

Map of Windham County, Connecticut 1856



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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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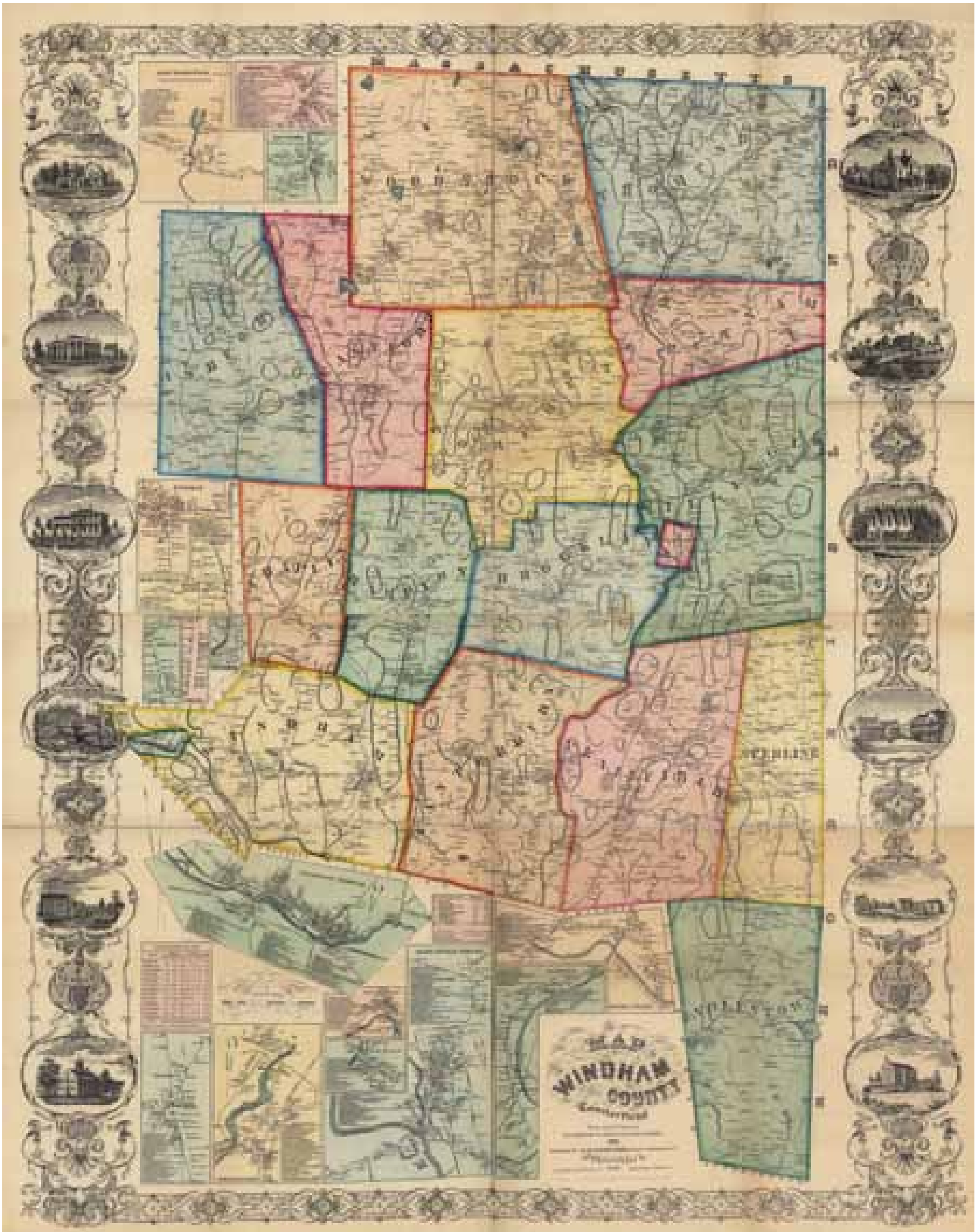
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Modern Town Outline Map



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The original map is a large wall map measuring 39" x 50".

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The 1856 Map of Windham County is an important historical document.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 publisher of this map, E.M. Woodford, was an accomplished mapmaker.

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

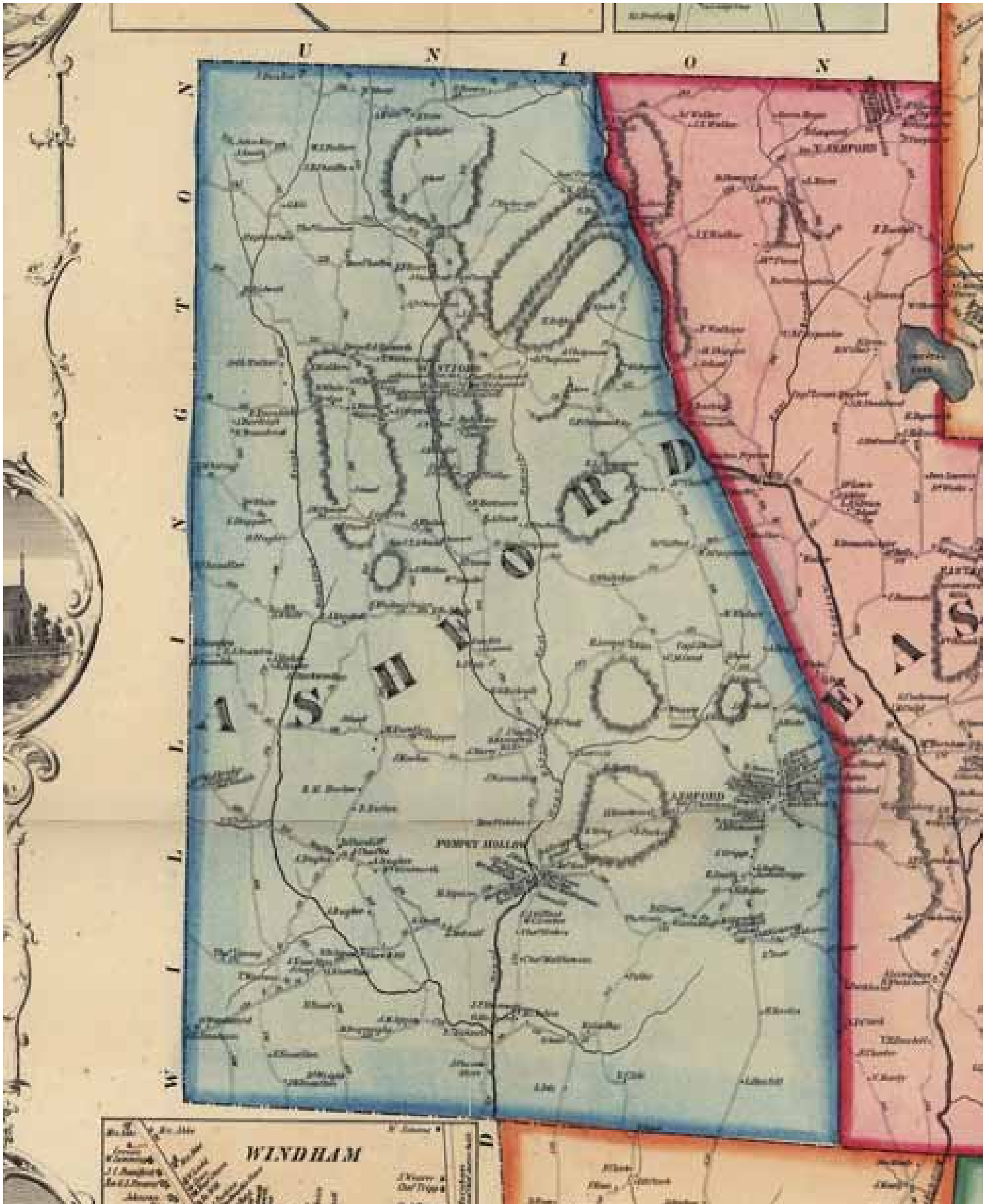
This publication was prepared for use as a computer-based PDF file, formatted as an 11" x 14" booklet. The formatting and sizes of some maps have been adjusted to make the town and village maps easily readable, and on one page if possible. For this reason some maps are presented at different scales.

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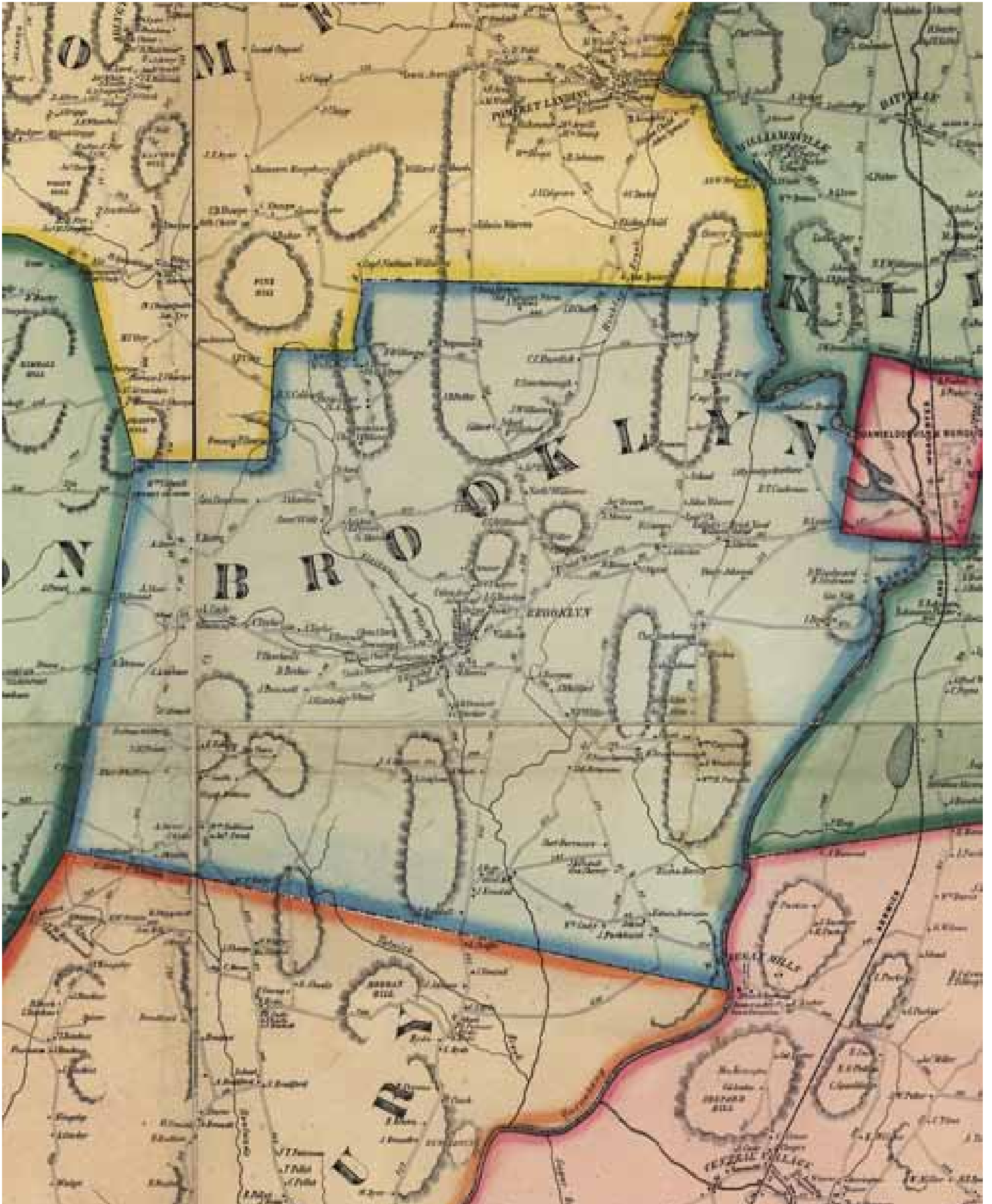
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Town names listed in all capital letters.
Village names listed in upper and lower case letters.

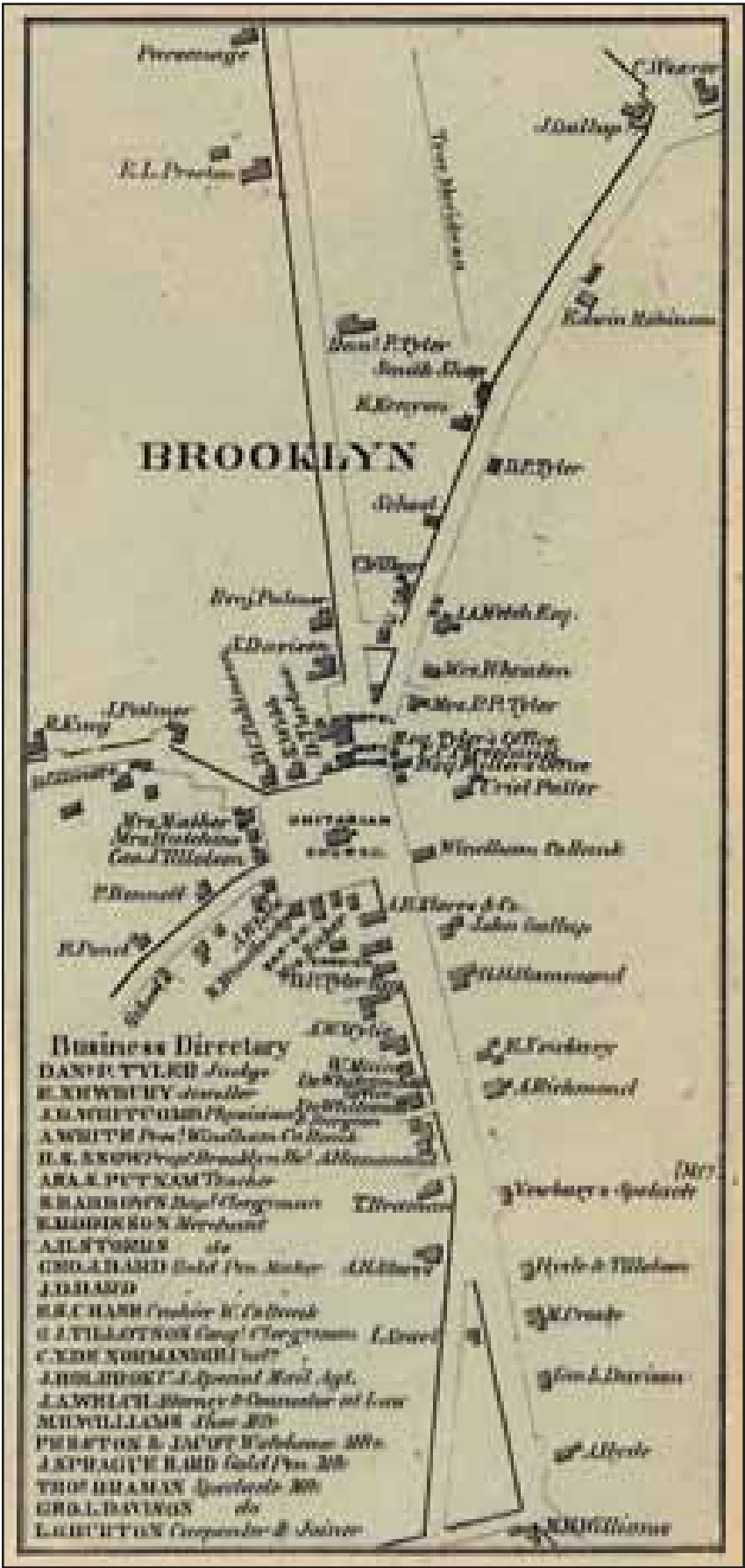
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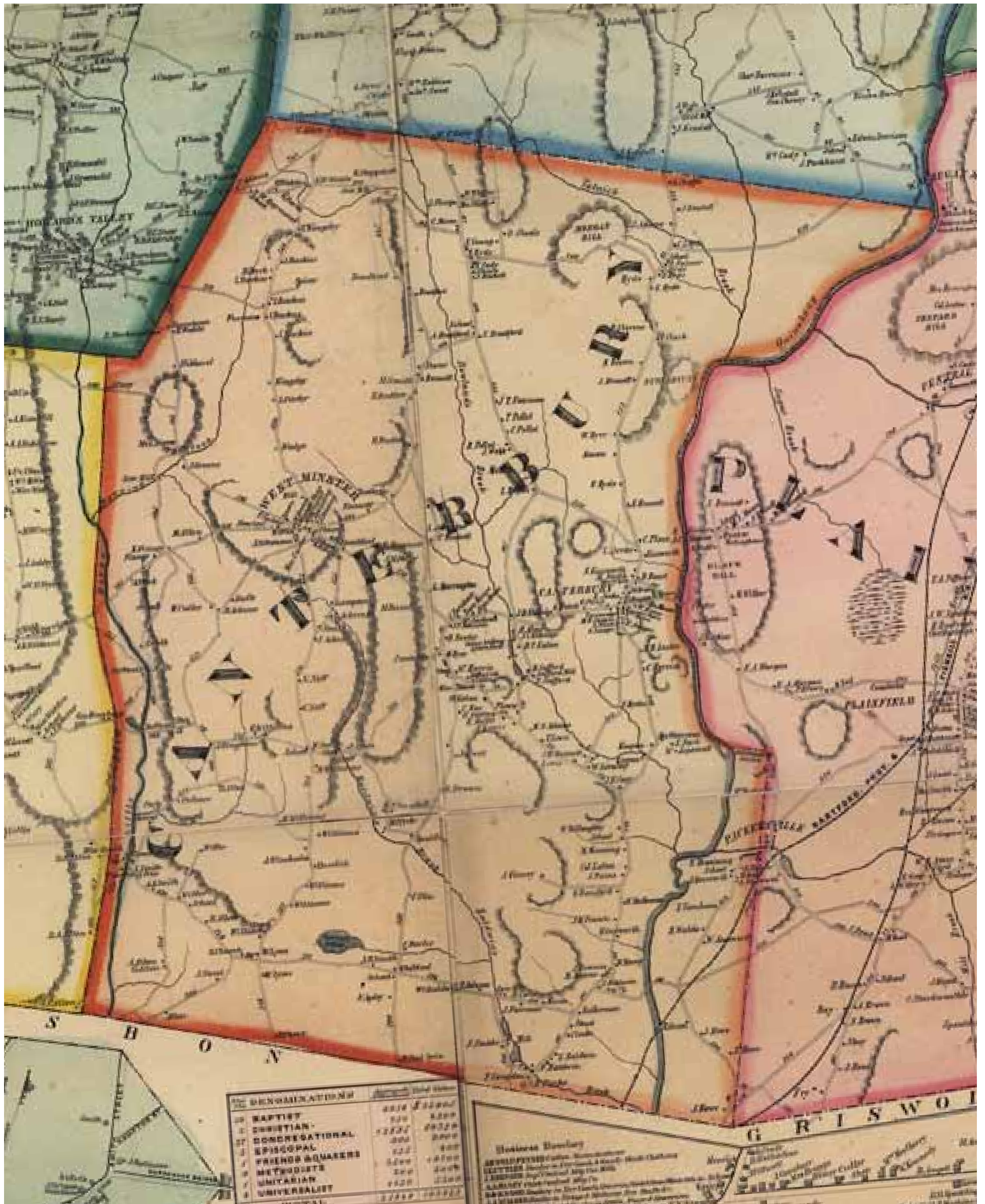
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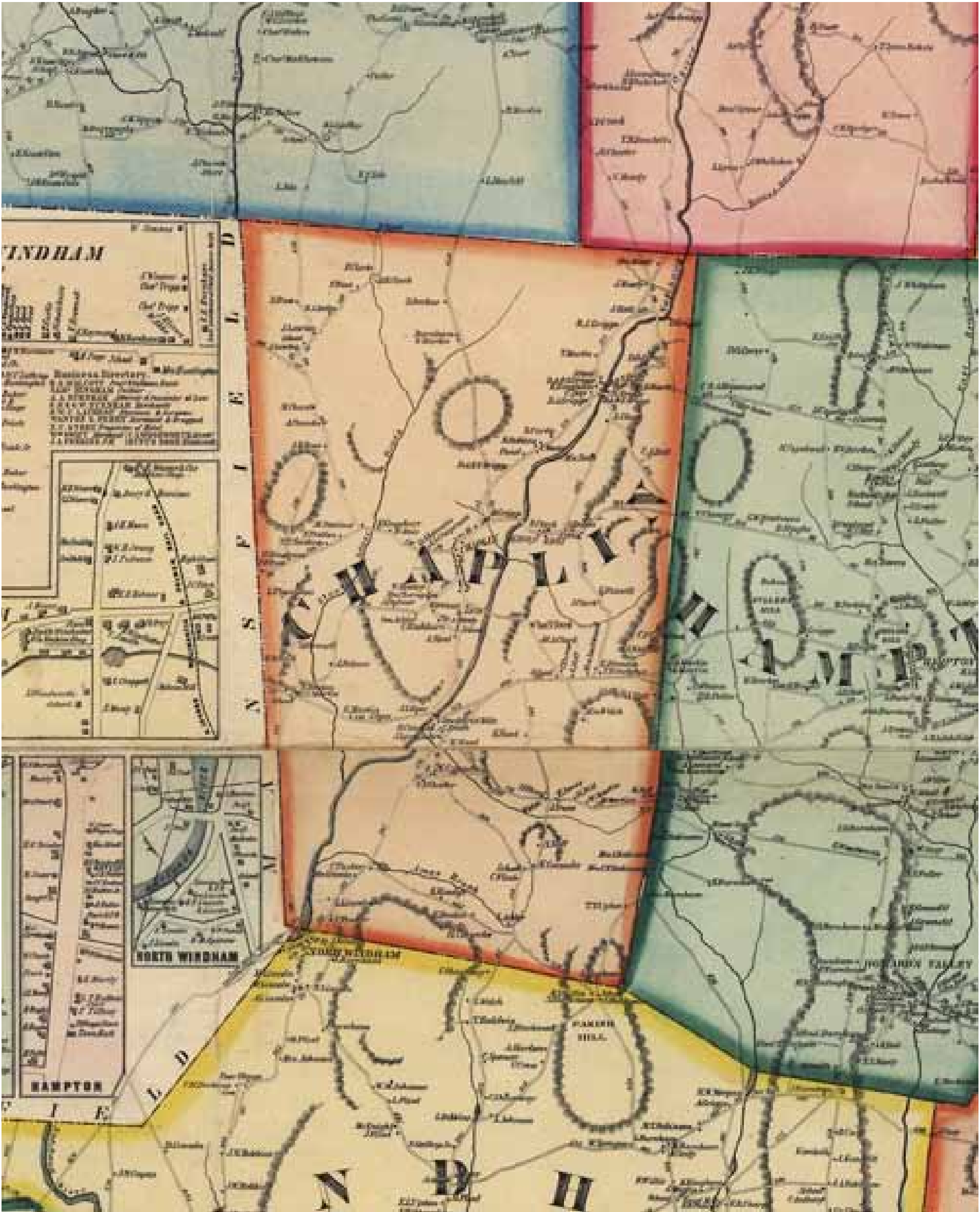
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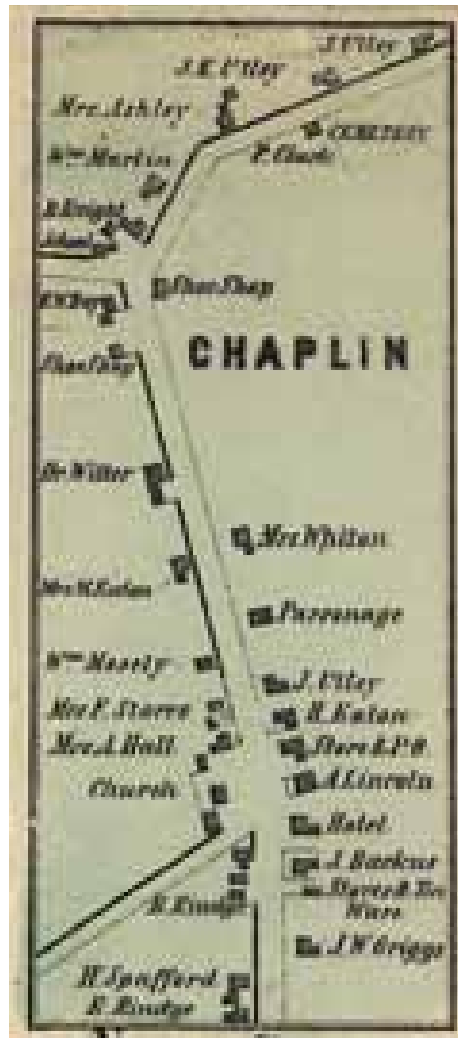
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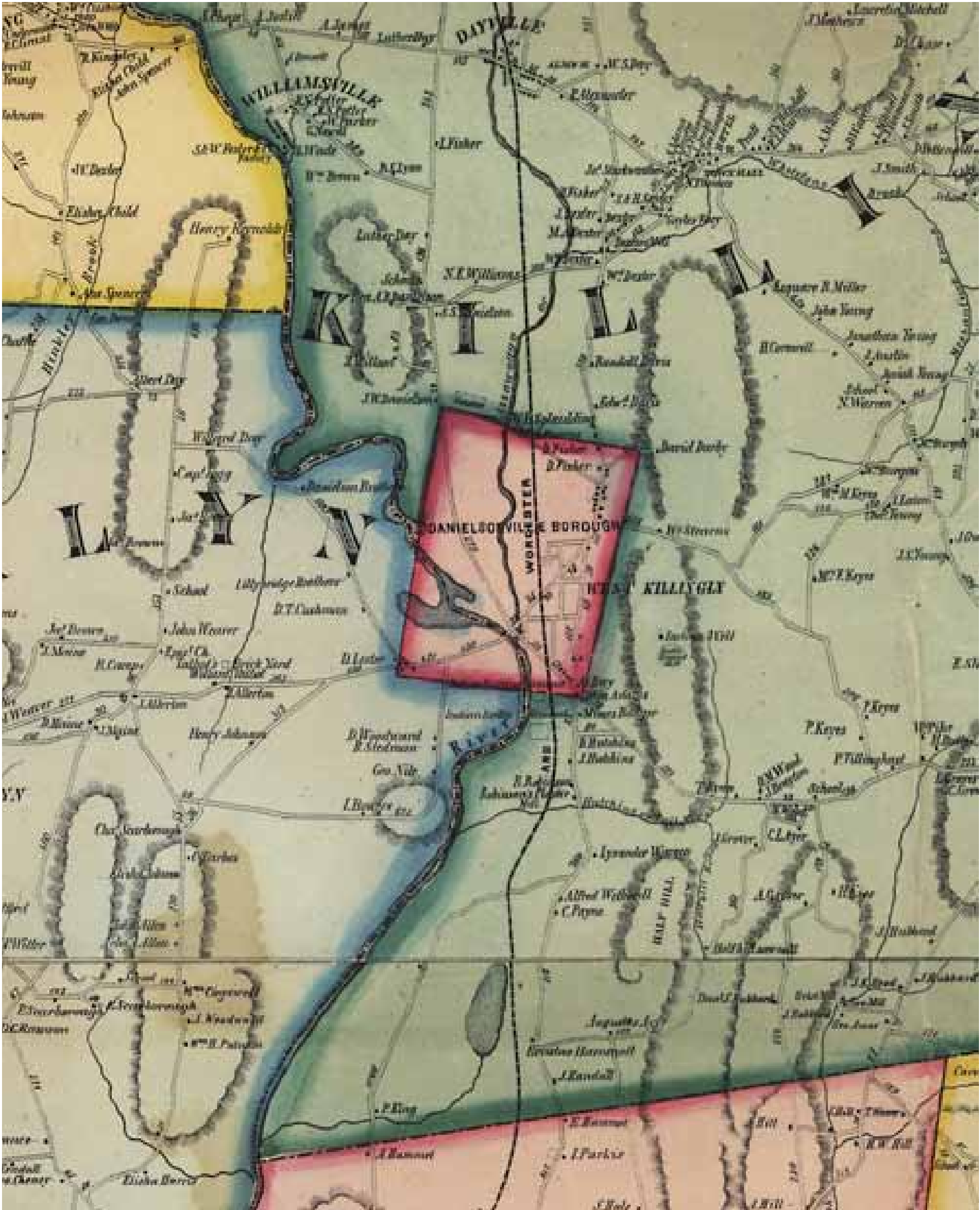
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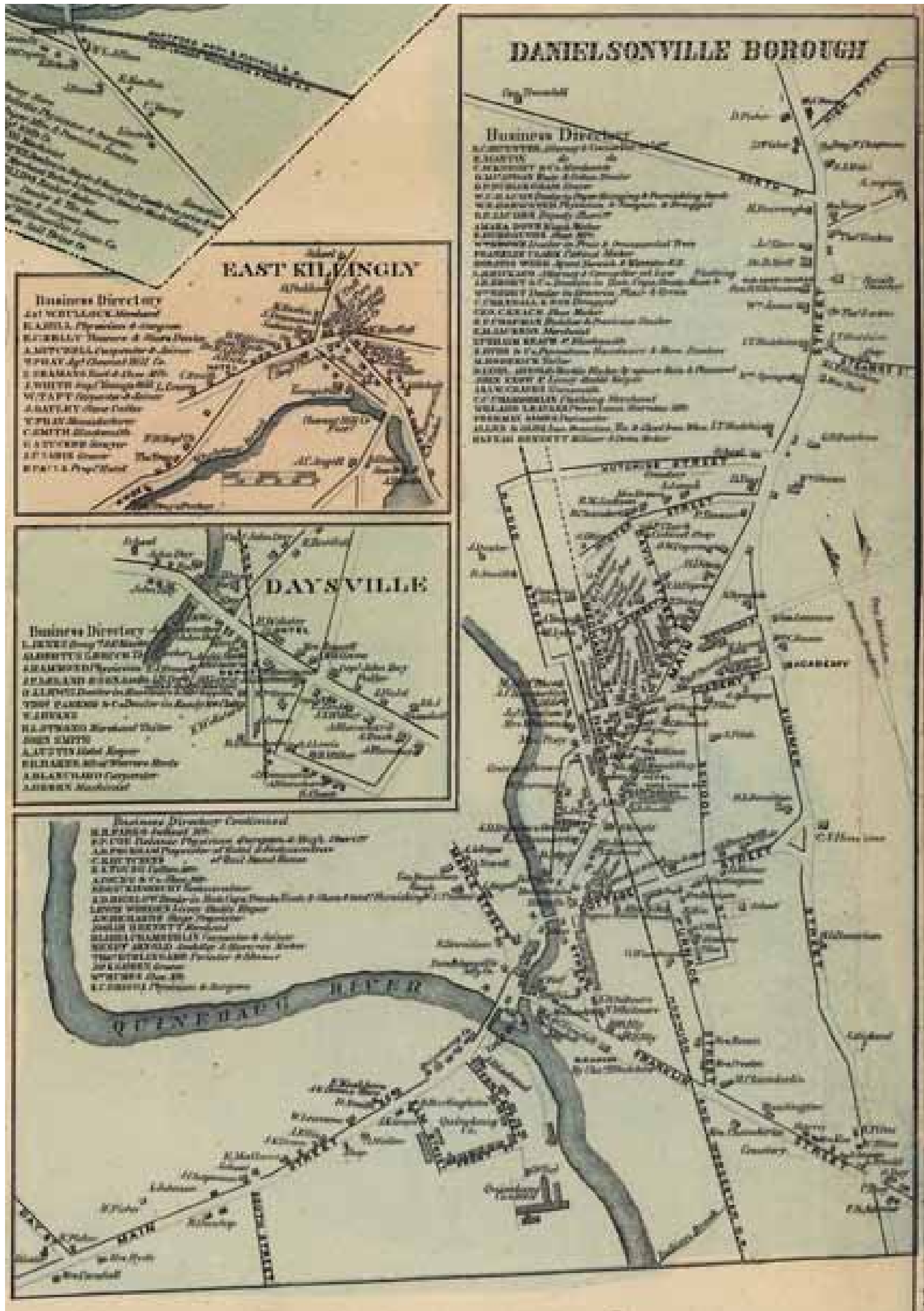
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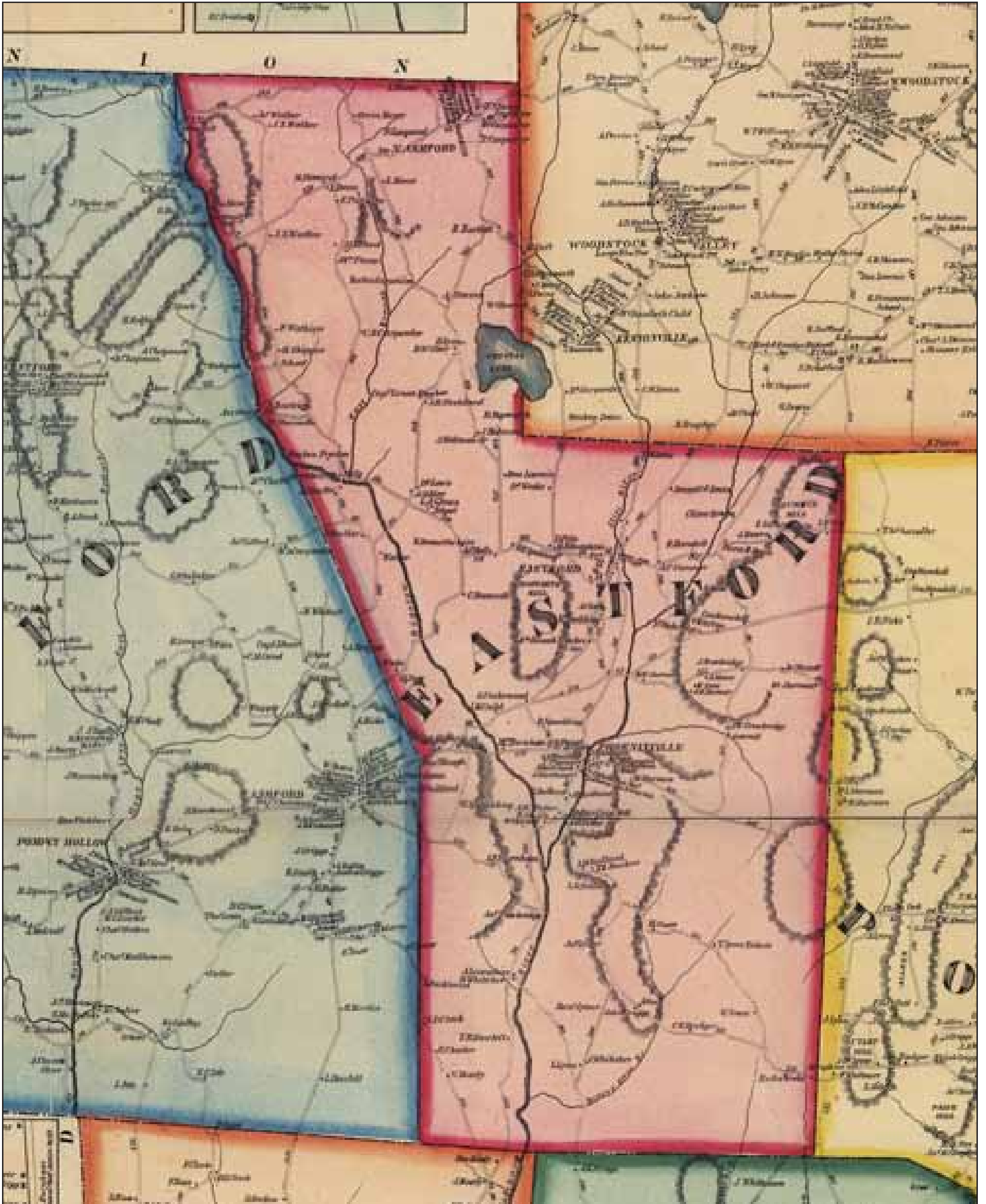
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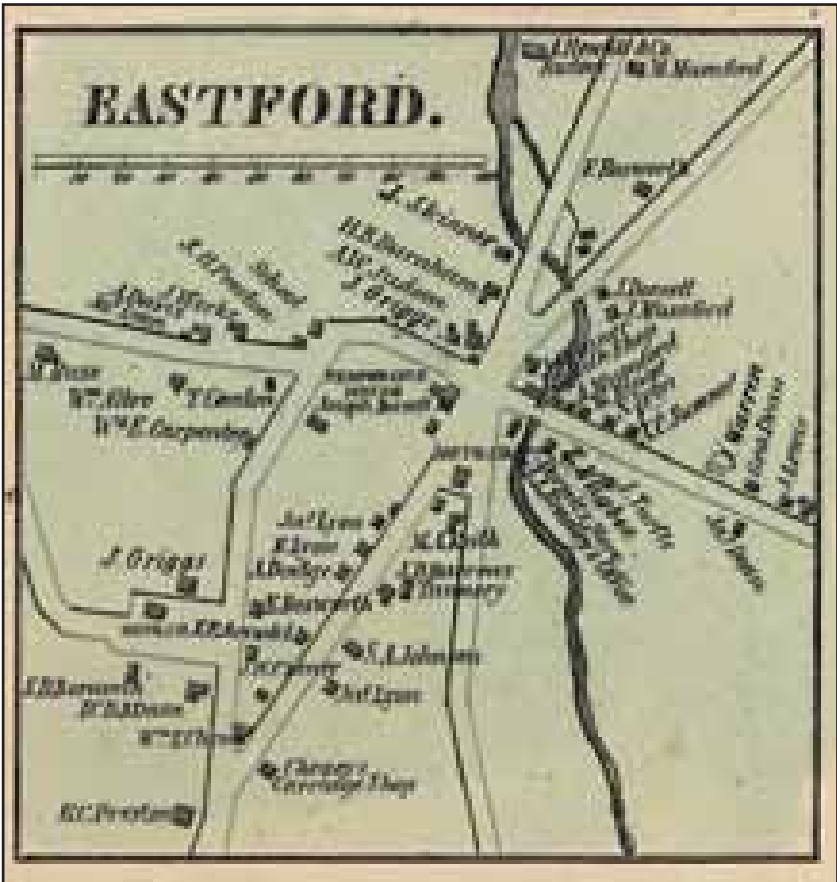
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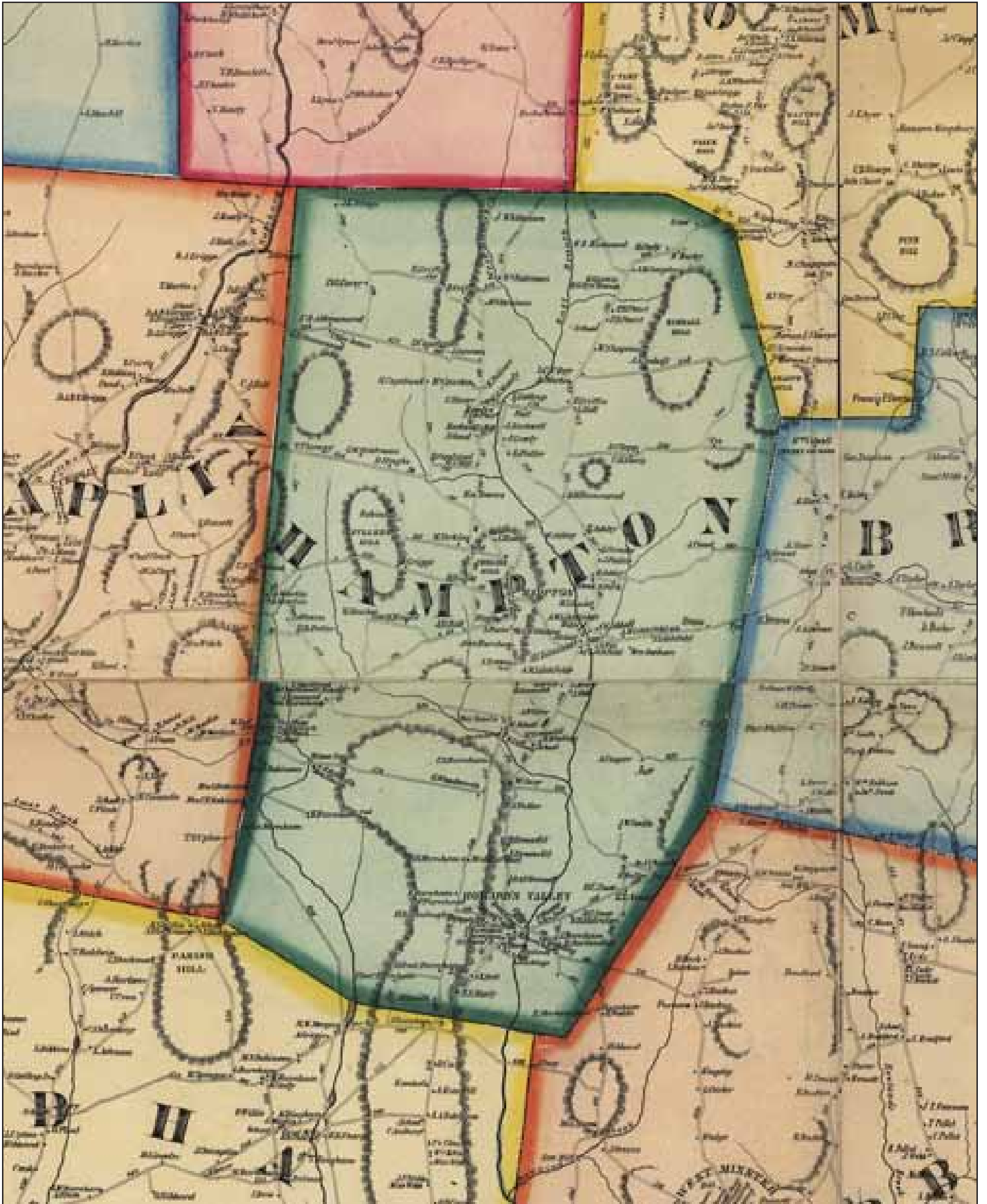
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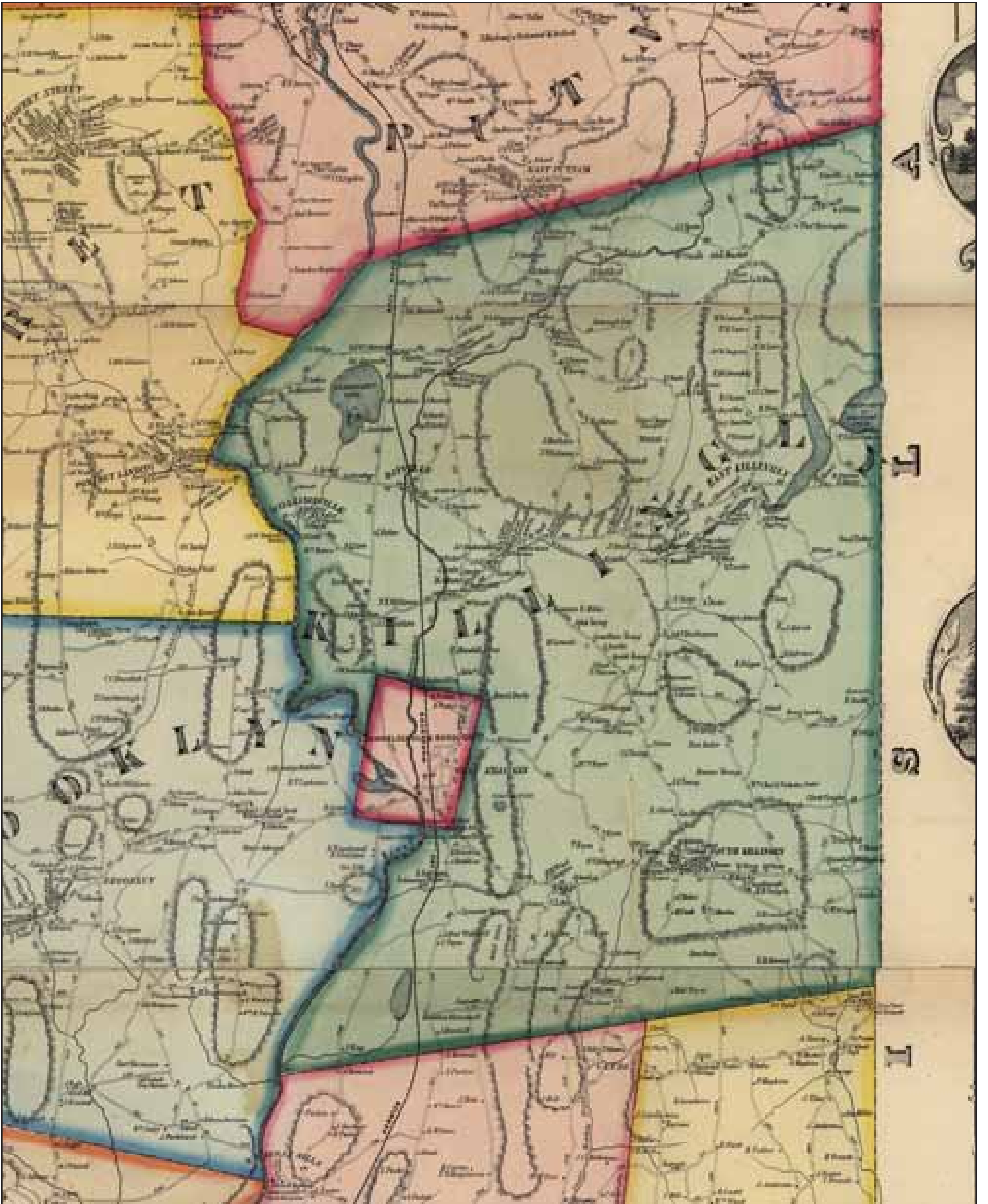
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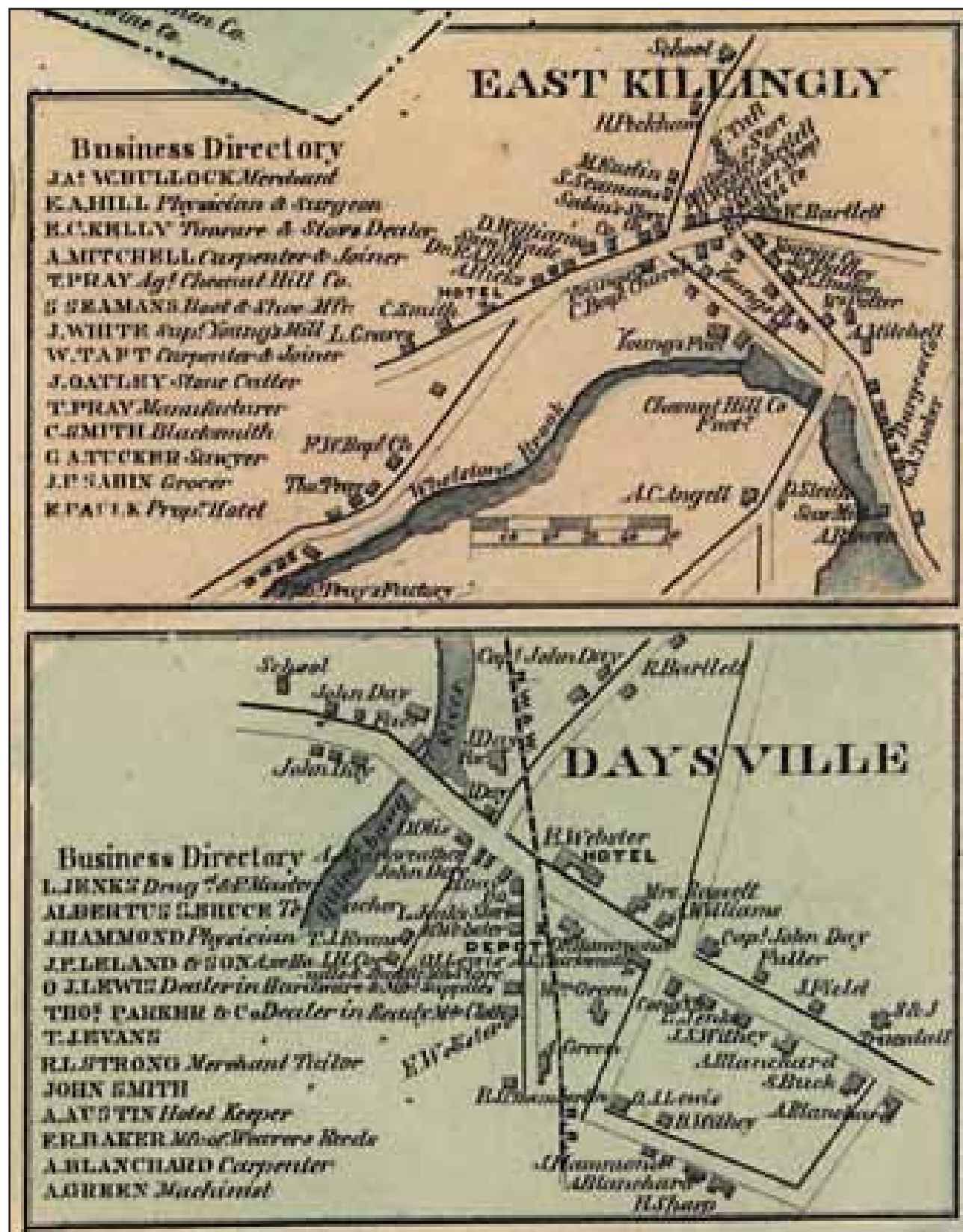
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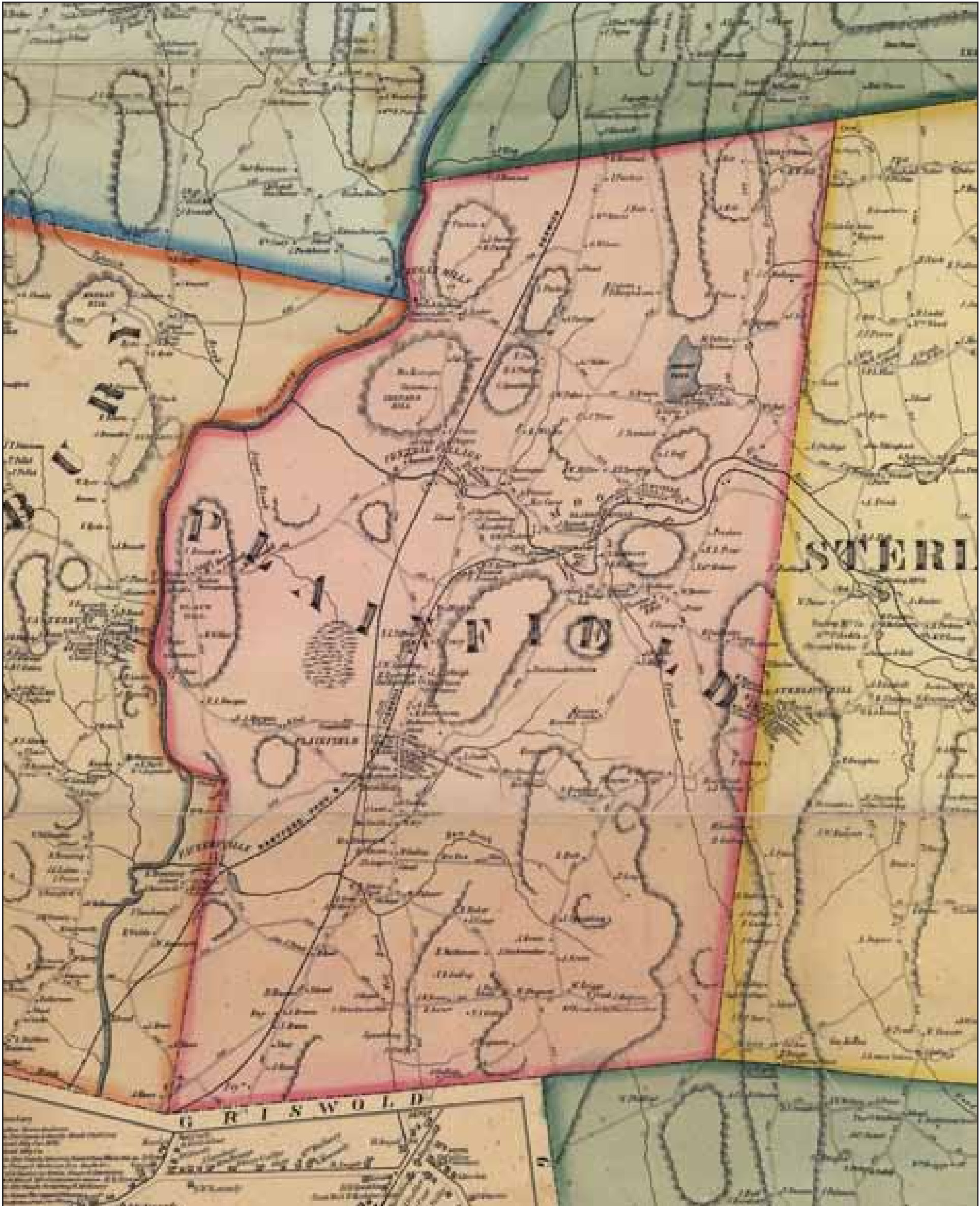
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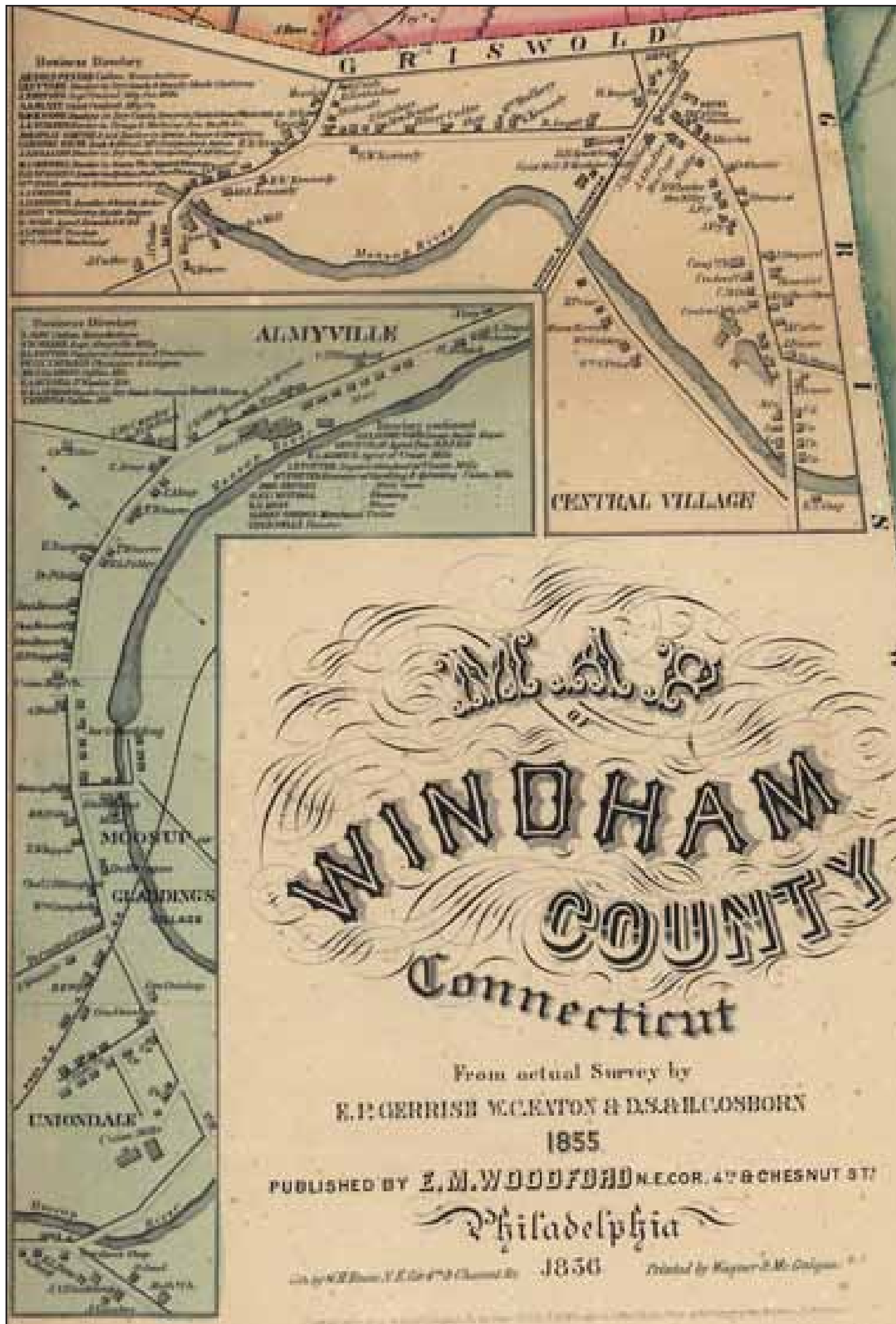
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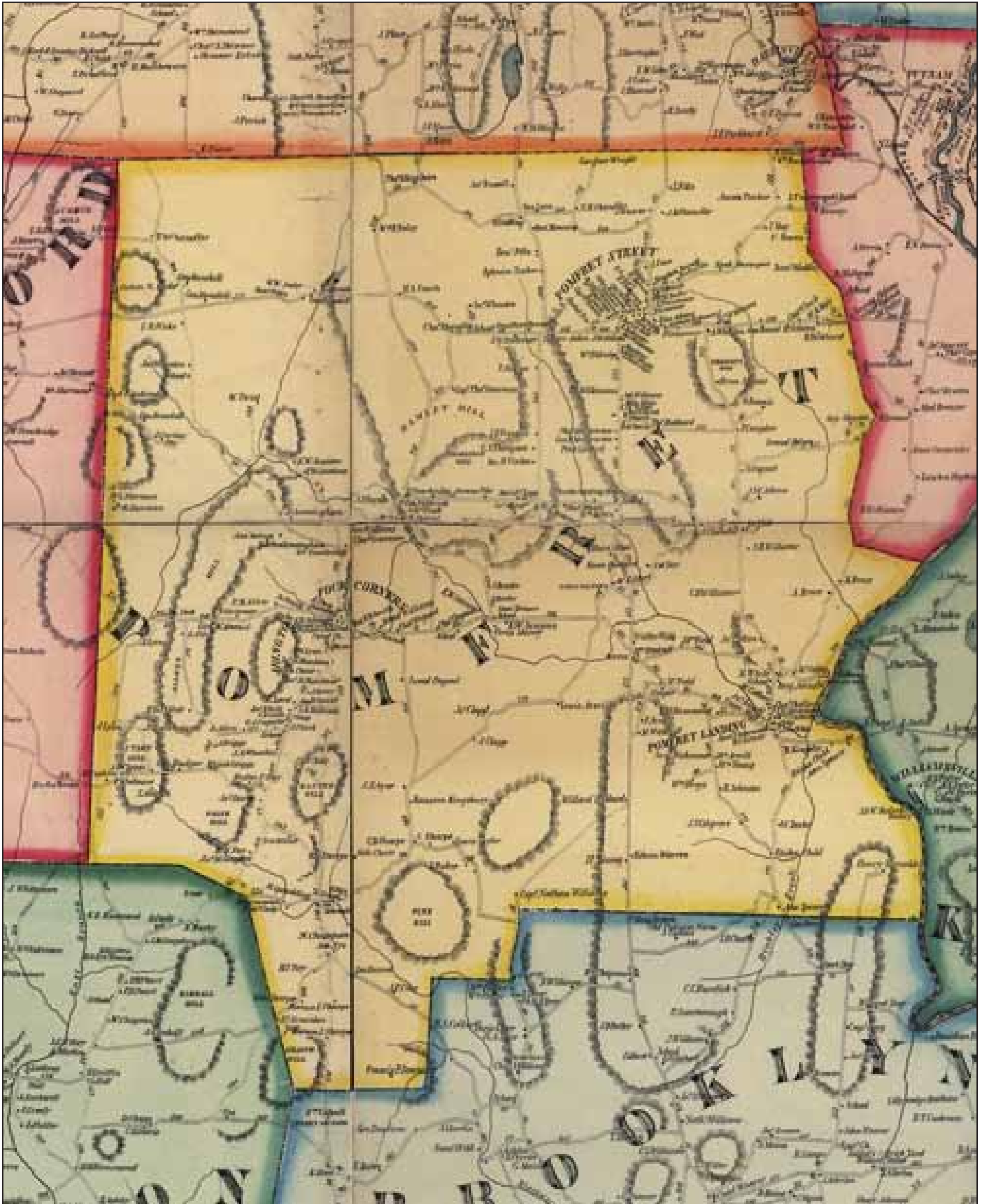
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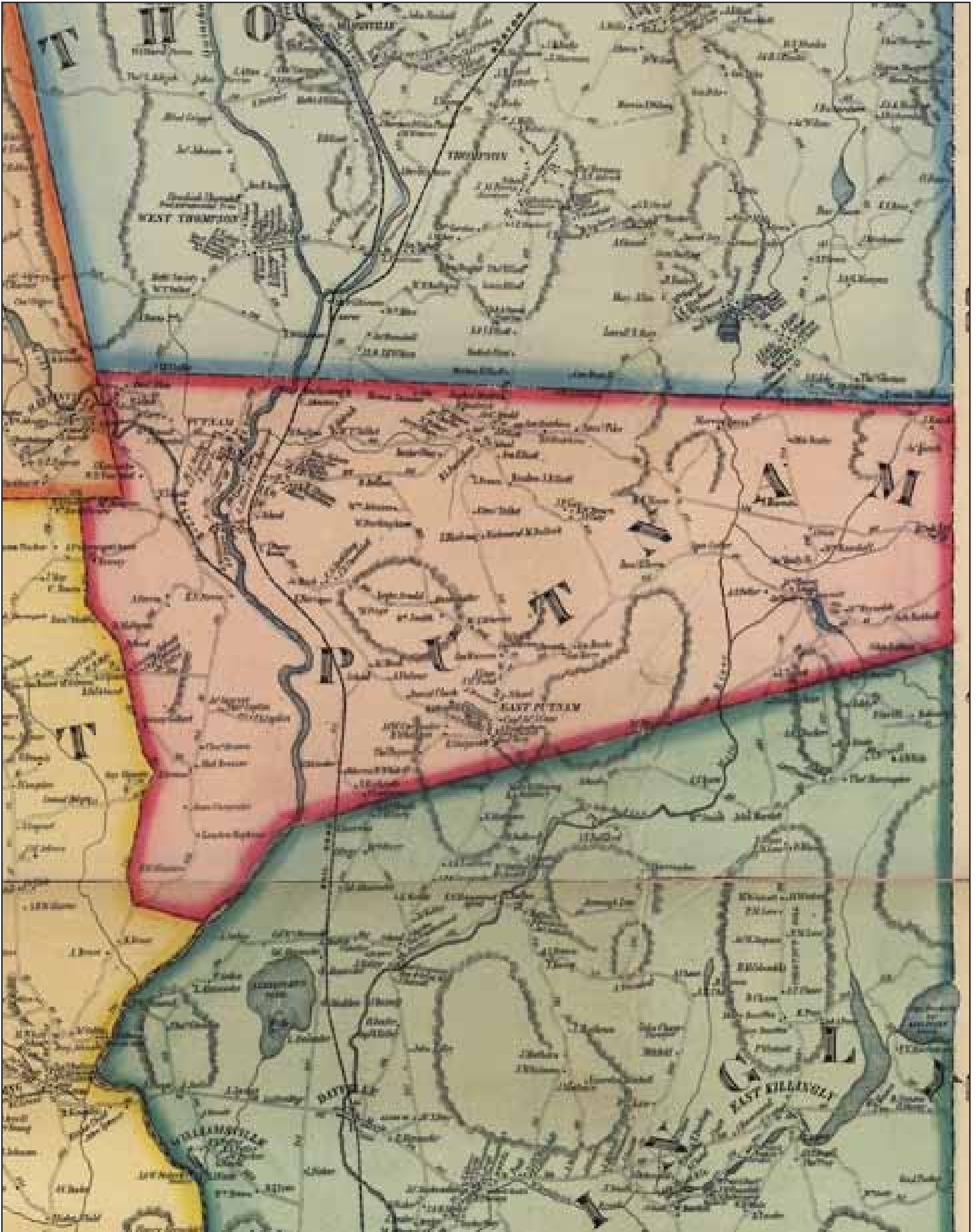
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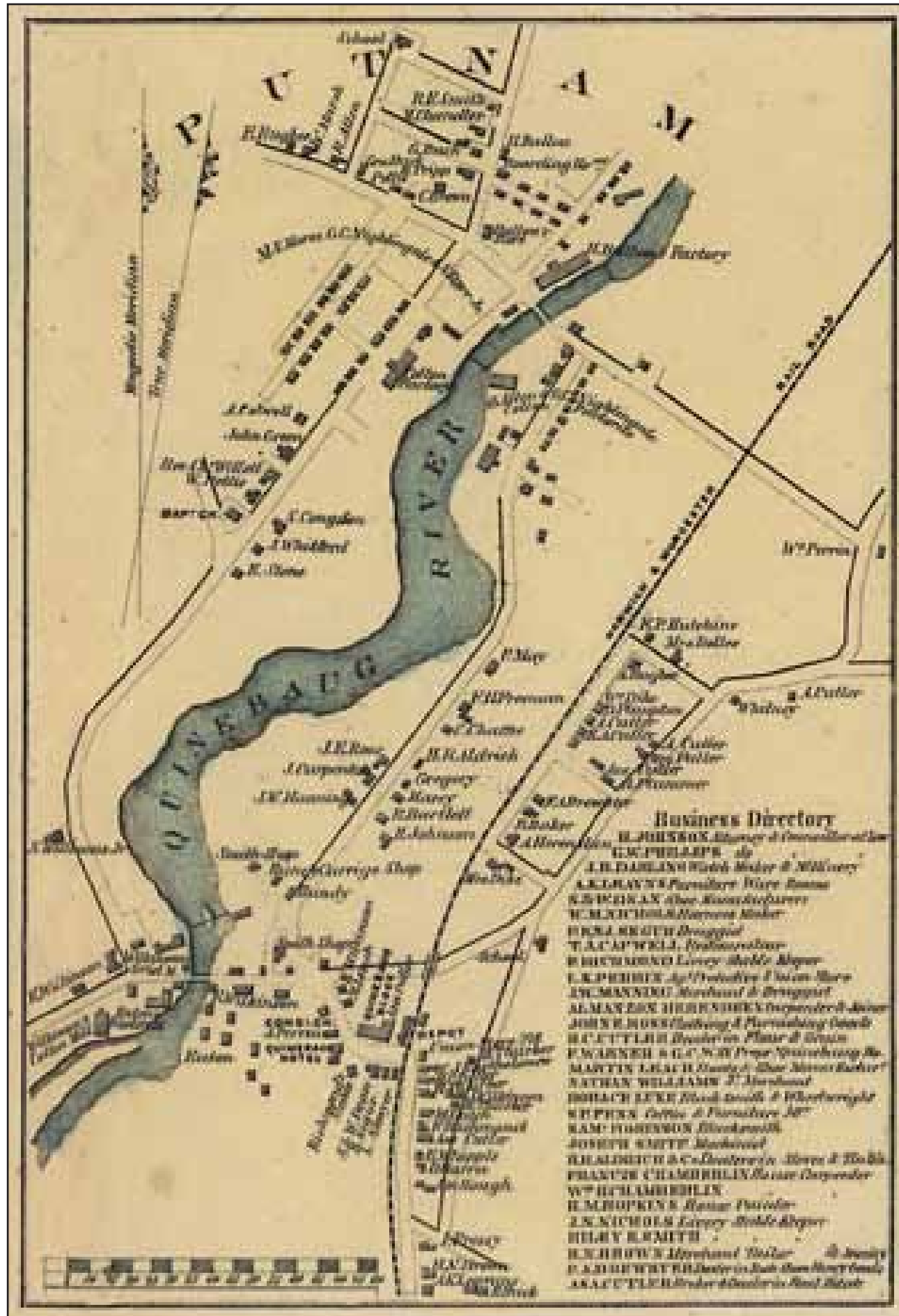
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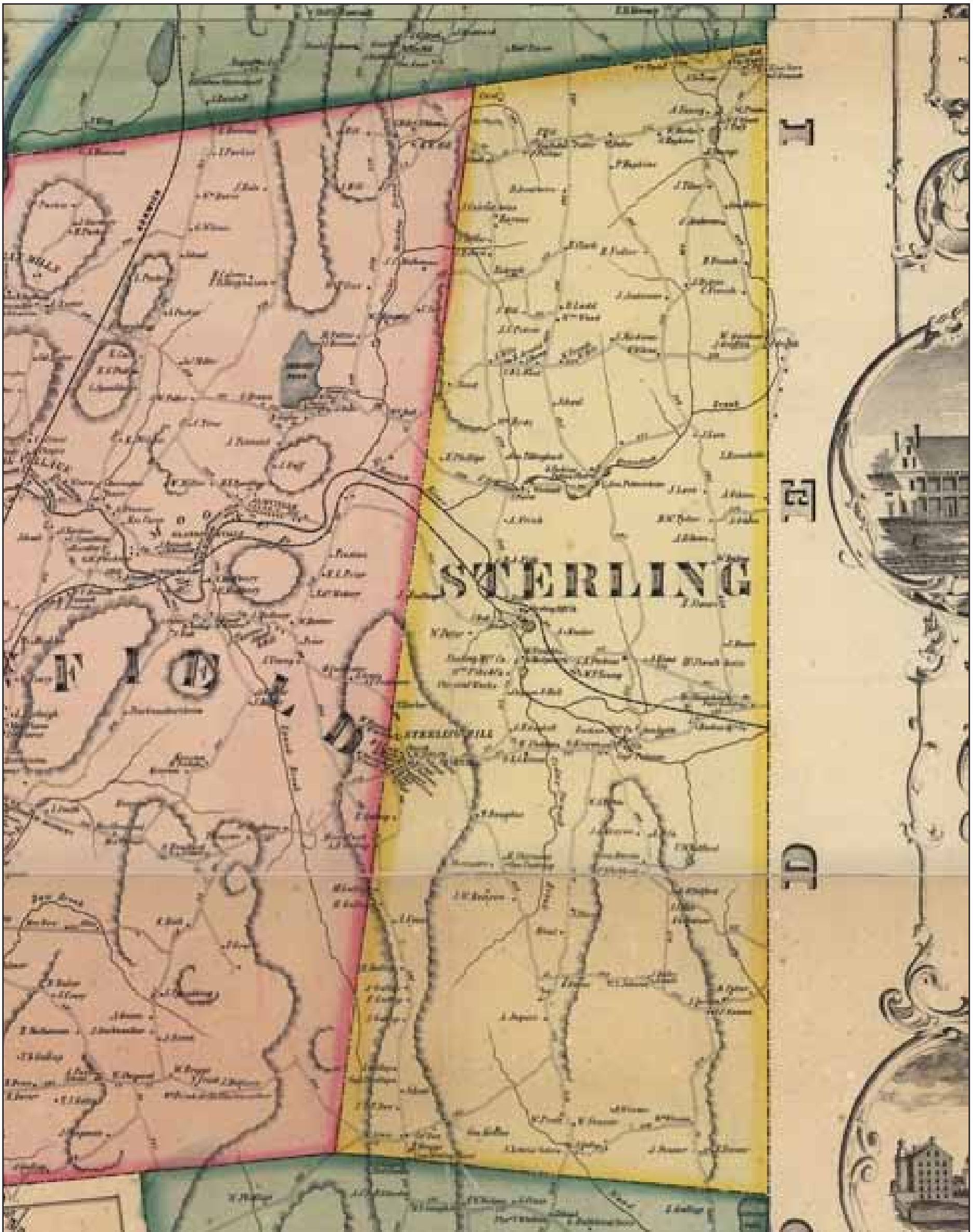
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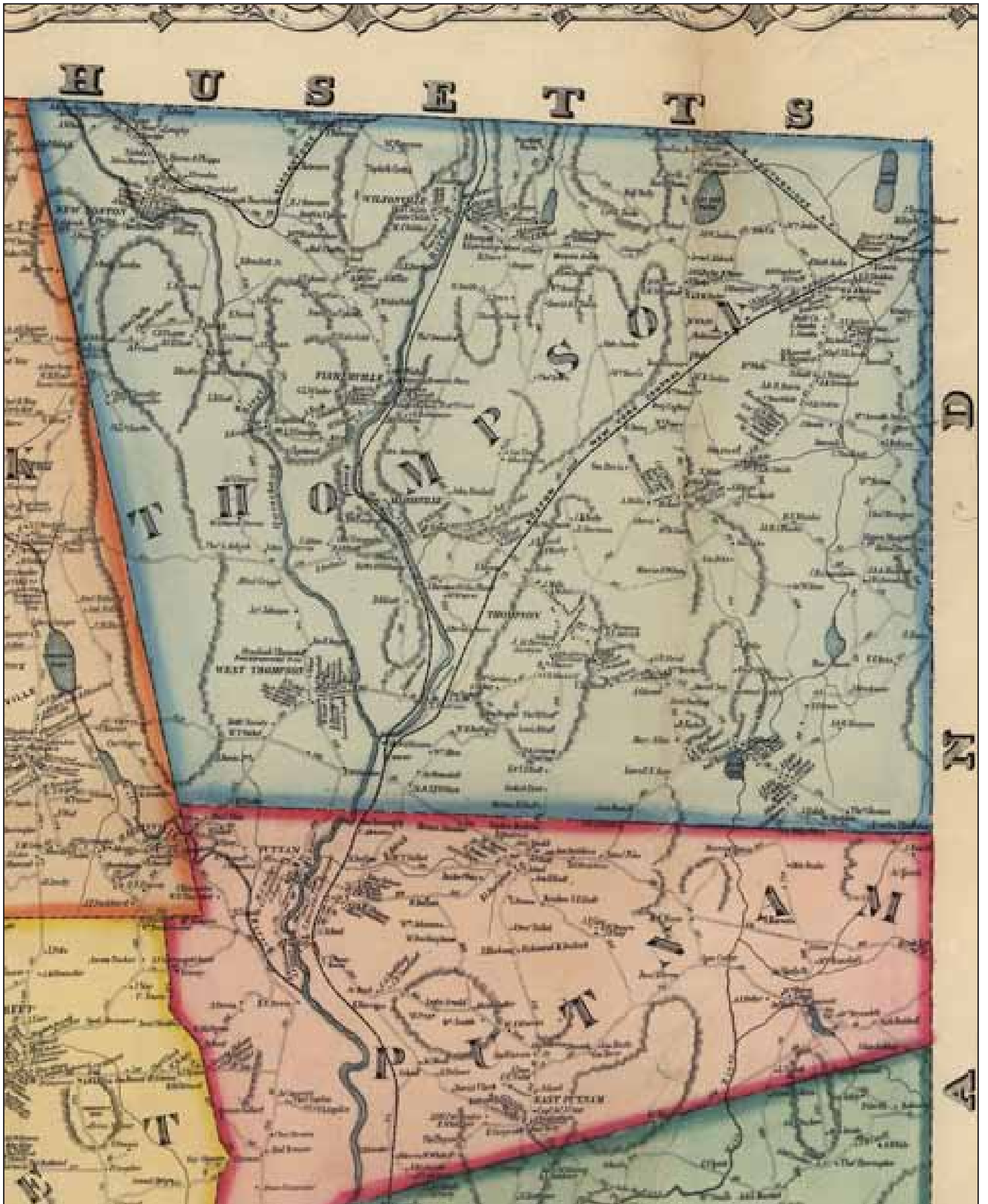
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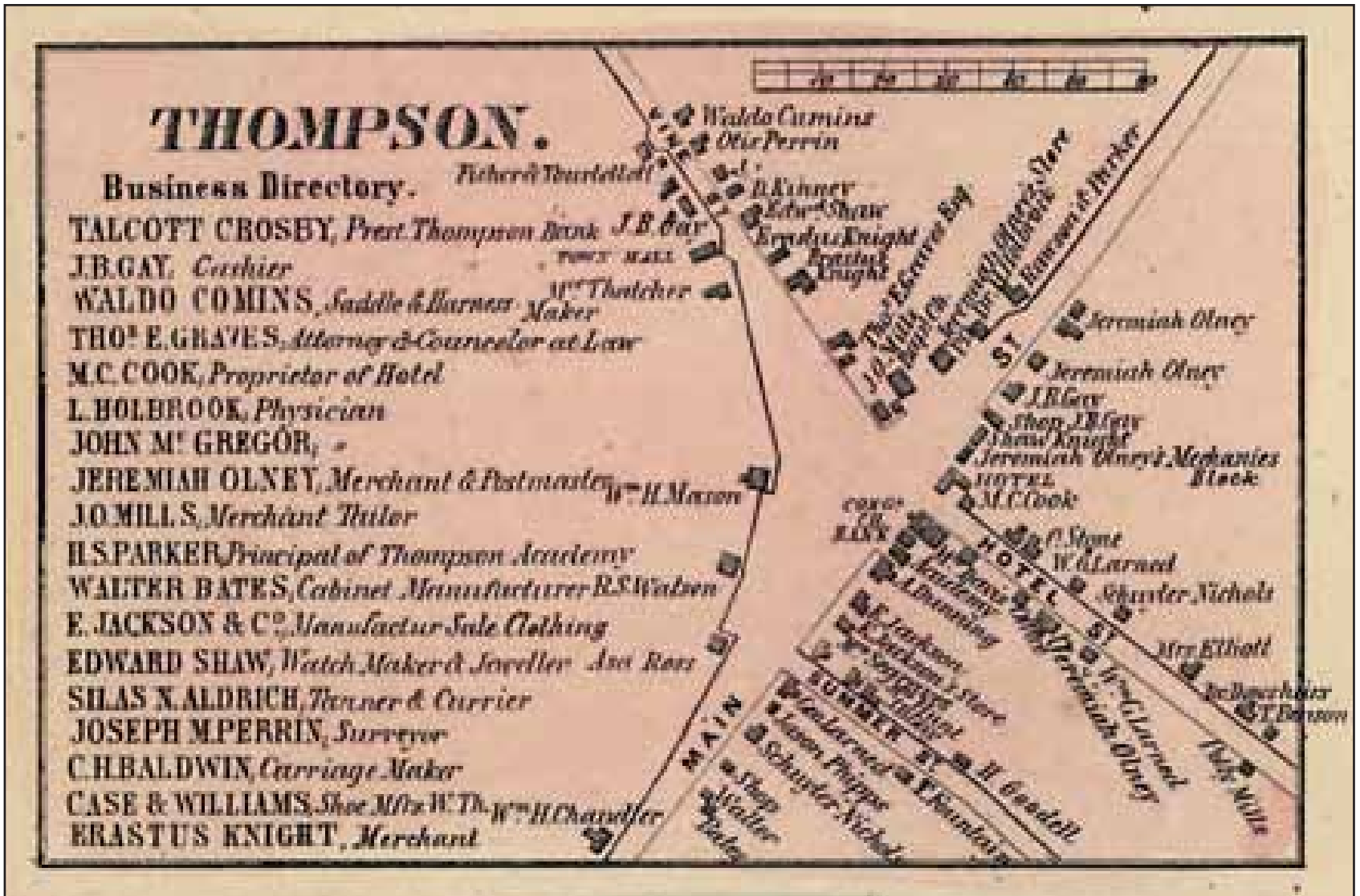
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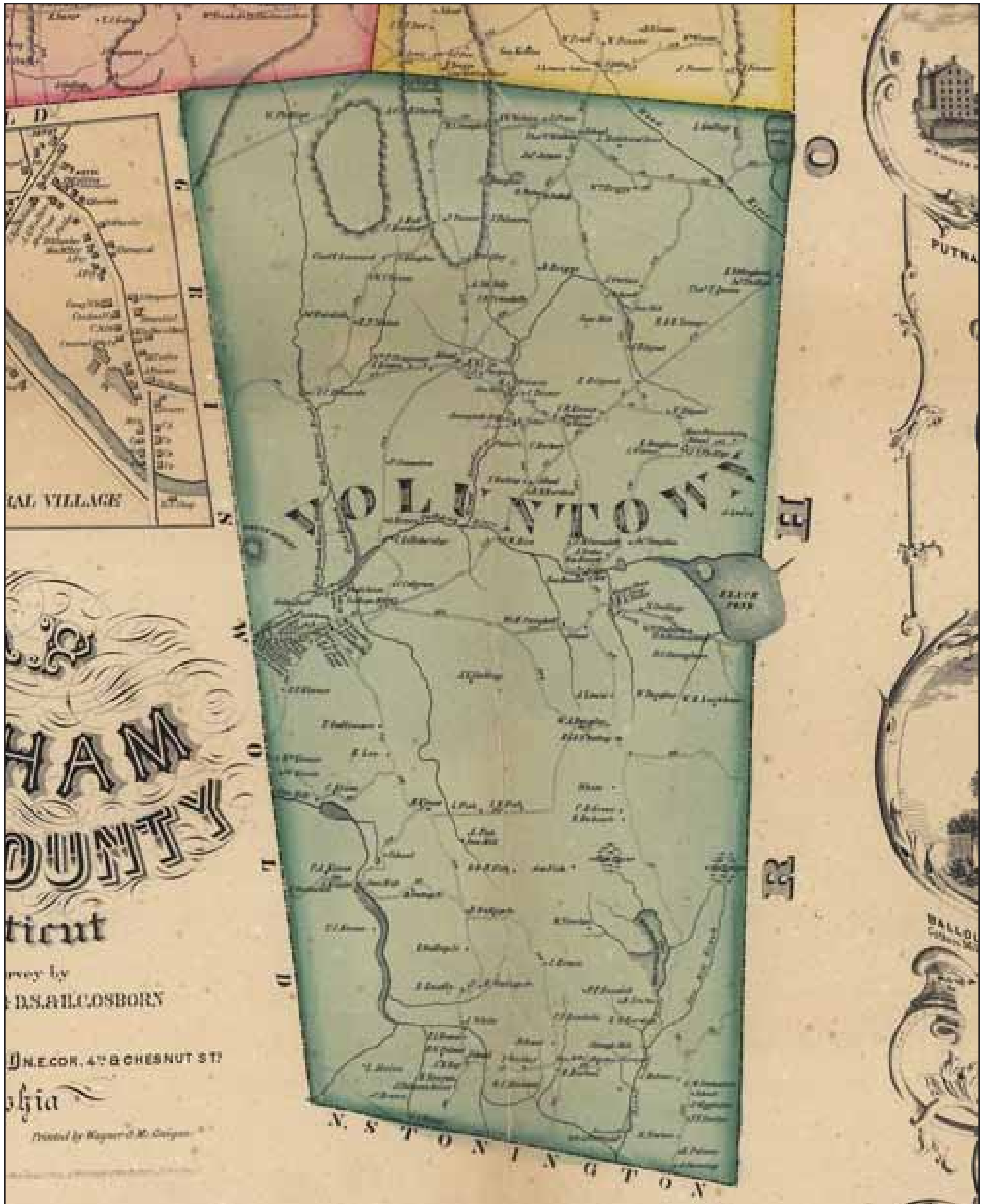
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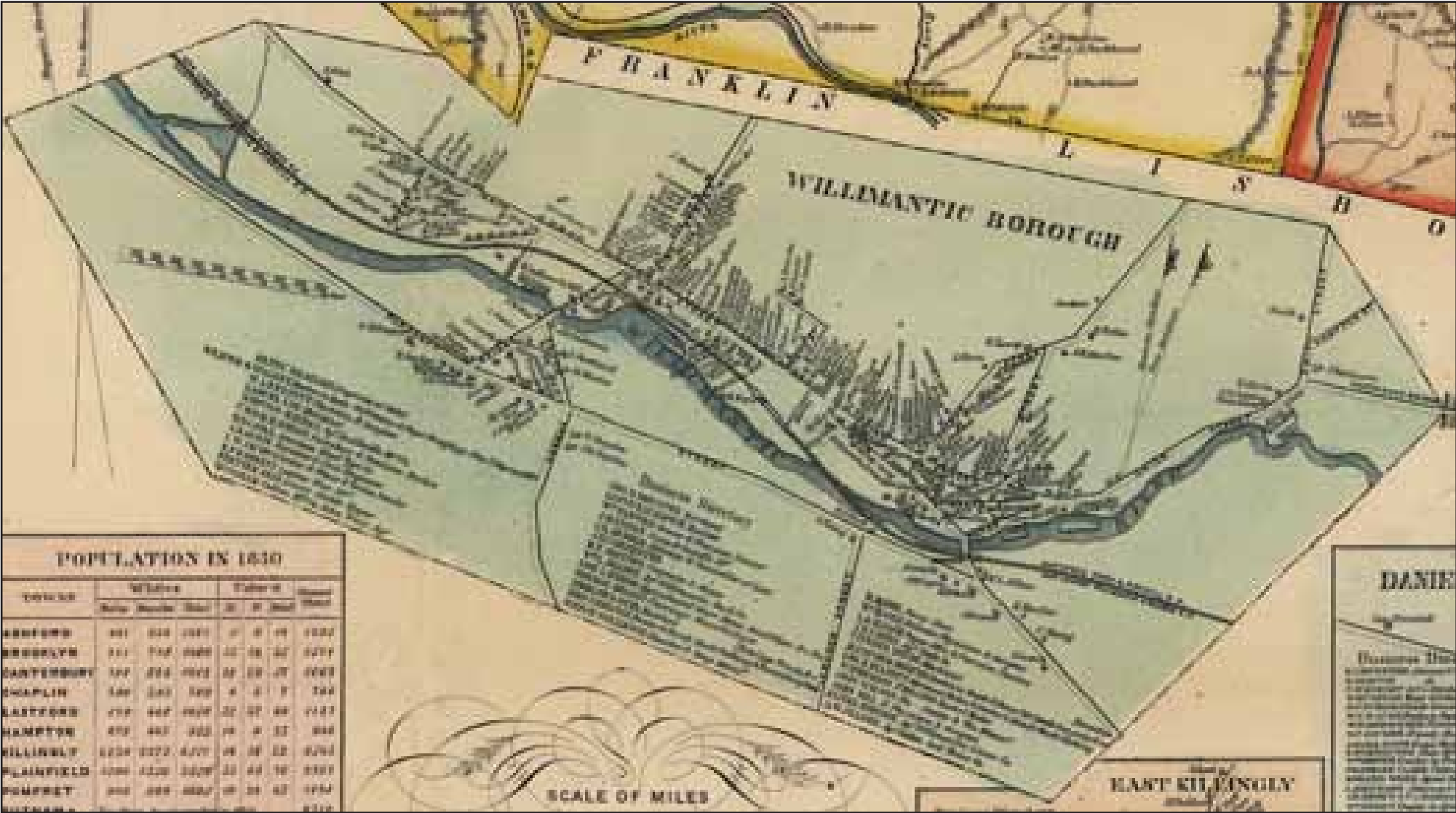
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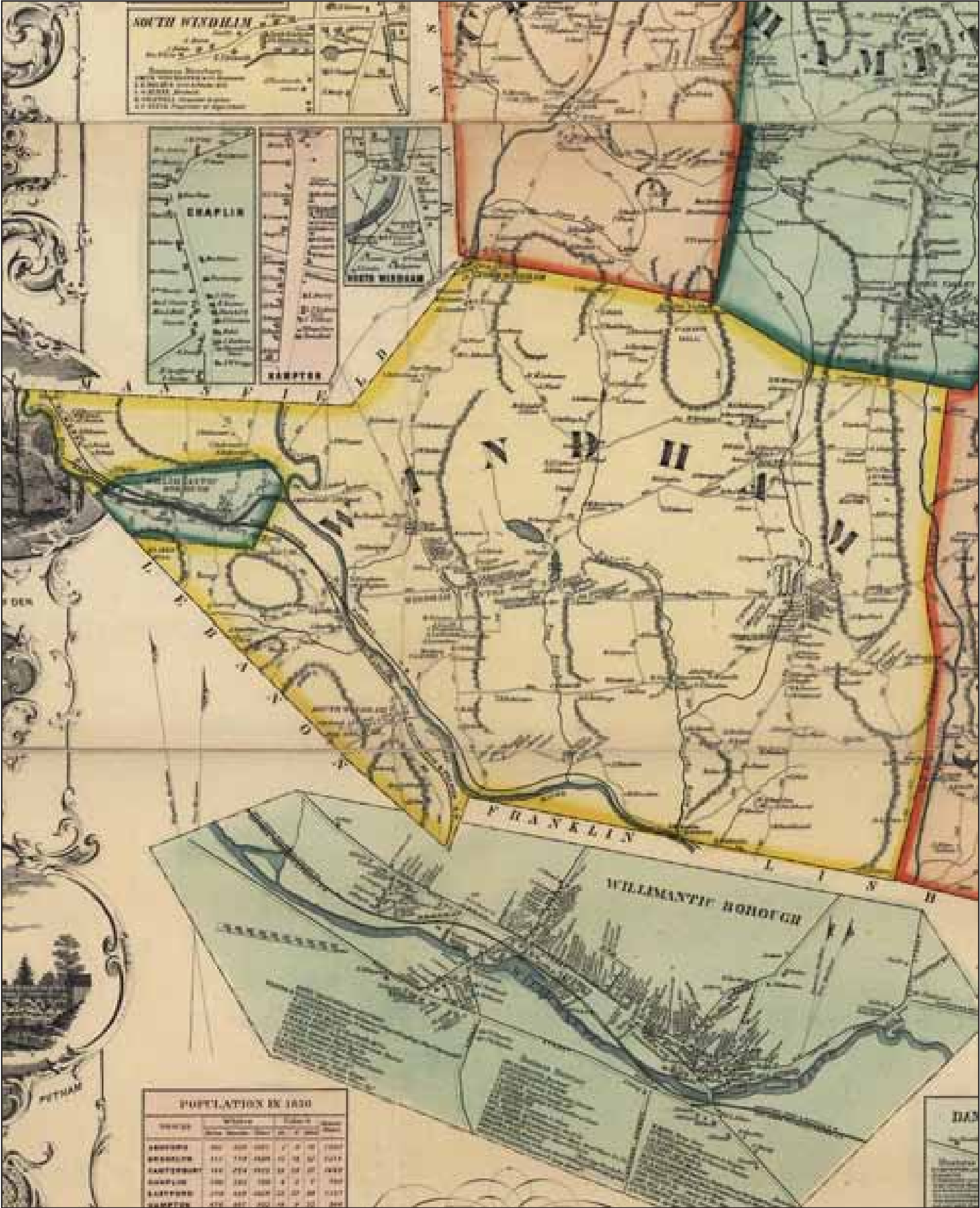
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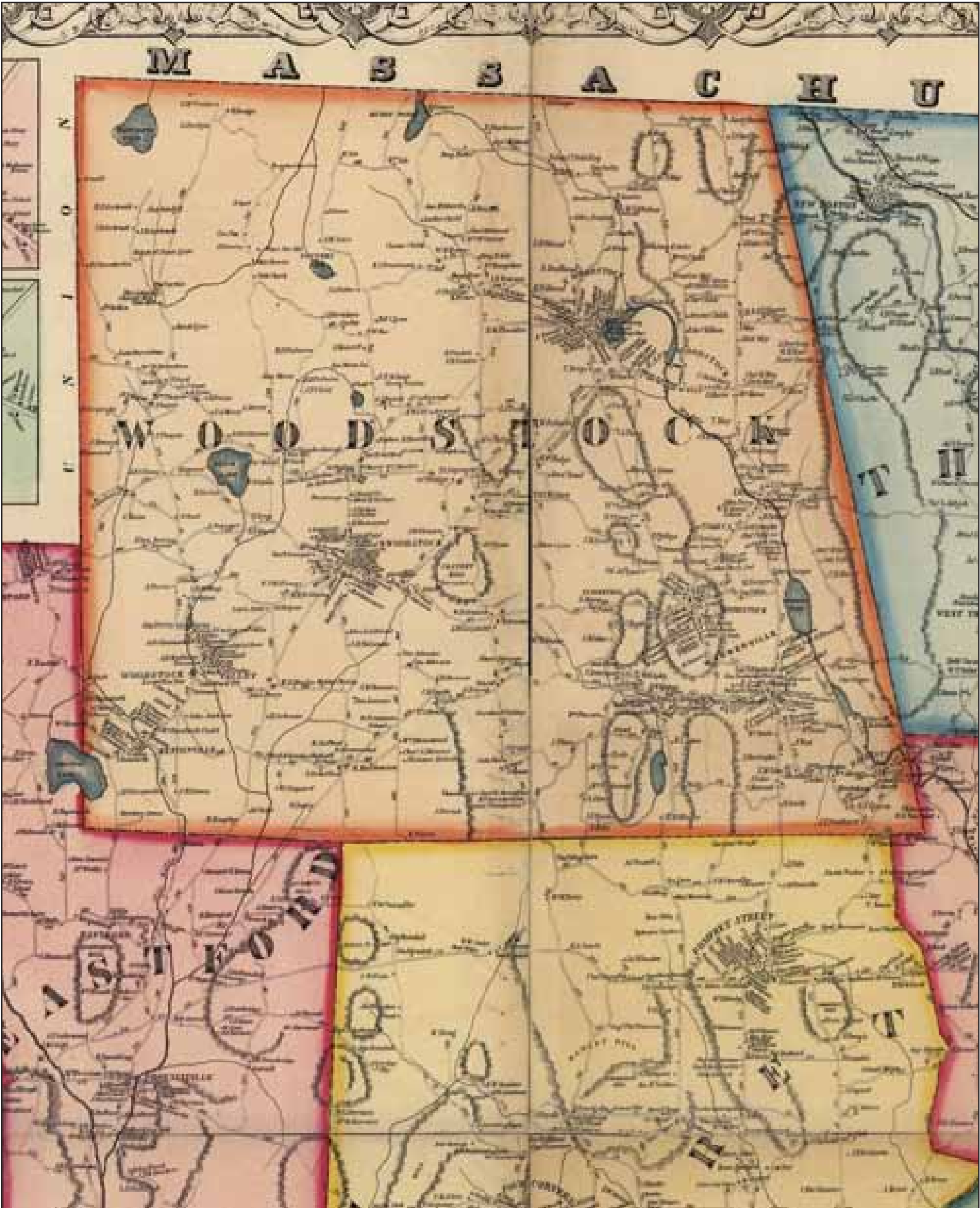
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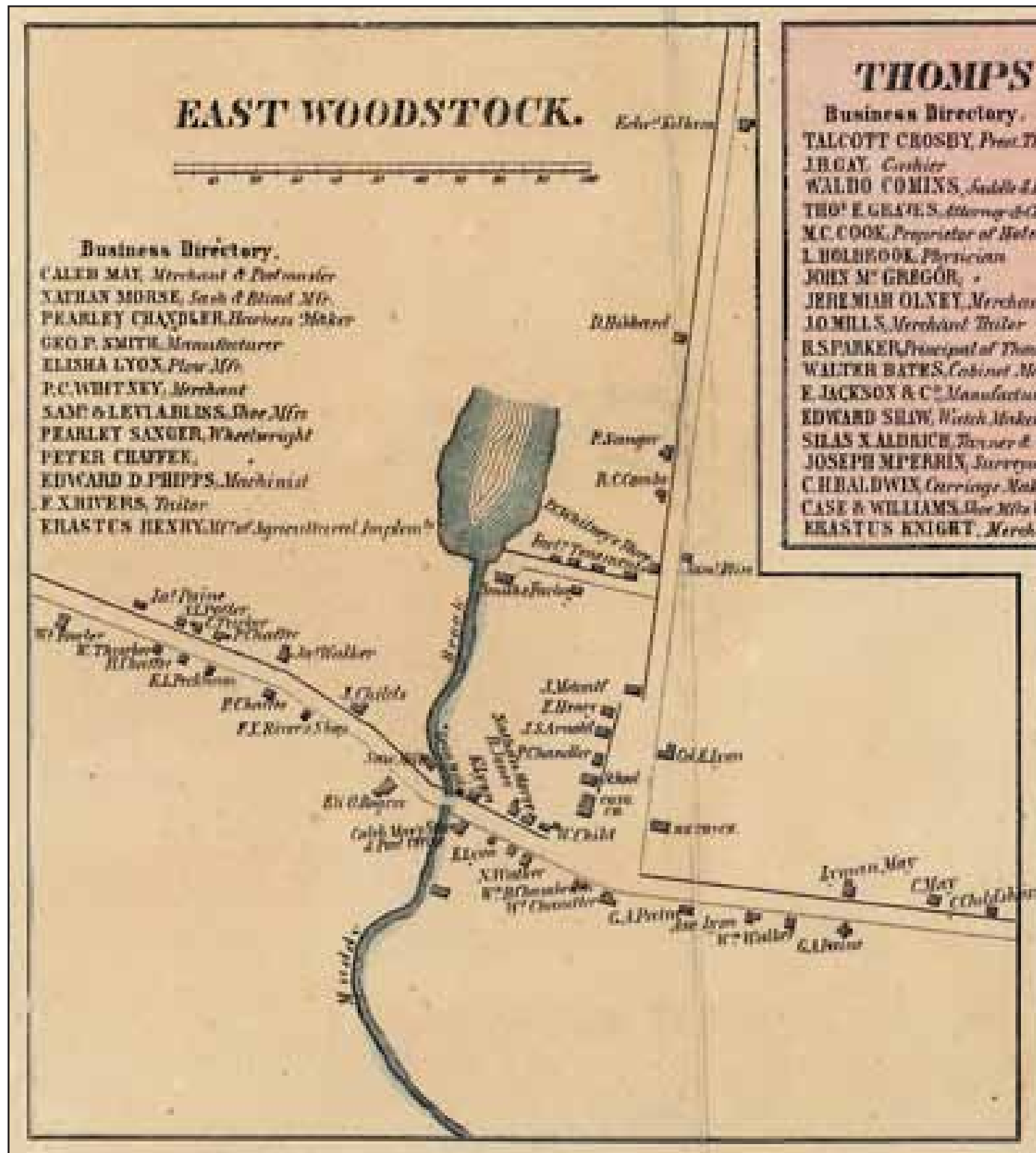
Windham, South Windham & North Windham



WOODSTOCK



East Woodstock



Denominations

<i>No. of Cong.</i>	DENOMINATION	<i>Appropriate Accommodations</i>	<i>Total Value</i>
19	BAPTIST	6858	\$ 35005
5	CHRISTIAN	750	4200
27	CONGREGATIONAL	12285	80320
5	EPISCOPAL	900	9000
1	FRIENDS & QUAKERS	125	400
2	METHODISTS	3500	19700
1	UNITARIAN	500	5000
4	UNIVERSALIST	1150	5300
67	TOTAL	25848	163825
EDUCATION		<i>No. of Teachers</i>	<i>Value of School House</i>
PUBLIC SCHOOLS		173	6847
ACADEMYS & OTHER SCH:		5	425

Population in 1850

POPULATION IN 1850							
TOWNS	Whites			Color'd			Grand Total
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>	
ASHFORD	847	654	1281	5	9	14	1295
BROOKLYN	711	778	1489	13	12	25	1514
CANTERBURY	788	824	1612	28	29	57	1669
CHAPLIN	506	595	789	4	5	7	796
EASTFORD	570	488	1058	52	57	69	1127
HAMPTON	476	447	923	14	8	23	946
KILLINGLY	2259	2272	4511	14	18	52	4563
PLAINFIELD	1500	1556	2656	55	45	76	2732
POMFRET	906	899	1805	19	24	43	1848
PUTNAM *	<i>New Town Incorporated in 1855</i>						2519
STURLING	508	509	1017	4	4	8	1025
THOMPSON	2211	2555	4566	59	55	74	4640
VOLUNTOWN	553	529	1062	1	1	2	1064
WINDHAM	2099	2321	4420	59	44	83	4503
WOODSTOCK	1700	1619	3319	24	58	62	3381
TOTAL	15084	15422	30506	269	508	515	31021
<i>*Pop. taken from Thompson 1876. Killingly 275. Pomfret 168.</i>							

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