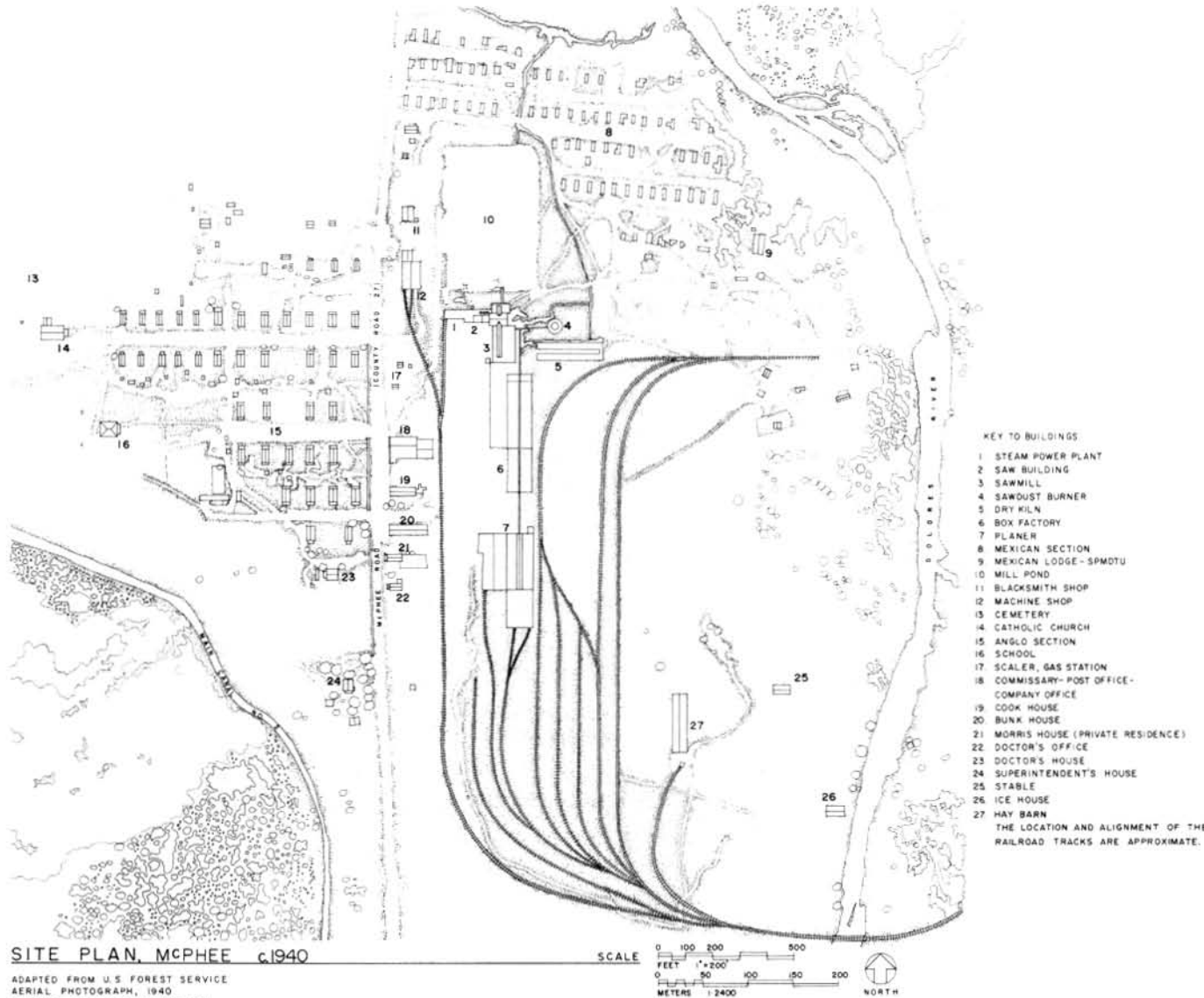


MCPHEE, COLORADO

A COMPANY TOWN



THE COMPANY TOWN OF MCPHEE, OWNED, BUILT AND OPERATED BY THE NEW MEXICO LUMBER COMPANY, LASTED FROM 1924-48, SERVING AS AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FOCUS OF THE DOLORES VALLEY. AT ITS PEAK IN 1927, IT WAS COLORADO'S LARGEST LUMBER MILL TOWN, PRODUCING MORE THAN ONE HALF OF THE STATE'S LUMBER PRODUCTION. THE TOWN ALSO FEATURED THE LAST LOGGING RAILROAD IN SOUTHWEST COLORADO. SINCE ITS ABANDONMENT IN 1948, THE TOWN HAS GRADUALLY DISAPPEARED AS BUILDINGS WERE EITHER DEMOLISHED OR MOVED. TODAY, LITTLE REMAINS.

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