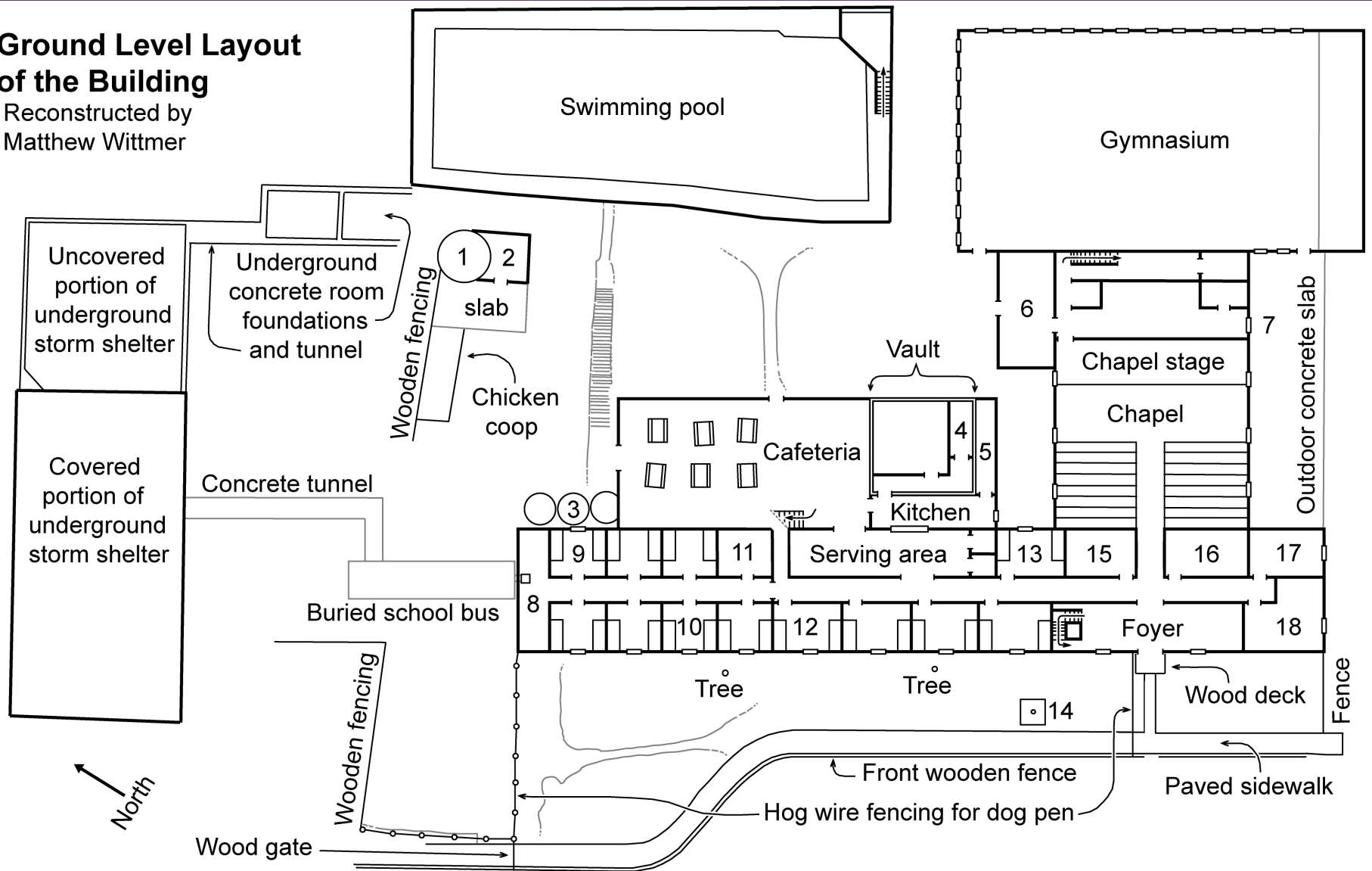




• The residence at Mount Carmel, the Branch Davidian community east of Waco, Texas, prior to the 1993 assaults by federal agents. •

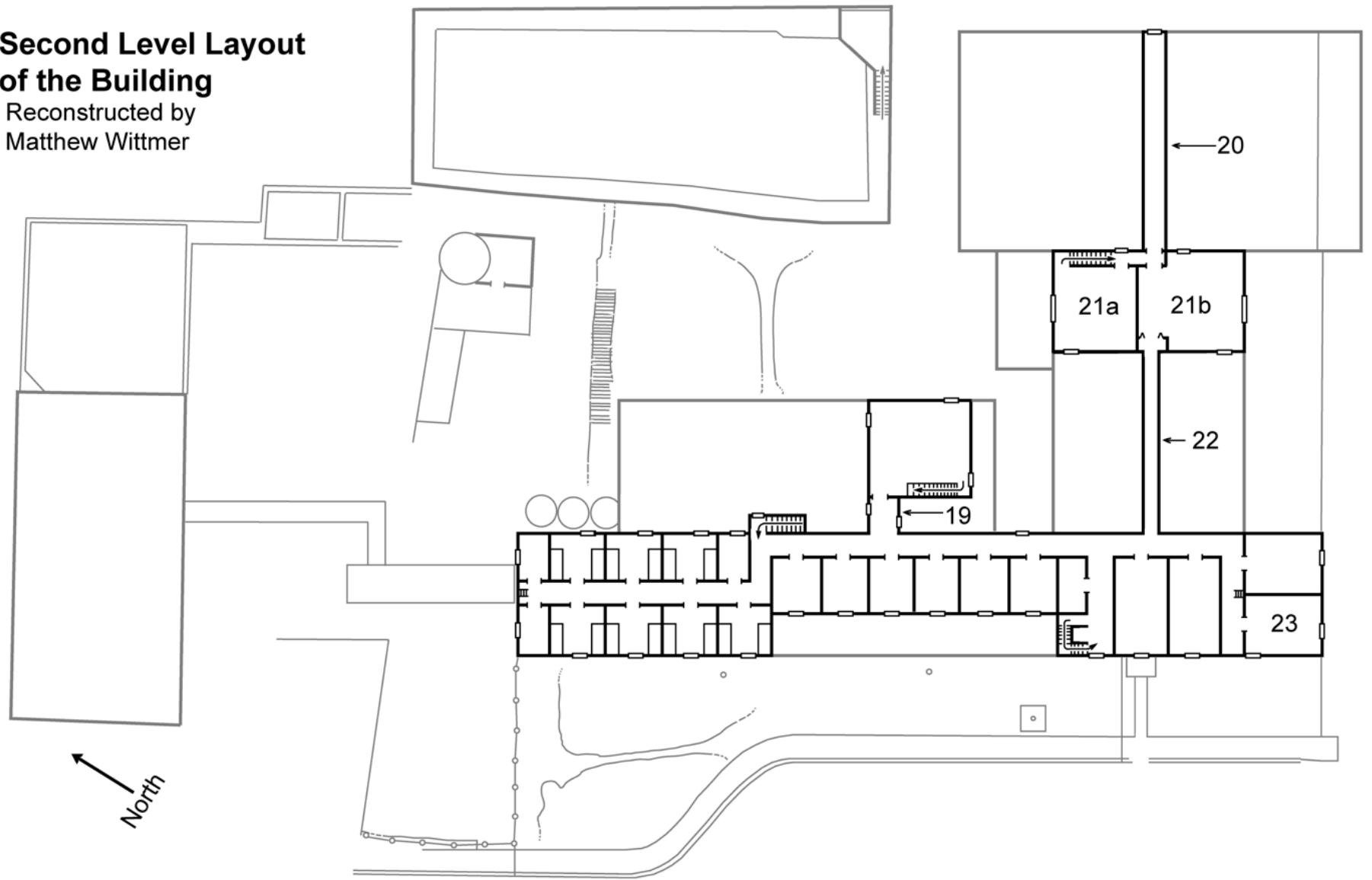
Ground Level Layout of the Building

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Second Level Layout of the Building

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- The second level of the Mount Carmel, comprised of the women's bedrooms. •

On April 19, 2013, Clive Doyle, survivor of the fire and a spokesperson for the surviving Branch Davidians, stands next to a model of the Mount Carmel building at the Helen Marie Taylor Museum of Waco Life and History.







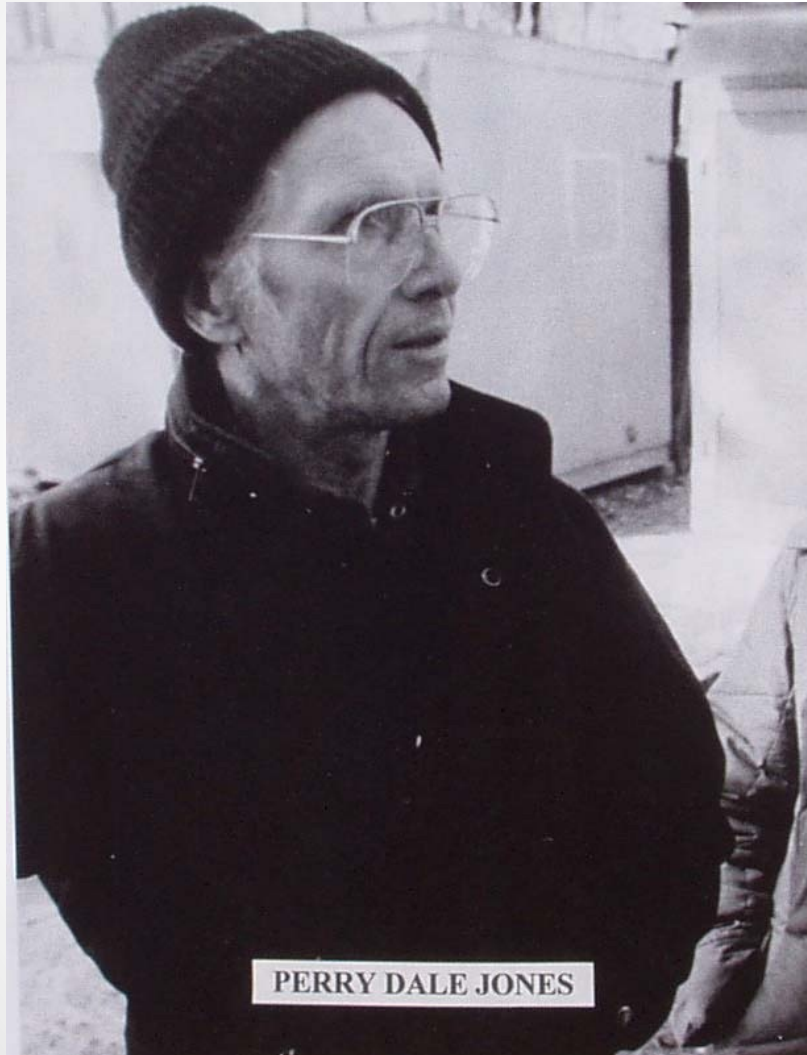
On February 28, 1993, agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms carried out an armed raid on Mount Carmel with the intention of delivering warrants, during which a shootout occurred. Four ATF agents were killed.



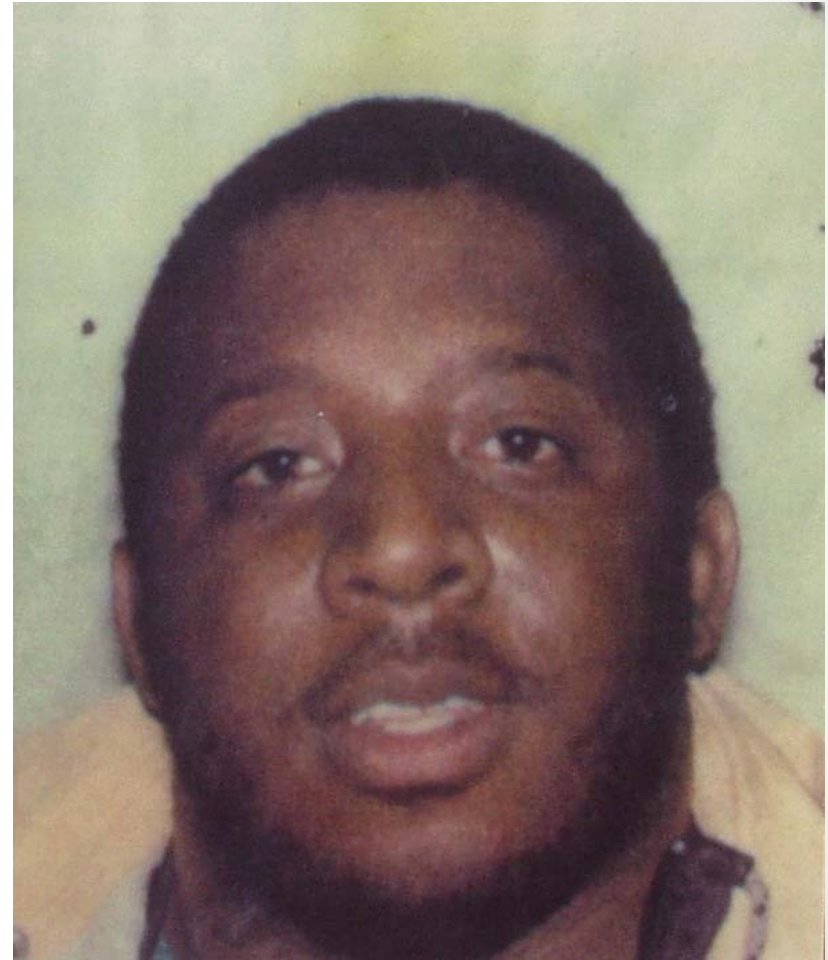
Bullet holes pierced the doors and the second-floor walls and windows of the front of the building.



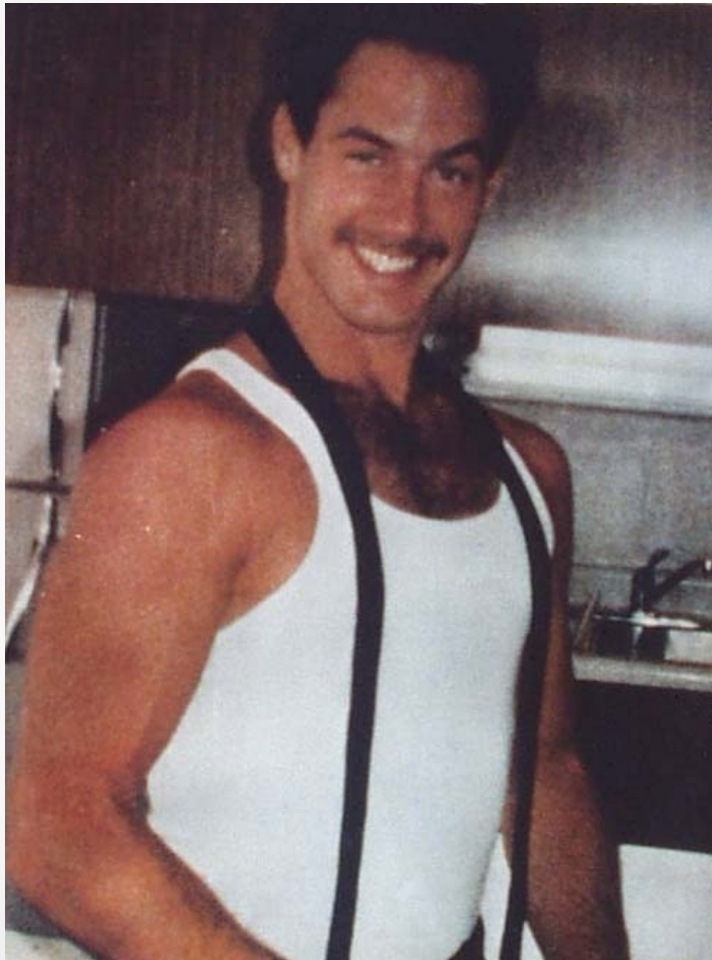
Perry Jones (64, American) received a mortal wound from a bullet that penetrated the front door.



The Branch Davidians killed also included Winston Blake (28, British)



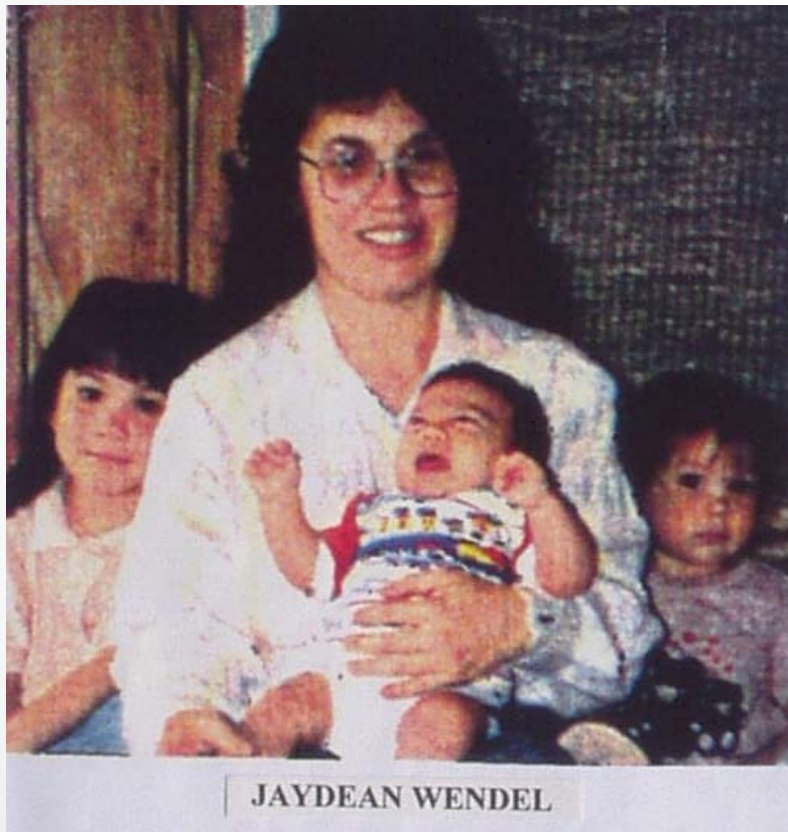
Peter Hipsman (28, American)



Peter Gent (24, Australian) was on top of the water tower when he was shot and killed.



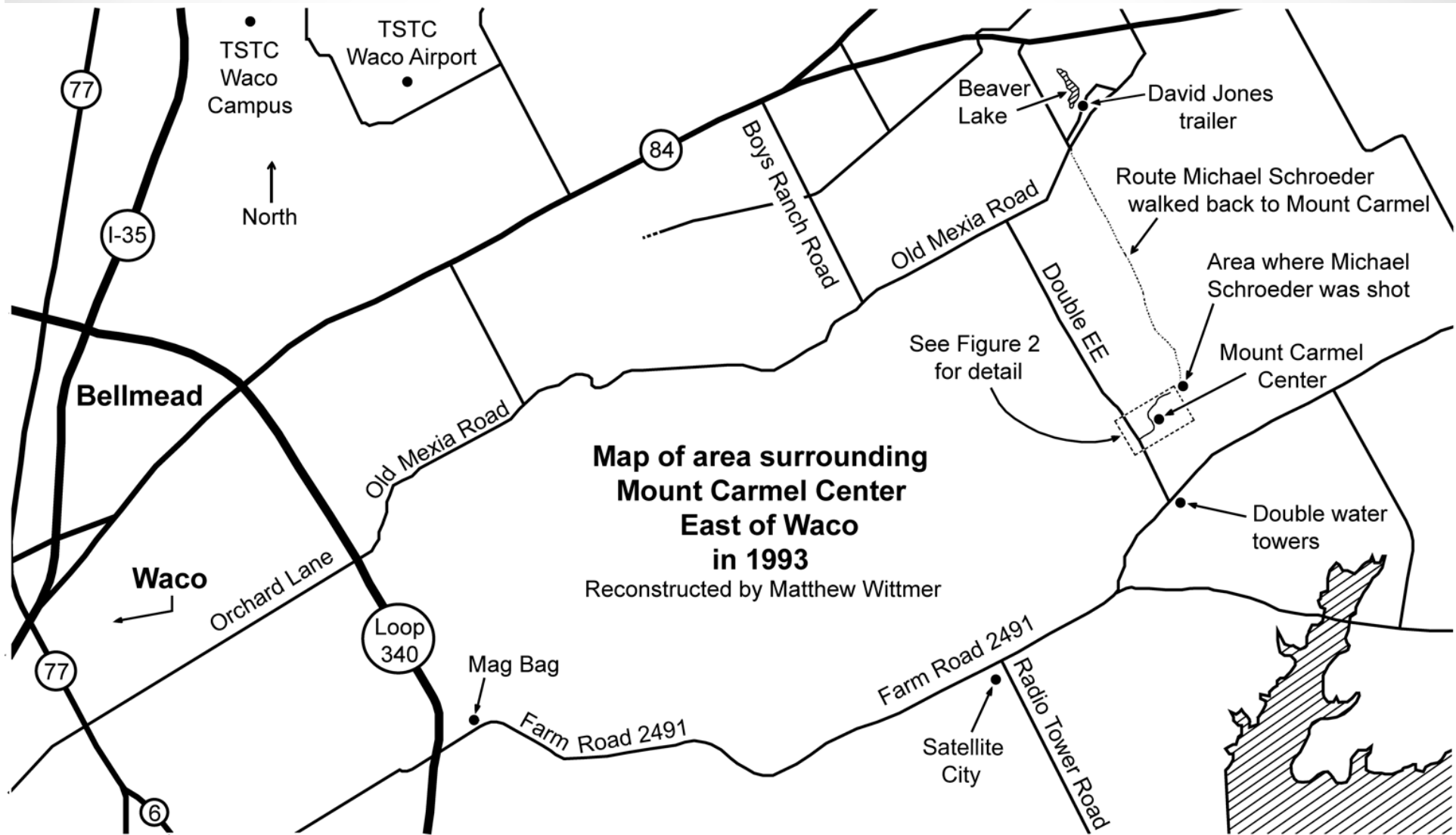
Jaydean Wendel
(34, American)
mother of four



Michael Schroeder (29, American) was shot and killed as he tried to walk back to Mount Carmel. The circumstances of his death were never fully investigated.

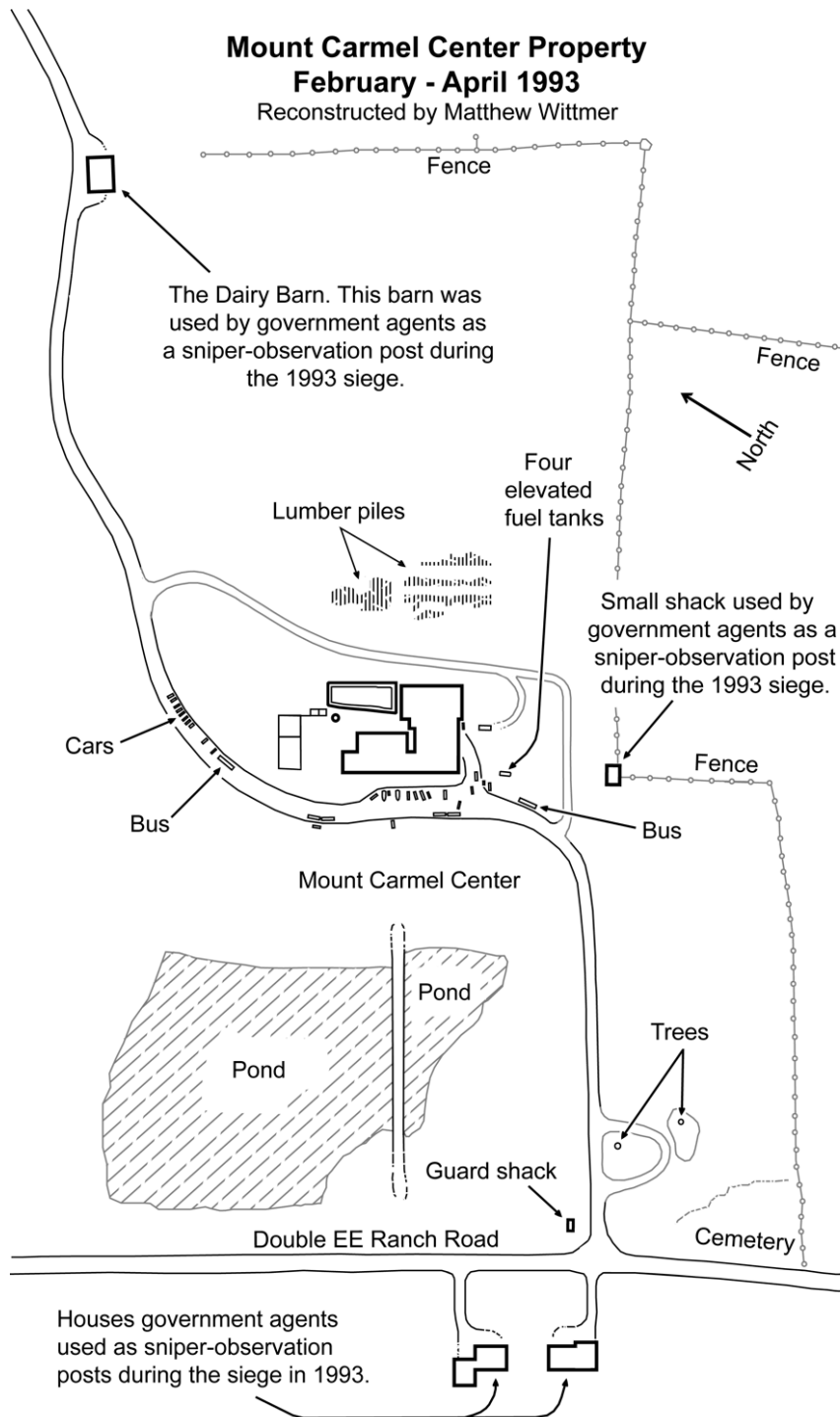


Map of Mount Carmel and surrounding area, showing the location behind the Mount Carmel property where Michael Schroeder was killed by ATF agents.





FBI agents assumed control of Mount Carmel on March 1, 1993 to oversee the siege. Tanks were brought onto the property the following day. The tactical aspects of the siege were carried out by the Hostage Rescue Team.









The Branch Davidians made videotapes during the siege, which featured statements revealing that the adults chose to remain inside the building. The following images are taken from the video.

Bernadette Monbelly (31, British)





● David Koresh (33), Rachel Howell Koresh (24), and Bobbie Lane Koresh (2) ●



• Judy Schneider (41, American) and Mayanah Schneider (2) •



The FBI's Hostage Rescue Team began a tank and CS-gas assault on the residence on the morning of April 19, 1993. The tanks (Combat Engineering Vehicles) demolished parts of the building. Here a tank enters the front door to gas the vault at the base of the tower.





After a tank inserted gas into the second-floor southeast corner front window, the first fire was visible at 12:09 Central Time. The FLIR image below shows fire in several areas of the building.





Ruth Riddle seen after jumping from a second-floor window of the burning building. Ruth survived with a broken ankle, carrying in her pocket a floppy disk that contained David Koresh's interpretation of the First Seal of the book of Revelation.





Ruth, having broken her ankle upon landing,
sits down close to the burning building.

Two agents rescue Ruth Riddle.





An agent tends to Ruth Riddle as the building is engulfed in flames.





A group of four men come down the driveway with their hands up.
Clive Doyle is the small figure who is behind the others
just entering the bend in the driveway.



After the fire, only the concrete vault, water tower, and a cement-block structure next to the water tower remained standing. Twenty-two children ages 13 and younger and their mothers died in and near the vault. Two newborn infants died after their pregnant mothers gave birth during the assault and fire.







● The Branch Davidian flag burned in the fire. After the fire died down, an ATF flag was raised over the remains of the building. ●



Composite of the eighty-two Branch Davidians killed during the siege of Mount Carmel in Waco, Texas.

Memorial Image of the 82 Branch Davidians killed during the 1993 siege at Mount Carmel outside of Waco, Texas



This composite image was created by Matthew D. Wittmer and Catherine Wessinger in 2013, using photographs from the former Visitor's Center at Mt. Carmel maintained by Clive Doyle. Faces arranged according to the original order of the memorial crape myrtle trees on the property. Name rubbings are included for those whom no photos have yet been located. For more info see: <http://www.stormbound.org/waco.html>



In 1995 crape myrtle trees were planted at Mount Carmel for each Branch Davidian who died in 1993. A new chapel was completed in 2000.



A memorial stone for each deceased Branch Davidian was placed beneath a tree.





After Clive Doyle moved away from Mount Carmel in 2006, a rival claimant to the property uprooted and moved the crape myrtle trees.

- David Koresh's tree and memorial stone were destroyed. •



The memorial stones for the deceased Branch Davidians have been cemented together in a display near the front gate.



Photo by Matthew D. Wittmer on April 20, 2013

After rubble was moved out of the cement swimming pool in 2011, researcher Matthew D. Wittmer discovered an inscription made by David Koresh on the bottom step: "DK '92 BOOM." A Star of David is drawn below "DK." 1992 is when the pool was constructed.

A memorial service was held on April 19, 2013, the twentieth anniversary of the fire, at the Helen Marie Taylor Museum of the Life and History of Waco.



● Clive Doyle reading the names of the deceased. ●



*And some say love
is holding on*

*And some say
letting go*



Clive Doyle and Sheila Martin

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- Catherine Wessinger
- Exhibits for the 1994 criminal trial
- Exhibits for the 2000 civil trial

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