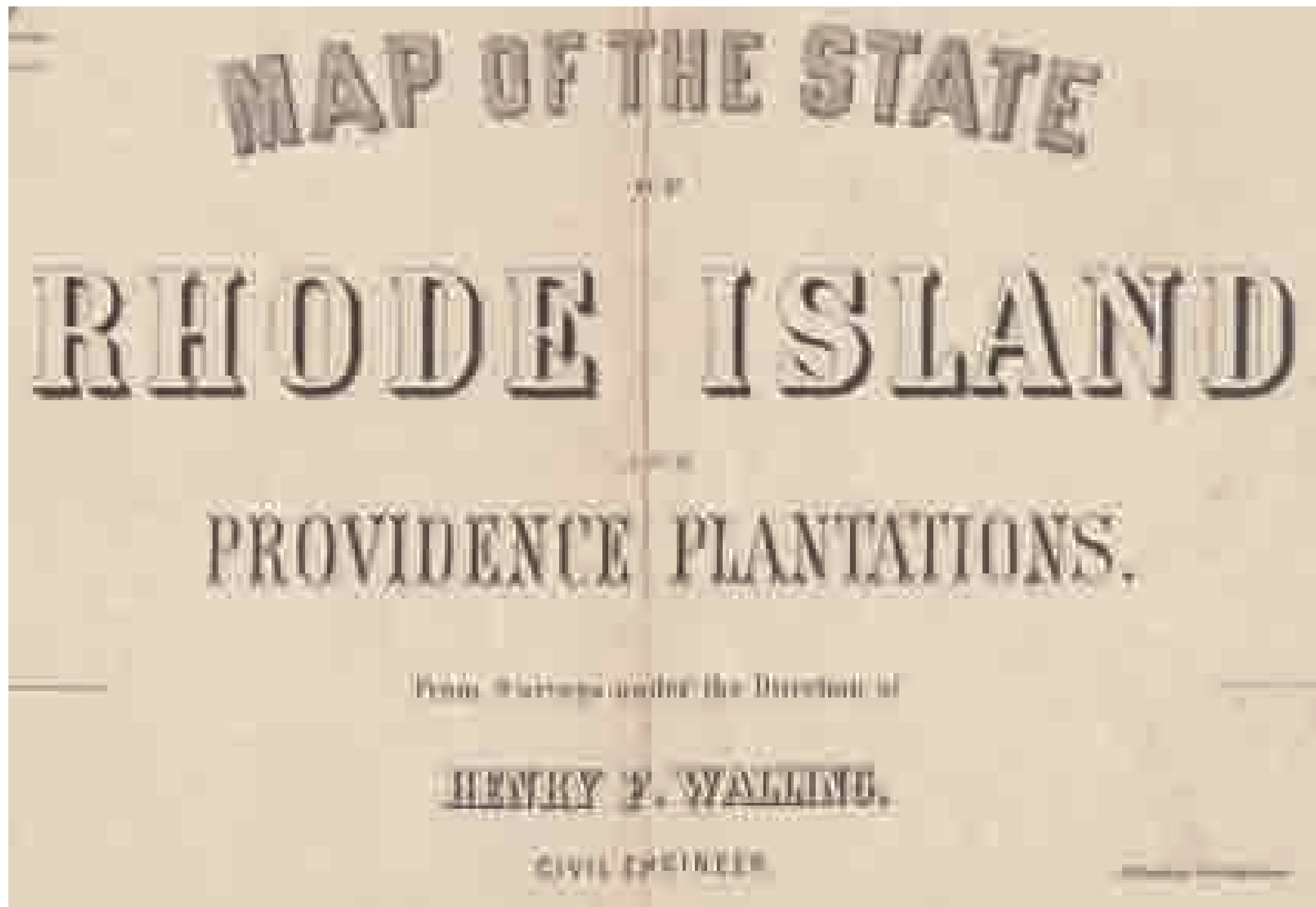


# Map of the State of Rhode Island 1855



*To find your town, click on the name in the list below*

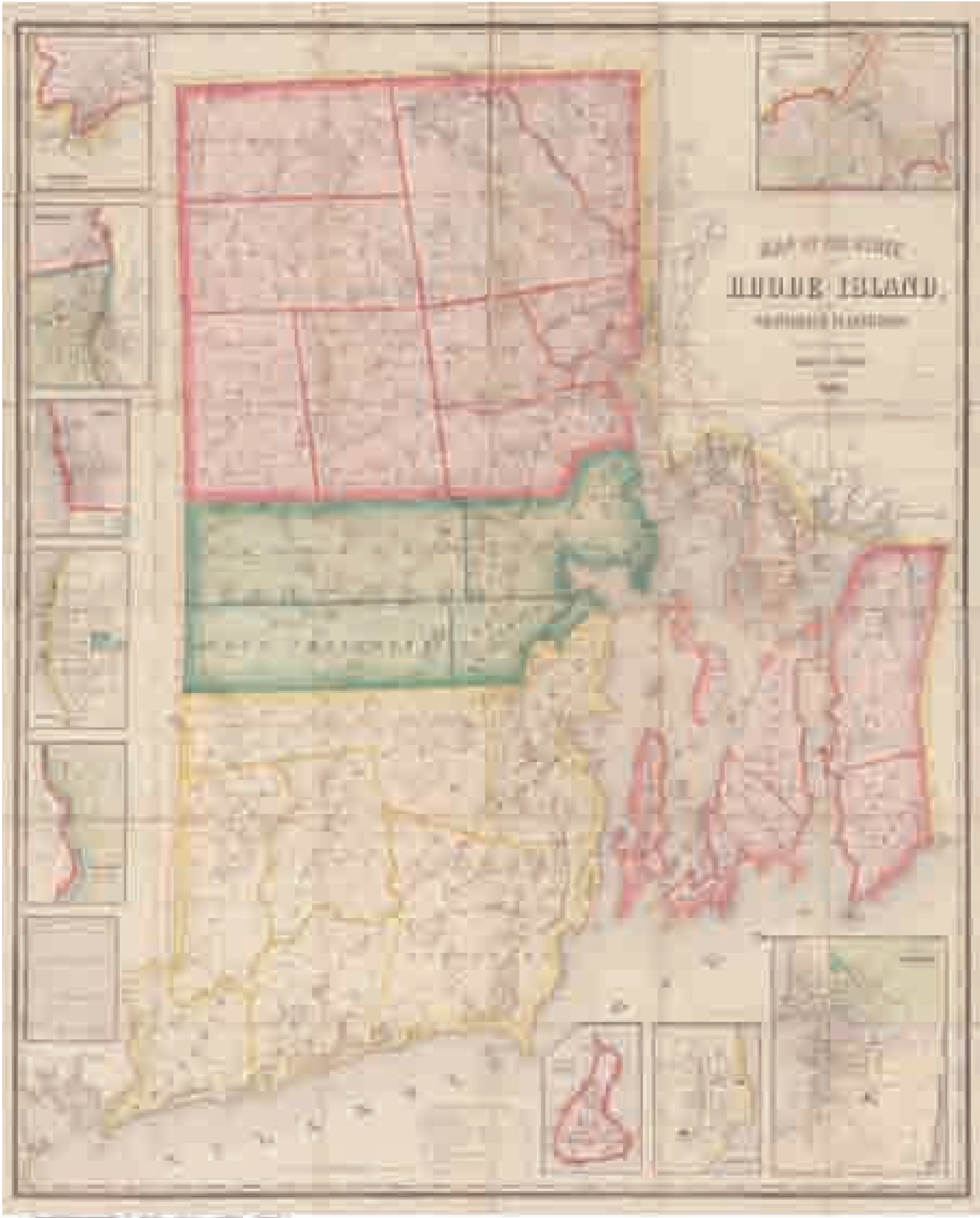
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Charlestown	Little Compton	South Kingstown
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Cranston	Newport	Warren
Cumberland	New Shoreham (Block Island)	Warwick
East Greenwich	North Kingstown	Westerly
Exeter	North Providence	West Greenwich
Foster	Portsmouth	
Glocester	Providence	

A complete copy of the 1855 state wall map showing the names and locations of 1000s of houses, businesses, churches and schools.

# Modern Town Outline Map



# 1855 Map of Rhode Island



The original map is a large wall map measuring 59" x 41".  
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.

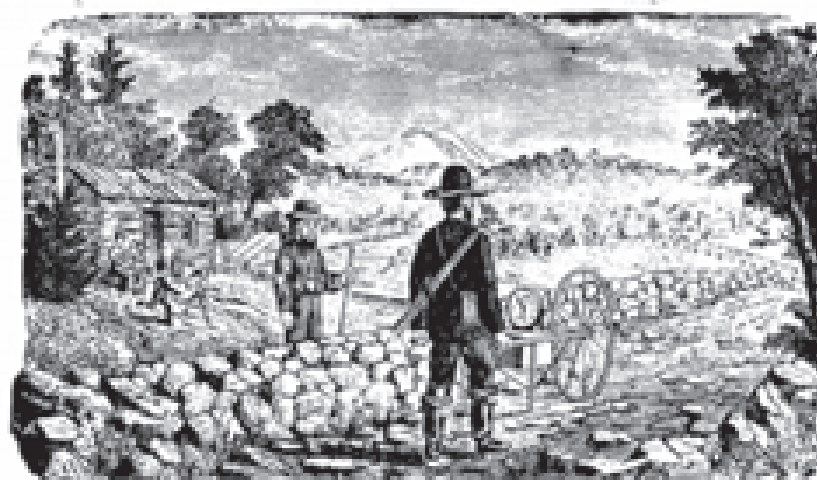
## An Historical Sketch of The Map

The 1855 Map of Hartford County is an important historical document.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 Connecticut county maps created in the mid 1800s - a period of extraordinary map-making in America. The author of this map, E. M. Woodford, was accomplished mapmaker who was associated with several other Connecticut and New England maps.

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 a 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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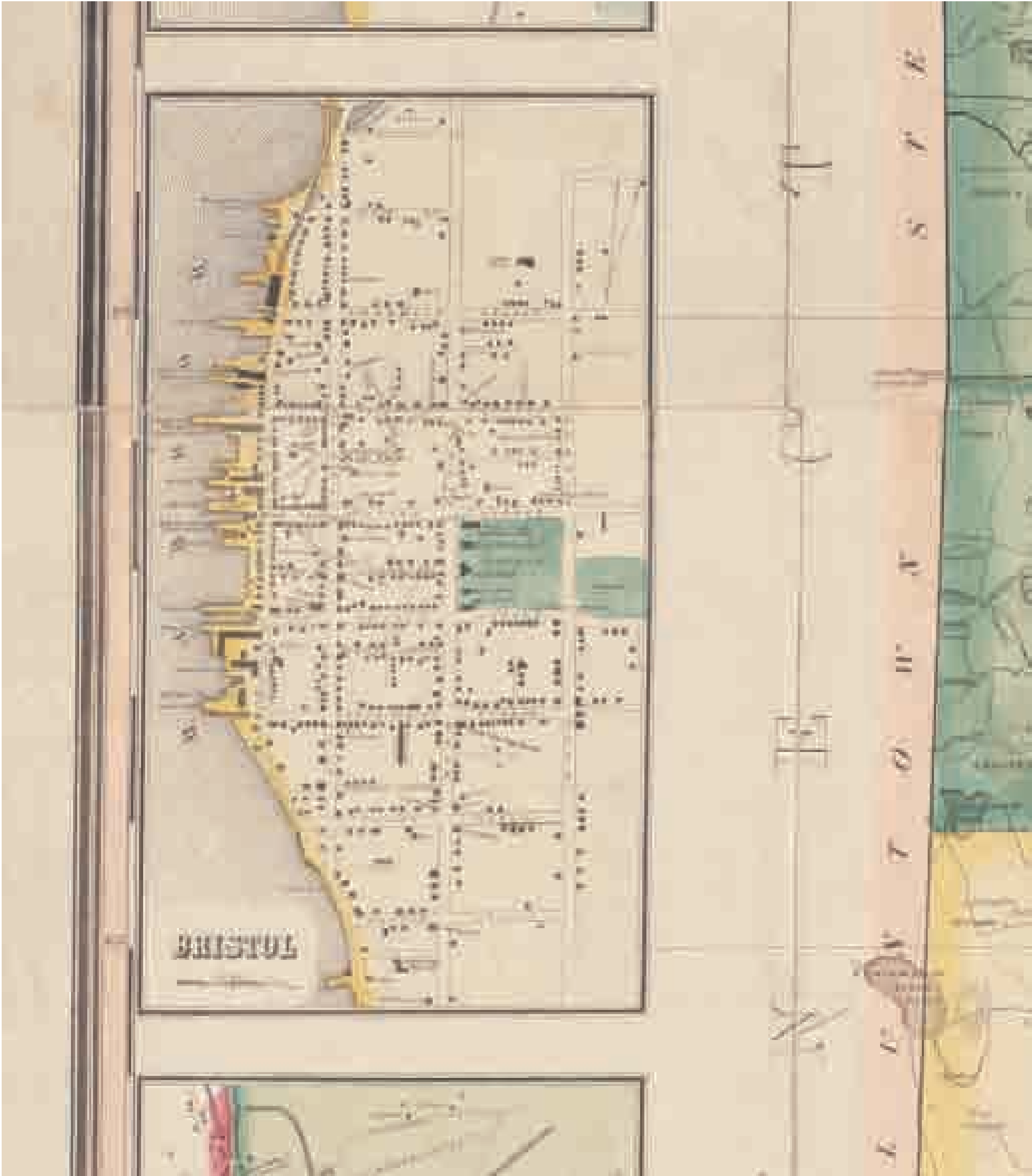
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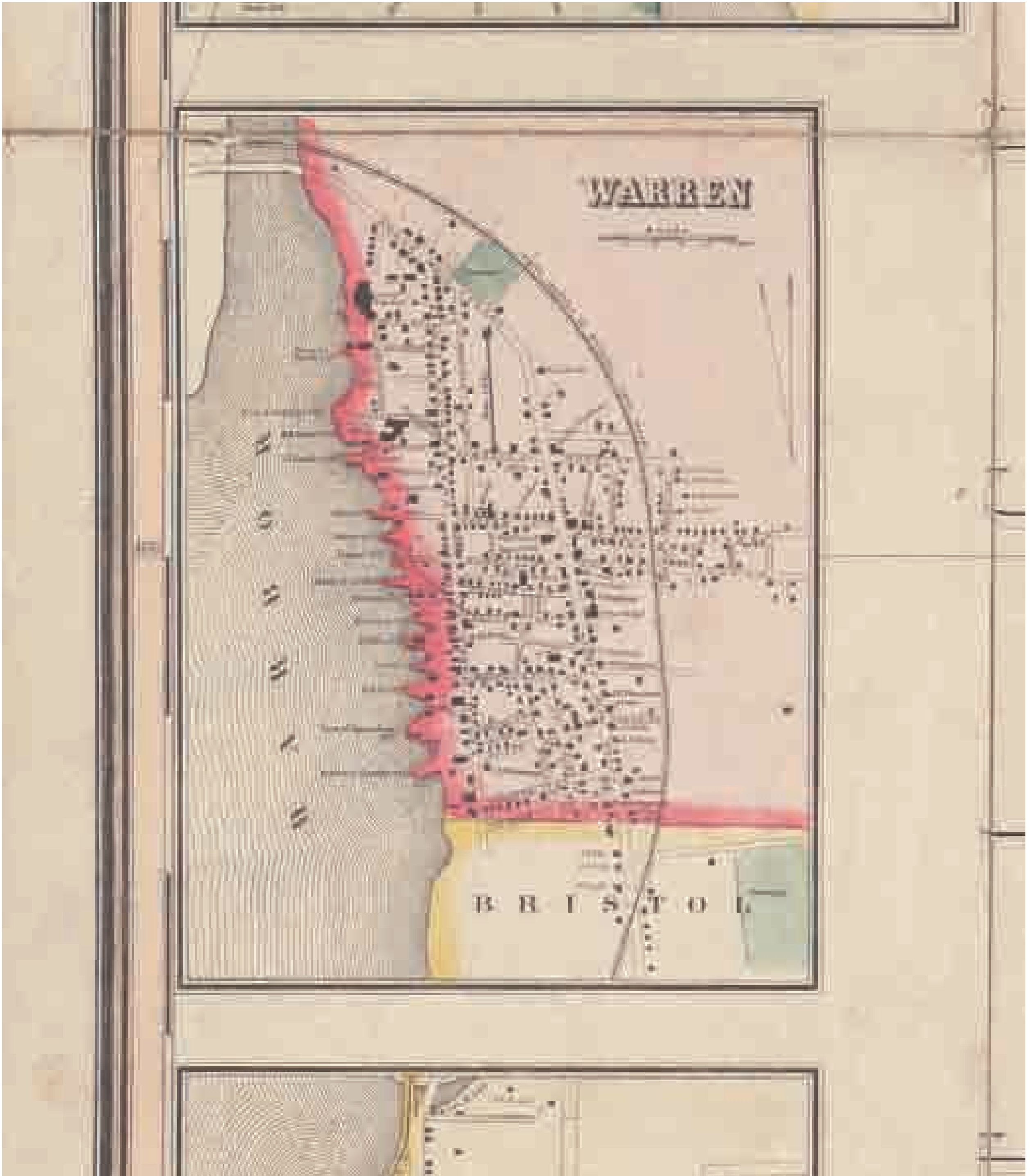
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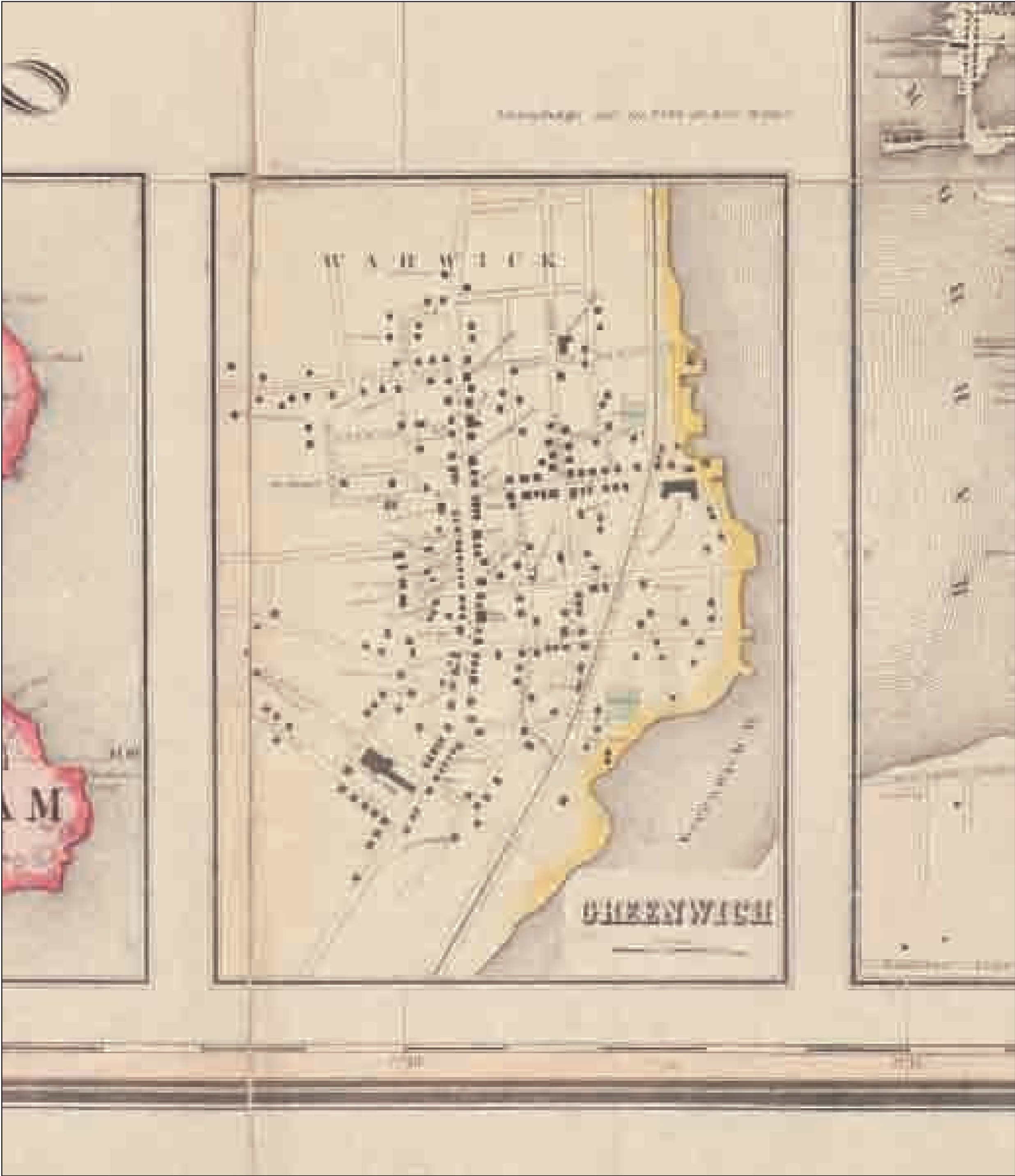




East Greenwich



# Greenwich Village



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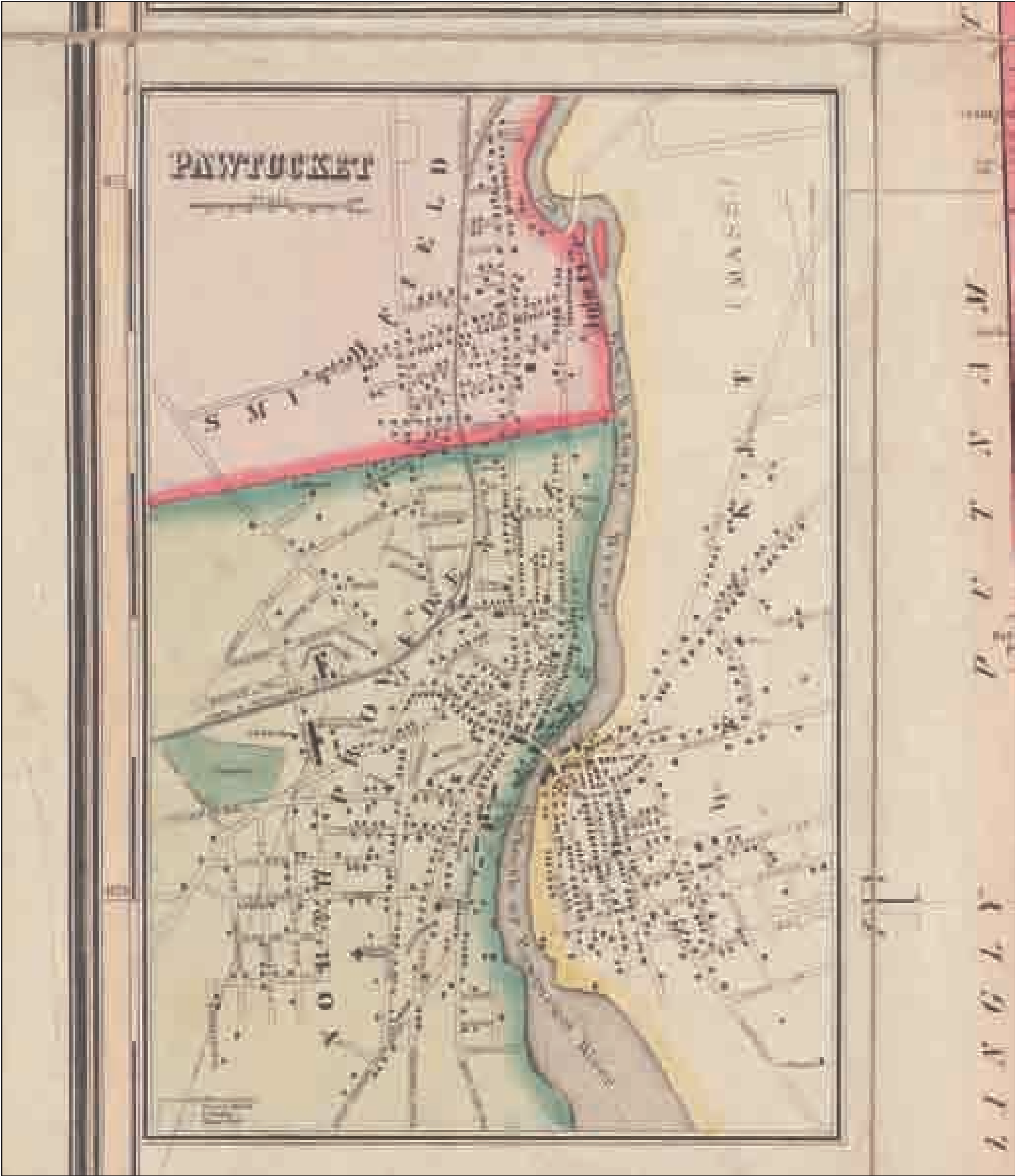
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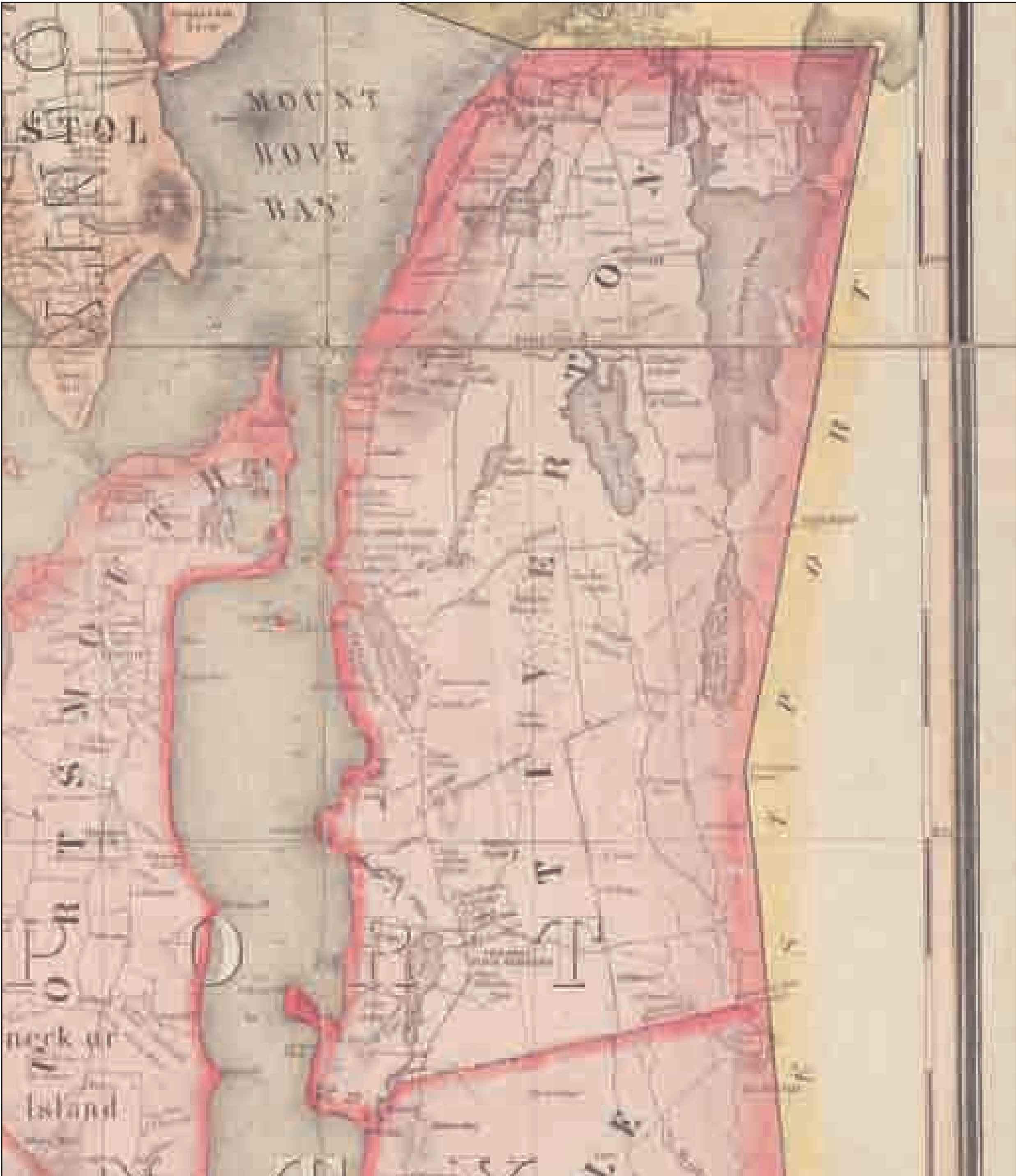
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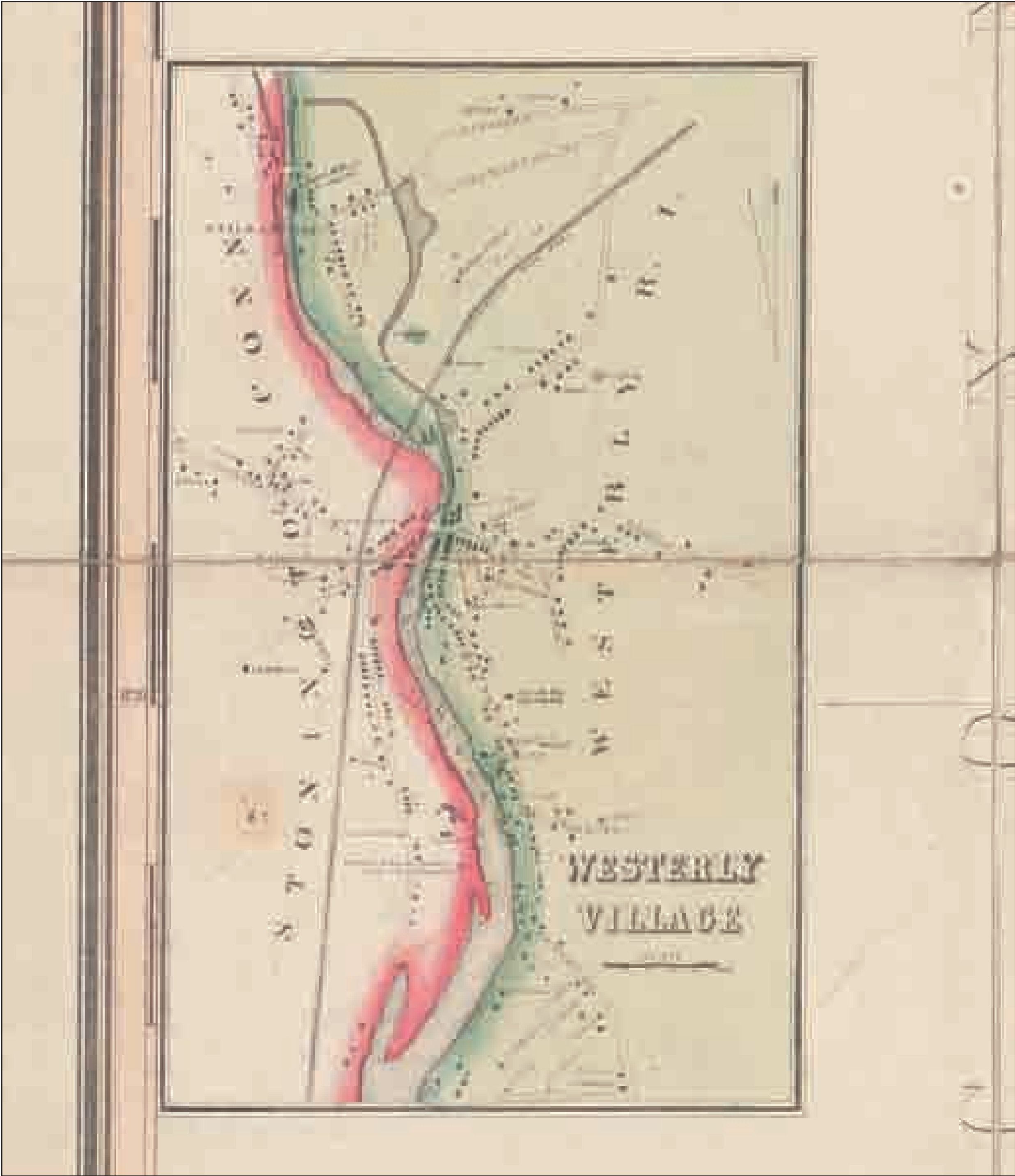




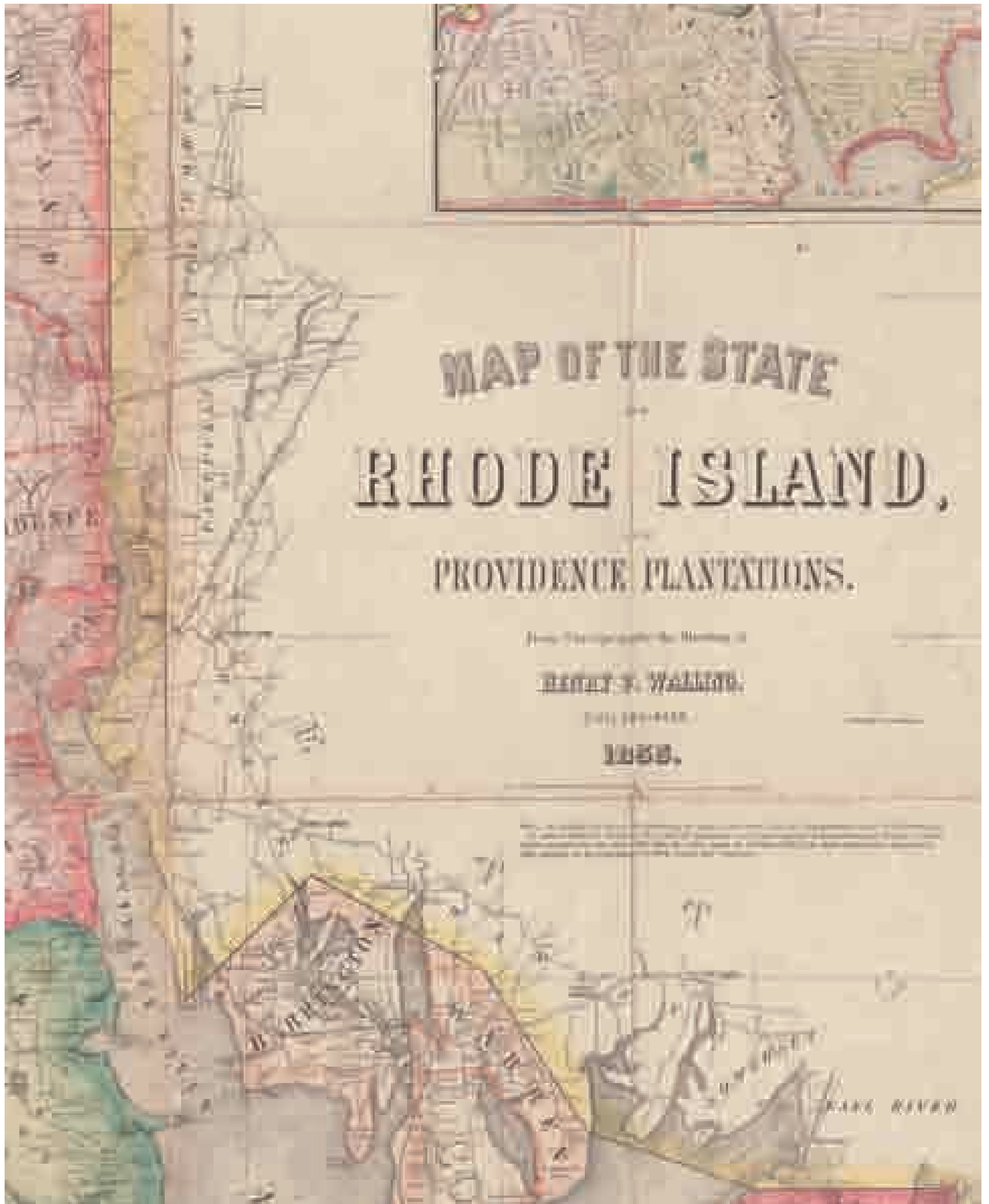
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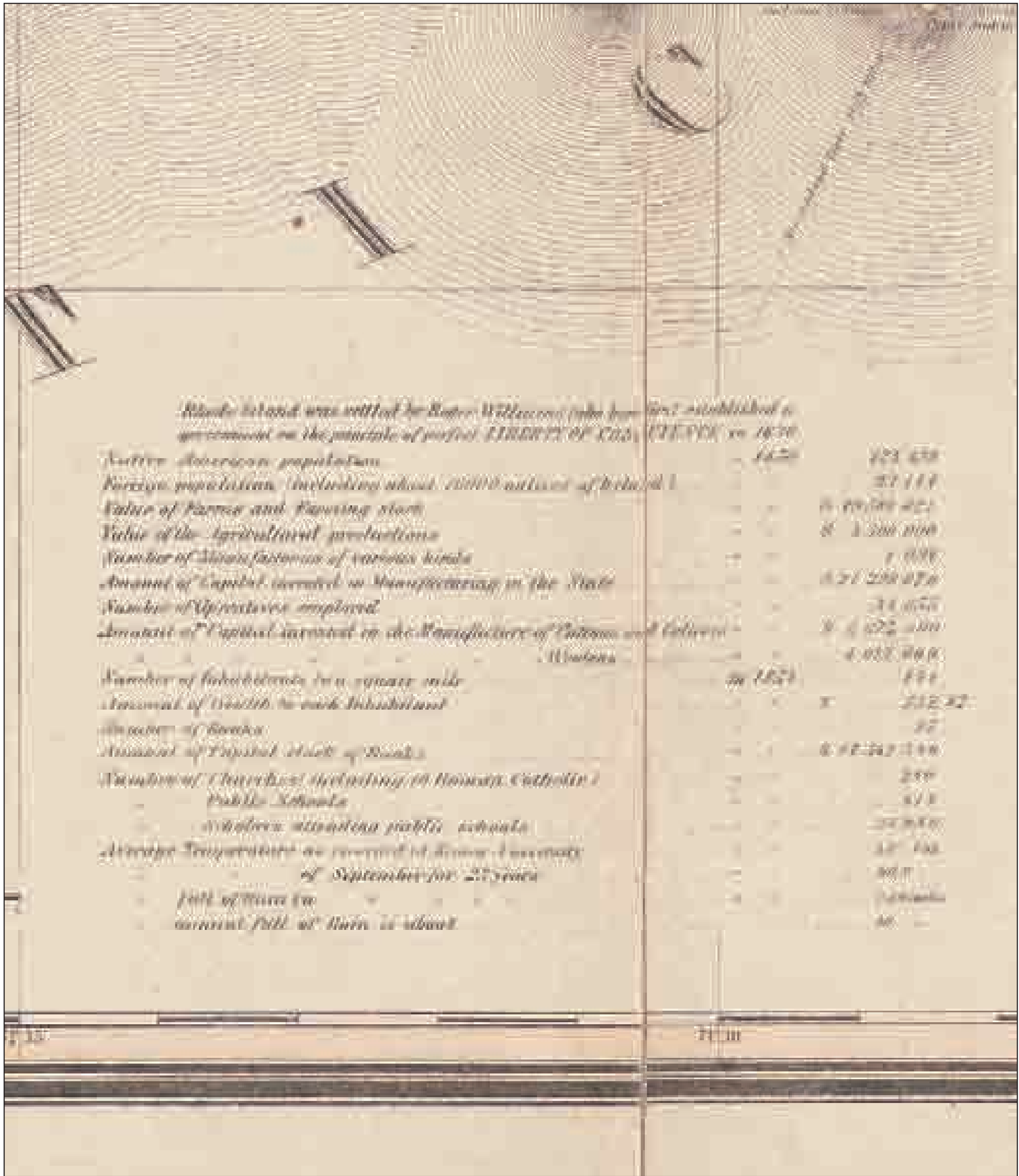
# Massachusetts Border



# Statistics

STATISTICS.							
The following are taken from the United States Census of 1850.							
Name of Town.	Year of Incorporation.	Population in 1850.	Area in Sq. Miles.	Miles of Highway.	Area of Improved Land (1850).	Value of Farm (1850).	Property Valuation 1850.
Providence	1638	41,578	6.7	37.3	369	3,214,000	843,928,700
Smithfield	1730	11,500	73.3	172.4	22,900	1,217,530	5,722,390
North Providence	1765	7,688	45.9	73.8	4,250	506,800	1,321,740
Cumberland	1746	9,662	33.6	65.3	63,654	911,375	3,756,200
Scituate	1730	4,582	52.3	112.6	65,391	694,758	1,316,350
Cranston	1754	6,312	33.7	95.3	10,650	931,850	3,645,300
Burrillville	1800	3,538	53.2	103.2	11,592	511,335	1,505,075
Johnston	1759	2,977	24.1	57.1	7,254	701,200	1,222,200
Gloucester	1730	2,872	53.2	101.7	13,195	579,600	1,063,616
Easter	1781	1,932	48.8	100.8	15,295	463,730	603,955
PROVIDENCE CITY		87,528	393.9	869.5	115,046	7,256,808	73,162,926
Warwick	1652	7,710	55.2	85.6	18,557	816,500	3,899,600
Coventry	1741	3,620	55.6	93.4	17,350	631,315	3,238,600
East Greenwich	1677	2,458	77.1	28.5	5,852	277,350	949,395
West Greenwich	1741	1,370	49.7	69.4	19,939	322,558	403,626
WEST COVENTRY		11,068	169.9	275.8	51,683	1,851,423	7,567,221
South Kingstown	1722	3,802	77.9	77.8	33,136	2,137,715	2,060,000
North Kingstown	1722	2,971	62.0	69.3	16,935	572,400	1,495,805
Westerly	1669	2,766	31.7	46.5	10,531	188,600	1,053,000
Hopkinton	1757	2,478	47.0	62.7	15,386	362,500	755,500
Richmond	1747	1,784	34.9	57.7	11,624	253,425	700,250
Rye	1742	1,635	58.0	82.5	18,392	321,465	615,564
Chilestown	1738	594	39.8	34.1	10,506	203,400	352,575
KINGSTOWN COUNTY		16,410	331.9	450.5	116,109	3,139,214	7,922,494
Bristol	1746	4,016	103	25.3	16,948	473,400	3,152,500
Worcester	1746	3,103	47	16.2	1,539	89,800	1,777,800
Barrington	1770	793	9.3	48.3	3,603	186,800	442,325
BRISTOL COUNTY		8,514	243	59.8	10,990	750,000	5,322,725
Newport	1639	9,567	7.0	31.5	3,437	332,600	9,220,500
Portsmouth	1746	4,698	53.0	66.7	12,115	970,655	2,245,890
Little Compton	1648	1,833	23.4	45.2	12,938	339,900	1,218,650
Little Compton	1746	1,562	21.5	32.6	11,095	691,700	997,575
New Shoreham	1672	1,262	10.5	65.3	5,195	185,850	341,017
Attleboro	1743	832	12.5	23.9	7,172	623,450	262,750
Attleboro	1678	358	19.5	13.3	3,523	214,600	114,850
NEWPORT COUNTY		20,029	127.3	228.9	77,494	3,158,055	15,221,282
TOTAL		147,749	1046.5	1973.5	251,811	16,345,590	109,196,588

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