

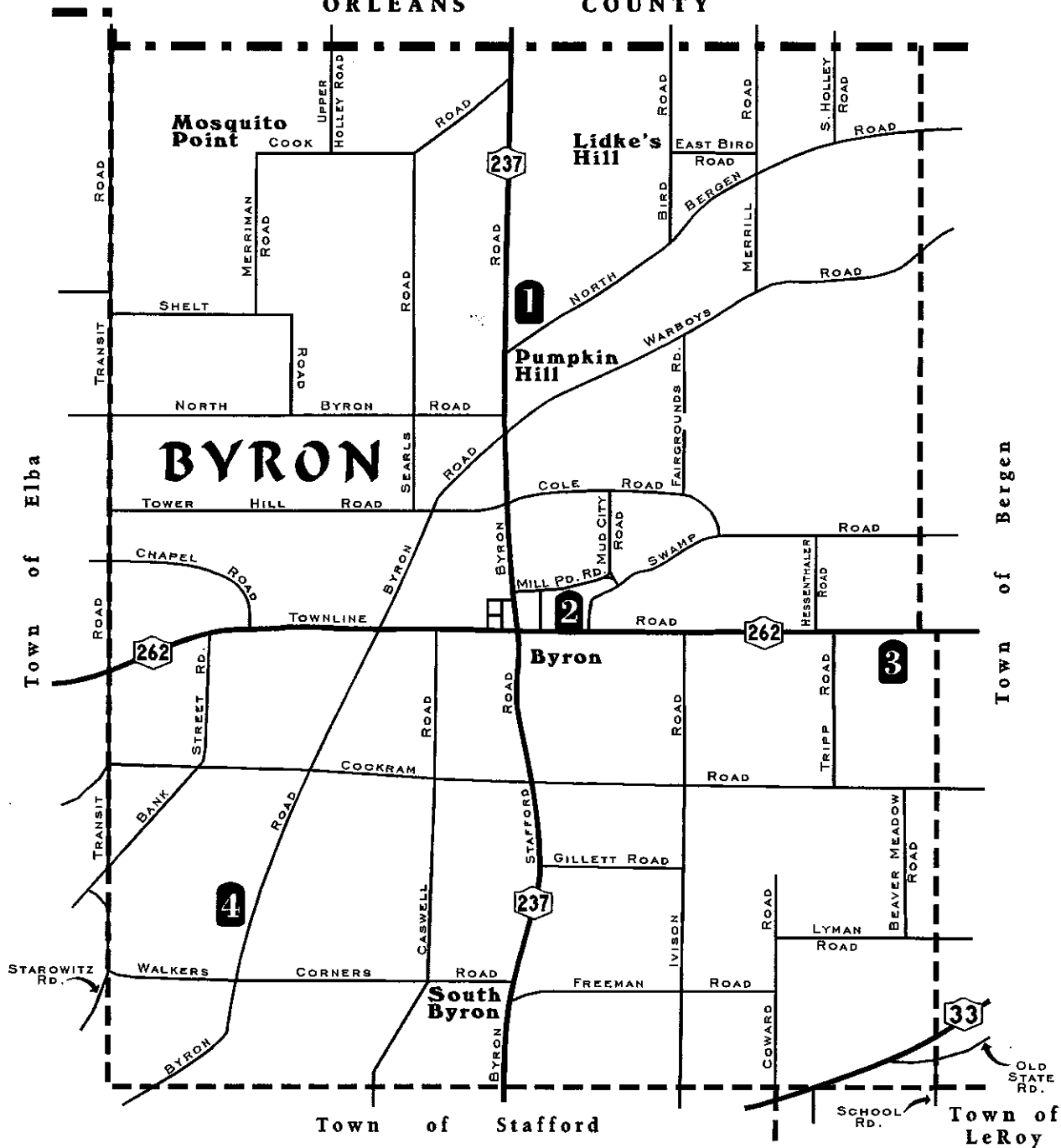
**Town  
of  
Byron**

There is a map of the Town of Byron on the next page.  
The numbers on the map mark the location of the cemeteries.  
On the following pages the name or names of the cemetery  
are listed with the number corresponding to the location on the map.

# TOWN OF BYRON

## CEMETERIES

ORLEANS COUNTY



Town of Byron's location in Genesee County

Established on April 4, 1820

**TOWN OF BYRON**

**# 2**

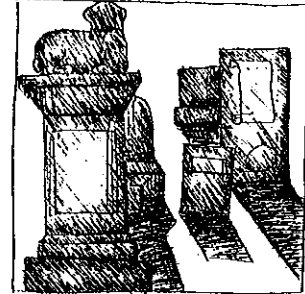
**Byron Cemetery (Byron Center Cemetery)**

North side of Rt. 262, 1/2 mile east of Rt. 262 and Rt. 237 inter-  
section at Byron Center

Incorporated active cemetery

First burial: 1815

GCHD



**# 1**

**North Byron Cemetery**

East side of Rt. 237, 1/4 mile north of North Bergen Road junction

Incorporated active cemetery

First burial: 1817

GCHD

**# 4**

**Sodam Cemetery (Walker Family Cemetery)**

West side of Batavia-Byron Road; 1/8 mile north of Walkers  
Corners Road intersection

Abandoned

First burial: 1811 - Last: 1911

GCHD

**# 3**

**Merriman Farm Cemetery**

Between Byron Center and Bergen Road, just west of Bergen

Originally an old family cemetery on Frank Bower farm, later  
owned by Henry W. Merriman

Abandoned no stones left - See: Cooley's, p- 38

\*reinterred in extreme NW corner Byron Center; all in a row



# FOLKLORE- SODOM AND GOMORRAH

By: Dora Jones

This story is Folklore. Purely hearsay! It will probably remain so.

Bigelow Creek originates in Godfreys Pond. It flows north through Towns of Stafford and Byron and in Byron it flows into Black Creek.

At one point as it flows north it is east of and parallel with Batavia Byron Road, Just a short distance north of the Walkers Corners Road, I've been told were two Stills, one on either side of the creek. Today the creek is small in amount of water flowing, but it apparently was larger and bigger years ago.

A Still is an apparatus used for making illegal alcoholic liquor. They were illegal and to many upstanding citizens were considered not only illegal but works of Satan and were evil.

As the story has been told, they came to be called Sodom and Gomorrah. According to the Bible, Sodom and Gomorrah were neighboring cities destroyed by fire because of the sinfulness of the people.

About one half mile west of the location of these two Stills on the west side of the Batavia Byron Road is a small cemetery. It is located on the Harry Walker Farm. It is not exactly abandoned. I have very limited records from it. The ones I have indicate the earliest burial was 1821 and the last date recorded was 1907.

It is kept neat and maintained by the Byron Kiwanis Club as one of their Community Service Projects.

Being on the Walker property I believe it was originally a Family Plot but is now known as Sodom Cemetery.

The Marker says Sodom Cemetery Circa 1820.

Why is it called Sodom? Unless, there is some truth to my Folklore - from the name of the Stills - SODOM and GOMORRAH.

