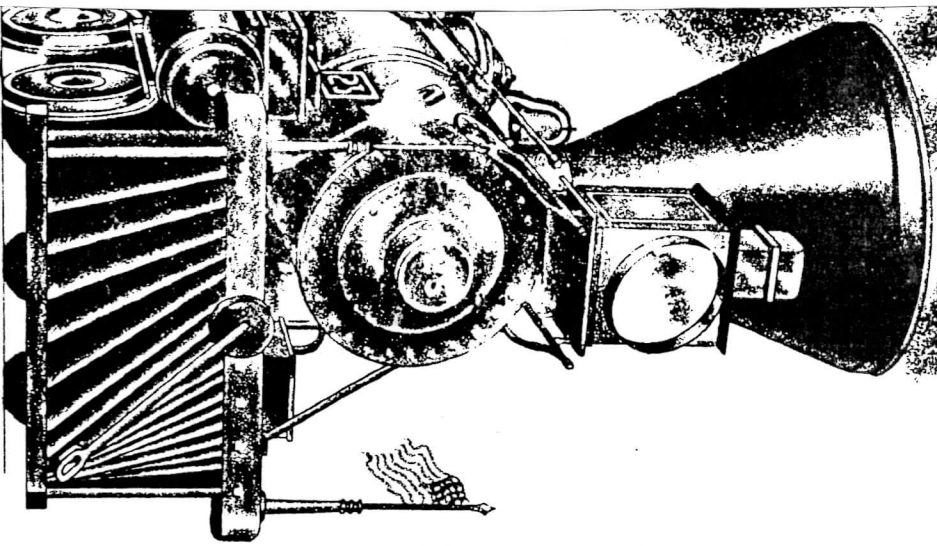


HISTORIC Branchville

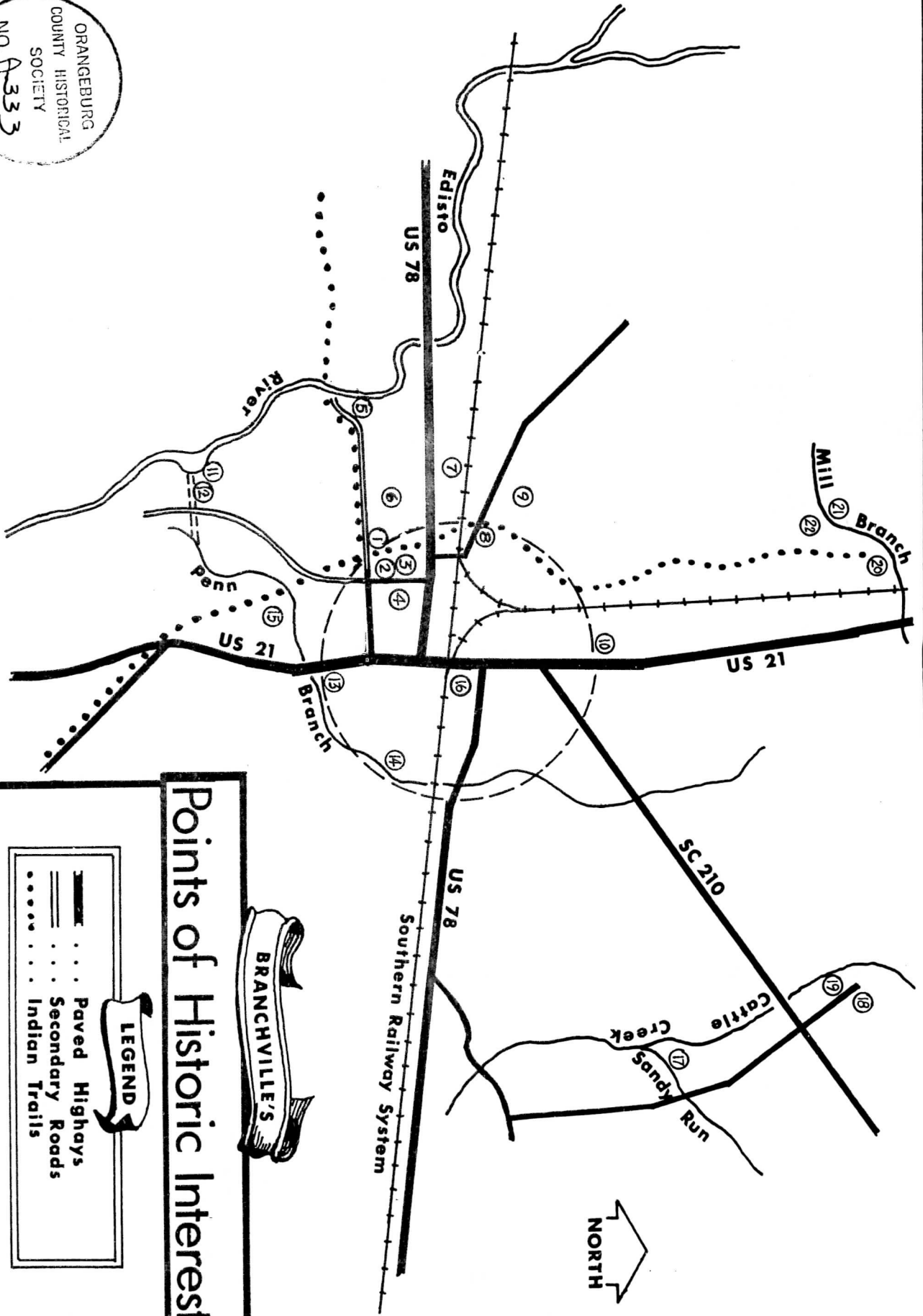


HISTORIC POINTS

1. **BRANCH OAK**—The first settlement of the Branchville vicinity was here in 1735. The oak was in the fork of the Indian trails connecting the coast and mountain regions.
2. **SUNSET INDIAN CAMP**—The smallest of the three Indian villages near the first settlement.
3. **HANGING TREE**—Tories threatened to hang a Negro if he did not reveal the location of patriots under the command of Col. Williams, a Francis Marion subordinate.
4. **BERRY'S BAY**—Used by Marion's troops as a rendezvous point during the Revolutionary War.
5. **CONFEDERATE EMBATTLEMENTS**—Three cannon bunkers and numerous trenches formed the fortifications that assisted in keeping Sherman from crossing the Edisto River and entering Branchville.
6. **REVOLUTIONARY CAMPS**—An estimated five thousand troops camped in these fields at various times between the many battles and skirmishes in the area.
7. **CONFEDERATE MUSTER FIELDS**—Thousands of troops were mustered here to oppose Sherman.
8. **BYRD CEMETARY**—One of the first cemeteries in the vicinity. Headstones date back to the time of the first settlement.
9. **FIRST MEETING HOUSE**—The log building was built in late 1735. It later was moved and became Sardis Church.
10. **SARDIS METHODIST CHURCH**—Established in 1786. The present church was built in 1811.
11. **INDIAN LANDING**—Used as a loading point by the Indians and later Indian traders shipping goods to Charleston by raft.
12. **COLONIAL CANAL**—Connects the Edisto River with Penn Branch. The canal eased the loading of rafts.
13. **OLD MILL POND**—Supported a grist mill during the early days. This pond is not accessible at the present time.
14. **PENN CAMP**—Another of the Indian villages in the Branchville area.
15. **BEECH TREE INDIAN CAMP**—The largest of the three villages.
16. **FIRST RAILROAD JUNCTION**—Formed in 1838 when a branch rail was laid from Branchville towards St. Matthews and Columbia.
17. **REVOLUTIONARY BATTLE**—This was a small skirmish between Marion's men and a small band of Tories traveling the area.
18. **CATTLE CREEK CAMPGROUNDS**—Established in 1786. This old campground is still in use.
19. **FEDERATION CHURCH**—Established in 1788. Congregation came from first meeting house.
20. **OLD WATER MILL**—Operated by first settlers. Not now accessible.
21. **INDIAN CHIEF'S VILLAGE**—Chief's council presided over the Edisto Indian tribes in the vicinity.
22. **JOHN FAIREY GRAVE**—Not now accessible, it is the grave of one of Branchville's first settlers whose descendants sold the land to the railroad company to form the town.

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