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Keeper's Introduction

The Preacher and the Cross introduces the investigators to aspects of racism in the America of the 1920s as they battle against a Mythos cult operating behind the Ku Klux Klan to murder the parents of the as yet unborn Martin Luther King, Jr.

The investigation is ideally suited for a mixed group, with characters who specialize in the skills of house-breaking and safe-cracking meshing well with those who prefer the more cerebral methods of enquiry used by journalists and academics. It is probable, however, that all investigators will benefit from better than average combat skills, for once their discoveries take them to Atlanta things are likely to be somewhat less intellectual.

The Wideawakes

The Wideawakes are a secretive religious and social association of ostensibly Christian Americans whose interest lies in the future strength and vigour of their country. Although not actively racist, the Wideawakes are implicitly dedicated to preserving the concept of America as predominantly white, Anglo-Saxon and Protestant. They do not overtly preach antipathy towards other races and religions - which distinguishes them from the Ku Klux Klan, at least in their public image.

However, the Wideawakes have actually been set up by G. Hart Lambert to further his own ends. Lambert is both Klan Grand Titan of Cobb County, Georgia, and a fanatical follower of the Mythos. In the logic of his own twisted mind he sees these roles as mutually supportive, but while the Klan is an ideal vehicle for promoting his own racist ideal for America, as a means of advancing the cause of the Mythos it is far from perfect. Furthermore, although he may be insane, Lambert is clever enough to see that the knee-jerk racism of the Klan is not necessarily the best organization for promoting white Protestant supremacy outside its bastions in the rural South and amongst influential middle class city-dwellers. Also, Lambert has far more control over the Wideawakes than he has over the Klan; few know that he is the real force behind the Wideawakes and he keeps the fact of his leadership a closely guarded secret.

Using the spell *Look to the Future*, Lambert has sent a few selected Wideawake volunteers into the future to find what it holds for the white race so that he may lay his plans accordingly. Amongst the discoveries brought back by one of the three

survivors of these trips has been a page from a volume of an encyclopedia published in 1994. To Lambert's incredulous horror he finds that in 1992 a black has been elected President of the United States. This man has previously been instrumental in scoring major victories for the desegregation and equal rights' movement of the 1950s and 1960s which lays the foundation for black political, economic and social advancement: he is Martin Luther King, Jr.

Overcoming his shock, Lambert determines to do something about this. He finds from the encyclopedia that King's parents are citizens of Georgia, residents of nearby Atlanta, only a short distance from where he spins his webs of evil conspiracy. Here is a golden opportunity! He plots to slay the mother and father and so obliterate the birth of the son. But his warped mind will not allow the deaths to be accomplished simply. King is obviously a nexus, a focus for everything Lambert hates and loathes: it would be fitting and proper if the murder of his parents were turned into a sacrifice to the Mythos, a sacrifice that will help unleash a supreme force for destruction and madness in the world. This will make a satisfactory pattern, a balance of opposites, a nullification of the nexus.

Time Travel and Paradox

That Martin Luther King, Jr., becomes President of the United States visited by the time-traveling Wideawake agents of G. Hart Lambert does not mean that the investigators live in the past of a world different from our own. Through the actions of Lambert and his henchmen, and through the intervention of the investigators against them, disturbances are introduced into the flow of space-time, the consequences of which can only be guessed at. We must assume that amongst these consequences are the actions of a murderer on 4th April, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

Part One: The Murder of Father Aurelio

Background Information

Father Anthony Aurelio is a teacher at St Patrick's College, the Catholic University of Boston. He is a member of the Society of Jesus and has a particular interest, beyond his academic studies, in the existence of Christian secret

religious societies in North America. As he has delved into the Wideawakes he has begun to reach a realization of the foulness that stalks the world in the forms of the Mythos and their human servants.

Father Aurelio has learnt that the Boston Wideawakes are part of a wider web of conspiracy whose tentacles reach out across the nation. He has discovered that it is a front for a cult of what he perceives as a group of devil-worshippers dedicated to a particularly despicable manifestation of Satan. He has discovered that the cult is planning a series of ritual murders, but not who the victims are and neither where nor why they are to be slain. He has not found out that the Wideawakes have close associations with the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia.

Unfortunately for Father Aurelio, the Wideawakes have become disturbed by his investigations and are aware that he has uncovered at least something of their secrets and plans. Acting on his own initiative, the leader of the Boston Wideawakes - Mayhew Cooper - orders the murder of Father Aurelio and conspires with fellow cultist Captain George Pierce of Boston's 99th Police Precinct to frame a minor criminal for the killing, so precluding any wider police investigation.

Choose one of your player's investigators, who ideally should be a resident of Massachusetts and either a parapsychologist or a psychiatrist/doctor, and give him PP #1. Allow him and those of his associates with whom he discusses this information around forty-eight hours to undertake whatever action they decide upon.

Henrietta G. McCormack

Other than her function as a conduit for the portent of Father Aurelio's murder, Mrs McCormack is an entirely innocent party in this investigation and the investigators will be unable to unearth anything suspicious about either her or her late husband, who was an eminently respectable banker. She is not a Catholic and has no knowledge of St Patrick's College other than the fact of its existence.

To the best of her ability Mrs McCormack will fall in with whatever her psychiatrist/parapsychologist/doctor asks her to do to help her lay her dream to rest. However, you should always remember her position, age and relative frailty: she will not be a candidate for staking out the gazebo or sneaking around the campus of St Patrick's trying to identify the men in her dream.

Should the investigators wish to hypnotize Mrs McCormack to find out whether there are details of her dream that her conscious mind has forgotten, a

PP #1: Mrs McCormack's Dream

It is the afternoon of Tuesday, 10th March, 1925. Mrs Henrietta G. McCormack, relict of the late Arthur F. McCormack and one of the wealthiest women in Boston, has just completed a session with you. She has told you of a recurring dream that has upset her greatly.

In her dream, Mrs McCormack is aware first of being in a park on a bright, moonlit night. Snow is on the ground and leafless trees are around her. Through the trees she can see an expanse of open ground in the centre of which there is a gazebo built in the fashion of a pagoda. Beyond this there is an evergreen hedge and beyond the hedge she can just make out the roof of a building. She feels herself drawn towards the gazebo. She notices without any alarm that she does not leave footprints in the snow, nor does she make any sound as she walks. She climbs the steps into the pagoda. It is a one-storey structure, with glass doors and windows which allow someone inside to look in all directions. The walls are covered with drawings of open eyes and for the first time she begins to feel uncomfortable. She senses that the eyes are watching and waiting for someone, but not for her. She wants to leave the gazebo, but feels compelled to remain within and cannot move.

After a period of time - she can't say how long, but she knows that she feels more and more fearful as she waits - she hears a noise. She looks through one of the windows and sees two men walking towards the gazebo from the direction of the hedge. One is tall, heavily built and wearing a hat. The other is shorter, thinner and bare-headed. Both are wearing overcoats and scarves; she can't see what else they are wearing, but somehow she knows that the smaller man is a holy man. Suddenly she senses an awful presence of evil and, looking about her for the danger that she feels is about to overwhelm her, sees that the eyes have vanished. She wants to run, but can't. She hears a cry from outside and, looking through the window again, she sees the shorter man running towards the hedge; the larger man is standing with his hand outstretched, pointing at the other. There is a popping noise and the small man staggers a few paces and falls to the ground; he tries to push himself up, but can't. The big man walks deliberately towards him, stands over him, points at him again and two more pops sound. The little man doesn't move any more. The large man bends over and begins to search the dead (?) man's pockets. Mrs McCormack tries to cry out, but can't. At this point she awakens.

She has had the dream at least once every other night for the last ten days and wants your help to explain it so that it won't keep recurring.

successful use of the Psychoanalysis skill is necessary; unfortunately, Mrs McCormack can supply no more information than she has already given.

The Dream

Mrs McCormack's dream experience is quite straightforward. She has developed a psychic sensitivity to certain emanations and has received a portent about Father Aurelio's murder, which she has foreseen in some detail but not in exactitude. The eyes on the walls of the gazebo are simply symbolic of the Wideawakes and have no deeper significance.

A special success with the Occult skill will allow an investigator to deduce from the nature and detail of the dream that it is a view of the future and not a memory of the past. However, determining where the murder is taking place and who is being killed will be more difficult.

None of the investigators should be familiar with St Patrick's College, which is a small and exclusive university. However, the pagoda-style gazebo is a distinctive landmark if it is pursued as a source of identification. For each hour spent in Boston Public Library, an investigator making a successful Library Use and a Luck roll will find an unmistakable reference to such a pagoda being found in the grounds of St Patrick's College. To find similar information in newspaper files will require a success with Credit Rating followed by similar Library Use and Luck rolls. Optionally, an investigator who achieves a special success with Knowledge will, if he is a long-term resident of Boston, recognize the gazebo from his general acquaintance with the city's landmarks.

Nevertheless, even if the gazebo is identified, discovering Father Aurelio's identity should prove impossible. The Dean of the College, Father Patrick Brennan, will be happy to see any investigator with a plausible reason who can make a successful Credit Rating, Fast Talk or appropriate academic skill roll (Archaeology, Chemistry, History or any Language), but only a special success will get an appointment at less than a day's notice; Mrs O'Grady, Father Brennan's secretary, is adamant about the routine of the Dean's life.

Father Brennan will do his best to help anyone with a legitimate reason for trying to find someone associated with St Patrick's, but without a name Mrs McCormack's description is insufficient to identify them: there's no established connection between the character in the dream and the university, after all. Give the players full credit for whatever reasons their investigators provide for wanting to find Father Aurelio and for whatever plans they come up with for identifying him, but make sure that even if they do run the

priest to earth it will be just too late to save his life.

It is almost certain that the investigators will think of staking out the gazebo overnight. An Idea roll will produce the not unreasonable thought that they have no indication when the murder will take place, but another special success with the Occult skill will indicate that the images of Mrs McCormack's dream were so vivid that it must be imminent (you may allow this to be deduced at the time of the earlier Occult skill if you choose).

However, even if the investigators mount a watch on the gazebo on the night of Father Aurelio's murder, they will see nothing, even though they will have the opportunity of practising their Camouflage and/or Hide skills. Mrs McCormack's dream was erroneous in the location at which it placed the shooting, her psychic perceptions being distorted by the priest's association with St Patrick's College. The watchers will spend a cold, fruitless night.

The Boston Evening News for March 12th will carry a report on the killing of Father Aurelio. This should be given to the investigators on the afternoon or evening of the 12th and is provided as PP #2. They will almost certainly make a connection between the report and Mrs McCormack's dream: they are right!

PP #2: *The Boston Evening News*, Thursday, March 12th, 1925

BRUTAL SLAYING OF PRIEST

Earlier today the police reported the discovery in Franklin Park of the shot-to-death body of Father Anthony Aurelio, a teacher at St Patrick's College. Father Aurelio's body was discovered by Mr Edward Casey, a city employee engaged in maintenance work in the park.

According to the police, Father Aurelio was shot at least three times, twice at point-blank range. There were no signs of a struggle, but Father Aurelio's wallet and pocket-watch were missing.

We must ask ourselves what kind of evil mind takes the life of a man of God in this brutal fashion.

Part Two: The Boston Investigation

The Homicide Department

The investigators will undoubtedly try to discover more details about the killing of Father Aurelio. The city's Homicide Department is handling the case, with Lieutenant Jack Mulroney in charge of the investigation. An investigator who has proper cause for enquiry (such as a lawyer, private eye, law officer, journalist or, possibly, gangster) and who achieves a successful use of Law

with one of Mulroneys's subordinates confirms the details below about Father Aurelio's death and the ensuing police investigation. If the investigators don't already have a contact in the Homicide Department, this will be a chance for you to introduce them to Detective Pete O'Bannion.

- Father Aurelio was shot three times in the back with a .38 revolver, twice at point-blank range. The police doctor estimates time of death at between 11 pm Wednesday night and 3 am Thursday morning.

- The pistol used in the murder has not yet been recovered. Franklin Park and the surrounding district are being searched in case the weapon was thrown away. Residents living near the Park are being interviewed in case they saw anything.

- All precincts in the city are co-operating in the search for the killer. Officers have spread a dragnet and are pulling in known criminals and stool-pigeons in the hopes of uncovering a lead.

- If it is Saturday evening or later, a successful Fast Talk in conjunction with a bribe of at least \$10 from a 'legitimate' inquirer (private eye, journalist or, possibly, gangster), will lead the detective to tell the investigator 'off the record' that the 99th Precinct has discovered a couple of eye-witnesses and an arrest is expected shortly. The officer will not, however, name names no matter what the investigators try (he doesn't know any at this stage) and no one else in Homicide will be able to help them.

The 99th Precinct

Captain George Pierce, commander of Boston's 99th Precinct, is a leading member of the Boston chapter of the Wideawakes and privy to its innermost secrets. With Mayhew Cooper and Walter Davis he has conspired to murder Father Aurelio and frame recidivist petty criminal Joe Flynn for the crime. His particular henchman and strong right arm within the Precinct is Sergeant Harry Green, a corrupt and bigoted cop but not a member of the Wideawakes. Neither Cooper nor Davis knows of Pierce's close association with Green.

Successful enquiries at the 99th Precinct require a Luck roll to avoid directing those enquiries at the wrong officer (if an investigator is sufficiently unlucky then Green is the desk sergeant when he asks his questions and simply stalls while trying to determine the cause of the investigator's interest). Again a successful use of Law by a 'proper person' is required and in the same vein as the last item of information at the Homicide Department, a \$10 sweetener will uncover the following.

- The police have two eye-witnesses to the fact that someone was seen drinking in a speakeasy and heard threatening to kill the priest. They have a

third eyewitness who saw Father Aurelio and the suspect together near Franklin Park at approximately 11 pm on Wednesday night.

This is all that can be uncovered at this point and an investigator pressing questions will receive short shrift: a journalist will be told that a statement to the press will be issue 'shortly', a gumshoe will be told to 'get lost', etc.

GEORGE PIERCE: Police Captain

STR	15	CON	15	SIZ	15
INT	13	POW	12	DEX	12
APP	12	EDU	16		
SAN	30	HP	15		

Weapons: Fist/Punch 85% 1D3+1D4
Nightstick 70% 1D6+1D4
.38 revolver 60% 1D10

Skills: Credit Rating 60%, Cthulhu Mythos 15%, Dodge 35%, Drive Automobile 40%, Law 65%

Spells: Voorish Sign

HARRY GREEN: Police Sergeant

STR	15	CON	11	SIZ	14
INT	11	POW	9	DEX	13
APP	8	EDU	14		
SAN	45	HP	13		

Weapons: Fist/Punch 65% 1D3+1D4
Nightstick 60% 1D6+1D4
.38 revolver 55% 1D10

Skills: Dodge 50%, Drive Automobile 65%, Fast Talk 60%

Edward Casey

Ed Casey is the man who discovered the body of Father Aurelio. He is an employee of the city Parks' Department. The investigators can trace him through city records with either a successful use of Credit Rating or Fast Talk. Bribery (\$5-\$10) will be efficacious if all else fails. A journalist will be able to track down Casey through his newspaper.

Casey is in his fifties, overweight and balding; he smokes foul-smelling cigars all the time and can move them from side to side of his mouth, without using his hands, with consummate skill, talking all the while. He will be as helpful as he can, especially if money is waved in his direction. If he thinks the inquirers are journalists, he will be even keener to talk: finding the priest's body is the most

exciting thing that has ever happened to him, turning him into an important person for the first time in his life. Unfortunately for the investigators, he has little information to give them. If asked directly, he will remember that there wasn't much blood where the body was found; this may lead the investigators to infer that perhaps Father Aurelio was killed elsewhere. An Idea will let investigators who don't think of this question ask it anyway.

PP #3: The Arrest of Joe Flynn

You might not have many real friends in Boston, but someone who almost fits the description is Joe 'Potatoes' Flynn. Potatoes is a minor criminal on the fringes of the big-time mobsters you encounter in your job and you have found his services useful in the past in a variety of illegal endeavours. Potatoes is also a useful informant and helps to keep you up to date on goings-on amongst the small-time hoodlums he associates with.

It is Monday, 16th March, and you receive a desperate message from Potatoes via a contact in the Boston Police Department. Potatoes has been arrested by 99th Precinct officers and charged with the murder of Father Anthony Aurelio, the teacher from St Patrick's College recently found murdered in Franklin Park.

Contacting an ambulance-chaser of your acquaintance, you slip him a couple of sawbucks and send him down to the 99th Precinct to do what he can for Potatoes. The lawyer returns to say that the police appear to have a watertight case against Flynn. They have eyewitnesses who swear that they saw Potatoes drunk on the evening of Father Aurelio's murder and that he swore he was going to get 'that damn priest'. Another eyewitness testifies that he saw Flynn and Aurelio together near Franklin Park. The cherry on the icing is that in Flynn's sleazy apartment the police found both the priest's wallet and pocket-watch and the gun that they believe shot the priest; ballistics' checks are expected to confirm the murder weapon's identity. Potatoes has no credible alibi for the time in question, having spent the evening at home with a bout of influenza.

However, Potatoes swore to the lawyer that he is innocent and that he is being framed for the murder. His message begs you to help him, to try and find out who has set him up. If you desert him, then it looks like a one-way trip to death-row.

The investigators will be able to make no further progress until Monday, 16th March, when you should give your second chosen investigator PP #3. This investigator should again be a

Massachusetts' resident and ideally a gangster, private eye or journalist.

Once the news of Flynn's arrest has broken, a second visit to the 99th Precinct may repay the investigators.

Use of Law, Fast Talk or Credit Rating and a bribe of at least \$25 for the officer being questioned are required to be told the following information.

- The pistol recovered in Flynn's apartment was a silenced .38 calibre revolver. It had three fired cartridges in it and three bullets. The gun had been fired recently. Ballistics has checked the bullets which killed Father Aurelio against those in the gun and there is a close match - '*Close enough to send this hood to the chair.*' However, there were no fingerprints on the gun or the wallet - '*Flynn musta been plannin' t'dump it, but we got t'him first.*'

- There are three witnesses against Flynn: Arthur 'Red' Bailey and Frank 'Porky' Egan say that he was drinking and threatening Father Aurelio on the night of the priest's death; 'Dago Mike' Damato saw Flynn and the Father together near Franklin Park shortly before 11 pm. All three are petty criminals with long records, but this is scarcely surprising as Flynn is one himself. [These names will be published in the Boston press within the next week, but not who is testifying to what.] All three witnesses are being held in protective custody by the 99th Precinct and may **not** be seen by anyone not connected with the Aurelio case.

Pursuing Enquiries

If they haven't decided to do so already, by now the investigators should be thinking of looking further into Father Aurelio's background. The obituary published in the newspaper (PP #4) will provide some useful information.

More information on Father Aurelio's personal history may be uncovered with further research, but it will only fill in the details sketched in his obituary and none of it is of any relevance to the cause of his murder. If the investigators want to break into the administrative offices of St Patrick's to check staff records, let them, but make it difficult by adverse modifiers to skill rolls. Also, such information as they will uncover will be of little help to them, comprising reports from Father Brennan on Father Aurelio's excellent record as a teacher, etc. The one fact of some use may be gleaned from Father Aurelio's medical records, namely his blood group: Type O.

The investigator's thoughts should turn to the clues they may be able to uncover in Father Aurelio's rooms.

Father Aurelio's Rooms

St Patrick's College provides rooms for all of its

staff and students. Teaching staff give tutorials in their rooms. Father Aurelio's rooms are at the top of the smallest of the three staff houses on the campus. Any investigator who successfully Fast Talks a student or a member of the College's caretaking staff can find out where these rooms are without arousing suspicion. To discover the location of the rooms from a member of the teaching or administrative staff calls for a successful Debate.

Official permission to enter Father Aurelio's rooms will only be forthcoming for an immediate relative of the priest's (from Italy, perhaps), but it will not be too difficult to break into the premises.

PP #4: *Boston Gazette*, Saturday, March 14th, 1925

Obituary: Father Anthony Aurelio

Victim of Wednesday night's brutal murder in Franklin Park, Father Anthony Aurelio was born on October 3rd, 1869, in New York City to Italian migrant parents. He found his vocation while still at school and entered St Damien's Jesuit Seminary directly to train for the priesthood. He served as a priest in a number of New York parishes until 1905, when he received his second calling as a teacher. He graduated from St John's University with a first class degree in history and completed his doctoral thesis while teaching full-time at Blessed Virgin Catholic School for Boys. He took up his teaching assignment at St Patrick's College in 1917, where he became a respected and popular staff member.

Father Aurelio has no known relatives living in the United States. His brother Paul was killed in the 1898 war with Spain and both parents died during the influenza epidemic at the end of the Great War. It is understood that there are relatives of both his parents' families in Italy.

There are no security guards at St Patrick's other than the janitor and his assistants and, so long as an entry is attempted at night, any investigator who succeeds at either Sneak or Hide will reach the staff house undetected. After 9 pm the rear door is locked and bolted from the inside, while the front door is simply locked; both doors have a STR of 18 on the resistance table. A successful Mechanical Repair will open either lock, but the back door will remain bolted. Ground floor windows are all secured from the inside and have a STR of 14. A successful Sneak x1/2 and Mechanical Repair are required to open a window quietly, but there is a chance equal to a failed Luck-roll that the room entered will be occupied by a member of staff.

The house has three floors and front and rear stairs. Climbing the front stairs calls for a Sneak and a Luck roll to accomplish without arousing interest amongst the residents. The rear stairs can be assayed successfully at +25 percentiles to each of the Sneak and Luck skills.

The door to Father Aurelio's rooms is at the end

of a short corridor. There are no other doors on this corridor except for one leading to the attic and only failed Sneak and Luck rolls as he attempts to open the priest's door will lead to the discovery of the investigator. However, searching the rooms may waken or alert the occupant of the rooms on the floor below: again, failure at both Sneak and Luck is required to arouse the household to the fact that there is an intruder about (you may require as many sets of these rolls as you think reasonable for the amount of time spent searching, say one for every fifteen minutes, and apply penalties for ripping up floorboards, etc).

Father Aurelio's apartment comprises three separate rooms: the study, the sitting-room and the bedroom; the sitting-room and the bedroom both open off the study, which is the first room entered from the corridor. The rooms are not small, but still give the sense of being cluttered. The study is lined with books and the desk is covered in papers and writing materials. The sitting-room is warm and comfortable. The bedroom is almost austere by comparison with the other two.

Walter Davis and the police have already searched Father Aurelio's rooms, but the police were not looking for anything deliberately hidden and Davis quit as soon as he found the file and letter referred to in the priest's diary (see below). Consequently, an investigator succeeding with Spot Hidden while examining the window alcove of the bedroom will find a hidden compartment in the woodwork. Inside here is a diary, written in faultless Latin in a neat, compact hand. The diary is not a pre-dated one, but rather in the form of a notebook with entries dated as Father Aurelio wrote them and commencing in June 1923. The Roman numeral V on the front suggests that there may be four other diaries, but these cannot be found and are anyway unimportant to the investigators.

It will take even a fluent reader of Latin the better part of a day to read Father Aurelio's journal from beginning to end, but smart investigators should start at the last page and so uncover the important information fairly quickly; assume ten to fifteen minutes for each entry listed in PP #5. Additionally, each of the extracts provided will require a successful Read Latin to understand. Nothing else in the diary will be of interest to the investigators.

The Investigators and the Wideawakes

Even if Captain Pierce and/or Sergeant Green aren't around when an investigator is pursuing enquiries at the 99th Precinct, within twenty-four hours of his doing so there is a percentage chance each day equal to 100 minus the investigator's Luck that Pierce will learn of his interest in the death of Father Aurelio. Pierce will do his best to find out

PP #5.1: Extracts from Father Aurelio's Diary

March 4th, 1924

Today I read of the founding of yet another secret society - the Ws - draping itself in the stolen mantles of Christianity and patriotism. I wonder whether it will be an instrument of good or evil? Too often, I fear, these 'fraternities' are inspired by the Devil and perverted to his corrupt practises.

June 10th, 1924

The first meeting of the Ws was described in the newspaper yesterday. I think I shall include this society in my researches after all. I am sure that C is up to no good: men like him usually are, though God forgive me for being so cynical about the motives of my fellow man. I shall forego my evening nightcap for one month to remind me that Love should guide my thoughts and actions.

August 20th, 1924

My first instincts regarding C would seem to have been correct, though I do not think that my penance was thereby wasted (such vanity!). He appears to be the worst kind of businessman, concerned only with his own success and to perdition with those who fall by the wayside. The Ws, too, would seem to be exactly what I suspected them of being: behind the cloaks of belief in the Savior and patriotism they pursue self-interest and bigotry. I see no purpose in adding to my files on this sorry collection, but I shall continue to pray for their souls.

November 23rd, 1924

I see that C and his cronies are beginning to extend their ambitions. A research foundation indeed! If I read them correctly, anthropology and science will be used to 'prove' a particular aspect of prejudice. I think they will repay closer watching after all.

January 27th, 1925

I am beginning to be afraid of the Ws. I see that there is more to them than I had thought. I sense that there is something Evil that hides behind them. I shall pray to God for his guidance and protection.

February 23rd, 1925

Today I was contacted by someone whose name I dare not write down for his own protection, but whom I shall identify in this journal as X. He was sent to me by Fr K who knows of my researches into societies like the Ws. X has been a member of the Ws since their inception and has become disillusioned and fearful of them. He wishes to tell his tale to someone other than his confessor who can be trusted. I agreed to meet with him secretly tomorrow.

February 24th, 1925

I met X today and I find that I was sadly deluded in my fears of the Ws - they are more evil than I had thought possible, though many of their members are unaware of the incubus that directs their actions! I asked X why he did not go to the police with his tale of corruption and conspiracy to commit sacrificial murder, but he said that C has tentacles that reach into the Police Department. I promised to do all I could to help him, but said that without his testimony there was little we could do without proof. X says that he does not know who C is planning to sacrifice, only that it is not to take place in Boston or even Massachusetts. We need God always, but even more so in times like these.

March 1st, 1925

X sent a cryptic message to tell me that he has the proof we need to have C arrested and the Ws broken up. I meet him tomorrow. The mercy of Christ has granted us this!

March 2nd, 1925

I was supposed to meet X today, but he failed to keep the appointment. I waited for two hours, but then had to leave for a class. I pray to our Lord that X has not met with any misfortune.

March 5th, 1925

Still no sign of X. If he has not contacted me by tomorrow, I shall risk a visit to his apartment.

PP #5.2: Extracts from Father Aurelio's Diary

March 6th, 1925

I called at X's apartment today, but there was no sign of anyone at home. A neighbour said that X had been called away unexpectedly on business and would be out of town for several weeks. I asked her whether she had seen him leave, but she said no and that a friend of X's had collected his cases and told her of X's business trip. I have said a mass for X's soul for I am sure that he has been done away with.

March 9th, 1925

I have the feeling that I am being watched. If I am right, this means that C has found me. I expect he had X's apartment watched to see who would come looking for him. I have prayed to God for guidance for I do not know what action to take. My tale of the Evil that hides behind the Ws would mark me as a lunatic with the authorities for I lack proof of their criminal activities.

March 11th, 1925

I have received a message from C! He asks to meet with me, to purge his spirit of the evil that stains it. He says that he repents his sins in the name of Our Savior! As a man I fear that he means to trap me, but as a priest I cannot fail him for this may be the only chance to save his immortal soul. I have decided that I shall meet C tonight, as he has asked. I have hidden my file on the Ws in my study and left a letter for the Dean asking him to hand it over to the police in the event of my death. I will tell C this, just in case he does plan to kill me, but I am sure that God will protect me.

why the investigator is interested in the killing. A journalist will cause little suspicion at first, but anyone trying to prove Flynn's innocence - and making progress in the effort - will attract unwelcome attention.

The investigators should be able to establish the identity of the Wideawakes by cross-checking Father Aurelio's diary with Boston newspapers of the appropriate dates. The Boston Gazette articles provided as PP#6 may be found in both Boston Public Library and in the files of the newspaper itself; the latter require a successful Credit Rating or the profession of journalist to gain access to. Each extract can be found with a Library Use.

Further information that may be gleaned fairly easily is that the Wideawakes are an exclusive fraternity: they select their own members, they do not publish lists of their members, and they do not admit the public or the press to their meetings.

Currently the Wideawakes meet at the house of Mayhew Cooper. This fact is not published anywhere, but consulting telephone and city directories will reveal no trace of an address for the club and the investigators may reasonably infer that Cooper's home is where its members assemble. Cooper's home and business addresses are listed in the telephone directory.

If the Wideawakes learn of the investigators' interest in them, Cooper and Pierce will try and do something about it. If Pierce can find an excuse to arrest an investigator (bribery of a police officer, for instance), he will take it. If the investigators get too close to the truth, or are too persistent,

Cooper is likely to panic and order Davis to kill them. Davis will attempt this at the first opportunity that he thinks he can get away with it, probably by shooting.

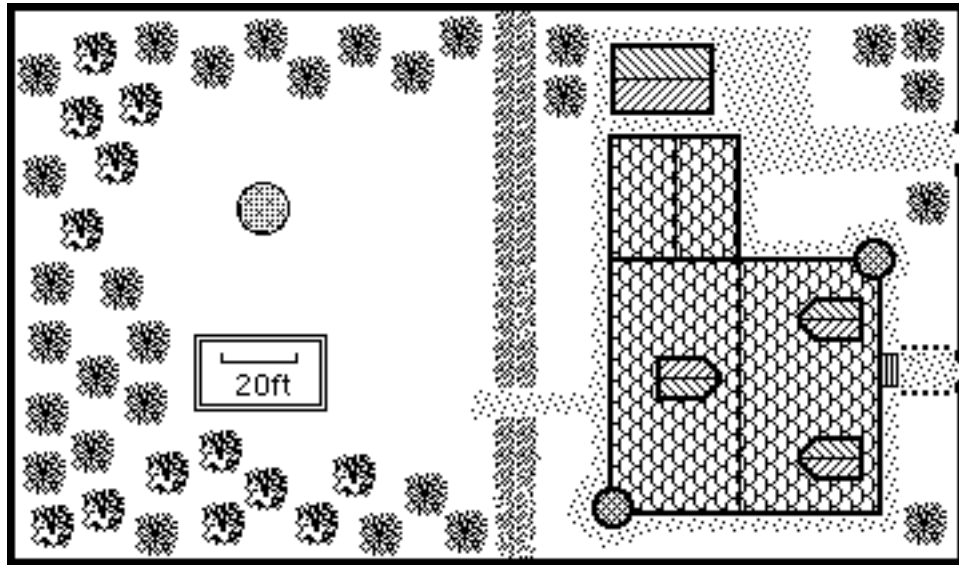
Missing Persons

Although since he came to Boston at the beginning of 1924 Cooper has instructed Davis to kidnap a number of unfortunates to use as sacrifices during cult rituals, Boston is a large city and during the course of a year many people go missing for a variety of reasons. Should they seek indications of nefarious activities associated with the Wideawakes, the investigators will be unable to identify any marked deviation in the pattern of disappearances since the fraternity was set up. Unfortunately, an extra half-dozen missing persons (which is all that Cooper has had taken) over the course of a year is well within any statistical variation.

Mayhew Cooper's Home

Mayhew Cooper's home is in fashionable Jamaica Plain. He also conducts much of his business from here although he also has a small office in the city centre. Boston residents succeeding with Knowledge will realize that Cooper's address is not more than half-a-mile from Franklin Park.

A drive past the house will show an imposing detached residence surrounded by a high wall. Heavy wrought iron gates bar the entrances to the grounds. The map nearby shows important features.



Map #1: Mayhew Cooper's House

The most striking feature of the grounds is the gazebo at the back of the house (this cannot be seen from the front at all), and investigators who infer that this is where Father Aurelio was murdered will be right; his body was transferred to Franklin Park by Walter Davis, Cooper's personal assistant, bodyguard and tame killer. Davis lives in the house, together with a housekeeper (Ellen Brian), and a valet (Max Turnbull) and a chauffeur (Eugene Wilkinson) who also act as bodyguards. All four are servants of the Mythos.

No one can see Cooper during the day or evening without an appointment and an investigator will need a plausible reason and a successful use of Credit Rating to get such an appointment (you may give a bonus to the dice-roll for a particularly good reason).

An appointment will take place at Cooper's home, where the door will be answered by Davis. Davis will introduce himself as Cooper's personal assistant, but otherwise he will be taciturn and monosyllabic. Successful Psychology will warn the investigator to be wary of this very violent man. Davis will accompany the investigator through to Cooper's study, from where the grounds at the rear of the house can be seen.

At any business meeting which he perceives as legitimate or at an interview he has granted a journalist, Cooper will be pleasant and affable. He has a faint but distinctive Georgia accent; a successful use of the Linguist skill will identify the accent as typical of the area around Atlanta. Davis will be present throughout the meeting, ostensibly to take notes in his position as personal assistant,

but in actuality in his role as Cooper's bodyguard. Cooper will discuss business openly, but he will respond to questions about the Wideawakes more circumspectly, pointing out that they are an exclusive fraternity whose membership and procedures are secret; however, he will be happy to talk in general terms about their aims and objectives: '*a better America*', '*a stronger future*', '*a crimeless society*', '*building patriotism*', '*eliminating anti-social elements*', etc.

A successful use of Psychology will let the investigator realize that Cooper is psychotic and hiding a Big Secret about the Wideawakes. He is very pleased with himself for concealing this secret from the investigator and only wishes that he could brag about it. Successful Psychology will also indicate a covert racism in Cooper's personality.

Features of interest in the study are Cooper's large desk and expensively-upholstered leather swivel-chair, the substantial floor safe, the heavy shutters on the insides of the windows, and the shelves of books. Scanning the titles of the books even while sitting down will reveal a remarkable number of occult titles, although of fairly mundane aspect. If asked about his interest in the occult, Cooper will laughingly dismiss it as of idle moment. Psychology will show that he is lying. Hanging on one wall is a framed picture of two men standing outside a colonial-style house. There is no identification on the photograph, but one of the men is Cooper (the other is Lambert). If his attention is drawn to the photograph, Cooper will describe Lambert, without naming him, as 'a very

old friend from Georgia.'

PP #6: Boston Gazette Reports on the Wideawakes

Friday, January 18th, 1924

Arriving in Boston this week from Atlanta, Georgia, is businessman Mayhew Cooper, who has announced his intention of settling in our fair city. Mr Cooper is an investment broker.

Tuesday, March 4th, 1924

Today sees the founding in Boston of a chapter of the social and religious fraternity known as the Wideawakes, which already has chapters in several cities.

The founder of the Boston Wideawakes, Georgia-born Mr Mayhew Cooper, told this newspaper that the fraternity would be selecting its own membership, rather than asking for candidates to come forward. Mr Cooper said, 'We expect our members to be honest, God-fearing Americans, proud of their heritage and their country and dedicated to help build the sort of future that America deserves, and we are determined to ensure that only the right sort of people join.'

Monday, June 9th, 1924

Yesterday saw the first meeting of the Wideawakes take place, an exclusive Christian social fraternity committed to the future of America.

Although press and public are not admitted to meetings, a press notice has been issued.

Mr Mayhew Cooper, founder of the club, presided and introduced the aims of the fraternity. He called for the nomination and election of officers and proposed a schedule of topics for discussion. He called for the formation of a committee within the fraternity to examine projects which would add to the future strength of America.

Thursday, November 20th, 1924

The Wideawakes Christian social fraternity today announced plans to establish a research foundation to engage in anthropological and scientific research.

Robert Bagley, spokesman for the fraternity, said that the foundation would be concerned with understanding the nature of Man's capabilities and how these differ amongst individuals and races. Mr Bagley said that the fraternity would build a centre for the foundation. He hoped that the foundation would begin operating by the fall of 1925.

To break into the house at night will call for the usual range of Climb, Hide, Jump, Listen, Luck, Mechanical Repair and Sneak skills. The wall around the house and grounds requires a single Climb. The wrought-iron gates leading to the garage can also be climbed, or the lock can be picked with a successful Mechanical Repair.

The locked garage has a Plymouth sedan, three five-gallon cans of gasoline, and tools and equipment for maintaining the automobile, grounds and house. The doors can be opened with

Mechanical Repair +10 percentiles or jemmied against a STR of 14. A successful Spot Hidden x1/2 will find a small dark stain in the trunk of the sedan which should be enough to arouse suspicion (it definitely is not oil). Rolling equal to or less than DEX x5 will allow an investigator to scrape enough of this stain into a container (such as an envelope) for analysis; a successful use of Treat Disease in a medical laboratory will identify the substance as dried human blood of the same type as Father Aurelio's: Davis wrapped Father Aurelio's body in an old blanket (since burned) and took it to Franklin Park in the trunk of the sedan, but some of the corpse's blood soaked through the blanket and, unnoticed by Davis, made the stain.

MAYHEW COOPER

STR	14	CON	14	SIZ	14
INT	15	POW	15	DEX	13
APP	14	EDU	16		
SAN	0	HP	14		

Weapons: .32 auto 45% 1D8

Skills: Accounting 70%, Credit Rating 80%, Cthulhu Mythos 40%, Occult 45%

Spells: Voorish Sign, Summon/Bind Byakhee

WALTER DAVIS

STR	15	CON	15	SIZ	16
INT	12	POW	12	DEX	14
APP	11	EDU	11		
SAN	0	HP	16		

Weapons: Fist/Punch 80% 1D3+1D4
 Kick 55% 1D6+1D4
 .38 revolver 70% 1D10

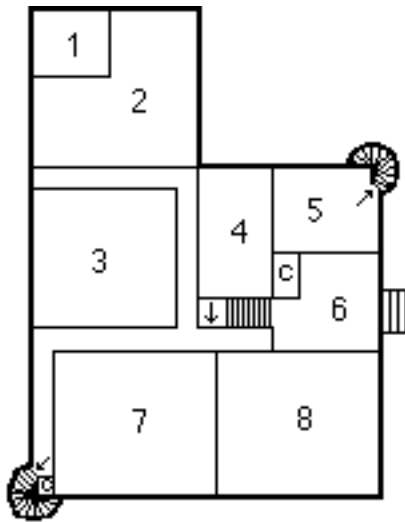
Skills: Cthulhu Mythos 20%, Dodge 60%, Drive Automobile 80%, Hide 65%, Listen 70%, Sneak 60%

Doors to the house are bolted from the inside and have a STR of 18. Breaking them open will create more than enough noise to awaken the occupants of the house, even with a successful Sneak. Ground floor windows can be jemmied more successfully: Sneak and a resistance table success against a STR of 12 will open a window quietly (but not the study windows, which are shuttered from the inside and as noisy to break open as the doors). Continuing Sneaks will be required for every ten minutes spent inside the house; you should apply

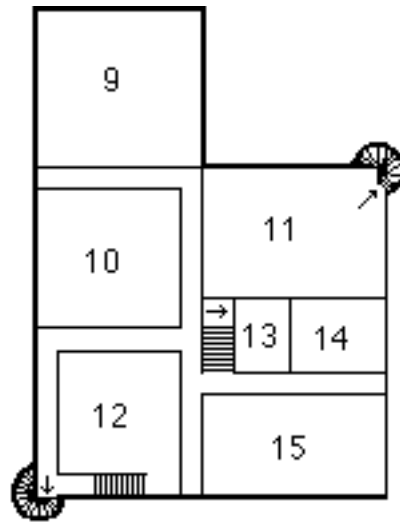
penalties for particularly noisy activities. Each Sneak failed will need a successful Luck to avoid waking up an occupant of the house. A Listen will warn the investigators that someone is moving around nearby.

Rooms are listed in the box nearby for your

information, numbers being keyed to the floor plans of the house. Only those rooms with things of interest to the investigators are described in any detail; customize other rooms as you see fit.

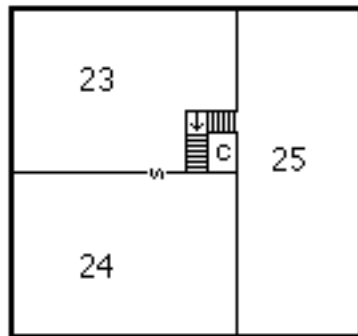


Ground floor
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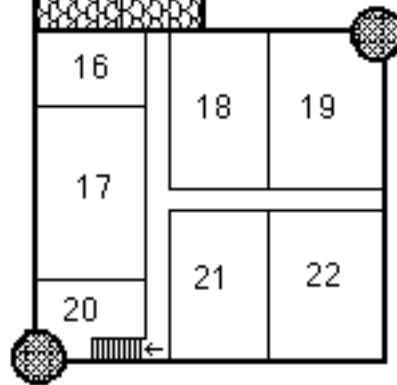


First floor
(arrows show DOWN)

Map #2: Cooper House Floor Plans



Basement
(arrow shows UP)



Second floor
(arrow shows DOWN)

Lobby

Hanging at the back of the closet in the hall is Cooper's Wideawake robe: this is a deep red cloak with the symbol of an open eye embroidered on the back in silver. The cloak also has various pseudo-mystical runes and symbols embroidered on it; the Occult skill will recognize most of these as nothing out of the ordinary, but Cthulhu Mythos will identify sigils associated with the worship of Mythos entities (allow a special success to recognize the particular entity as Cthugha). There is an unpleasant aura associated with the cloak, an aura which psychically sensitive investigators will probably be able to sense: it will make them feel distinctly uneasy.

Mayhew Cooper's Home

Ground Floor

- #1 Scullery
- #2 Kitchen
- #3 Mayhew Cooper's study
- #4 Walter Davis' study
- #5 Mayhew Cooper's sitting room
- #6 Lobby
- #7 Dining room
- #8 Drawing room

First Floor

- #9-10 Bedroom
- #11 Mayhew Cooper's bedroom
- #12 Walter Davis' bedroom
- #13 Linen closet
- #14 Bathroom
- #15 Bedroom

Second Floor

- #16 Bathroom
- #17 Servants' sitting room
- #18 Eugene Wilkinson's bedroom
- #19 Ellen Brian's bedroom
- #20 Boxroom
- #21 Bedroom
- #22 Max Turnbull's bedroom

Basement

- #23 Wideawakes meeting room
- #24 Cult temple
- #25 Building services/storage
- S Concealed door

General

- C Closet

Mayhew Cooper's Study

Cooper locks the study door whenever he is not using the room and Mechanical Repair is needed to

open it (alternatively, get the key from Cooper: he carries it with him during the day and at night keeps it in the drawer of his bedside table).

Reading the titles of the books on the study's shelves confirms the earlier impression. The desk has exclusively business documents on and in it, none of any consequence for the investigators, but a locked drawer holds \$100 in cash and a loaded .32 automatic (Cooper has another of these weapons in his bedroom). If the picture of Cooper and Lambert is removed from the frame (an Idea will suggest this if all else fails), the inscription *ITSUB: Lambert - Corina 1922* is written on the back; 'ITSUB' is 'Klanspeak' for 'In The Sacred Unfailing Bond': a special success with Knowledge will let an investigator know this). The safe cannot be jemmied, although it could be blown or drilled open, but these are both noisy to a greater or lesser degree and guaranteed to awaken sleepers; picking the lock demands Mechanical Repair x1/2 or the key from Cooper (he keeps this on the same chain as he keeps the key to the study itself). The safe contains the articles of interest described below.

- \$5,000 in cash (10s, 20s, 50s and 100s).

- Two books of the Mythos: *People of the Monolith* by Justin Geoffrey (English, Knowledge +3%, -1D3 SAN) and *Cthaat Aquadingen* (English, Knowledge +13%, Spell Multiplier x3, -2D8 San; Voorish Sign, Summon Byakhee, Bind Byakhee, Bless Blade, Dread Curse of Azathoth).

PP #7: Letter in Cooper's Safe

March 8th 1925

My dear Cooper,

I write to you with wonderful news! My plans are approaching fruition, the plans with which you have been so closely involved!

Yes! On Roodmas the begetters of the unborn spawn of evil will be sacrificed to the Rulers of the Cosmos!

NOTHING CAN BE ALLOWED TO GO WRONG!

You MUST be present at this awesome moment - I command it!

Lambert

- A letter from Cooper's lawyers on the purchase of property for the American Research Foundation.
- A letter in an envelope post-marked Corina, Georgia, but with no return address; this letter is provided as PP #7.
- A membership list for the Boston chapter of the Wideawakes. This has around twenty names and addresses. Four of the names are marked with asterisks and one has a line through it. This membership list is provided as PP #8.
- Bagley, Mason, O'Connell and Pierce are all members of the Inner Circle of the Wideawakes, which is why their names are marked, well on their way to being irrevocably-committed servants of the Mythos and privy to at least some of the details of the Atlanta sacrifice. However, they do not know who is to be slain, only that their deaths will contribute to the triumph of the Mythos and the future greatness of America (the two are indistinguishable in their minds by now).

PP #8: List of Names in Cooper's Safe

Charles Abbott	Manager
Arthur Alsop	Businessman
Robert Bagley*	Accountant
James Cannon	Bookkeeper
Walter Davis	Secretary
Patrick Foster	Engineer
Walter Gilbert	Clerk
John Holmes	Businessman
Henry Mason*	Doctor
Patrick Mills	Clerk
Michael Norton	Businessman
John O'Connell*	Storeowner
Herbert Pace	Teacher
George Pierce*	Police Captain
William Price	Salesman
Harold Riley	Storeowner
Oliver Smith	Foreman
Frank Taylor	Businessman
Ernest Wells	Businessman

- Price's name is ruled through. He was Father Aurelio's informer inside the Wideawakes and has, as the priest feared, been murdered and his body disposed of (it will never be found, having been taken by a byakhee summoned by Cooper). A search of his home will reveal nothing, but may lead to the arrest of the investigators if they are caught doing it illegally. Mrs Kathleen Fitzgerald, Price's neighbour referred to in Father Aurelio's diary, will confirm the account of Price's business trip. Although an elderly lady, if she sees Davis she will identify him immediately as the friend who collected Price's luggage.
- Walter Davis is Cooper's bodyguard and tame

killer. If the investigators have not already looked into Cooper's business and household the name will mean nothing to them, but as the address given is the same as Cooper's they may be able to guess that Davis is his assistant.

- George Pierce is commander of the 99th Precinct. The investigators will already have come across this name in connection with the arrest of Joe Flynn.

- Other names have no relevance and anyone investigated will prove to be both innocent and ignorant of the crimes committed by Cooper and Davis. All right, they are typical of the small-minded middle class racists likely to be attracted to and admitted by an organization like the Wideawakes, but this is not a crime in itself. Psychology will show these characters for what they are.

Walter Davis' Study

At the bottom of a closet in Davis' study there is a cardboard box with half-a-dozen wallets and purses in it. These were taken by Davis from the victims kidnapped for ritual sacrifice in the basement temple. He has removed the money from them and thrown the wallets and purses carelessly into the box, intending to dispose of them one day (he hasn't got round to it yet; perhaps he never will). A number of the wallets and purses have initials or even names stamped into them, family snapshots, business cards, or whatever, and relatives can readily identify particular ones belonging to a number of those who have gone missing in Boston since the beginning of 1924. These relatives can be contacted easily through the Police Department and, so long as the investigators aren't silly enough to place the evidence in the hands of Captain Pierce of the 99th Precinct, the connection between Cooper, Davis and the missing persons can be firmly established.

Building Services/Storage

Along with the usual household junk that accumulates in a cellar, this room has a large solid fuel furnace for the heating system of the house. The bodies of the cult's sacrificial victims have been disposed of by Walter Davis by burning in the furnace. However, as the furnace was never designed for the cremation of bodies, it is not all that efficient at this task and, amongst the cinders and ashes that remain within (it is not cleaned out as often or as thoroughly as it should be) there are human remains. These may not amount to much - part of a shin-bone, a piece of skull, etc - but success with First Aid or Treat Disease will recognize them for what they are and forensic analysis will confirm their origins. Again, this is evidence that the police can use to nail Cooper and Davis.

Wideawakes' Meeting Room

The walls of this basement room are decorated with cabalistic designs and the open eye insignia of the Wideawakes. A large table with three chairs at one end of the room faces around thirty more chairs placed roughly in five rows. There are several sheets of paper on the table.

As with the symbols on Cooper's cloak, for the most part the figures on the walls are unremarkable occult devices, but interwoven with them there are, again, Mythos designs as well. Cthulhu Mythos will recognize these for what they are.

For the most part, the papers on the table are blank: they are used for taking notes during Wideawake meetings. However, Cooper is in the habit of doodling while someone else is talking and with successful Luck one of the sheets he has used will remain mixed in with the blank paper. By and large, Cooper's doodles are meaningless, but his subconscious has led him to scribble some important things - even if the investigators may not yet recognize all of them for what they are. The doodles include:

- Enclosed by a circle the cryptic inscription *41P* followed by a question mark and the words *blackamoor - NO!* This is simply Cooper's objection to the idea of a black becoming President of the United States.
- The date *April 30th* heavily underlined. This obviously refers to the date of the ceremony in Georgia.
- A rough sketch of a man shooting a black bird with a white ruff. A psychiatrist might see this as symbolizing the death of a priest, but this is not evidence which will stand up in a court to link Cooper with the murder of Father Aurelio.

Cult Temple

For those Wideawakes who are privy to the secret purpose of the fraternity, Cooper has arranged for one room in the cellar to be used as a chamber for cult rites.

The entrance door to the temple opens off the meeting room. It has been camouflaged as a gesture towards preserving the inner secrets of the Wideawakes, but although sufficient to hide the door from casual inspection this has not been done with any great skill and Spot Hidden attempts attract a modifier of +25 percentiles.

Cthulhu Mythos will recognize the temple for what it is, but all investigators entering the temple will sense the aura of malevolence that pervades it: unspeakable acts of worship have been carried on here and especially sensitive investigators should be asked to make an *0/1D3 SAN* test. There is clear evidence of sacrifice having been conducted in the room: a roughly constructed altar in the centre of the temple is covered in what was once a

white sheet, but now it, the wood underneath and the floor below are all splashed with dark stains that scientific analysis can identify as human blood (First Aid allows a fairly good guess to be made to this effect).

The seven-feet by five-feet basement closet opens off the temple. It has been converted into a holding cell for victims kidnapped by Davis to be used as sacrifices. There is a heavy bolt on the outside, a rough bed and rudimentary toilet facilities (a bucket). During their incarceration two of the victims have scratched messages comprising their names on the wall hidden by the bed.

The Servants

If the investigators try to talk to members of Cooper's household, so long as Cooper and Davis are alive and in Boston Cooper's servants will not betray their boss (they are too scared of him and Davis; Psychology will reveal this fear, but not its cause). In any break-in, all three will defend Cooper's interests and each has a pistol in his or her room.

Both Cooper and Davis will die, and if necessary commit suicide, to protect the secrets of the Wideawakes, although if it looks as if their conspiracy to murder Father Aurelio has been uncovered they will flee to Georgia if the opportunity is given to them, preferably in the Plymouth but otherwise in a car stolen by Davis.

If Cooper and Davis are no longer a threat, the housekeeper, valet and chauffeur can be persuaded by Oratory or Debate to give evidence in return for immunity. Ellen Brian, Max Turnbull and Eugene Wilkinson know that Davis murdered Father Aurelio outside by the gazebo, as described by Mrs McCormack, and Oratory will persuade them to admit this. The servants also know that a number of ritual murders have also been committed by Cooper in the basement temple and they will testify to this as well.

The Gazebo

A successful Track in the vicinity of the gazebo will find traces of dark stains in the snow (a not too serious attempt has been made to erase them). Treat Disease or First Aid will recognize these stains as probably blood, and as with the trunk of the Plymouth a successful DEX x5 will gather enough of the stains to allow a medical laboratory to identify the blood as of the same type as Father Aurelio's.

As with other parts of the Cooper house, the evil that has been done haunts the gazebo and the investigators should again feel discomfort here.

The Inner Circle

The homes of Bagley, Mason, O'Connell and

Pierce can all be broken into and searched. All exterior doors have a STR of 16 and call for Mechanical Repair to open; successful Luck will mean that they are not bolted. Call for Sneaks while the investigators are moving around inside. Pierce and Bagley will shoot intruders without warning, but the other two Inner Circle members are likely to call for the police rather than take action themselves.

Successful Spot Hiddens are required to find the items described below.

- In a drawer of Bagley's desk, a round-trip Pullman rail ticket to Atlanta departing Boston on Monday, April 27th.

If interviewed, Bagley comes over as a hard-case and Psychology will indicate that this is no front. He will deny all knowledge of illegal activities by the Wideawakes or any of the fraternity's members and challenge anyone to prove otherwise; as there is a complete absence of proof to implicate Bagley in anything, it will be hard to prove that he is lying, even if Psychology shows that he is. The trip to Atlanta is his own business, he will tell interrogators, but if pressed he will say that it is to explore the possibilities of moving from Massachusetts to Georgia.

- In a hollowed-out book in Mason's surgery, a diary detailing secret cult ceremonies by the Inner Circle of the Wideawakes; any court would find these ceremonies to be blasphemous and categorize them as devil-worship.

Successful Cthulhu Mythos will recognize the ceremonies Mason was engaged in as typical of those worshipping Cthugha.

Whatever the interpretation of the ceremonies described by Mason, if they were brought to the notice of the AMA the Association would strike him off without a moment's hesitation; an Idea will suggest this if nothing else does. Using this diary the investigator's can get Mason to admit that a 'special' sacrifice is scheduled to take place near Atlanta on May Eve. Mason will claim that he does not know what this sacrifice entails, only that it is something out of the ordinary; Psychology will prove that he is telling the truth.

- In the safe in the back-room of O'Connell's store, a series of pornographic photographs showing O'Connell and a number of women in a wide variety of exotic sexual positions; all of the women are black.

A success at Photography will let an investigator deduce that the photographs are genuine and not composite fakes. From the poses, it seems clear that the subjects knew that they were being photographed.

O'Connell is a family man and an important member of his local church. Revelation of the photographs would ruin him. He will pay up to

\$1,000 to get the pictures back and confess to knowing that Mayhew Cooper ordered the murder of Father Aurelio because he had discovered something about the special sacrifice being planned for May Eve near Atlanta. However, O'Connell can only be persuaded to testify against Cooper after successful Psychoanalysis has raised his SAN at least two points and if he is guaranteed immunity and protection. Successfully using Psychology when speaking with O'Connell in normal circumstances will reveal him as a blusterer and a racist.

- In a locked drawer in Pierce's desk, two notebooks.

The first notebook has half-a-dozen names in it. Against each name there is a brief description of a number of small-time crimes committed since the New Year. The names listed are Arthur Bailey, Matt Brown, Mike Damato, Frank Egan, Harry Jakes and Jack Reardon. The names of Bailey, Damato and Egan are circled, together with the word 'YES!' against each. If confronted with this notebook and sure that Pierce is not a threat to them, these three petty criminals will freely confess that they have been blackmailed by Pierce and Green to give evidence implicating Joe Flynn in the murder of Father Aurelio.

The second notebook is divided up into double-page spreads. Each spread headed by a date, for example, *w/e 1/21/25*. On the left-hand page a list of some thirty initials is headed *Receipts*; the right-hand page has a list of twenty or so initials headed *Payments*. Next to each initial there is a figure with a dollar sign in front of it, for example \$30 under *Receipts*, \$20 under *Payments* are typical. From week to week the figures are pretty much the same, but there are occasional variations and crossings-out show where errors have been made. There is a total at the foot of each page; for each spread they are the same and average around \$1,000.

If the investigators don't think of it themselves, an Idea leads to an inspection of the initials on the right-hand pages, showing *GP* and *HG* at the top of each. A quick calculation shows that the amount next to *GP* amounts to about 50% of the total, that against *HG* to 20%; the remaining 30% is divided amongst the other initials. If the investigators cannot guess that this is the 99th Precinct's graft book, then they are stupider than either of us have reckoned!

If Pierce's criminal activities in connection with his Precinct or the Wideawakes are revealed, he will commit suicide rather than stand trial. Like Cooper and Davis, if interrogated he would die before he would admit anything, even in the face of incontrovertible evidence.

Green will do whatever he can to save his own hide, including admitting that Flynn has been

framed, but he knows nothing of any importance about the Wideawakes, not even that Pierce is a member. As far as he knew, Flynn was being set up by Pierce in order to make the 99th Precinct's commander look good.

None of the other officers whose initials appear in the graft book knows anything of any relevance to the investigators, except that their testimony against Pierce might prove important in helping to clear Flynn.

Boston Wrap-up

By the time that the investigators have worked their way through the various components of this section dealing with Father Aurelio's murder, they should know that the priest was murdered by Walter Davis at Cooper's behest, that Captain George Pierce is involved with Cooper and the Wideawakes, and that Pierce and Sergeant Harry Green conspired to frame Joe Flynn. Furthermore, they should be able to prove this. No statistics have been given for Joe Flynn. But he can be a useful non-player character ally for the investigators and can be persuaded to accompany them to Atlanta. Fill-out his details with skills that will be useful additions to the investigators' abilities.

If they have searched Mayhew Cooper's home thoroughly they will have unearthed enough forensic and other evidence to involve Cooper and Davis in police investigations into the disappearance and murder of at least six Bostonians since February 1924.

They should also know that something important to the Mythos is going down in or near Atlanta on the night of 30th April, but not what. It is to be hoped that they plan to act upon this knowledge.

At this stage award the investigators 2D6 SAN if they have discovered all of the above and destroyed the Boston chapter of the Wideawakes as an effective tool of the Mythos. Reduce this award for any failures along the way, such as the escape of Cooper and/or Davis to Atlanta, the failure to clear Flynn, etc.

Part Three: In Atlanta

Following their findings in Boston concerning Mayhew Cooper and the Wideawakes and their connections with Georgia, the investigators should decide to visit Atlanta to uncover and thwart whatever vile plots the servants of the Mythos are hatching. PP #9 and #10 provide the investigators with basic information about trains to Atlanta (available at the railroad station) and about

Atlanta itself (found at Boston Public Library). Further research in Boston will reveal nothing about the Wideawakes in Atlanta, nor about G. Hart Lambert. However, a Luck roll will lead an investigator to the extract from Professor Collier's book provided as PP #16.

Arriving in Atlanta

The investigators will immediately notice (and appreciate) the favourable temperature differential between Georgia and Massachusetts. In late March/early April the azaleas and dogwoods will be starting to bloom and spring is clearly well-established.

However, any investigator who succeeds with Cthulhu Mythos will sense an undercurrent of threat and horror in the atmosphere. Throughout his stay in Atlanta, this investigator will suffer from depression and a general sense of defeatism which his friends will have to help him overcome; unless the investigator is successfully treated with Psychoanalysis (over, say, half a day), reduce all his skills by one-quarter until he leaves Atlanta or Lambert is killed.

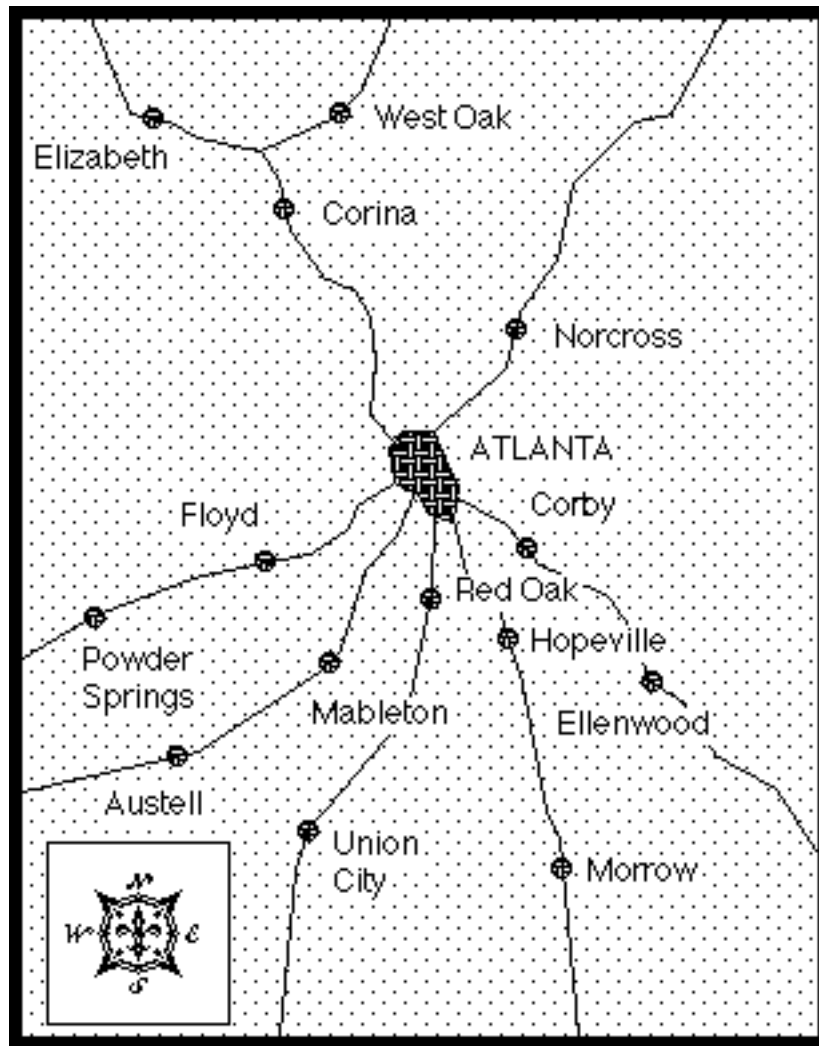
PP #9: Trains from Boston to Atlanta

Connections can be made easily, changing at New York, Washington and Charlotte, N.C. The trip will take two days, assuming a morning start from Boston before 10 am, and the single fare is \$15. A sleeping berth will cost an additional \$1. Two-berth Pullman compartment single far is \$25 per person.

The investigators will have to remember throughout their stay in the city that segregation is a harsh fact and that a flaunted fraternization with blacks - 'coloureds' and 'niggers' to too many whites - will provoke a hostile reaction. Many blacks who work around whites will adopt a subservient attitude, becoming almost caricatures of a stepanfitchit; there are, however, exceptions.

Finding Out About G. Hart Lambert

There are a number of Lamberts in the Atlanta telephone directory, but only one G. Hart Lambert with an address listed in Corina, the seat of Cobb County north-west of the city. Researching the local history and geography sections of the public and/or university libraries, the files of local newspapers and the Atlanta Public Records Office will prove helpful.



Map #3: Atlanta Railroads

PP #10: *A Guidebook to the Carolinas*, by Hillman Howarth, Peachtree Publishing Co., Atlanta 1923

Atlanta, Ga.: State capital of Georgia. Population (1920) 200,616. Altitude 1,000 feet. 660 miles south-west of Washington, D.C.; 720 miles south of Chicago, Ill.

Lies predominantly within the area of Fulton County, about six miles south-east of the Chattahoochee River. Surrounded by the rolling wooded hills of the Piedmont Plateau at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Mild climate and snow is rare. January average temperature 45°F; August average temperature 78°F.

Each of the items listed below as PP #11-#17 can be found at one of these locations with a successful Library Use. Note that, as always, Credit Rating

or an appropriate communication skill roll or profession will be required for an investigator to examine records that he would not normally be entitled to view. Back numbers of newspapers can be consulted at either library, or at the appropriate offices. Books can be found at the libraries, land records at the Public Records Office. If they haven't come across it already in Boston, a Luck roll (or a deliberate search through references to occult phenomena in Georgia) will lead the investigators to Professor Collier's book.

Investigators making their Cthulhu Mythos will have no difficulty in recognizing in Professor Collier's account a fairly accurate description of an attempt to summon Cthugha from Fomalhaut. An Idea roll will point up the similarity between the names Hurt and Hart and inferring a relationship between Erasmus and Lambert will be a reasonable conclusion to draw.

A map of the area around Corina may be obtained with little difficulty. A sketch map of

important features around the town is provided here. This map is very much the same as the one to be found on the desk in G. Hart Lambert's study (see below).

PP #11: *The Atlanta Tribune*, September 21st, 1923

Safe behind the protection of privilege and money, men like Corina's G. Hart Lambert are determined to deny justice to millions of Americans whose skin is the wrong colour or who profess belief in a creed different from their own narrow-minded fundamentalism. Lambert and his ilk prey on prejudice and ignorance, exploiting fear to manufacture hatred and oppression. Their lackeys in the Klan spread violence and bigotry across the South, producing a blight of terror and murder. They threaten those who stand out against them, and where threats fail they resort to the tar-barrel and fire-bomb, the branding-iron and the lynch-rope.

PP #12: *The Atlanta Clarion*, May 23rd, 1924

Stalwart upholder of Georgia's pride and values, Corina's proudest son, Colonel G. Hart Lambert, has been chosen to head Atlanta's delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Madison Square Garden in New York City in June.

A scion of the Old South, Mr Lambert stands four-square behind William Gibbs McAdoo against the sinister, **unscrupulous, invisible government which has its seat in the citadel of privilege and finance, against wet, catholic Tammany.**

PP #13: *The Atlanta Negro Daily*, August 28th, 1924

In a recent internal coup, we can report that on the Dreadful Day of the Woeful Week of the Fearful Month of the Year of the Klan LVIII or, in plain English which most Americans can understand, on August 1st of this year, G. Hart Lambert ousted the hapless Dr Edwin Leigh as Grand Titan of the Cobb Province of Georgia.

Our readers will remember 'Colonel' Lambert as an occasional star of these pages on previous occasions. For outright bigotry and prejudice, there can be few to match the Colonel's performances at Klan gatherings. We are sure that we shall all sleep sounder for knowing that the defence of American racial purity is in safe hands. Colonel Lambert can rest assured that we shall view his future progress with interest and do our best to shed the light of publicity upon his activities.

Atlanta Newspapers

Reading Atlanta's main newspapers will quickly establish their editorial policies, information that may prove useful to the investigators as their pursuit of Lambert intensifies. The details provided in PP #18 are

relevant.

PP #17: Atlanta Public Records Office

Sterling House

Corina, Cobb County, 75 acres

Date of sale: Not applicable

Title holder: Garner Hart Lambert

Taxes outstanding: None

West Valley Farm

10 miles north-west of Corina, Cobb County, 340 acres

Date of sale: March 2nd, 1925

Title holder: Garner Hart Lambert

Taxes outstanding: None

PP #14: *The Atlanta Negro Daily*, November 17th, 1924

News has reached us of the disappearance of yet another negro in Cobb County. Lincoln Hayes, a hard-working field-hand from north of Mableton, has been missing for ten days now and his wife and children fear that they will never see him again.

The first instinct of most of our readers will be to blame the Klan and Grand Titan G. Hart Lambert for the disappearance, and while we can sympathize with and even share the thinking behind this immediate reaction, this incident bears none of the hallmarks of a Klan killing. We have been unable to discover any evidence that Mr Hayes was regarded as an 'uppity nigger' requiring chastisement. Nor has there been any incident involving a white woman's virtue, an occasion which usually requires the murder of a black man to satiate the Klan's conception of justice.

By all accounts, Mr Hayes was a dedicated family man, a good Christian and fully aware of his duties and responsibilities. There can be little cause to suppose that he has chosen to abandon those he loves and cares for.

Mr Hayes is the fifth negro to vanish in similar circumstances in Cobb County this year. It is possible that we are faced with a killer whose sole objective is to murder negroes. We all hope that this is not so, but until the cause of these disappearances is found we must all take especial care. Unfortunately, so long as the forces of law in Cobb County are controlled by the Klan, there is little chance that a proper police investigation will be conducted.

The Negro Rights Movement

Martin Luther King, Jr's paternal grandfather was a charter member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (the NAACP) in Atlanta. In the 1920s he helped defeat a local bond issue until the building of a black high school was agreed to: this school was Booker T.

Washington High, which was to be attended by his grandson. Also in the 1920s, King's grandfather helped organize a boycott against a local newspaper that ridiculed blacks for seeking equal rights. Fictionalized reports of these incidents, together with a schedule of NAACP events in April, are provided as PP #19.

The Ku Klux Klan

The investigators are bound to want some background information on the Klan as an institution, as may you yourself. A sketch of the Klan in the 1920s is provided as PP #20; it may be researched by a morning's work amongst newspaper files in the library and requires no skill rolls.

PP #15: *Makers of Modern Georgia*, by Eileen Kennett Smith, CSA Publishing Co., Atlanta 1908

...Perhaps the family hardest hit by the civil war in Cobb County were the Harts. Masters of one of the largest plantations within fifty miles of Atlanta, and with extensive land-holdings elsewhere in the state, the Harts owned more slaves than any other family in Georgia.

The Union conquest of Georgia, Sherman's notorious 'march to the sea' and the Emancipation Proclamation shattered the Harts' prosperity. What war and negro 'freedom' failed to destroy, northern carpetbaggers under the protection of federal troops finished off. Bankrupt and destitute, the Harts were left with little more than their home in Corina and a few acres of fields.

But the Harts were not quitters. They bent their backs to the task of rebuilding their fortunes and, with wise investments and a judicious marriage or two, they regained a little of their former prosperity and became active in local and state politics. Today their name survives in the Hart-Lamberts, who since the turn of the century have provided a Congressman, two State Senators and a candidate for the Governorship of Georgia...

PP #16: *Devil Worship in Georgia and the Carolinas*, by Professor Oliver Collier, Miskatonic University Press, Arkham 1909

...Amongst the most bizarre of tales of devil worship to emerge from Georgia is the incident of Spector (*sic*) Hill, which by all accounts took place in April of 1889.

Following the teachings of one Erasmus Hurt (or Herd: opinion seems divided), a small sect grew up around the worship of the 'Great Old One' - presumably a circumlocution for Satan, although not quite the easy familiarity of 'Old Nick'. Unlike Beelzebub, however, who dwelt unequivocally in Hell, this manifestation of Lucifer chose a remote star as his home. Presumably he found the climate more to his liking, even if travelling to work was somewhat more time-consuming.

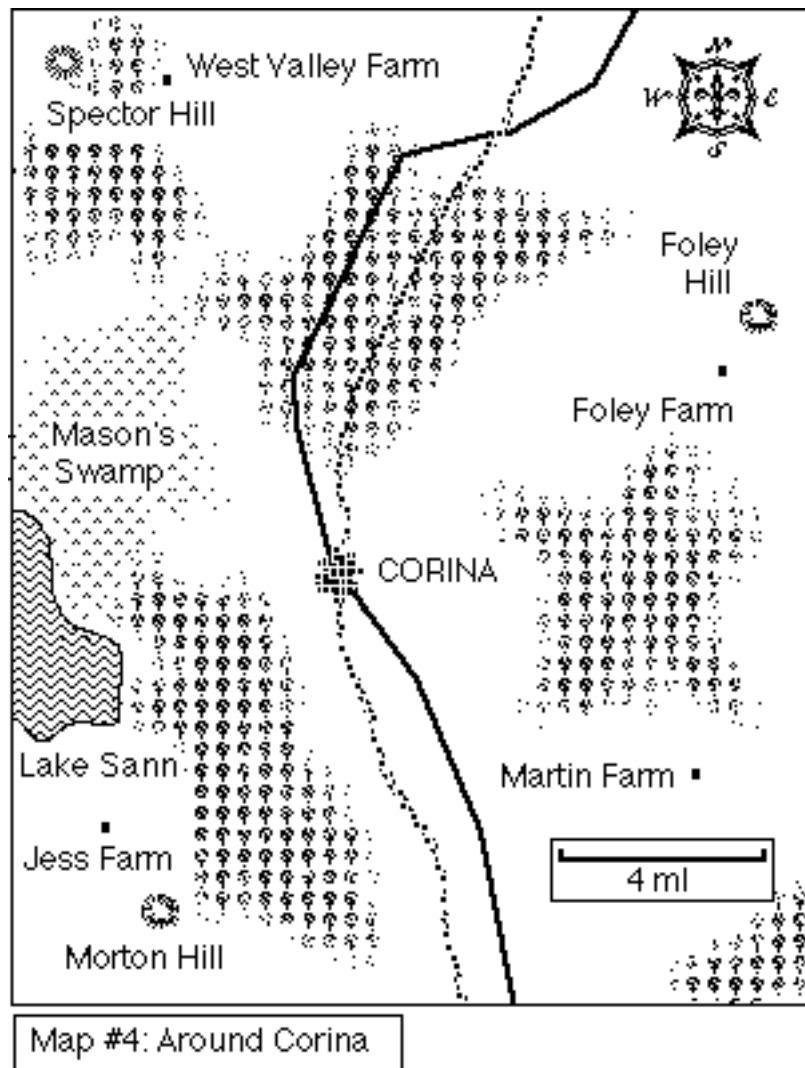
To the fateful night in April 1889 when the Great Old One was to be summoned to shrive his followers and pursue his work on Earth.

The congregation foregathered in Hurt's barn and, after an inspiring address by their leader, donned ceremonial robes and advanced to the summit of Spector Hill, together with a hapless negro who was to be an involuntary but vital accessory to the worship. Erasmus commenced his black prayer, the followers began to chant, the negro swooned, which he well might do for Erasmus planned to sacrifice him to encourage his deity's prompt appearance.

The best laid plans of mice and men.

Unfortunately for the worshippers, but fortunately for the negro, coincidence intervened and a bolt of lightning struck the hill close to where the bulk of the congregation was assembled, but rather more distant from Erasmus and the negro. This atmospheric visitation was powerful enough to incinerate half the congregation and set the hilltop alight, taking the minds of the surviving worshippers off the task at hand. Erasmus, it appears, was shot to death by an enraged parishioner who blamed him for the disaster that had befallen. I am happy to record that, in the confusion, the negro made good his escape.

I have done my very best to verify this tale, but have been unable to do so. However, there was certainly a large fire atop Spector Hill some time in the not too distant past and the story really is too good to be left untold.



Part Four: Corina and After

There is a regular train and 'bus service to Corina from Atlanta. Alternatively, the investigators can hire a motor vehicle in Atlanta easily.

Corina

Corina is a town very much in the pocket of its leading citizen, Garner Hart Lambert, and he enjoys the courtesy title of 'Colonel' throughout Cobb County. The mayor and sheriff of Corina are Lambert's henchmen and members of his cult. Virtually all of the more important white men, and most of the rest, are members of the Ku Klux Klan. Lambert can ensure that any of his enemies caught in and around Corina receive a rough ride and, if necessary, they can be killed with little risk of come-back - especially if their bodies simply disappear.

Corinans are very suspicious of strangers and will be outwardly hostile to Yankees; some will even refer to Northerners openly as 'damned yellow bellies' or 'dirty carpetbaggers'. An investigator who is or who can pass for a Southerner (a Linguist x1/2 success will accomplish this) and can then make his Debate skill will be accepted as much as any stranger can be. Such an investigator has, separately, his Luck and Listen chance of hearing that there is a Klan meeting scheduled for the evening of April 25th in a field at the back of Foley Farm.

Psychology used during a conversation with virtually any white Corinan should persuade the investigators that they cannot afford to trust them. Several seem scared, although none will say what of (Lambert and the Klan intimidate those who do not support them actively).

Sterling House

G. Hart Lambert's house is a rambling, colonial-

style building set in 75 acres of its own land. It is called Sterling House. Investigators who have seen the photograph in Cooper's study and who can make an Idea roll will recognize at least the area around the front door from this picture.

PP #18: Atlanta Newspapers: Policy, Editorial and Ownership Details

The Atlanta Clarion is clearly a white supremacist newspaper. It praises the Ku Klux Klan for its stand against bootleggers, miscegenation and Catholicism, and ridicules blacks for seeking equal rights with whites. Its owner and editor is Lester Douglas, a prominent member of the Klan.

The Atlanta Tribune is a generally liberal, white-run newspaper, sympathetic towards black aspirations and hostile towards the Klan. Its premises have been attacked by Klan arsonists on a number of occasions, but it continues to hammer out its message. Its editor is James D. Joseph. Its owner is Jubal Kincaid.

The Atlanta Negro Daily is Atlanta's leading black-owned and -run newspaper. It campaigns vigorously for equal rights and publishes everything it can find out about Klan members and their excesses. It is hampered in its investigations by the fact that its staff is completely black and so it is dependent on a few white sympathizers for information about the Klan. It is hated by the Klan, but its location in the heart of black Atlanta has helped protect it against Klan attacks. Its owner and editor is Jackson Glover, a charter member of the Atlanta NAACP.

There are extensive outbuildings and plenty of trees around to provide cover for wary investigators, but during the day there are always several field-hands and servants passing to and fro and it will be difficult to avoid being noticed if position is taken up too close to the house. Many of Lambert's workers are black: Lambert enjoys playing the part of the grand plantation owner and virtually all of the blacks who work for him are cowed by the knowledge that he has the Klan behind him and none but the most impassioned of demagogues could raise them against him.

Lambert shares his house with his servants and Dexter Marshall, his bodyguard and chief lieutenant. All of the servants live in a separate wing, but Marshall's rooms are close by those of his boss. There is an extensive system of bells throughout the house; these all ring in the servants' quarters. The sketch map nearby provides further details of Lambert's residence.

PP #19: Anti-segregationism in Atlanta

The Atlanta Negro Daily, Monday, September 17th, 1923

We lend our full support to the Rev Michael King, Sr's campaign to encourage negroes to boycott The Atlanta Courier for its editorial policy of ridiculing colored people in their efforts to attain the equality that the Civil War promised them.

The Atlanta Negro Daily, Wednesday, May 14th, 1924

The weekend marked a historic success for the future of the negro in Atlanta. Bowing to the pressure organized by the Rev Michael King, Sr and his son to defeat its most recent bond issue, the City Council agreed to the establishment of a high school in Atlanta for negro students. As we all know, education is the key to our people's progress and the new school will be a significant contribution to our hopes and ambitions for our children.

NAACP Events, Atlanta Area, April 1925

7 pm, Sunday, April 12th:

Ebenezer Baptist Church, 413 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta - charity supper to raise funds for the NAACP. Speaker Rev Adam Daniel Williams, pastor.

8 pm, Tuesday, April 28th:

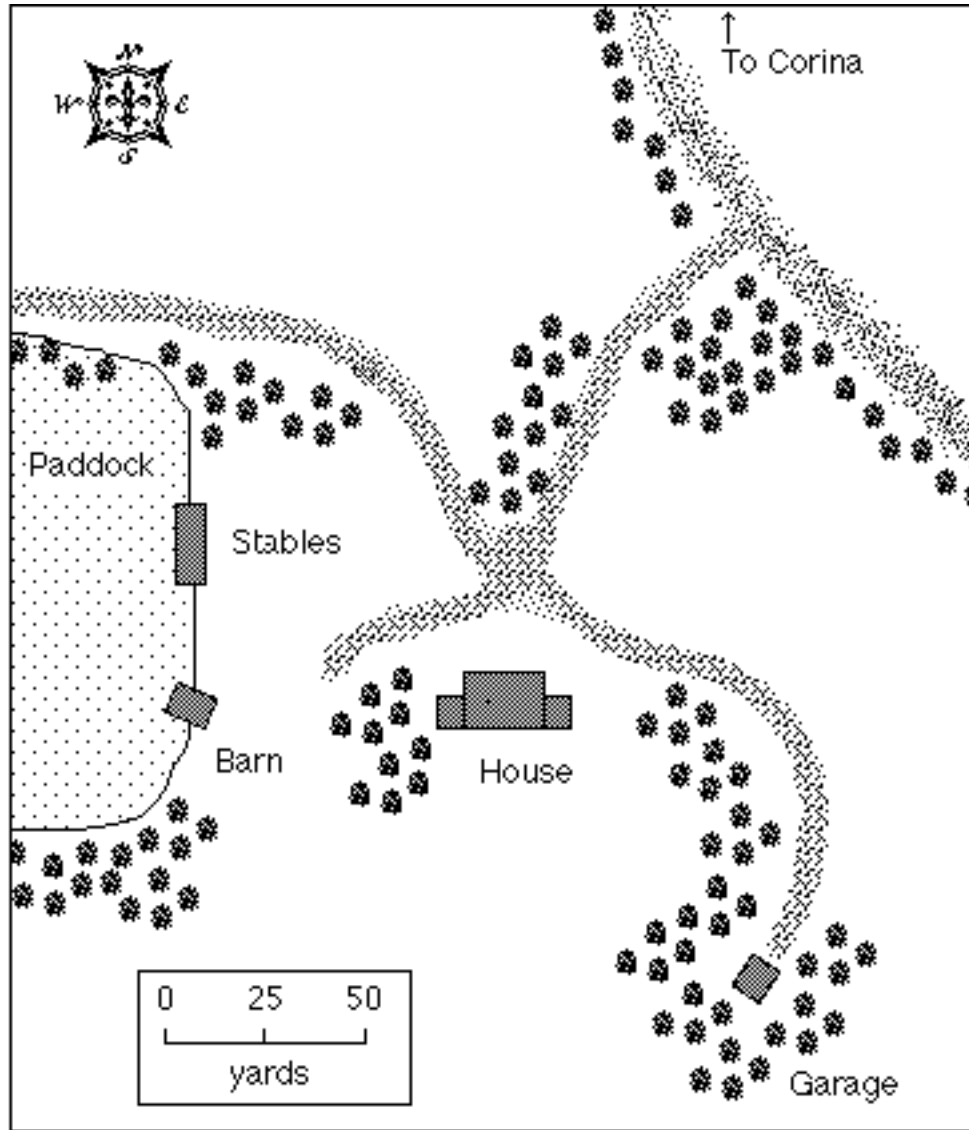
Lecture in Elizabeth Negro Community Hall by Rev Michael King, Jr on the role of the church in negro advancement.

Breaking into Sterling House is a fairly simple matter. Lambert is so confident of his power and authority in Corina that it does not enter his thoughts that anyone might dare to burgle him and neither he nor Marshall bothers to ensure that the house is locked up at night. A Luck roll by the investigator with the highest POW will find a window or even a door left open overnight. Even if the doors and windows are all closed, Luck will find one that has not been locked or fastened properly. At the very worst, a door is susceptible to Mechanical Repair and windows may be jemmied against a STR of 12. Once entry has been made, however, the investigators will have to move quietly: the servants are unlikely to pose a threat, but Lambert and Marshall will happily blast intruders first and accept congratulations for saving the county the cost of a trial later.

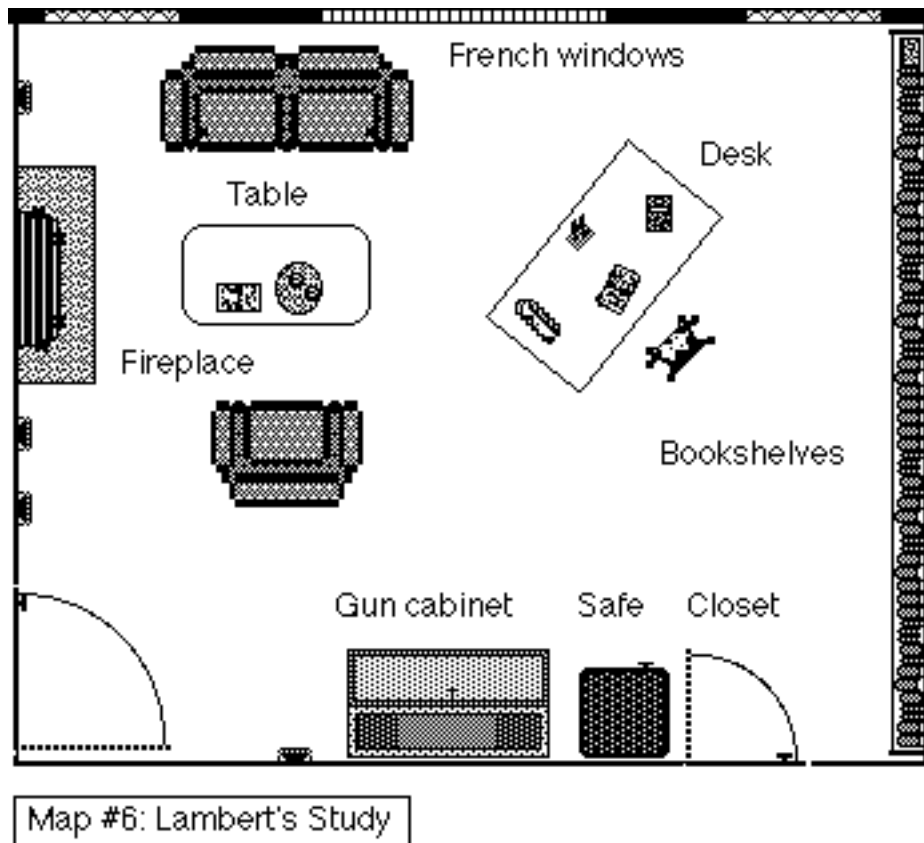
Lambert's study is the room of greatest interest to the investigators. It is large and comfortable, like the rest of the house. Hanging on the walls are framed portraits of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Nathaniel Bedford Forrest and William Simmons (the History skill will identify the first three of

these, Davis and Lee with bonuses of at least +25 percentiles, but a special success with Knowledge will be needed to recognize Simmons). The most

important items for the investigators are the desk, the closet and the safe, but there is also a gun cabinet which may attract them.



Map #5: Sterling House



On the desk there is a rolled-up map of the territory around Corina, showing the locations of West Valley Farm, Foley Farm and Spector Hill quite clearly. If the investigators have not already got a map of the area from Atlanta, they can have this one and a sketch of the more important details is provided nearby.

The doors of the gun cabinet are locked, but can be pried open against STRs of 10; alternatively the locks can be picked with Mechanical Repair +30 percentiles. The upper, glass-fronted compartment contains rifles and shotguns; the lower section has hand-guns and a wide variety of ammunition for all of the firearms.

The closet in the study contains a number of ordinary outdoor clothes. A Spot Hidden at the rear of the closet reveals a second, hidden closet. This is not locked and its discovery includes finding out how to open it.

The hidden closet is quite shallow and contains two sets of robes: the first is the outfit of a Grand Titan of the Ku Klux Klan (a special success with Knowledge will recognize this, but a simple success should be enough to identify the costume as Klan garb of some sort); the second outfit is Lambert's Mythos robe. The Mythos costume is similar to the Klan robe, but obviously different; it is covered in arcane markings which with a successful use of

Cthulhu Mythos can be recognized as typical Mythos symbols associated with the worship of Cthugha; embroidered on the back of the gown is an open eye, identical to the one on the cloak found at Cooper's home.

On the floor at the back of the closet there is an intricately carved wooden box. The box is not locked and opening it shows a padded velvet lining with a recess for an ornate dagger. Cthulhu Mythos will recognize all of the symbols on the box and dagger as devices of the Mythos inextricably linked with the worship of Cthugha. The dagger blade is polished to mirror-like perfection.

Hidden on a small ledge above the inside of the hidden closet's door is a spare key to the safe in the study. A Spot Hidden will notice the shelf and if it is searched, the key will be found directly.

Lambert's safe must either be opened with a Mechanical Repair x1/4 or else with the key found in the hidden closet. The only other option is to get the other key off Lambert, a key which he keeps with him at all times and locks in the drawer of his bedroom dresser at night. There are several items in the safe which will be useful to the investigators:

- *The Journals of Erasmus Hart*: these are three books written in spidery, barely literate and scarcely legible English (+7% Cthulhu Mythos, x2

Spell Multiplier, -2D3 SAN; spells Shrivelling and Call Cthugha; unfortunately for Lambert, Hart was not aware of the limitations to the latter spell and his journal contains no reference to time of the year for casting; Lambert remains ignorant of any advantage to be gained from using the spell between September and November).

- \$100,000 of stock certificates (\$63,000 Amalgamated Industries, \$24,000 Coca-Cola and \$12,000 Southern Railroad).
- \$2,100 in cash (50s and 100s).
- A dozen or so photographs in a loose-leaf folder. The photographs depict the ritual murder of a number of blacks by men wearing robes similar to but clearly different from those of the Ku Klux Klan (see above in the description of the closet). The faces of several of the robed men and all of the blacks can be made out. The man holding the knife with which the murders are committed is Lambert; directly participating in the murders are Marshall and several of Corina's leading citizens. All of the blacks can be identified by their relatives as the five negroes missing in Cobb County in the past year. The knife used in the killings is, in several photographs, clearly identifiable as the one in the hidden closet described above). A SAN check is required after seeing these photographs, for they are quite stomach-turning: failure costs 1D3 SAN, success none.

There is no clear indication where the photographs were taken, but anyone with local knowledge of the area around Corina would place the site of many of the killings as Foley Hill from a distinctively-twisted dead tree appearing in several of the pictures.

- In the same folder as the black and white photographs there is also a colour photograph of the Earth seen from space, taken by the Apollo 8 mission (this is not indicated anywhere on the photograph and anyway would mean nothing to the investigators). The photograph has been cut from an English-language magazine, but there is no clue to the identity of this journal and the written material visible is of no import. Photography suggests that the picture is not a fake. A failed SAN check costs one SAN, a successful check none.

- A list of names and addresses in half-a-dozen US cities. The names include Mayhew Cooper in Boston. It will be reasonable and correct for the investigators to deduce that these are chapter leaders of the Wideawakes.

- Copies of letters going back to the start of 1924 to a lawyer in Corina demanding in no uncertain terms that he purchases West Valley Farm on his behalf. The lawyer's replies are also in the safe. As the purchase of the farm is delayed, Lambert's letters become increasingly angry: he really wants the property. Although Lambert's earlier murders

took place on Foley Hill, he was determined that the summoning of Cthugha should take place at the same site as his ancestor attempted his summoning. Consequently he had to purchase West Valley Farm as the then owner was a recalcitrant individualist who despised Lambert and his Klan associations. Lambert's efforts only came to fruition at the beginning of March 1925, as the correspondence shows.

- The deeds to West Valley Farm.
- The page from the encyclopedia brought from the future by Lambert's time-travelling lackey. The first lines of the entry referring to Martin Luther King are provided as PP #21. Reading the extract requires a SAN check: failure results in the loss of one SAN, success none.

Foley Farm

Thaddeus Foley is a member of both Cobb County Klan and Lambert's murderous cult. He allows a field of his farm to be used for Klan meetings and Foley Hill, part of his property, has been used for Lambert's sacrifices of hapless blacks. A large, brawny, bullying braggart, so long as he is sure of his ground Foley will display these characteristics to their full, but if his confidence can be destroyed then he will prove a broken reed. Presented with evidence of the ritual murders on Foley Hill and his evident participation in them (he appears clearly in two of the photographs from Lambert's safe), he will collapse like a deflated balloon. His only thought will be to try and save his own skin and he will tell interrogators everything that he knows concerning Lambert, the cult, the kidnapping of Michael King and Alberta Williams, and the sacrifice planned for May Eve, although he does not know what is so special about the two victims. If promised personal safety, he will agree to testify against Lambert and his henchmen.

The Klan Meeting

The investigators may well try to infiltrate the Klan meeting at Foley Farm in the hopes of being able to pick up information. This will give you plenty of opportunity for practising Klanspeak on them (see the Keeper Aid nearby for examples of this strange jargon). To stand any chance at all of successfully getting into the meeting, an investigator will have to either receive an invitation, which requires much success with communications skills and no small amount of luck around Corina, or steal or make a Klan robe and hope to pass unnoticed in the crowd.

There will be around one hundred Klansmen at the meeting, which will last for approximately three hours. Each investigator at the meeting 'illegally' should be required to make a Luck roll each hour that he remains there with his hood in

place: if he fails then a Klansman challenges him in Klanspeak; a proper response or successful Fast Talk will be necessary to avoid discovery, the latter leading almost certainly to a thorough beating at the very least. Unhooded investigators will immediately be spotted as strangers and apprehended.

PP #20: The Ku Klux Klan: Library/Newspaper Files' Research

Founded in 1866 after the Civil War as little more than a friendly club for ex-Confederate troopers, the Klan derived its name from the Greek word for circle (kyklos), but soon became an instrument for asserting white supremacy and curbing the newly-emancipated blacks in the South. However, the Klan quickly lapsed into outright terrorism and became virtually indistinguishable from outlaw bands, forcing the Federal Government to pass the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 after which the Klan passed into a decline.

In 1915 the self-styled 'Colonel' William Simmons and fourteen followers raised a fiery cross on the Summit of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and swore to re-establish the 'Invisible Empire of the South', together with its pseudo-mystical jargon and ranks - Grand Dragons to rule Realms (states), Grand Titans to rule Provinces (counties), etc.

The new Klan was, like its earlier incarnation, committed to white supremacy, but also inveighed against foreigners, Jews and Catholics. In the early Twenties the Klan grew in numbers to several million under the guidance of two professional fund-raisers and publicity agents.

In November 1922 Simmons was ousted from the leadership of the Klan and replaced as Imperial Wizard (sic) by Hiram Wesley, preaching 'America for the Americans', and the Klan pursued a programme of threats, brandings, floggings and even emasculation and murder against those whom it identified as it and America's enemies.

In 1922 the Klan was instrumental in electing Clifford Walker Governor of Georgia and Earle B. Mayfield to the Senate from Texas; it also took control of the Oklahoma legislature. In 1924 it helped Henry L. Fuqua to the Governorship of Louisiana and Republican W.B. Pine to the Senate from Oklahoma, as well as deadlocking the Democratic National Convention and all but ensuring that Calvin Coolidge would thereby win the Presidential election for the Republicans. The Klan effectively controlled the cities of Atlanta, Birmingham, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Little Rock and Tulsa, plus dozens of smaller towns throughout the South.

PP #21: The Page from the Encyclopedia

King, Rev. Martin Luther, Jr., 41st President:
Born January 15th, 1929, at 501 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, King was the son of Martin Luther King and Alberta, nee Williams, the daughter of the Reverend Adam Daniel Williams, the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church....

Keepet Aid: Examples of 'Klanspeak'

Akia	A Klansman I am
Ayak	Are you a Klansman?
Capowe	Countersign and password or written evidence
Cygnar	Can you give number and realm?
Itsub	In the sacred, unfailing bond
Kigy	Klansman, I greet you
Klandestine	Klan secretiveness
Klankraft	Klan faith
Klavern	Local Klan chapter
Klecktoken	\$10 initiation fee
Klodes	Klan songs
Klonversations	(You guessed it!)
Klonvokation	National Klan convention
Kludd	Klavern minister
No.1 Atga	Number one Klan of Atlanta, Georgia

An investigator who escapes detection may make a second Luck roll. If this is successful, he should attempt Listen: if this succeeds then he has overheard a snatch of conversation between two Klan members who are also involved in the Cthugha-worshipping cult with Lambert. Typical exchanges are given as Keeper Aid: Overheard Conversations.

Keeper Aid: Overheard Conversations

- ... *Ah heah Dextuh's got thuh snatch sit fuh thuh twenny-ayth...*
- ... *thuh nigguh bitch an' thuh preachuh'll git whut's comin' to 'em...*
- ... *thuh nigguh squealt like uh stuck hog wan thuh Kuhnel cut 'im...*
- ... *King, haw! Ain't no throne we'll hev set up fo' them niggus on Spectuh on Satuhduh...*

The climax of the meeting is, of course, Lambert's address to the Klansmen. This is rambling and bigoted, but evokes an enthusiastic response amongst the assembled listeners. Extracts from the speech are reproduced as PP #22 for the edification of the investigators.

PP #22: From G. Hart Lambert's Speech to the Cobb County Klan

... America is a garbage can! My friends, your government can be changed between the rising and the setting of the sun: when the hordes of aliens walk to the ballot box and their votes outnumber yours, then they have got you by the throat...

... The immigrants who now flood into our country from the slums of the world have a fundamental inferiority of racial and national strains... Negroes are unable to attain the Anglo-Saxon level. Catholics bow their knee to the higher temporal authority of the Pope and owe no allegiance to America. Jews possess a racial and religious antipathy, unrelenting and unabating since the cross of Calvary... America for the Americans...

... The Klan is going to drive the bootleggers forever out of this land. It is going to bring clean moving pictures, clean literature, break up roadside parking, enforce the laws, protect homes, guard families...

KLANSMAN

STR	12	CON	14	SIZ	14
INT	11	POW	10	DEX	12
APP	10	EDU	10		
SAN	50	HP	14		

Weapons: Fist/Punch 70% 1D3+1D4
 Club 40% 1D8+1D4
 .38 revolver 35% 1D10
 .30-06 rifle 25% 2D6+3
 12g shotgun 40% 4/2/1D6

Skills: Dodge 35%, Listen 40%, Speak Klanspeak 60%, Spot Hidden 35%

Notes: Customize this character as you see fit. Normally, a Klansman should have only one firearm.

The Kidnap Plan

Through his Klan contacts, Lambert has learnt that the Rev Michael King and his fiancée, Alberta Williams, plan to attend an NAACP

meeting in Elizabeth on the evening of April 28th. They will stay overnight in Elizabeth and travel back to Atlanta on the early morning train. With the assistance of his cult cohorts, Lambert plans to have them taken from the train when it stops in Corina. The Sheriff will release them after a small delay - 'It was just a case of mistaken identity. Pity we had to trouble you good coloured folk from Atlanta.' - but too late to re-board the train. They will have a wait of almost two hours before the next train and will almost certainly spend that time in the black section of Corina. Lambert has instructed Marshall to kidnap them in this interval.

G. HART LAMBERT

STR	12	CON	16	SIZ	14
INT	16	POW	18	DEX	12
APP	12	EDU	17		
SAN	0	HP	15		

Weapons: .45 revolver 35% 1D10+2
 .30-06 rifle 25% 2D6+3

Skills: Credit Rating 80%, Cthulhu Mythos 55%, History 45%, Oratory 50%

Spells: Call Cthugha, Look to the Future, Summon/Bind Dimensional Shambler, Shrivelling

DEXTER MARSHALL

STR	18	CON	18	SIZ	14
INT	13	POW	13	DEX	15
APP	12	EDU	10		
SAN	0	HP	16		

Weapons: Fist/Punch 80% 1D3+1D4
 Bowie knife 60% 1D4+2+1D4
 .38 revolver 70% 1D10
 20g shotgun 50% 2/1D6/1D3

Skills: Camouflage 60%, Climb 70%, Cthulhu Mythos 25%, Dodge 45%, Drive Automobile 55%, Hide 60%, Listen 80%, Mechanical Repair 45%, Sneak 40%

Marshal has organized eight fellow-cultists and three automobiles for the kidnapping. The couple will be grabbed off the street as they walk towards coloured Corina and driven to West Valley Farm, where they will be held under guard in the barn until the evening of the 30th.

If the investigators try to warn either King or

his fiancée of the danger they are in, they will laugh it off. Neither will believe any fanciful tales about the Mythos and Cthugha; indeed such tales will only serve to convince them that the investigators are some brand of lunatic.

KIDNAPPER/GUARD

STR	14	CON	14	SIZ	15
INT	12	POW	12	DEX	13
APP	11	EDU	11		
SAN	25	HP	15		

Weapons:	Fist/Punch	75%	1D3+1D4
	.38 revolver	45%	1D10
	.30-06 rifle	35%	2D6+3
	12g shotgun	50%	4/2/1D6

Skills: Cthulhu Mythos 10%, Dodge 40%, Drive Automobile 50%, First Aid 40%, Listen 60%, Sneak 35%, Spot Hidden 50%

Notes: Use this character for kidnapers in Corina and guards at West Valley Farm. Kidnapers and guards both will have a revolver and either a rifle or a shotgun, your choice. Captured kidnapers and guards will bank on Lambert's influence to rescue them, but successful Oratory or Debate can convince individuals that the only way they can save themselves is to testify against Lambert.

The investigators have three opportunities to save the couple:

- They can attempt to defeat the ambush.
- They can try and rescue the couple from West Valley Farm.
- They can try and intervene during the ceremony on Spector Hill.

The Ambush

In some ways this situation is the most dangerous for all involved. The kidnapers will not hesitate to fire at anyone interfering in the ambush and the law, if it arrives in time, will almost certainly side with them. Your task as keeper is to ensure that Michael King and Alberta Williams do not get injured in any cross-fire.

The sketch map nearby provides details of the kidnap plan and the area where it will be executed. Sheriff Perry will turn King and Williams free from his office early enough to make them think twice about waiting two hours at the railroad station for the next train to Atlanta. The kidnapers' plan will work smoothly as their

victims head away from the station in the direction of Corina's black quarter and the local Baptist church. As they walk past the warehouse to reach Early Avenue, the kidnapers' three cars will pull up alongside and in front of them. Three drivers will stay in the cars, plus an extra man in the centre vehicle, while Marshall and the other four members of the gang jump out and, at gun-point, force King and Williams into the middle car. Two kidnapers will also get into this car.

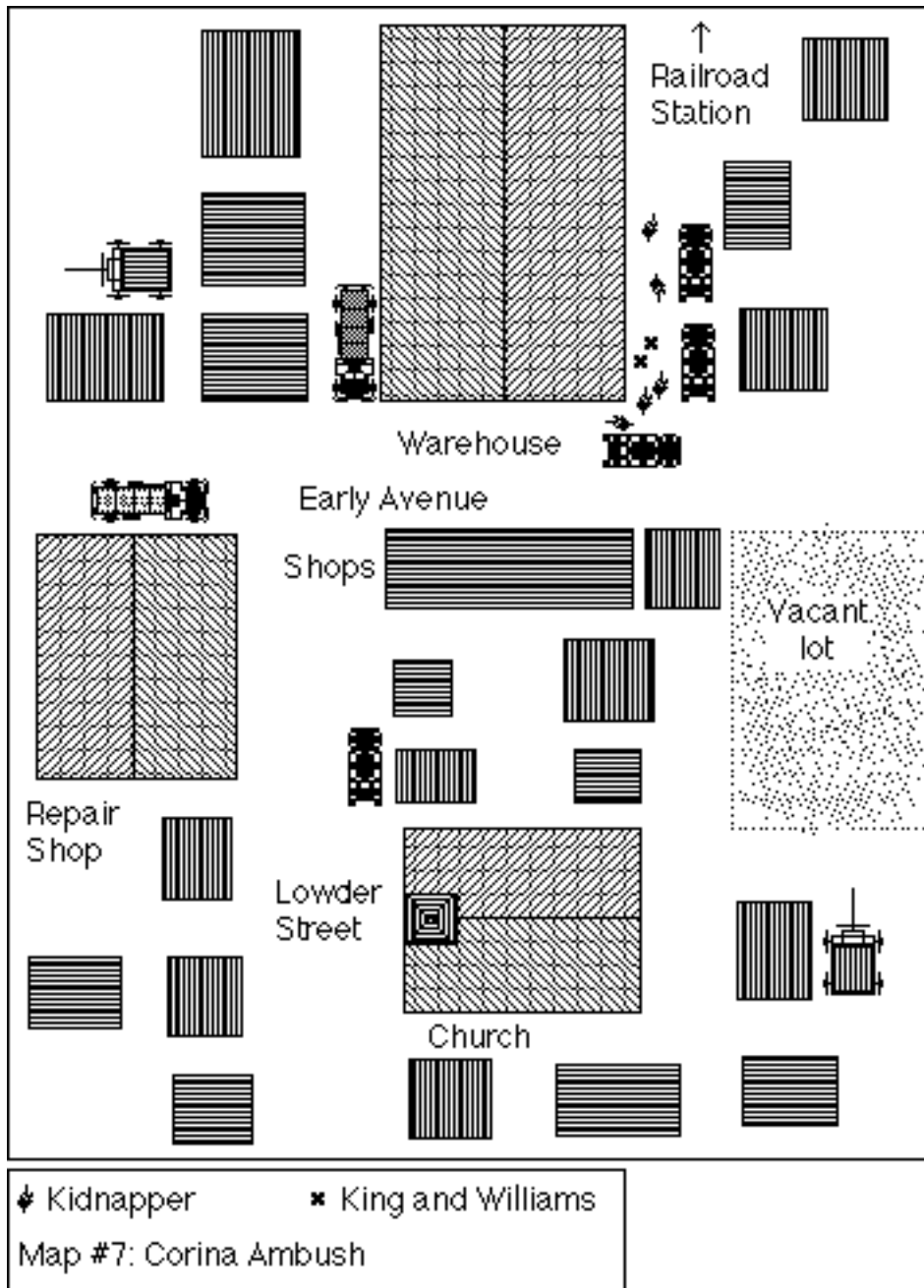
Any blacks or strangers who try to interfere will be shot down; in the unlikely eventuality of a white Corinan being around, they will be told to scam and forget that they've seen anything.

If the investigators do try to disrupt the ambush, Marshall's priority will be to get the car carrying the victims out of Corina while he and the four remaining kidnapers shoot it out with the trouble-makers, at least for long enough to ensure the escape of the kidnap car. Once this has been done, Marshall and his cronies will try and escape.

The law will only appear at the ambush site quickly if shooting starts, but even so its arrival will be as tardy as Sheriff Perry can make it. The police will turn up in the form of the Corina patrol car manned by Perry and two deputies 1D20+20 combat rounds after the first shot is fired. If shooting is still going on, Perry will call for it to stop. Marshall and his cronies will be happy to comply, but if the investigators keep shooting, Perry and the deputies will side with Marshall.

If the patrol car arrives after all the shooting is over, Perry will arrest any blacks and strangers around and still standing. If the investigators have fled in their own vehicle, the patrol car will give chase if it is known in which direction the investigators have gone. If the investigators hope to melt into Corina itself and wait for the hubbub to die down, they have little chance of success: Corina is a small town and no one is going to help them.

If arrested, the investigators will find themselves on the wrong side of criminal charges. Marshall and his conspirators will testify that it was the investigators who were breaking the law, they were simply doing their duty by attempting to stop them. Even if Perry wasn't a member of the conspiracy, he would believe Marshall and his cronies over any strangers, and no jury in the county would spend more than two minutes considering their verdict in the event of a trial. If Michael King and Alberta Williams say anything in support of the investigators' story, assuming that they are able to, they will not be believed and certainly not allowed to testify.



LESTER PERRY: Corina Sheriff					
STR	15	CON	11	SIZ	15
INT	12	POW	13	DEX	11
APP	9	EDU	12		
SAN	10	HP	13		
Weapons:	Fist/Punch	80%	1D3+1D4		
	Nightstick	60%	1D6+1D4		
	.45 auto	50%	1D10+2		
	12g shotgun	60%	2/1D6/1D3		
Skills:	Cthulhu Mythos 20%, Drive Automobile 65%, Law 40%				

DEPUTY					
STR	13	CON	12	SIZ	14
INT	11	POW	12	DEX	13
APP	11	EDU	11		
SAN	60	HP	13		
Weapons:	Fist/Punch	70%	1D3+1D4		
	Nightstick	55%	1D6+1D4		
	.38 revolver	45%	1D10		
	12g shotgun	50%	2/1D6/1D3		
Skills:	Drive Automobile 60%, Law 30%				
West Valley Farm					

West Valley Farm lies, as its name implies, in a valley. The farm buildings cannot be seen from the side road that passes a mile or so to the east of the farm. The track leading from this side road climbs a low hill before turning into the valley where the farm is located. There are several points of vantage from which the farm can be watched from a distance, but to get much closer than a quarter-of-a-mile will require the investigators to use field-craft to avoid being seen.

The farm provides the investigators with probably their best chance of mounting a rescue. The guards are sloppy and over-confident and all Hide, Listen and Sneak attempts by the investigators should enjoy a bonus of 25 percentiles, while Listen and Spot Hidden attempts by the guards should be reduced by one-half. Between 10 pm and 6 am only half of the guards will be awake at any time and it will take 10+1D10 combat rounds for the sleepers to get themselves organized once they have been alerted.

Lambert has ordered eight cultists to guard Michael King and Alberta Williams. These men are the most reliable that Marshall could pick, but they are not as dedicated to the idea of the Mythos as either he or Lambert: for the most part, they are members of the cult because they see it as a way of enhancing their superiority over blacks by ritual murder which even the Klan would hesitate to become involved in. Also, Lambert is an important man in their part of the world and they are naturally inclined to follow his lead. So while they are competent enough normally, they feel secure at West Valley Farm and do not pay as close attention to their duties as they should.

Marshall will visit the farm once on April 30th during the day to make sure that everything is all right prior to the sacrifice. Use your own discretion to decide whether he is at the farm when the investigators get there.

To approach the farm by vehicle, the investigators must drive along the one and only track leading into the valley. Throughout the day at two guards are on watch in a field alongside this track, ostensibly working. If strangers approach along the track, the guards will halt them (they carry firearms) and tell them that they are trespassing and must leave. They will accept no reason for allowing the investigators to go on to the farm.

Observing the farm from a distance, it should be obvious that it is not being worked. An investigator with background as a farmer will be able to sense this almost instinctively and five minutes spent watching the supposed workers in the field will convince him that his instinct is right. Any investigator succeeding with Botany will realize that the fields are not being tended properly and

obviously good pasture land is not being grazed.

If Cooper and/or Davis have escaped from Boston to Georgia, they will be holed up at the farm, waiting for any fuss to die down before risking re-emerging. If they have driven to Georgia, Cooper's Plymouth, or a stolen vehicle if the Plymouth is still in Boston (scope here for the Bureau of Investigation to become involved - see below), will be parked in the barn, together with the kidnapers' car that brought King and Williams from Corina. Because the barn is being used as a garage, the wagon that is usually kept there has been pulled outside and left in the open.

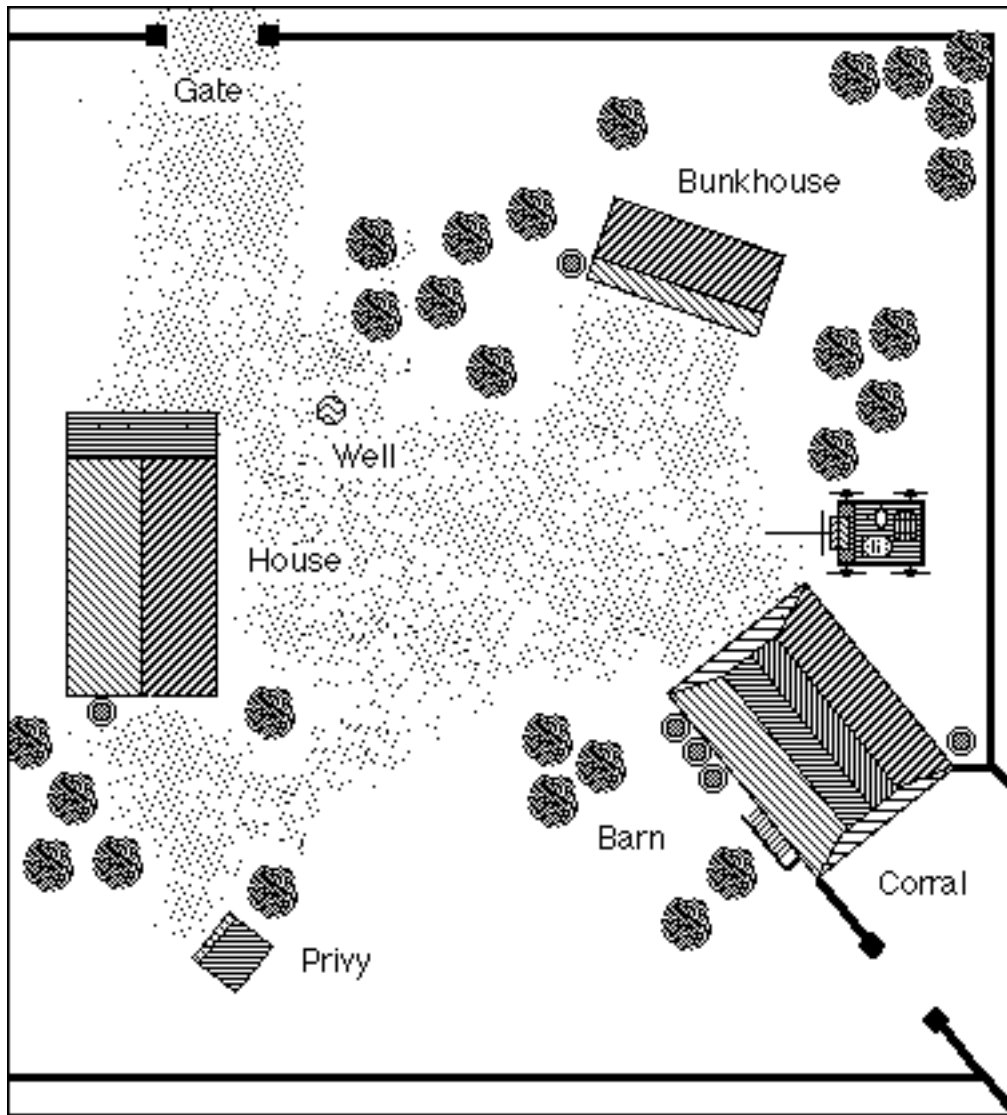
A plan of the farm is provided nearby. The Rev Michael King and Alberta Williams are being kept in the cellar beneath the kitchen. There is only one entrance to the cellar, but even though this is from the kitchen where guards are always on duty, it is still kept bolted.

The guards spend most of their time in the kitchen, smoking, drinking 'shine and playing cards or just gossiping. If Cooper and Davis are at the farm, so long as the weather remains good (your discretion) they will spend most of the day sat on the porch. At night four guards remain awake at all times, although they are unlikely to do anything other than remain in the house. Bedrooms are allocated so that three guards have mattresses in Bedroom #1, three in Bedroom #2 and two in Bedroom #4. If at the farm, Cooper will occupy Bedroom #3 and Davis will use the Boxroom.

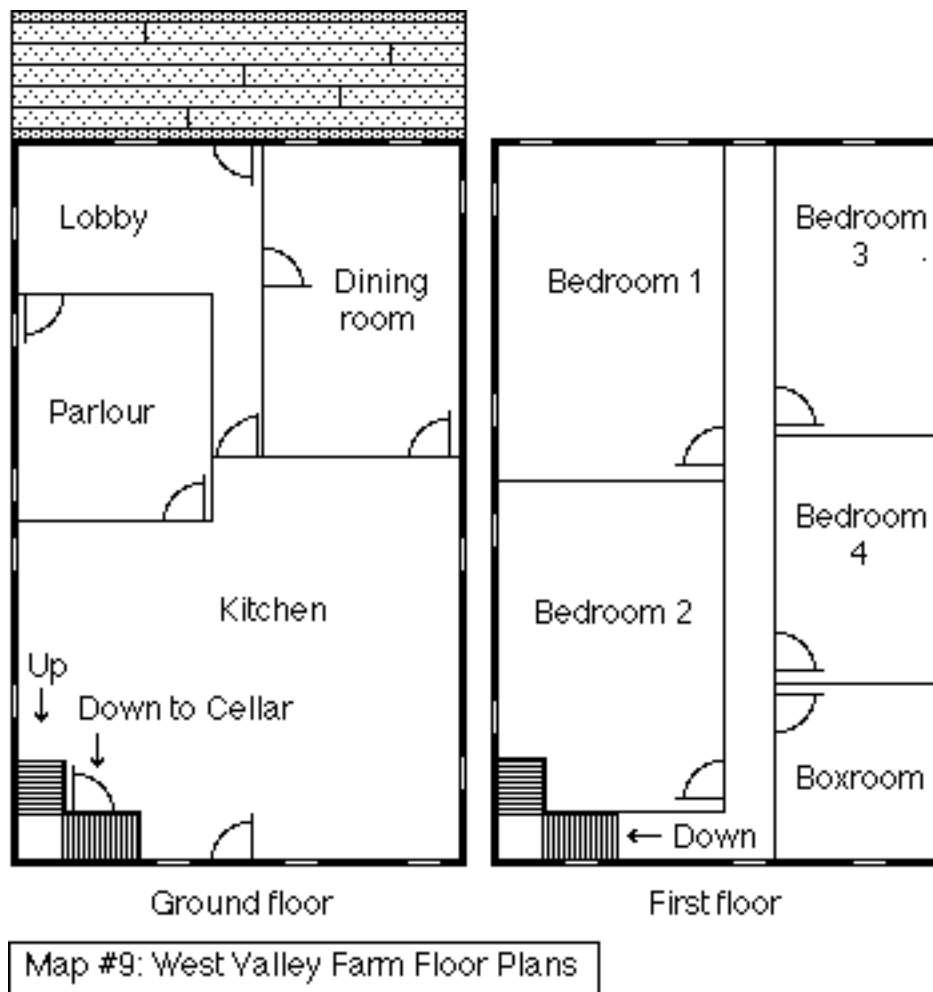
Strangers who avoid the guards in the field will receive a frosty reception at the farmhouse. If recognized by either Cooper or Davis, an immediate attempt will be made to overpower them. Otherwise, the strangers will be told that they are trespassing and warned to leave the farm at once and not to return. Again, no excuses for remaining will be accepted.

If a rescue attempt is mounted, the guards will not hesitate to open fire. However, unless backed into a corner and given no alternative, none of the guards will want to fight to the death: they are not that loyal to Lambert and the Mythos! If things go badly for them and surviving guards can flee, they will, otherwise they will surrender if given the chance and promised their lives. Marshall, Cooper and Davis will never surrender, however, and so long as any of them is alive he will exercise enough influence over the guards to make them stand firm.

If, for any reason, any of the investigators are captured, they will be interrogated brutally to find out all they know; prisoners will not be killed without Lambert's say so and his preferred method of disposal will be to add them to the sacrifices planned for May Eve.



Map #8: West Valley Farm



The Ceremony

Rescue will be most difficult here, for there will be upwards of thirty cult members present, many armed and including Lambert, Marshall, Sheriff Perry, and Cooper and Davis if they are in Georgia.

A map of Spector Hill and the ceremony site shows details of the situation the investigators will face. They may well wish to reconnoitre the hill before the night of April 30th, a task which should not be too difficult as Lambert has ordered no watch mounted and the guards at West Valley Farm are more concerned with the track leading to the farm than with what may be going on behind them.

From the back of West Valley farm a roughly-marked trail leads through woods to the 400 feet high bulk of Spector Hill. The trail continues upwards round the back of the hill through trees and scrub to the bare summit where a group of five stones stand in a rough circle about forty yards across around a sixth. There is no evidence of anything untoward having taken place on the hill, but the faint traces of the fire referred to in Professor Collier's book can be identified with a successful Track. Tracking will also note that at

least two different people have been walking about the stones recently (Lambert and Marshall, of course). The centre stone has been blackened by flames from Erasmus Hart's 19th Century ceremonies and there are signs of heat damage on the five standing stones as well, but this should all be recognized as quite old.

West Valley Farm cannot be seen from the top of the hill, but if an investigator climbs on top of any of the stones he will be able to see the rooves of the buildings.

Lambert has, naturally, planned the sacrifice to take place at exactly midnight on April 30th as the culmination of the spell to call Cthugha from Fomalhaut. The ceremony will take approximately one hour to conduct according to the rituals written down by Erasmus Hart and embellished upon by Lambert. It will also take about two hours for the worshippers and their sacrificial victims to make their way to the top of Spector Hill. Consequently Lambert has ordered everyone involved to be ready to leave West Valley Farm by 9 pm and cultists will begin arriving there at around 8 pm to prepare for the great event.

CULTIST					
STR	11	CON	11	SIZ	13
INT	10	POW	11	DEX	11
APP	10	EDU	9		
SAN	15	HP	12		
Weapons:					
	Fist/Punch	60%		1D3	
	Club	40%		1D8	
	Knife	40%		1D6	
	.32 revolver	30%		1D8	
	.22 rifle	25%		1D6+2	
	20g shotgun	40%		2/1D6/1D3	
Skills: Listen 35%, Spot Hidden 35%					
Notes: Cultists will not all be armed and those that are will not all carry firearms, a typical proportion being one-quarter to one-half. Most cultists with firearms will have only one of these, but all will have knives.					

Once everyone is ready - the cultists clad in their scarlet and blue robes, the victims with their hands bound and roped together with neck halters - the procession will leave the farm and head towards Spector Hill, its way illuminated by the flaming torches carried by the worshippers and resounding to their chants in honour of Cthugha: Sha-na, sha-na nib atta cahlan, Cthugha! Sha-na!

Following the trail through the woods at the back of West Valley Farm, the procession will continue along the path as it winds up Spector Hill to the summit. The ceremony will be concentrated around the stones and the culmination will see the victims ritually murdered on the centre stone.

In the best traditions of cinema villains revealing all (Lambert doesn't go to the movies and anyway talkies haven't been invented yet so he doesn't realize that he is acting out a cliché), Lambert will preach to his congregation of the reasons for the sacrifice on Spector Hill. Should the investigators not yet have tumbled to the reason for the kidnap of Michael King and Alberta Williams, now is the opportunity for you to reveal it. You should also note that if Lambert is arrested before he can complete his sacrifice, or if he ever has the investigators in his power and believes that they are no longer a threat to him, his ego and his need for self-justification will force him to reveal what lies behind his plans.

As the ceremony progresses, the cultists will become increasingly excited and mesmerized by the rituals enacted by Lambert at the altar stone. They will respond to his incantations with chanting, swaying and moaning as the powers Lambert is calling upon begin to pulsate around the summit of

Spector Hill and the investigators should feel this intensely as the hair prickles on the back of their necks, their palms sweat and a sense of evil pervades the hill-top. Just because the month is inappropriate for the summoning of Cthugha does not mean that the magic rites used in the spell do not have tangible effects; when Erasmus Hart cast the spell in 1889, the mistakes in his understanding of it led to a backlash of energy manifested as the bolt of flame that burst upon Spector Hill, killing so many of his followers. In 1925, if Lambert is allowed to complete the spell, the effect will be the same. Should this occur, the effects are as follows:

- The centre of the effect is determined by rolling 1D8 to decide compass direction (1 is north, 2 north-east, 3 east, etc) and 1D100 to establish how many yards from where Lambert stands beside the altar stone.

- Everyone within ten yards of the centre of the effect suffers 4D6 fire damage, within twenty yards 3D6 damage, within thirty yards 2D6 damage, and within fifty yards 1D6 damage. This damage occurs only once, but the flame will set clothing and other inflammable objects alight, including much of the surrounding foliage.

- The shock of the event is enough to make everyone who witnesses it check their SAN. A successful check costs one SAN, a failure 1D4 SAN.

- Non-player characters who fail SAN checks will immediately run away, with the exception of named characters. You may make individual SAN checks for non-player characters if you like rolling dice, but otherwise simply remove 50% of the cultists and 30% to 40% of state troopers and Bureau of Investigation agents that may be present.

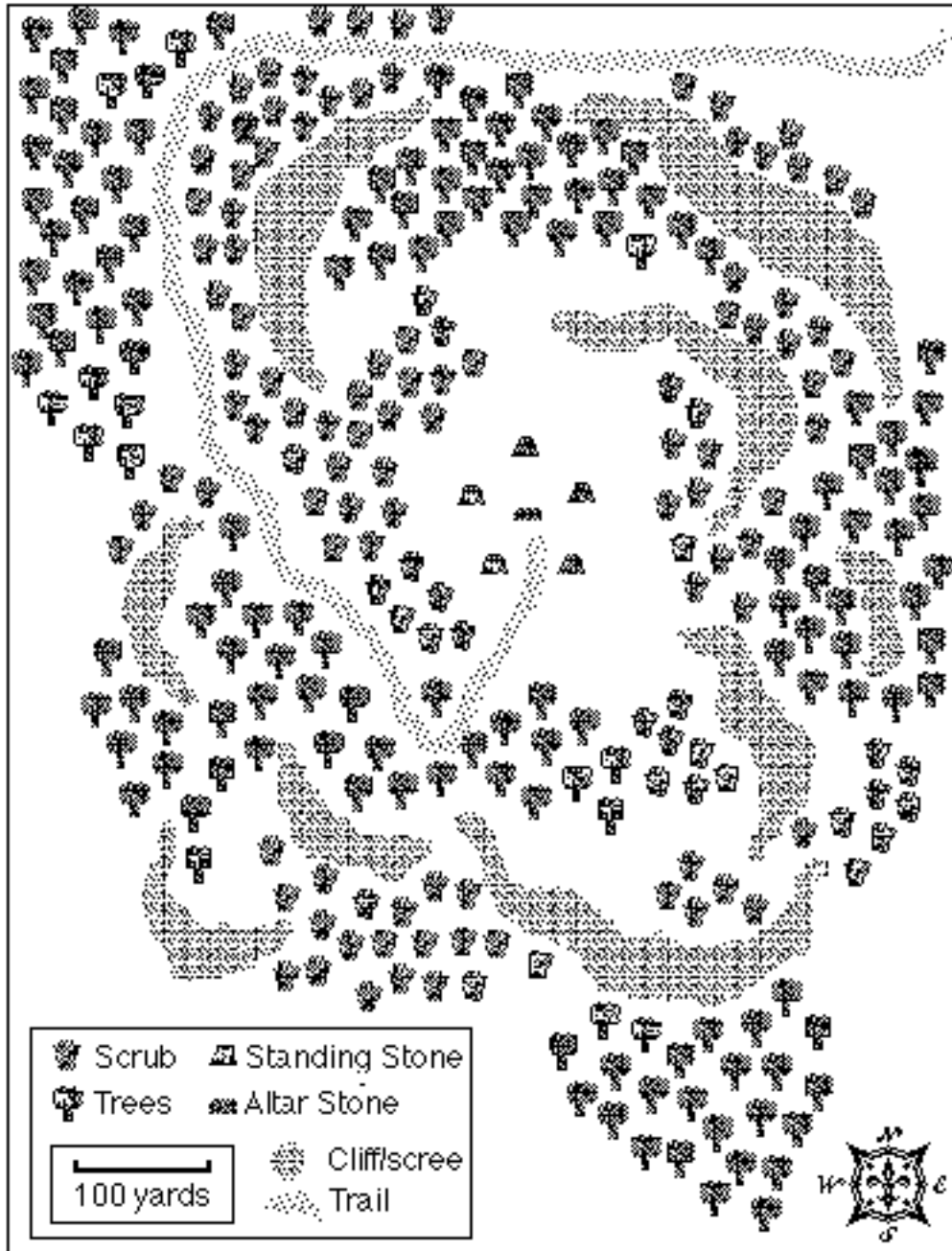
There will be little difficulty in the investigators concealing themselves around Spector Hill to await the ceremony, if this is their plan of action, but if they have engaged the help of the State Police and/or the Bureau of Investigation (see below), it is more likely that the police will move on the hill once things are in progress. The cultists will not be keeping a watch and the police will be able to approach the summit without being spotted. The police will not hang about once they have reached the summit and will move into action at once as soon as they have deployed to contain the cultists.

In any clash on Spector Hill with the investigators alone, all cultists will fight. Only Lambert, Marshall, Cooper and Davis will fight to the end, but so long as the investigators are outnumbered no cultist will think of giving up or fleeing. If the police are involved in the action, most of the cultists will try to get away (assume one-half of the police are engaged in rounding these up), but the named four plus 1D6+3 'hard-cases'

will try to make a stand. However, if the cultists lose at least one-third of their strength and they are clearly outnumbered by surviving police, they will surrender; Cooper and Davis will then try to escape.

Should the investigators acting alone be captured as the result of a clash on Spector Hill,

they can expect only one fate. If you're a generous fellow you may devise some form of *Deus ex machina* to get them out of the hole - perhaps the State Police have been investigating Lambert's carryings on all the time and have planned a raid on the Spector Hill ceremony thanks to an informant in the cult's ranks.



Map #10: Spector Hill

The State Police

The Ku Klux Klan is a force in the land in Georgia, and especially in Cobb County, and the investigators may be rightly dubious about the results of taking any evidence implicating G. Hart Lambert in criminal activities to the local police. However, if their evidence is sufficiently unequivocal they should realize that the State Police will act upon it. Because Lambert is powerful and popular in Cobb County does not necessarily mean that his influence can be exerted in Atlanta to the same extent. Klan members amongst the State Police may be reluctant to act against Lambert, but if the evidence is presented then the authorities will move against Lambert.

STATE TROOPER

STR	14	CON	14	SIZ	15
INT	12	POW	12	DEX	11
APP	12	EDU	12		
SAN	60	HP	15		

Weapons:	Fist/Punch	70%	1D3+1D4
	Nightstick	60%	1D6+1D4
	.38 revolver	50%	1D10
	.30-06 rifle	40%	2D6+3
	12g shotgun	60%	4/2/1D6

Skills: Dodge 40%, Drive Automobile 70%, First Aid 40%

Notes: A trooper will have his pistol and either a rifle or a shotgun.

If the State Police are co-opted against Lambert, their preferred method of operation will be to raid Sterling House and West Valley Farm separately, but if time is pressing they will organize a swoop on the ceremony on Spector Hill. In the former cases around a dozen officers in four cars will be involved in each, but a raid on Spector Hill will require much more manpower and upwards of fifty troopers can be expected to participate.

The Bureau of Investigation

The Bureau of Investigation (later to have Federal added to its title) was set up by Attorney General Charles Joseph Bonaparte as a small group of investigators within the Department of Justice to pursue land thieves in the West and trusts in the East. During the Great War various espionage laws and the Selective Service Act widened the Bureau's duties, as did the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act of 1919. In December 1919 and January 1920 the Bureau was widely used in raids on suspected Bolsheviks and subversives and under Harding's

Presidency was tasked with spying on his opponents.

By 1924 the Bureau was widely seen as corrupt and disorganized, but in May of that year J. Edgar Hoover was appointed Director of the Bureau. Hoover began a complete reorganization of the Bureau and set new standards for the appointment of agents, greatly improving the reputation and efficiency of the agency.

1924 also saw the establishment of the Identification Division of the Bureau, with over 800,000 fingerprints transferred to it from the Bureau of Criminal Identification in Chicago and the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Although the Bureau only began to grip the public imagination in the late 1920s and 1930s as expansion in its authority coincided with the lawlessness of the latter years of Prohibition and the onset of the Depression, Hoover's well-developed sense of publicity boosted the Bureau's status - although the Director preferred the agency to concentrate its energies more against teenage car thieves and high-profile 'public enemies' like Pretty Boy Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly and Ma Barker than organized crime as such.

It is not impossible, therefore, that if given the opportunity to place his agency in the limelight of a major investigation into a local scandal, Hoover will seize it. If the investigators are wary of approaching the State Police with accusations directed against G. Hart Lambert, they may well think of the Bureau and if they do you should allow it.

The Bureau will act promptly on a tip that Mayhew Cooper and/or Walter Davis are hiding out at West Valley Farm. In an attempt to grab the headlines, Hoover will send eight agents to the farm to arrest the wanted men. Such a move will inevitably result in a shoot-out at the farm. If the investigators are not involved in this directly, you may either allow them to handle the Bureau agents in this fight or simply rule that, despite losing two men killed and two wounded, the agents kill or arrest the kidnapers and fugitives and successfully free the Rev King and Alberta Williams. This incident will undoubtedly have repercussions for Lambert and at the very least he will become the subject of a major police investigation.

The Bureau can also be persuaded by evidence to attempt to break up Lambert's cult. In this case, however, they will have to co-operate with local law-enforcement officers as Hoover will be reluctant to exceed his authority by arresting a man of Lambert's status. Also, if he hopes to catch the cultists in the act of ritual murder on Spector Hill then he will need more manpower than the Bureau has, manpower that can only be supplied by the

State Police.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AGENT

STR	14	CON	14	SIZ	13
INT	14	POW	14	DEX	13
APP	13	EDU	14		
SAN	70	HP	14		

Weapons: Fist/Punch 65% 1D3+1D4
 .45 auto 65% 1D10+2
 12g shotgun 70% 4/2/1D6
 .45 SMG 40% 1D10+2

Skills: Dodge 35%, Drive Automobile 70%, First Aid 40%

Notes: No more than one agent in four will have a Thompson sub-machine gun; one in two will have a shotgun.

PP #25: 20th Century US Presidents

Years in Office	Name	Number
1897-1901	W. McKinley (R)	#25
1901-1909	T. Roosevelt (R)	#26
1909-1913	W.H. Taft (R)	#27
1913-1921	W. Wilson (D)	#28
1921-1923	W.G. Harding (R)	#29
1923-	C. Coolidge (R)	#30

Keeper Aid: Martin Luther King, Jr's Early Years

Born at the 12-roomed family home at 501 Alberta Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia on 15th January, 1929. Older sister Christine, younger brother Albert Daniel. Christened Michael Luther, Jr, son of Reverend Michael Luther King. Mother Alberta, nee Williams, daughter of Reverend Daniel Williams, founder (1895) and pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. On his death in 1931, Rev Williams is succeeded as pastor by Rev King.

King's paternal grandfather was a charter member of the Atlanta chapter of the NAACP. In the 1920s he helped defeat a local bond issue until Booker T. Washington High School was built for black students. In the same decade he played a major role in organizing a boycott against a local newspaper that opposed equal rights for blacks.

King's father was equally active in the anti-segregationist movement.

In 1935 King changed his own and his son's initial Christian name from Michael to Martin.

Keeper Aid: Calendar 1925

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Other Information

For investigators who require it, a list of 20th Century Presidents up to 1925 is provided as PP #25.

G. Hart Lambert's schedule is given as a Keeper Aid. A brief biography of Martin Luther King, Jr's early years is a further Keeper Aid #4. Keeper Aid A calendar for the months March through April 1925 is also provided.

Atlanta Wrap-up

If the investigators can prove the involvement of G. Hart Lambert in murder and conspiracy to commit kidnapping and murder and can bring their evidence to the State Police in Atlanta or Hoover's Bureau of Investigation, then even though Lambert's crimes have been against 'only' negroes, the nature of his offences and the weight of evidence will require the local police to take action against him. Unfortunately, even if Lambert is found guilty at a trial, he is unlikely to receive the death penalty and even if he does it is likely to be commuted.

If the investigators have killed any whites during their time in Cobb County and have been arrested for it, they had better be able to prove that the said whites were engaged in criminal activities or expect to be tried and sentenced for murder - and Yankees will almost certainly receive the death penalty.

If the investigators save Martin Luther King's

parents and destroy Lambert's cult (achieved by destroying Lambert; a short jail sentence will simply place things in abeyance), award them 2D10 SAN, even if they're in jail awaiting execution. Failing to accomplish one of these

objectives reduces the award appropriately, but if the investigators fail to ensure Martin Luther King, Jr's birth **and** if they know this, then they lose 1D4+2 SAN.

Keeper Aid: G. Hart Lambert's Schedule

July 1922	Obtains the <i>Journals of Erasmus Hart</i> .
August 1923	Learns the spell Look to the Future.
September 1923	Begins to organize a cult of fellow-thinkers in the Cobb County Klan.
January 1924	Mayhew Cooper moves to Boston.
March 2nd, 1925	Purchases West Valley Farm, adjoining Spector Hill.
April 25th, 1925	Cobb County Klan meeting.
April 29th, 1925	Dexter Marshall and cult confederates kidnap Alberta Williams and Rev Michael L. King in Corina and take them to West Valley Farm.
April 30th, 1925	Sacrifices Alberta Williams and Rev King at midnight on Spector Hill, summoning Cthugha to Earth from Fomalhaut.

The Preacher and the Cross: Handouts

PP #5.1: Extracts from Father Aurelio's Diary

March 4th, 1924

Today I read of the founding of yet another secret society - the Ws - draping itself in the stolen mantles of Christianity and patriotism. I wonder whether it will be an instrument of good or evil? Too often, I fear, these 'fraternities' are inspired by the Devil and perverted to his corrupt practises.

June 10th, 1924

The first meeting of the Ws was described in the newspaper yesterday. I think I shall include this society in my researches after all. I am sure that C is up to no good: men like him usually are, though God forgive me for being so cynical about the motives of my fellow man. I shall forego my evening nightcap for one month to remind me that Love should guide my thoughts and actions.

August 20th, 1924

My first instincts regarding C would seem to have been correct, though I do not think that my penance was thereby wasted (such vanity!). He appears to be the worst kind of businessman, concerned only with his own success and to perdition with those who fall by the wayside. The Ws, too, would seem to be exactly what I suspected them of being: behind the cloaks of belief in the Savior and patriotism they pursue self-interest and bigotry. I see no purpose in adding to my files on this sorry collection, but I shall continue to pray for their souls.

November 23rd, 1924

I see that C and his cronies are beginning to extend their ambitions. A research foundation indeed! If I read them correctly, anthropology and science will be used to 'prove' a particular aspect of prejudice. I think they will repay closer watching after all.

January 27th, 1925

I am beginning to be afraid of the Ws. I see that there is more to them than I had thought. I sense that there is something Evil that hides behind them. I shall pray to God for his guidance and protection.

February 23rd, 1925

Today I was contacted by someone whose name I dare not write down for his own protection, but whom I shall identify in this journal as X. He was sent to me by Fr K who knows of my researches into societies like the Ws. X has been a member of the Ws since their inception and has become disillusioned and fearful of them. He wishes to tell his tale to someone other than his confessor who can be trusted. I agreed to meet with him secretly tomorrow.

February 24th, 1925

I met X today and I find that I was sadly deluded in my fears of the Ws - they are more evil than I had thought possible, though many of their members are unaware of the incubus that directs their actions! I asked X why he did not go to the police with his tale of corruption and conspiracy to commit sacrificial murder, but he said that C has tentacles that reach into the Police Department. I promised to do all I could to help him, but said that without his testimony there was little we could do without proof. X says that he does not know who C is planning to sacrifice, only that it is not to take place in Boston or even Massachusetts. We need God always, but even more so in times like these.

March 1st, 1925

X sent a cryptic message to tell me that he has the proof we need to have C arrested and the Ws broken up. I meet him tomorrow. The mercy of Christ has granted us this!

March 2nd, 1925

I was supposed to meet X today, but he failed to keep the appointment. I waited for two hours, but then had to leave for a class. I pray to our Lord that X has not met with any misfortune.

March 5th, 1925

Still no sign of X. If he has not contacted me by tomorrow, I shall risk a visit to his apartment.

PP #5.2: Extracts from Father Aurelio's Diary

March 6th, 1925

I called at X's apartment today, but there was no sign of anyone at home. A neighbour said that X had been called away unexpectedly on business and would be out of town for several weeks. I asked her whether she had seen him leave, but she said no and that a friend of X's had collected his cases and told her of X's business trip. I have said a mass for X's soul for I am sure that he has been done away with.

March 9th, 1925

I have the feeling that I am being watched. If I am right, this means that C has found me. I expect he had X's apartment watched to see who would come looking for him. I have prayed to God for guidance for I do not know what action to take. My tale of the Evil that hides behind the Ws would mark me as a lunatic with the authorities for I lack proof of their criminal activities.

March 11th, 1925

I have received a message from C! He asks to meet with me, to purge his spirit of the evil that stains it. He says that he repents his sins in the name of Our Savior! As a man I fear that he means to trap me, but as a priest I cannot fail him for this may be the only chance to save his immortal soul. I have decided that I shall meet C tonight, as he has asked. I have hidden my file on the Ws in my study and left a letter for the Dean asking him to hand it over to the police in the event of my death. I will tell C this, just in case he does plan to kill me, but I am sure that God will protect me.

PP #2: *The Boston Evening News*, Thursday, March 12th, 1925**BRUTAL SLAYING OF PRIEST**

Earlier today the police reported the discovery in Franklin Park of the shot-to-death body of Father Anthony Aurelio, a teacher at St Patrick's College. Father Aurelio's body was discovered by Mr Edward Casey, a city employee engaged in maintenance work in the park.

According to the police, Father Aurelio was shot at least three times, twice at point-blank range. There were no signs of a struggle, but Father Aurelio's wallet and pocket-watch were missing.

We must ask ourselves what kind of evil mind takes the life of a man of God in this brutal fashion.

PP #10: *A Guidebook to the Carolinas*, by Hillman Howarth, Peachtree Publishing Co., Atlanta 1923

Atlanta, Ga.: State capital of Georgia. Population (1920) 200,616. Altitude 1,000 feet. 660 miles south-west of Washington, D.C.; 720 miles south of Chicago, Ill.

Lies predominantly within the area of Fulton County, about six miles south-east of the Chattahoochee River. Surrounded by the rolling wooded hills of the Piedmont Plateau at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

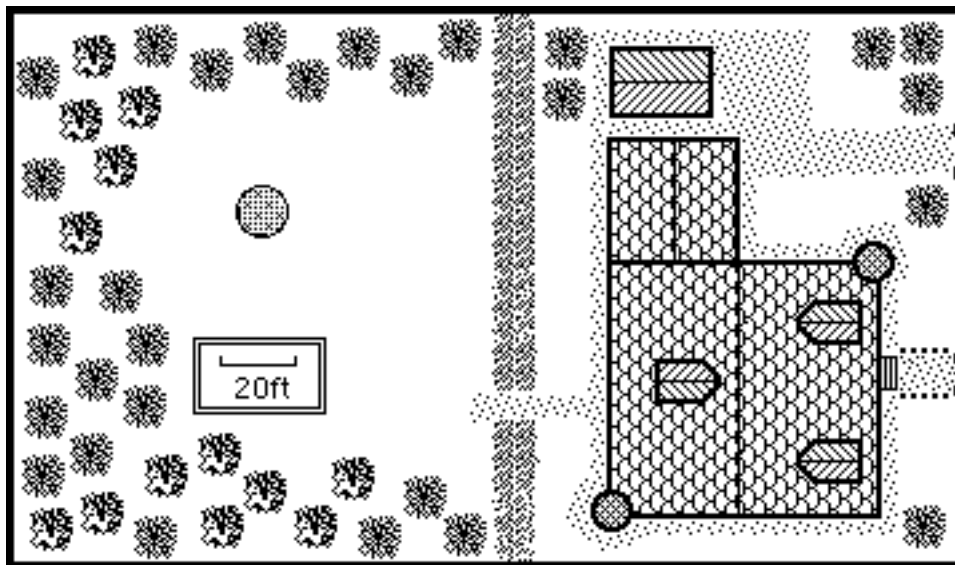
Mild climate and snow is rare. January average temperature 45°F; August average temperature 78°F.

PP #9: *Trains from Boston to Atlanta*

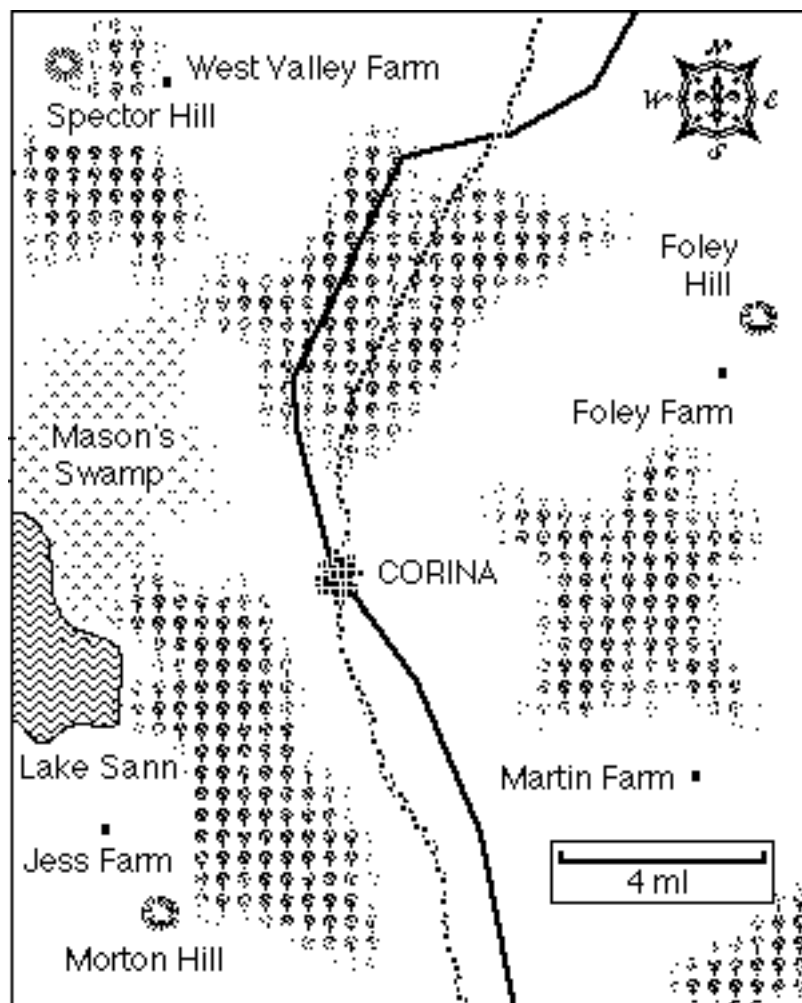
Connections can be made easily, changing at New York, Washington and Charlotte, N.C. The trip will take two days, assuming a morning start from Boston before 10 am, and the single fare is \$15. A sleeping berth will cost an additional \$1. Two-berth Pullman compartment single fare is \$25 per person.

PP #11: *The Atlanta Tribune*, September 21st, 1923

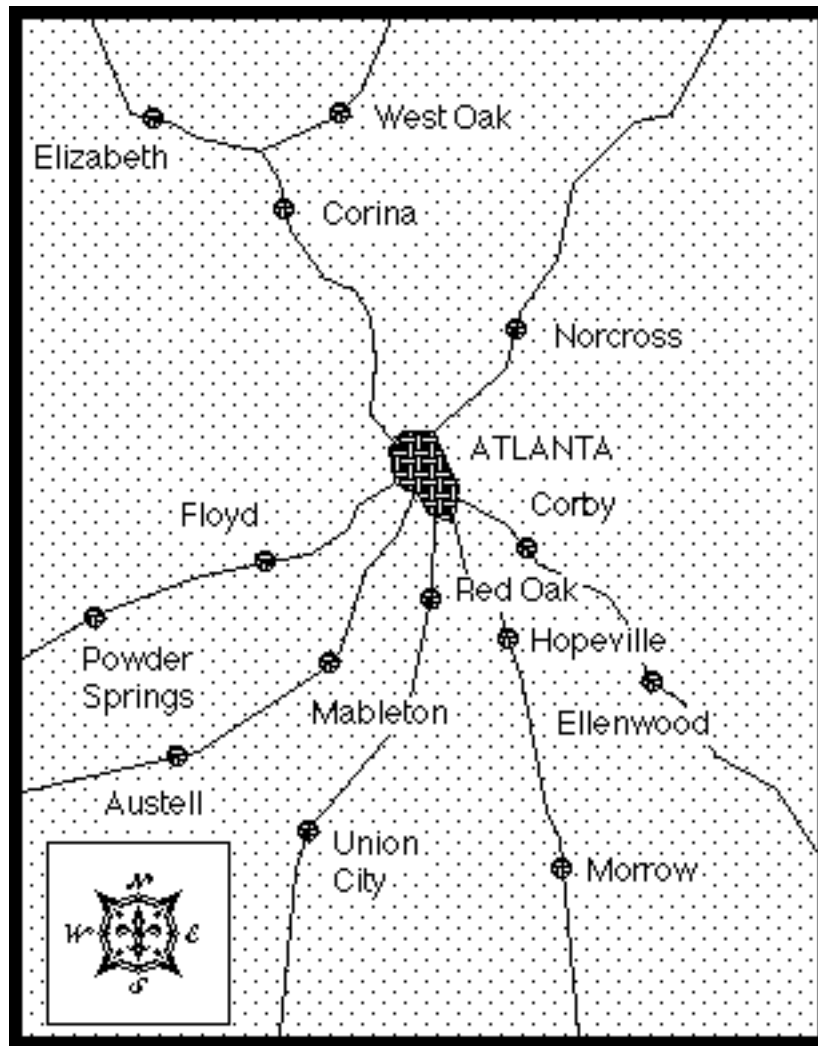
Safe behind the protection of privilege and money, men like Corina's G. Hart Lambert are determined to deny justice to millions of Americans whose skin is the wrong colour or who profess belief in a creed different from their own narrow-minded fundamentalism. Lambert and his ilk prey on prejudice and ignorance, exploiting fear to manufacture hatred and oppression. Their lackeys in the Klan spread violence and bigotry across the South, producing a blight of terror and murder. They threaten those who stand out against them, and where threats fail they resort to the tar-barrel and fire-bomb, the branding-iron and the lynch-rope.



Map #1: Mayhew Cooper's House



Map #4: Around Corina



Map #3: Atlanta Railroads

PP #12: *The Atlanta Clarion*, May 23rd, 1924

Stalwart upholder of Georgia's pride and val ues, Corina's proudest son, Colonel G. Hart Lambert, has been chosen to head Atlanta's delegation to the Democratic National Convention at Madison Square Garden in New York City in June.

A scion of the Old South, Mr Lambert stands four-square behind William Gibbs McAdoo against the sinister, unscrupulous, invisible government which has its seat in the citadel of privilege and finance, against wet, catholic Tammany.

PP #13: *The Atlanta Negro Daily*, August 28th, 1924

In a recent internal coup, we can report that on the Dreadful Day of the Woeful Week of the Fearful Month of the Year of the Klan LVIII or, in plain English which most Americans can understand, on August 1st of this year, G. Hart Lambert ousted the hapless Dr Edwin Leigh as Grand Titan of the Cobb Province of Georgia.

Our readers will remember 'Colonel' Lambert as an occasional star of these pages on previous occasions. For outright bigotry and prejudice, there can be few to match the Colonel's performances at Klan gatherings. We are sure that we shall all sleep sounder for knowing that the defence of American racial purity is in safe hands. Colonel Lambert can rest assured that we shall view his future progress with interest and do our best to shed the light of publicity upon his activities.

PP #1: Mrs McCormack's Dream

It is the afternoon of Tuesday, 10th March, 1925. Mrs Henrietta G. McCormack, relict of the late Arthur F. McCormack and one of the wealthiest women in Boston, has just completed a session with you. She has told you of a recurring dream that has upset her greatly.

In her dream, Mrs McCormack is aware first of being in a park on a bright, moonlit night. Snow is on the ground and leafless trees are around her. Through the trees she can see an expanse of open ground in the centre of which there is a gazebo built in the fashion of a pagoda. Beyond this there is an evergreen hedge and beyond the hedge she can just make out the roof of a building. She feels herself drawn towards the gazebo. She notices without any alarm that she does not leave footprints in the snow, nor does she make any sound as she walks. She climbs the steps into the pagoda. It is a one-storey structure, with glass doors and windows which allow someone inside to look in all directions. The walls are covered with drawings of open eyes and for the first time she begins to feel uncomfortable. She senses that the eyes are watching and waiting for someone, but not for her. She wants to leave the gazebo, but feels compelled to remain within and cannot move.

After a period of time - she can't say how long, but she knows that she feels more and more fearful as she waits - she hears a noise. She looks through one of the windows and sees two men walking towards the gazebo from the direction of the hedge. One is tall, heavily built and wearing a hat. The other is shorter, thinner and bare-headed. Both are wearing overcoats and scarves; she can't see what else they are wearing, but somehow she knows that the smaller man is a holy man. Suddenly she senses an awful presence of evil and, looking about her for the danger that she feels is about to overwhelm her, sees that the eyes have vanished. She wants to run, but can't. She hears a cry from outside and, looking through the window again, she sees the shorter man running towards the hedge; the larger man is standing with his hand outstretched, pointing at the other. There is a popping noise and the small man staggers a few paces and falls to the ground; he tries to push himself up, but can't. The big man walks deliberately towards him, stands over him, points at him again and two more pops sound. The little man doesn't move any more. The large man bends over and begins to search the dead (?) man's pockets. Mrs McCormack tries to cry out, but can't. At this point she awakens.

She has had the dream at least once every other night for the last ten days and wants your help to explain it so that it won't keep recurring.

PP #8: List of Names in Cooper's Safe

Charles Abbott	Manager
Arthur Alsop	Businessman
Robert Bagley*	Accountant
James Cannon	Bookkeeper
Walter Davis	Secretary
Patrick Foster	Engineer
Walter Gilbert	Clerk
John Holmes	Businessman
Henry Mason*	Doctor
Patrick Mills	Clerk
Michael Norton	Businessman
John O'Connell*	Storeowner
Herbert Pace	Teacher
George Pierce*	Police Captain
William Price	Salesman
Harold Riley	Storeowner
Oliver Smith	Foreman
Frank Taylor	Businessman
Ernest Wells	Businessman

PP #17: Atlanta Public Records Office**Sterling House**

Corina, Cobb County, 75 acres

Date of sale: Not applicable

Title holder: Garner Hart Lambert

Taxes outstanding: None

West Valley Farm

10 miles north-west of Corina, Cobb County, 340 acres

Date of sale: March 2nd, 1925

Title holder: Garner Hart Lambert

Taxes outstanding: None

PP #3: The Arrest of Joe Flynn

You might not have many real friends in Boston, but someone who almost fits the description is Joe 'Potatoes' Flynn. Potatoes is a minor criminal on the fringes of the big-time mobsters you encounter in your job and you have found his services useful in the past in a variety of illegal endeavours. Potatoes is also a useful informant and helps to keep you up to date on goings-on amongst the small-time hoodlums he associates with.

It is Monday, 16th March, and you receive a desperate message from Potatoes via a contact in the Boston Police Department. Potatoes has been arrested by 99th Precinct officers and charged with the murder of Father Anthony Aurelio, the teacher from St Patrick's College recently found murdered in Franklin Park.

Contacting an ambulance-chaser of your acquaintance, you slip him a couple of sawbucks and send him down to the 99th Precinct to do what he can for Potatoes. The lawyer returns to say that the police appear to have a watertight case against Flynn. They have eyewitnesses who swear that they saw Potatoes drunk on the evening of Father Aurelio's murder and that he swore he was going to get 'that damn priest'. Another eyewitness testifies that he saw Flynn and Aurelio together near Franklin Park. The cherry on the icing is that in Flynn's sleazy apartment the police found both the priest's wallet and pocket-watch and the gun that they believe shot the priest; ballistics' checks are expected to confirm the murder weapon's identity. Potatoes has no credible alibi for the time in question, having spent the evening at home with a bout of influenza.

However, Potatoes swore to the lawyer that he is innocent and that he is being framed for the murder. His message begs you to help him, to try and find out who has set him up. If you desert him, then it looks like a one-way trip to death-row.

PP #6: Boston Gazette Reports on the Wideawakes

Friday, January 18th, 1924

Arriving in Boston this week from Atlanta, Georgia, is businessman Mayhew Cooper, who has announced his intention of settling in our fair city. Mr Cooper is an investment broker.

Tuesday, March 4th, 1924

Today sees the founding in Boston of a chapter of the social and religious fraternity known as the Wideawakes, which already has chapters in several cities.

The founder of the Boston Wideawakes, Georgia-born Mr Mayhew Cooper, told this newspaper that the fraternity would be selecting its own membership, rather than asking for candidates to come forward. Mr Cooper said, 'We expect our members to be honest, God-fearing Americans, proud of their heritage and their country and dedicated to help build the sort of future that America deserves, and we are determined to ensure that only the right sort of people join.'

Monday, June 9th, 1924

Yesterday saw the first meeting of the Wideawakes take place, an exclusive Christian social fraternity committed to the future of America.

Although press and public are not admitted to meetings, a press notice has been issued.

Mr Mayhew Cooper, founder of the club, presided and introduced the aims of the fraternity. He called for the nomination and election of officers and proposed a schedule of topics for discussion. He called for the formation of a committee within the fraternity to examine projects which would add to the future strength of America.

Thursday, November 20th, 1924

The Wideawakes Christian social fraternity today announced plans to establish a research foundation to engage in anthropological and scientific research.

Robert Bagley, spokesman for the fraternity, said that the foundation would be concerned with understanding the nature of Man's capabilities and how these differ amongst individuals and races. Mr Bagley said that the fraternity would build a centre for the foundation. He hoped that the foundation would begin operating by the fall of 1925.

PP #21: The Page from the Encyclopedia

King, Rev. Martin Luther, Jr., 41st President:
Born January 15th, 1929, at 501 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, King was the son of Martin Luther King and Alberta, nee Williams, the daughter of the Reverend Adam Daniel Williams, the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church....

PP #7: Letter in Cooper's Safe

March 8th 1925

My dear Cooper,

I write to you with wonderful news! My plans are approaching fruition, the plans with which you have been so closely involved!

Yes! On Roodmas the begetters of the unborn spawn of evil will be sacrificed to the Rulers of the Cosmos!

NOTHING CAN BE ALLOWED TO GO WRONG!

You MUST be present at this awesome moment - I command it!

Lambert

PP #22: From G. Hart Lambert's Speech to the Cobb County Klan

... America is a garbage can! My friends, your government can be changed between the rising and the setting of the sun: when the hordes of aliens walk to the ballot box and their votes outnumber yours, then they have got you by the throat...

... The immigrants who now flood into our country from the slums of the world have a fundamental inferiority of racial and national strains... Negroes are unable to attain the Anglo-Saxon level. Catholics bow their knee to the higher temporal authority of the Pope and owe no allegiance to America. Jews possess a racial and religious antipathy, unrelenting and unabating since the cross of Calvary... America for the Americans...

... The Klan is going to drive the bootleggers forever out of this land. It is going to bring clean moving pictures, clean literature, break up roadside parking, enforce the laws, protect homes, guard families...

PP #14: The Atlanta Negro Daily, November 17th, 1924

News has reached us of the disappearance of yet another negro in Cobb County. Lincoln Hayes, a hard-working field-hand from north of Mableton, has been missing for ten days now and his wife and children fear that they will never see him again.

The first instinct of most of our readers will be to blame the Klan and Grand Titan G. Hart Lambert for the disappearance, and while we can sympathize with and even share the thinking behind this immediate reaction, this incident bears none of the hallmarks of a Klan killing. We have been unable to discover any evidence that Mr Hayes was regarded as an 'uppity nigger' requiring chastisement. Nor has there been any incident involving a white woman's virtue, an occasion which usually requires the murder of a black man to satiate the Klan's conception of justice.

By all accounts, Mr Hayes was a dedicated family man, a good Christian and fully aware of his duties and responsibilities. There can be little cause to suppose that he has chosen to abandon those he loves and cares for.

Mr Hayes is the fifth negro to vanish in similar circumstances in Cobb County this year. It is possible that we are faced with a killer whose sole objective is to murder negroes. We all hope that this is not so, but until the cause of these disappearances is found we must all take especial care. Unfortunately, so long as the forces of law in Cobb County are controlled by the Klan, there is little chance that a proper police investigation will be conducted.

PP #25: 20th Century US Presidents

Years in Office	Name	Number
1897-1901	W. McKinley (R)	#25
1901-1909	T. Roosevelt (R)	#26
1909-1913	W.H. Taft (R)	#27
1913-1921	W. Wilson (D)	#28
1921-1923	W.G. Harding (R)	#29
1923-	C. Coolidge (R)	#30

PP #15: *Makers of Modern Georgia*, by Eileen Kennett Smith, CSA Publishing Co., Atlanta 1908

...Perhaps the family hardest hit by the civil war in Cobb County were the Harts. Masters of one of the largest plantations within fifty miles of Atlanta, and with extensive land-holdings elsewhere in the state, the Harts owned more slaves than any other family in Georgia.

The Union conquest of Georgia, Sherman's notorious 'march to the sea' and the Emancipation Proclamation shattered the Harts' prosperity. What war and negro 'freedom' failed to destroy, northern carpetbaggers under the protection of federal troops finished off. Bankrupt and destitute, the Harts were left with little more than their home in Corina and a few acres of fields.

But the Harts were not quitters. They bent their backs to the task of rebuilding their fortunes and, with wise investments and a judicious marriage or two, they regained a little of their former prosperity and became active in local and state politics. Today their name survives in the Hart-Lamberts, who since the turn of the century have provided a Congressman, two State Senators and a candidate for the Governorship of Georgia...

PP #16: *Devil Worship in Georgia and the Carolinas*, by Professor Oliver Collier, Miskatonic University Press, Arkham 1909

...Amongst the most bizarre of tales of devil worship to emerge from Georgia is the incident of Spector (*sic*) Hill, which by all accounts took place in April of 1889.

Following the teachings of one Erasmus Hurt (or Herd: opinion seems divided), a small sect grew up around the worship of the 'Great Old One' - presumably a circumlocution for Satan, although not quite the easy familiarity of 'Old Nick'. Unlike Beelzebub, however, who dwelt unequivocally in Hell, this manifestation of Lucifer chose a remote star as his home. Presumably he found the climate more to his liking, even if travelling to work was somewhat more time-consuming.

To the fateful night in April 1889 when the Great Old One was to be summoned to shrive his followers and pursue his work on Earth.

The congregation foregathered in Hurt's barn and, after an inspiring address by their leader, donned ceremonial robes and advanced to the summit of Spector Hill, together with a hapless negro who was to be an involuntary but vital accessory to the worship. Erasmus commenced his black prayer, the followers began to chant, the negro swooned, which he well might do for Erasmus planned to sacrifice him to encourage his deity's prompt appearance.

The best laid plans of mice and men.

Unfortunately for the worshippers, but fortunately for the negro, coincidence intervened and a bolt of lightning struck the hill close to where the bulk of the congregation was assembled, but rather more distant from Erasmus and the negro. This atmospheric visitation was powerful enough to incinerate half the congregation and set the hilltop alight, taking the minds of the surviving worshippers off the task at hand. Erasmus, it appears, was shot to death by an enraged parishioner who blamed him for the disaster that had befallen. I am happy to record that, in the confusion, the negro made good his escape.

I have done my very best to verify this tale, but have been unable to do so. However, there was certainly a large fire atop Spector Hill some time in the not too distant past and the story really is too good to be left untold.

PP #20: The Ku Klux Klan: Library/Newspaper Files' Research

Founded in 1866 after the Civil War as little more than a friendly club for ex-Confederate troopers, the Klan derived its name from the Greek word for circle (kyklos), but soon became an instrument for asserting white supremacy and curbing the newly-emancipated blacks in the South. However, the Klan quickly lapsed into outright terrorism and became virtually indistinguishable from outlaw bands, forcing the Federal Government to pass the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 after which the Klan passed into a decline.

In 1915 the self-styled 'Colonel' William Simmons and fourteen followers raised a fiery cross on the Summit of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and swore to re-establish the 'Invisible Empire of the South', together with its pseudo-mystical jargon and ranks - Grand Dragons to rule Realms (states), Grand Titans to rule Provinces (counties), etc.

The new Klan was, like its earlier incarnation, committed to white supremacy, but also inveighed against foreigners, Jews and Catholics. In the early Twenties the Klan grew in numbers to several million under the guidance of two professional fund-raisers and publicity agents.

In November 1922 Simmons was ousted from the leadership of the Klan and replaced as Imperial Wizard (sic) by Hiram Wesley, preaching 'America for the Americans', and the Klan pursued a programme of threats, brandings, floggings and even emasculation and murder against those whom it identified as it and America's enemies.

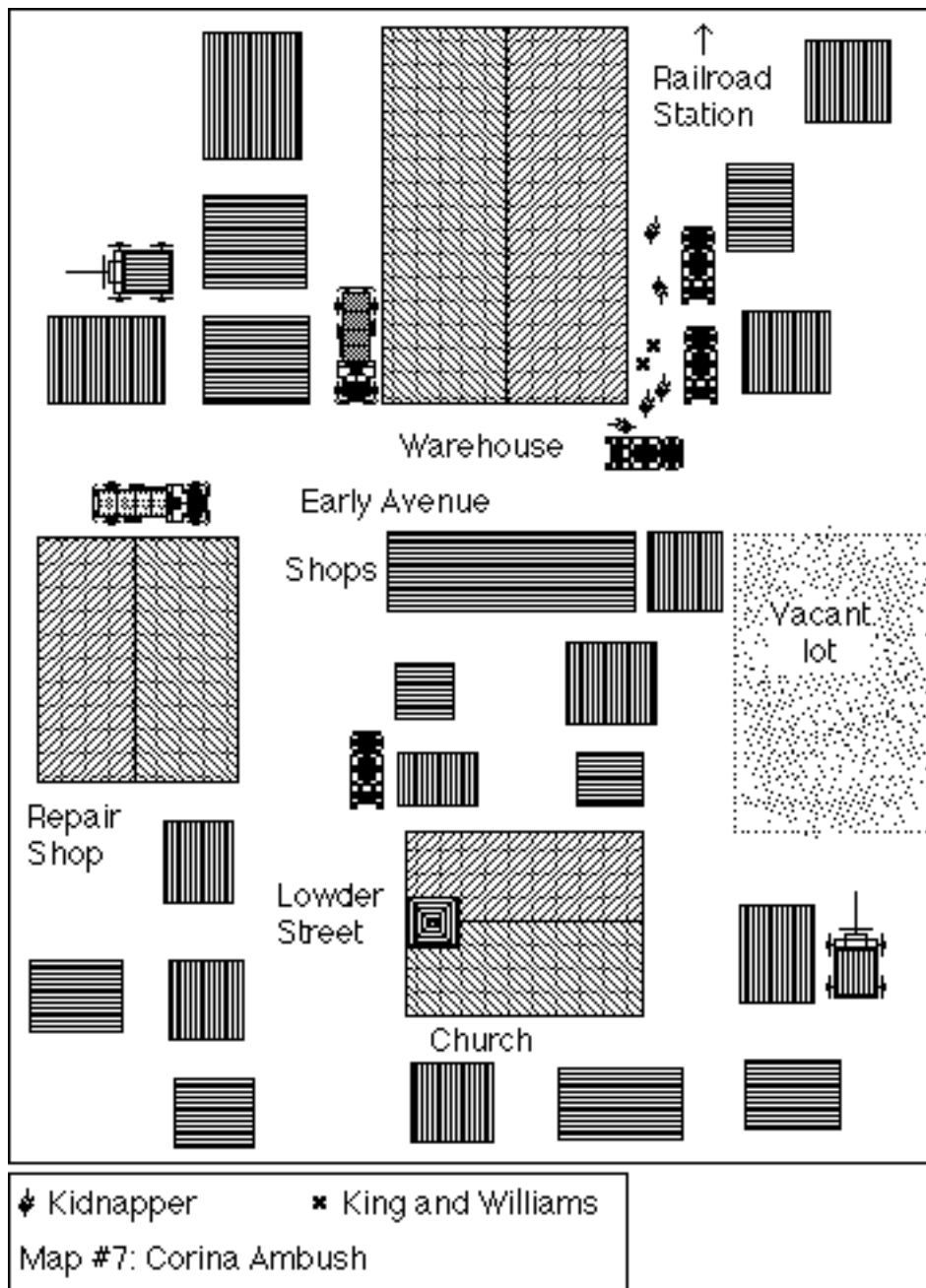
In 1922 the Klan was instrumental in electing Clifford Walker Governor of Georgia and Earle B. Mayfield to the Senate from Texas; it also took control of the Oklahoma legislature. In 1924 it helped Henry L. Fuqua to the Governorship of Louisiana and Republican W.B. Pine to the Senate from Oklahoma, as well as deadlocking the Democratic National Convention and all but ensuring that Calvin Coolidge would thereby win the Presidential election for the Republicans. The Klan effectively controlled the cities of Atlanta, Birmingham, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Little Rock and Tulsa, plus dozens of smaller towns throughout the South.

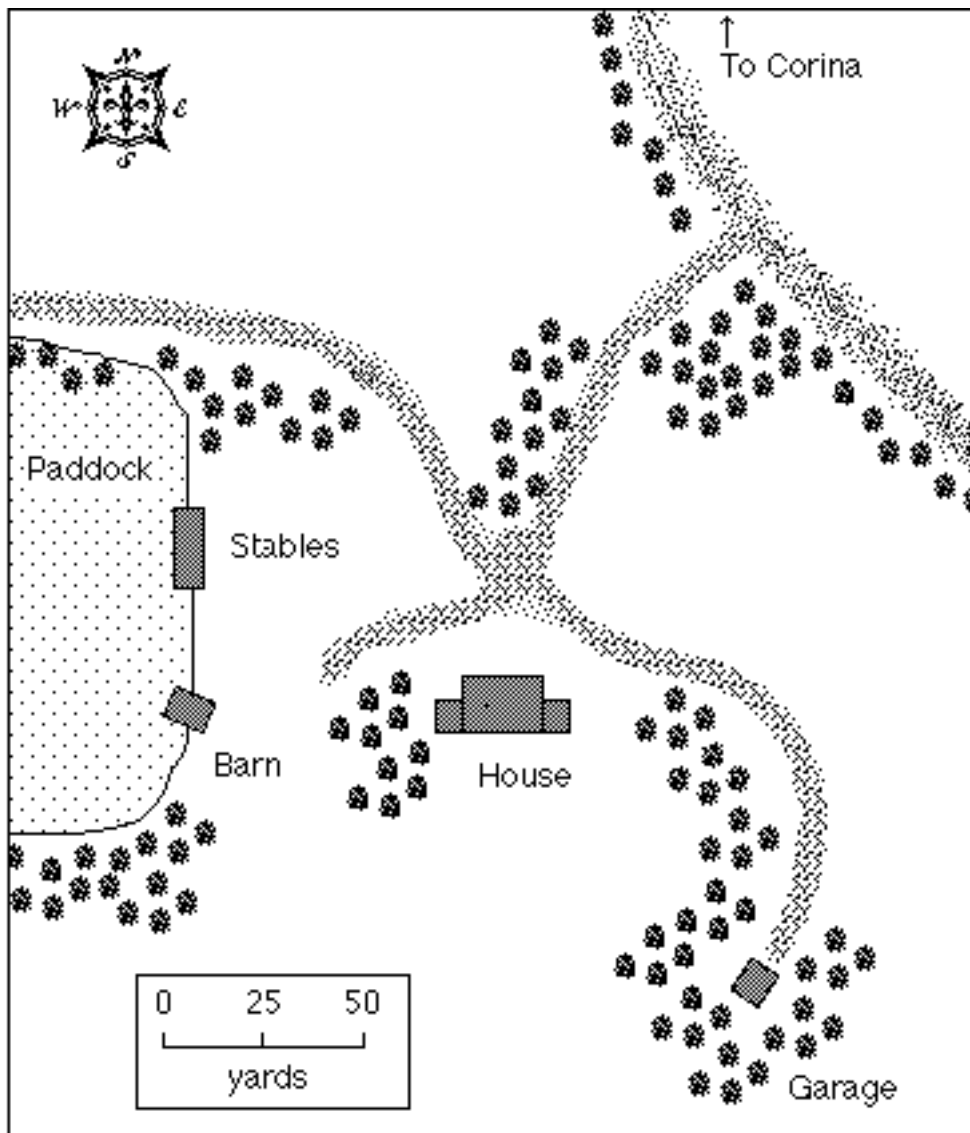
PP #18: Atlanta Newspapers: Policy, Editorial and Ownership Details

The Atlanta Clarion is clearly a white supremacist newspaper. It praises the Ku Klux Klan for its stand against bootleggers, miscegenation and Catholicism, and ridicules blacks for seeking equal rights with whites. Its owner and editor is Lester Douglas, a prominent member of the Klan.

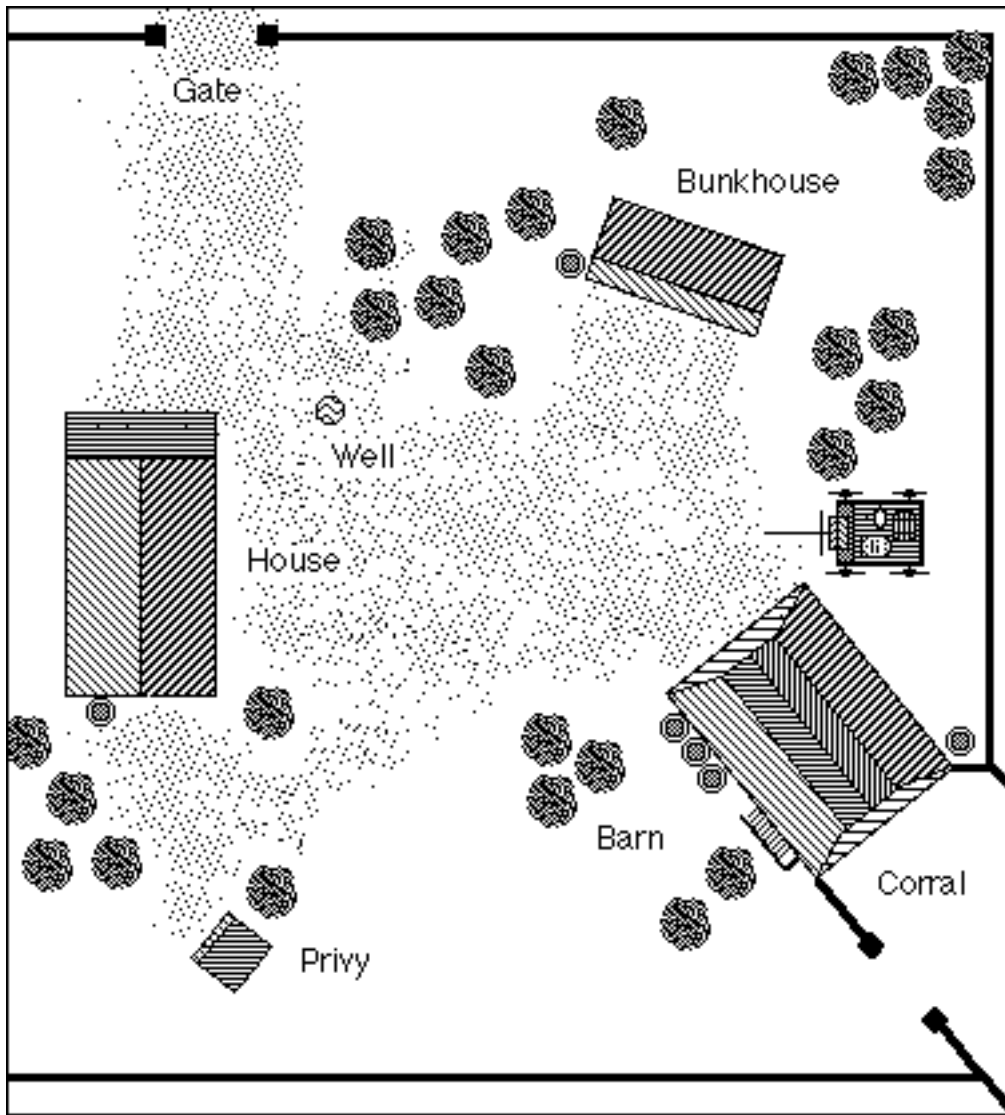
The Atlanta Tribune is a generally liberal, white-run newspaper, sympathetic towards black aspirations and hostile towards the Klan. Its premises have been attacked by Klan arsonists on a number of occasions, but it continues to hammer out its message. Its editor is James D. Joseph. Its owner is Jubal Kincaid.

The Atlanta Negro Daily is Atlanta's leading black-owned and -run newspaper. It campaigns vigorously for equal rights and publishes everything it can find out about Klan members and their excesses. It is hampered in its investigations by the fact that its staff is completely black and so it is dependent on a few white sympathizers for information about the Klan. It is hated by the Klan, but its location in the heart of black Atlanta has helped protect it against Klan attacks. Its owner and editor is Jackson Glover, a charter member of the Atlanta NAACP.

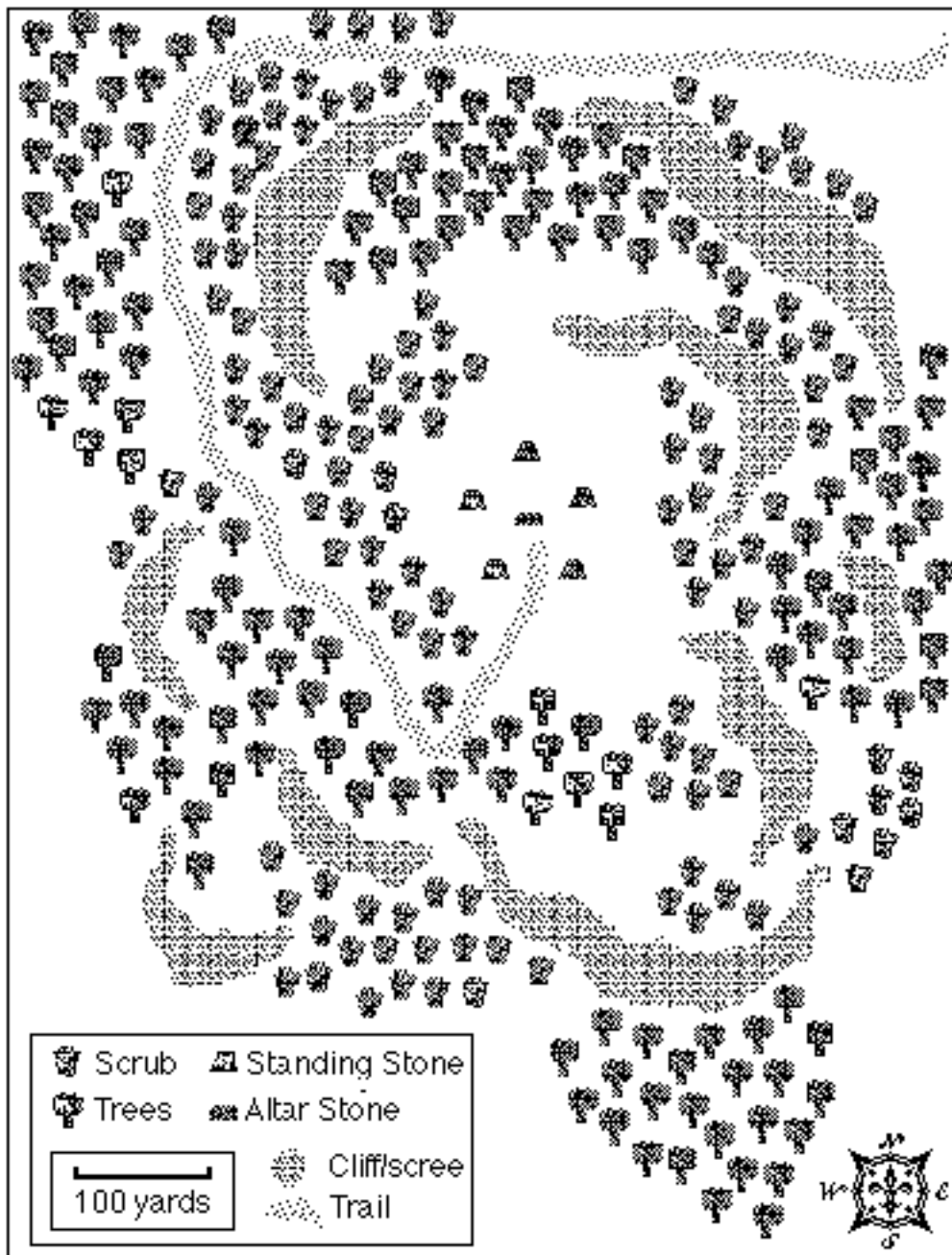




Map #5: Sterling House



Map #8: West Valley Farm



Map #10: Spector Hill

PP #19: Anti-segregationism in Atlanta

The Atlanta Negro Daily, Monday, September 17th, 1923

We lend our full support to the Rev Michael King, Sr's campaign to encourage negroes to boycott The Atlanta Courier for its editorial policy of ridiculing colored people in their efforts to attain the equality that the Civil War promised them.

The Atlanta Negro Daily, Wednesday, May 14th, 1924

The weekend marked a historic success for the future of the negro in Atlanta. Bowing to the pressure organized by the Rev Michael King, Sr and his son to defeat its most recent bond issue, the City Council agreed to the establishment of a high school in Atlanta for negro students. As we all know, education is the key to our people's progress and the new school will be a significant contribution to our hopes and ambitions for our children.

NAACP Events, Atlanta Area, April 1925

7 pm, Sunday, April 12th:

Ebenezer Baptist Church, 413 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta - charity supper to raise funds for the NAACP. Speaker Rev Adam Daniel Williams, pastor.

8 pm, Tuesday, April 28th:

Lecture in Elizabeth Negro Community Hall by Rev Michael King, Jr on the role of the church in negro advancement.