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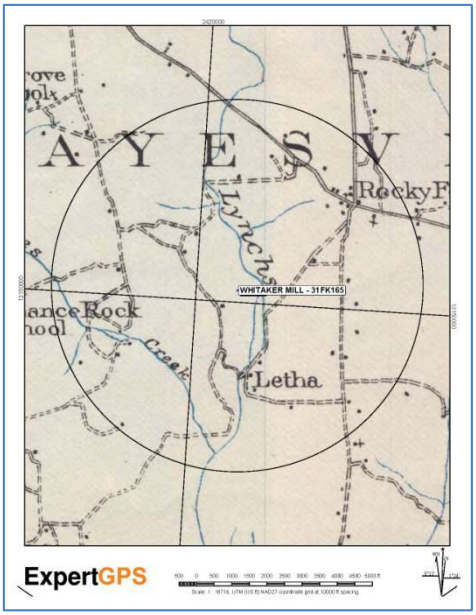

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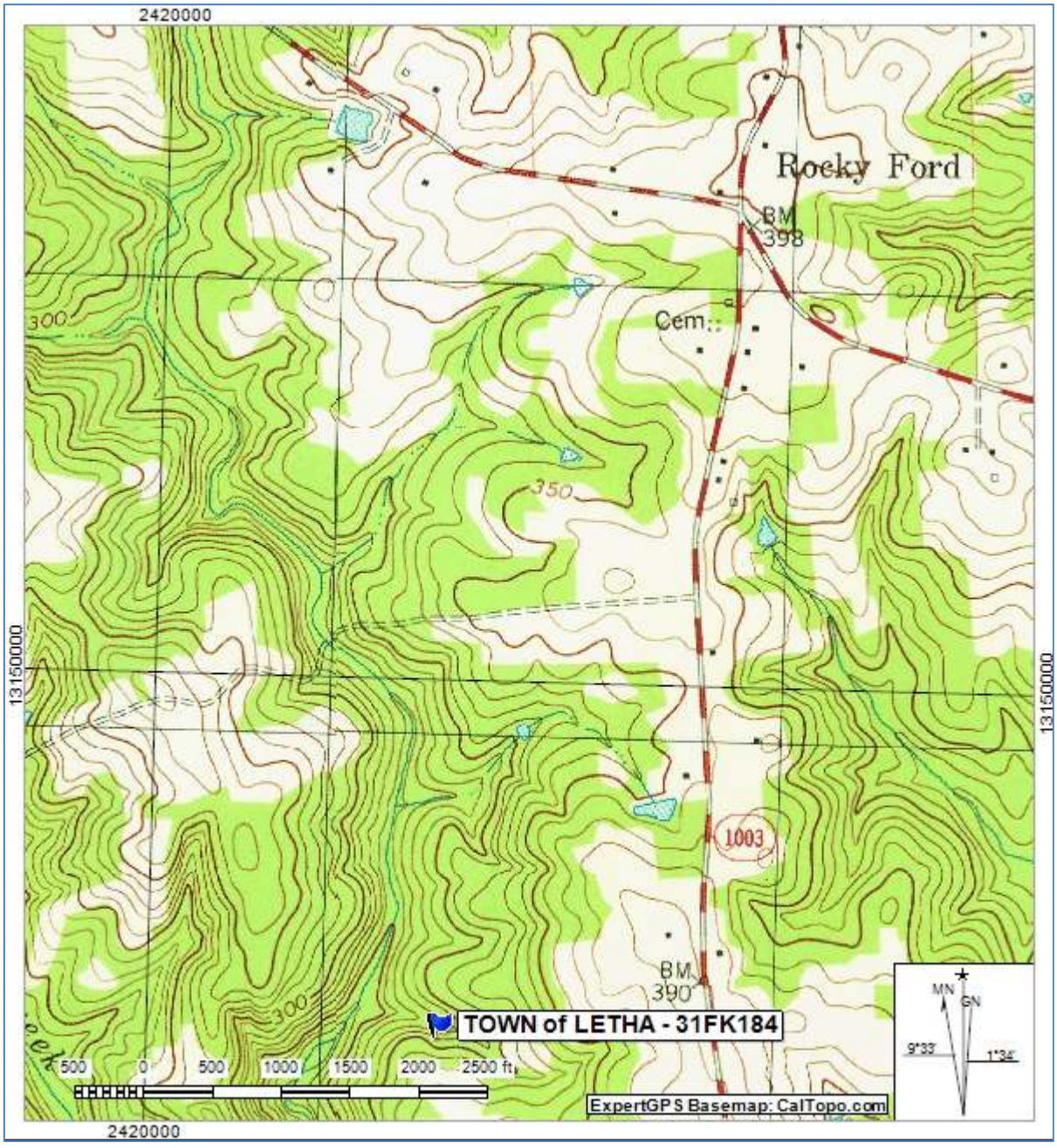

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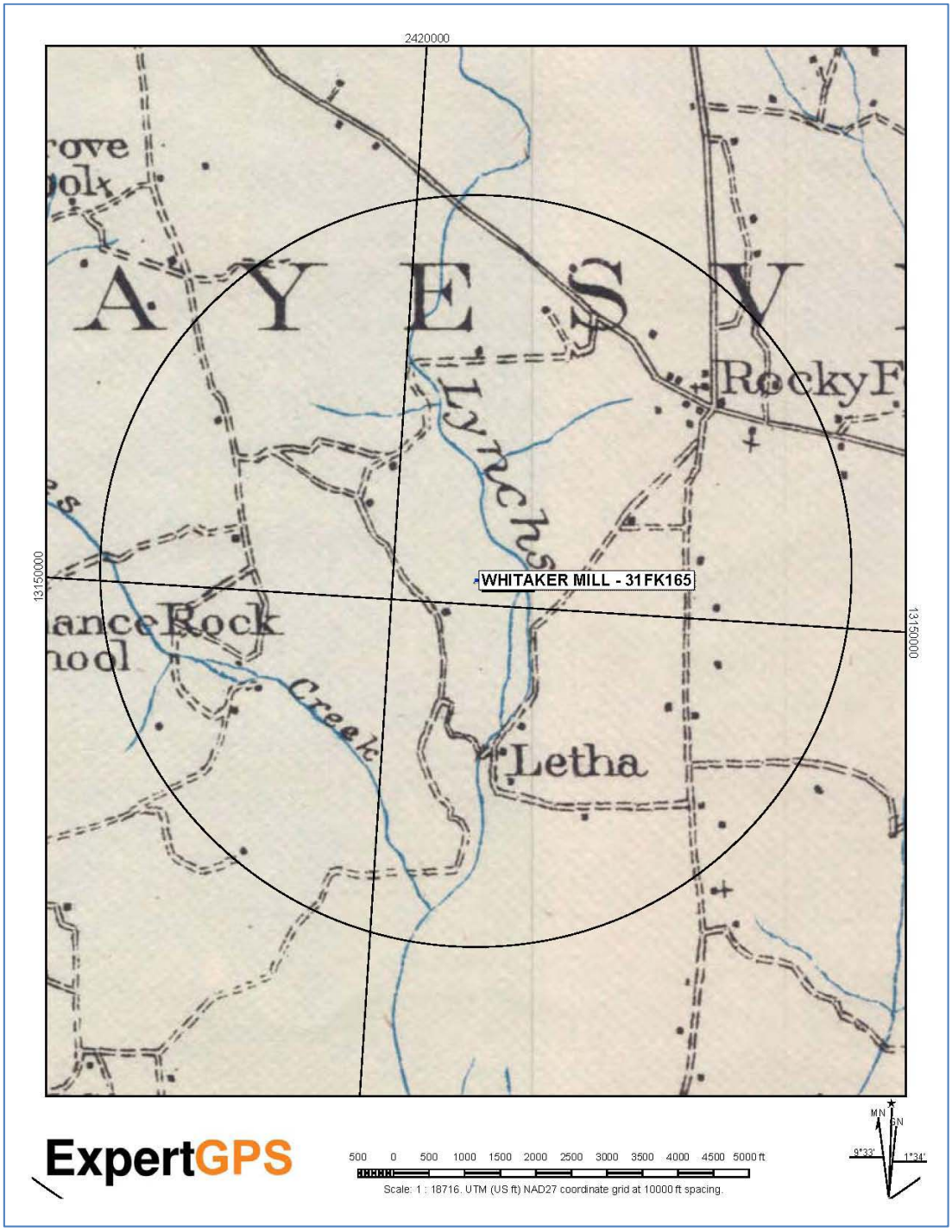

Town of Letha shown above. Note building site markings. There was a Miller's House, General Store, Post Office and Cemetery supporting the nearby Whitaker Mill (31FK165).
[Franklin County, NC Pratt Map 1906-1907]

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Miller's House (Whitaker Mill 31FK165) near Letha pathway to the Whitaker Mill
Photo by Bob Radcliffe July 2008

Foundation stone remains of the Letha General Store (and Post Office). The area had been forested within the last 5-years. Photo by Bob Radcliffe – January 2019.

Hilltop Cemetery at Letha. Little know. This is the most prominent grave. Many surrounding unmarked rows of sunken graves. No headstones. Photo by Bob Radcliffe – January 2019

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A town named Letha (pronounced "lee-tha", smaller than Rocky Ford) once flourished in the vicinity of Whitaker Mill, and was designated a US Postal Office from 1890-1910. Mill operator, Thomas H. Whitaker (T.H.), is listed as a "Merchant not in Towns" from Letha in the 1907 North Carolina Year Book section on Franklin County.

Letha consisted of a General Store (Post Office), a Miller's House, supporting storage buildings, and a cemetery.

Surprisingly, Letha vanished in the 1950's, but the nearby Rocky Ford remains – if only as a namesake for the forgotten Haysville-Millford Crossroad.

The name Letha is a variant "Lethe" from Greek Mythology which is one of five Rivers in Hades that means "River of Oblivion". A cup of water from "Lethe" makes you forget everything from your former life. Your soul may then cross the River Styx with help from Charon the Oarsman.