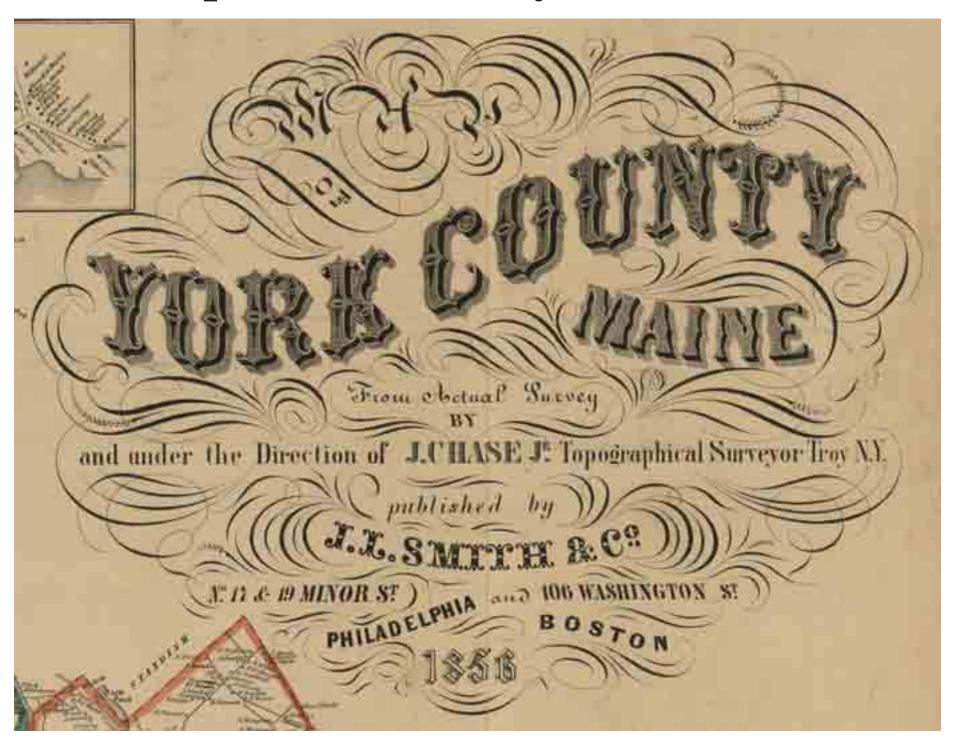
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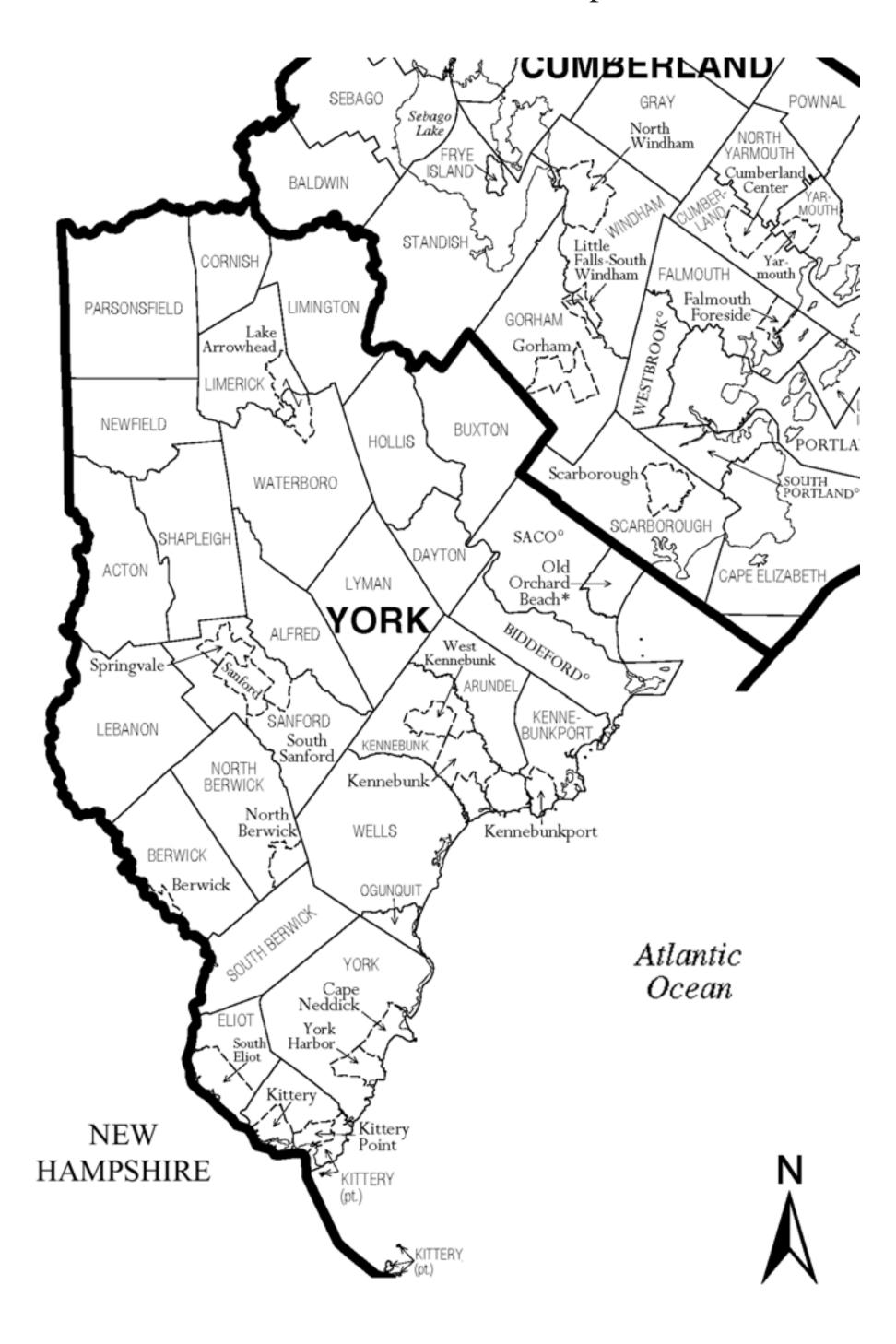
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A complete copy of the 1856 county wall map showing the names and locations of 1000s of houses, businesses, churches and schools.

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Modern Town Outline Map



1856 Map of York County



The original map is a large wall map measuring 54" x 57". 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The 1856 Map of York County is an important historical document.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, Jacob Chace Jr.*, was an accomplished mapmaker, who had earlier produced maps of Massachusetts and Vermont counties. He was involved with other Maine county maps, and was a principal author of the Map of the State of Maine, 1860.

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 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 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.

* His name is usually spelled Chace, though on this map it appears as Chase

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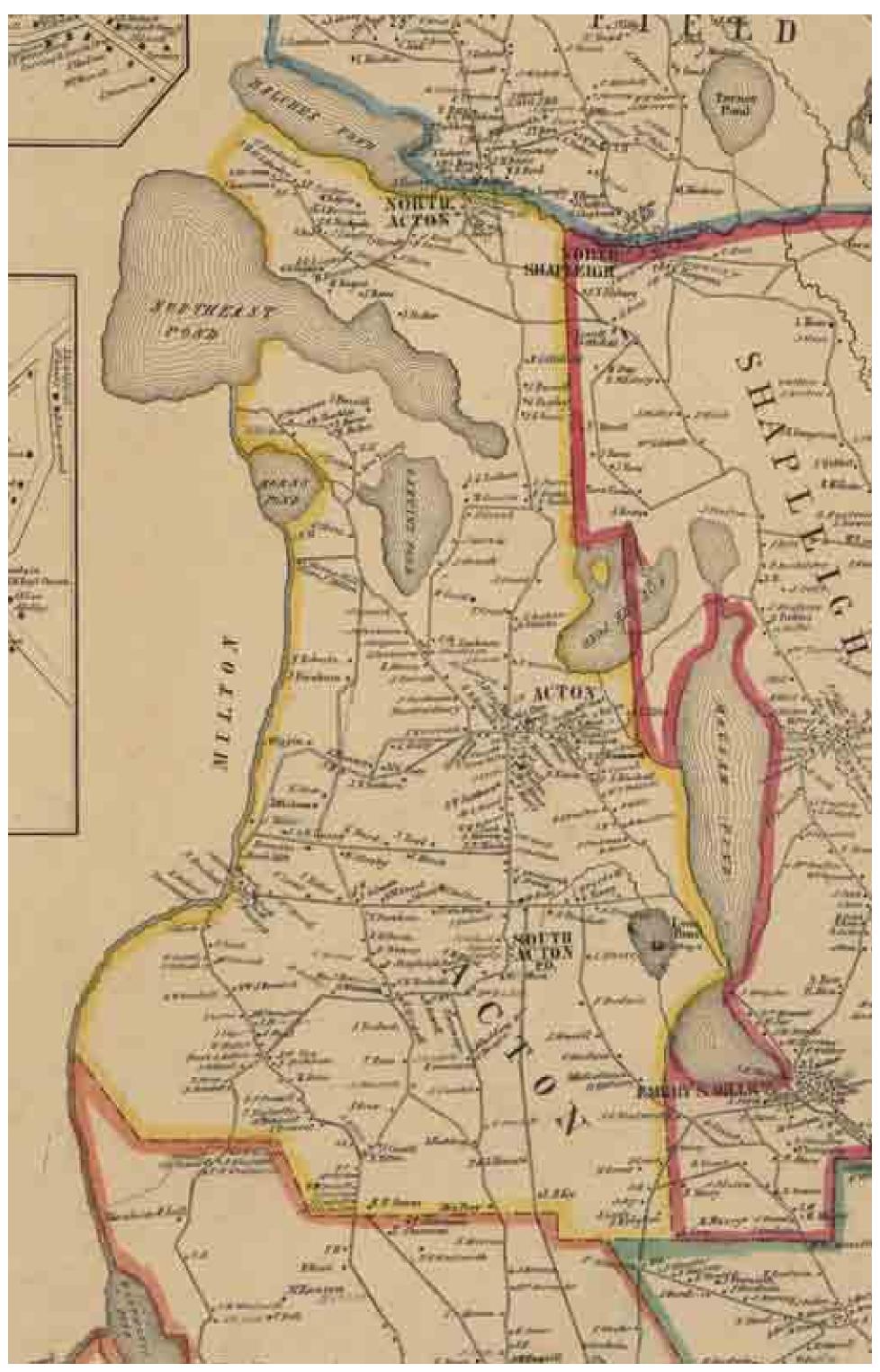
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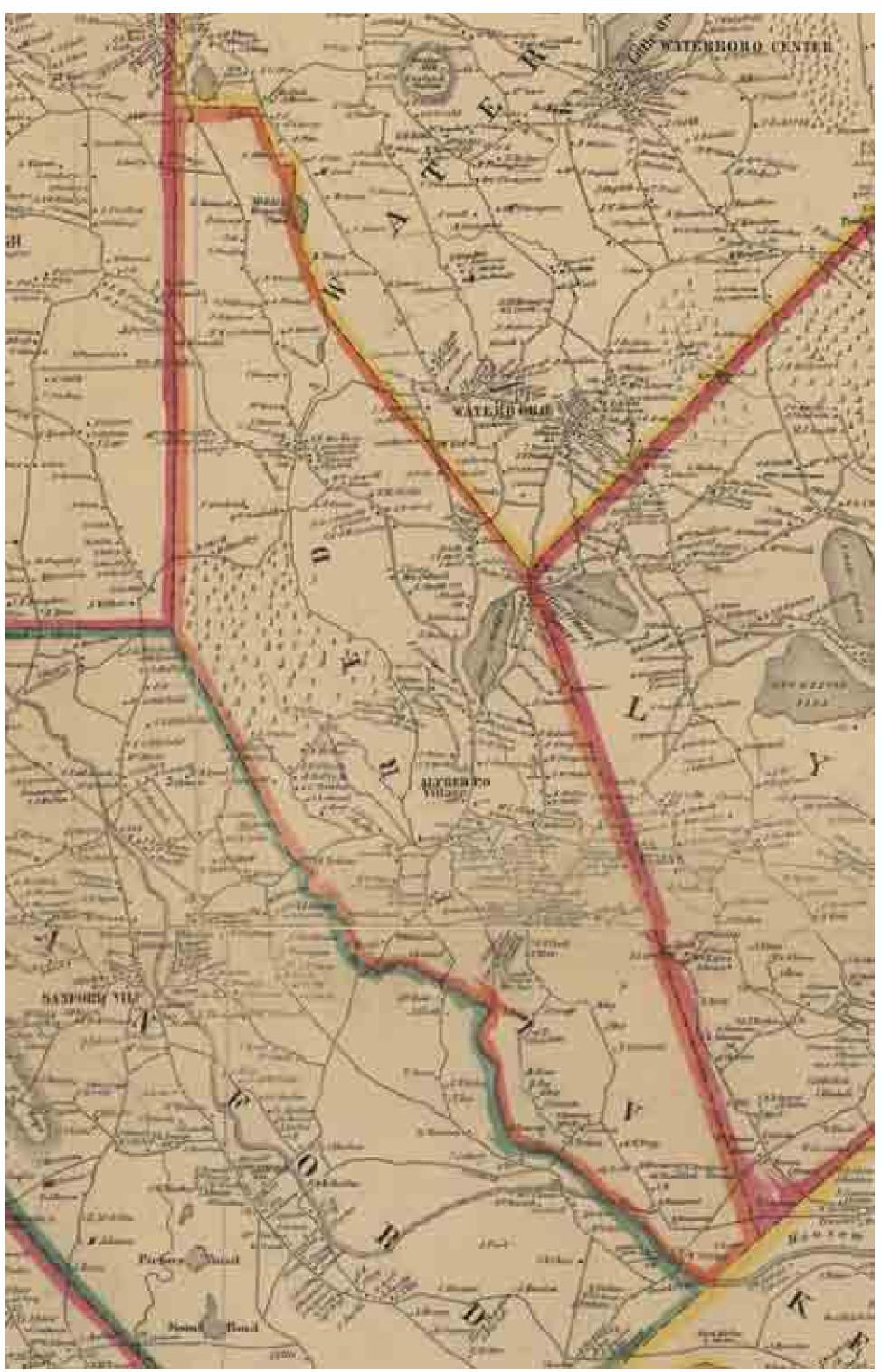
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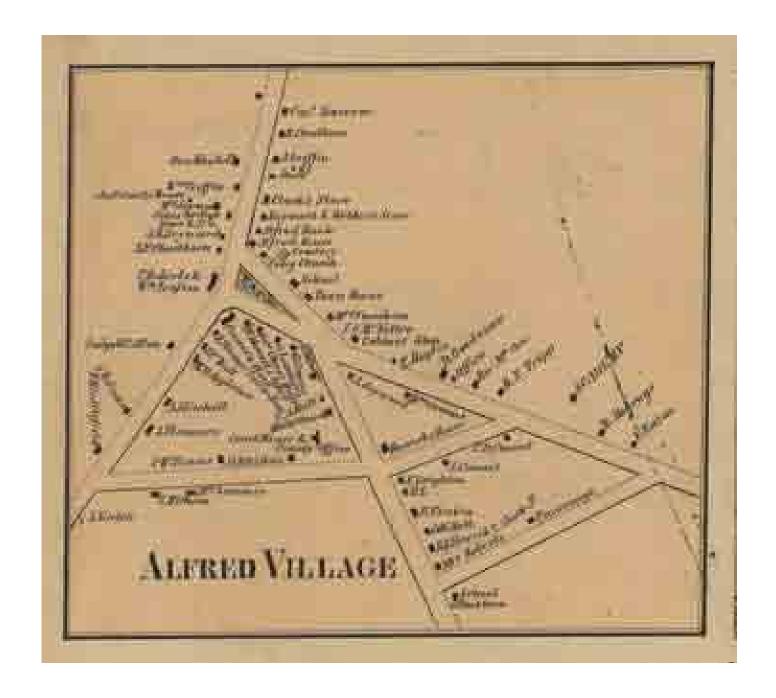
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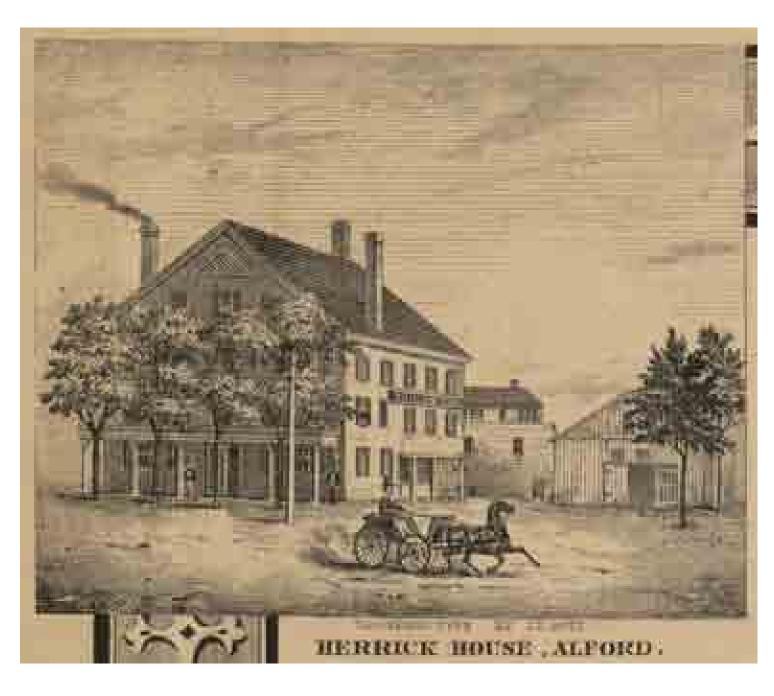
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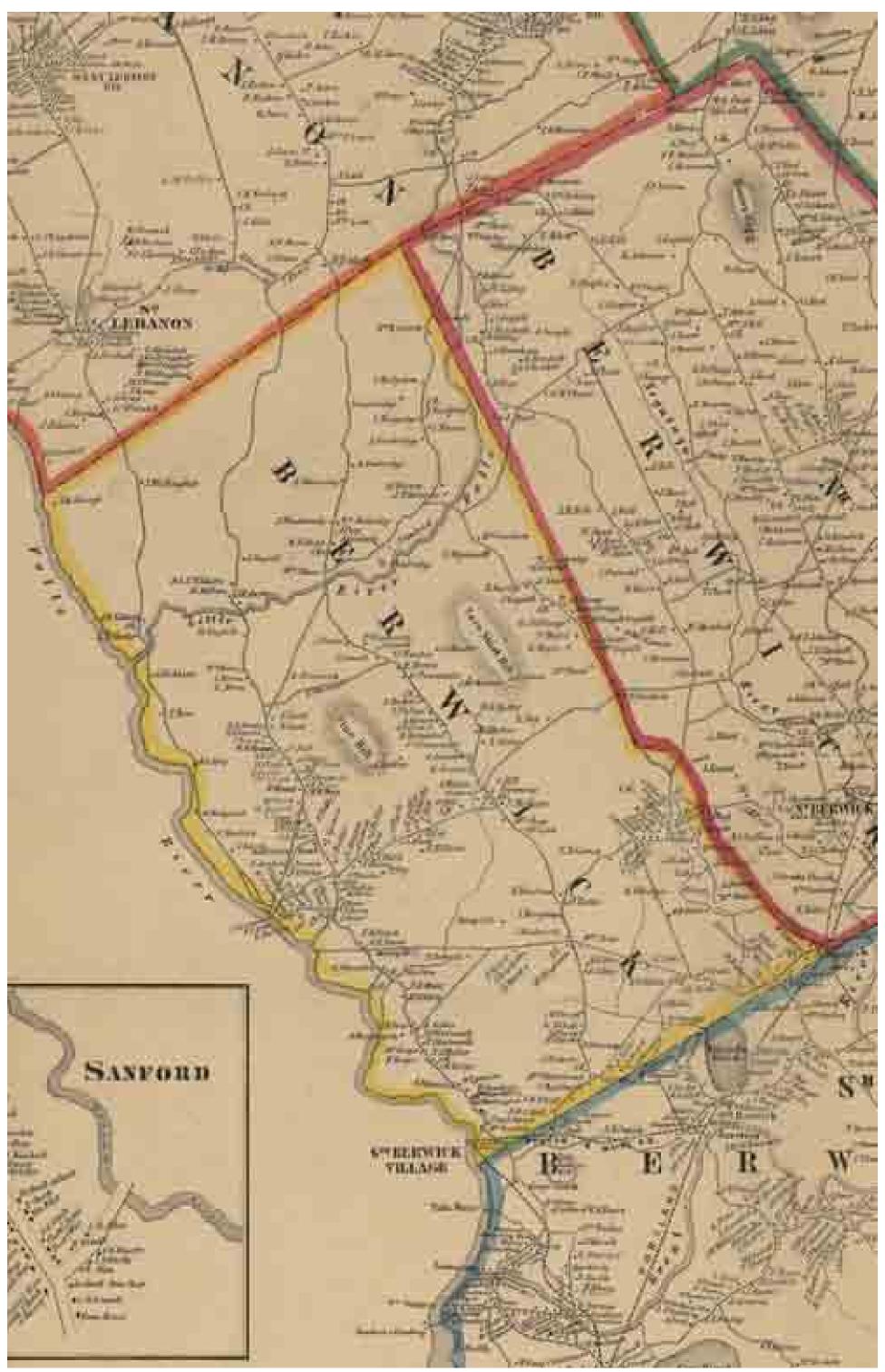
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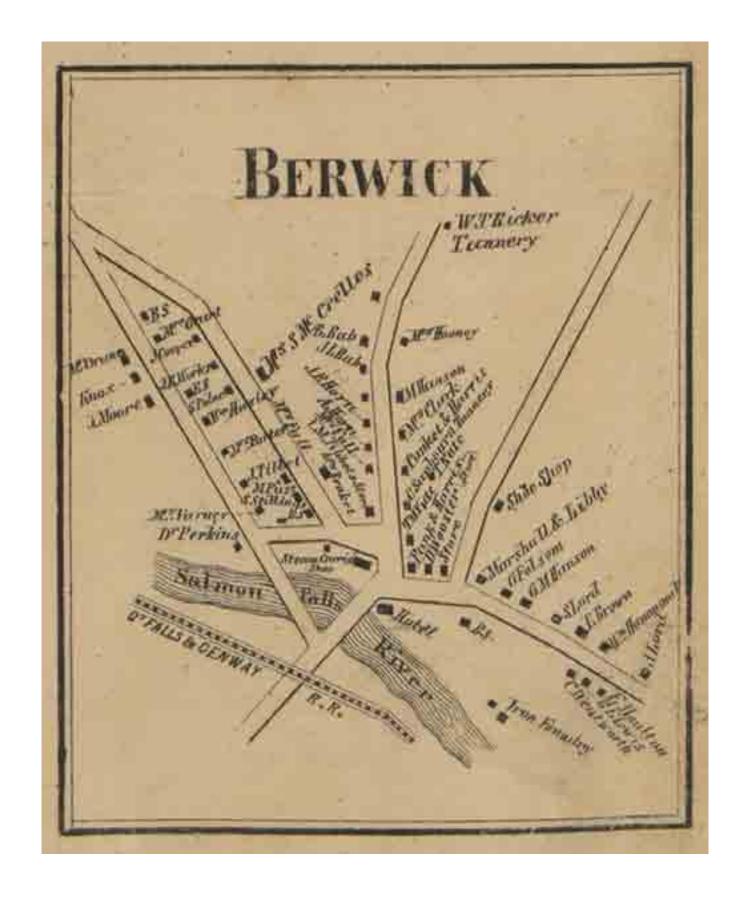
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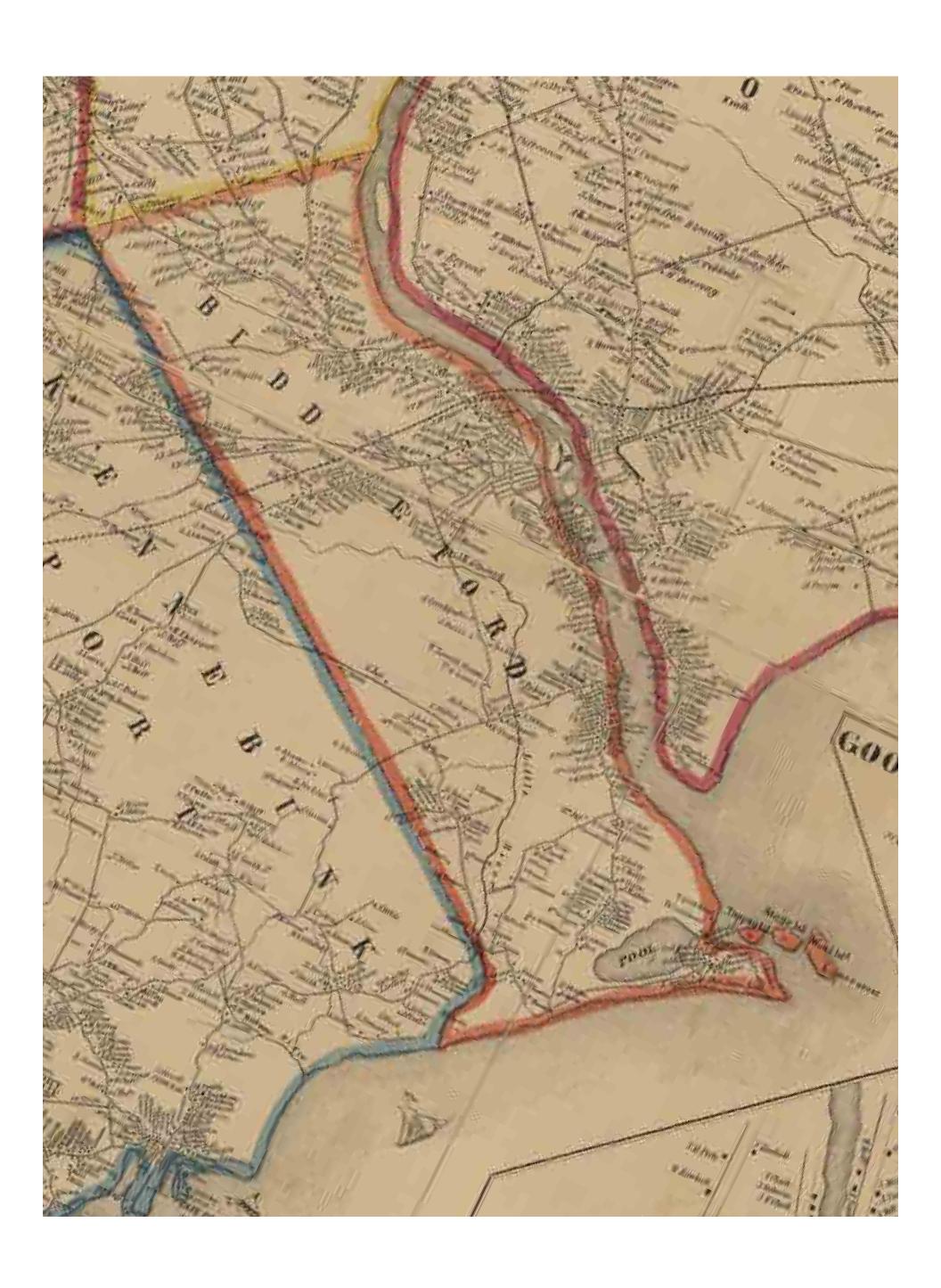
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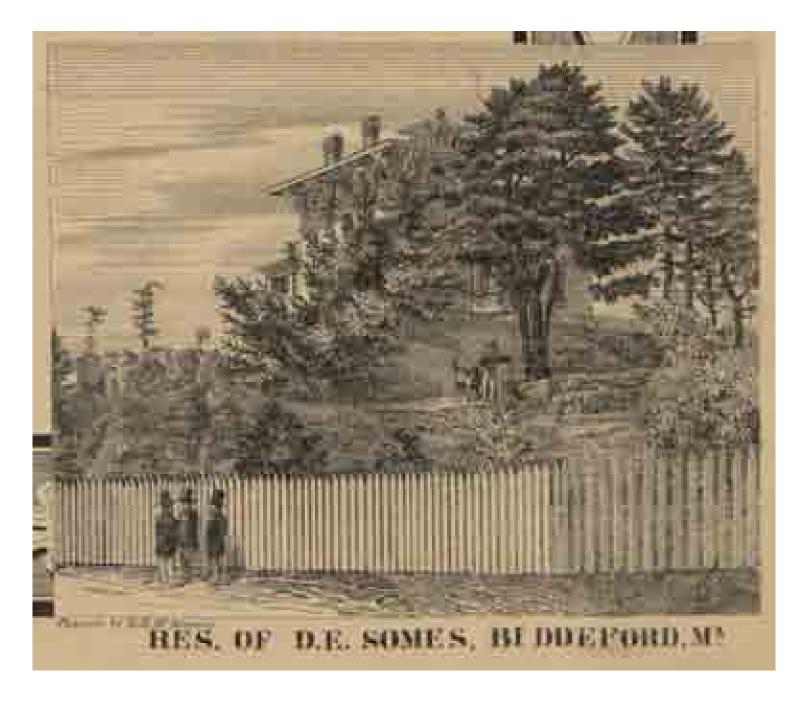
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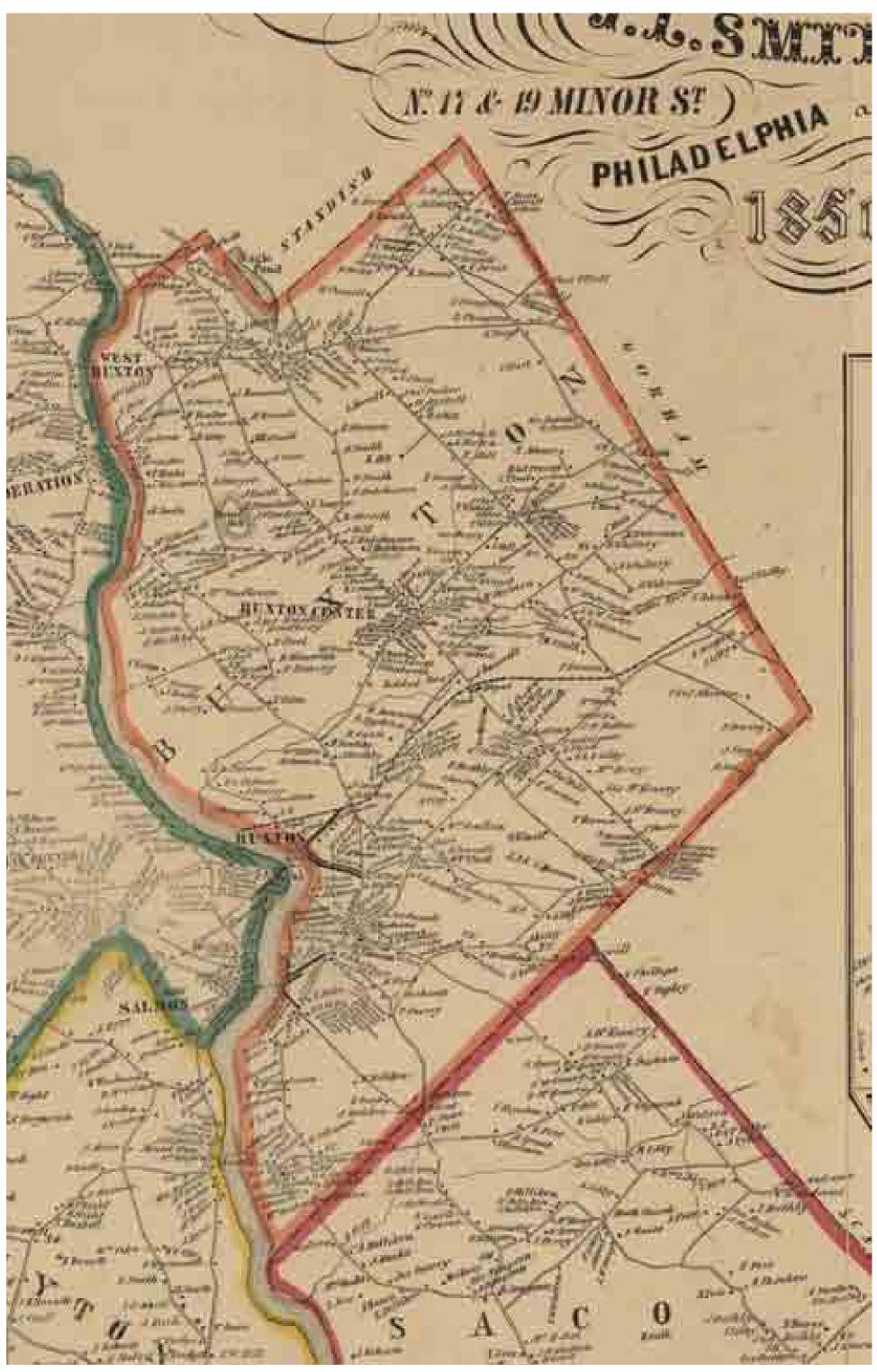
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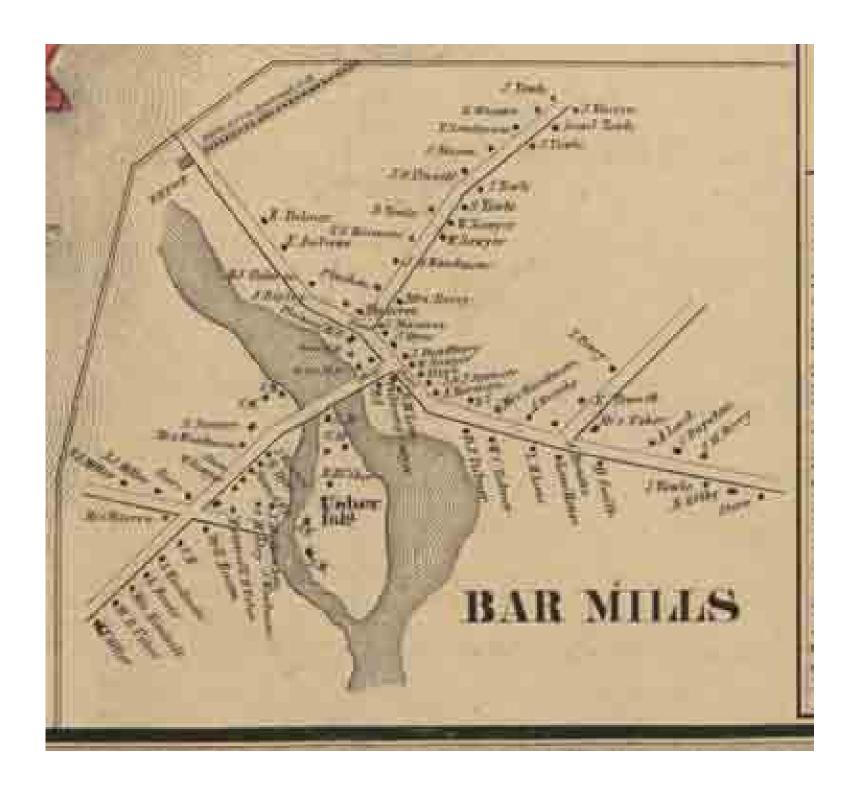
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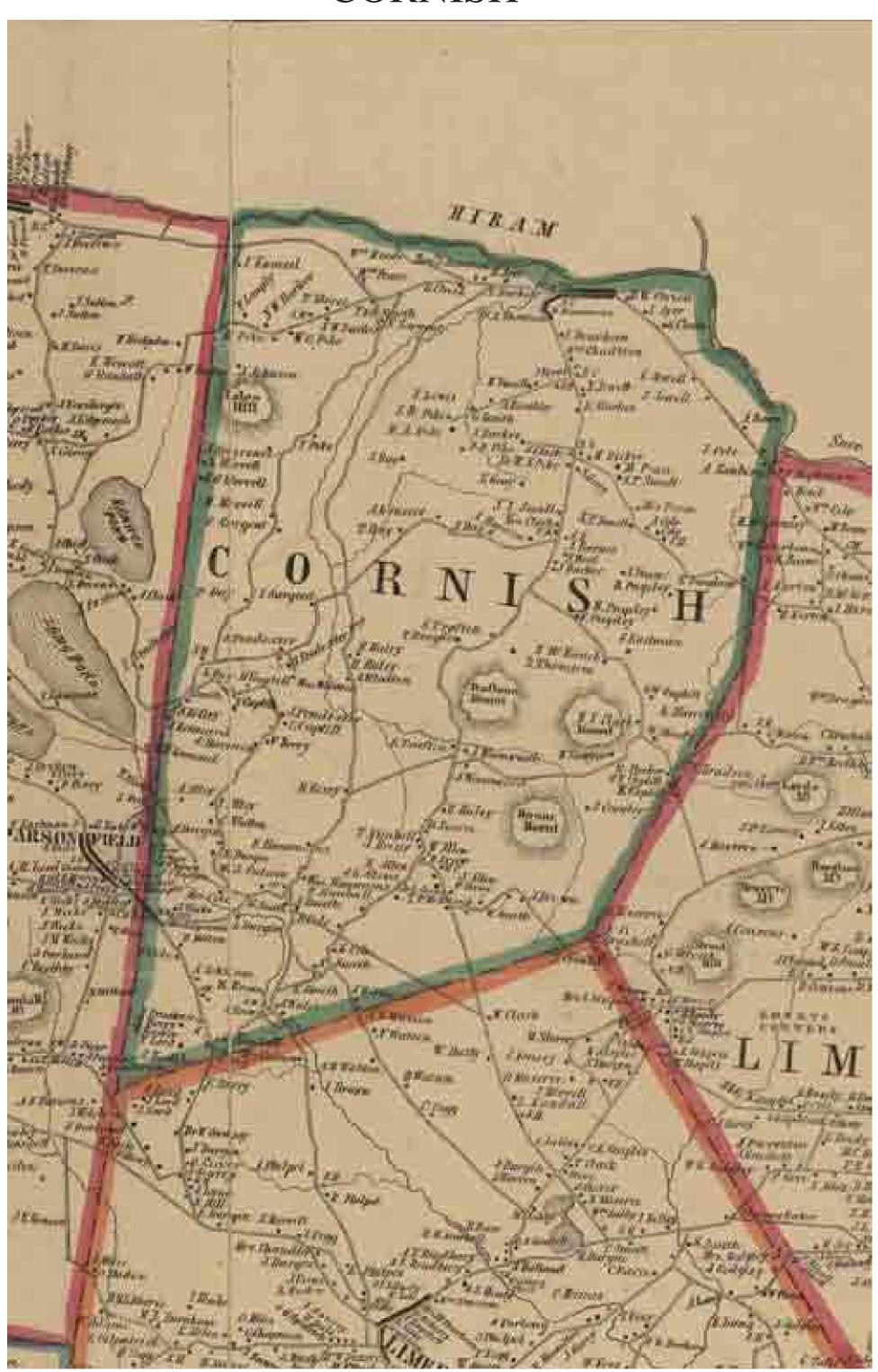
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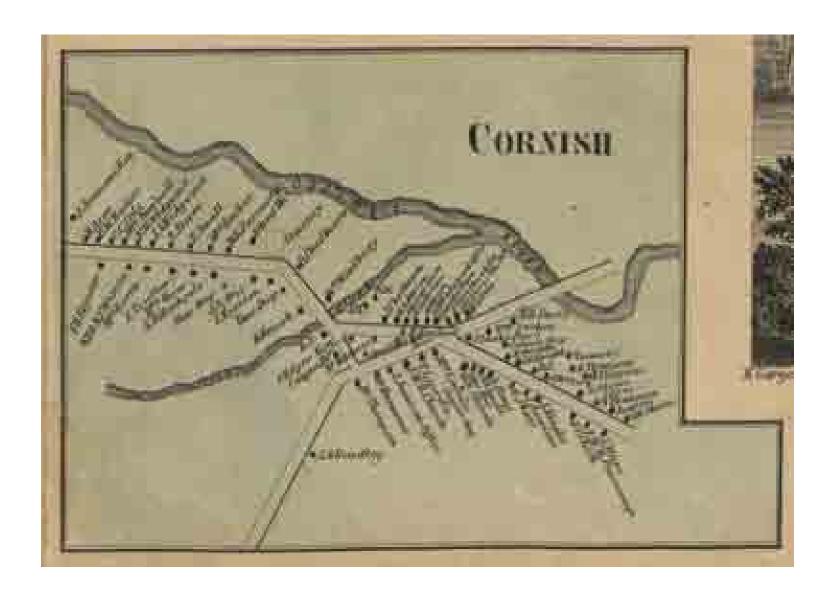
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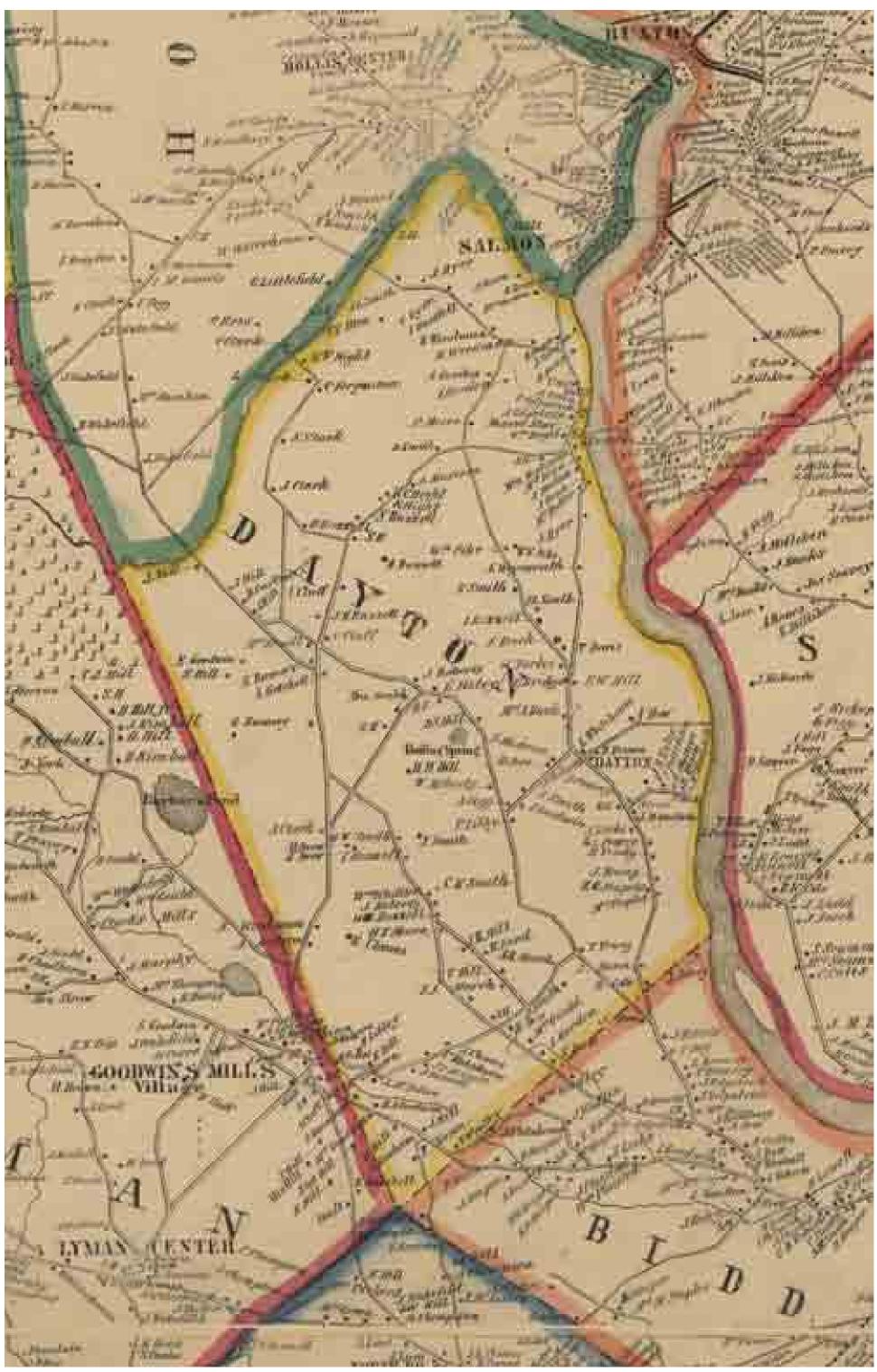
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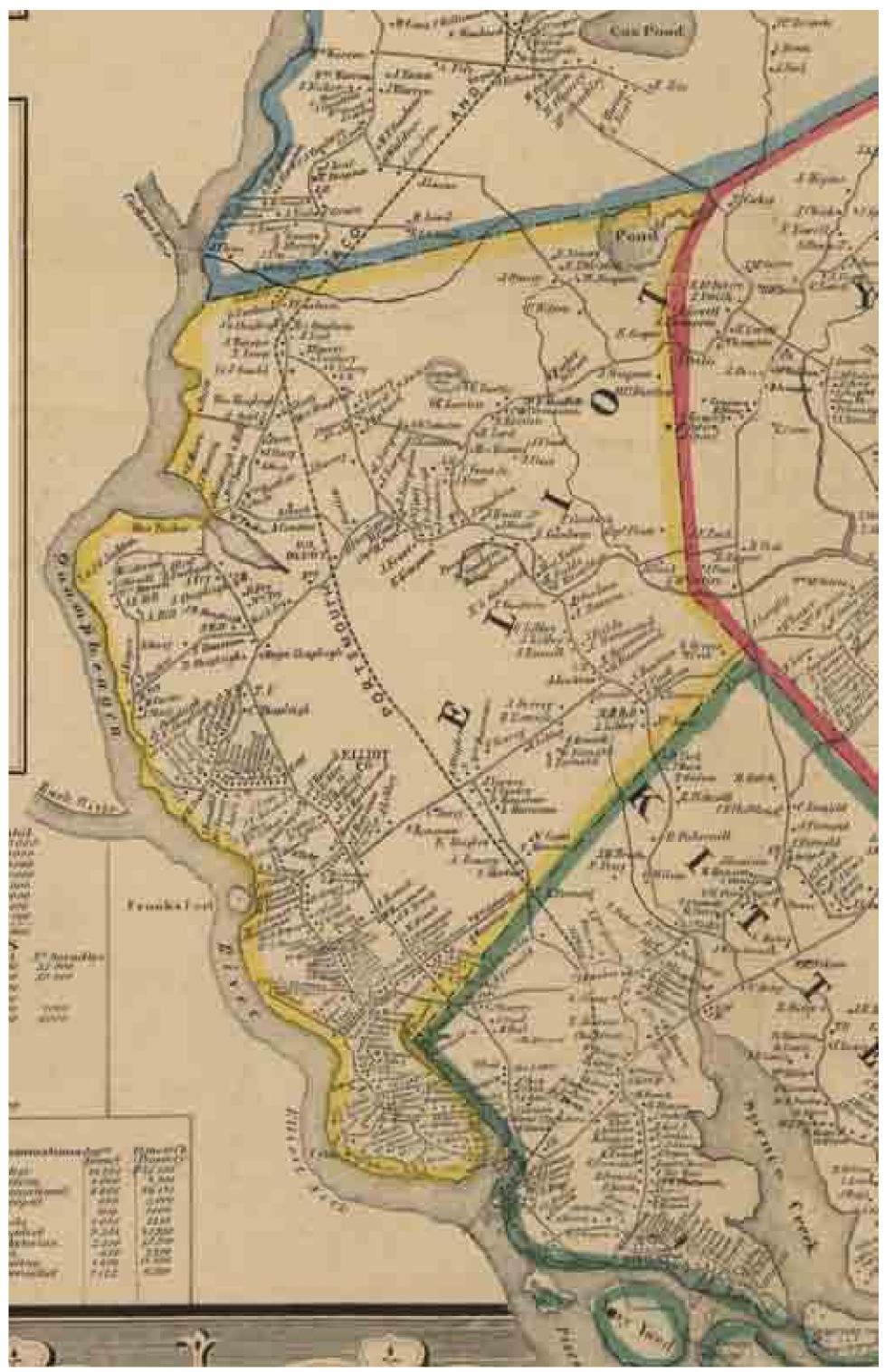
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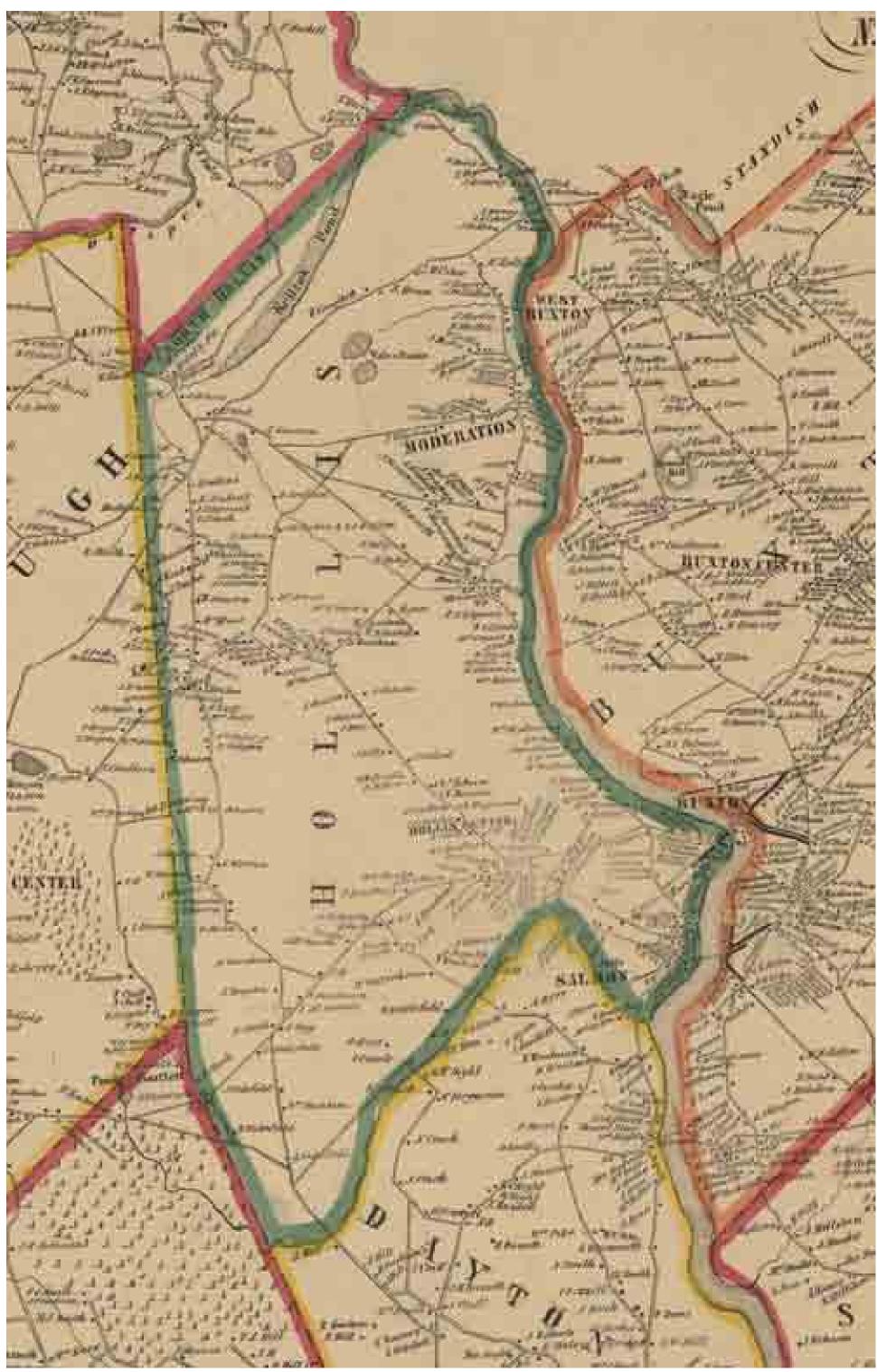
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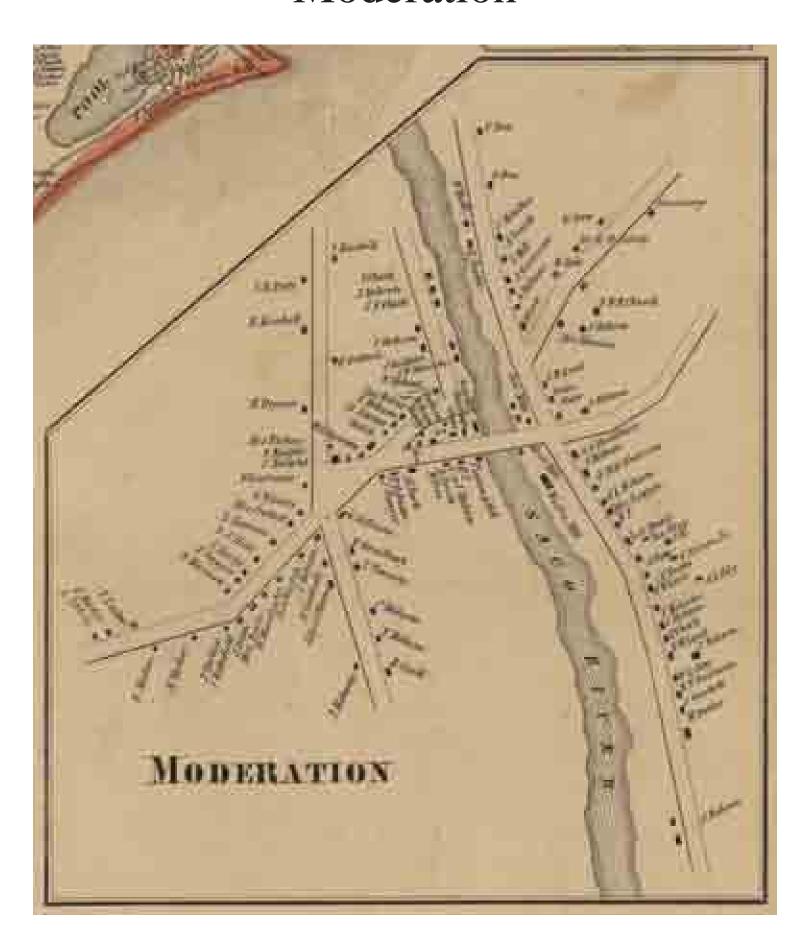
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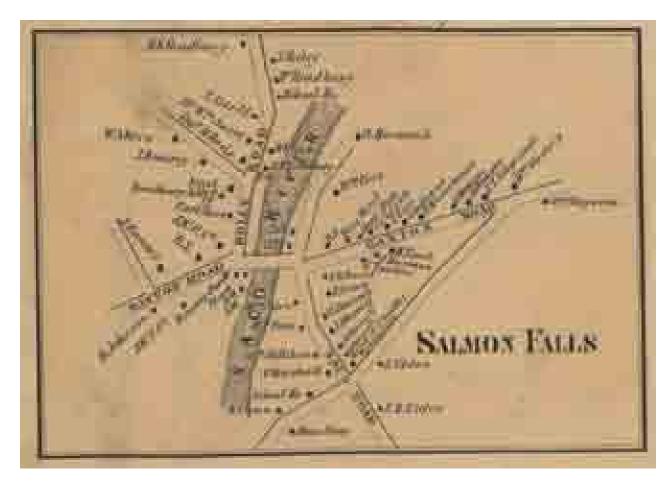
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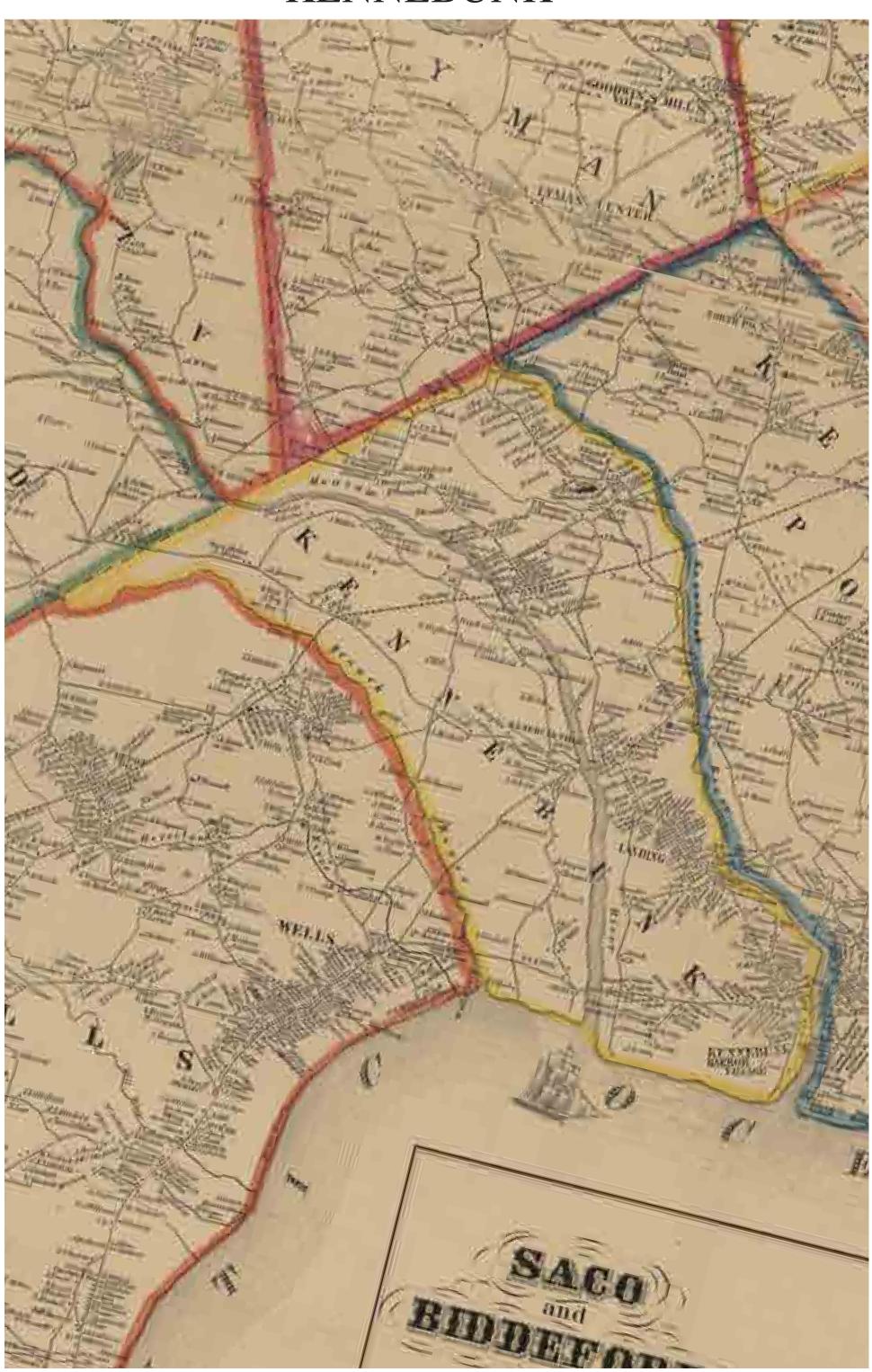
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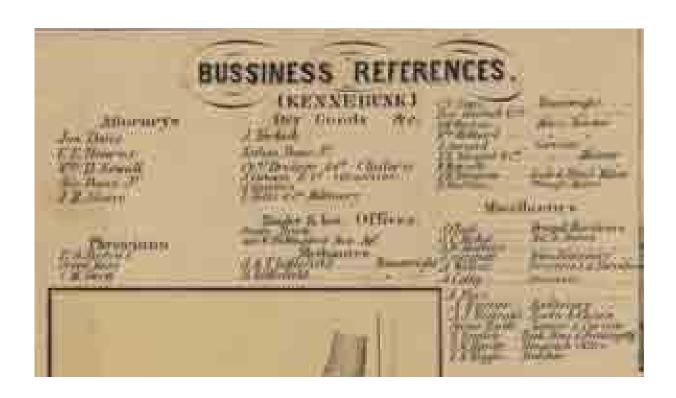
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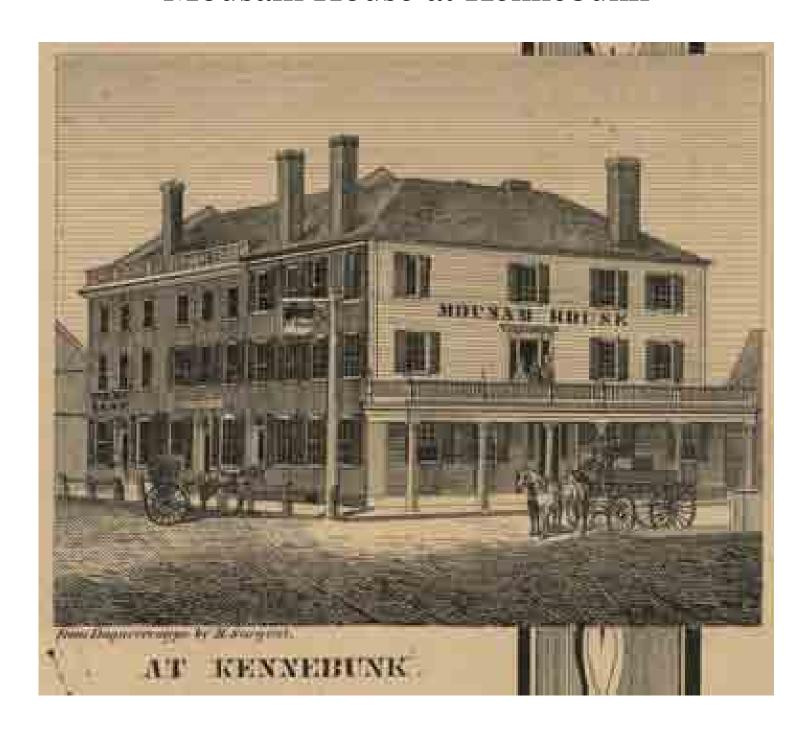
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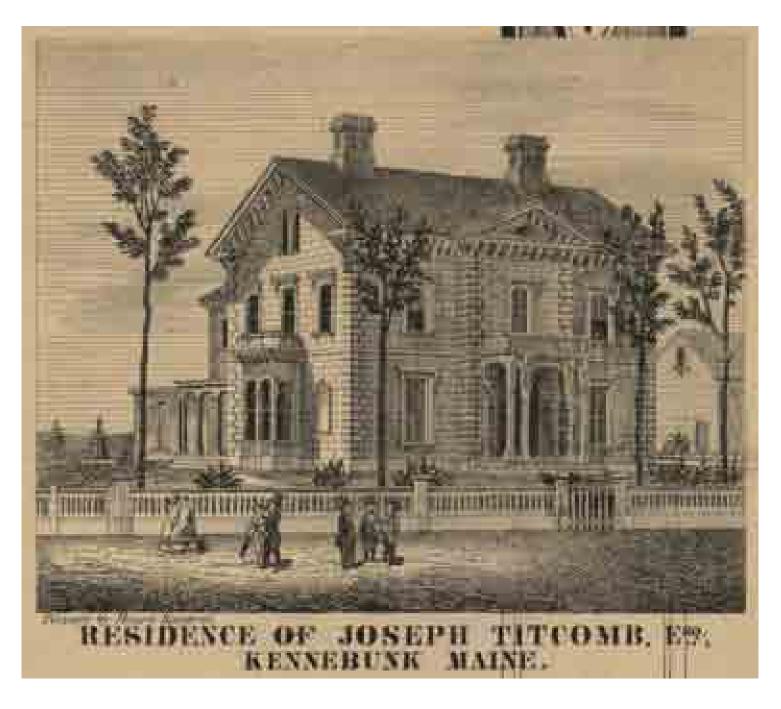
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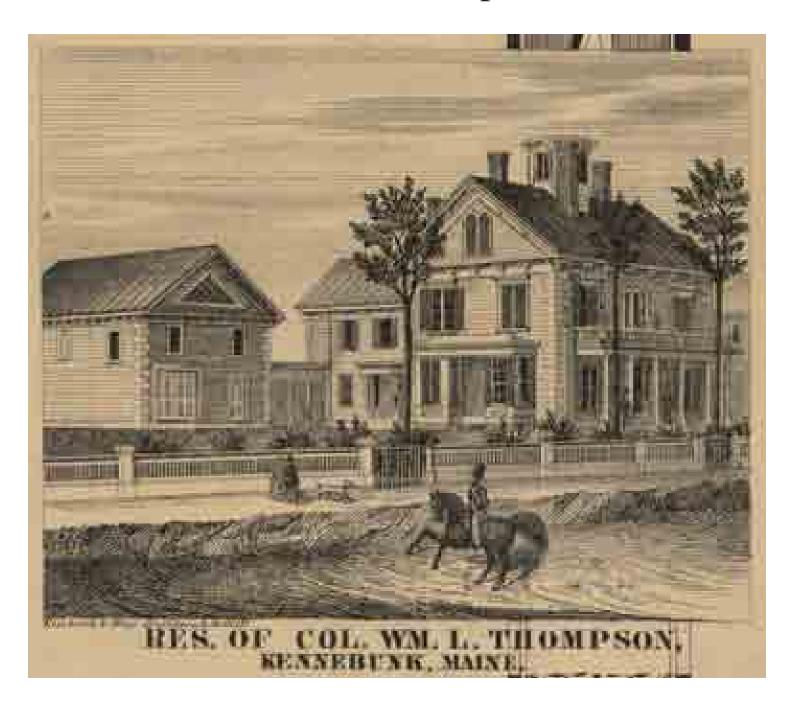
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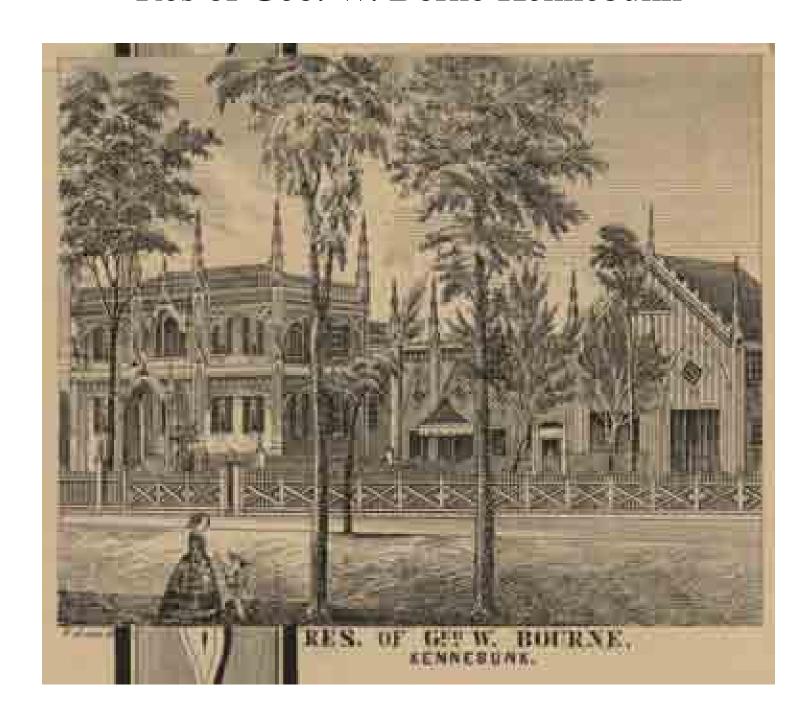
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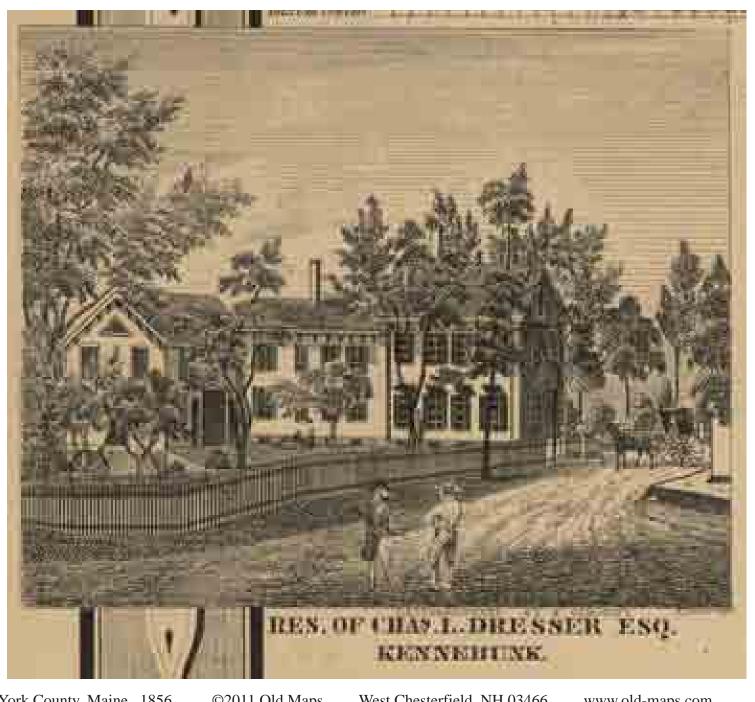
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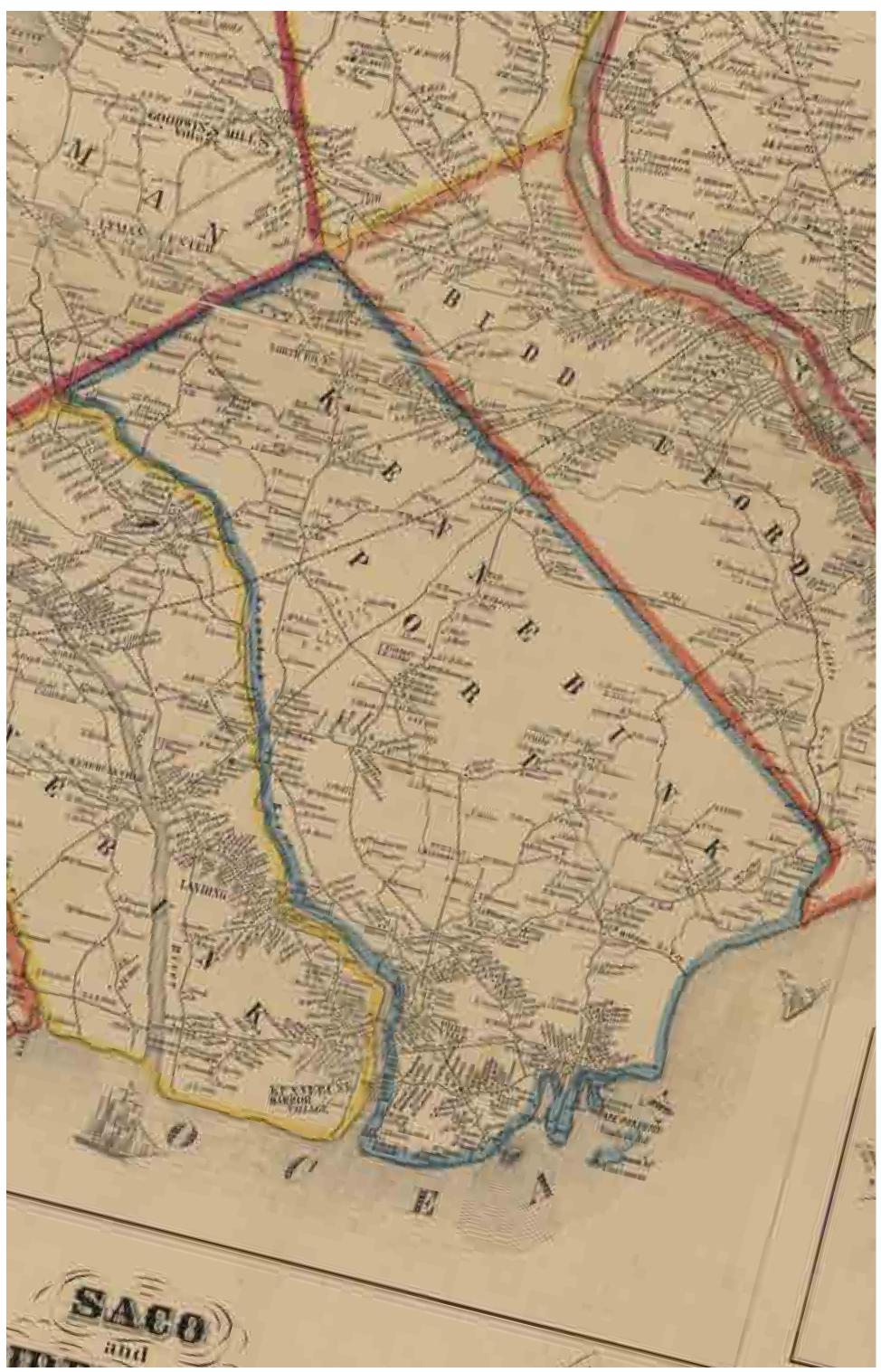
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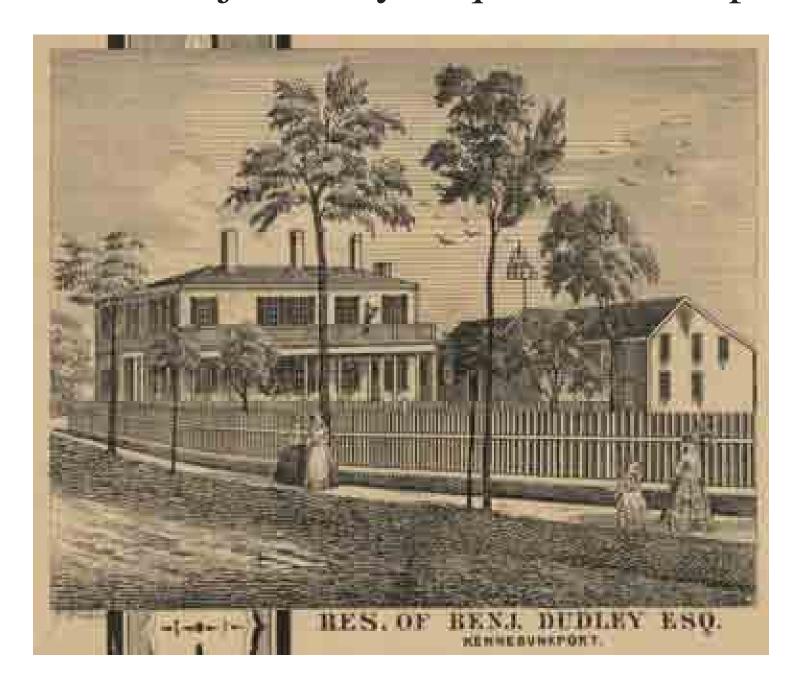


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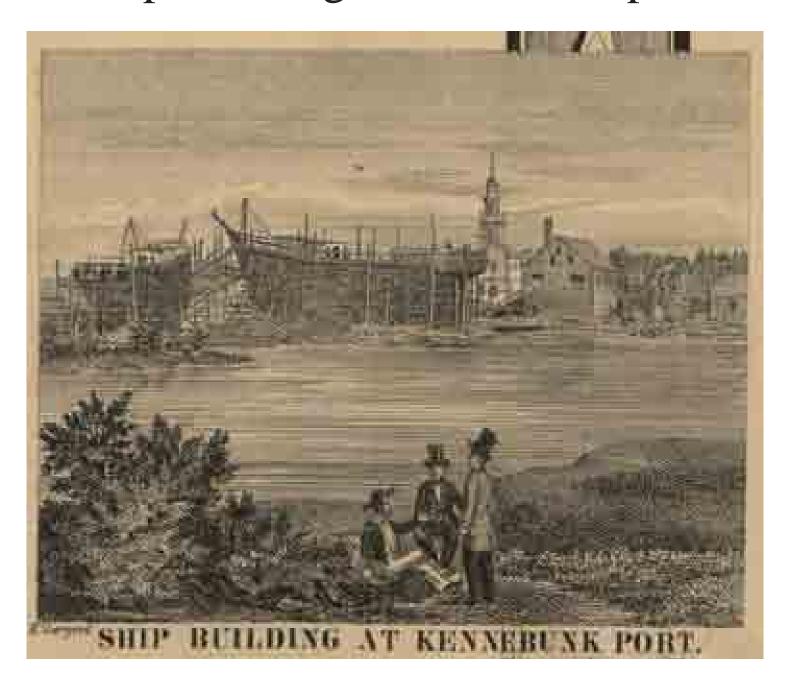


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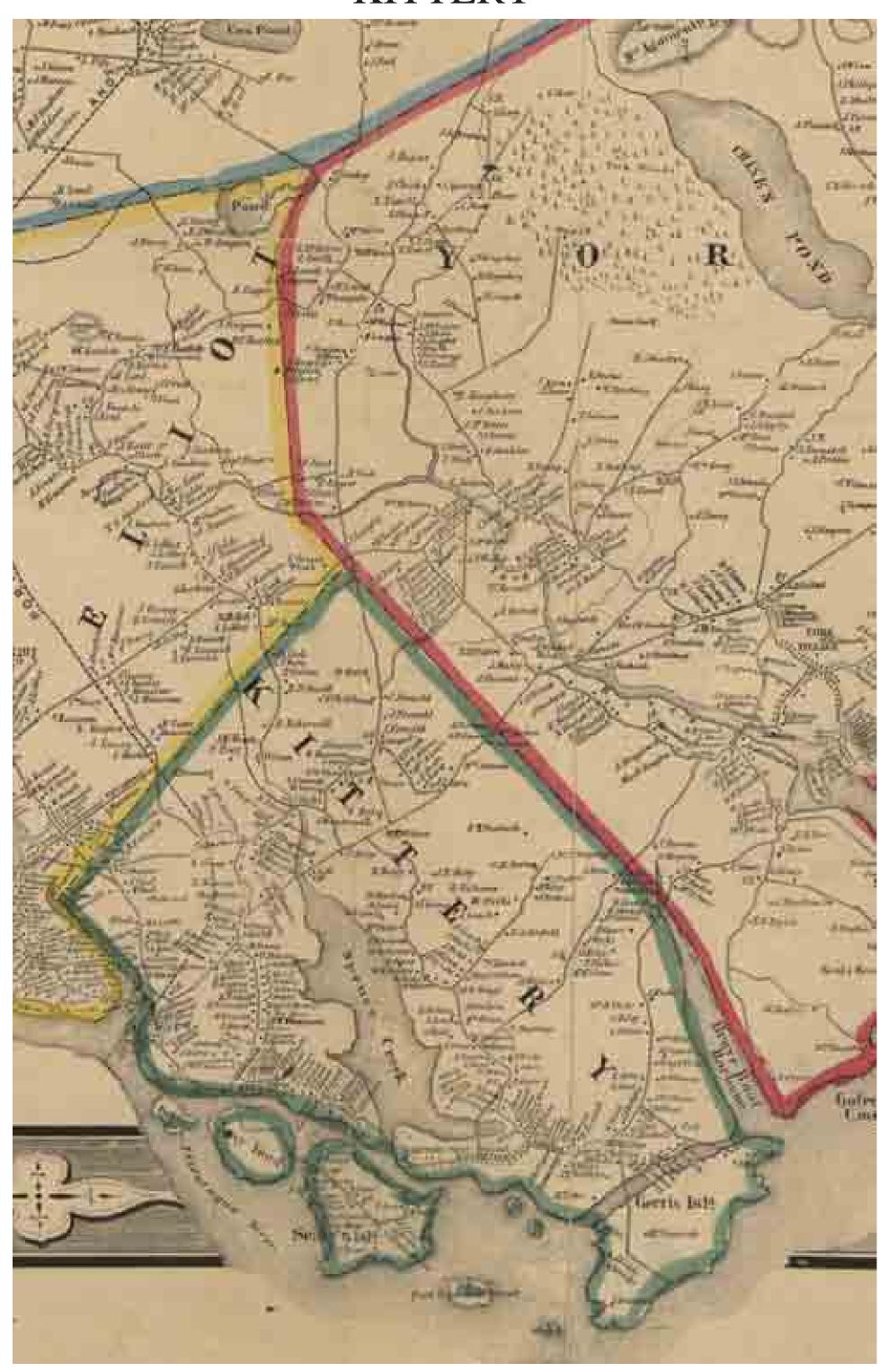
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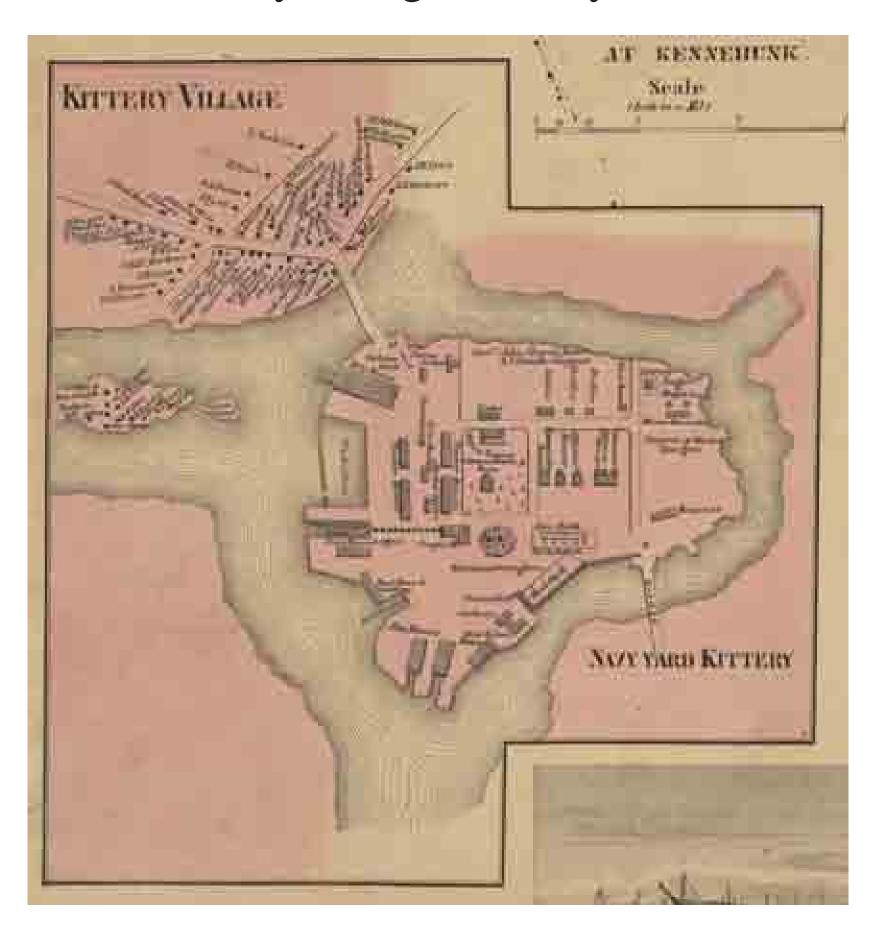
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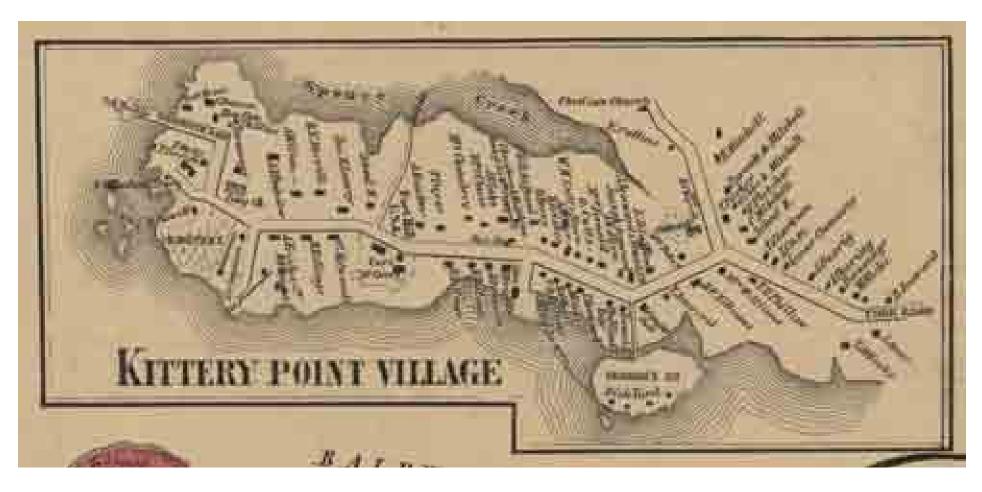
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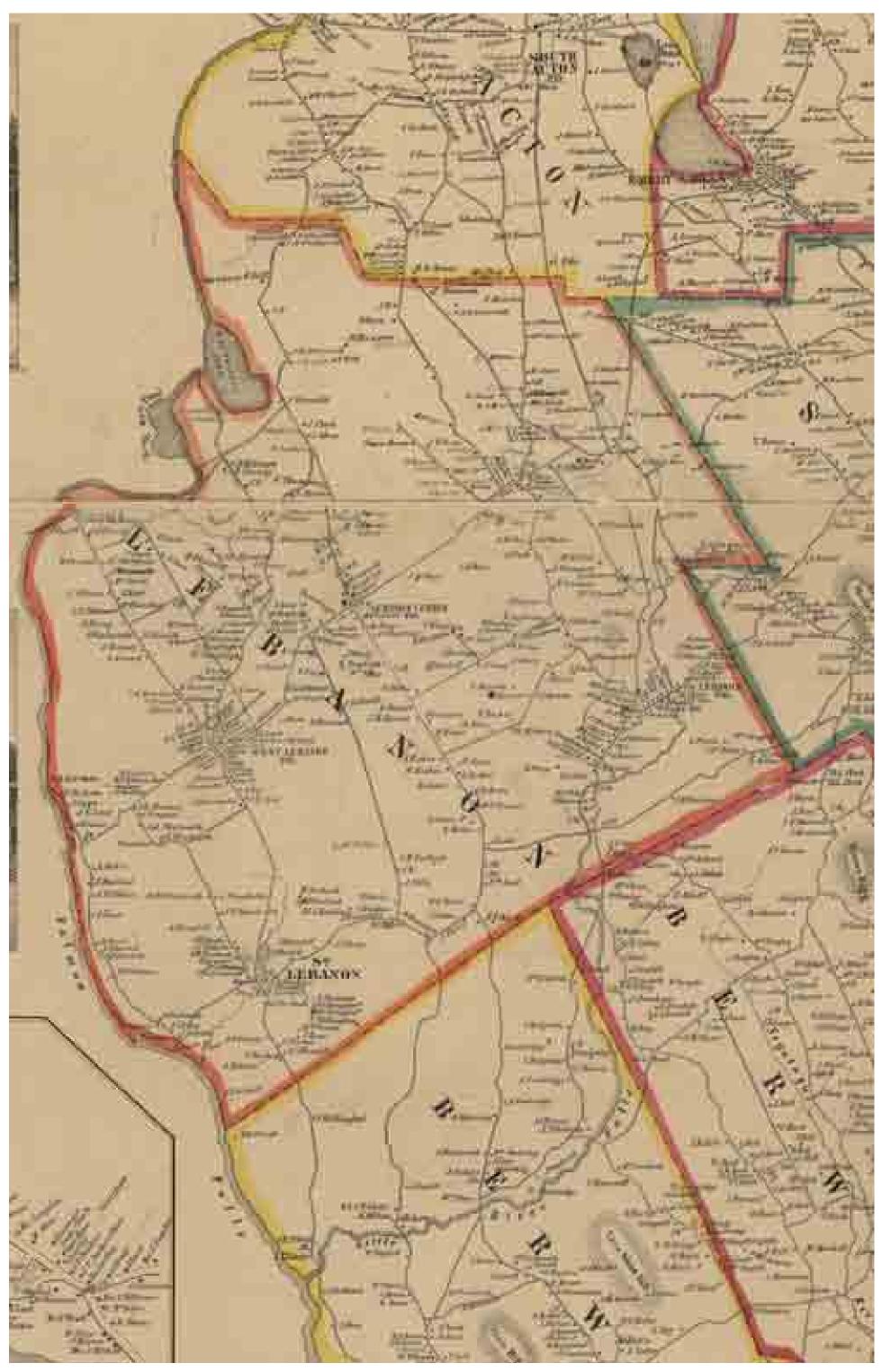
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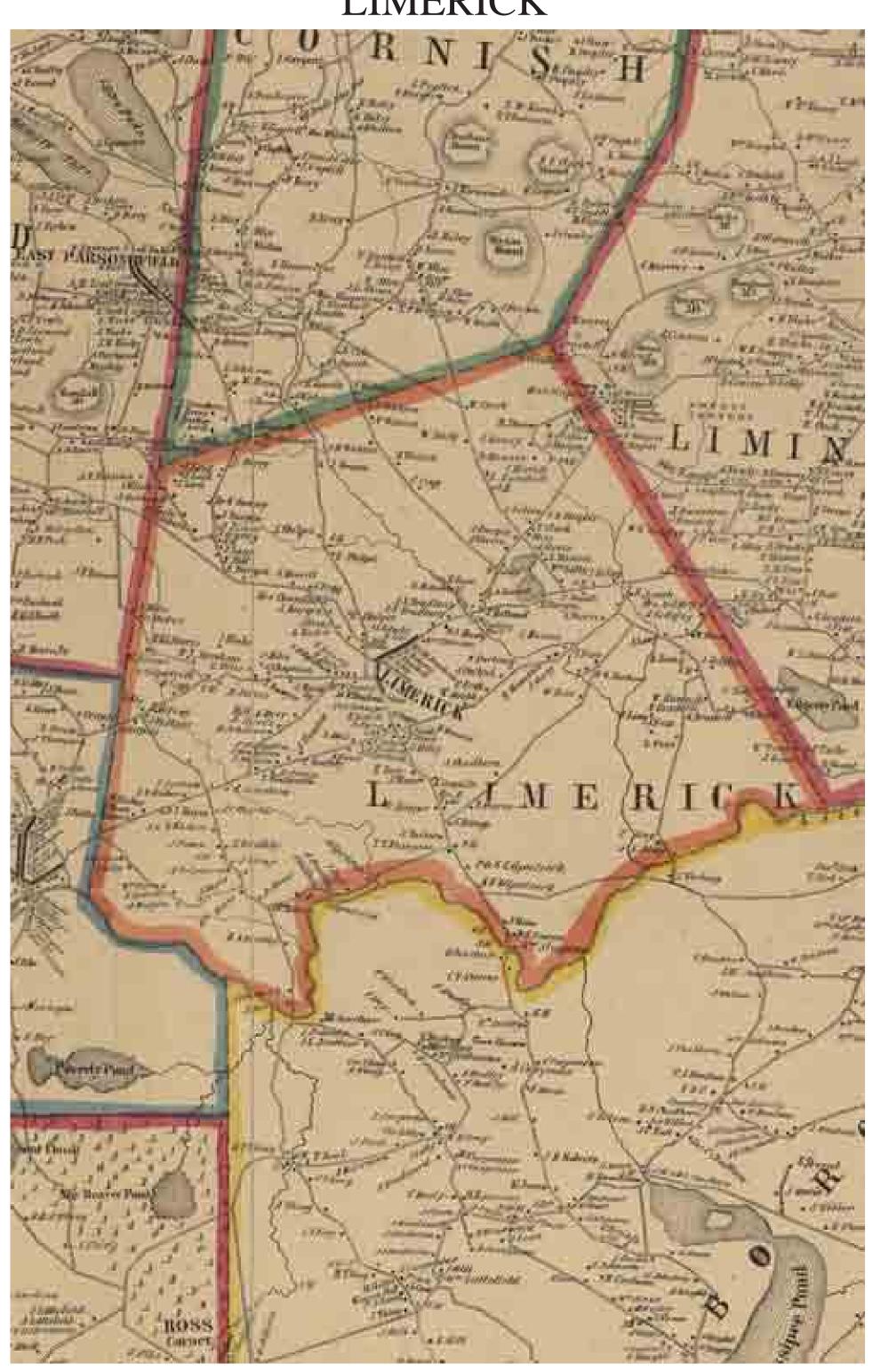
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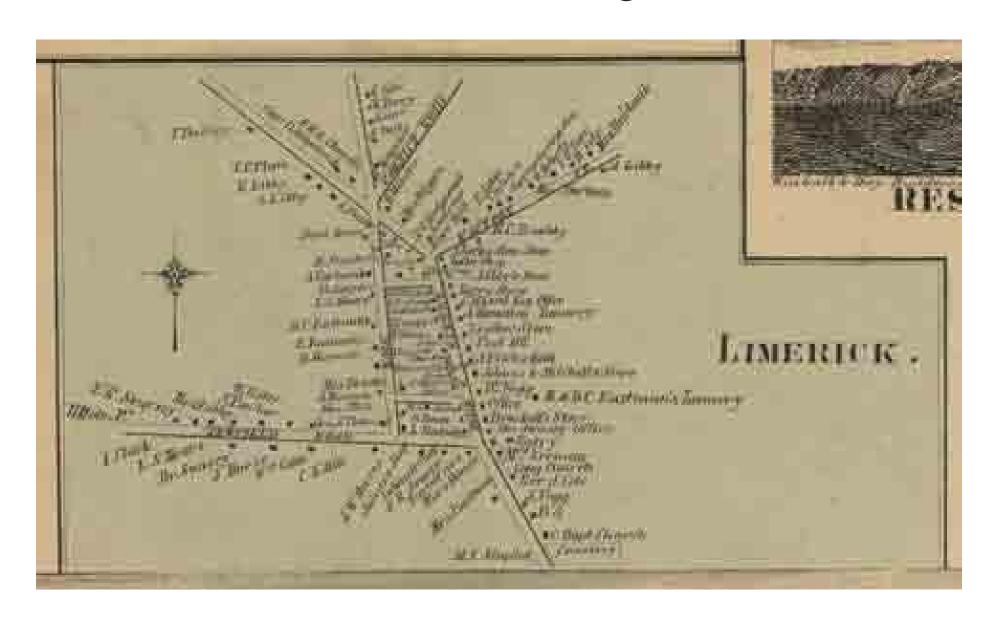
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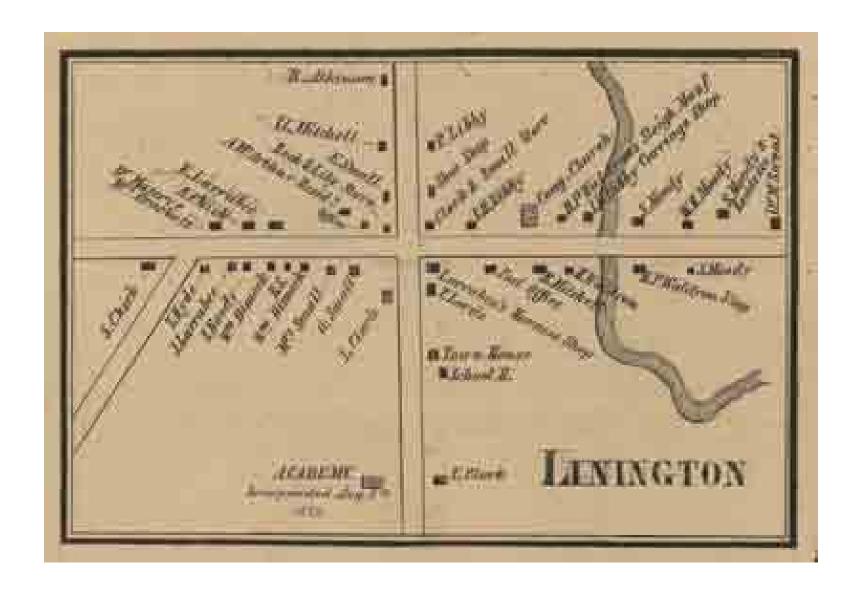
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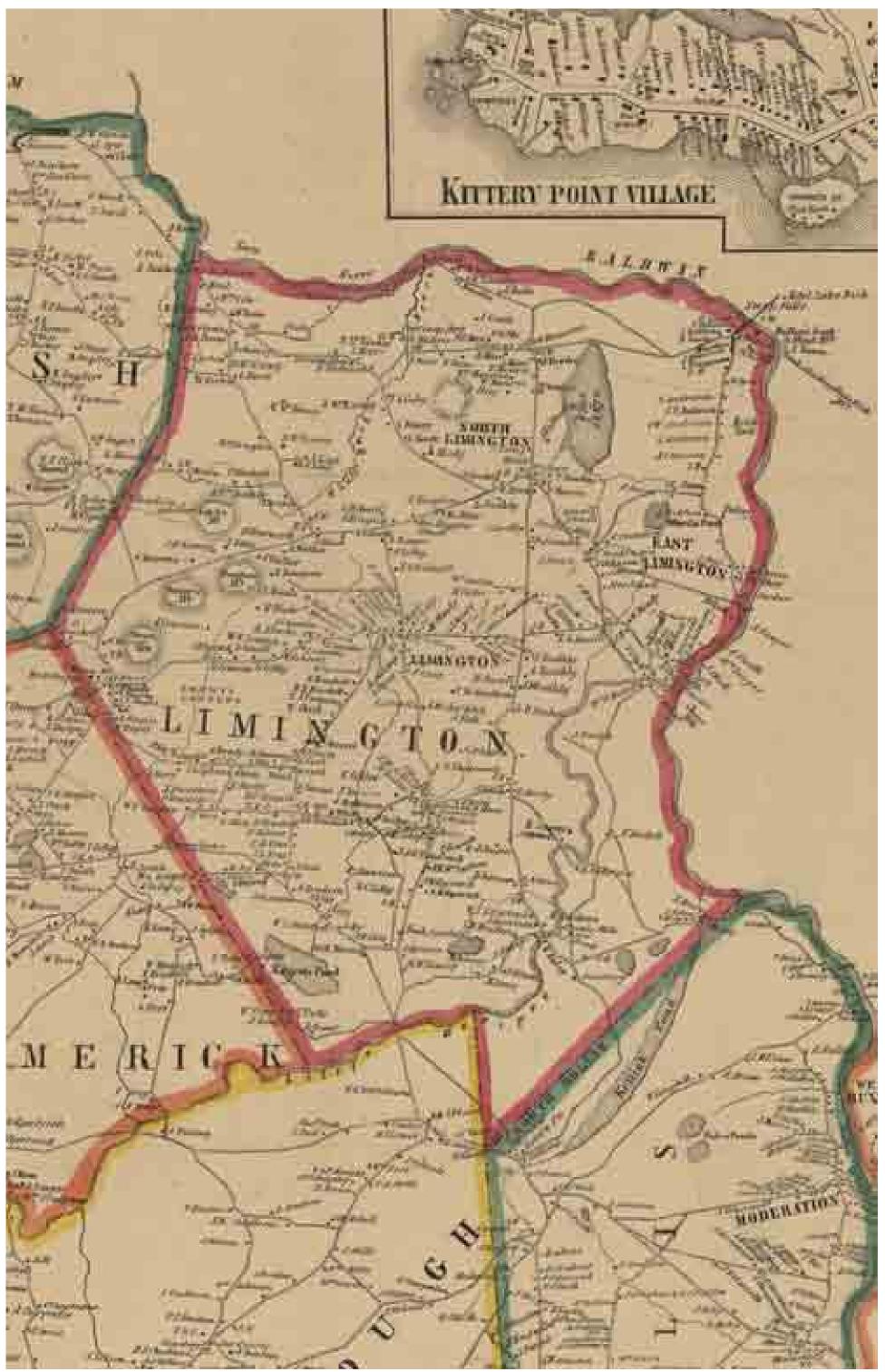
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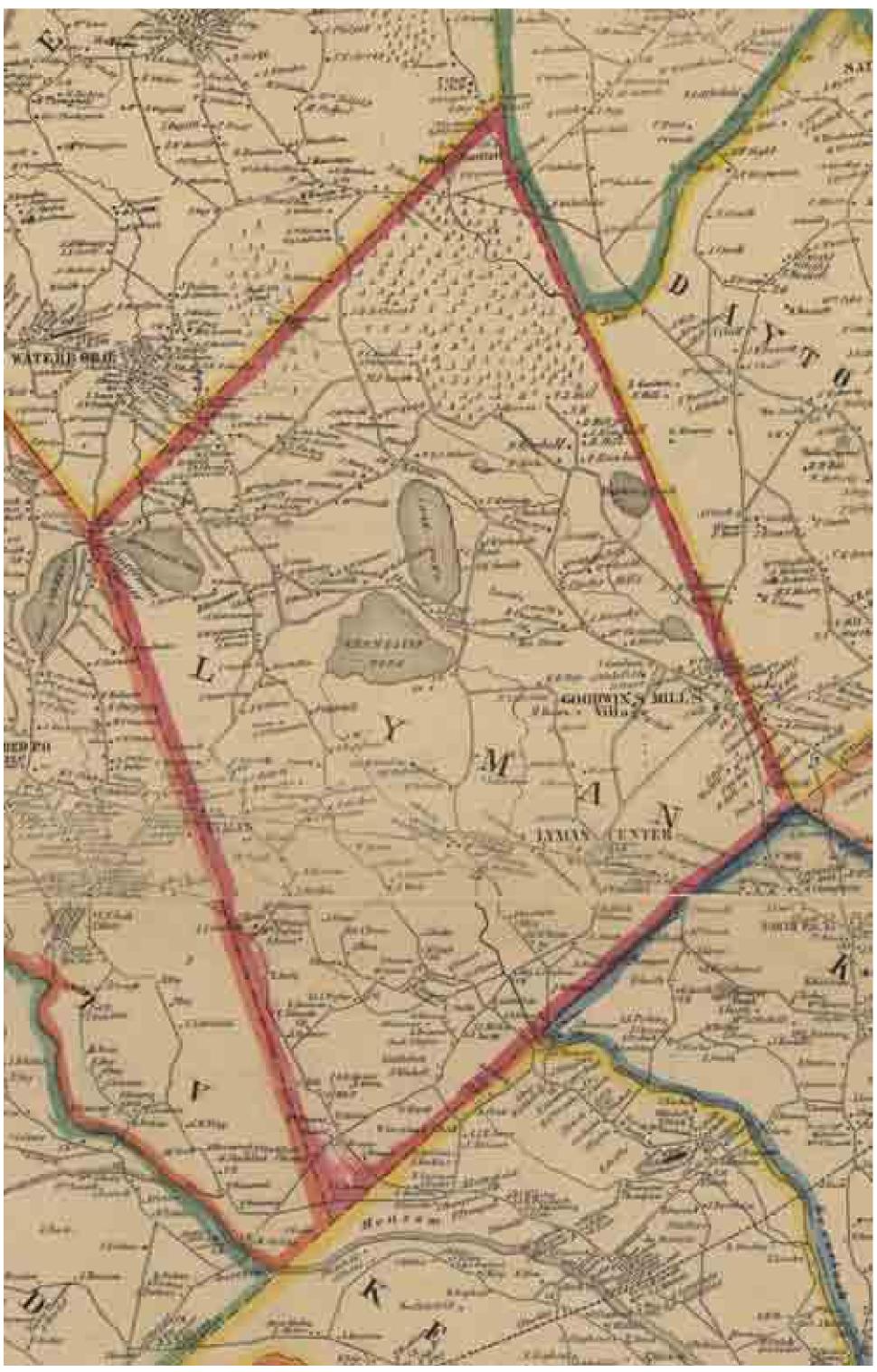
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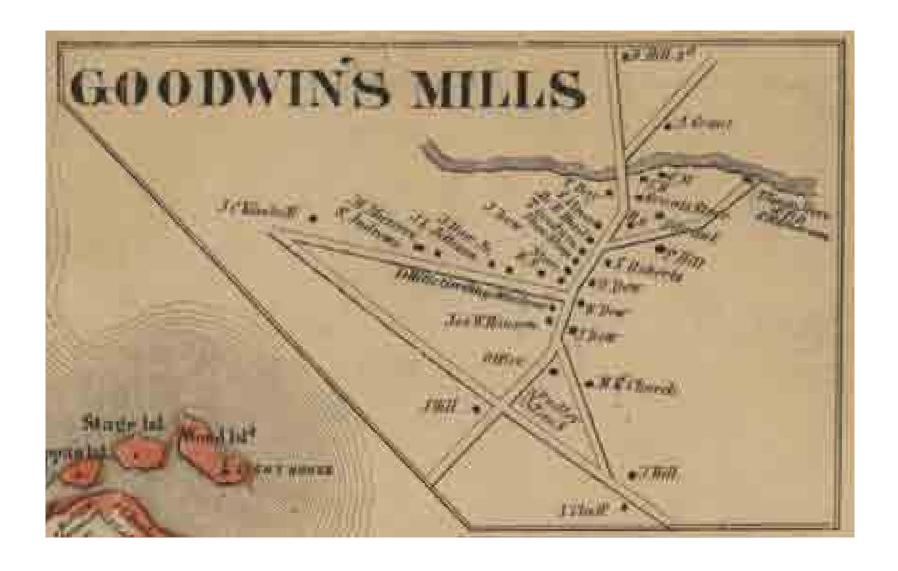
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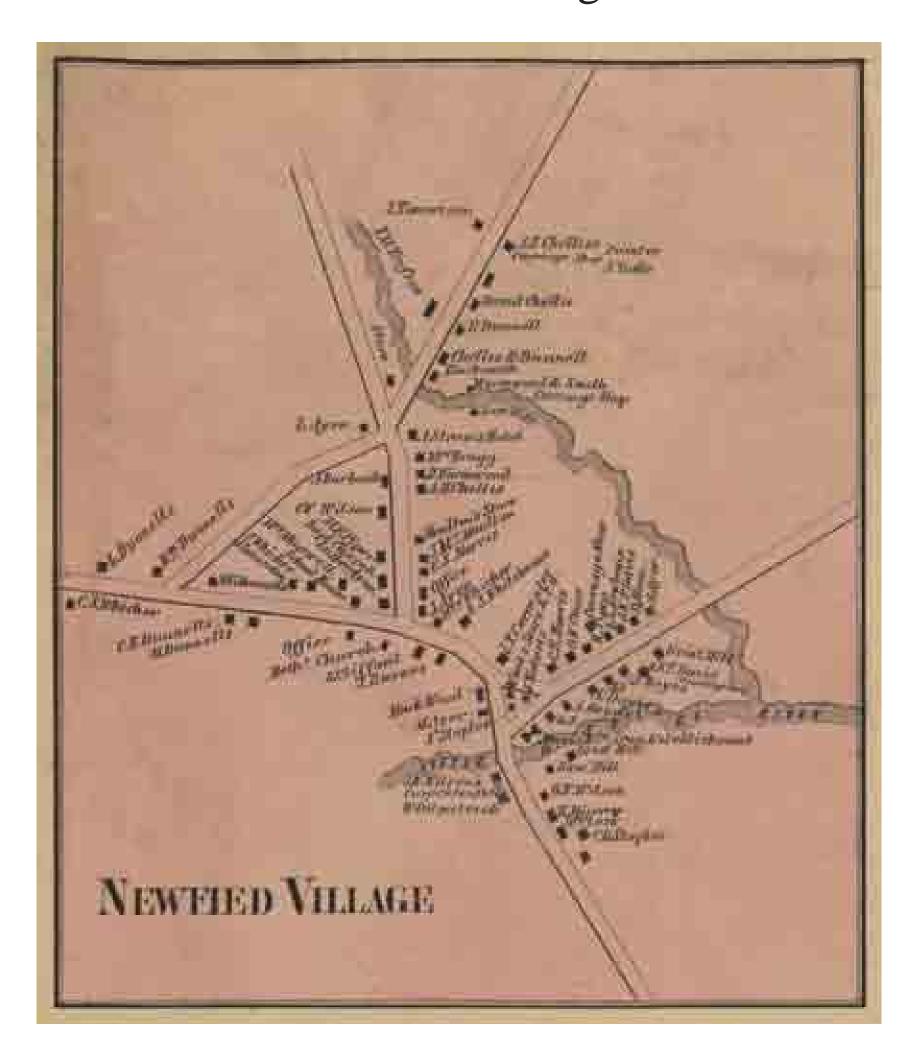
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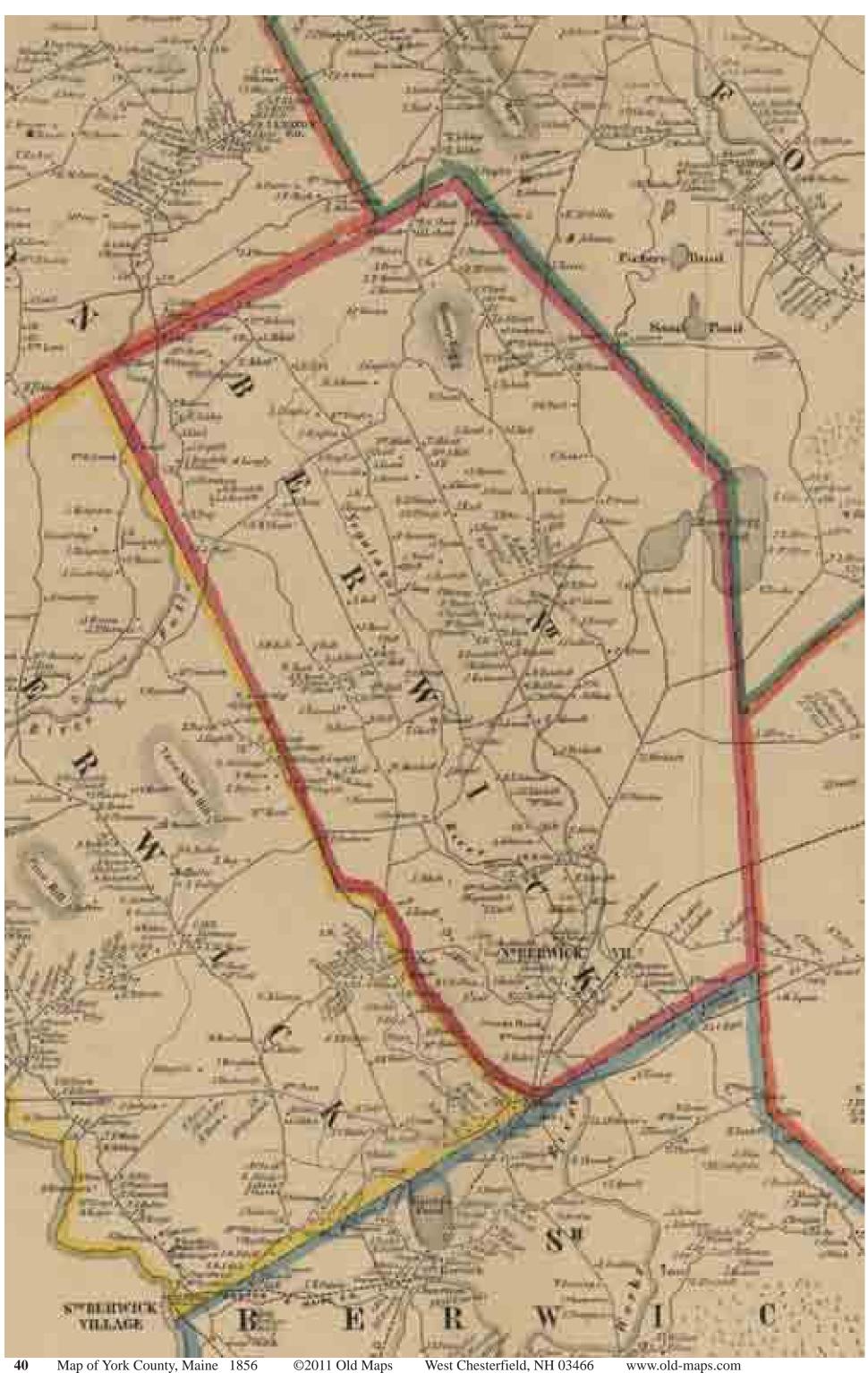
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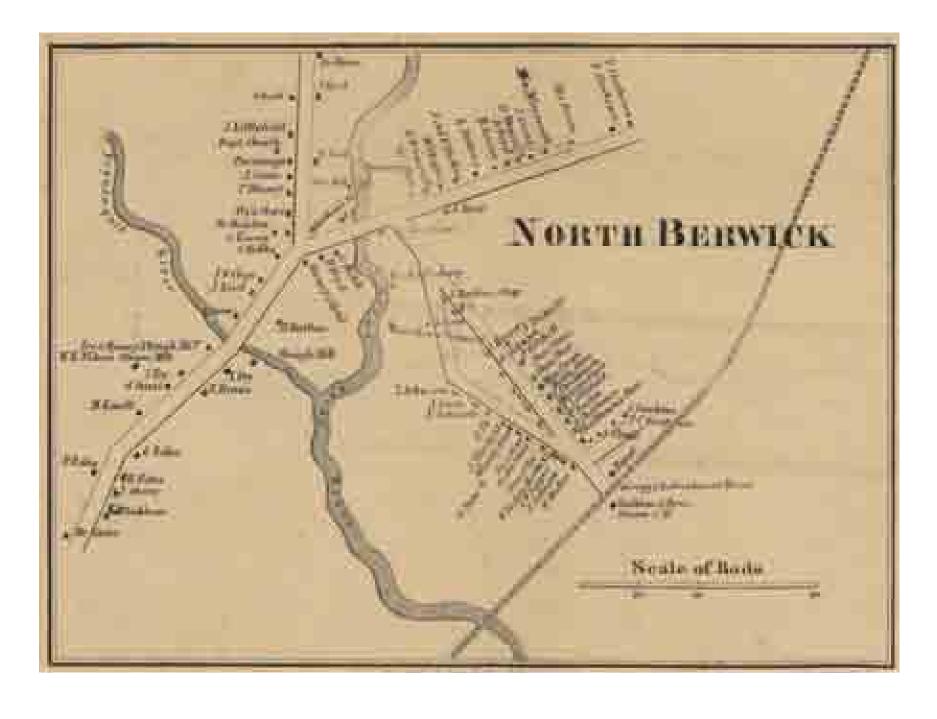
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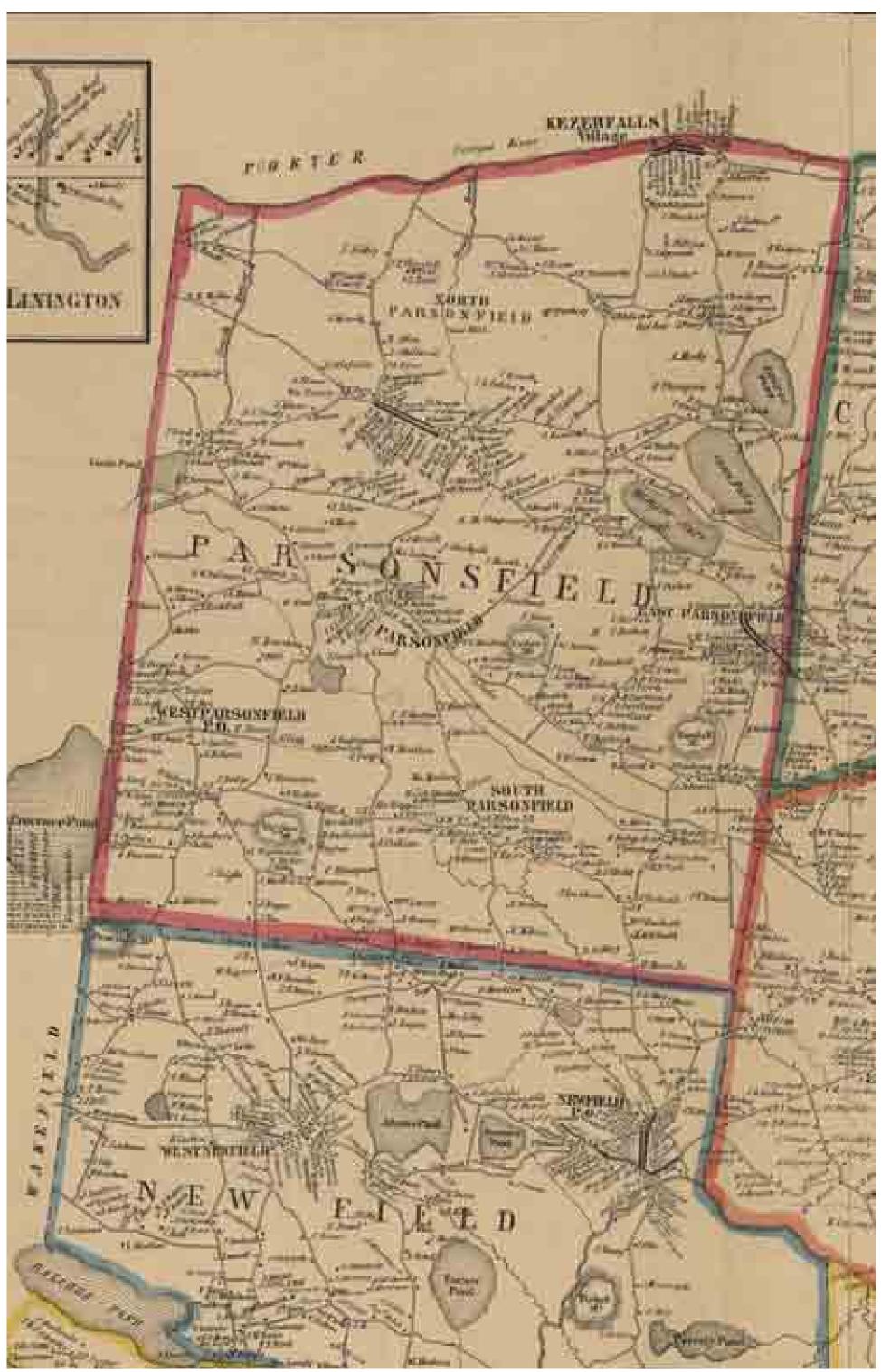
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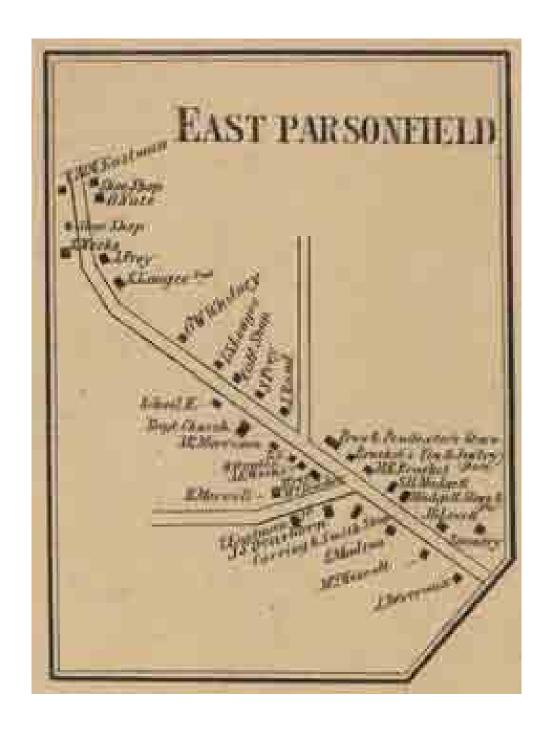


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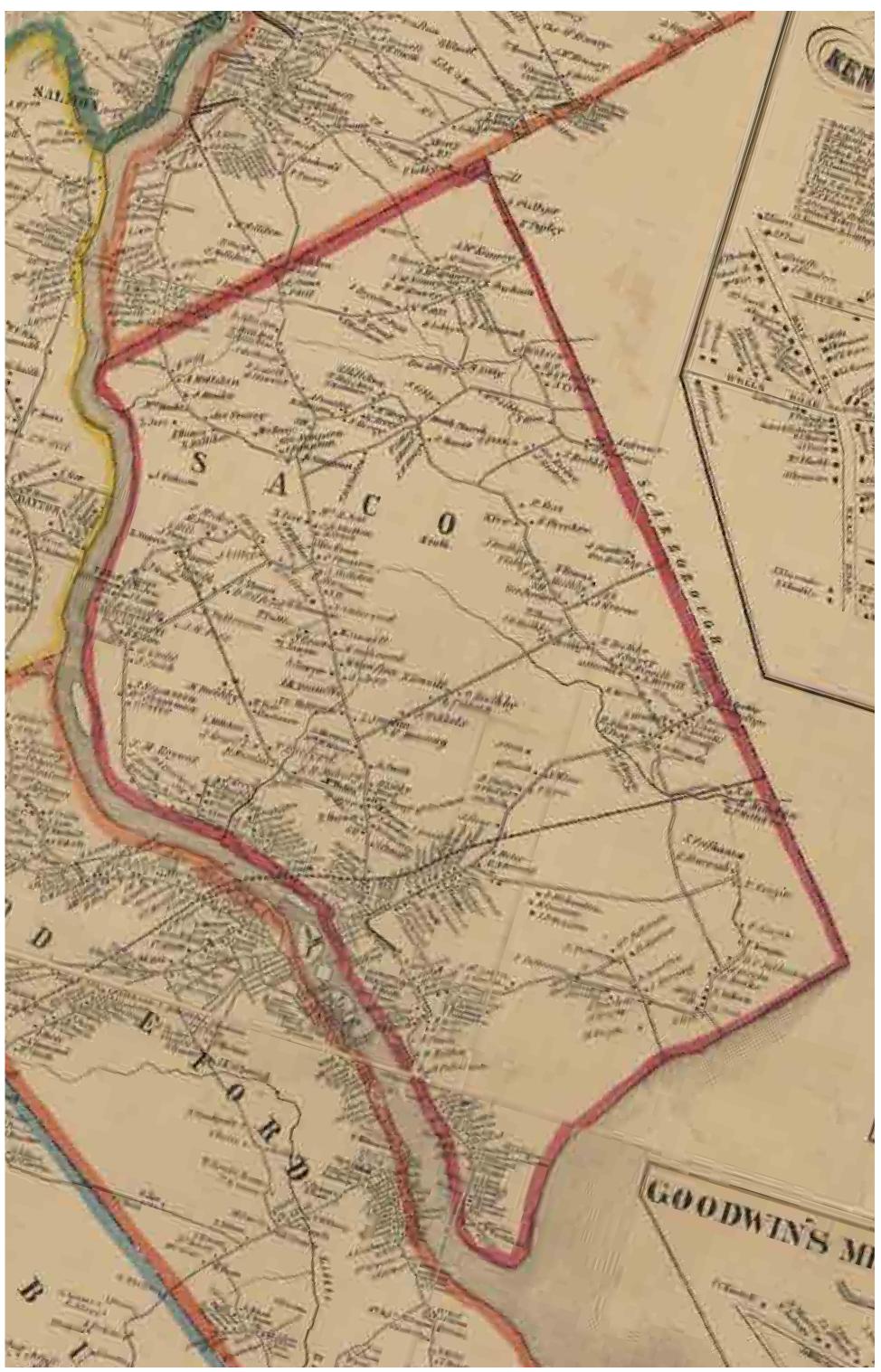


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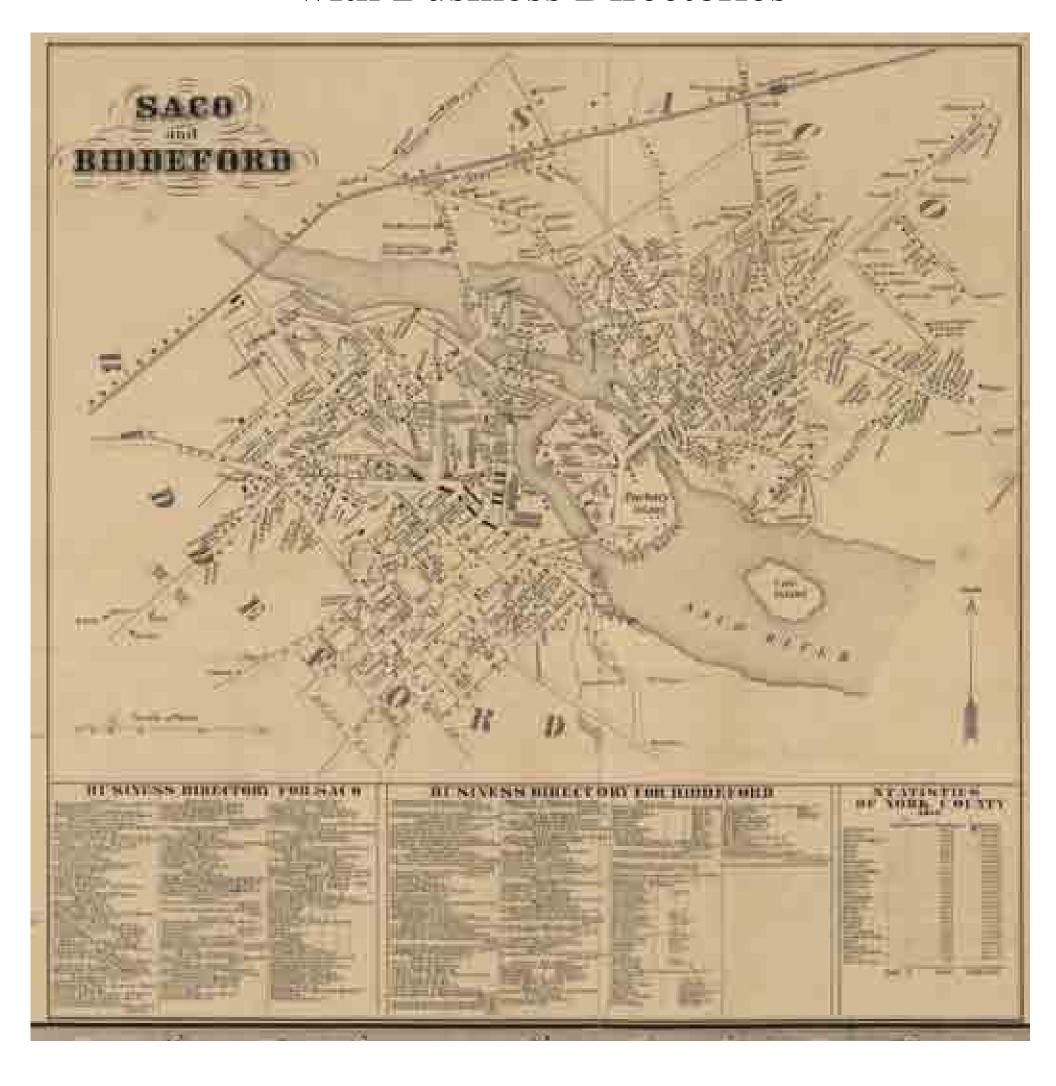
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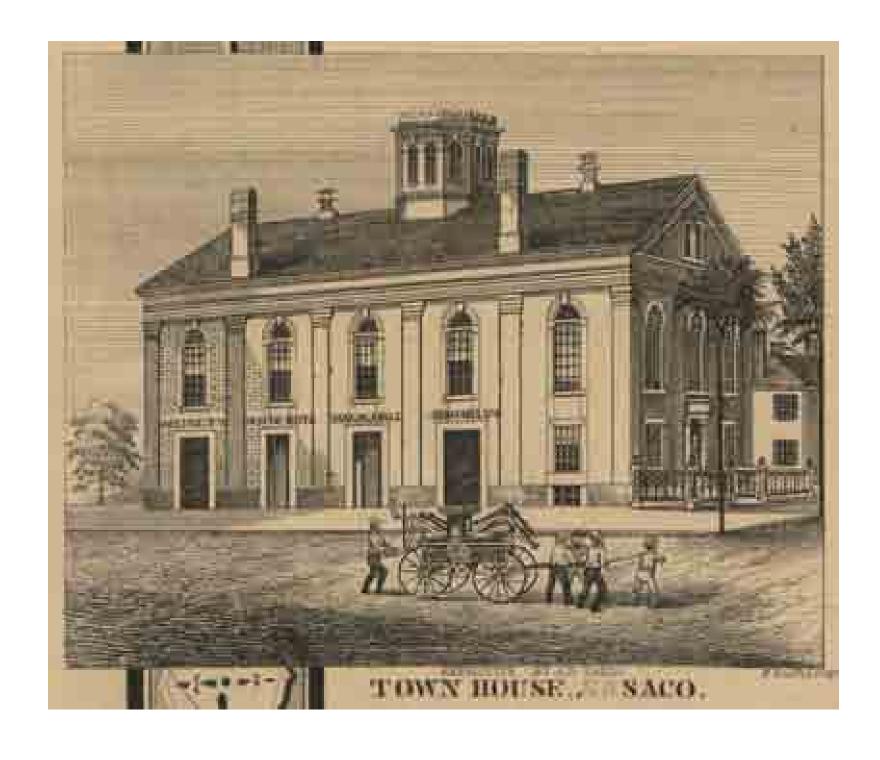
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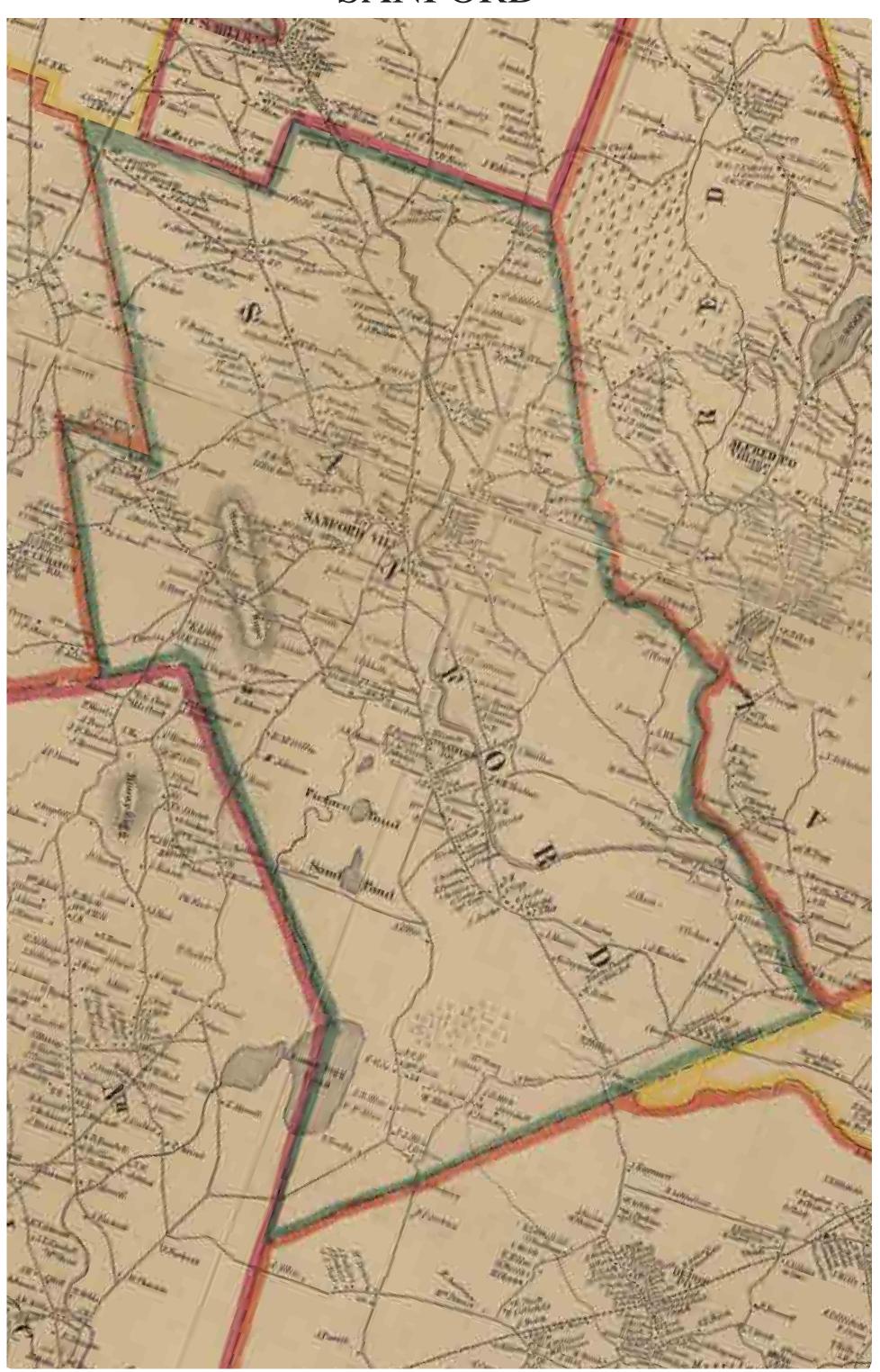
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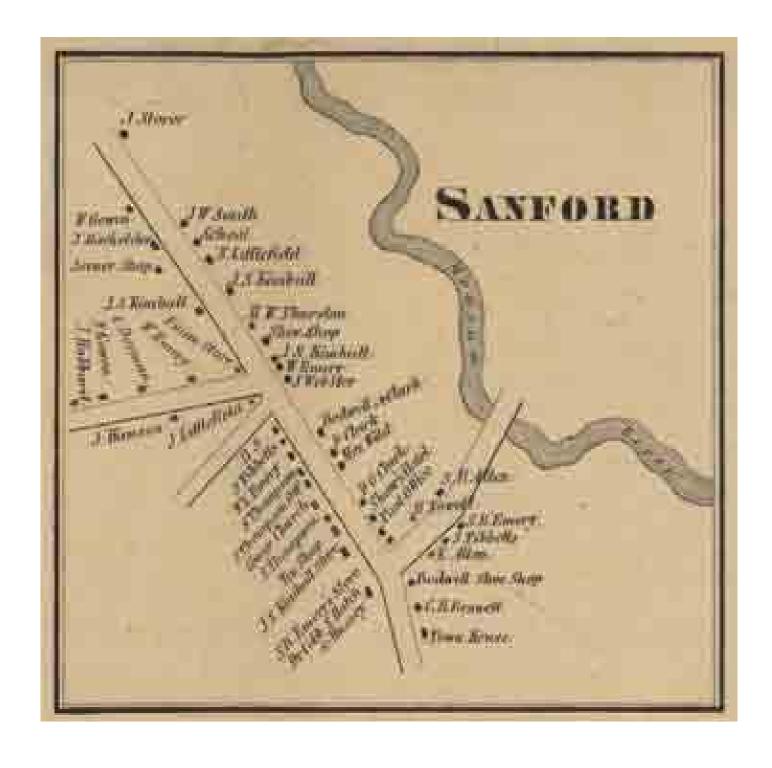
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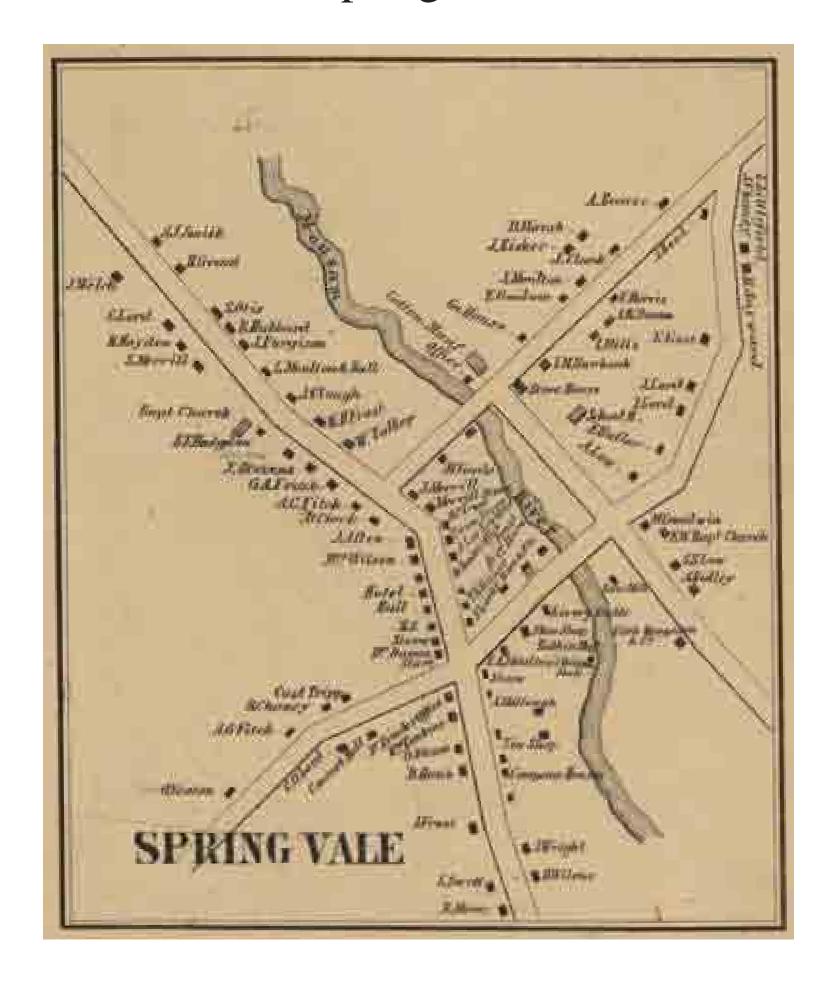


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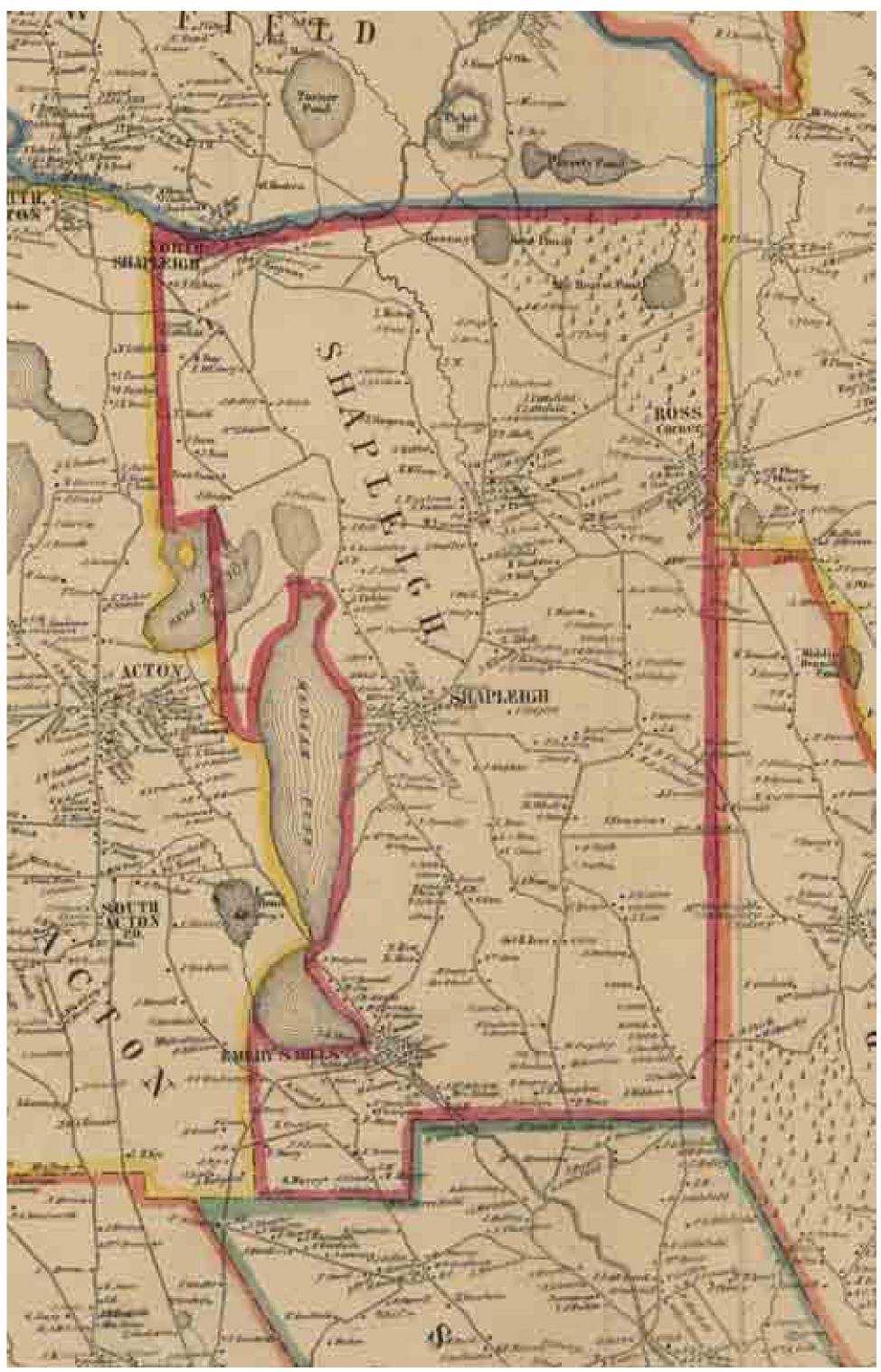


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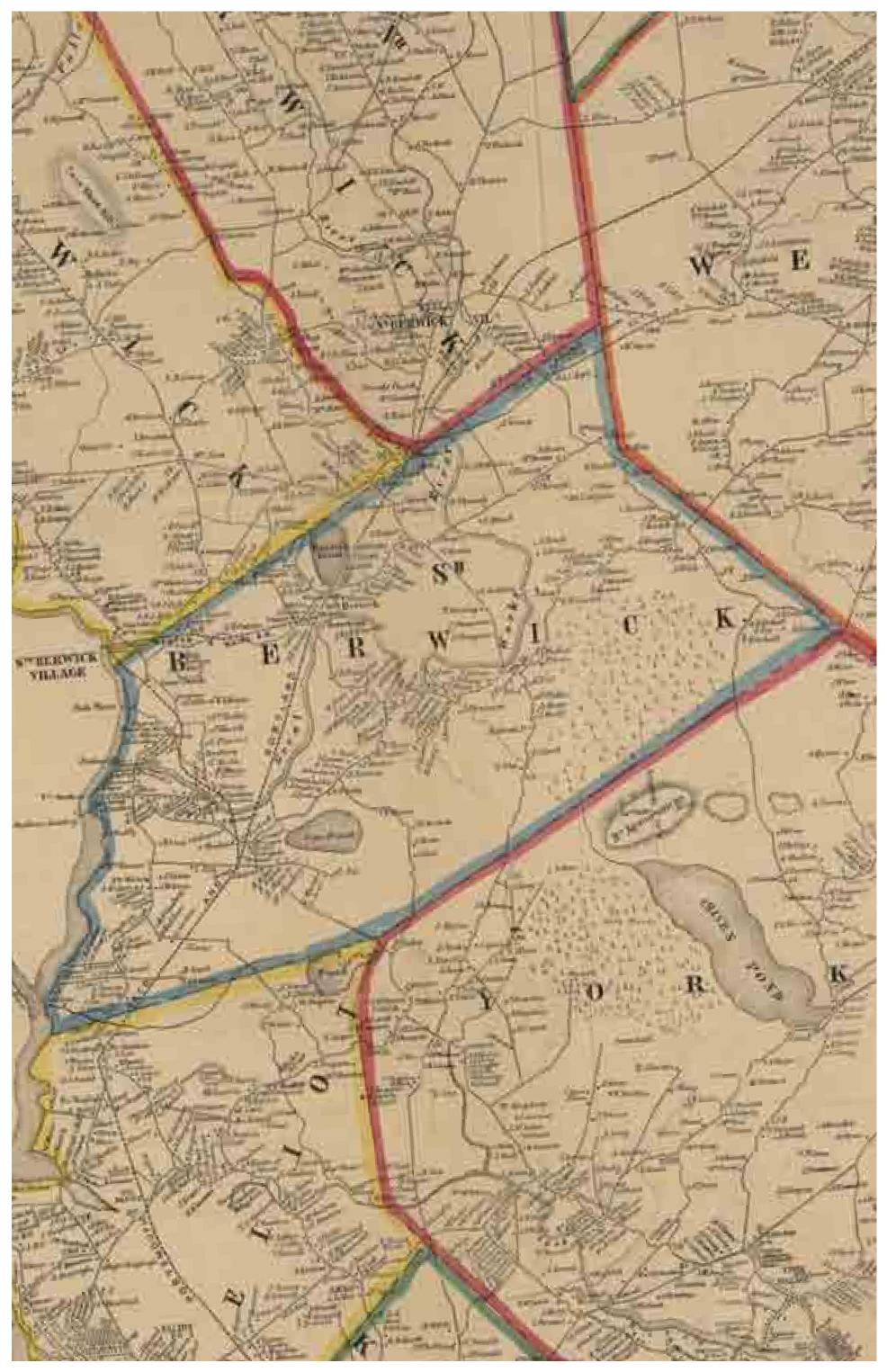
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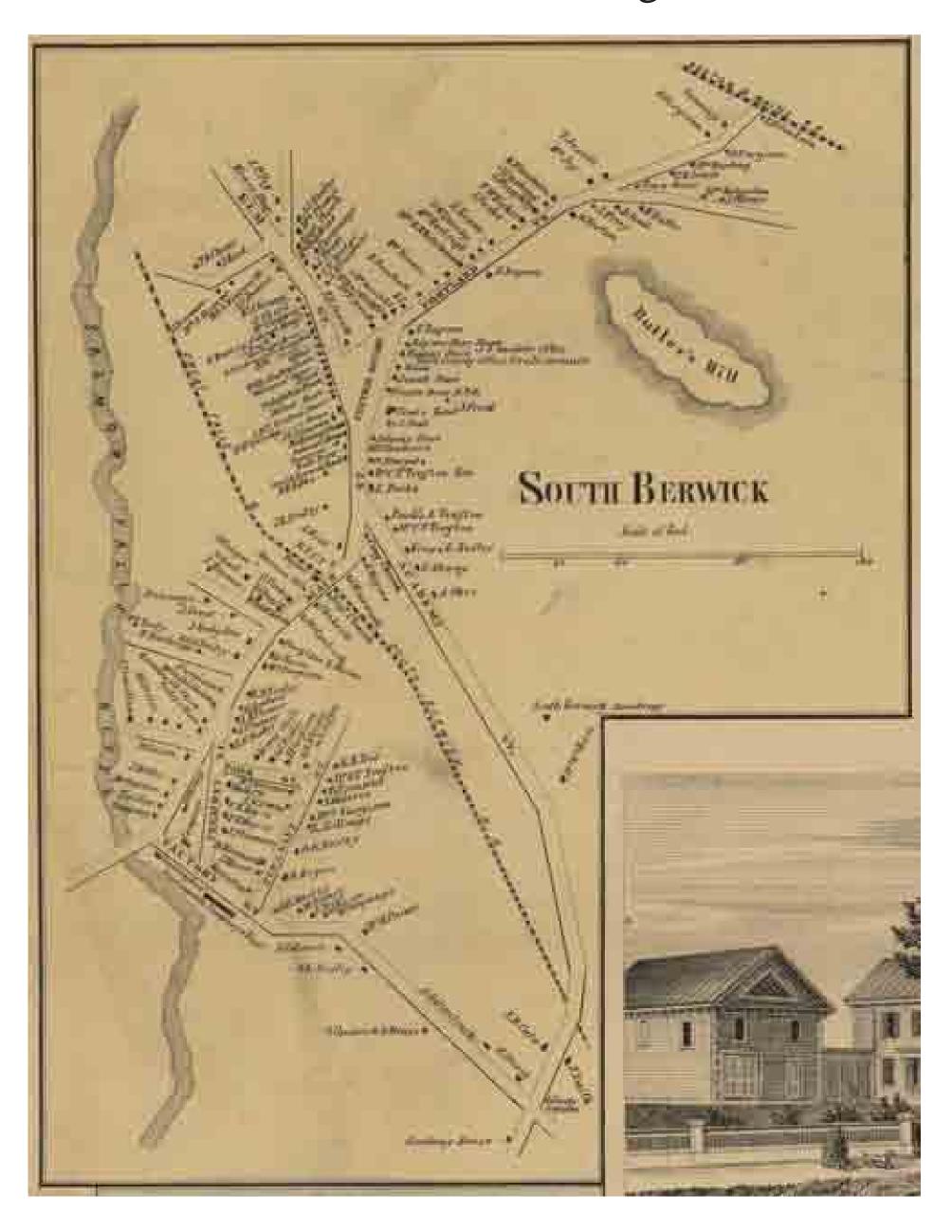
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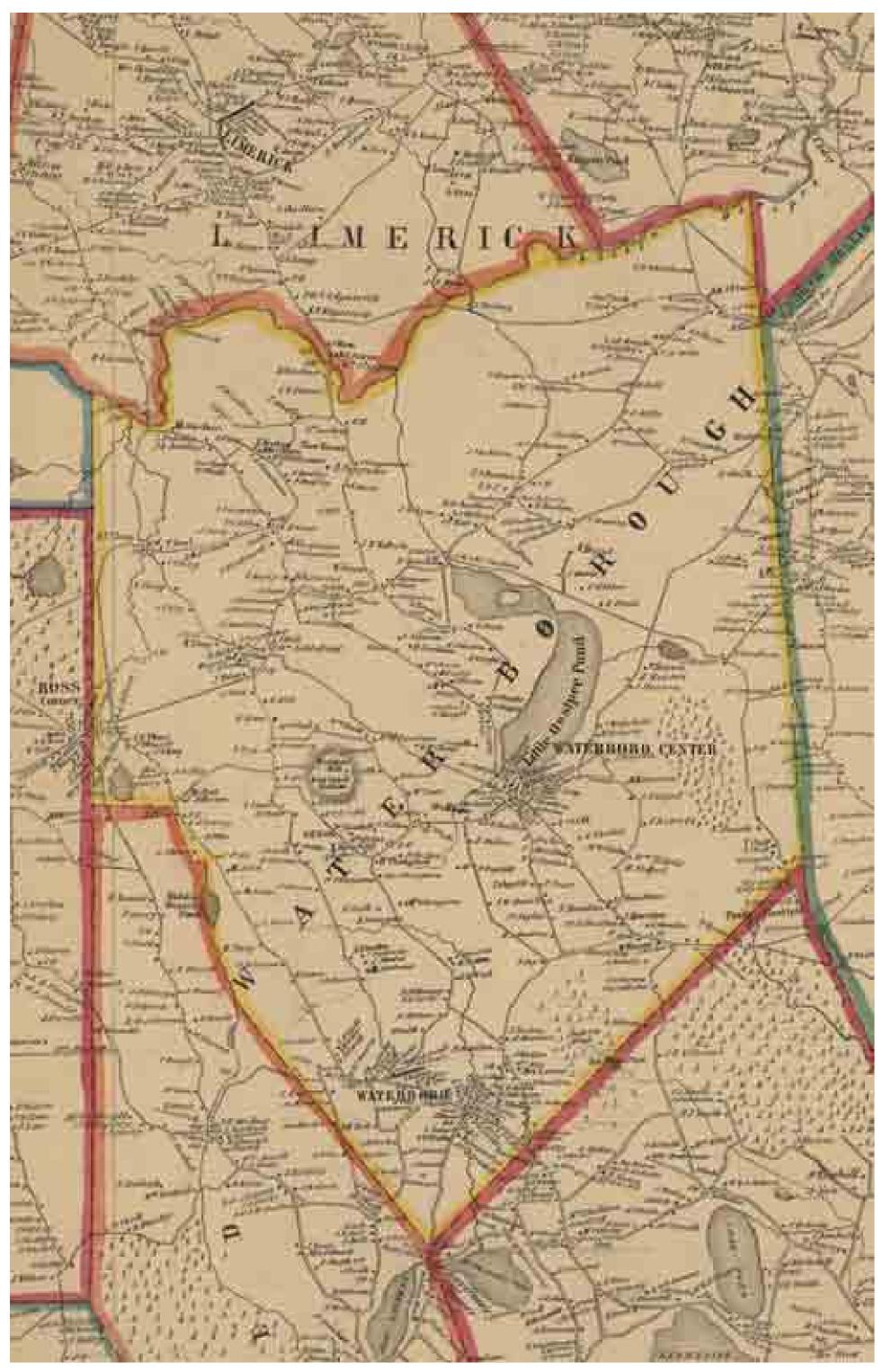
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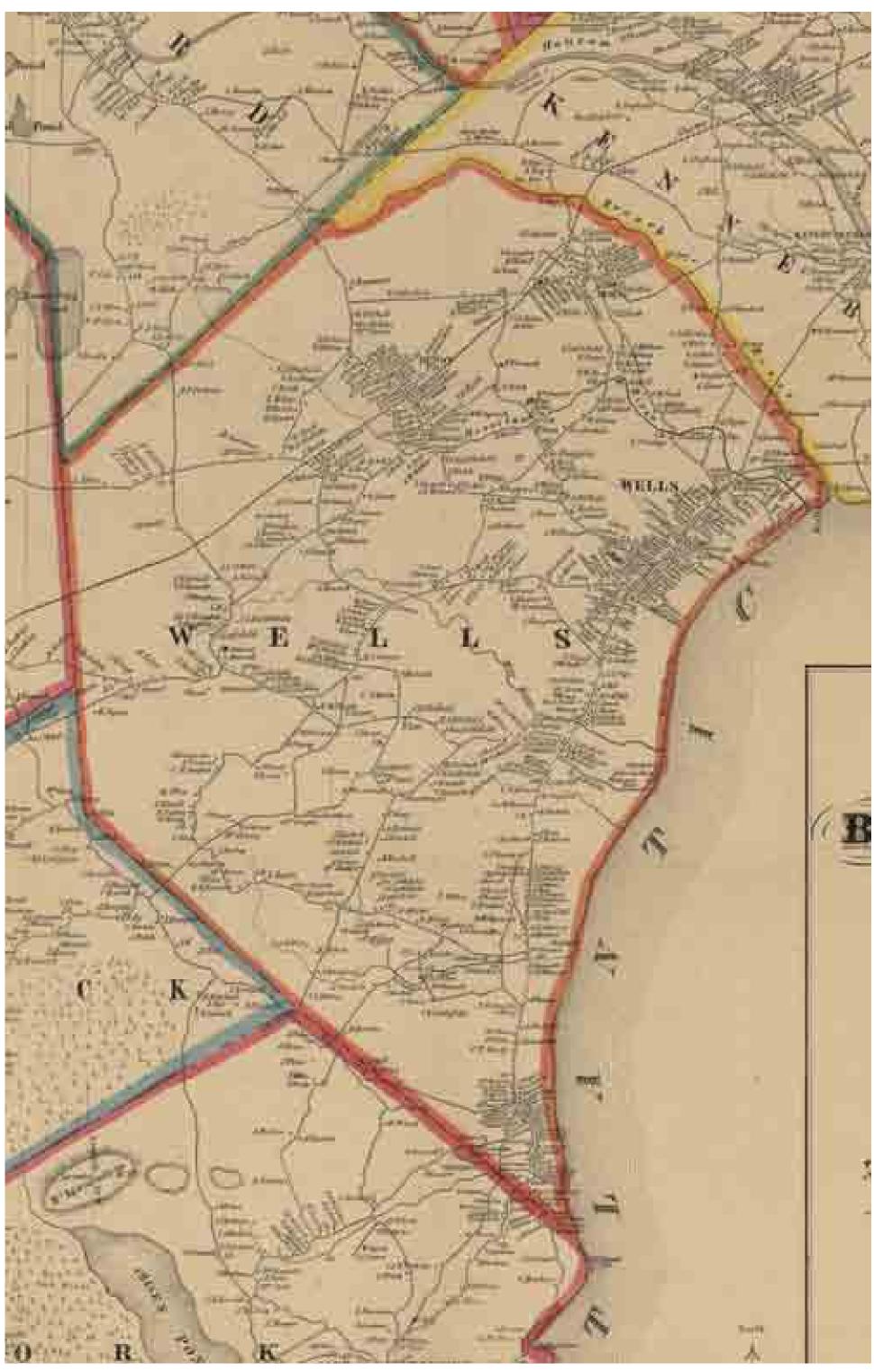
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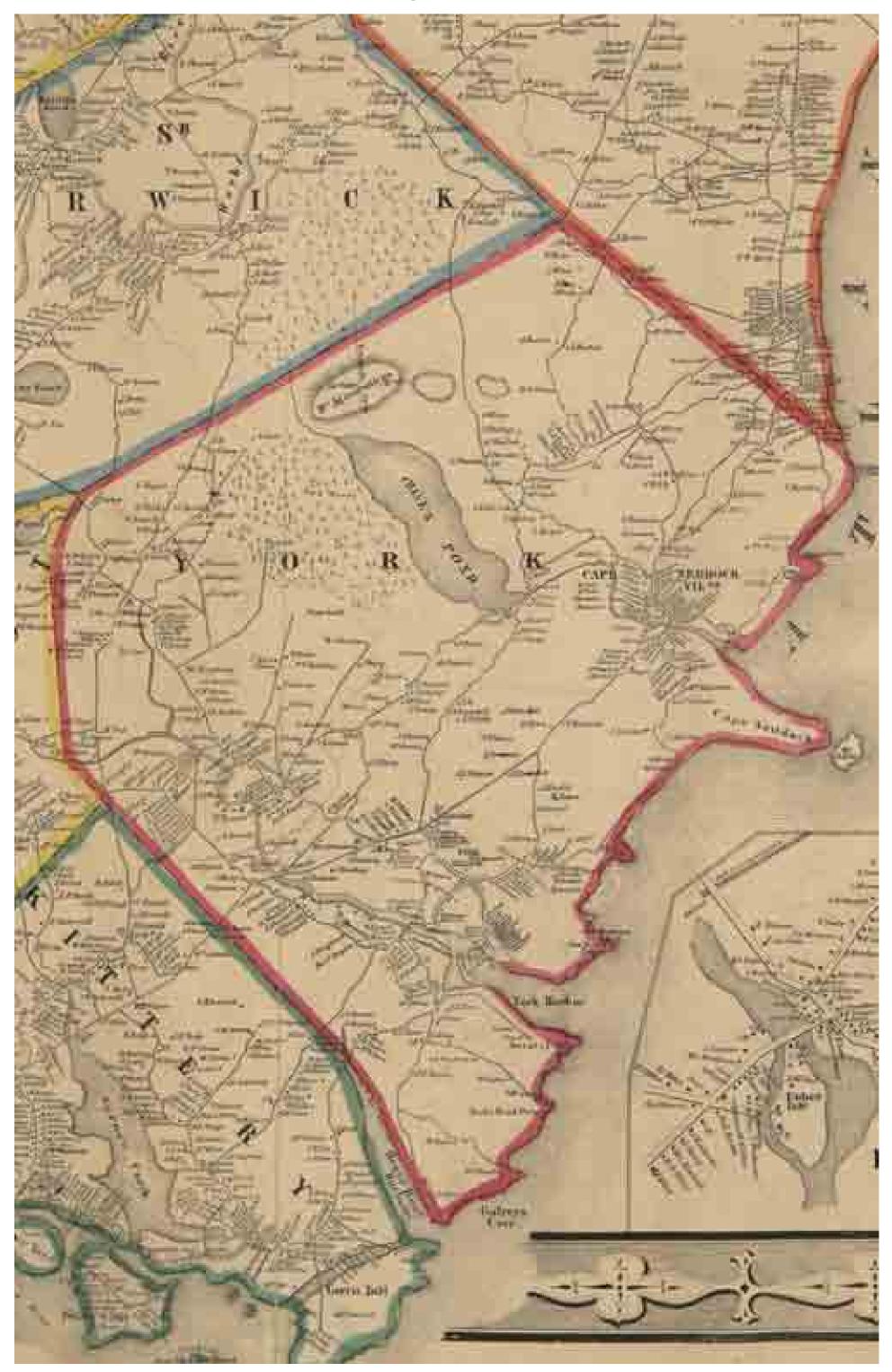
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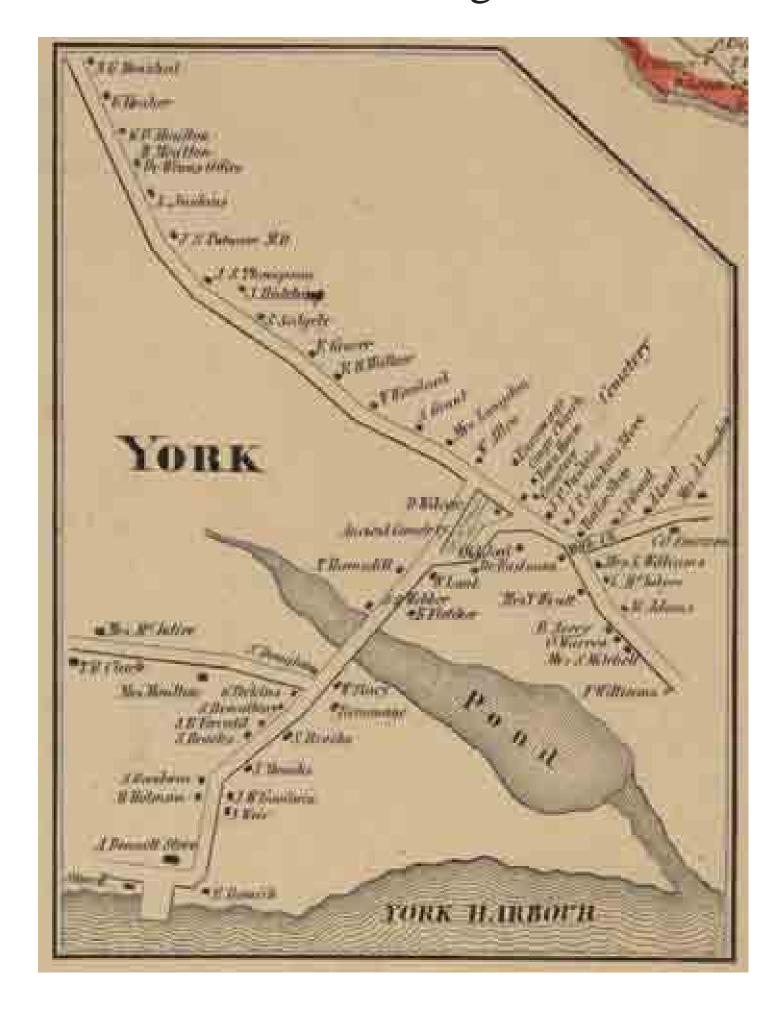
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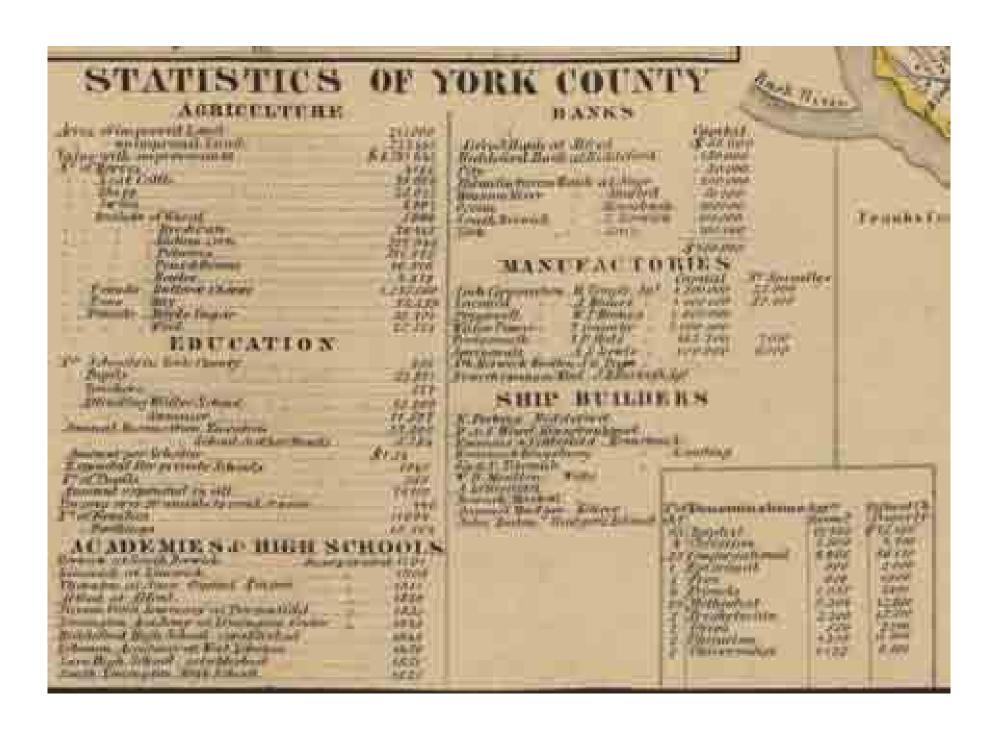
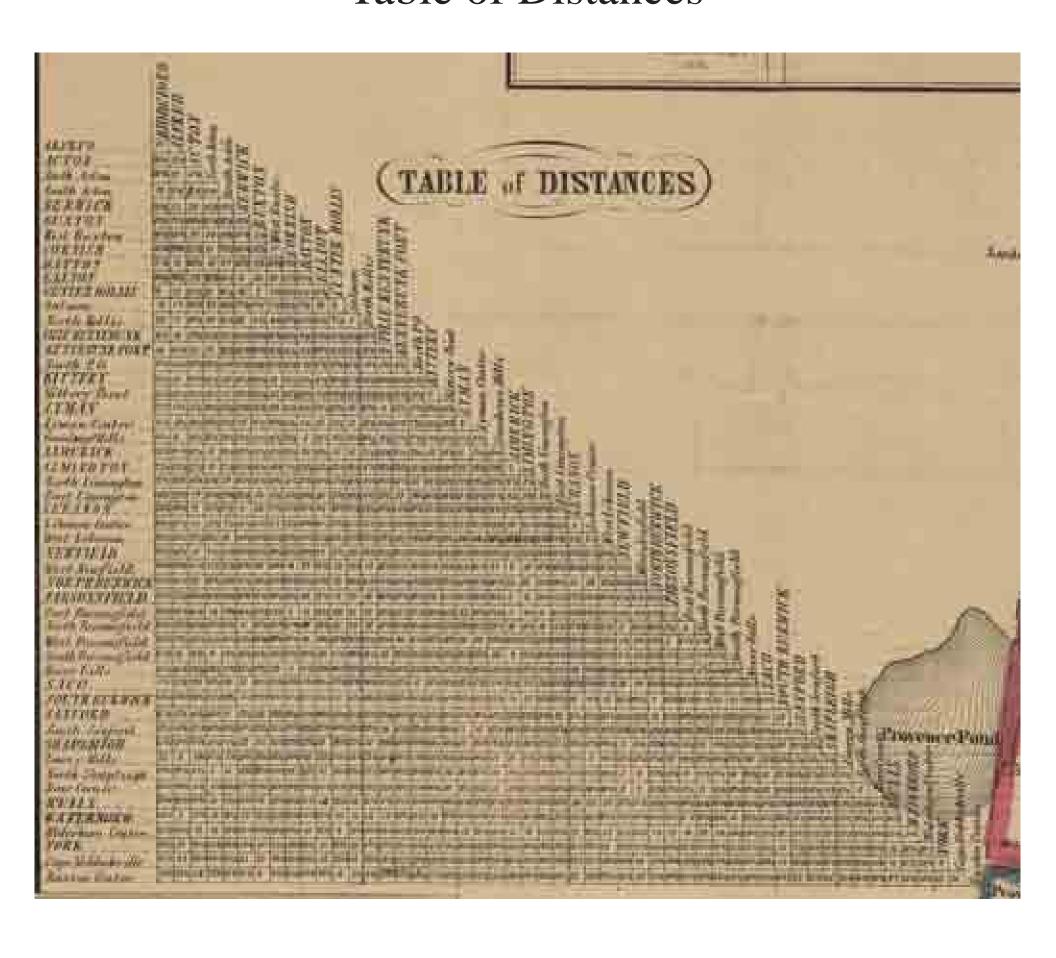


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