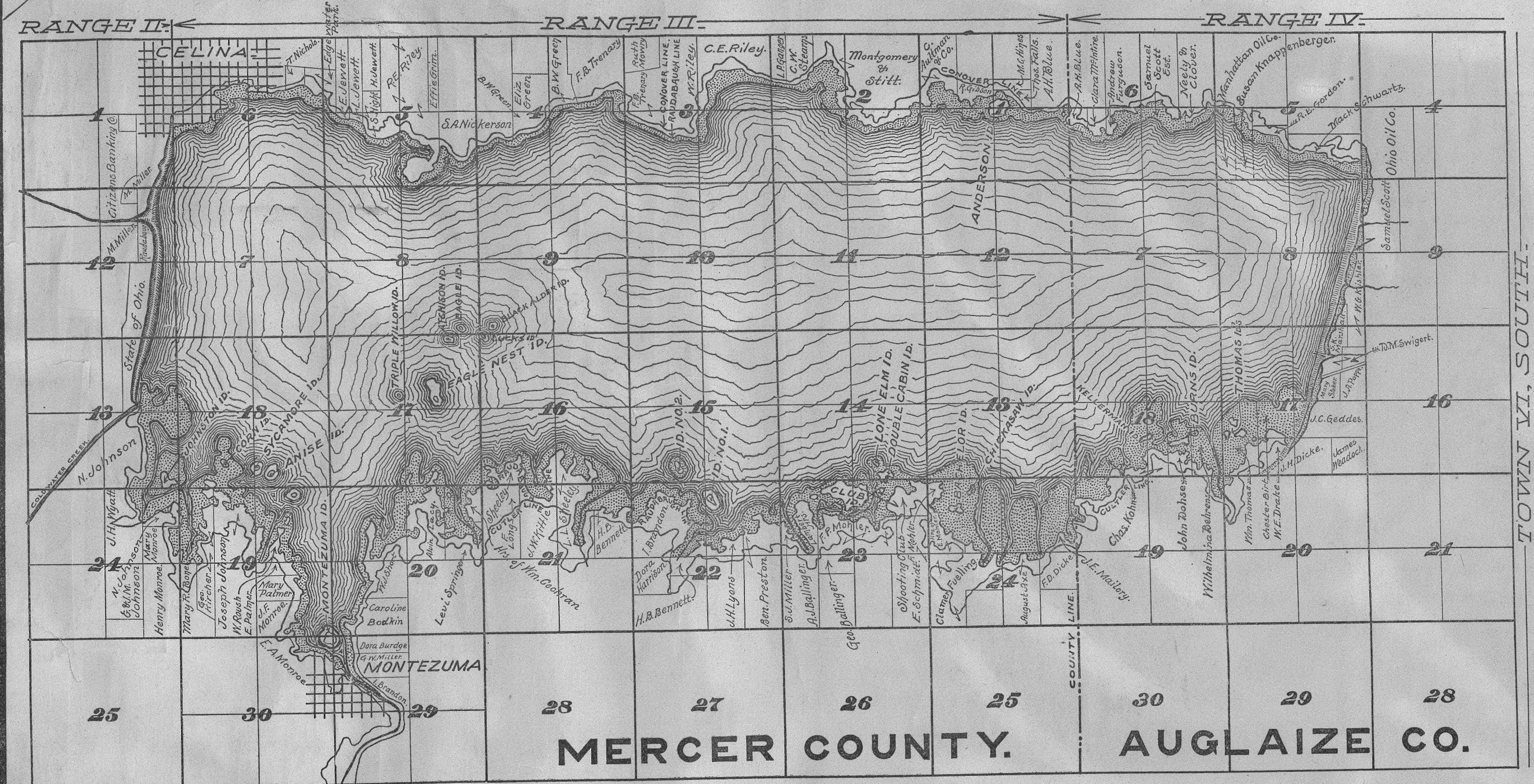


MAP OF LAKE ST. MARYS



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MERCER COUNTY RESERVOIR. — The construction of the Mercer County Reservoir was commenced in 1837 and completed in 1841, and cost \$528,222.07. Its area was originally 17,603 acres, but the waste-weir was lowered 5.4-10 feet in 1859, thereby reducing the land subject to overflow to about 15,748 acres. It is still considered the largest artificial lake in the world. While this reservoir is the largest of the reservoirs supplying the Miami and Erie Canal, its watershed comprises only 93 square miles, exclusive of its own area. It supplies the Miami and Erie Canal from St. Marys to DeLancey, a distance of 58 miles. Its water supply comes principally from the south through Coldwater, Beaver, Chickasaw and Prairie Creeks. The usefulness of this reservoir might be greatly increased by either turning the surplus water of the Lewis and Clark River into its basin, or by causing a portion of the waters of the Wabash River to discharge into it during the period of greatest rainfall. Nearly the whole area of the reservoir is considered good oil territory.