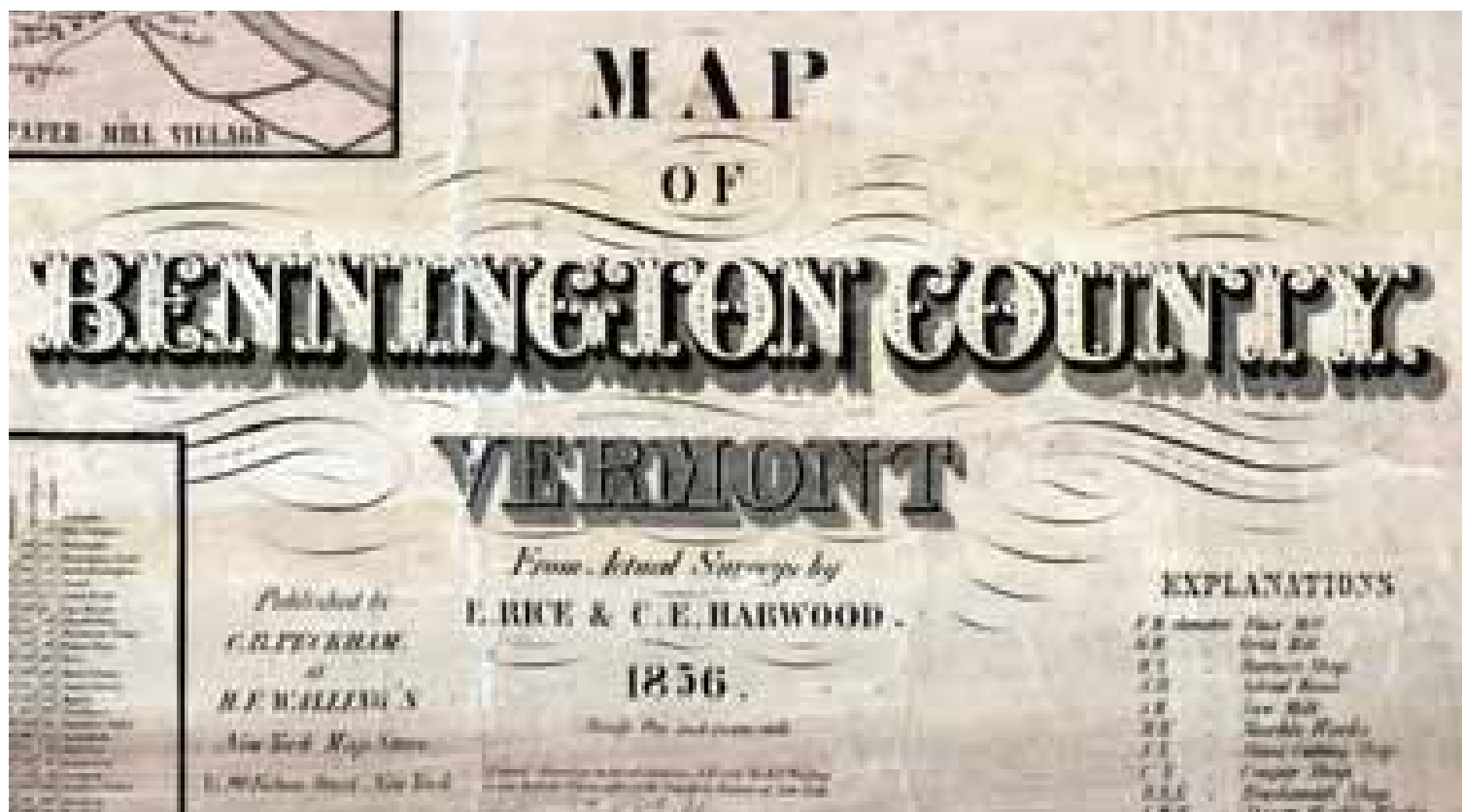


Map of Bennington County, VT 1856



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A complete copy of the 1856 county map showing the names and locations of 1000s of houses, businesses, churches and schools as they were a century and a half ago. This old map was the first comprehensive road map of the seventeen towns of Bennington County.

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Modern Town Outline Map



1856 Map of Bennington County

The original map is a large wall map measuring about 3' x 5'. The old wall map has been "taken apart" for this edition by scanning into separate images.

An Historical Sketch of The Map

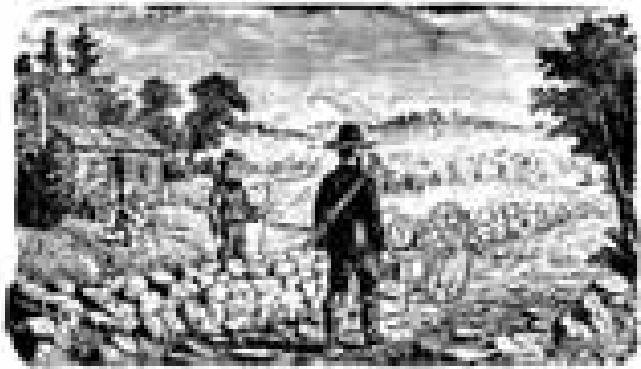
The Map of Bennington County, Vermont 1856 is an important historical document. It was the result of the most comprehensive survey made to that date of the 17 towns in Bennington County. The map pinpoints the names and locations of every residence, workplace, church and school.

This map is one of several Vermont county maps created in the 1850s- a period of extraordinary map-making in America. The publisher of this map, Henry F. Walling, was one of the leaders of the county map-making business. Walling, whose home base was New York City, produced several other Vermont county wall maps, as well as a number in neighboring states. Walling partnered with others for many of his maps - his co-publisher here is one C.B. Peckham. The surveyors - those who actually mapped the roads and presumably drew the basic map - were E. Rice and C. Harwood. It would be interesting to find out if these men were local residents.

Few details of this map's origins are known, but we do know the general methods used for these projects. Publication was announced in local newspapers, and local offices were set up where advance orders for the new map could be taken. A typical mid-1850s price was five dollars per copy. Prominent citizens allowed their names to be used in the map's advertisements, testifying to the merits of the map, and no doubt assuring it of financial success. Some paid extra for the honor of having their homes and businesses

featured in engravings in the margins of the map. The Bennington map is unusual among the Vermont maps for the large number of views - twenty-one. The map was printed on four separate sheets (probably on large stone printing plates) and assembled and glued together onto a cloth backing. Each copy was then hand-colored in several different hues, varnished, and mounted on wooden rollers.

The large size -- about 3' x 5' -- has often proved an impediment to display. Copies have commonly been placed in storage, usually in attics, where they have suffered from the effects of heat and leaky roofs. Originals in good condition today are rare items.



Roads were measured with a wheel odometer, similar to the wheelbarrow-like device pictured here, or one drawn by horse and buggy. The surveyor would ask the names of farmstead owners as he passed by, and would surely add a brief sales pitch for the new map... after all, the map would carry the name of the resident, engraved upon it. The original road surveys for this privately-produced map were the most comprehensive yet made. This map served as the basis for later mapping for decades afterwards.

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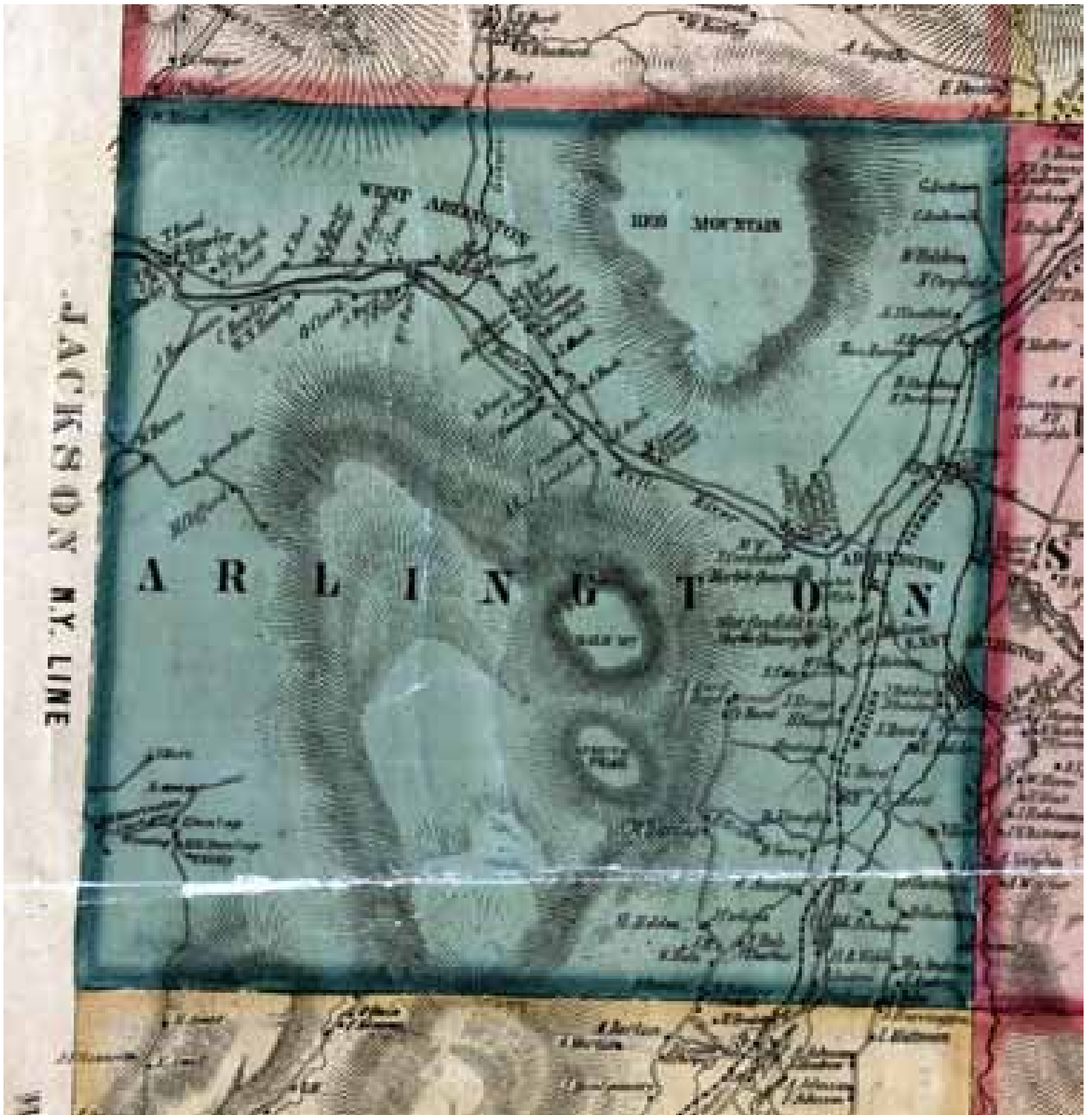
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Bennington	1856	Rice, E. & Harwood, C.E.	Peckham, C.B.
Windham	1856	Chace, J., Jr.	McClellan, C., & Co.
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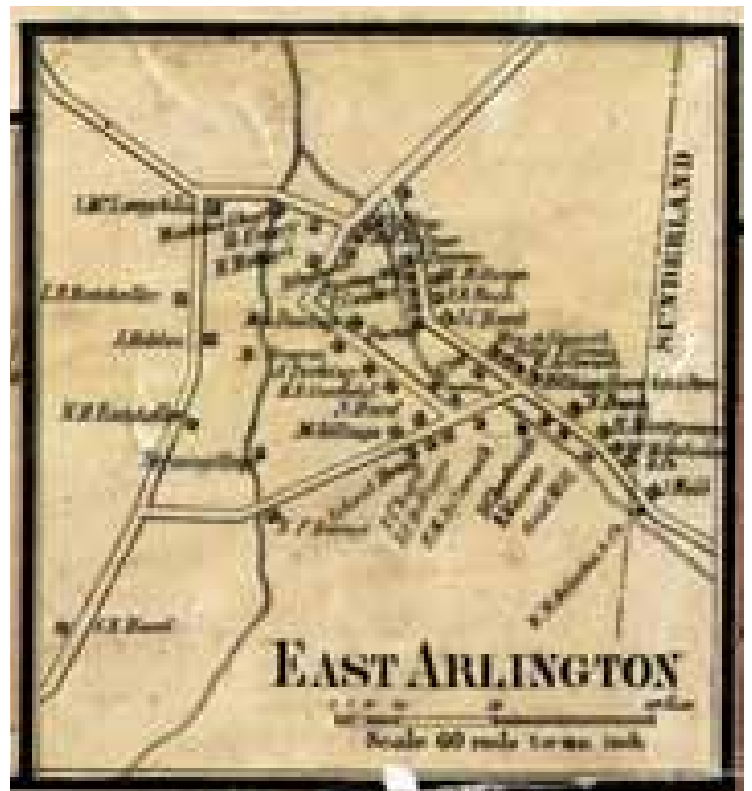
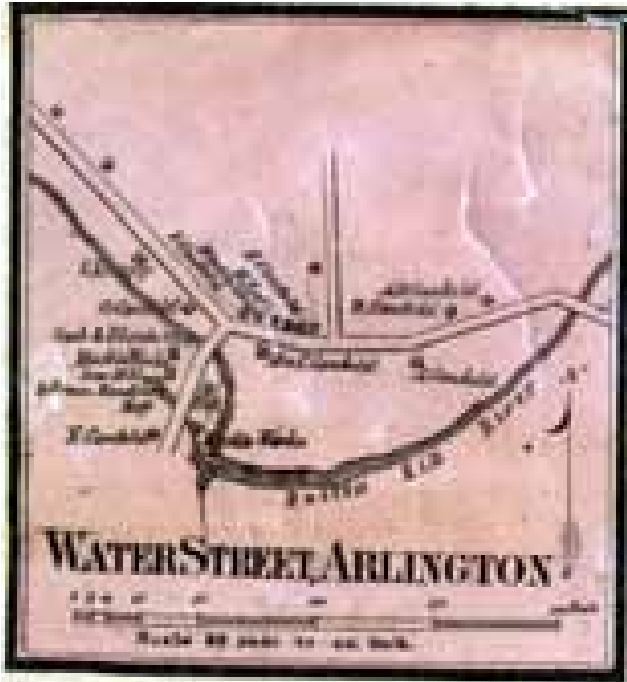
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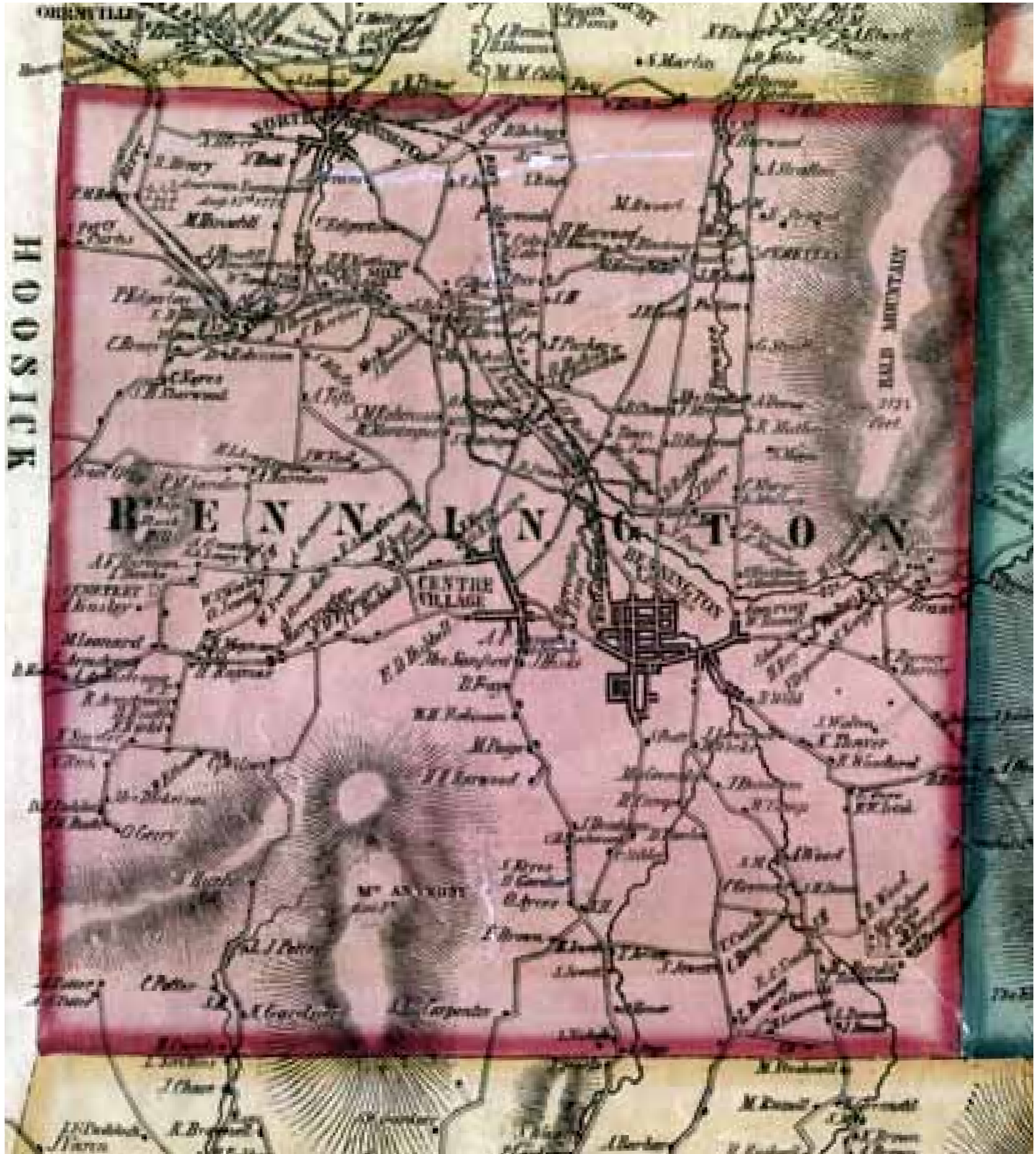
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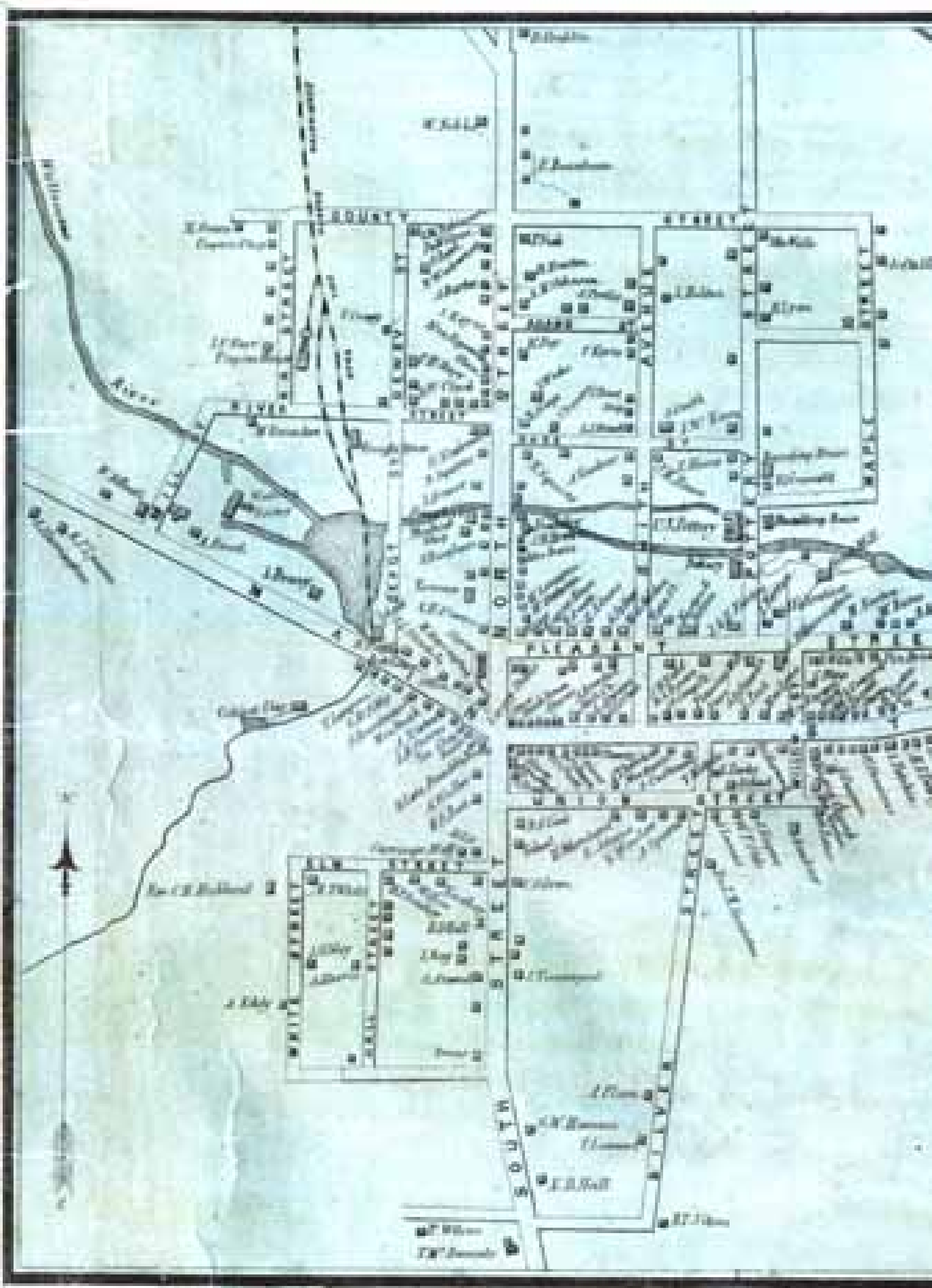


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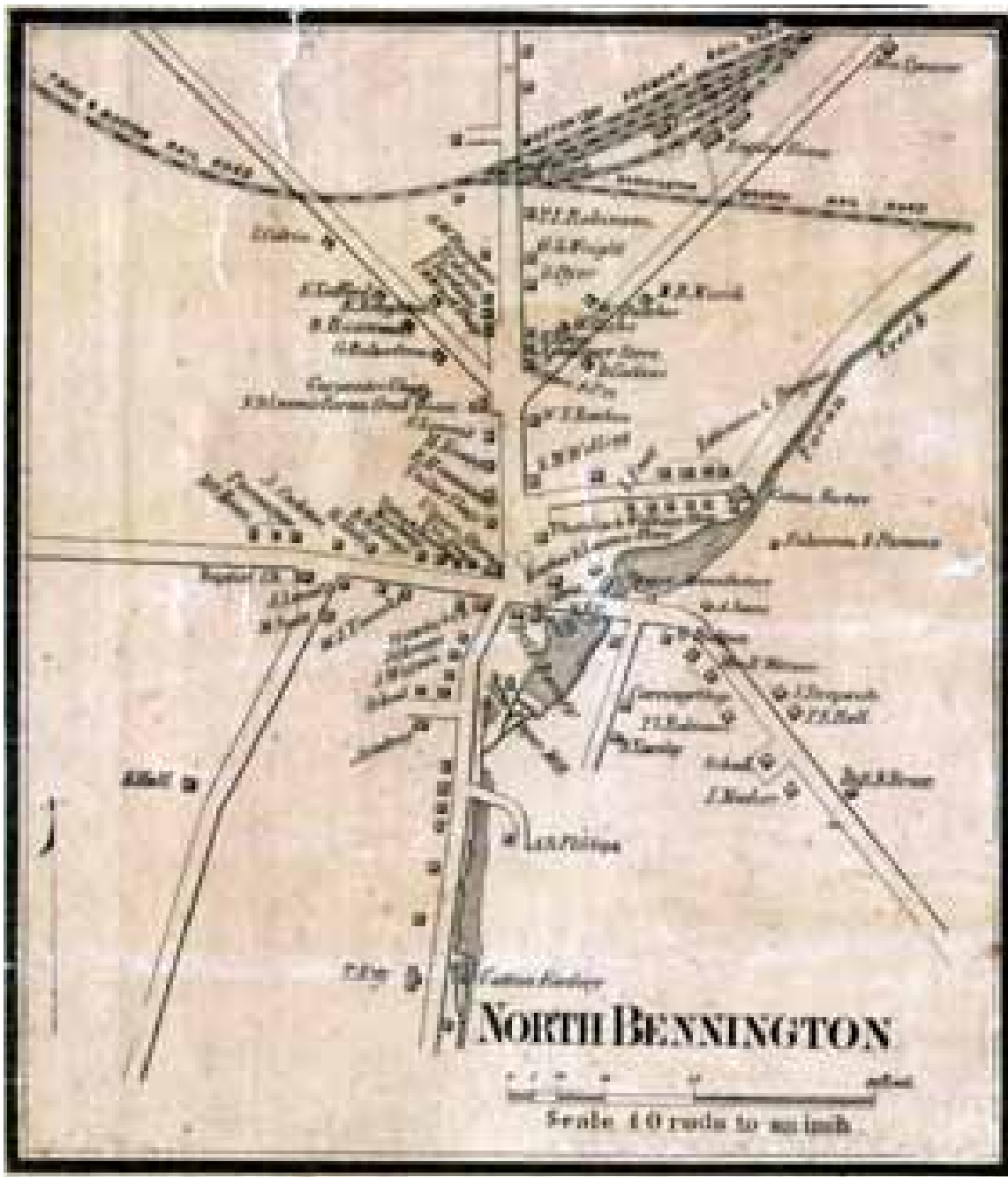


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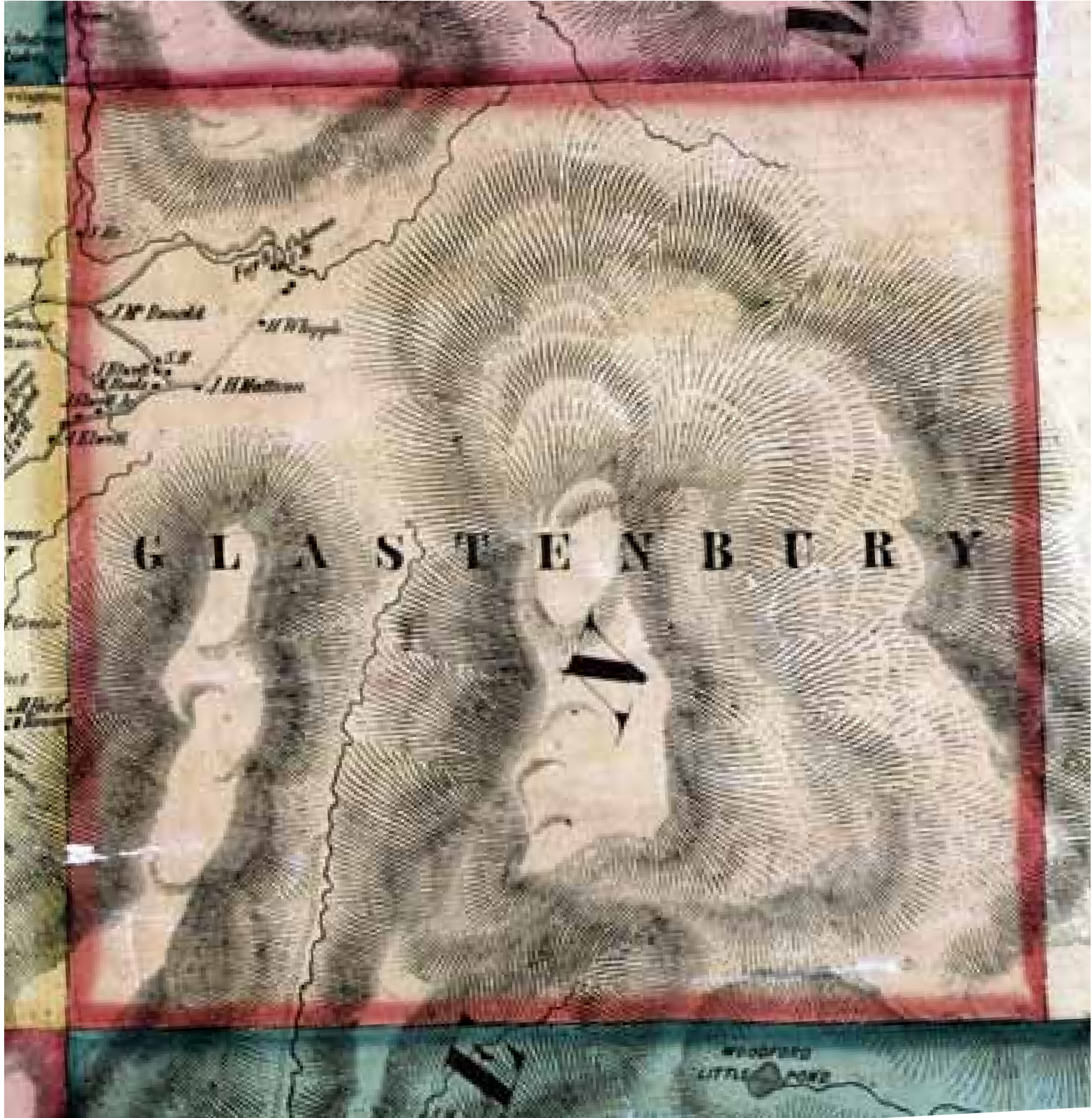
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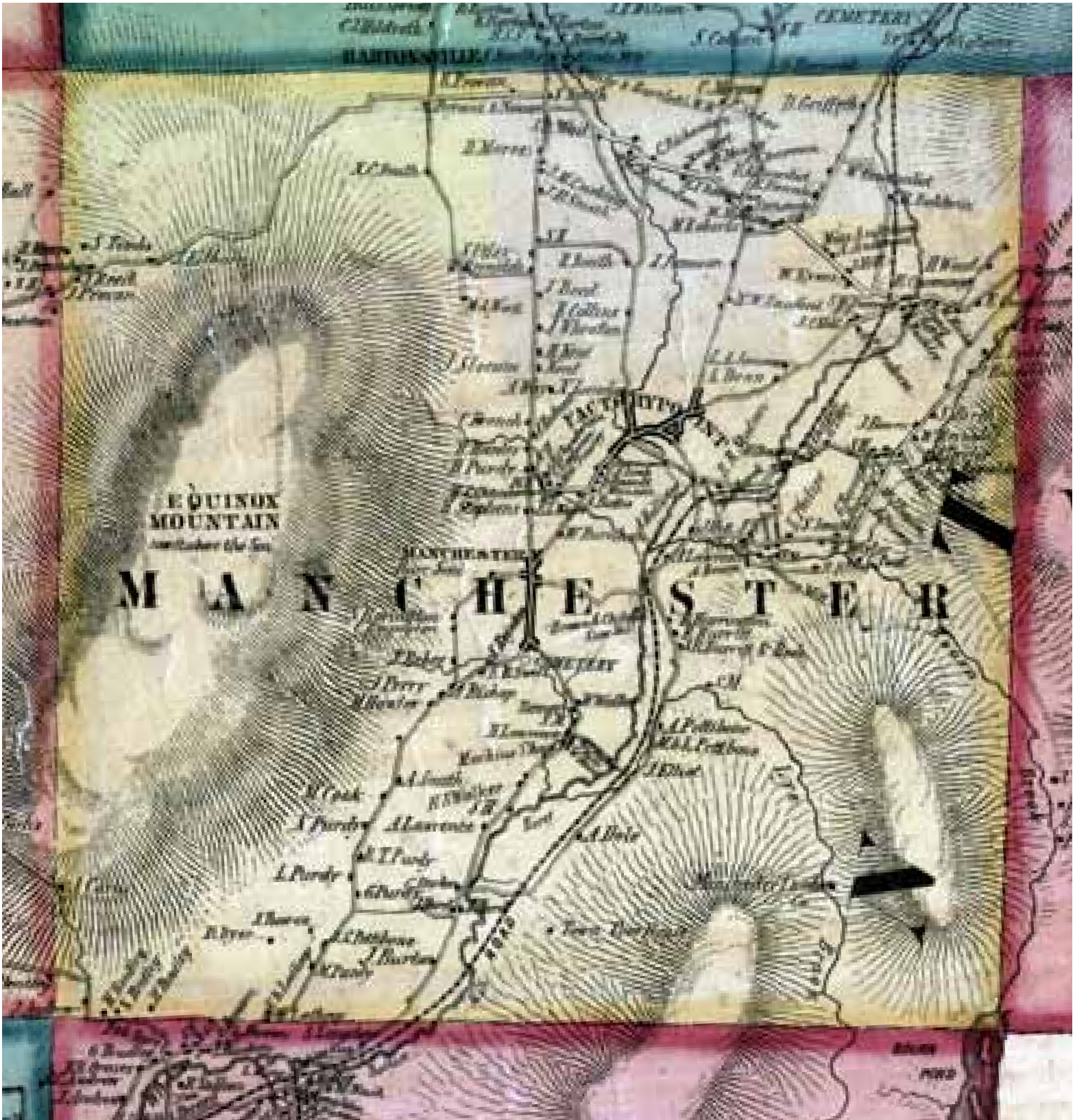
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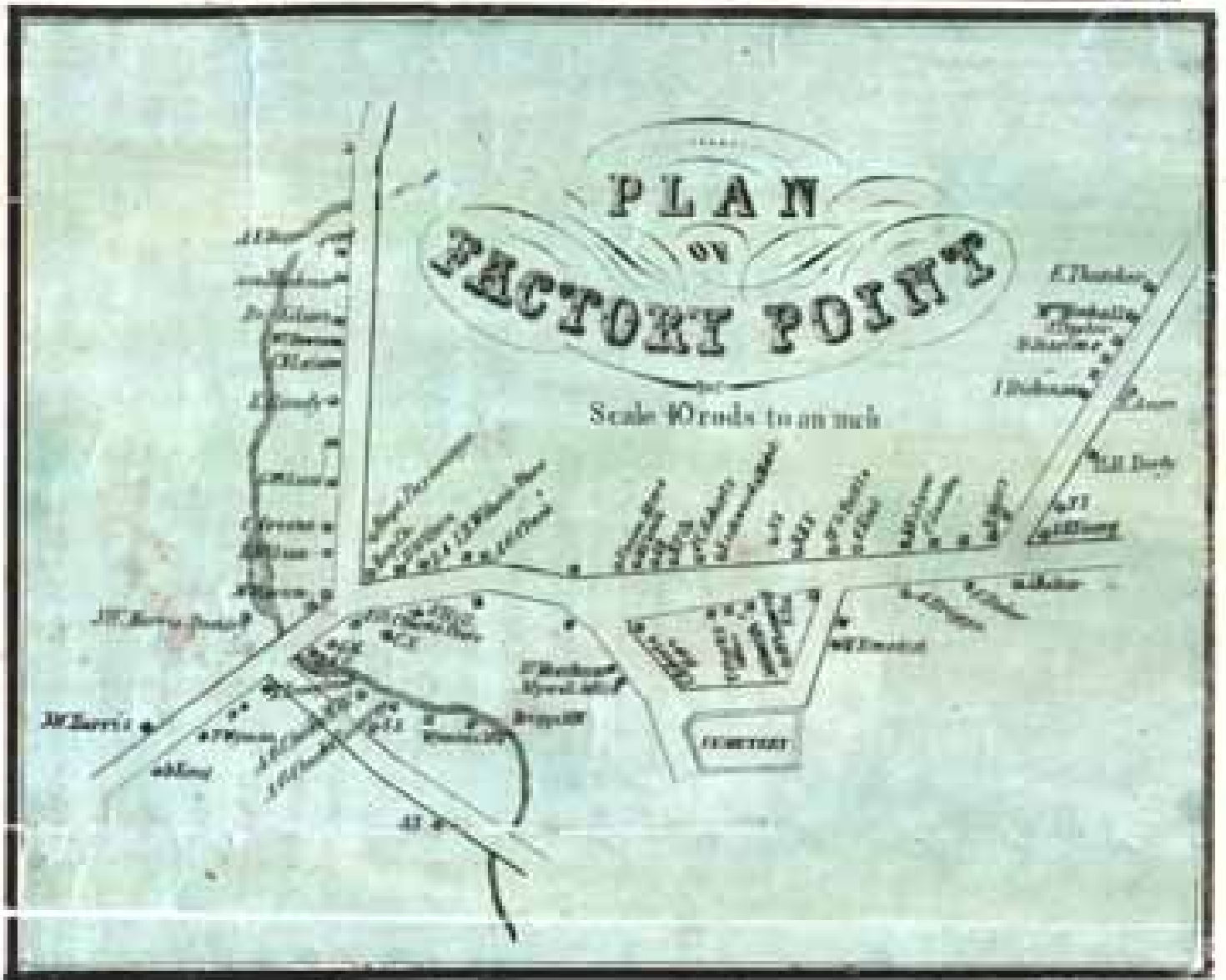
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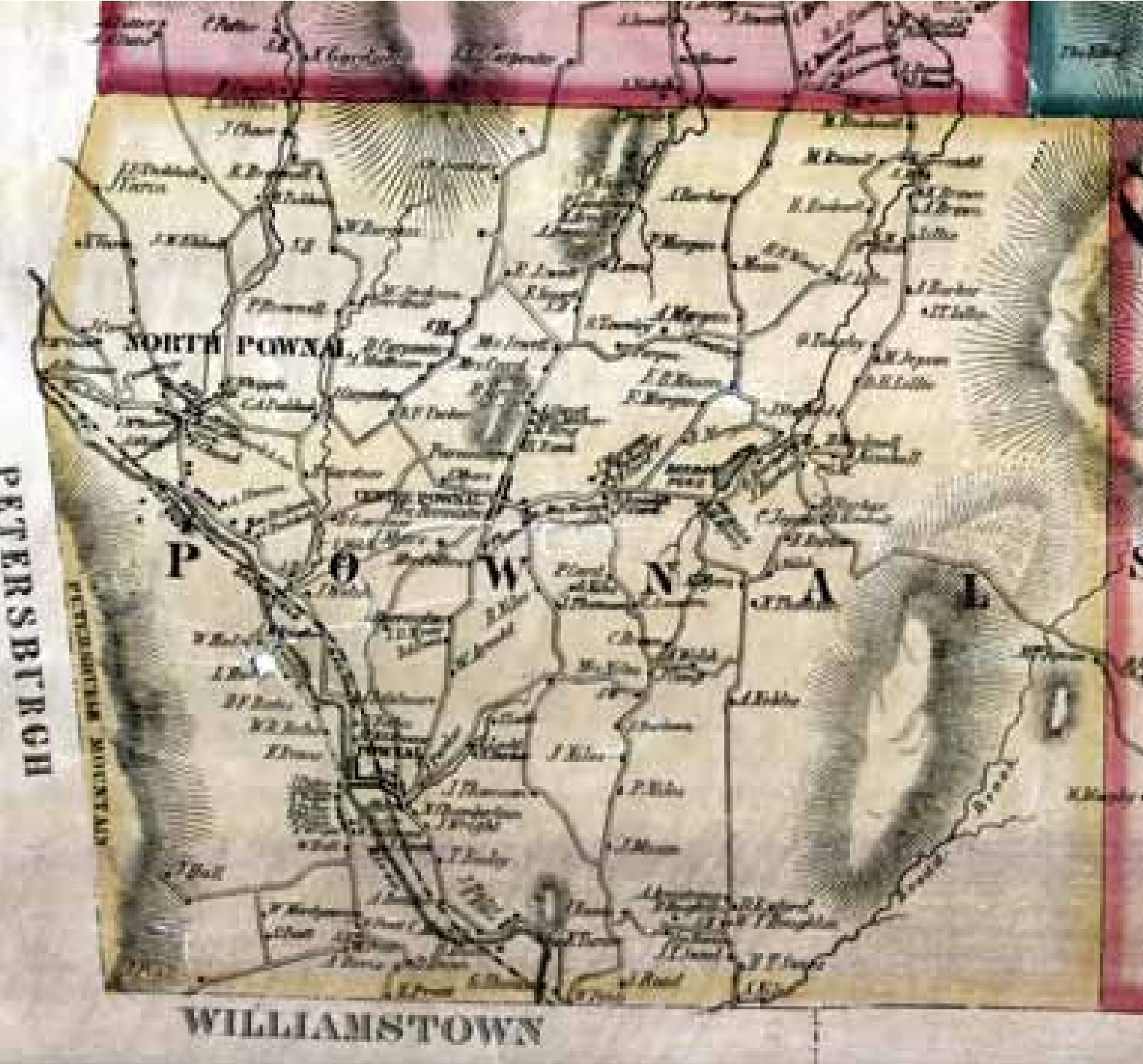
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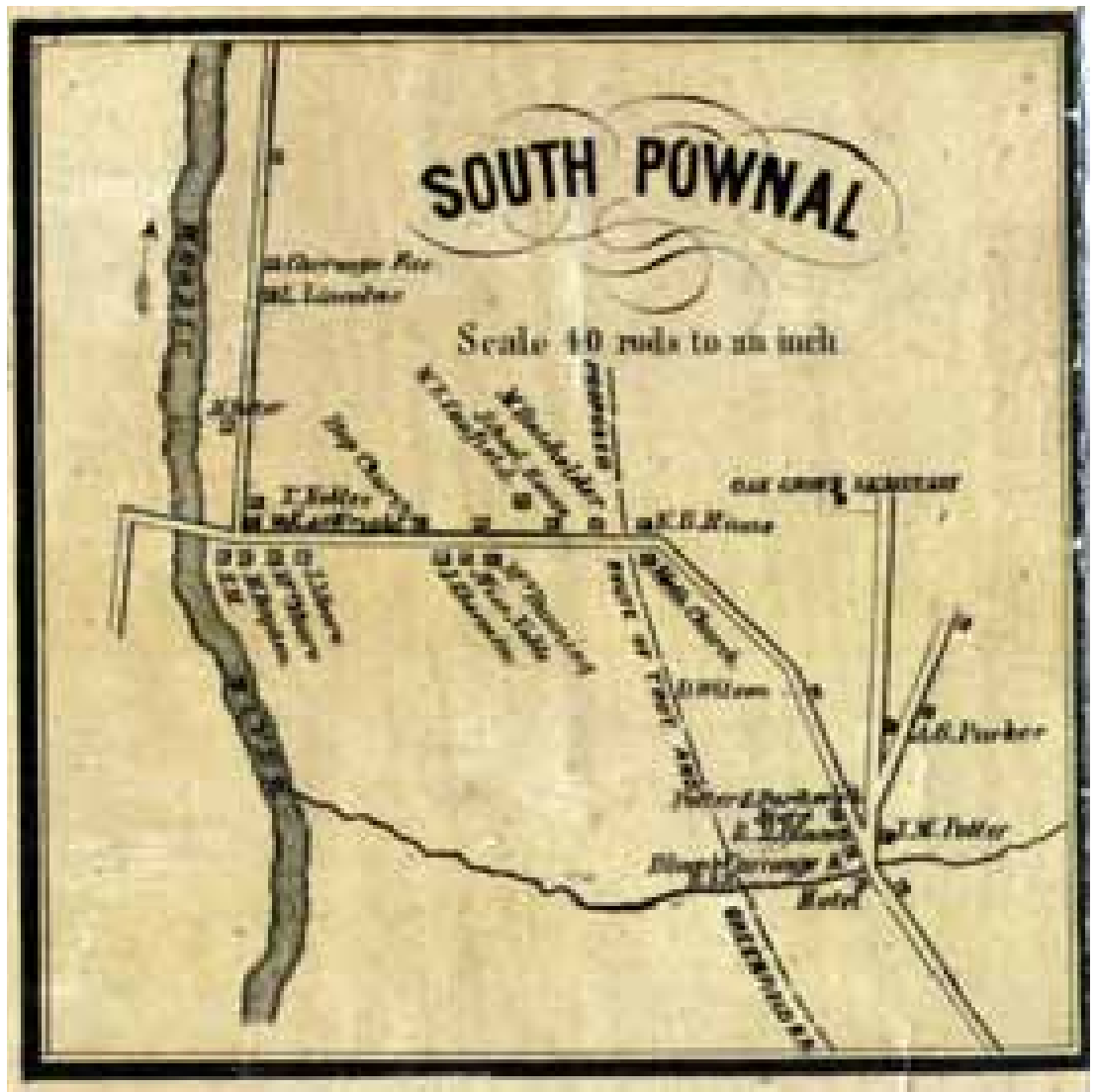


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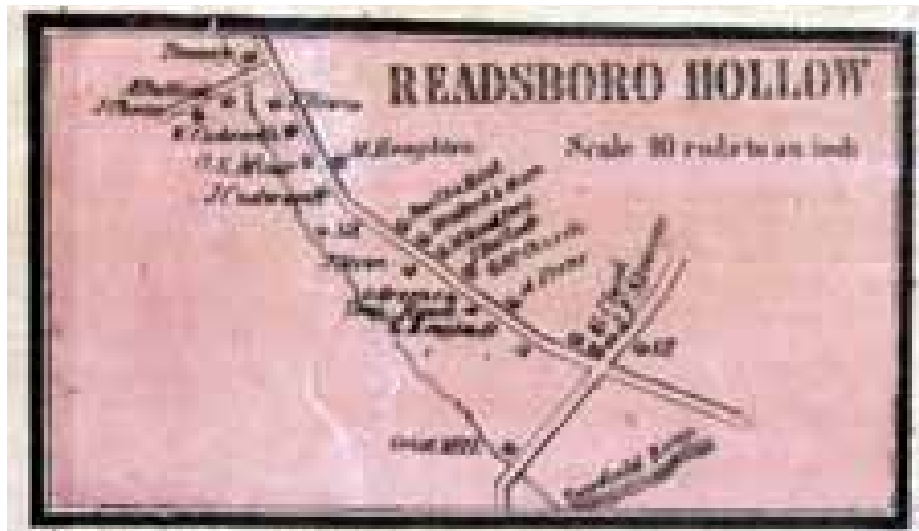


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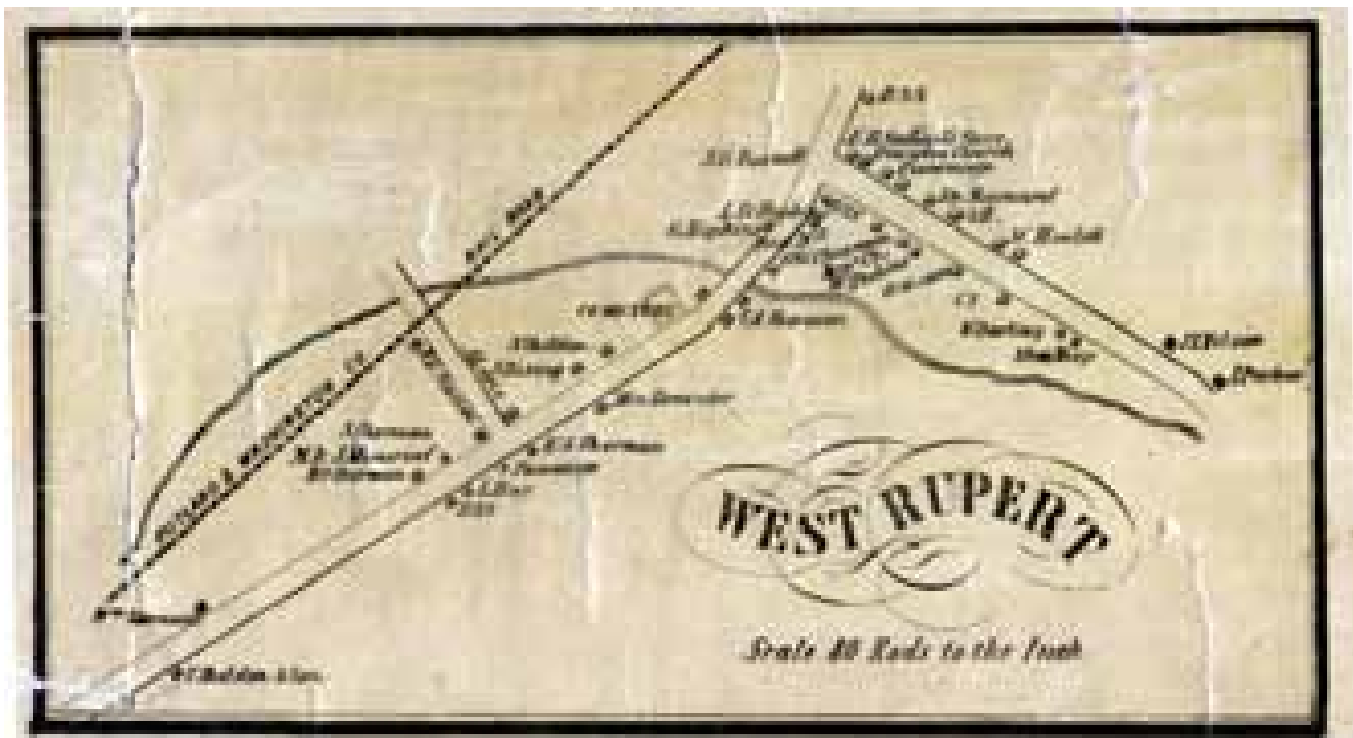
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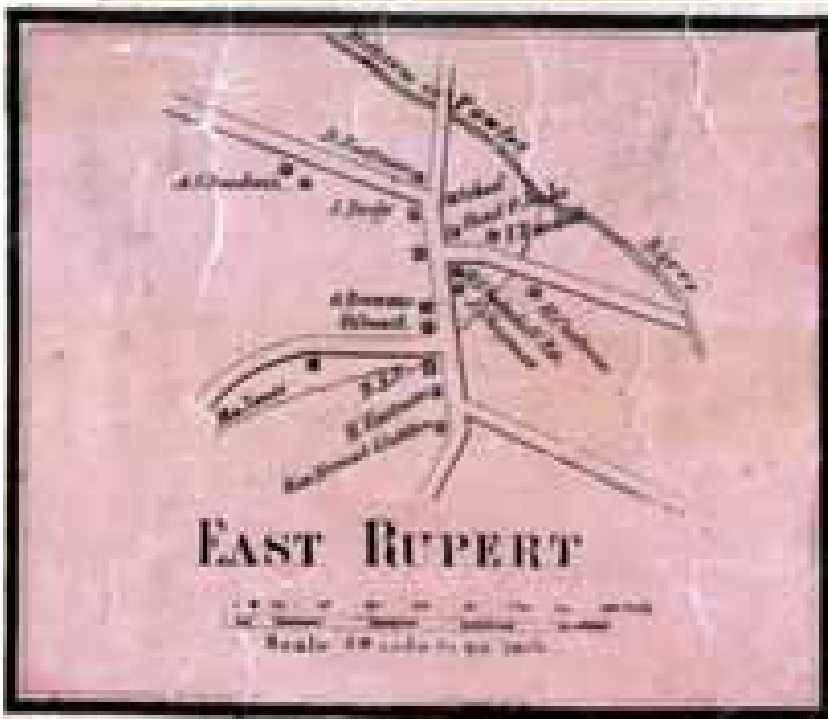
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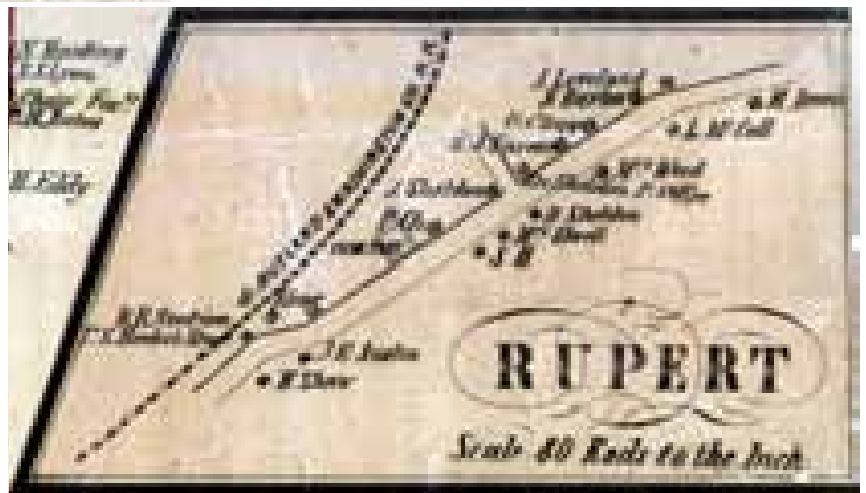


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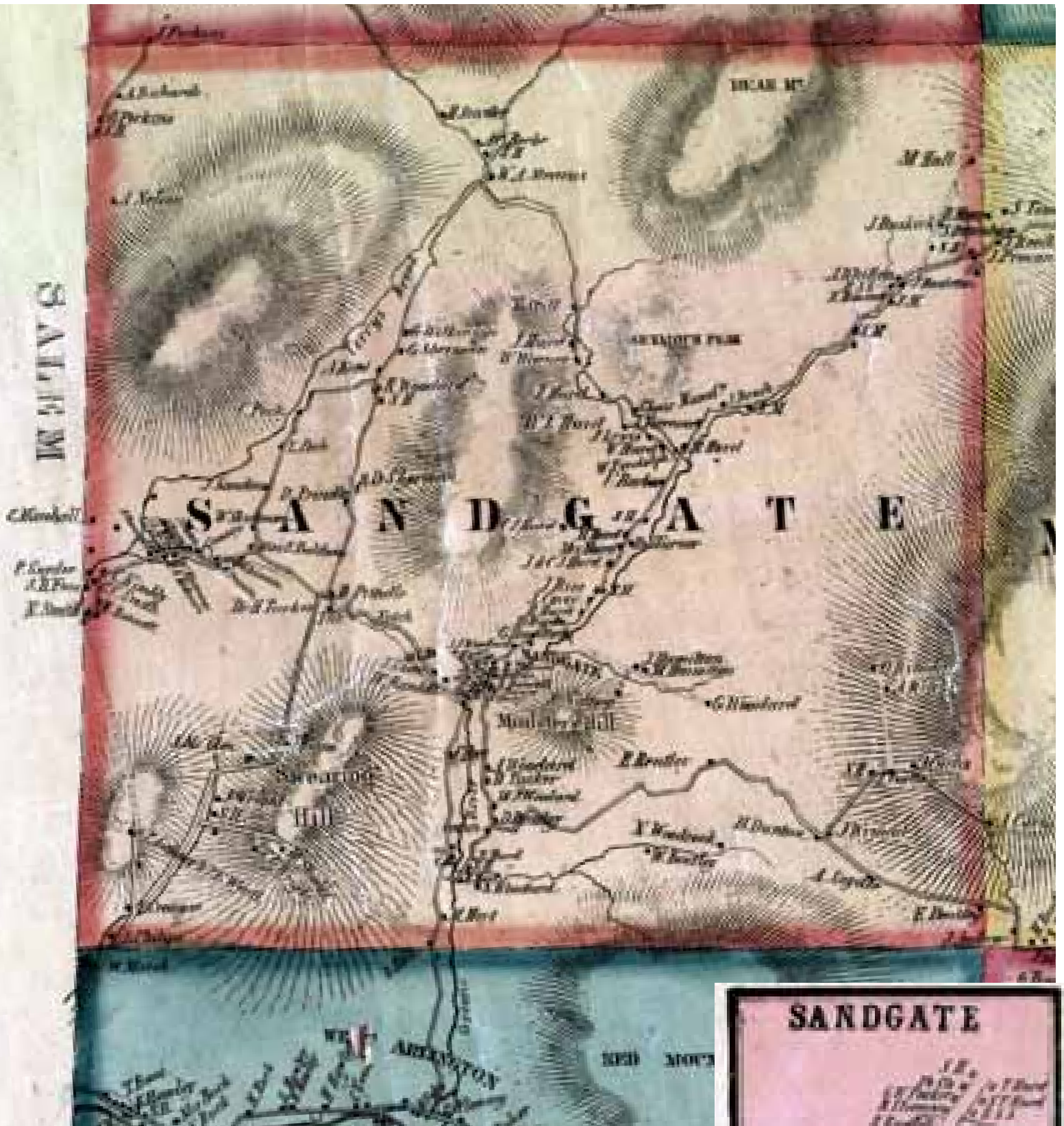


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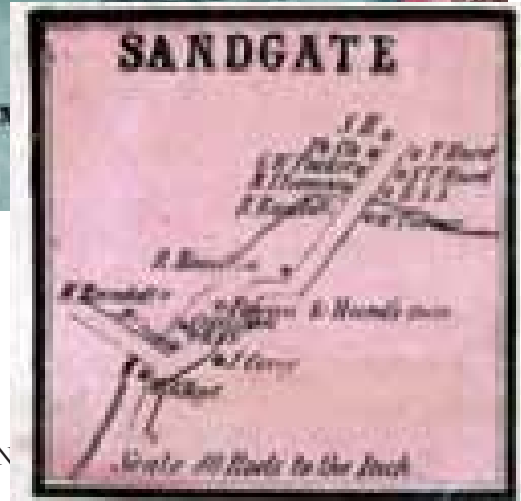
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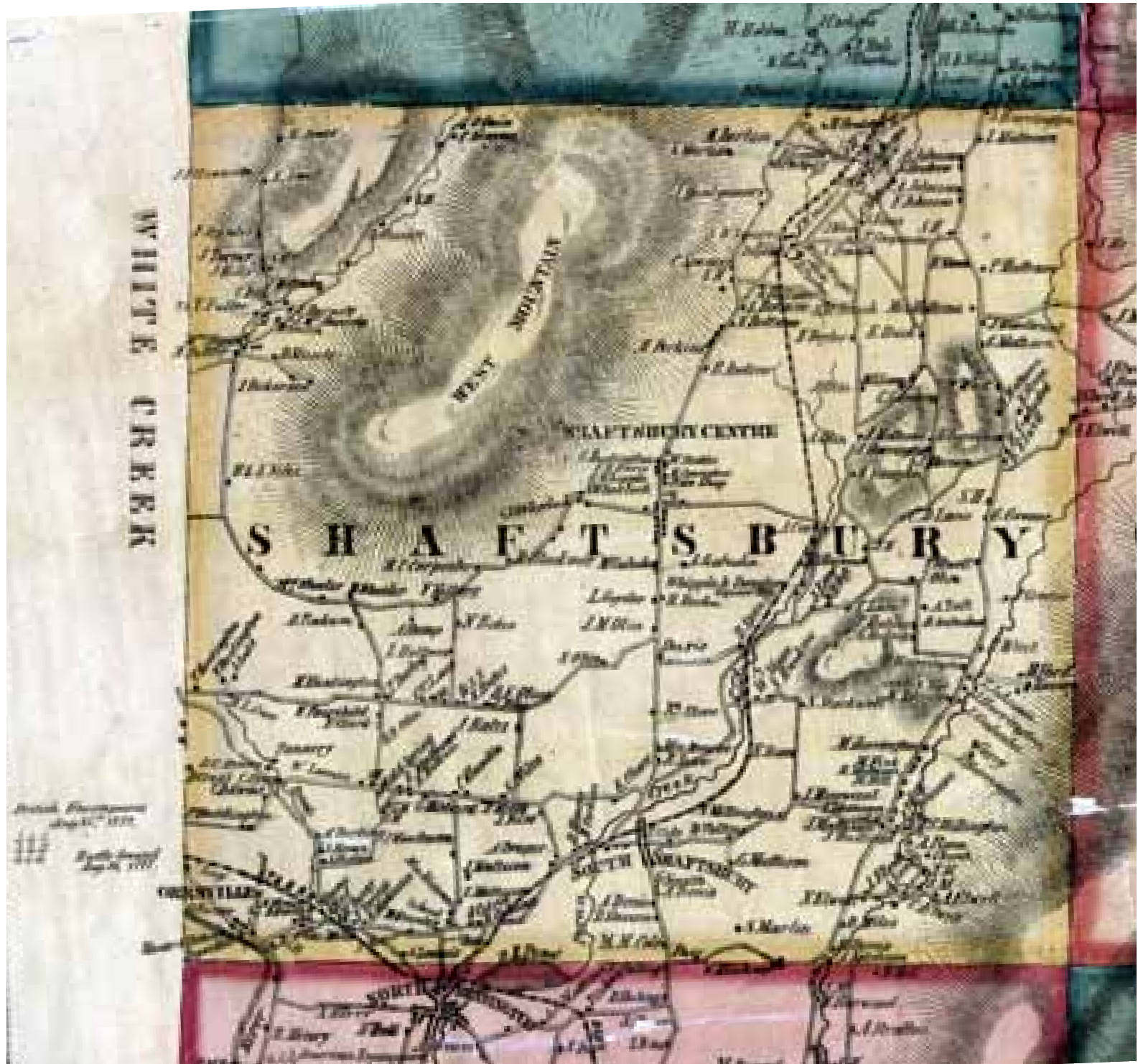
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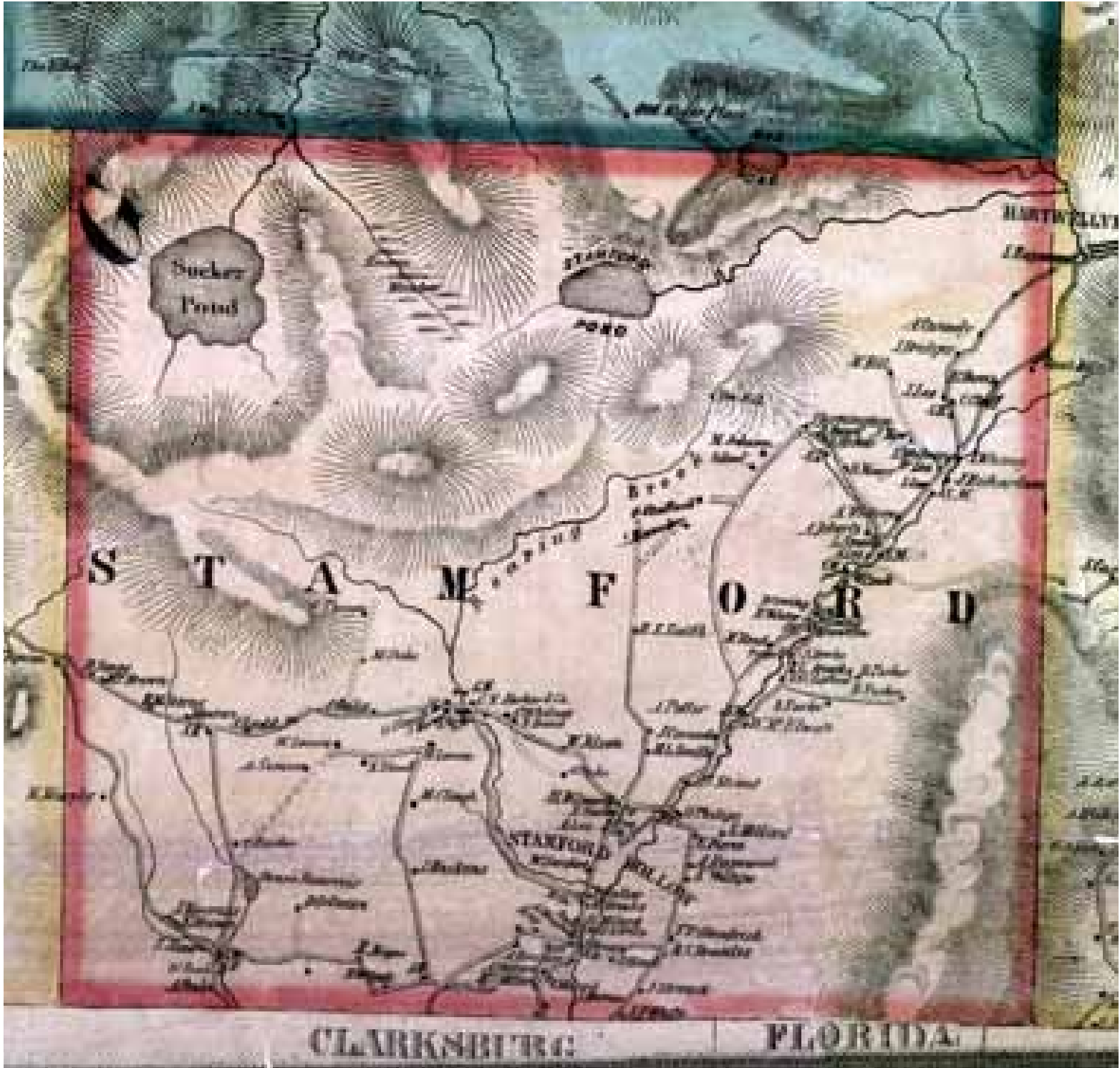
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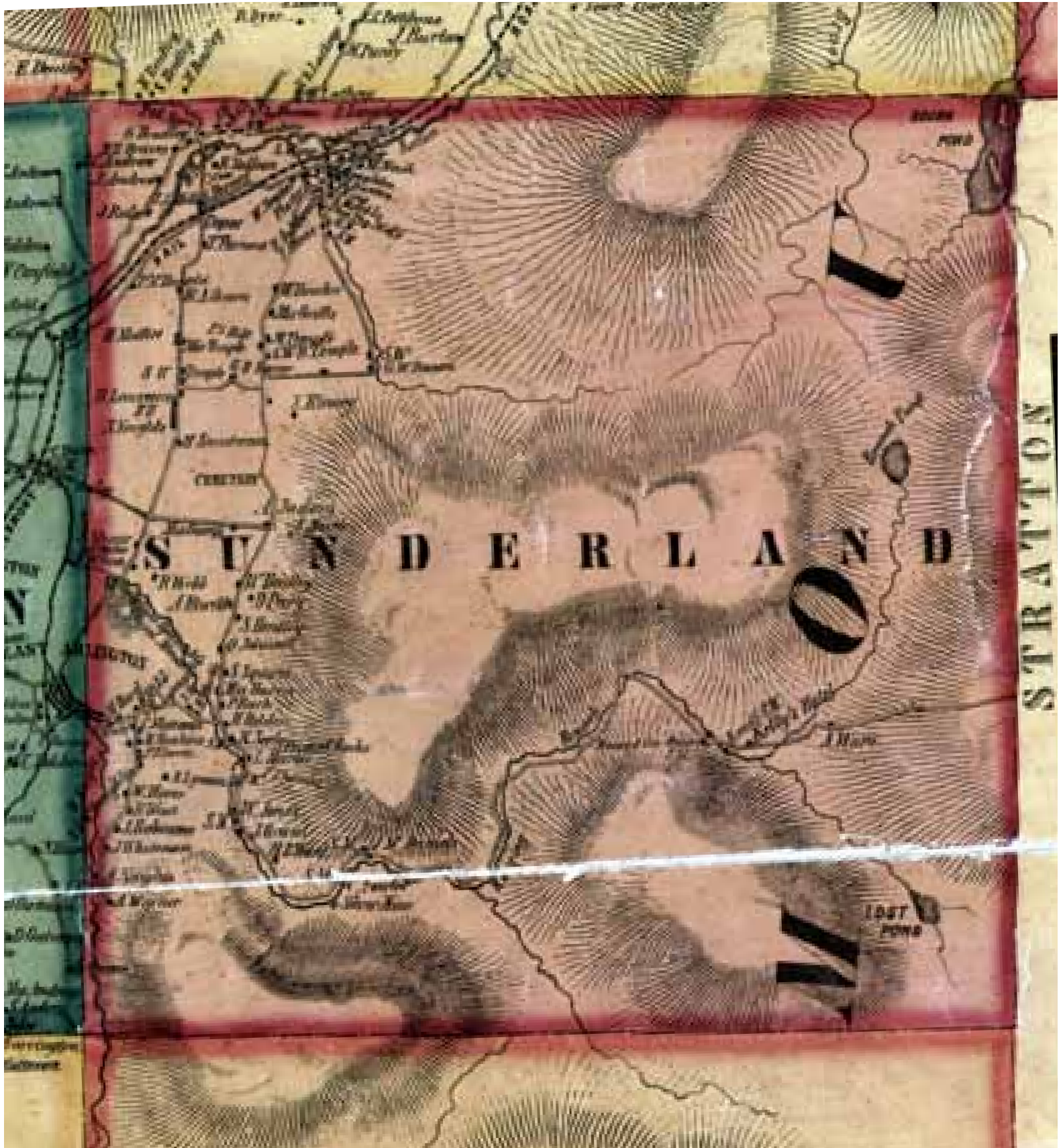
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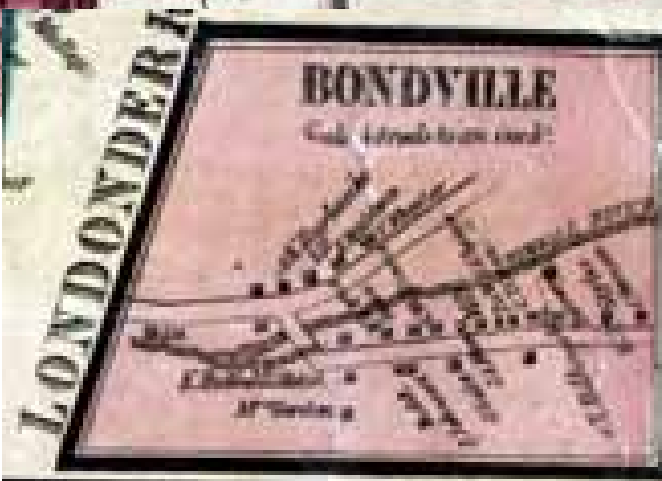
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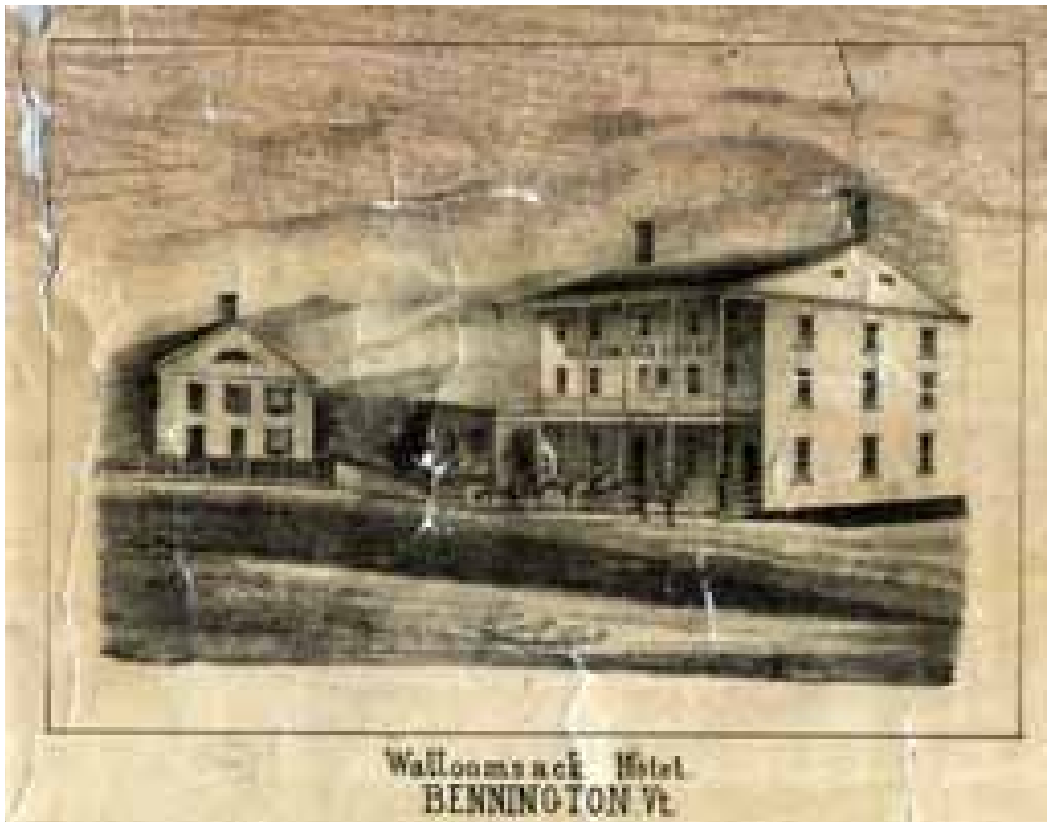
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Statistics

POPULATION			STATISTICS.		AGRICULTURE	
Towns.	1840	1850		1840	1850	
Albany	2037	2627	Improved Area		578,000	
Benning	2427	2623	Unimproved		277,000	
Benning	2428	2599	Area of State		8550	
Chittenden	33	37	City		2000	
Colchester	242	267	Area		2400	
Windsor	1096	1122	Area of State		2400	
Windsor	262	247	Area		2400	
Windsor	26	22	Area	10,072	7,524	
Windsor	77	650	Area	2000	2100	
Windsor	48	470	Area of State	12000	1000	
Windsor	222	2200	Area	1,500	2000	
Windsor	220	200	Area	127,000	177,100	
Windsor	262	222	Area	22,000	17,000	
Windsor	2000	2100	Area of State	20,000	20,000	
Windsor	270	267	Area		2,500	
Windsor		222	Area	240,000	220,000	
Total	16,277	18,280	Area	240,000	220,000	
EDUCATION					CHURCHES	
Number of Public Schools		112	No. of	Denominations	Aggregates	Value of Church Property
Teachers		257	1	Baptist	1,000	1,000,000
Area		2000	20	Methodist	2,000	2,000,000
Number of Public Schools		112	3	Presbyterian	1,000	1,000,000
Area		2000	2	Quaker	1,000	1,000,000
Area		2000	1	Episcopal	400	400,000
Area		2000	1	Other	200	200,000
Area		2000	21	Total	7,600	7,600,000

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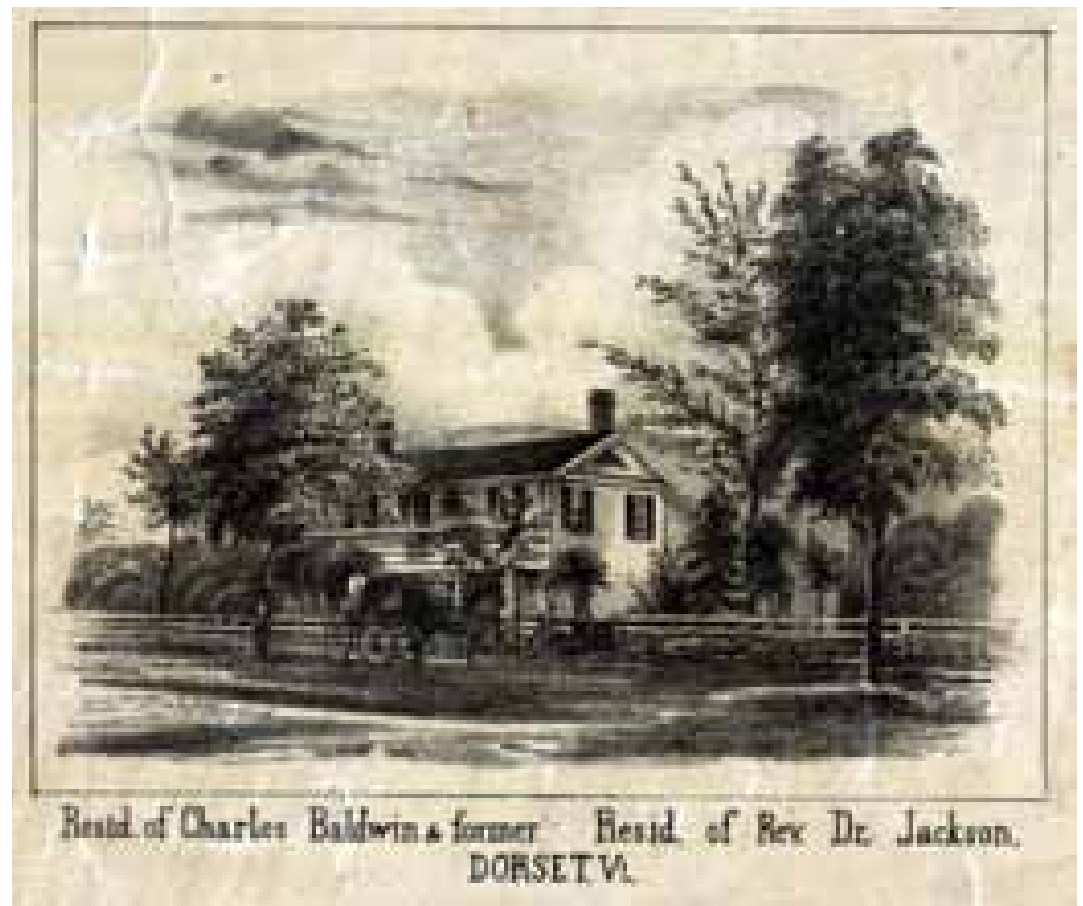


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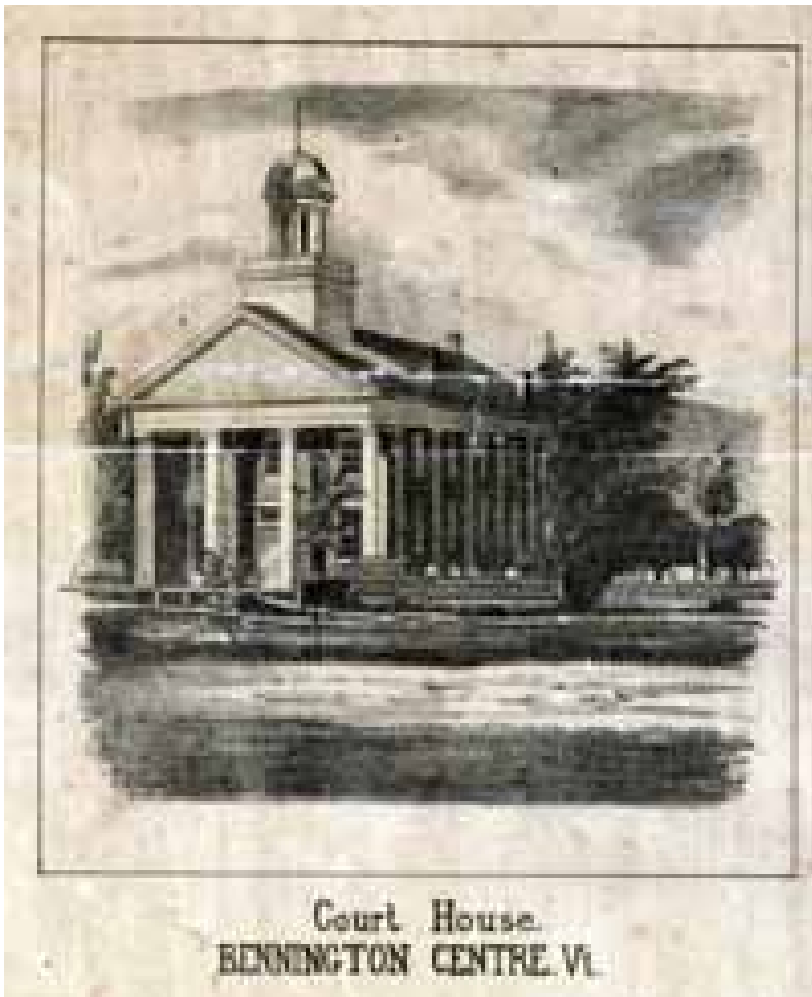
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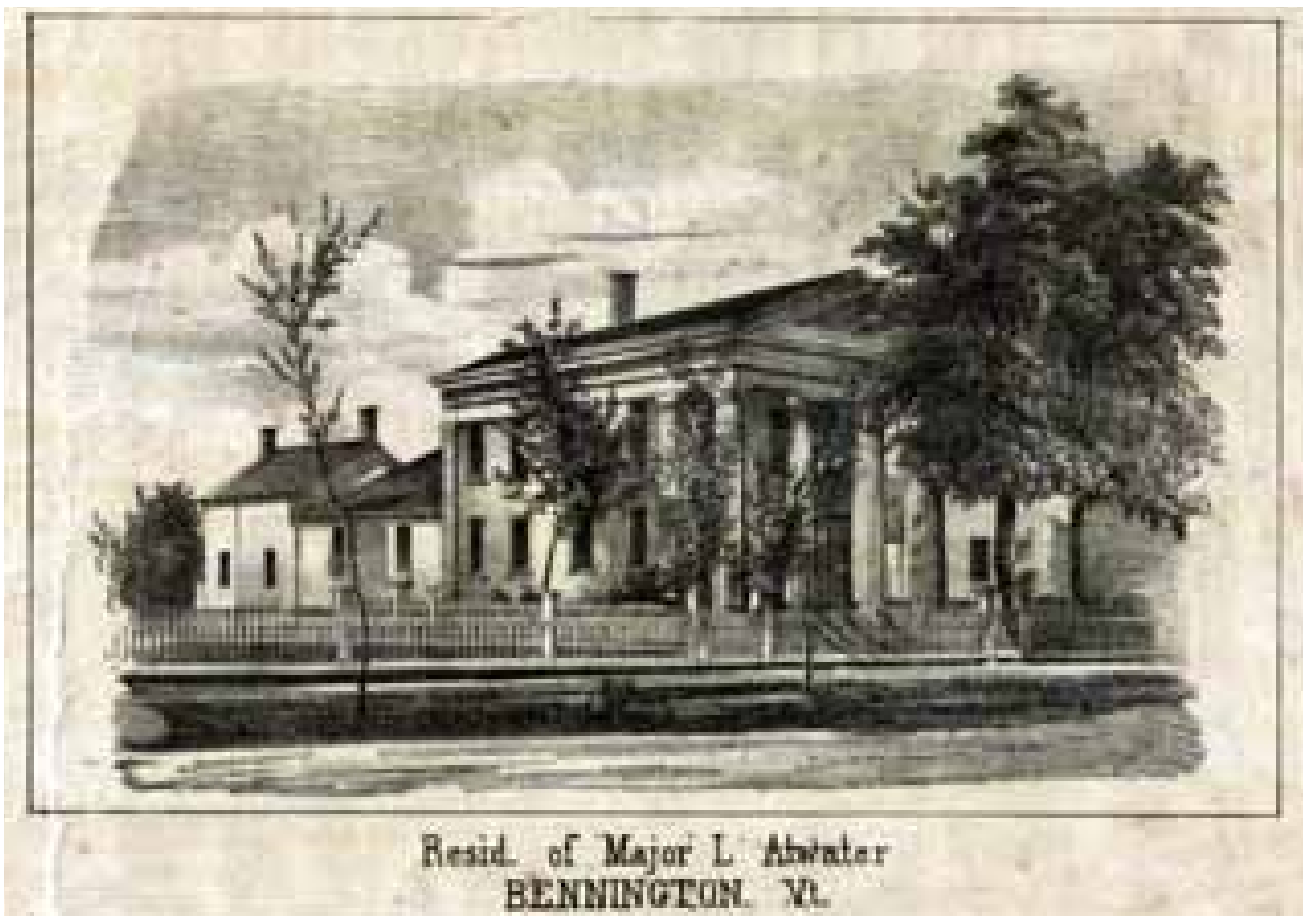
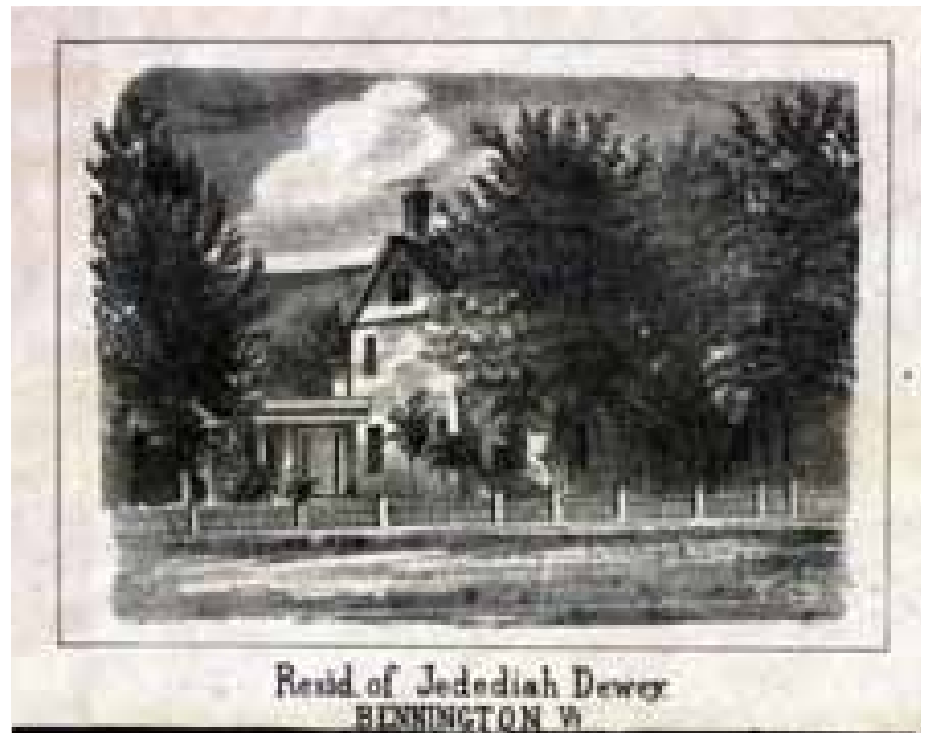
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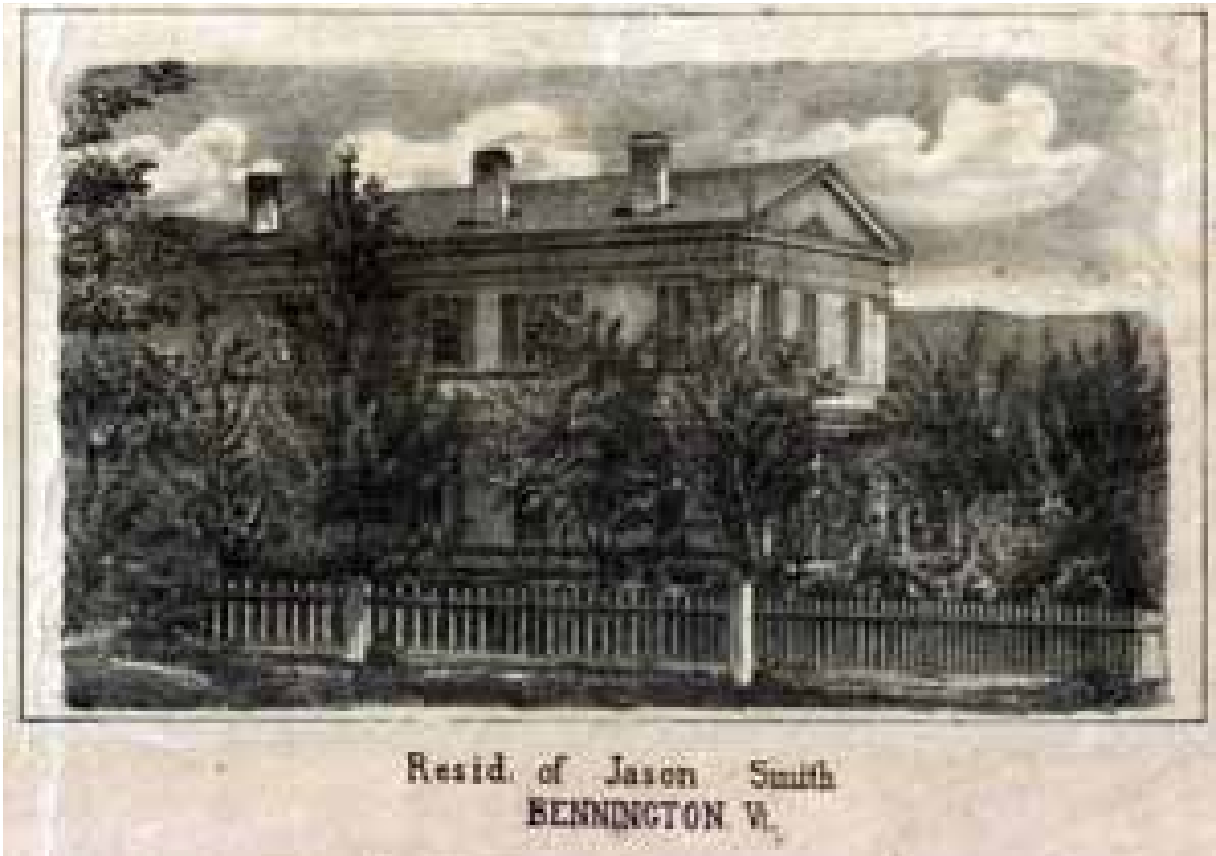
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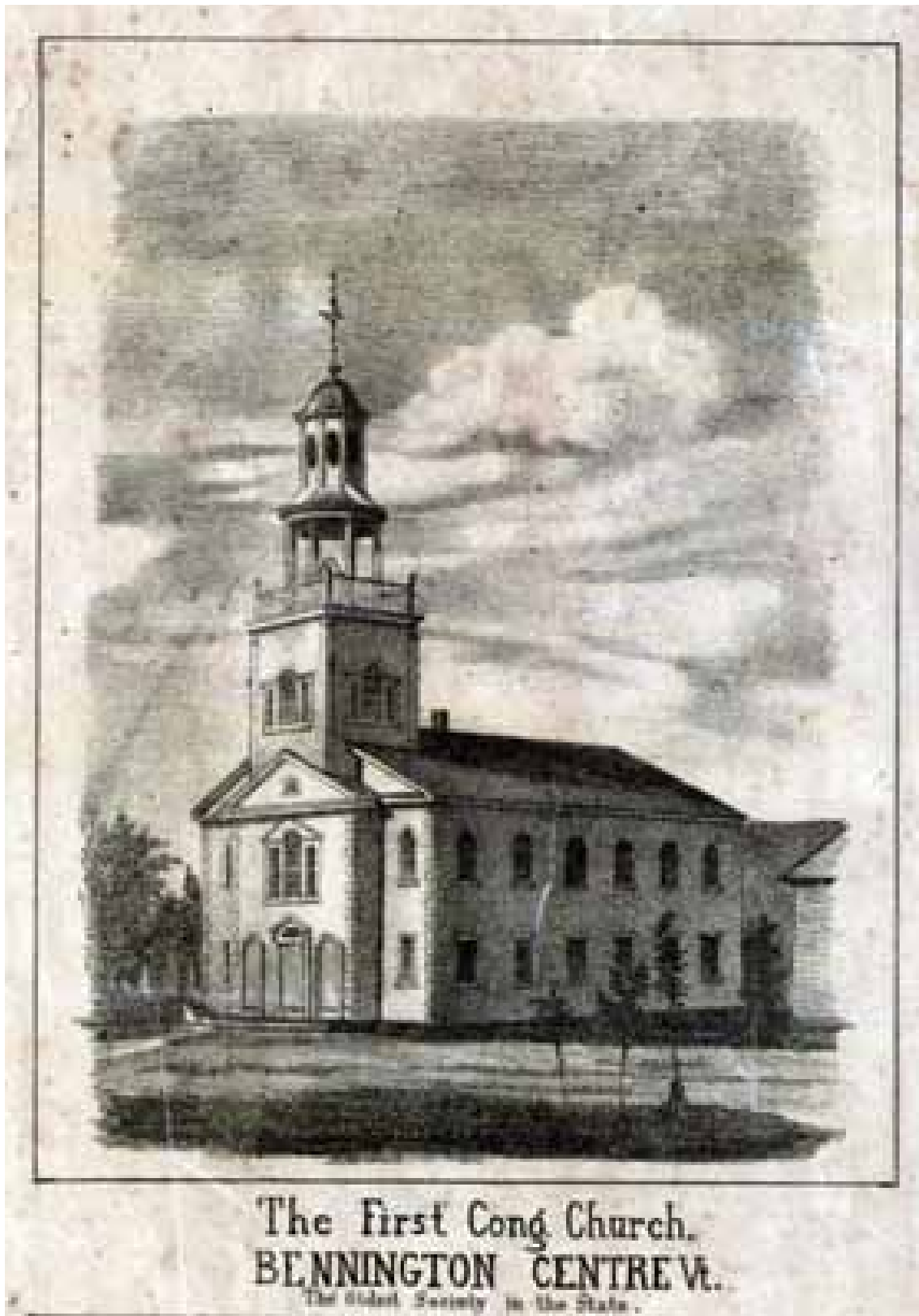
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