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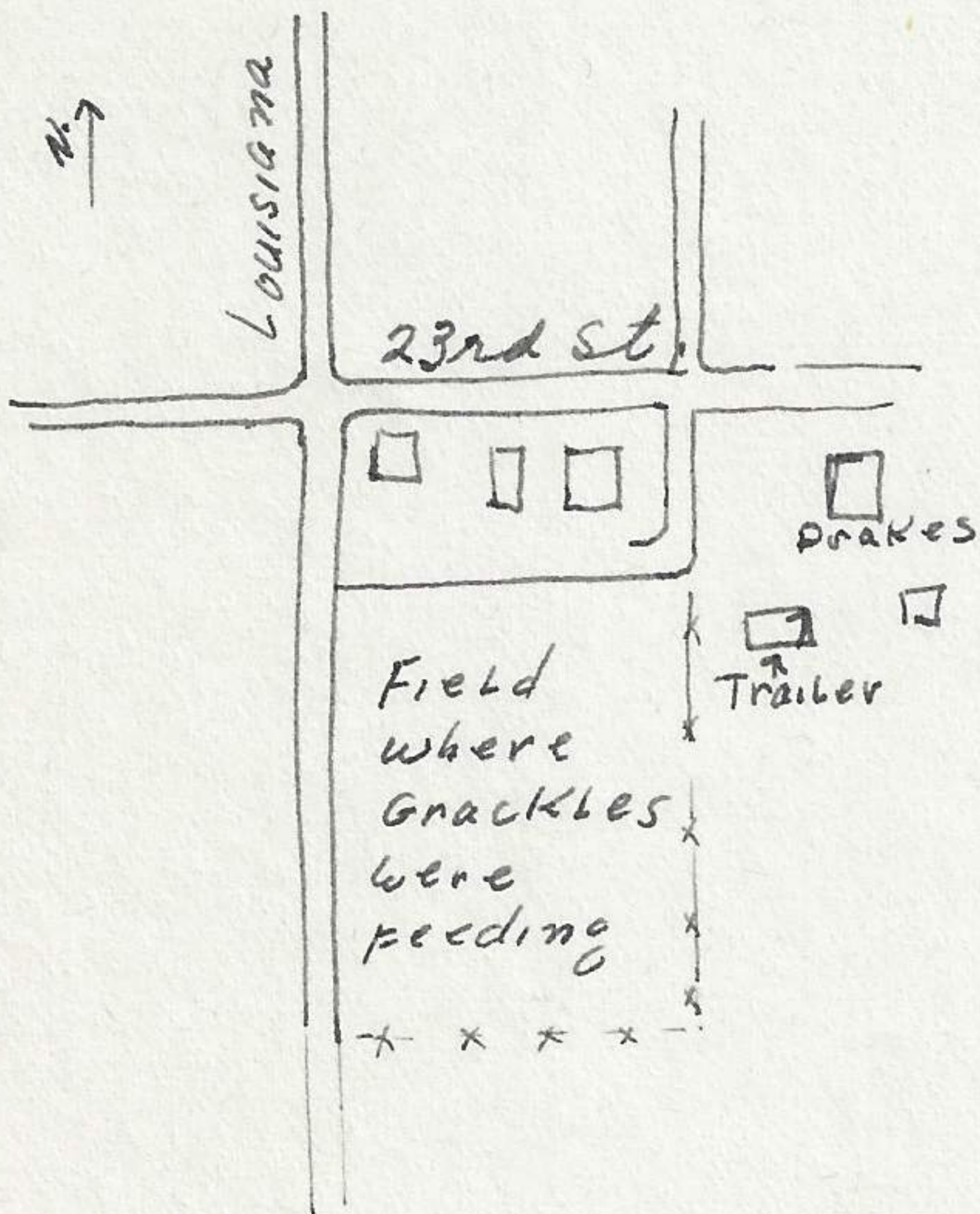
March 7, 1950

The last 4 or 5 days have been mild and spring-like. Today cold, with high winds ranging up to 50 miles per hour at airport, and short snow flurries. No snow deposit remaining. Under continuous forecast of high winds and 22°F tonight and with continual wind and even lower temperatures tomorrow. This condition must have considerable effect upon migrating birds and local birds which have started their nesting cycle. Sunday March 5, 1950 O. King collected a few Peromyscus leucopus and a few Sigmodon hispidus from about 26th South on Louisiana in Lawrence. Mr. Fitch reports greater number of Microtus ochrogaster from Robinson farm area (Mus. Nat. Hist. Reservation).

307 W. 23rd, Lawrence Douglas County, Kansas

March 9, 1950.

Made census count of Bronze Grackle from a color transparency. This photograph was taken Oct 15, 1949 from above address at the Drake residence. The field was approx 250 feet x 500 ft and consisted



of grazed grasses. From the photograph counted 13,400 birds from grid sections. This number is somewhat higher than the estimate of 1948 but at that time the fact was presented that the population might actually only represent 1/3 of the true number of birds. For small birds of this size one greatly underestimates the exact number of individuals. As these birds left the area they formed a long continuous line of approx 3/4 of a mile in length.

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March 11, 1950

A flock of 12 Snow and Blue geese were observed flying north over the museum at about 9:00 A.M. Day cold (22°F) and slightly windy. Cloudy.

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March 12, 1950

A large flock of geese, presumably Canadians, flew north across K.V. Campers at approx. 7:00 A.M. this morning. Day cloudy, sub-freezing temperatures and slightly windy. Observed Sialia sialis (♂ & ♀) at 307 W. 23rd at about 9:30 A.M. There has been an noticeable increase in juncos, starling, chickadees, robins at this area. Probably migrating forms.