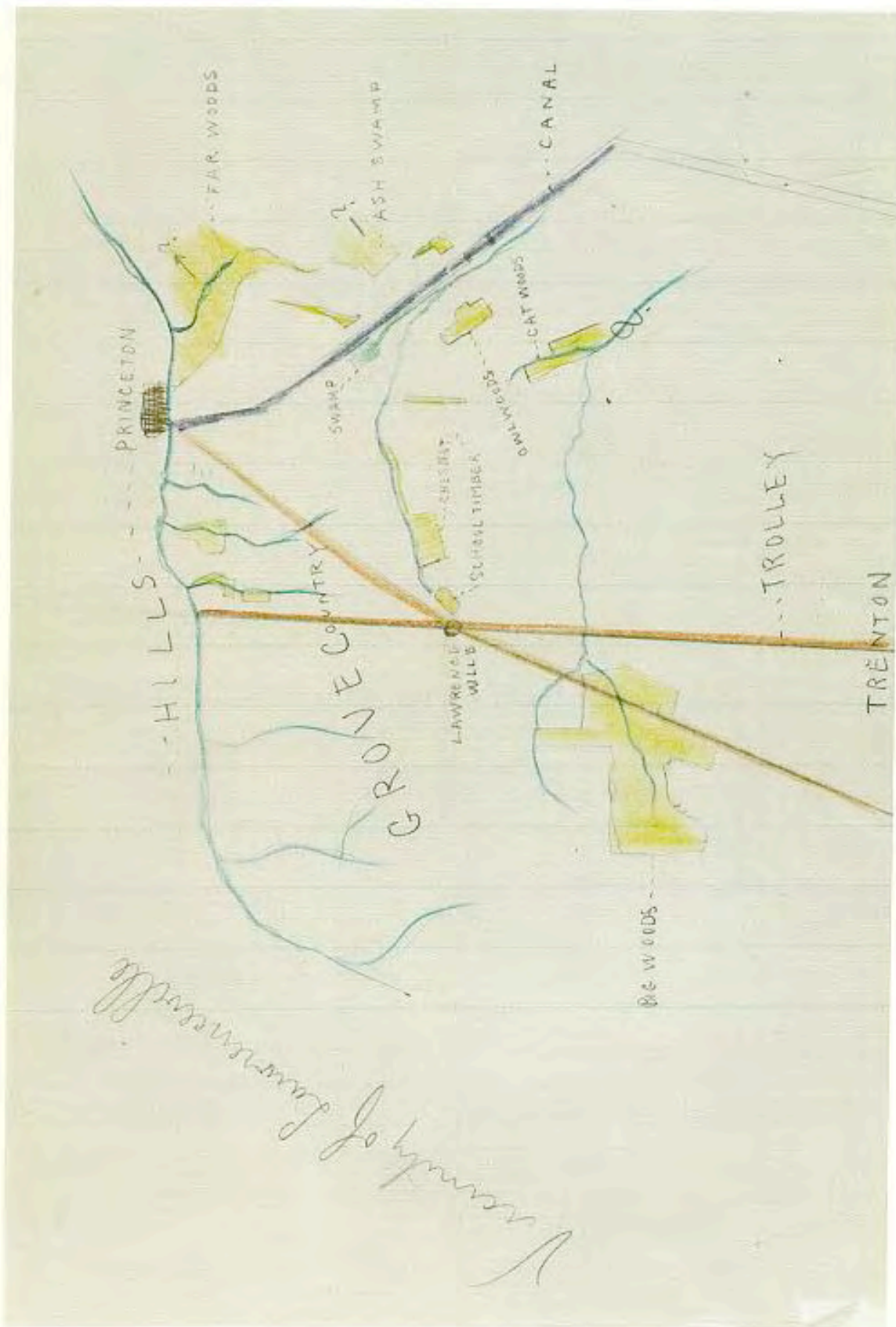


## **Chapter 2: Maps and Sketches**

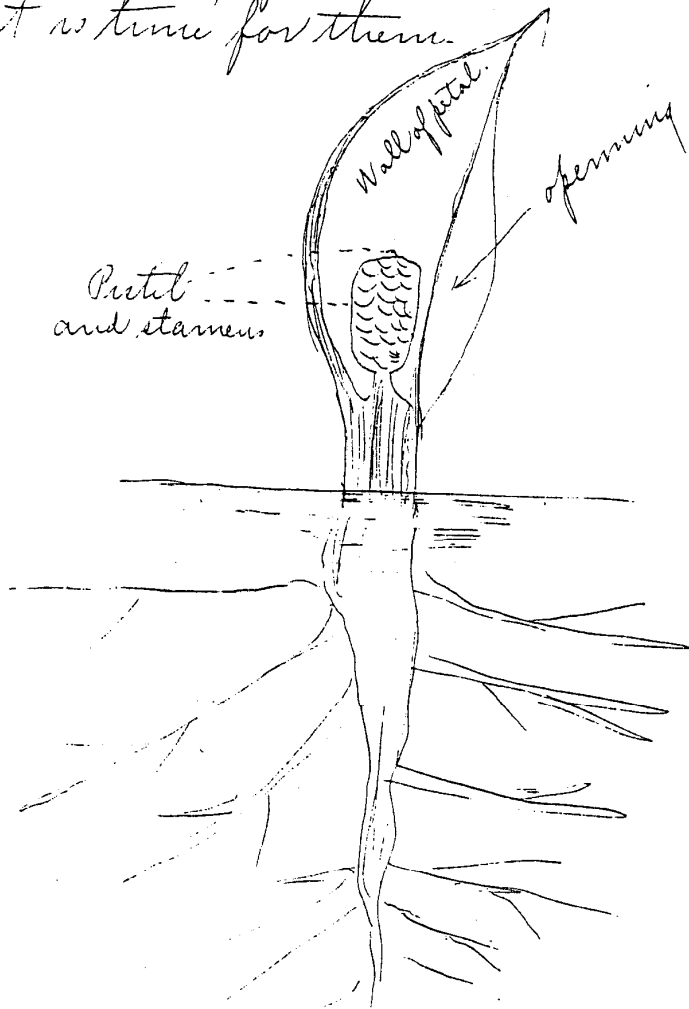
*One of the first activities Leopold did after hiking to several locales around Lawrenceville was to draw a map for his family so that they could visualize the locations of his walks relative to the school. The first document provided in this section shows Leopold's map of the area drawn on February 4th, one month after his arrival, with names that he prescribed based on prominent features of each particular wooded lot. In addition to mapping the Lawrenceville area, Leopold occasionally added wildlife sketches in his letters home to illustrate a verbal description. Also included in Chapter Two are four such sketches.*

Map included with February 4th, 1904 letter



From March 13, 1904 letter

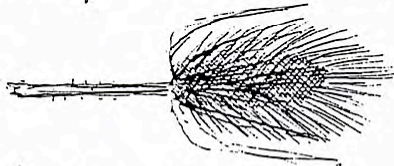
consistence. The whole has an odor of carrion to attract early flies. I have seen no flies as yet, but the coming of the Phoebe indicates it is time for them.



From February 3rd, 1904 letter

yet seen. Here I gathered some rare shaped specimens of "*Daedalea quercina*," a common mushroom here (The fruiting bodies of a tree fungus found on oaks and hickory & beech stumps)

I also brought home some good specimens of a plant called the Card Teasel "*Lipsacus sylvestris*" one plant of which I found a week ago. Its empty seed cases look something as the following, and are used for kicking a surface on wool cloth in England.



The plant is rare in this country.

In the above mentioned timber I found some native white pine (about 6 large trees) in natural growth. I did not have time to fully explore this timber, as the sun was going down and I was at least six miles from home, where, by the way, I arrived some minutes late for supper, i.e. after I had dressed.

From April 9th, 1905 letter

Lawrenceville N. J.

Upper House

Apr. 9, 1905.

My dear Mama:-

Another Sunday has come around, and brought with it the ever increasing change in the progress of the spring. It may be idle to announce to you, who are having so extraordinary a season, that Hepaticas, Bloodroots, Saxifrage, and Sandelions are blooming; but to us here the first flowers mean a great deal, just as they did to you a week ago. On the whole, my yesterday's tramp was very remarkable. It was a typical April day of scurrying clouds alternated by glimpses of brightest blue; with bursts of the most grateful sunshine followed by cold, dark and windy periods. My quest of the first Kingfisher has not yet ceased, so to Stony Brook was the only choice. And well it was, too, for although the one blue-coated fisherman ~~had~~ still tarried in the sunny Southland, another had taken his place, as I soon saw by the profusion of immense footprints along the muddy shores. Y<sup>Y</sup> Y<sup>Y</sup> Y<sup>Y</sup> With eye alert for the maker of the tracks, whose identity I well knew but whose presence I wanted visual evidence, I hurried down the green tree-bordered meadow along the brook, and soon came upon Mr. Great Blue Heron assiduously fishing for minnows. We saw



From May 14th, 1904 letter

of having made the last try.

Another remarkable observation was made on the Whippoorwill. He flushed, as usual, from a small opening among the undergrowth, and pursued his phantom like flight for about forty feet. Then the remarkable happened. On a little open space lay a dead oak limb, the bark half fallen away. On the ~~same~~ place a single ray of sunshine, separated into flecks and shadows by the leaves above, was playing. And the Whippoorwill, when he saw the limb perched as the drawing will show.



Anyone who has seen the shape and plumage of the whippoorwill can see how indistinguishable the bird would be on a decayed bough, especially when flecked with broken sunlight to match the spots. Moreover you will see at the point x that I have tried to reproduce where the other piece of the original crotch was broken off, also how perfectly the bird replaces the same. Of course the position may have been accidental, but also possibly not.

Doctor Macpherson gave the best sermon I have ever heard this morning, on the subject of clothes.

Fourth form "Prom" or annual dance came off in the gym day before yesterday. It was a very elaborate affair.