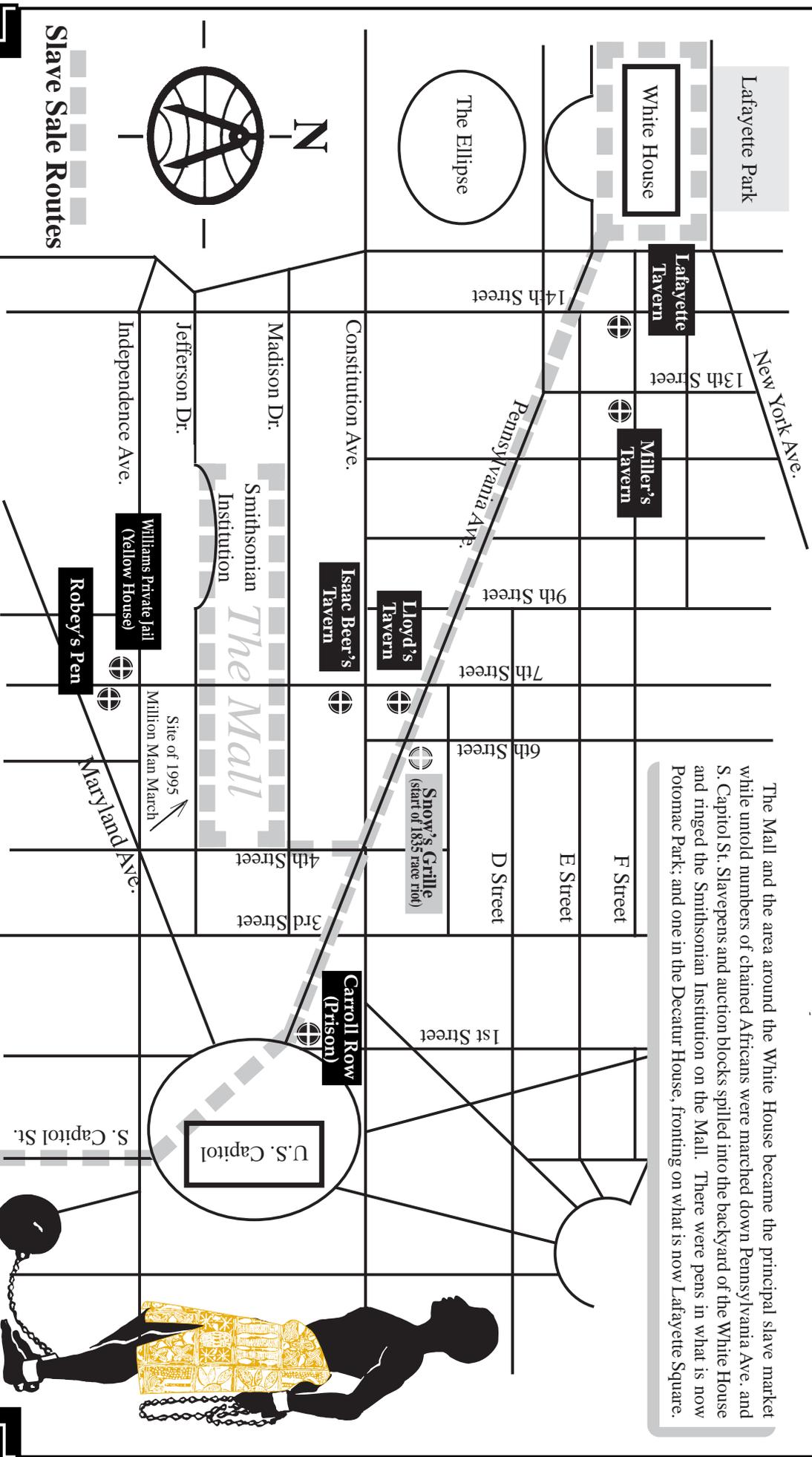


African Slave Sale Sites

Central Washington, DC

← To Georgetown



The Mall and the area around the White House became the principal slave market where untold numbers of chained Africans were marched down Pennsylvania Ave. and S. Capitol St. Slavepens and auction blocks spilled into the backyard of the White House and ringed the Smithsonian Institution on the Mall. There were pens in what is now Potomac Park; and one in the Decatur House, fronting on what is now Lafayette Square.

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