

# **Varner / Newton Family Reunion 23 May, 2015**

Bolivar, Missouri

# Today's Discussion

- **Uncovering George Varner of Missouri in Georgia**
  - What We Know
  - Linking George to the Owen Family
  - What Can be Deducted from What We Do Know
  - Additional Study in Georgia
- **Tracking the Path George Likely Travelled**
  - Which Path? Land Route or Water Route
  - Land Paths: Georgia–Tennessee/N Carolina–Kentucky–Illinois–Missouri
- **Varner's in Those Migration States Around that Time**
  - North Carolina
  - Tennessee
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  - Illinois

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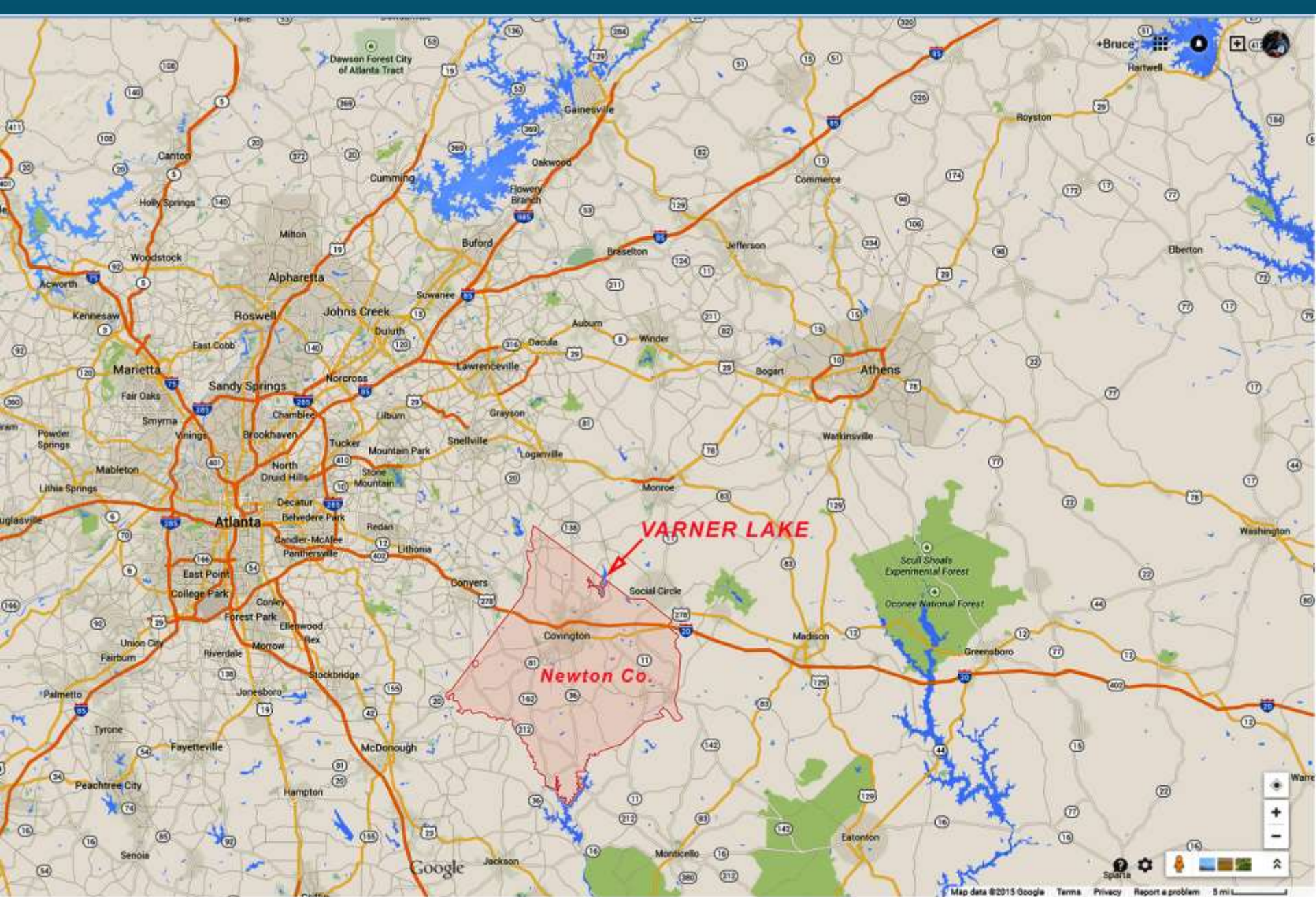
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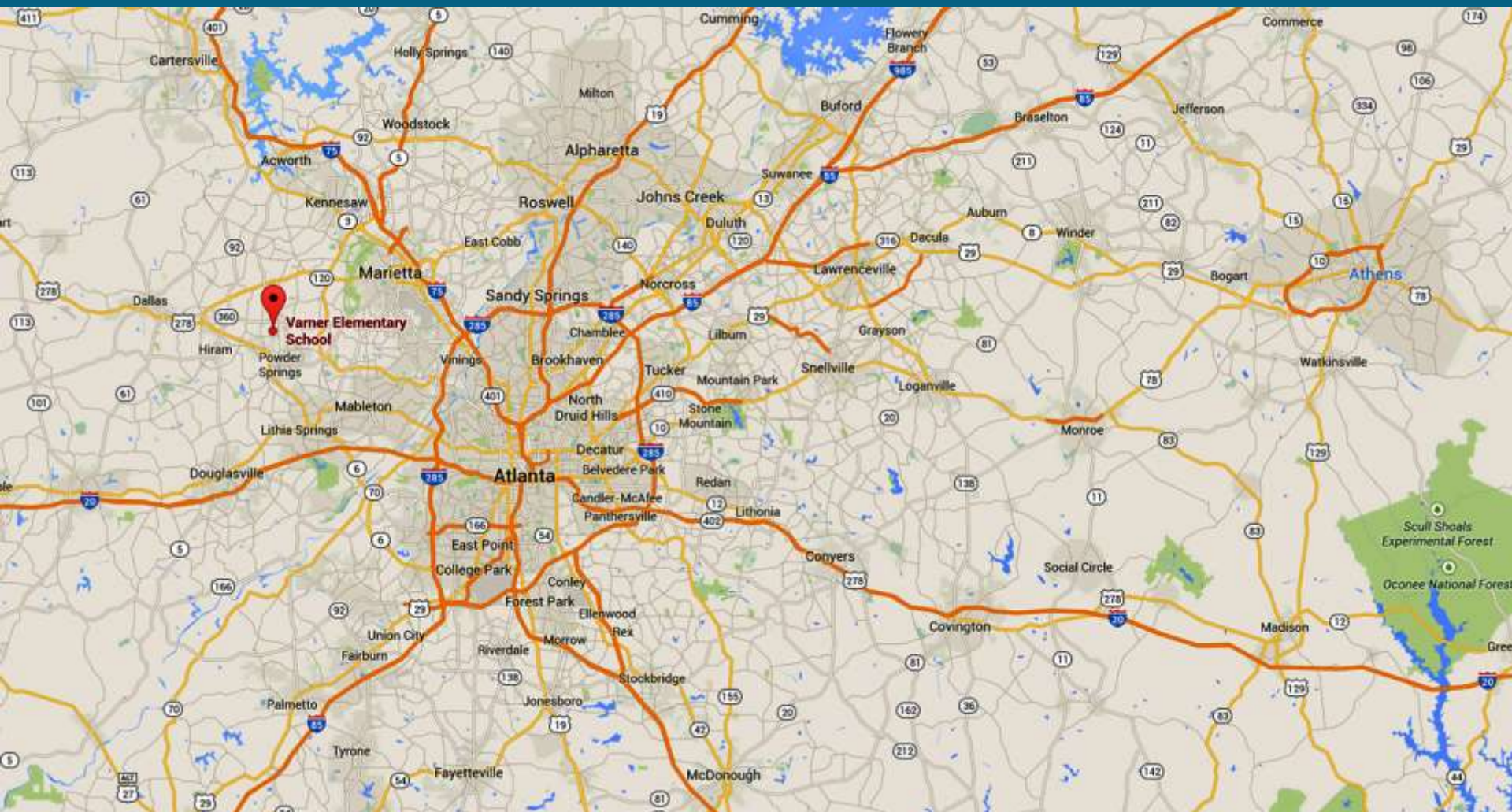
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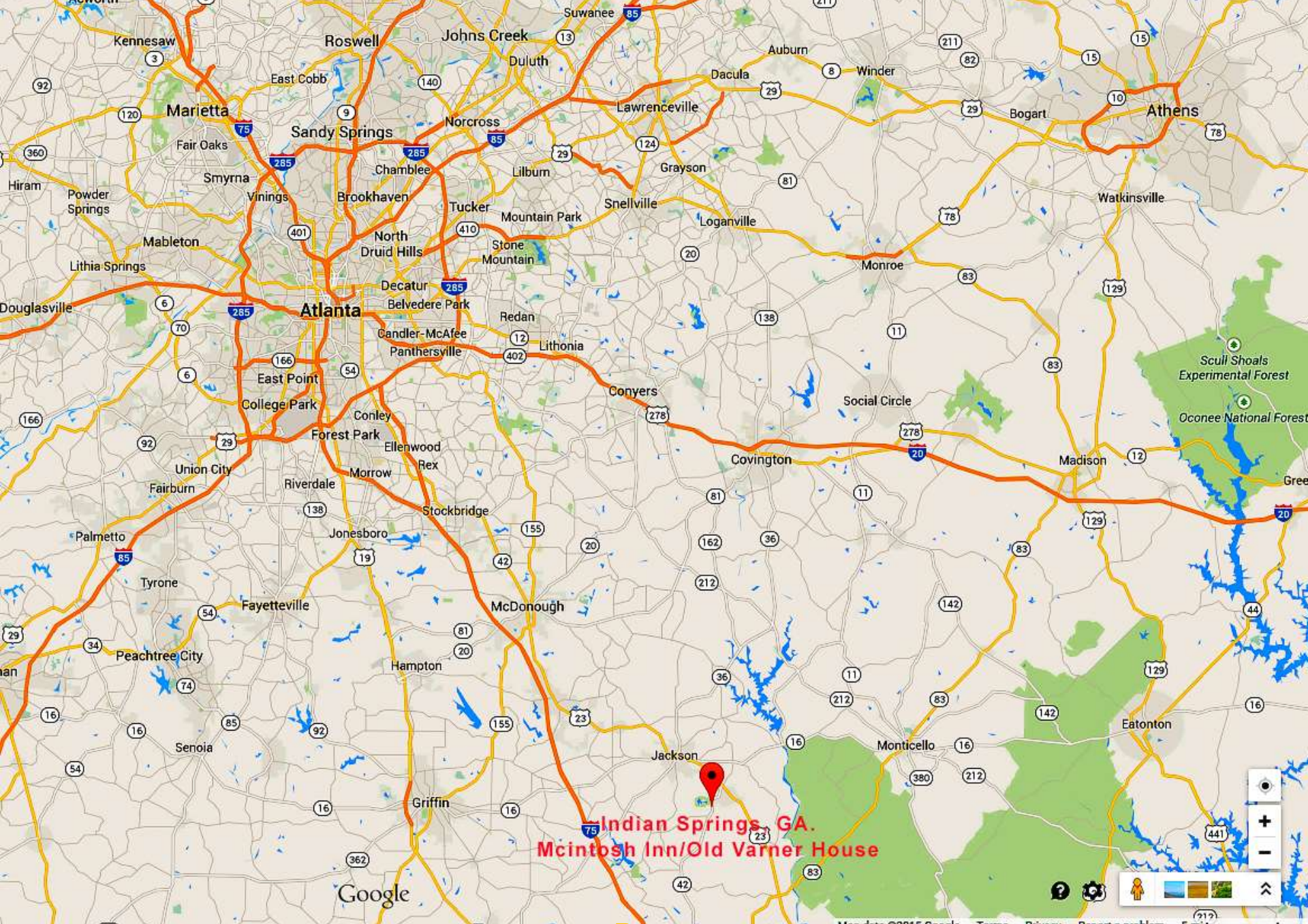












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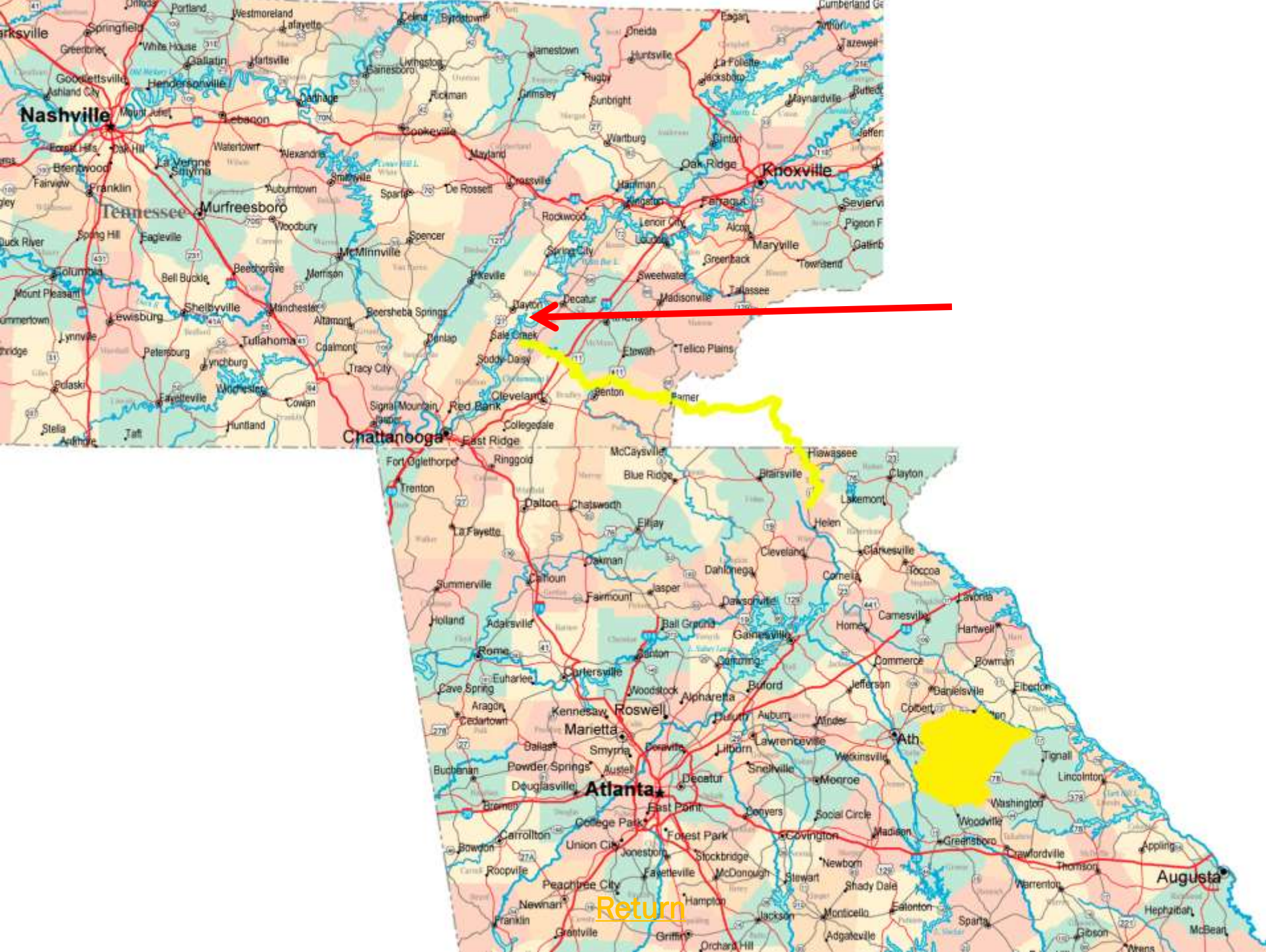
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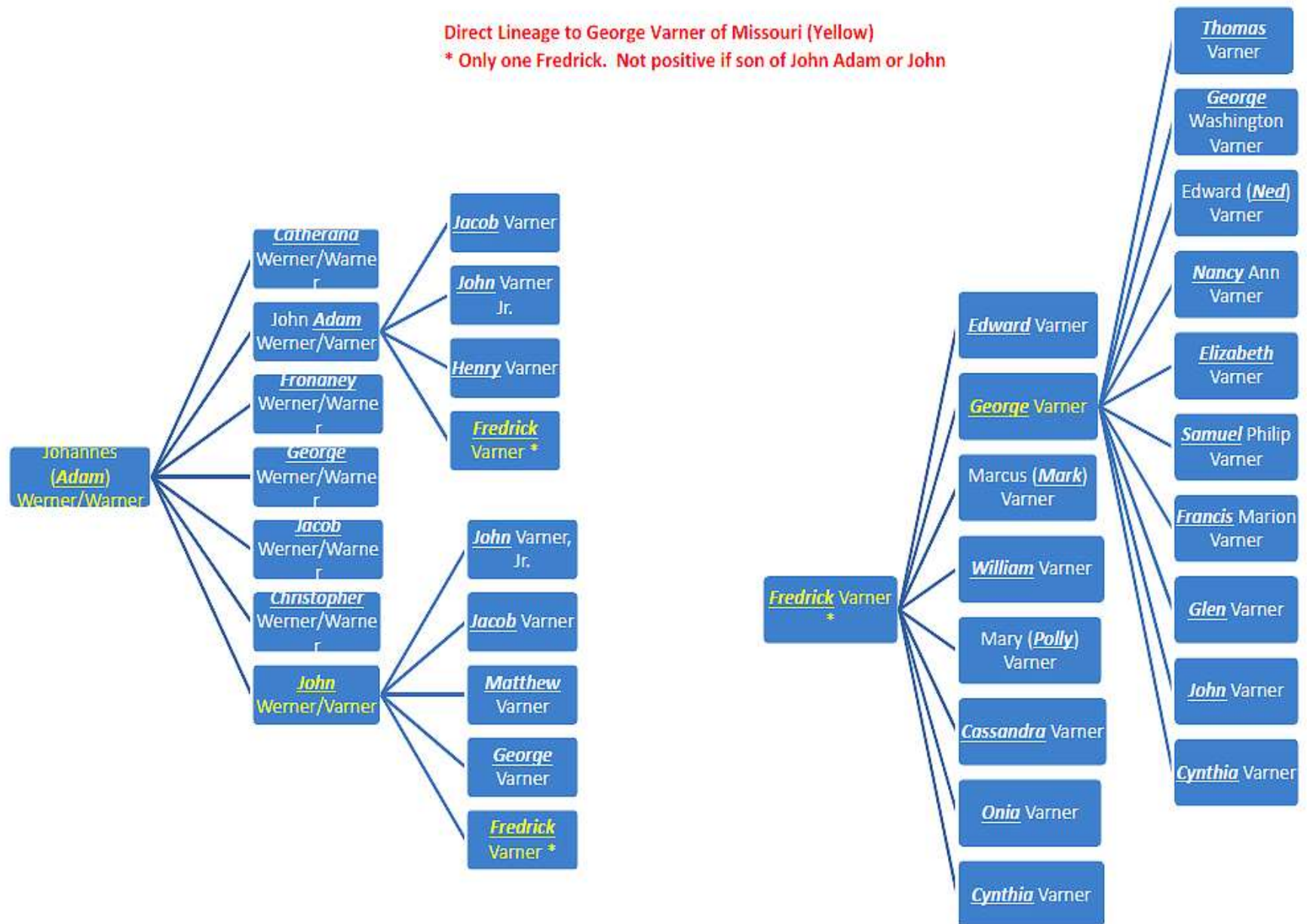
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## EARLY VARNER LINEAGE

Direct Lineage to George Varner of Missouri (Yellow)

\* Only one Fredrick. Not positive if son of John Adam or John



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### Facts:

- Fredrick Varner of Oglethorpe Co. Georgia had a son George
- He is the only known George Varner of the correct age in Georgia that could be our George Varner
- Fredrick gave land in Morgan County to his son George in 1808
- Fredrick's son George seems to disappear from records in Georgia after 1818 & records provide no conclusion what happened to Fredrick's son George
- Fredrick also had a son named Edward & a daughter named Cynthia. None of the other close Varner line's used the first name of Edward or Cynthia.



# Linking George to the Owen Family

## Facts:

- June 12, 1812 Minutes of the County Line Baptist Church in Oglethorpe Co. Georgia references slaves belonging to Glen Owen & Fredrick Varner
- Public records confirm that Glen Owen was father of Thomas Owen
- Public records confirm that Thomas Owen married Nancy Varner in 1810 Oglethorpe
- Thomas Owen & George Varner lived near each other for many years in Missouri
- There were no other Owen families in Missouri during this timeframe
- Records for Thomas Owen of Missouri show he was from Oglethorpe County, Georgia
- Census provides probability Harriet was the daughter of Thomas

## What Can be Deducted

### Conclusions:

- George Varner of Missouri is from Oglethorpe County, Georgia
- George Varner of Missouri is Fredrick Varner of Oglethorpe Co. Georgia's son
- George Varner of Missouri had a brother named Edward & sister named Cynthia
- George Varner moved to Missouri between 1818 and 1819
- Thomas Owen family moved to Missouri during this same timeframe
- Owen and Varner families knew each other in Oglethorpe County
- Glen Owen (Thomas's father) & Fredrick Varner (George's father) went to the same church
- Thomas Owen married a Nancy Varner in Oglethorpe County
- George Varner and Thomas Owen were not only friends, but lived close to each other for much of their lives in Missouri
- Records provide supporting evidence from age ranges that Harriet Owen was George's wife



## Next Steps in Georgia

### Need study in Georgia

- Copy of records in Morgan Co.GA. where George Varner received land from father Fredrick in 1808, sold that same year & 1809 tax list
- Study Georgia county records in the counties where it is known George passed through
- Study history books on Georgia about migrations patterns from Georgia for most likely route
- Study to try & determine exactly who's child was Nancy Varner that married Thomas Owen
- **DNA sample** from a direct male descendant of George Varner of Missouri to compare to existing samples of Varner's from Georgia
- Did George Varner come to Missouri earlier?

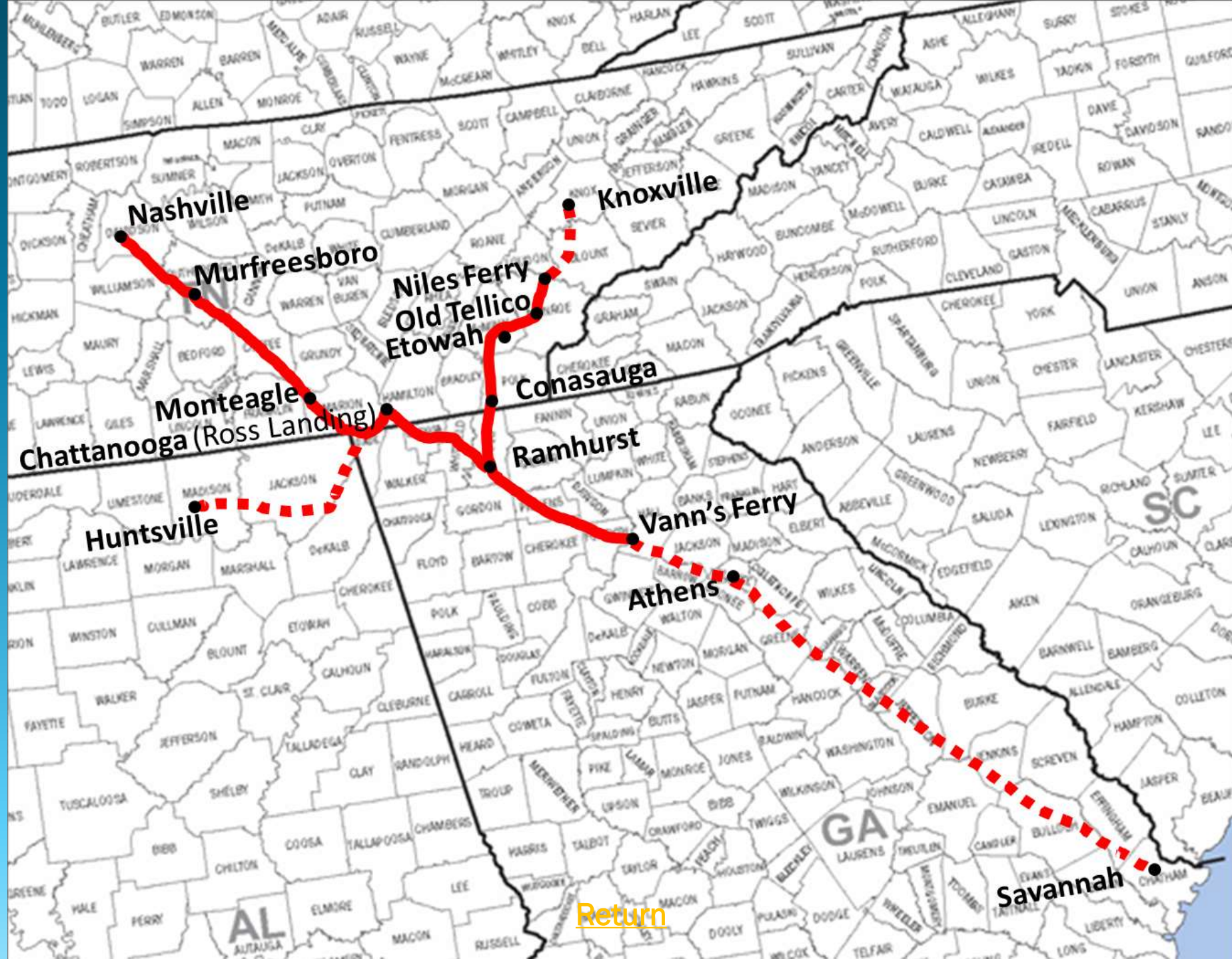
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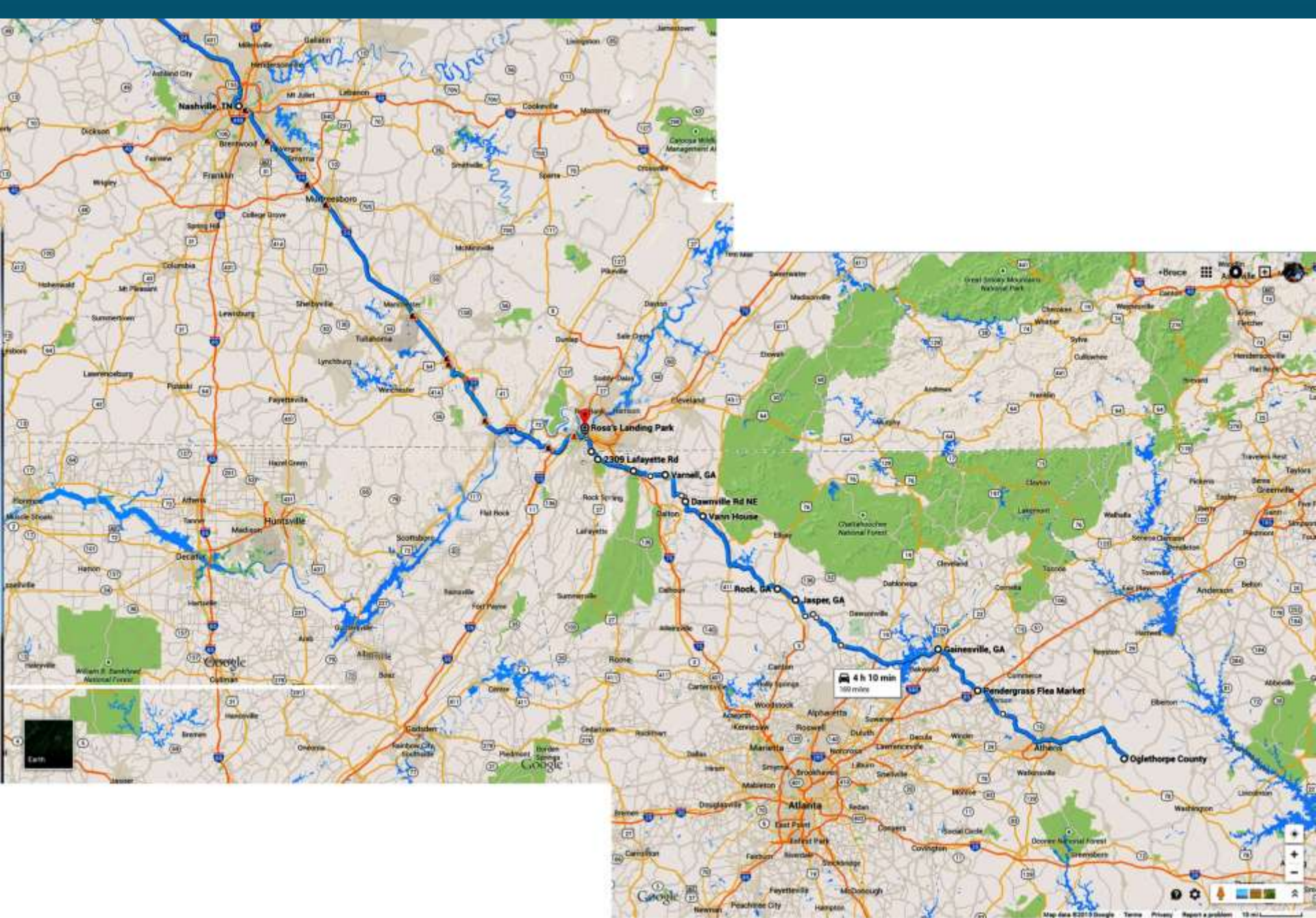
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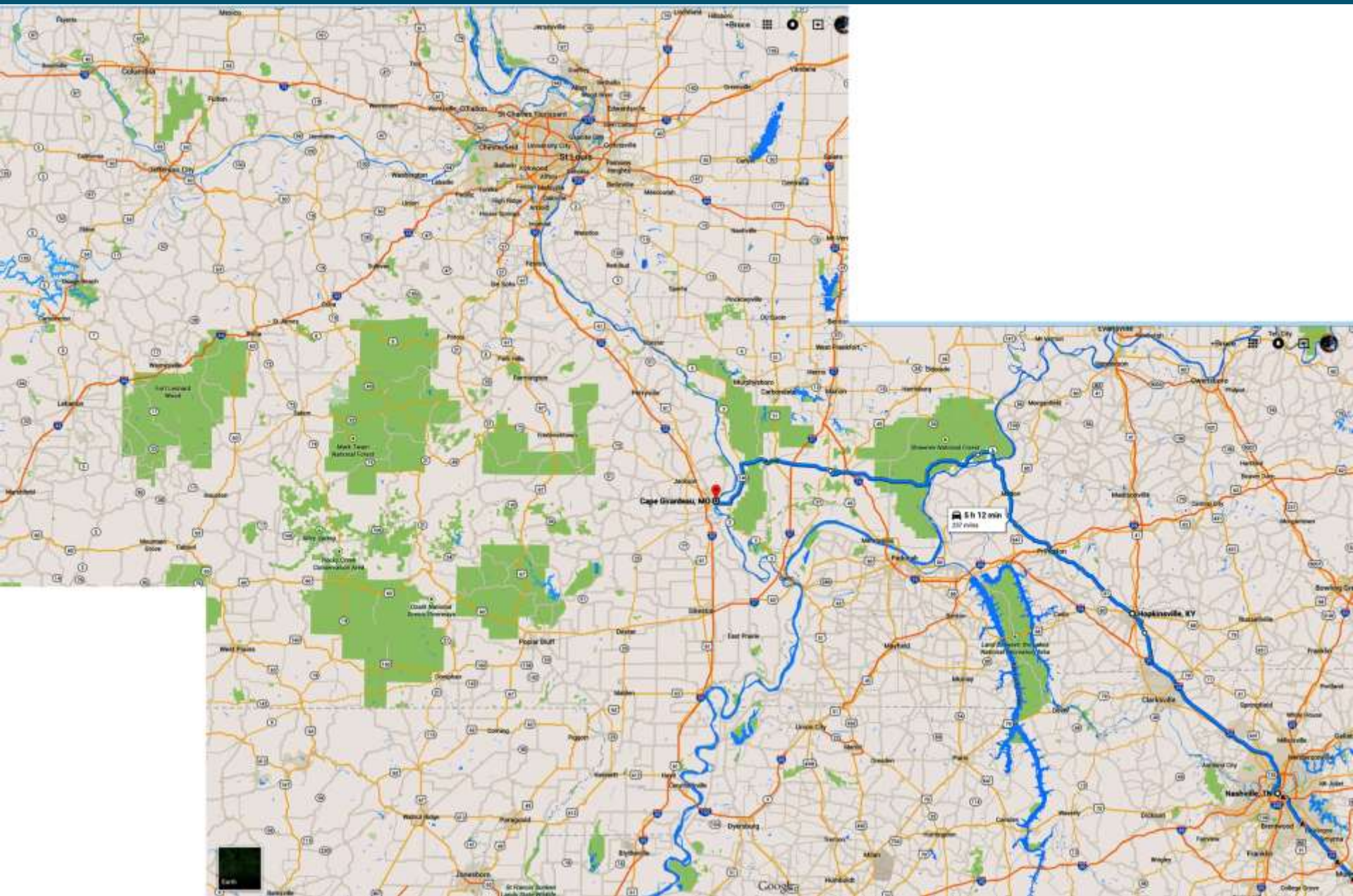
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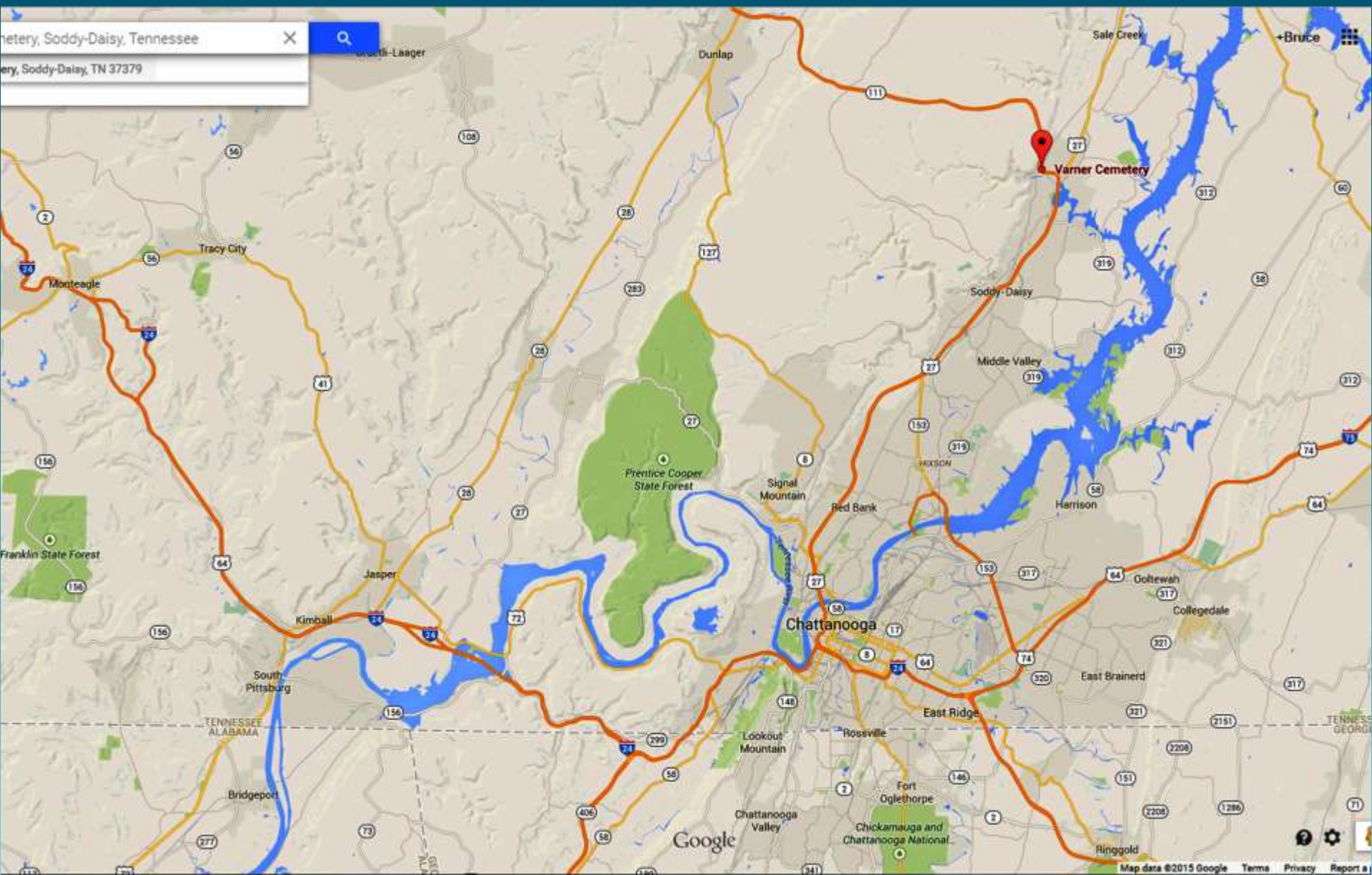
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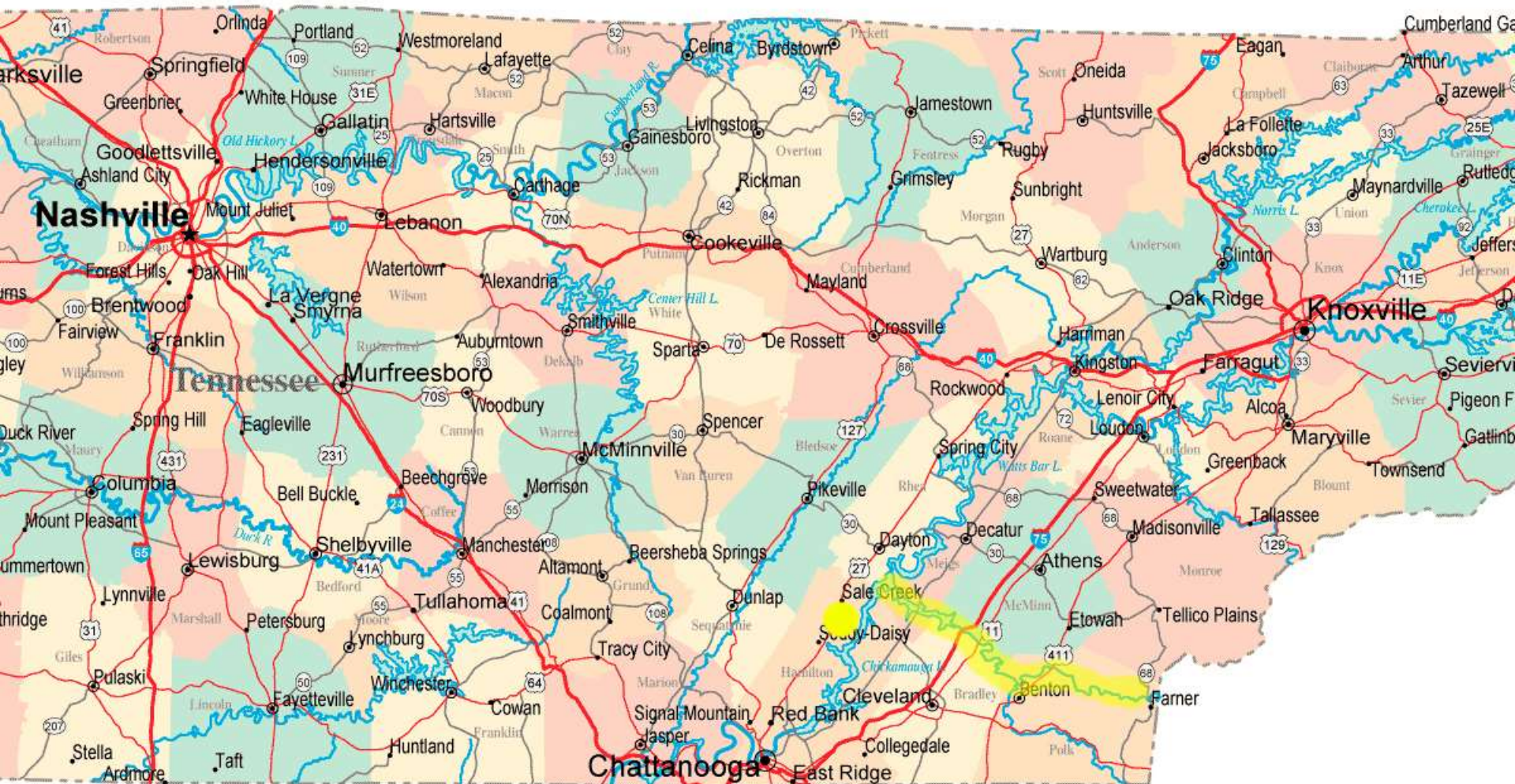
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Maybe you will be who finds the answer!



*Help locate a willing male descendant  
of George Varner to submit DNA!!!!*

*So all can be confirmed!*

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