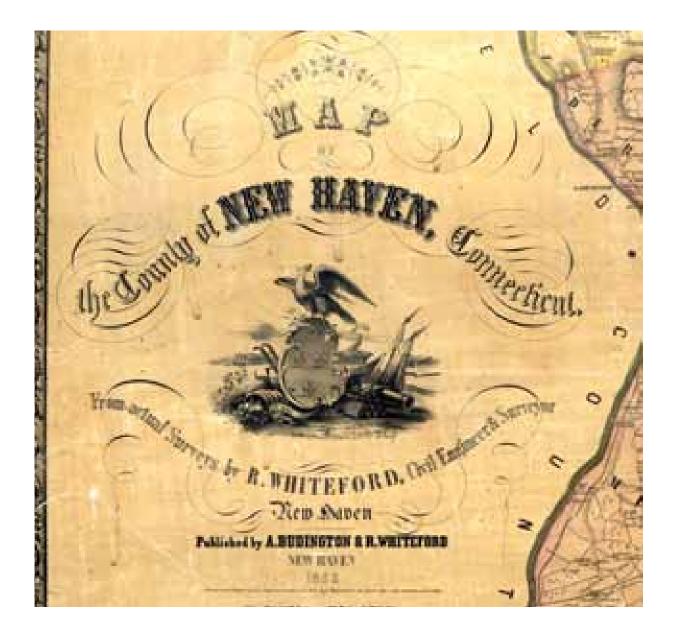
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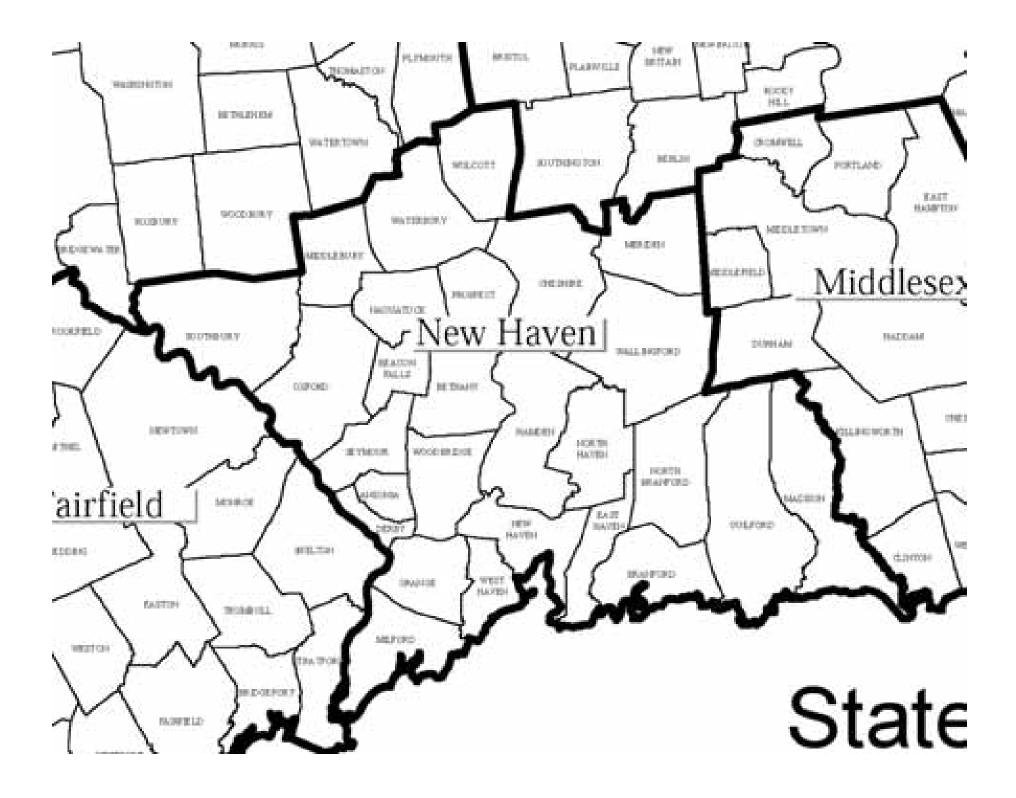
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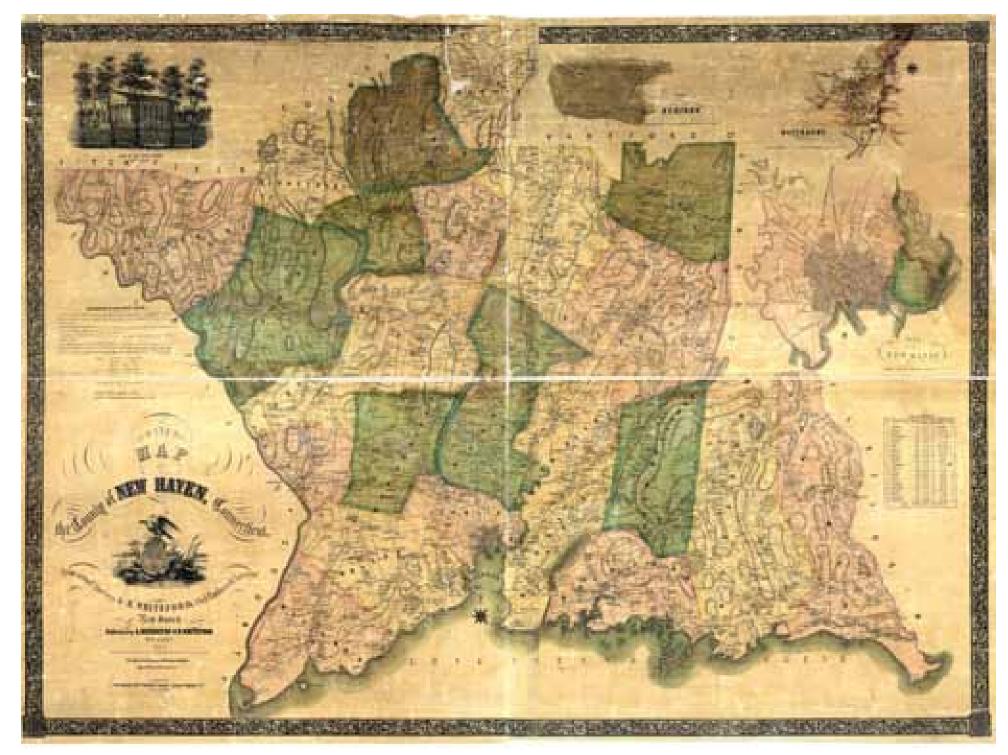
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A complete copy of the 1852 county wall map showing the names and locations of 1000s of houses, businesses, churches and schools. Edition of January 2011 © Old Maps PO Box 54 West Chesterfield, NH 03466 www.old-maps.com

Modern Town Outline Map



1852 Map of New Haven County



Original map: Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division

The original map is a large wall map measuring 39" x 52".

The wall map has been "taken apart" for this edition by dividing it into separate images, thus making it easy to use this map for the first time. There are some flaws in the original map. We have touched up some of the non-text areas to improve the appearance. A few names are missing in several towns.

An Historical Sketch of The Map

The 1852 Map of New Haven County is an important historical document. The map pinpoints the names and locations of every residence, workplace, church and school in the county. It was the first such map for most of these towns.

This map is the first of the Connecticut county maps created in the mid 1800s - a period of extraordinary map-making in America. The author of this map, R. Whiteford (first name unknown), was a New Haven surveyor who had earlier worked on maps of the cities of New Haven and Middletown.

Few details of this map's origins are known, but we do know the general methods used for these projects. Roads were measured with a wheel odometer, similar to the wheelbarrowlike 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 privatelyproduced map were the most comprehensive yet made. This map served as the basis of mapping for decades afterwards.



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. Pictures of the homes of prominent citizens were added for a fee.

The map was printed on four separate sheets which were assembled and glued together onto a cloth backing. Each copy was then hand-colored in several different hues, varnished, and mounted on wooden rollers.

Note on Map Size

This publication was prepared for use as a computer-based PDF file, formatted as an 11" x 14" booklet. The formatting and sizes of some maps have been adjusted to make the town and village maps easily readable, and on one page if possible. For this reason some maps are presented at different scales.

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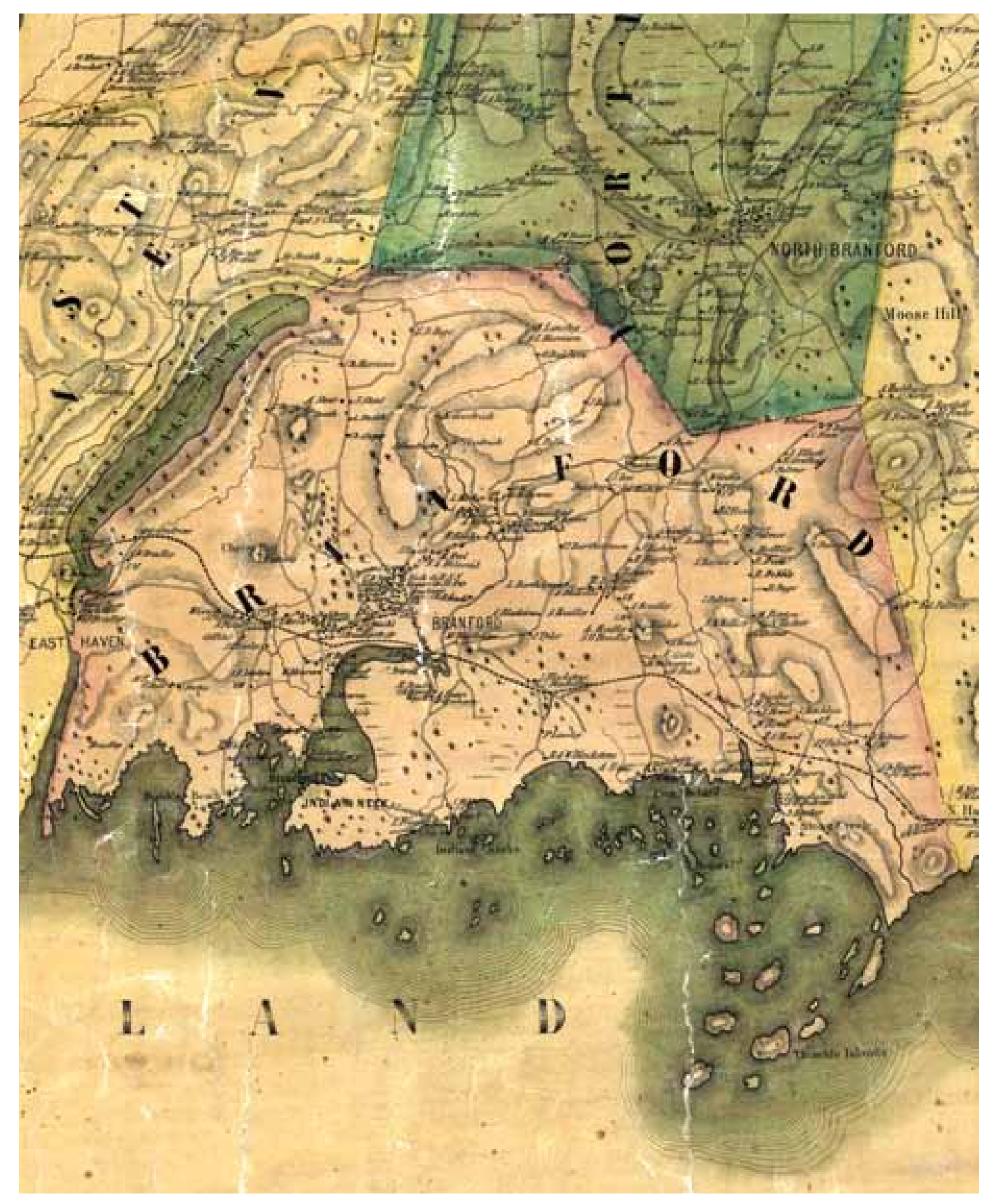
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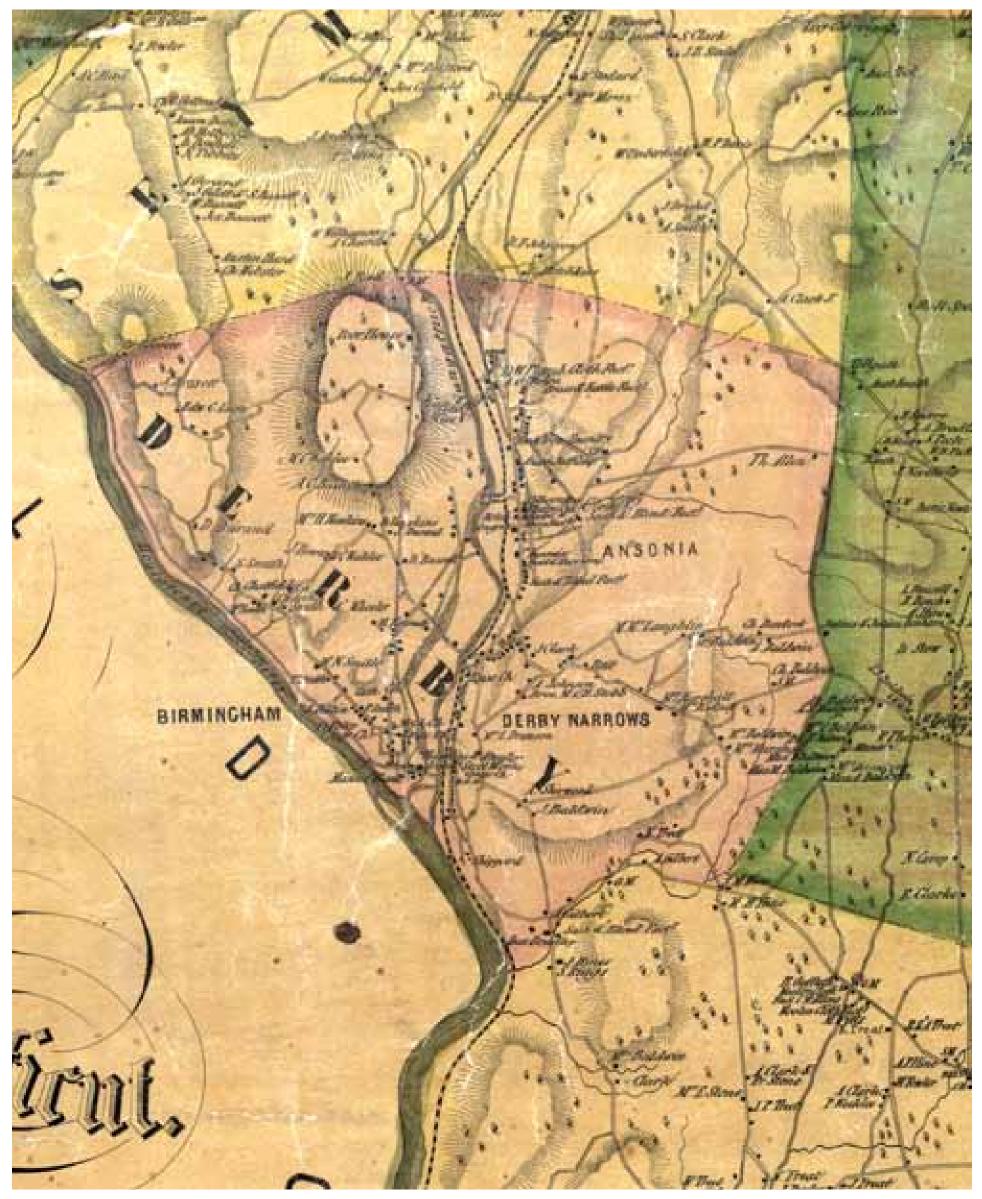
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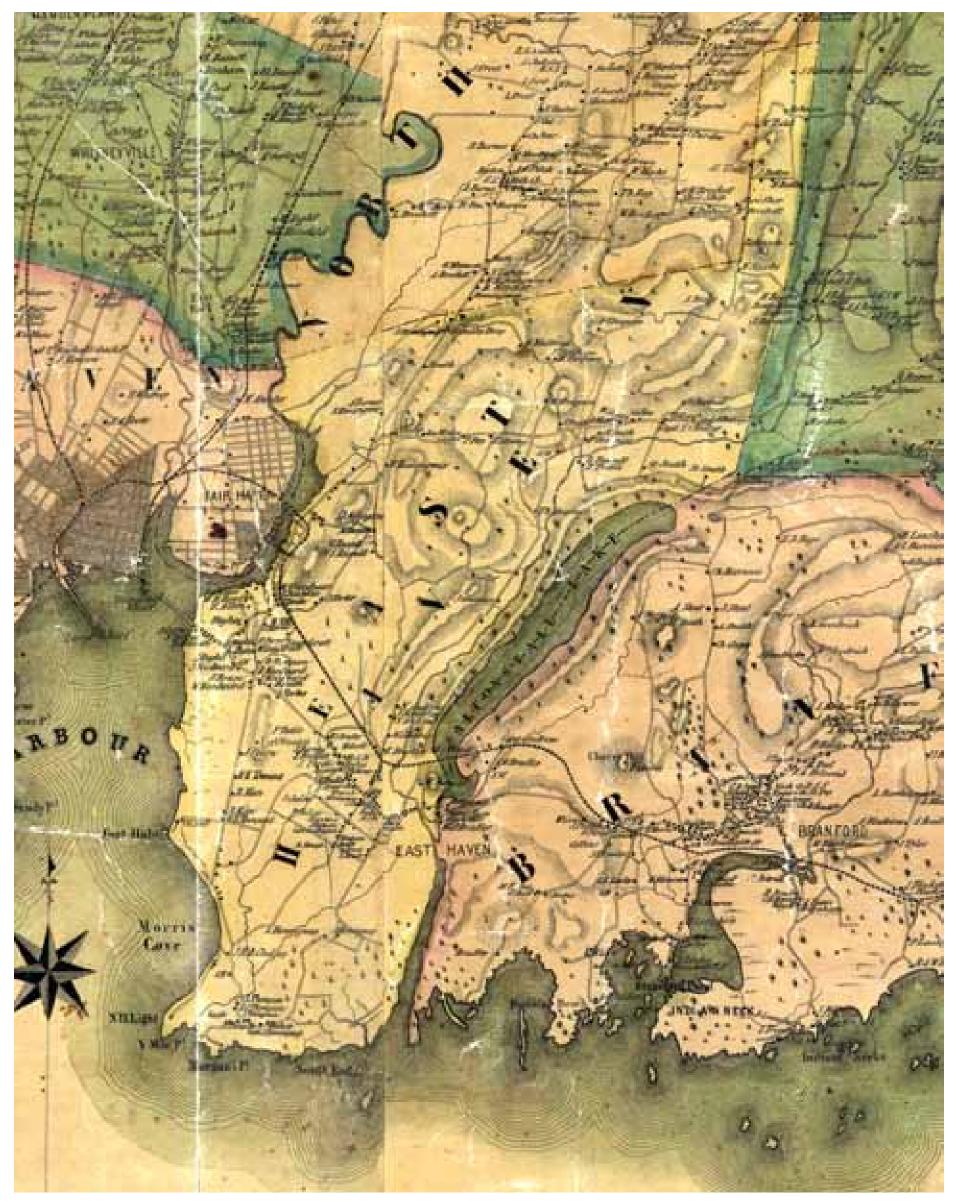
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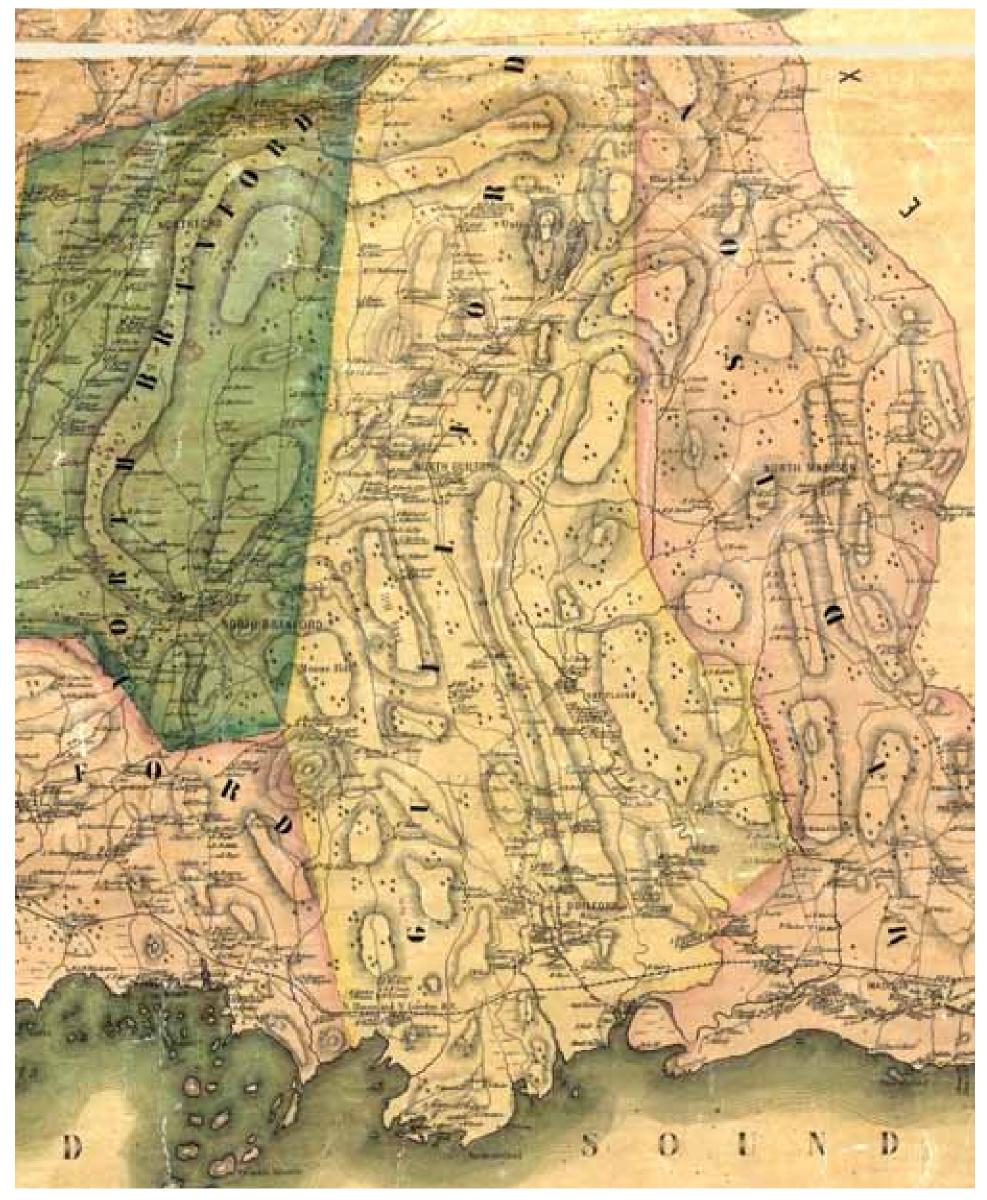
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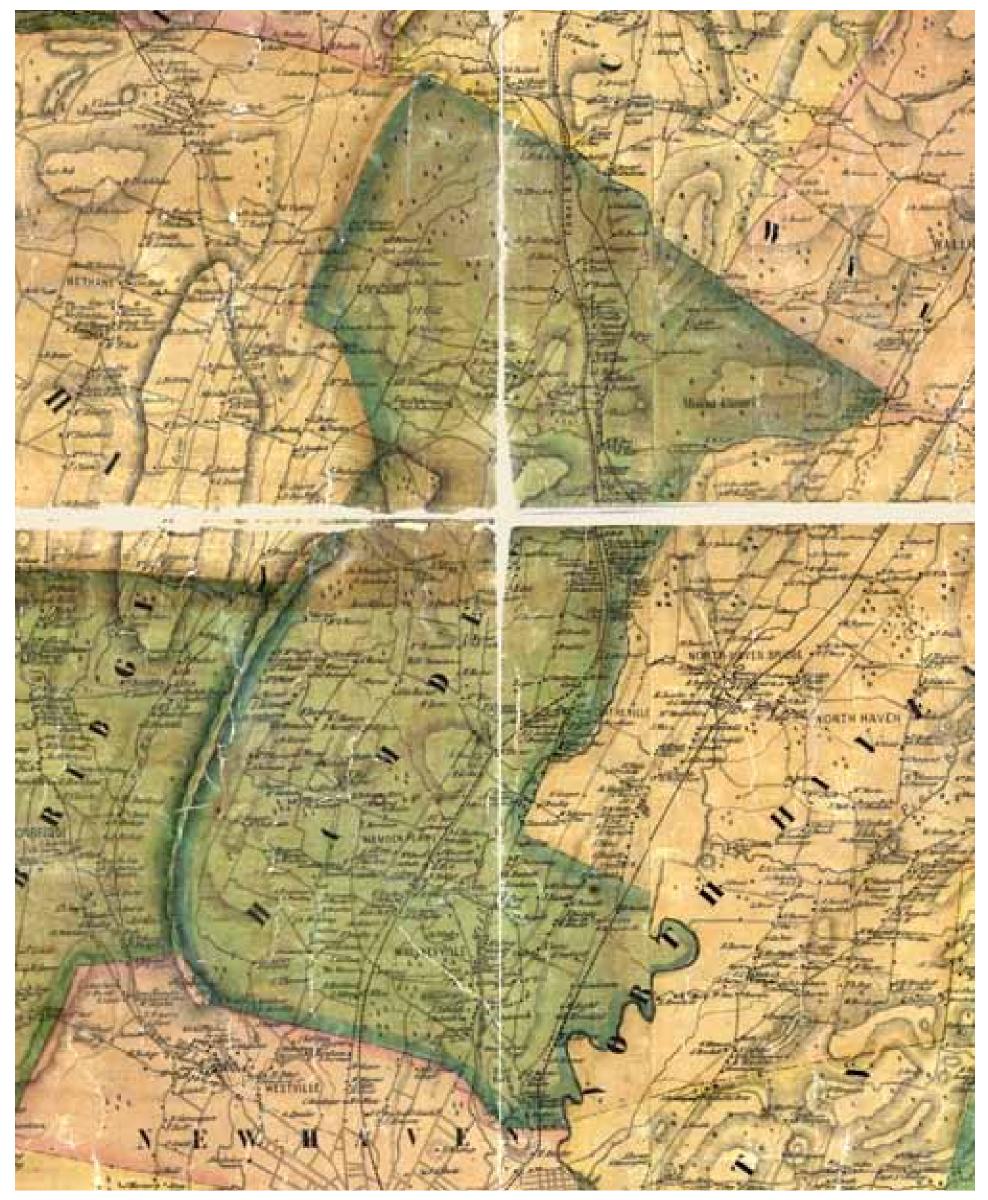
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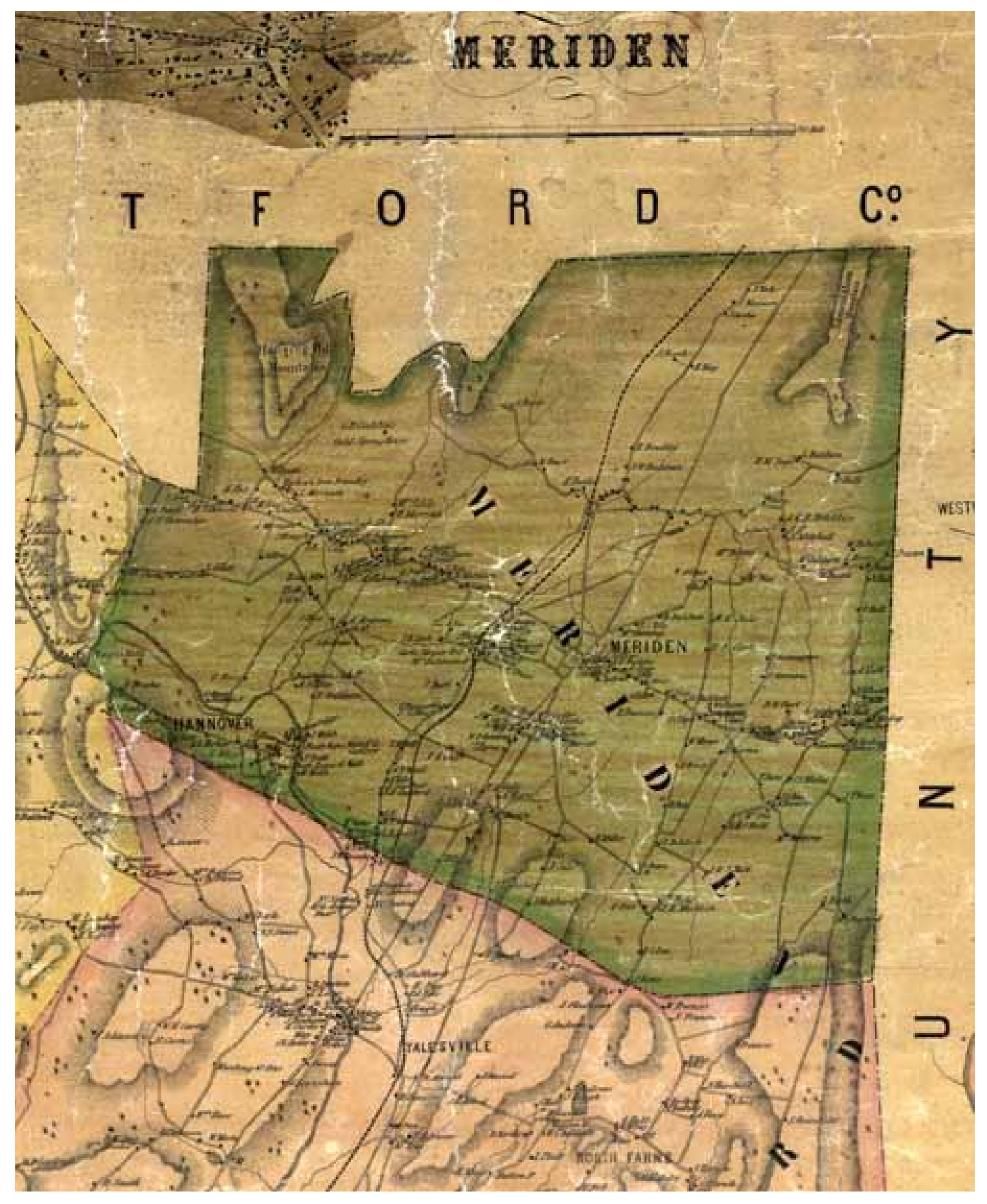
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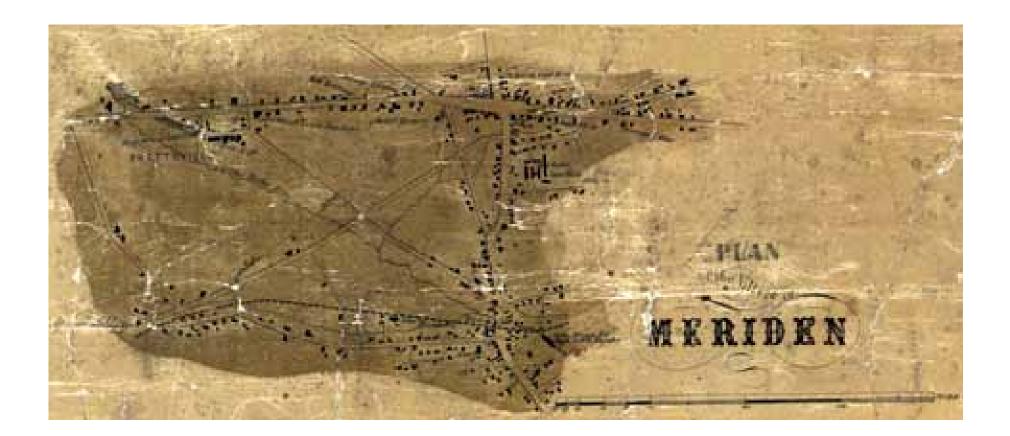
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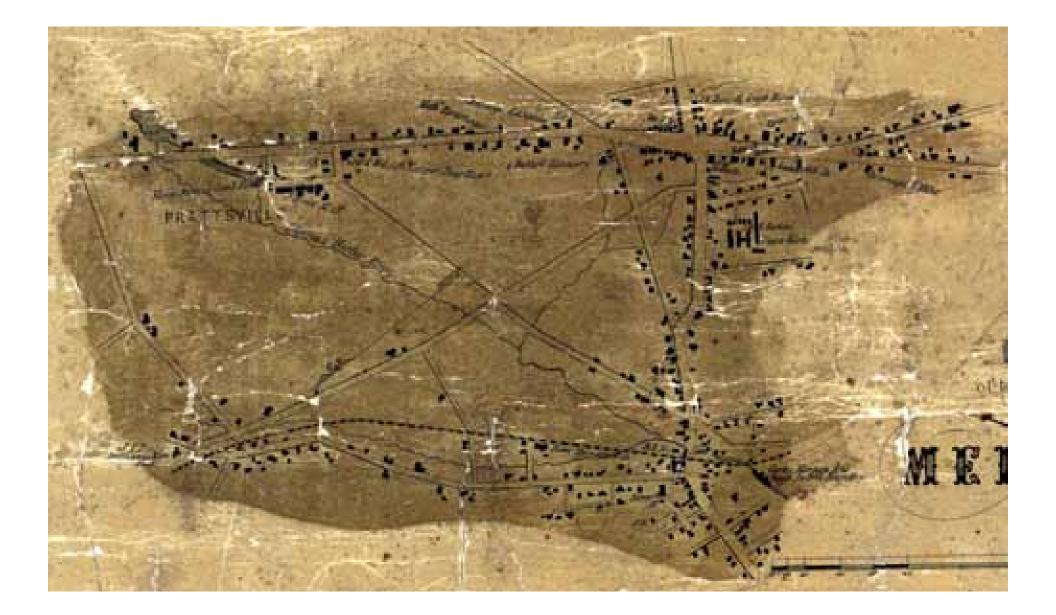


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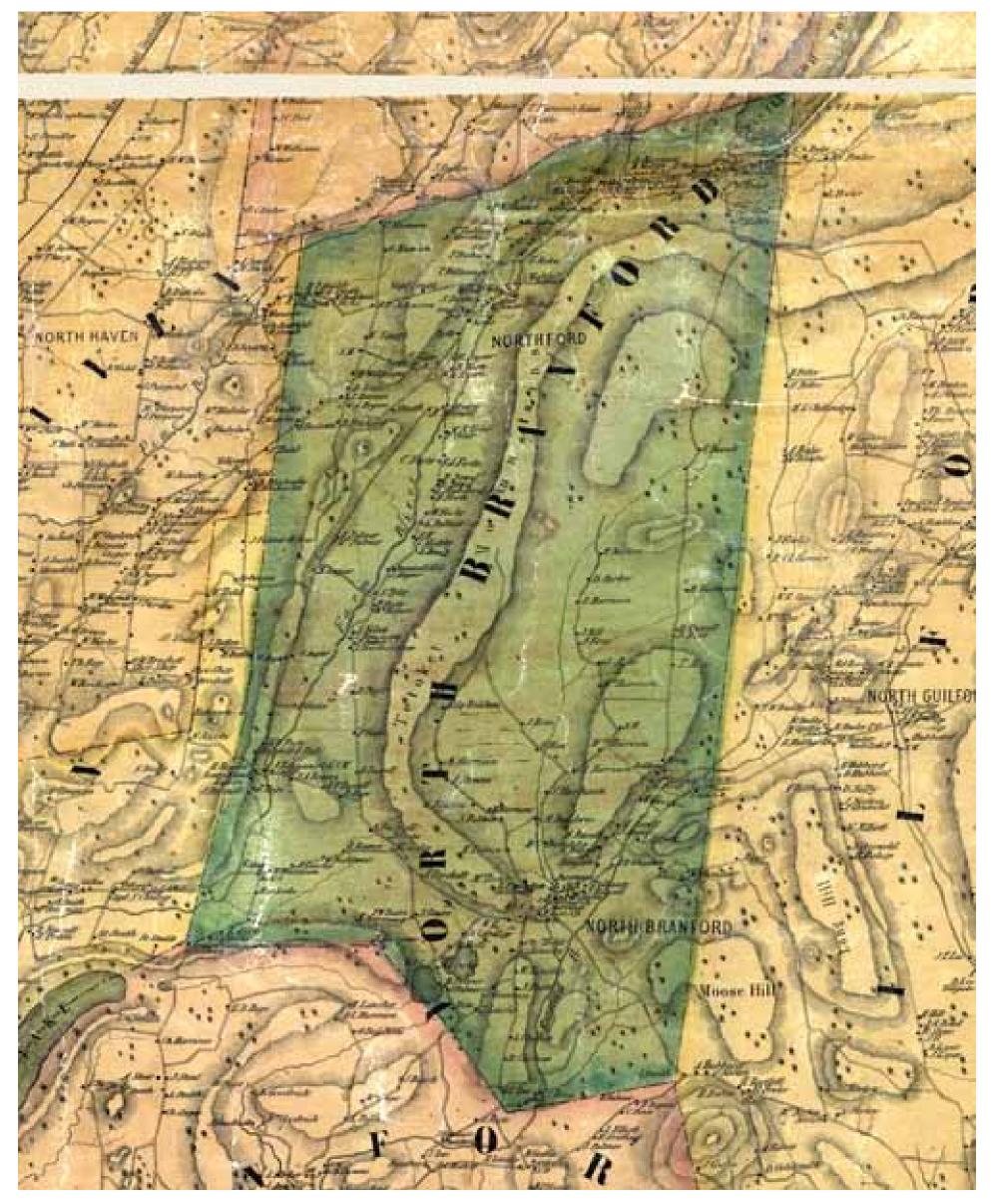
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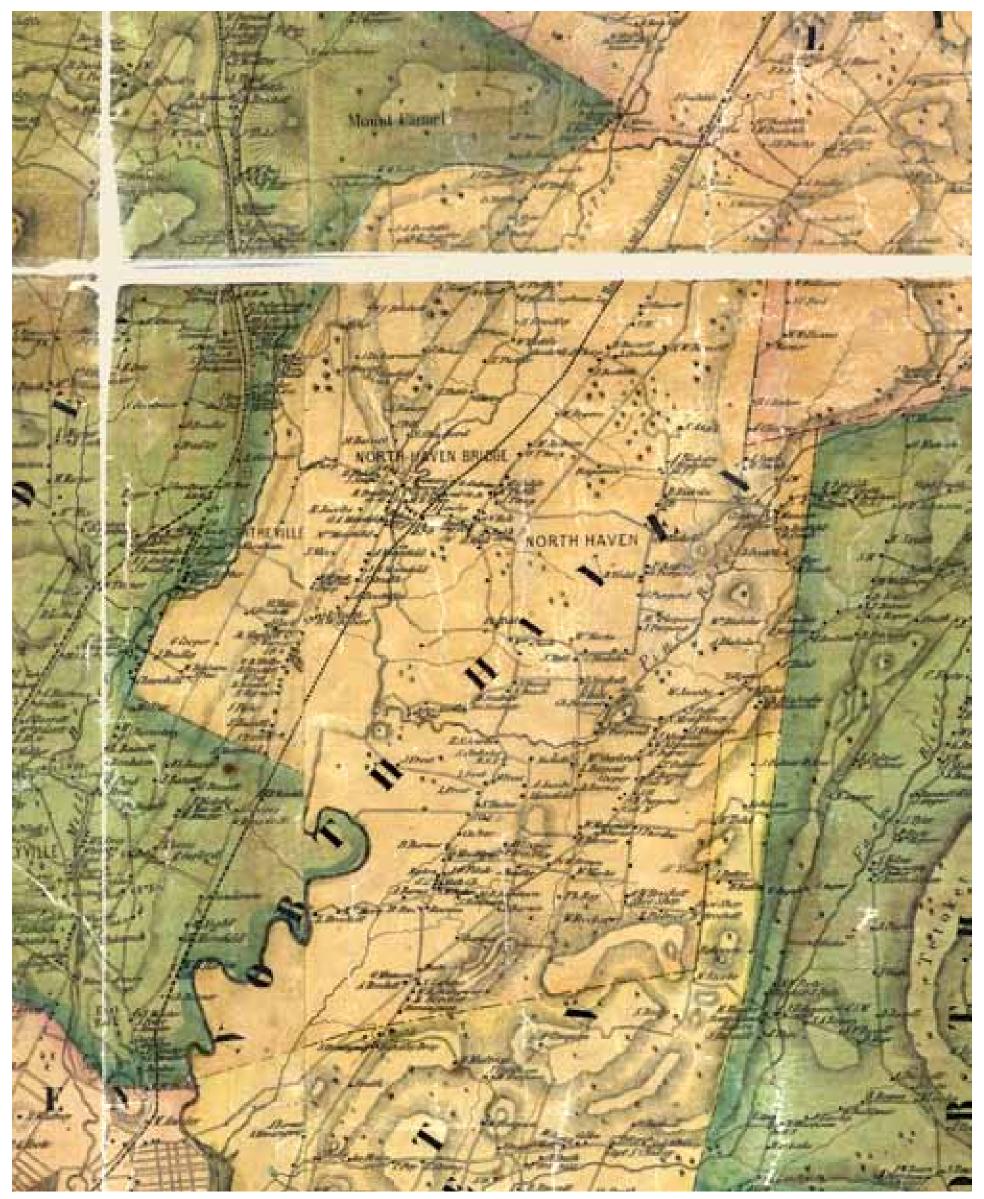
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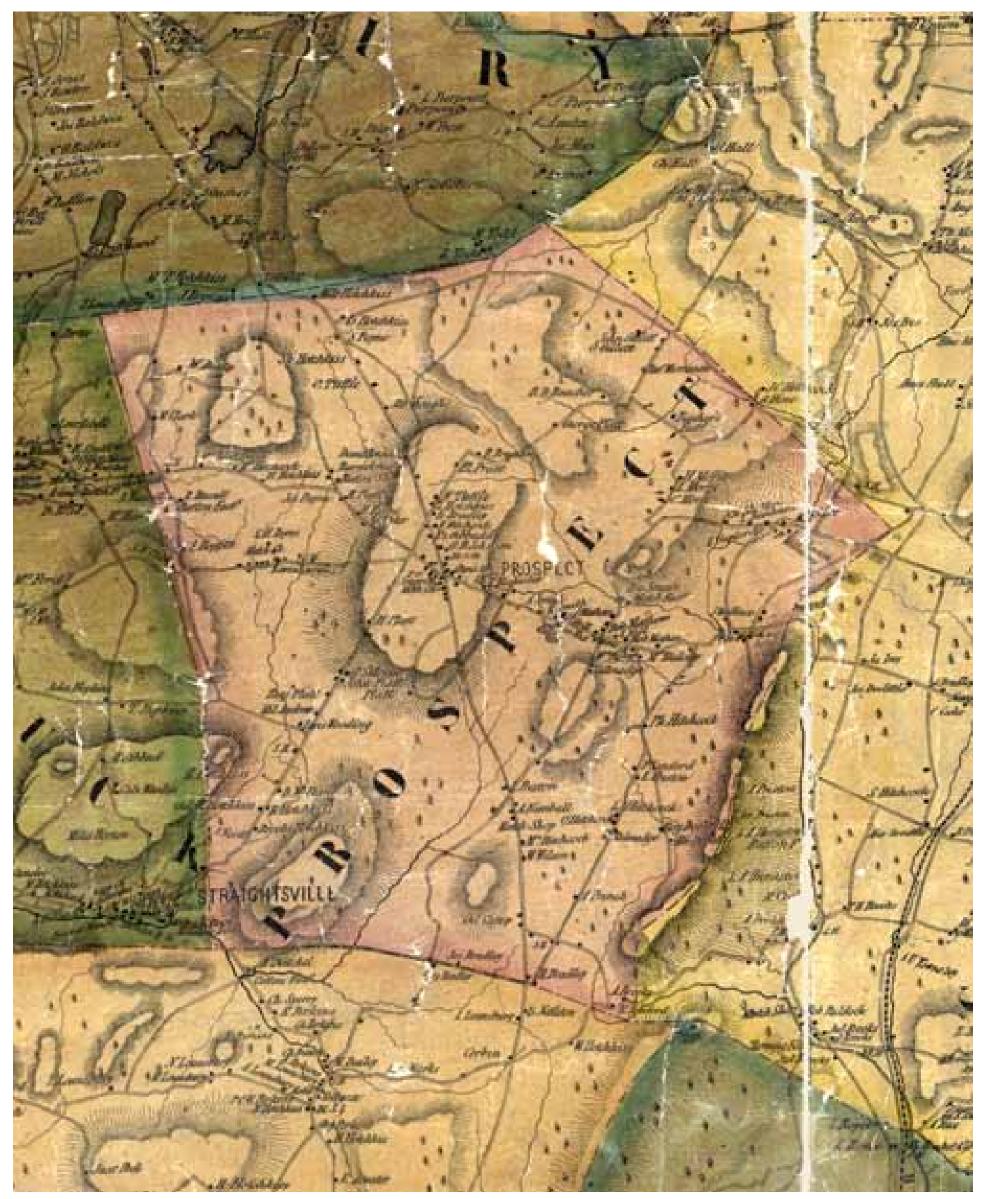
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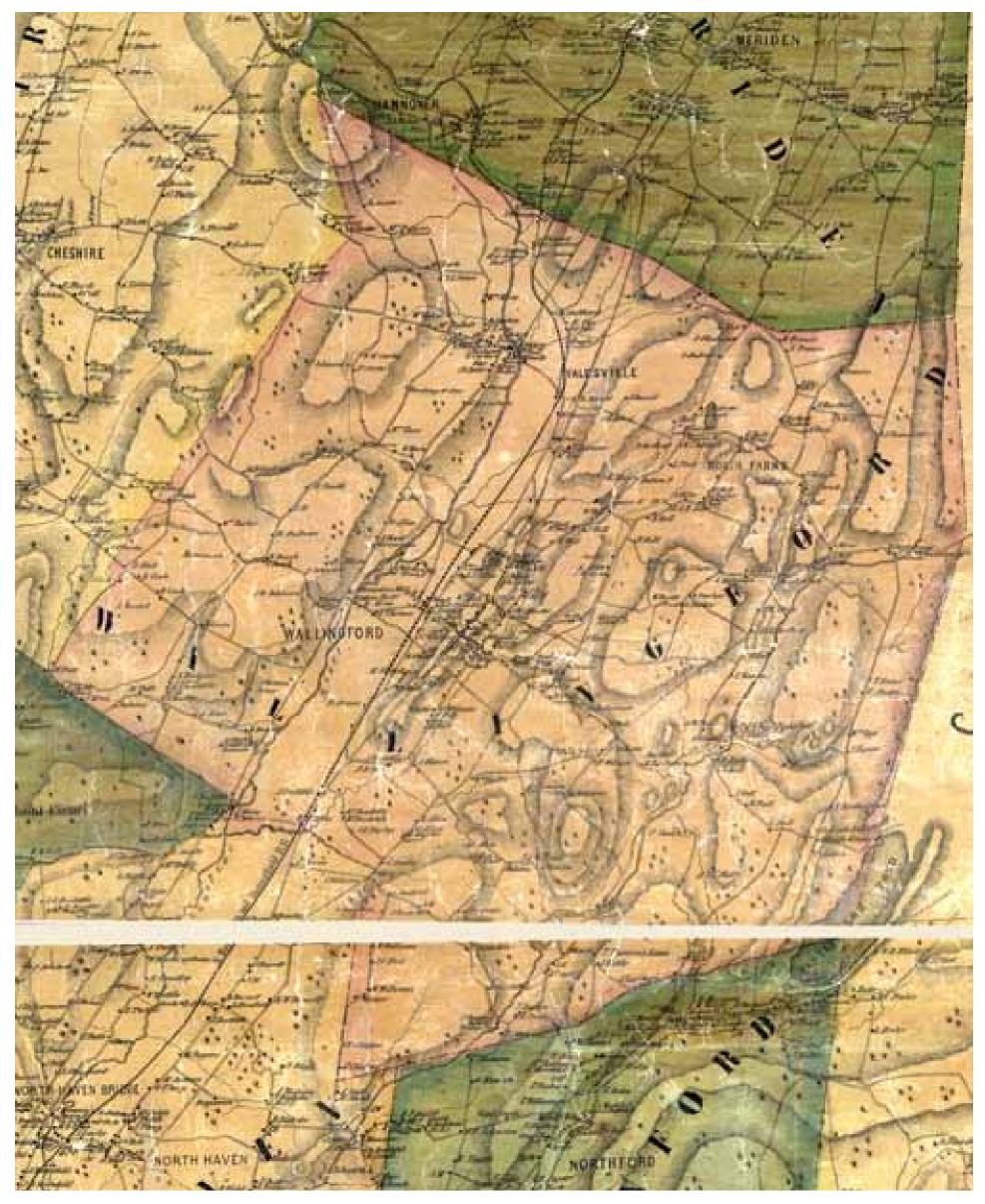
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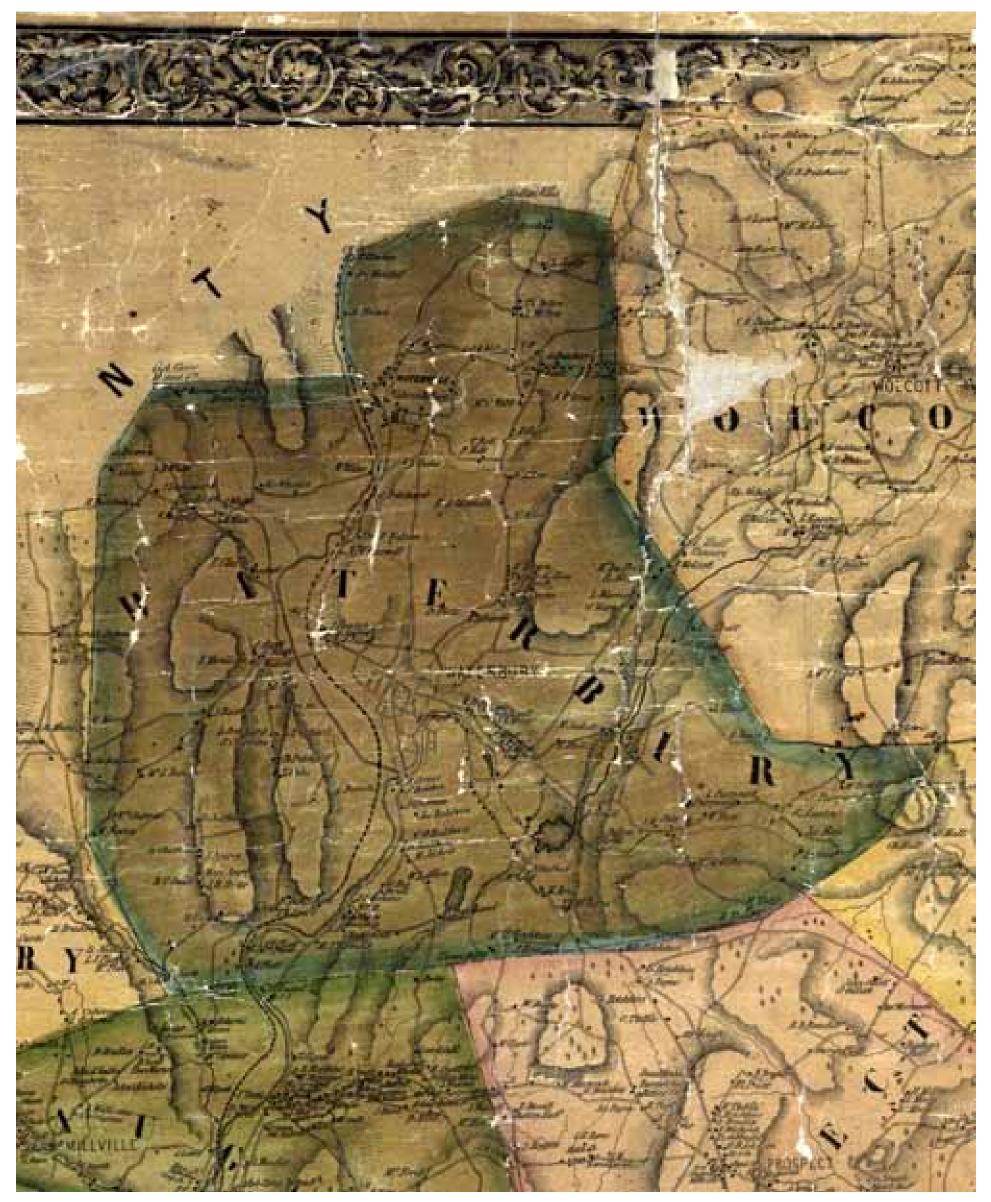
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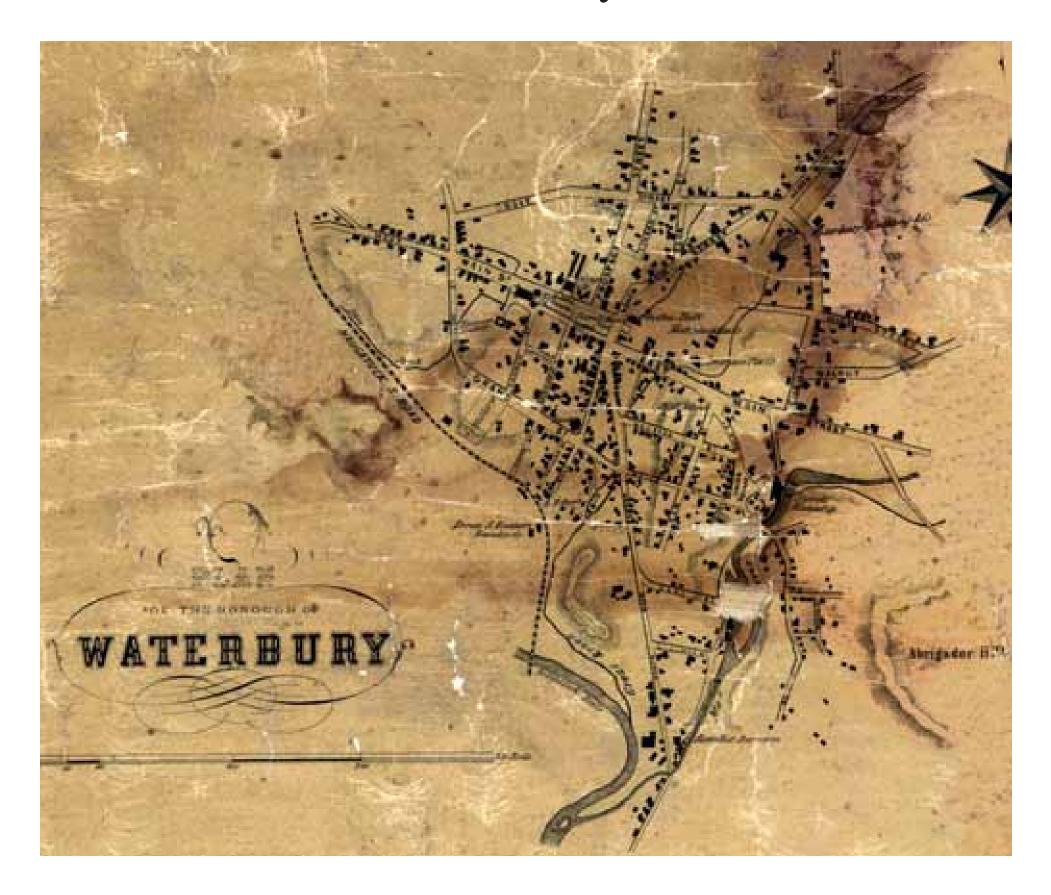
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