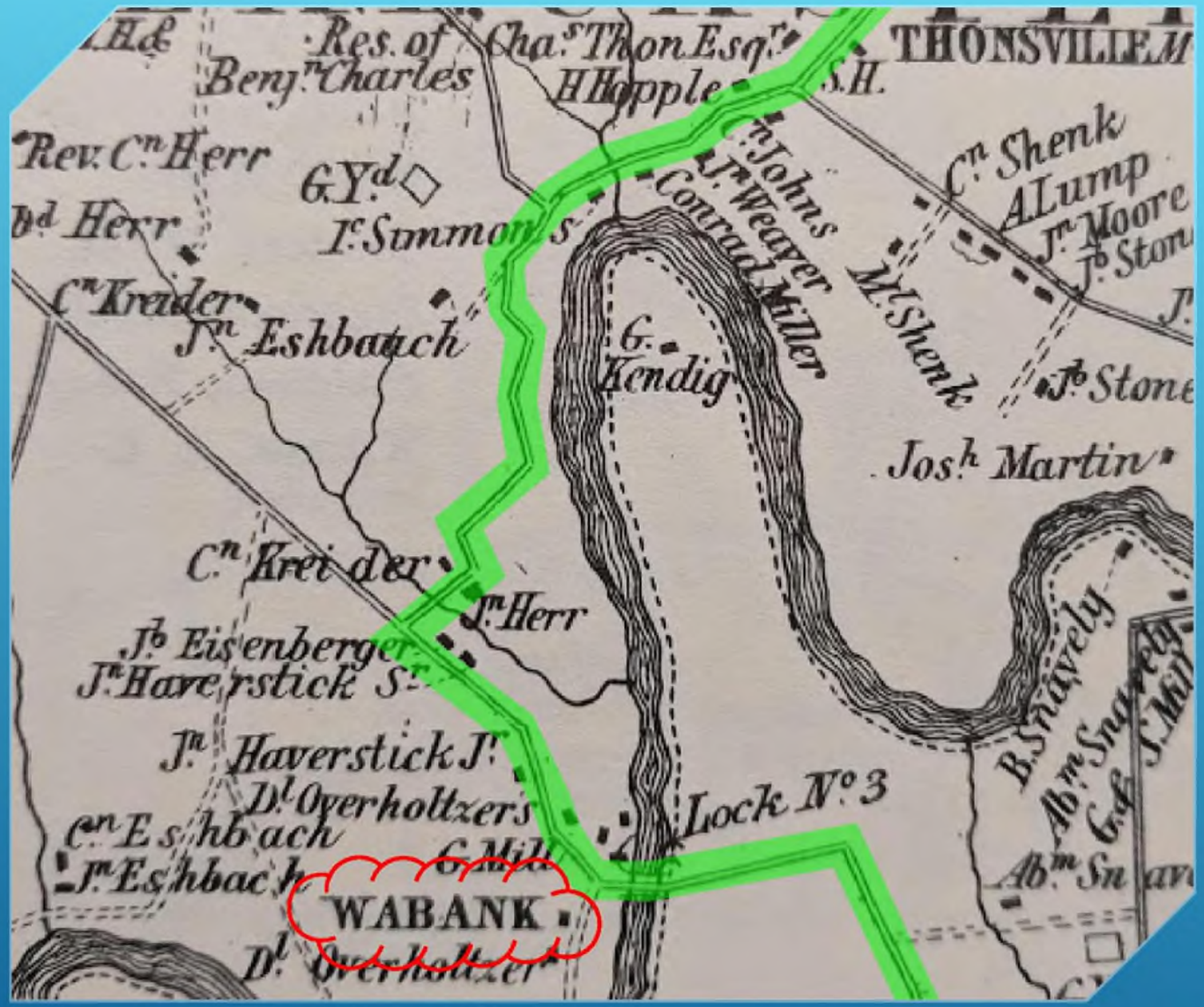
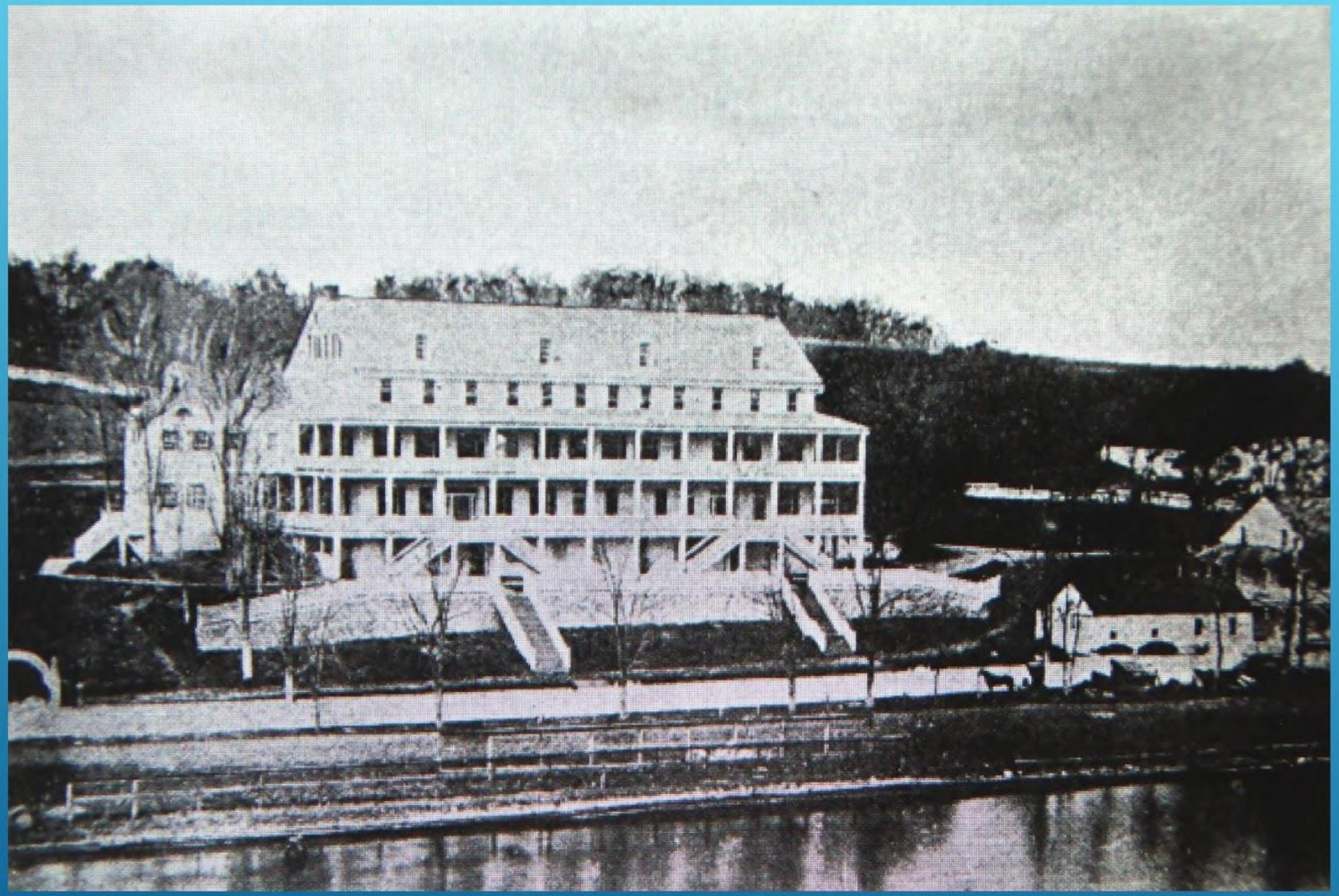


1864 is the year of the first map I have mentioning "Wabank."



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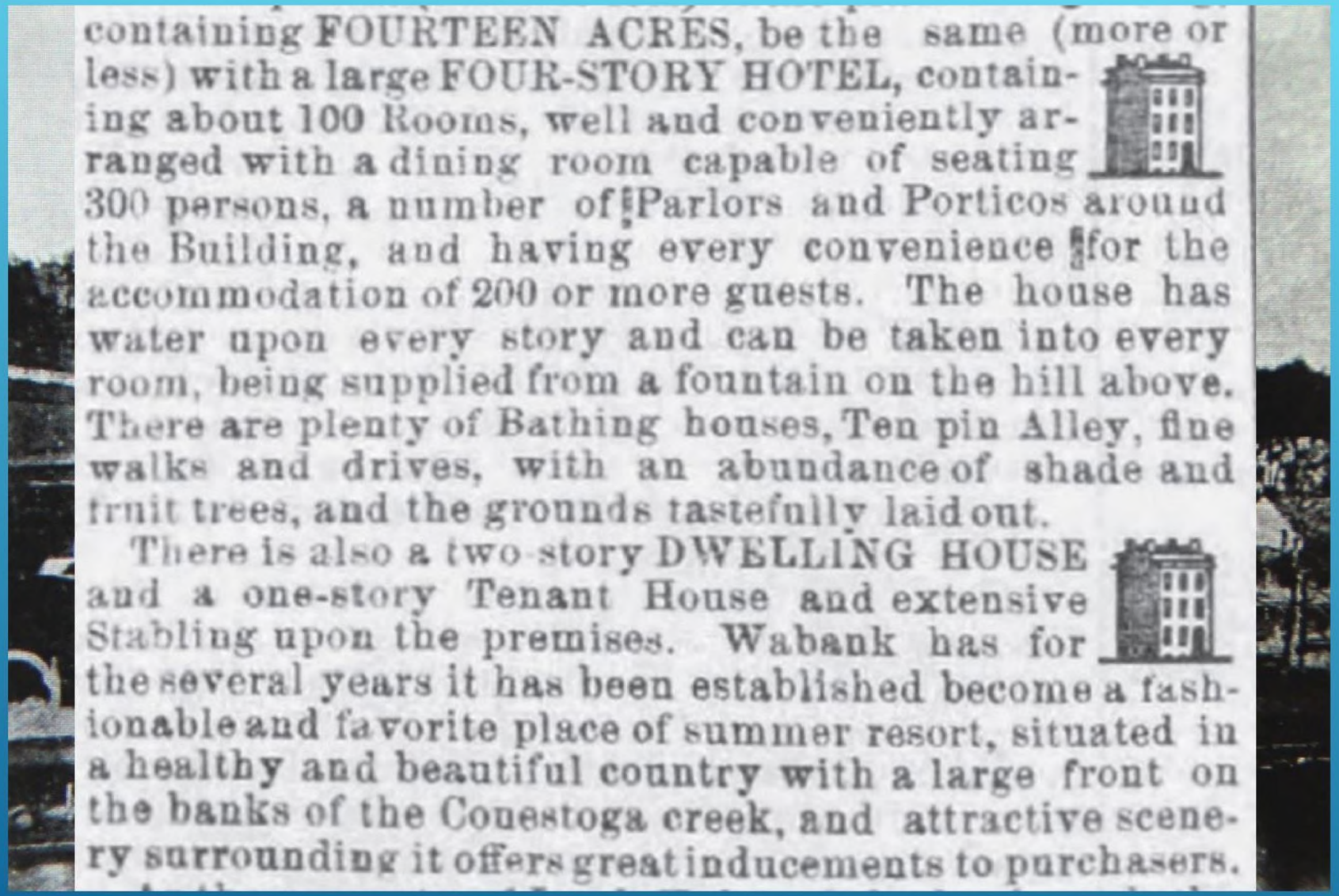

containing FOURTEEN ACRES, be the same (more or less) with a large FOUR-STORY HOTEL, containing about 100 Rooms, well and conveniently arranged with a dining room capable of seating 300 persons, a number of Parlors and Porticos around the Building, and having every convenience for the accommodation of 200 or more guests. The house has water upon every story and can be taken into every room, being supplied from a fountain on the hill above. There are plenty of Bathing houses, Ten pin Alley, fine walks and drives, with an abundance of shade and fruit trees, and the grounds tastefully laid out.

There is also a two-story DWELLING HOUSE and a one-story Tenant House and extensive Stabling upon the premises. Wabank has for the several years it has been established become a fashionable and favorite place of summer resort, situated in a healthy and beautiful country with a large front on the banks of the Conestoga creek, and attractive scenery surrounding it offers great inducements to purchasers.

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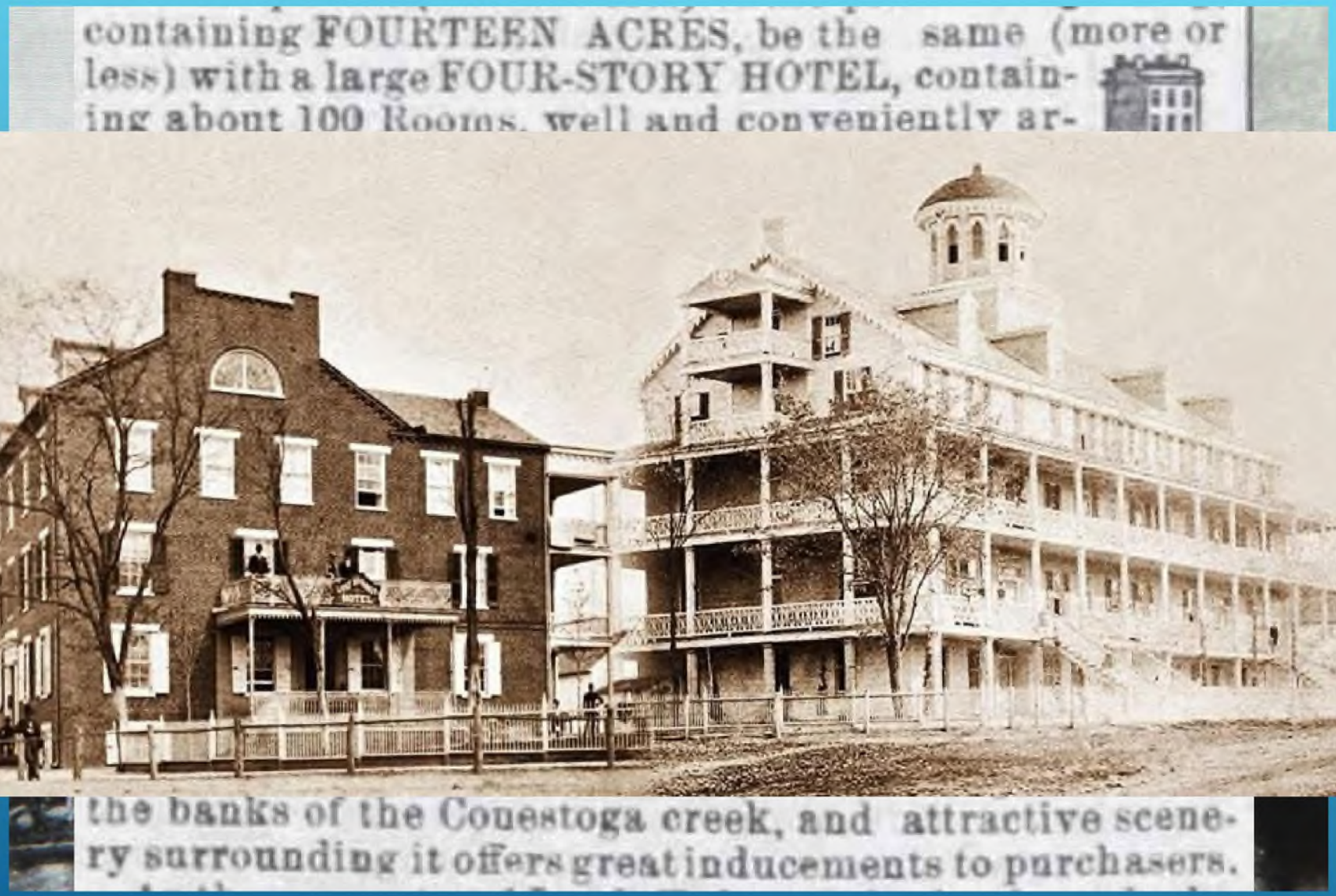

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- 5 years more and the structure itself was dismantled and reassembled in Lititz.
- Less than a decade more and it burned to the ground.