

Unincorporated Community: **WOODBURN**

Brief History/Origin of Name

Woodburn was a community located where Village Road (SR 1472), S. Navassa Road (SR 1435), and Old Fayetteville Road (SR 1437) intersect in northeastern area of Brunswick County. Today, Woodburn is located in Town of Leland. Some old-timers still refer to the Town of Leland as Woodburn.

Woodburn, a family name, was a subdivision of the Belvedere Plantation. The plantation was home to Benjamin Smith, who was a North Carolina governor and a friend of George Washington. The nation's first president visited Mr. Smith in the spring of 1791 in what is now considered the Belvedere Height's neighborhood in Leland.

John Swann Jr. bought lot number 4 from John F Burgwin on March 1, 1818 and kept the land in his possession until his death in 1856. In his will John Swann left his "Woodburn Lands" to his wife Frances.

Sources:

1. Mr. Eulis A Willis, *Navassa the Town and its People*. B.C. Historical Resource Survey Steering Committee Member
2. Will of John Swann
3. Wilmington Star Newspaper – MyReporter.com website

Unincorporated Community: **TOWN CREEK**

Brief History/Origin of Name

Town Creek is located in the northeast area of Brunswick County. How the community received the name Town Creek is not known for certain at this time.

A map dated 1662, by Nicholas Shapley of Massachusetts Bay, identified Town Creek as "Indian River". In 1663, colonists from Massachusetts Bay settled in the Town Creek area, but after a short while they returned back home. The reason for their leaving is not known for certain at this time; but it has been suggested may have received word that the area was granted to others. In any event, they were bitter in their departure, leaving behind a notice, posted at the point of Cape Fear, damning both the harbor and the soil and advised all who might come later to stay away. But the malediction was in vain, as others soon came to the Town Creek area.

Old land records show that a Robert Potter (c. 1708 – c. 1757) received 345 acres in a land grant from King George II on Old Town Creek called also called Rattle Snake Branch, dated April 20, 1745.

Additionally, postal service records indicate that a post office was established in the community on October 1, 1872 and discontinued on February 15, 1875, only to be re-established on April 19, 1875 and finally discontinued March 31, 1931 when mail was sent Leland for processing.

Sources:

1. Dr. Lawrence Lee. *The Lower Cape Fear in Colonial Day* pg. 42
2. Dr. Lawrence Lee. *The History of Brunswick County* pgs. 13-14
3. New Hanover County Register of Deeds Office-Land Grants
4. Mr. Tom B. Rabon Sr., former Postmaster, Winnabow, NC
5. Brunswick County Historical Society Newsletter Vol. XIV #1 Feb. 1974
6. Mr. Glenn Kye- B.C. Historical Resource Survey Steering Committee Member

Unincorporated Community: **SECESSION**

Brief History/Origin of Name

Secession is a small, rural community located near the intersection of Holden Beach Road (NC 130) and Boone's Neck Road (SR 1137). The community is said to have received its name after a two room school that was located off Seashore Road (SR 1139) in the Supply- Holden Beach area of Brunswick County.

The name Secession later was adopted as the precinct name which covered parts of Supply, Holden Beach, Boones Neck, Cedar Grove and Varnamtown in Brunswick County. Due to development over the years, Secession has been divided into two separate precincts in order to accommodate growth in that area.

Source:

1. Mr. Ennis Swain

Unincorporated Community: **GRISSETTOWN**

Brief History/Origin of Name

Grissettown is a small, rural community located in and around the intersection of Ocean Highway West (U.S.17) and Longwood Road/Seaside Road (NC 904) approximately seven miles west of the Town of Shallotte, near Doghead Bay, and adjoins the Russtown community. The origin of the community's name is not known for certain at this time; however, it is suggested that the name may be attributed the Grissett Family, who at time may have had large landholdings in the area. The largest landholders in the area were however the Somerset and Frink Families.

The Somerset holdings included, but were not limited to, the area toward the lower or coastal side of the Ocean Highway West, now Lions Paw and Ocean Ridge Golf Courses. Until recently, the Somerset holdings consisted of several hundred acres and included two houses. The Frink Family owned land towards Old Shallotte Road (SR 1316), Russtown Road (SR 1315), and west toward Longwood Road. Their 1920's bungalow still remains; however, a more impressive Greek Revival, two story hipped roofed, double colonnaded structure with full-length shutters and a large kitchen wing to the rear of the house no longer exists as a result of fire some years ago. This house abutted the Old Shallotte Road near the Old Shallotte Baptist Church. The Parker Family, connected through marriage to the Grissett's, once operated a store in this intersection. The store if one of a few remaining buildings in the denoting commerce prior to the U.S. 17 roadway improvements. The more modern Green's Oyster House still operates at the intersection.

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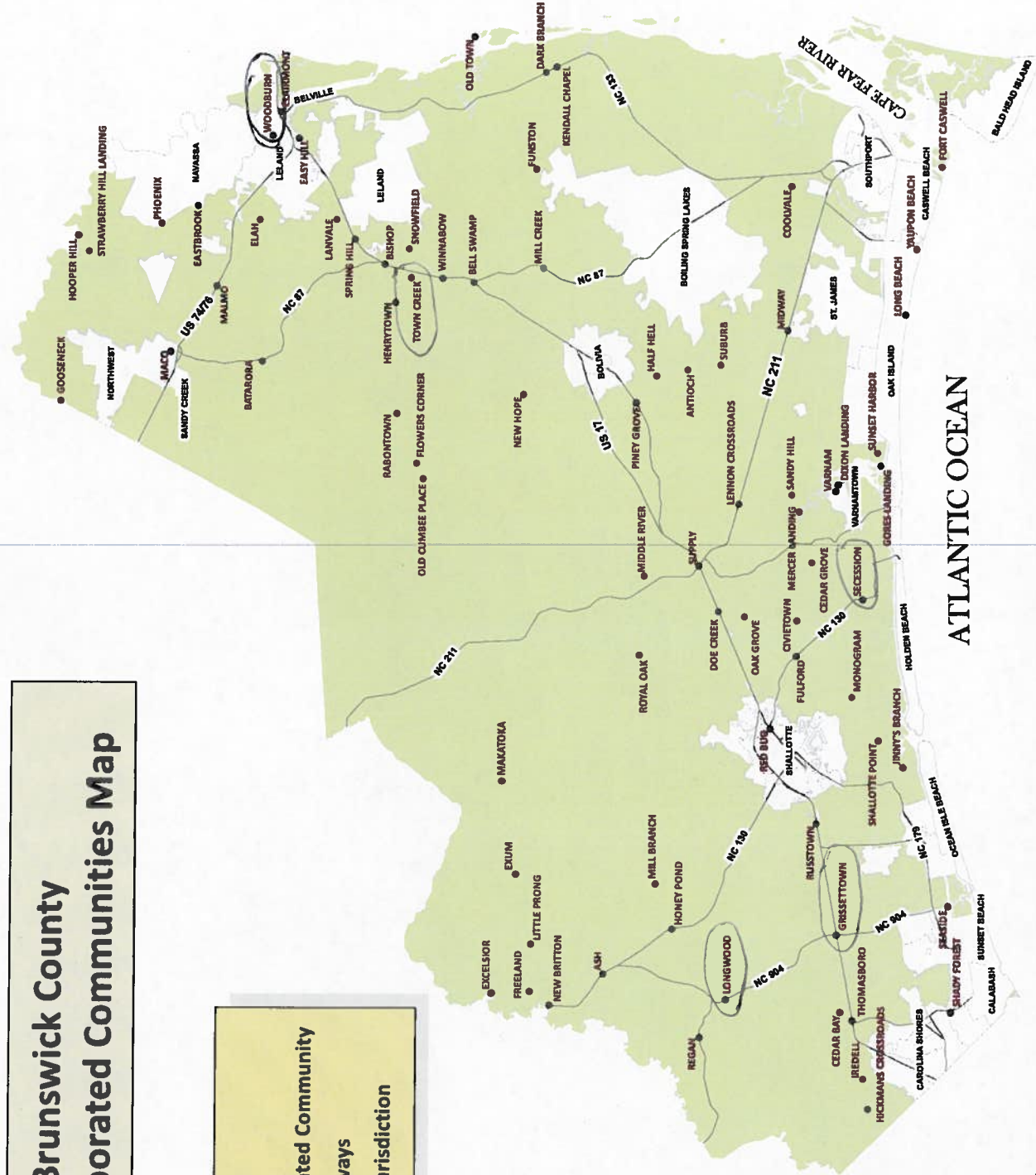
1. Mr. Ronald C. Hobbs - Brunswick County Historical Resource Survey Steering Committee Member.



Brunswick County Unincorporated Communities Map

Legend

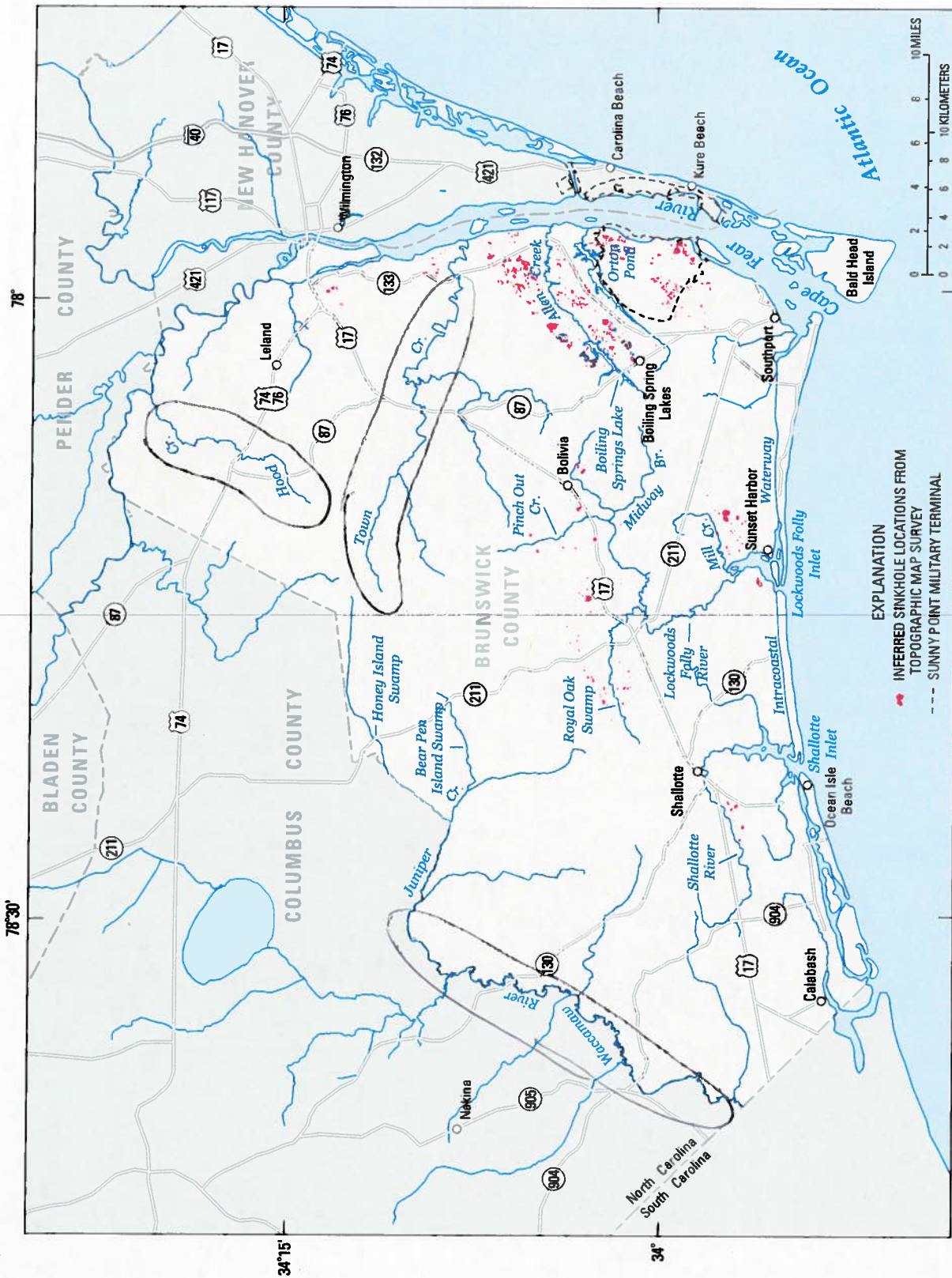
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Map Not Drawn to Scale



U.S. Department of Commerce (1996) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2001)
Figure 6. Distribution of sinkholes in Brunswick County, North Carolina (modified from Axon and others, 1998).

Town Creek, Hood Creek, Waccamaw River

Final Map Maintenance Plan

Cape Fear River Basin
Lumber River Basin

Brunswick County
North Carolina
(Attachment 2A)

Legend

Recommendation	Legend Item
Detailed Study - Riverine	Carolina Shores
Limited Detailed Study	Caswell Beach
Detailed Study - Coastal	Holden Beach
County Boundary	Leland
River Basin Boundary	Navassa
Primary Road	Northwest
Stream	Oak Island
Brunswick County	Ocean Isle Beach
Bald Head Island	Sandy Creek
Belville	Shallotte
Boiling Spring Lakes	Southport
Bolivia	St. James
Calabash	Sunset Beach
	Varnamtown

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Locator Map**



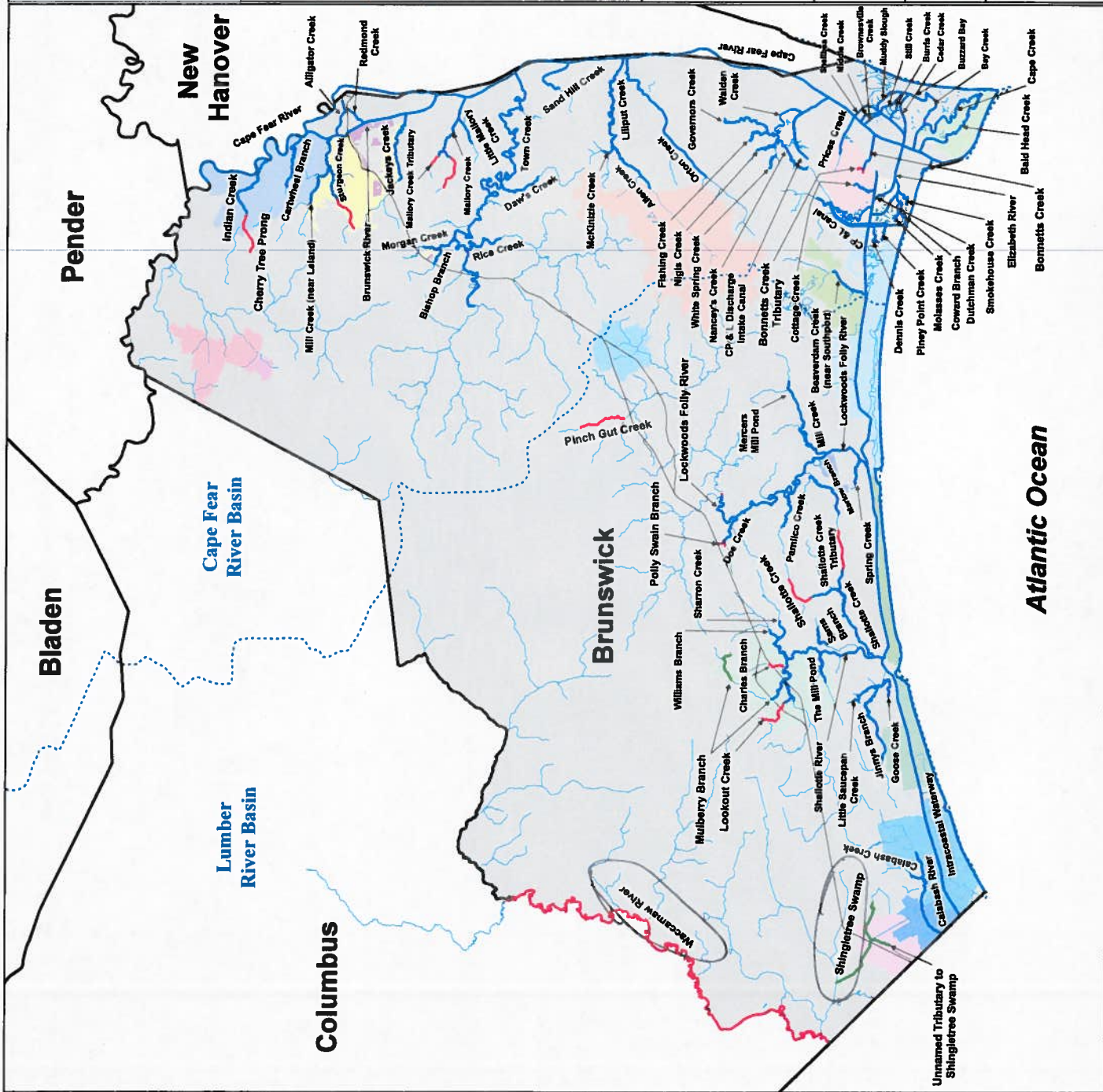
Enlarged Area

Data Sources

- NHD and NC State Stream Data
- FEMA Q3 Flood Hazard Data
- NC State Community Boundaries
- NC State County Boundaries
- NC State River Basin Boundaries



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Waccamaw River, Shingletree Swamp