



EAST AFRICA (NO. 1)  
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25 Sept

Land for Fibre Factory

Asks that Prot Govt be enabled to grant 20 acres in the Kikumbulu Reserve to Mr. Owen Robert for the erection of a fibre factory to plan showing able.

(Minutes)

Mr. Antedon

Says that the P.P.F. is much opposed to grants of land in a native reserve and is not prepared to put forward a suggestion to make such a grant. If the Govt would recommend that application be put forward the P.P.F. would be prepared to consider it but the recommendation must come through the

C.P.F.

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Copy forwarded to Mr. Owen Robert 20/9/08

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TELEPHONE NO. (1964) (1965) LONDON WALL.



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Recd 29 SEP 08

2, BOND COURT,

Waltham.

London, E.C.

26th September 1908.

LINKLATER & CO  
 15, BISHOPSGATE  
 LONDON, E.C. 4  
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 LONDON, E.C. 4

My Lord,

Referring to the conversation which we had with Mr. Ellis, at the Colonial Office to-day, at which interview Mr. Barton Wright, the Land Officer of British East Africa was also present, we beg to request that you will cause the necessary authority to be sent out to Nairobi, authorising the grant to our Client, Mr. D. Owen Roberts of about 20 acres in the Kikumbulu Native Reserve for the erection of a Fibre Factory. The site of the proposed factory is approximately shown in red ink on the accompanying plan, and is situate to the South of the Masongolini River.

As we informed Mr. Ellis, our Client has applied for a fibre concession over the area coloured blue on the plan, a portion of the area being situate in the Kikumbulu Native Reserve. It is important to our Client that the factory should be situate on or about the site shown on the plan on account of the transportation facilities to the Uganda Railway, and it is also important, for the reasons hereafter specified, that the site for the factory should

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be granted as soon as possible.

Our Client is not asking that his application for the concession itself which covers the Native Reserve should be dealt with. In the event of his being granted the site for the factory, he will, until the Native Reserve is thrown open, and his concession can be granted, arrange to purchase the fibre from the Natives themselves, instead of employing the Natives to cut the fibre for him.

The territory covered by the application has been examined and reported upon by Mr. Owen Grant, and he reports that there are no Natives living on, or adjacent to the proposed site for the factory, and that the erection of the factory will not in any way interfere with or disturb the Natives in the Reserve, whereas the erection of the factory and the creation of a market for the fibre which is an indigenous product must be to the advantage of the Natives as they will easily be able to earn money by collecting the fibre and bringing it to the factory for sale.

It is important that our Client's application should be dealt with quickly, as Mr. Grant is in communication with a firm in the City who are proposing to find the money to erect the factory, and commence operations, and unless our Client's negotiations can be closed shortly, it is probable that the opportunity will be lost, and that a long time may elapse before another opportunity

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for obtaining the necessary capital may arise. As you are, no doubt aware, it is difficult to find capital for an enterprise of this character.

We may draw your attention to the fact that the creation and operation of the Factory would have the effect of creating considerable traffic for the Uganda Railway, as it is estimated that the Factory would turn out approximately 500 tons per annum of finished Fibre, which would have to be marketed over the Uganda Railway.

In conclusion, we would point out that other large areas in the Kikumbulu Native Reserve to the extent of over 100 square miles have already been granted, whereas our Client only asks for the right to erect a factory on about 50 acres.

We have, my Lord, the honour to remain,

Your obedient servants,

The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Cromer, K.C.V.O.

ac. do.

Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs,

Colonial Office,

WHITEHALL, S. W.

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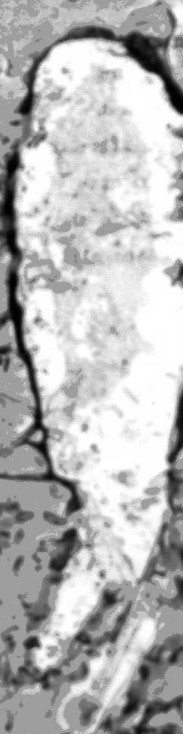
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special case, be prepared to consider it, but the recommendation must come through the Governor.

3. It must, however, be clearly understood that Lord Grew can hold out no hope that he will be able to consider favourably any application for land in a Native Reserve for ordinary purposes of cultivation:  
I have etc.,

(Signed) R. L. ANTROBUS.





E.A.P.

(No. 521)

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you, in  
infy. copy of corresp. with Messrs  
Linklater and Co. on the subject of the  
application for a grant of land in the  
Kikumbalili Native Reserve.

I am very reluctant to approve of the  
grant of land in Native Reserve, but  
it is possible that the location of the  
proposed factory would benefit the  
residents in the Reserve. I shall be glad  
to consider an application for the grant  
of an additional line of fence for  
this purpose if you strongly recommend  
it.

H.R.C. 16/10

Mr Willie

Mr Antrobus

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for Gensor

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Tracing of Original.

Rough Sketch Plan.

Sansiviera Concession.

applied for by

D. Owen Roberts.

*Owen Roberts*

*March 1891*

Boundaries adjoining Concessions

As informed to inspect.

Proposed Boundary.

Cuts. —————

Recesses. □

Trolley Lines

Paths

Uganda Railway.

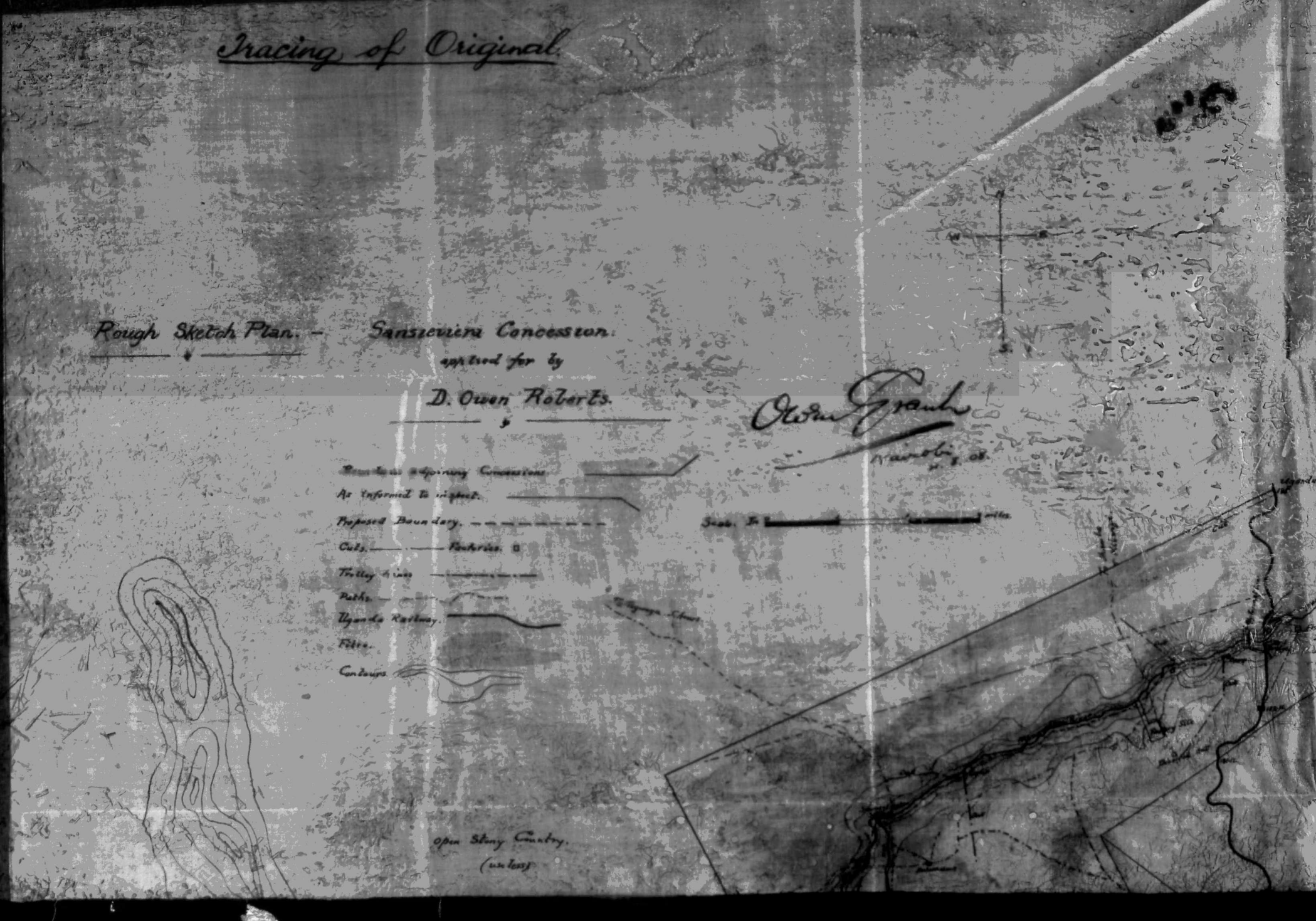
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Scale. 1" = 1 mile

Open Stony Country.

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Sketch Plan -

Sanssouviere Concession

approved for by

D. Owen Roberts.

*Owen Grant*  
Surveyor

Boundaries adjoining Concessions

As informed to Agents

Proposed Boundary

Cuts

Trails

Paths

Uganda Railway

Fences

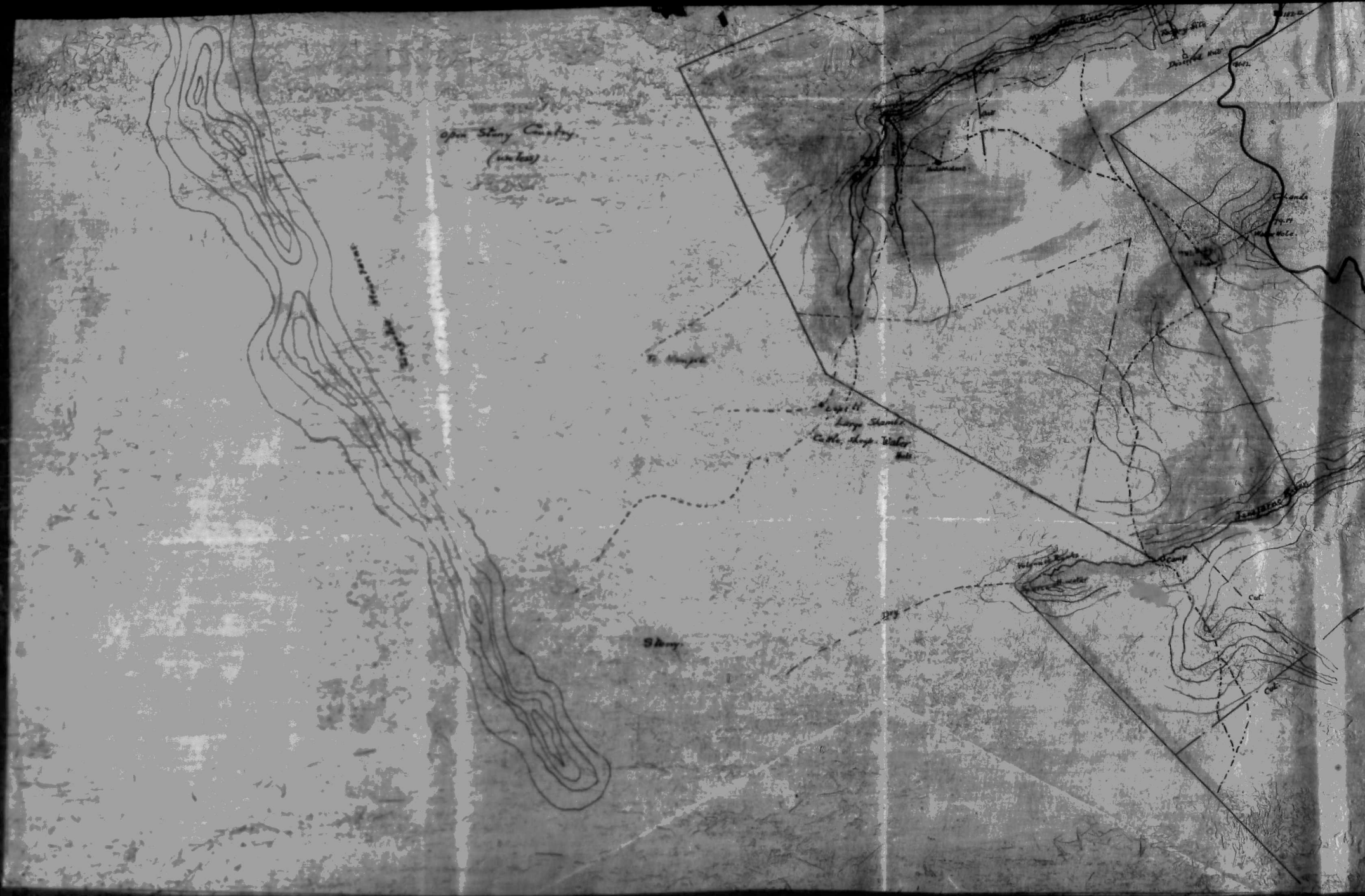
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Open Stereogram

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Open Stony Country  
(under)

Stony  
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Large Stone  
Cuts, deep Water  
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Stony

TAMPA RIVER

DUNSTON ROAD  
1901

1825-6  
1911  
1912



open stony country  
(under)

Deserted Area

R. Haupt

Haupt  
Long Street  
Cable, deep water

3 km

Deserted Area

Contour  
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Trails