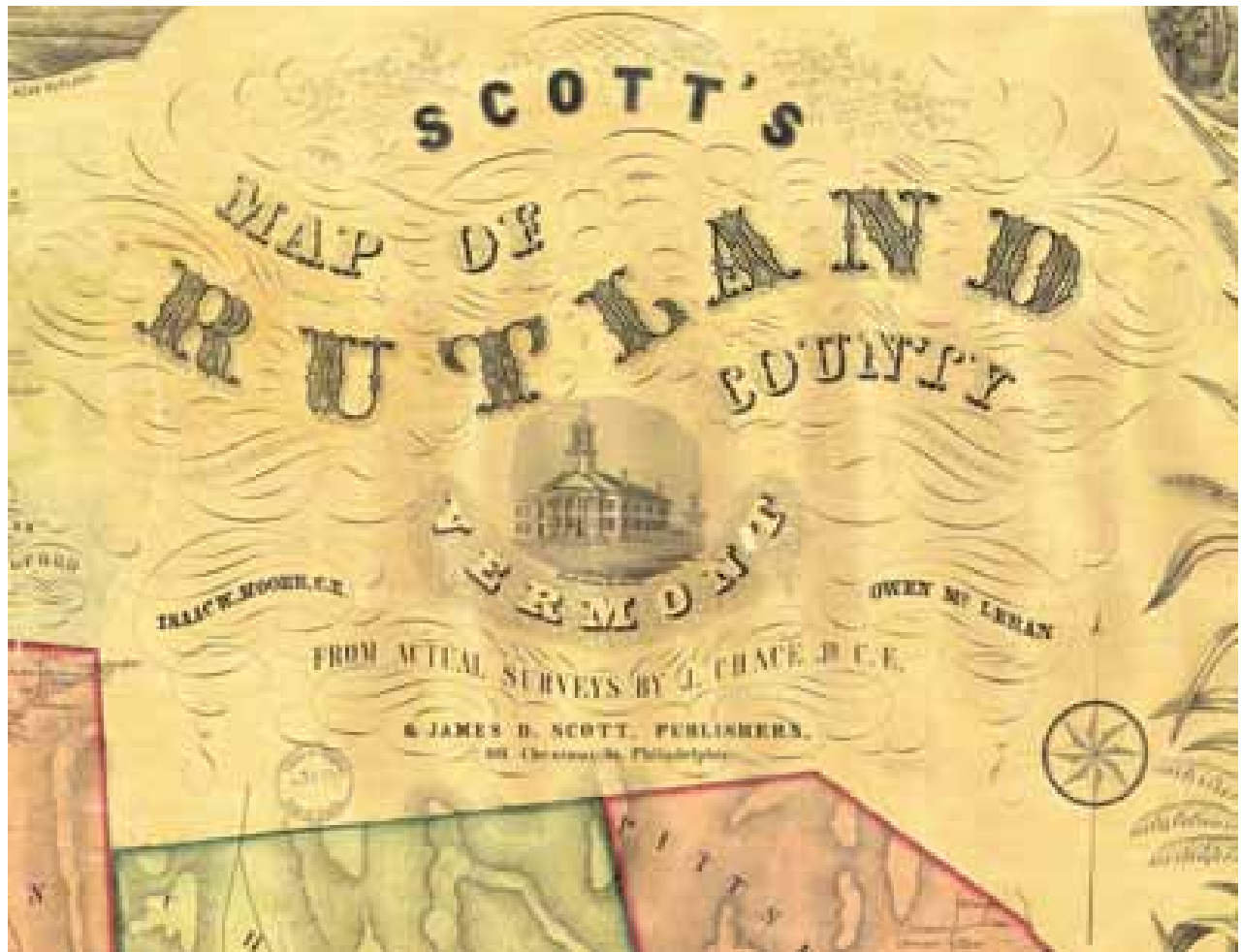


Map of Rutland County, VT 1854



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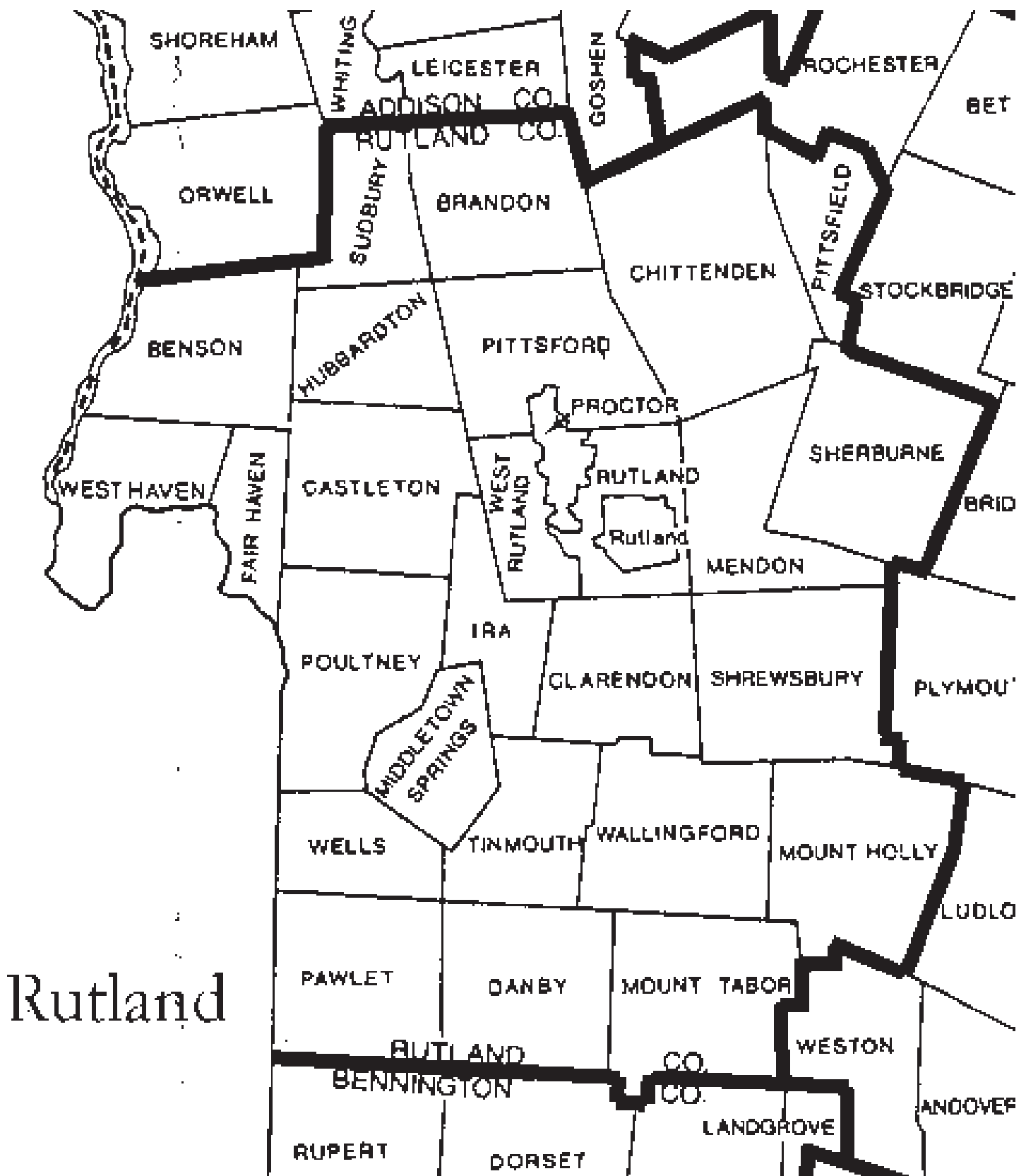
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A complete copy of the 1854 county map showing the names and locations of 1000s of houses, businesses, churches and schools as they were a century and a half ago. This old map was the first comprehensive road map of the twenty-five towns of Rutland County.

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Modern Town Outline Map



1854 Map of Rutland County

The original map is a large wall map measuring about 3' x 4.5'. The old wall map has been “taken apart” for this edition by scanning into separate images. This reproduction is from the original at the Library of Congress

An Historical Sketch of The Map

The Map of Rutland County, Vermont 1854 is an important historical document. It was the result of the most comprehensive survey made to that date of the 25 towns in Rutland County. The map attempts to pinpoint the names and locations of every residence, workplace, church and school.

This map is the first of eleven Vermont county maps created in the 1850s - a period of extraordinary map-making in America. The author of this map, J. Chace Jr., was also responsible for the Windham County map (1856) and for several county maps in nearby New York and New Hampshire. Little is known about him or the others credited on the map's face, but it may be that they were associated with Robert Pearsall Smith, a prolific publisher of such maps. Smith had map production facilities in Philadelphia, and in 1853 was credited as co-publisher of a New York county map with James Scott - the publisher of the Rutland County map.

We do know the general methods used for these county map 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 for later mapping for decades afterwards.

Publication was often 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 testimonials. Some paid extra for the honor of having their homes and businesses featured in engravings in the margins of the map. The map was printed on four separate sheets (probably on large stone printing plates) and assembled and glued together onto a cloth backing. Each copy was then hand-colored in several different hues, varnished, and mounted on wooden rollers.

The large size -- about 3' x 5' -- has often proved an impediment to display. Copies have commonly been placed in storage, usually in attics, where they have suffered from the effects of heat and leaky roofs. Originals in good condition today are rare items.



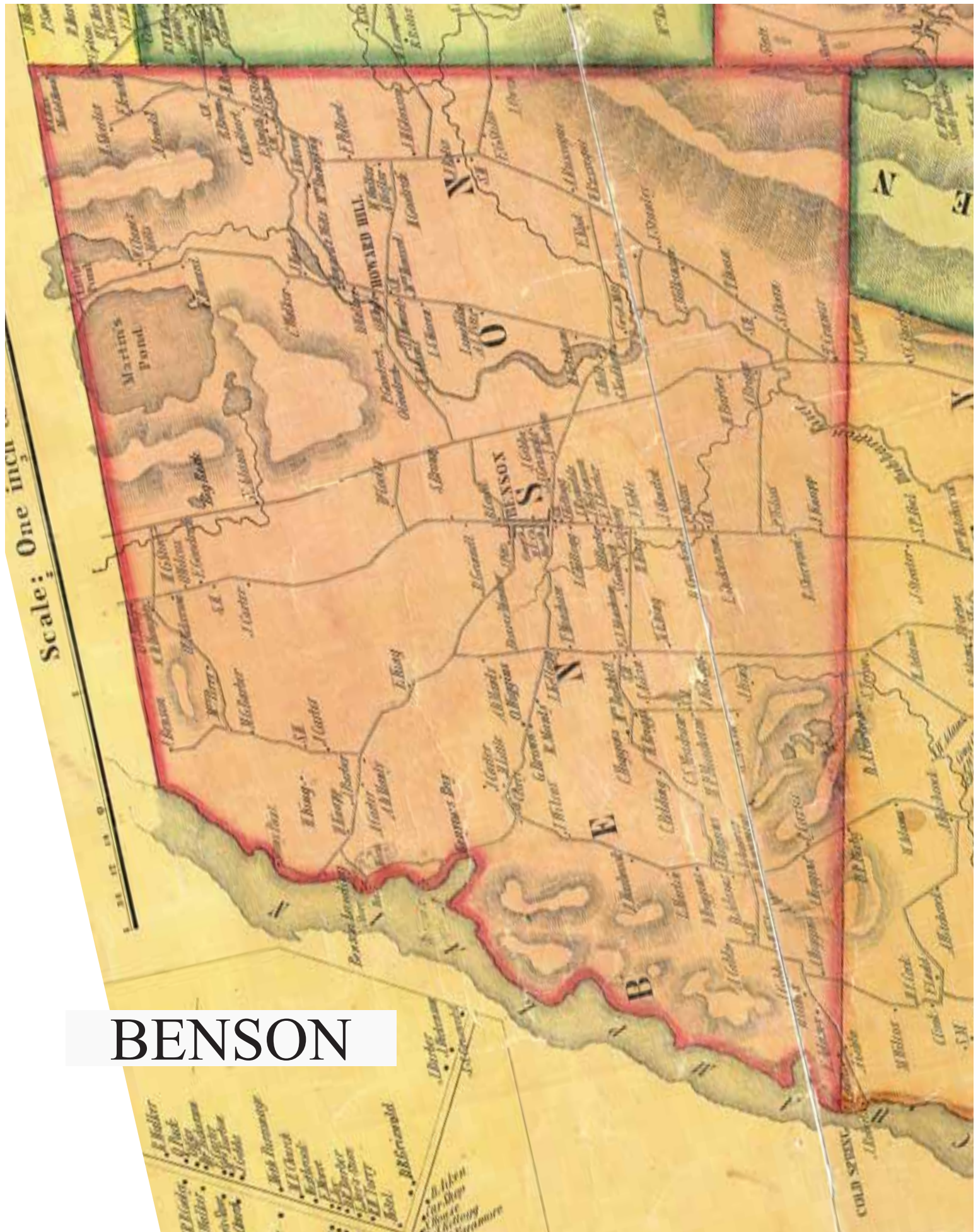
The body of the original map was drafted at a scale of 1" to the mile. In this publication, maps are at varying scales, designed so that each town fits on one page.

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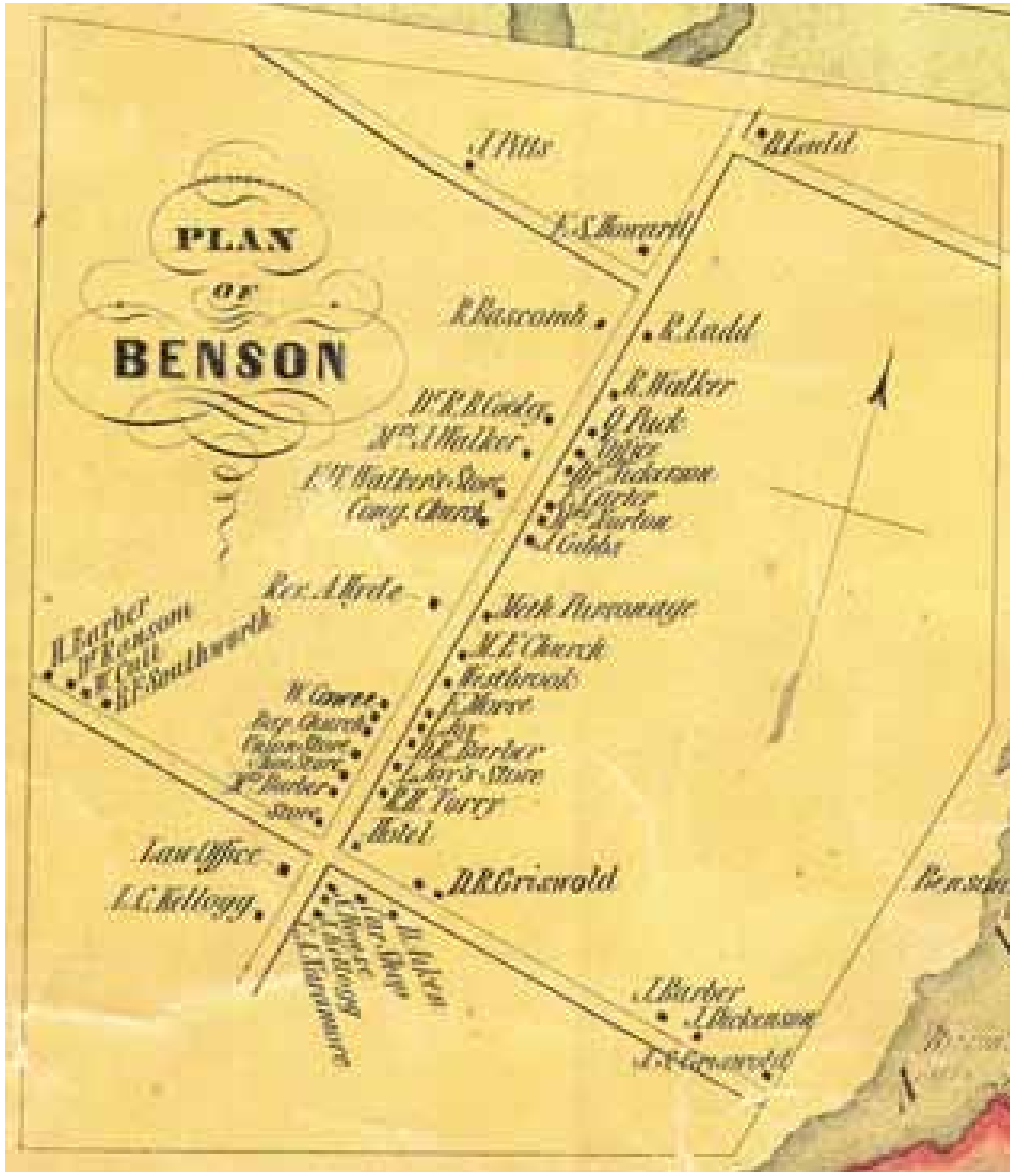
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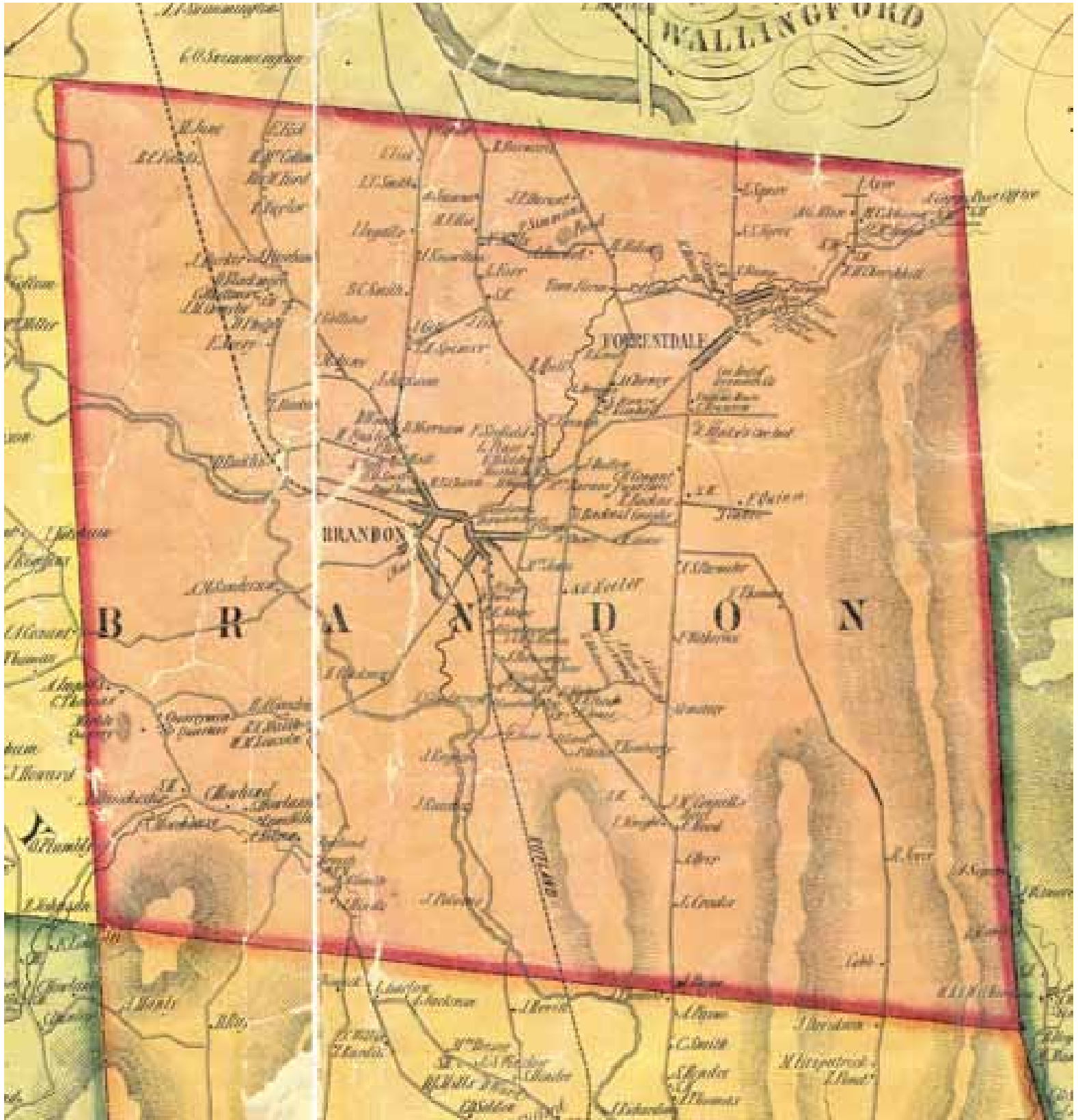


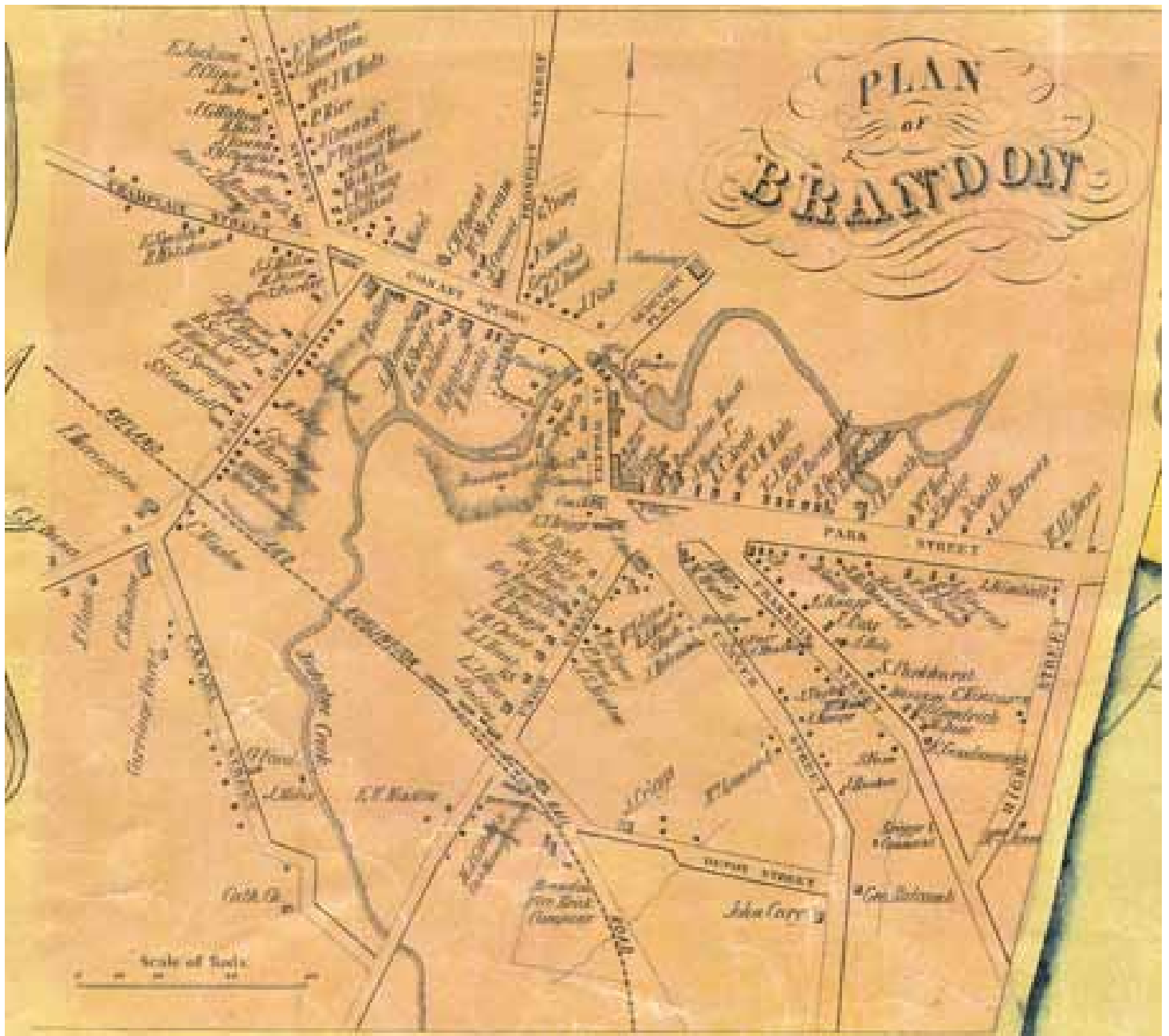
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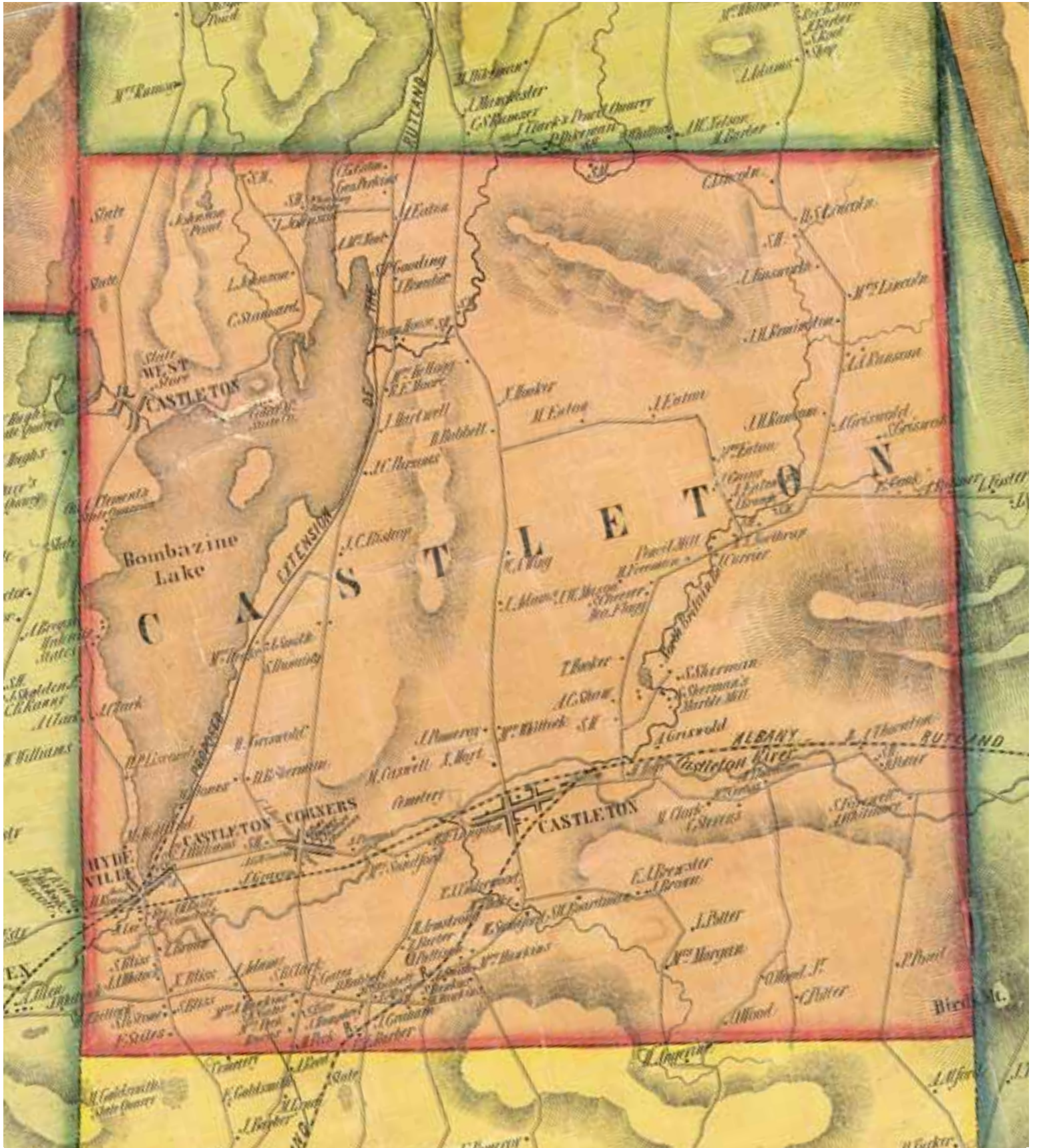
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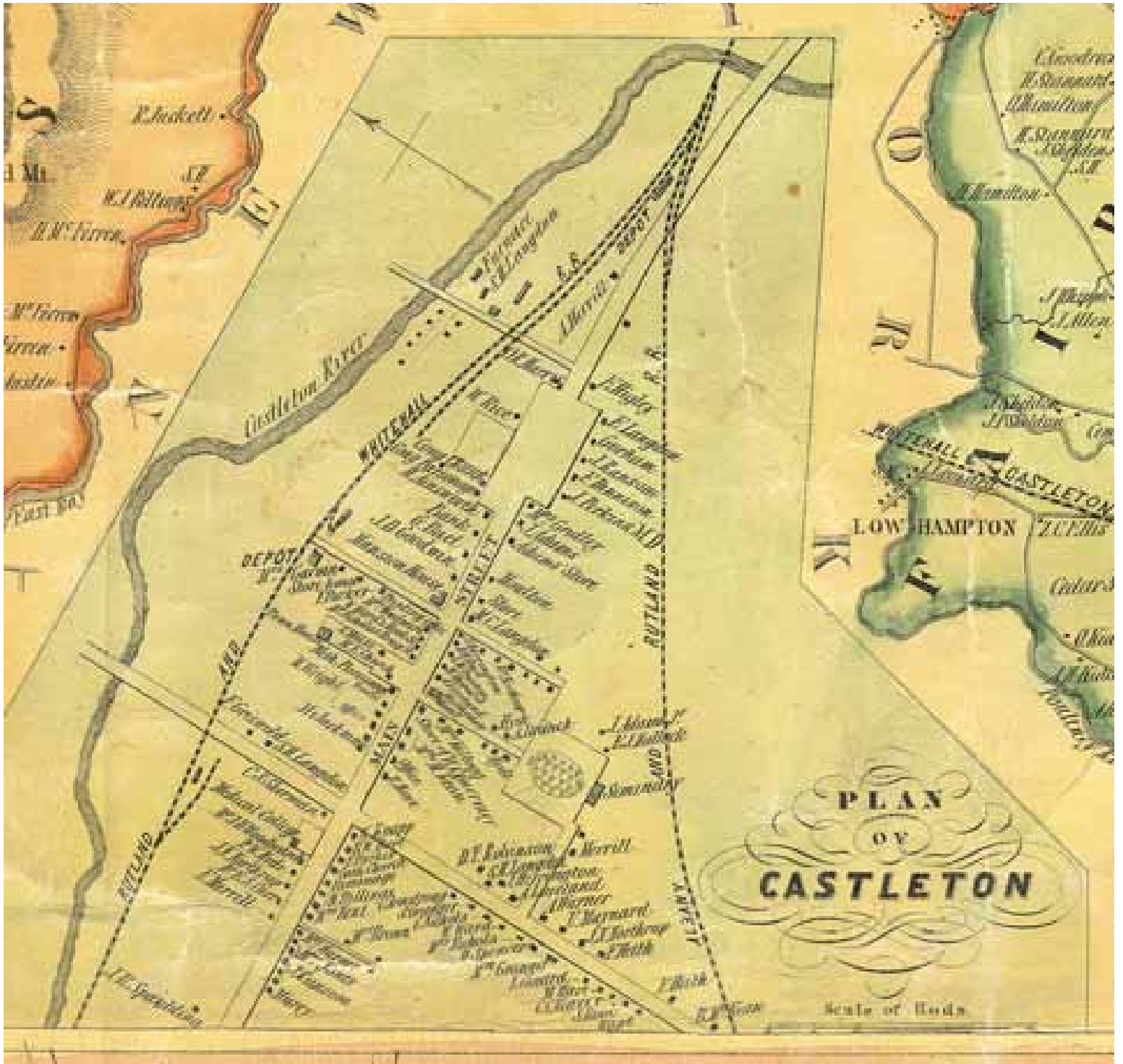
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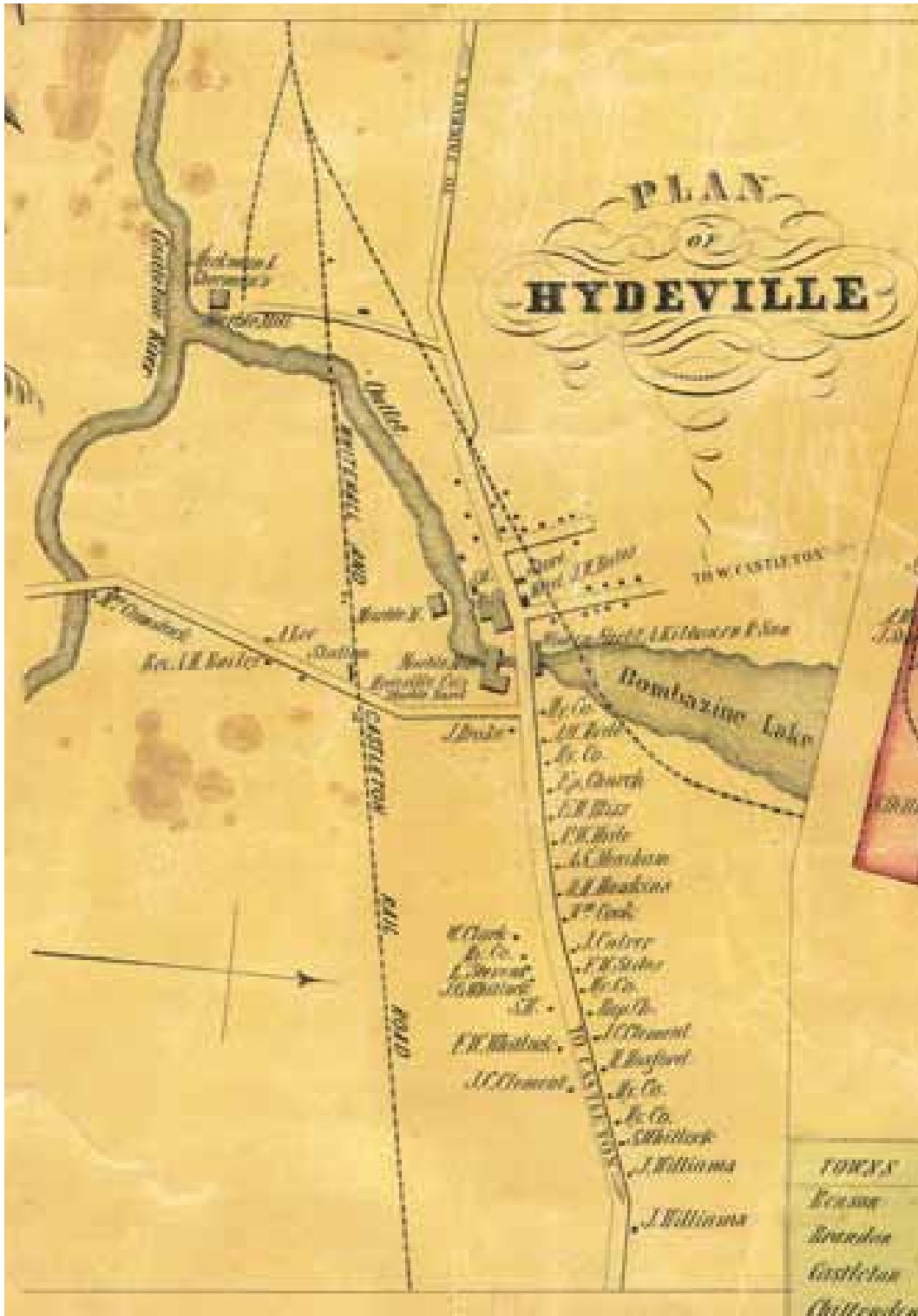
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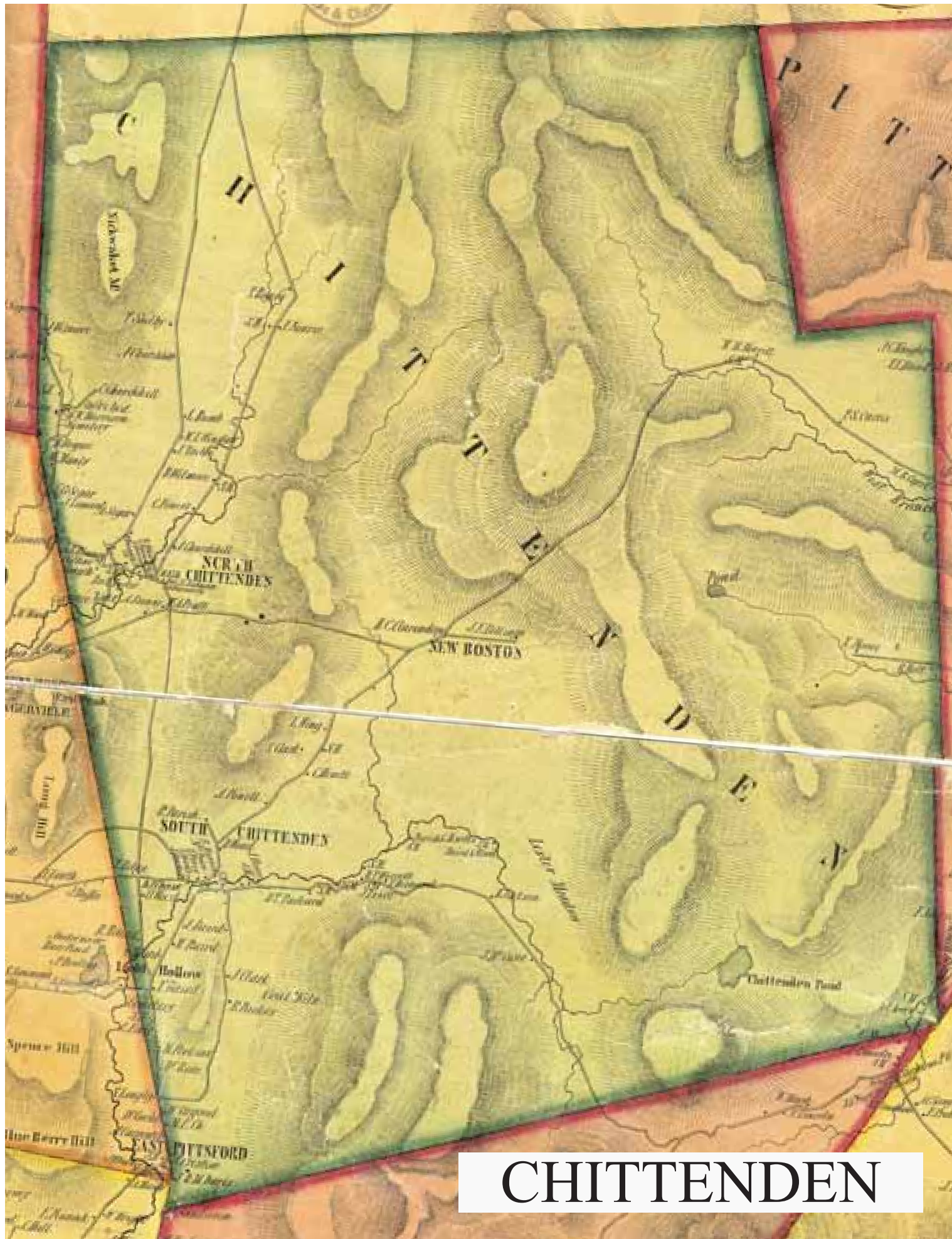


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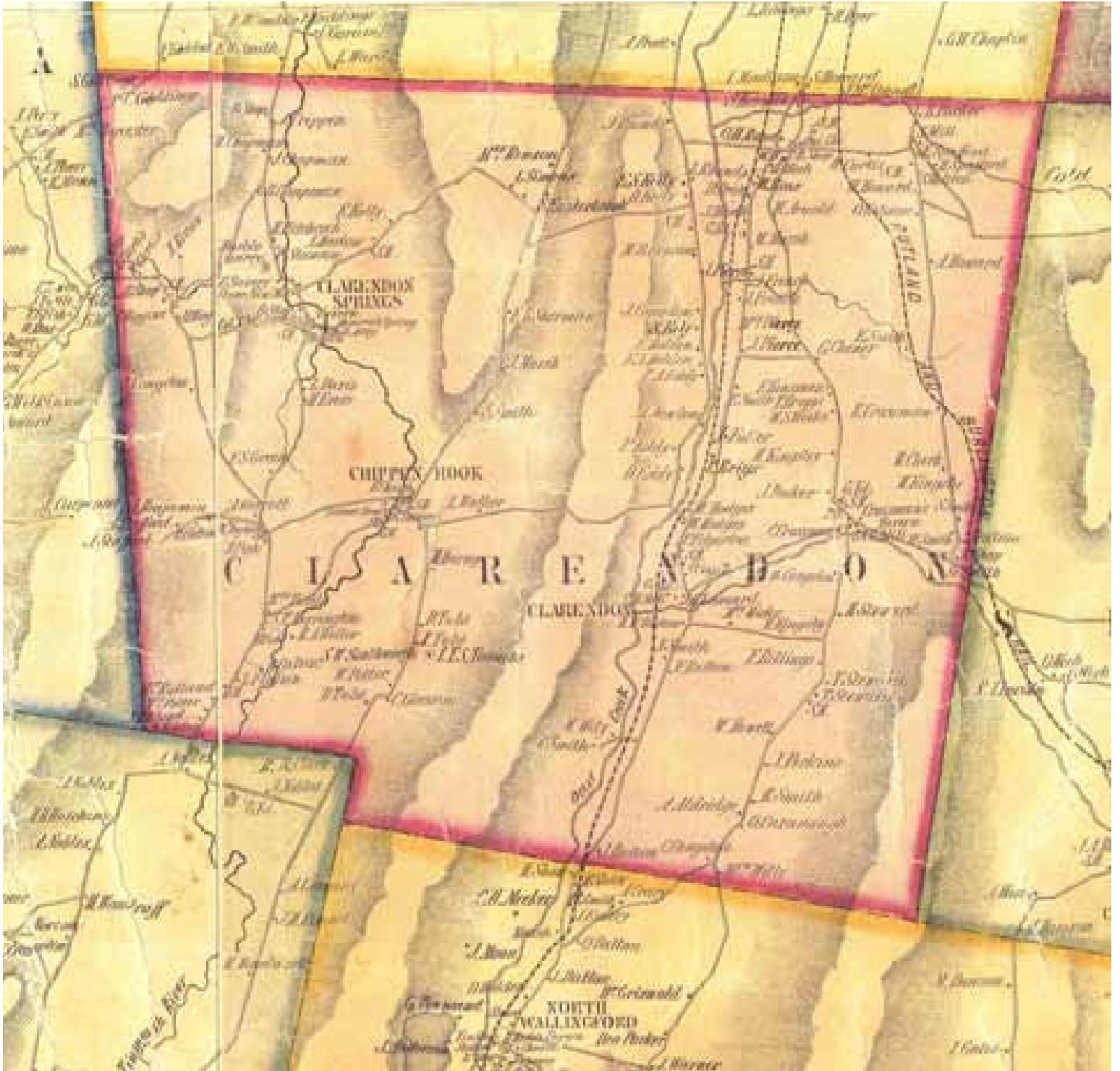
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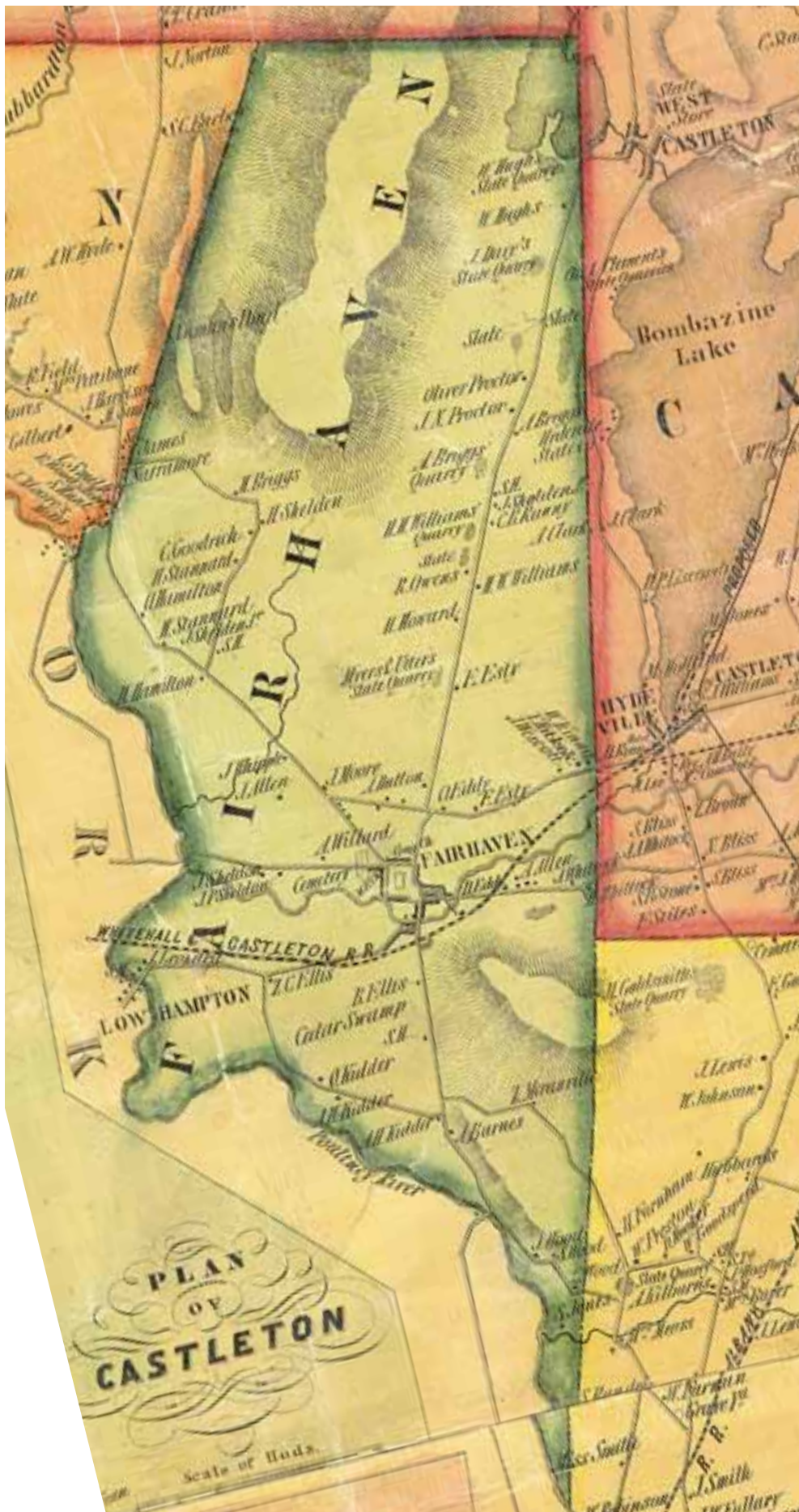
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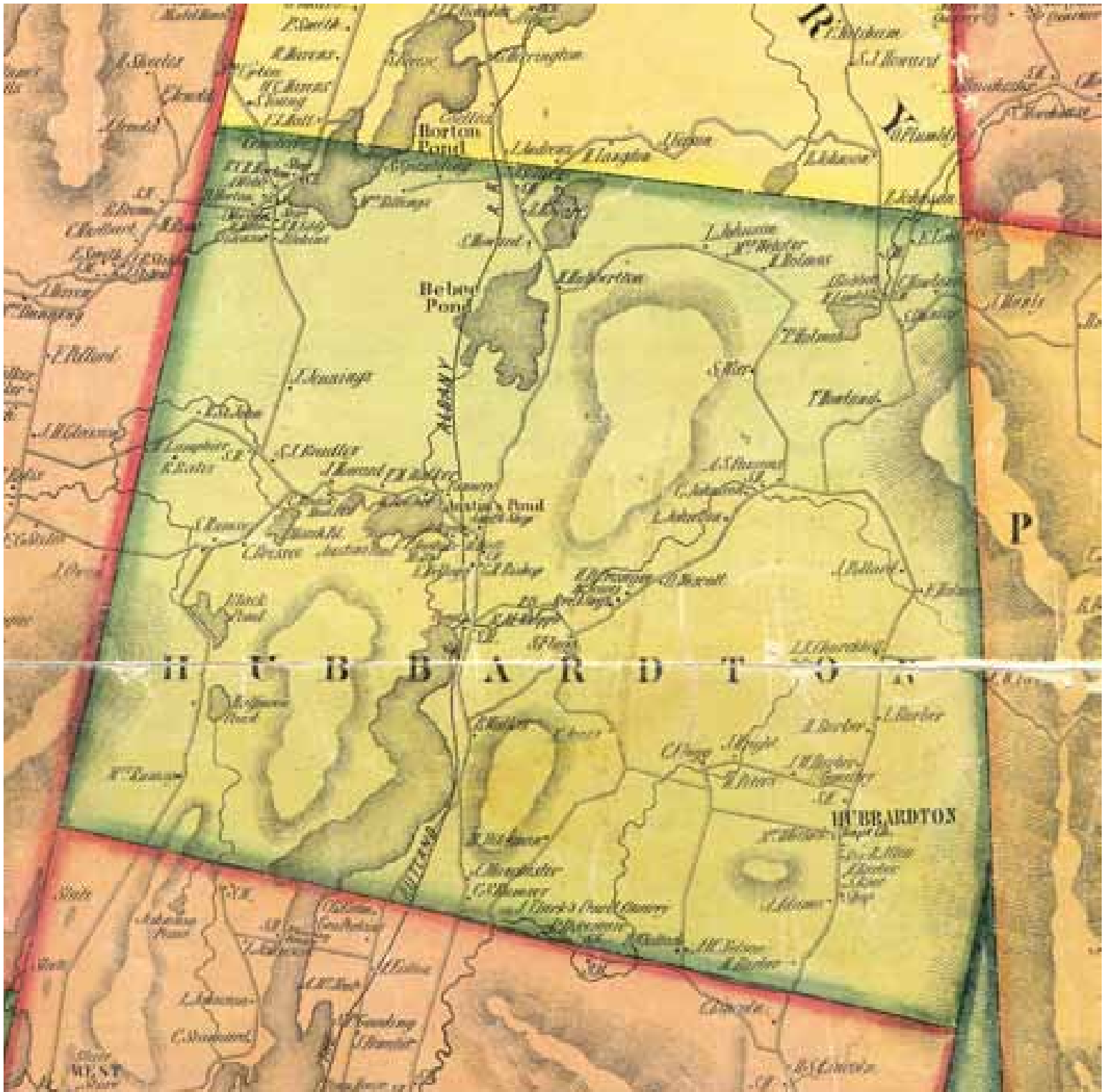


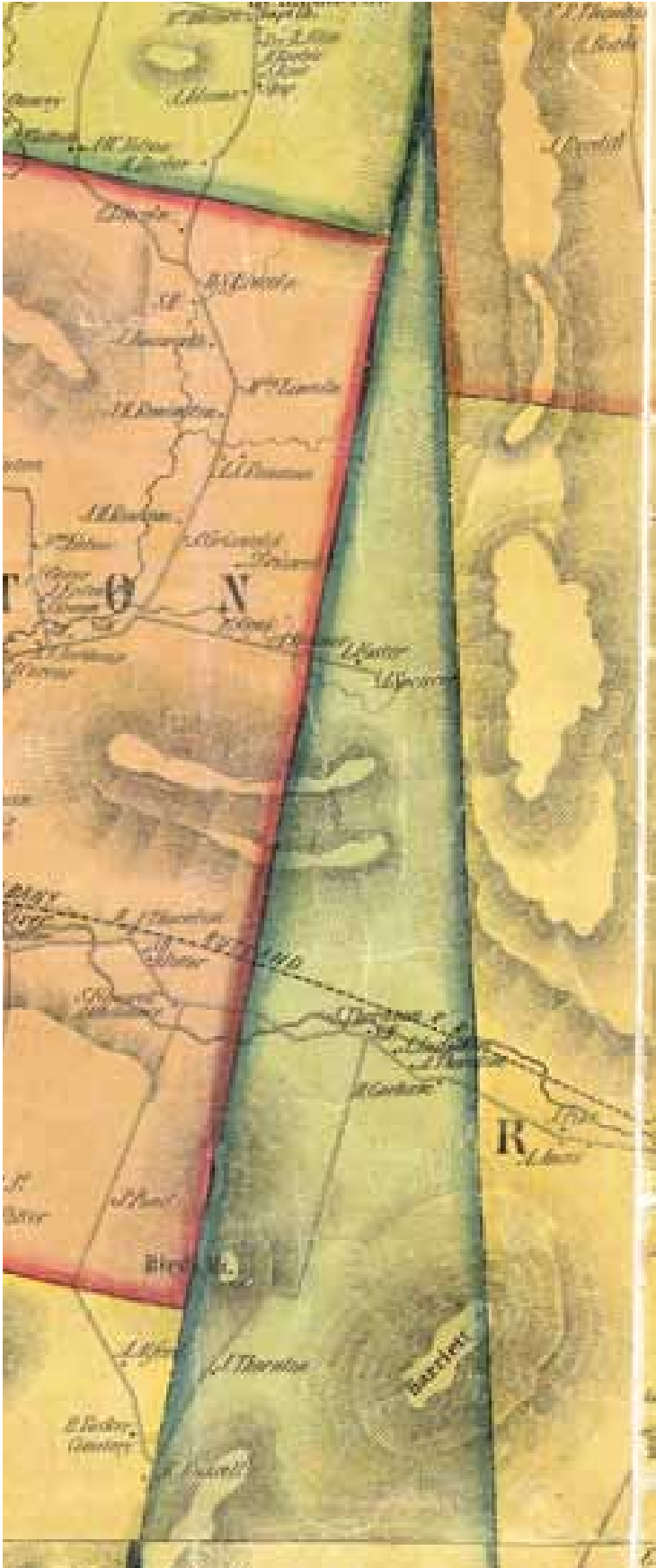
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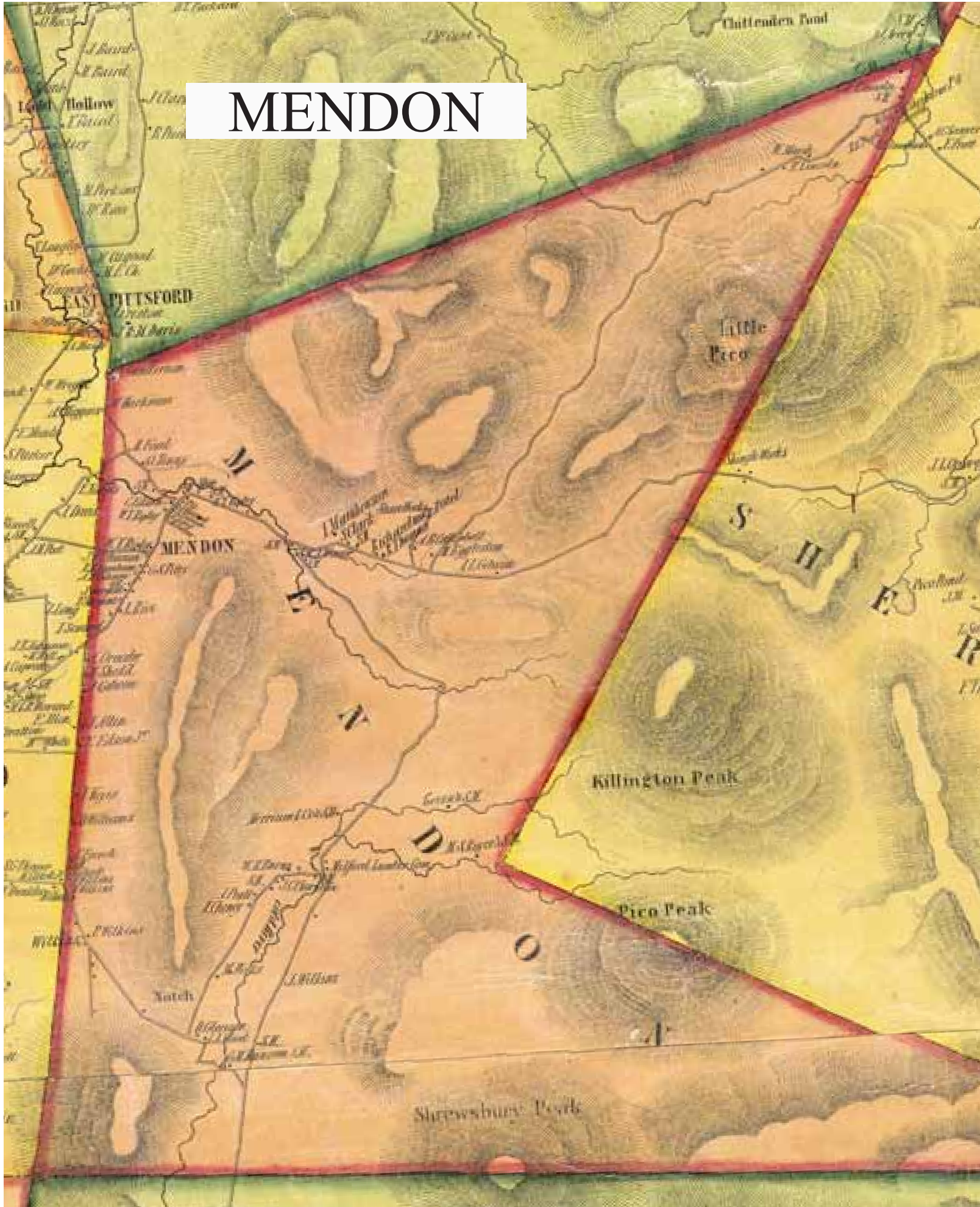
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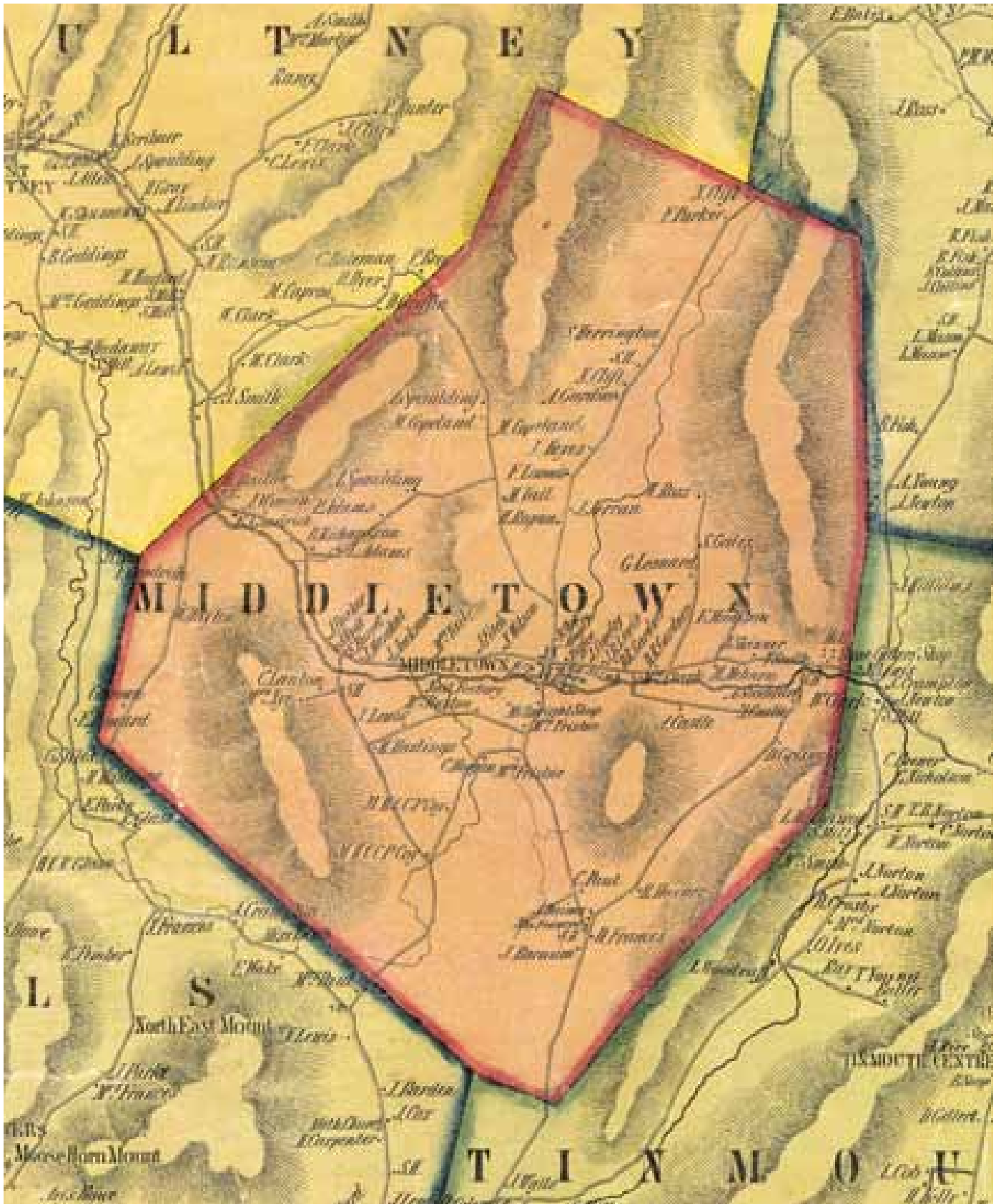
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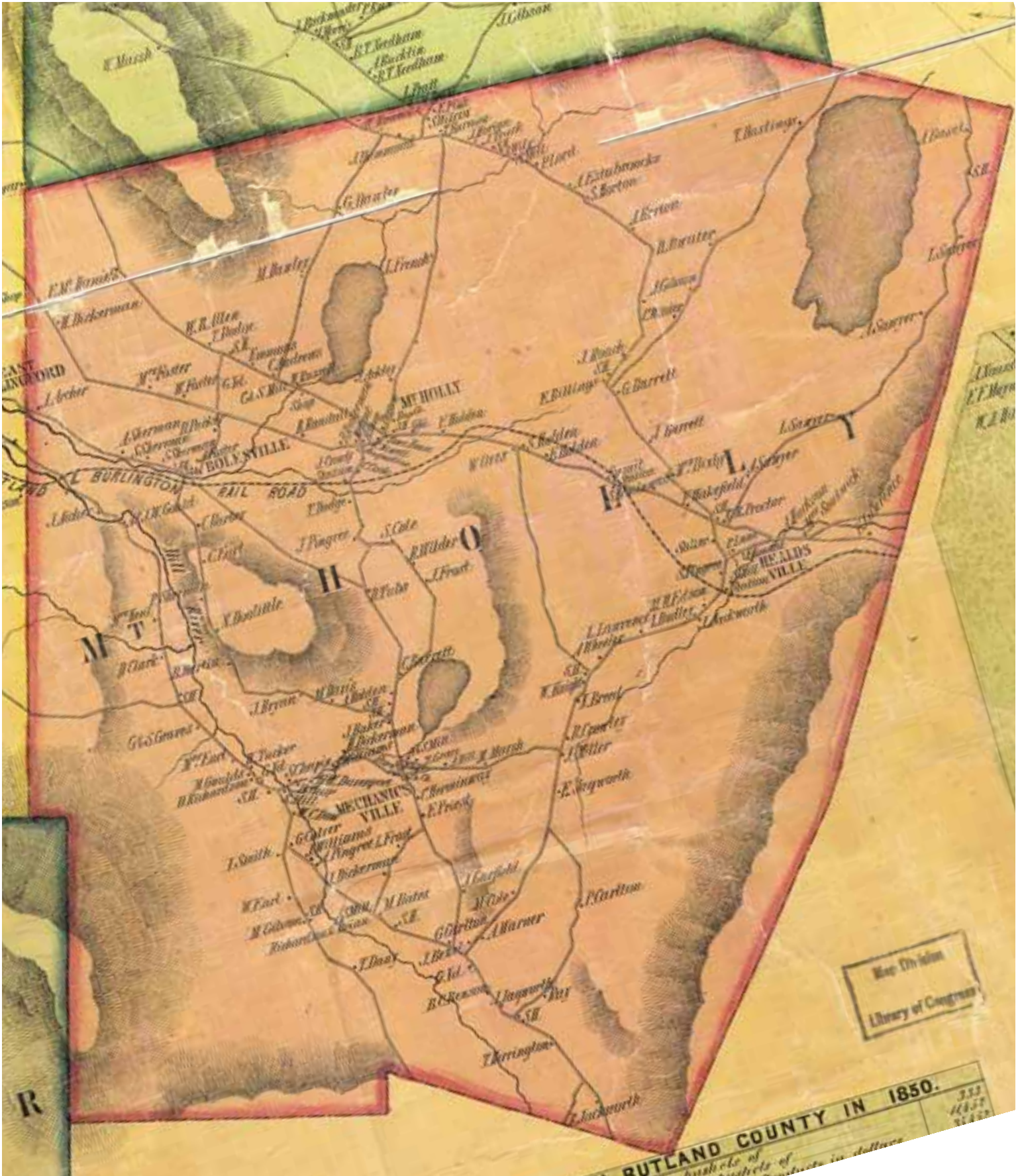
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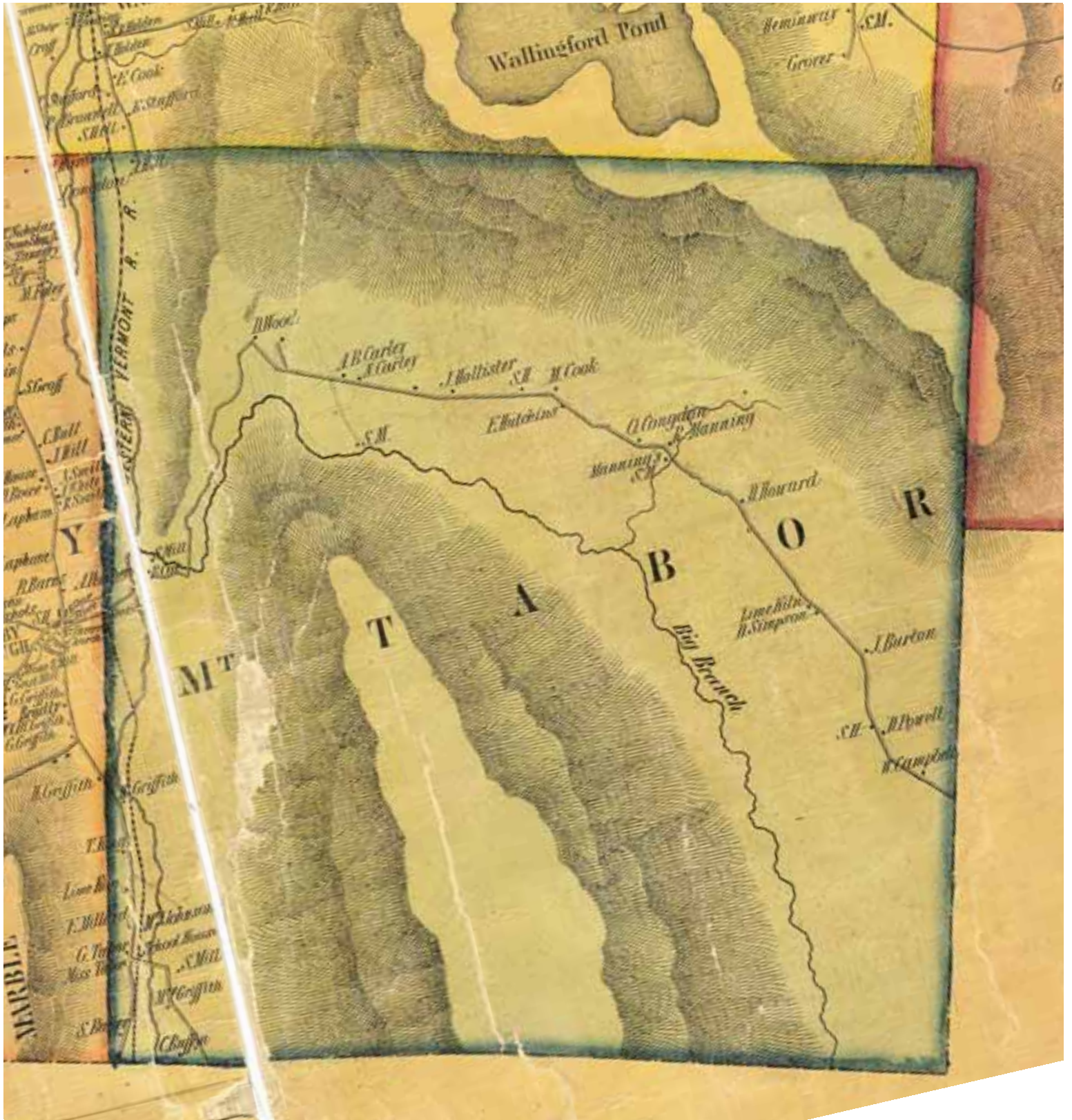
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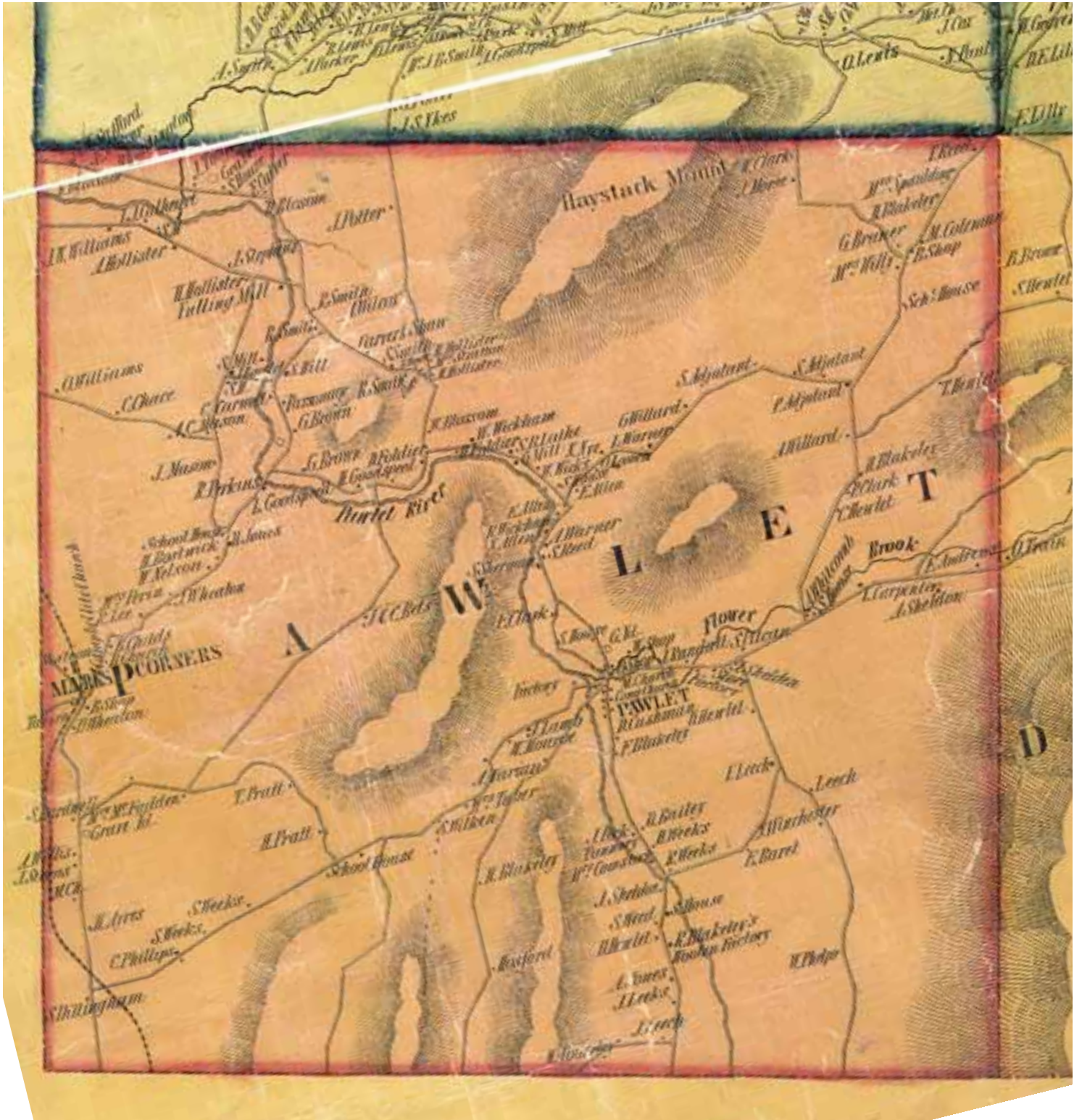


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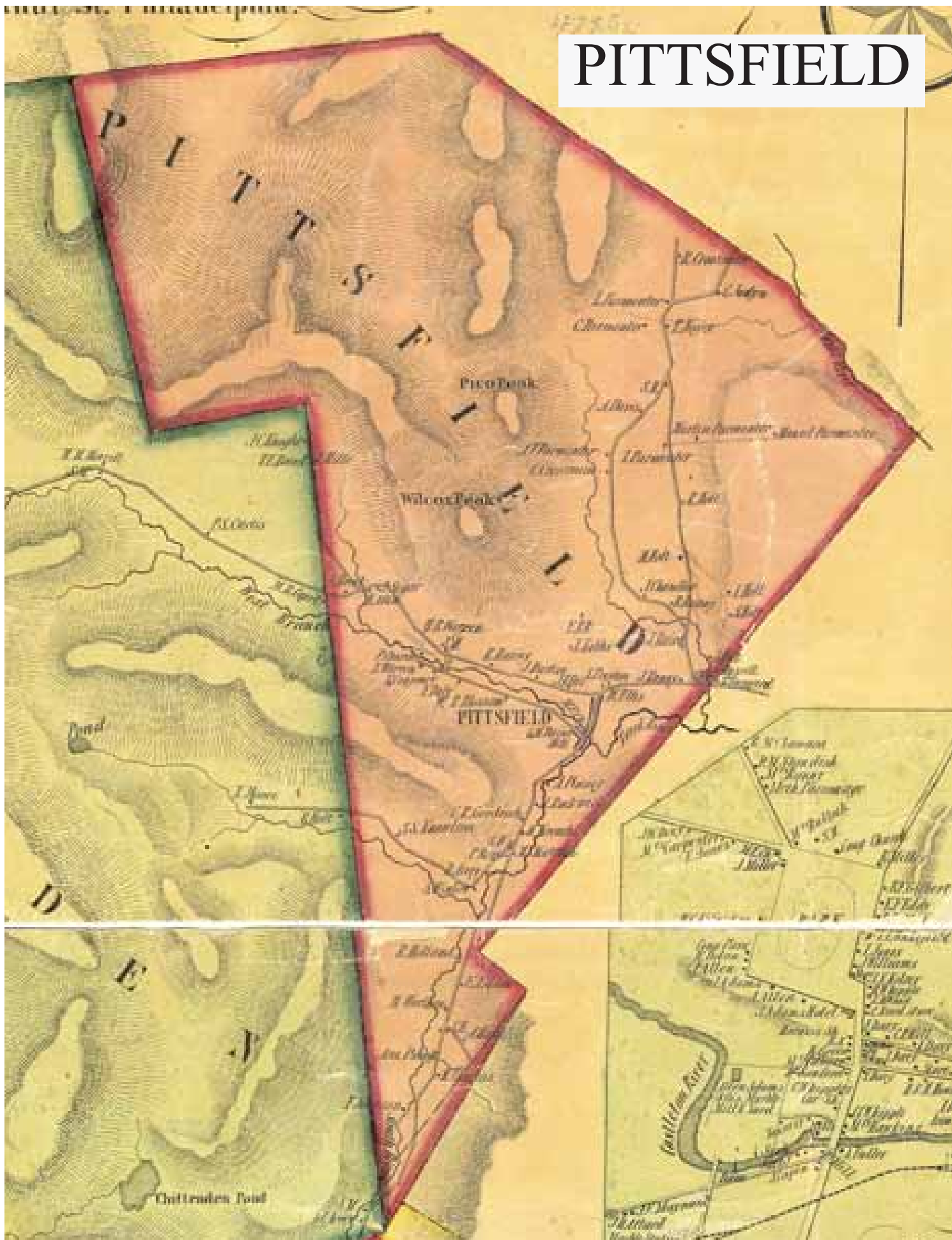


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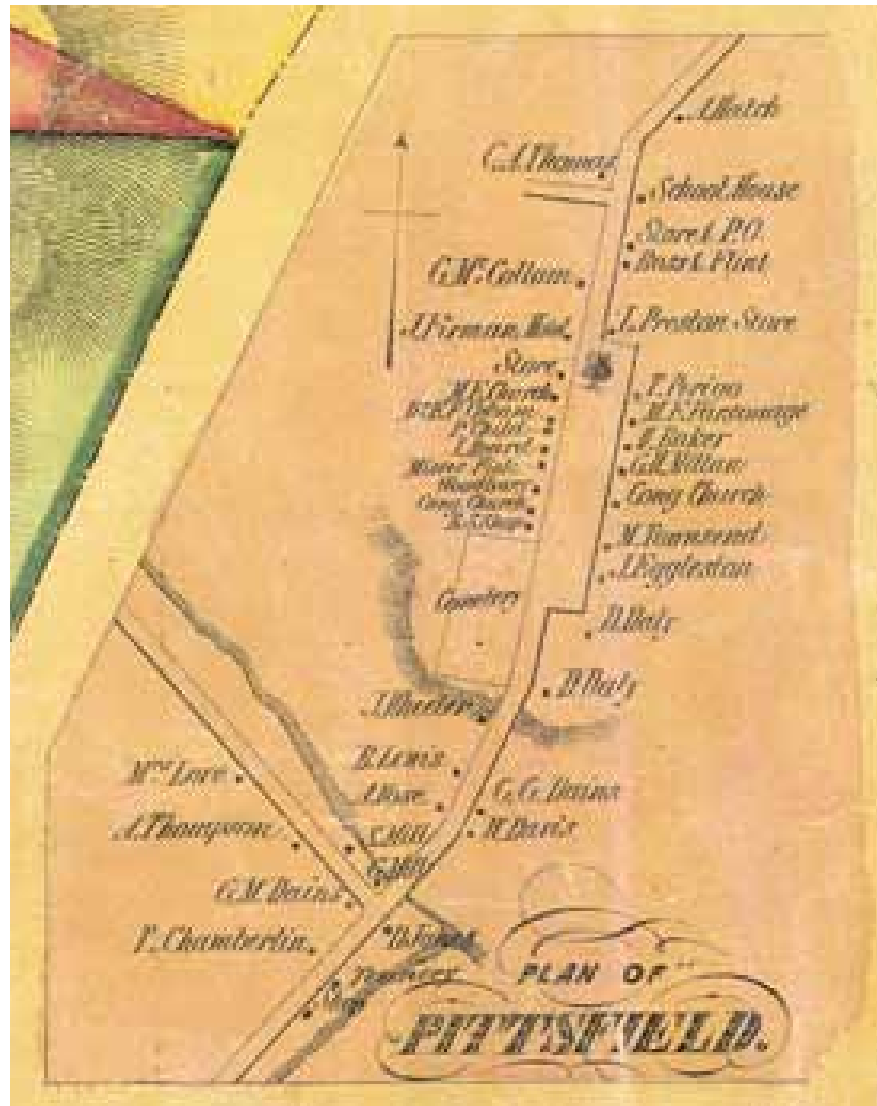
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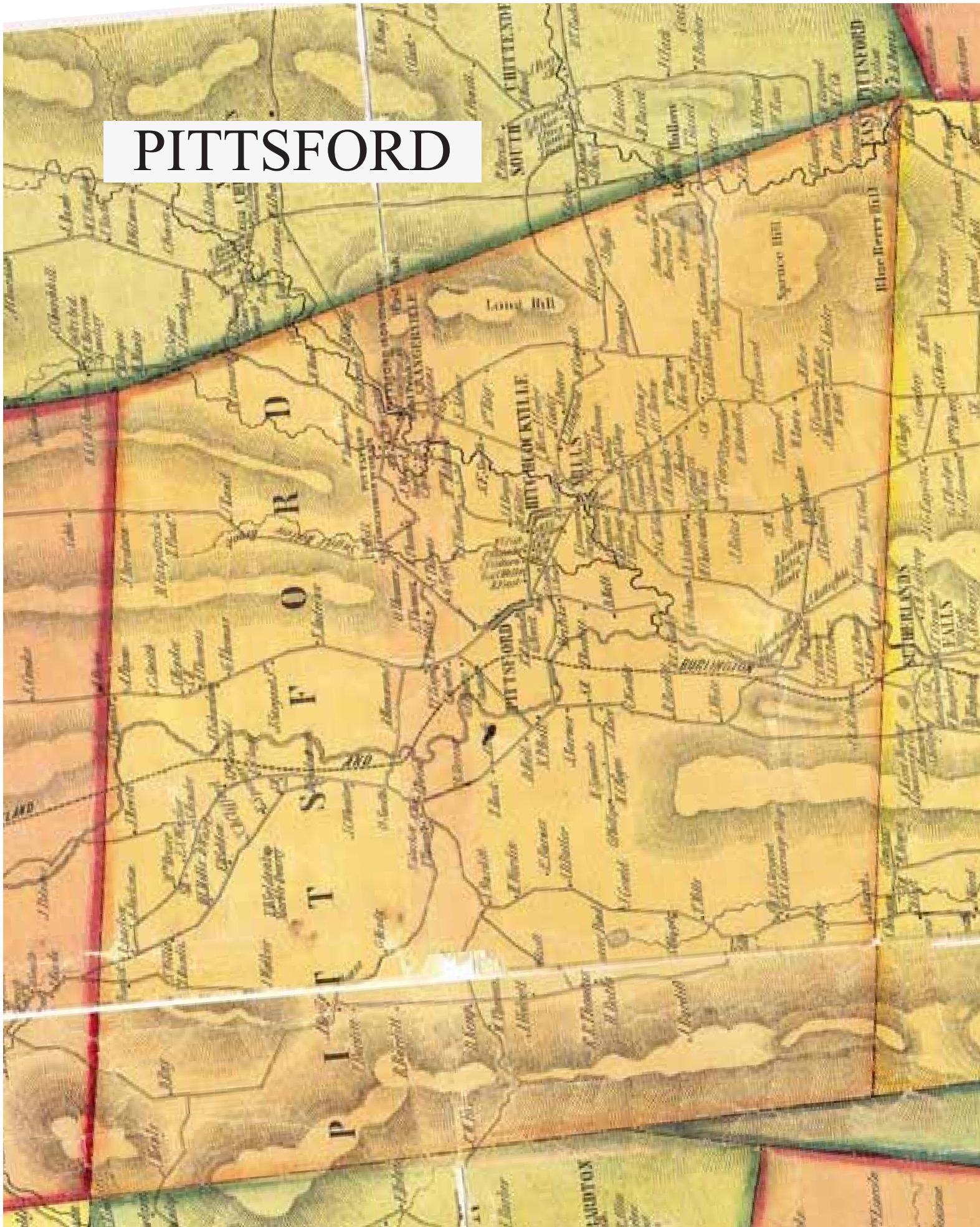
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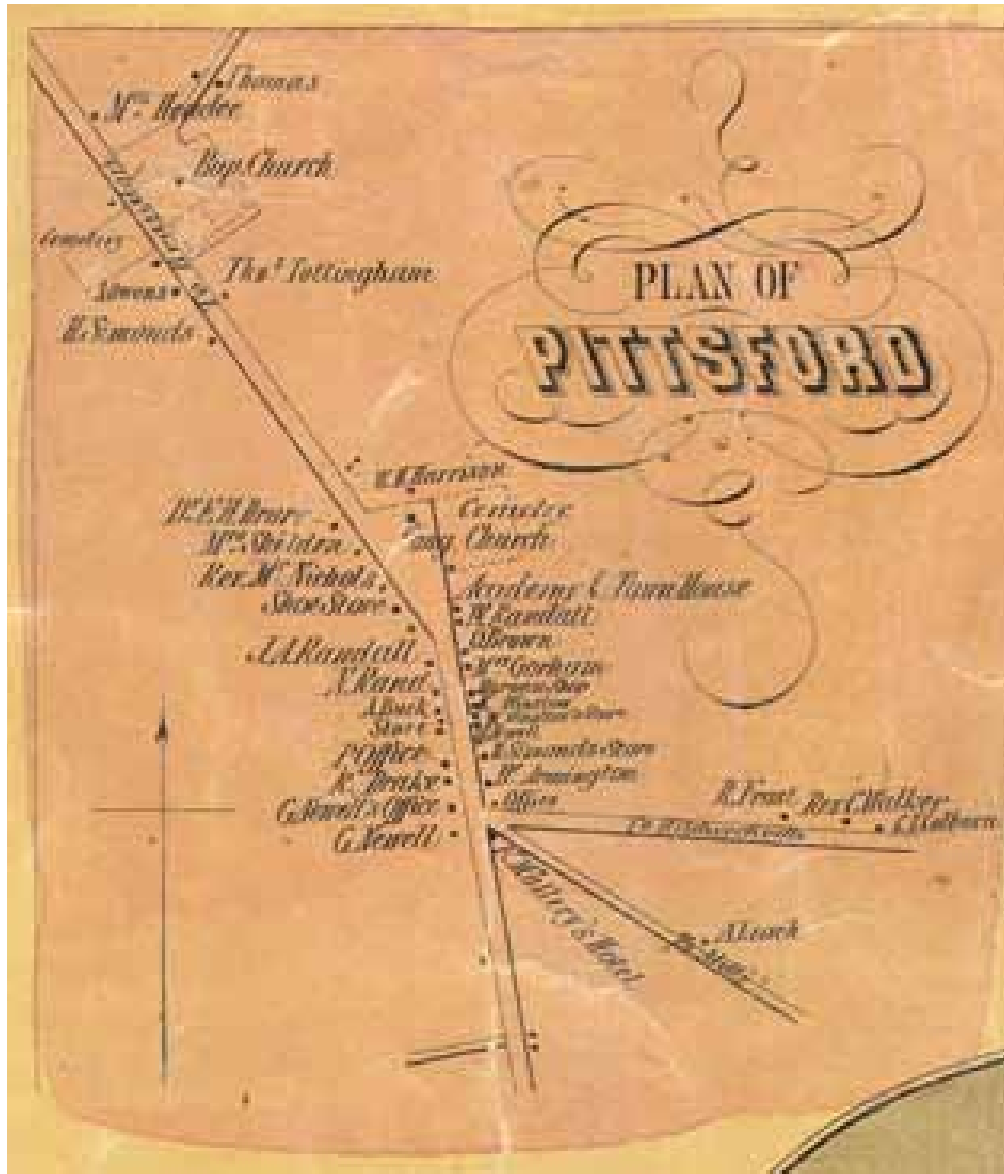
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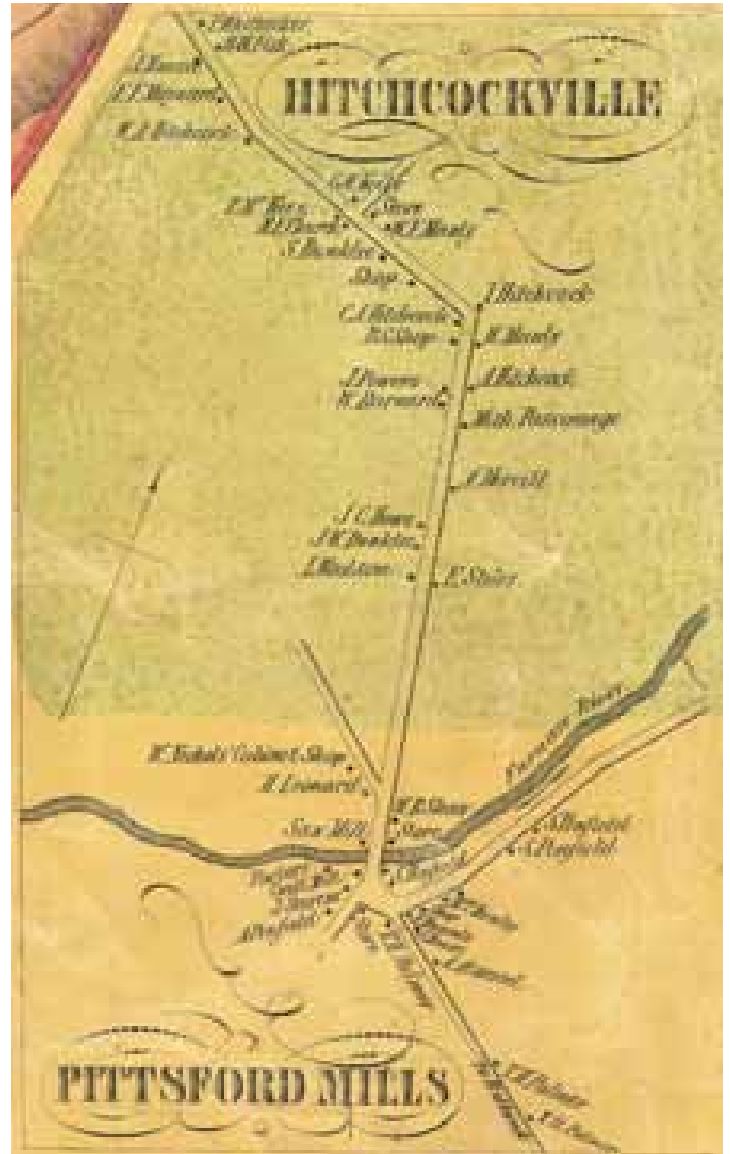
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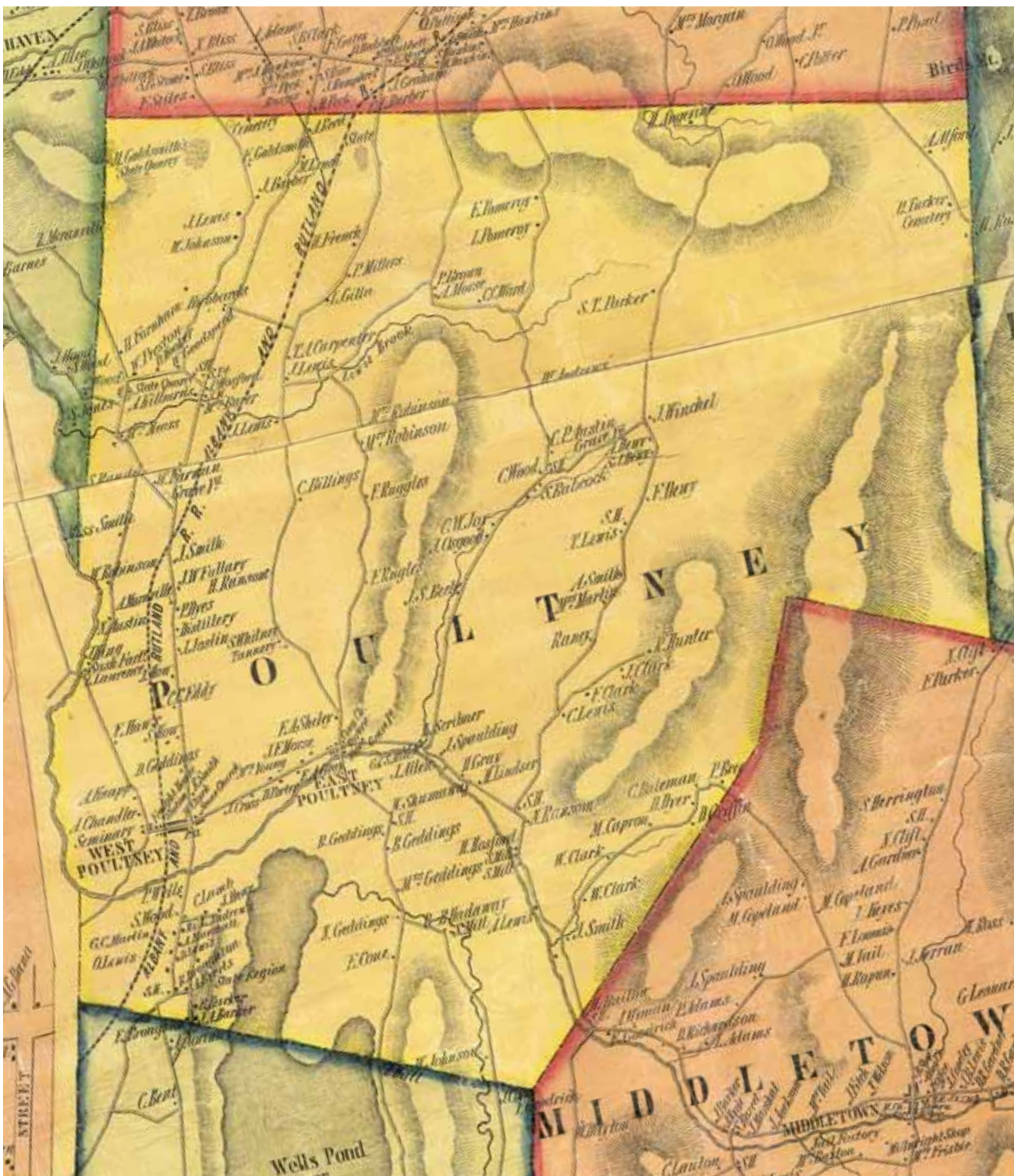


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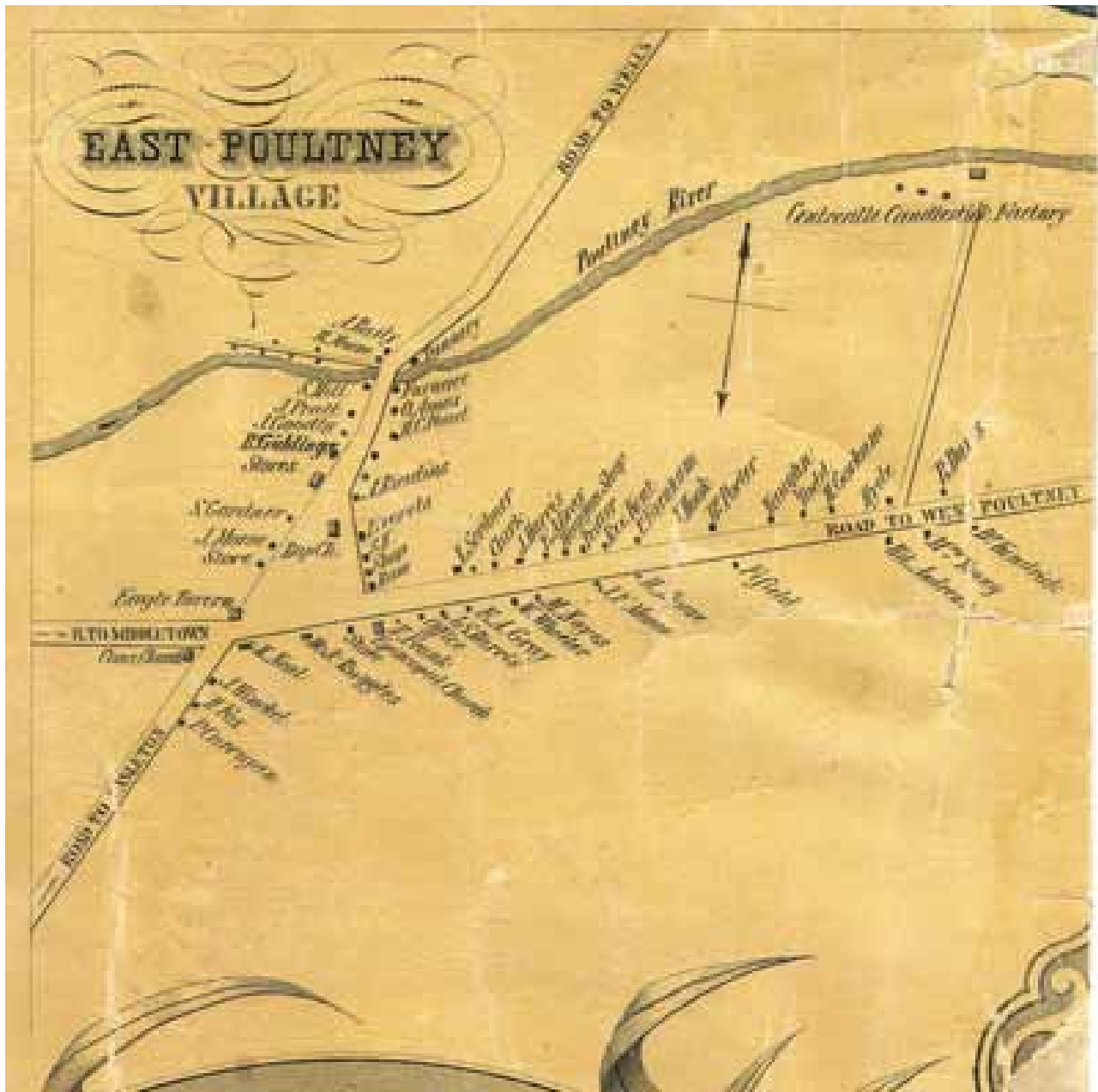
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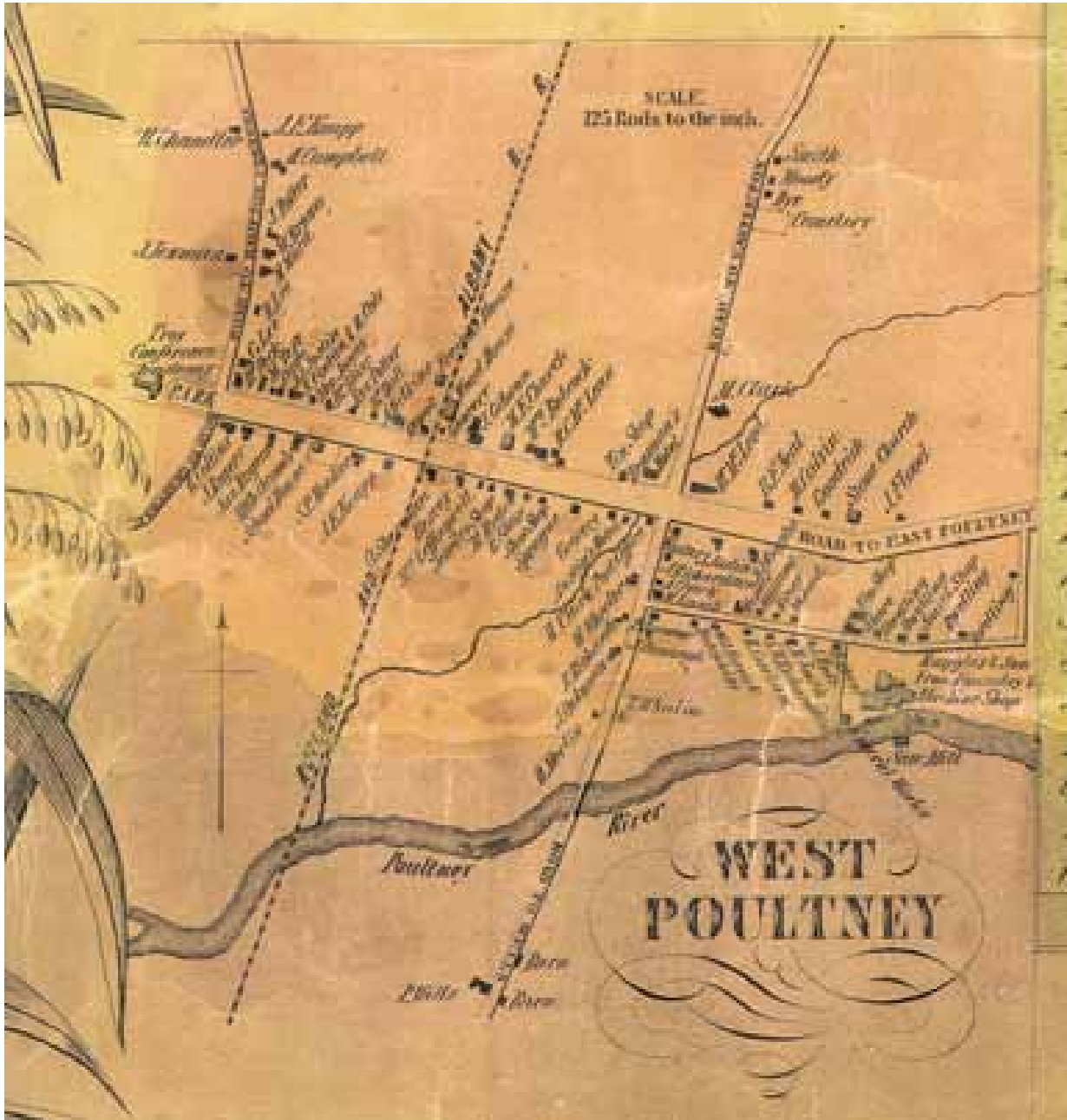
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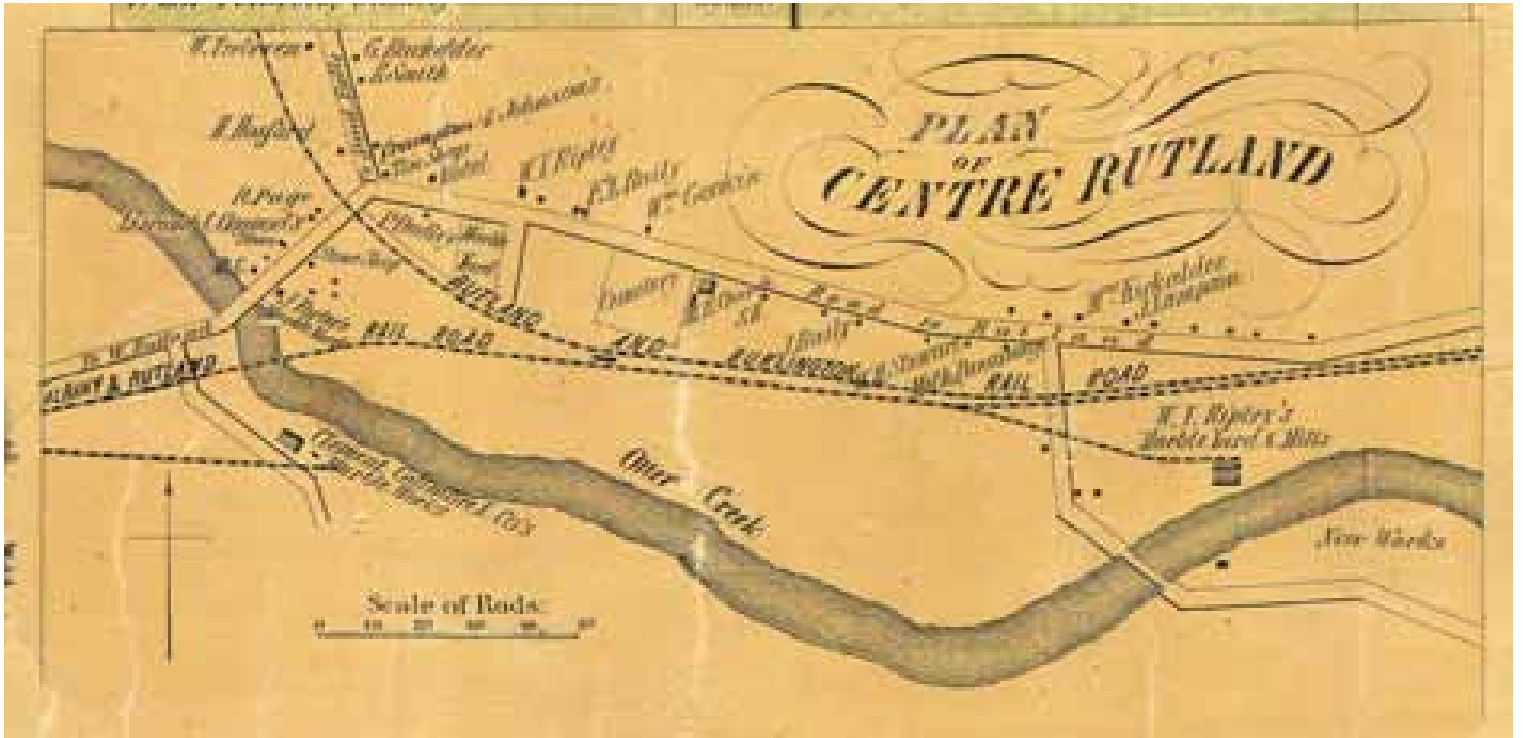
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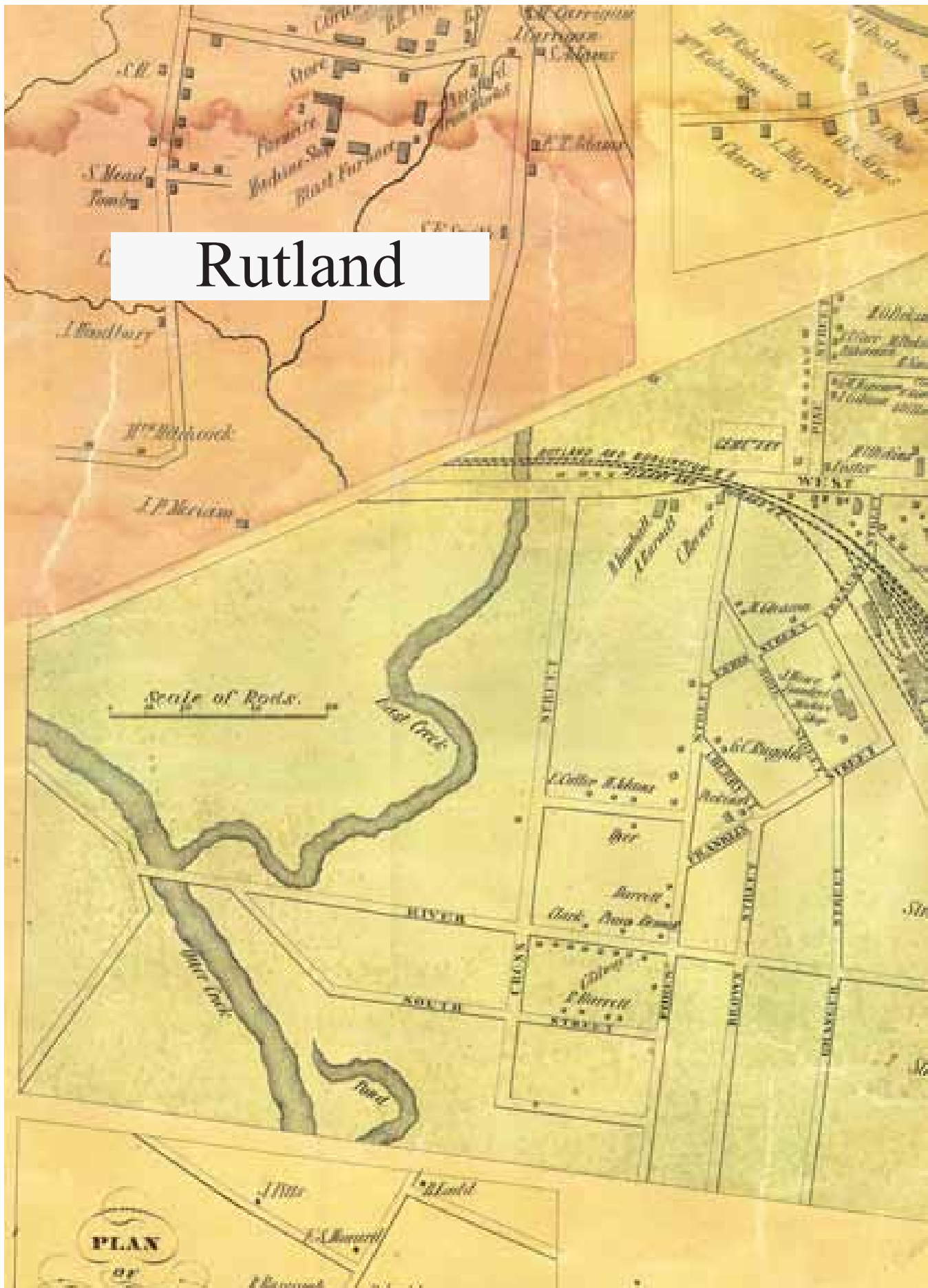


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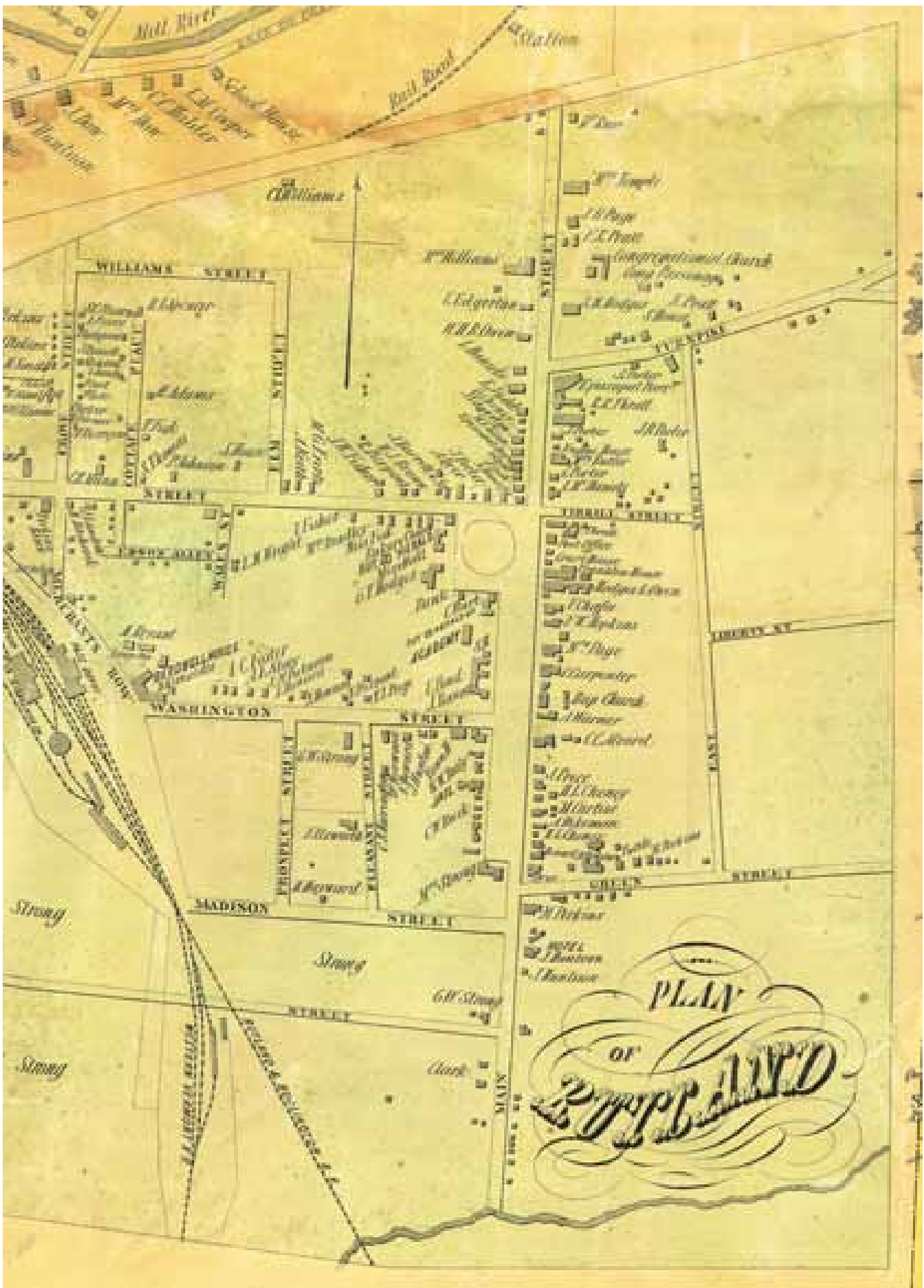


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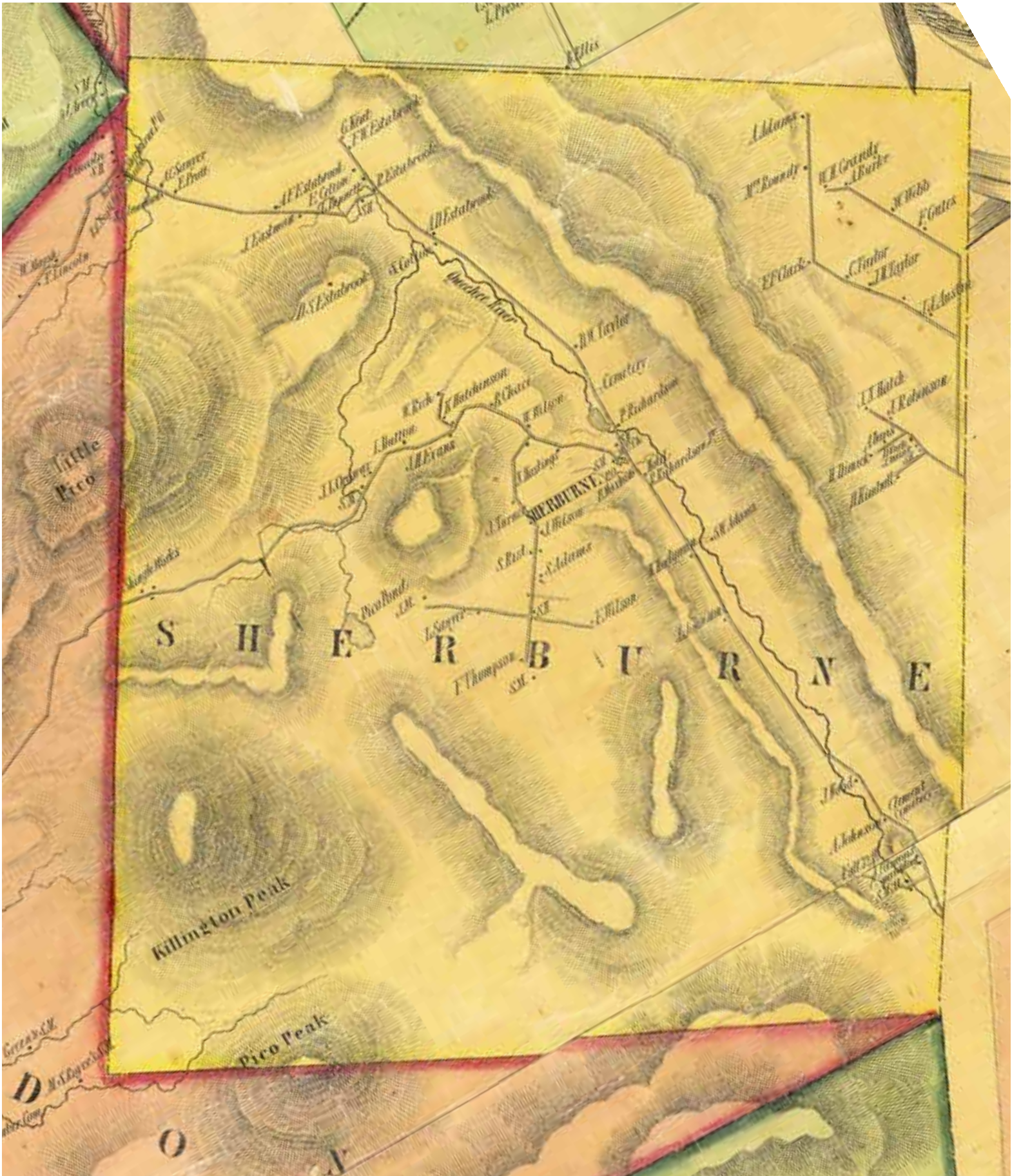


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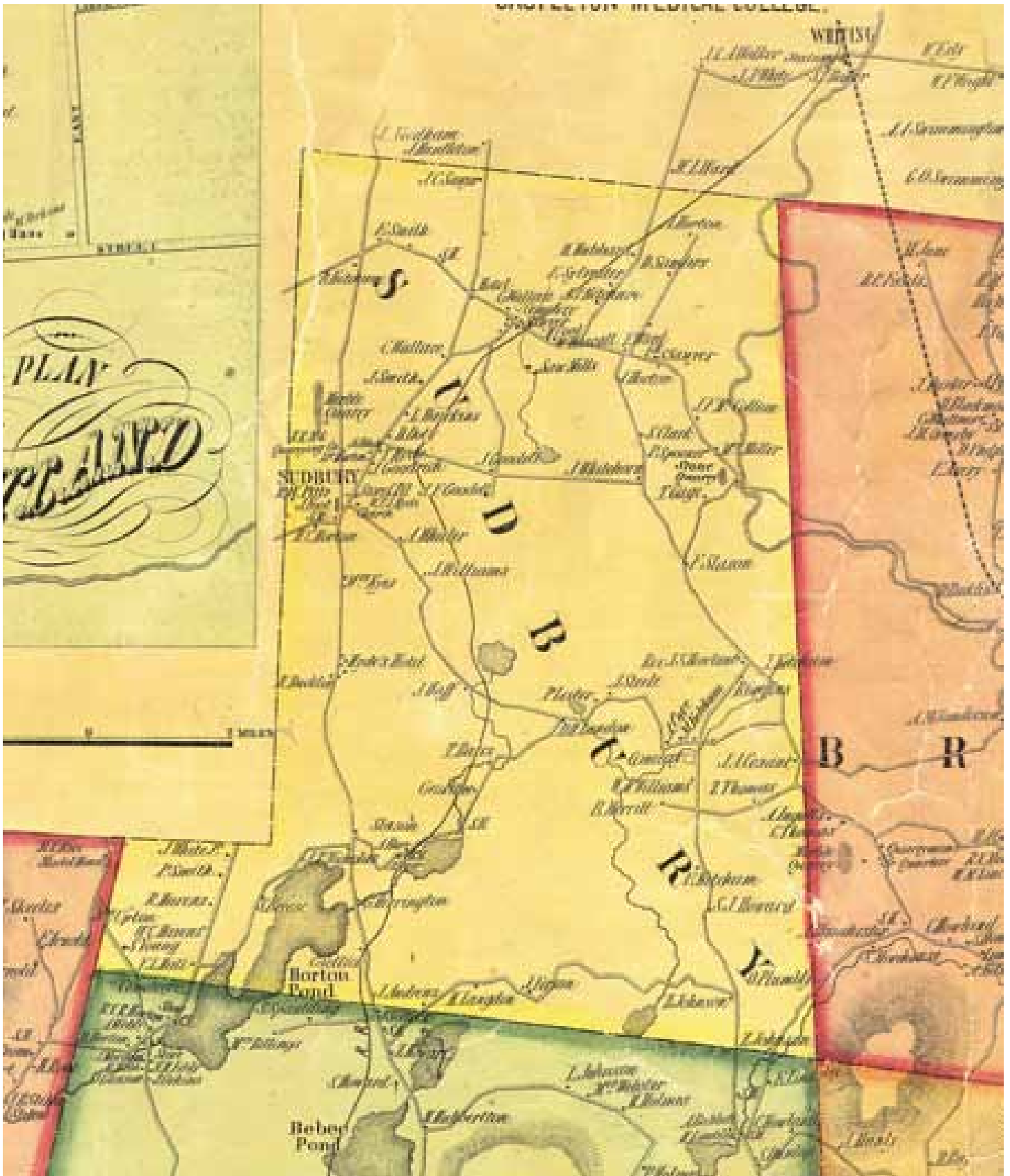
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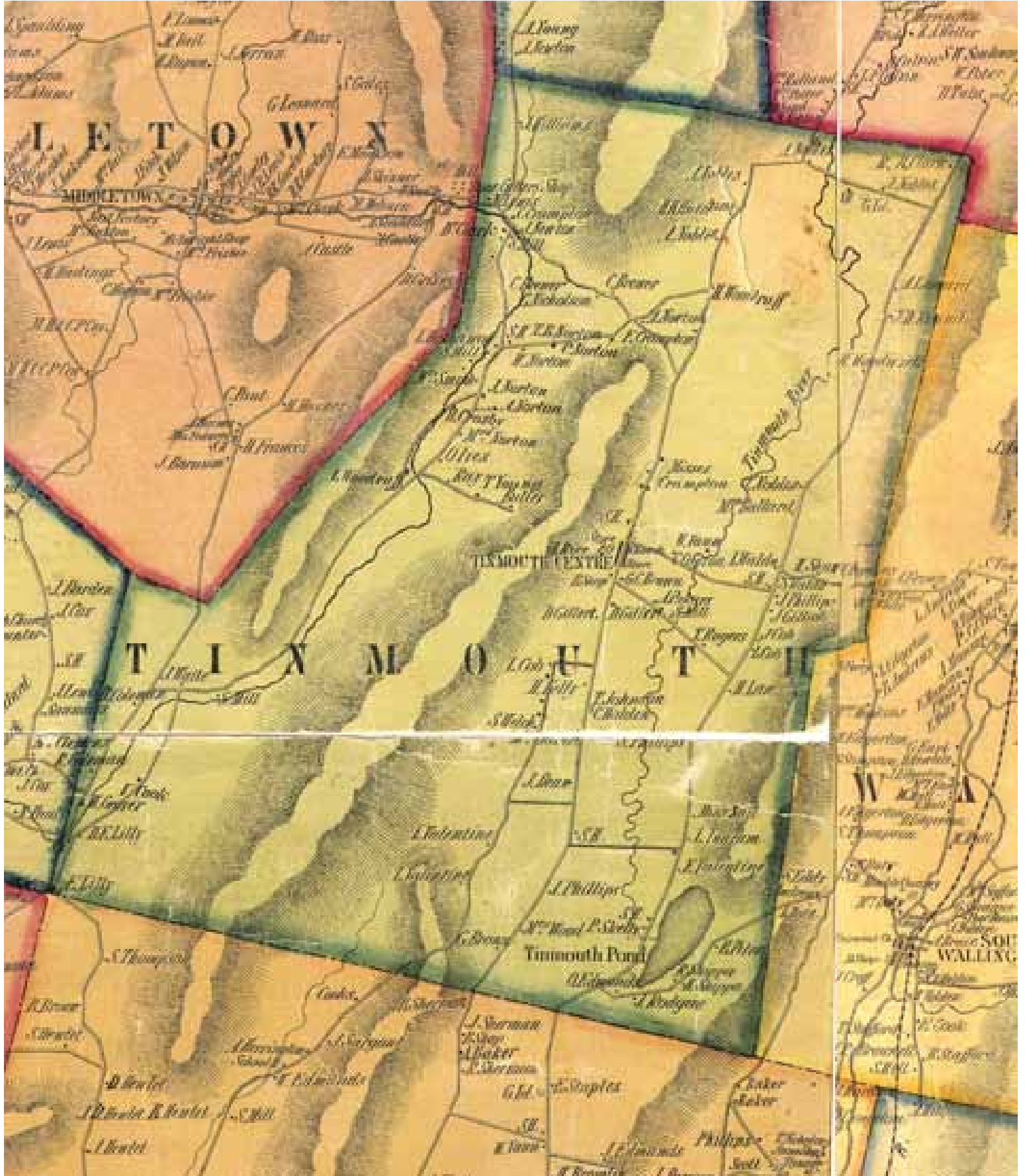
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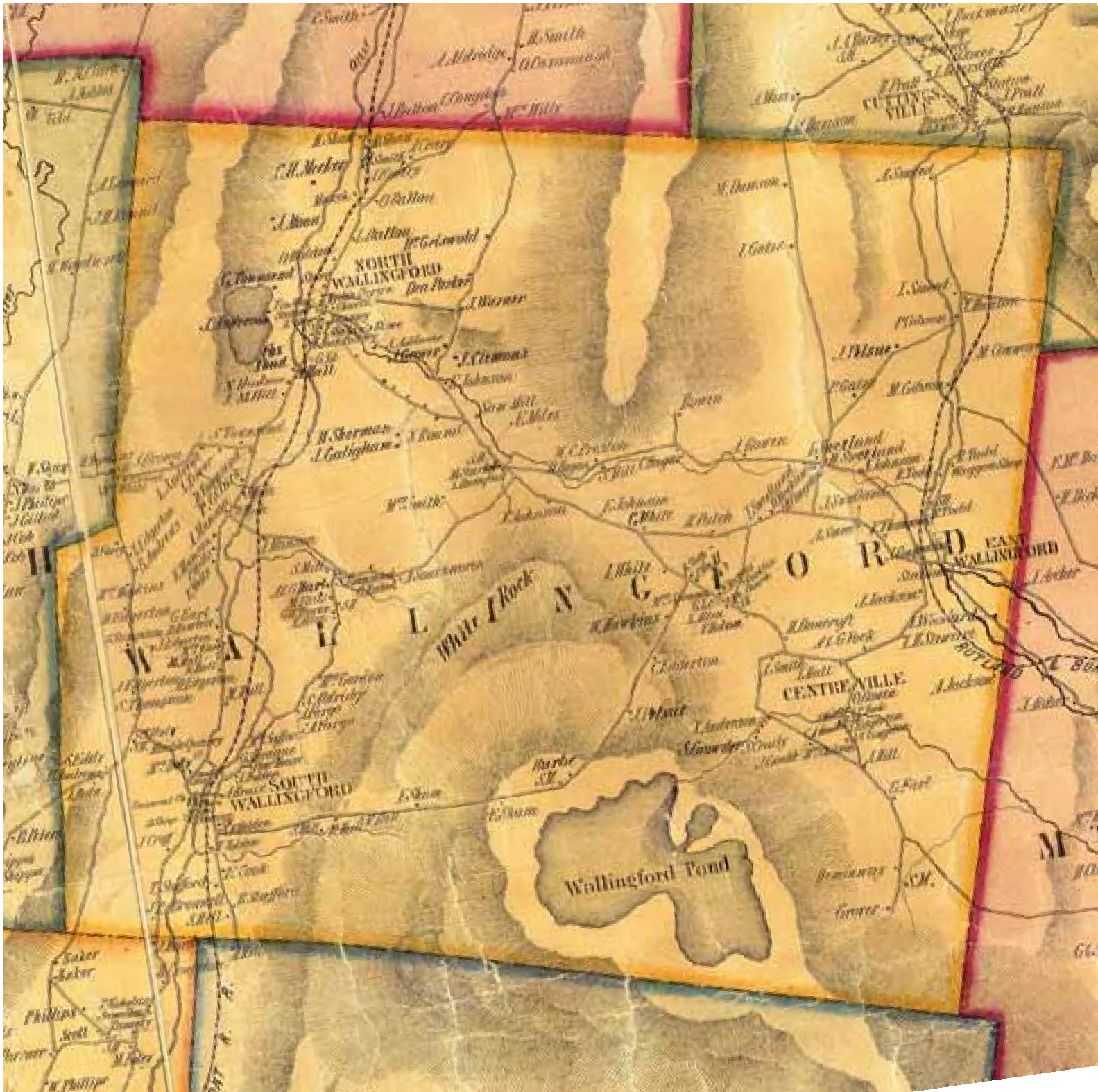
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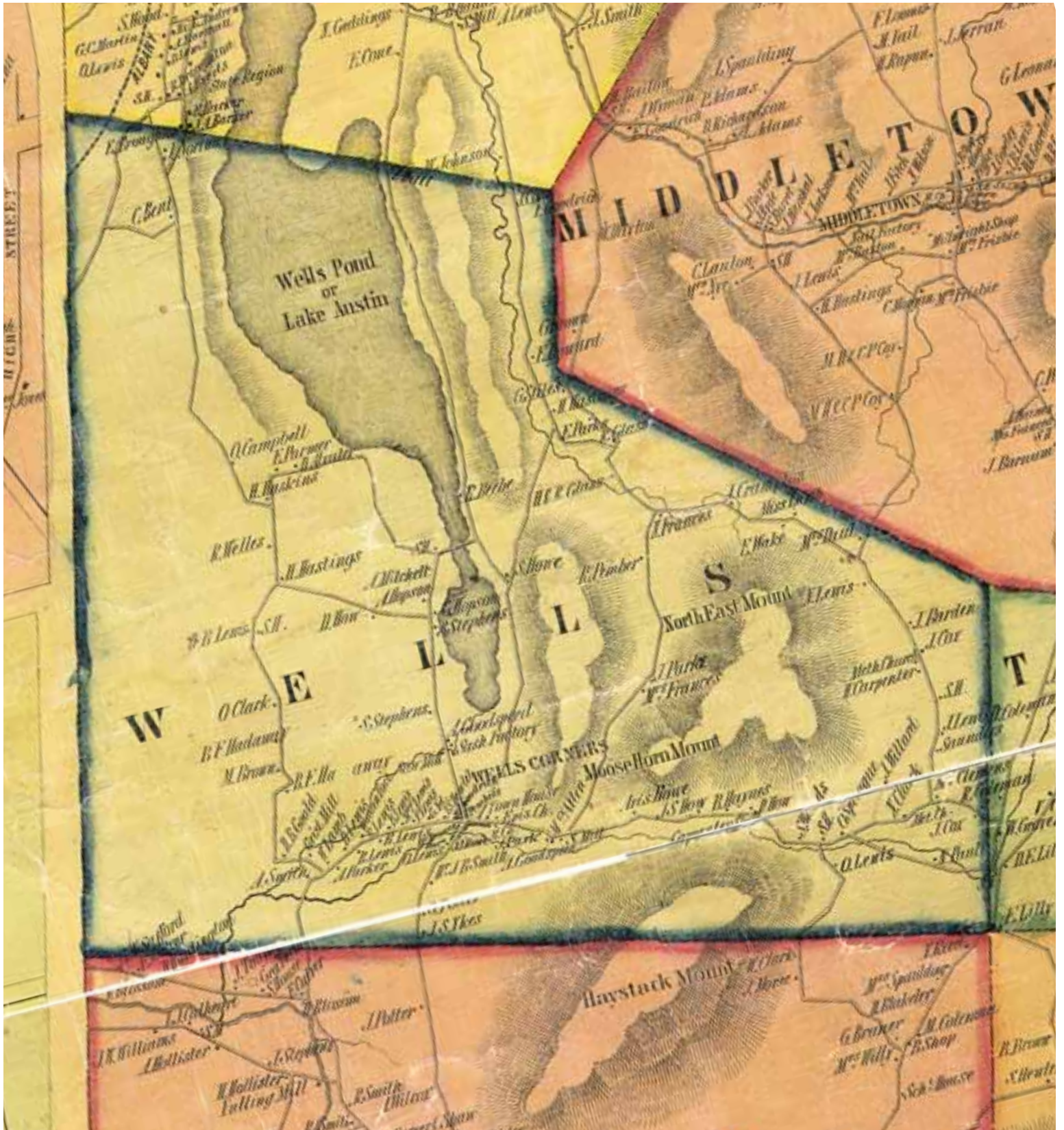
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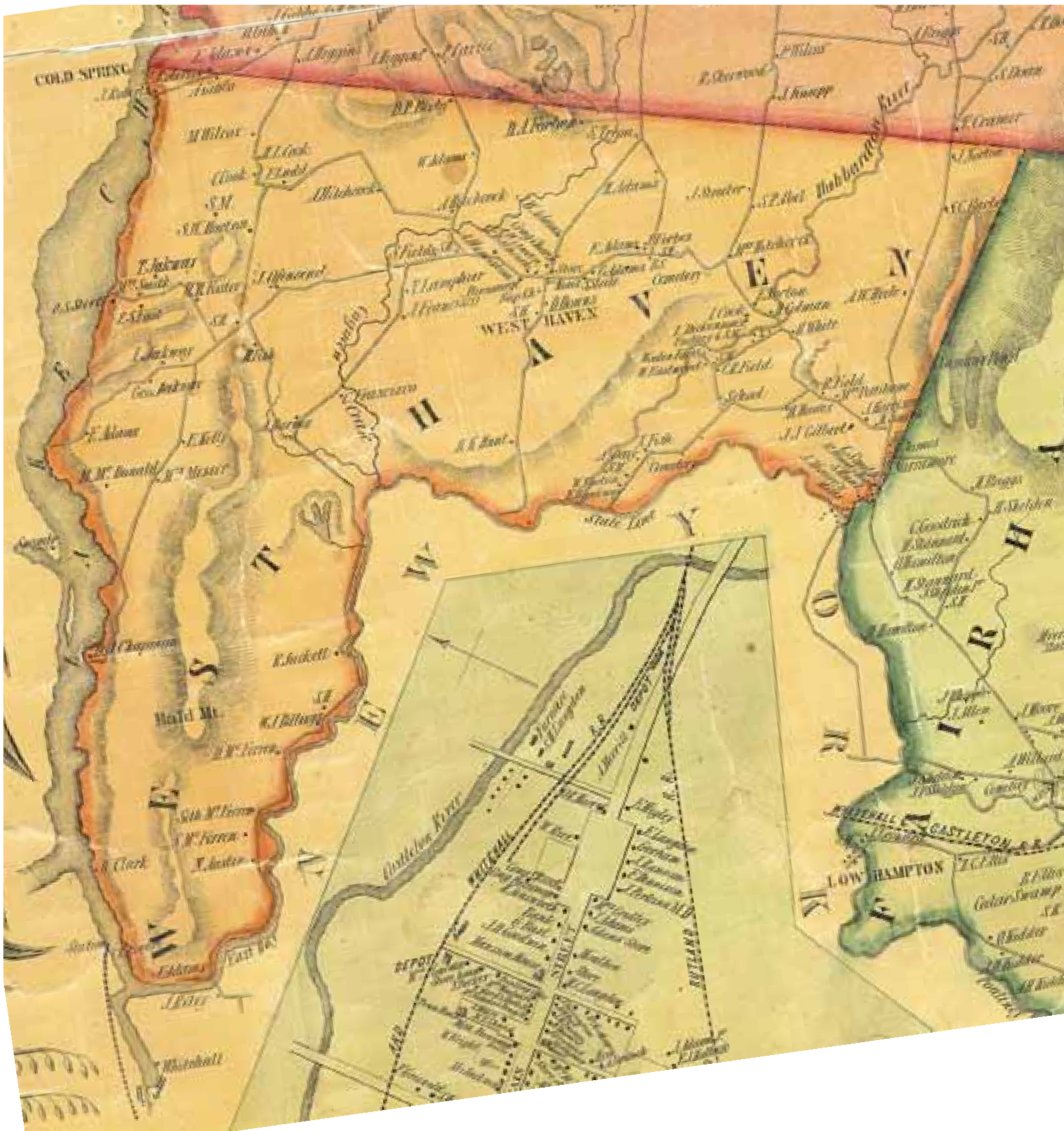
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Data and Pictures

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Agricultural Production

PRODUCTIONS OF AGRICULTURE IN RUTLAND COUNTY IN 1850.			
<i>Acres of land Improved</i>	26273	<i>Barley, bushels of</i>	211
<i>do do do Unimproved</i>	148209	<i>Buckwheat, bushels of</i>	1145
<i>Cash value of Trees</i>	250000	<i>Value of Domestic Products in dollars</i>	21267
<i>Value of farming Implements and Machinery</i>	110000	<i>Wax, gallons of</i>	0
<i>Horses</i>	4297	<i>Value of Products of Market Gardens</i>	220
<i>Milk Cows</i>	2000	<i>Butter, lbs of</i>	21200
<i>Working Oxen</i>	3073	<i>Cheese, lbs of</i>	20250
<i>Other Cattle</i>	2300	<i>Hay, tons of</i>	20000
<i>Sheep</i>	20000	<i>Other Grass Seeds, bushels of</i>	200
<i>Swine</i>	2000	<i>Hops, lbs of</i>	200
<i>Value of Live Stock</i>	200000	<i>Flax, lbs of</i>	200
<i>Wheat, bushels of</i>	2000	<i>Maple Sugar, lbs of</i>	20000
<i>Rye, bushels of</i>	2000	<i>Molasses, gallons of</i>	20
<i>Indian Corn, bushels of</i>	20000	<i>Beeswax and Honey, lbs of</i>	2000
<i>Oats, bushels of</i>	20000	<i>Value of Home-made Manufactures</i>	20000
<i>Pine Apples, bush of</i>	2000	<i>Value of Animals slaughtered</i>	20000
<i>Irish Potatoes, bush of</i>	20000		

Statistics

TOWNS	GRAND LIST	POPULATION
Academy	3018.50	1305
Bowdoin	1061.63	282
Castleton	1301.05	3010
Chittenden	5082.71	673
Clarendon	1712.86	1177
Wards	3362.30	1325
Windsor	3212.11	301
Wilmington	2286.73	701
Wt	1222.81	100
Mendon	1367.29	301
Middlebury	2100.35	873
Mount Ayr	1824.73	1031
Mount Union	862.29	300
Parish	6185.32	1873
Pittsfield	883.91	312
Pittsford	3012.19	2026
Roads	1010.10	2329
Rutland	16112.71	3775
Sherburne	1011.26	318
Greenboro	2210.12	1208
Southwick	2275.11	191
Townshill	2761.22	317
Wallingford	2230.13	1088
Wells	2111.83	801
West Ferris	2268.46	715
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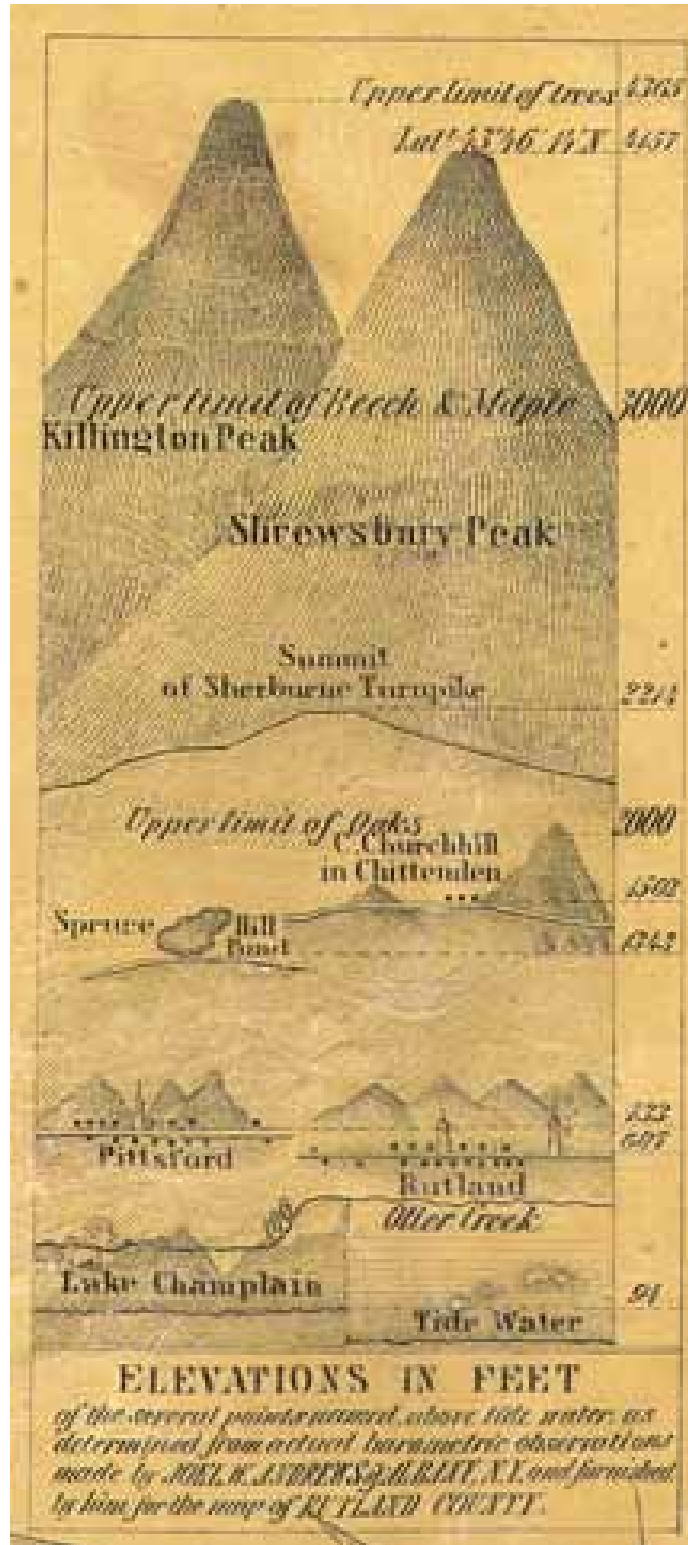
COLLEGES ACADEMIES & SCHOOLS			
KIND	No OF	TEACHERS	PIPILES
Academies	4	35	520
Select Sch ^s	8	10	353
Med. Col.	1	7	170
Common Schools	327	187	8007

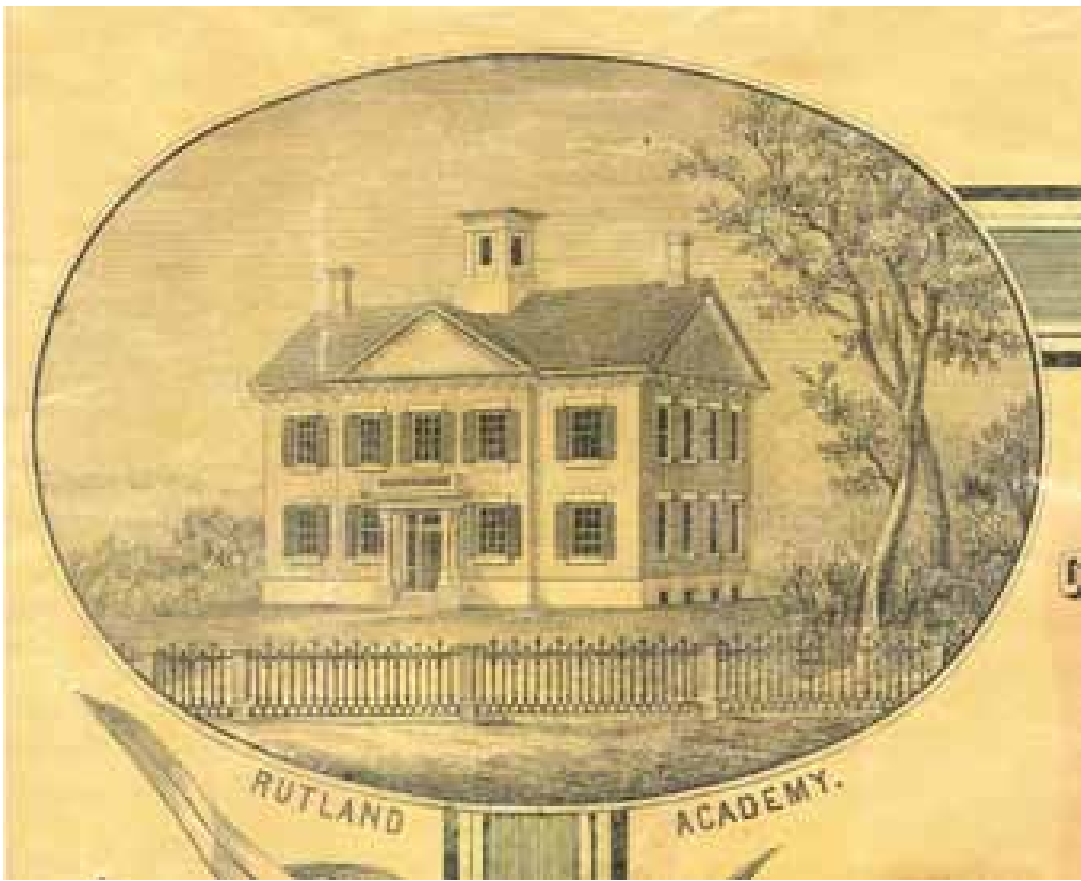
ANNUAL TAXES	
KIND	AMT OF EACH
State	13072
County & Town	33400
School	7375

VALUE OF REAL ESTATE	VALUE OF PERSONAL ESTATE	TREE
6,500,000	1,298,000	917,000

LIBRARIES.		
No OF	KIND	No VOLUMES.
10	Public	3200
5	Private	6000
11	S. School	1600

Elevations in Feet





Rutland
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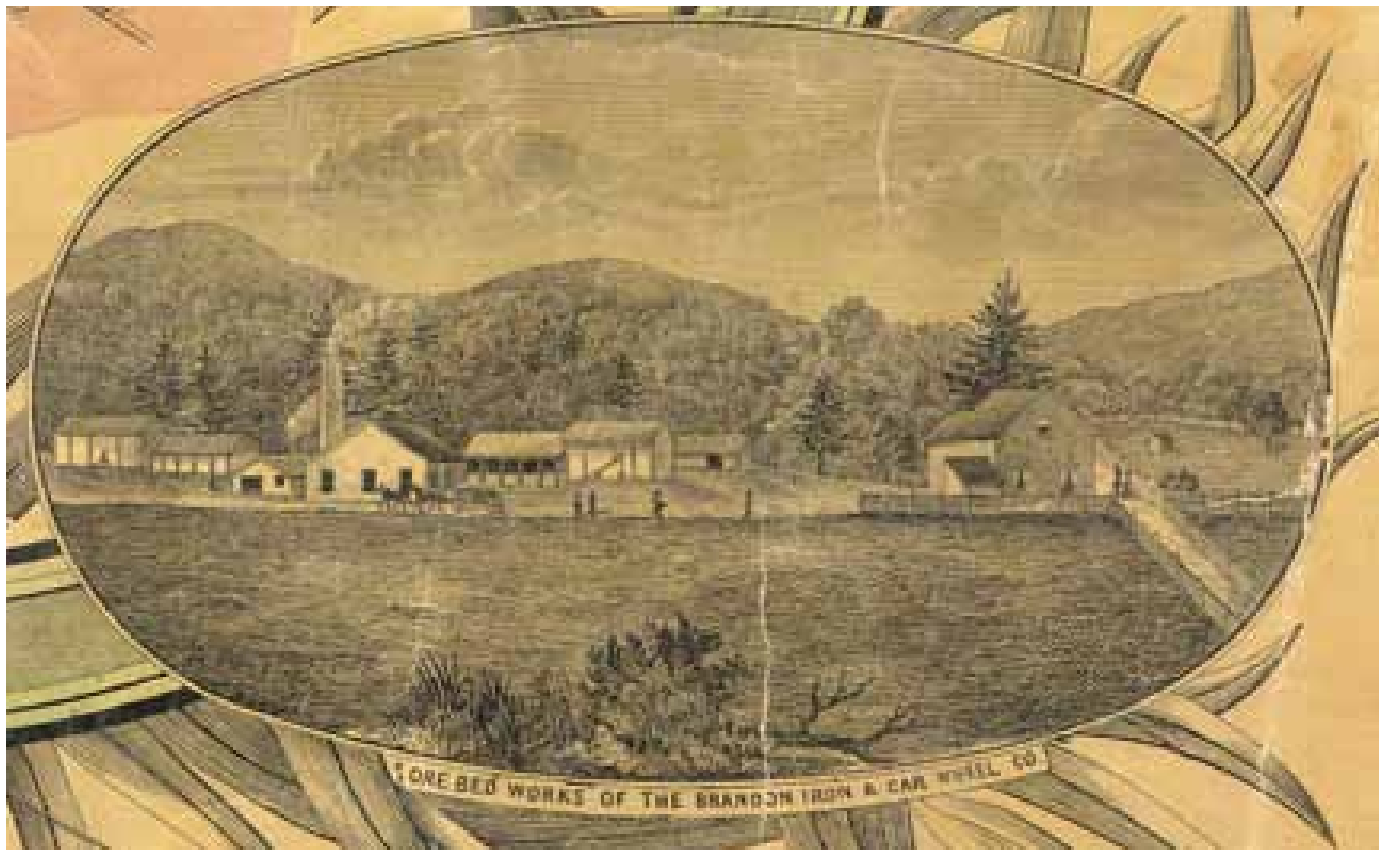
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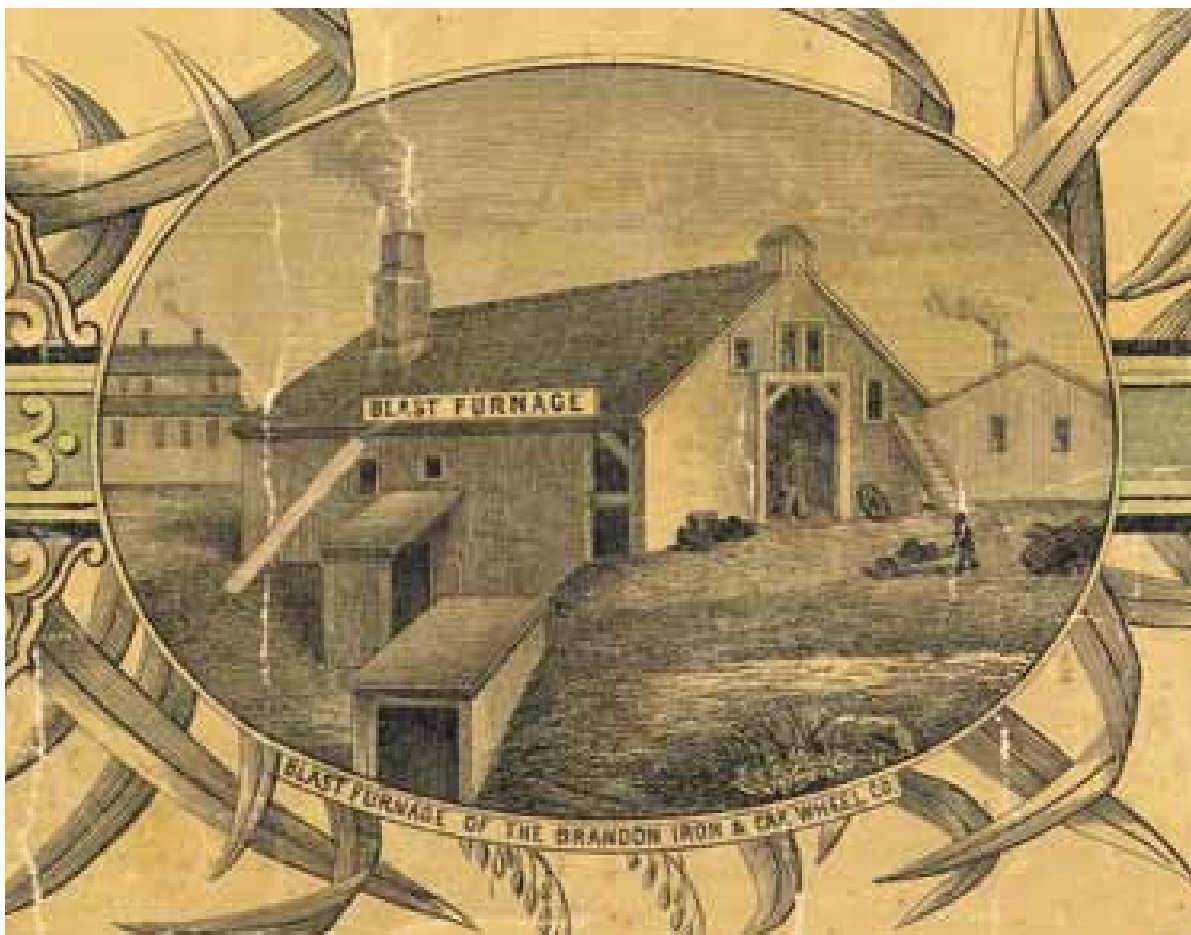
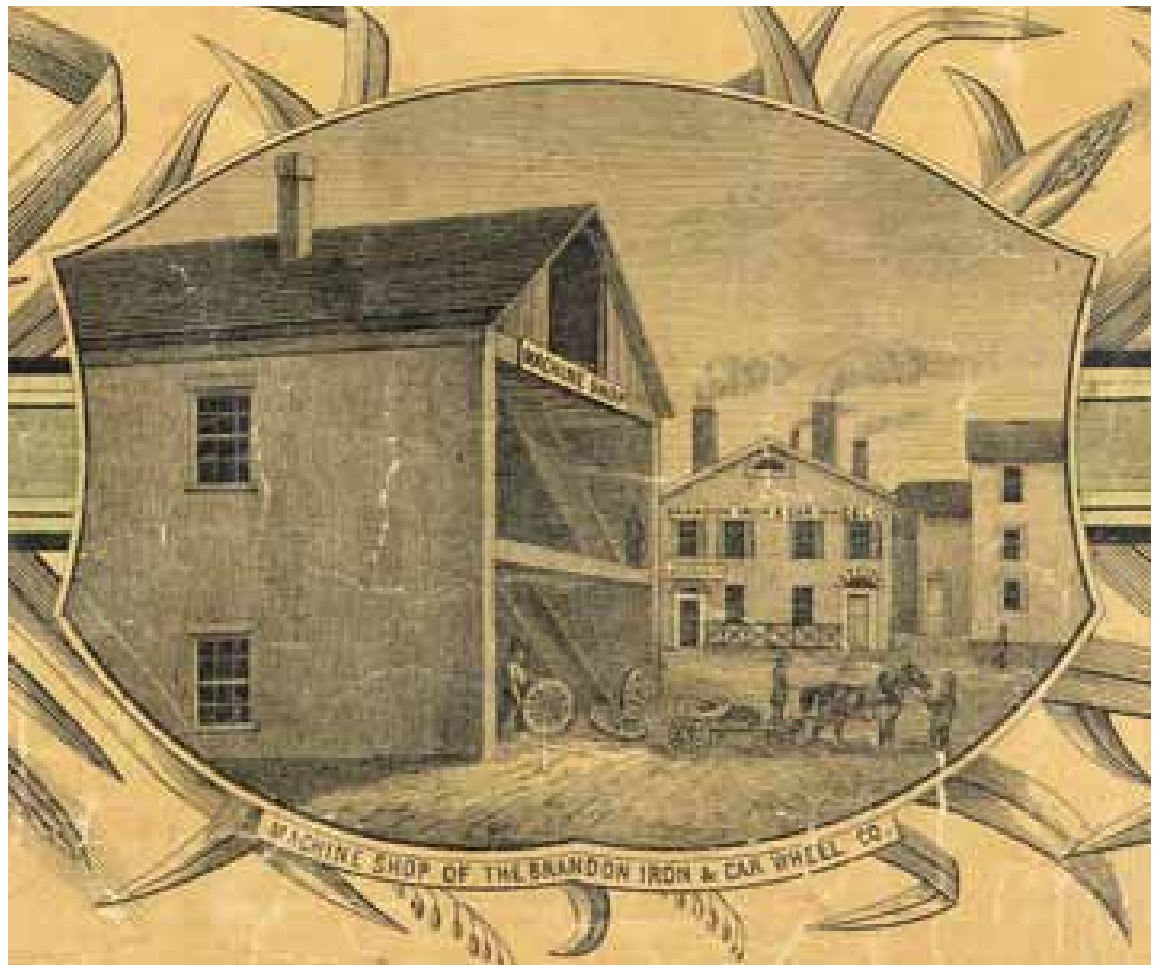
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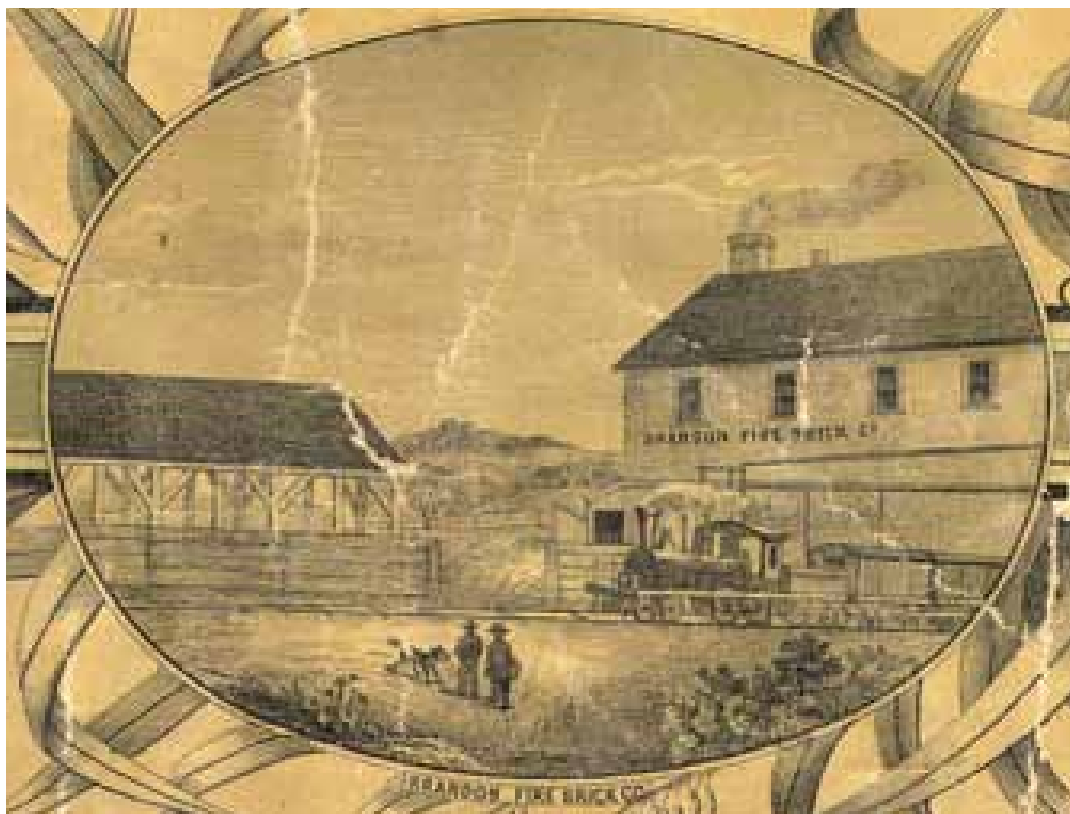
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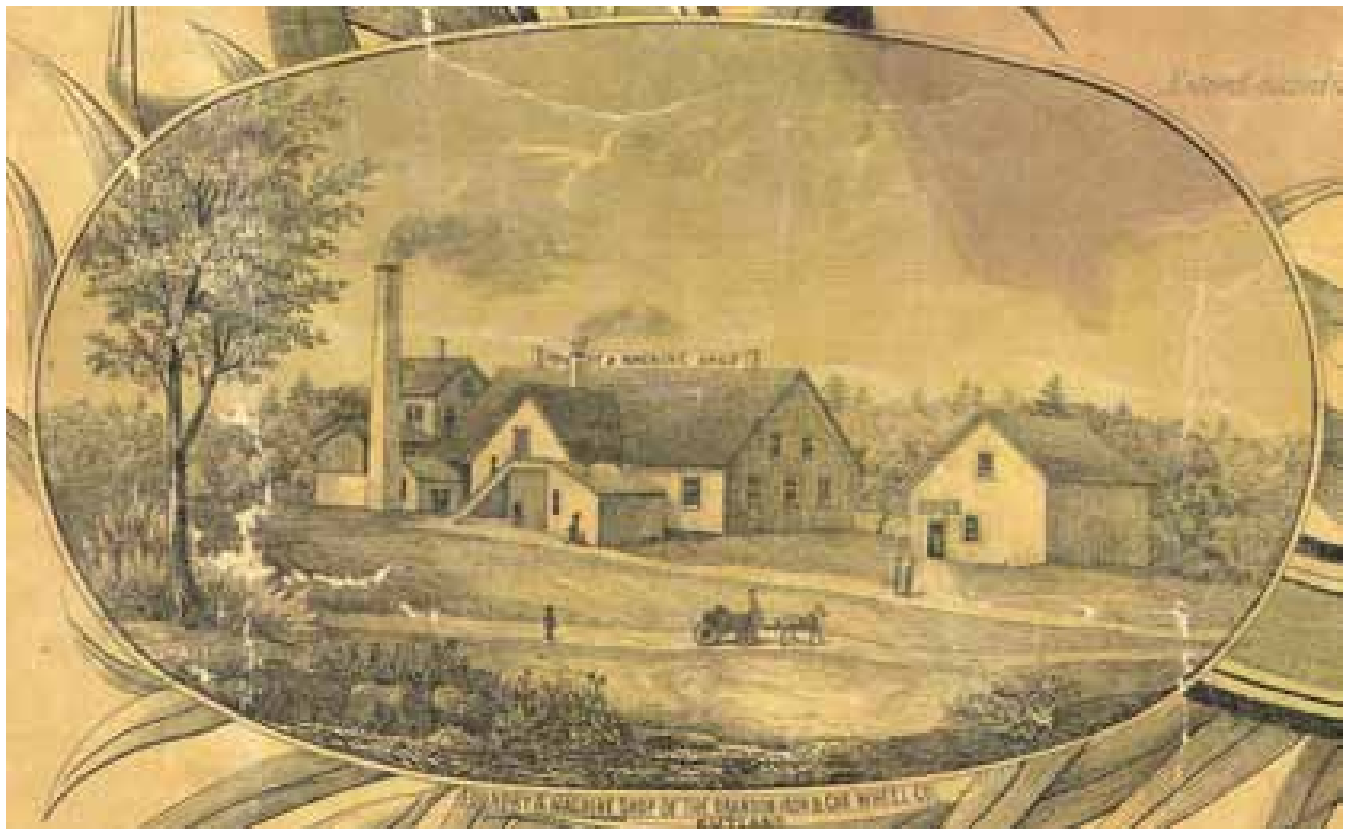


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