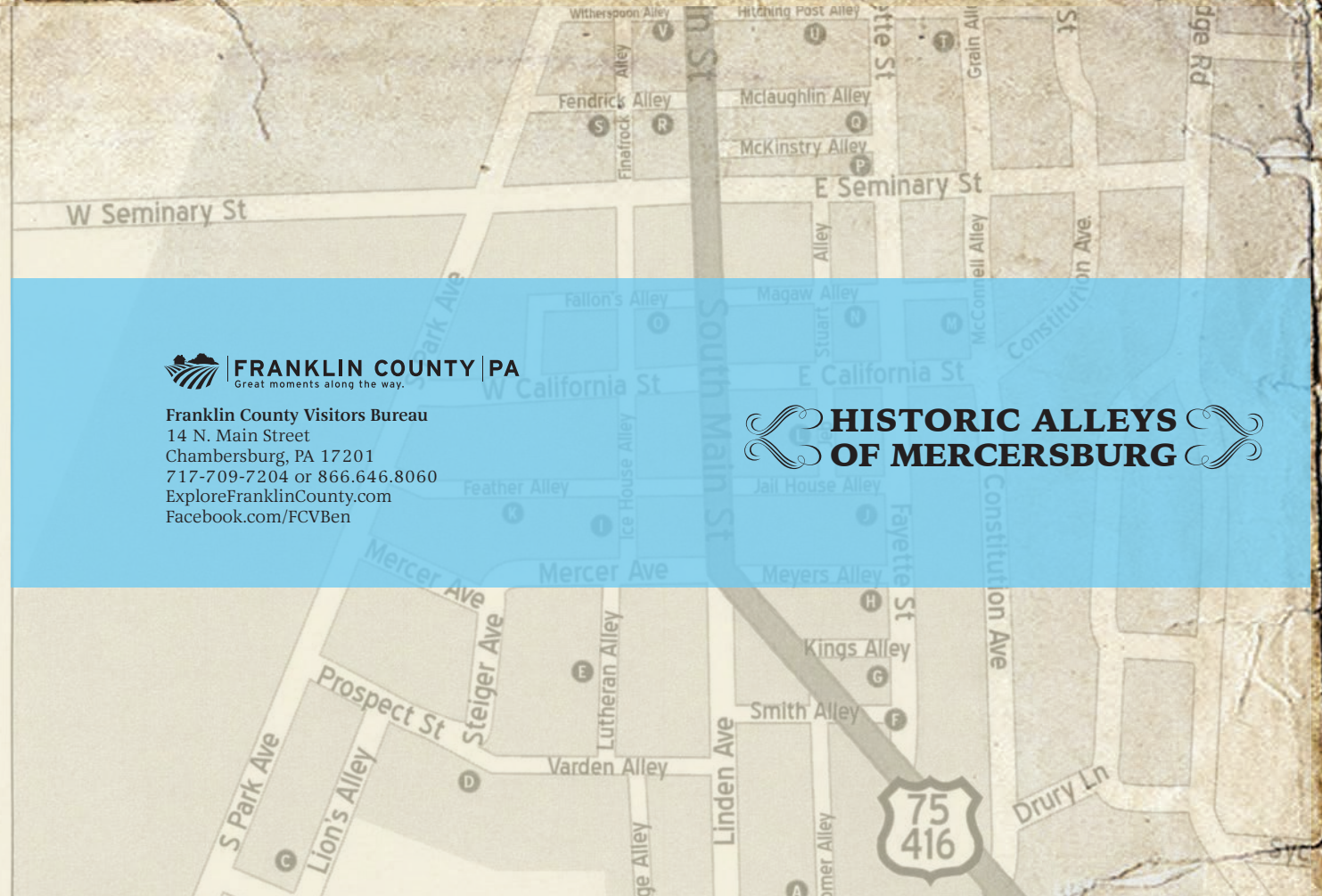




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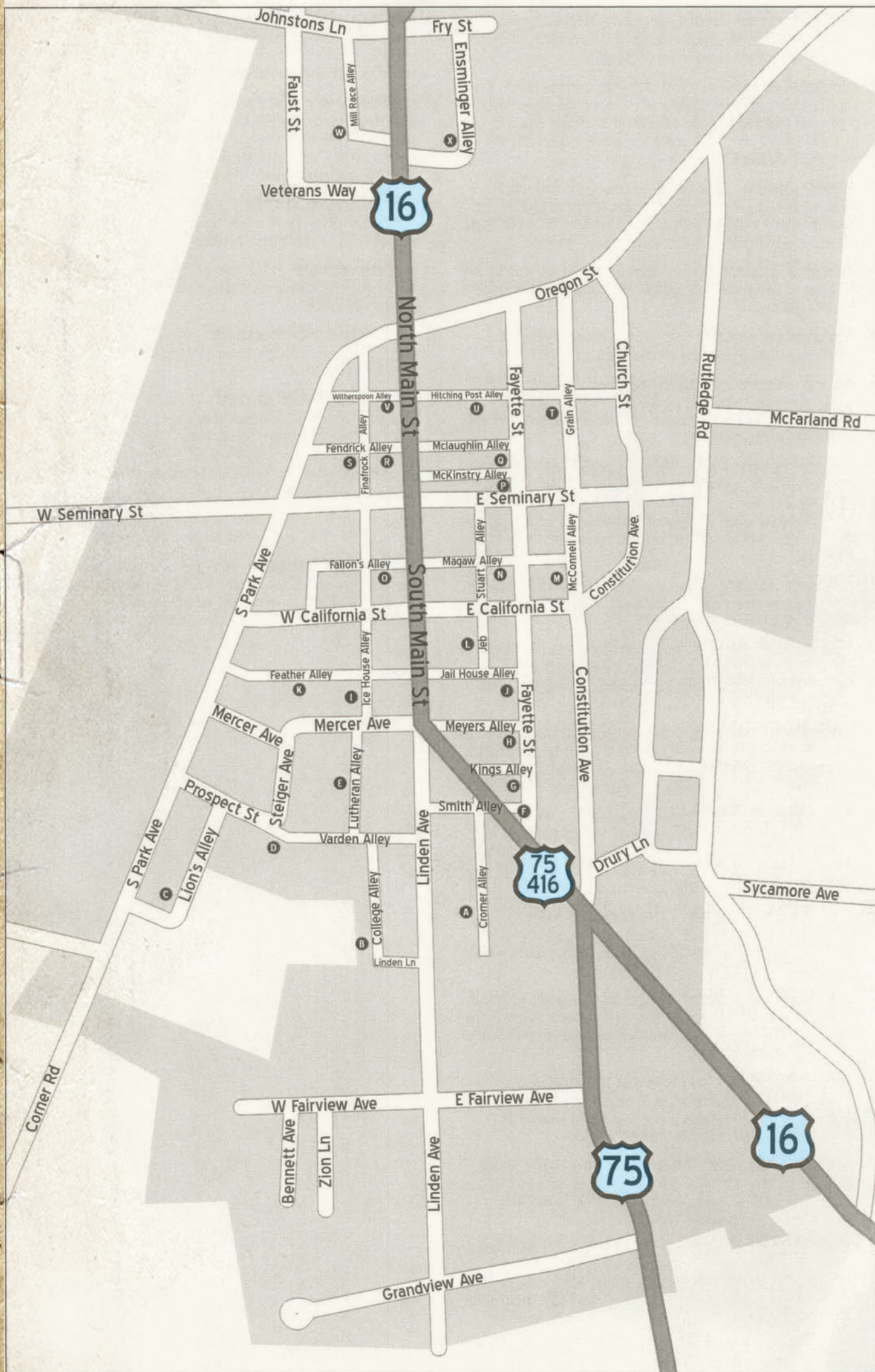
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ALLEYS of MERCERSBURG

A. CROMER ALLEY - In July of 1858, Michael Cromer was known for his Herculean strength. He cradled 12 1/2 acres of wheat by hand in a single day.

B. COLLEGE ALLEY - In 1835 Marshal College was established with the President's House, Diagonthian Hall, and Goethean Hall. Marshal College moved to Lancaster in 1853 and became Franklin & Marshal College.

C. LIONS ALLEY - The Mercersburg Lions Club was founded in 1941. Club projects include the Community Park, Halloween Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Community Fair, and many more.

D. VARDEN ALLEY - Dr. Robert B. Varden was first a dentist and later returned to medical school to become a family doctor.

E. LUTHERAN ALLEY - St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church was dedicated in 1867.

F. SMITH ALLEY - William H. Smith built a 12-room classical revival style mansion around 1908. He called his home "Rosemont" which is still lived in today.

G. KING'S ALLEY - Mrs. Ruth King's variety store sold kerosene, groceries, canned goods, thread and penny candy. A favorite being the "bacon" candy - five inch strips of chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla shaped like bacon and dusted with coconut.

H. MEYERS ALLEY - Many members of the Meyers family both then and now have contributed to the vitality of Mercersburg.

I. ICE HOUSE ALLEY - The old ice house stored the ice in sawdust, then was sawed off and delivered to customers in blocks of 15, 20, and 25 pounds.

J. JAIL HOUSE ALLEY - In 1903 a jail with one cell was constructed for \$4,000.00. Residents could be arrested for foul cesspools or dirty hog pens. The fines were 24 hours in jail or pay \$5 to \$25.

K. FEATHER ALLEY - Frank Feather never had a home but traveled through out Franklin County carving pieces of wood for his room and board. Most notably are the walking canes which are cherished today by folk art connoisseurs.

L. JEB STUART ALLEY - Confederate Major General J.E.B. Stuart raided Mercersburg on October 10, 1862. He along with 1800 men took hostages, supplies, and horses.

M. McCONNELL ALLEY - Hugh McConnell started Mercersburg Stone and Earthen Ware Pottery in 1826. His pottery was well known and desired all over the East coast.

N. MAGAW ALLEY - Dr. William Magaw was a Revolutionary War surgeon in the Pennsylvania regiments and then a long time physician in Mercersburg from 1784 until 1823.

O. FALLON'S ALLEY - Michael Fallon came from Ireland in the 1700's. The family produced fire chiefs, businessmen, teachers, WWII fighter pilots, just to name a few.

P. MCKINSTRY ALLEY - In 1796 William McKinstry arrived from Belfast, Ireland with every thing he owned tied in a handkerchief. He became a successful general store owner, farmer, builder, justice of the peace, and soldier in war of 1812.

Q. McLAUGHLIN ALLEY - Dr. Juanita McLaughlin practiced family medicine for more than sixty years. Brother Jack was a pharmacist and had a wonderful soda fountain business.

R. FENDRICK ALLEY - Mrs. Virginia Shannon Fendrick was a charter member of the Mercersburg Women's Club and chaired the first publication of "Old Mercersburg" in 1911. The family donated the "Fendrick Library" building.

S. FINAFROCK ALLEY - John L. Finafrock was a teacher, principal, and then superintendent of schools in Franklin County.

T. GRAIN ALLEY - The farmers of the community brought the labors of their fields to the local grain elevator.

U. HITCHING POST ALLEY - A public parking lot that once was full of horse and buggies is now filled with cars.

V. WITHERSPOON ALLEY - James Witherspoon worked as a cashier at the Farmers Bank. He was a direct ancestor of John Witherspoon, a signer of The Declaration of Independence, and a President of Princeton College in New Jersey.

W. CREAMERY ALLEY - Dairy farming was and still is a way of life in the Mercersburg area. Milk was brought to the creamery for processing and distribution.

X. ENSMINGER ALLEY - Abram Ensminger ran a grain mill. The mill's large water wheel was powered by a race that ran next to the property.

Y. MILL RACE ALLEY - A race is a man-made course to channel water for use elsewhere. There was a dam on Johnston Run. Water would be released to go through the race to the local mill.

