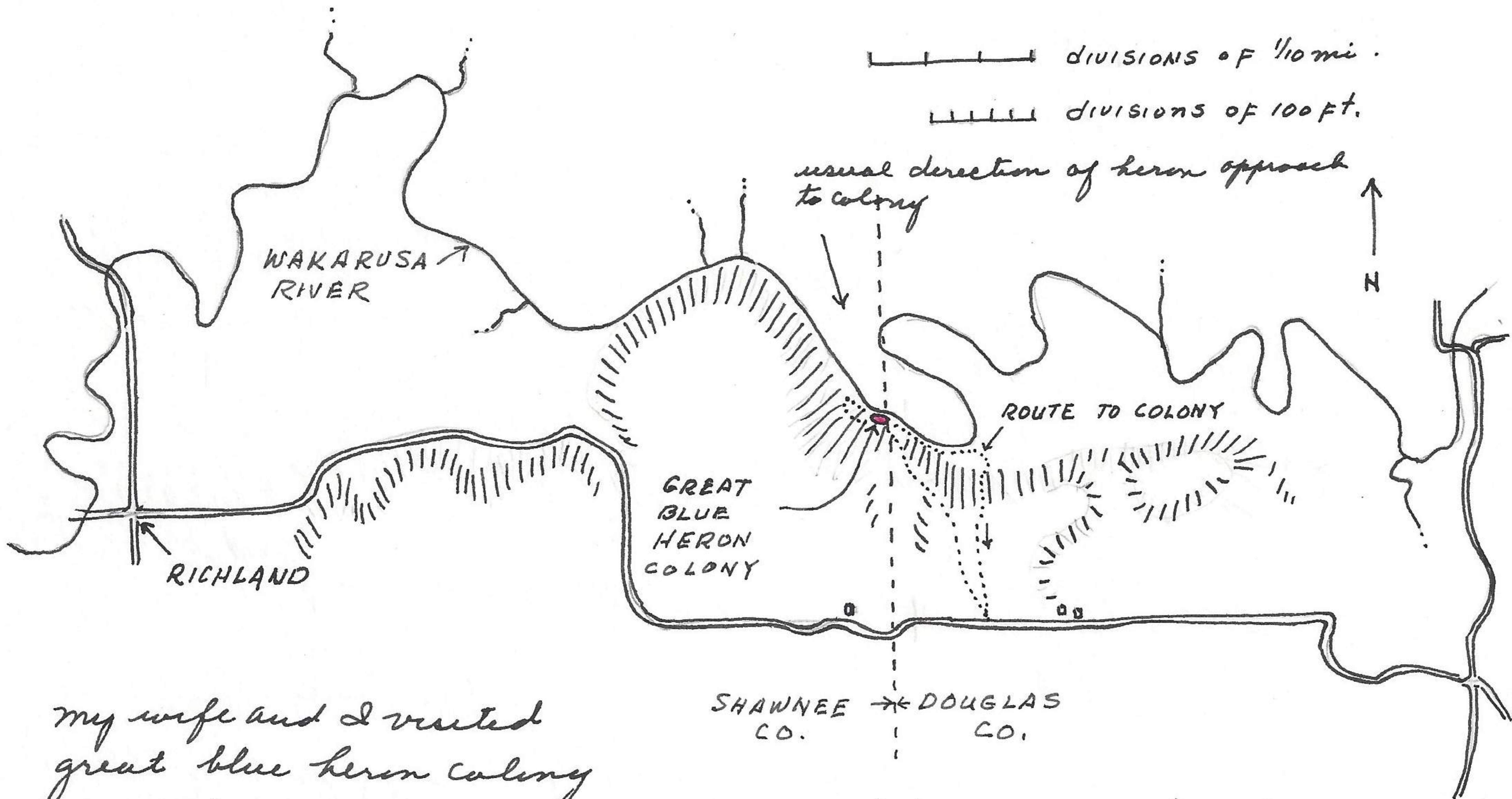
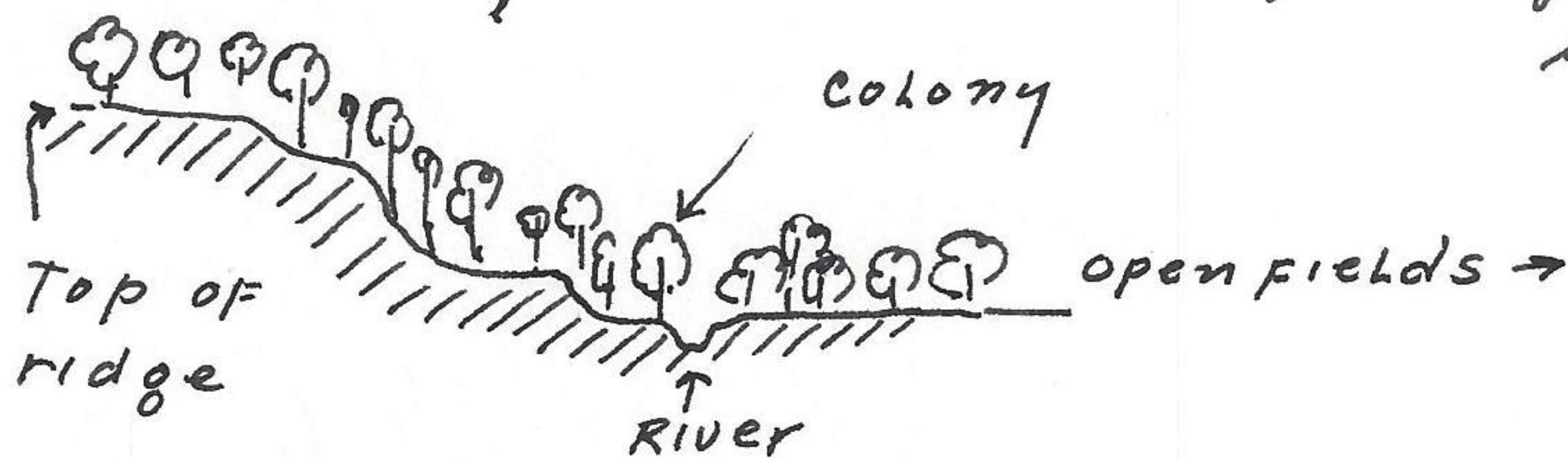


1 4/10 mi. E and 600 ft. N Richland, Shawnee Co., Kansas

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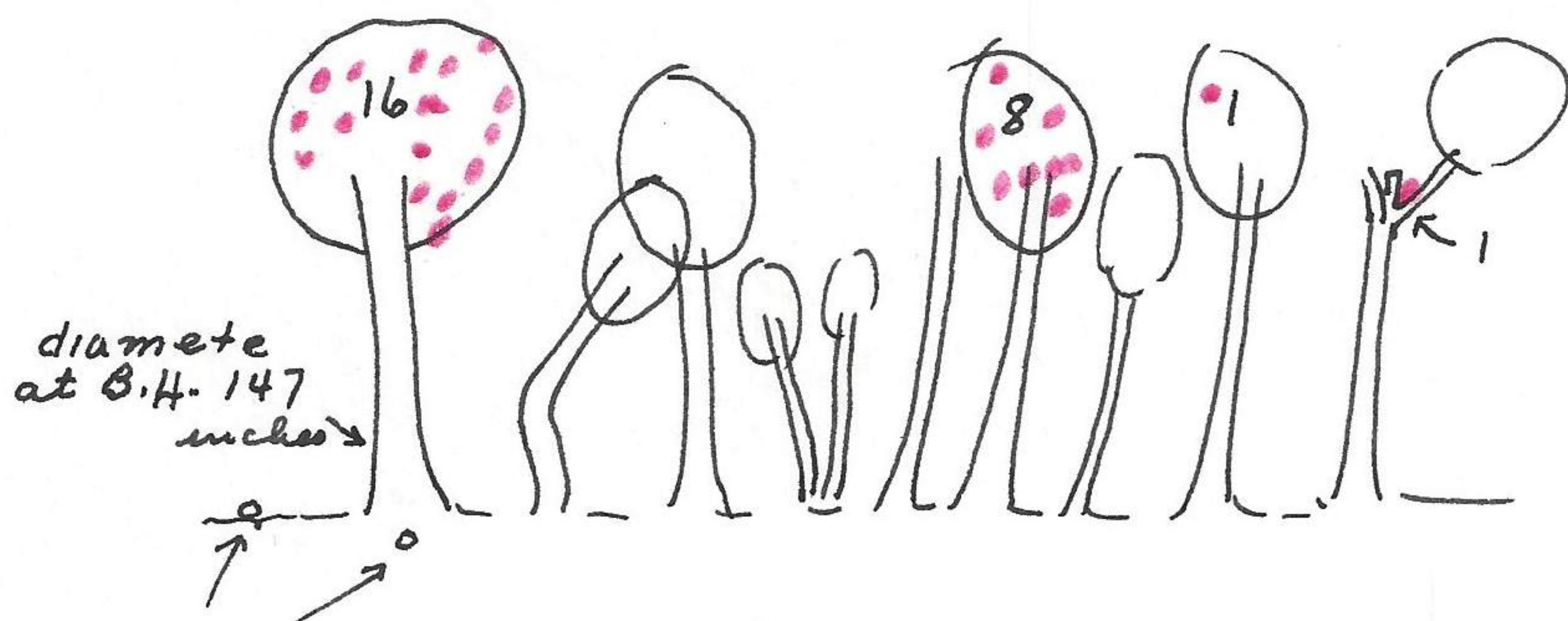
my wife and I visited great blue heron colony on Wakarusa River east of Richland, (3:00 - 4:00 P.M.). Colony of 26 nests in sycamore trees at edge of river (S side). This colony is on the south side of the valley and at base of hillside which is 140 high. The largest sycamore had 16 nests, a second sycamore 8 nests which is 2



more than note on a previous trip (see), a third sycamore with 1 nest and a fourth with a few nests mainly on outer limits of branches. (and 2 feathers)

stems in crutch as if being constructed.

Element, under nests covering about 40 percent of ground surface and thin in surface, indicate that the colony had not been in use for very long. 2 fragments



of eggs with yellow yolk stains under largest tree (probably fresh). One bird remained near nest while all others kept away from the colony while we were under trees. Birds that approach ^{and} to them flew away were generally from the NW or N. Occasionally a bird would give a deep but not too audible squawk.