

Fords over the Rapidan, 1864

The following are photographed sections of the *1864 Gilmer Map of Orange County* which show numerous fords over the Rapidan River in Orange County.

The map originated during the Civil War from: :

“The Confederate Engineer Bureau
in Richmond, VA. General J.F. Gilmer, Chief Engineer
--Presented to--
The Virginia Historical Society
By his only daughter, Mrs. J.F. Miris, Savannah, GA.”¹

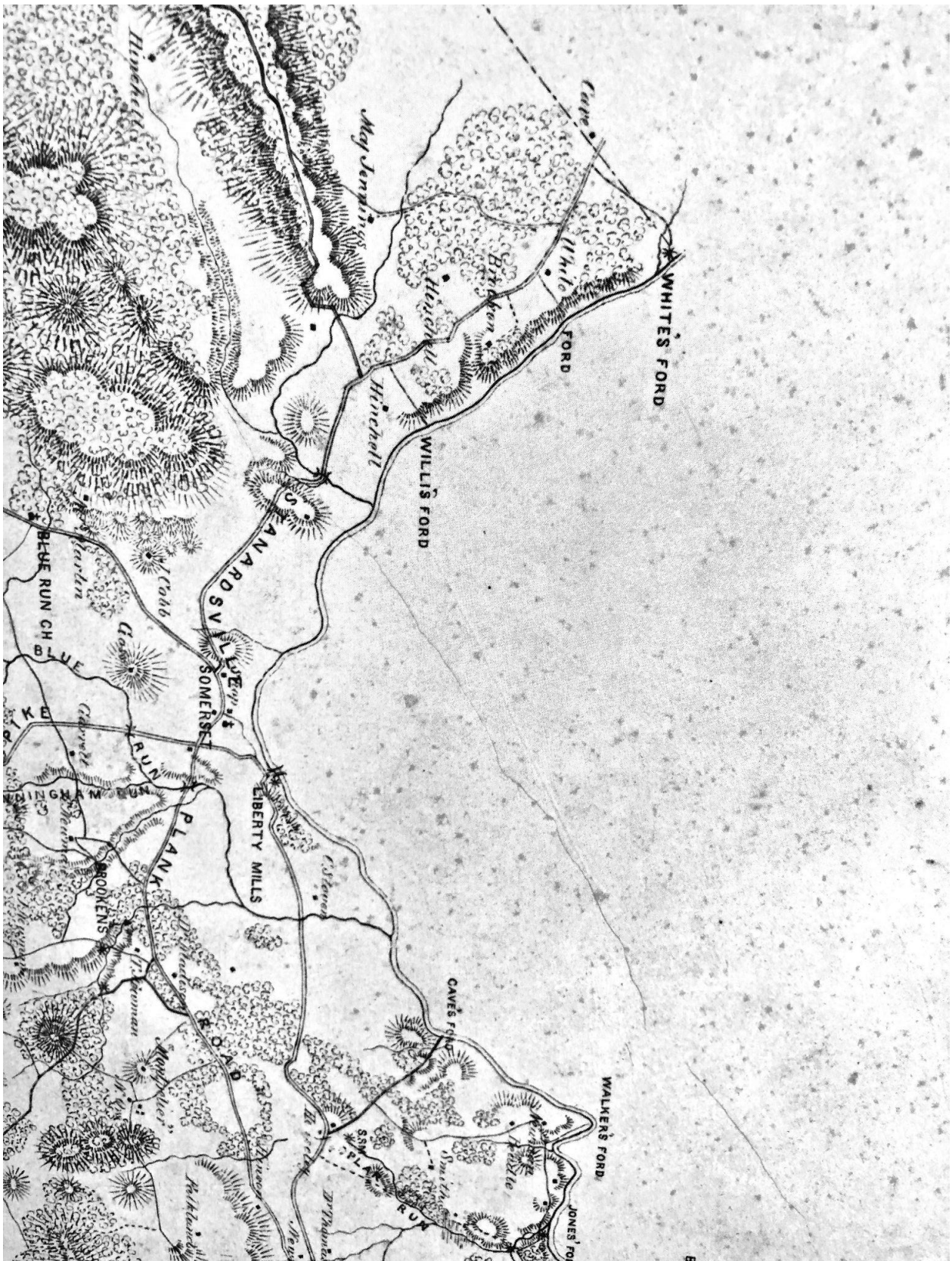
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Frequently during the study of Orange County history, it is essential to know the names of various roads, waterways and other geographical features. These photo clips of the Gilmer map provide knowledge of the numerous fords over the Rapidan River during the early days of our county. They are in order and are displayed from the southwest to the northeast. A copy of the Gilmer map in its entirety is found at the Orange County Historical Society.

NOTE: The maps below are displayed vertically in order to enlarge them for viewing. If needed by a teacher, horizontal images can be emailed directly. Please contact us at: ochistoryconnections@gmail.com,

¹Major General J.F. Gilmer. “1864 Gilmer Map of Orange County”, Virginia Historical Society, 1864.

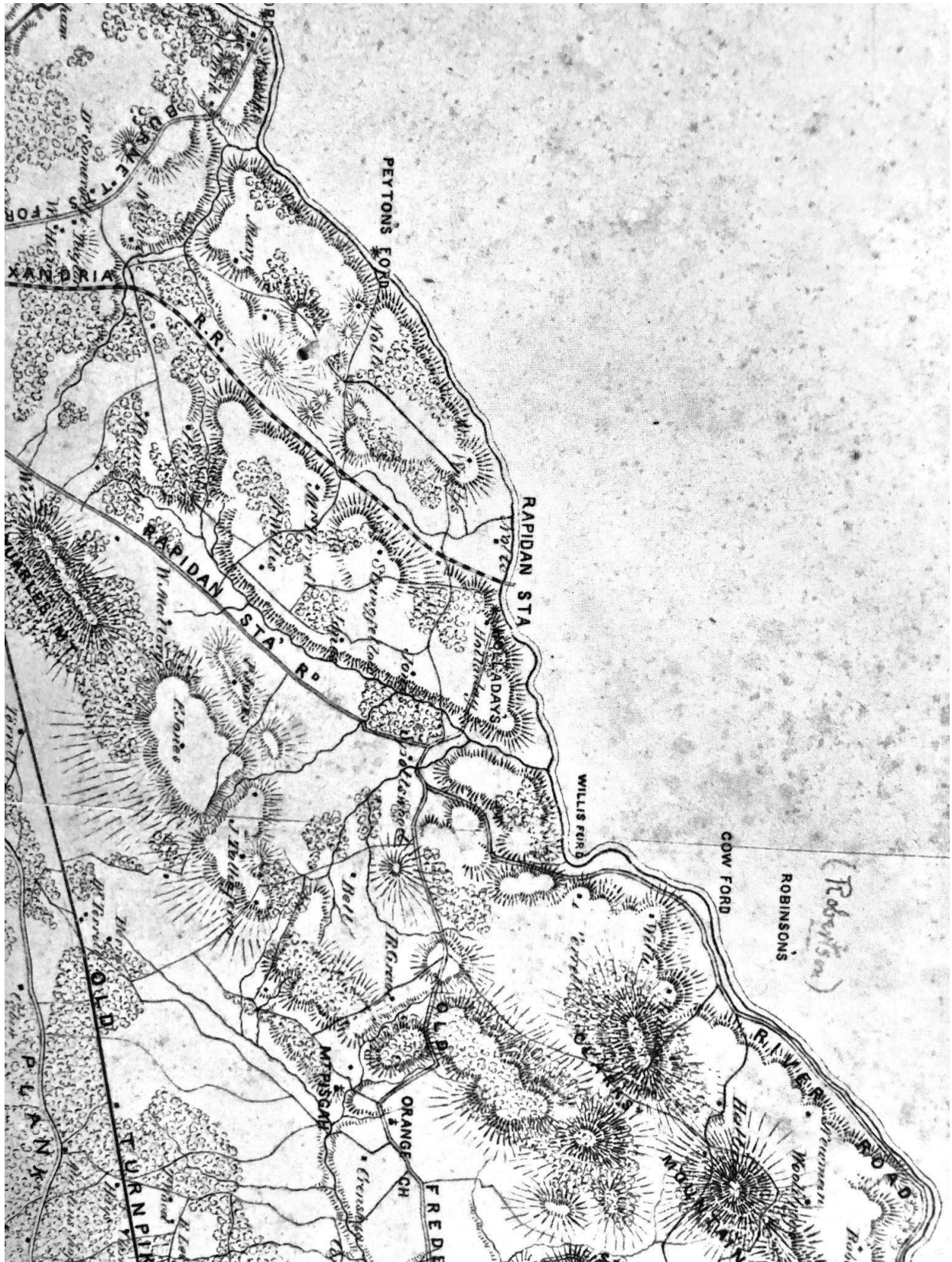
from White's Ford to Liberty Mills (Somerset area) to Walker's Ford



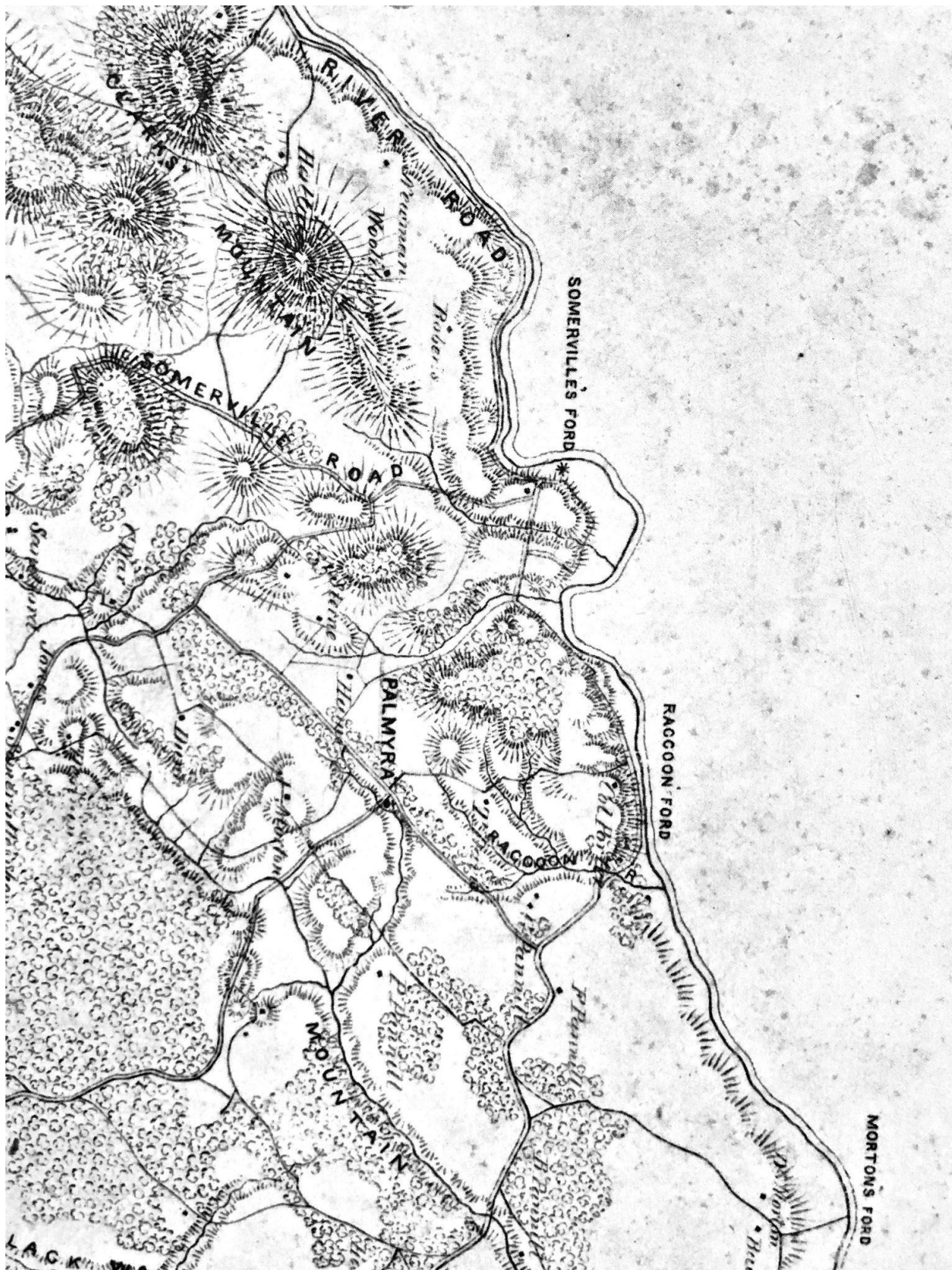
From Somerset to Peyton's Ford, including area north of the town of Orange
[Orange Courthouse]



Peytons Ford north of the town of Orange to River Road around Clark's Mountain



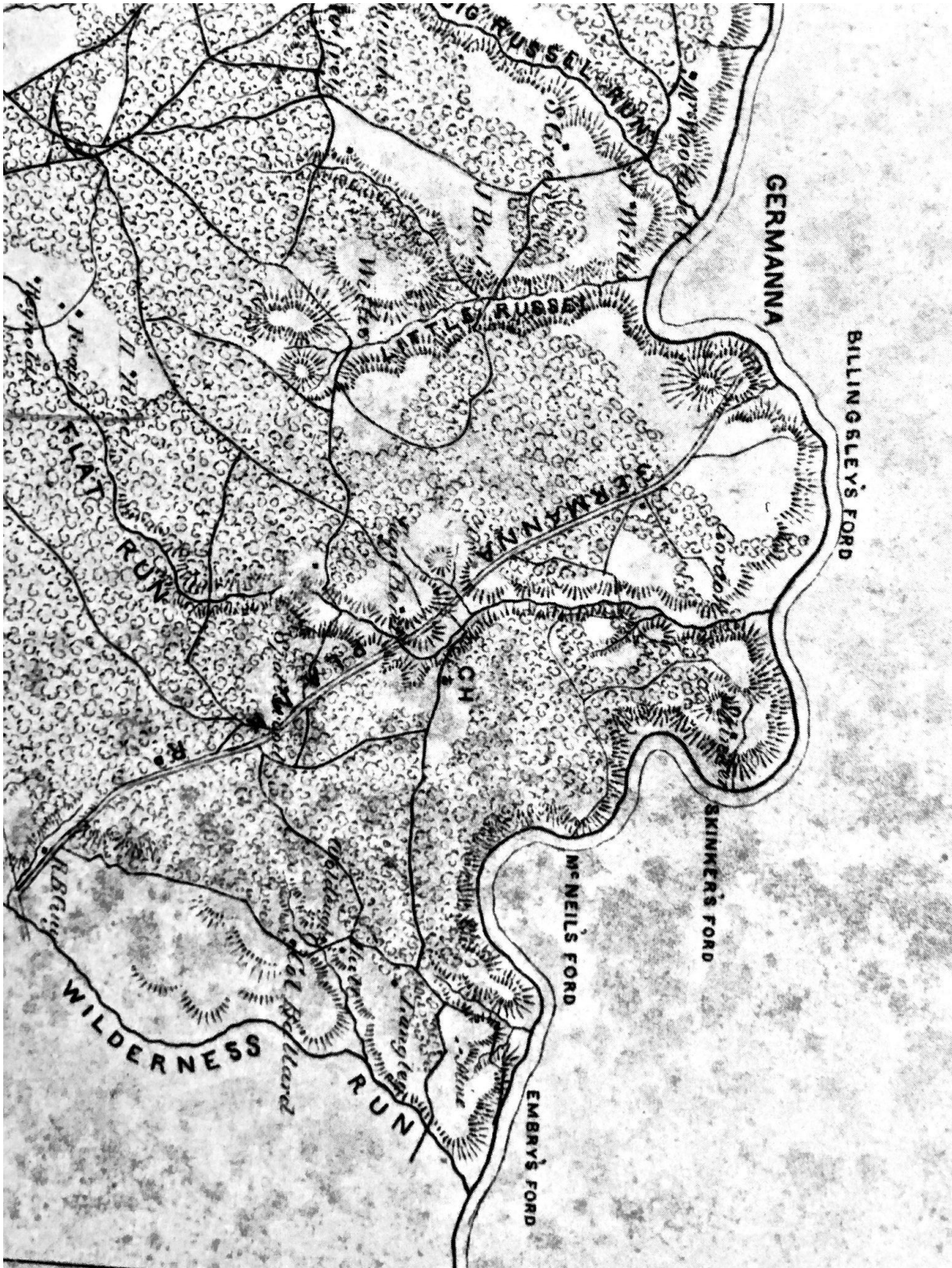
From River Road around Clark's Mountain to Morton's Ford



From Morton's Ford to Germanna Ford



From Germanna Ford to Wilderness Run



--Photos of sections of the Gilmer map courtesy of Linda Carlto