

COLORING LONG HILL HISTORY COMES ALIVE!



LONG HILL TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Artwork recreated from the original "Quilting Bee" coloring book first published by the Historical Society and based on the 1976 bicentennial quilt now hanging in Town hall.

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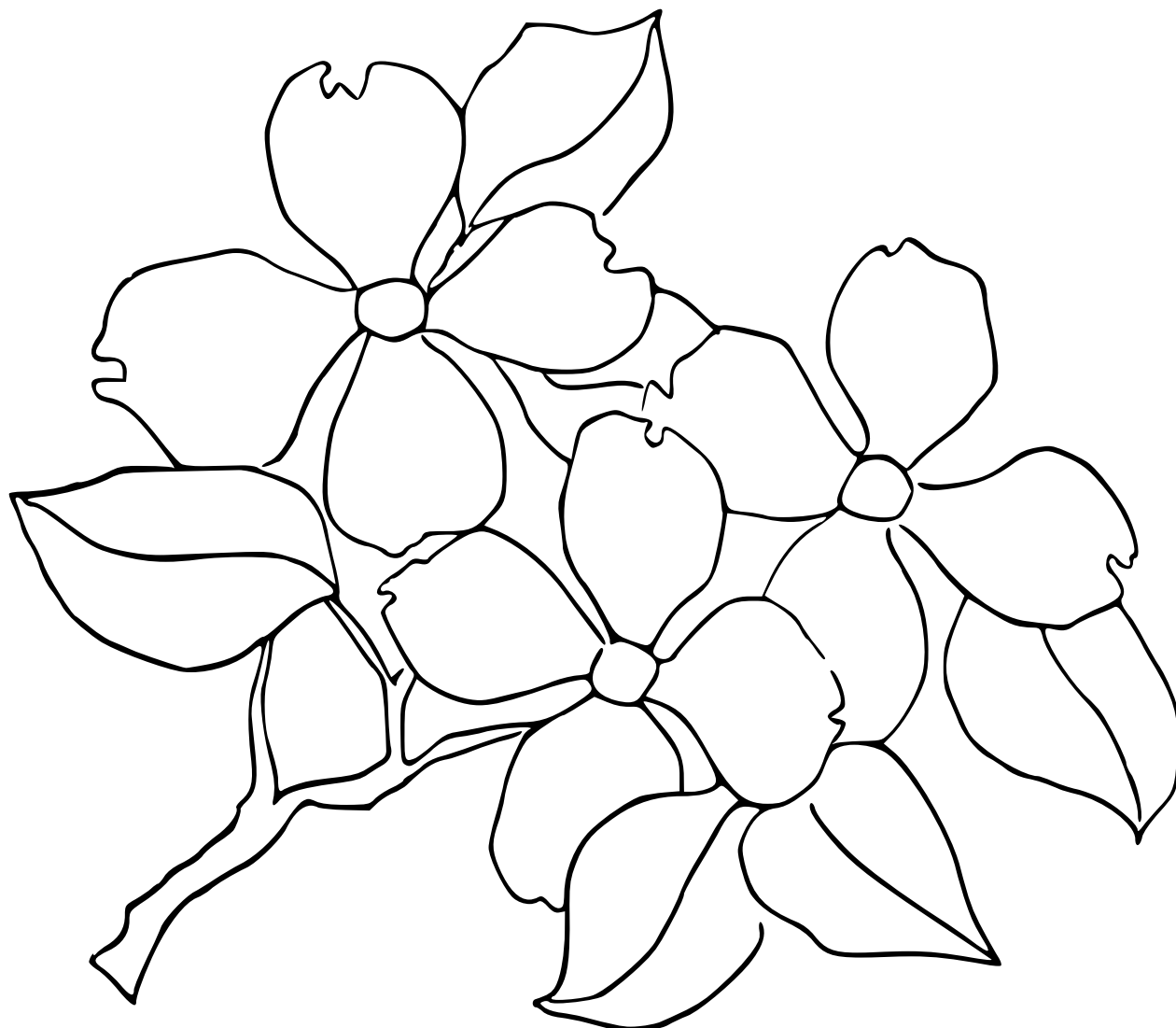
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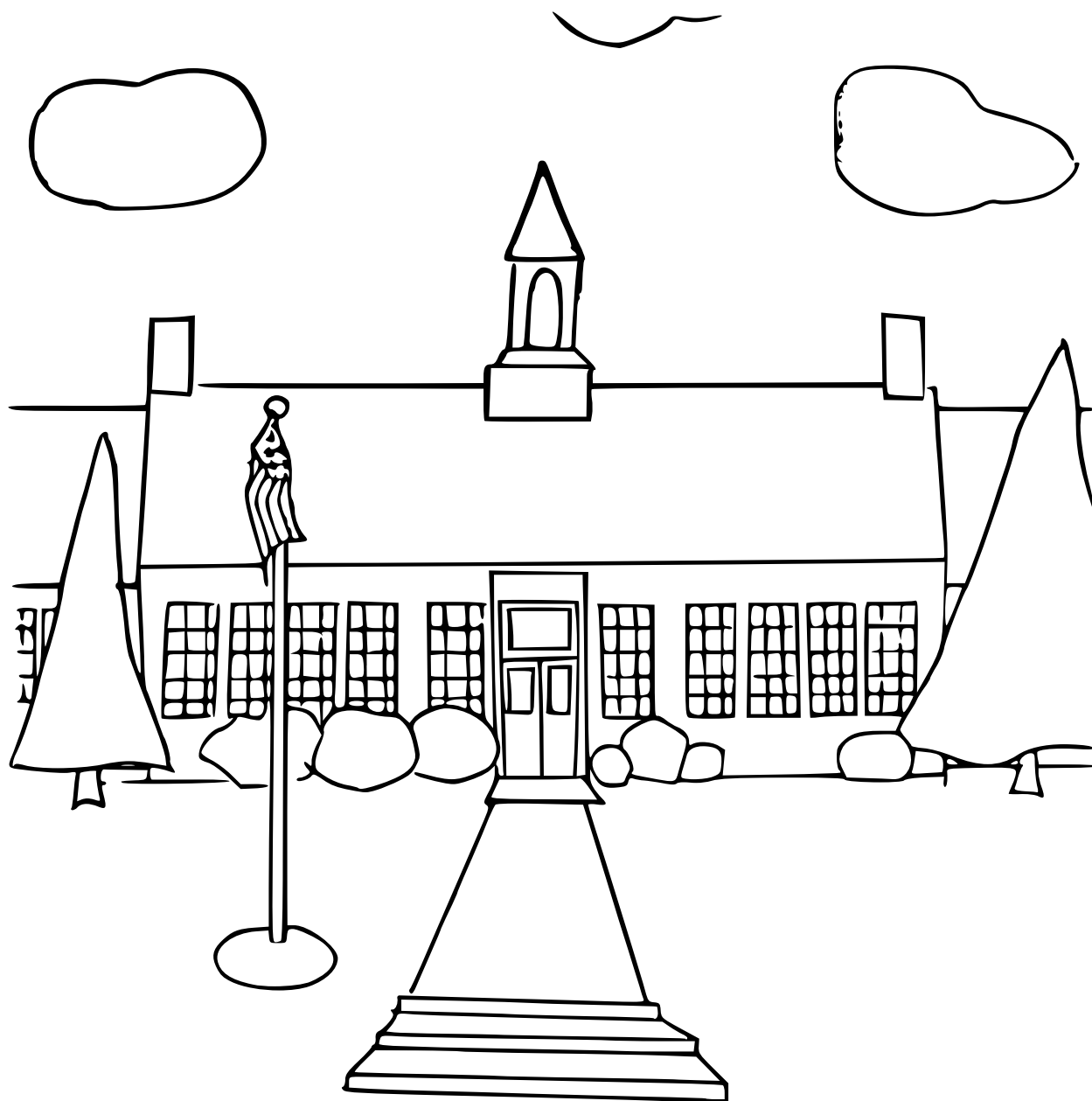
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Dogwood Tree Blossoms



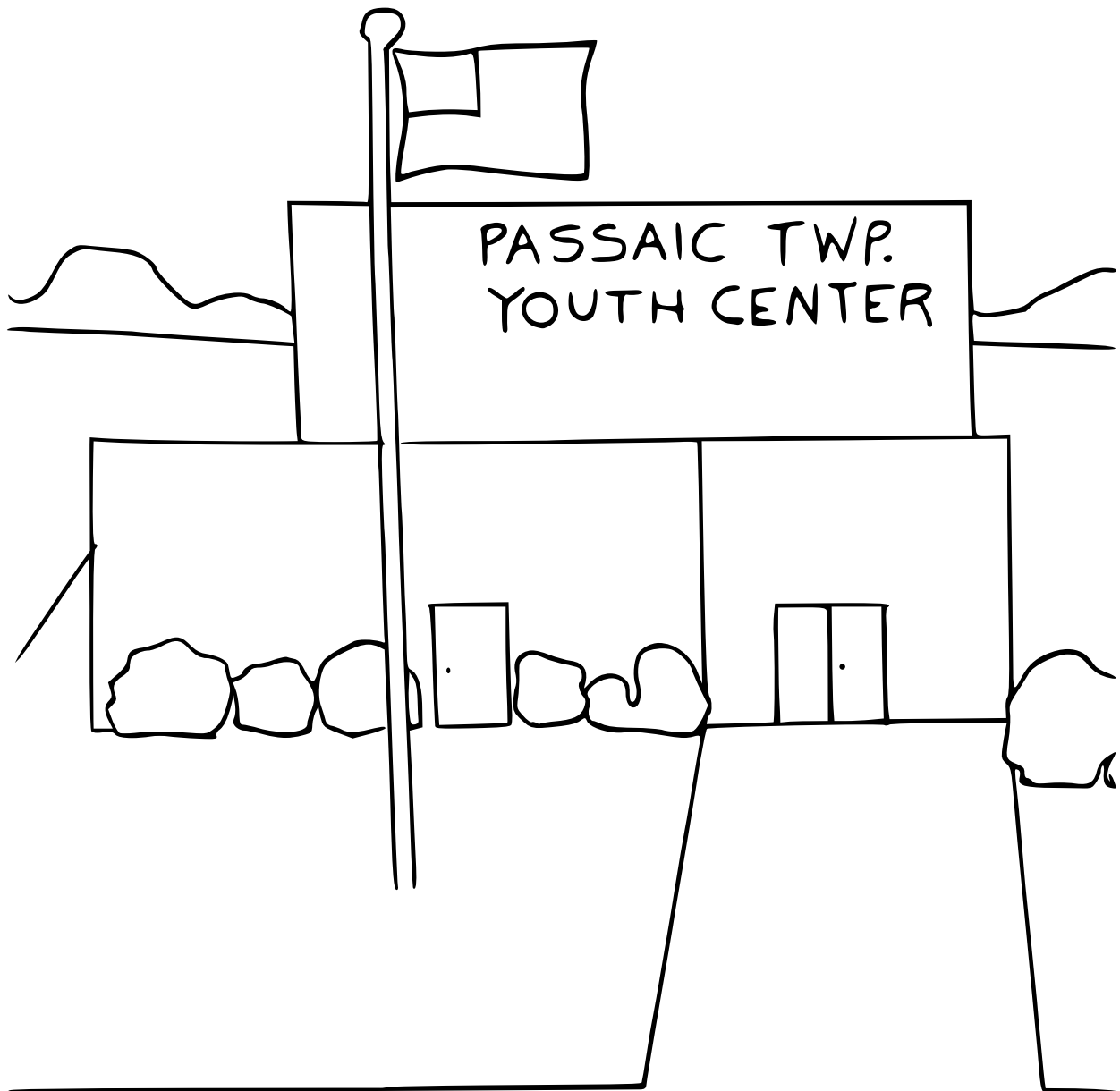
In 1939, Dogwood trees from our town were moved to the New York World's Fair, where people saw amazing things like robots, and TVs for the first time, all part of a magical 'World of Tomorrow'

Millington Elementary School



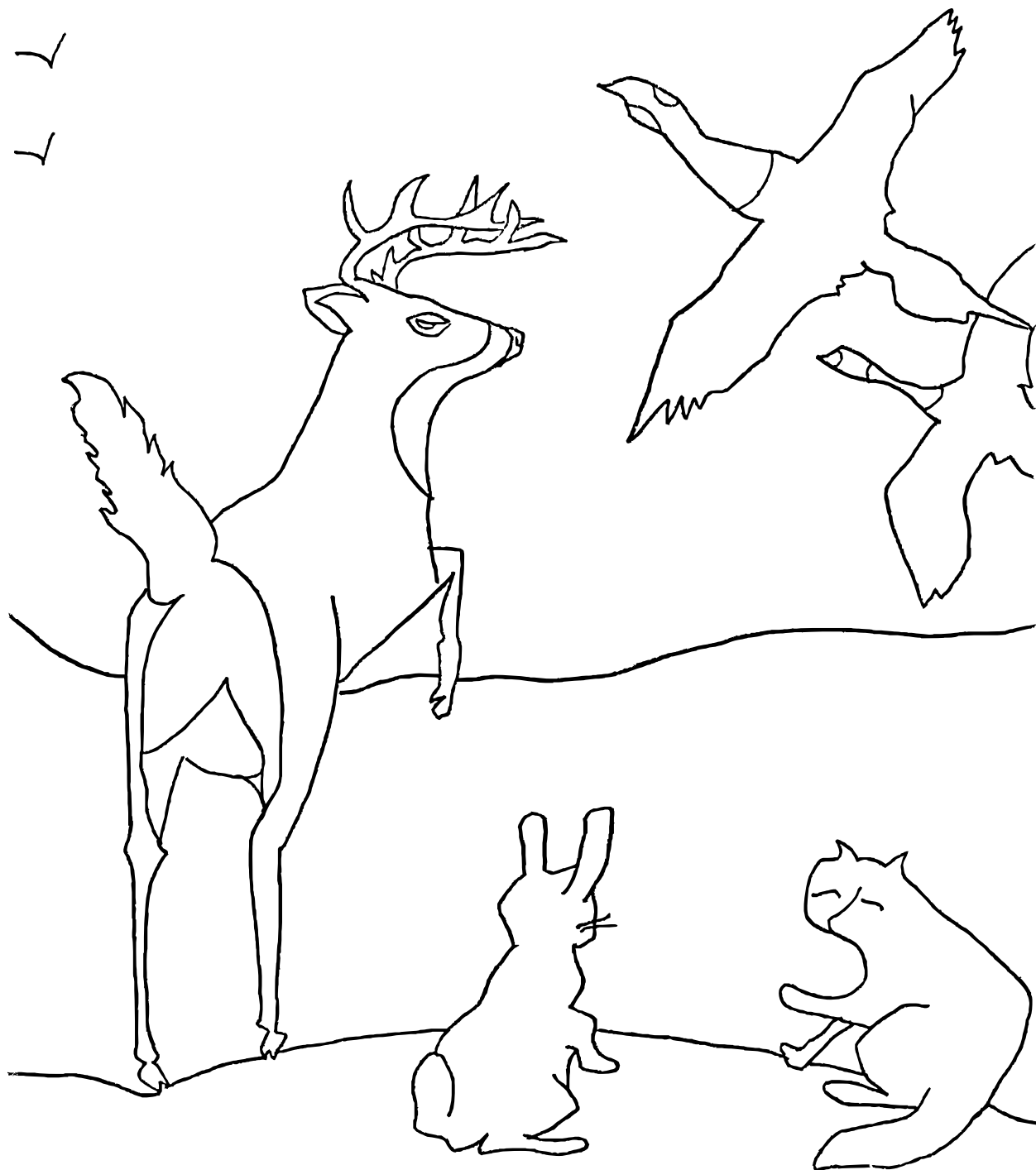
Back in 1935, twin elementary schools were opened in Gillette and Millington. They looked so alike back then, you can't tell which one this is. The first kids to go here would be nearly 100 years old now!

Passaic Township Youth Center



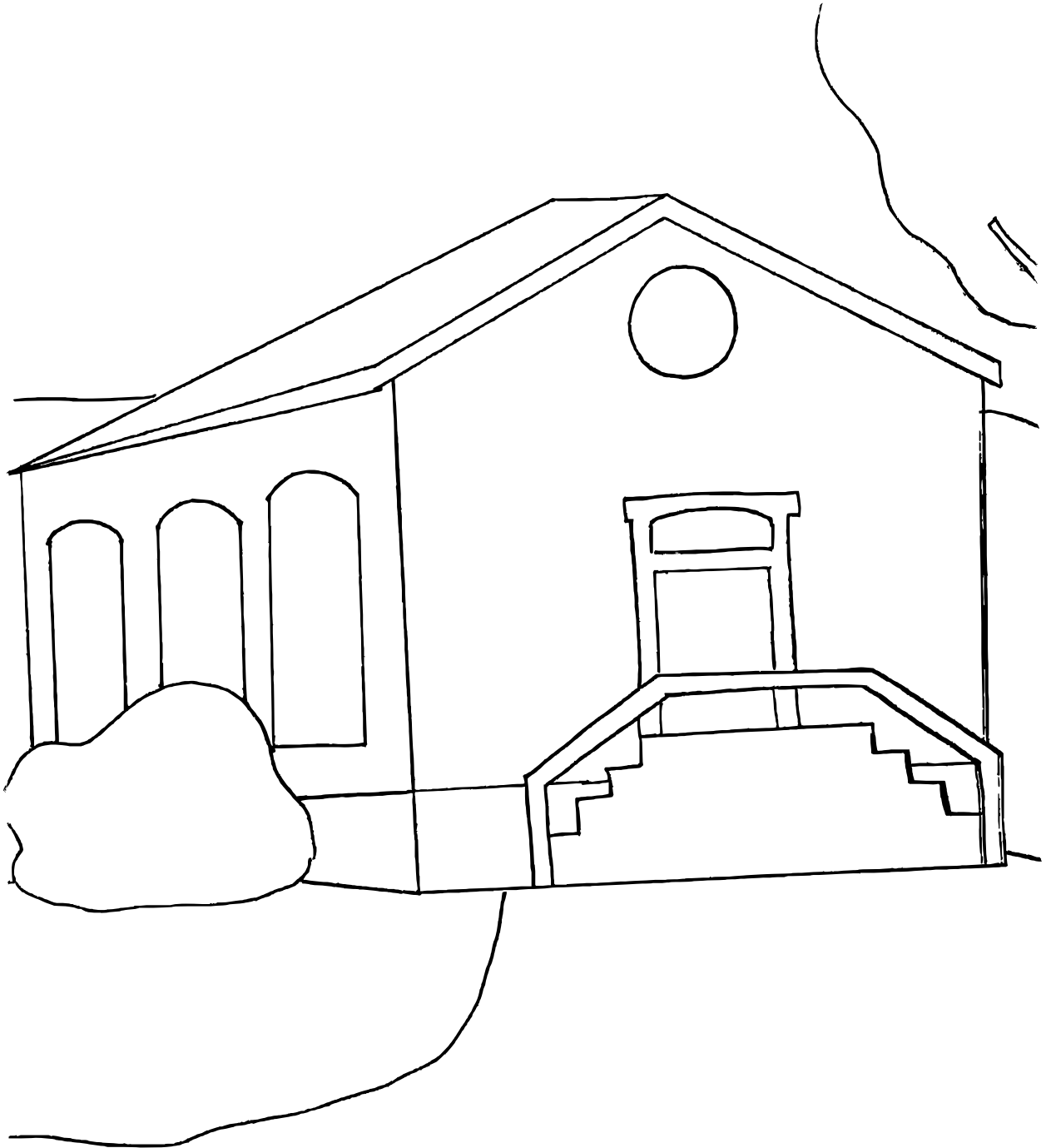
The Youth Center opened in 1970. It was built by volunteers on land that was provided by the Township. Children played basketball and other sports there.

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge



This National Landmark was the first in the country! Each year, people visit here from all over the world to see the birds and other animals.

Millington Schoolhouse / Old Town Hall



This building started as a small one-room school and later became the place where the town made its laws. Now, it's a special historic site protected by the U.S. Government.

Lord Stirling on Horseback



William Alexander, known as Lord Stirling, was a brave general who helped Washington during the Revolutionary War. The village of Stirling was named to remember his courage.

Millington Train Station



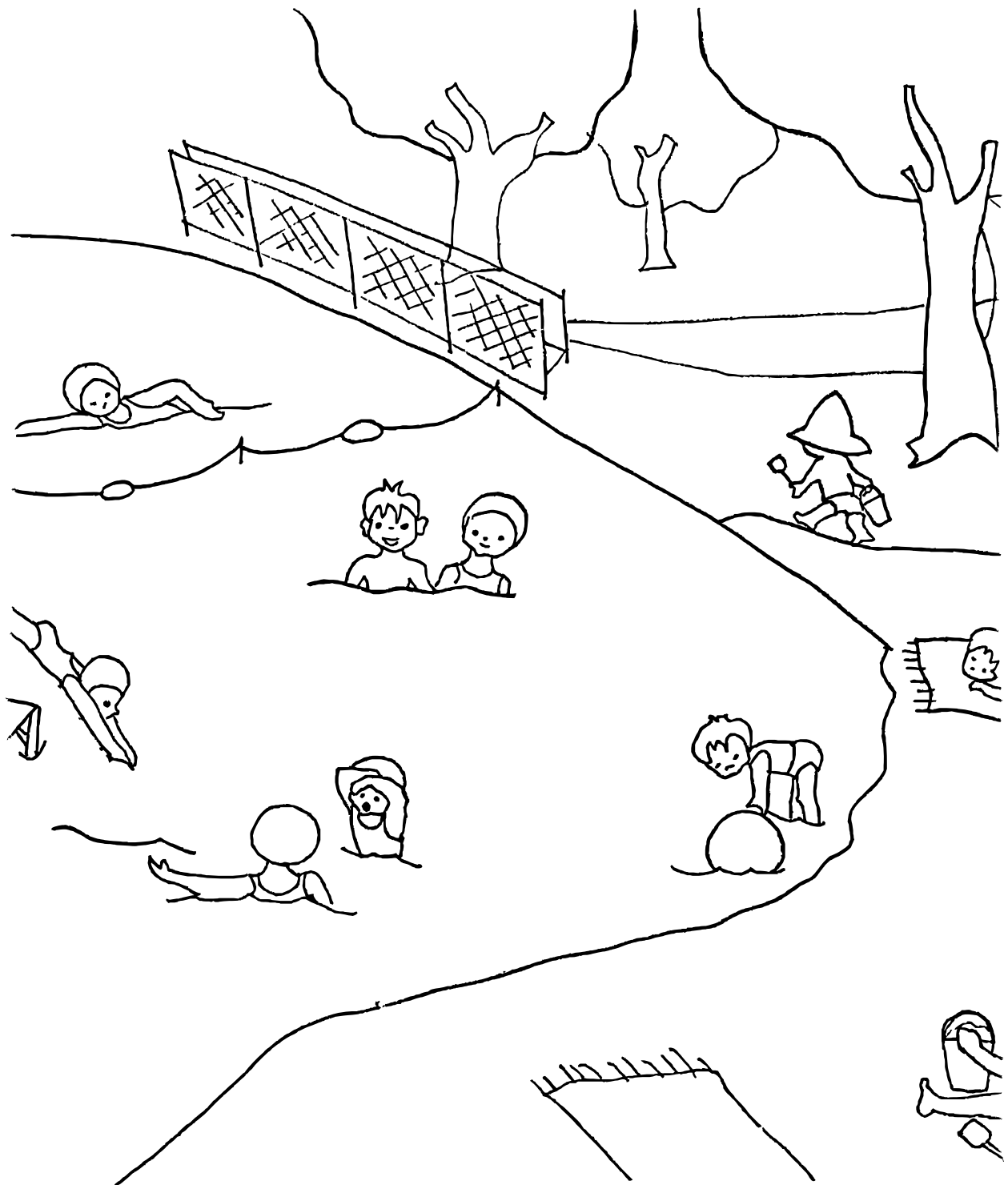
Built in 1901 from stone, this train station welcomed summer visitors from New York City. When the railroad came, the town grew from farms into a bustling community with small factories.

Ortman's Blacksmith, Meyersville



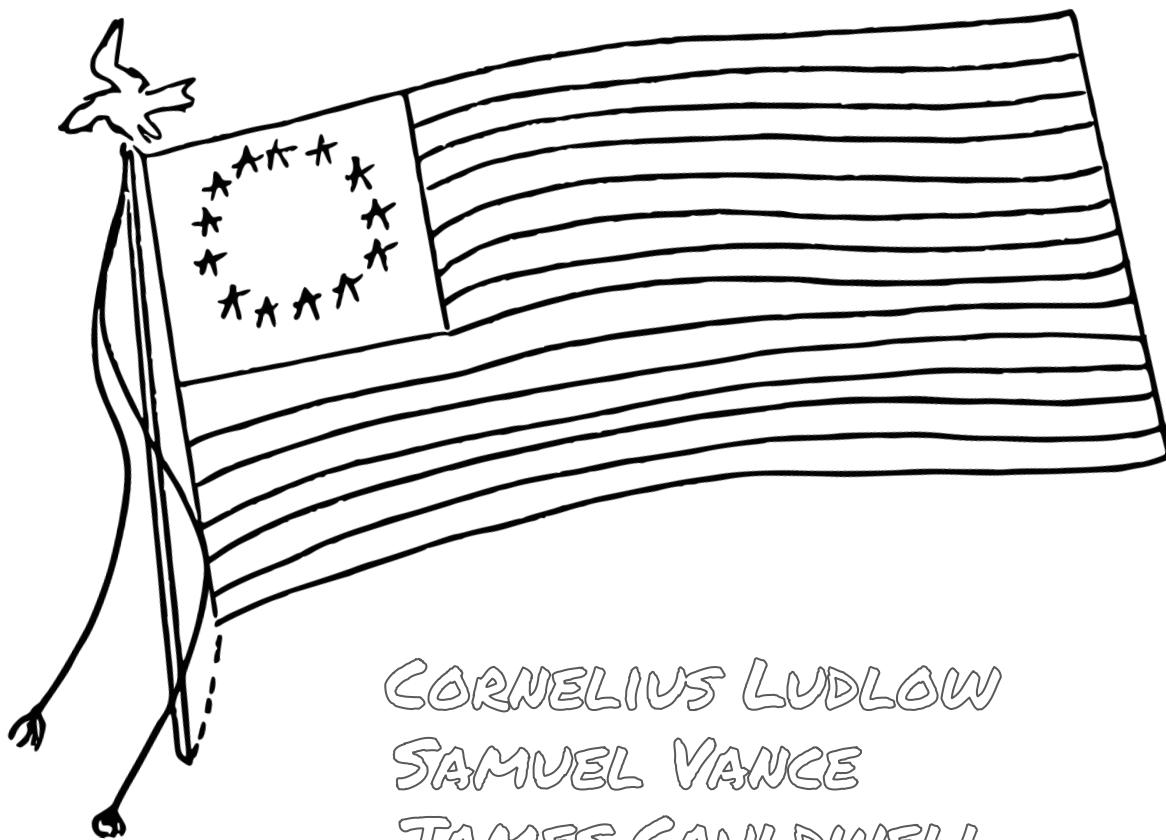
For more than 40 years, John Henry Ortman was the blacksmith in Meyersville. He fixed wagons and made shoes for horses in his shop.

Stirling Lake



Stirling Lake is a popular place to swim in the summer. Have you ever taken a dip here? Long ago, people cut ice from this lake and delivered to local homes for cool drinks and ice cream!

Early Soldiers of our Township



CORNELIUS LUDLOW

SAMUEL VANCE

JAMES CAULDWELL

PETER LAYTON

STAFFORD WILSON

DANIEL CORY

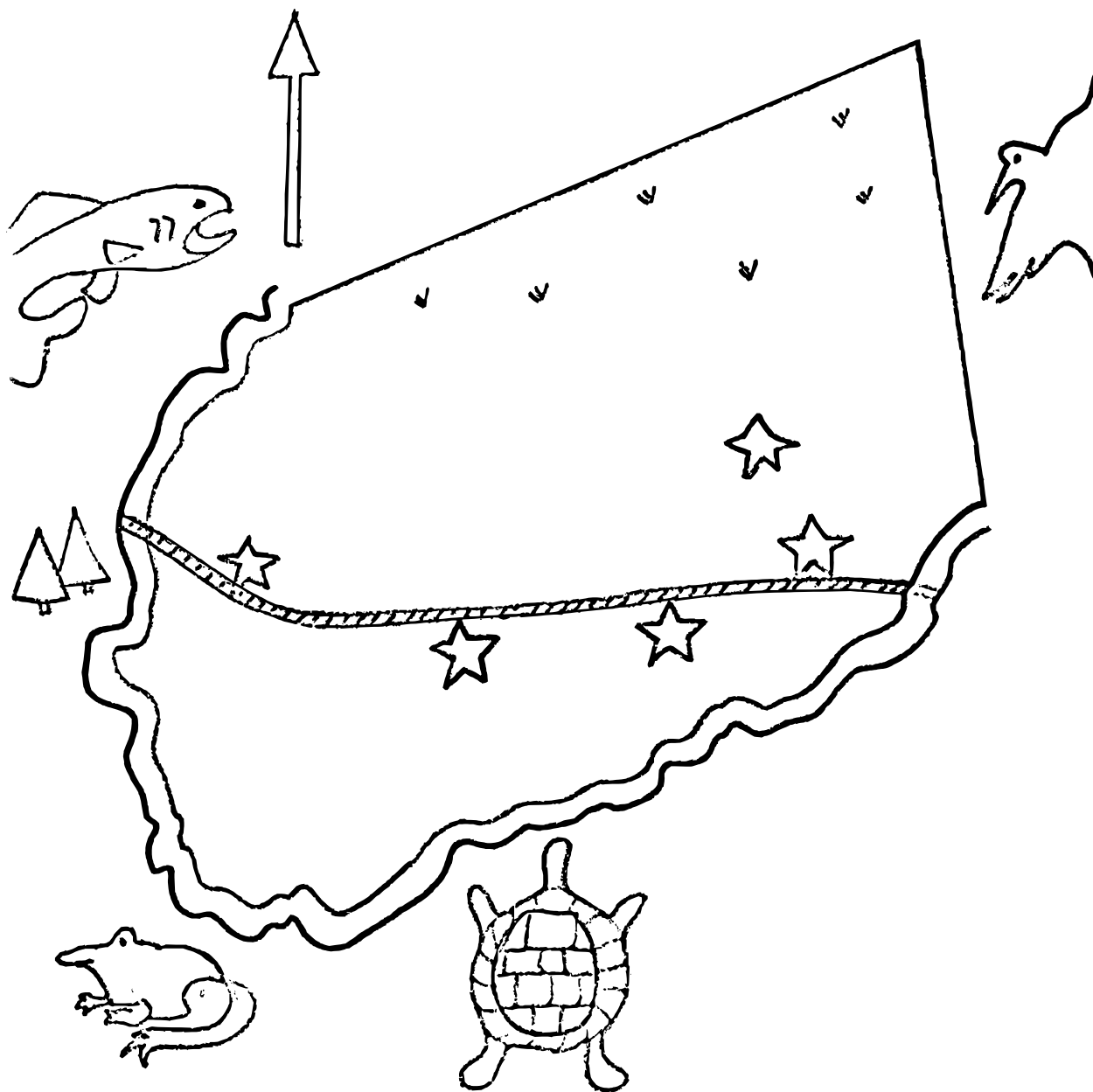
ABRAHAM RUTON

JOHN ROLL

SAMUEL S. STANSBURY

This flag has 13 stars. Can you guess why this is special? The names you see were Revolutionary War soldiers from Long Hill in Morris County. Our County played a big role in the war and was even known as the 'Military Capital of the American Revolution'.

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Look at this map of our town, framed by the Passaic River on two sides. Can you figure out which villages the five stars stand for?

German Church, Meyersville



The Church bell in the center of Meyersville has chimed since 1847 when people from Germany came to live here. While the church's appearance has changed, it remains a historic treasure.

Stirling's Main Avenue



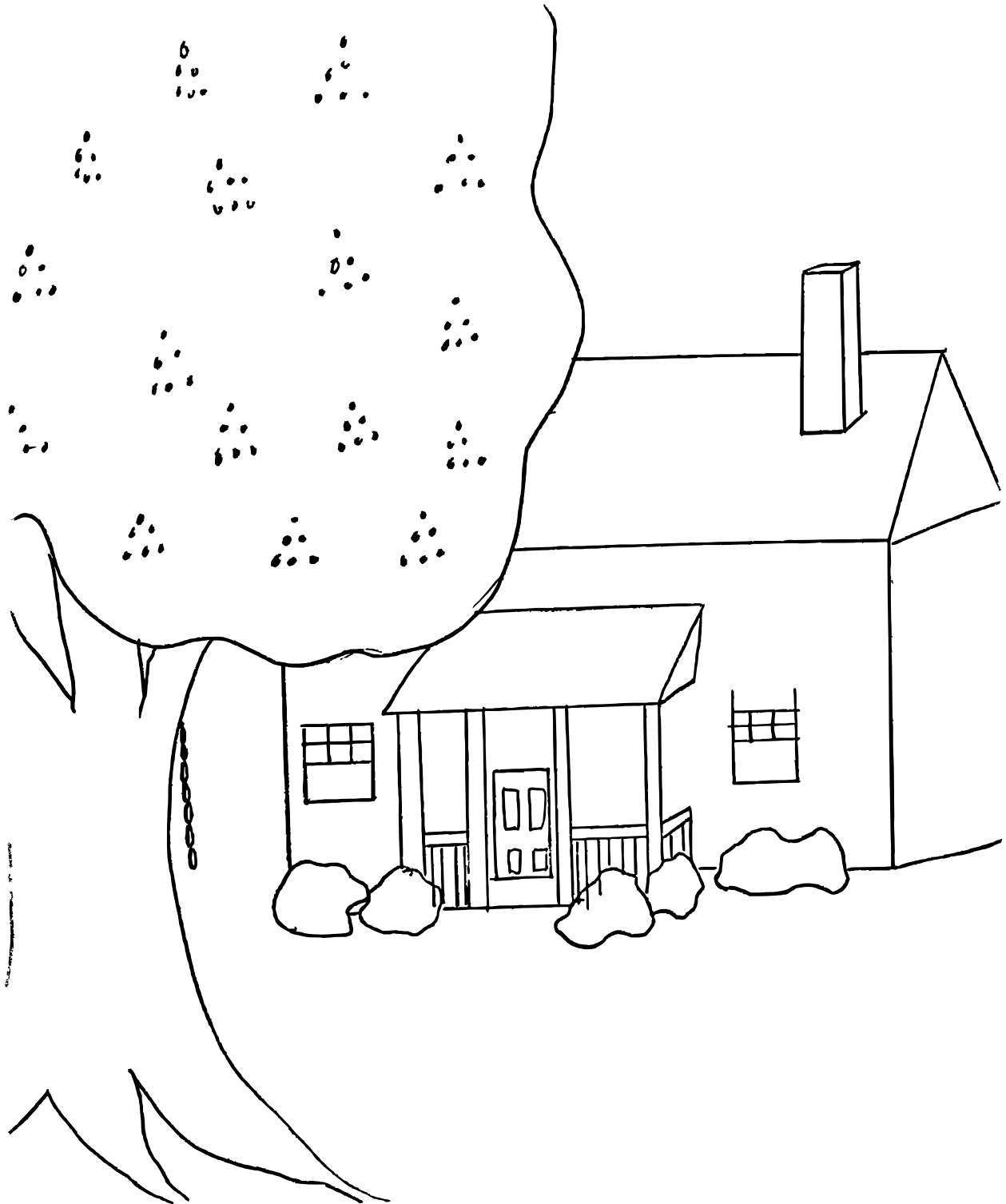
Back in the 1870s, Stirling was carefully planned, and lots of small houses and shops popped up along this main road to help the community who worked at the nearby factory.

Cooper's Farm and Windmill



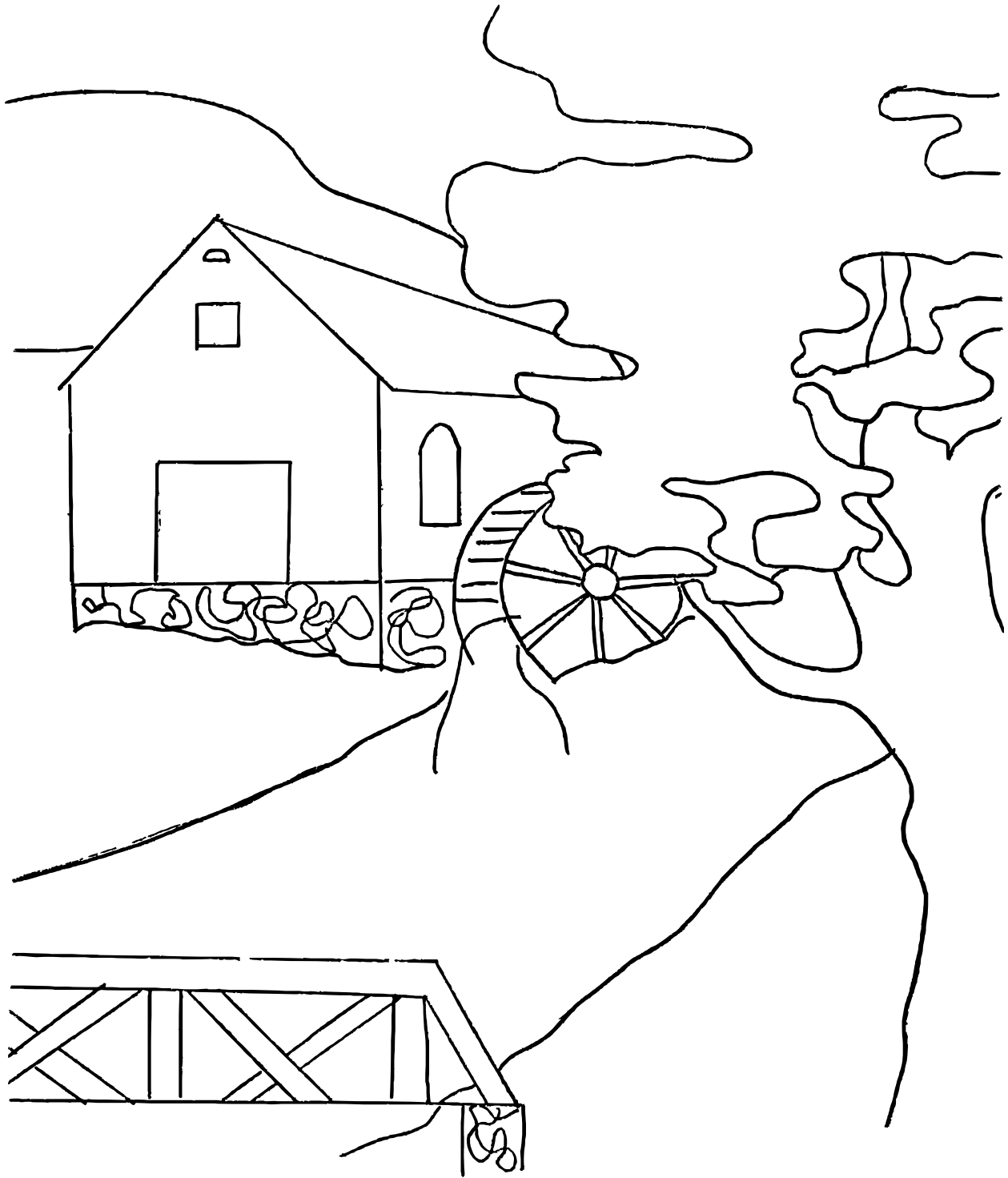
John Cooper, who lived on Long Hill Road, built a windmill to water his farm. On this high spot, General Washington had a log tower made to send signals to Morristown if the British appeared.

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Can you spot a chain? It's grown right into this oak tree! Long ago, when the tree was young, people used this chain to stop horses from wandering away, calling it a 'hitching post'.

The Mill's at Millington



Back in the 1750s, Solomon Boyle built mills by the Passaic River in Millington. One was a grist mill for grinding flour, and the other was a saw mill to cut wood for buildings.

Hickory Tavern



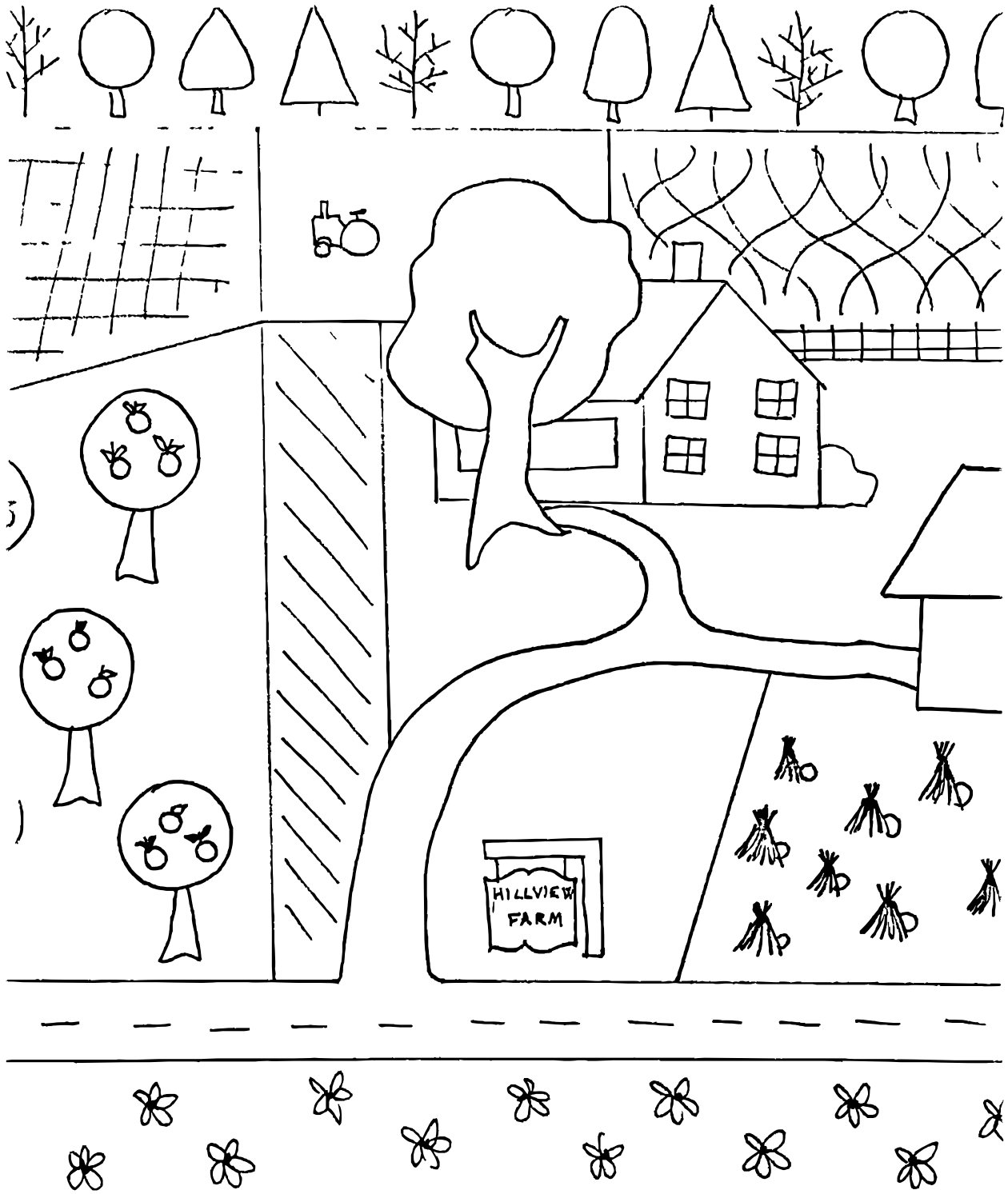
The old Tavern in Gillette isn't there anymore, but back in the 1800s, it was a cozy stop where travelers could rest for the night before heading on to Millington.

Cornish Home



Built in the 1700s by the first settler in the area, this is Gillette's oldest house. The village got its name from a member of the Cornish family.

Hillview Farm



Once, our town was filled with farms, but now only Hillview Farm is left. Founded by Friedrich August Kielblock in 1856, it's still run by his family and is now a protected site!

Passaic Wildflowers



Many different wildflowers can be found in Long Hill including the Trout Lily, Violet, Queen Anne's Lace, Black eyed Susan and Cardinal flower shown here.

Millington Schoolhouse



The Millington Schoolhouse, once our Town Hall, is now safe and protected. There was a time it almost got torn down, but our community came together to save it!

The Story Behind the Colors

“Coloring Long Hill” was inspired by a remarkable quilt crafted in 1976 to commemorate America’s 200th birthday. This quilt, a labor of love and dedication, was part of a nationwide movement where communities gathered to create quilts that celebrated their unique histories and contributions to the fabric of the nation. In the heart of Long Hill, previously known as Passaic Township, the “Bicentennial Quilting Bees” embarked on this creative journey.

The quilt was masterfully pieced together by the Bees, led by Lou Souders, and many quilters including skilled quilters Lynne Combs, Karen Whitaker, and June Kressback. Over ten months, they lovingly crafted 20 squares, each a window into the rich tapestry of Long Hill’s history. From the serene beauty of Dogwood tree blossoms to the historic whispers of the Old Mill along the Passaic River, every square of the quilt narrates a unique story of the landmarks and legends that make Long Hill a treasure trove of heritage.

This coloring book, directly inspired by the artwork’s 20 squares, is a tribute to their artistry and the communal spirit of 1976. Each page in this book mirrors a square from the quilt, allowing you to connect with Long Hill’s past through your own creative touch. As you color, you’re not just filling in spaces; you’re reviving and celebrating the stories of people and places that have shaped this town. Each page is a thread in the larger quilt of Long Hill’s history, inviting you to be a part of its continuing story.

I hope you enjoy each moment and, perhaps, are inspired to explore Long Hill’s rich history further, either through visiting historical sites or learning about its fascinating past in the Historical Society Archives at the Long Hill Township Library.

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