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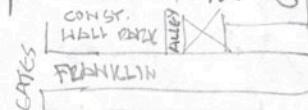
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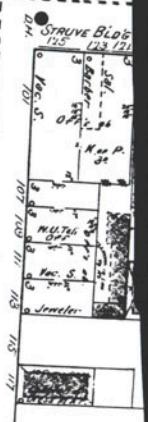
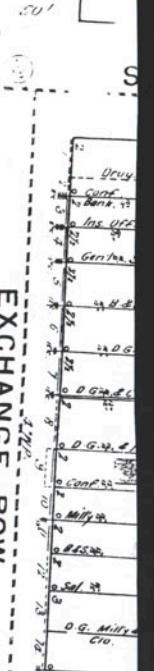


Hannie - Rldg across from G.W. Jones in Franklin, in ca. 1959

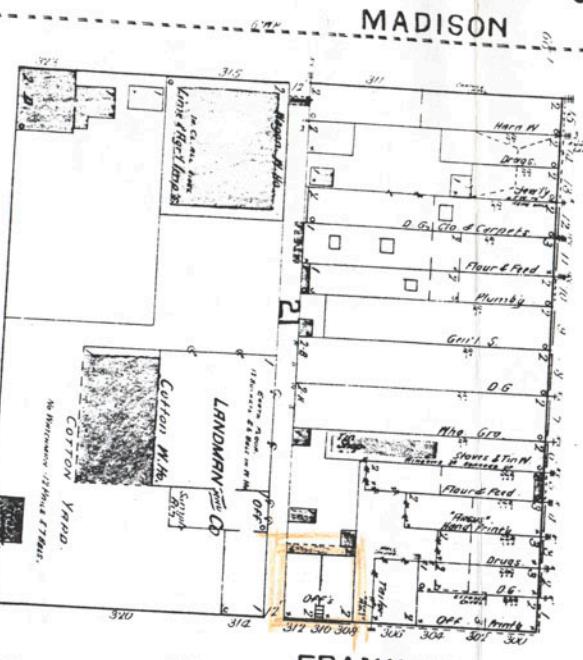


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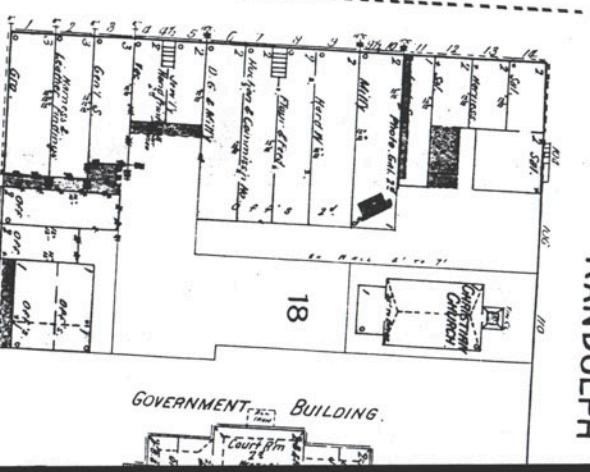
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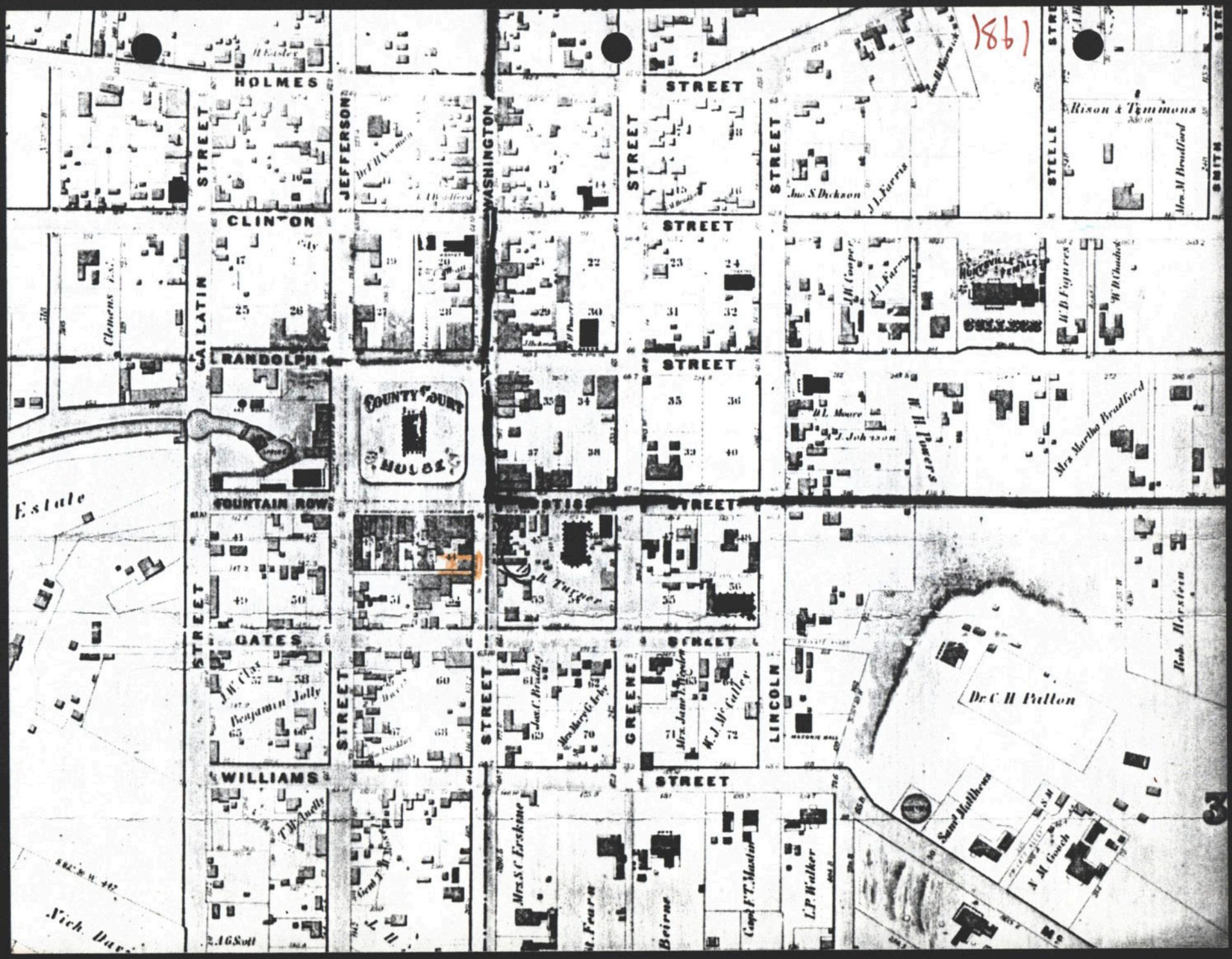


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Feb. 25, 1987
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Dear Harrie:

Excuse this handwritten note. My typewriter's in the shop this week. With reference to the building just north of alley on site where Clay's office stood in 1816, I remember this building but sure thought it had a balcony upstairs. Also recall Judge Jones telling me it was a very old building that should be saved.

I think the building was probably erected in 1835 or shortly after when Andrew Beirne acquired the lot adjoining the clay lot to the north. The clay lot (which ^{alley} he sold to John P. Neal & then post master) on March 8, 1821, Deed Bk G, Pg. 246) was only 20 ft 8 in. wide. The lot adjoining on the north, which went through several hands, came to Andrew Beirne on Nov. 13, 1835 for \$800.00, Deed Bk. P, Pg 639, states that this lot was 26 ft. wide on Franklin and that it lay on the northwestern boundary line of lot formerly owned and occupied by said Clement C. Clay. and now (also) the property of Andrew Beirne. No alley is mentioned in this deed, but the deed before it (Hinchman to Corral, Bk M, Pg. 265) says "there shall be forever left open an alley of the width of 8 ft. leading from Franklin St. back the extent of said lot." When Beirne got the two lots, he had 46 ft. 8 in. total front, less 8 ft for alley, would leave 38 ft. 8 in. The depth of these lots was 123 ft.

Very likely this building is the one referred to in ad~~e~~ in 1858 (found by James Record): "J. H. Larcombe, Photography, Franklin Hall, next to Norwell's."

Note following also found by James: 1849: "R. B. Norwell and A. H. Morrison, Commission, Auction and Grocery Building,

brick warehouse and building erected by J. I. Donegan, on alley (Believe this refers to 8' alley) South of Square and fronting on Franklin St. opposite Advocate Office." This must be the two story brick building shown in pictures to right of the building in question, though I don't have deeds to show where Donegan acquired this property. My research did not go that far.

As you know, this is all very complicated, but we are absolutely correct in our information that Clay only owned a lot 20 ft ^{front} 8 in by 123 ft. and that he had his office on it and in a small brick building which he built before 1816, which certainly appeared to be two story by all accounts. I agree with you that it doesn't seem his building could have been incorporated in the one we have the picture of, so it must have been torn down.

I am glad to have the photocopies you sent me if you want me to draw any maps or give any more references will be glad to do so, soon as I get my typewriter — or Linda can come out here and I'll show her what I have.

Best regards,

Sarah

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PS: I would appreciate a photocopy of this letter made and returned to me. Might save going thru all this again sometime. Thanks.