

Map of Kennebec County, Maine 1856

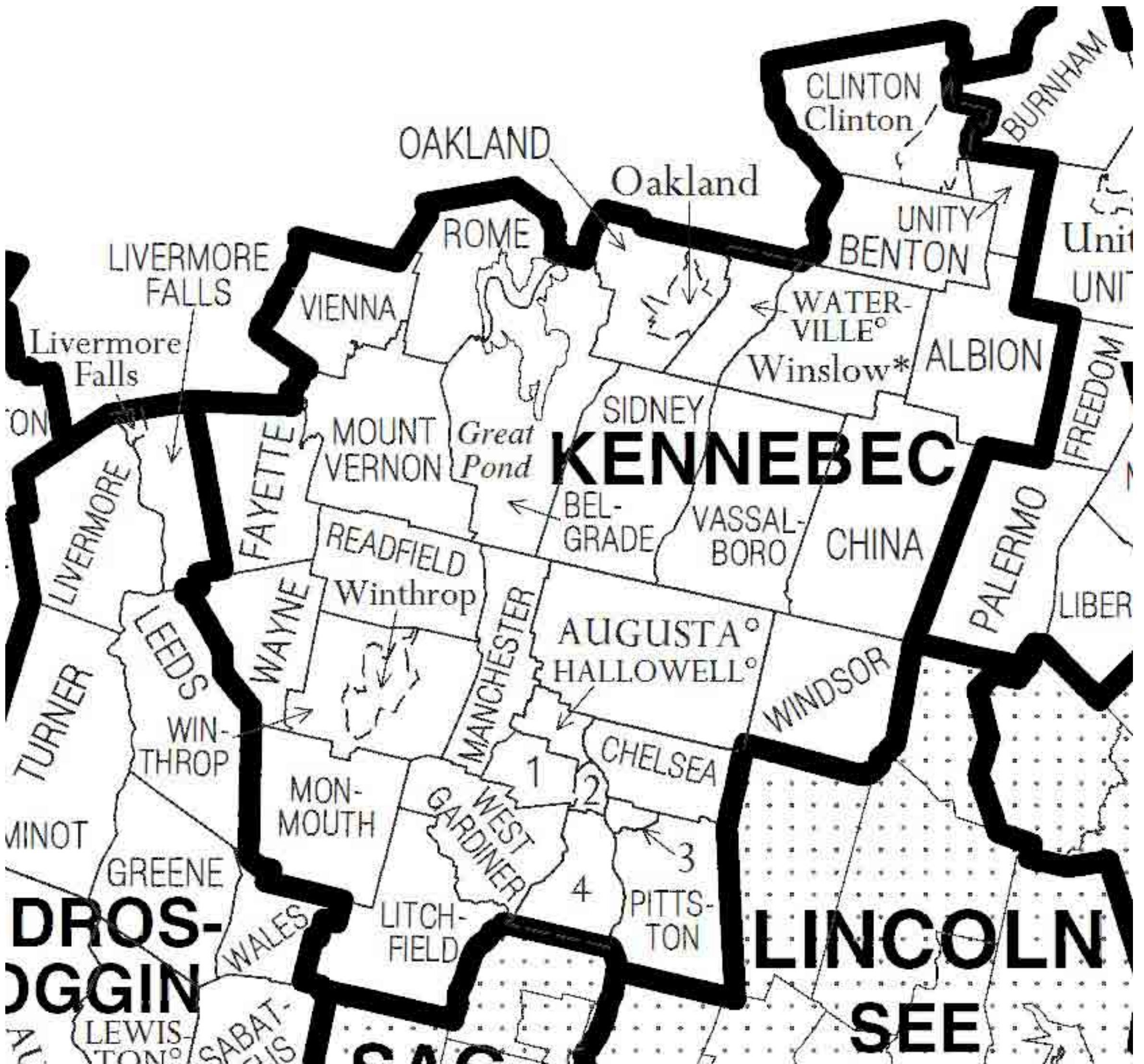


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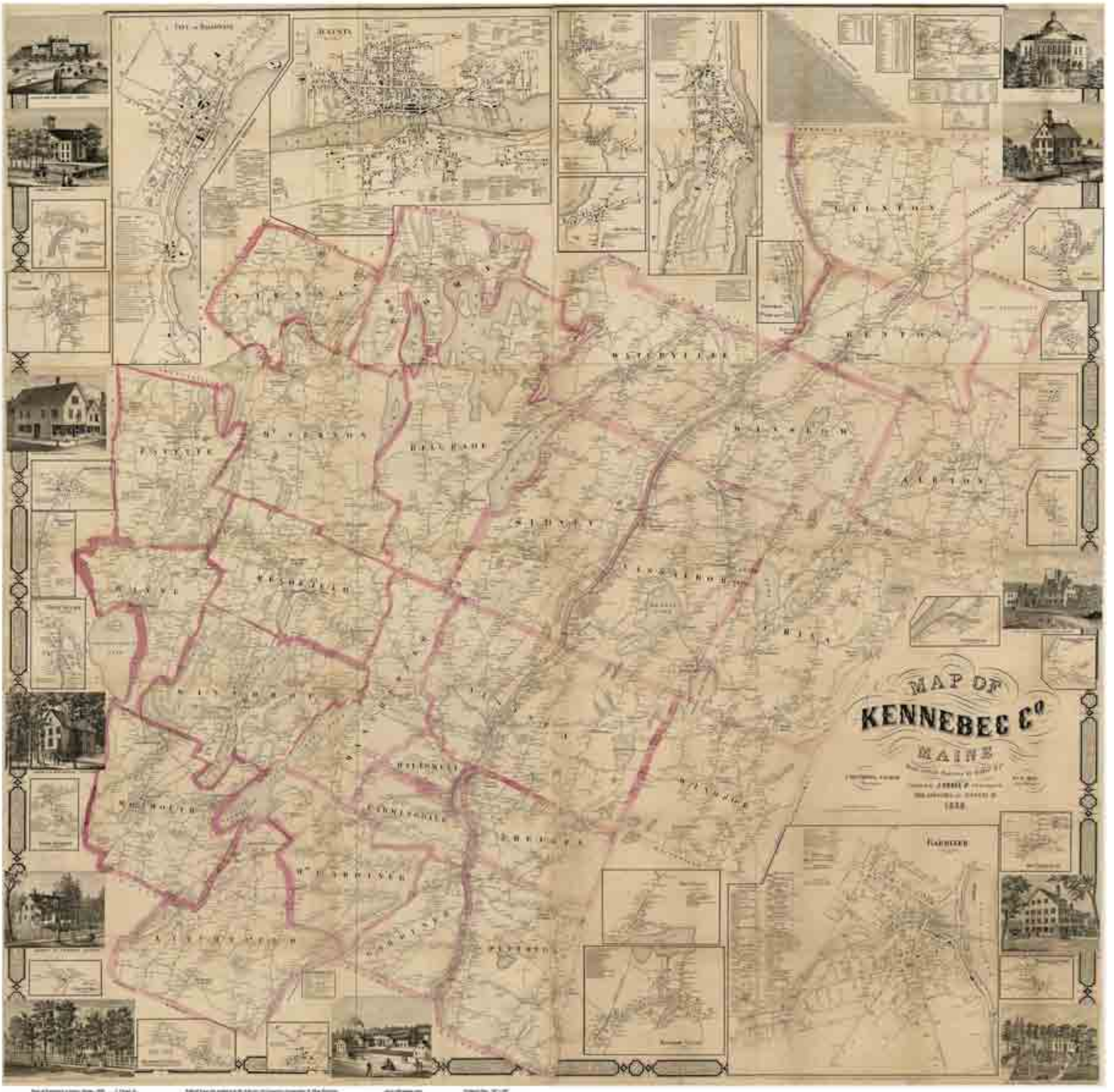
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CHELSEA	MONMOUTH	WAYNE
CHINA	MOUNT VERNON	WEST GARDINER
CLINTON	PITTSTON	WINDSOR
CLINTON GORE	READFIELD	WINSLOW
FARMINGDALE	ROME	WINTHROP
FAYETTE	SIDNEY	

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

Modern Town Outline Map



1856 Map of Kennebec County



The original map is a large wall map measuring 55" x 56".
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.

An Historical Sketch of The Map

The 1856 Map of Kennebec County is an important historical document.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 one of several Maine county maps created in the mid 1800s - a period of extraordinary map-making in America. The publisher of this map, J. Chase Jr., was an accomplished mapmaker who also produced Maine county maps of Androscoggin, Cumberland, and Somerset.

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 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 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.

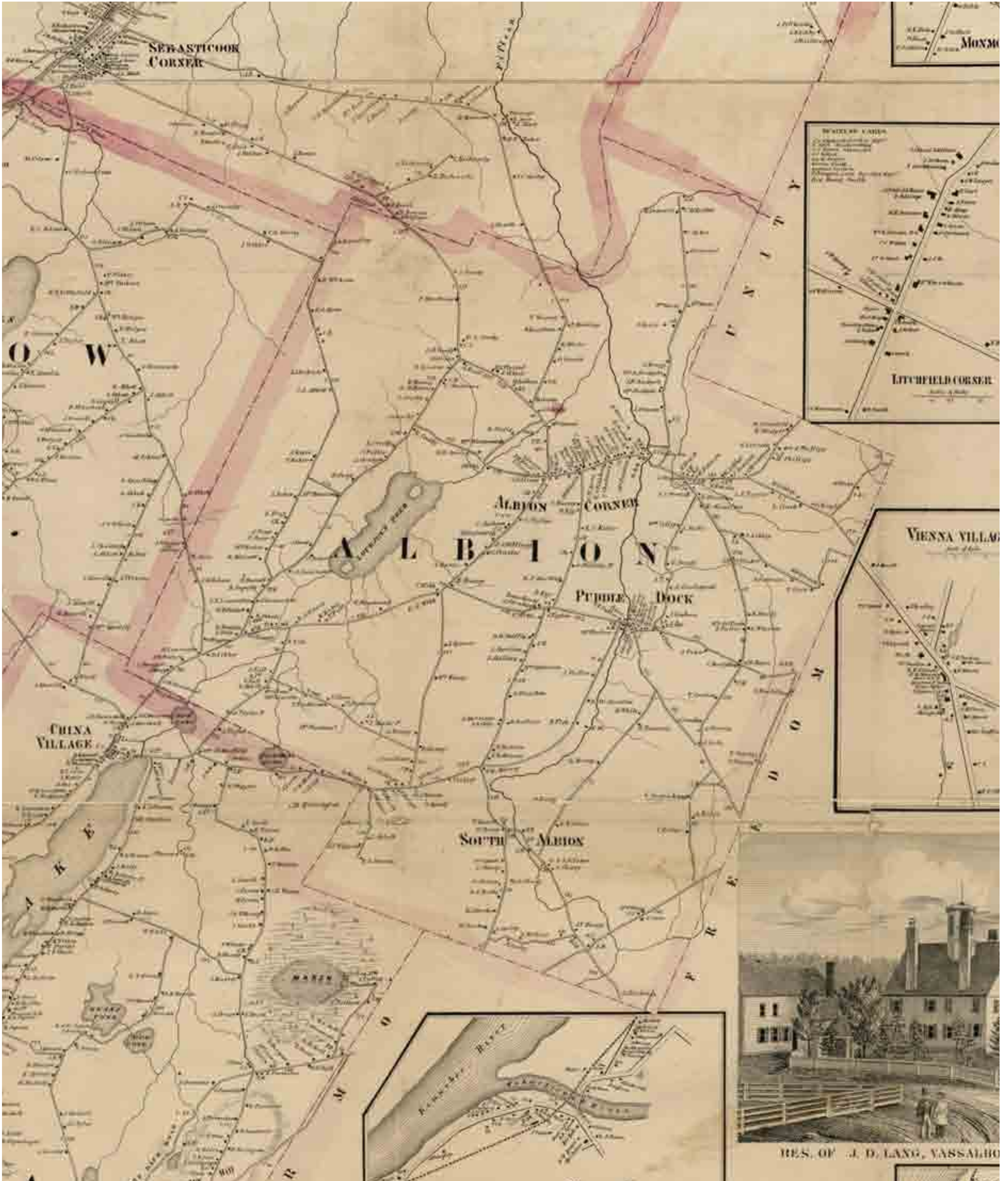
Note on Map Size

This publication was prepared for use as a computer-based PDF file, formatted as an 14" x 17" 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.

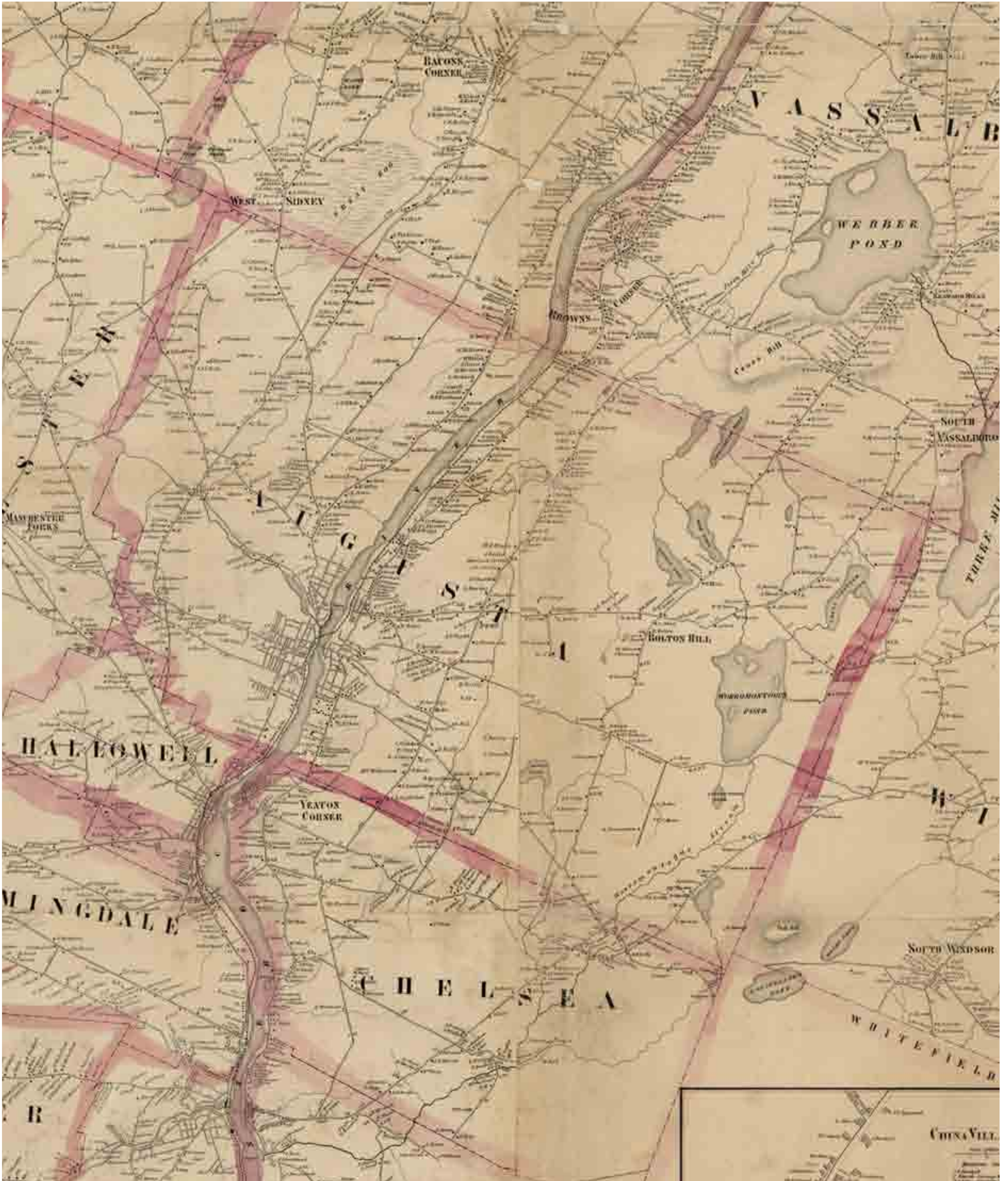
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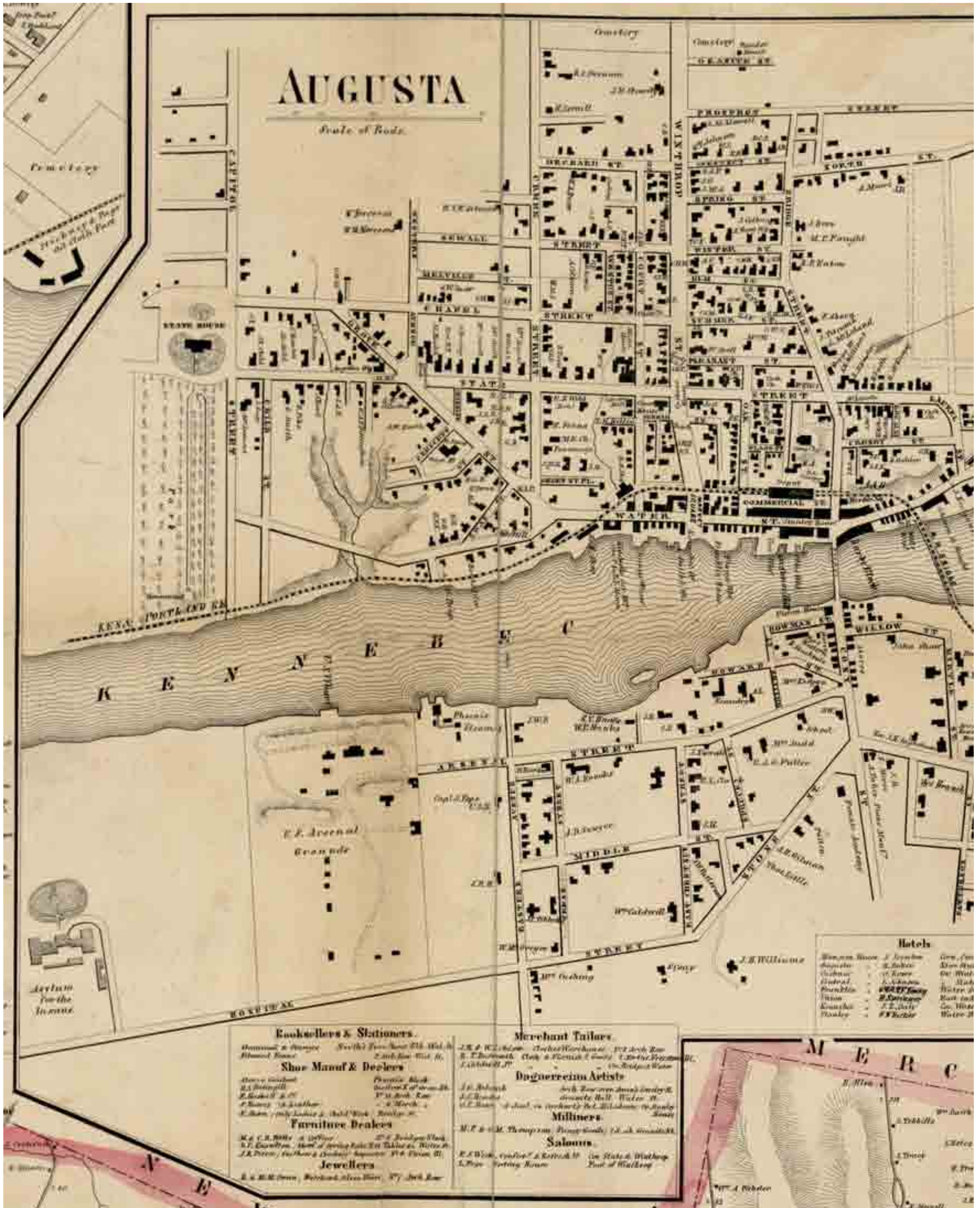
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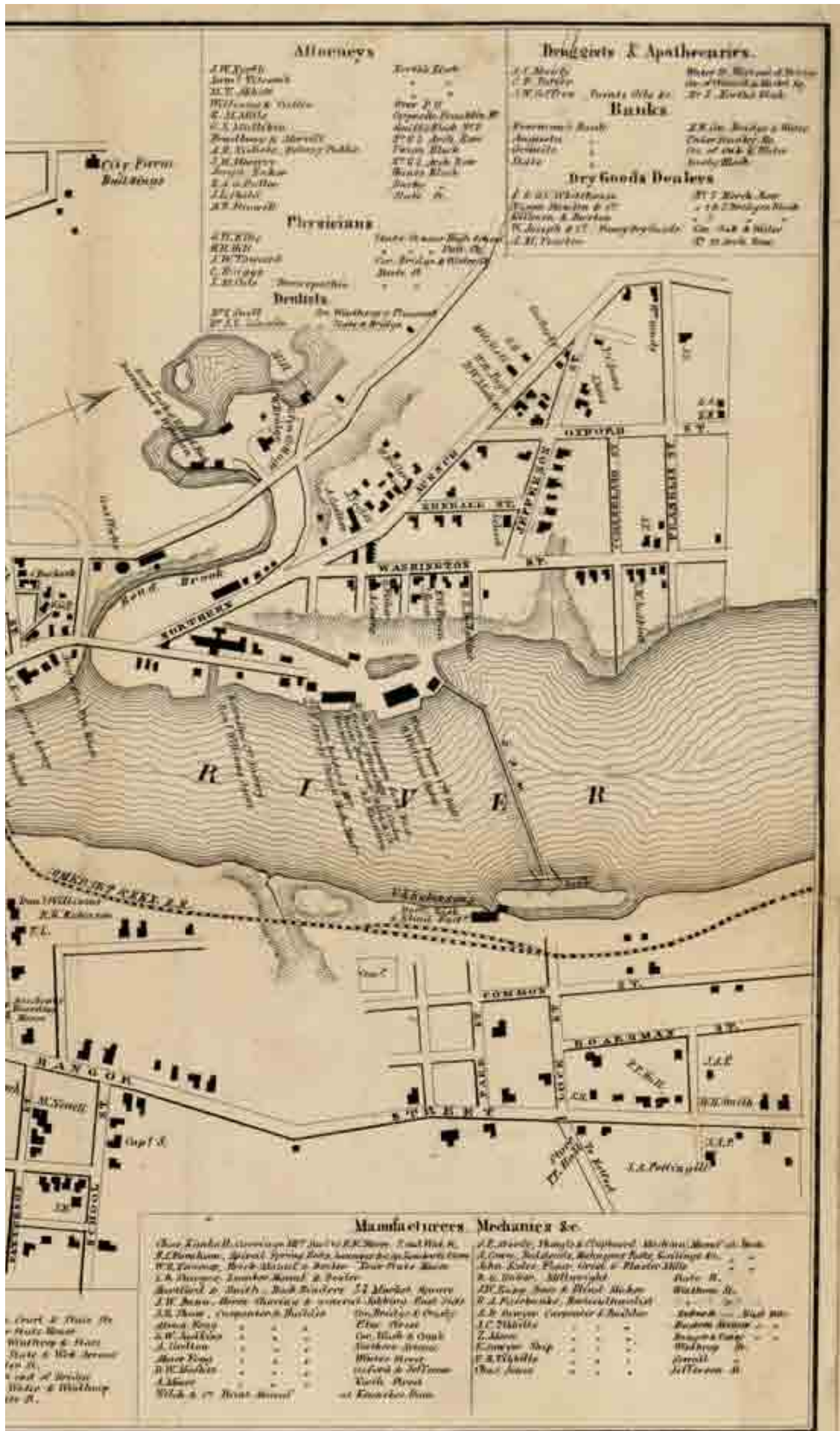


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Augusta Village

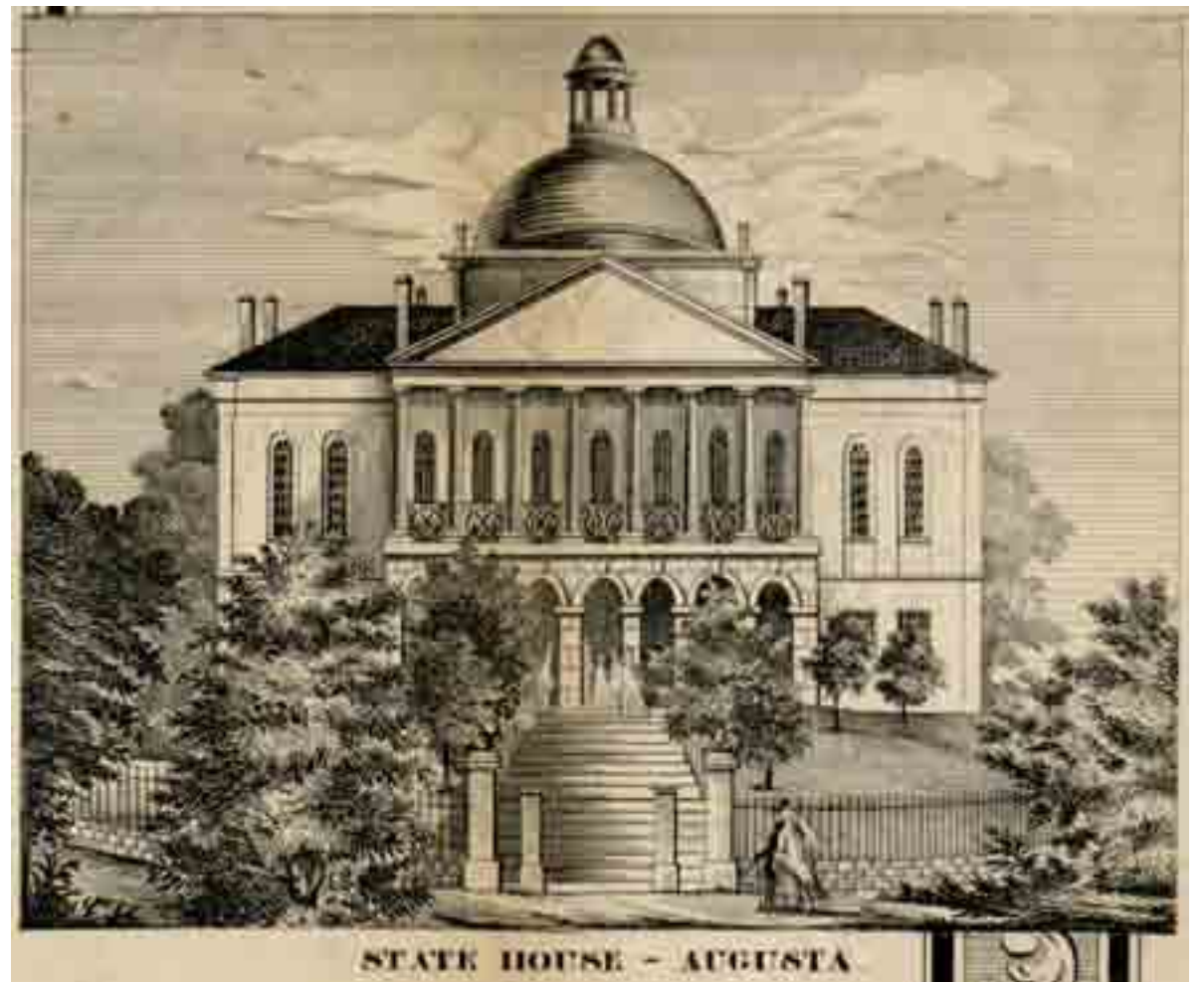




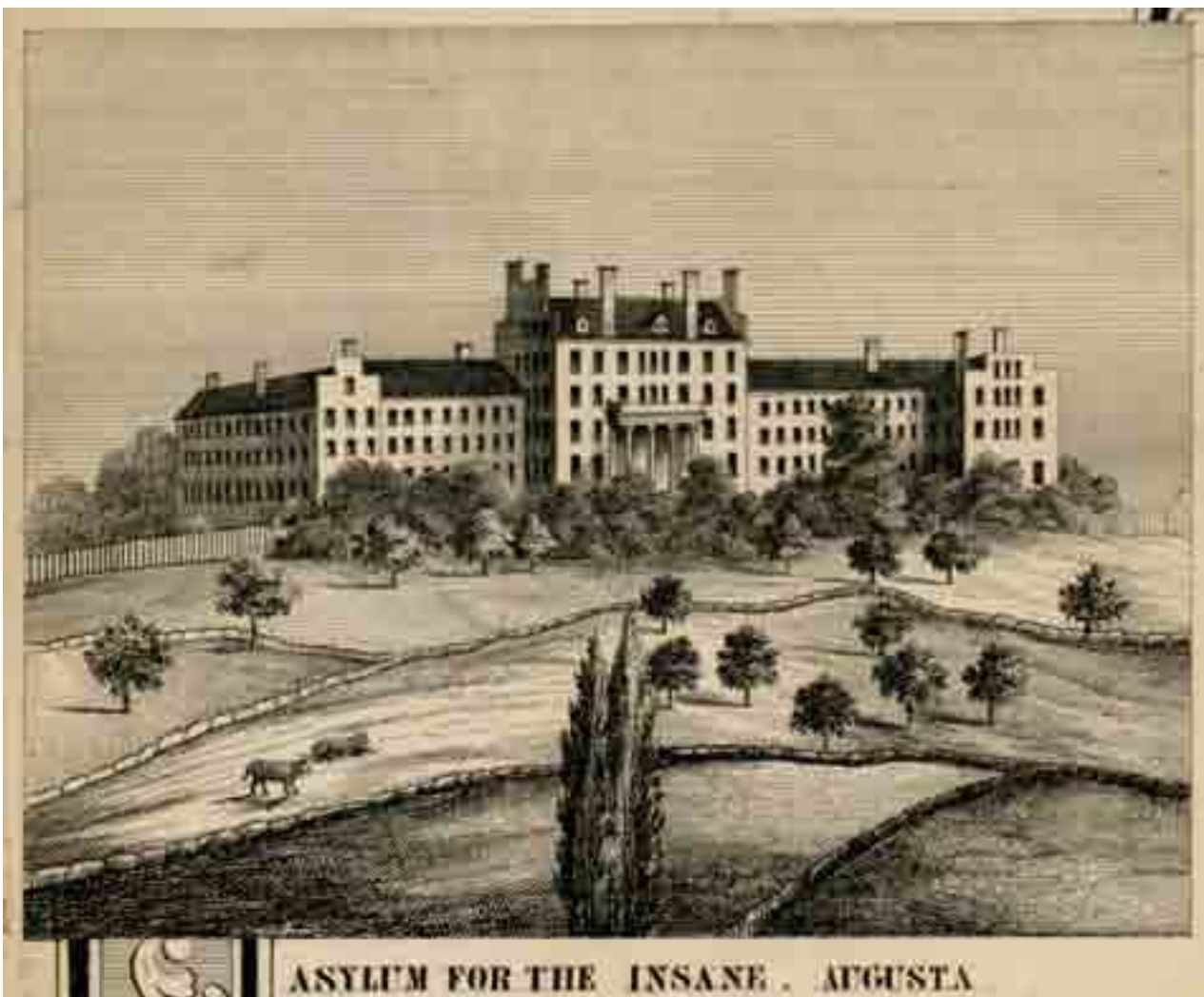


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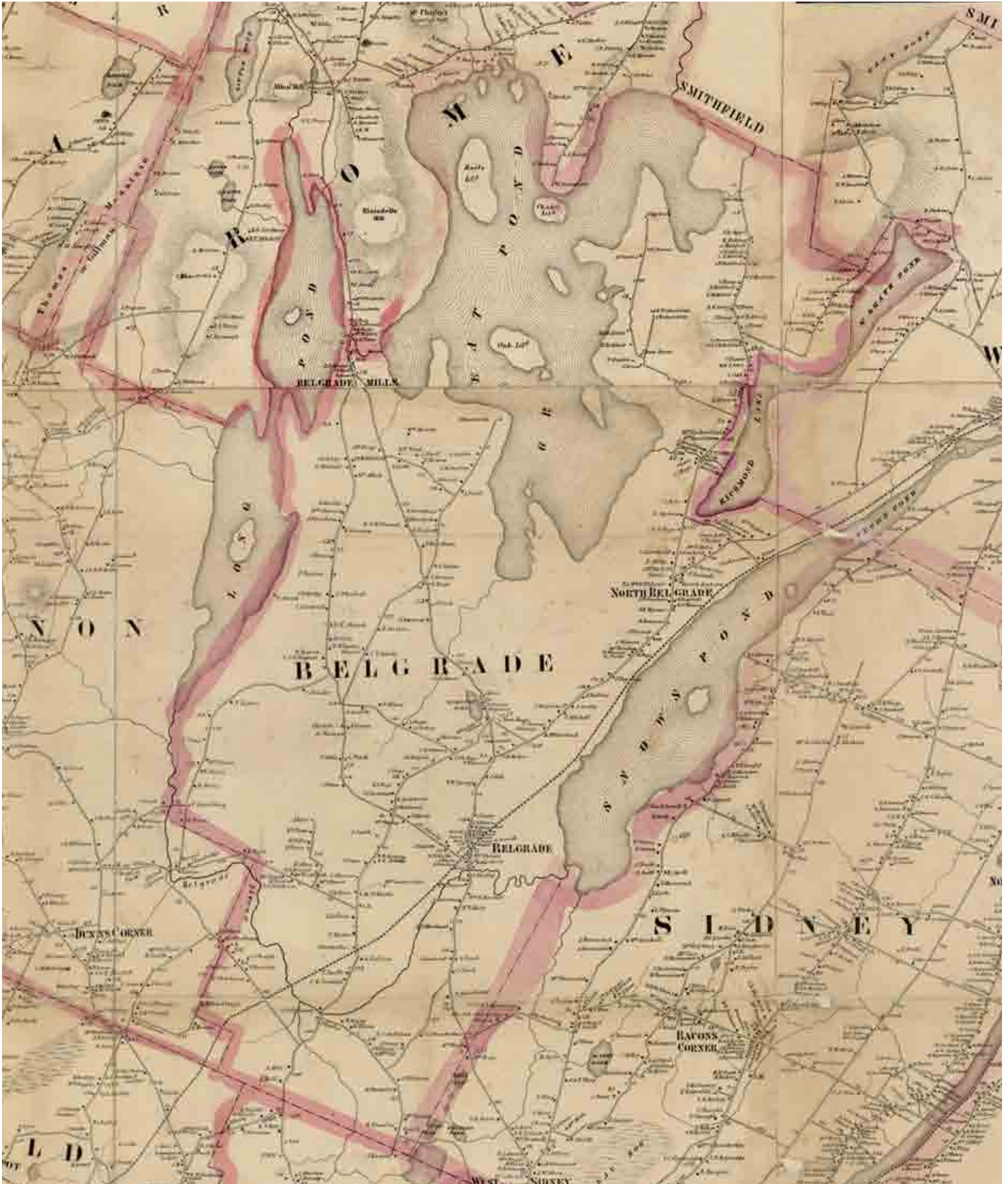
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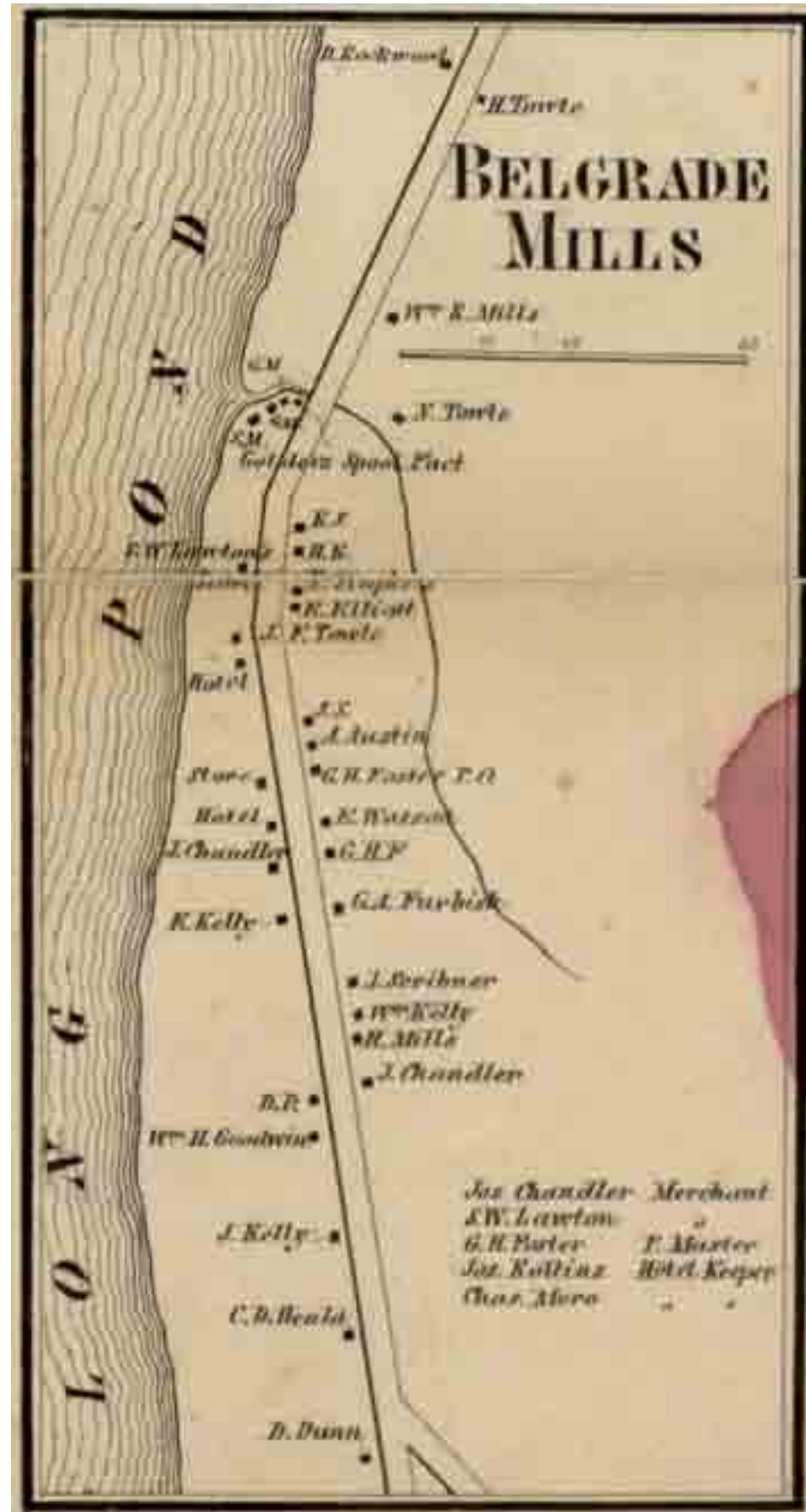
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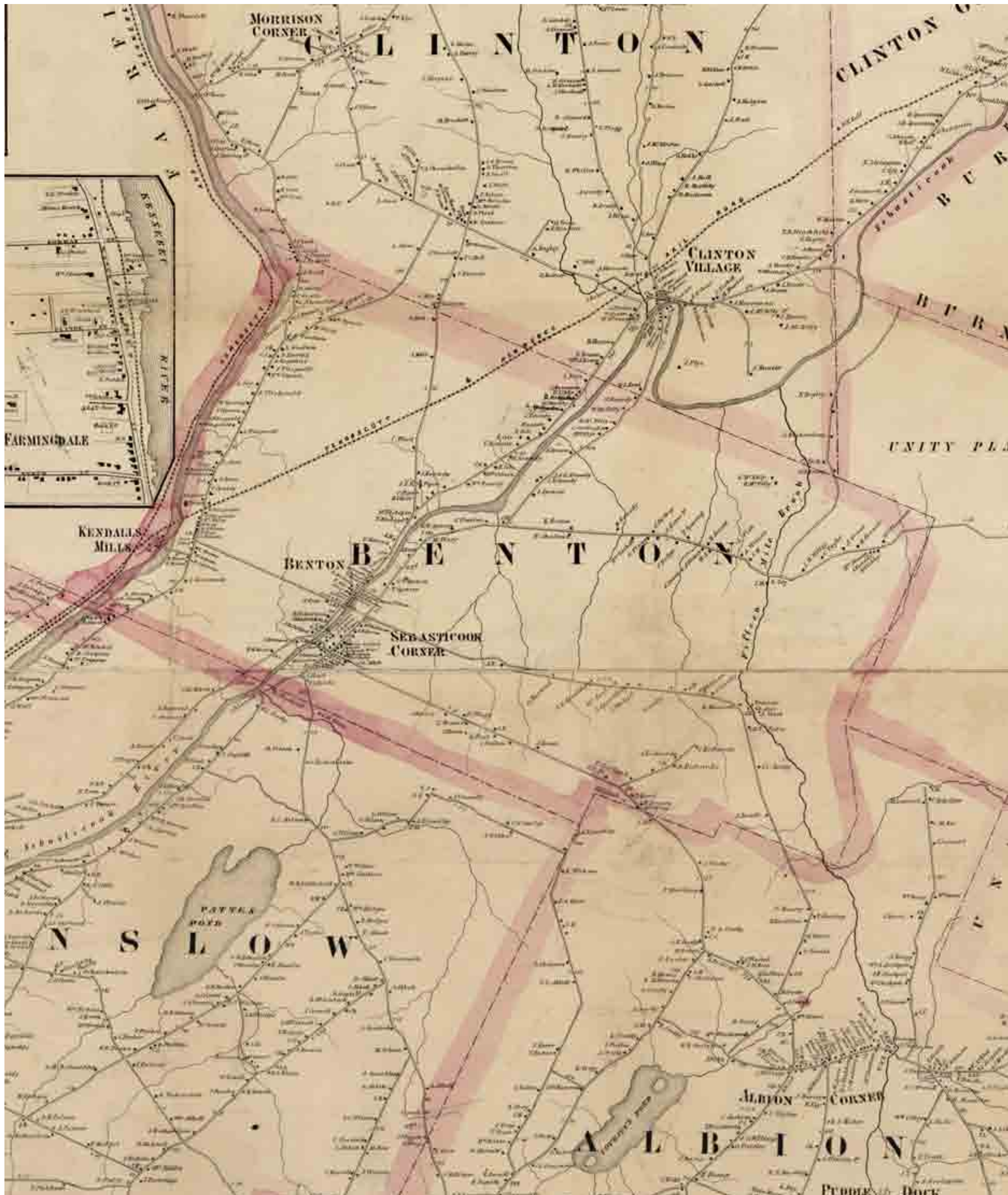
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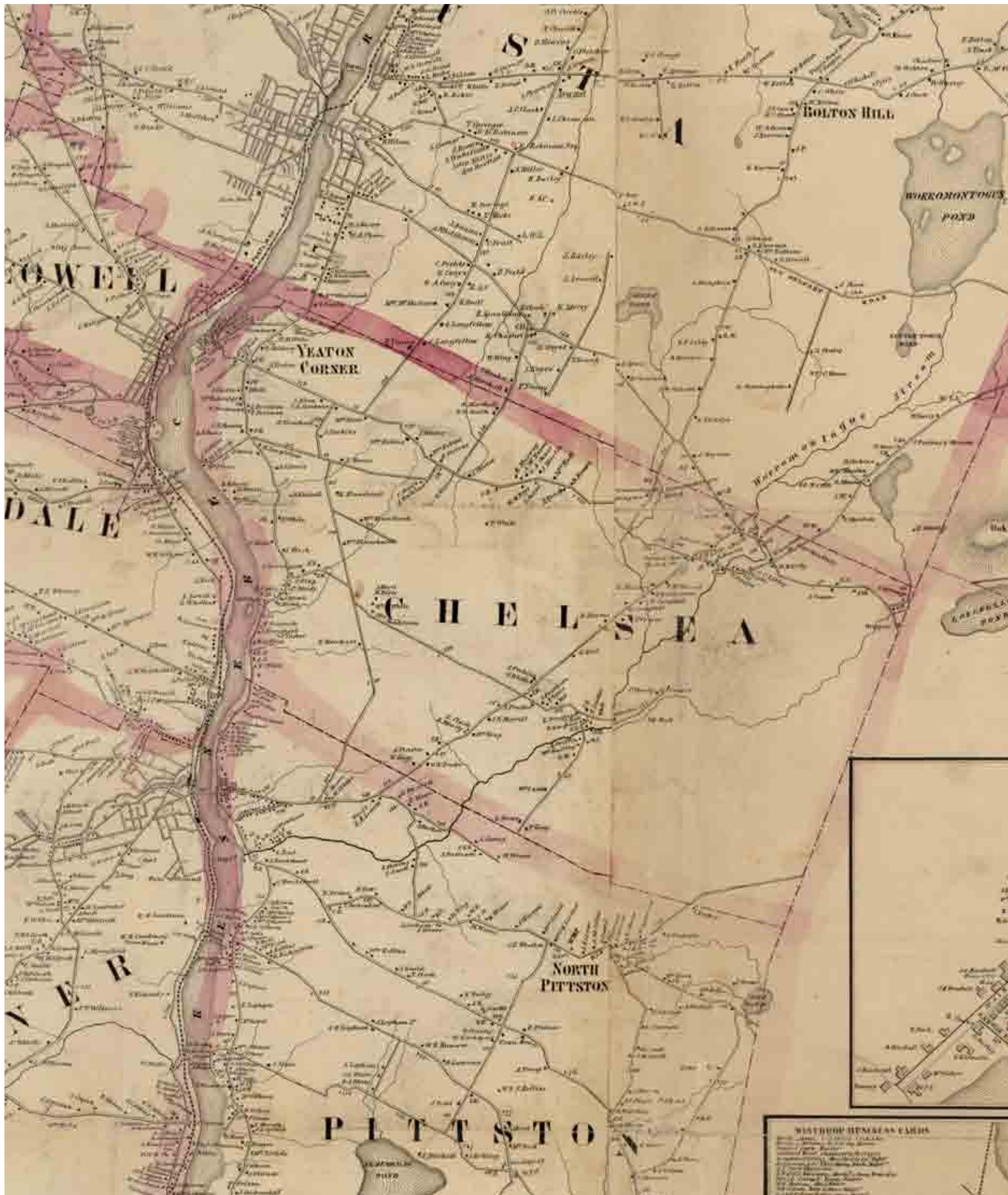
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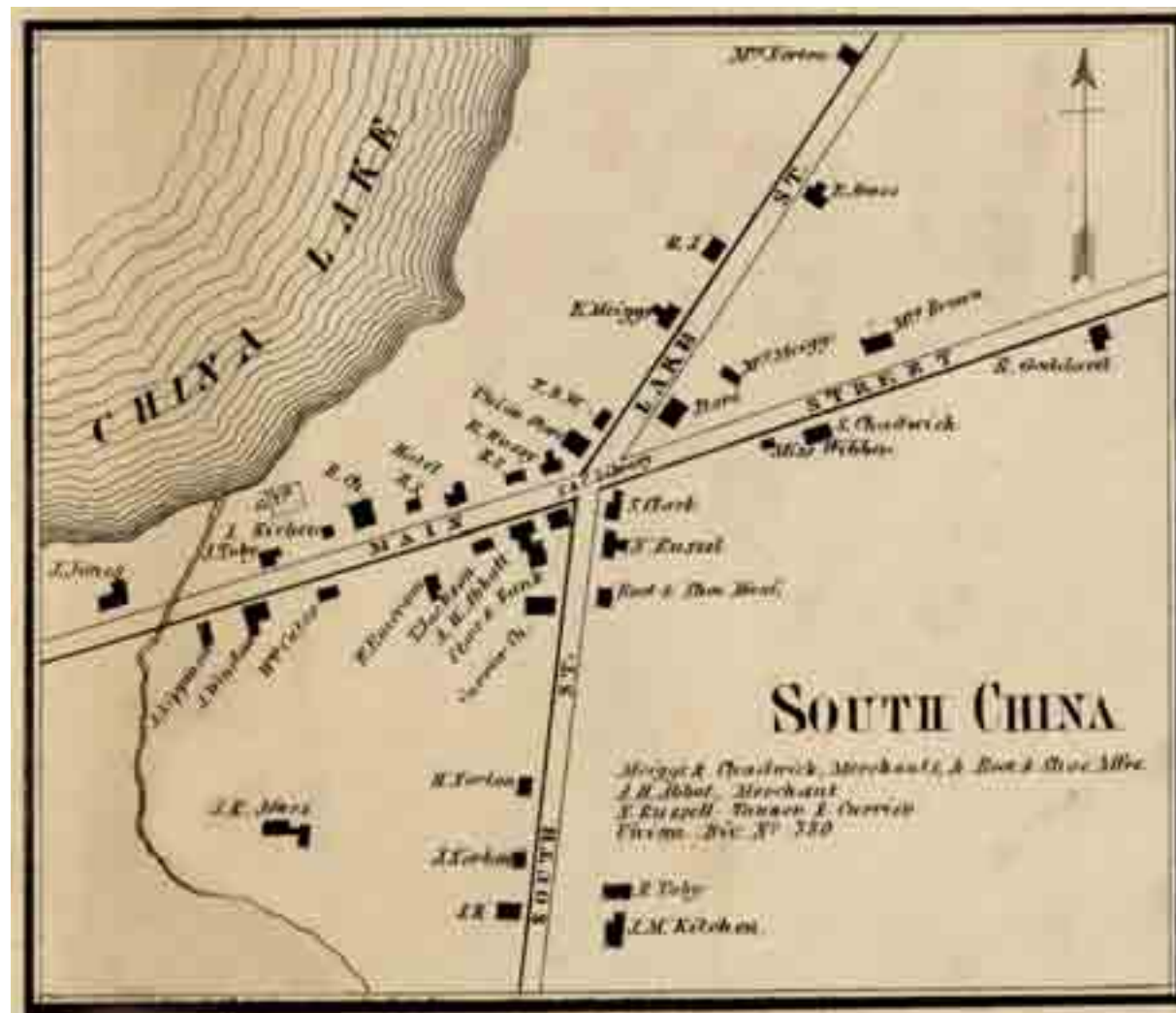
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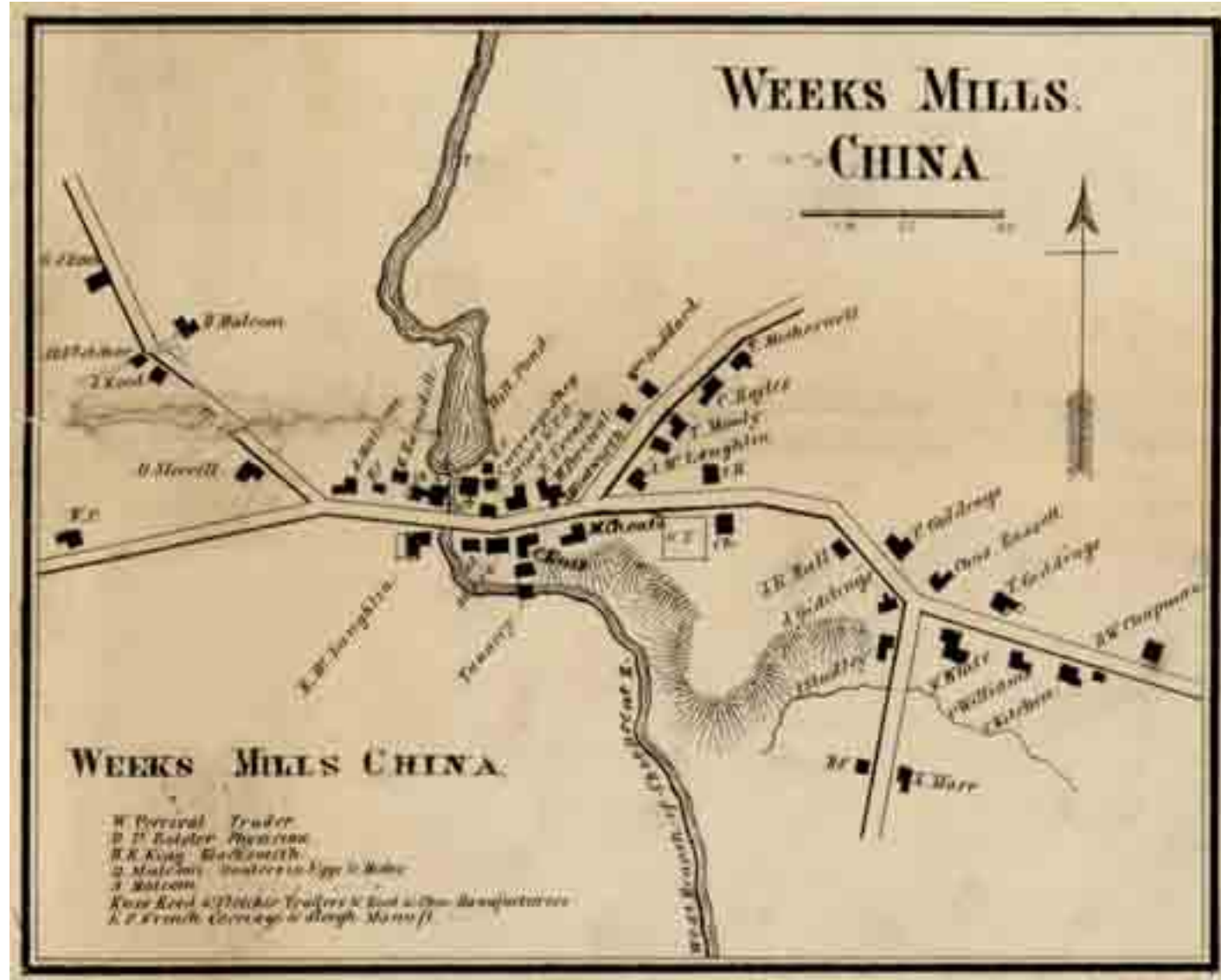
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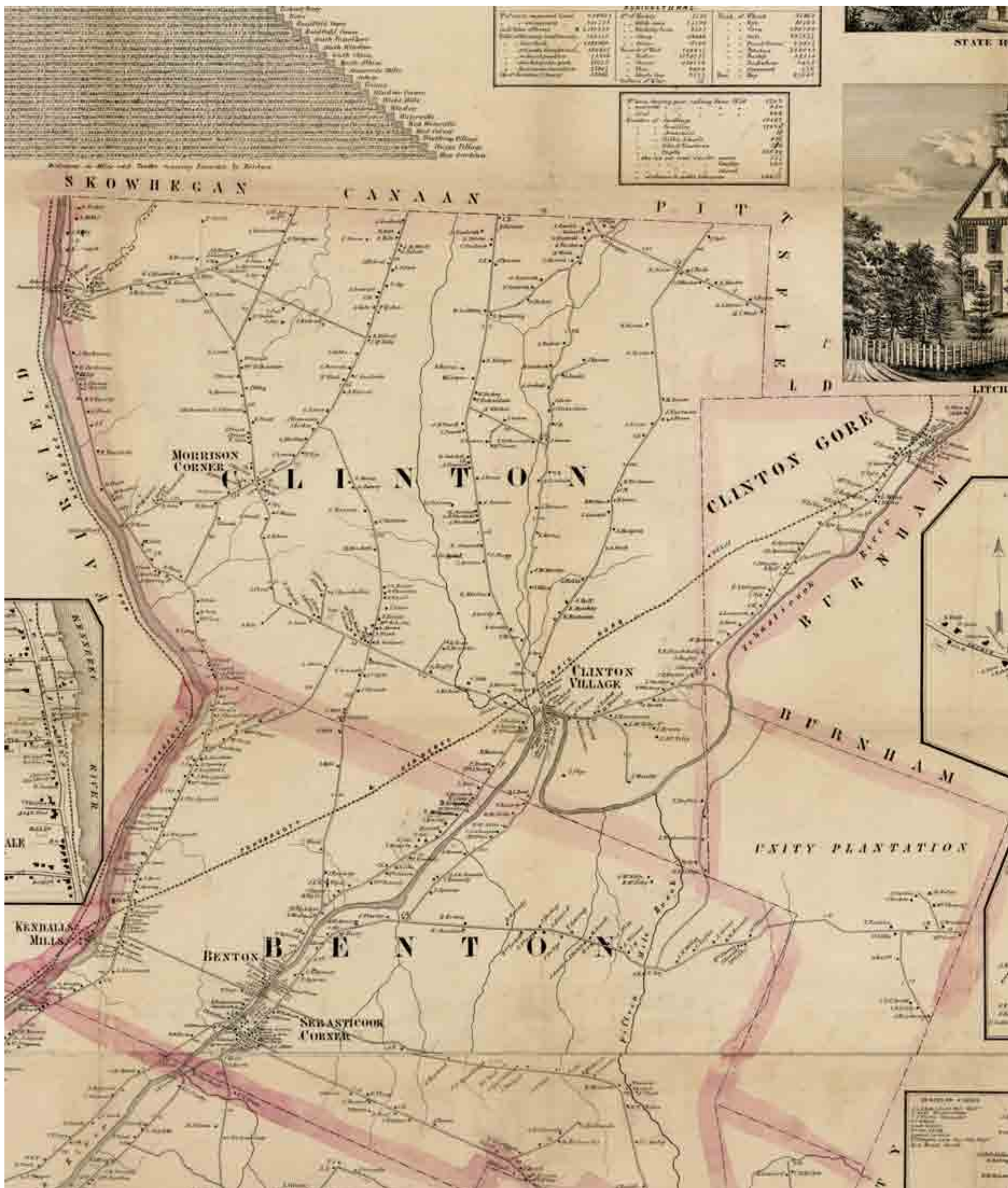
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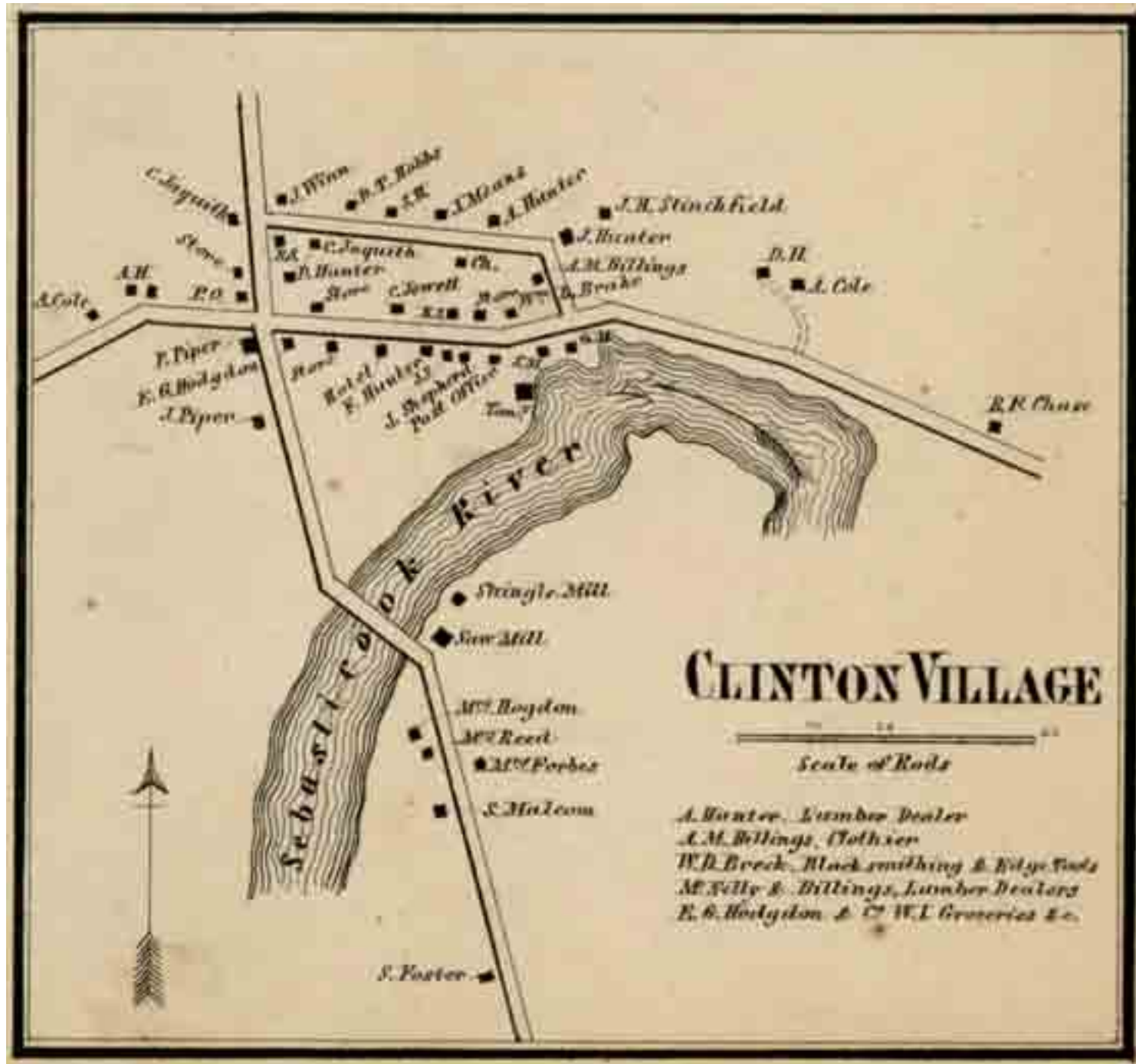
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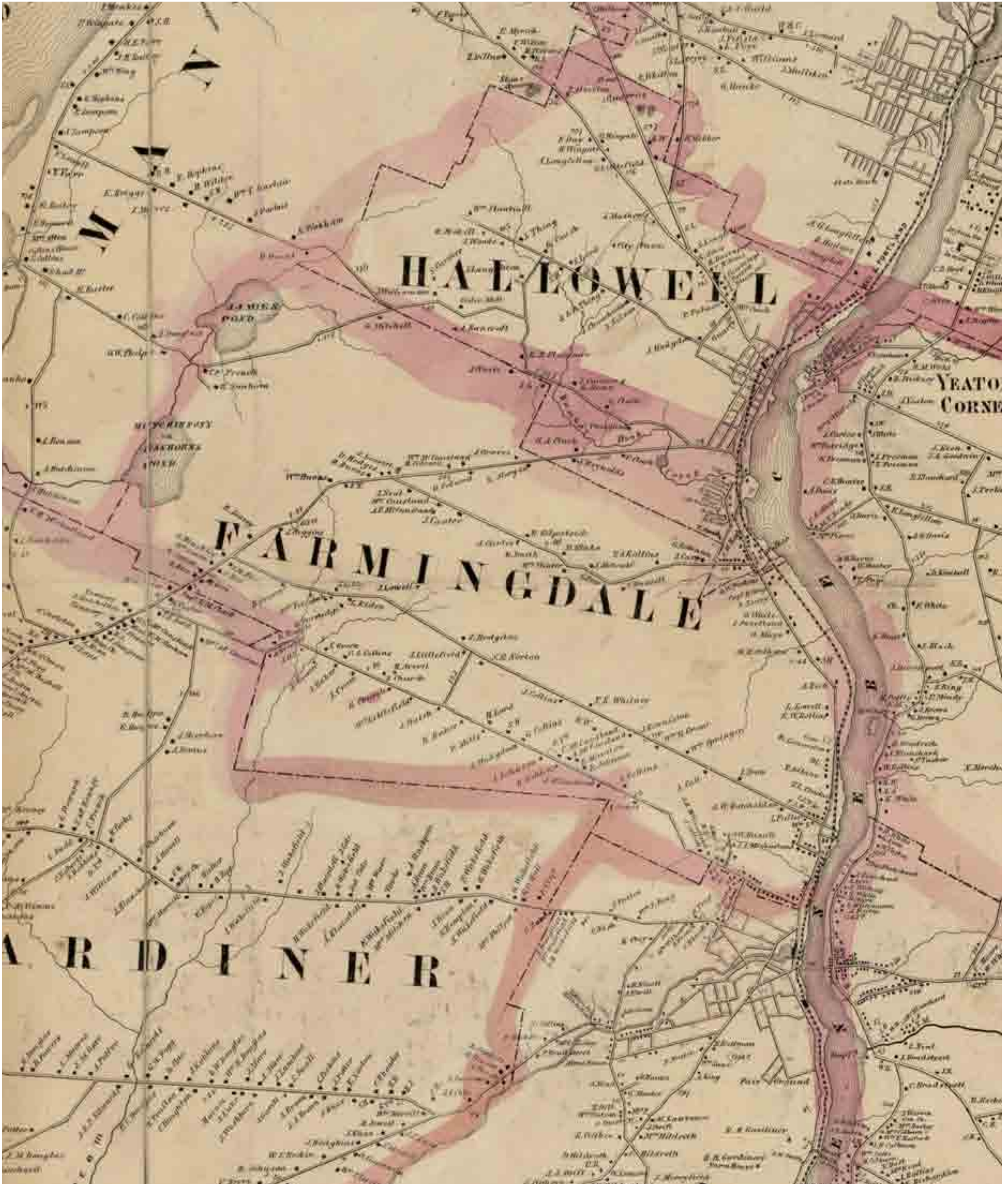
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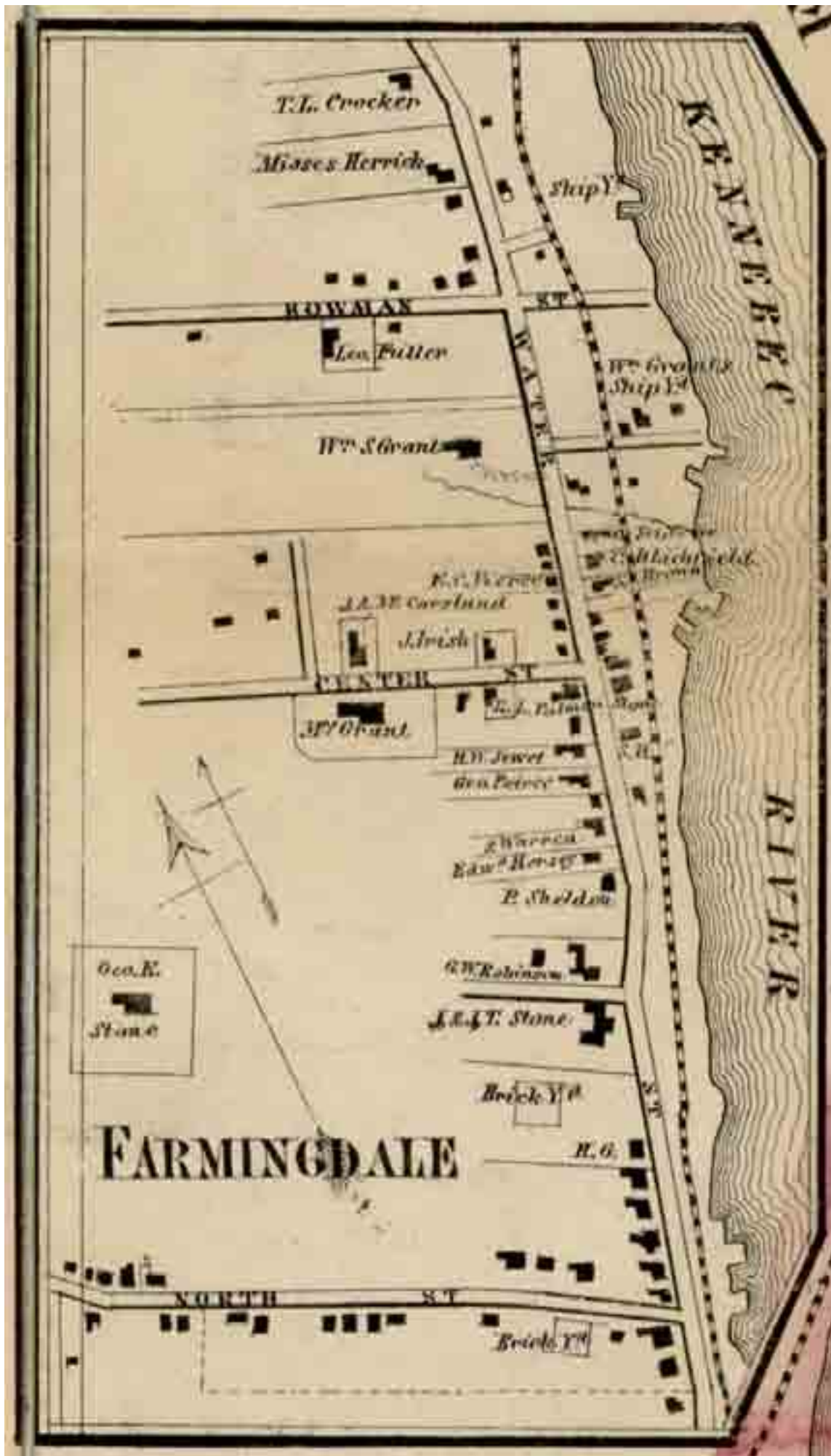
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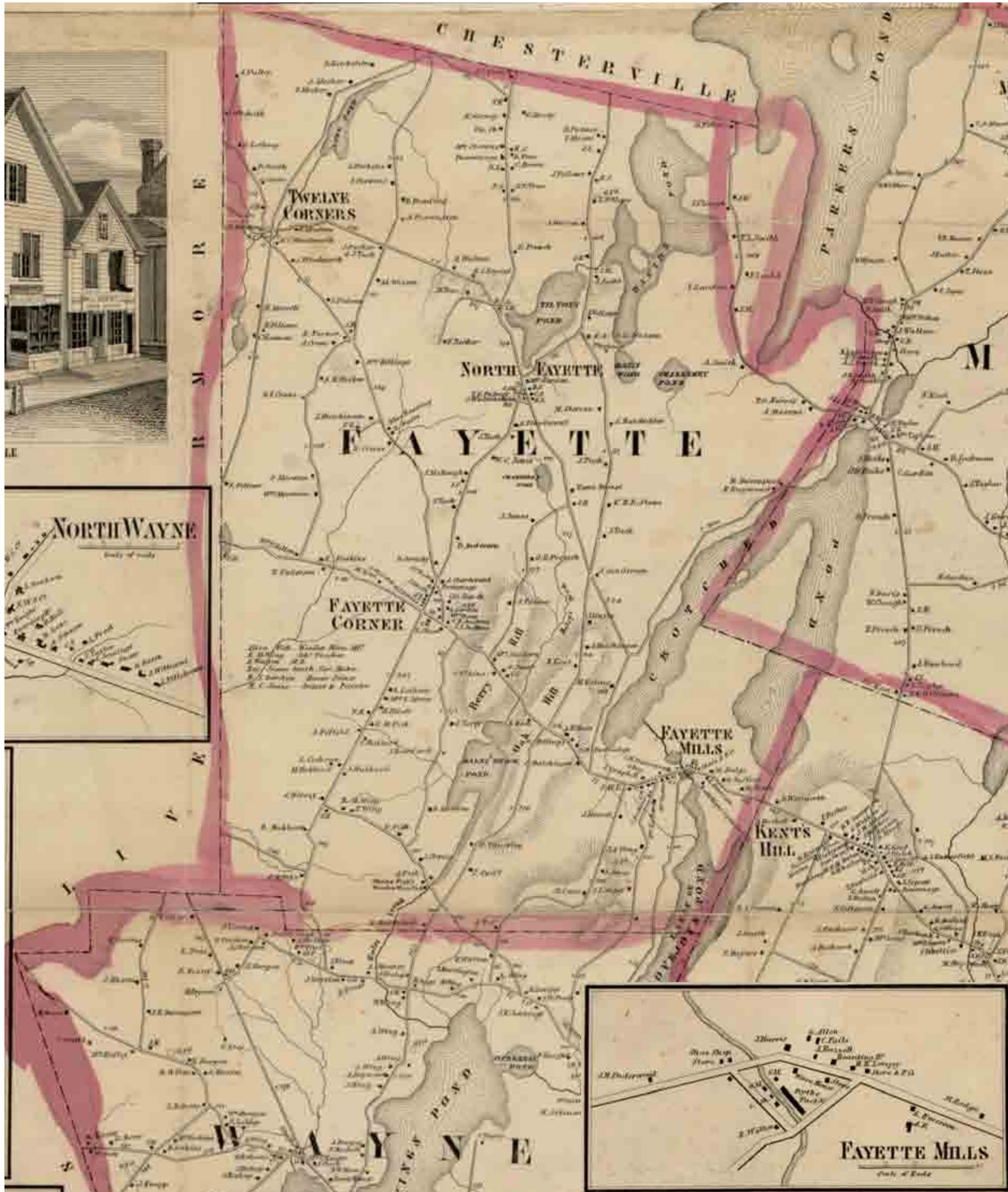
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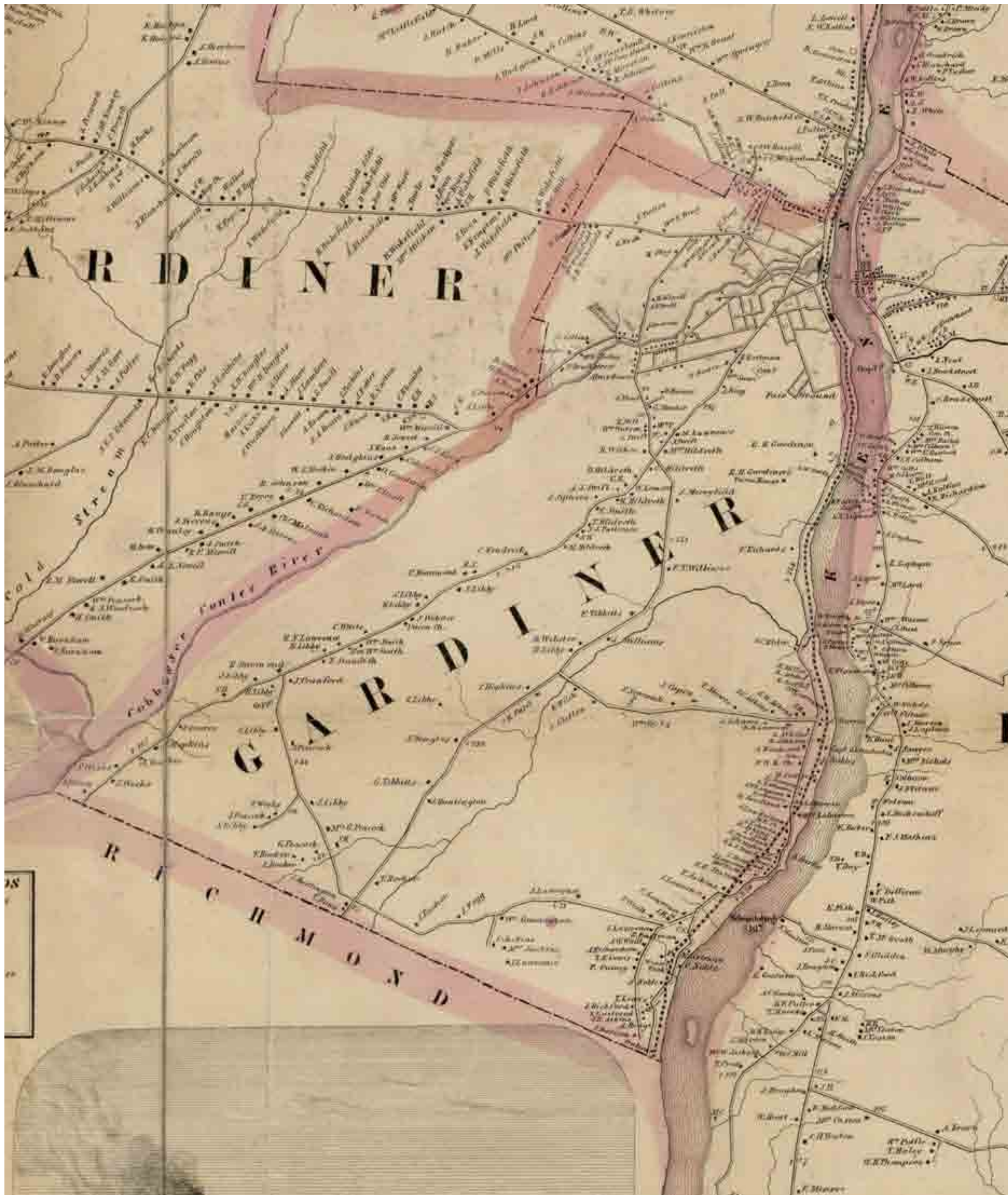
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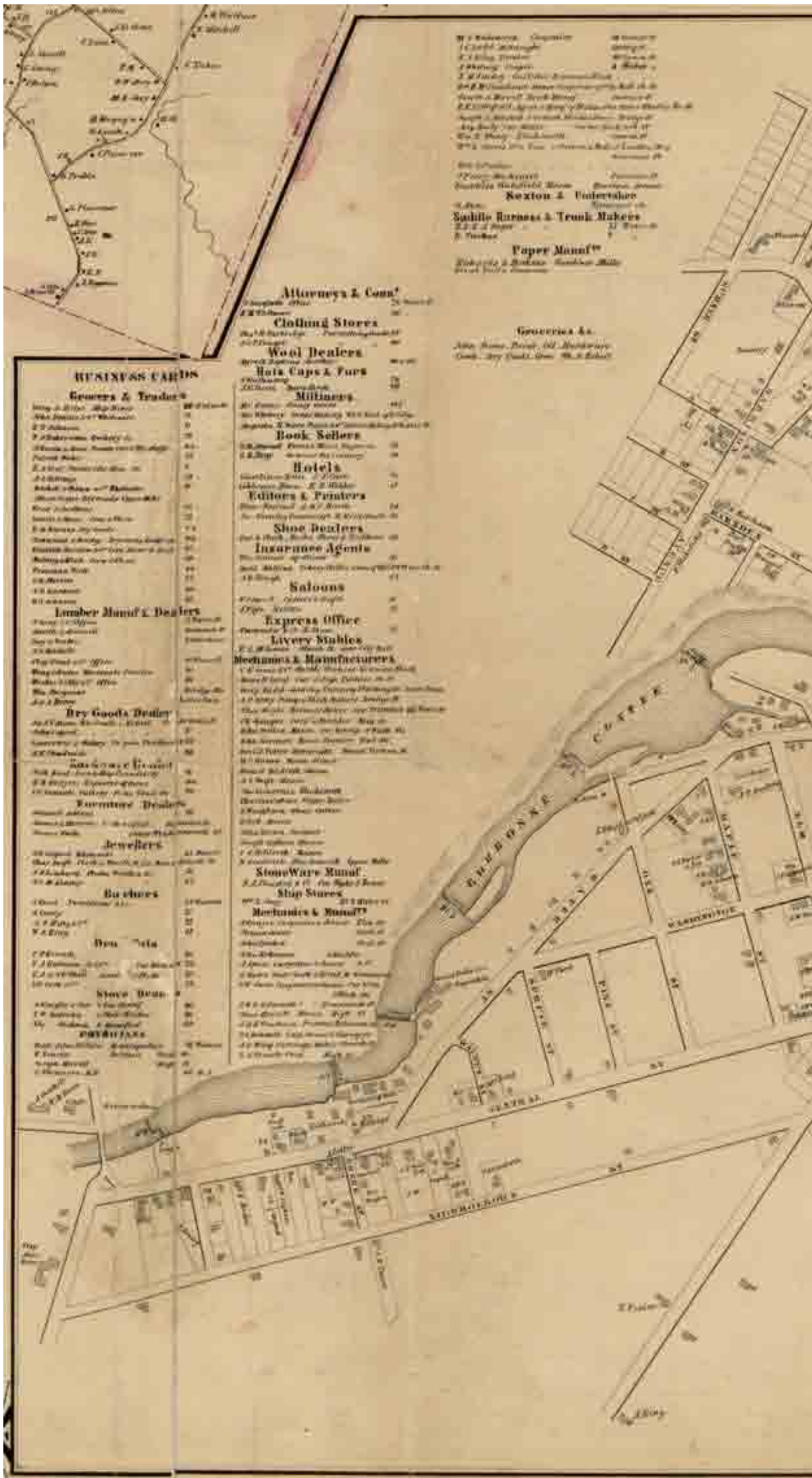
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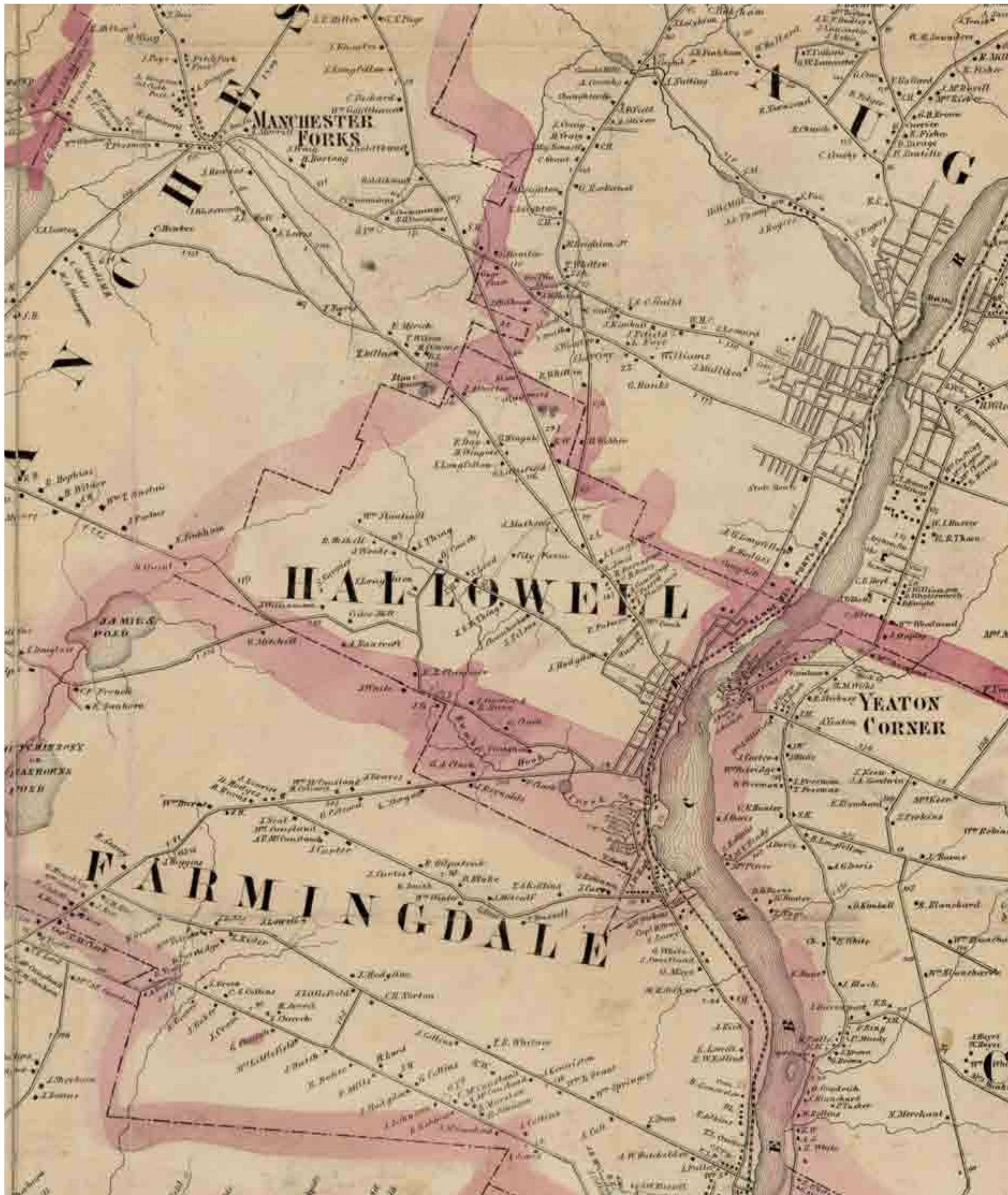
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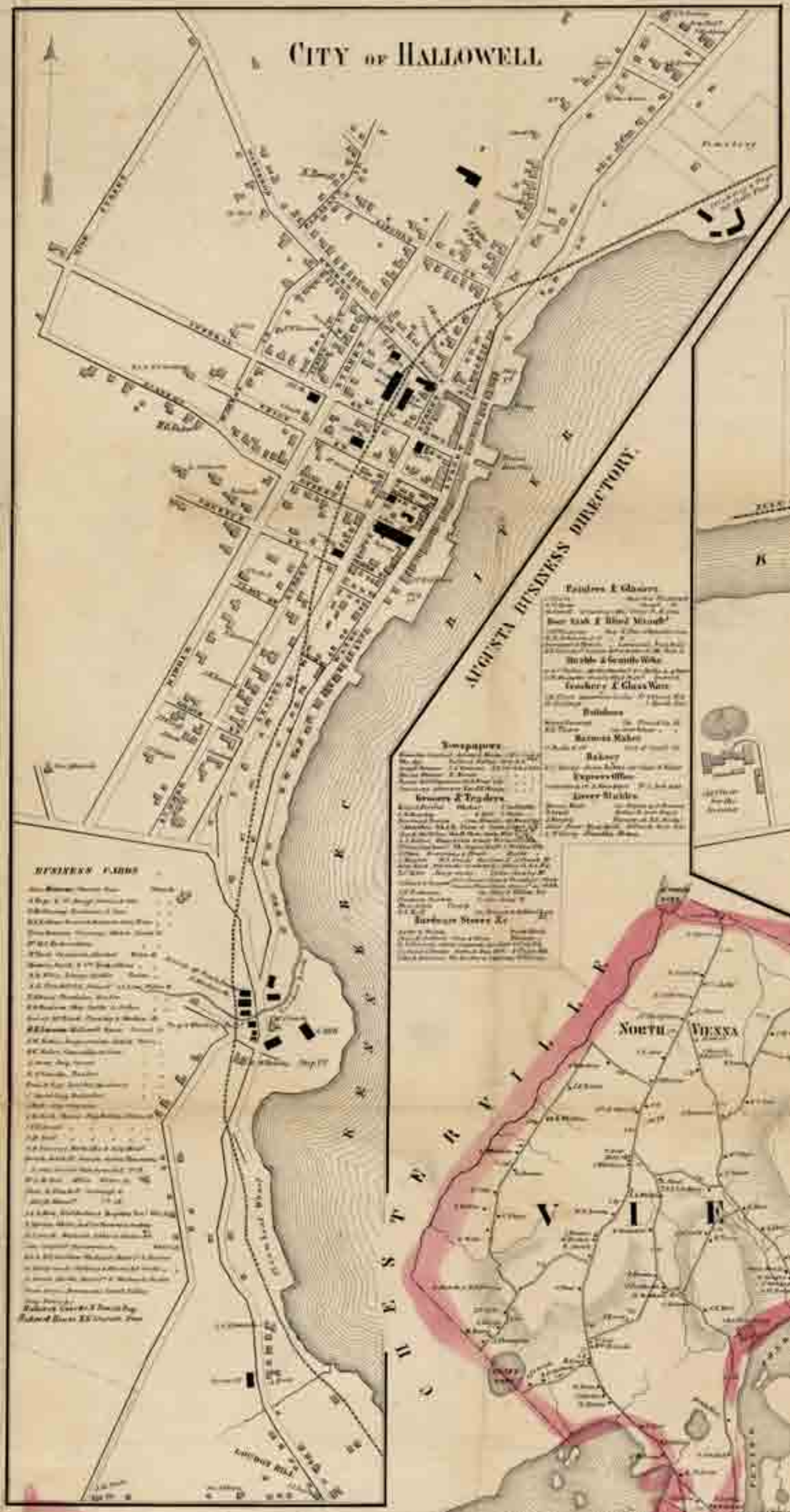




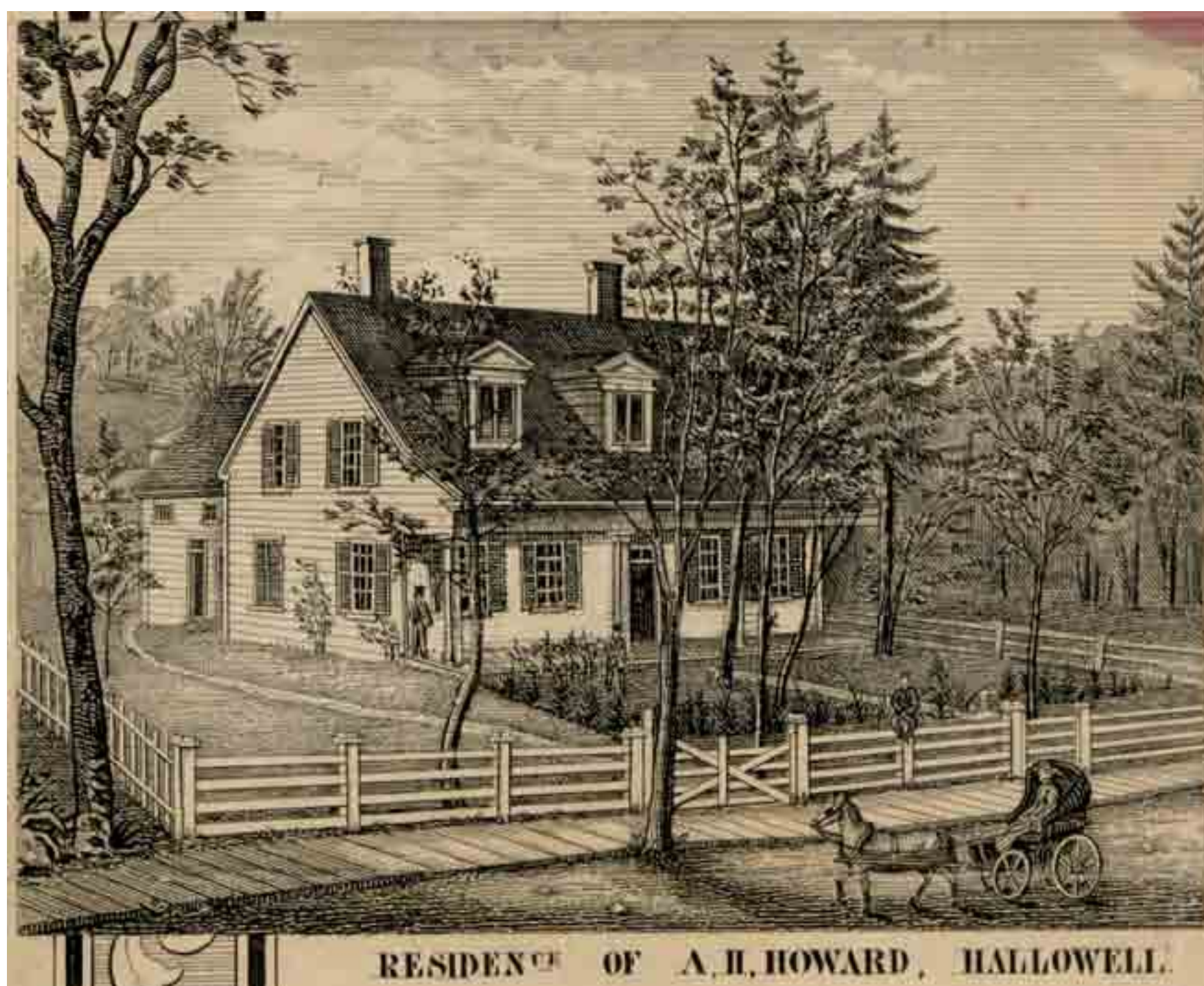
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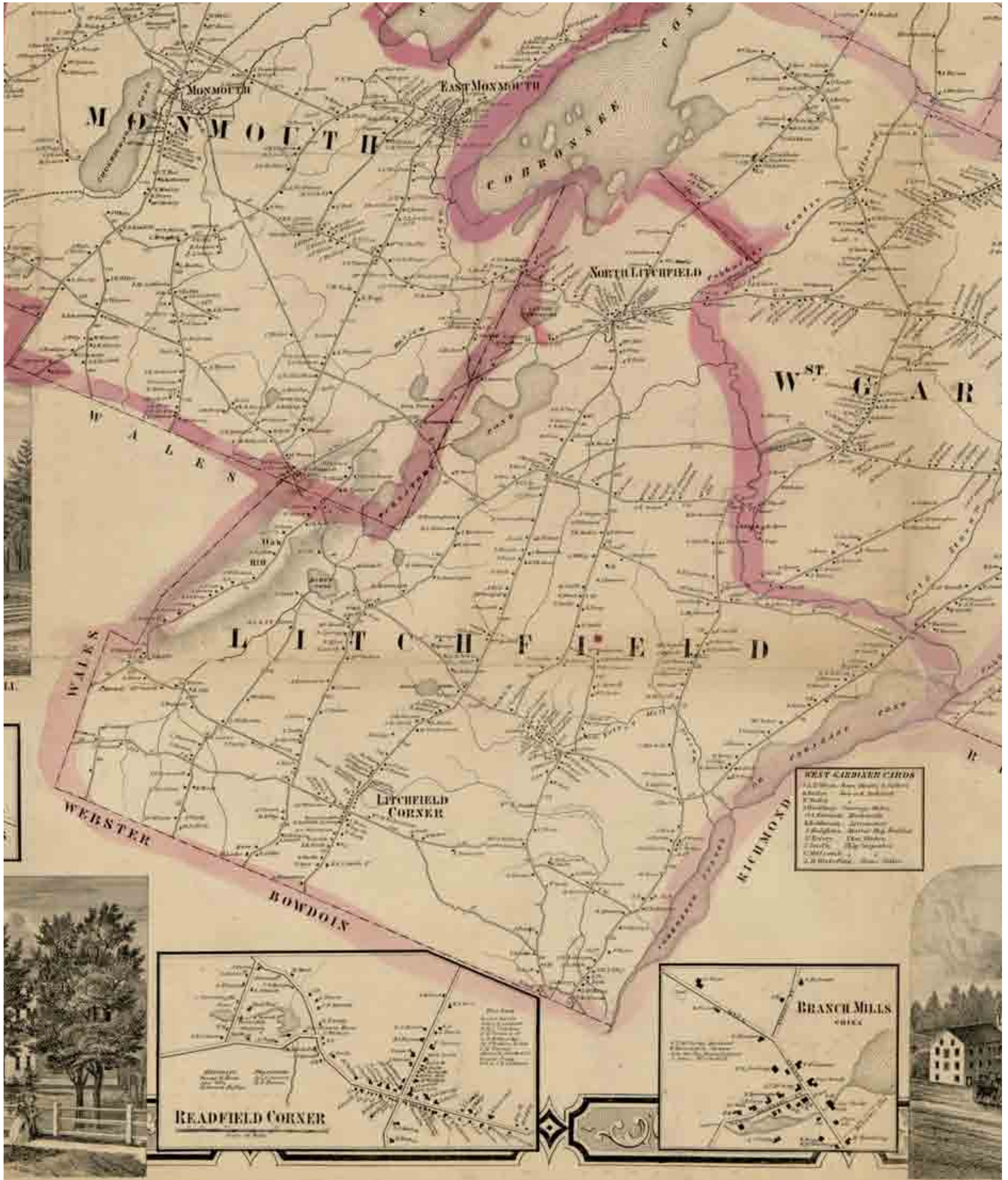
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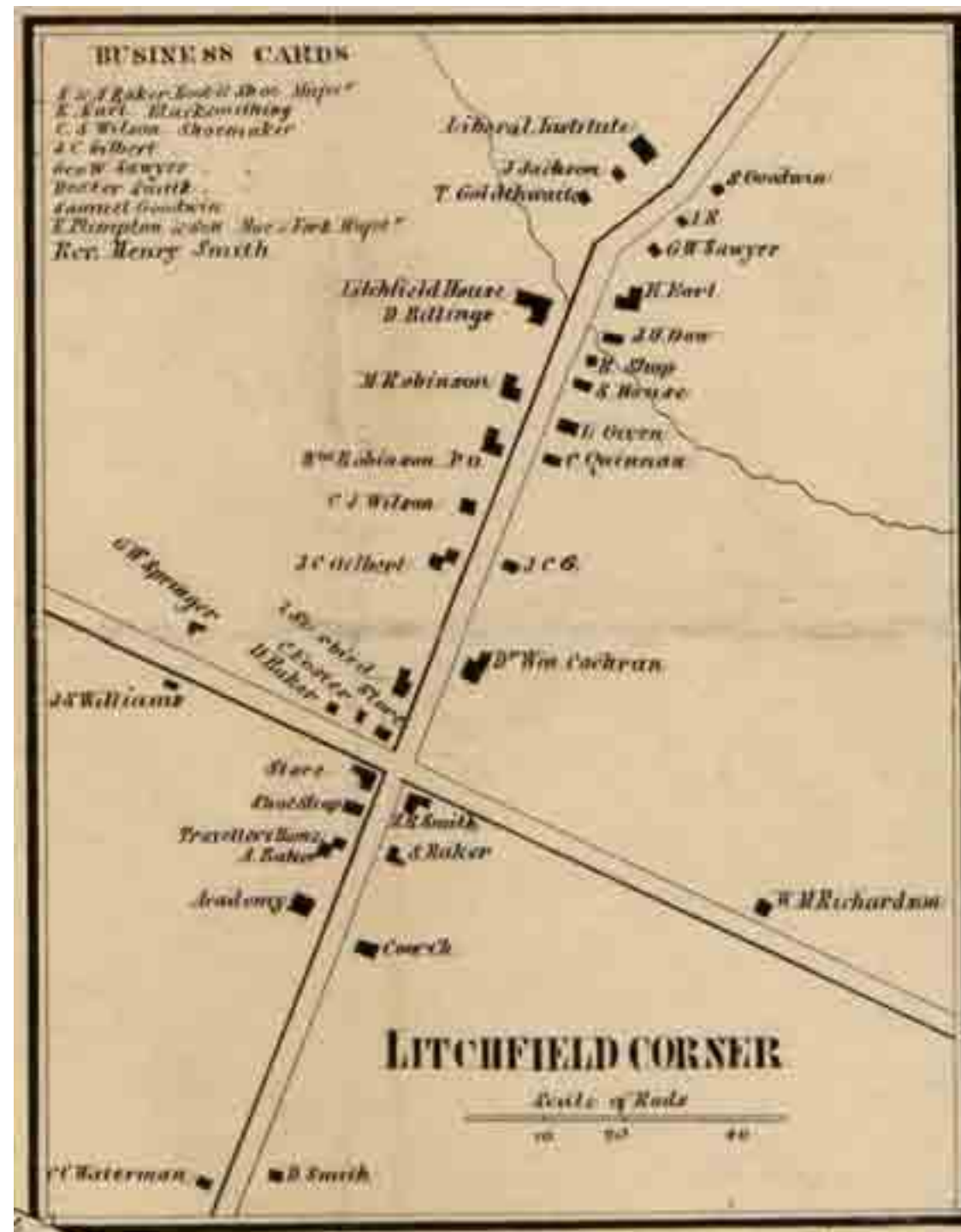
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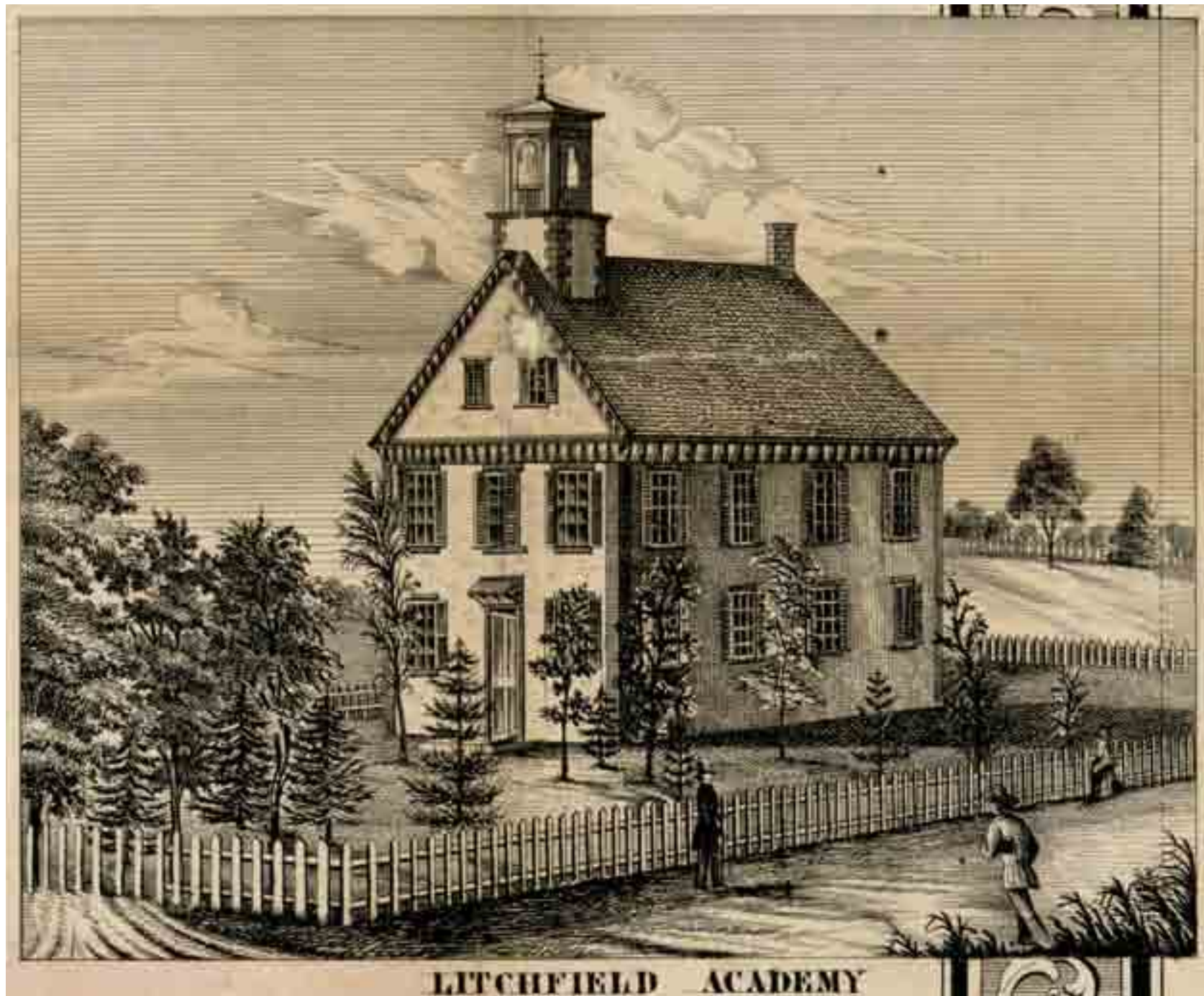
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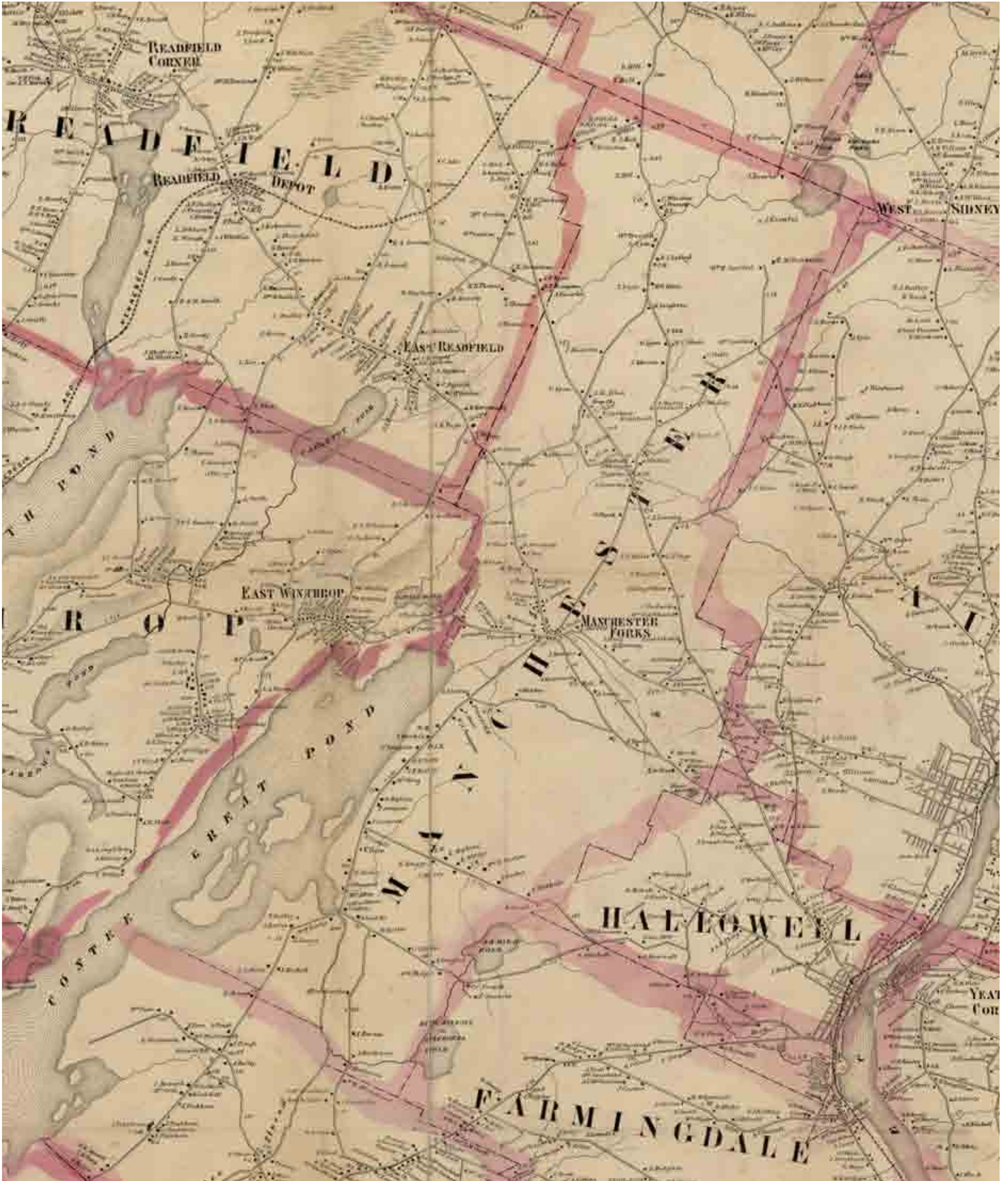
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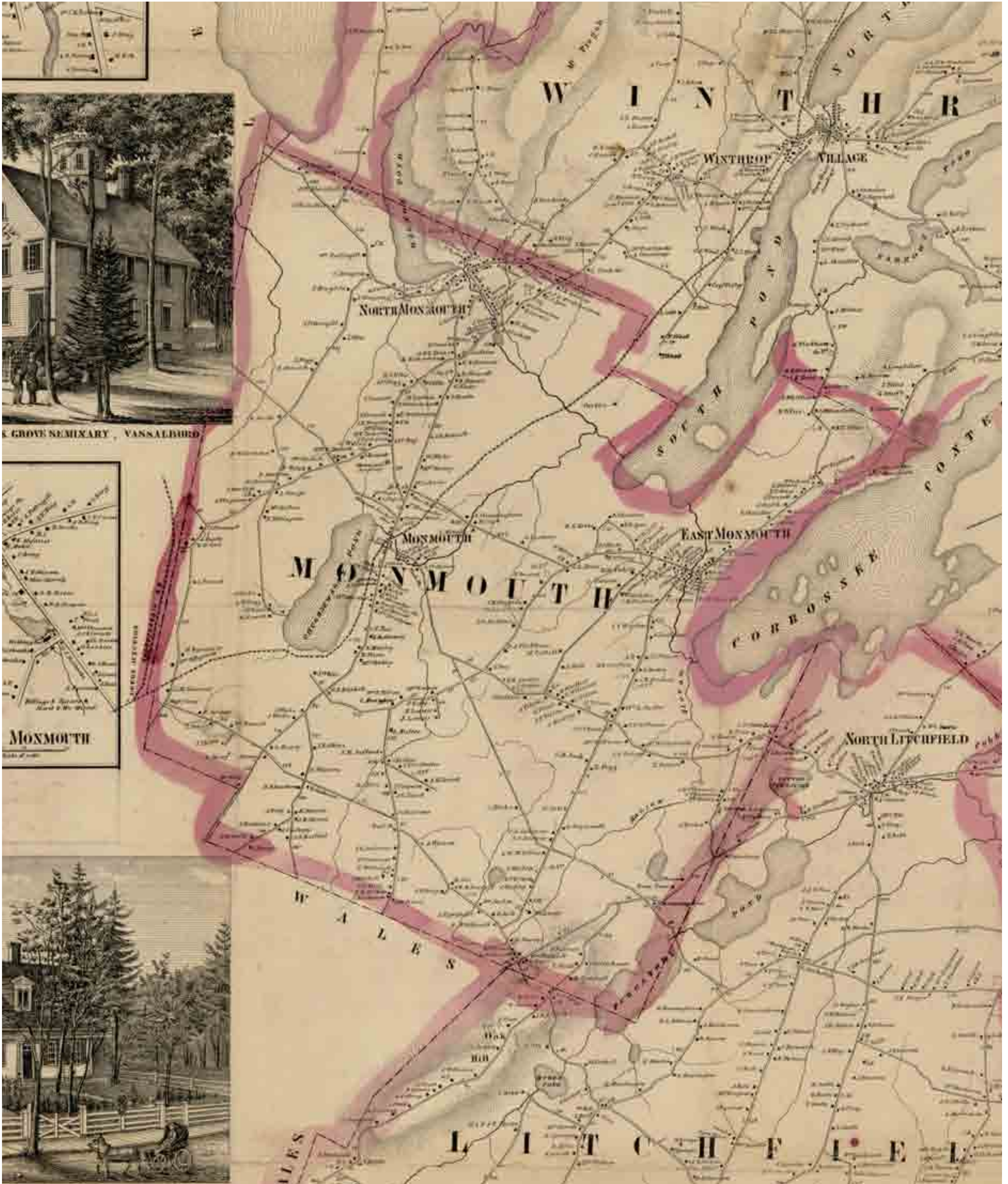
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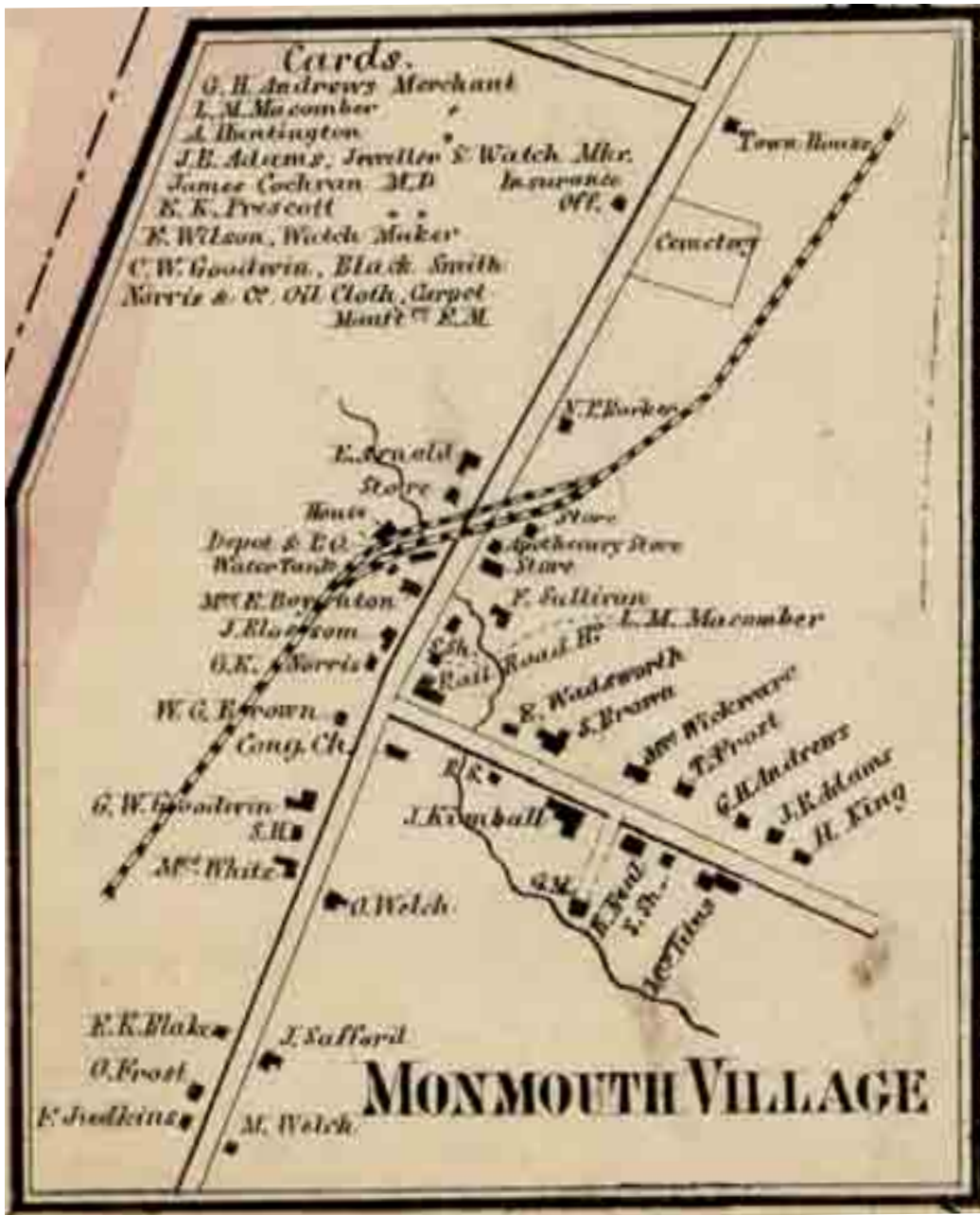


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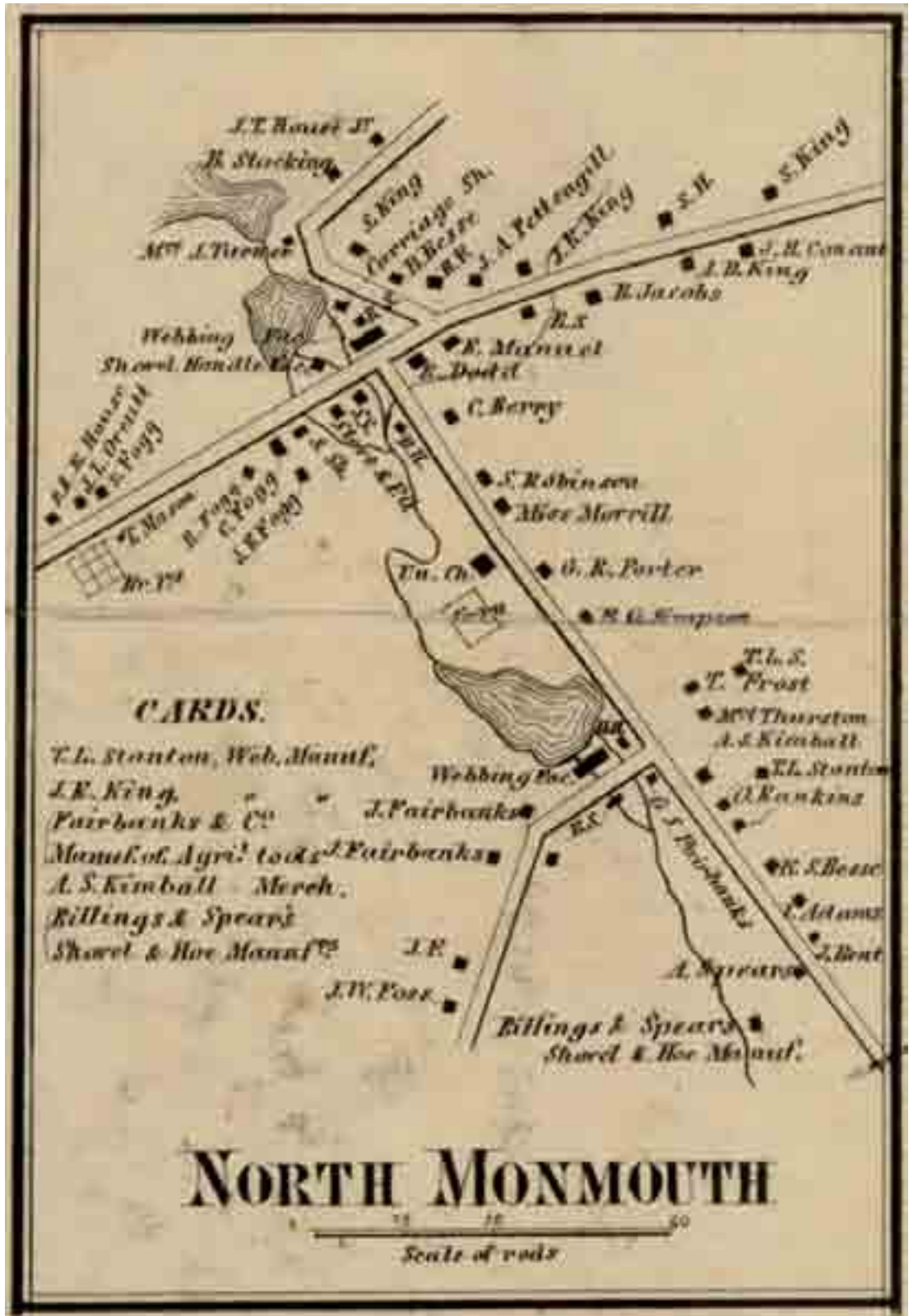
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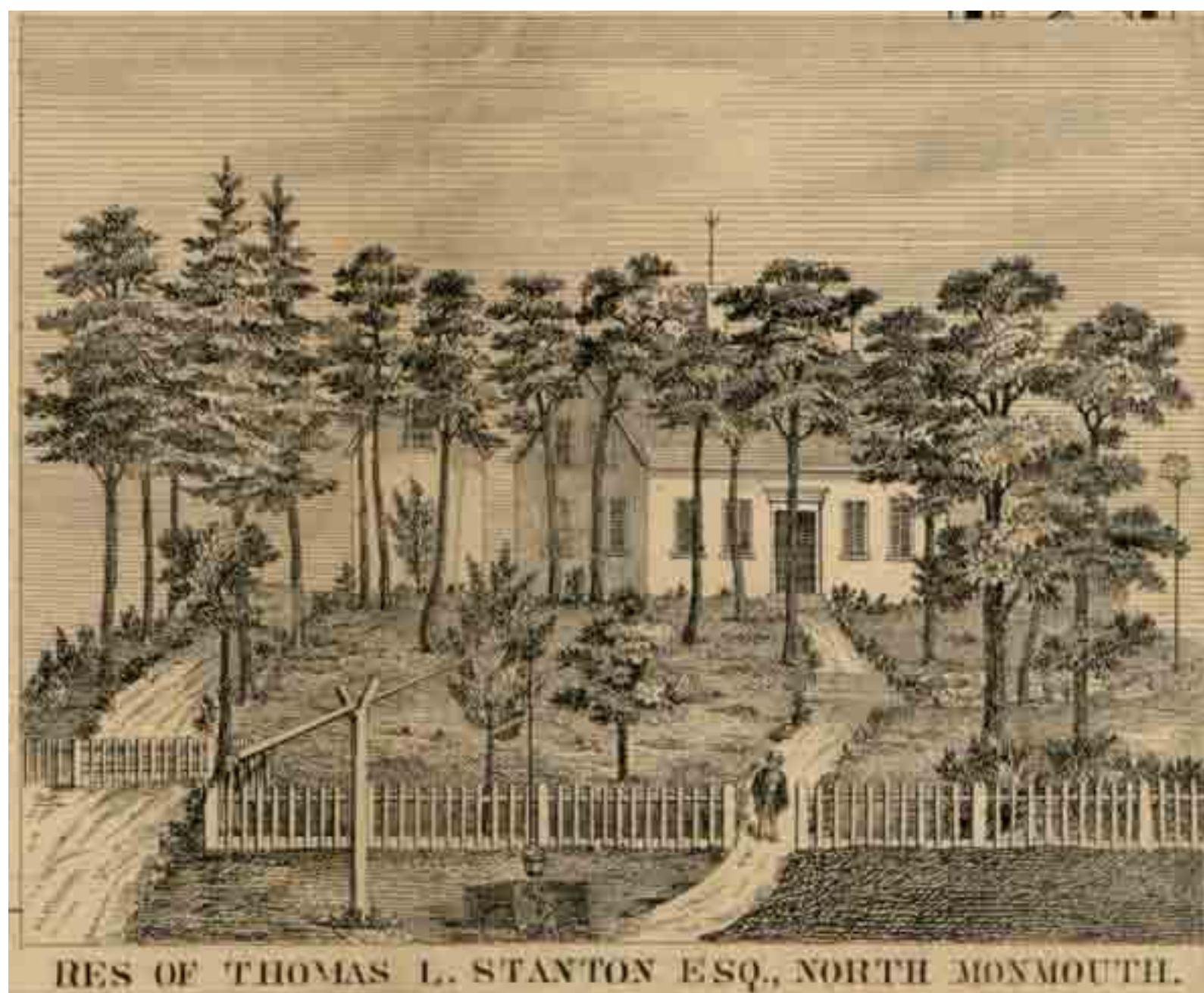


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North Monmouth



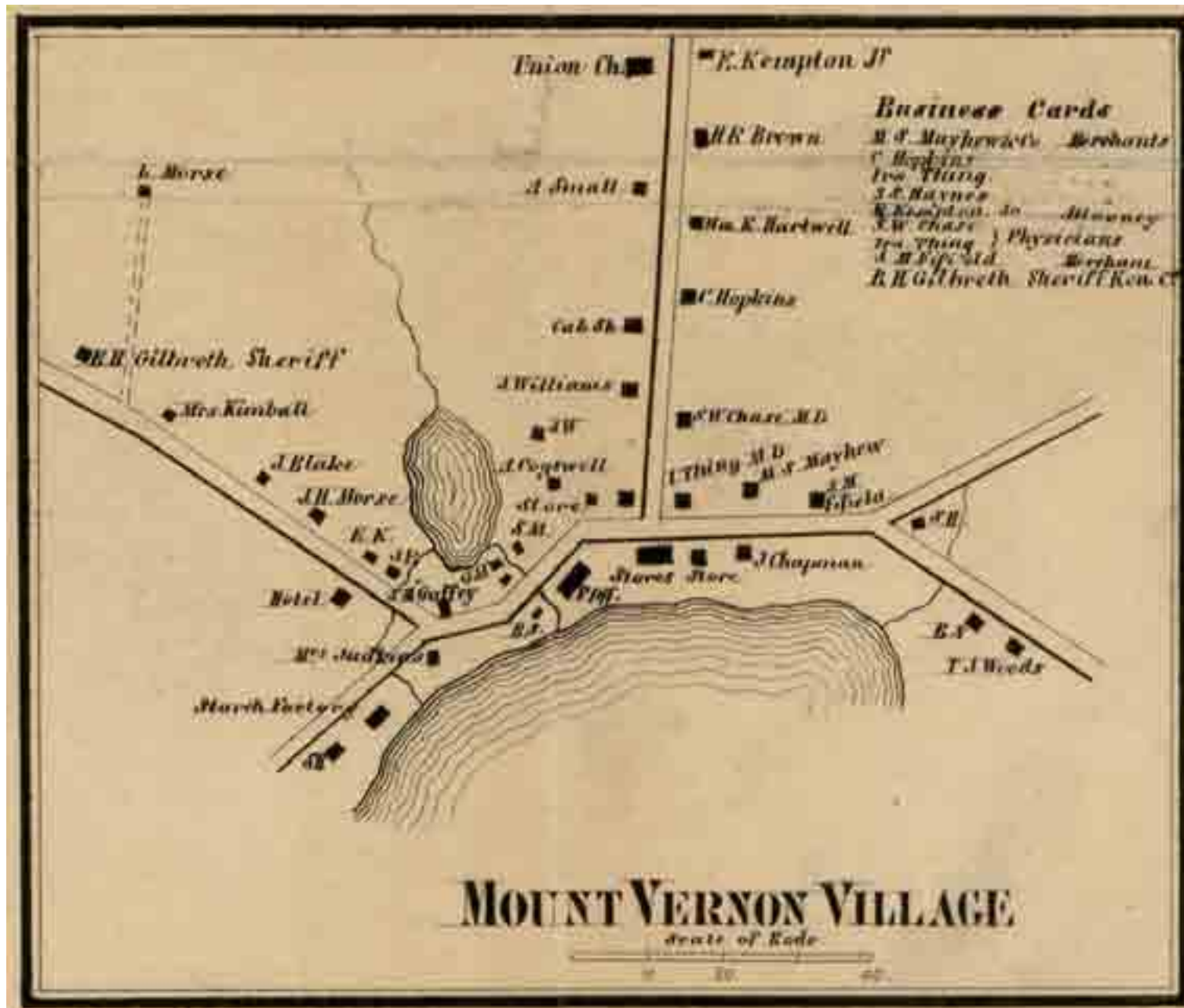
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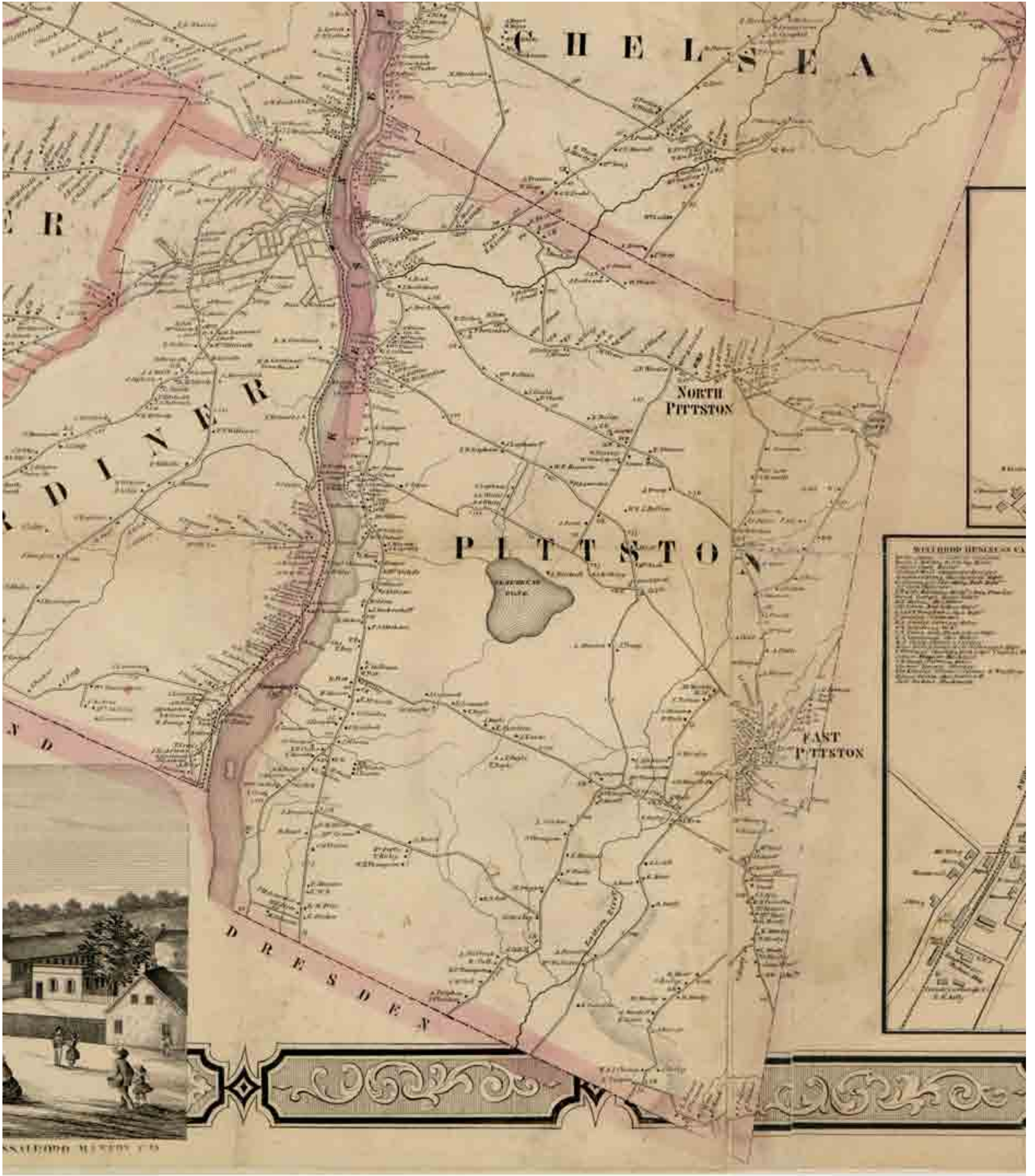
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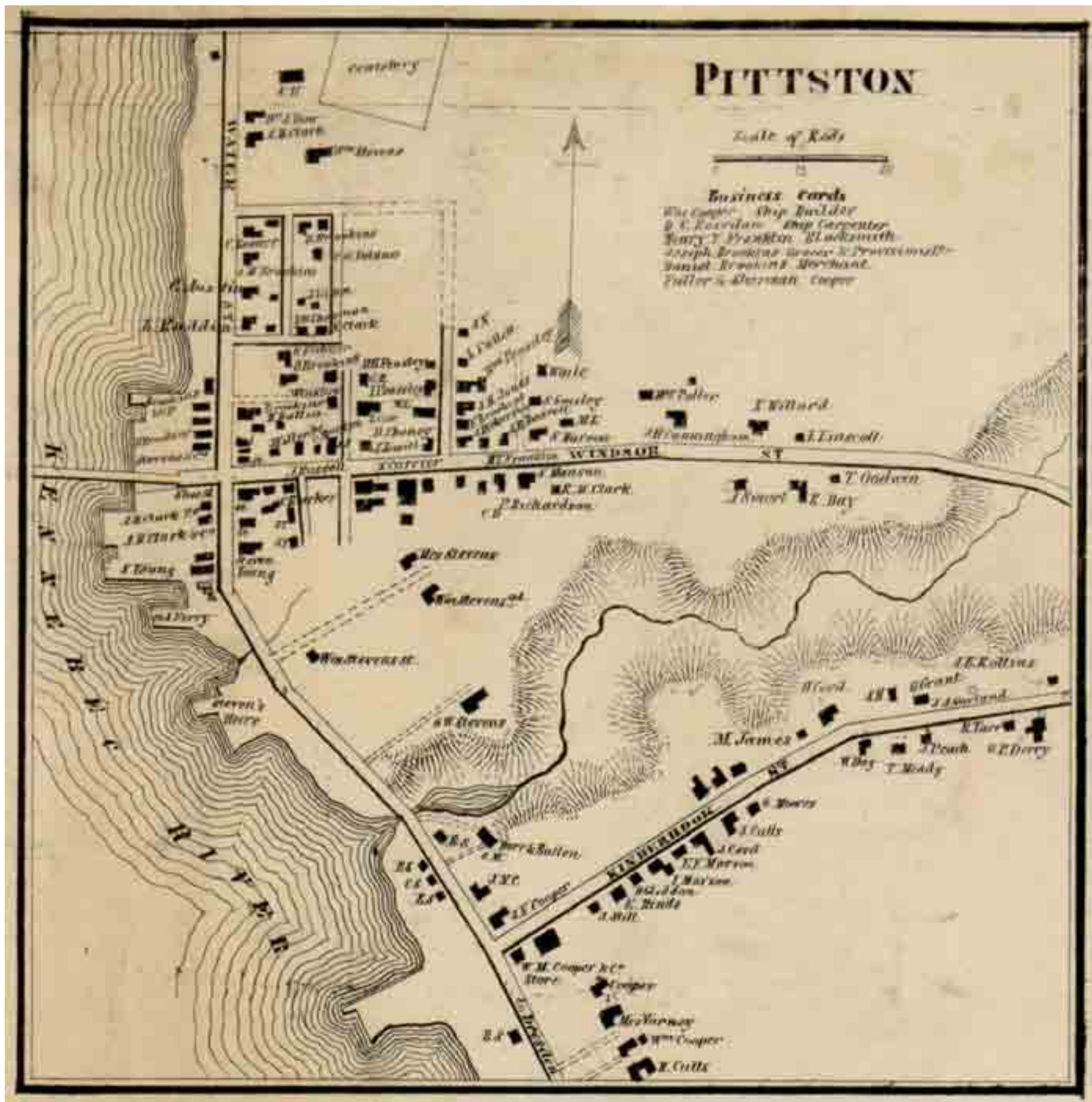
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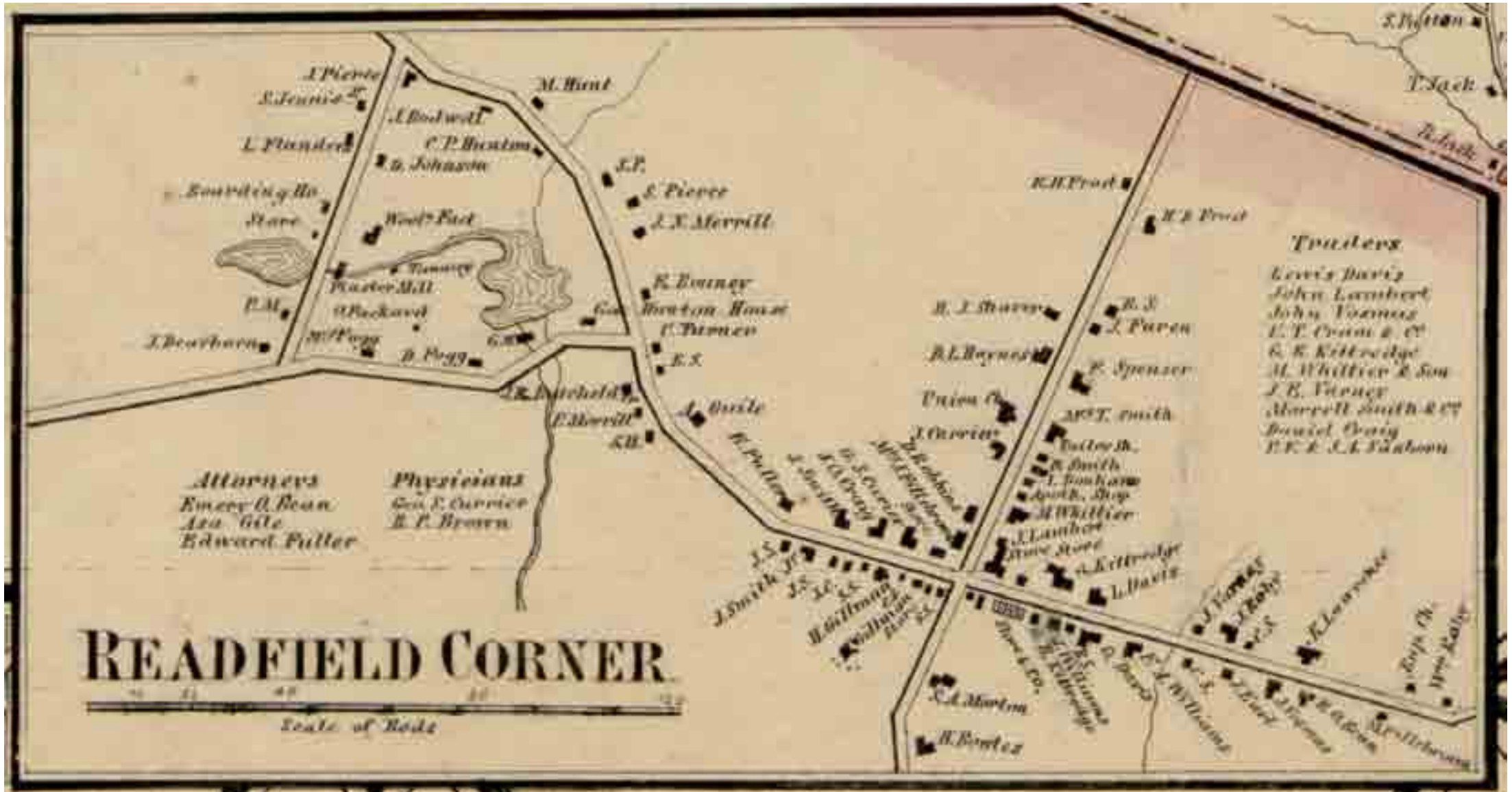
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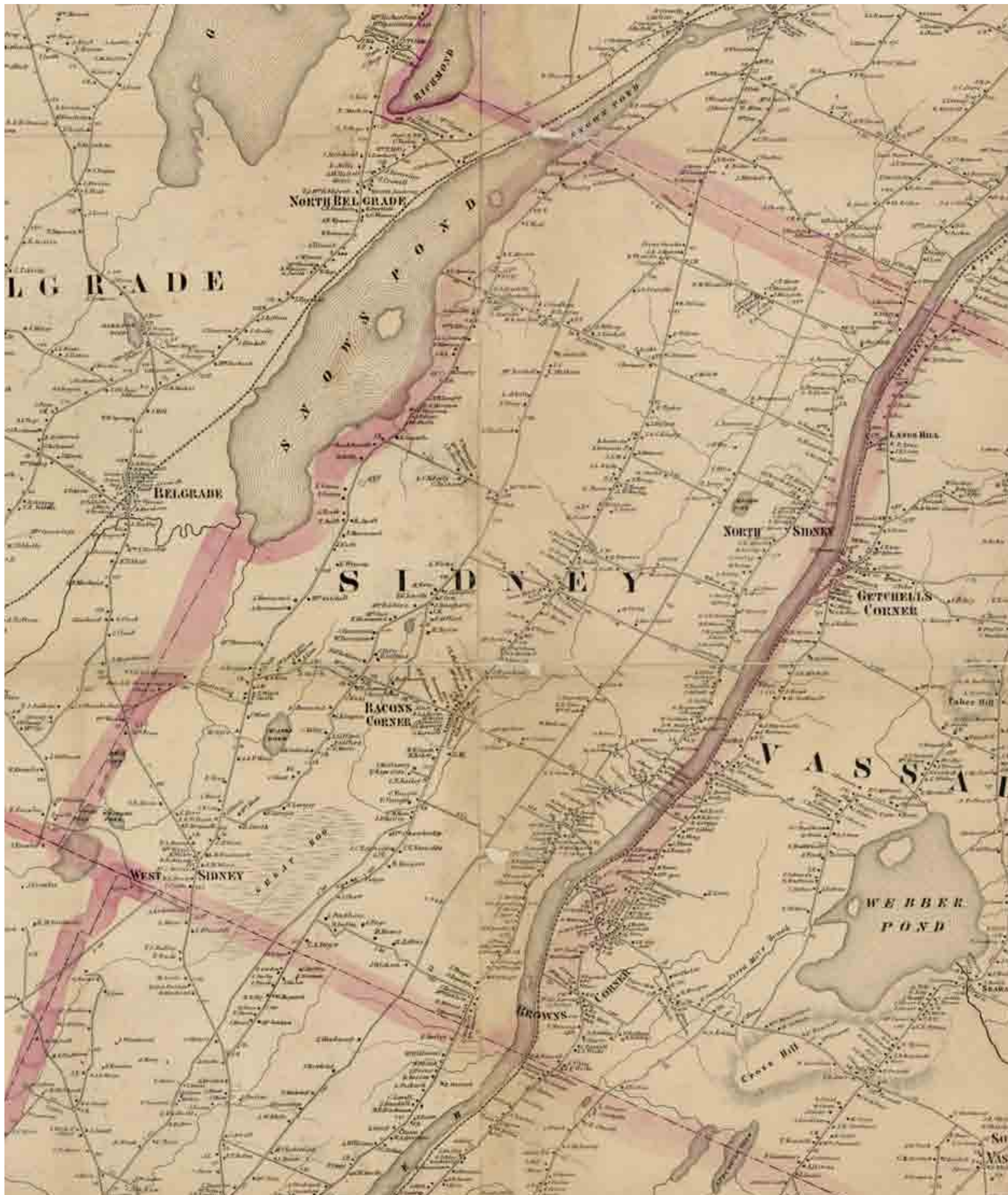
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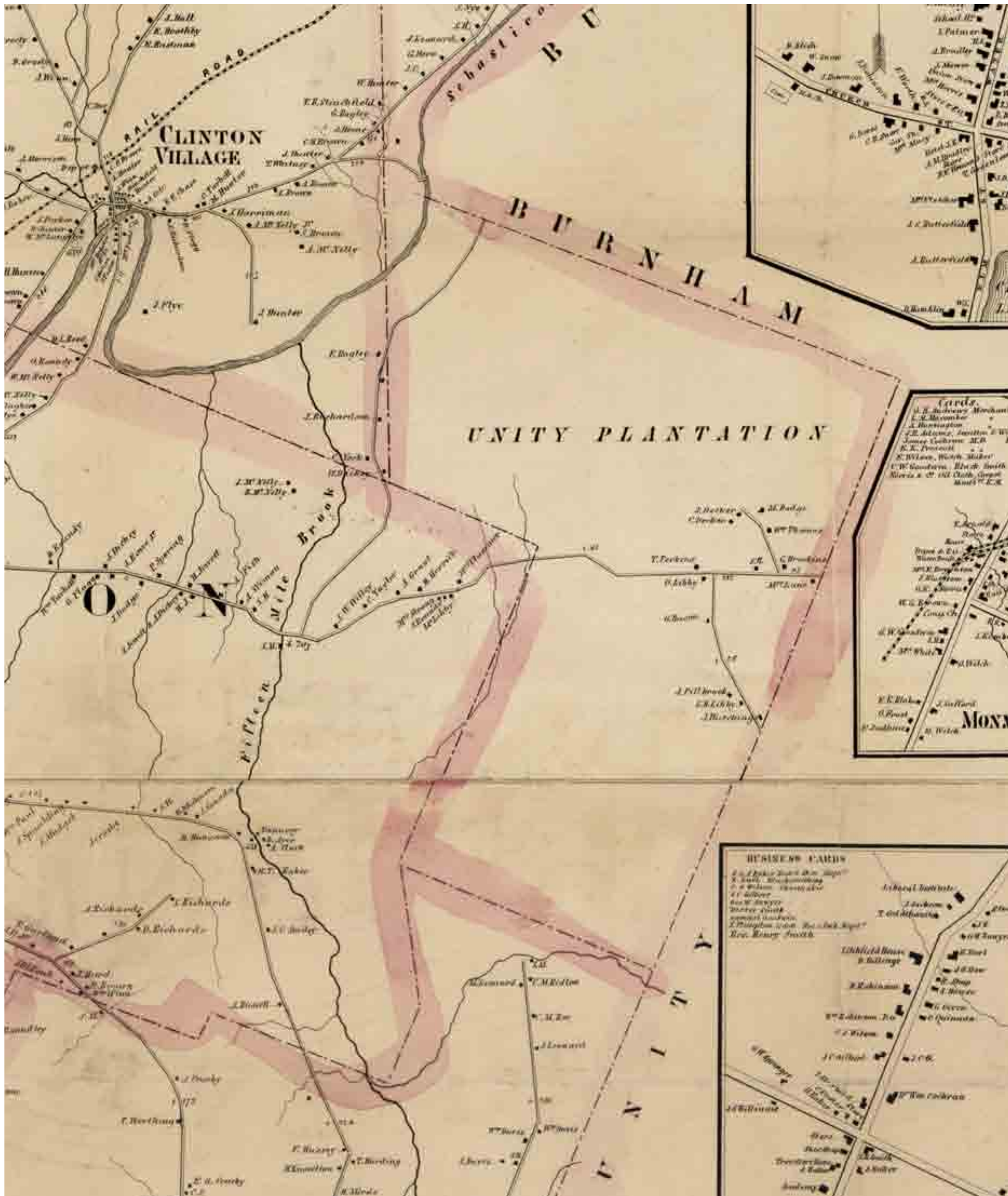
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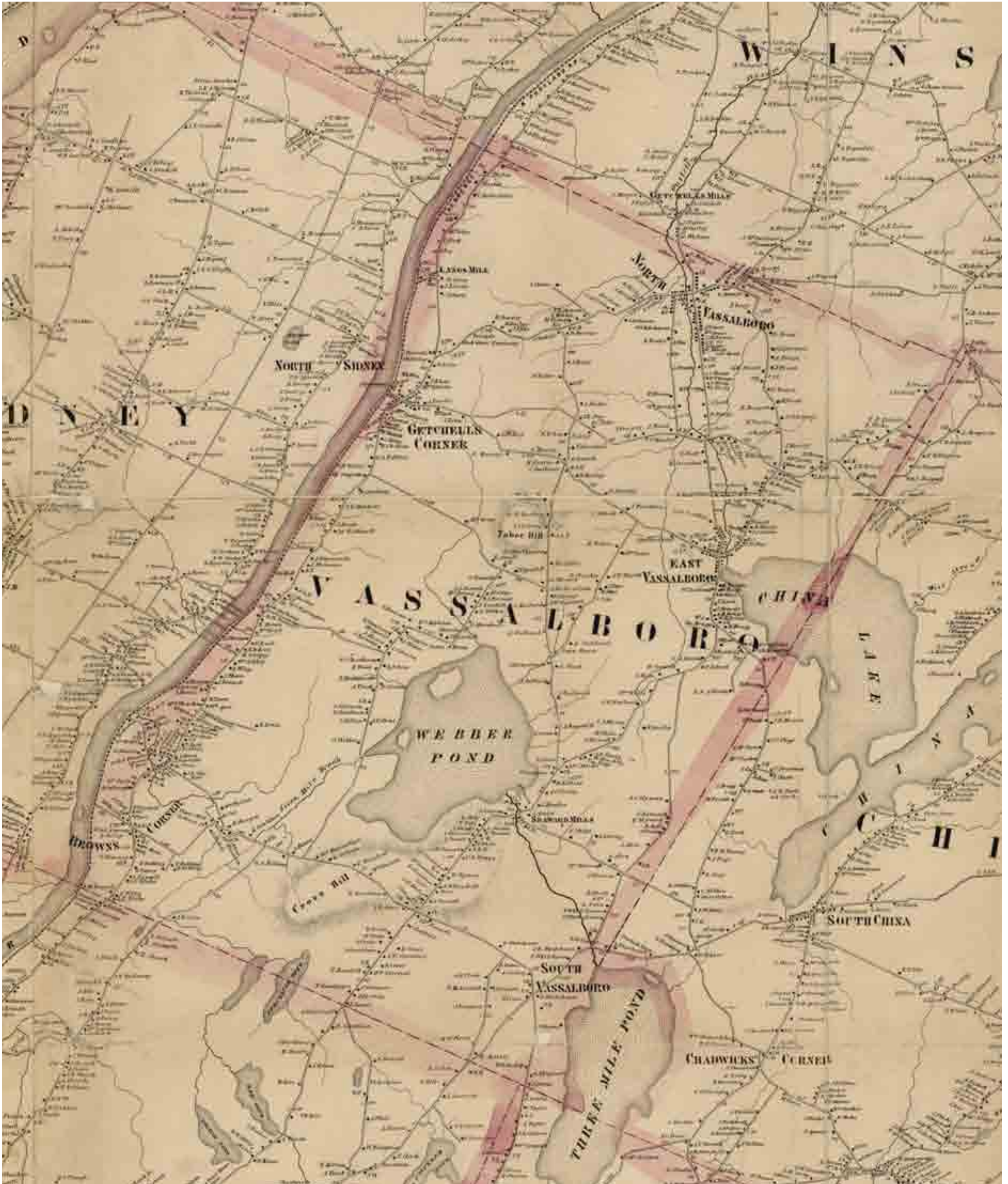
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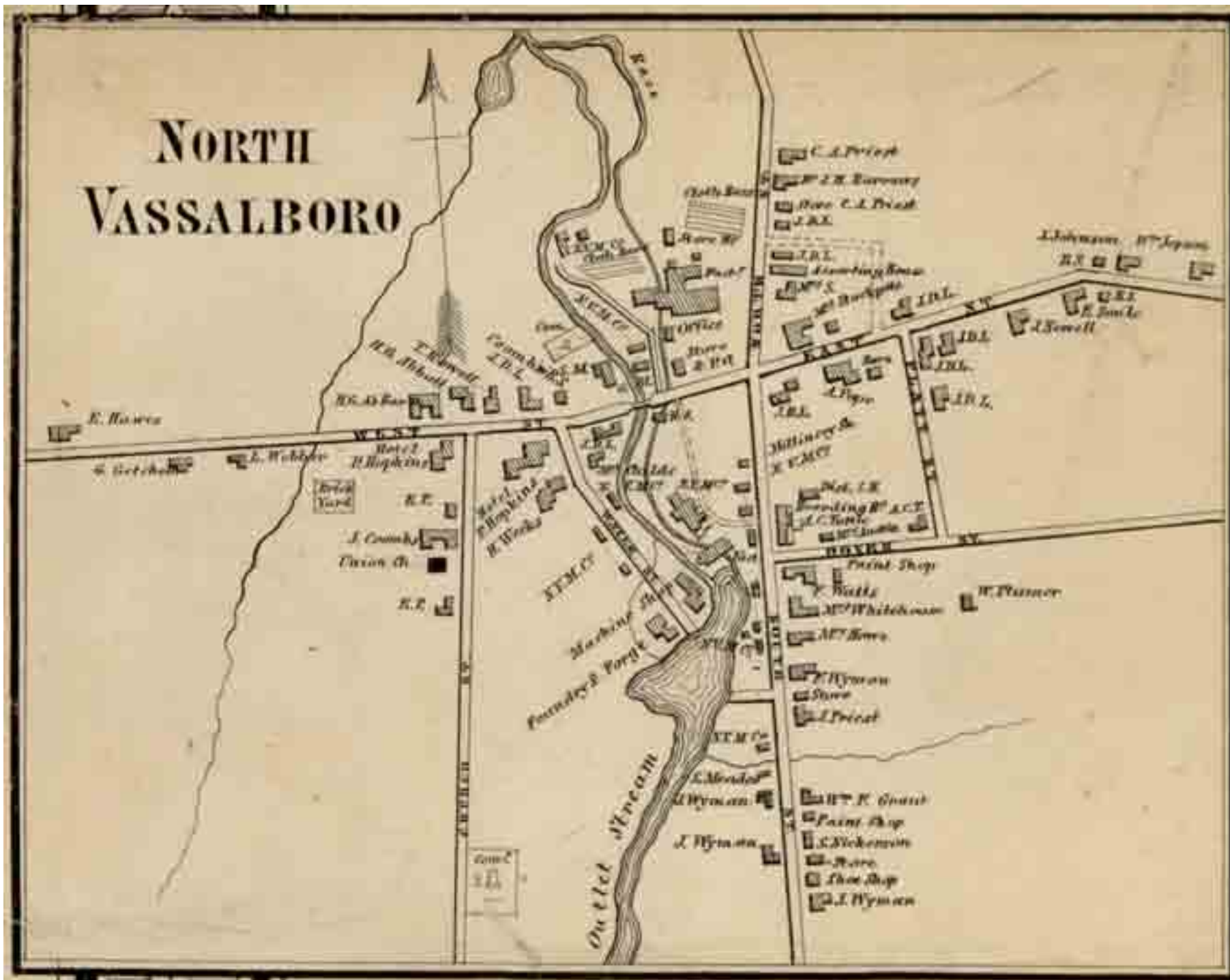
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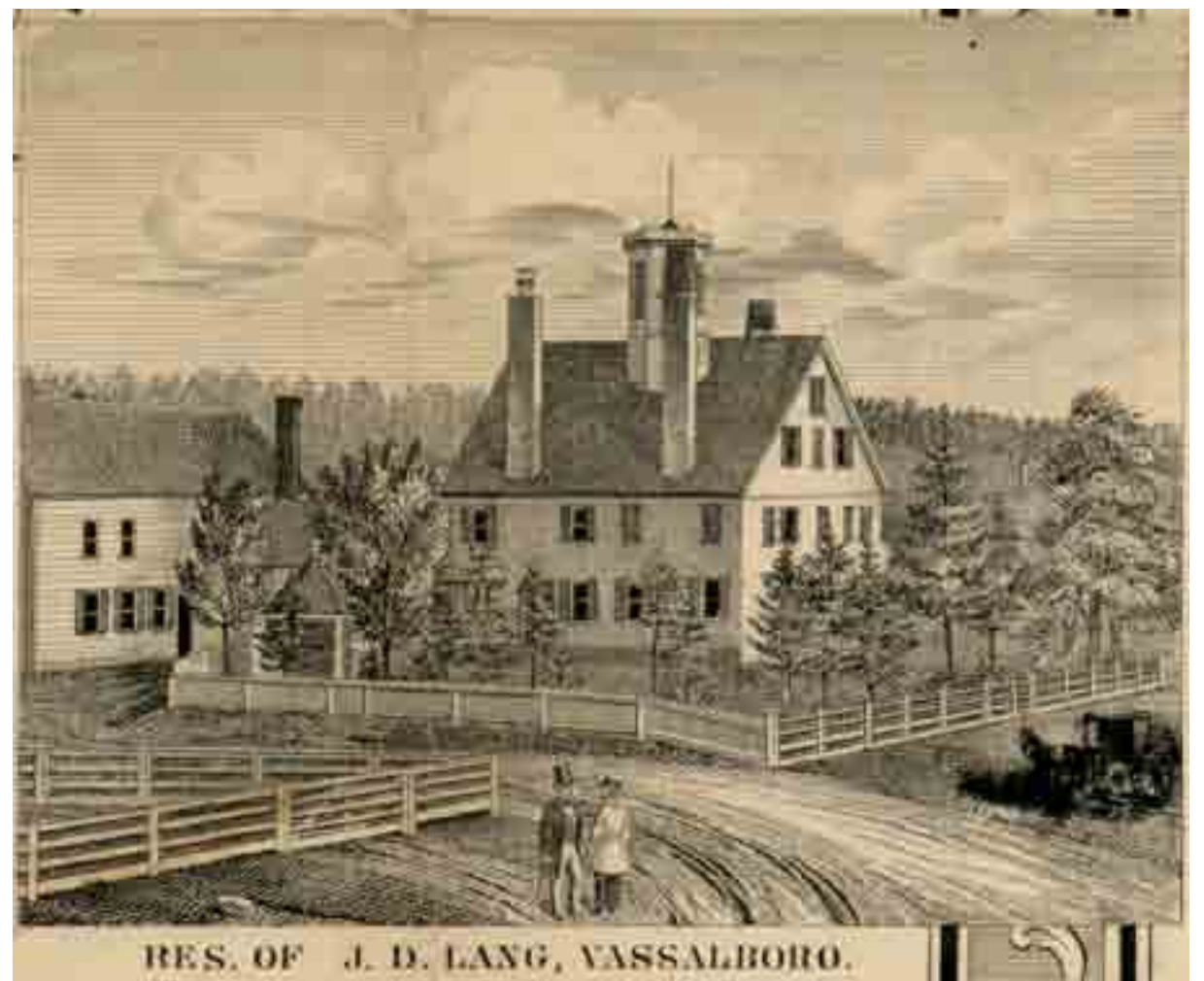
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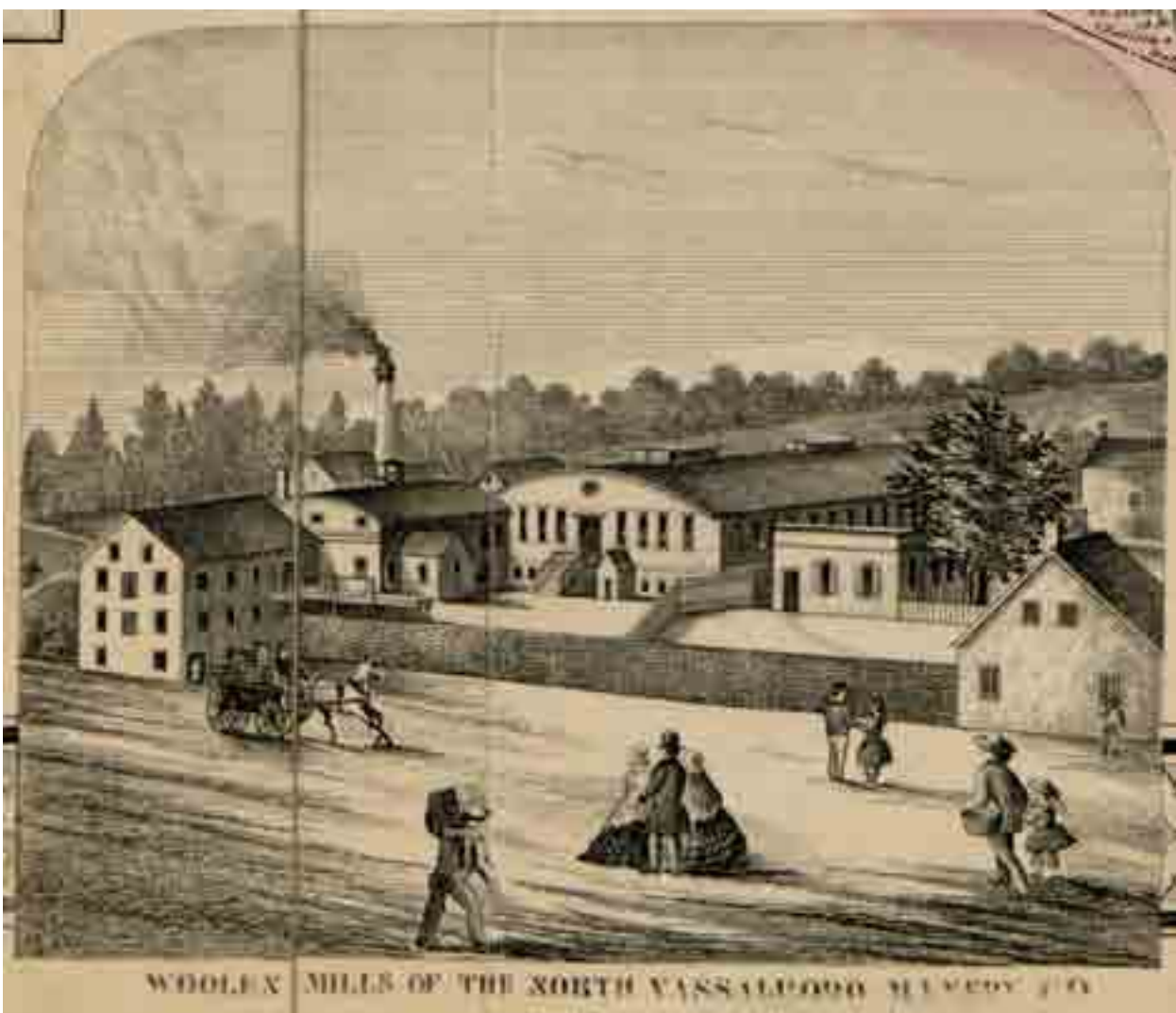


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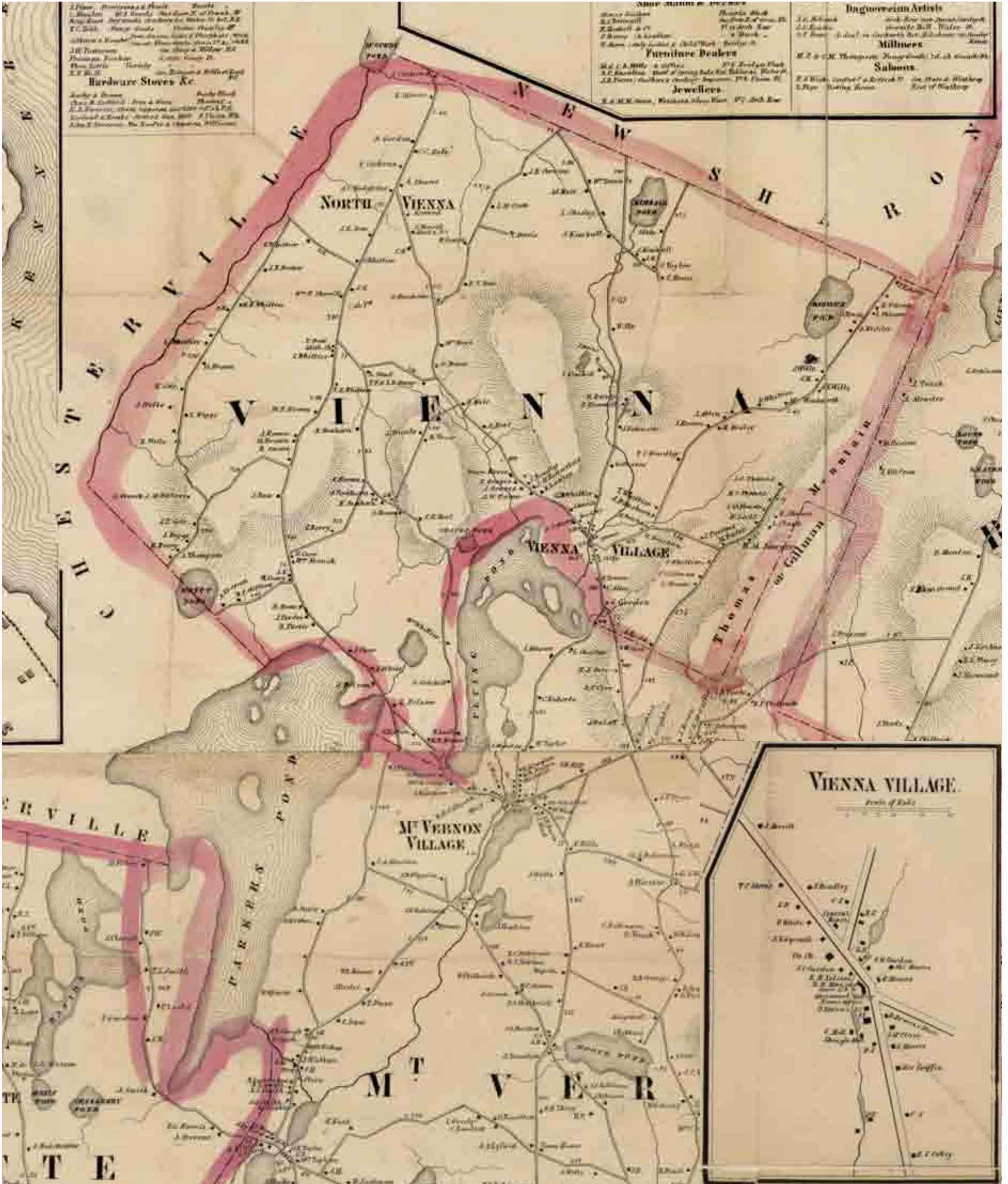
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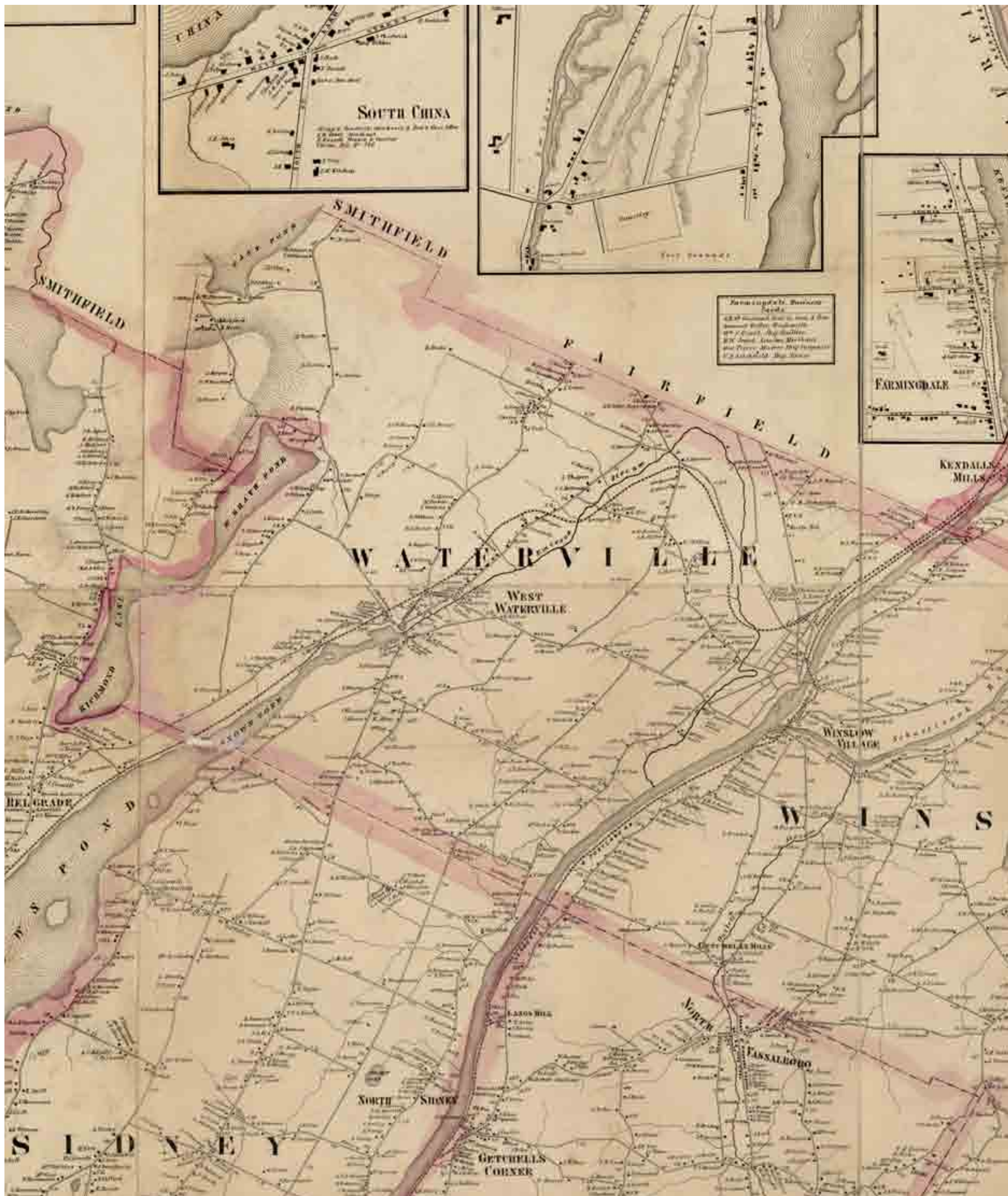
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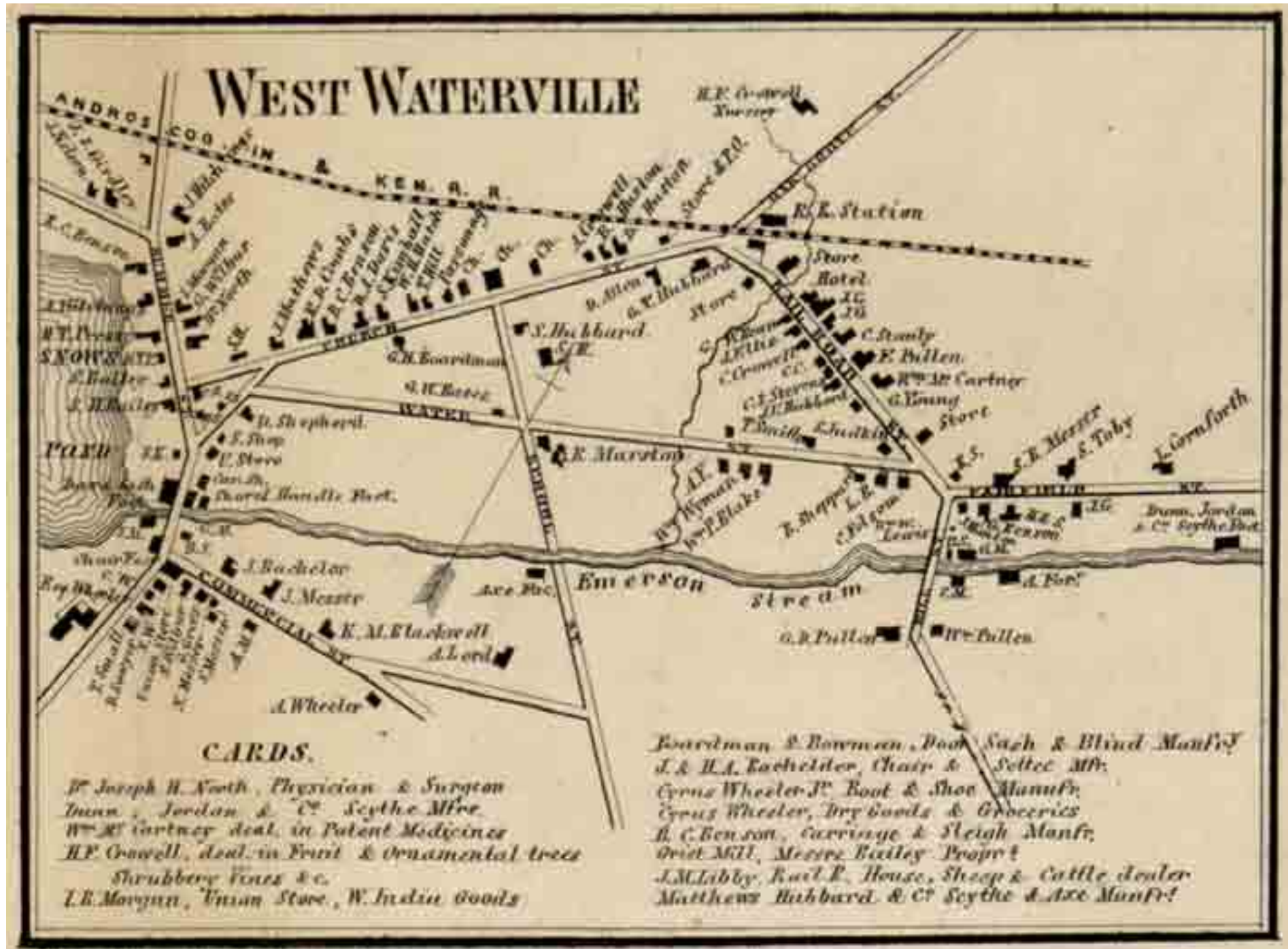
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Waterville Village

West Waterville





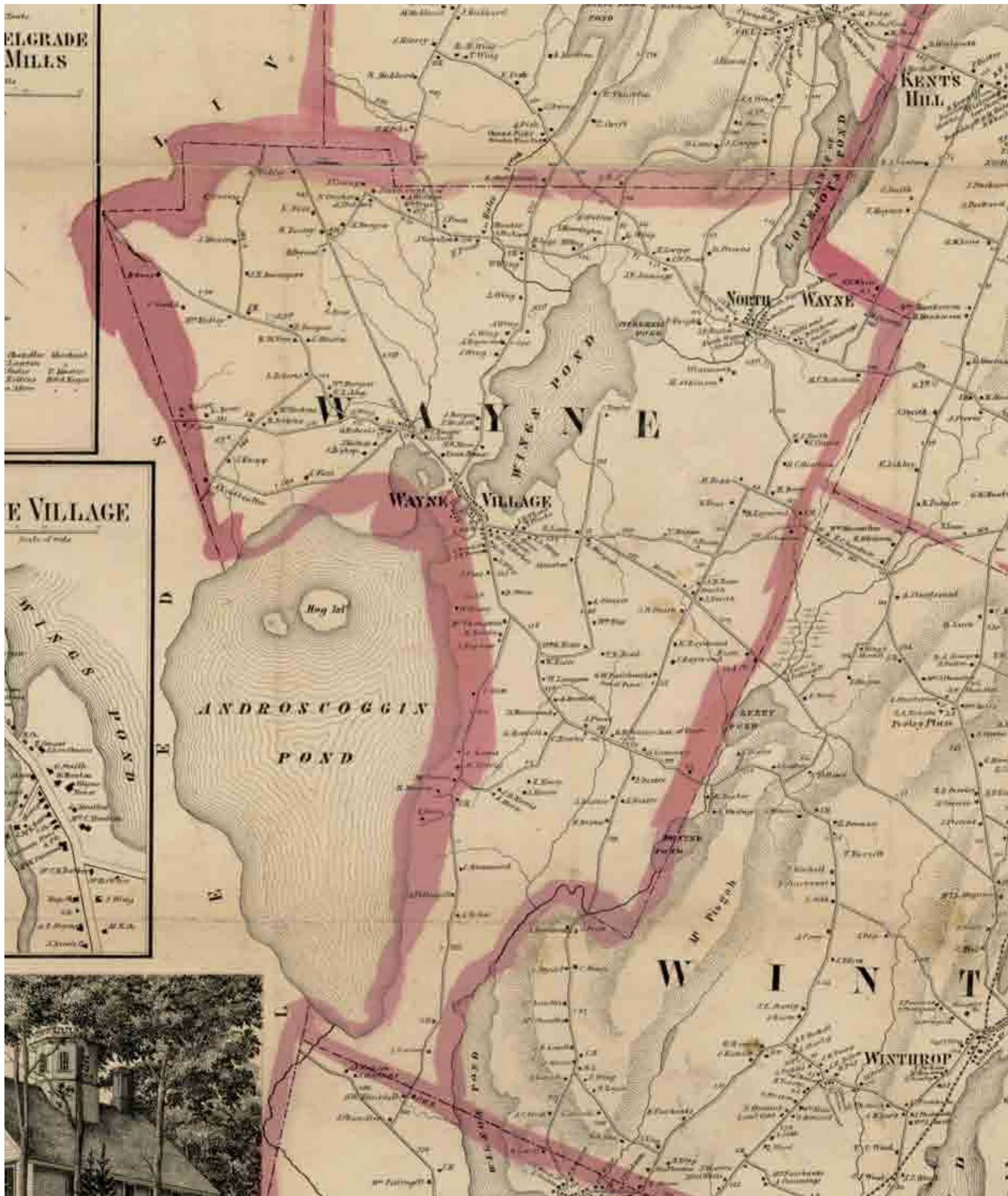
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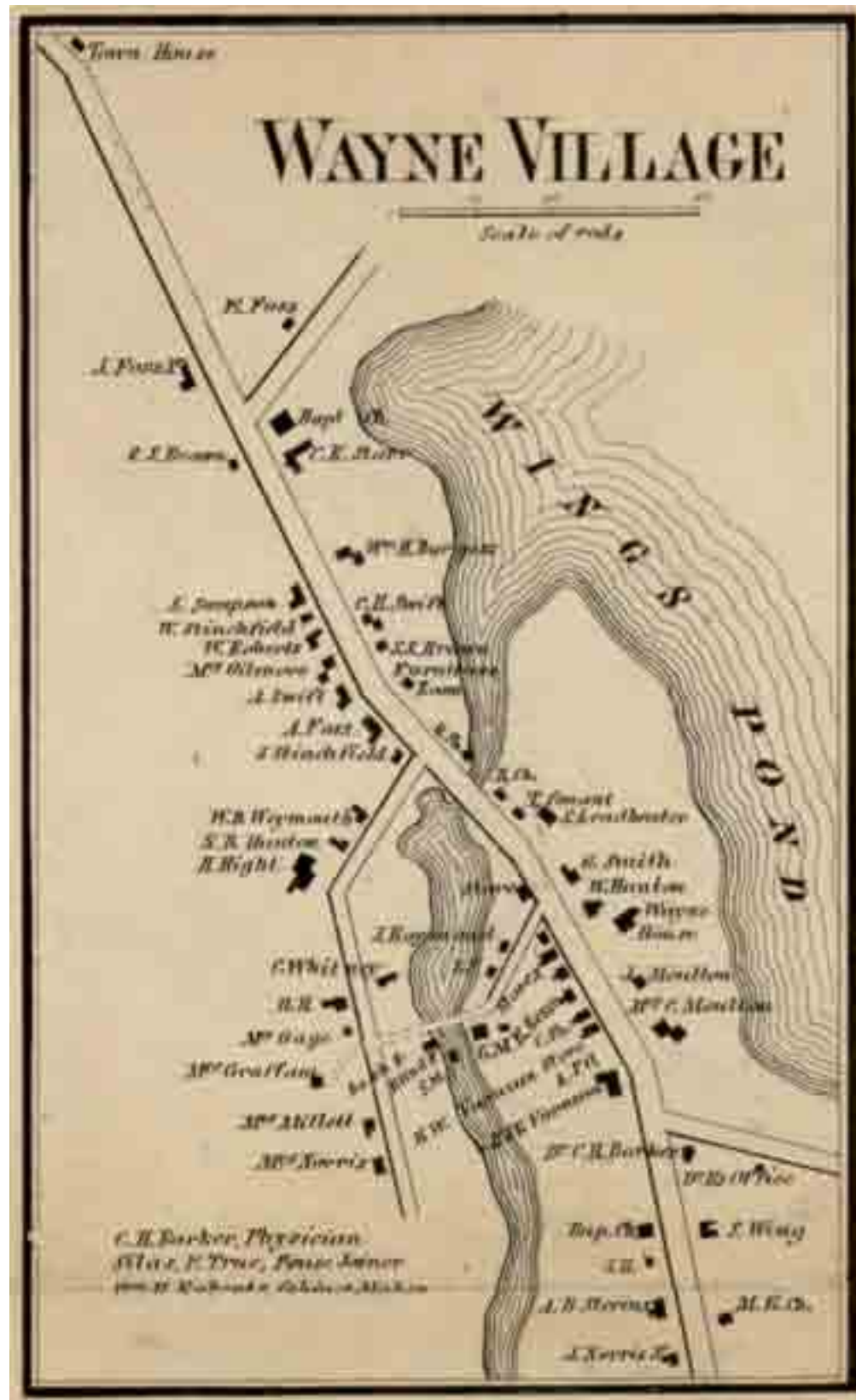


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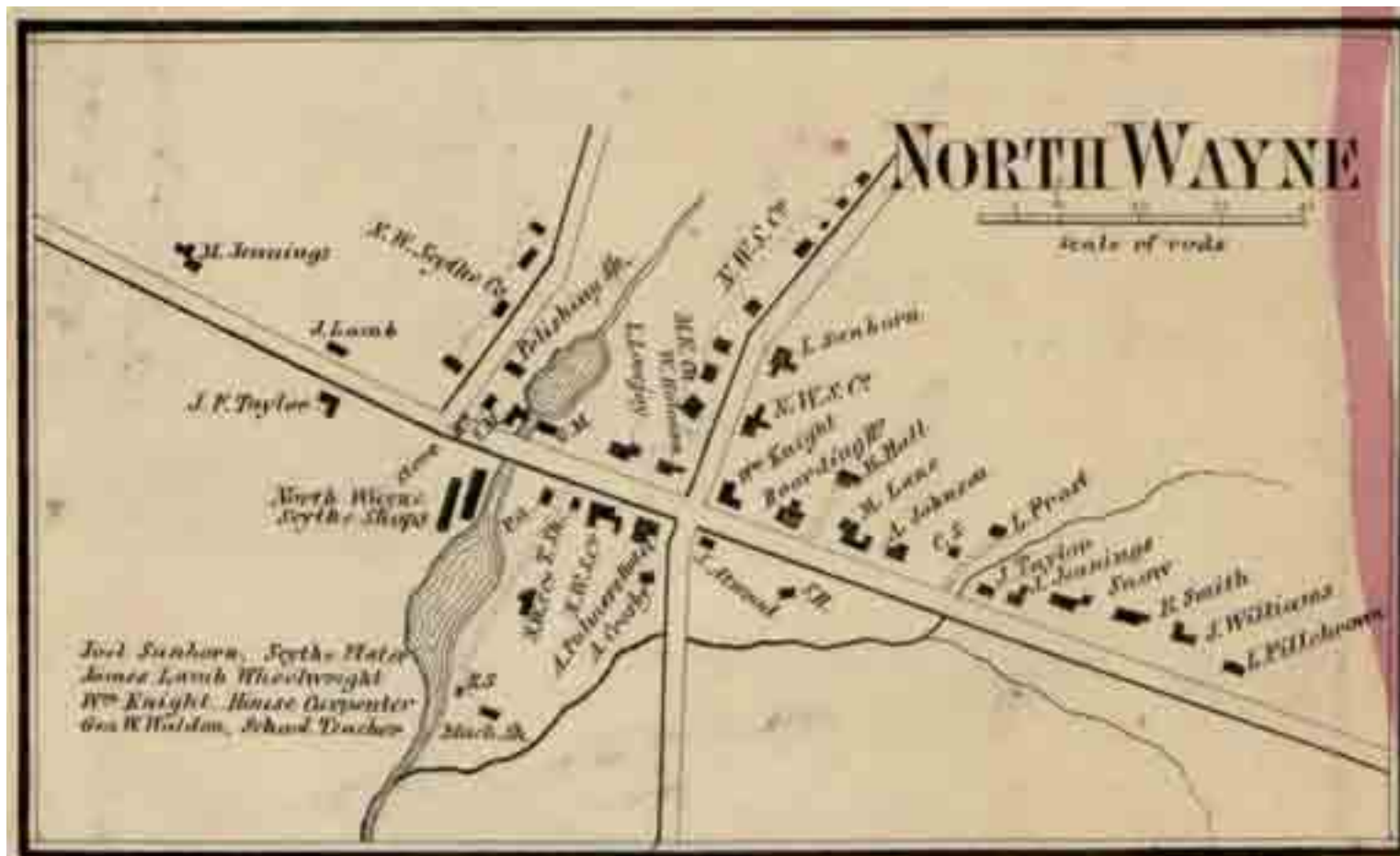
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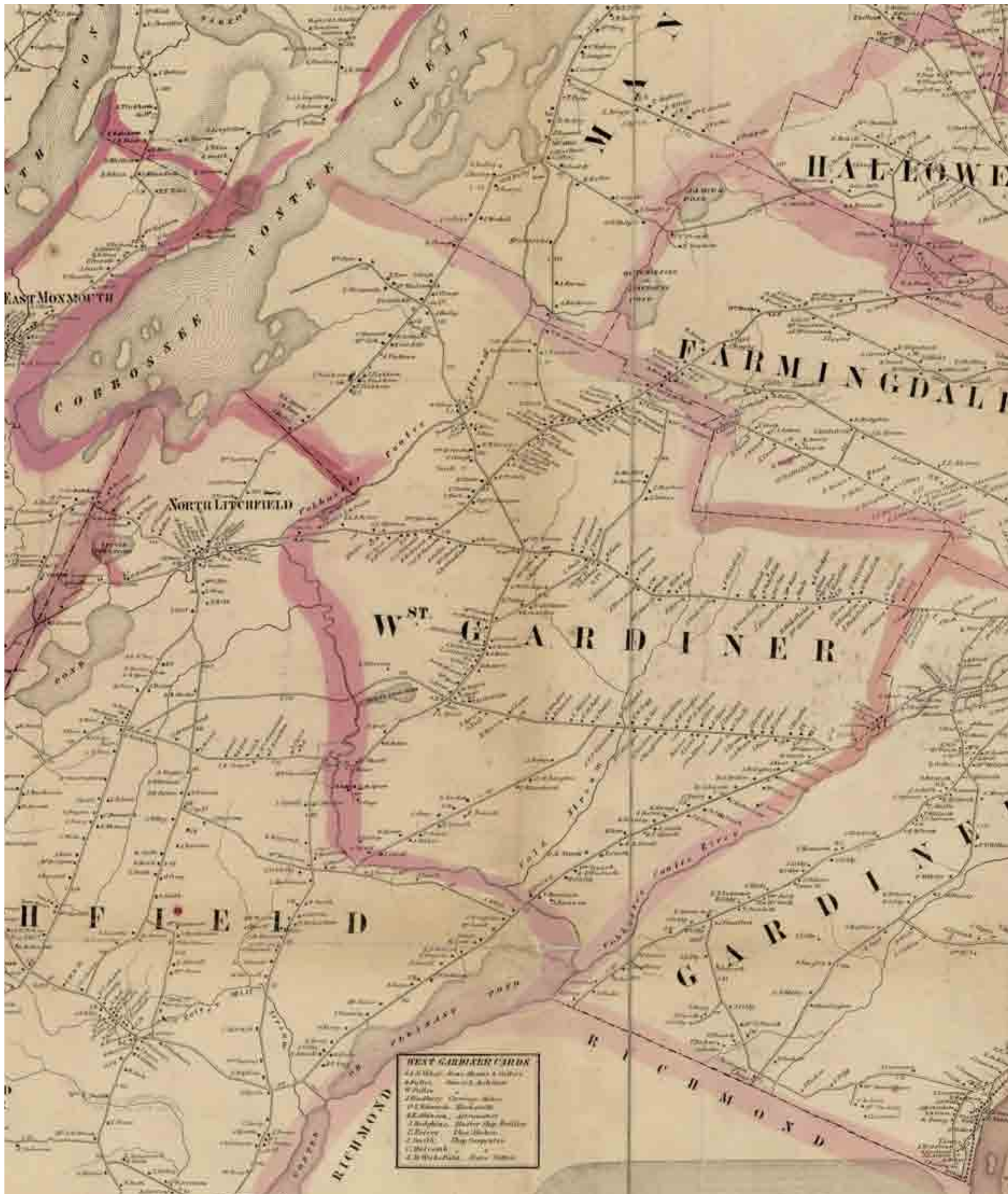
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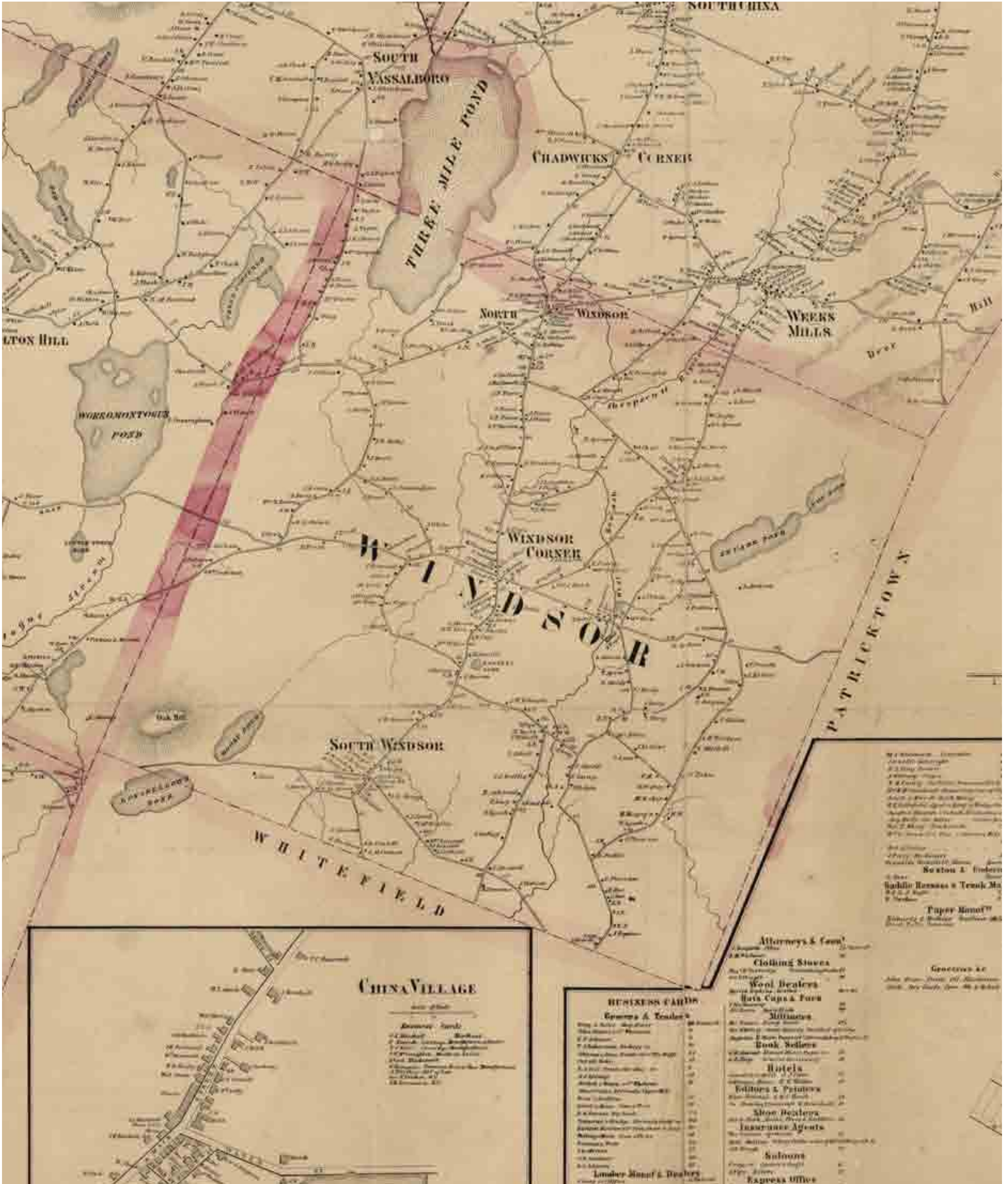
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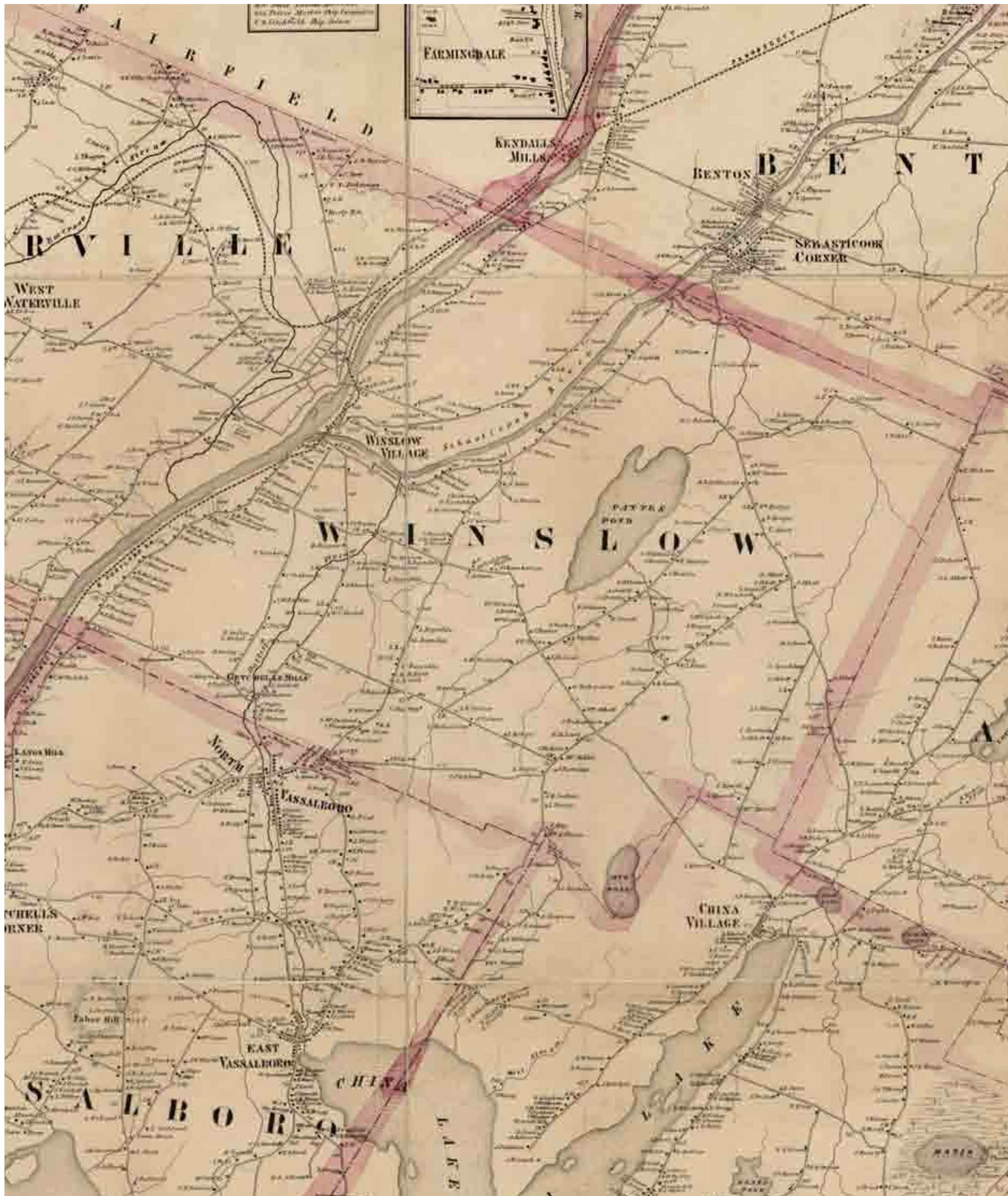
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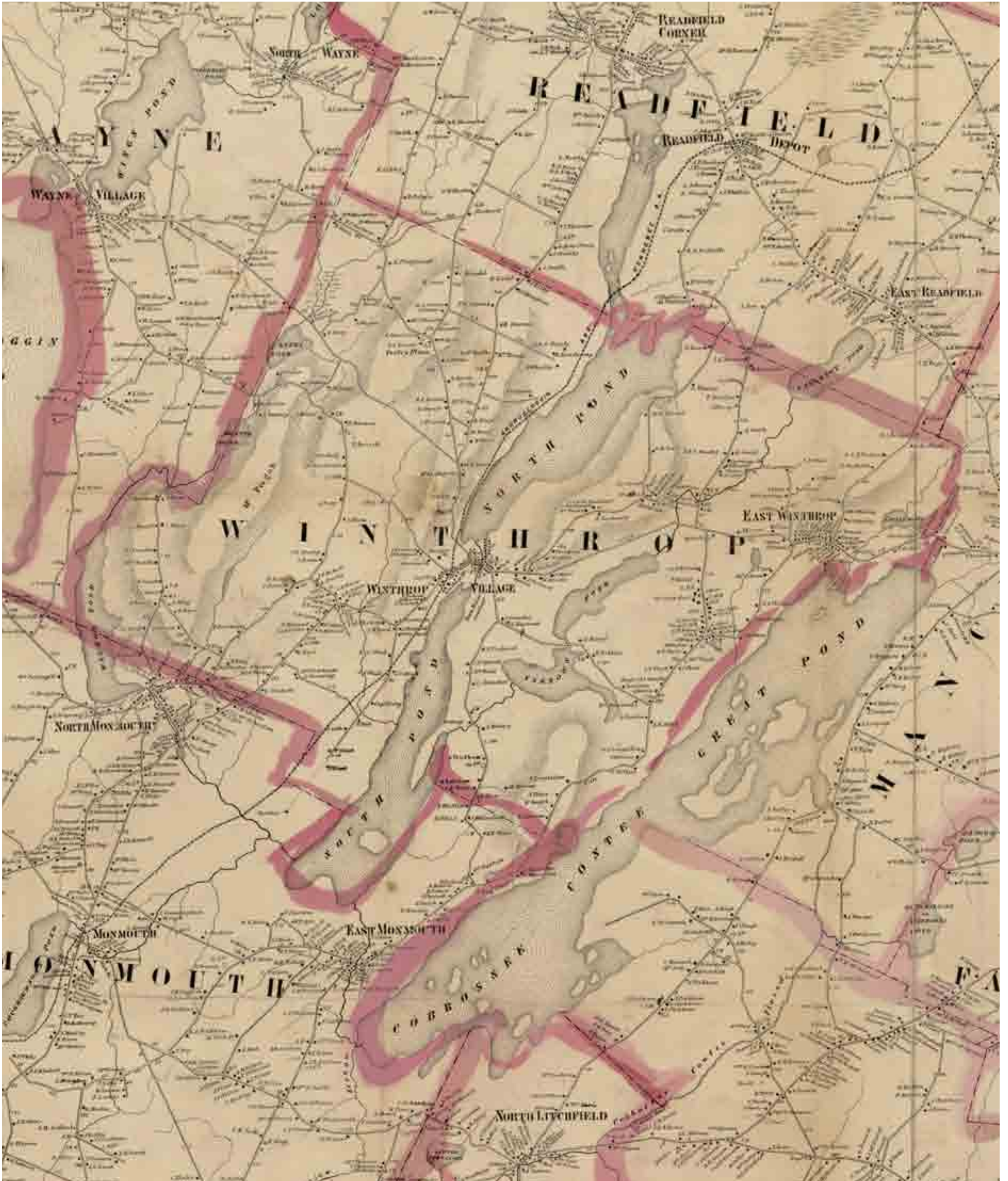
WINDSOR



WINSLOW



WINTHROP



Statistics

POPULATION		
Towns.	Population in 1850	Valuation
Albion	1604	\$ 229,597
Augusta	8227	2080,712
Belgrade	1722	304,943
Benton	1189	155,992
Chelsea	1096	146,869
China	2769	456,635
Clinton Gore	195	6722
Farmingdale		253,927
Fayette	1085	194,777
Gardiner	5226	1385,298
Hallowell	3201	967,042
Itchfield	2100	334,924
Manchester	825	239,501
Monmouth	1925	356,882
Mount Vernon	1479	239,054
Pittston	2823	593,319
Readfield	1818	439,723
Rome	830	79,097
Sidney	1955	458,556
Vassalboro	3099	641,288
Vienna	851	126,125
Waterville	3965	1018,362
Wayne	1367	233,339
West Gardiner	1260	202,080
Windsor	1793	260,427
Winslow	1796	342,552
Winthrop	2098	500,757
Unity Plantation	110	8181
Clinton	1743	188,600

No. born during year ending June 1850	1502
- married	480
- died	844
Number of dwellings	10162
- families	11220
- Academies	36
- Public Schools	429
- School Teachers	589
- Pupils	20648
- who can not read & write males	357
- " " " " females	263
- " " " " colored	5
- of volumes in public libraries	24655

RELIGIOUS			
Denominations	No. of Ch.	Accom.	Value
New Jerusalem	1	500	3000
Baptist	54	18487	59211
Methodist	24	8010	34825
Friends	12	5800	8900
Congregational	11	5100	29400
Union	11	2975	13600
Universalist	8	3685	21200
Unitarian	5	1844	10000
Episcopal	2	835	21000
Christian	2	630	1500
Second Advent	2	300	400
Roman Catholic	1	400	2500
Free	1	1200	1200

AGRICULTURAL.			
No. of acres improved land	248627	No. of Horses	5756
- " unimproved	201511	- " Milch cows	15798
Cash Value of Farms	\$ 7,110,252	- " Working Oxen	9501
Value of farming implements	299571	- " Sheep	48448
- " live Stock	1,188,360	- " Swine	6146
- " animals slaughtered	194847	Bounds of Wool	148617
- " orchard produce	71,224	- Butter	1124721
- " market garden prod.	18572	- Cheese	439256
- " home made manufact.	27907	- Flax	9600
Lbs of Beeswax & honey	42908	- Maple Sug.	2573
		Gallons of Wine	37
		Bush. of Wheat	31462
		- " Rye	10792
		- " Corn	296108
		- " Oats	295257
		- " Peas & Beans	27415
		- " Potatoes	380014
		- " Barley	18214
		- " Buckwheat	2429
		- " Cloverseed	236
		Tons - Hay	97946

Table of Distances

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Distances in Miles and Tenths crossing Kennebec by Bridges

RELIGIOUS

Denominations	No. of Ch.	Academies	Value
Evangelical	1	500	5000
Baptist	24	1848	53311
Methodist	74	8010	24815
Friends	12	3800	8900
Congregational	11	3800	29400
Union	11	3375	12600
Unitarian	1	2815	21700
Episcopalian	3	1844	8000
Christian	2	835	21000
Second Advent	2	200	400
Roman Catholic	1	400	7500
Free	1	1200	1200

POPULATION

Towns	Population in 1850	Population
Albion	1604	82329
Augusta	8277	208017
Belgrade	1723	304942
Benton	1189	45597
Chelsea	1696	146869
China	2763	42635
Clinton Corner	185	6772
Farmington	1085	25397
Gayette	1085	18477
Gardiner	2726	112298
Hallowell	3201	96742
Litchfield	2100	35494
Manchester	822	23921
Monmouth	1925	15682
Mount Vernon	1429	32054
Pittston	3573	59215
Readfield	1812	42823
Rome	220	19097
Sidney	1922	42820
Vassalboro	3089	64123
Vienna	821	15625
Waterville	2965	101867
Wayne	1267	32230
West Gardiner	1260	30200
Winslow	1722	26047
Winthrop	1796	24823
Winthrop Village	2032	50757
Unity Plantation	110	3181
Chatham	1743	118600

Map of Kennebec County

