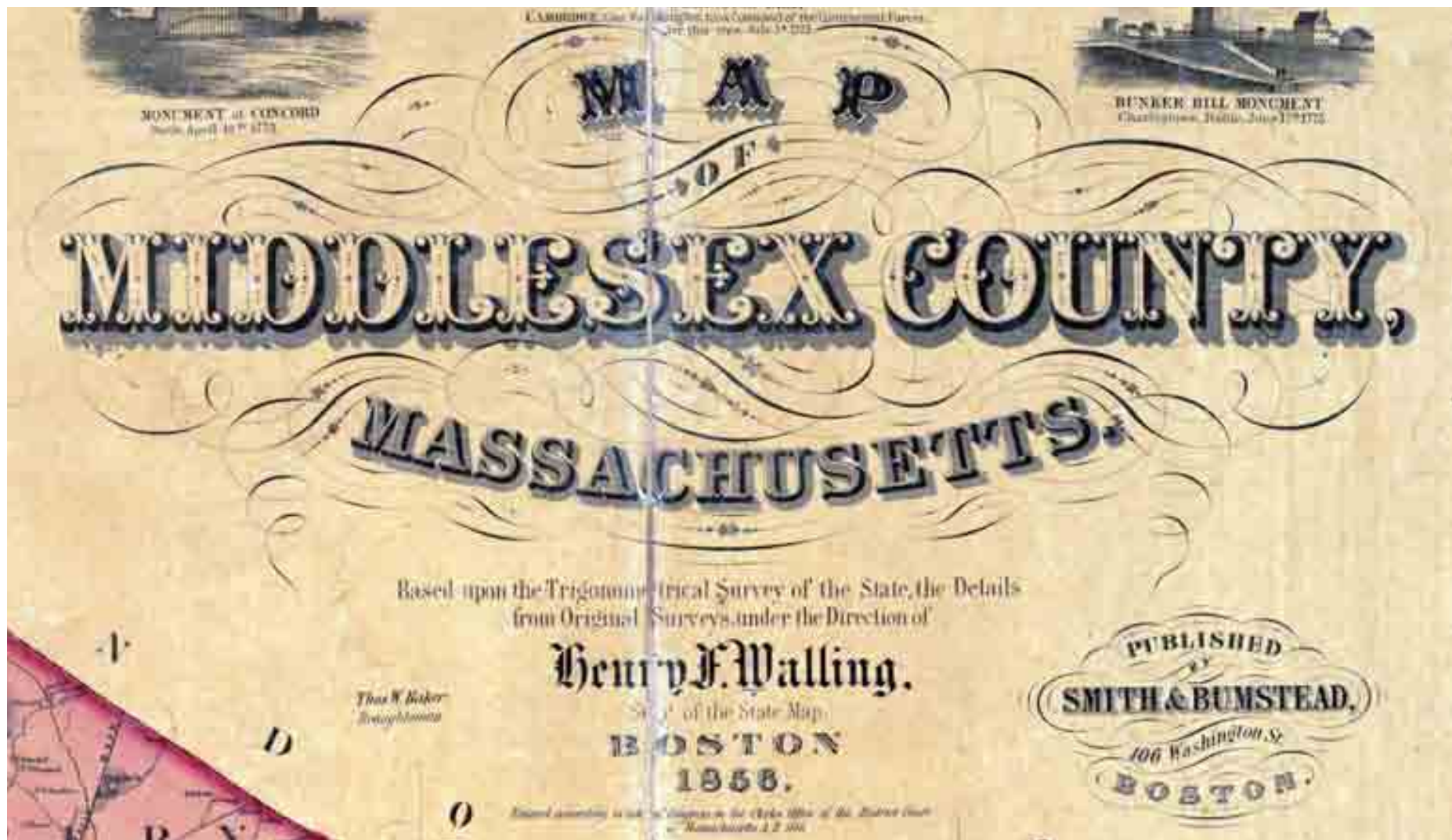


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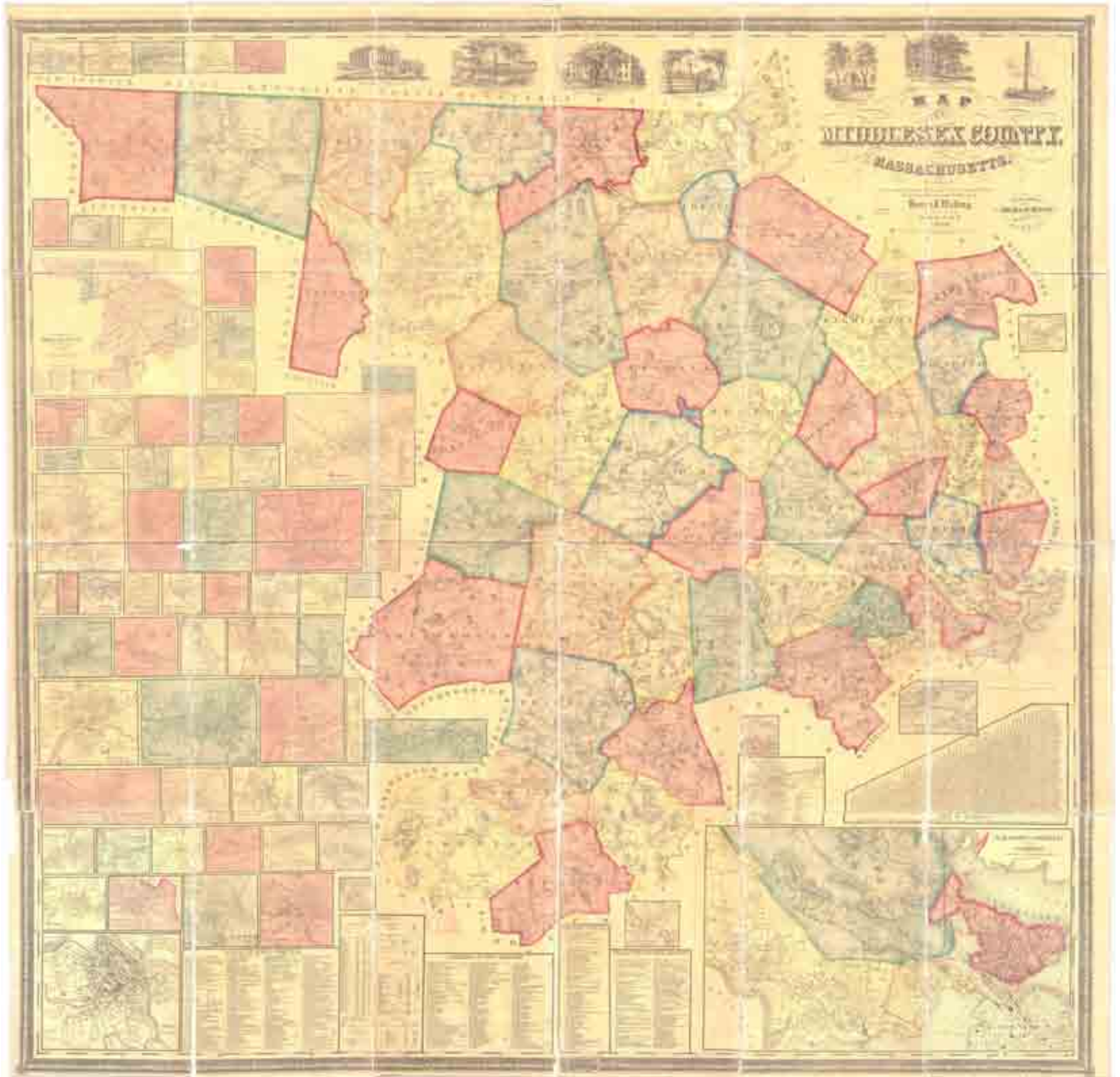
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CONCORD	MEDFORD	SUDBURY	

A complete copy of the 1856 county wall map showing the names and locations of 1000s of houses, businesses, churches and schools.

Map of Middlesex County, 1856



The original map is a large wall map measuring about 5' x 5', which has been "taken apart" for this edition by scanning it as separate images. In addition to the many detailed village maps, we have included the historical data and pictures that can be found in the margins of the 1856 map. This edition is made possible through the generosity of the Harvard College Map Library, which granted permission to use a copy of their original map.

An Historical Sketch of The Map

The 1856 Map of Middlesex County is an important historical document. It was the result of the most comprehensive survey made to date of the 51 towns in Middlesex County. The map pinpoints the names and locations of every residence, workplace, church and school.

This map is one of several Massachusetts county maps created in the 1850s- a period of extraordinary map-making in America. The author of this map, Henry F. Walling, was one of the leaders of the county map-making business. Walling produced ten other Massachusetts county wall maps, as well as a number in neighboring states.

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 wheelbarrow-like device pictured here, or one drawn by horse and buggy. The original road surveys for this privately-produced map were made to the best standards of the time. This map served as the basis for later mapping for decades afterwards.



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.

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 a 12" x 17" booklet. This size allows the reader to print out the maps at home. The formatting and sizes of 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. All town maps are at 125% unless specified. All village inset maps are at 200% unless specified. In these cases a % number indicates the change (e.g. 125% means the printed map will be 25% larger than the original).

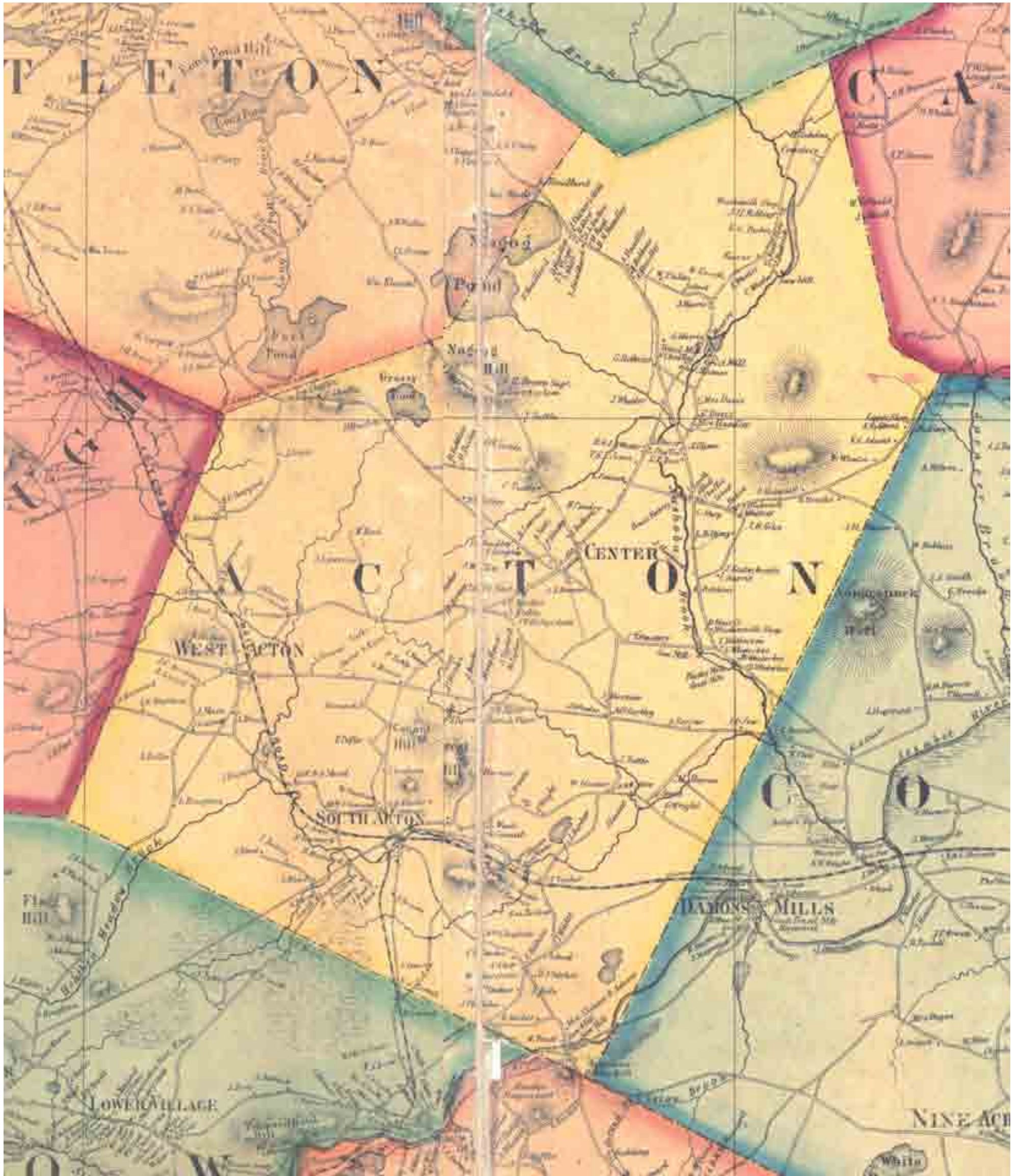
Note on Missing Data

The original map used for this reproduction has some defects, so a few names are missing in some towns.

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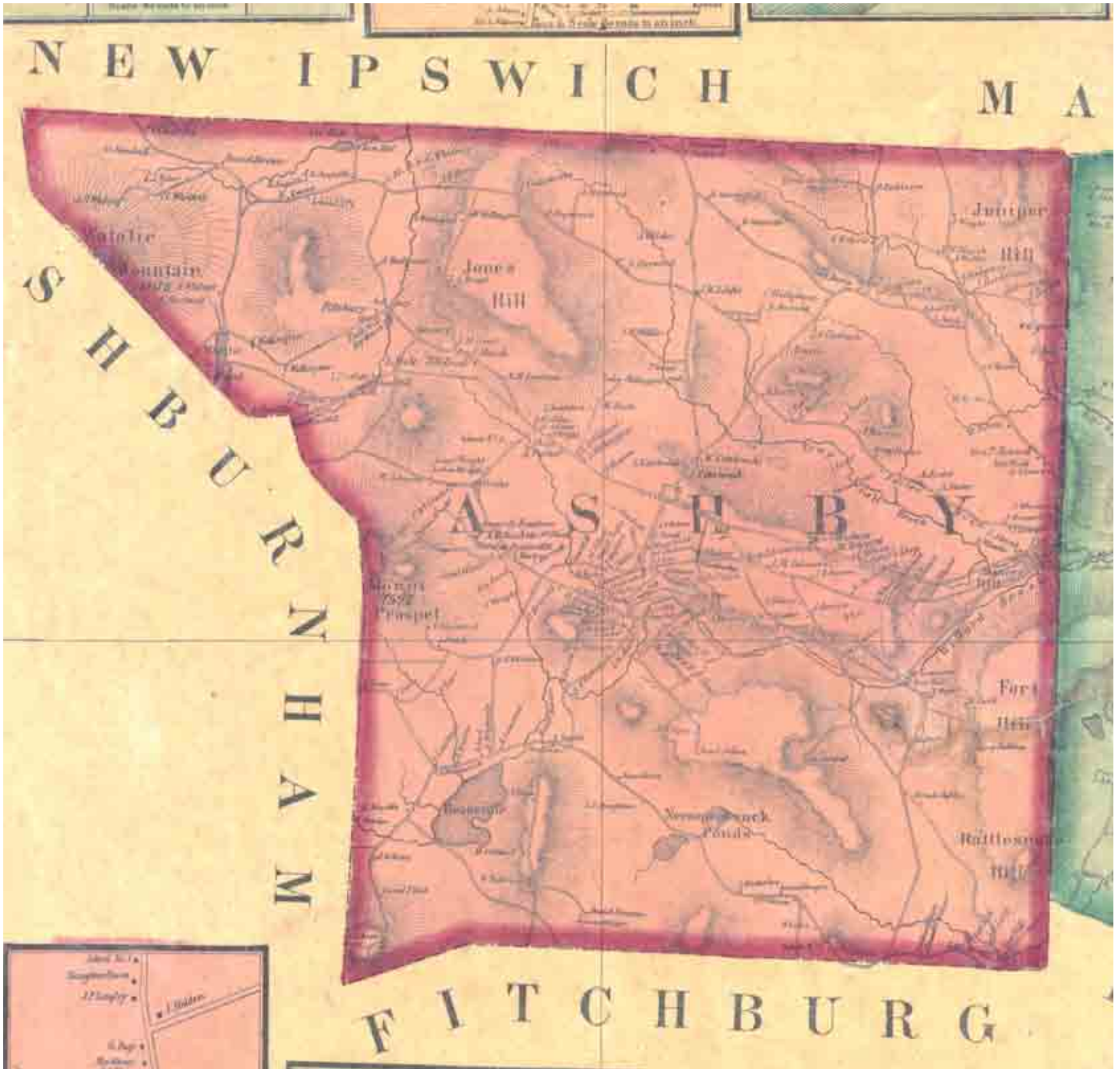
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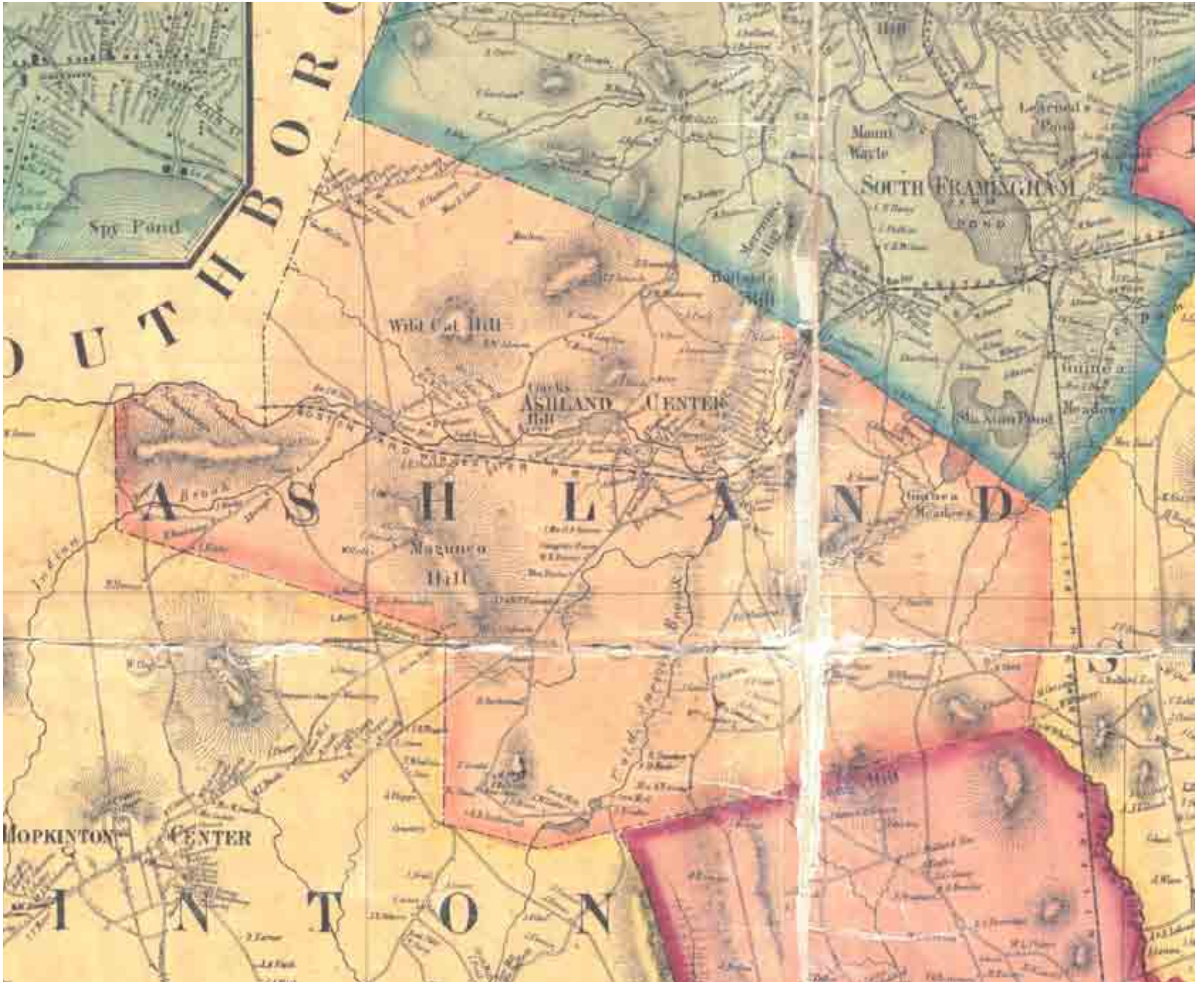
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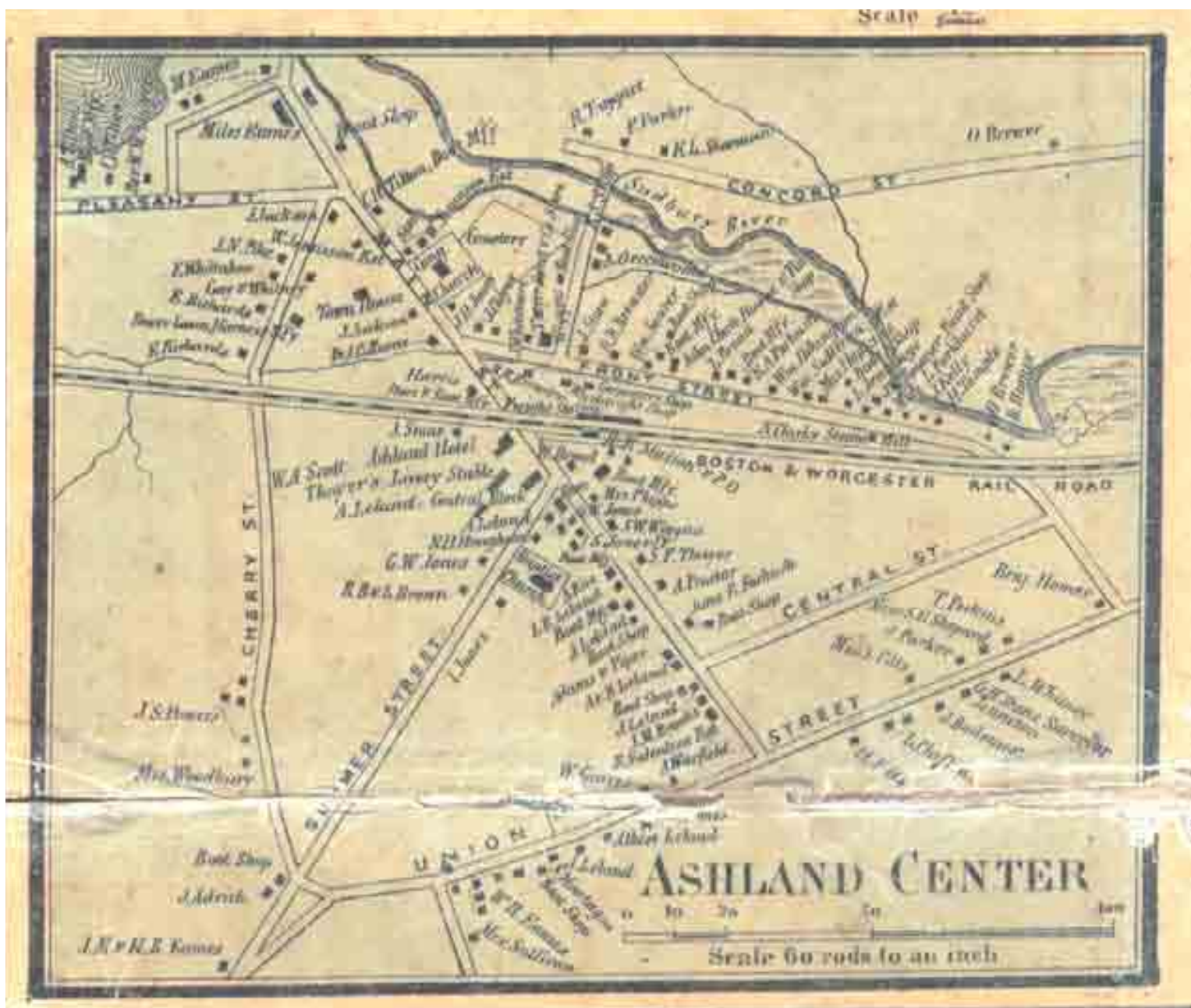
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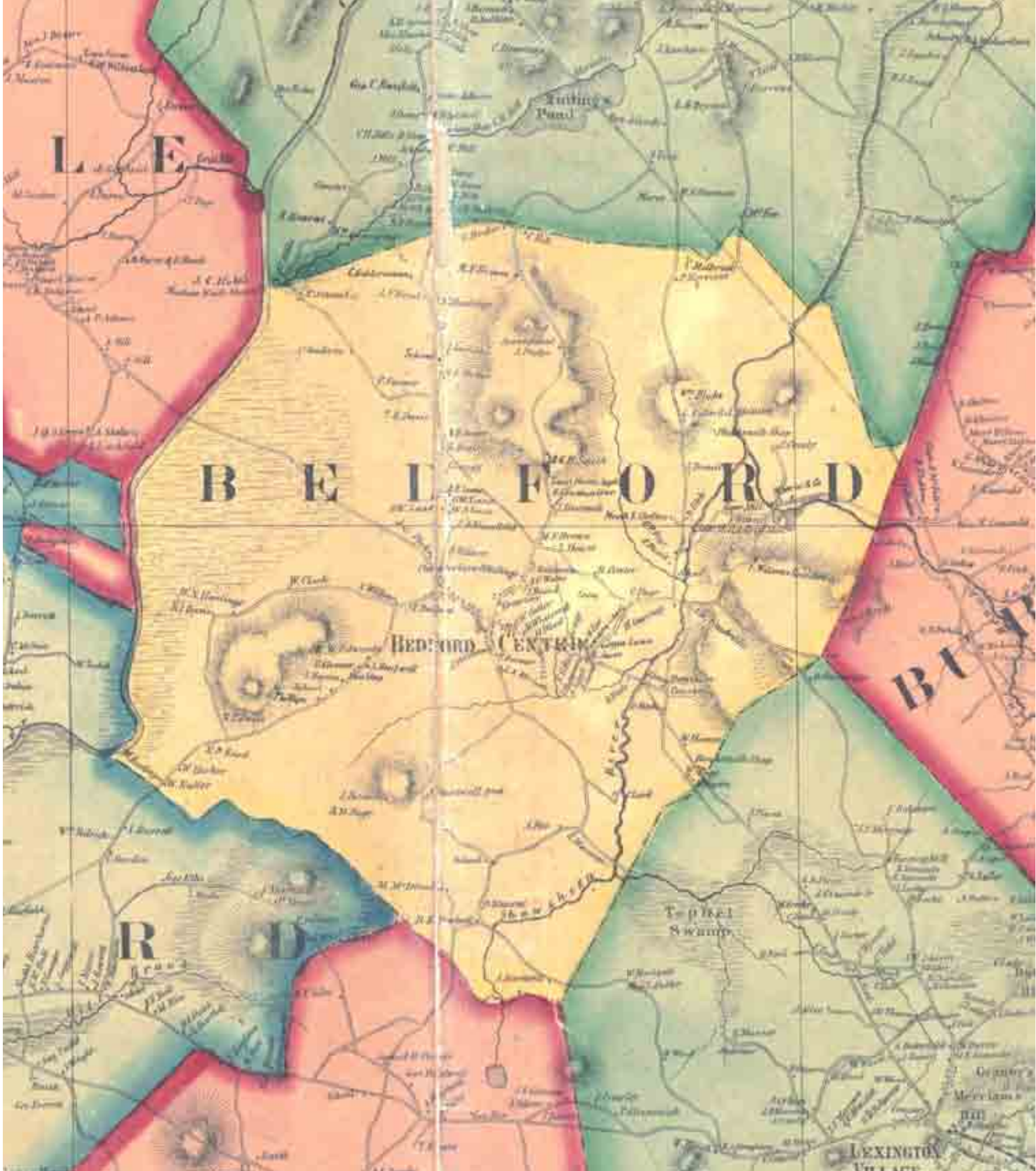
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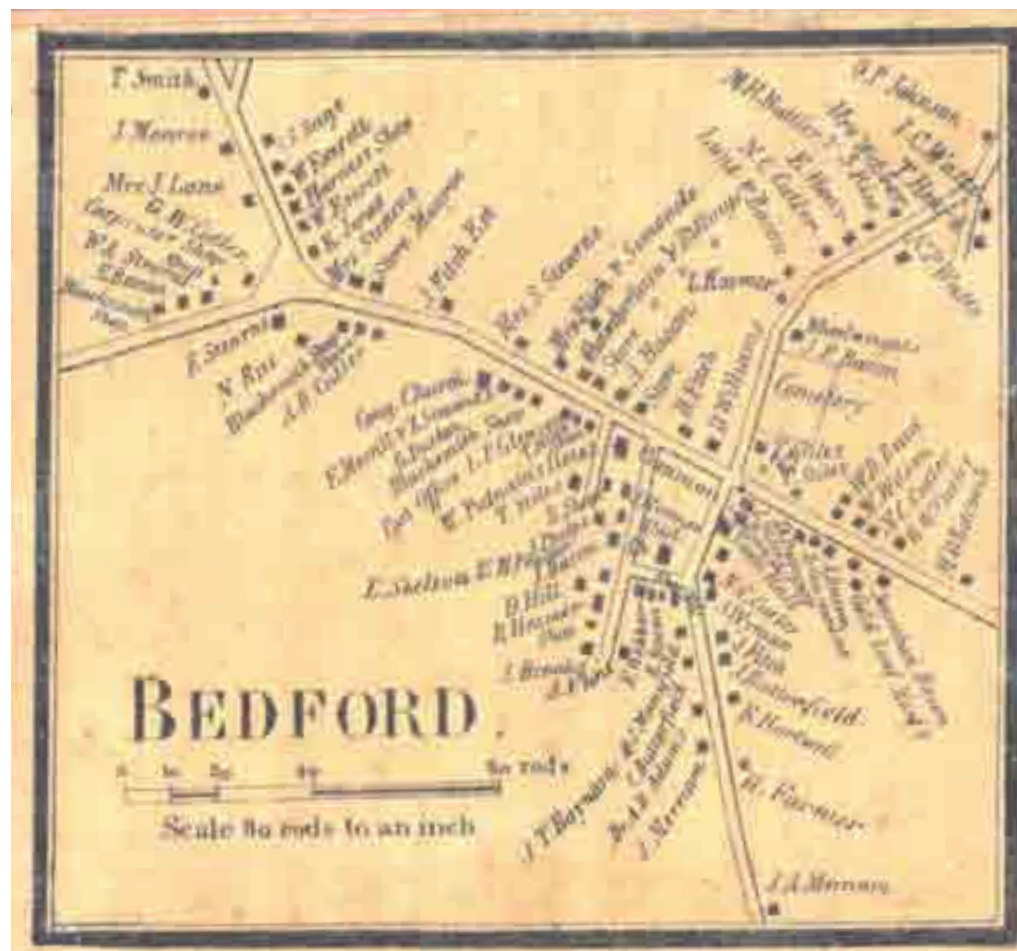
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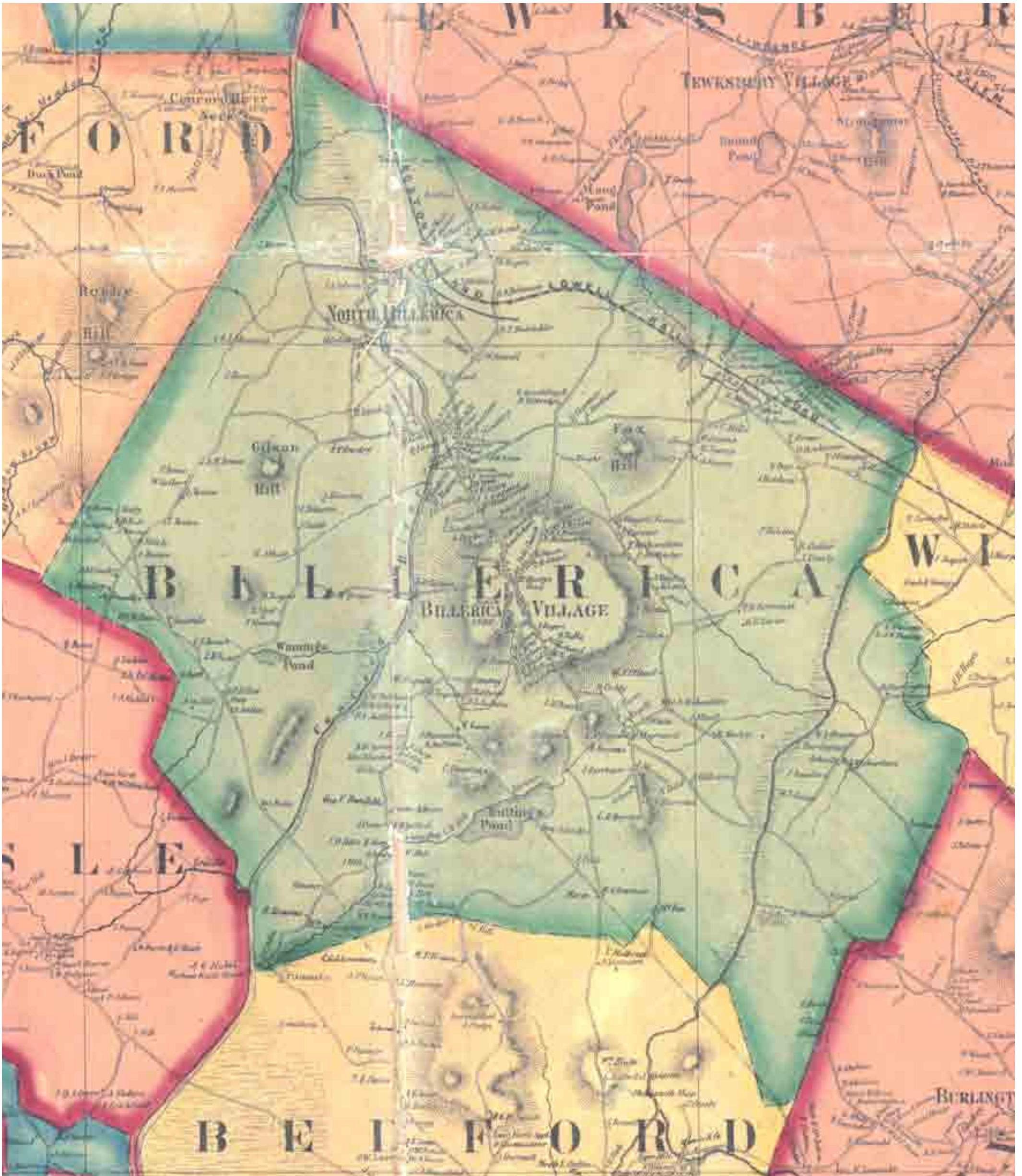
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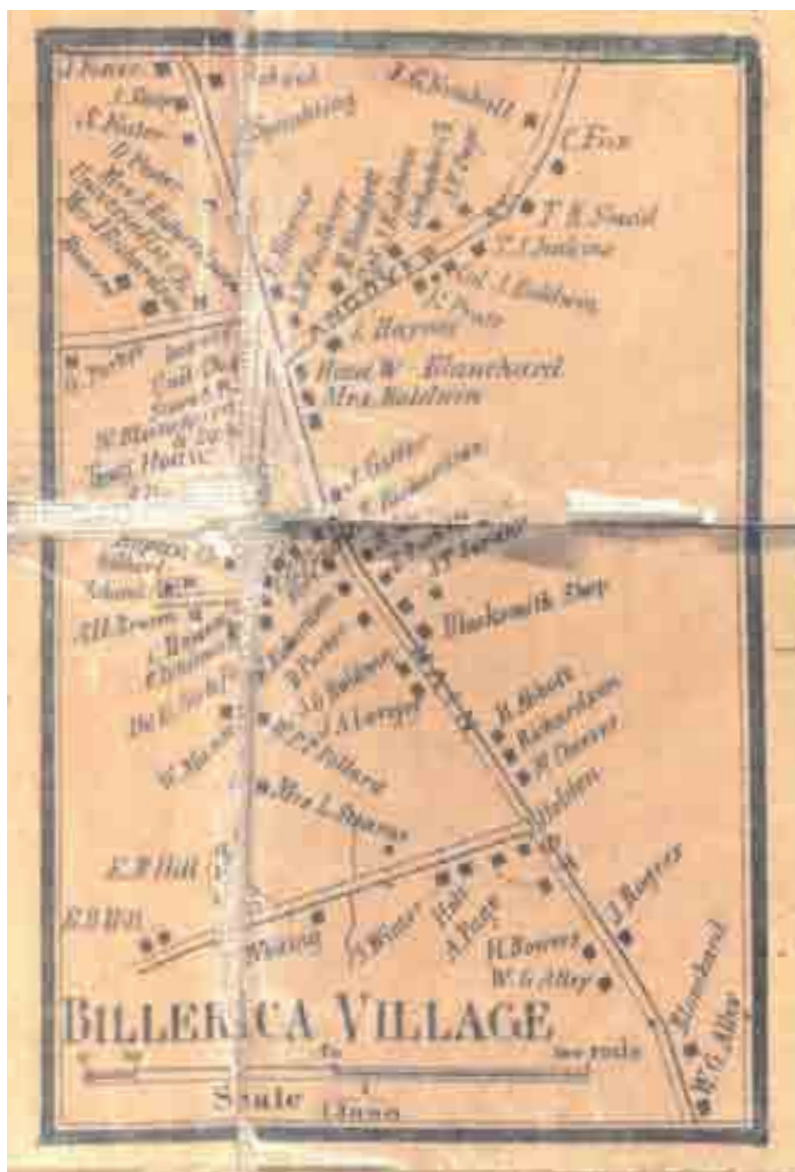
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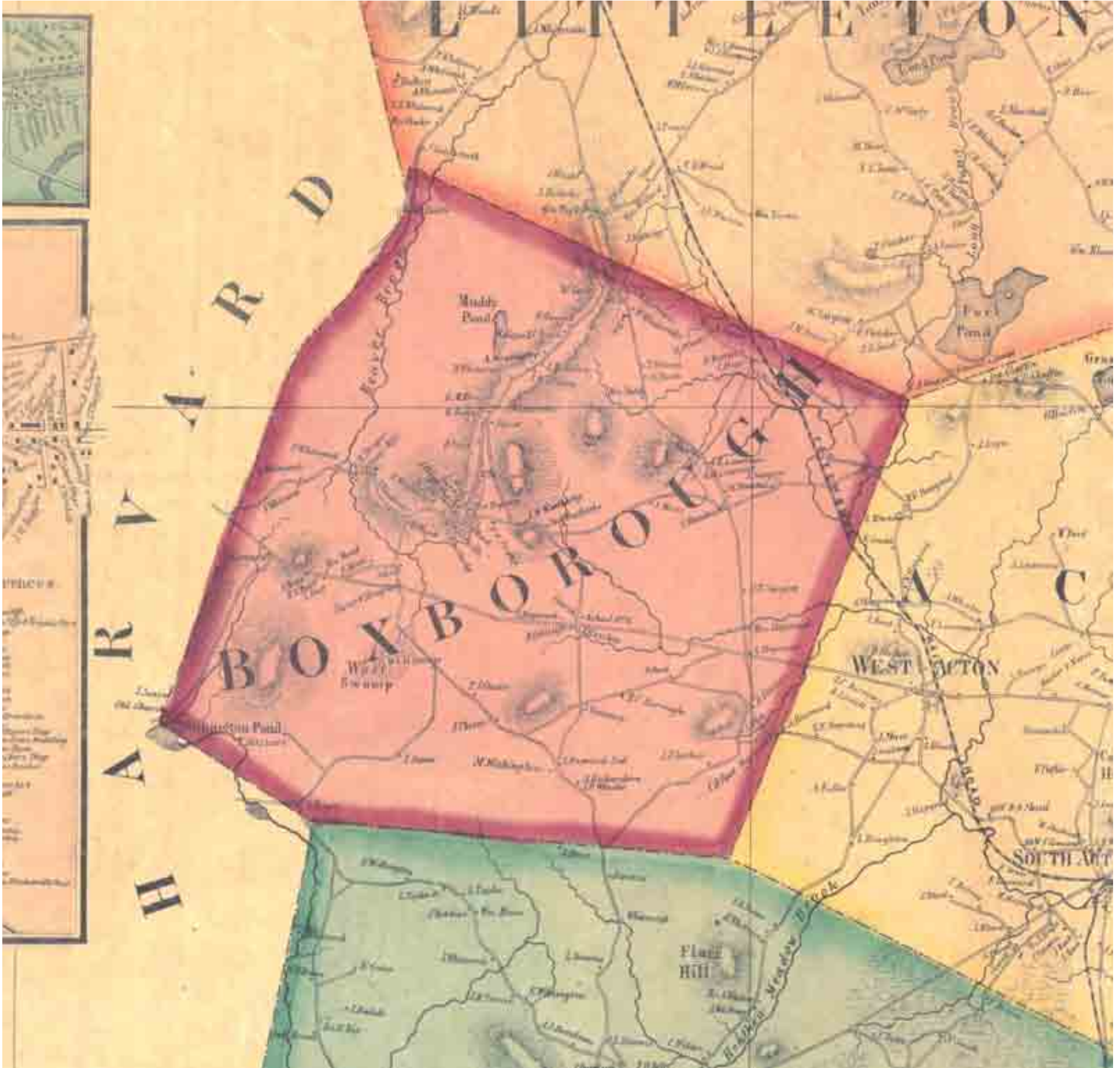
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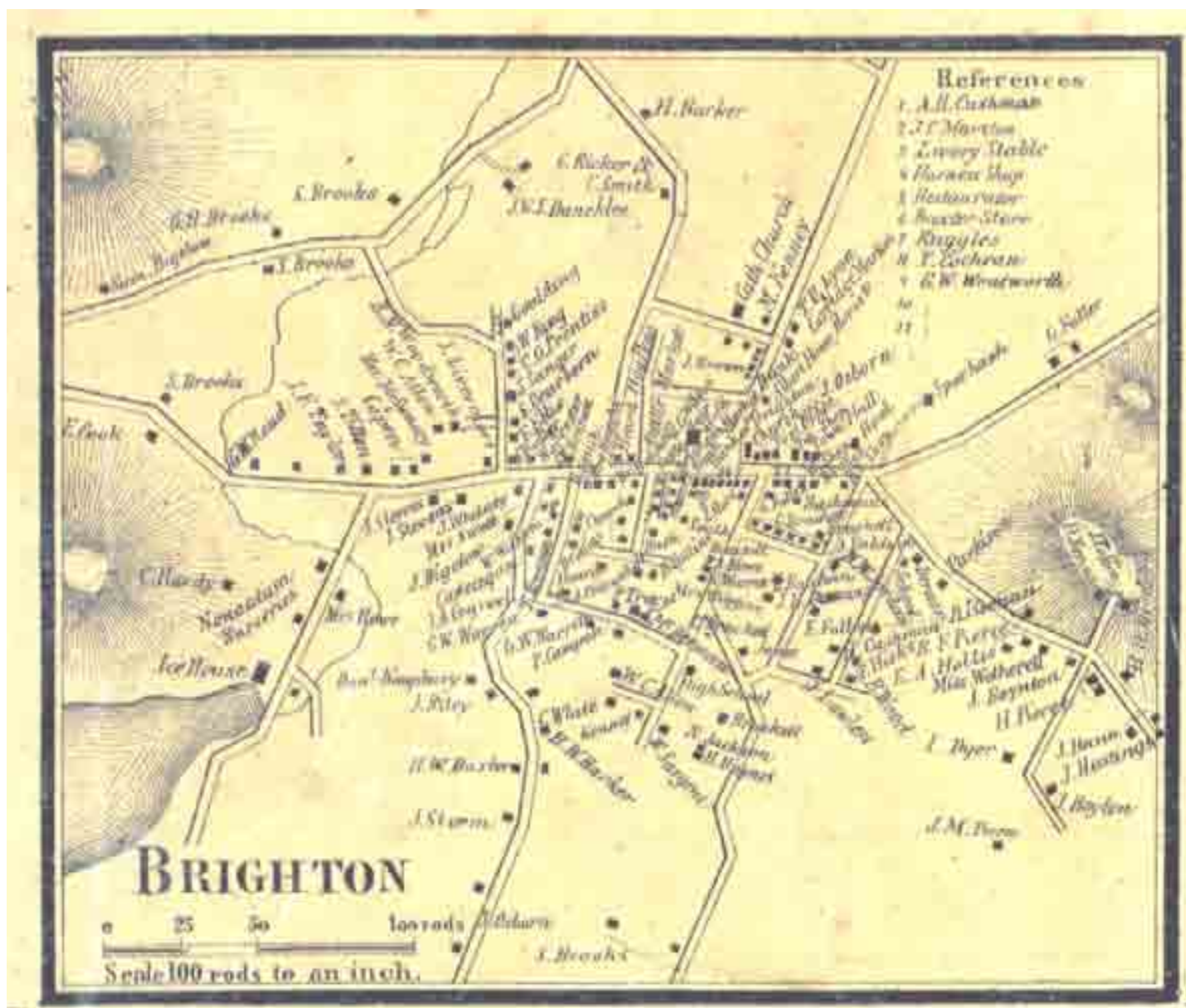


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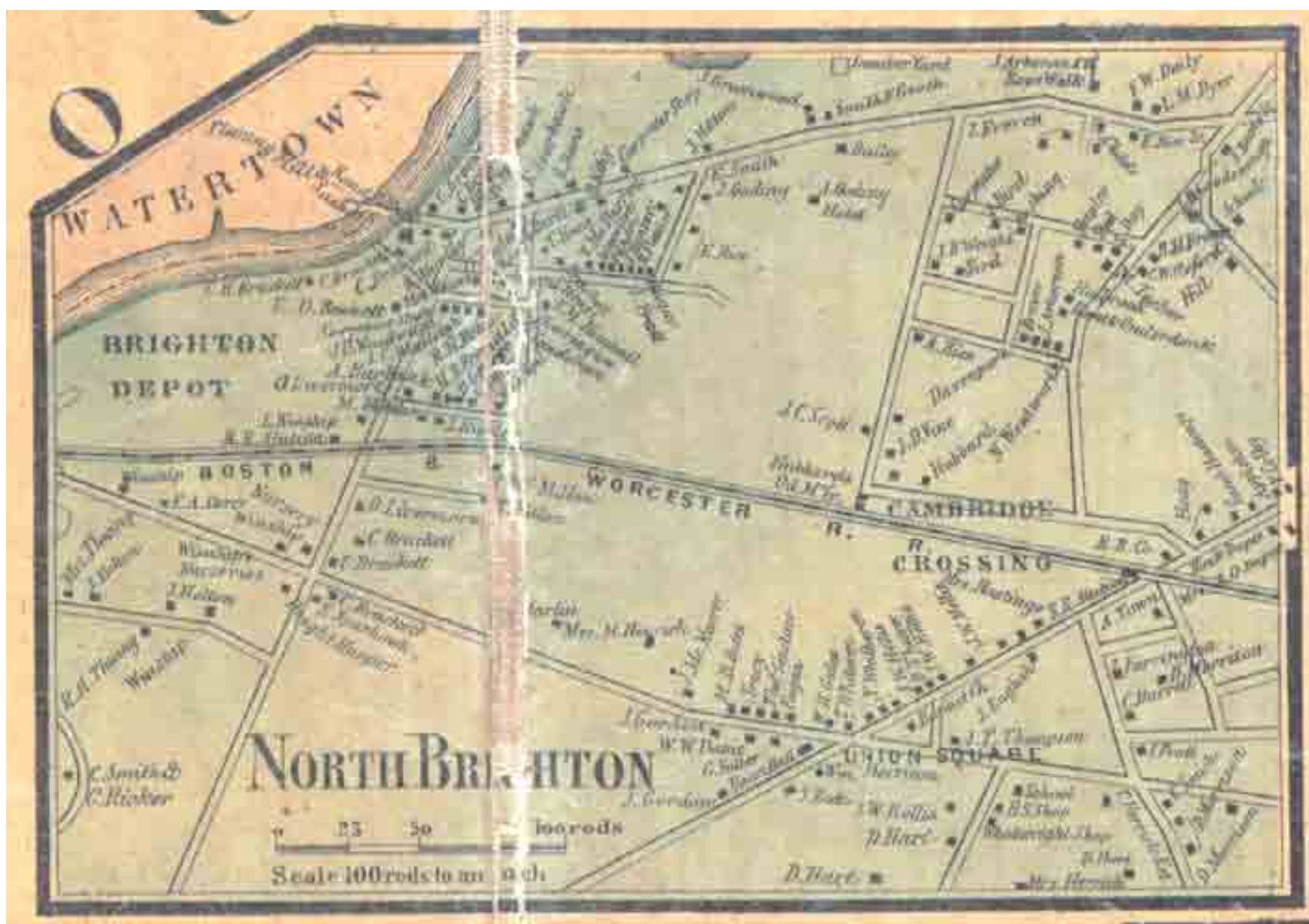
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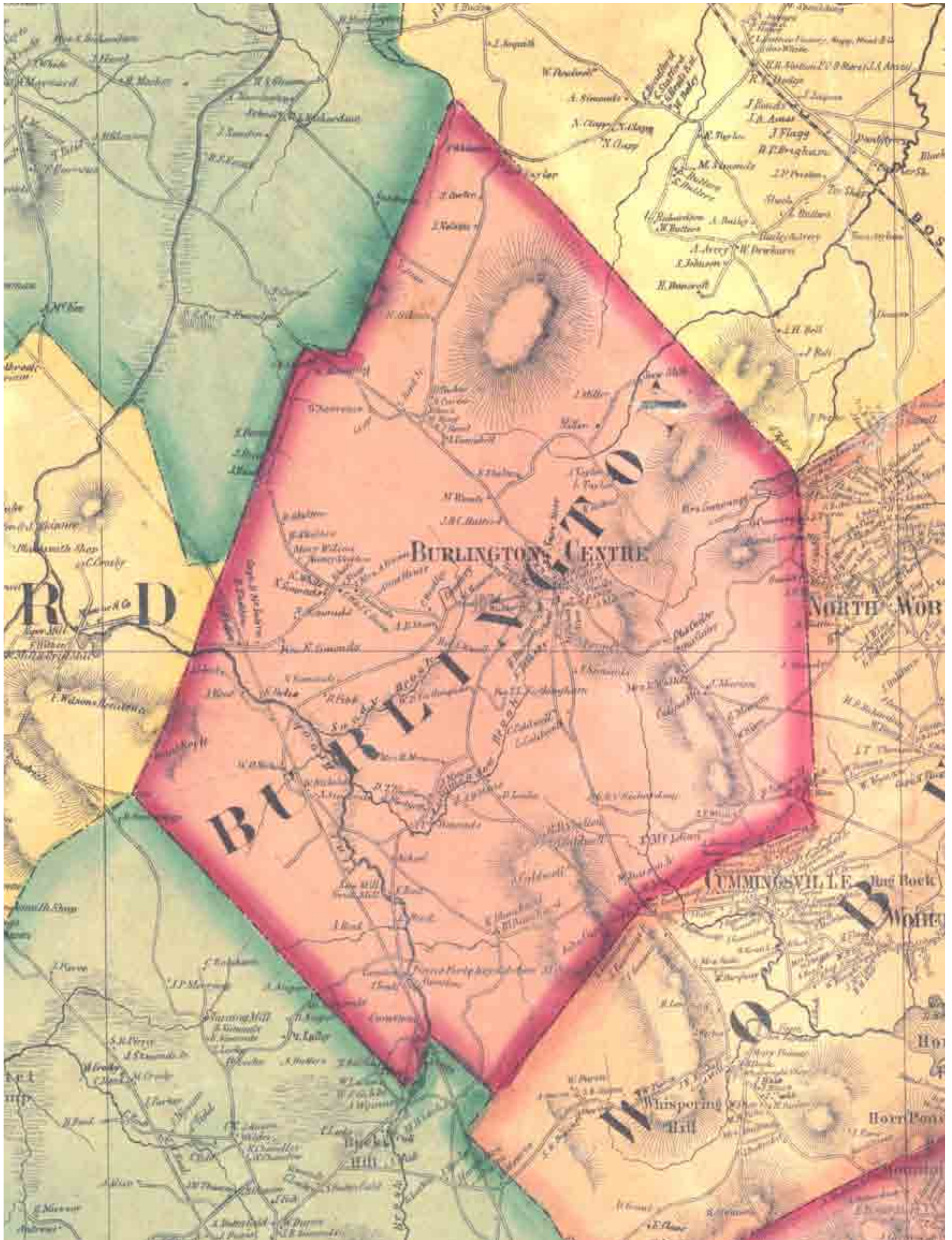


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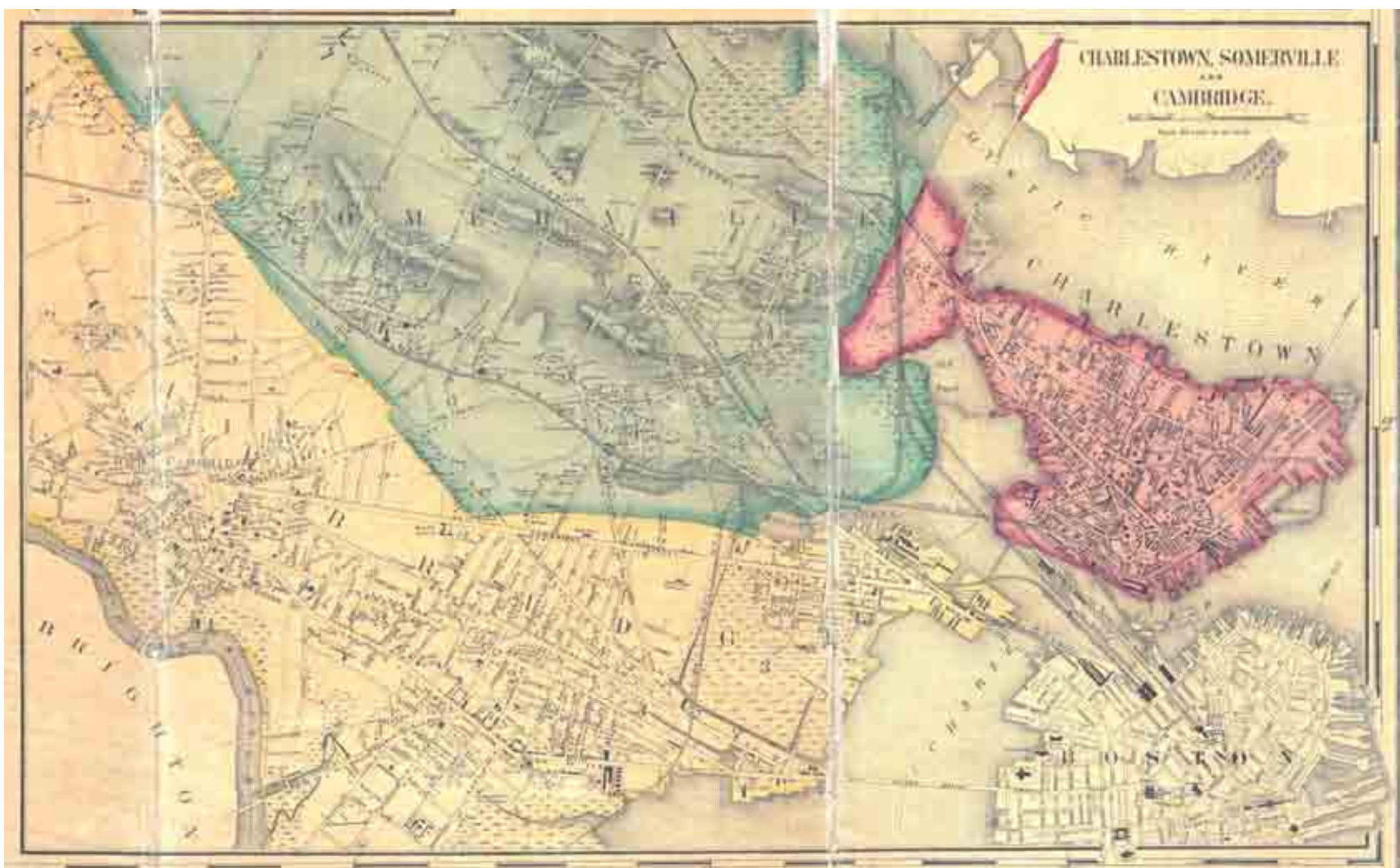
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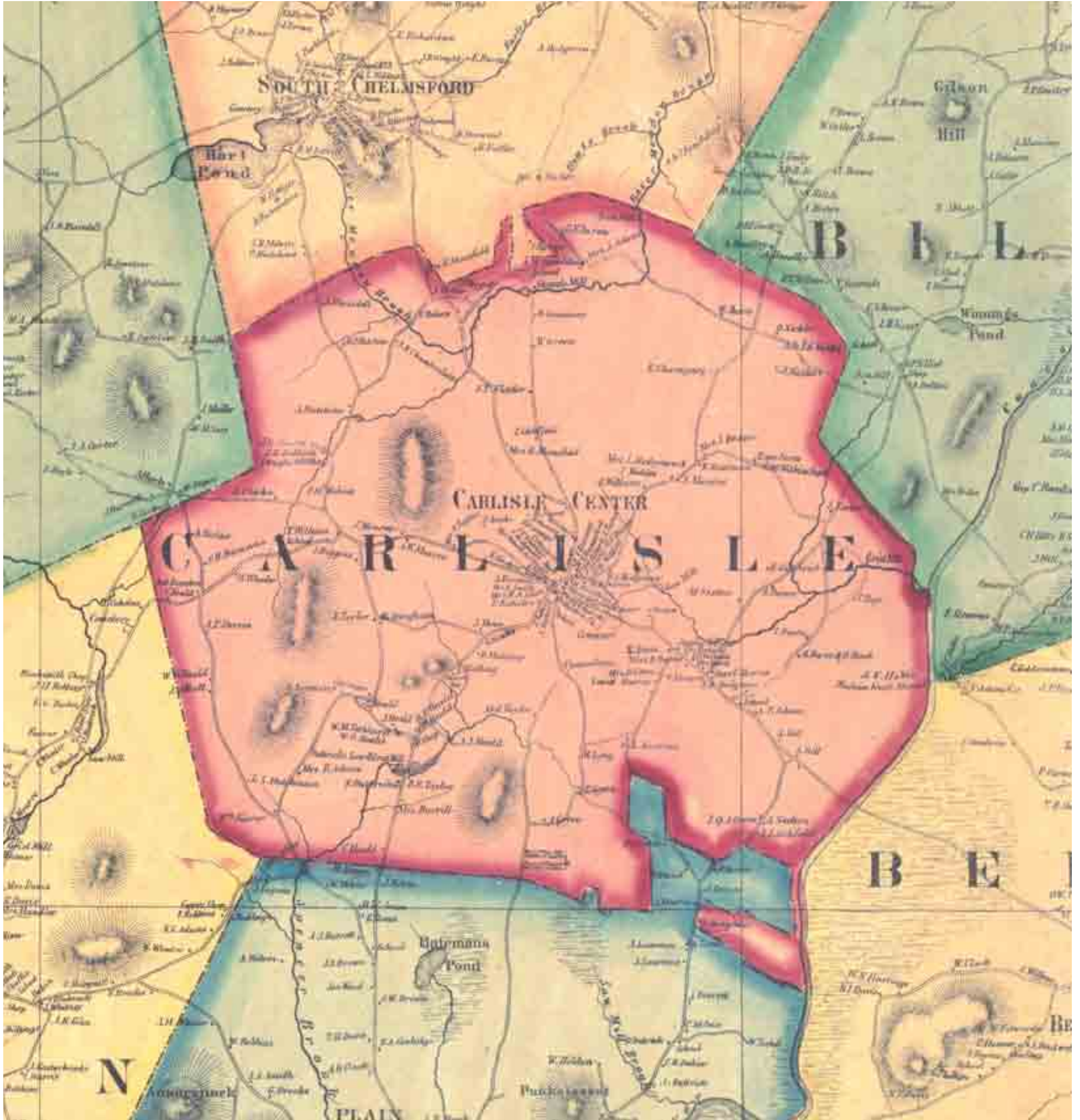
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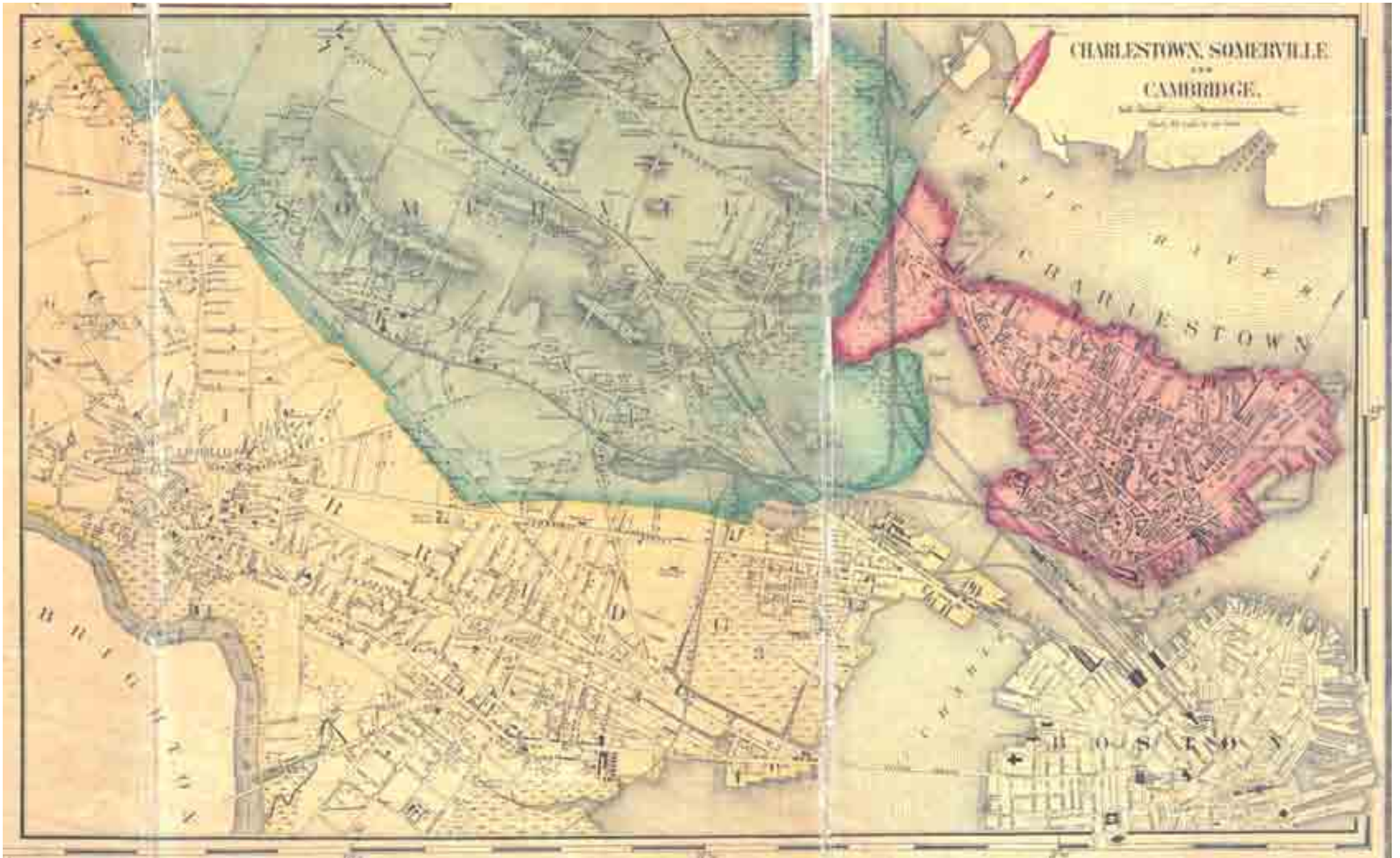
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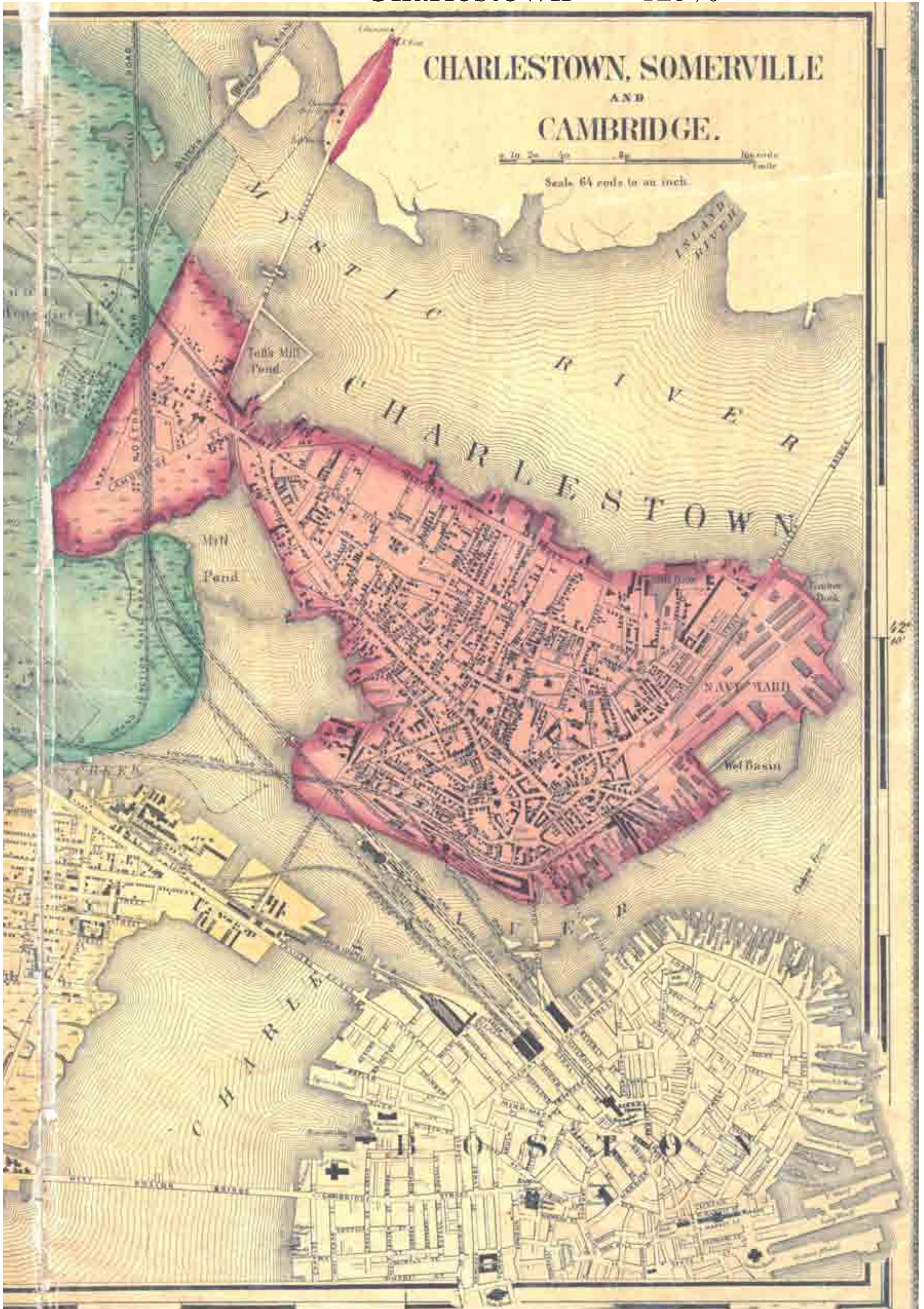


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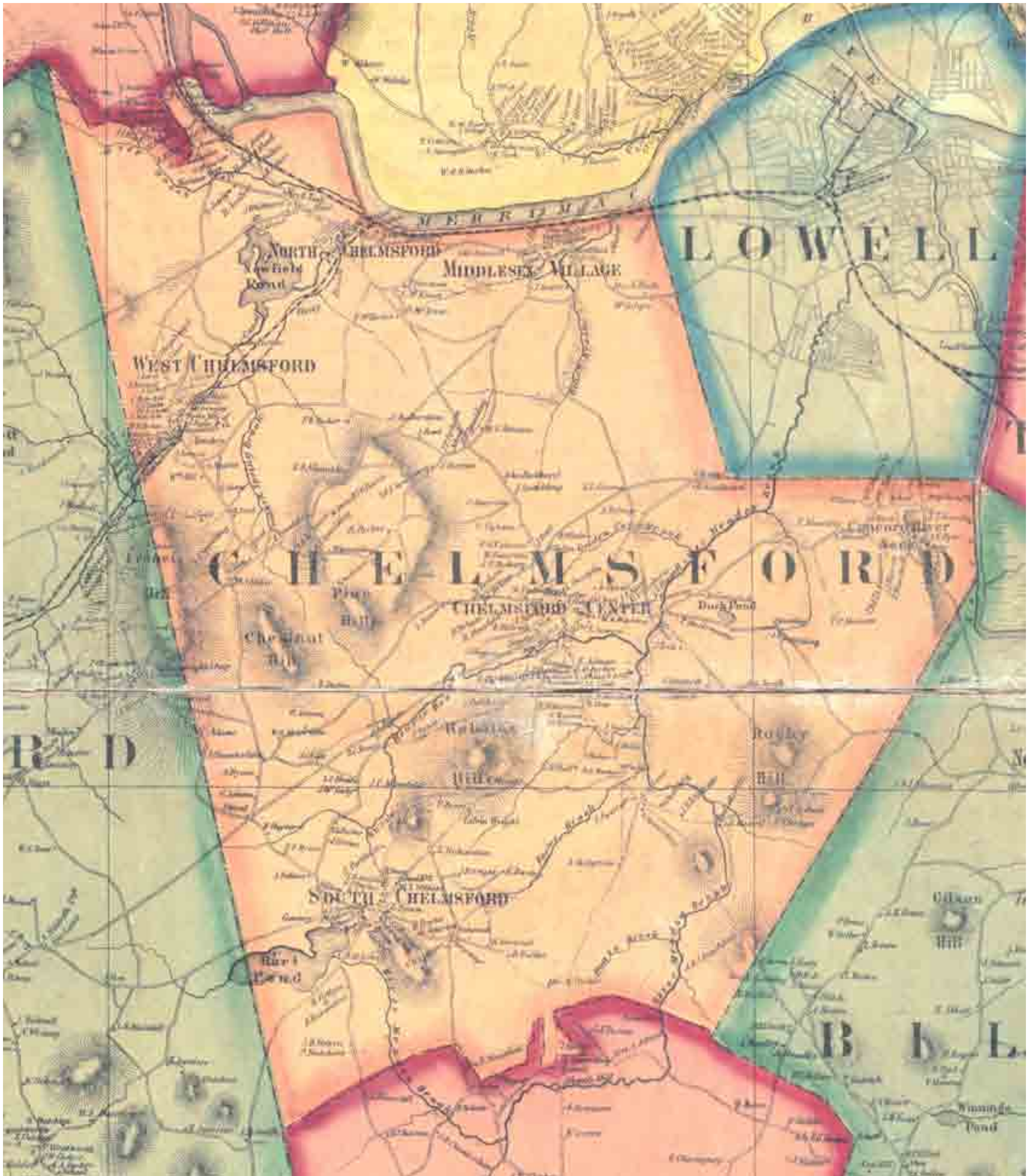
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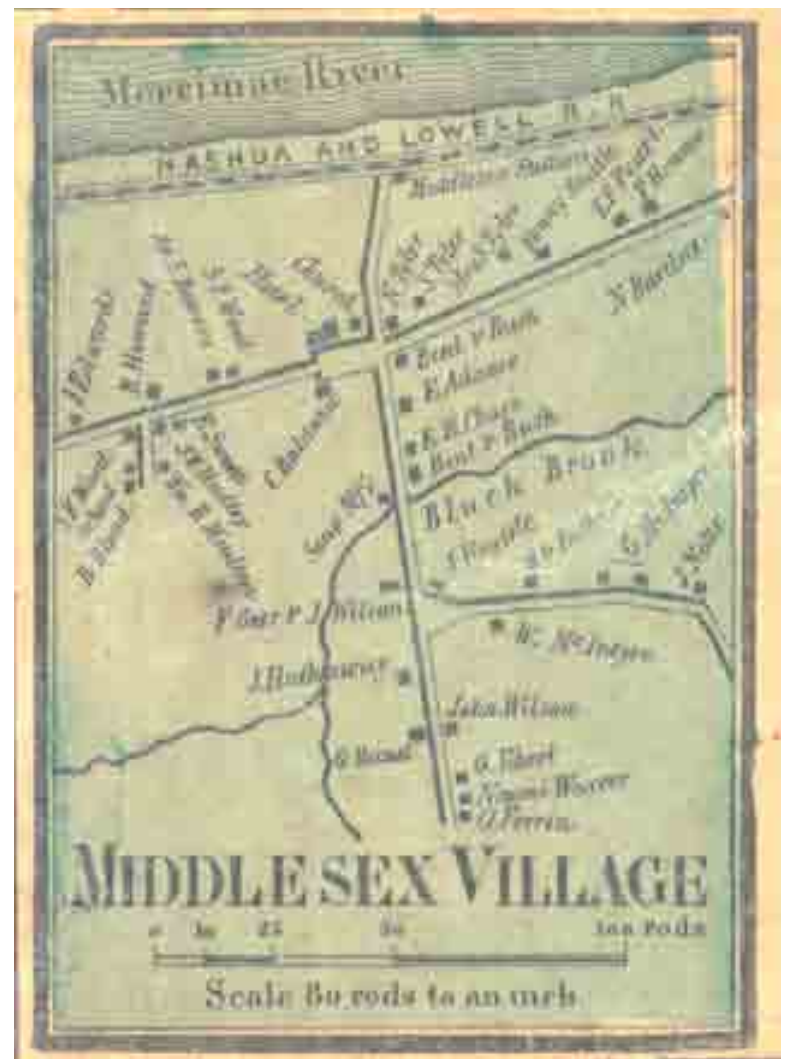
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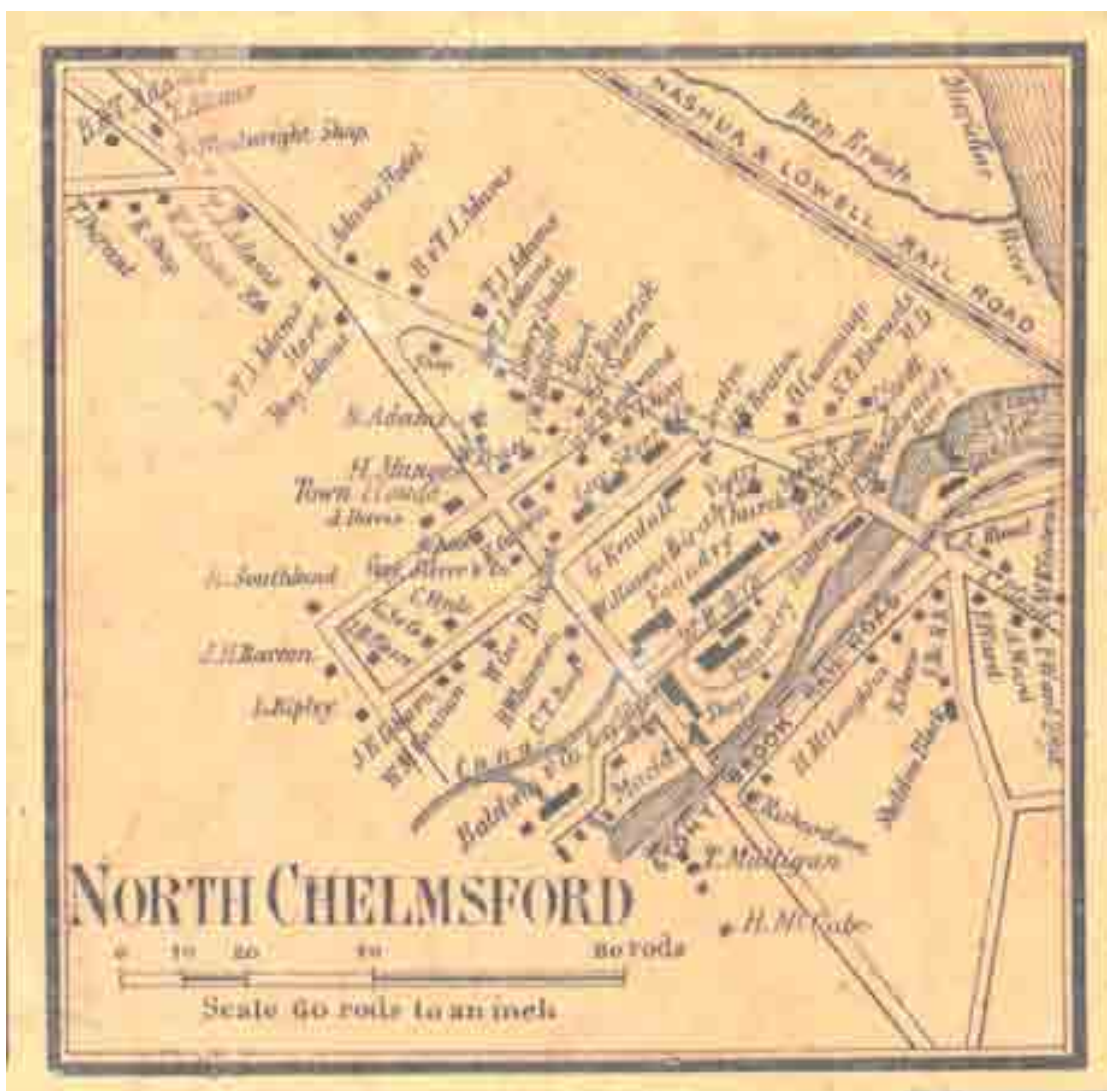
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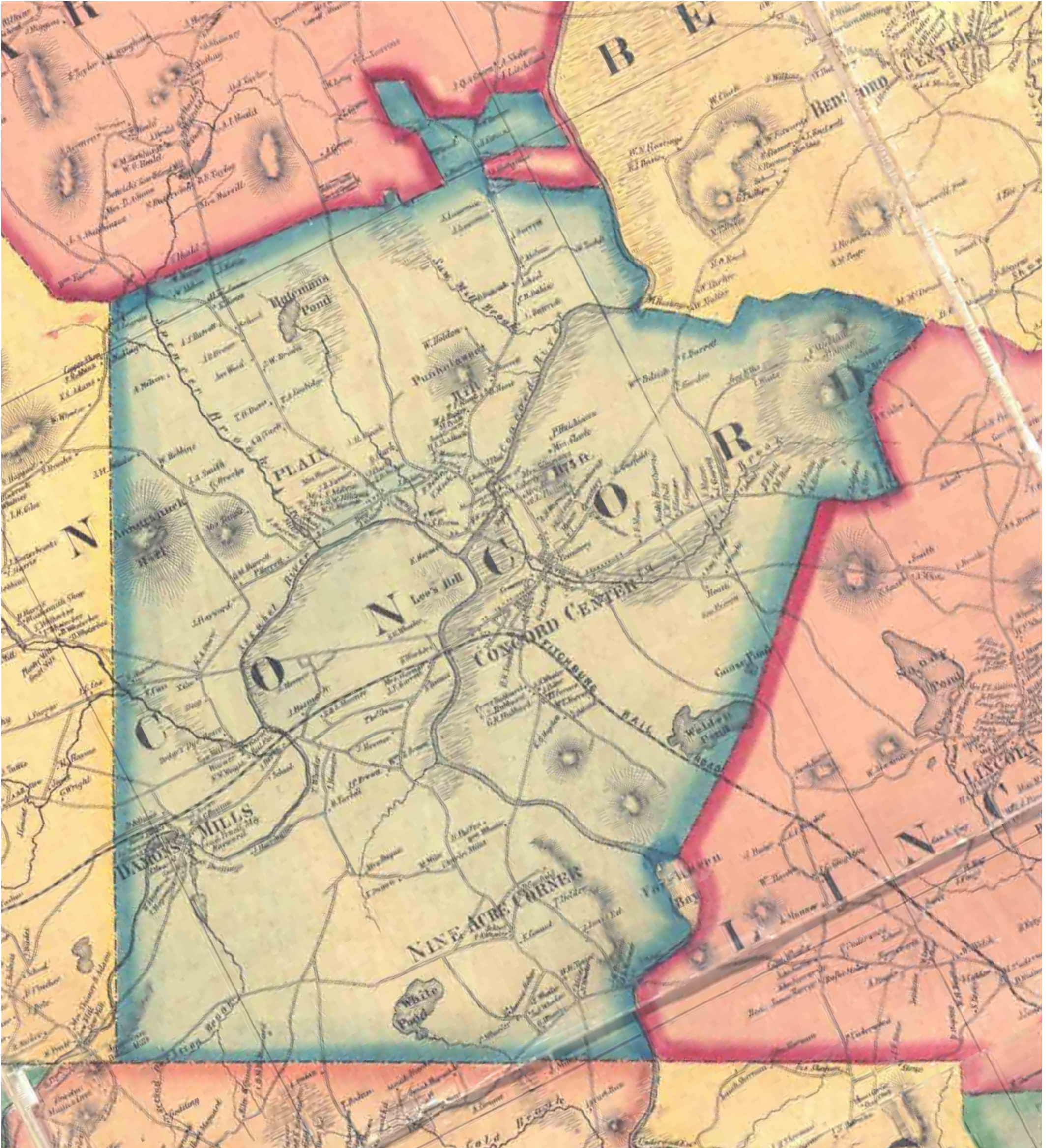
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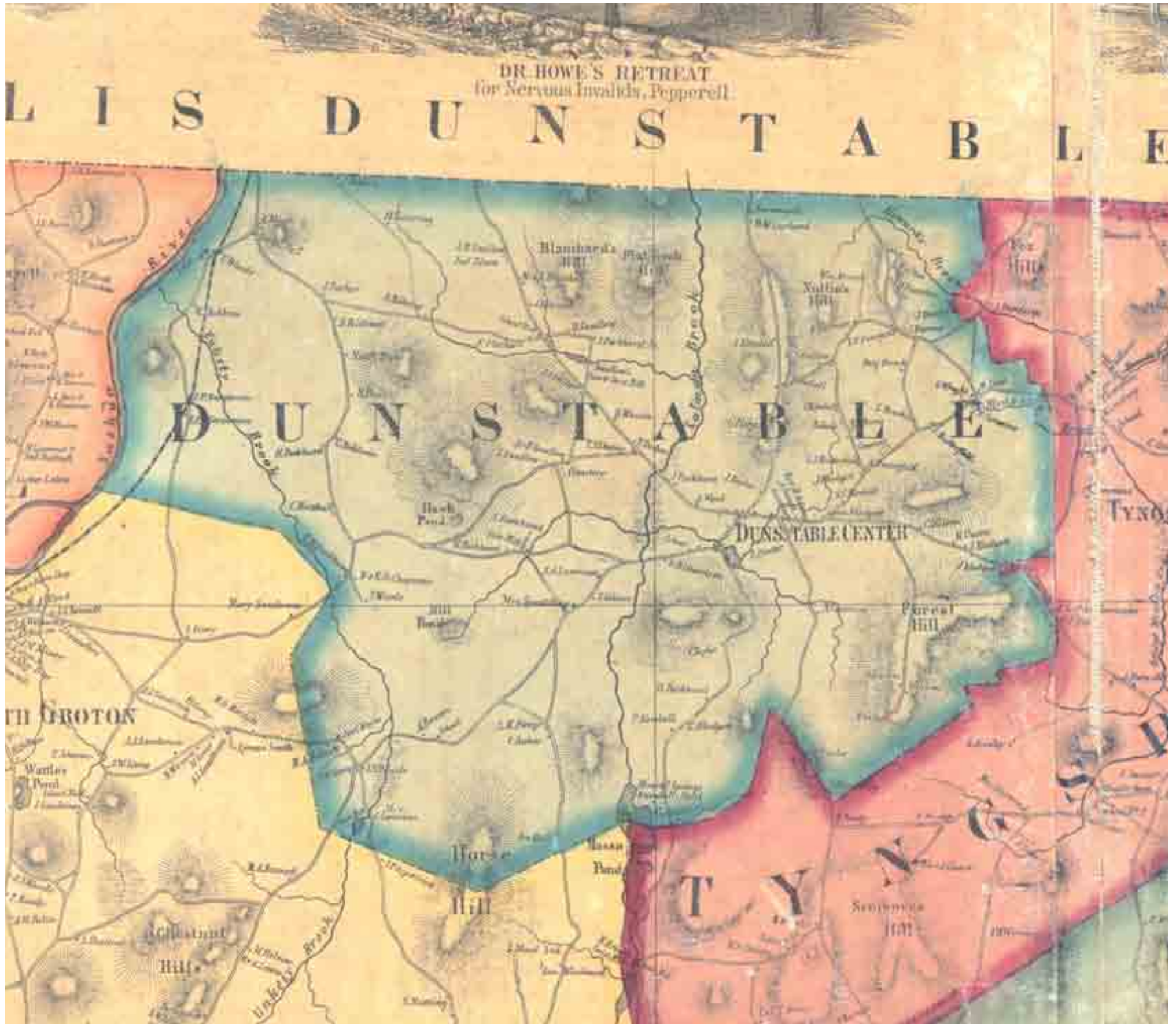
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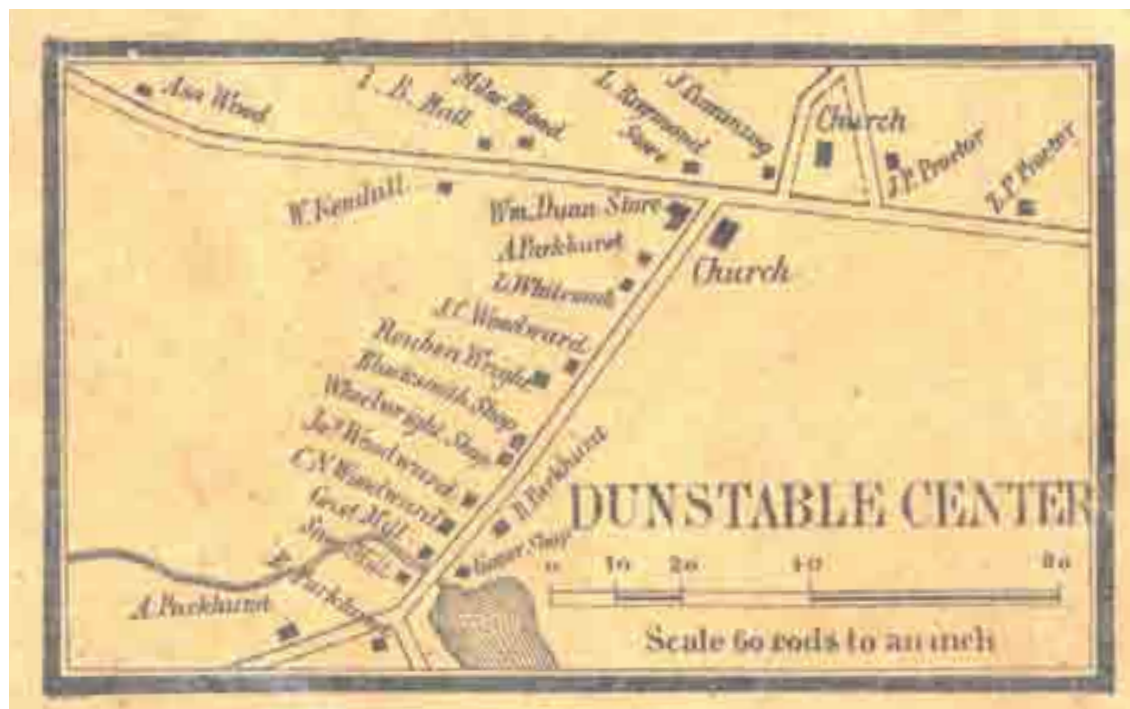
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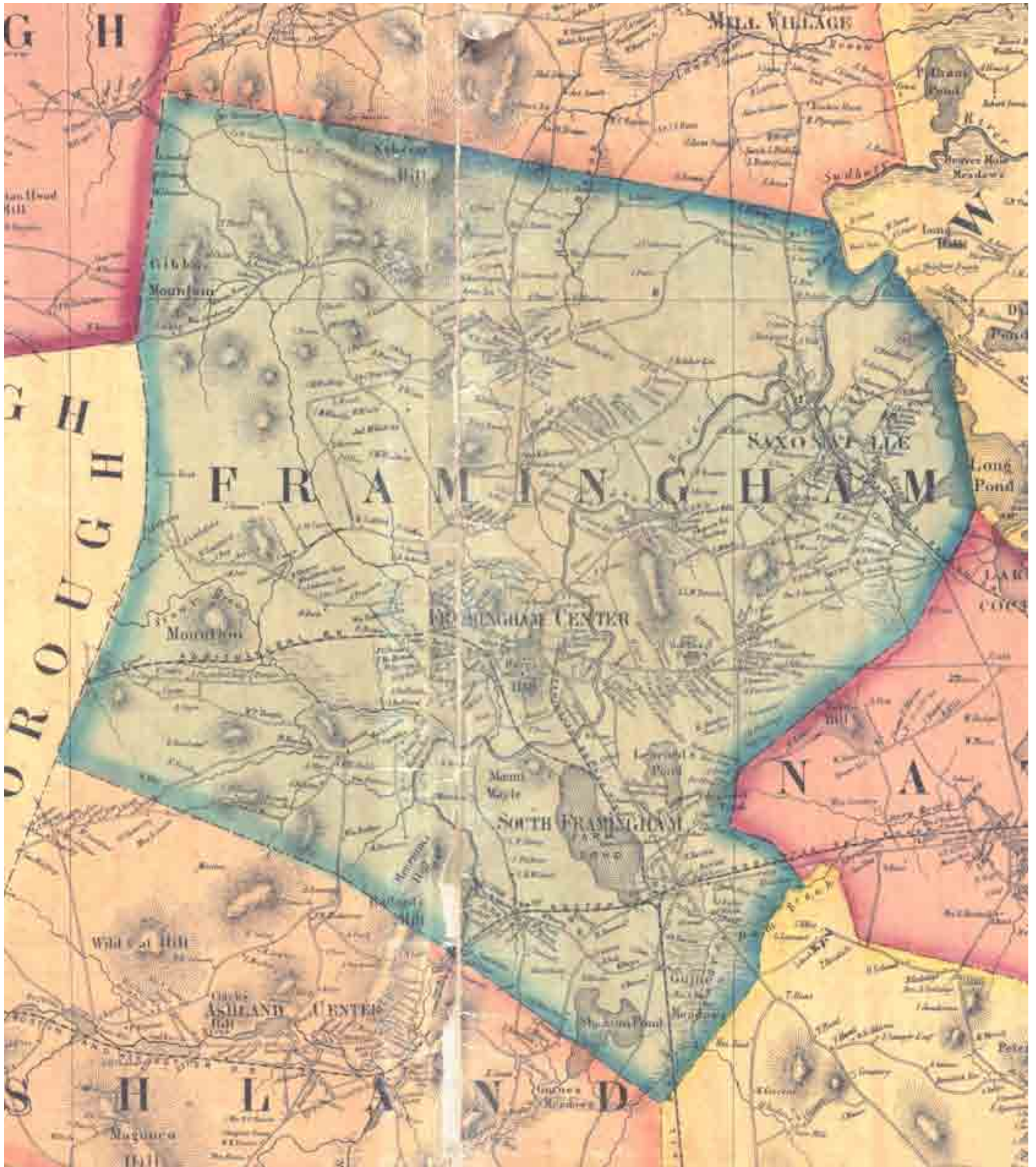
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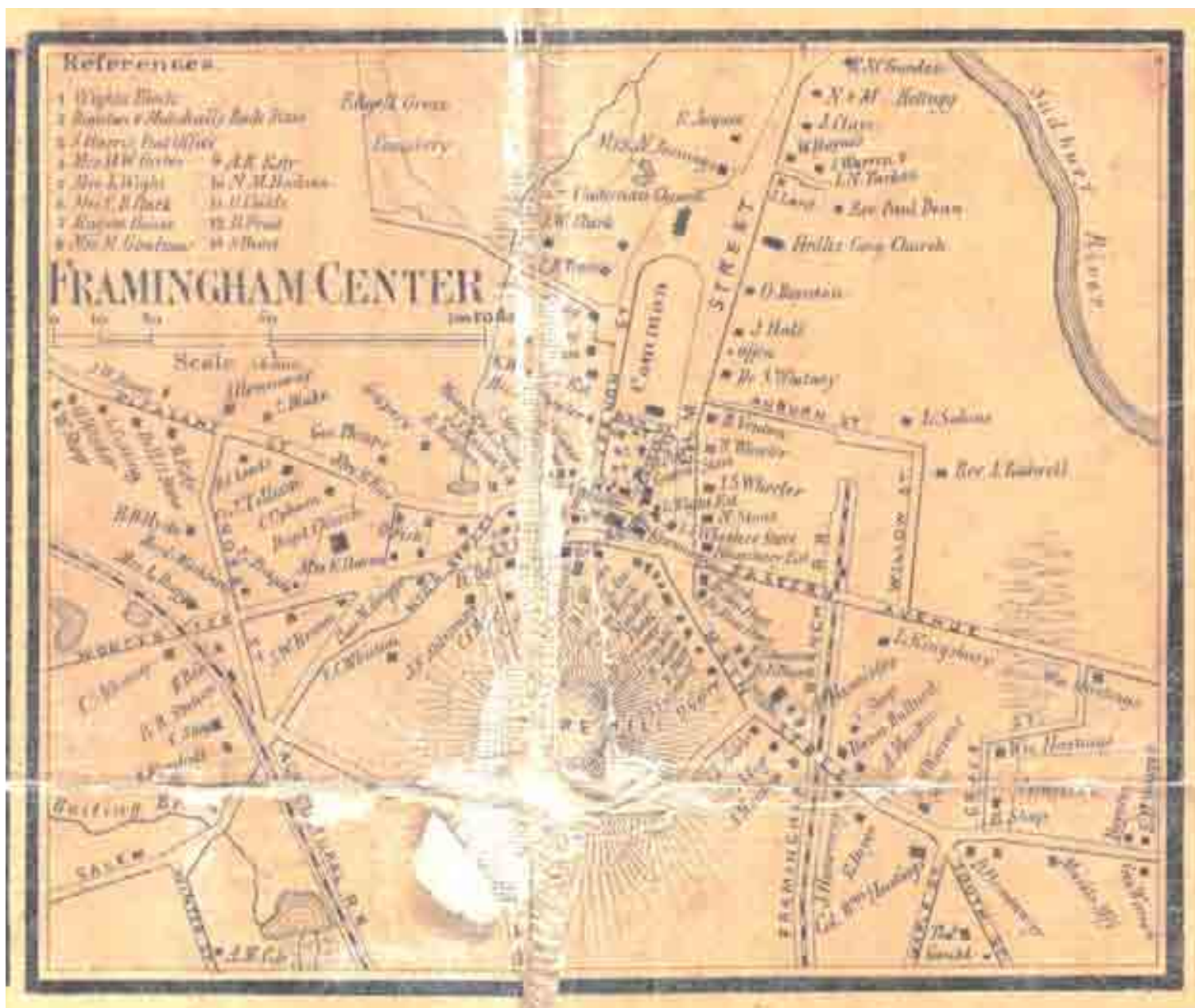
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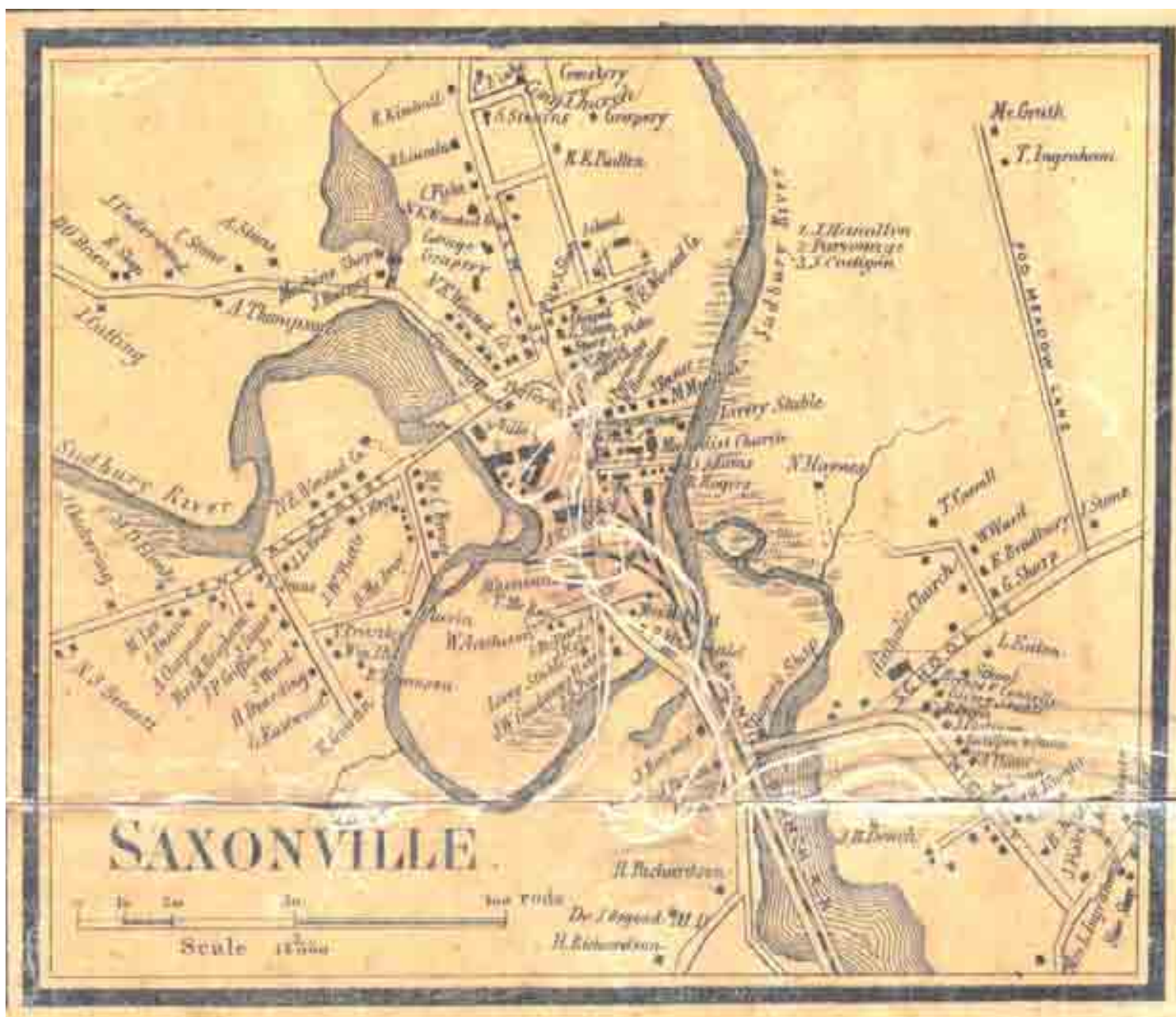
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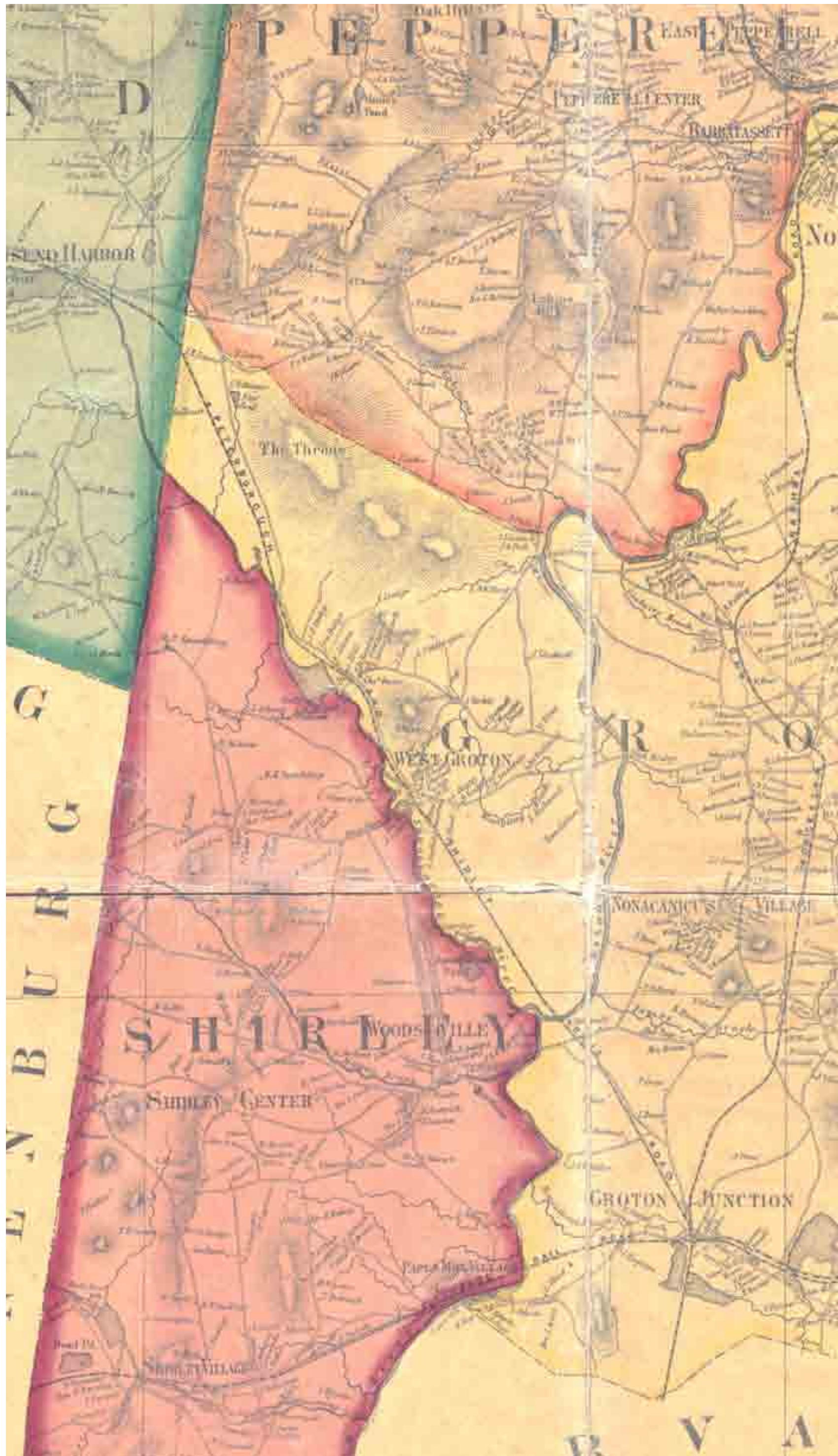


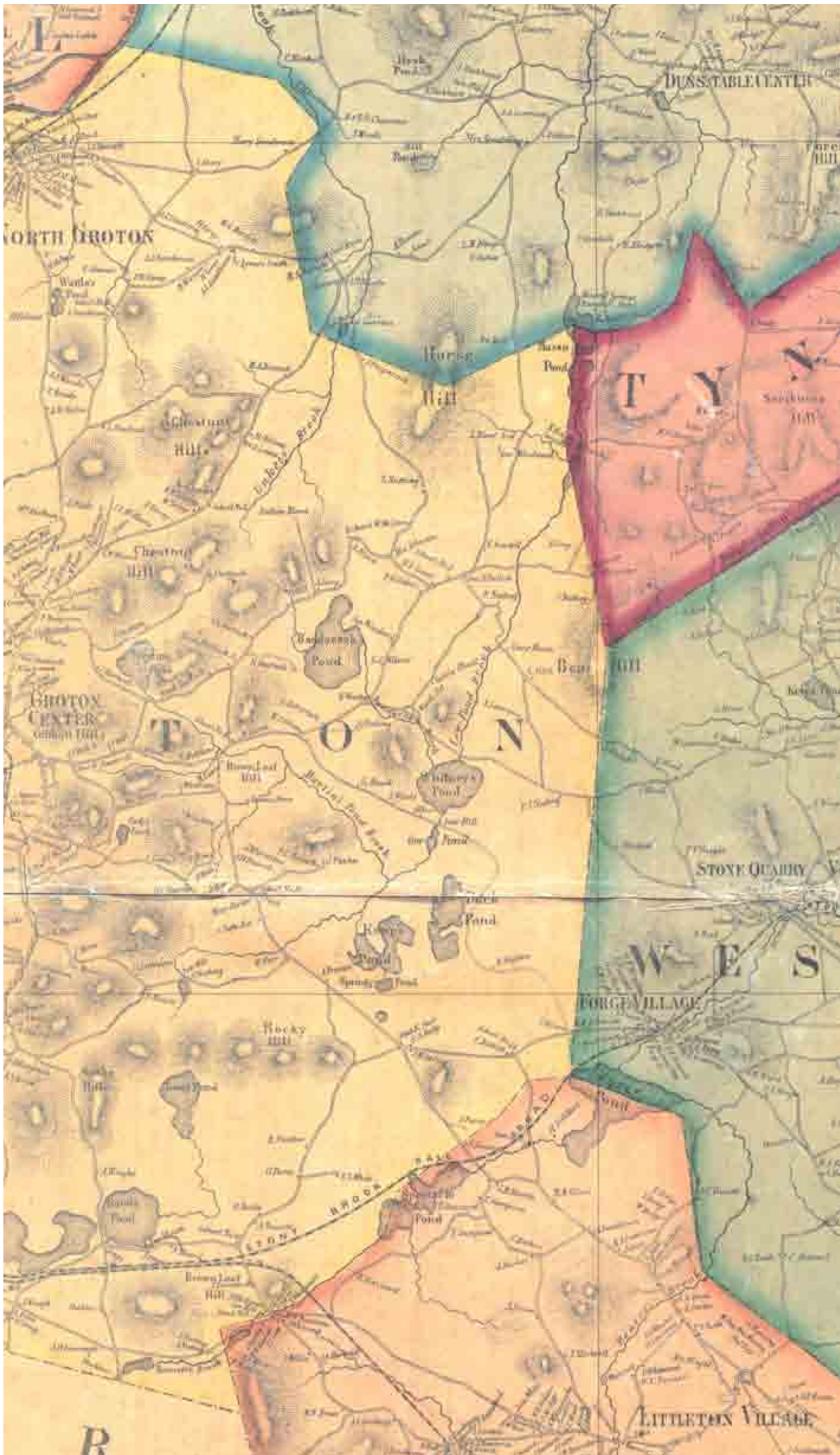
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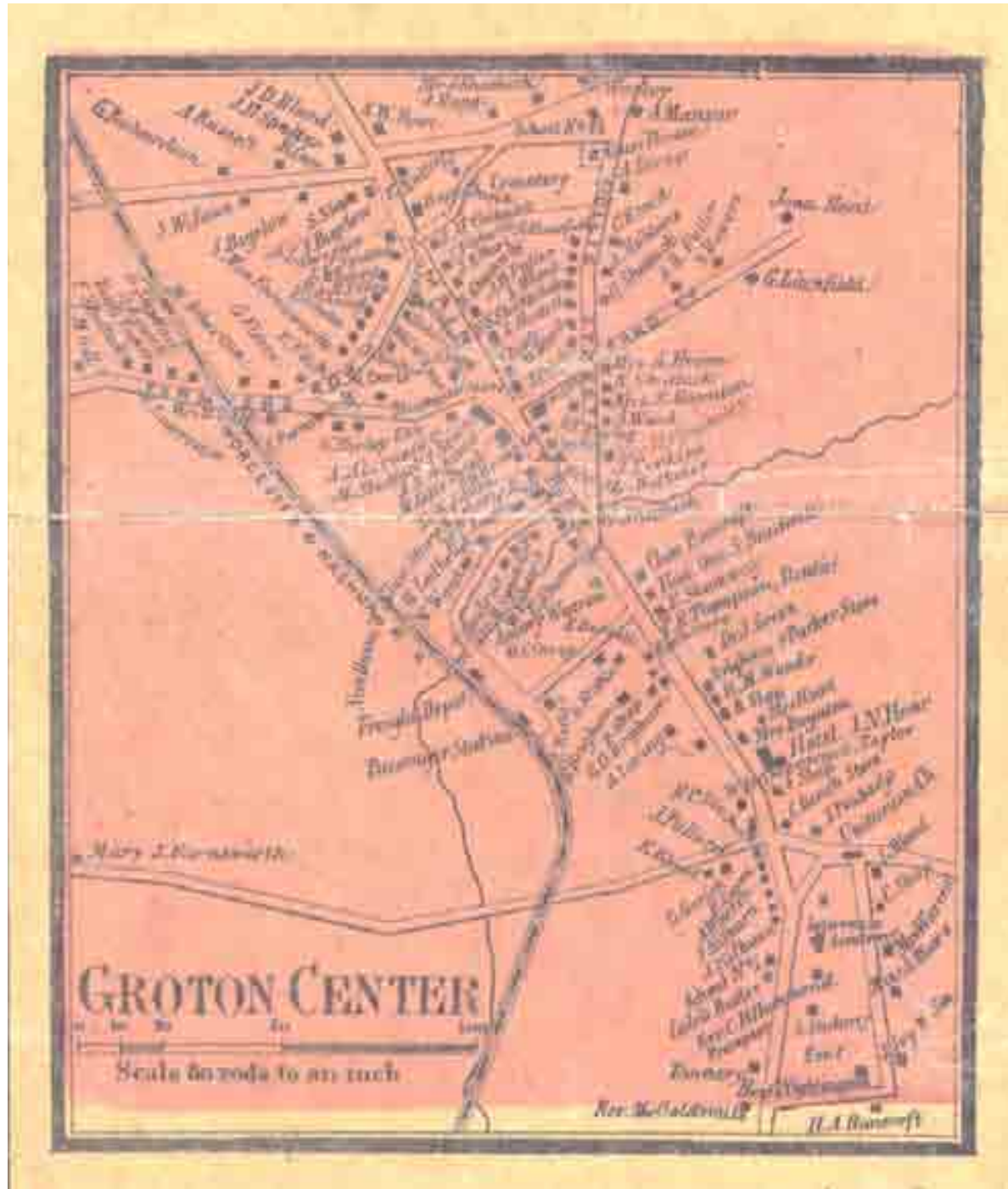
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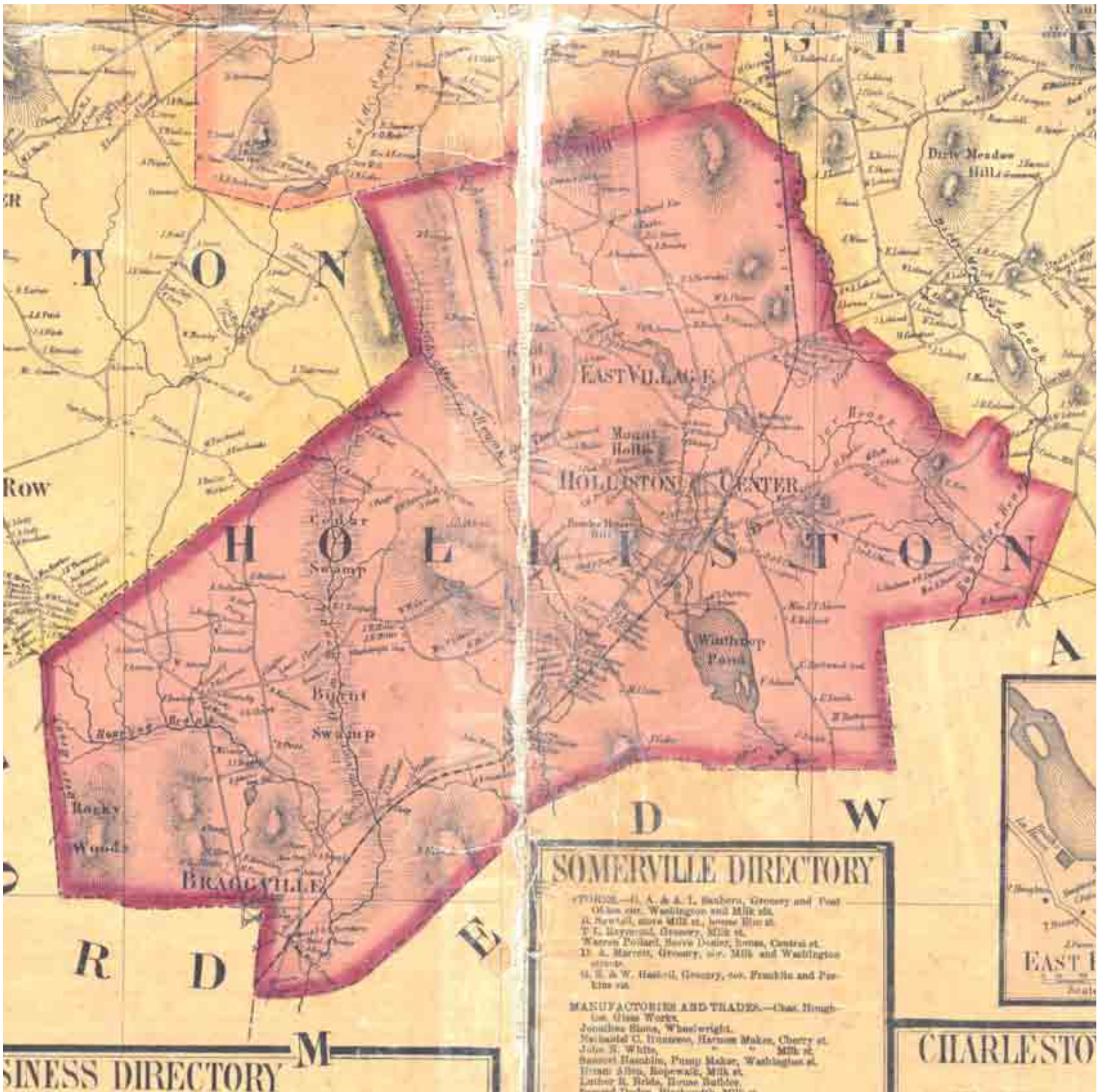
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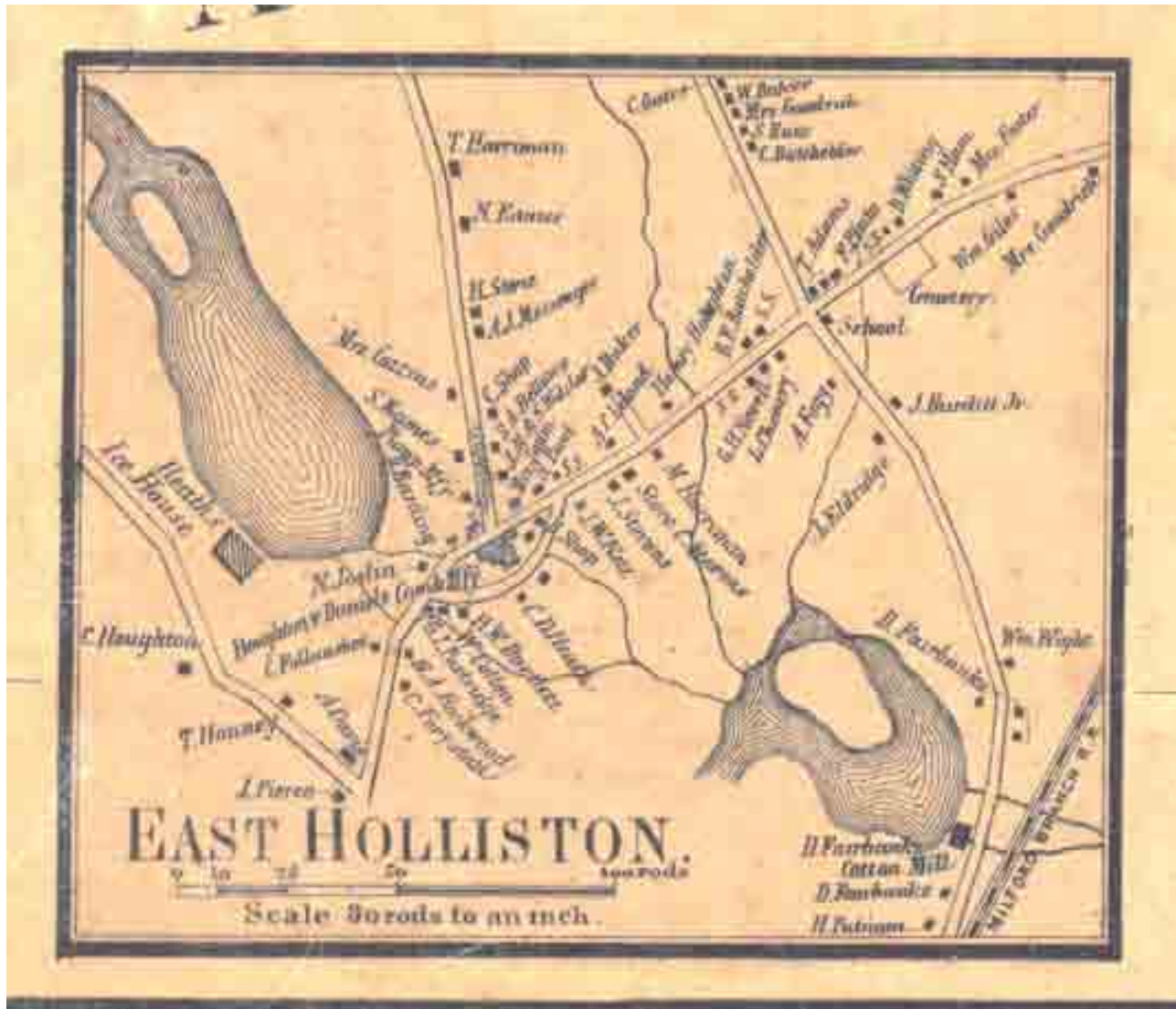
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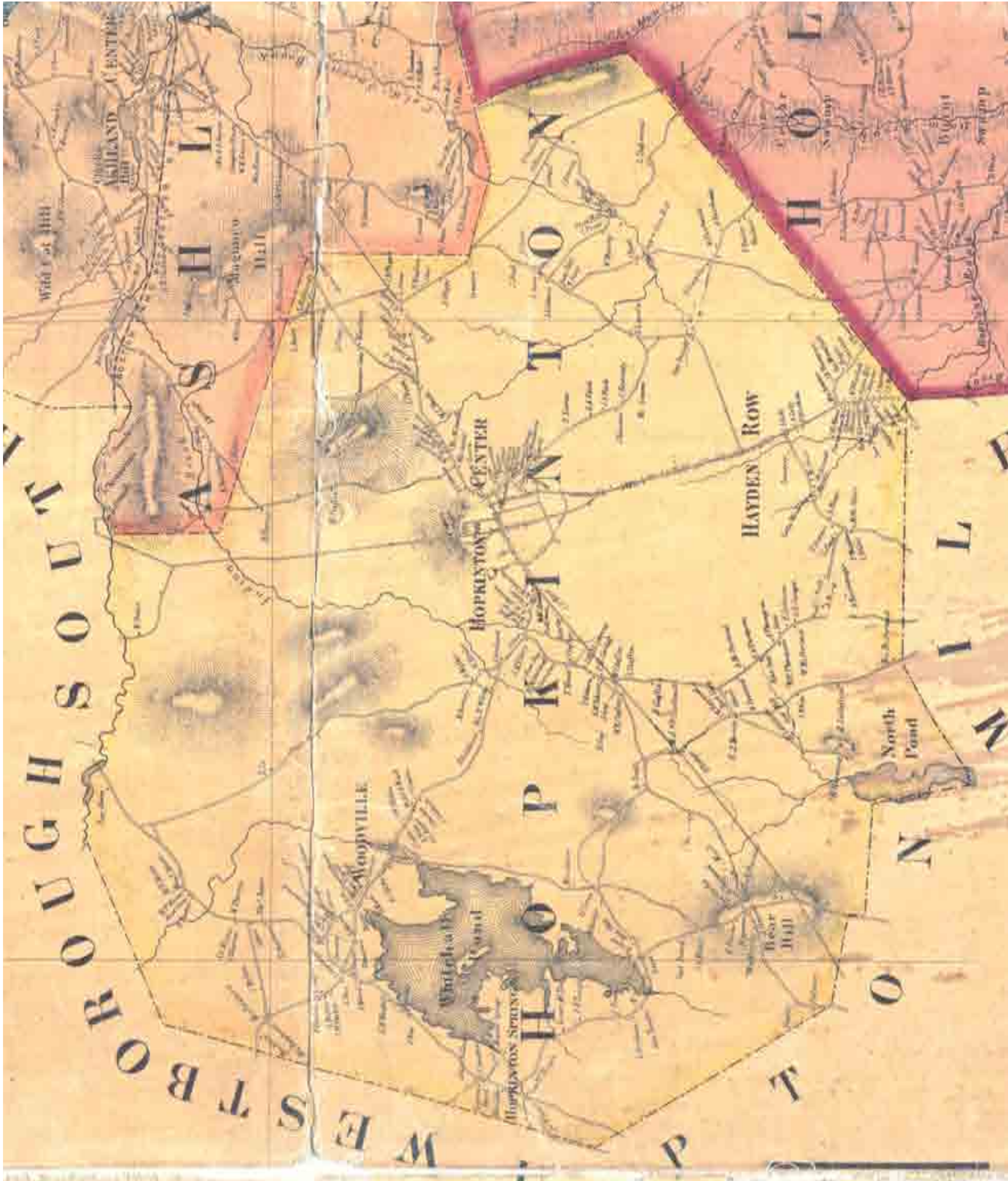
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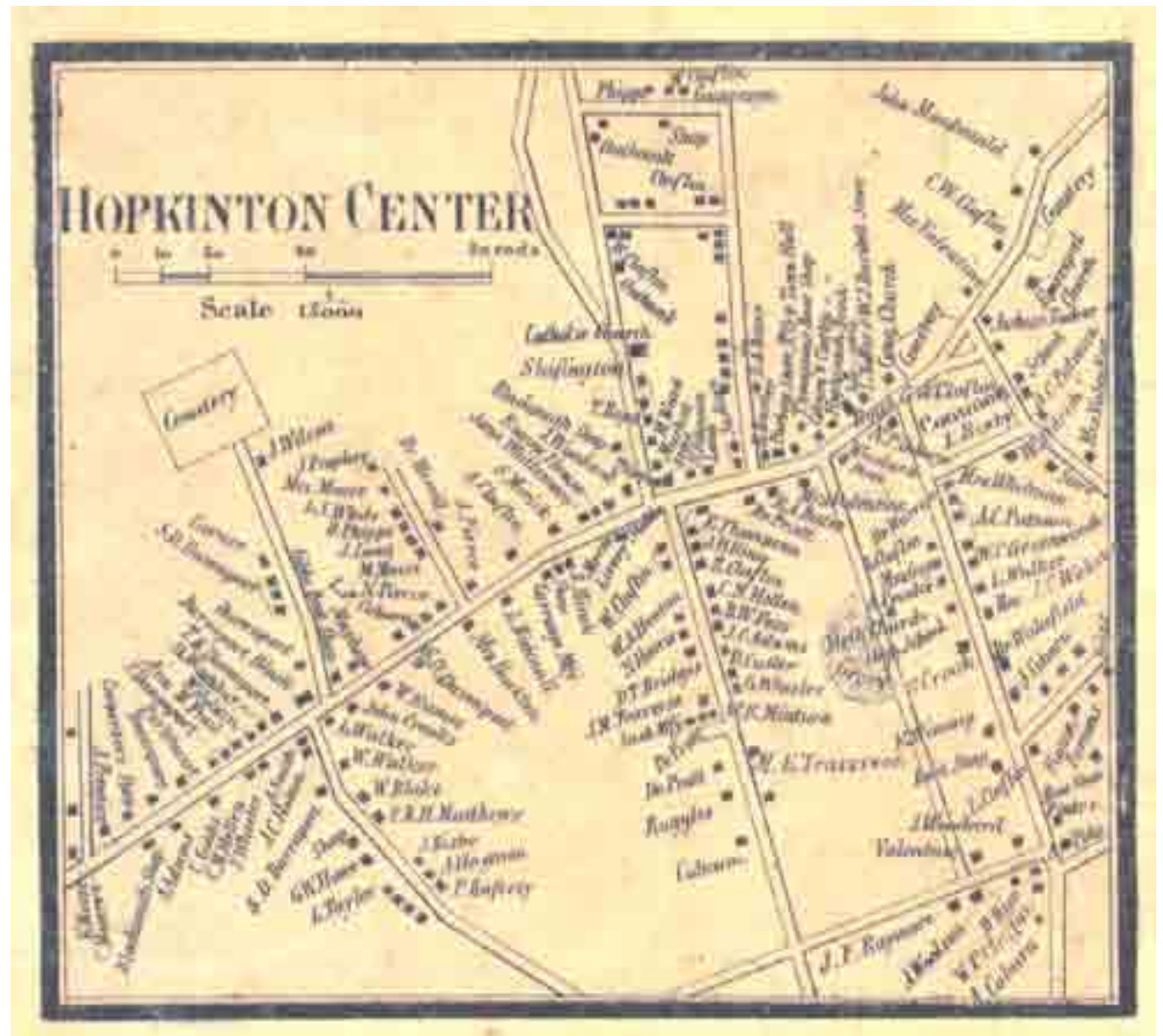


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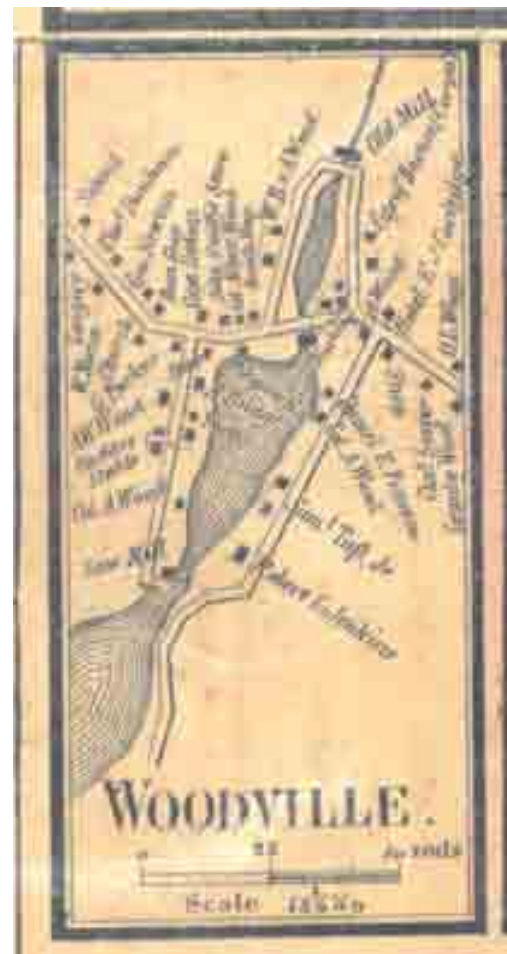


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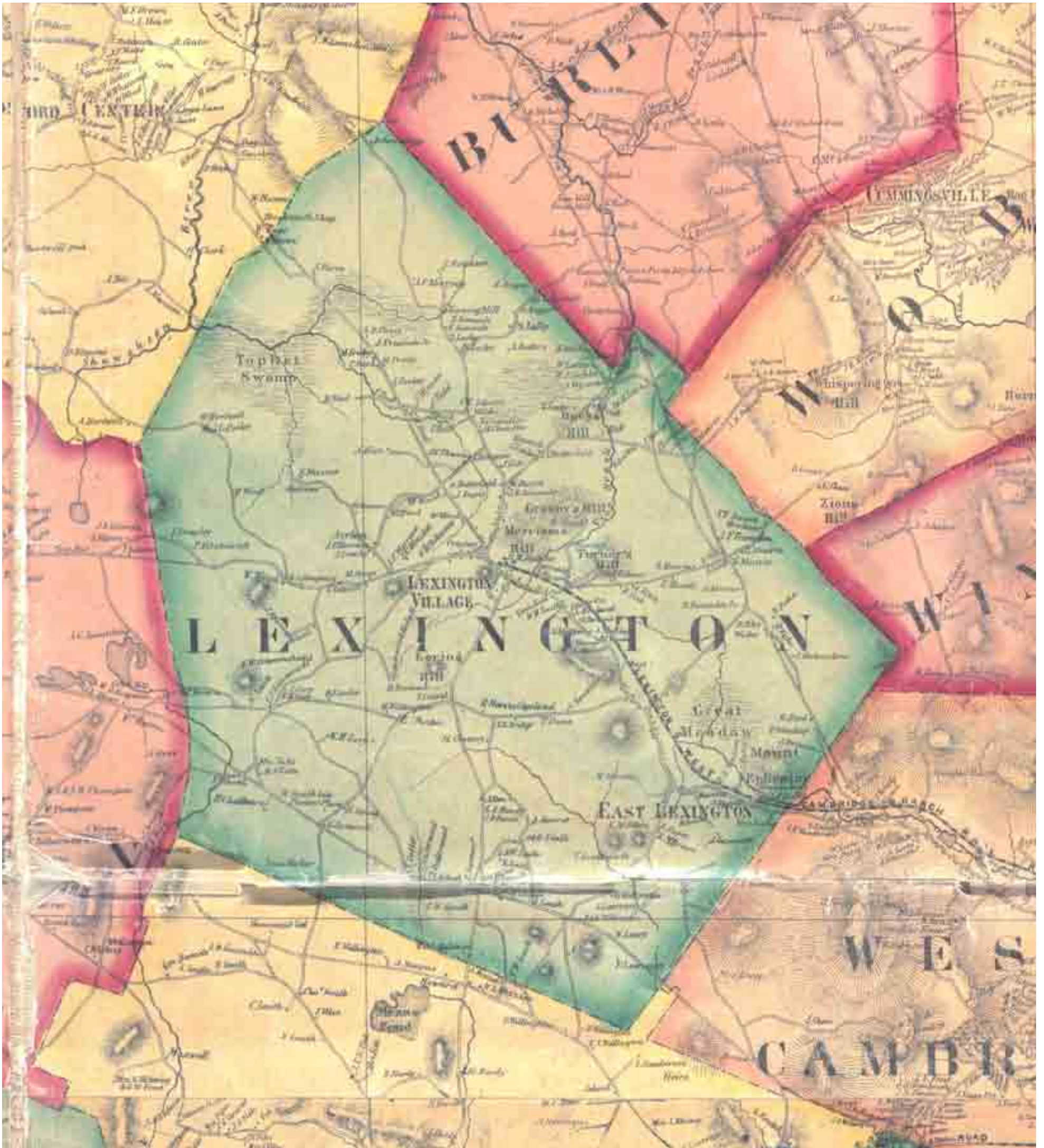
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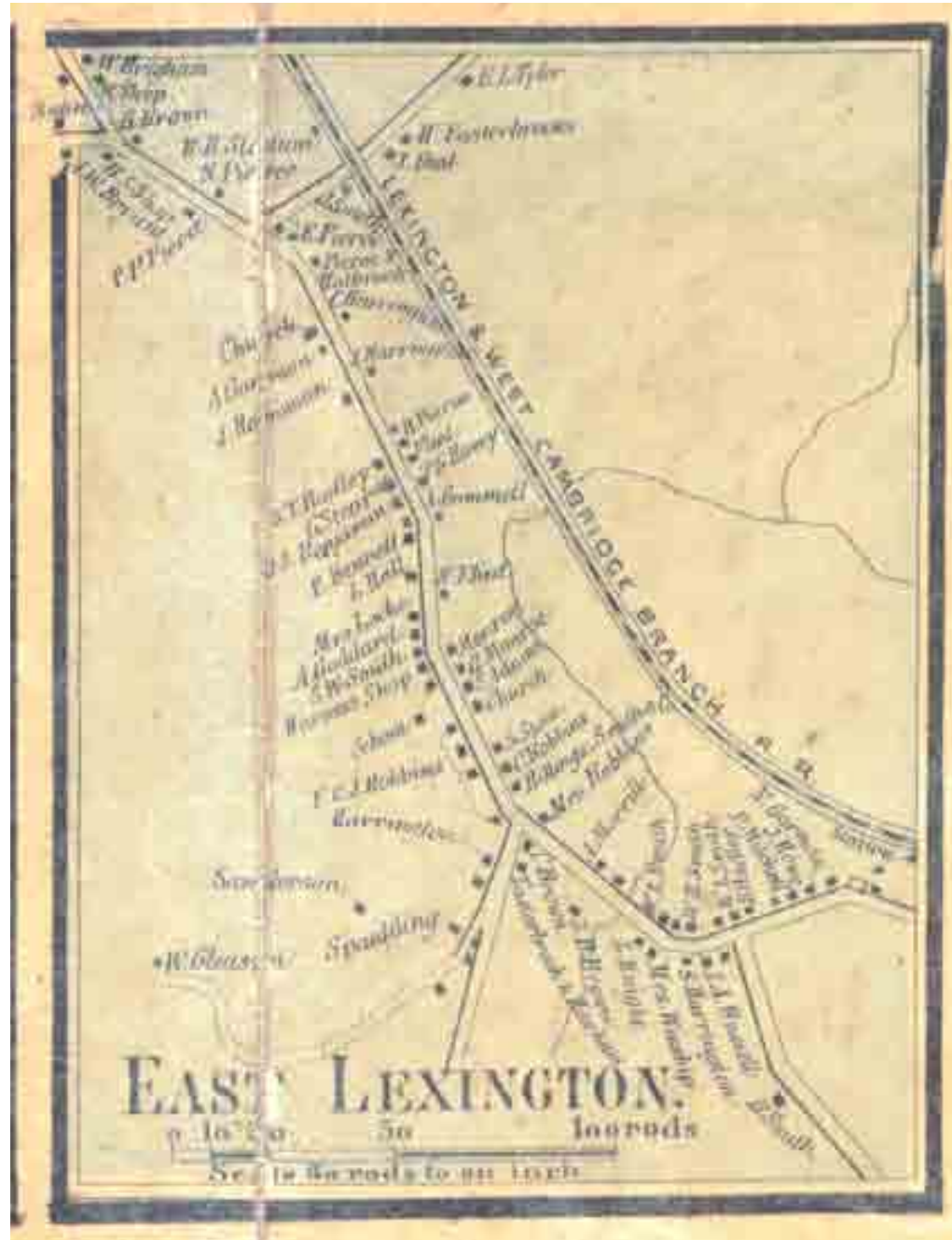
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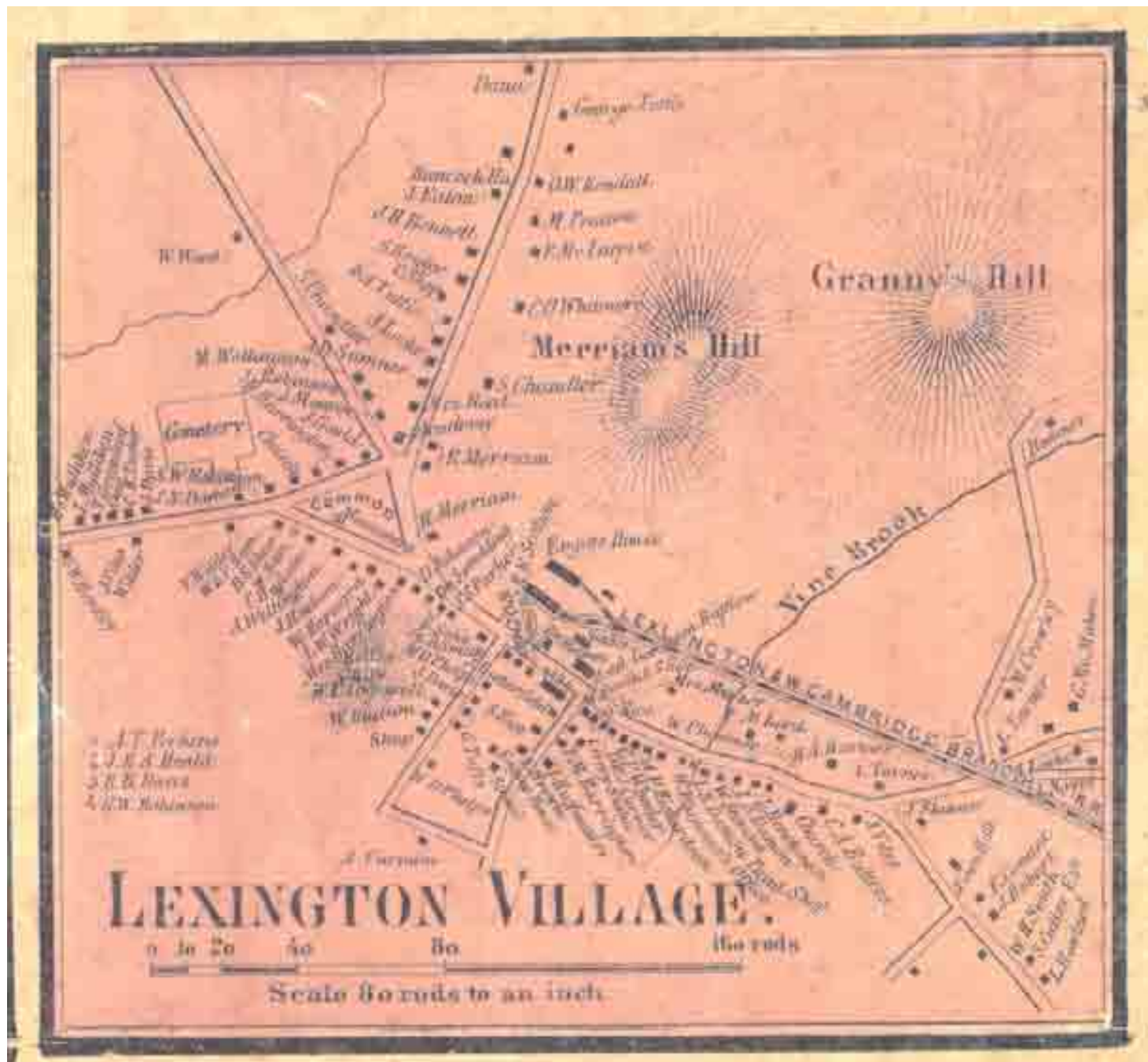
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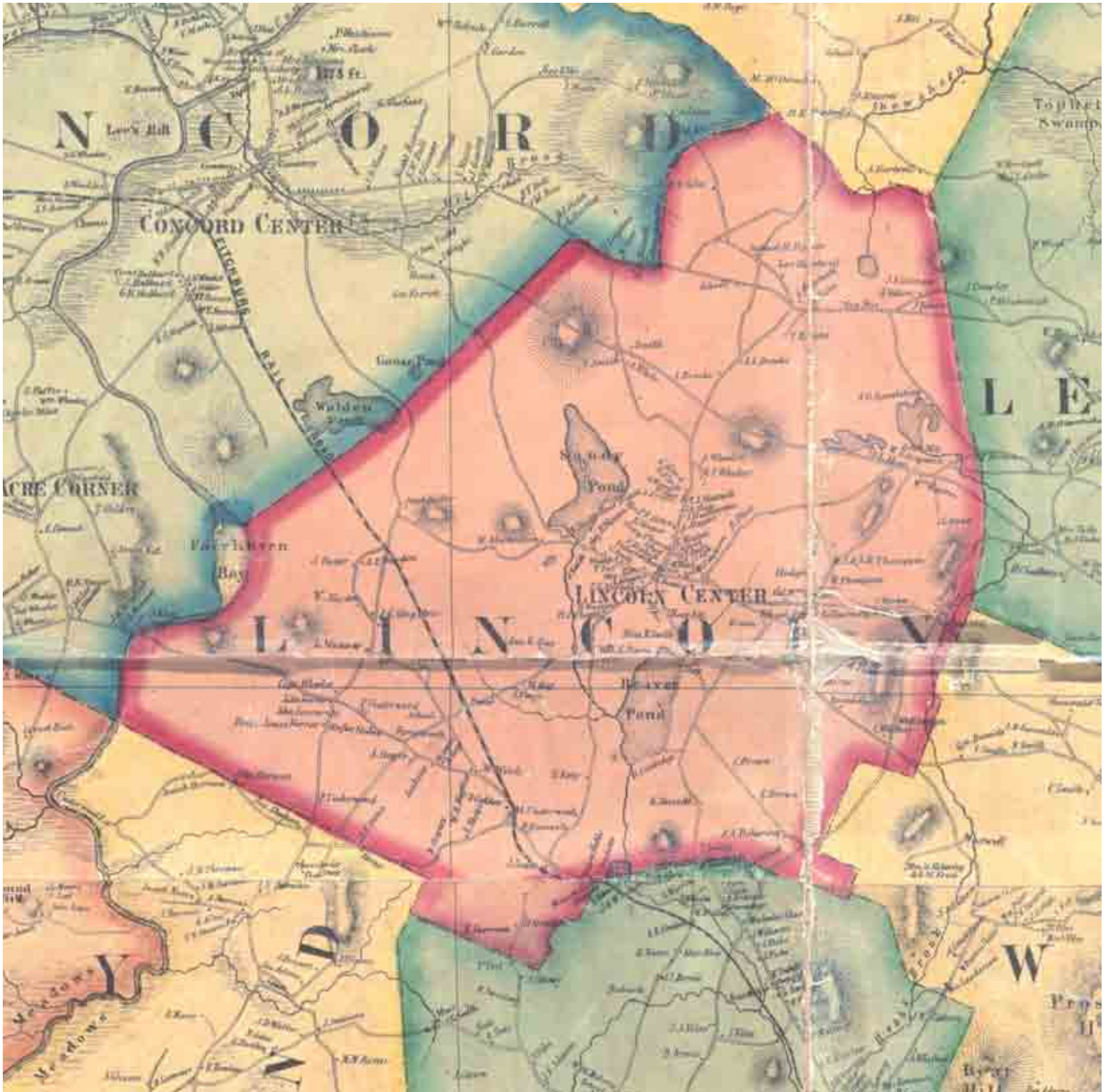
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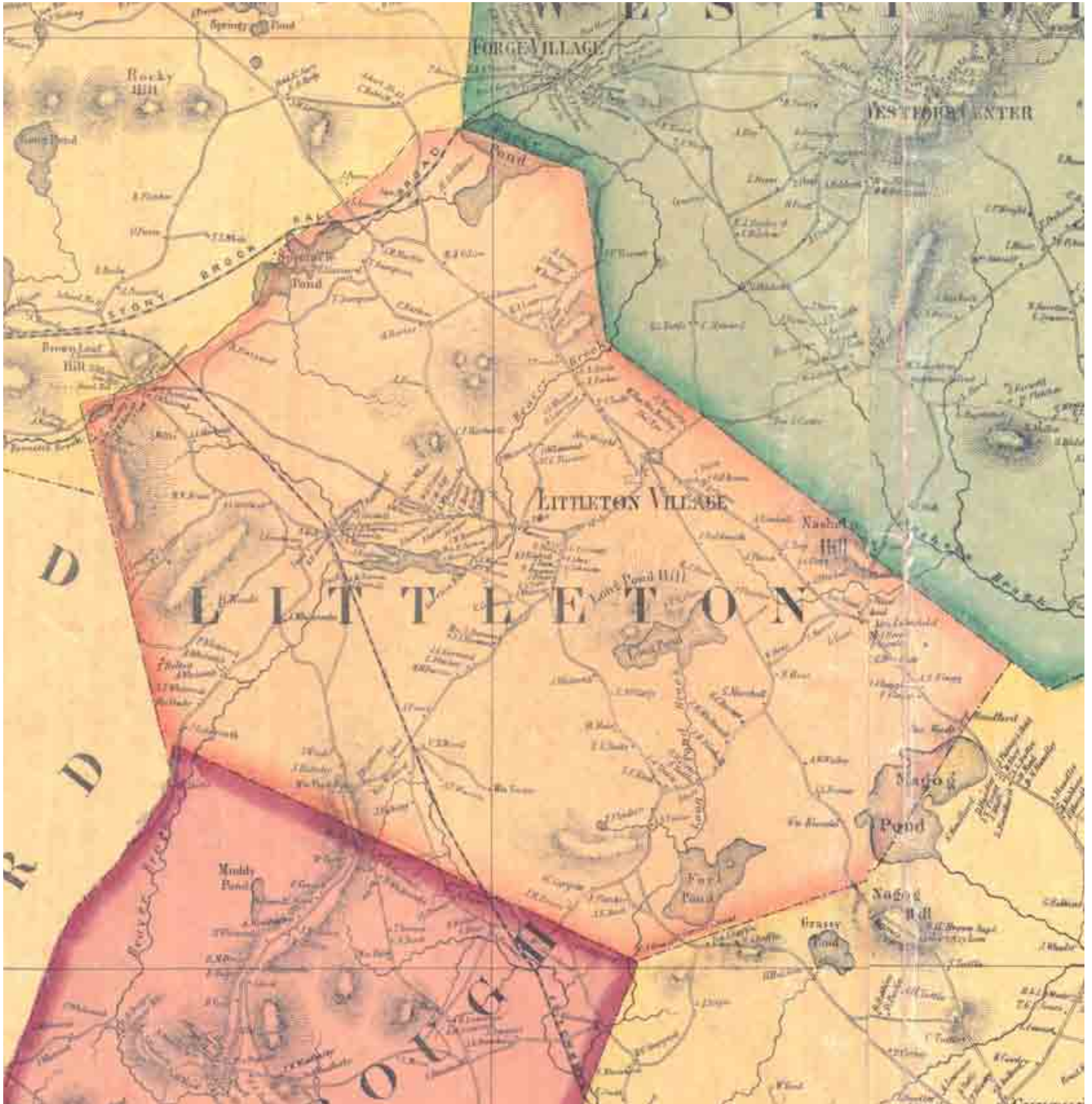
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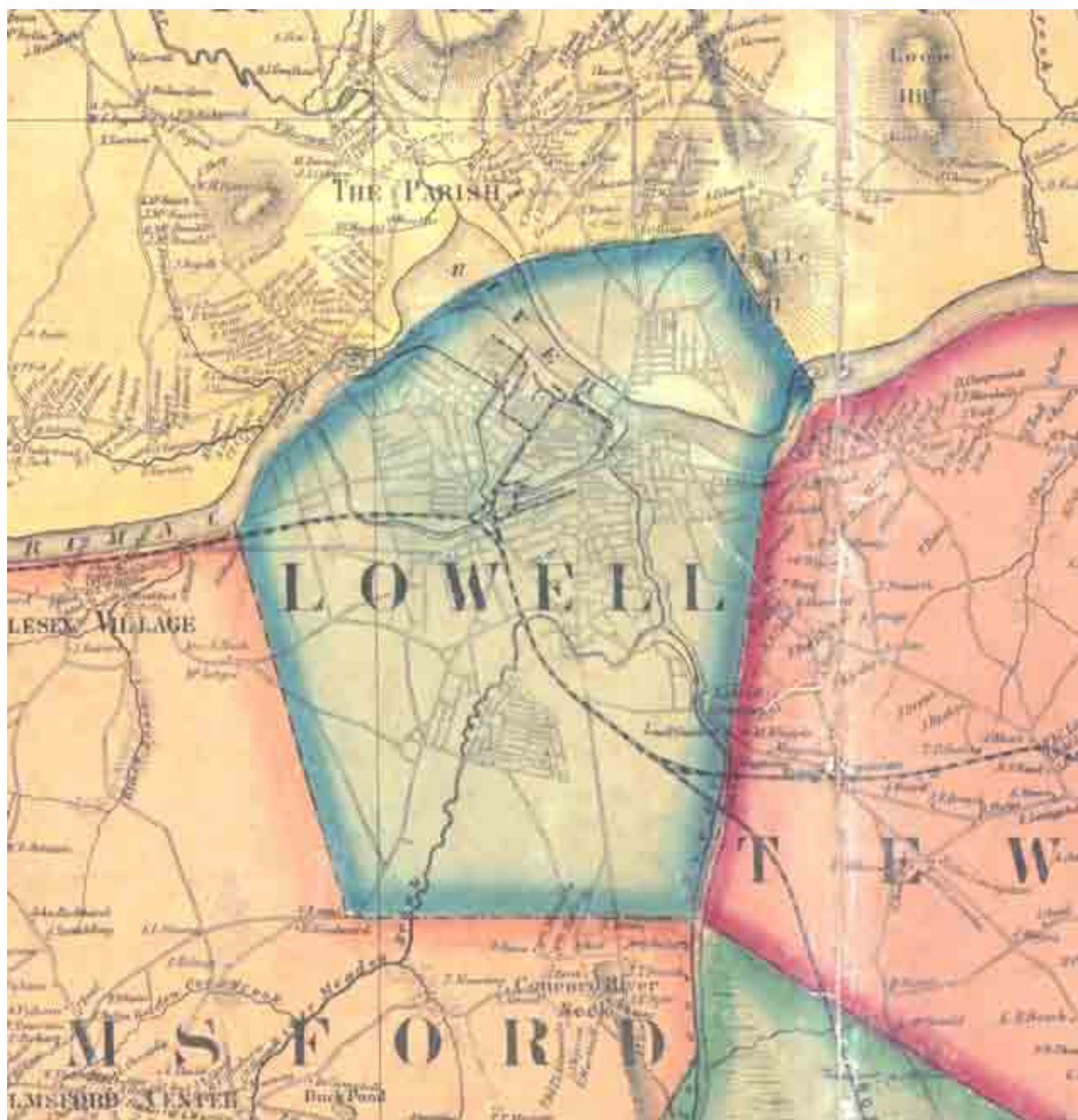
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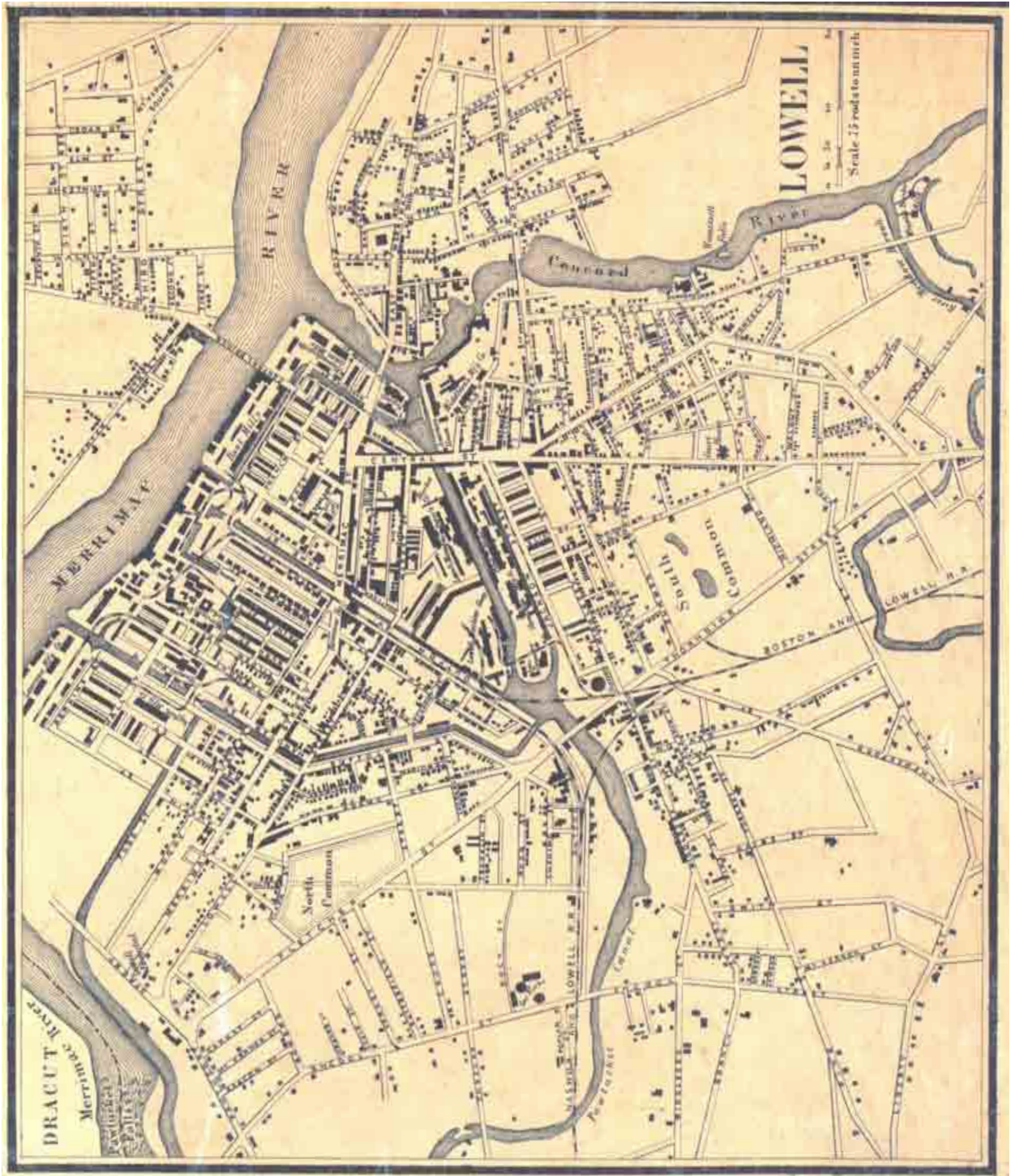
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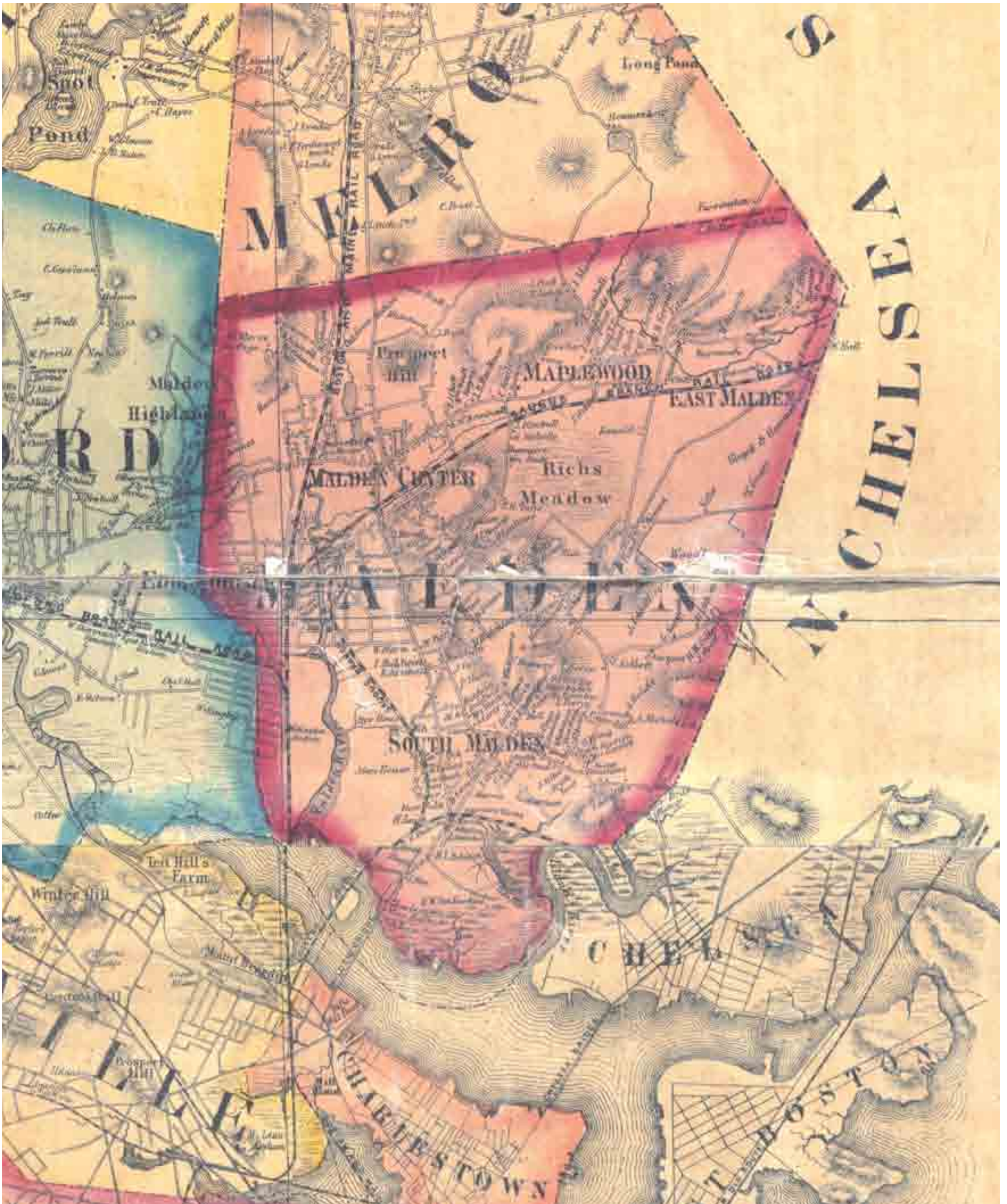
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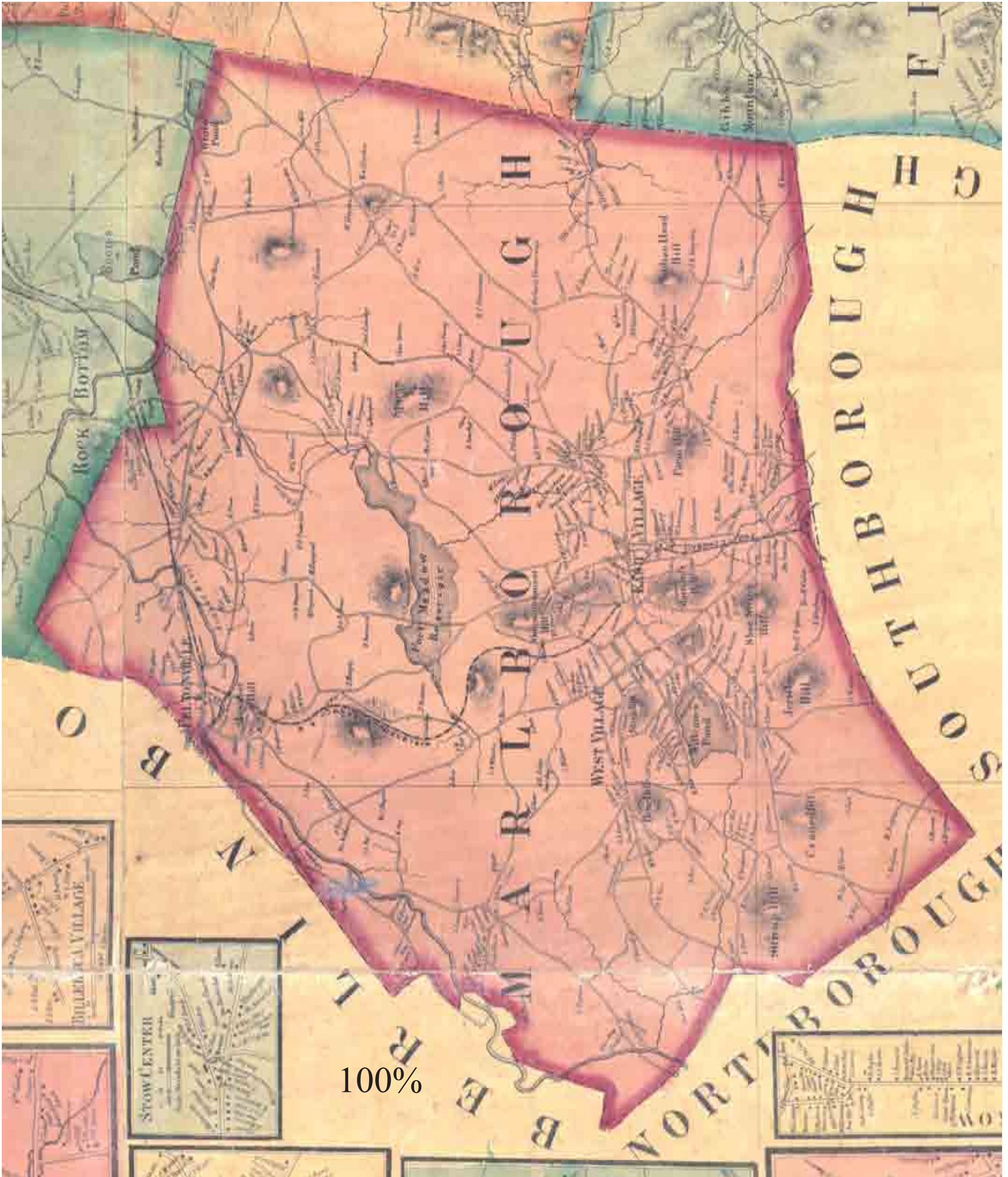
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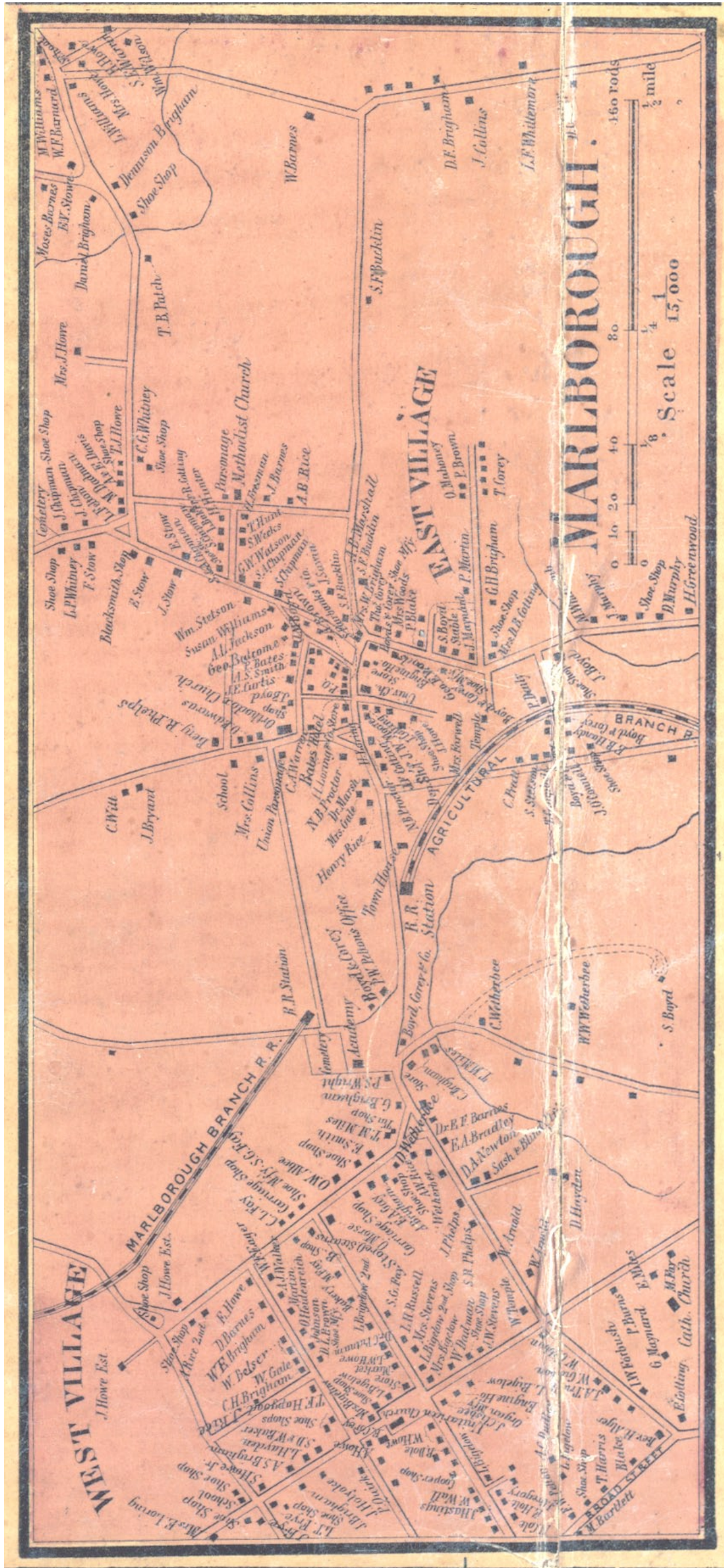
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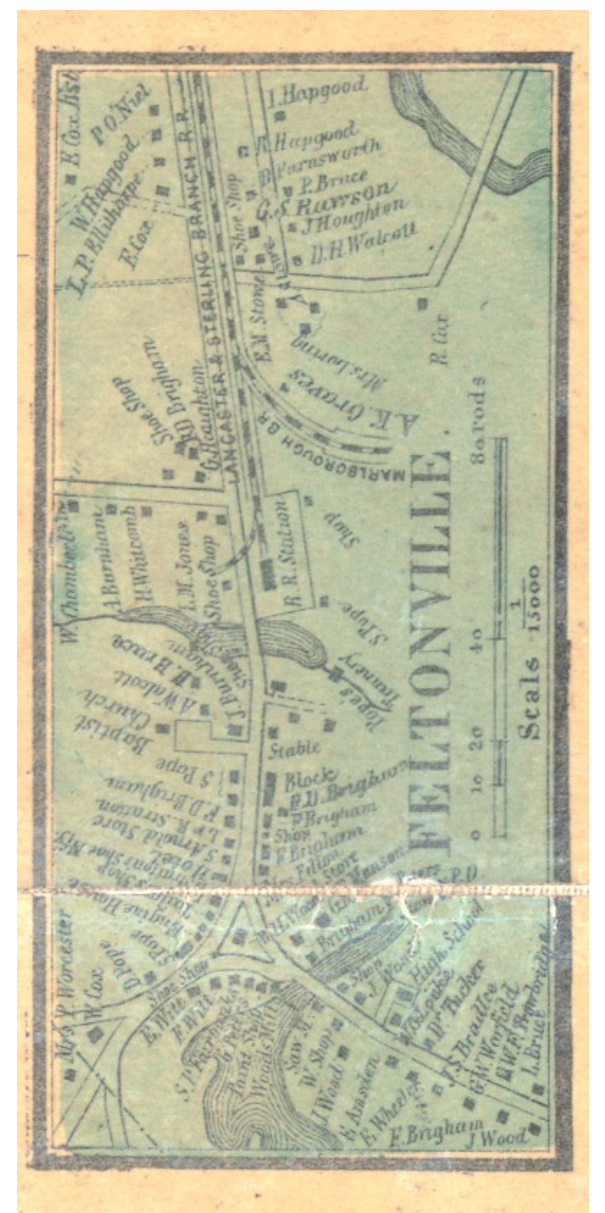
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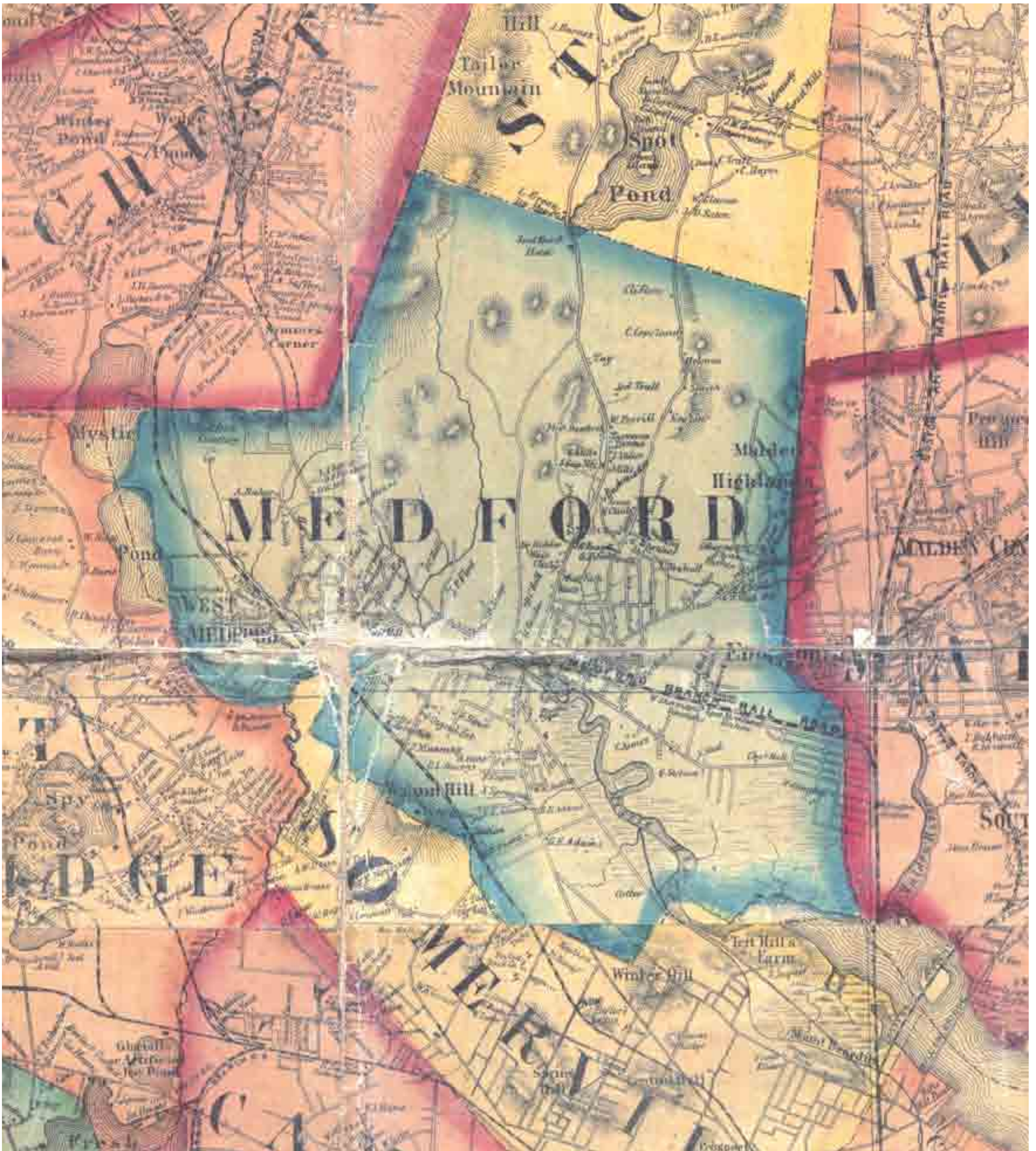


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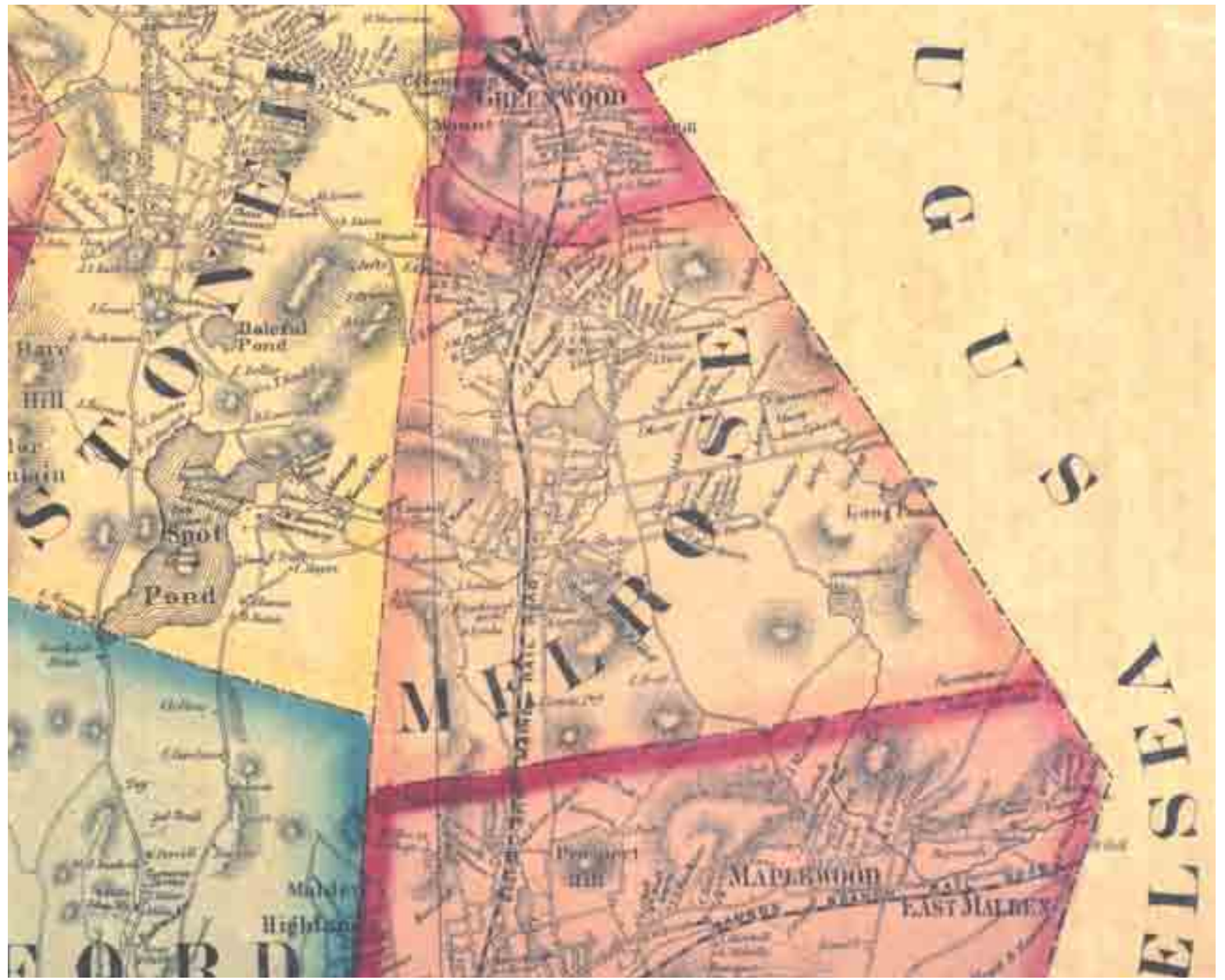
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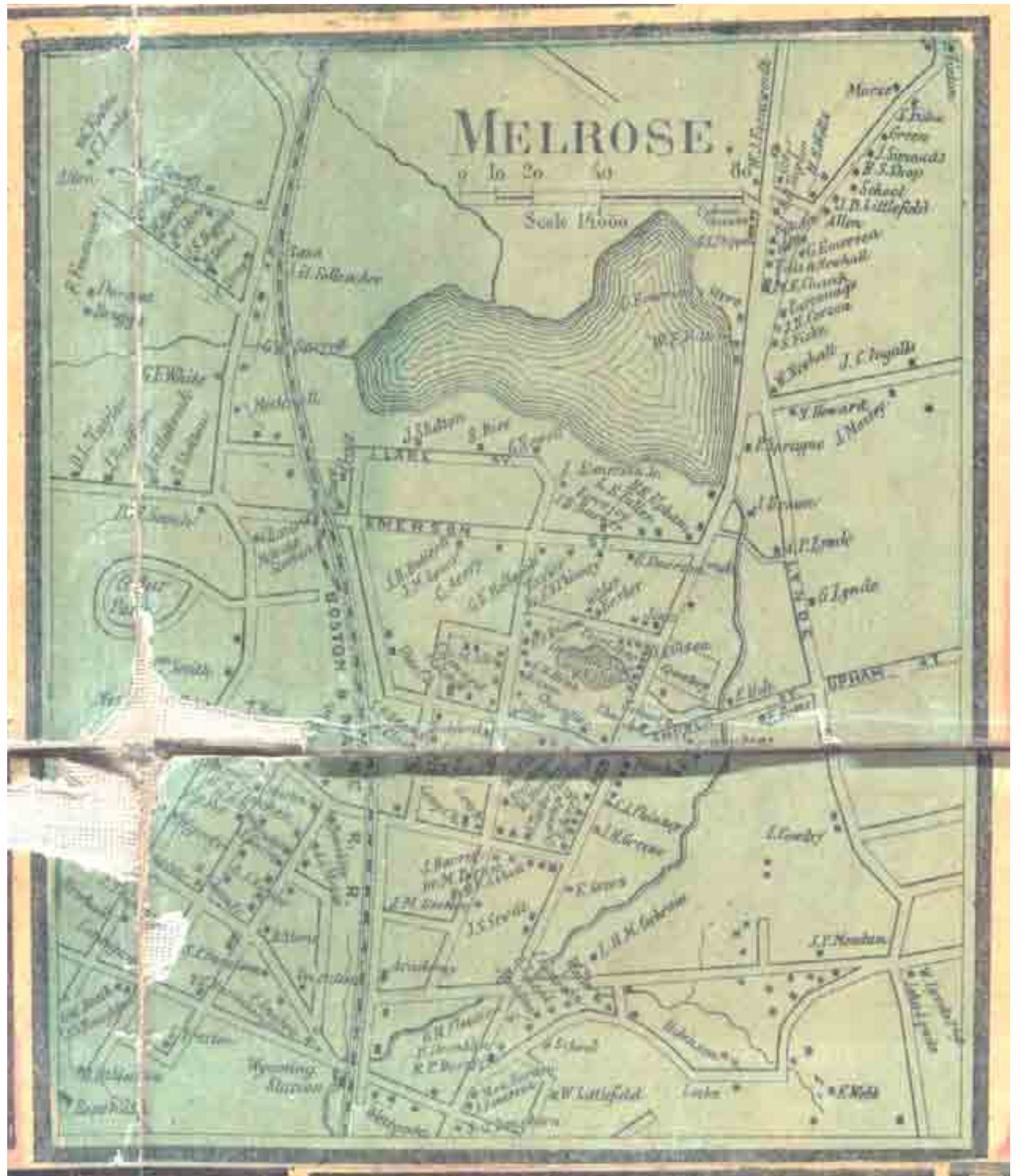
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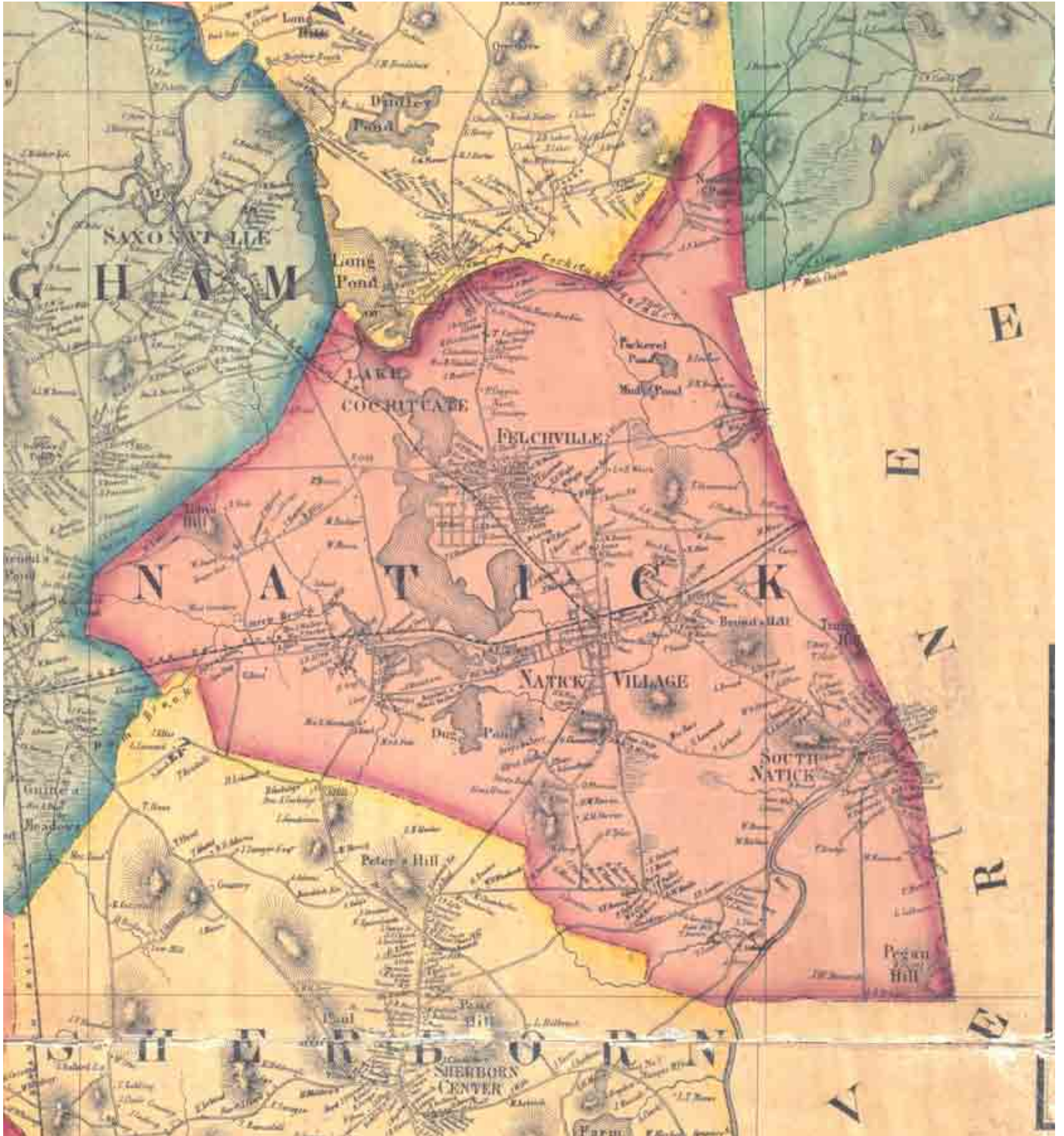
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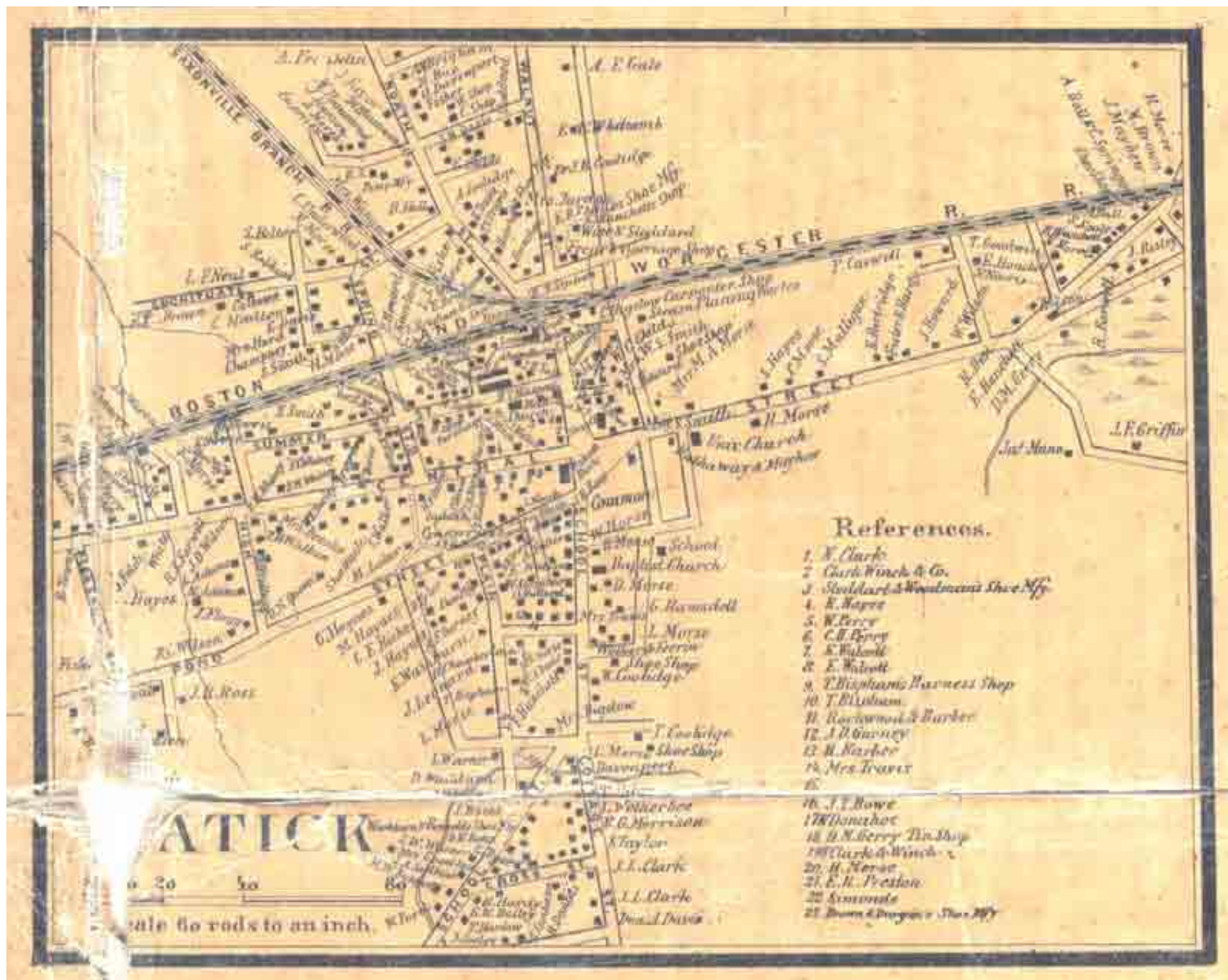
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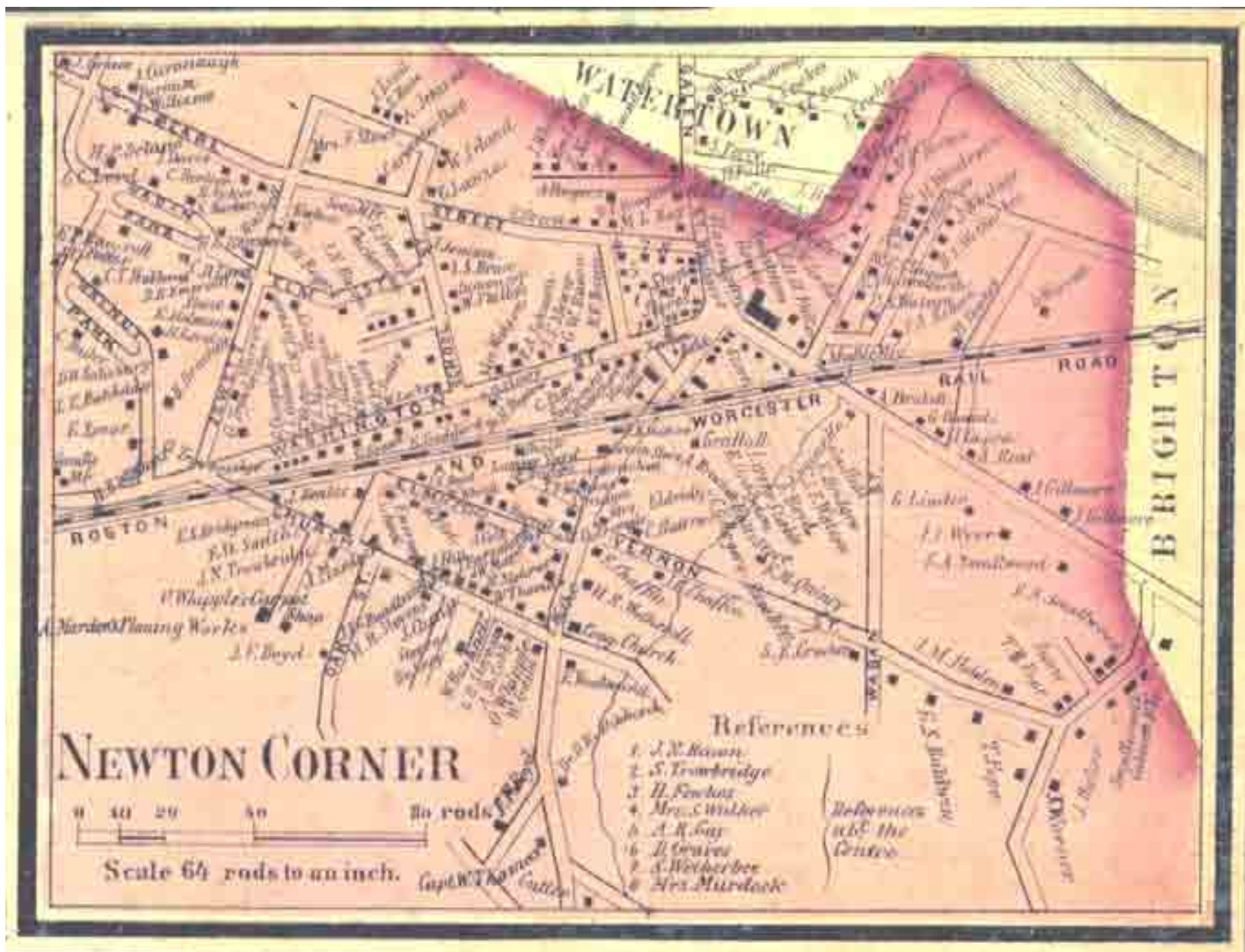
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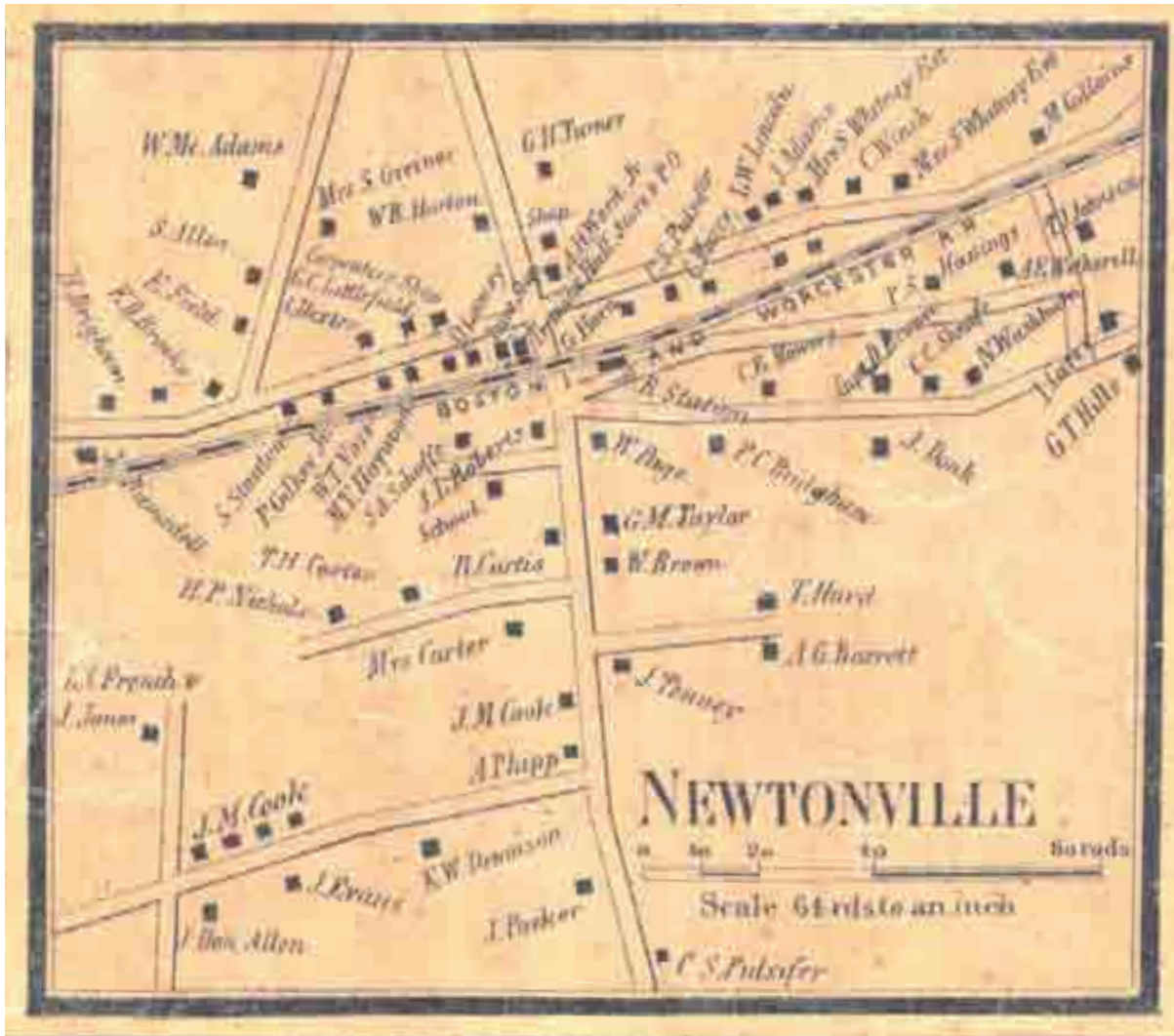
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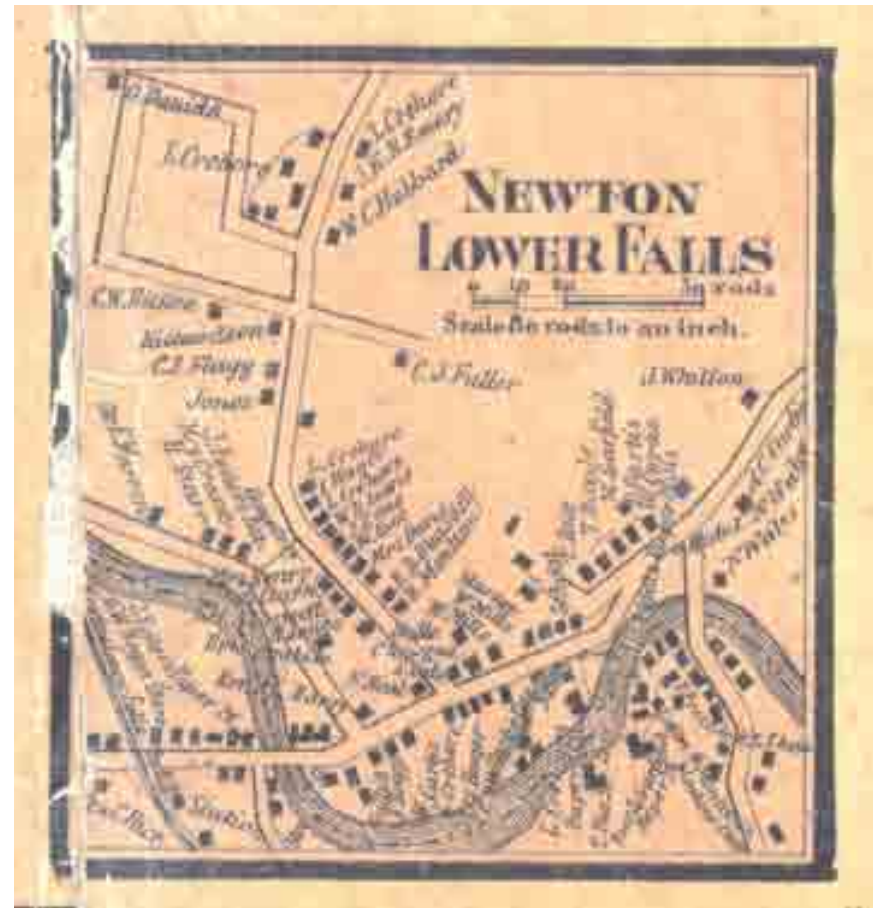
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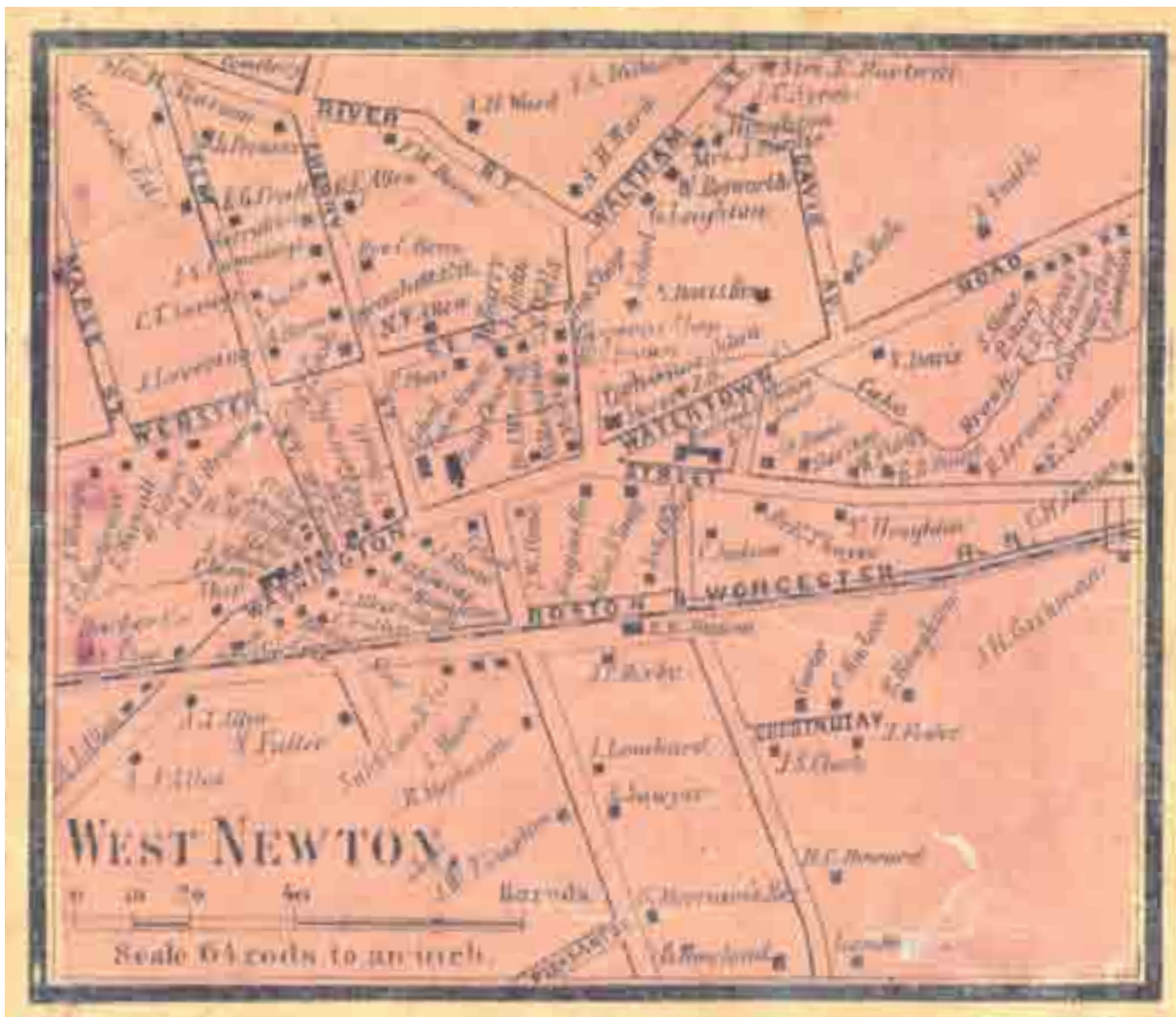
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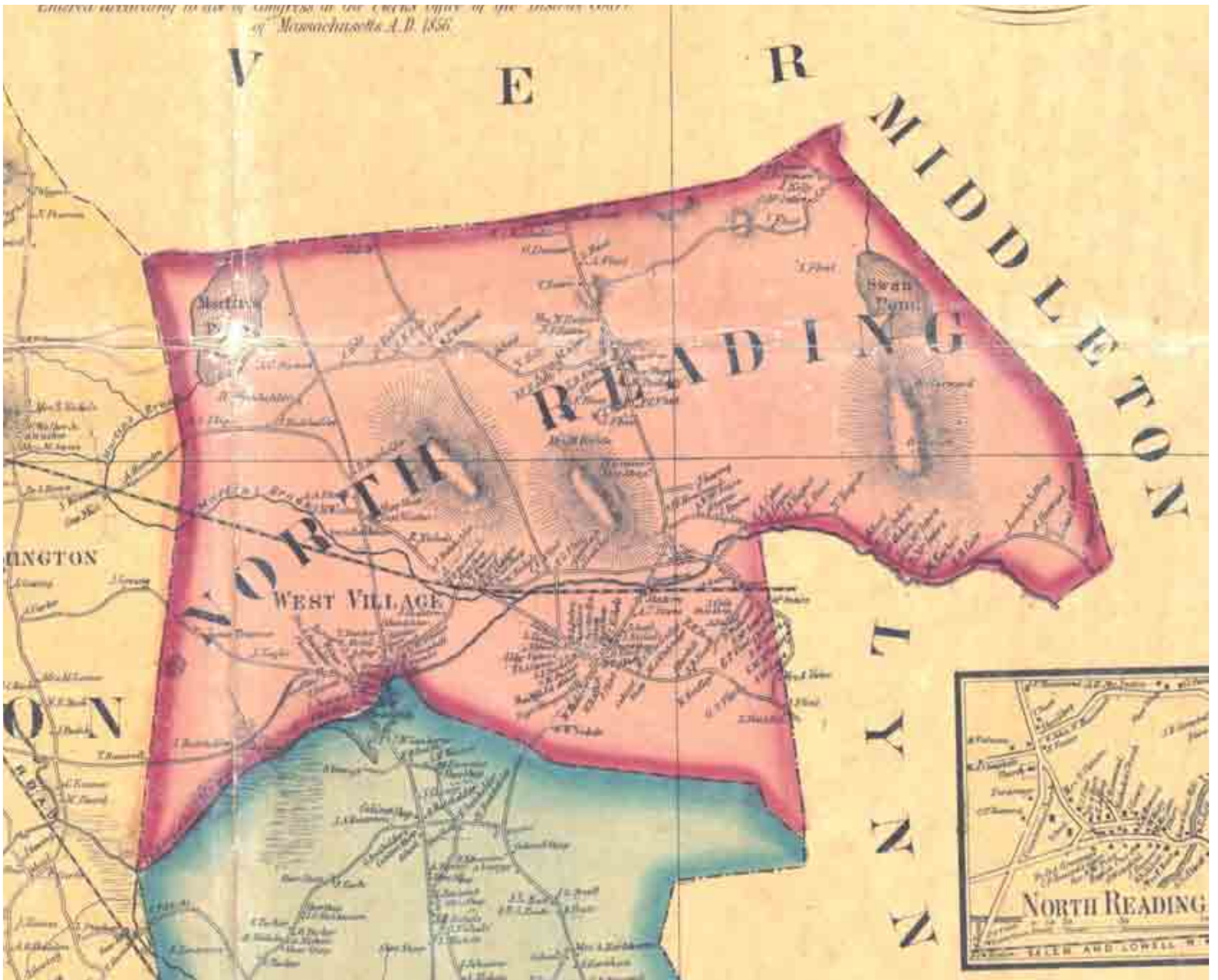
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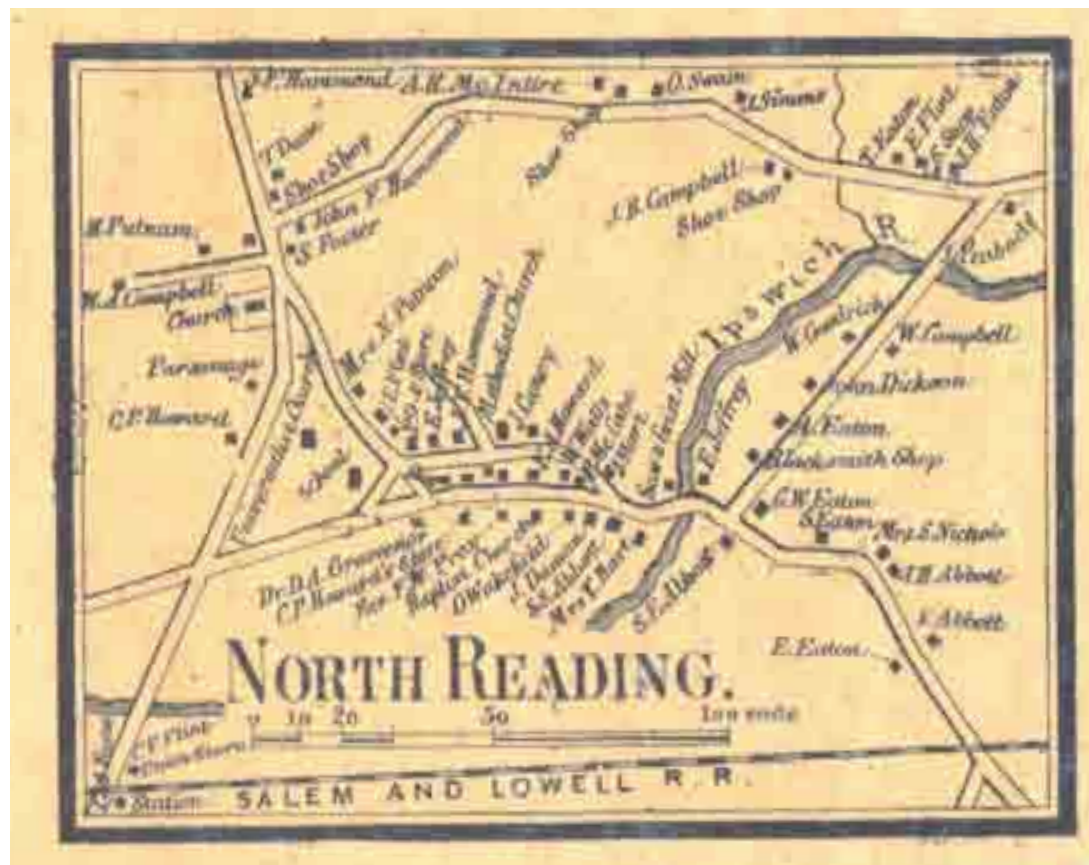
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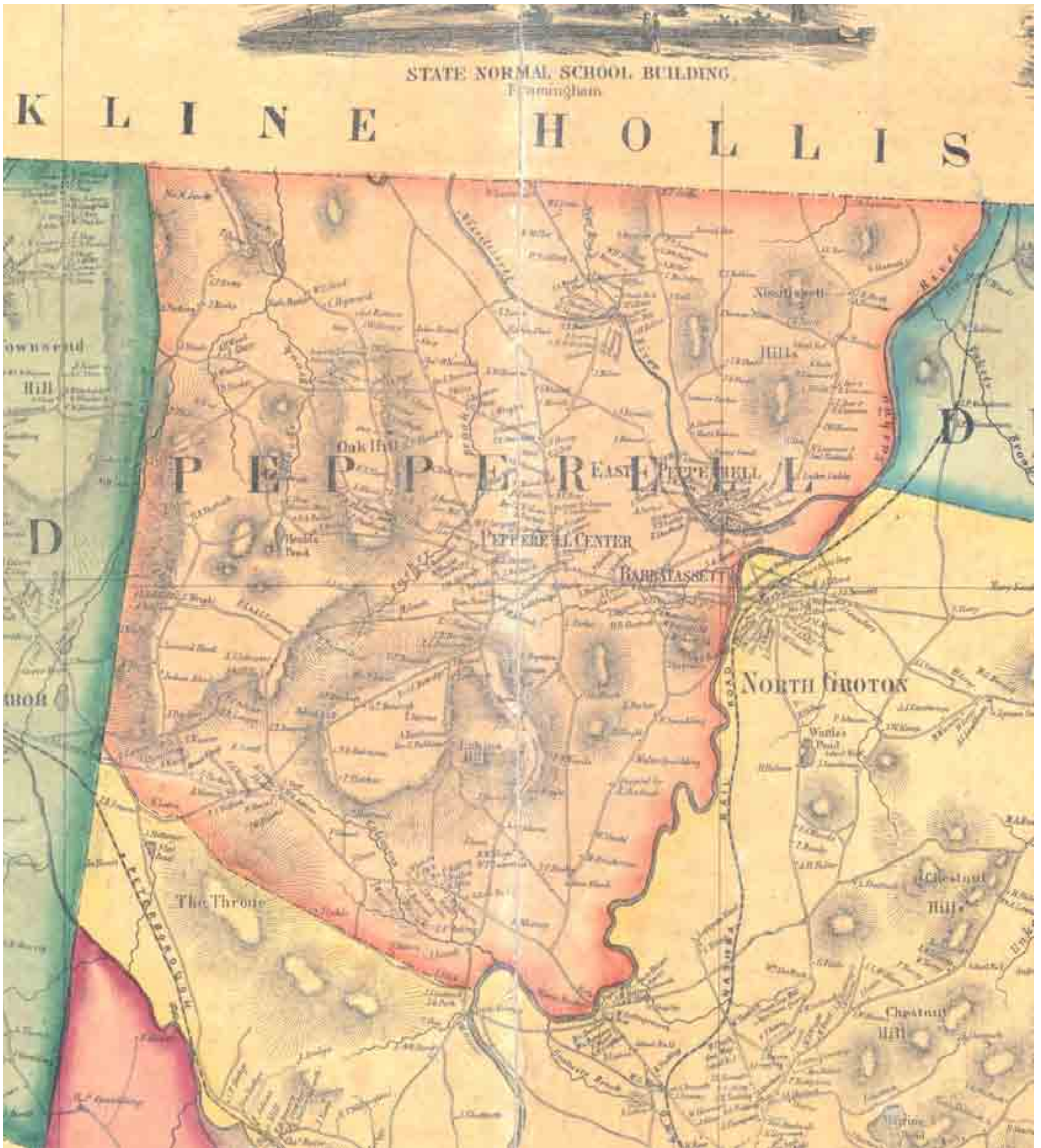
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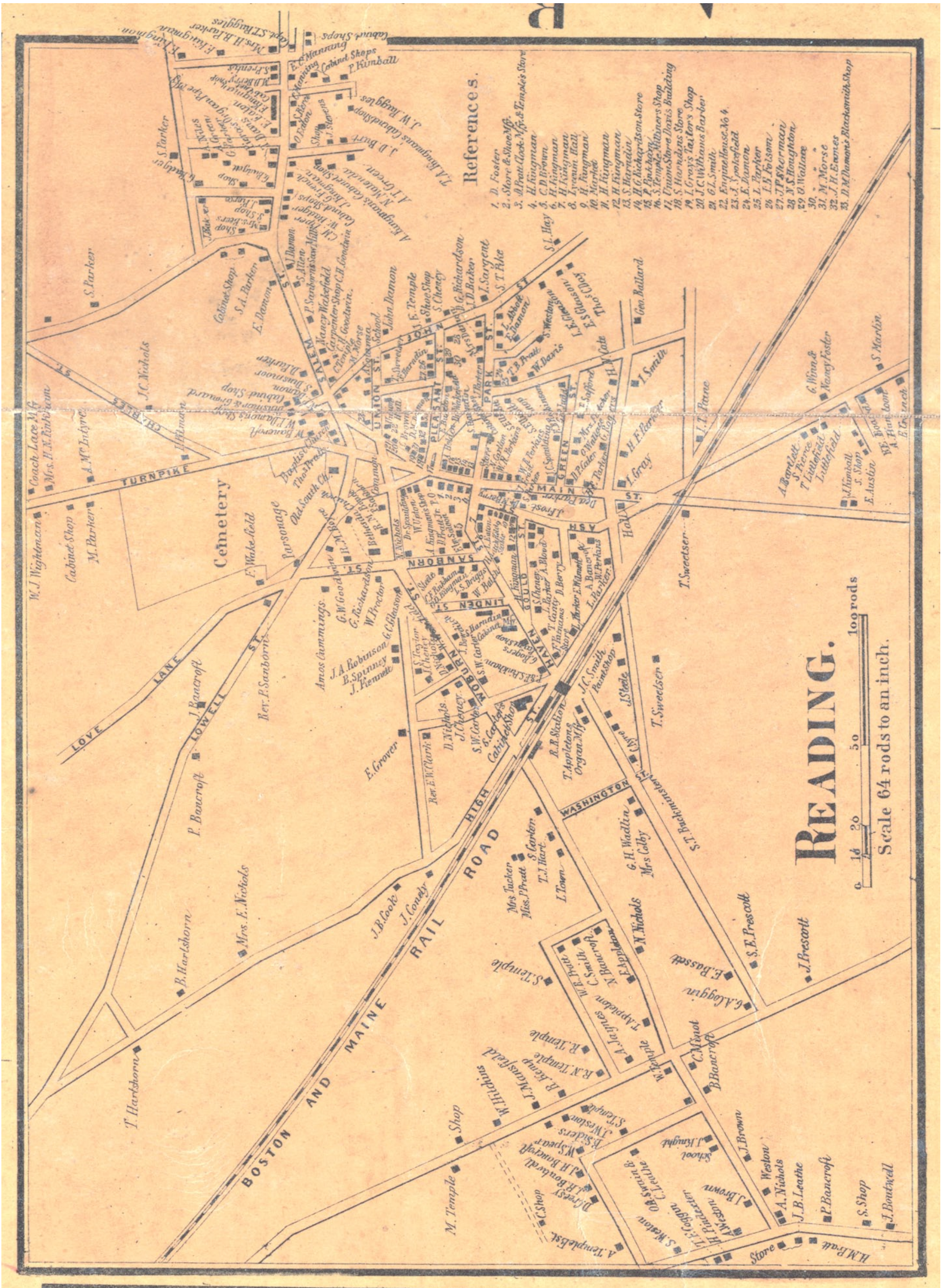


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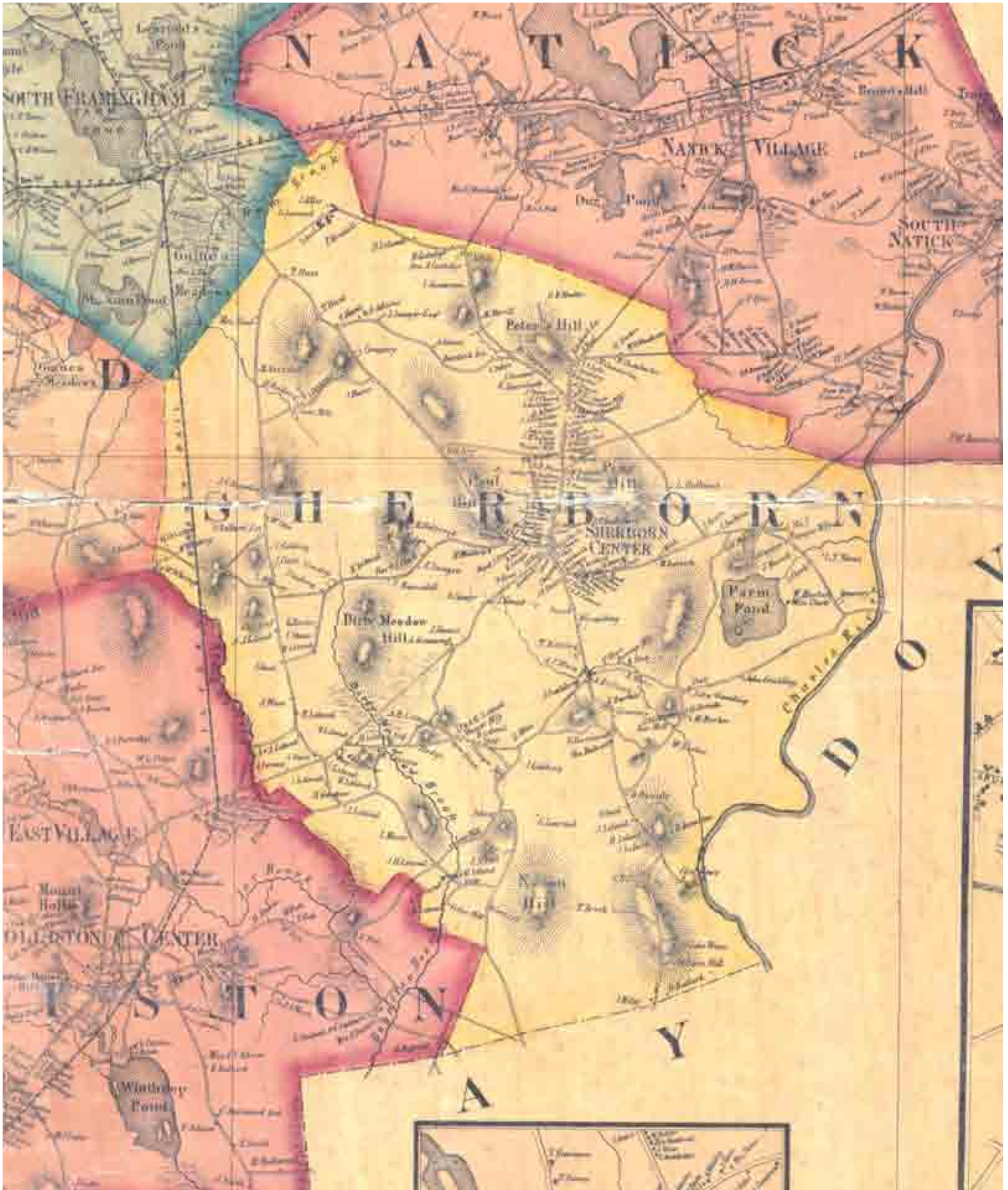




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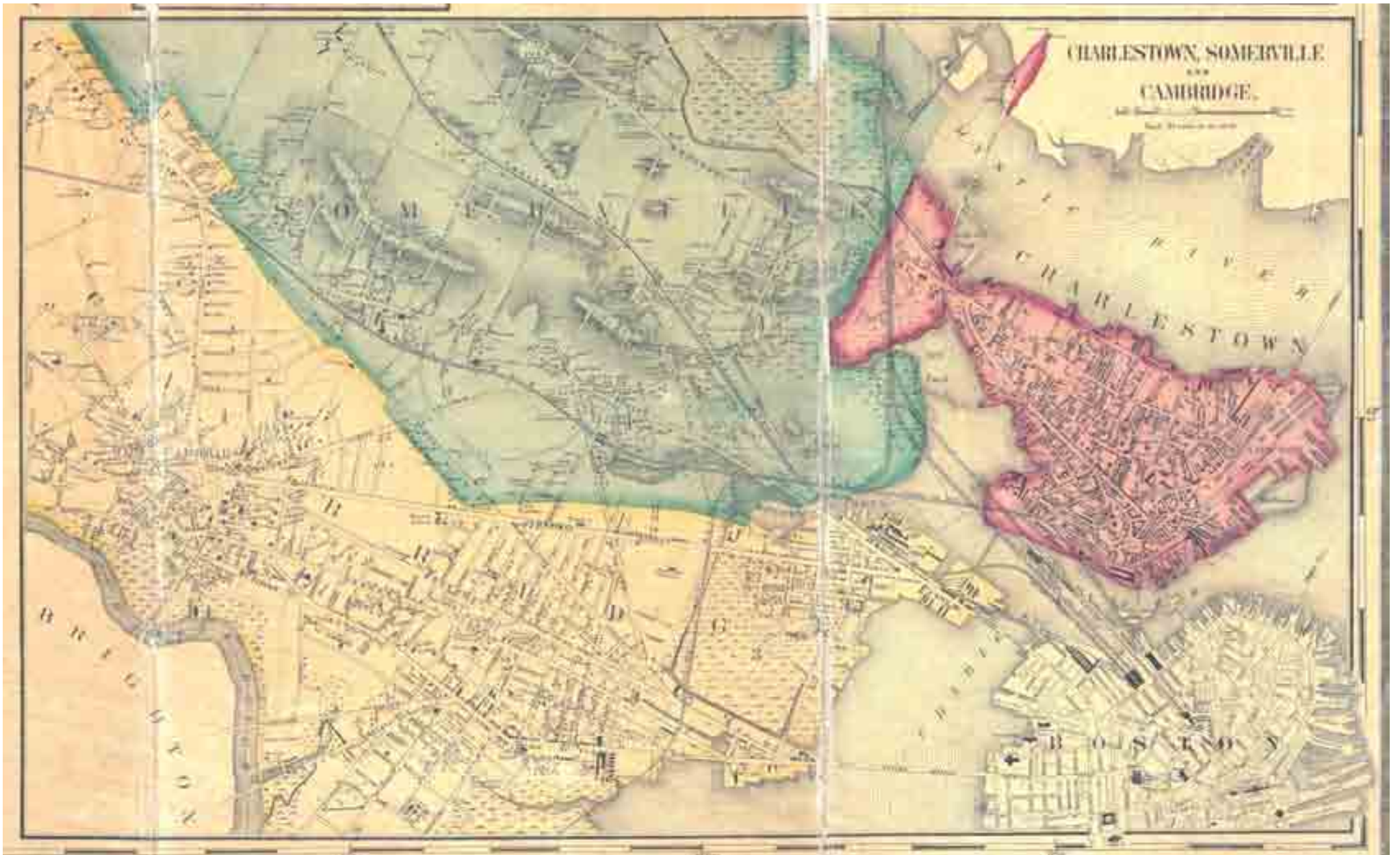
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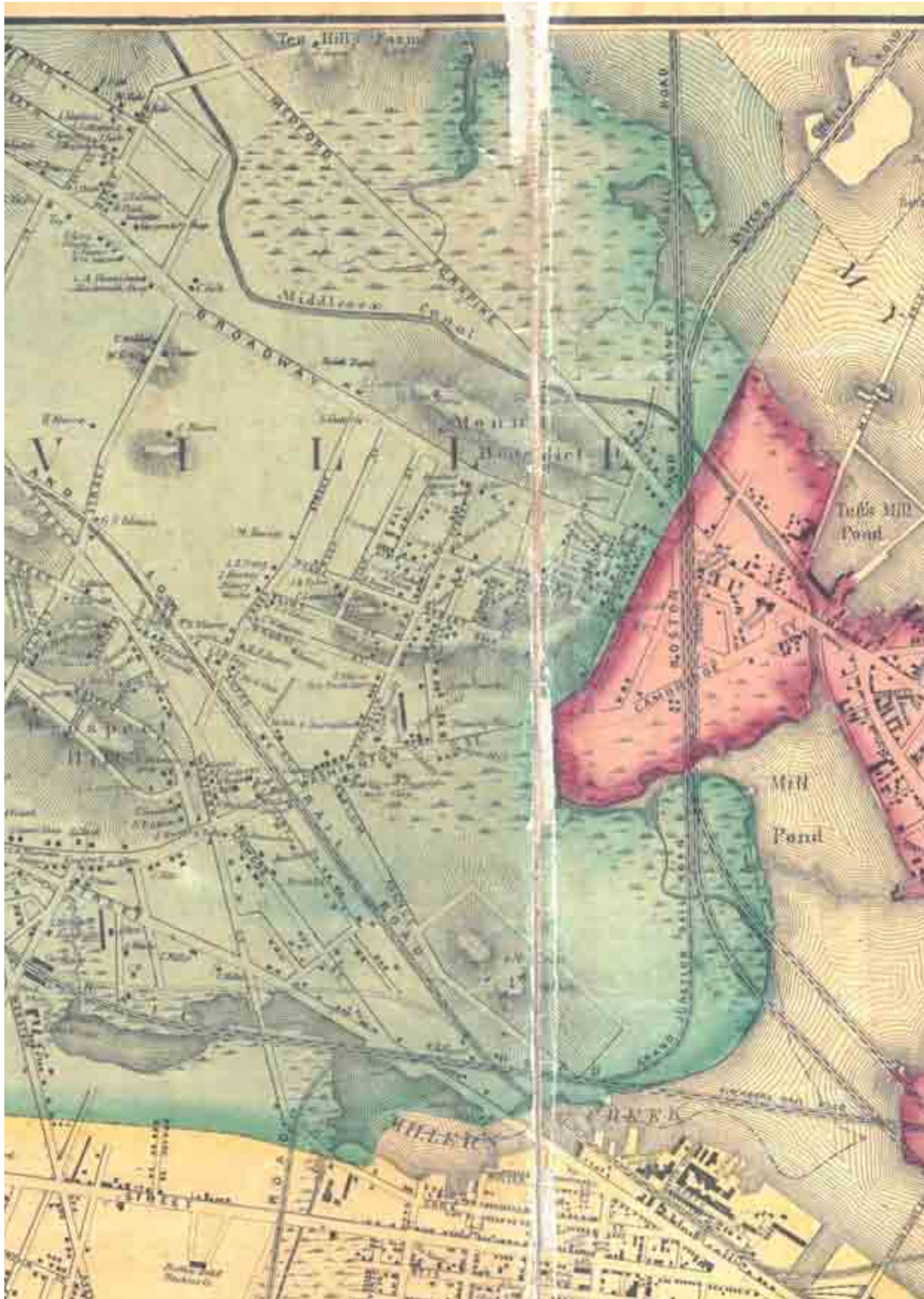
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Somerville & Business Directory

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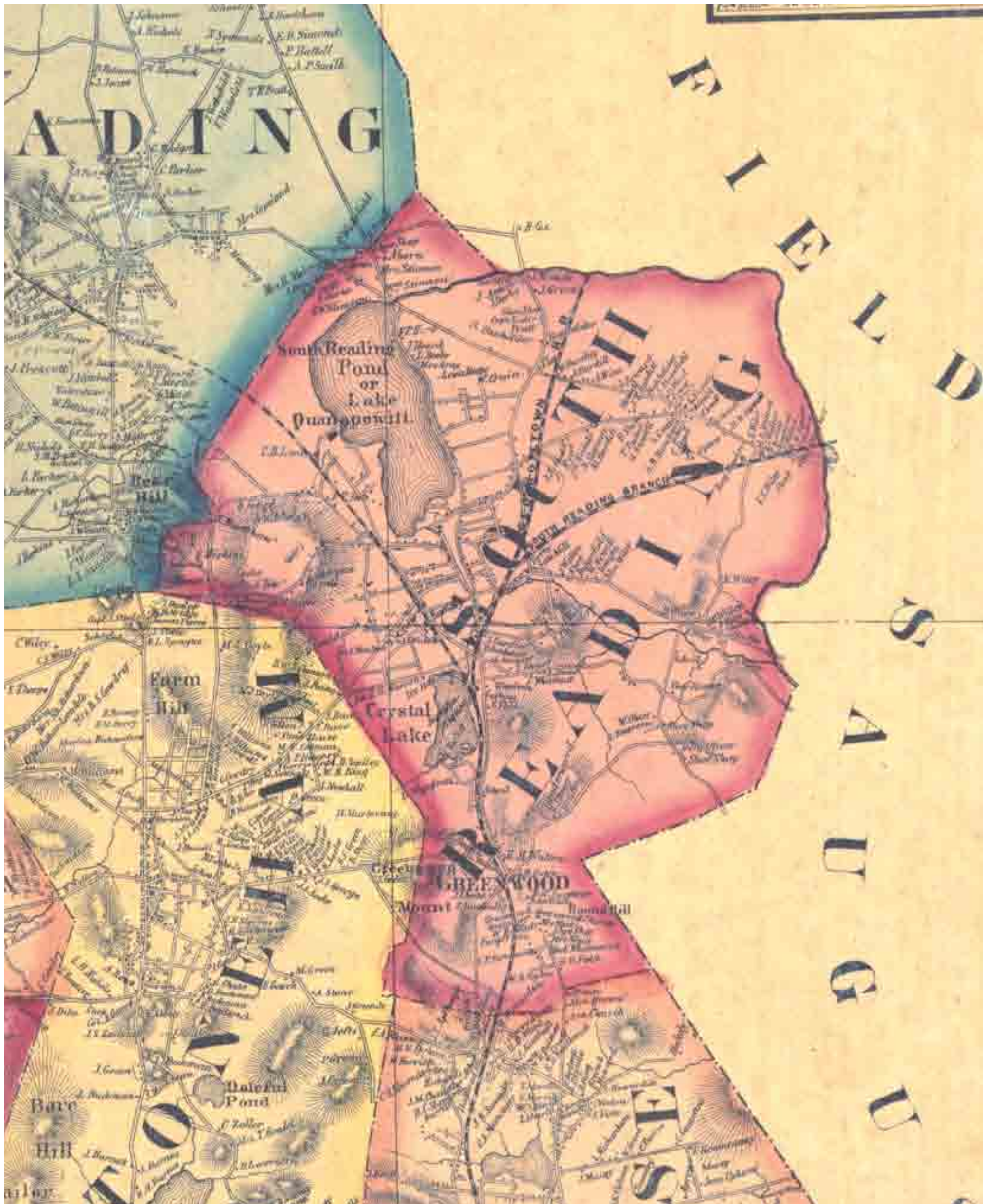
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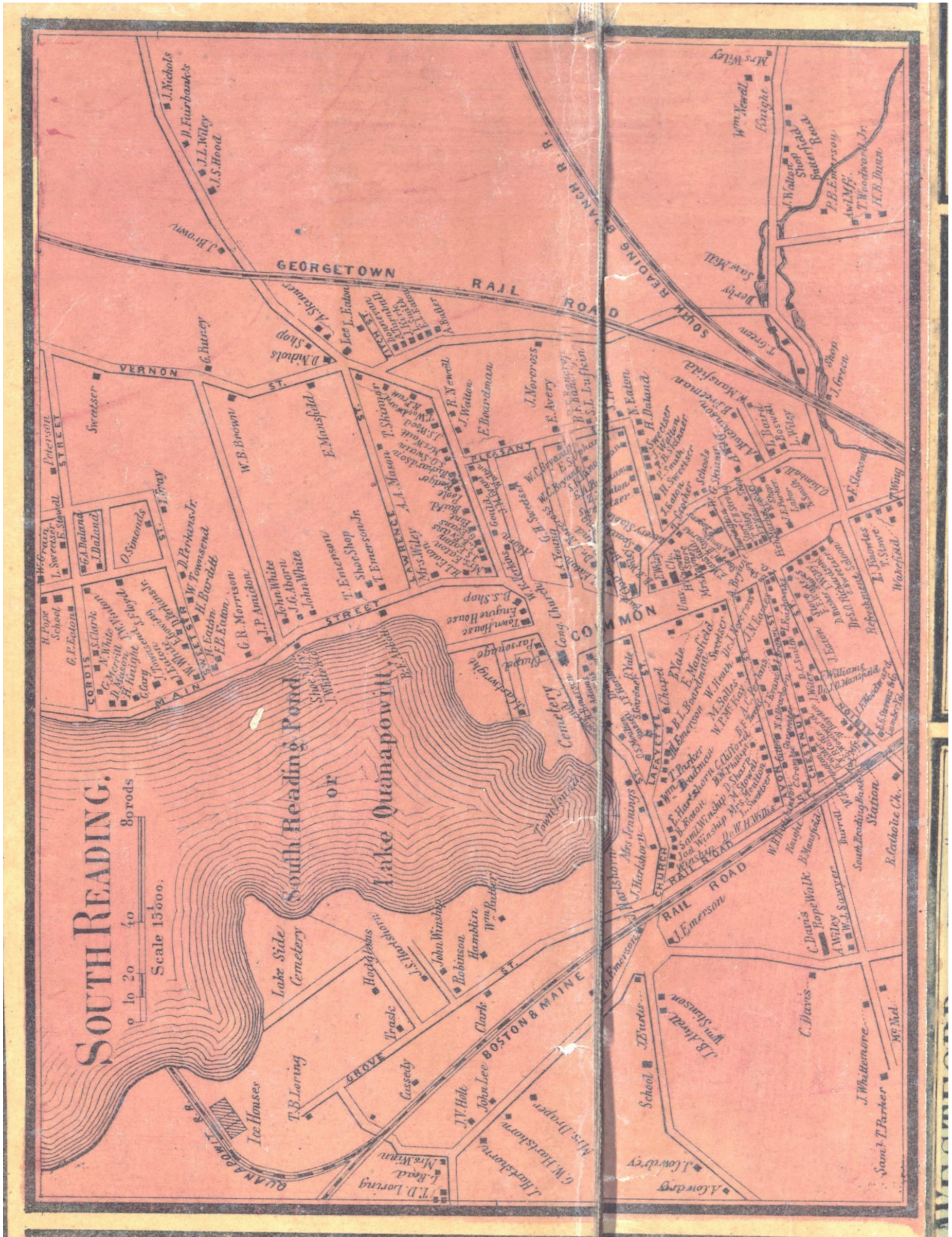
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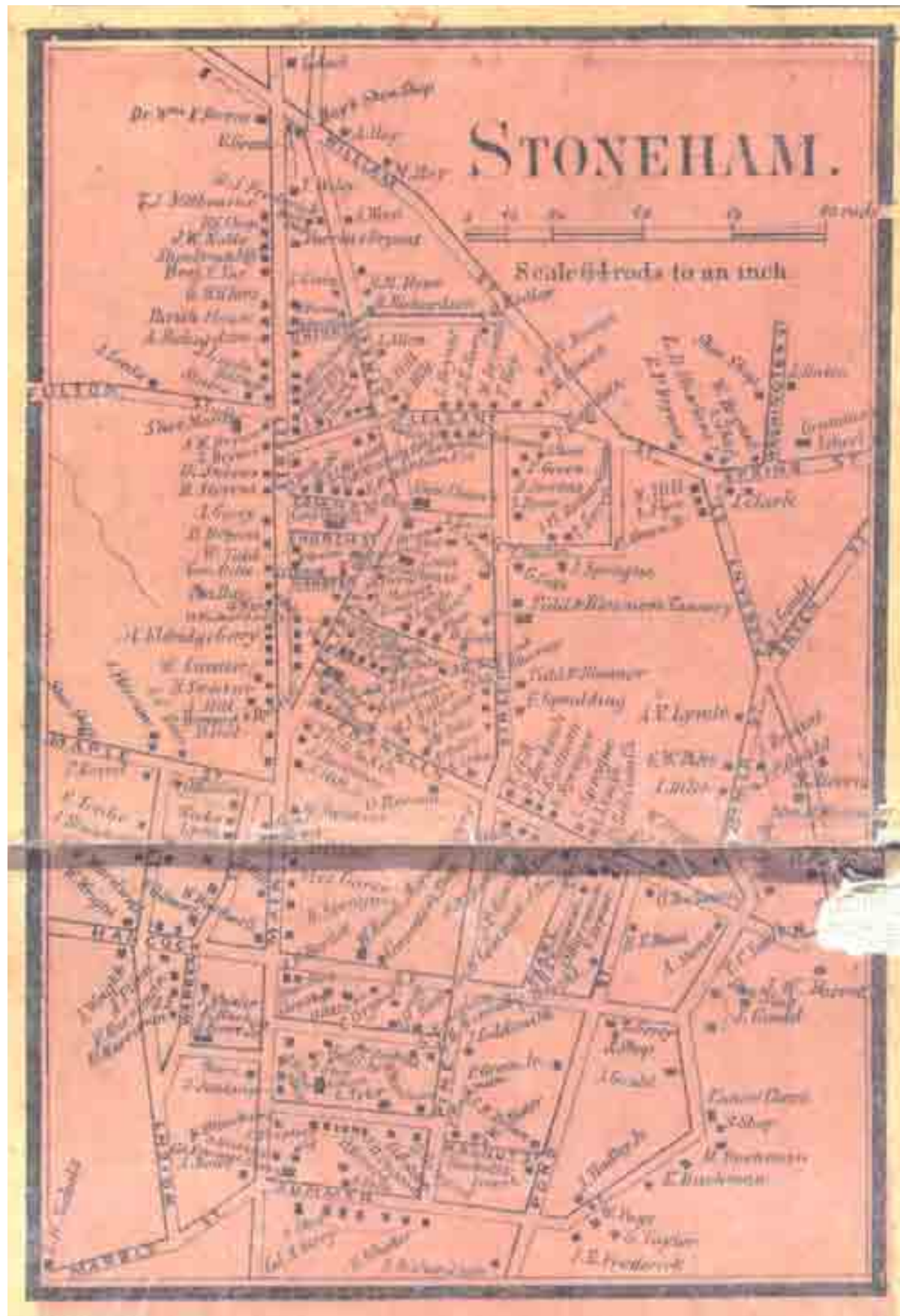


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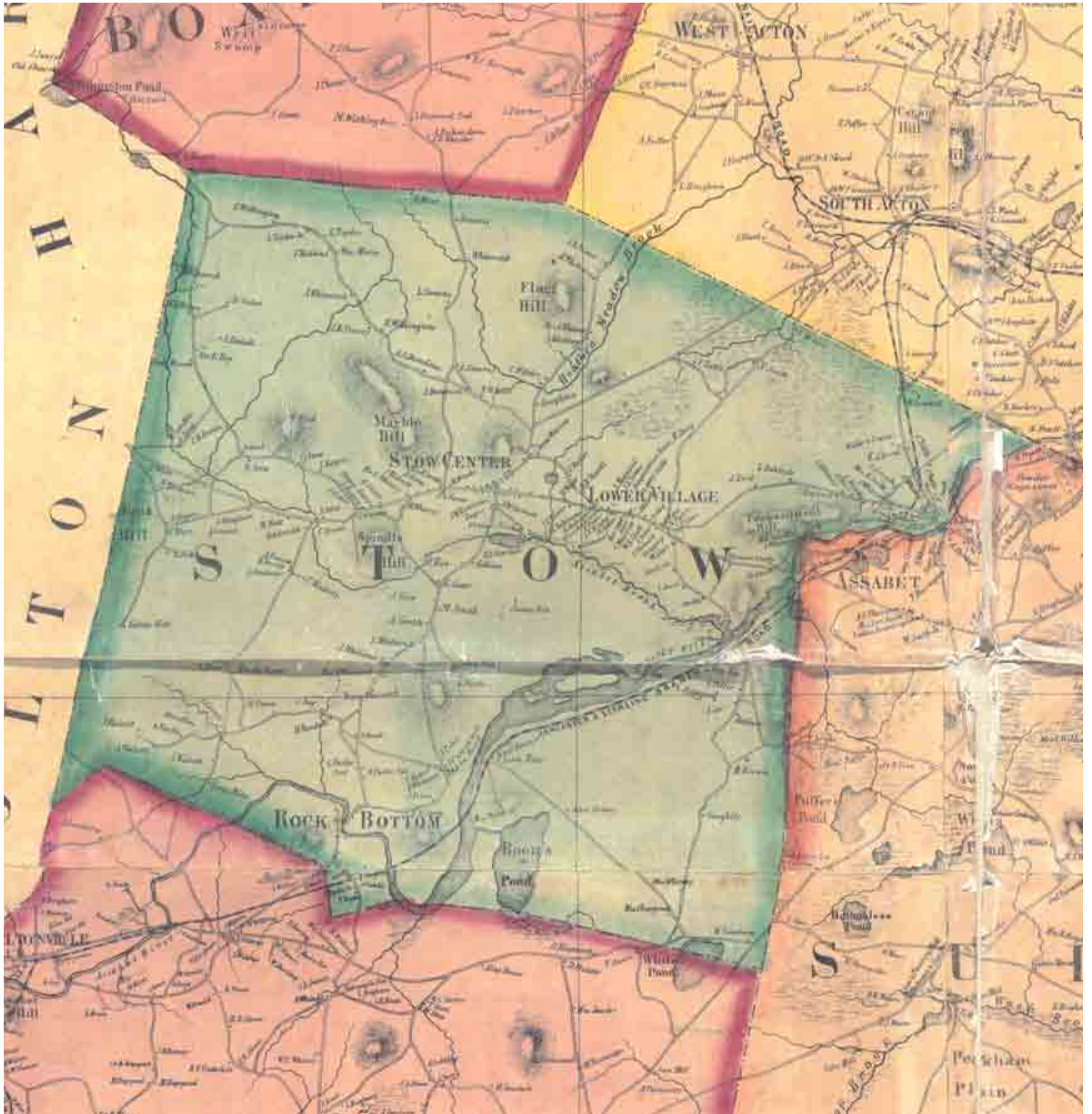
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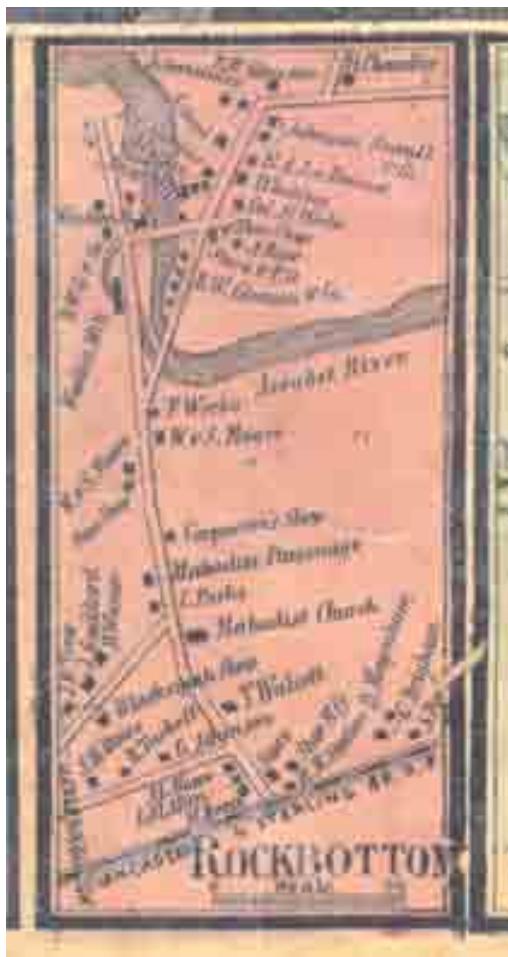
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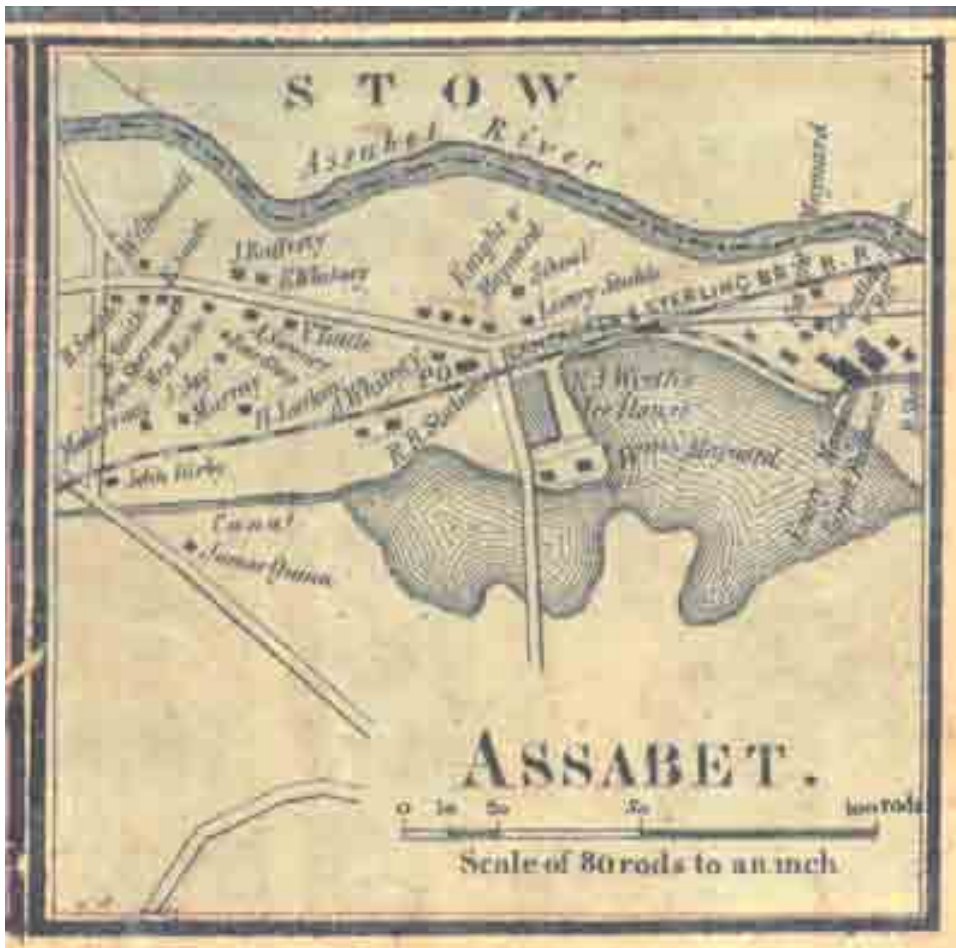
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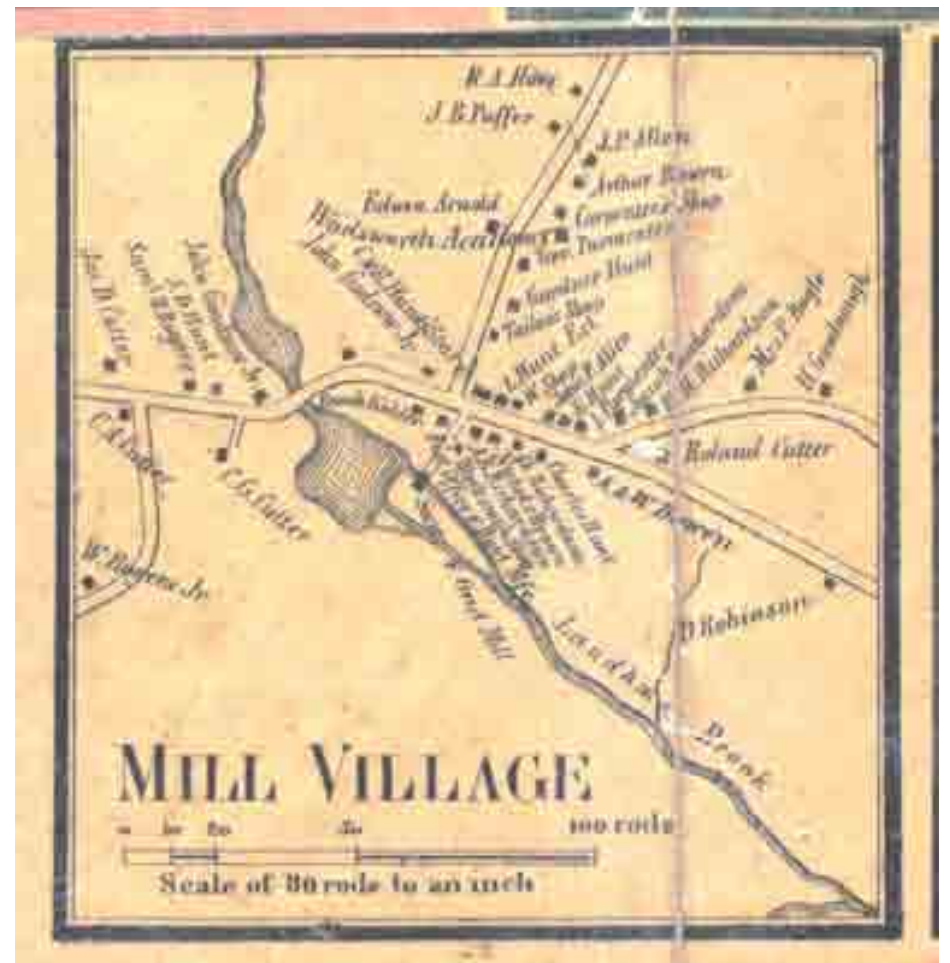
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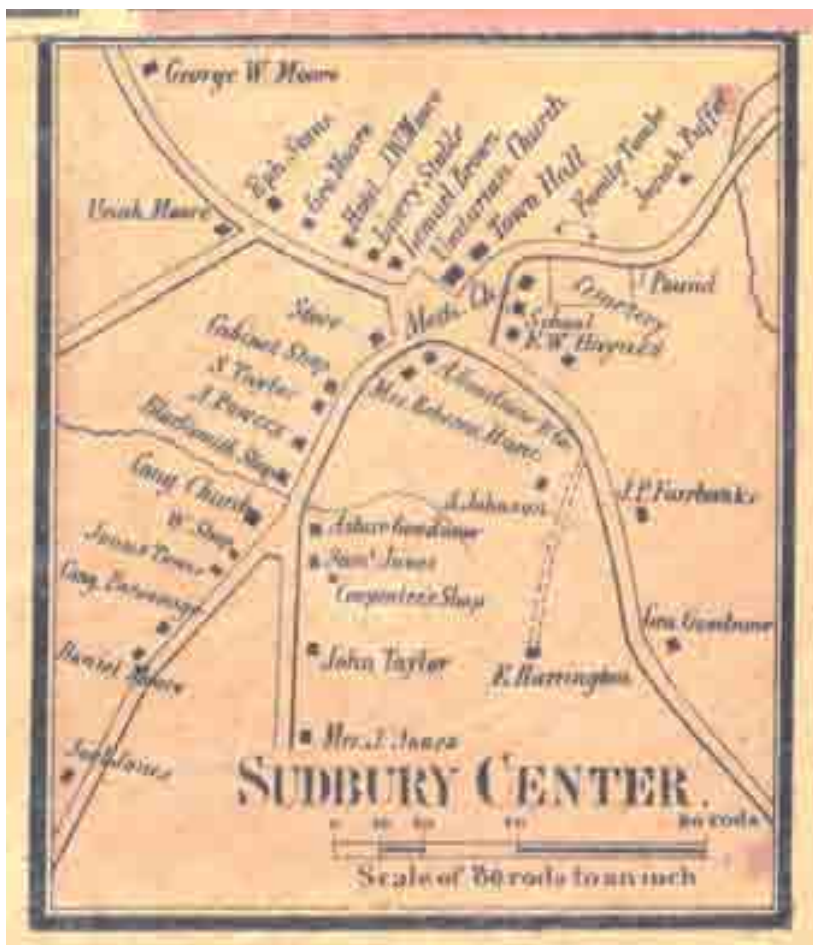
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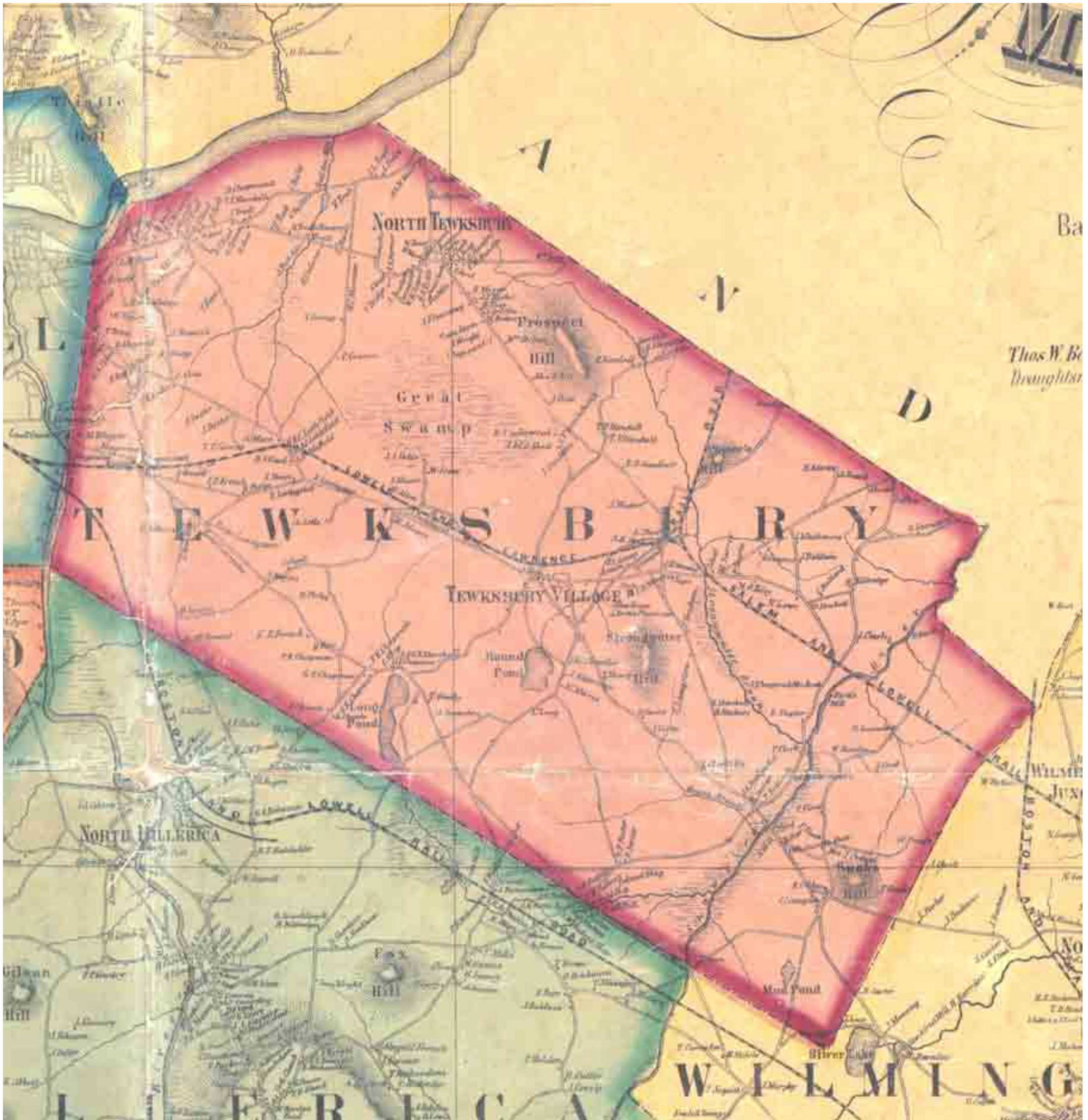
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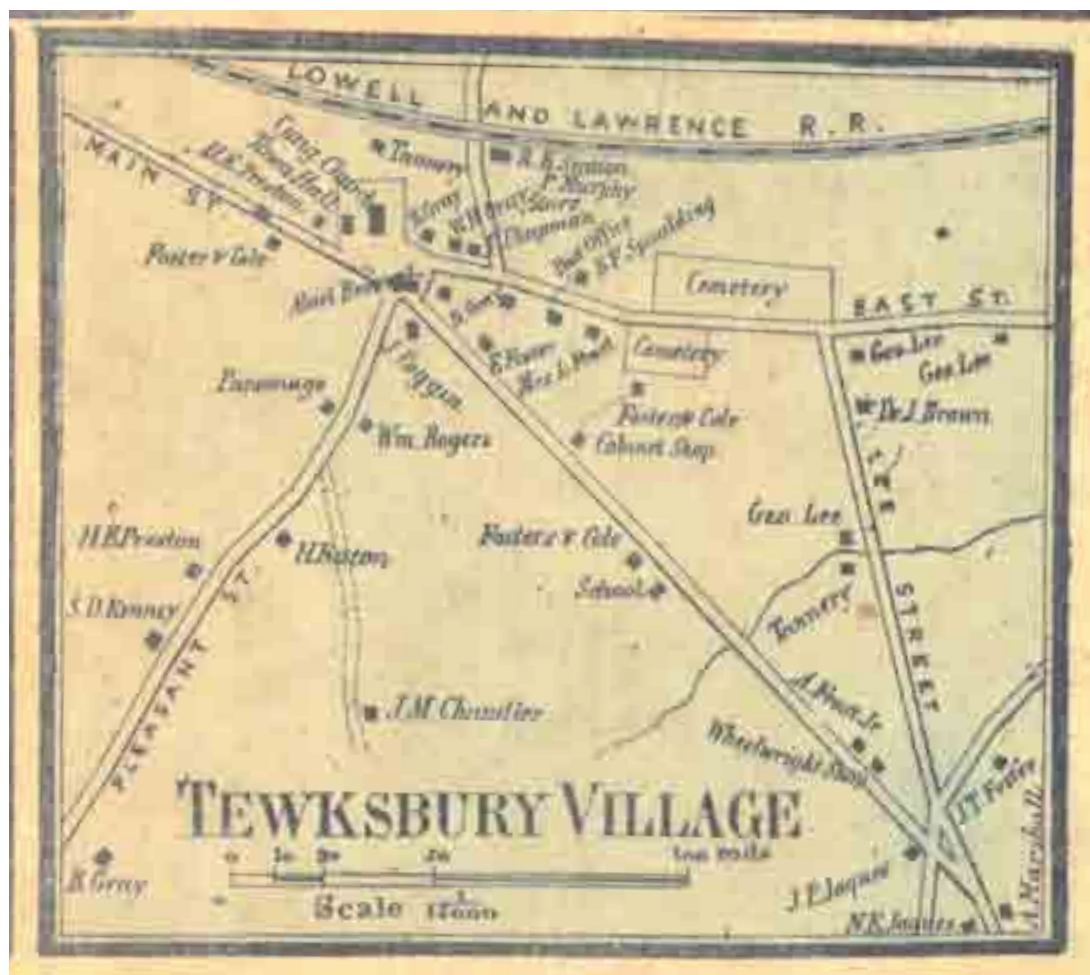
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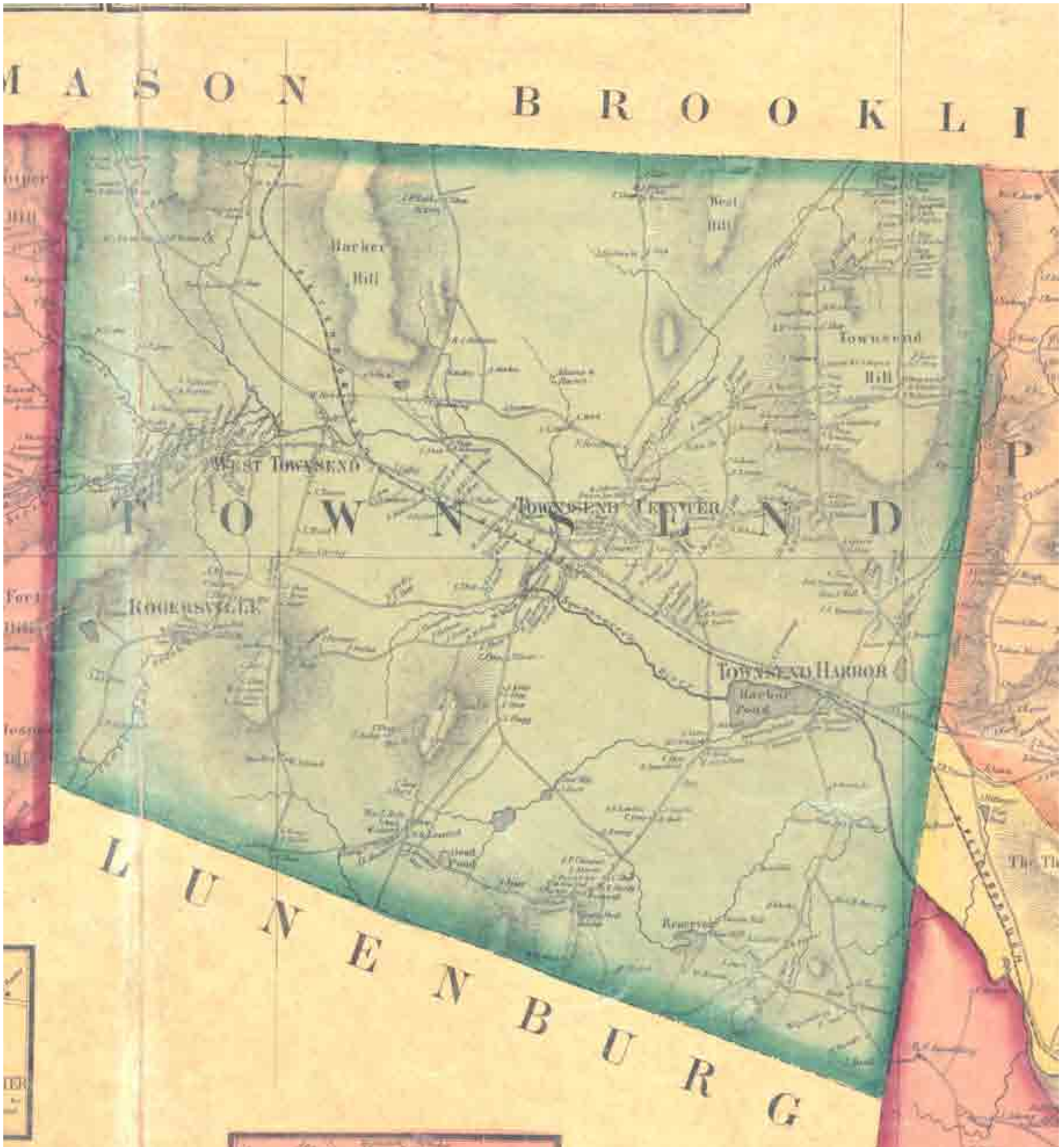
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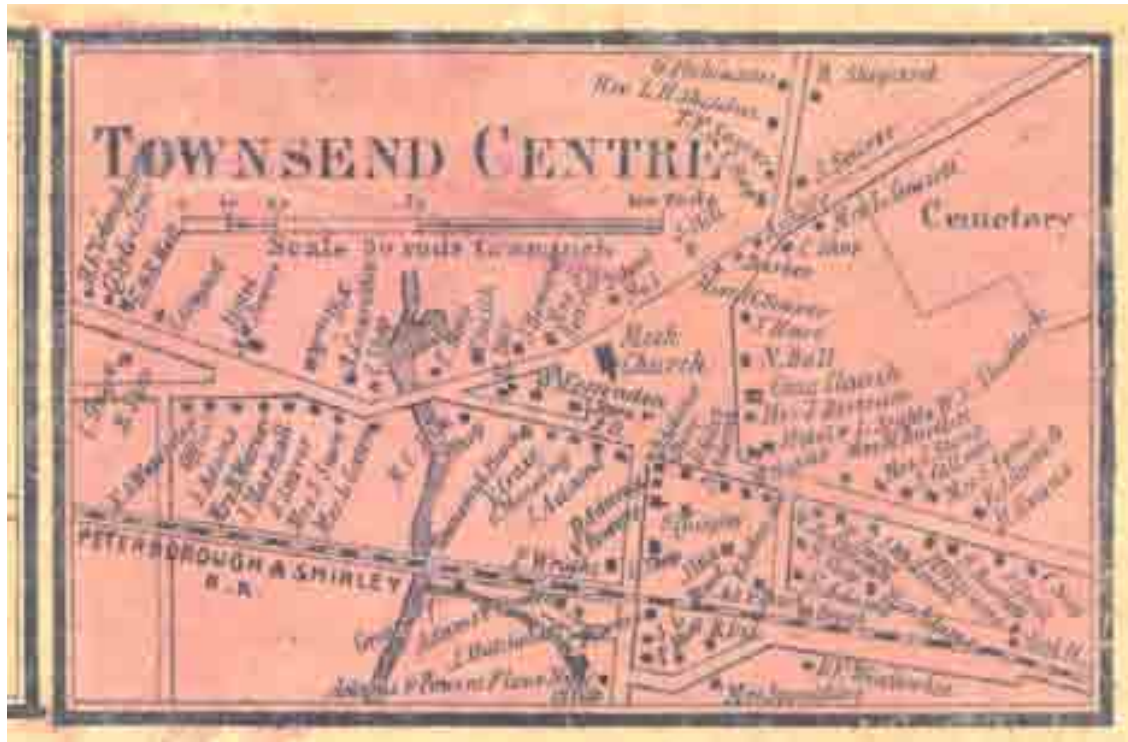
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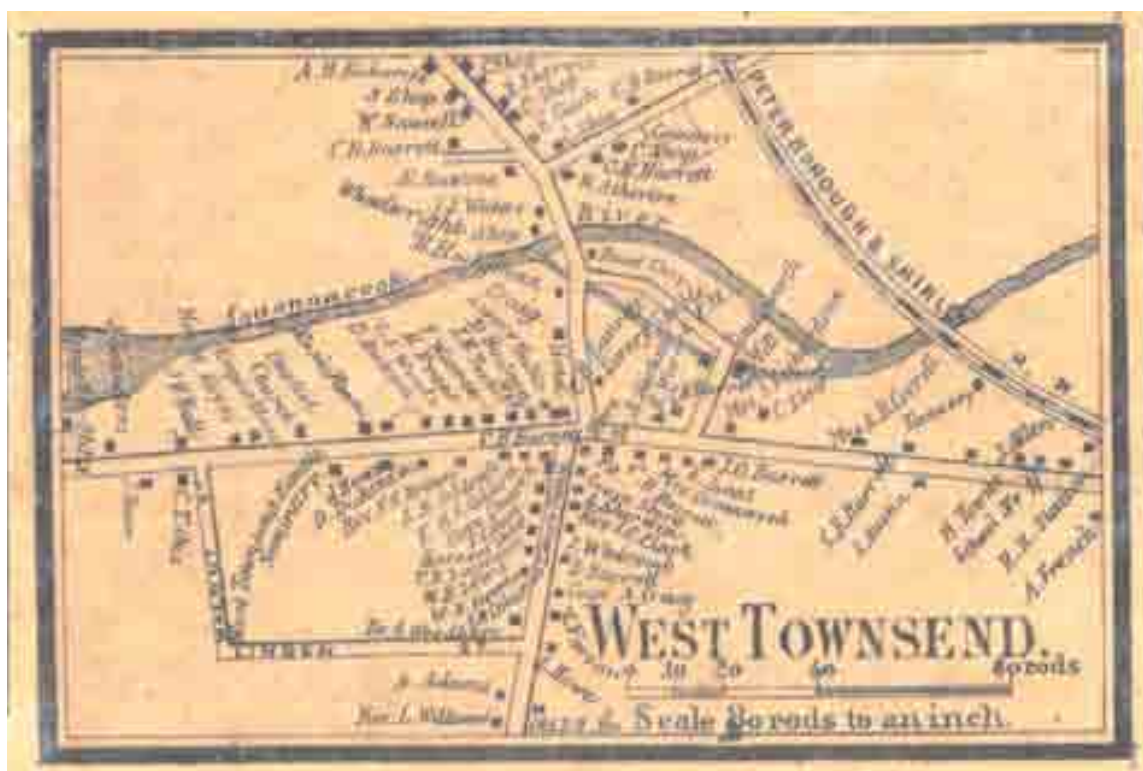
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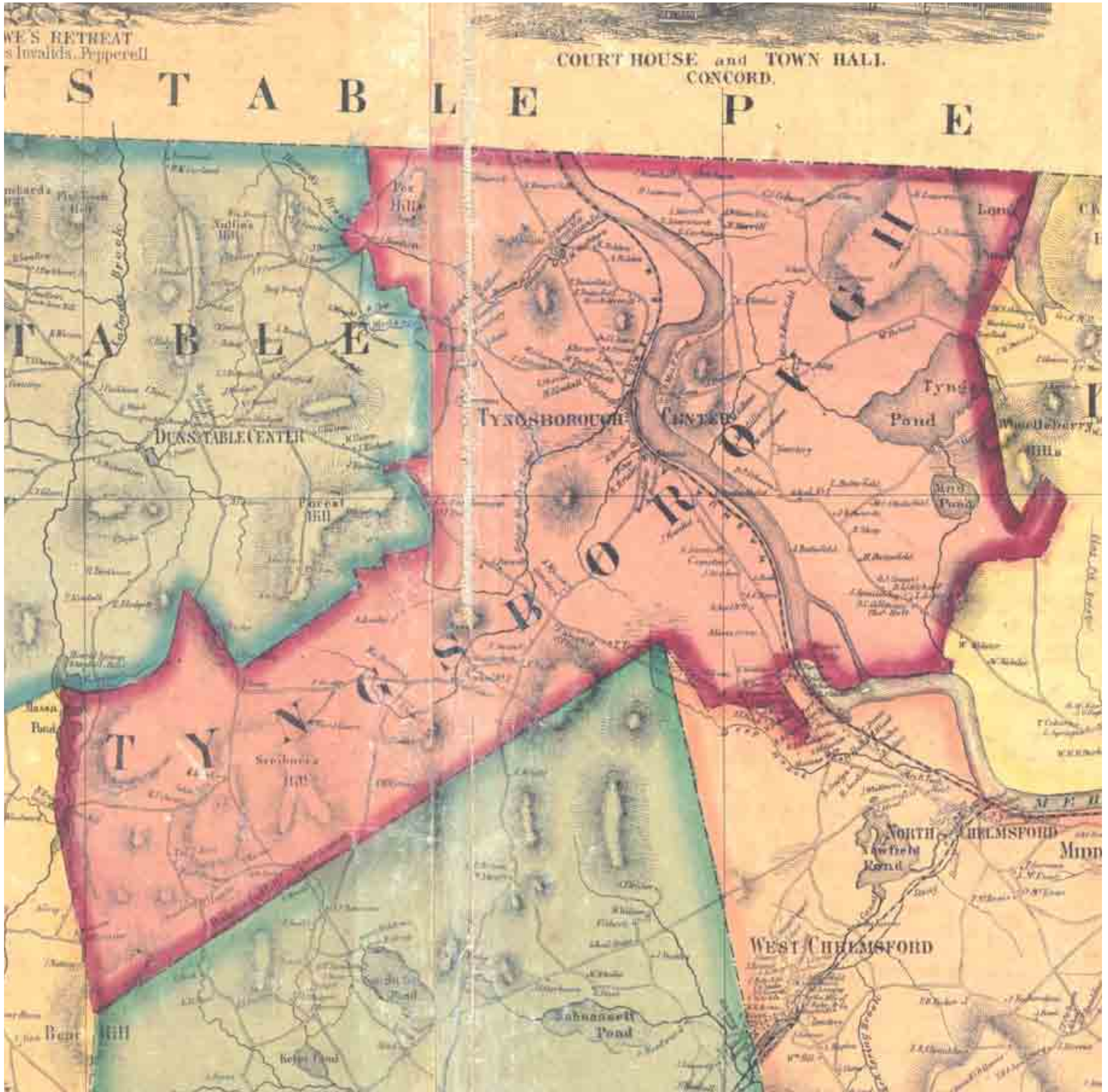
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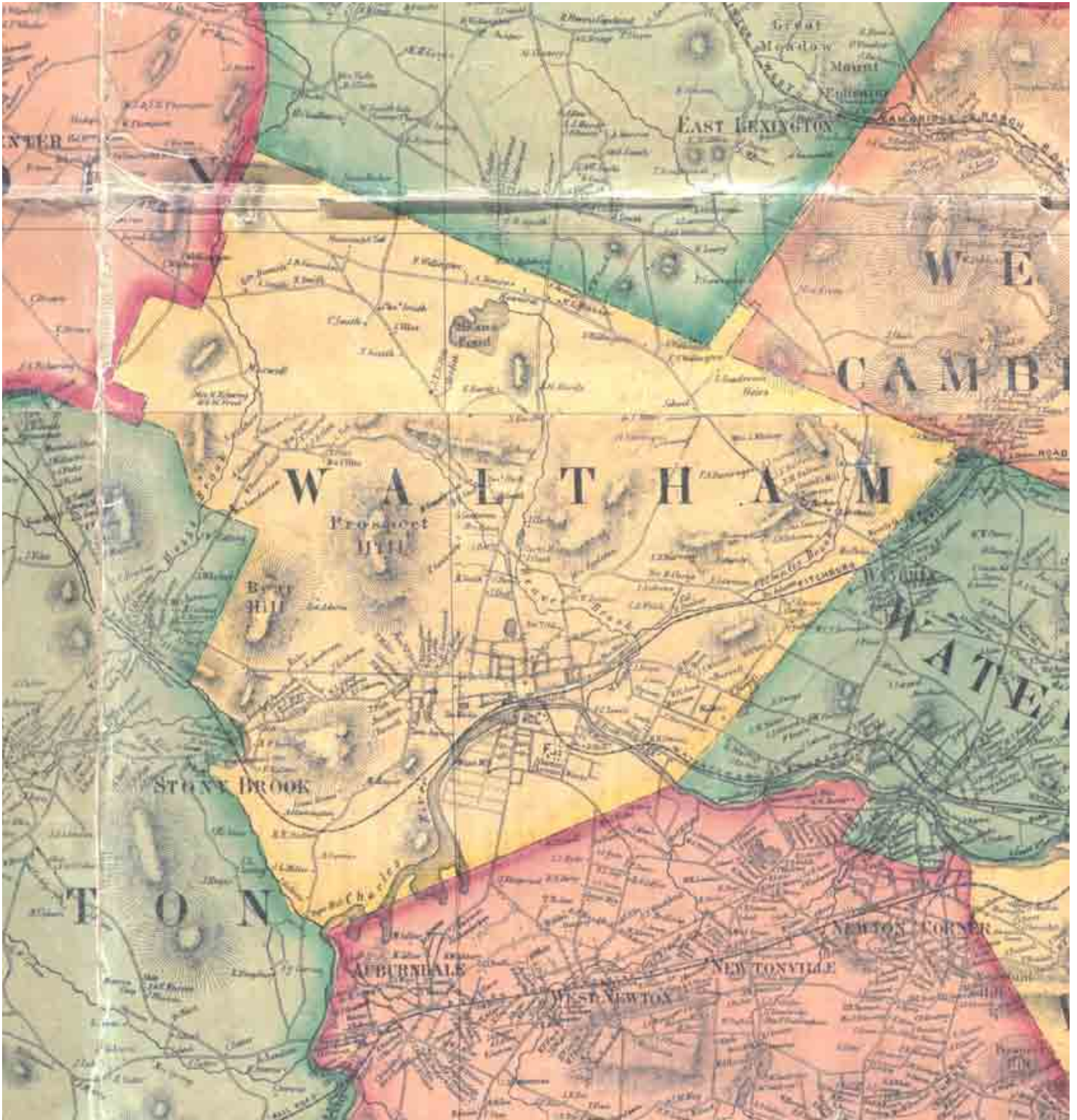
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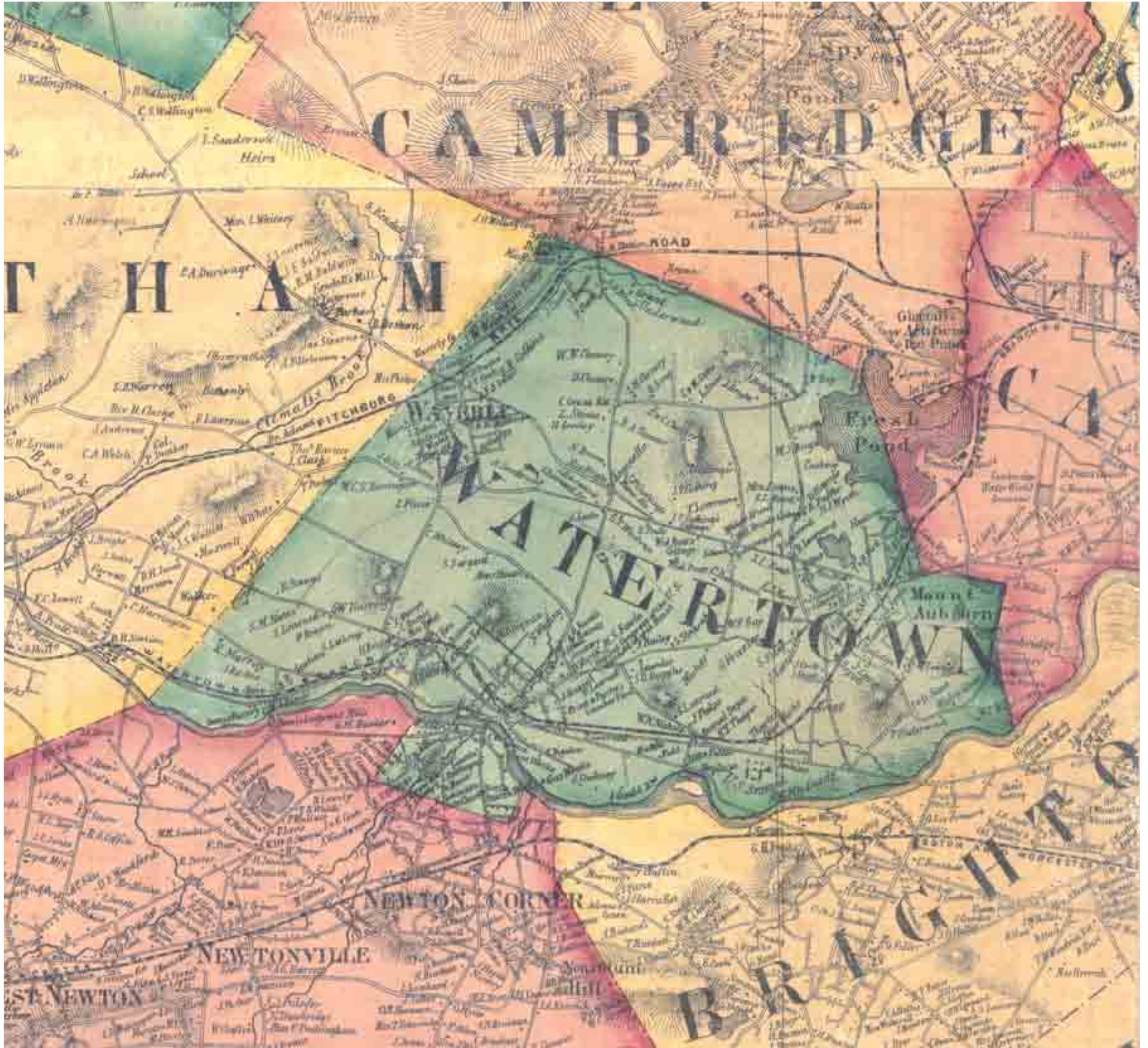


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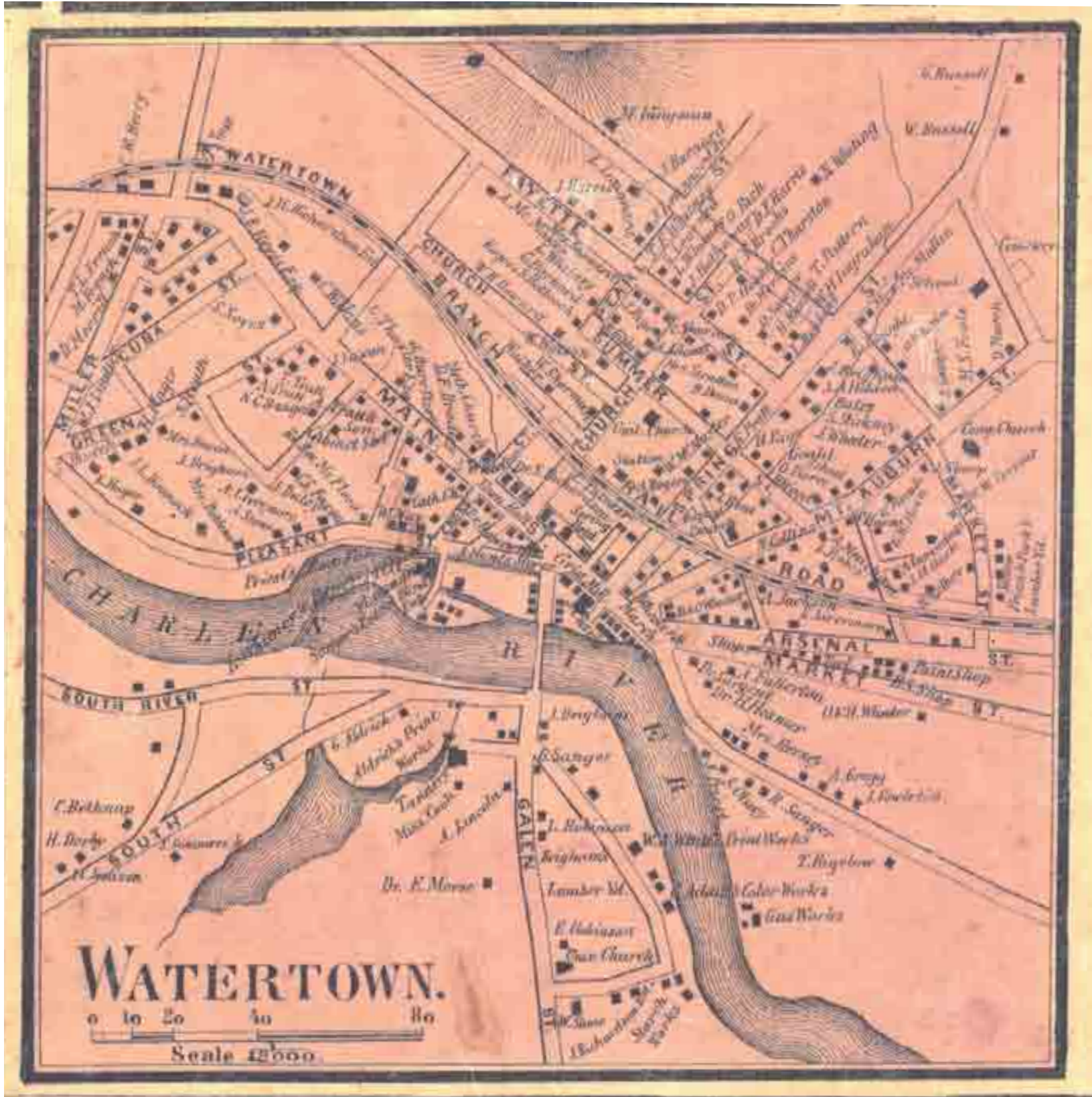
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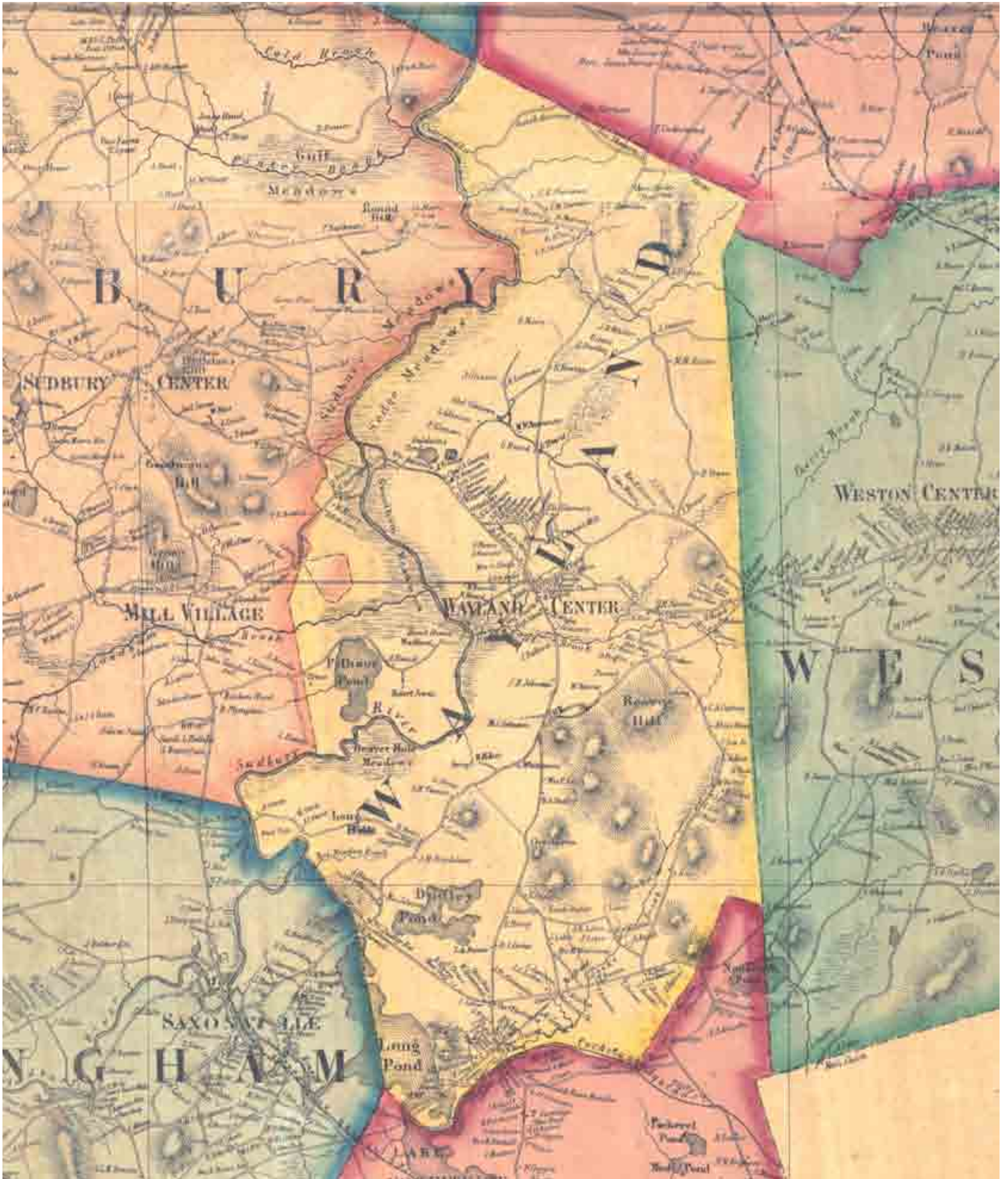
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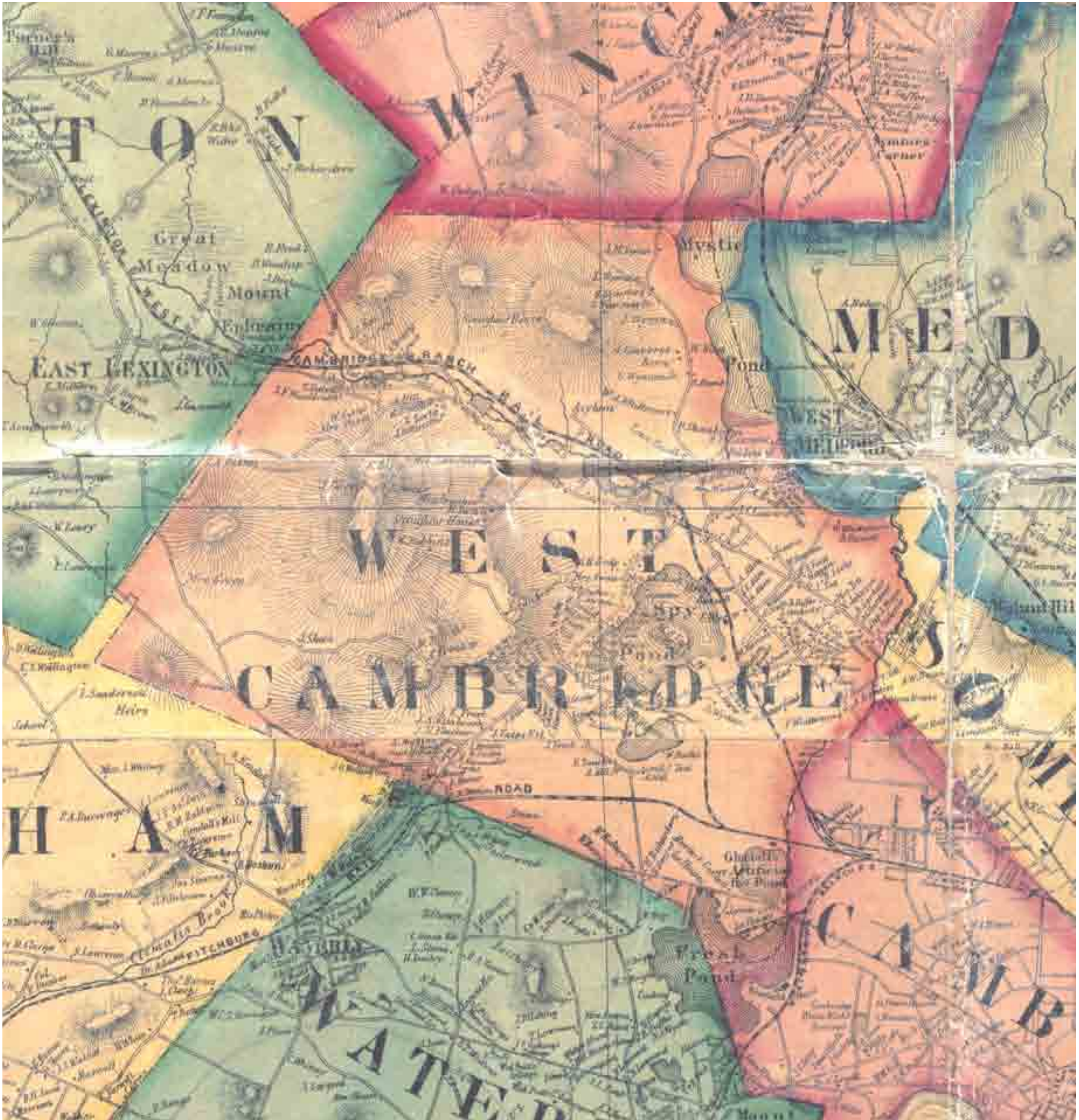


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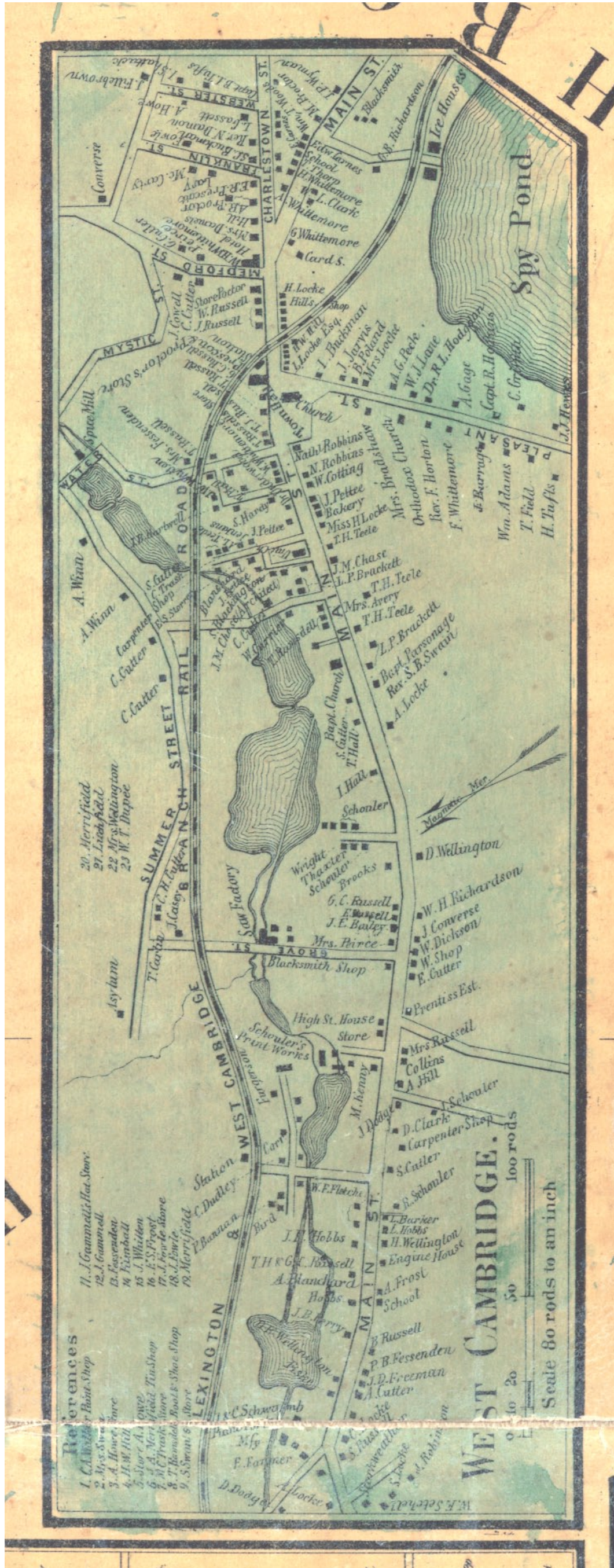


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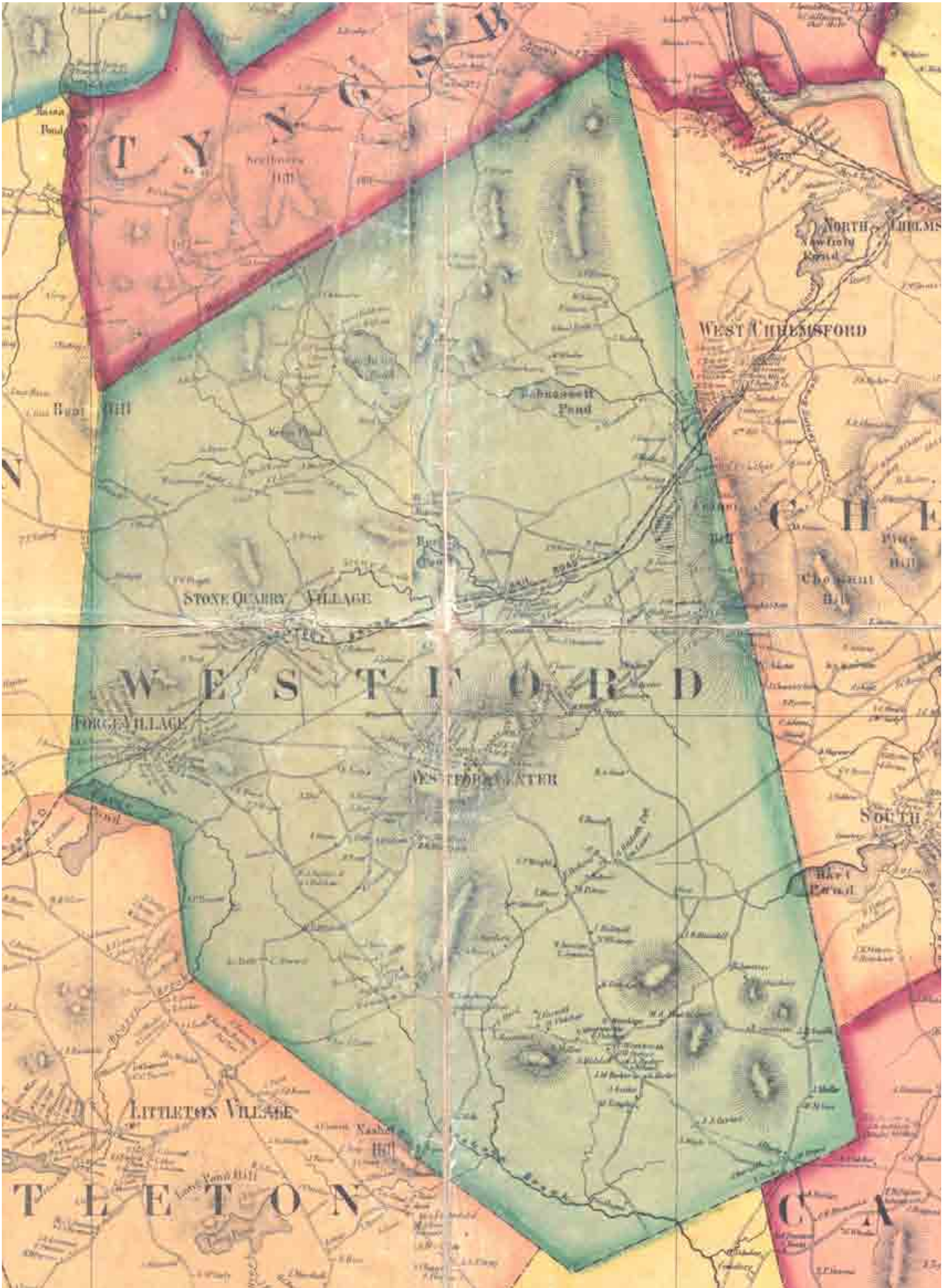
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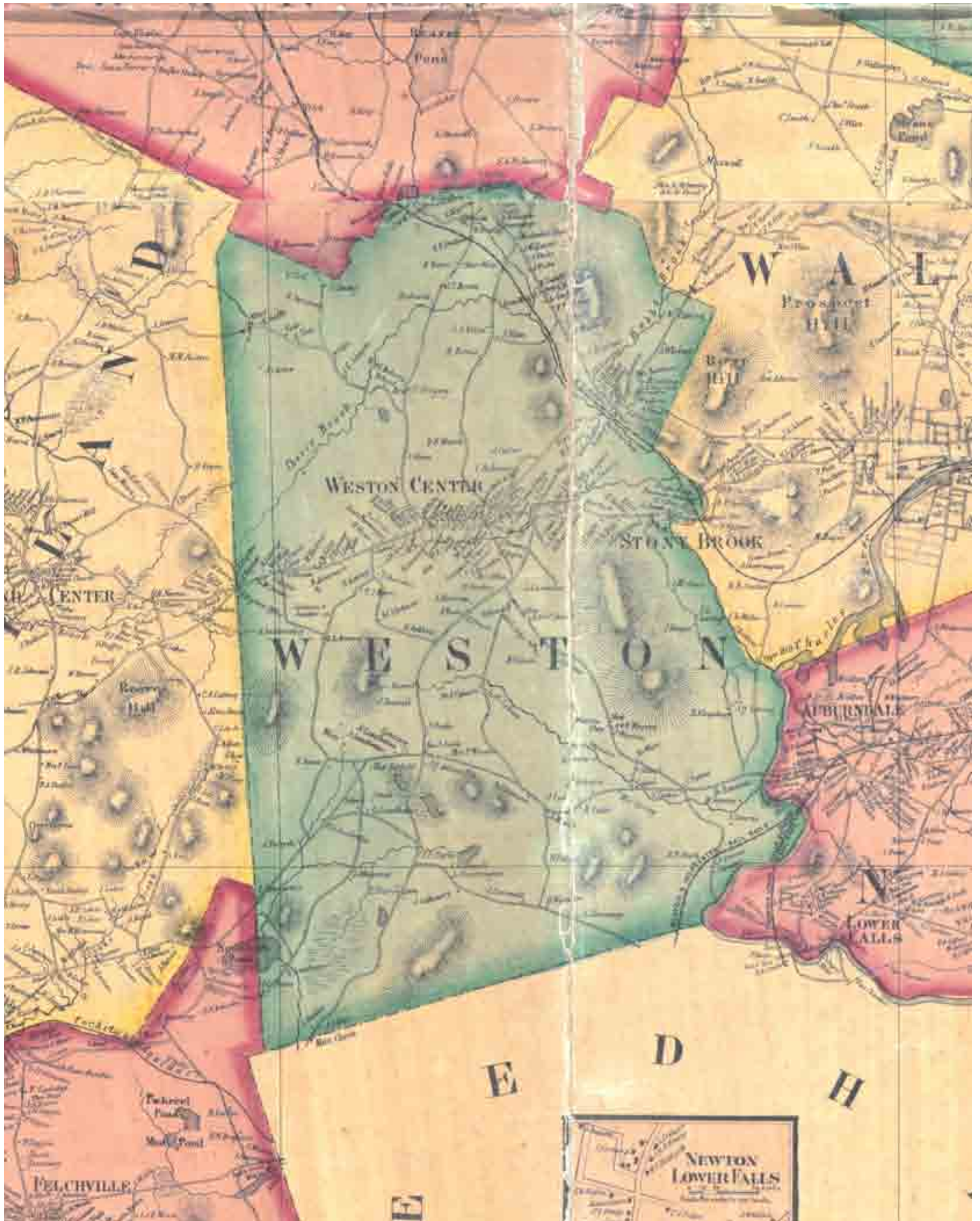
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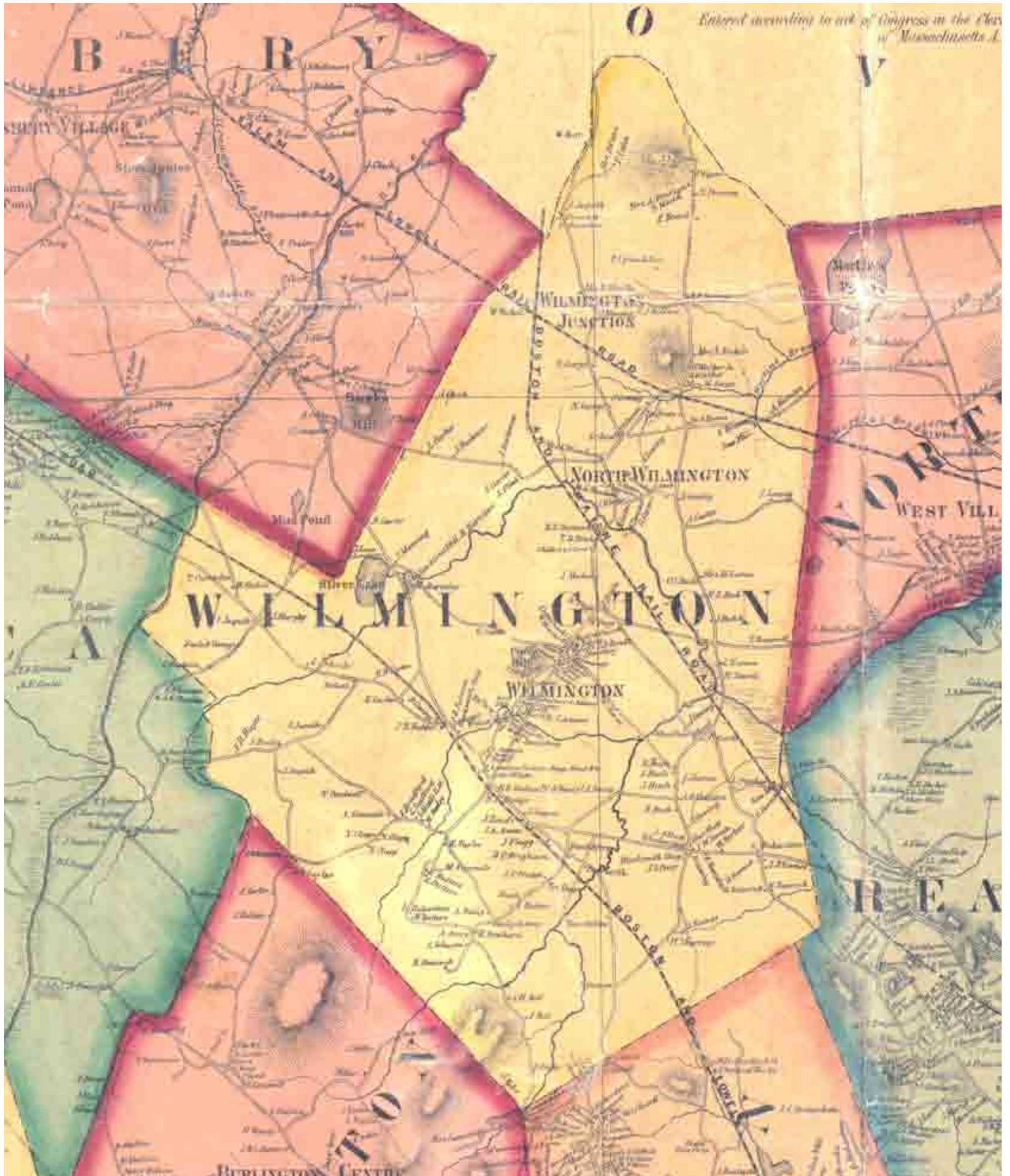
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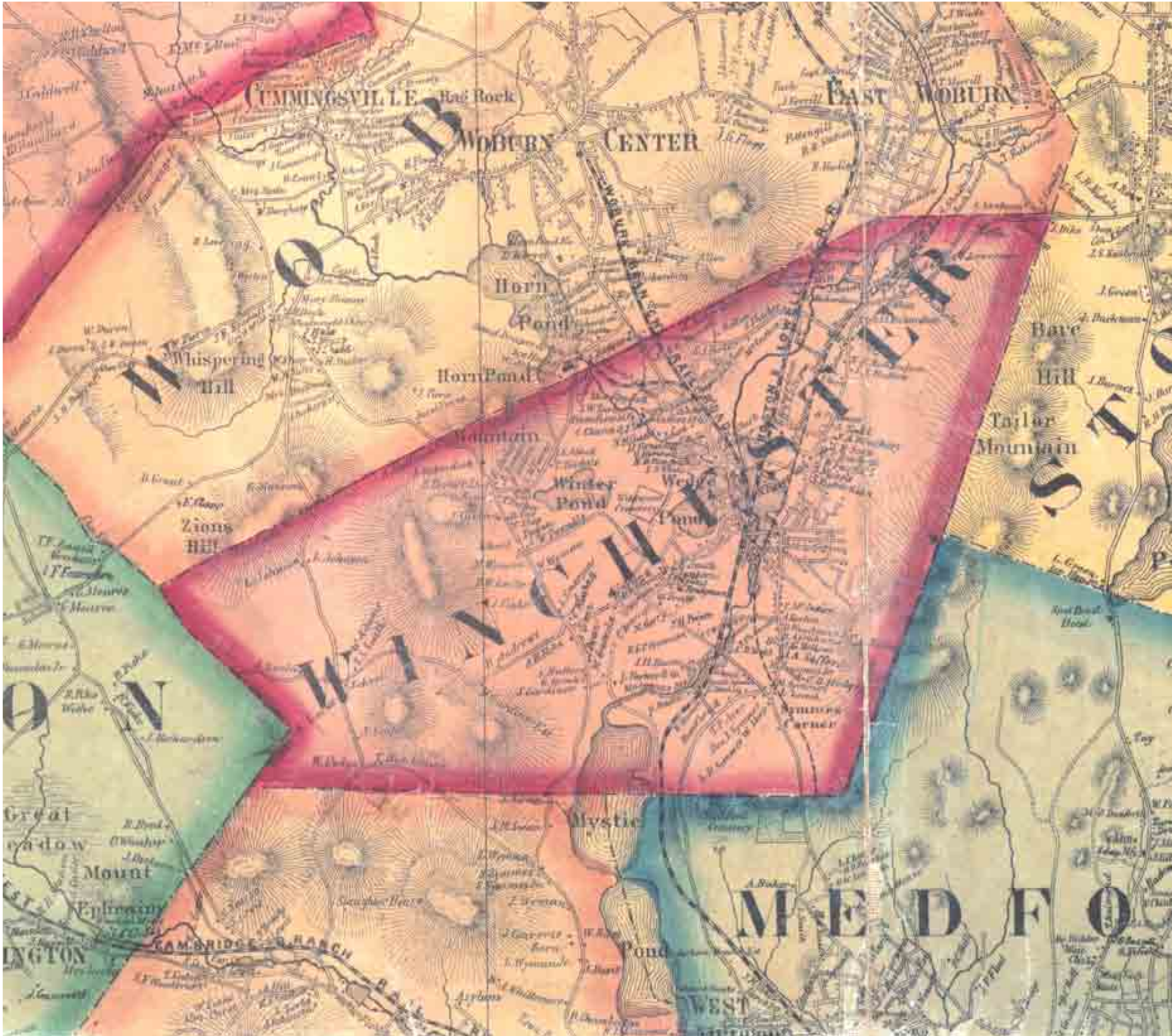


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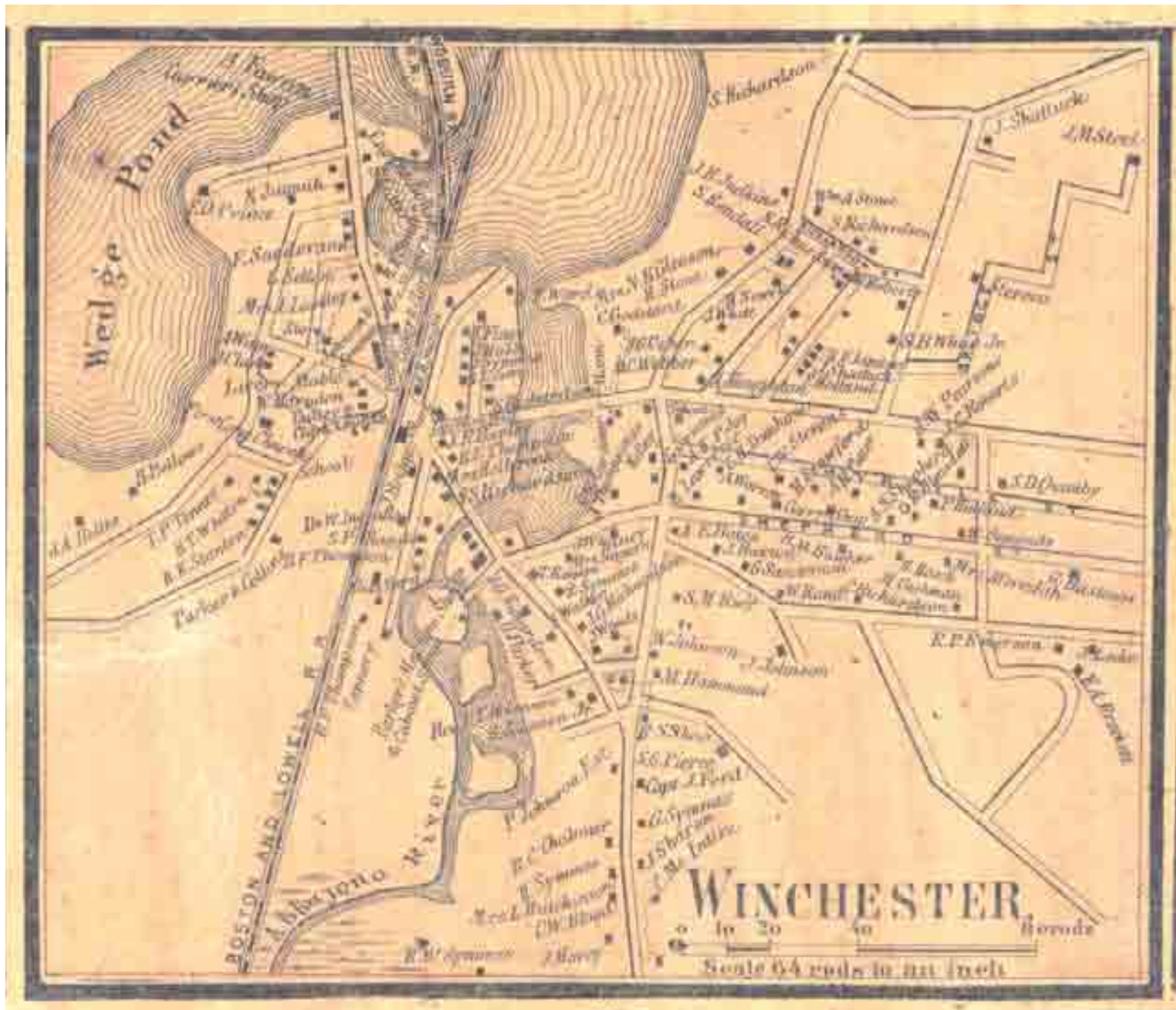


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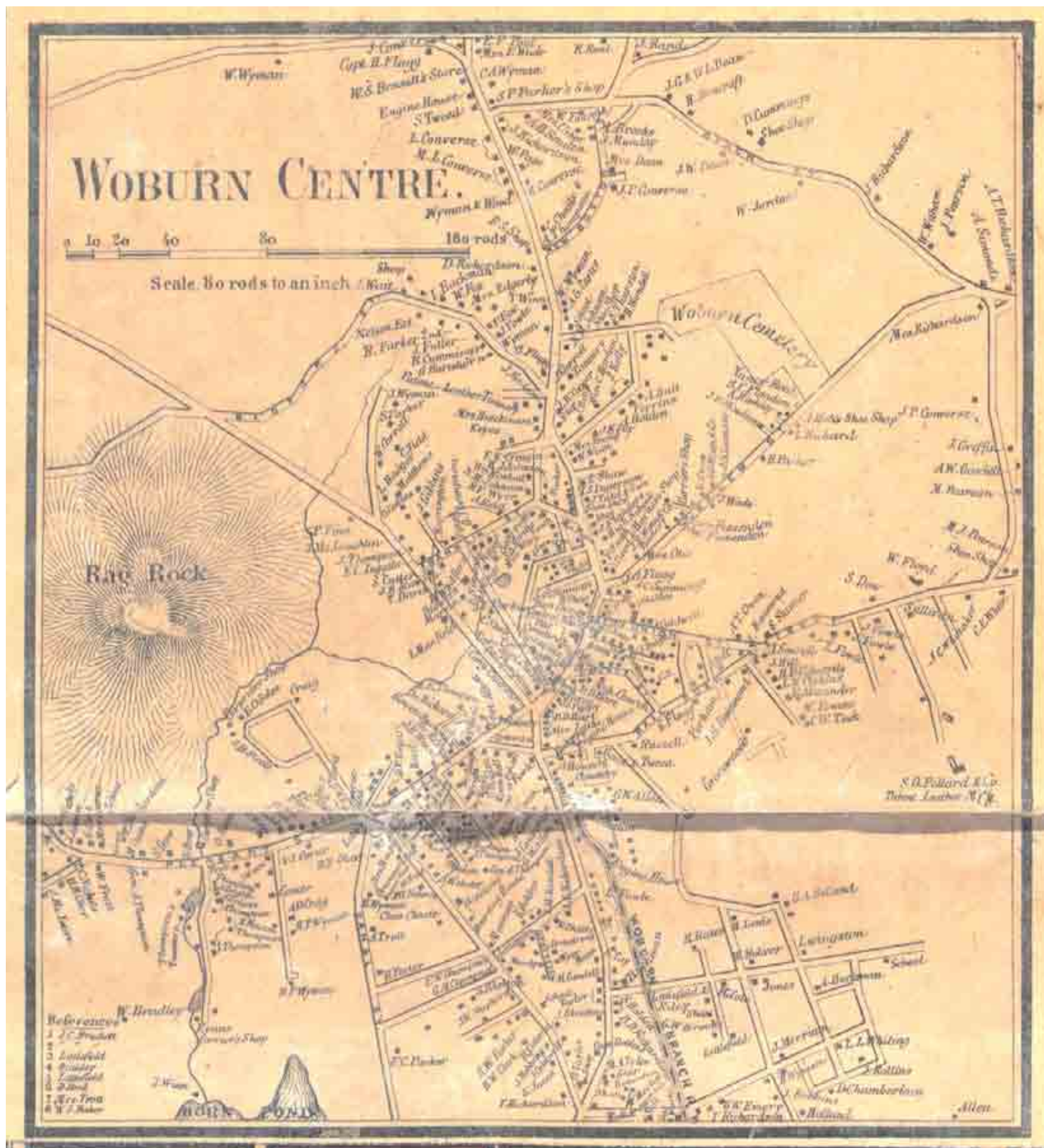
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WOBURN



Woburn Centre



Statistics

STATISTICS			
POPULATION.			
Townships	1850.	1855.	Increase.
Acton	1,985	1,678	78
Ashby	1,319	1,376	4
Ashland	1,304	1,308	4
Bedford	870	988	111
Billerica	1,836	1,772	134
Buxborough	296	412	77
Brighton	2,856	2,890	38
Burlington	547	664	117
Cambridge	15,215	20,472	5,257
Carlisle	719	690	29
Charlestown	17,918	21,744	4,826
Chelmsford	2,098	2,140	42
Concord	2,449	2,351	98
*Dracut	8,500	1,962	6,538
Dunstable	590	598	8
Frankenfield	4,293	4,878	441
Groton	2,515	2,742	227
Holliston	2,429	2,994	465
Hopkinton	2,901	3,394	1,132
Lexington	1,894	2,540	685
Lincoln	629	721	89
Littleton	201	282	81
Lawell	68,852	27,622	4,188
Malden	3,229	4,091	1,971
Marlborough	2,941	4,228	1,947
Medford	2,749	4,022	856
Melrose	1,209	1,978	716
Natick	2,724	4,182	1,394
Newton	5,252	6,762	1,510
*North Reading	1,949	1,000	7
Pepperell	1,754	1,765	11
Reading	2,065	2,529	457
Sharburn	1,048	1,071	29
Sittley	1,155	1,479	321
Somerville	2,542	2,806	268
South Reading	2,407	2,722	261
Stoneham	2,085	2,512	408
Stow	1,455	1,422	30
Sudbury	1,572	1,672	95
Tewksbury	1,042	1,712	371
Townsend	1,947	2,096	189
Uxbridge	729	714	15
Waltham	4,164	6,049	1,884
Watertown	2,227	2,672	74
Wayland	1,115	1,172	62
West Cambridge	2,282	2,670	468
Westford	1,472	1,620	119
Weston	1,205	1,200	0
Wilmington	876	922	22
Winchester	1,222	1,201	410
Woburn	2,024	2,461	1,407
	161,282	194,082	122,222

Annual Income of Public Schools--			
From	Amount	Year	Total
From endowment	\$706	1850	\$102,599
" taxation	175,788	1855	
" public funds	6,004	1850	
" other sources	7,388	1855	

AGRICULTURE.			
	1850.	1855.	Increase.
Improved Acres		220,298	
Unimproved "		126,111	
Cows	8,284	8,235	2,149
Oxen		18,948	
Other Cattle	26,706	5,228	28,538
Sheep	8,351	1,244	8,507
Swine	20,591	16,725	2,236
Wheat, bushels of	2,501	1,029	8,402
Barley "	22,509	2,765	18,624
Oats "	66,021	60,221	5,720
Rye "	61,105	42,758	15,240
Indian Corn "	220,472	229,902	29,430
Peas and Beans, bushels of		2,646	
Black-wheat "	5,974	6,228	2,726
Potatoes "	741,251	585,204	155,047
Clover Seed "		2	
Other Grass Seed "		824	
Hay, tons of	84,129	61,591	2,161
Butter, lbs. of		229,229	
Cheese "		107,225	
Flax "		17	
Tallow "		209	
Wool "	22,221	5,475	17,046
Honey and beeswax, lbs. of		2,529	
Domestic Fabrics, value of	\$4,284	\$17,908	\$12,874
Animals slaughtered "		\$210,917	

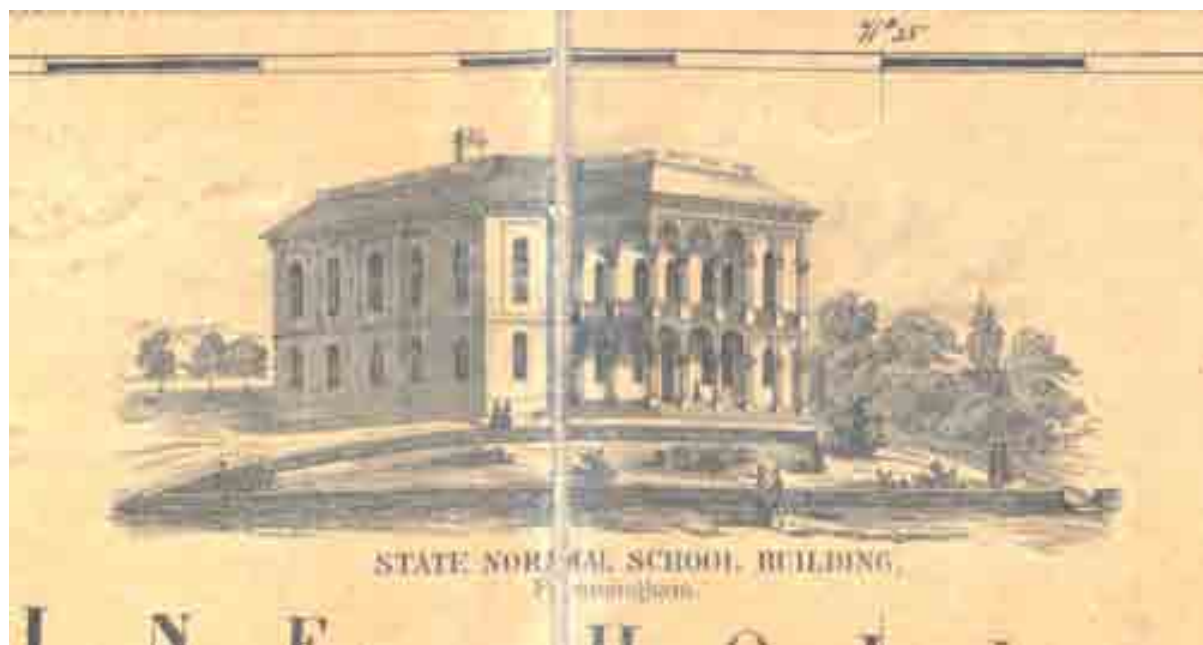
EDUCATION.			
	1850.	1855.	Increase.
Number of Colleges in 1850	2		
" Teachers	44		
" Students	18		
" Public Schools	29		
" Teachers	24		
" Pupils	26		

CHURCHES.			
No. of Churches.	Denominations.	Aggregate Acquisitions.	Value of Church Property.
25	Baptist	18,191	\$962,506
61	Congregational	82,020	512,167
2	Episcopal	3,220	73,585
1	Free		
22	Methodist	10,229	118,289
8	Roman Catholic	5,159	122,560
48	Unitarian	21,105	441,150
22	Universalist	12,025	189,250
1	Minor Sects	250	1,000
206	Total	168,291	\$1,788,147

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Pictorial Engravings

State Normal School Building Framingham



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Dr. Howe's Retreat Pepperell

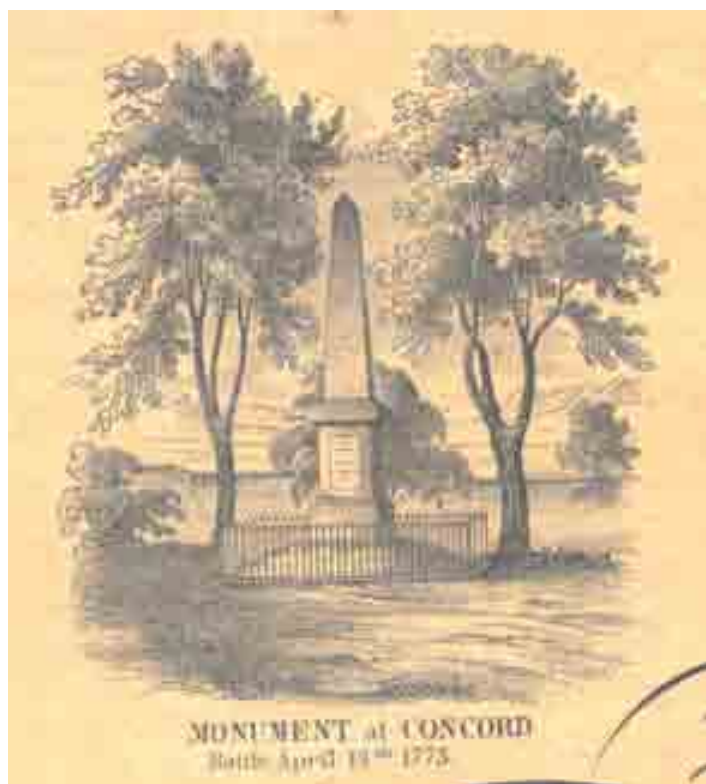


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Monument at Concord



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Map of Middlesex County, 1856

