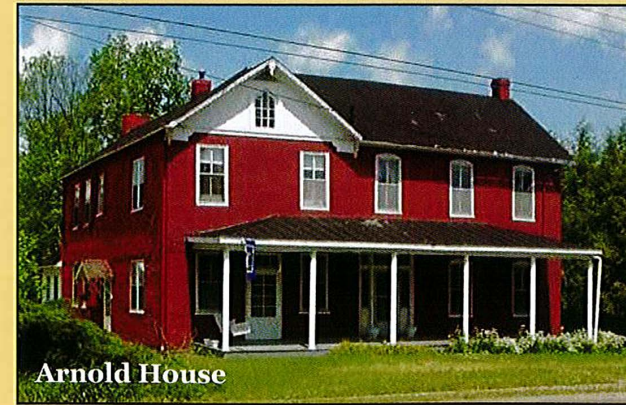
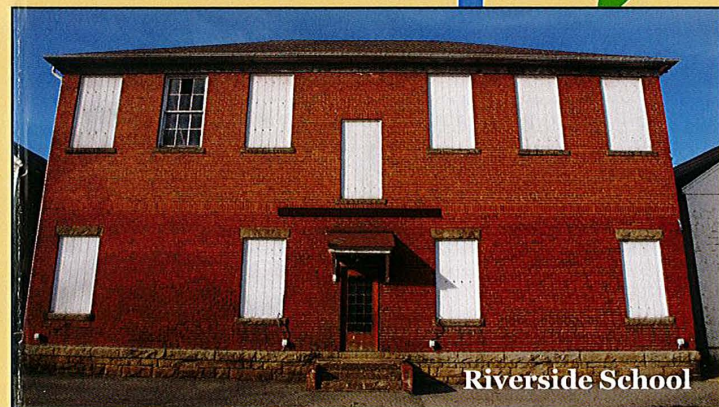
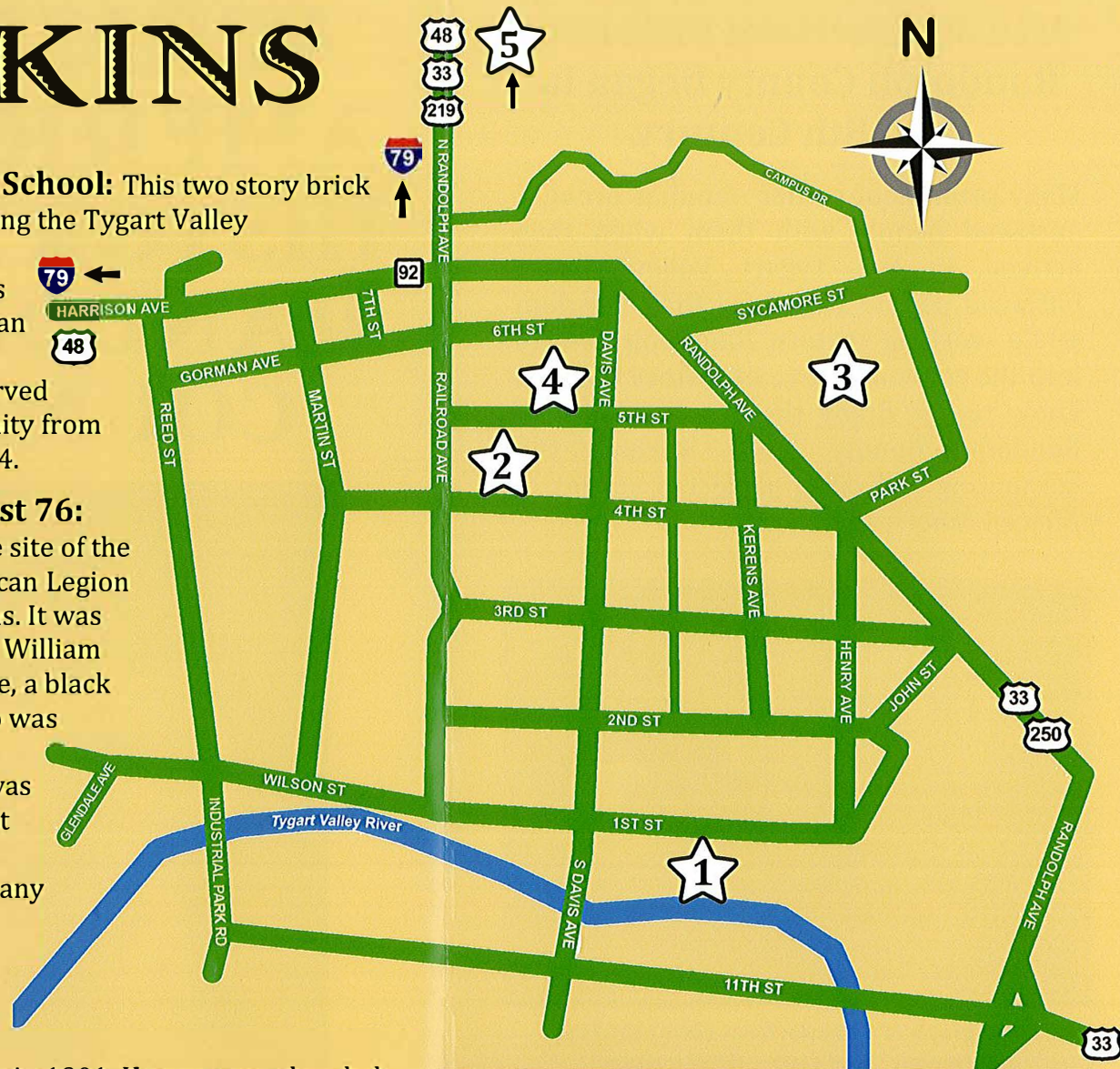
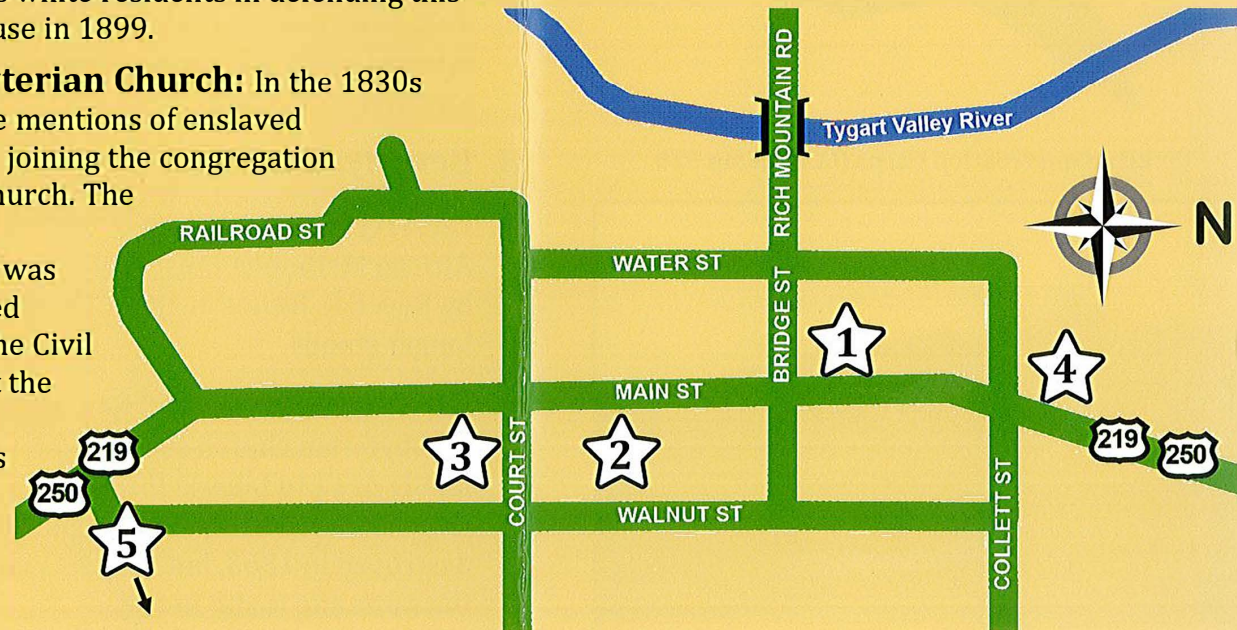


# ELKINS

- 1. Riverside School:** This two story brick building facing the Tygart Valley River on River St. was Elkins' African American school. It served the community from 1911 to 1954.
- 2. Legion Post 76:** This was the site of the black American Legion post in Elkins. It was named after William Featherstone, a black veteran who was wounded in WWI. This was an important community center for many years.
- 3. City Park:** William Brooks was lynched here in 1901. He was apprehended for fatally shooting the Chief of Police before being taken by a mob and killed.
- 4. Shiloh Baptist Church:** This is the oldest black church still standing in Elkins, constructed in 1897.
- 5. Maplewood Cemetery:** A number of prominent black residents of Elkins are buried here.



- 1. Arnold House:** This brick house was the home of Jonathan and Laura Jackson Arnold. We know the names of two children who were enslaved here at the house: Kit and Jane.
- 2. 1813 Jail:** A man attempting to escape slavery over the Staunton Parkersburg Turnpike was captured in Beverly and held in this jail in 1833.
- 3. Courthouse:** Beverly's 1808 courthouse has many stories related to black history. Samuel Tibbs and other men of color joined Beverly's white residents in defending this courthouse in 1899.
- 4. Presbyterian Church:** In the 1830s there are mentions of enslaved persons joining the congregation of this church. The original building was destroyed during the Civil War, but the present church is on the same site.



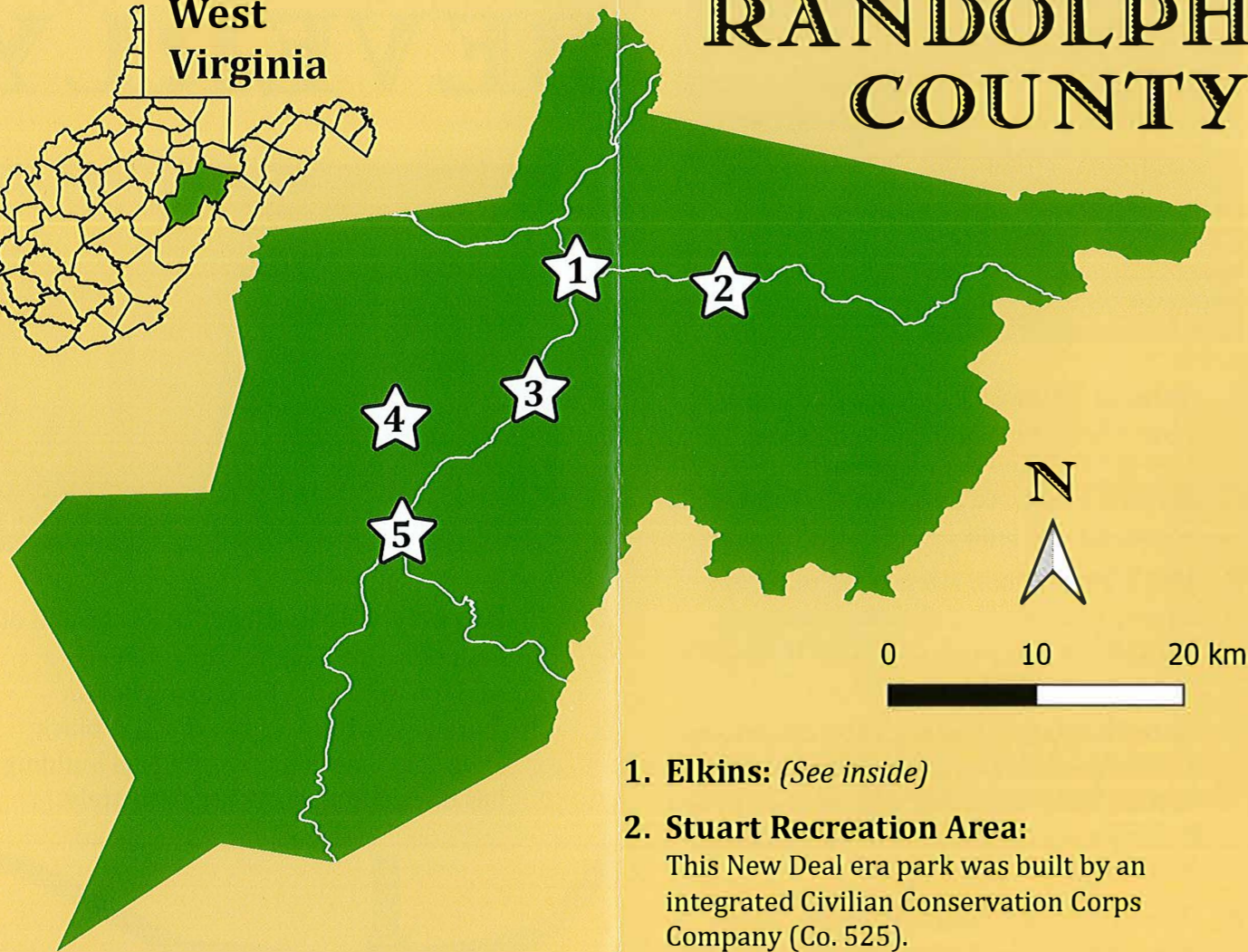
# BEVERLY



- 5. Beverly's AME church:** At the end of Fountain street is the site of Beverly's African Methodist Episcopal church. Founded in 1894, it was the first black church in Randolph County. The building has been demolished, unfortunately.



# RANDOLPH COUNTY



1. **Elkins:** *(See inside)*
2. **Stuart Recreation Area:**  
This New Deal era park was built by an integrated Civilian Conservation Corps Company (Co. 525).
3. **Beverly:** *(See inside)*
4. **Cassity:** This is the site of the county's second African Methodist Episcopal church. Founded by Rev. E.R. Bazier in 1895. The church no longer stands
5. **Huttonsville:** In 1850 Rev. Thomas of the Presbyterian church sent a formerly enslaved family of 11 to Liberia through the American Colonization Society. The original church was destroyed in 1863, but the 1871 church built on the same site is still in use.

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp 525



## African American history in Randolph County began in the 18th Century.

Many prominent settler families brought enslaved people with them when they arrived in the Tygart Valley. These enslaved people strove for their freedom while working to turn Randolph County into the treasure trove of history that we know today. Enjoy the scenic beauty of Randolph County while learning the fascinating and often neglected stories of African American history.

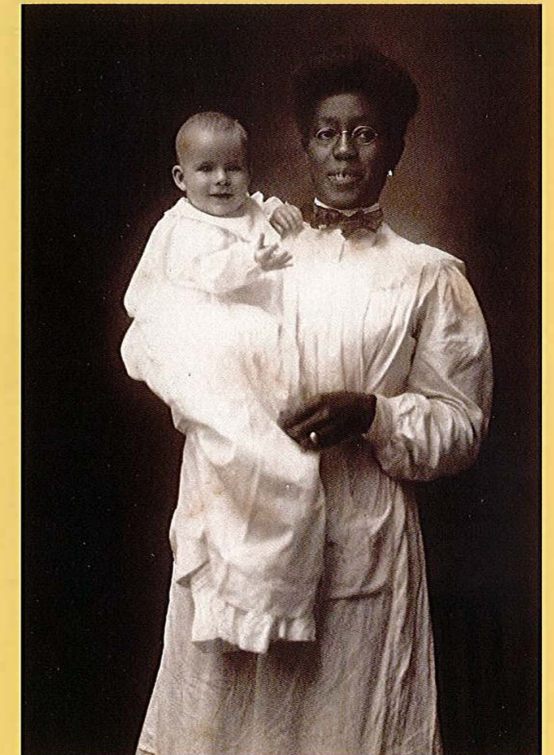


Photograph of two men from Elkins (1920s)  
Captioned: "Paul's car—What a honey!"

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