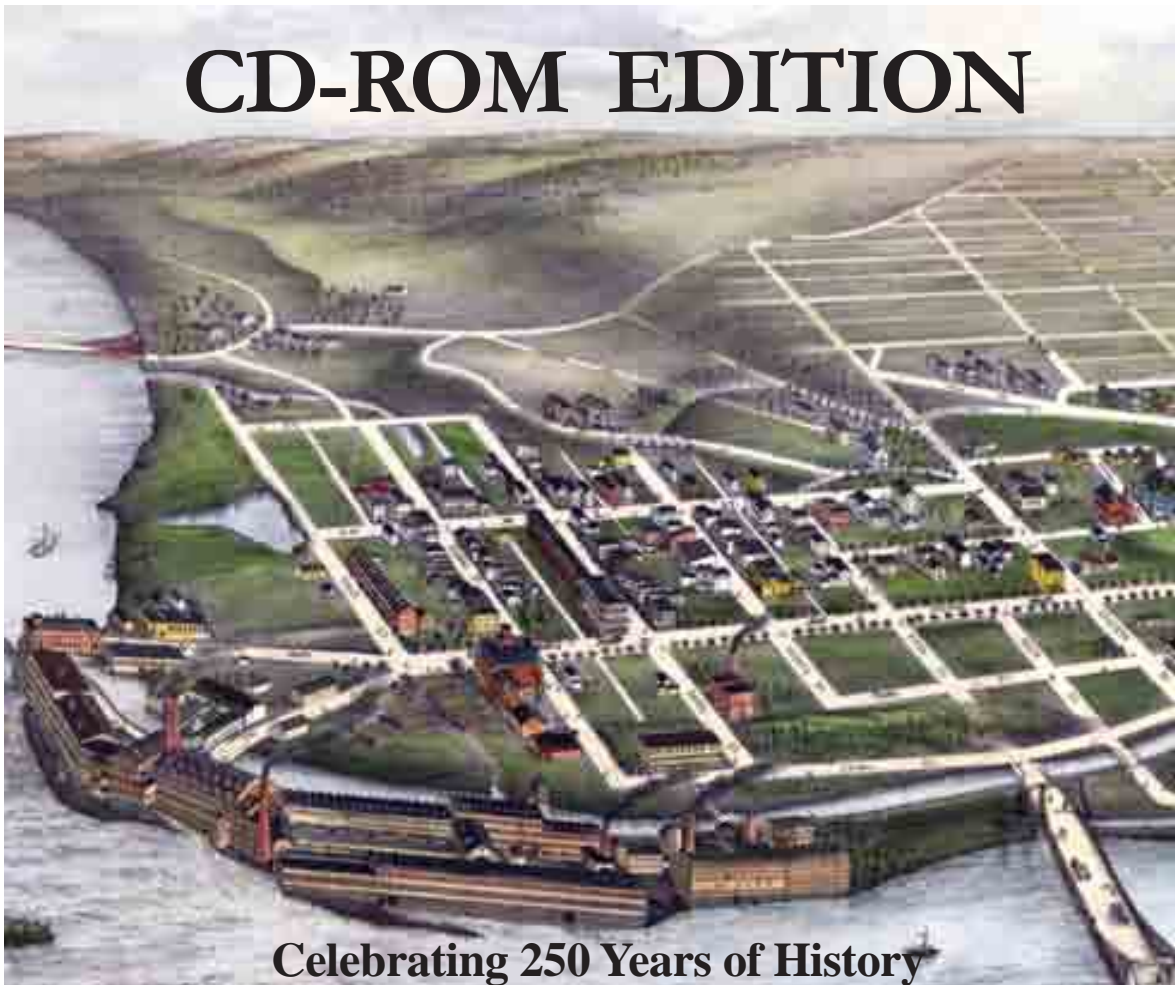


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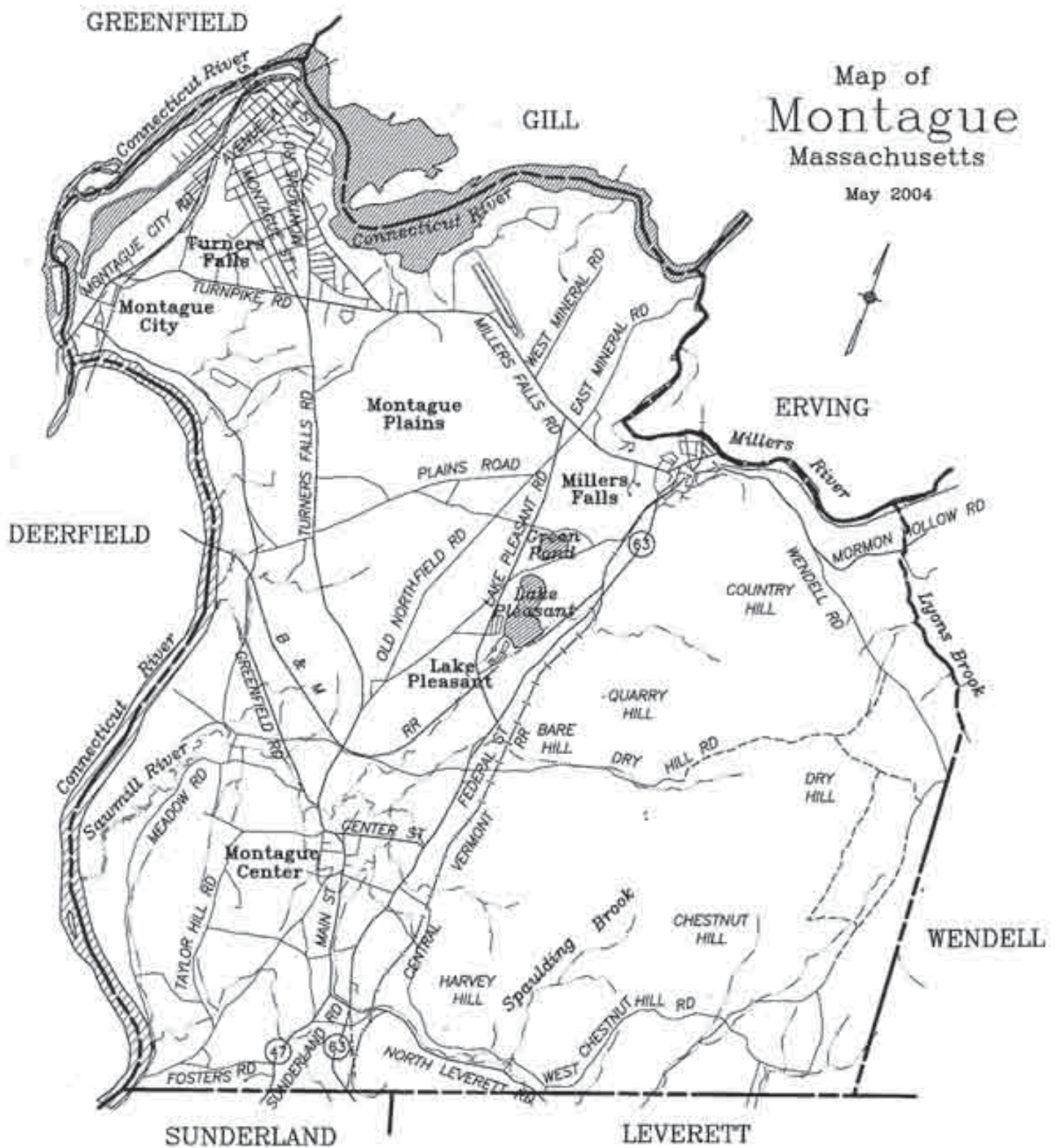
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Foreword

This collection of Montague's early maps is published to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the chartering of Montague, Massachusetts in 1754. Reproduced here are more than thirty old town and village maps, tracing Montague's history from first settlement until the early 20th century. The oldest map is the 1715 map of ancient Sunderland; the newest are the detailed fire insurance maps of the early 1900s.

The maps include the simple outline maps from the colonial period, all the known "land ownership" maps – remarkably detailed maps which show homeowner names next to the locations of their homesteads – and "bird's eye" views of Millers Falls and Turners Falls, with three-dimensional images of houses and landscapes. Several modern maps are included to help the reader associate the old maps with present-day Montague.

The maps are arranged (generally) in chronological order. The later maps are organized by geographic area: Montague Center, Montague City, Millers Falls, Lake Pleasant, Turners Falls and the entire town. In this text we use the word "town" in its classic New England sense, referring to the whole township, and "downtown" as the compact developed areas, both commercial and residential. Maps are oriented to north, unless otherwise indicated.

Limited commentary is supplied for some of these maps, particularly the early ones which have not been readily available until this publication. It is hoped that this publication of old maps will encourage further study of these maps and of the history of Montague. Comments and suggestions are welcome for a future edition. It is my intention to issue a printed version of this publication if there is enough demand, and if there is interest by others in the analysis and interpretation of these old maps.

Comments are welcome at: *Roberge Associates Land Surveying*, 21 Mohawk Trail #283, Greenfield, MA, 01301, or by email through the link at www.old-maps.com.

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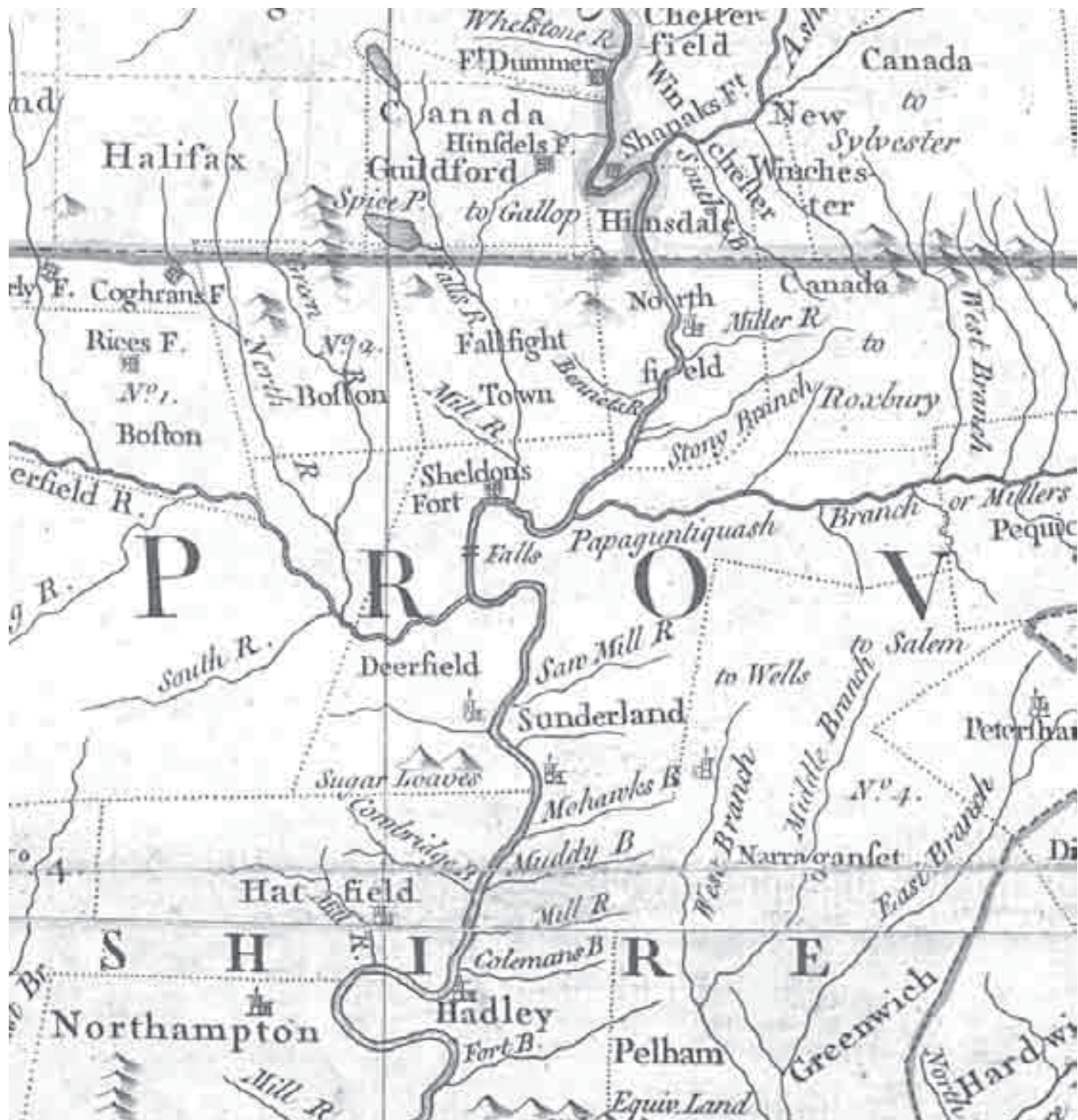
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Atlas of Cheshire County, NH 1877
Cheshire County: The Early Maps 1753-1816
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ca. 1745 New England's Northwestern Frontier

The land we now call Montague was at the edge of New England's western frontier in the early 1700s - a time of hardship and danger for the few European settlers who lived in this part of the Connecticut River valley. The Town of Montague did not exist in 1745 when this map was made - but the Sawmill River was well known to explorers and the few settlers who lived in what was then the Town of Sunderland.

Early Maps of Montague, Massachusetts

1715-1914

1. The Beginnings

The Town of Montague came into being in 1754, two and a half centuries ago. In that year, boundaries were set for the new town* and it was given its name. But our map history of Montague begins earlier, when most of Montague was an unsettled wilderness, and European settlement was concentrated in a few downriver enclaves.

The circa 1745 map is an excerpt from a much larger map of Massachusetts and New Hampshire by William Douglass. The towns depicted here were all established by Massachusetts, which claimed all the land shown on this part of the map. Montague - not yet established - is in the center of this map above the word "Sunderland". At this time - about 1745 - there are settlers within what would become the town of Montague, but they were residents of ancient Sunderland, then a much larger town than it is today. Note that the Sawmill River has its modern name even at that early year. The next stream to the north, Papaguntiquash Branch**, is now called the Millers River. The great falls of the Connecticut, today's Turners Falls, are prominent

on this map, as they should be for a time

when rivers were the main thoroughfares. Building symbols indicate the principal European settlements of Northfield, Deerfield, Hatfield, Northampton and Hadley (along the river) and Shutesbury ("to Wells"). The heavy shaded line is the New Hampshire / Massachusetts line, which was set by the English King in 1741. There was no Vermont in the early years.

The 1720 map shows the same set of towns, with Sunderland shown as "Swanfield", a misspelling of its "old" name Swampfield. This map also shows the connection between these upriver communities and the seacoast; through Springfield and then overland to Worcester, just like the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90) carries most traffic today.

The sparseness of settlement was due in large part to struggles between the English-speaking settlers and the Native Peoples (Indians) who resisted the encroachment onto their historic territories. A series of small "wars" slowed development of this area, including the notable "King Phillip's War", which was depicted on a contemporary New England map excerpted here. King Phillips War, which lasted two years, (1674-1675) was a most significant event in local history. It is estimated that perhaps 600 English and 3,000 natives lost their lives in New England during that conflict. This image depicts a notable Indian attack on Hadley in 1675.



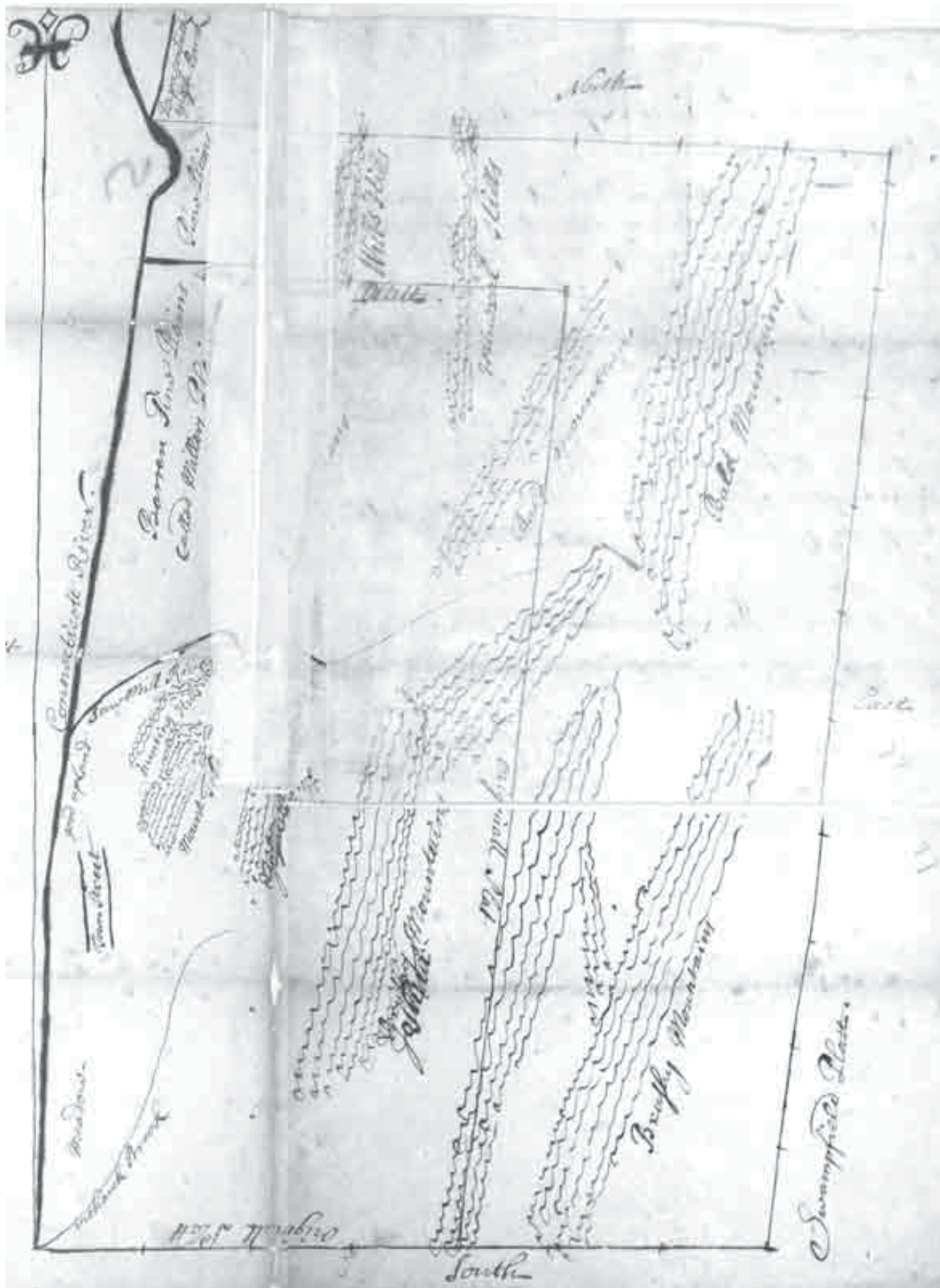
1720 Montague was originally part of old Sunderland, which was first called Swampfield (on this 1720 map it is misspelled "Swanfield")



1675 This map excerpt depicts a noted attack on the settlement of Hadley, Massachusetts in 1675. The area now called Montague is in the open area above Hadley, across the river from Pocumtuck (Deerfield).

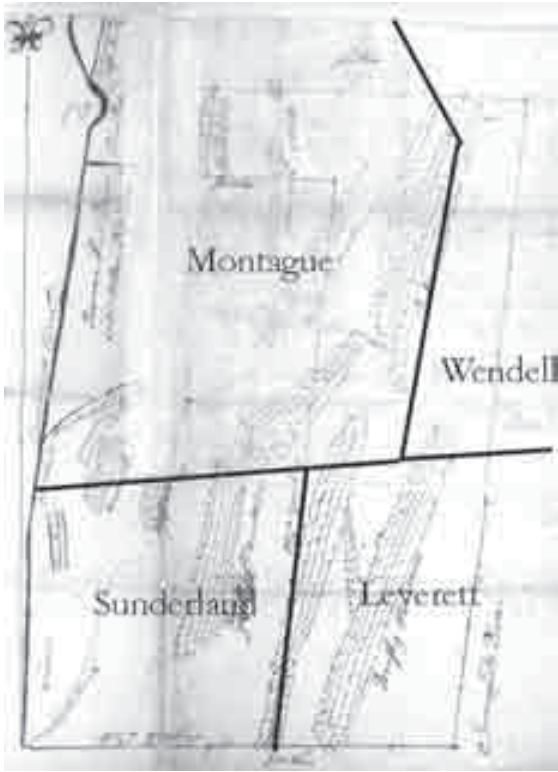
* The 1754 decision by General Court created Montague as a "District", which was effectively the same as a town. Not until 1775, when a general bill was passed abolishing "Districts", did the expression "Town of Montague" have legal meaning.

** This name for the Millers River may be a mapping error. "Papacontuckquash Brook" is shown on the following 1715 map as being close to the Deerfield Rivers' outlet - some miles away from the Millers River.



1715 Swampfield Platt Thomas Hastings

At the Massachusetts Archives in Boston, carefully preserved for history, are several original 1700s maps of the Montague area. One of them, the map on the facing page, dated 1715, is the oldest map in this publication. It shows a few details in Montague a



Key to the 1715 map

generation before the town was established. This simple map covers most of present day Montague, all of Sunderland, Leverett and part of Wendell. At the time only Sunderland was an accepted town - shown here as the long rectangle occupying the left side of this map. The inverted “L” shaped parcel which wraps around Sunderland is new land which the residents of Sunderland wanted to add to their town. Tic marks represent distances in miles.

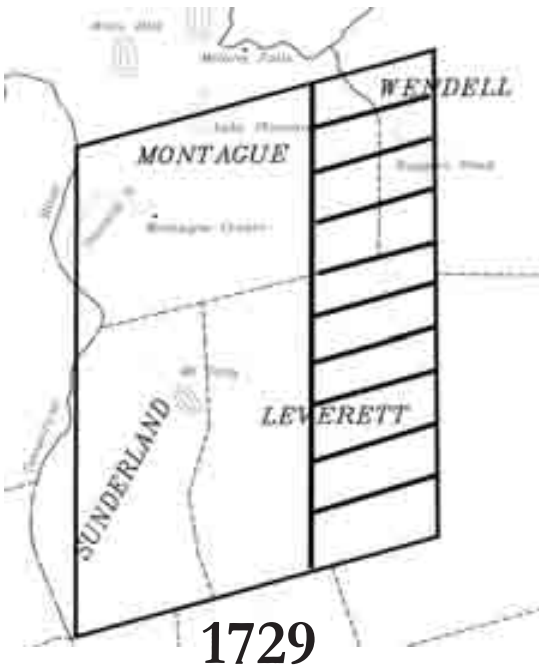
The northern boundary of this proposed land grant (it was not agreed to by the legislature in Boston) starts at the upper end of a large river bend at “Papaguntuquash Brook”, and passes just above Wills Hills and Mineral Hills. This boundary line, if it had come into being, would have encompassed almost all of present-day Montague. Papaguntuquash Brook, described in some written documents as being opposite the Deerfield River, appears to be the small stream which was altered in the late 1700s to become the barge canal bypassing Turners Falls.

This map does not appear to have been based on a careful survey. It shows a number of geographic features and place names, but they are depicted in a very general manner. For example, the map is rectangular, yet the true shape of Sunderland was more of a parallelogram (see the 1730 map).

While this map is quite crude in its proportions and accuracy, it is interesting today for giving us place names - some still in use now, almost three centuries later. The Sawmill River and Mount Toby (Tobe) are clearly shown, as are Wills Hills, the Mineral Hills, and “Millers Plain”. An enhanced tracing of this map appears in Pressey’s “History of Montague”.

Fourteen years later Sunderland did get more land, but not quite as much as the 1715 request. In 1729 a “2-mile addition” was annexed to Sunderland. This “addition” was two miles wide (the 1715 map asked for 3 miles) , and extended from south to north along the entire length of the older Sunderland. This strip of lots lay on either side of a center line which is today the boundary line between the towns of Montague and Wendell. About half of the town of Leverett is part of this 1729 land grant.

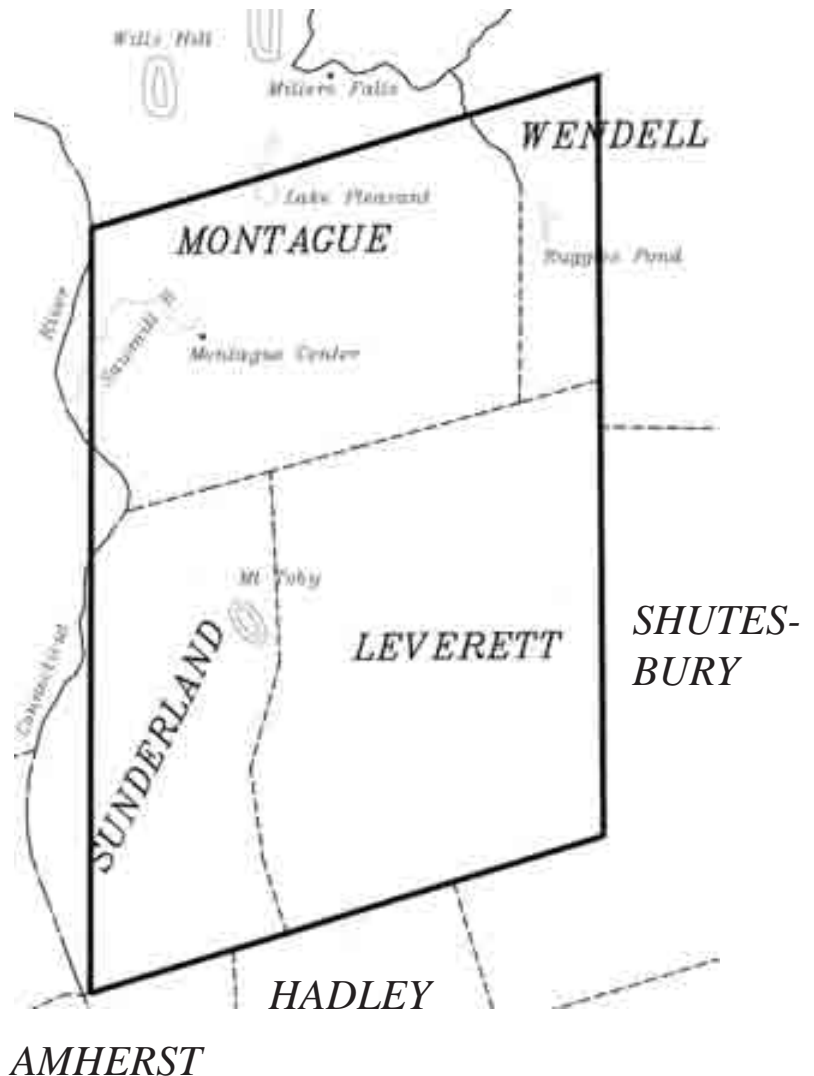
An outline map is supplied here to show the relationship of the 2-mile addition to modern town lines. Unfortunately, research to date has failed to uncover a contemporary map of the 2-mile addition, but in 1730 the entire town of Sunderland was surveyed and mapped. That map is also found at the Massachusetts Archives and is seen on the next page.



Location of the 2-mile Addition

The 1730 Sunderland map, in contrast to the 1715 map, depicts boundary lines in a more correct manner. It was based on work by a skilled land surveyor, Timothy Dwight of Northampton. While it is rather plain, Dwight's survey is an important historical document as it mapped quite accurately a large part of Montague and all of the towns of Sunderland and Leverett. Dwight's survey shows the actual outlines and the size of ancient Sunderland. The angular shape here is the same as some modern town lines. While the monuments shown - an oak tree, a pine tree - were not permanent, some of these lines exist on the ground today. The south line extends from the Connecticut River at "the Mouth of Mohawk Brook" and then runs westerly 1960 rods (over 6 miles) and is the present south boundary of the towns of Sunderland and Leverett. This survey and map, which includes the "2-mile addition" to Sunderland, also established the Leverett-Shutesbury line, and the original eastern boundary line of Montague (now within the Town of Wendell). This map may have come about because an accurate survey was needed before the limits of the 2-mile addition could be established on the ground. Its filing at the Massachusetts Archives suggests that the General Court may have asked for or even paid for the survey.

In addition to this map, Dwight made several other surveys of land in the Connecticut River valley in the early decades of the 1700s. He was the author of original surveys of the towns of Northfield and Deerfield, among many other works. A few years before he made this map, Dwight was the first commander of Fort Dummer, a military outpost upriver in present-day Vermont. In addition to being known in history as a prolific surveyor and a soldier, Dwight was the grandfather of an early President of Yale College, also named Timothy Dwight.



Key to the 1730 map

2. The Shaping of Montague

In January of 1754, the General Court of Massachusetts (the legislature) created Montague as a separate self-governing entity. The January 25th act described the boundaries of the new town, but no official map appears to have been made. In lieu of such a map, we are presenting a transcription of the General Court’s vote along with a pictorial interpretation of what the words are describing.



An interpretation of the 1754 vote establishing Montague

CHAPTER 22, LAWS OF 1753-54.

AN ACT FOR ERECTING THE NORTH PARISH IN THE TOWN OF SUNDERLAND INTO A SEPARATE DISTRICT BY THE NAME OF MONTAGUE.

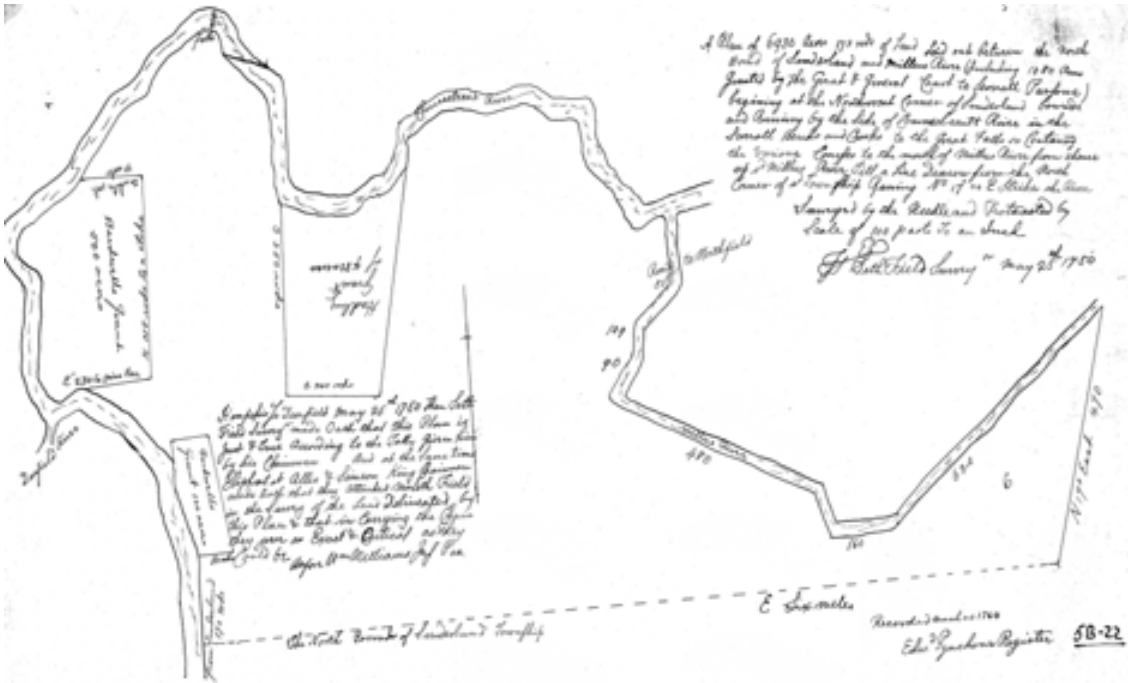
(DEFINING THE DEERFIELD-MONTAGUE, GREENFIELD-MONTAGUE, GILL-MONTAGUE, LEVERETT-MONTAGUE AND MONTAGUE-SUNDERLAND LINE.)

* * * :—To begin at Connecticut river twenty rods north of the mouth of Slatestone brook; from thence east to the east side of the town bounds; thence on the line of the said town to the northeast corner of the town bounds, and from thence north to Millers river; from thence westerly by Millers river to the mouth thereof where it enters into Connecticut river; and from thence by Connecticut river unto the first mentioned bounds, be and hereby is erected into a separate district* by the name of Montague; * * *

[Passed January 25, 1754.

* District made a town by Chapter 3, Acts of 1775.

Transcription of the 1754 vote establishing Montague

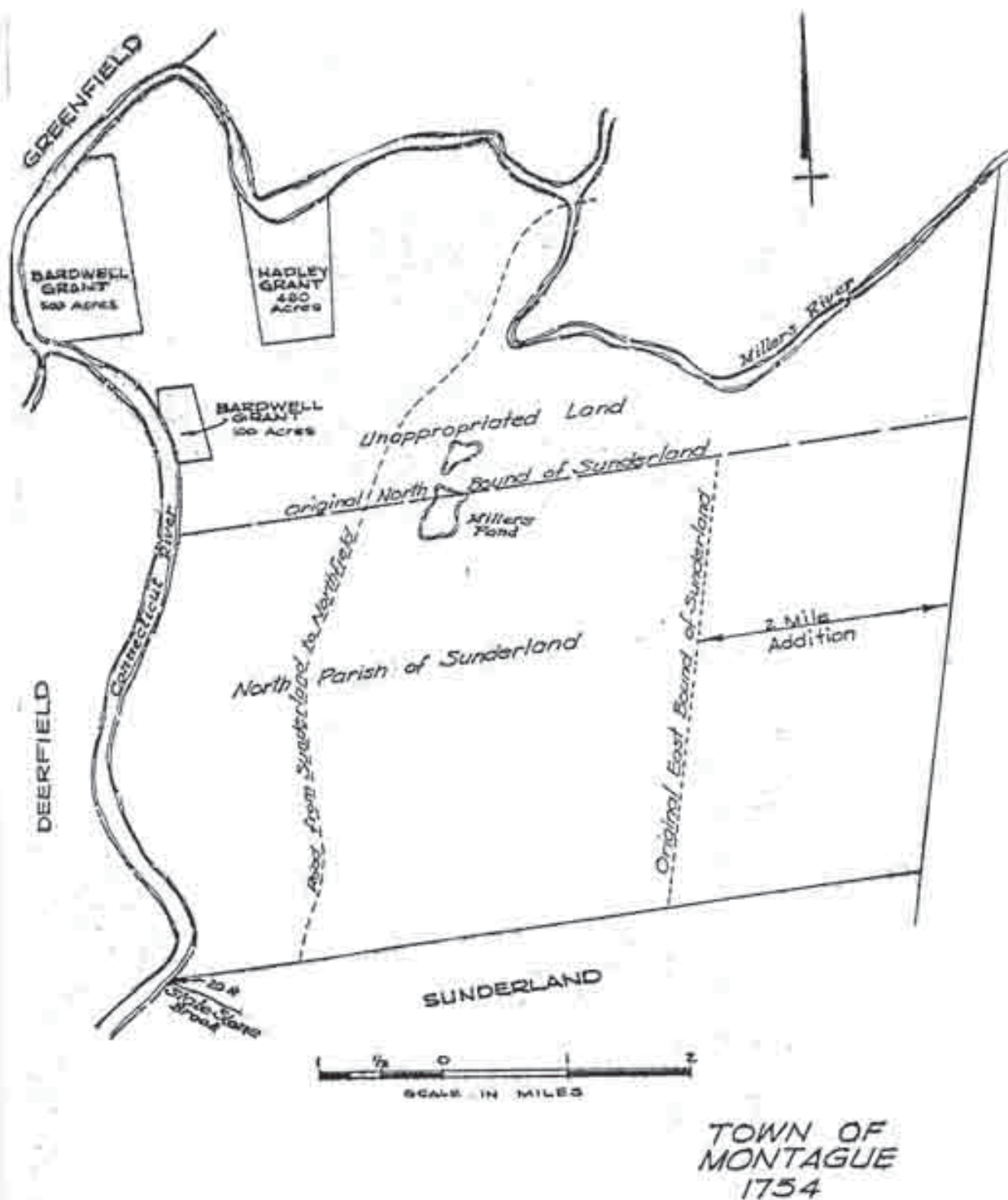


1750

A Plan of 6930 Acres

Seth Field

This 1750 survey by Seth Field defined the top third of what was to become the Town of Montague. This land including Turners Falls and Millers Falls (see the Wentworth map on the facing page), was not part of any town, and was mostly “unappropriated land” in 1750. The survey was probably done so that the General Court in Boston could know the extent of the proposed new town of Montague.



1754 (1975) The Shaping of Montague

Winslow Wentworth

Winslow C. Wentworth, a prominent citizen of Montague in recent decades, prepared this nice outline map in 1975 showing the original shaping of Montague. The bottom half of Wentworth's map defines the portion which came from Sunderland; the old North Parish and the 2-mile addition. The top portion of the map, "Unappropriated land", did not have a governed status until it became part of Montague in 1754. There were three previously granted private land grants within that large tract - two "Bardwell Grants" and one "Hadley Grant".

3. The Oldest Road Maps

In 1794 the General Court required that each town prepare an accurate map so that a state map could be prepared. The Montague map was drawn by surveyor Elisha Root that November. Root did a good job -- his map shows numerous roads and prominent buildings in Montague, and thus serves as a most important early document of town history. Here we see the locations and names of hills, large ponds, mills, taverns, and ferry crossings. No private homes are shown - not until much later would such detail appear on a map (see the 1850s maps). The original map is preserved today at the Massachusetts Archives in Boston. The map is fairly difficult to read, but it is rich in detail. The legend is quite detailed. It includes a list of the main roads in town (County Roads) and the owners of the principal businesses in Montague. Rivers, so important to our forebears, are indicated as solid lines, roads are shown with dotted lines.



1801

A Portion of the
Map of Massachusetts

Osgood Carleton

The 1794 plan of Montague was used, along with all the other 1794 town plans, to make the first official map of Massachusetts, published in 1801 by Osgood Carleton





1794 A Plan of the Town of Montague

Elisha Root

1830 Montague Town Plan Josiah Gould

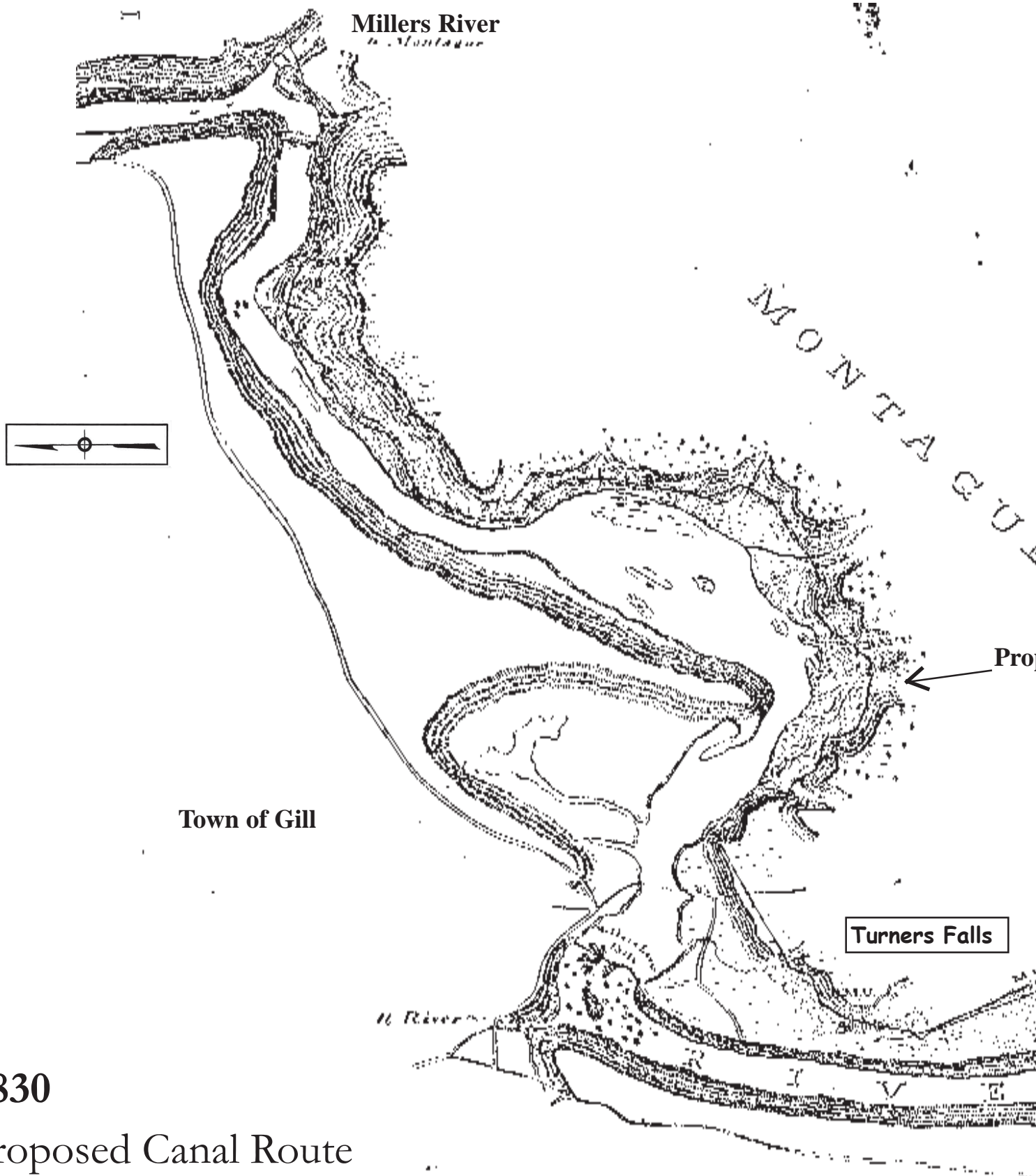
The 1830 Town Plan adds more roads and other historical information. Like the previous map, this document was the result of a law designed to map the entire state. The 1830 law, which included a \$100 fine for any town which failed to comply, required a map with great detail: the widths and names of major streams, all public and private roads, public buildings, churches, industrial sites, bridges, ferries, mountains, meadows, and wood land. Because of this mandate, the 1830 series maps are well regarded by historians.

Montague's extensive network of roads is largely in place in 1830, in fact there may be more miles of public roads shown on this map than we have today. Several of these old thoroughfares are now quiet woods roads, especially those in the western sections of town.



1830 Detail of Montague Center
from Town Plan





1830

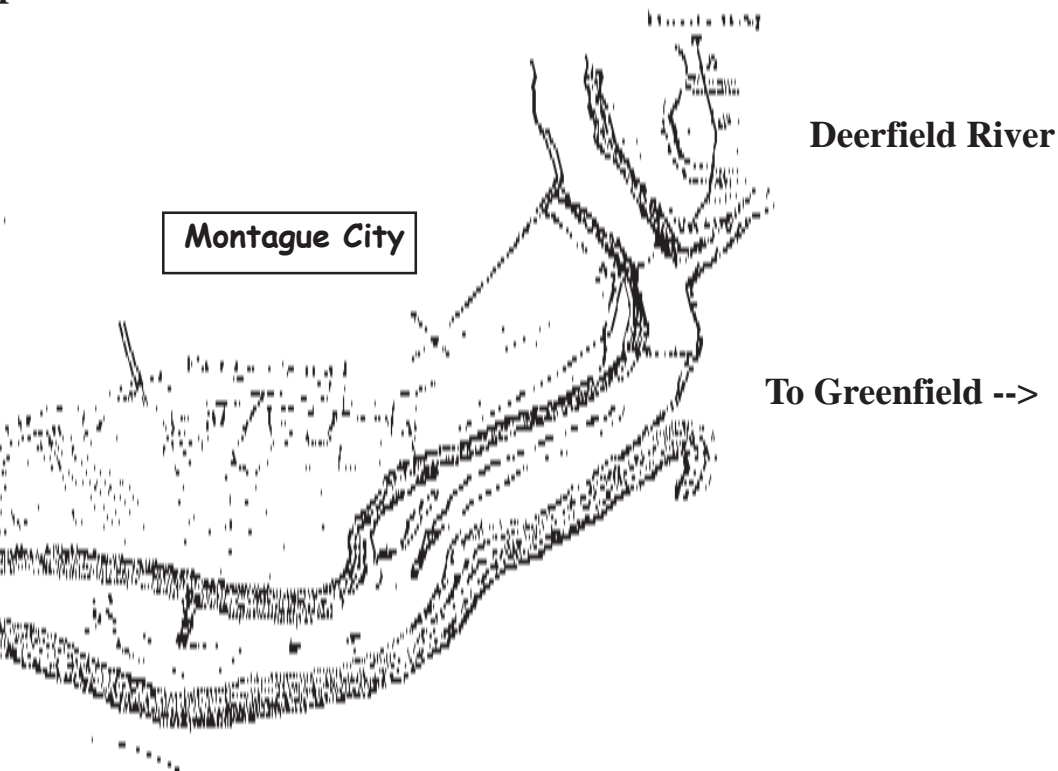
Proposed Canal Route around Turners Falls

Army Corps of Engineers

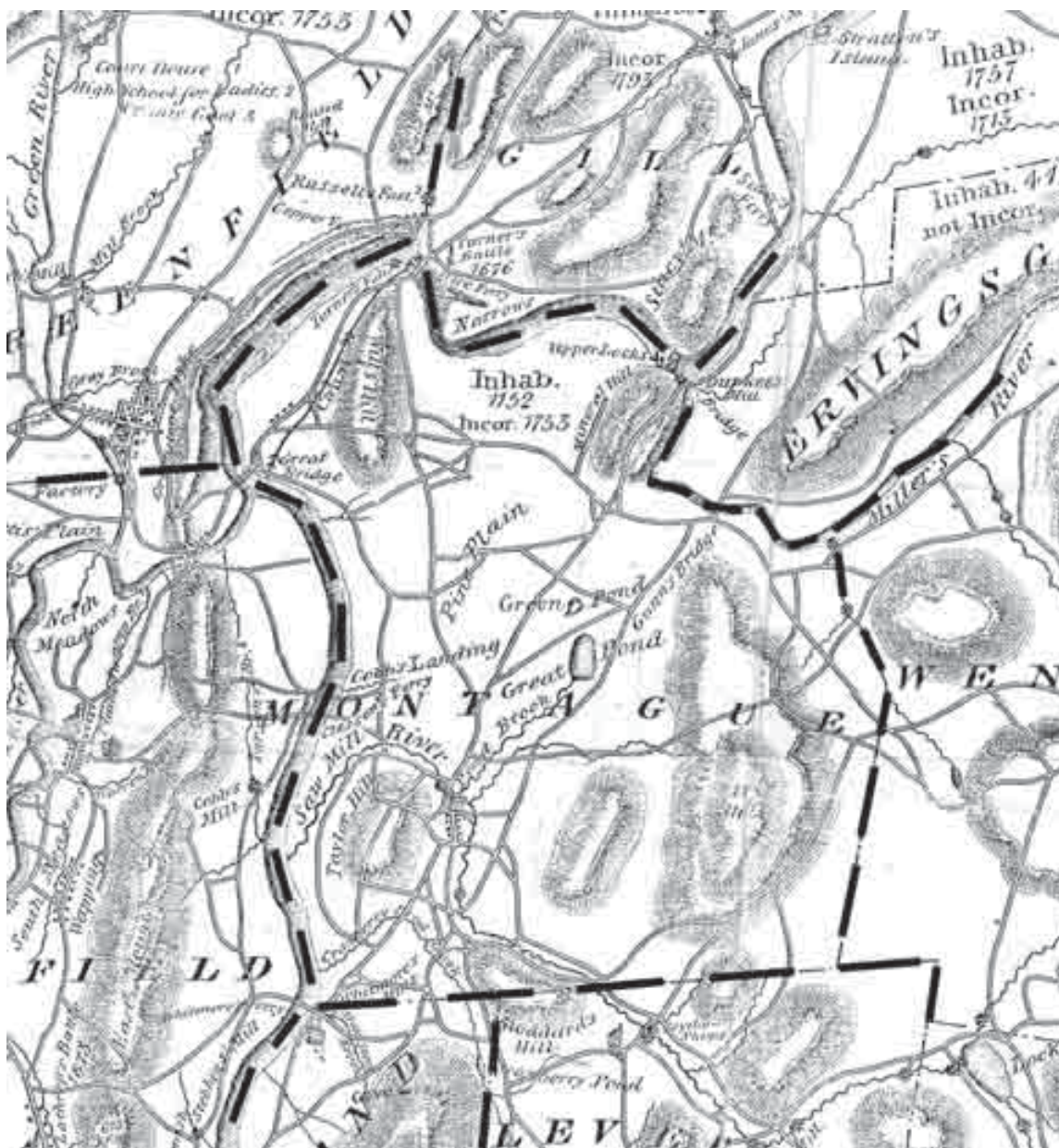
At the National Archives there is a series of maps of a proposed canal route in the Connecticut River Valley. These maps, made by the US Army's Corps of Engineers in 1830, defined an efficient route of commerce and travel which extended across Massachusetts all the way to northern Vermont. Accurate surveys were made to show possible routes of a new series of canals along the River which would greatly improve river commerce. In addition to bypassing the great waterfalls, these new canals would also ameliorate lesser impediments such as areas of fast water and seasonal low water.

The Montague portion of the 1830 canal route maps shows the existing "Millers Falls Canal" - the old barge canal- with what appear to be three sets of locks to lift boats (the arrow symbols.) Note that the name Turners Falls does not appear on the original map (it is added in this reproduction). The proposed canal route is the heavy single line.

Proposed Canal Route



These next two maps are excerpts from larger area maps and show Montague in context with other towns. Both of these maps are based on the 1830 Town Plan by Josiah Gould. The first map, dated 1832, is from the Map of Franklin County published by Arthur Hoyt . Hoyt labelled a number of features which were not identified on the 1830 map, such as Turners Falls, Green Pond, and Great Pond (Lake Pleasant). On the facing page is a portion of a very detailed state map, the 1844 “Borden” map of Massachusetts. The Borden map, also based on the 1830 series of maps, has a much neater appearance than Hoyt’s county map, but has fewer place names.



1832 Montague

Map of Franklin County
Arthur Hoyt



1844 Montague

Map of Massachusetts
Simeon Borden

4. Introduction to Detailed Maps & Views

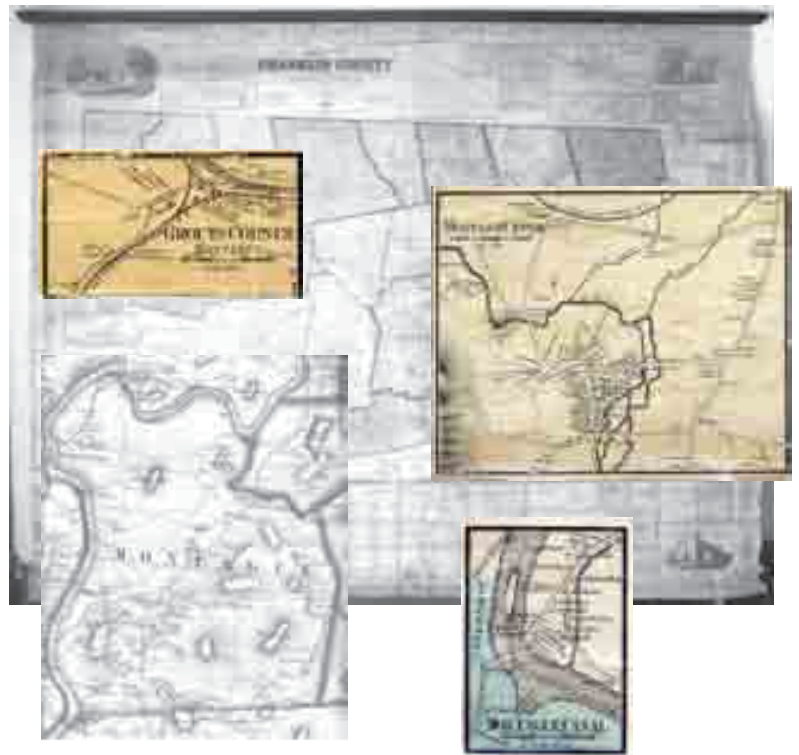
Most readers will find great interest in this next series of maps and views – detailed maps which show the actual sites of houses and buildings - many with the owners' names. For the reader's convenience, maps of the same area are grouped together by village and town. Due to the large size of the originals, some of these maps are cropped, and the largest maps are not completely reproduced here.



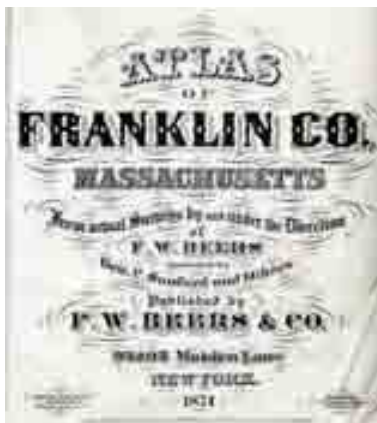
1885 Montague Village

The 1858 maps of Montague– four maps in all - are from the large wall map “*Map of Franklin County, Massachusetts*” by H.F. Walling. Walling’s map was a commercial effort and may have been a successful publication as a number of copies of the original document can be found in homes and offices in Franklin County today. The original map measures about four feet by five feet, and shows thousands of names in all of Franklin County.

Commercial mapmaking was a widely popular business in the mid 19th century. Numerous wall maps were produced, as were - later in that period - hardbound atlases. Wall maps proved a bit cumbersome to use, and were expensive to print. So commercial mapmakers turned to atlases like the 1871 F.W. Beers *Atlas of Franklin County*. This atlas provides five maps of Montague: a town map, and maps of Turners Falls, Millers Falls, Montague City and Montague Center.

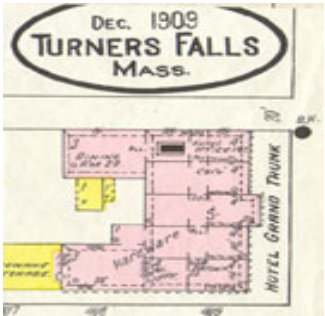


1858 Town of Montague from the wall map



1871 Beers Atlas

In the latter part of the 19th century, birds-eye views became quite popular, and two of Montague's villages were favored with this unusual form of mapmaking. Both Turners Falls (1877) and Millers falls (1889) were drawn in perspective views.



1909 Turners Falls Fire Insurance Maps



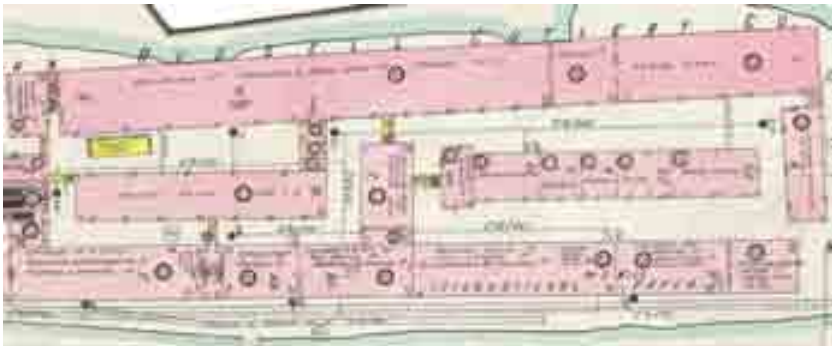
1877 Village of Turners Falls



1900 Village of Millers Falls



1914 Montague Center Fire Insurance Map



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An engraving of a man in a hat and coat standing in a rocky landscape, holding a long staff or pole. A stone wall is in the foreground, and a small wooden building is visible in the background. The scene is set in a rugged, mountainous area with trees and a cloudy sky. The man is standing on a path or road, looking towards the right. The stone wall is made of large, irregular stones. The wooden building is a simple structure with a gabled roof. The overall style is that of a 19th-century engraving.

Montague

This is a detailed topographical map of the Montague Canal area in Northfield, Massachusetts. The map shows the canal winding through a hilly landscape with numerous peaks and valleys. Key features include the Montague Canal, the Montague Lock, the Montague Dam, and the Montague Reservoir. The map is labeled with various names of towns and villages, including Montague, Northfield, and Westfield. It also shows the locations of several churches, schools, and other buildings. The map is oriented with North at the top.

Perhaps the most attractive and useful of Montague's early maps are found in the 1871 "Beers Atlas". All of Franklin County was mapped in that 52-page atlas which included 5 separate maps of Montague - the town map (on these pages) and detail maps of Turners Falls, Millers Falls, Montague Center and Montague City. Like the 1858 map, the Beers Atlas purports to show all the homes and businesses, but more is offered: here see school district boundaries, road distances (in rods - one rod is 16 1/2 feet), and some special sites such as the "Fossil Foot-print Quarry".

1871
Montague
Atlas of Franklin County
F.W. Beers

MONTAGUE

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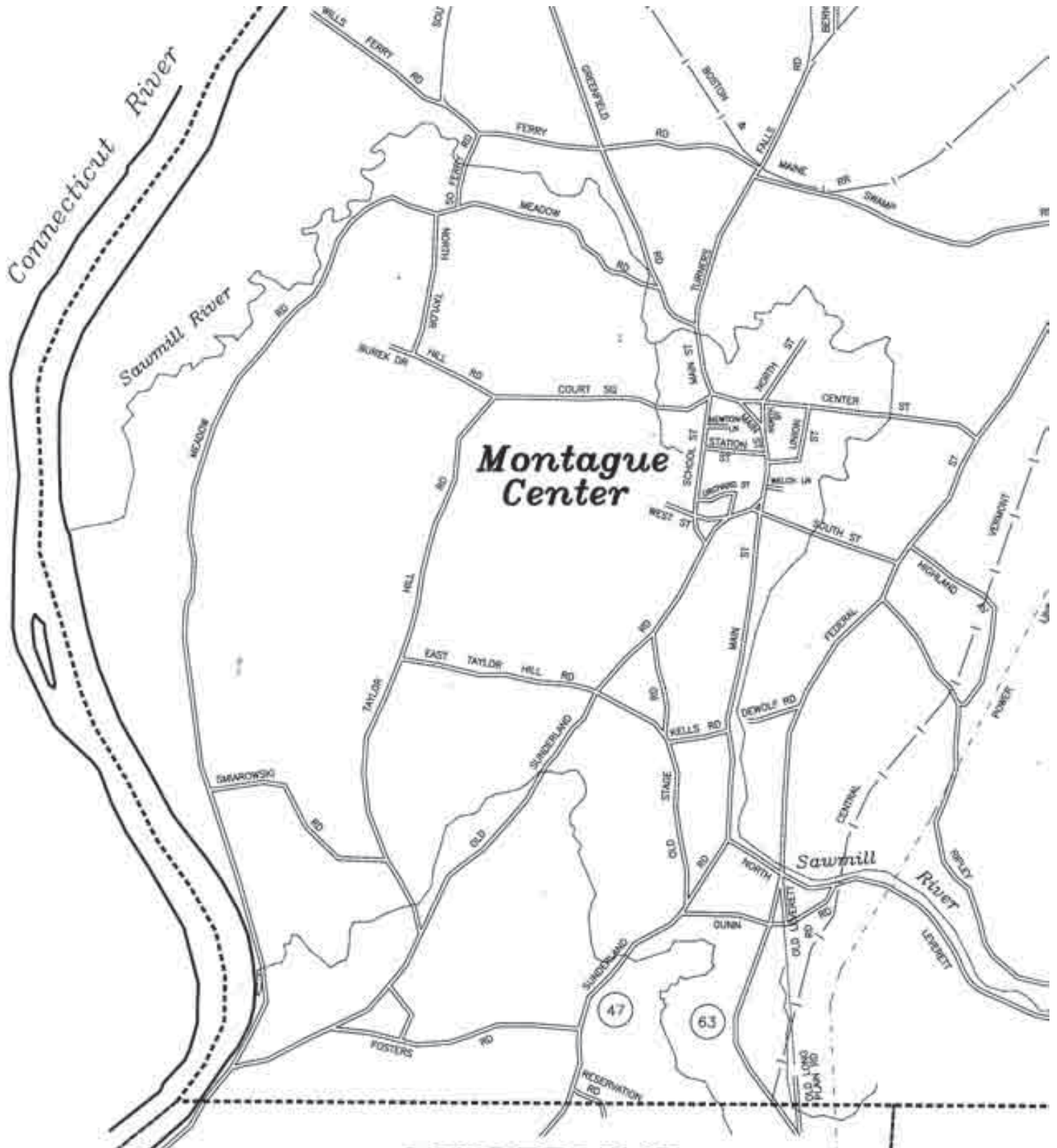


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"Turner's Falls Pulp Co". Manufrs of Pulp
Miscellaneous.
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Belland H. Mason and Contractor. Res 7th st
Crocker W. P. Civil Engineer and Surveyor
Emery S. D. Jobber. Res cor L and 2nd sts
Farren Wm. Foreman and Contractor. Res 7th st
Gross R. L. Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries
Gillman N. Foreman at "Clark & Chapman's Foundry"
Hitchcock & Harrington. Dealers in Lumber, Lath,
Lime, Cement and Genl Building Material
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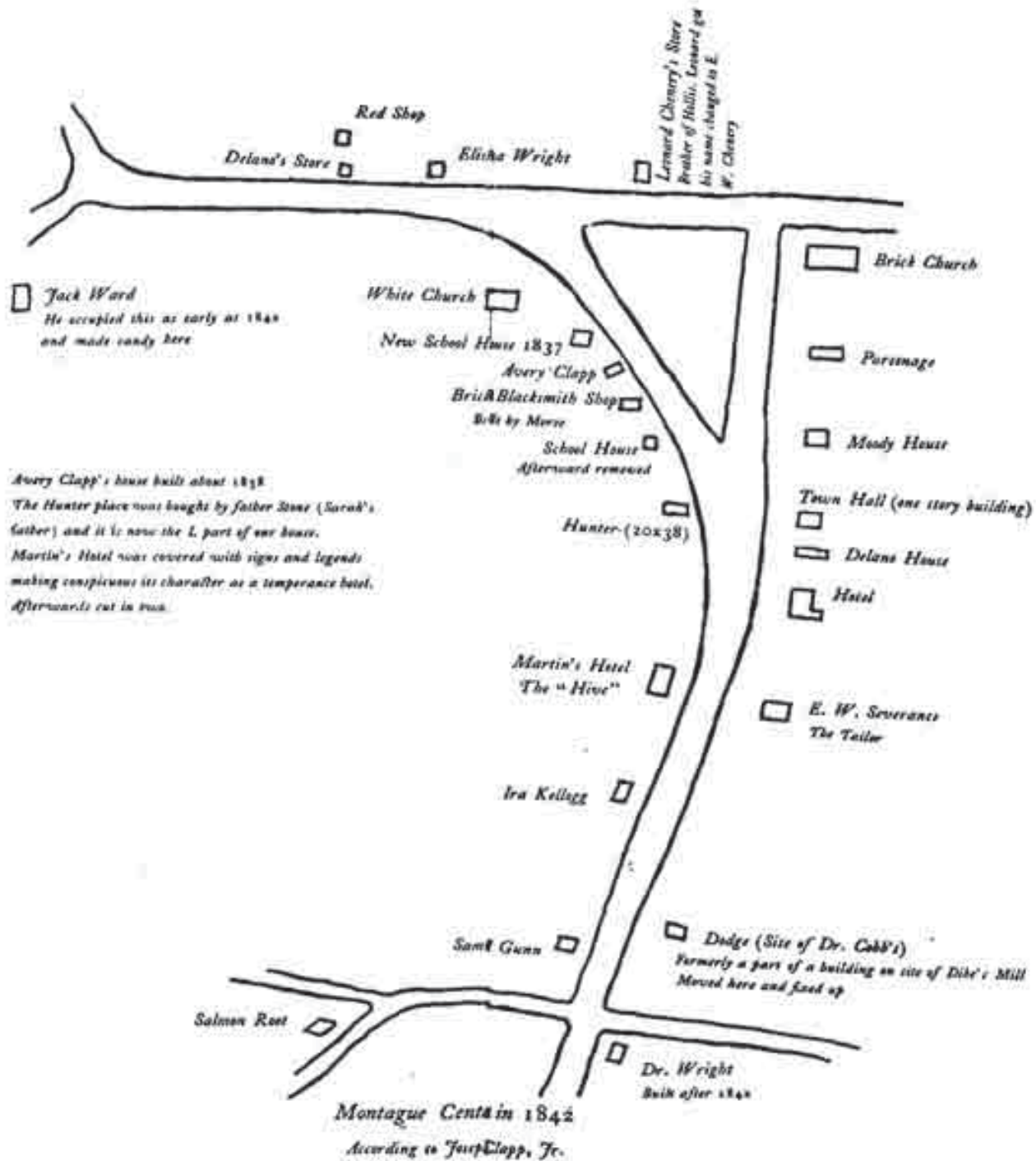
6. Detailed Maps – Montague Center

We begin with the maps of the developed settlements of Montague, grouped by village. Montague Center is the oldest settlement in town. On this page we print a modern map to make it easier to study the older maps.



Modern Map of Montague Center

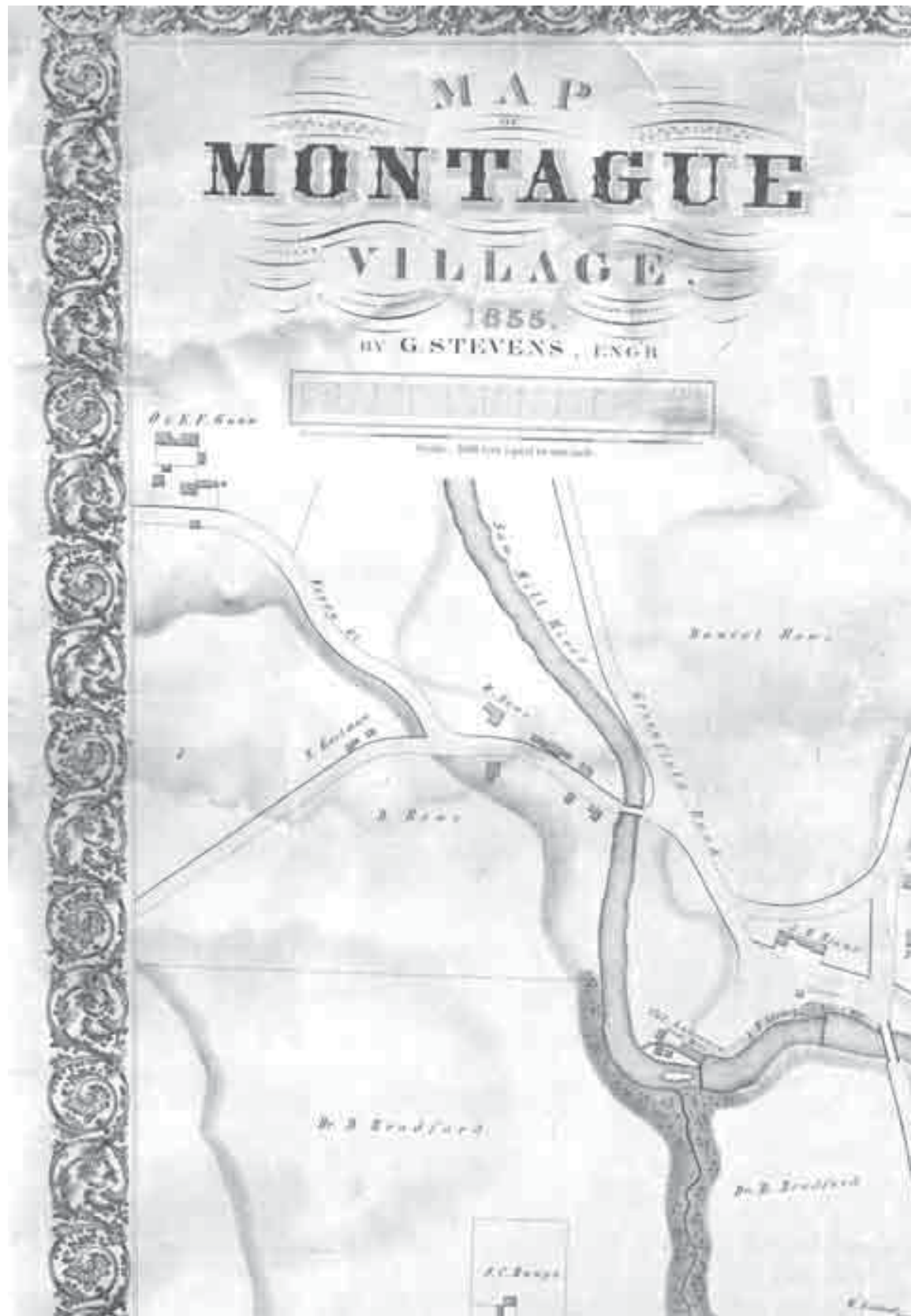
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1842 Montague Center

History of Montague
Joseph Clapp

The first old map is the 1842 map printed in Pressey's History of Montague. This map is a "memory map" showing what the author, Joseph Clapp, recalled about Montague Center circa 1842. Clapp's map was probably prepared about 1900 for the Pressey history.



1855

Map of
Montague Village

G. Stevens



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1855

Map of Montague Village

G. Stevens

Three years after the 1855 Stevens map was printed, the immensely detailed Map of Franklin County was issued. This Franklin County map showed the entire town of Montague and three separate details. On this page is the Montague Center detail. Later pages have the maps of Montague City ("Montague Canal"), Millers Falls and the entire town (page 24). Note that Turners Falls did not yet exist.



1858

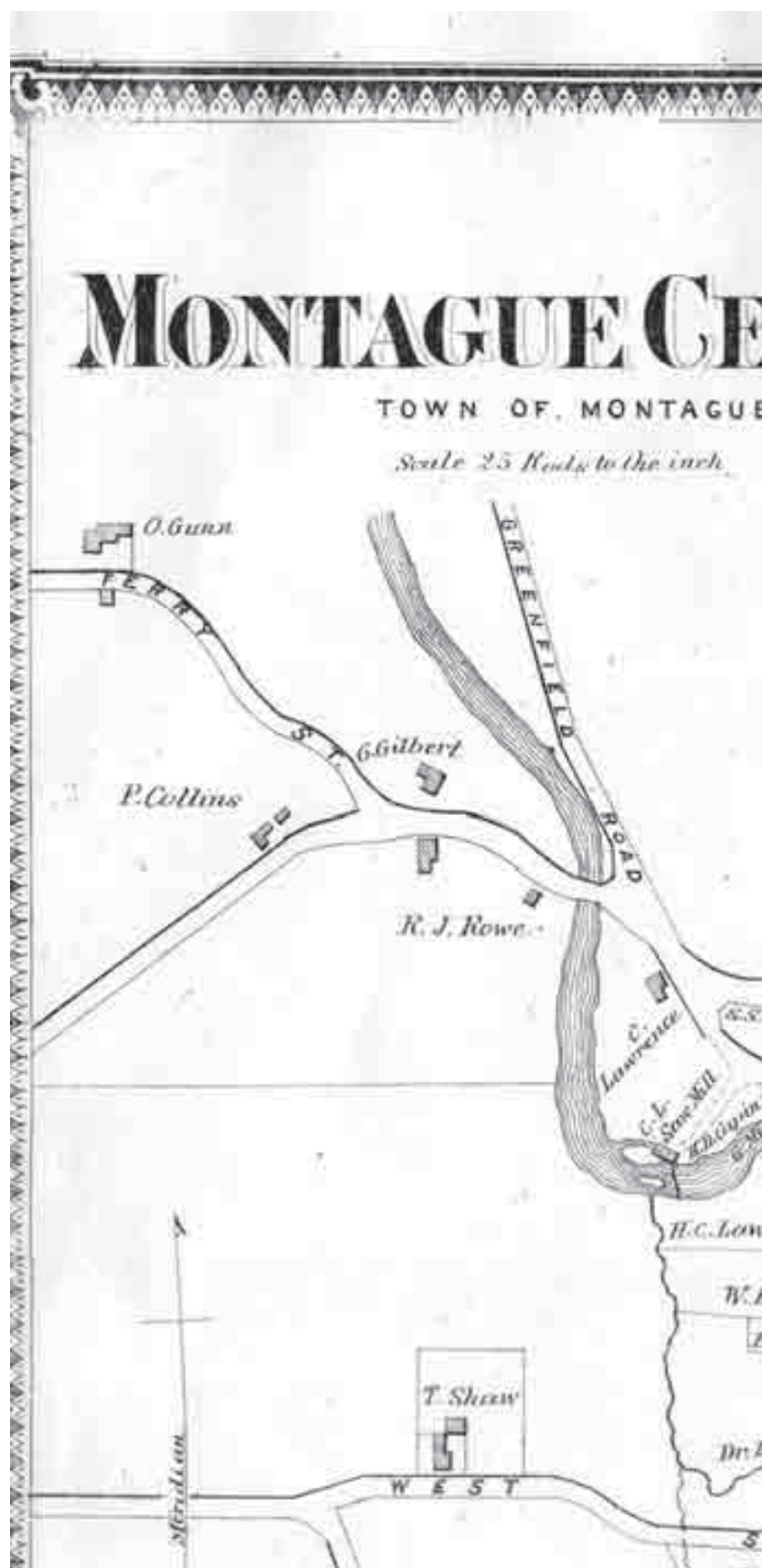
Montague Center

Map of Franklin County

H.F. Walling

1871
Montague Centre

Atlas of Franklin County
F.W. Beers Company





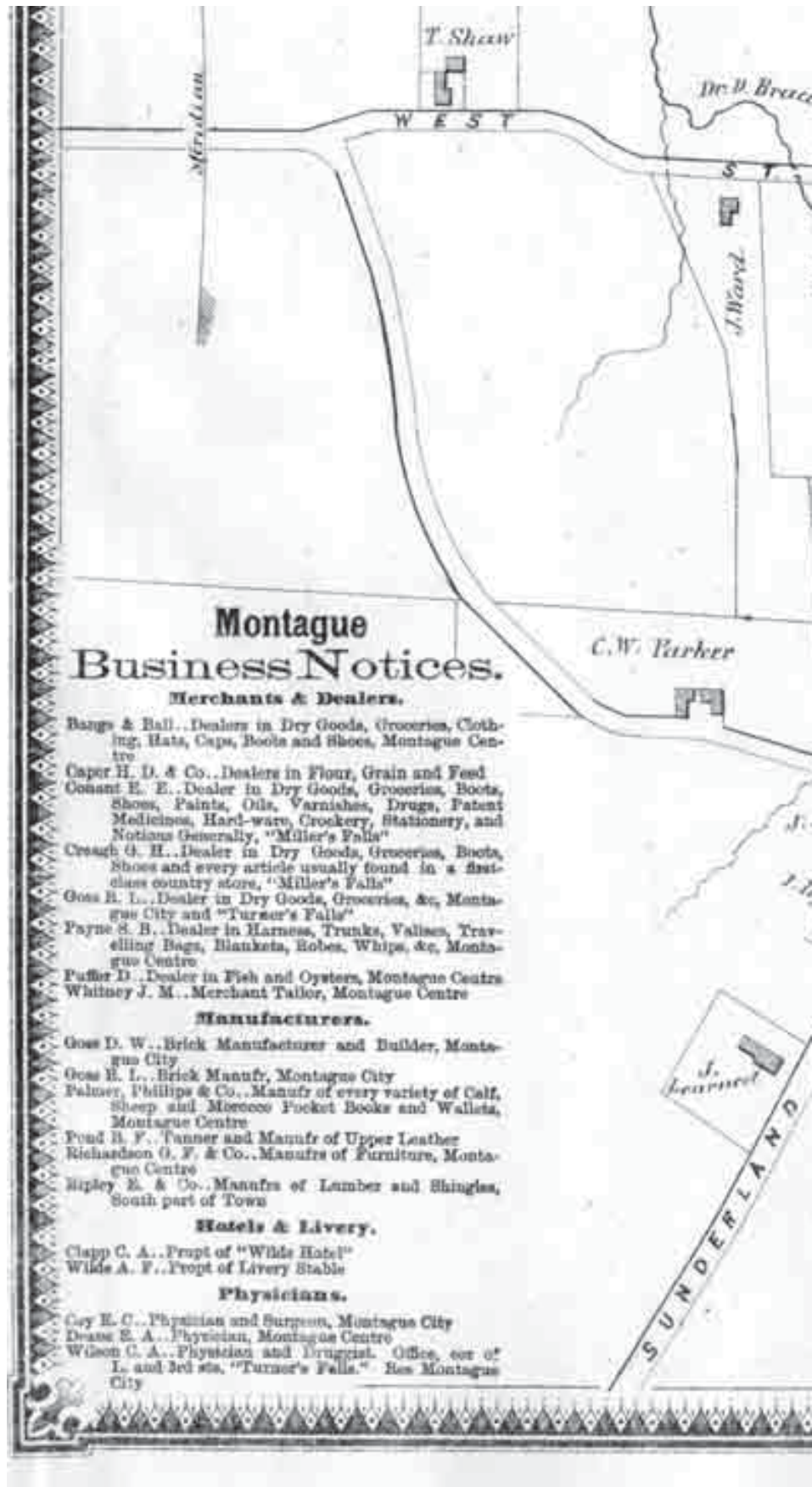
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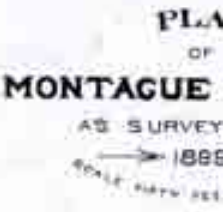
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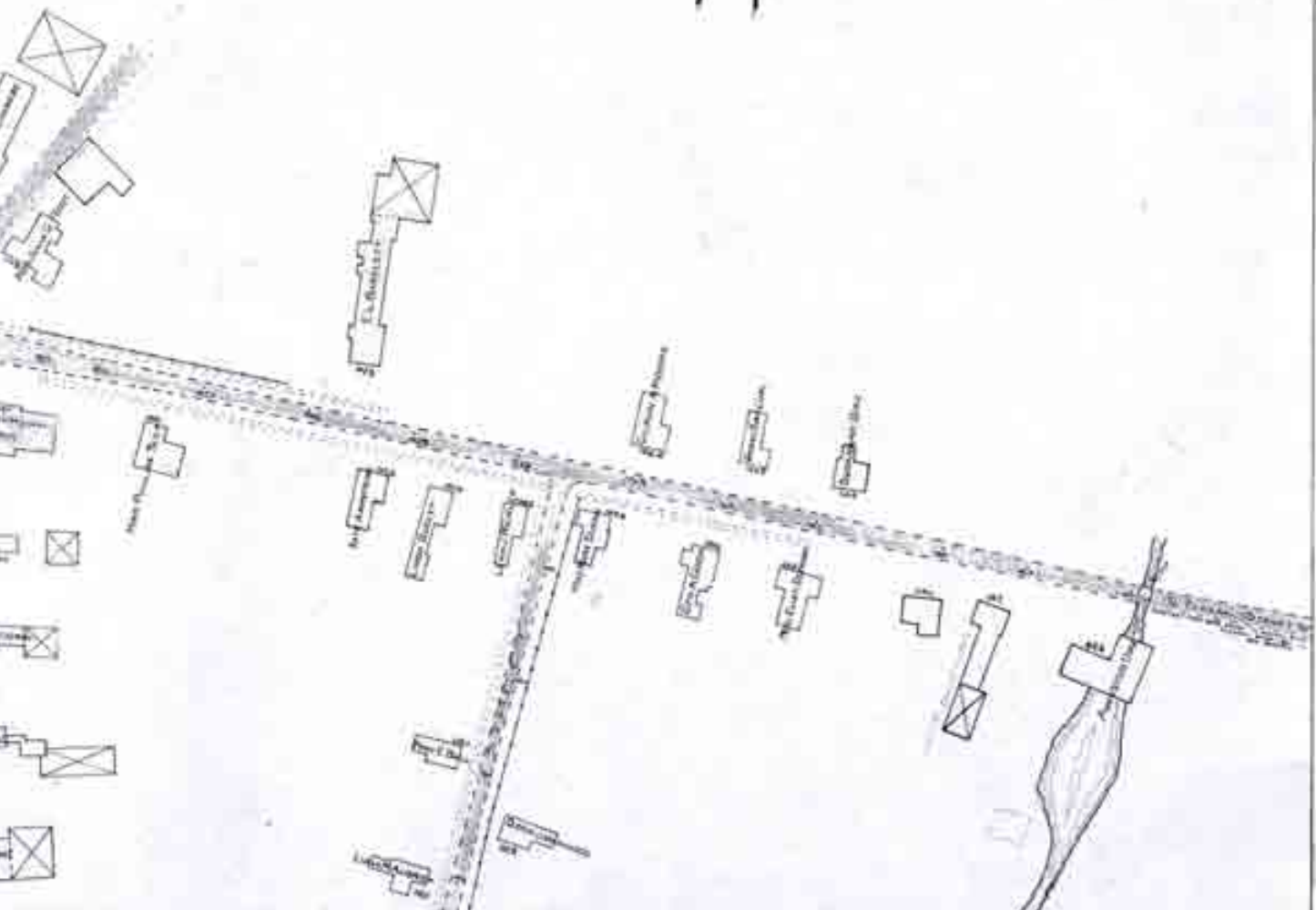




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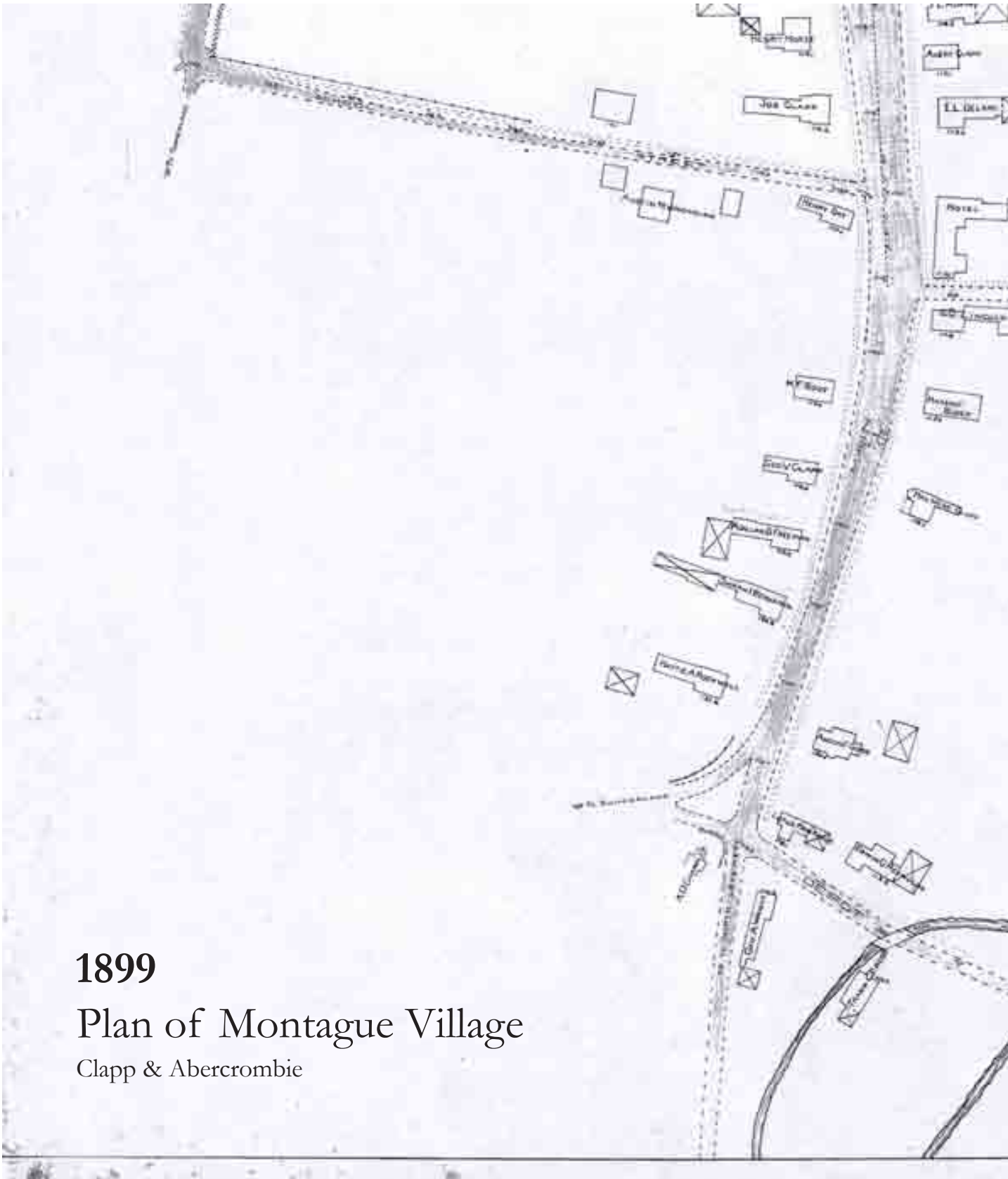
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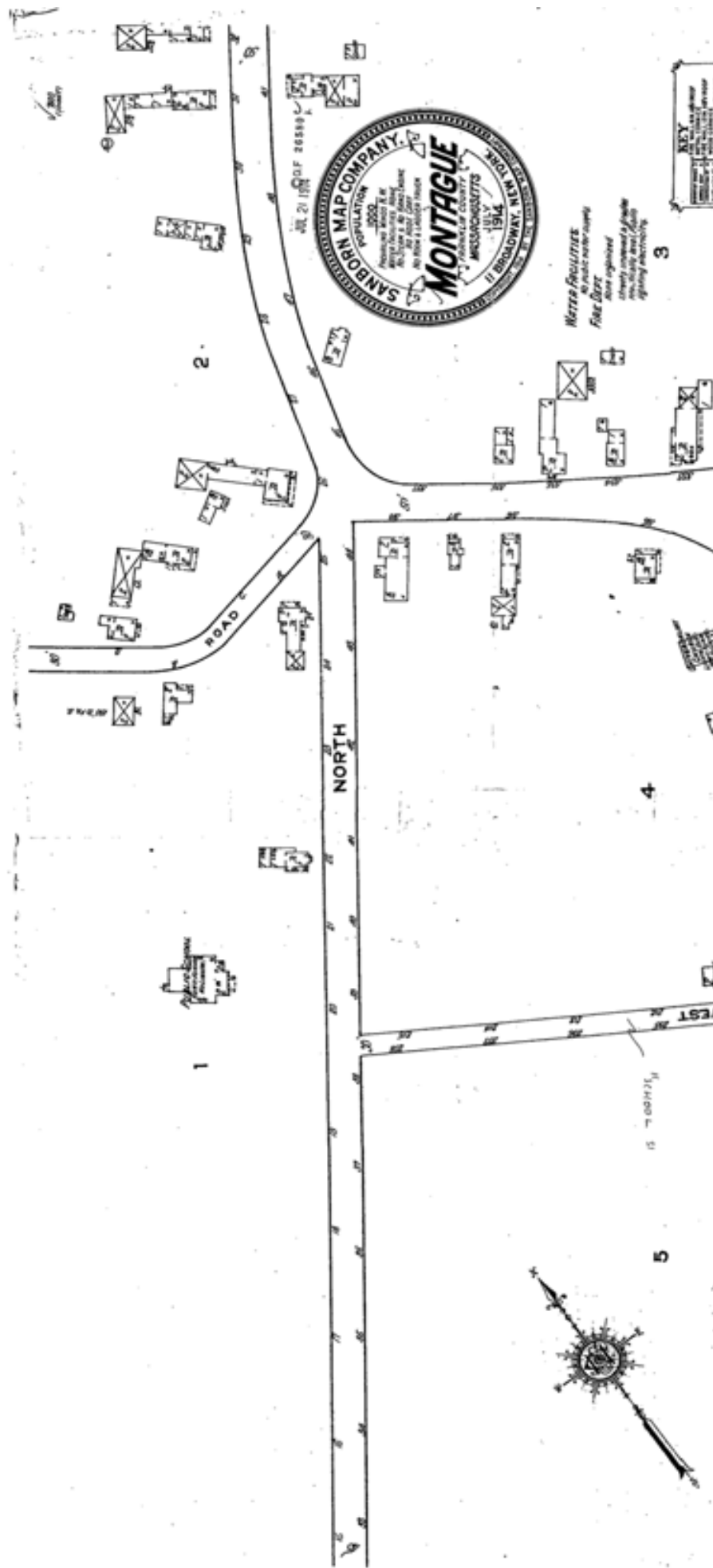
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1914 Montague Center Fire Insurance Map Sanborn Map Company



7. Detailed Maps - Montague City



1858

Montague Canal

Map of Franklin County

H.F. Walling

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 Goss R. L., Brick Manufr, Montague City
 Palmer, Phillips & Co., Manufr of every variety of Calf, Sheep and Morocco Pocket Books and Wallets, Montague Centre
 Pond B. F., Tanner and Manufr of Upper Leather
 Richardson G. F. & Co., Manufers of Furniture, Montague Centre
 Ripley E. & Co., Manufers of Lumber and Shingles, South west of Town

1871

Montague City

Atlas of Franklin County

F.W. Beers

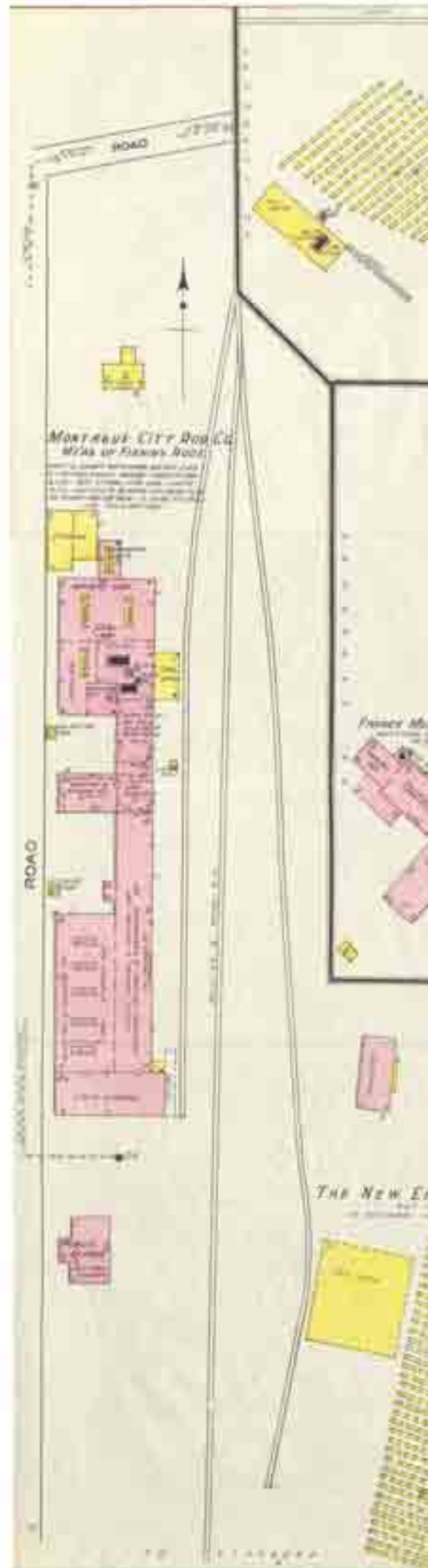
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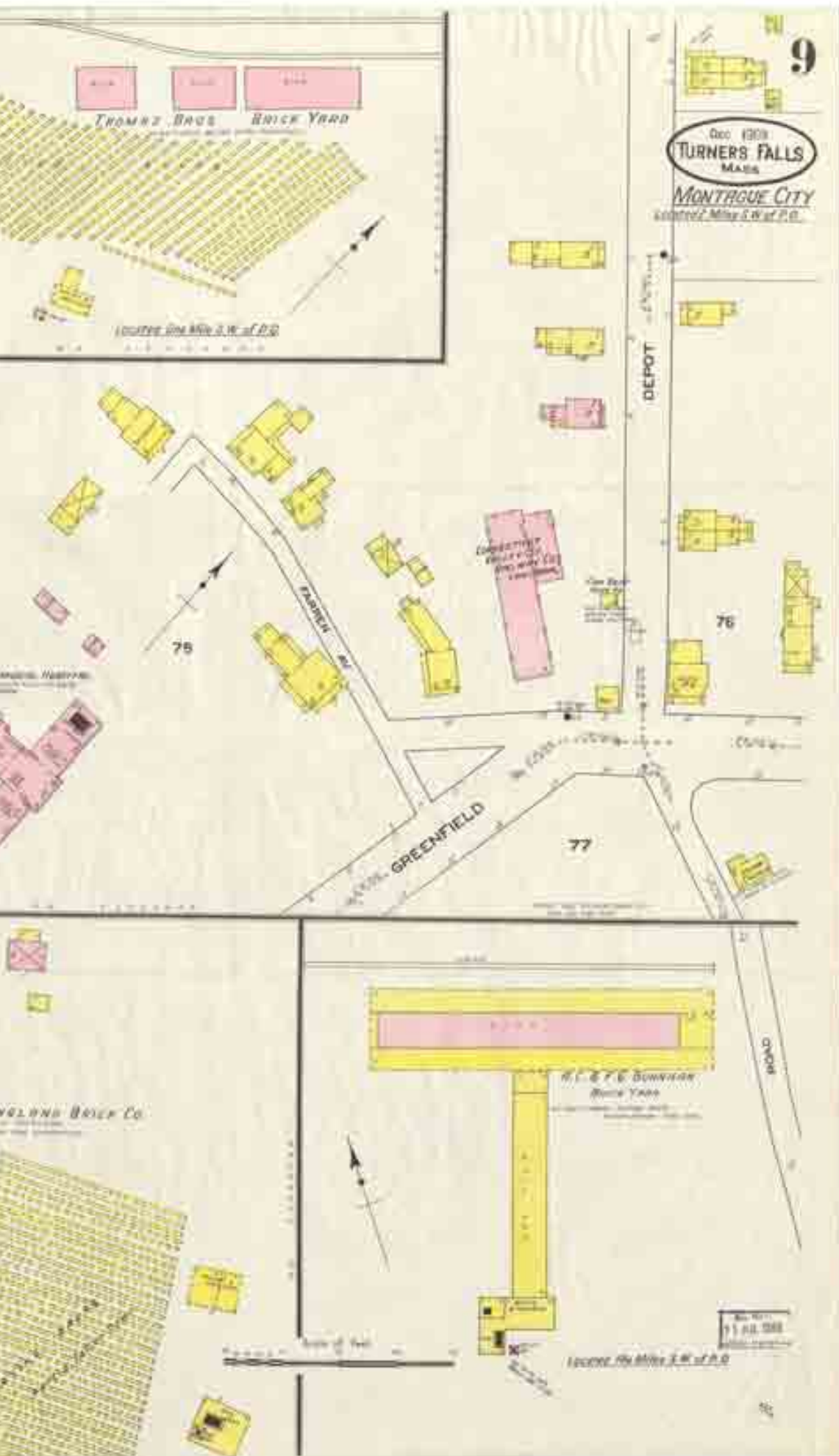
Montague City Fire Insurance Map

Sanborn Map Company

This map is a part of the set of 1909 fire insurance maps for Montague's commercial districts. The manufacturing and other commercial properties in Turners Falls, Millers Falls, and Montague City were mapped very accurately by the Sanborn Map Company of New York. These maps were made so that insurance companies in distant cities could assess the fire risk of a given property. They show us the actual shapes, materials and uses of these old buildings, along with the water systems and various properties relationships to each other.

The Turners Falls fire insurance maps and a 1914 Montague Center map are also reproduced in this volume.



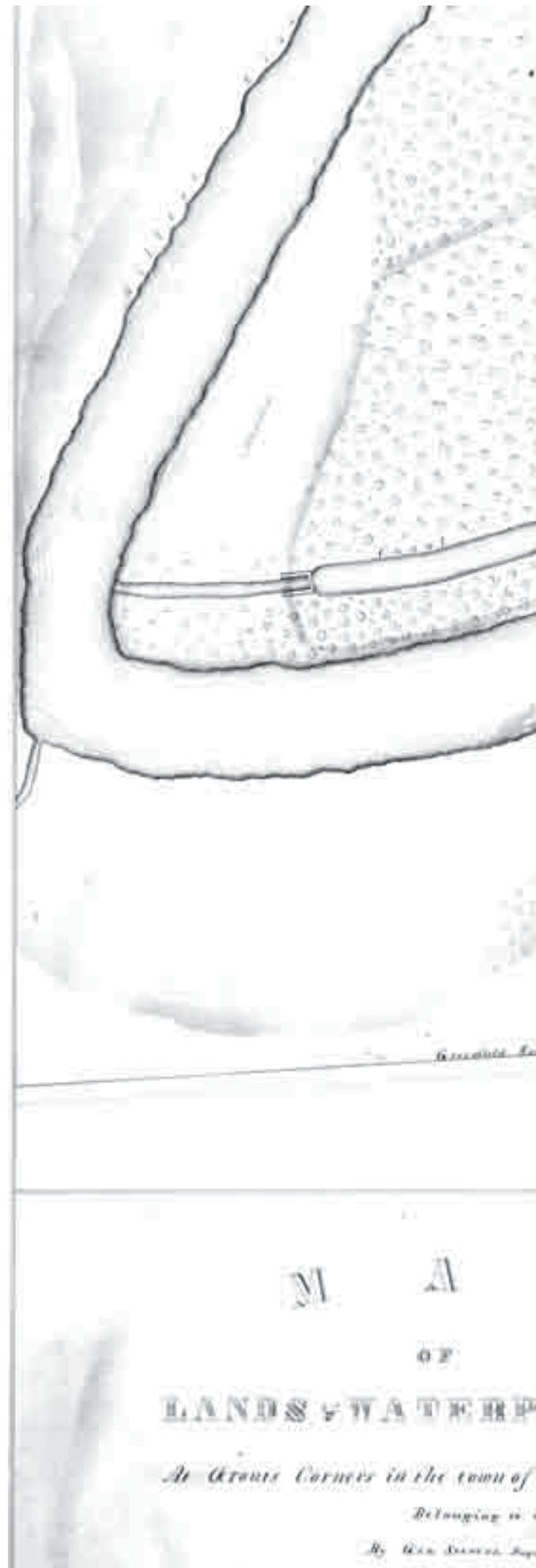


8. Detailed Maps - Millers Falls

The village of Millers Falls was developed starting about 1868, when the Millers Falls Tool Company was established on the Erving side of the Millers River. The maps on the next few pages show interesting phases in the evolution of Miller Falls in the 1800s. Our first map, undated, shows Millers Falls as it was about 1860, before there was a compact village. The map's title is "Map of Lands and Waterpower...", indicating the development that is soon to come. Not only was there an abundance of water power, but two railroads met here. Note that there is no factory, and only a few houses. This manuscript map was found in the collections of the PVMA Library in Deerfield, Massachusetts. Dating and analysing this map would be an interesting project.



Modern Map of Millers Falls
Roberge Associates





ca. 1860
Map of Lands
and Waterpower
George Stevens



1858

Grout's Corner

Map of Franklin County

H.F. Walling



1871

Millers Falls P.O.

Atlas of Franklin County

F.W. Beers Company

MILLERS FALLS P.O.

TOWNS OF IRVING & MONTAGUE

Scale 30 Rods to the inch

Colors: Yellow Iron South



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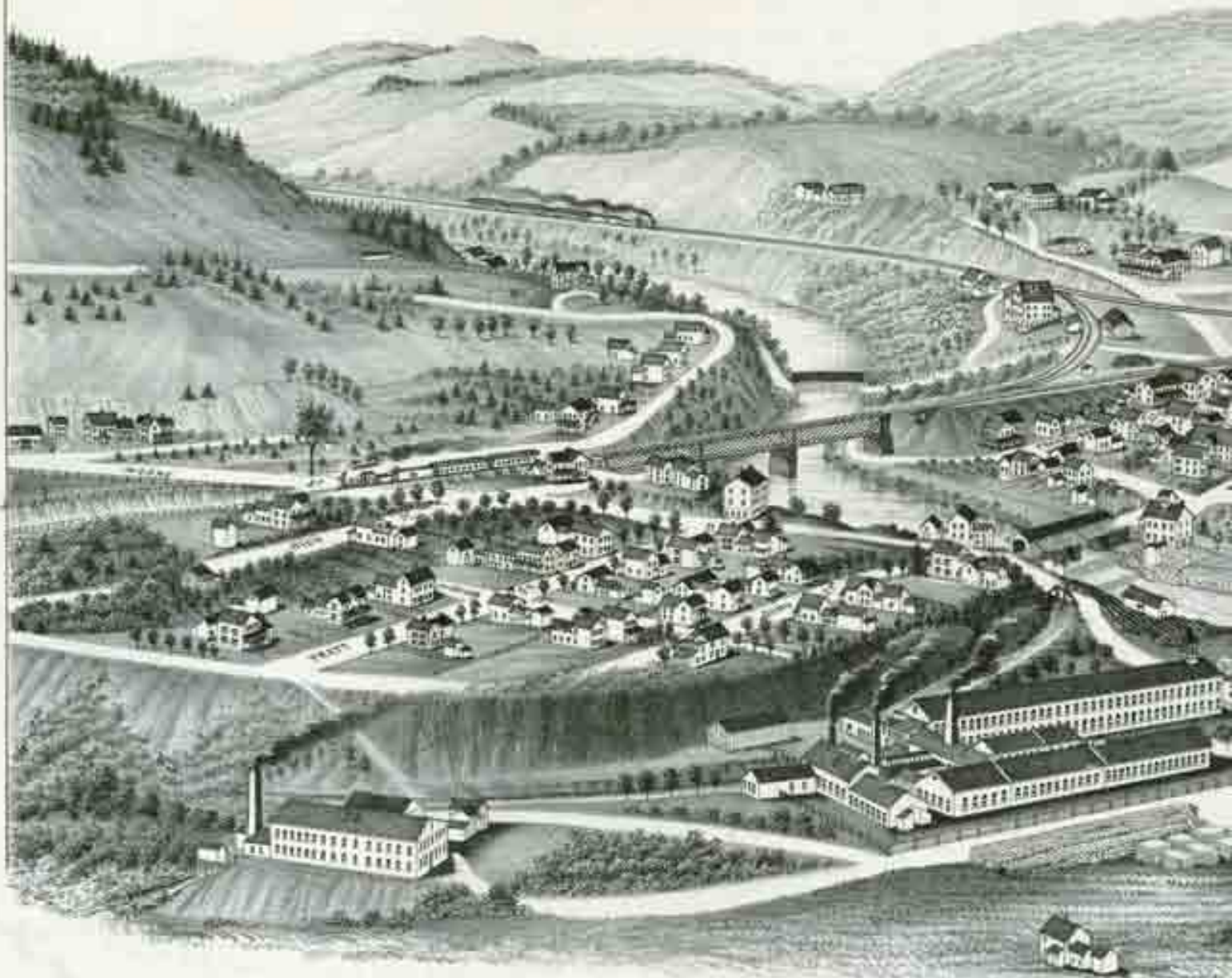
Montague Business Notices.

Merchants & Dealers.

- Bangs & Ball... Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, Montague Centre
 Capen H. D. & Co. Dealers in Flour, Grain and Feed
 Conant H. E. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Drugs, Patent Medicines, Hardware, Crockery, Stationery, and Notions Generally, "Miller's Falls"
 Crough O. H. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes and every article usually found in a first-class country store, "Miller's Falls"
 Goss H. L. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, &c, Montague City and "Farmer's Falls"
 Payne S. B. Dealer in Harness, Trunks, Valises, Travelling Bags, Blankets, Robes, Whips, &c, Montague Centre
 Fuller D. Dealer in Fish and Oysters, Montague Centre
 Whitney J. M. Merchant Tailor, Montague Centre

Miscellaneous.

- Armstrong M. Farmer
 Babbit N. E. Carpenter and Builder, Montague City
 Burnham T. W. Mechanic, Montague City
 Burnham J. R. Carpenter, Montague City
 Burnham S. Farmer
 Burnham P. Farmer
 Hall H. Farmer
 Hall J. S. Farmer
 Blodgett L. O. Mason, Montague Centre
 Clapp C. S. Blacksmith, Montague City
 Clapp E. Farmer, Montague Centre
 Clapp J. Wagon Maker, Montague Centre
 Chaswell J. Post Master, Montague Centre
 Chaswell O. E. Farmer and Mechanic, Montague Centre
 Dudley W. E. Farmer and Lumber Dealer, Montague Centre
 Dugan J. W. Moolier in Furniture Shop, Montague Centre
 Drury L. Farmer
 Fay H. Dutcher, Montague Centre
 Goddard G. H. Farmer
 Goddard E. L. Farmer, "Turner's Falls"
 Gunn E. P. Farmer
 Gunn L. O. Farmer
 Holton S. S. Farmer
 Hosmer S. Farmer
 Mann J. Dealer in Patent Rights, Montague Centre
 Marsh J. B. Cabinet Maker, Montague Centre
 Marsh D. C. Cabinet Maker, Montague Centre
 Nettleton H. E. Cabinet Maker, Montague Centre
 Nims H. H. Farmer
 Oakman R. N. Farmer
 Payne J. F. & O. D. Farmers
 Root H. F. Surveyor, Montague Centre
 Root J. H. Town Clerk, Montague Centre
 Rowe H. J. Farmer, Montague Centre
 Rowe H. W. Farmer, Montague Centre
 Riphey D. H. Farmer
 Rugg E. Clerk for R. L. Goss, Montague City
 Stone A. C. Stone Mason, Montague Centre
 Stone L. H. Miller. Rev Montague Centre
 Sutton J. Farmer
 Sutton J. H. Farmer
 Sikes Q. Farmer and Lumber Dealer
 Smith H. A. Mechanic, Montague City
 Taylor H. Farmer
 Tandy N. S. Telegraph Operator and Clerk at R. R. Station, "Miller's Falls"
 Taft G. H. Farmer
 Walton H. W. Carpenter and Joiner, Montague Centre
 Ware E. Night Watch at G. F. Richardson & Co
 Wilder L. Farmer
 Williams L. Stone Mason, Montague City
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 Warner V. D. Farmer, Montague City
 White G. W. Station Agent of V. & M. & N. L. N. E. R., "Miller's Falls"



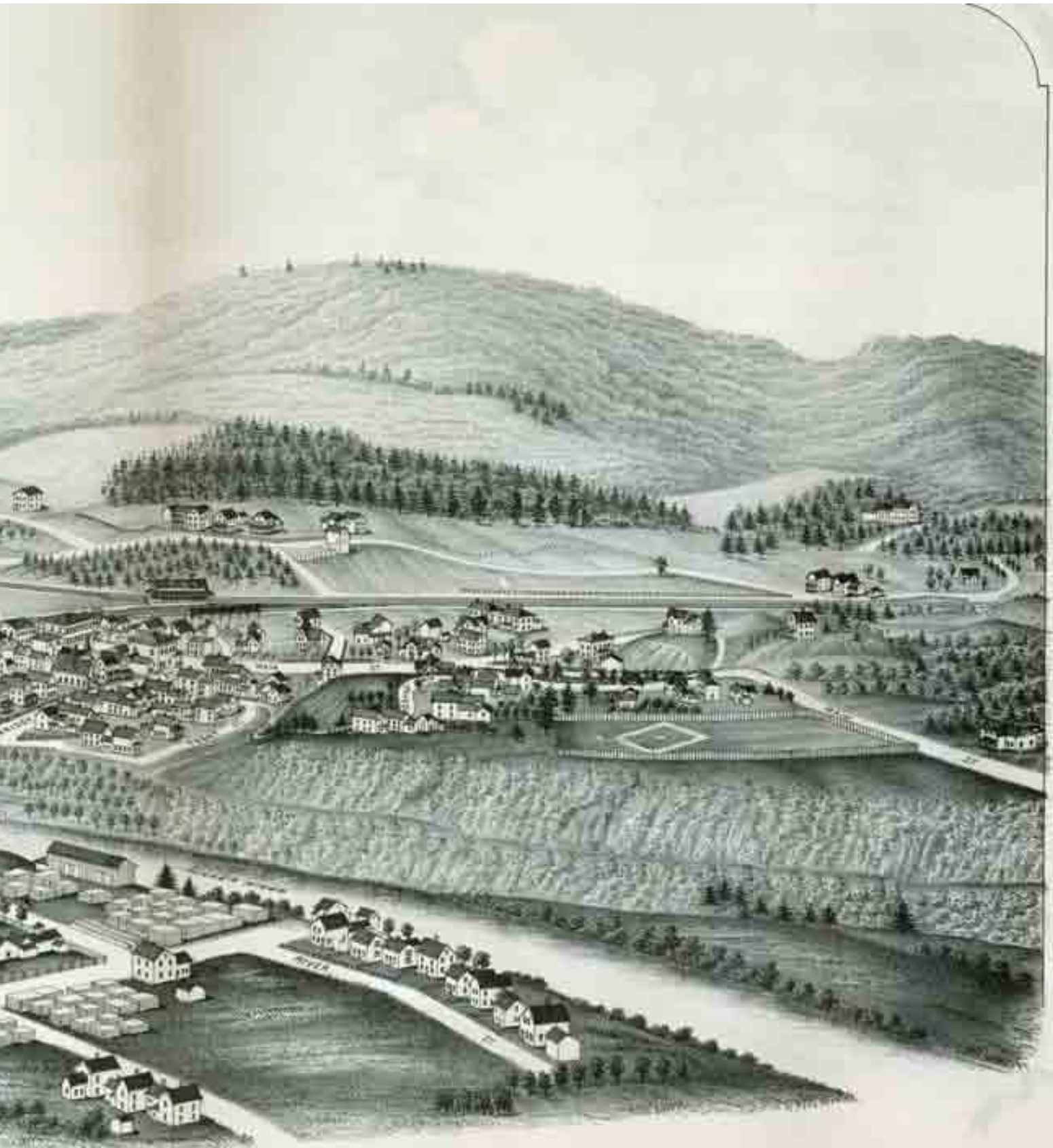
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- 2 Methodist School House.
- 3 Revins School House.
- 4 Pillsbury H.H. & N.L. St. H.H. Station.
- 5 Millers Falls Manufacturing Co.
- 6 Ambros, Black.
J.H. Briggs, General Grocer.
H.M. State, Pharmacy.
- 7 Lake House, M.G. Ward, Prop.
- 8 Kelling Hill, J.O. Wheeler.
- 9 Surveys & Timbers, Wm. A. Dorman.
- 10 Meat Market, C.T. Koch.
- 11 Dry and Family Goods, C.F. Lawrence.
- 12 News Room, F.J. Moran.

MILLERS F.

1889

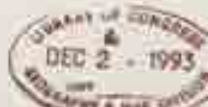
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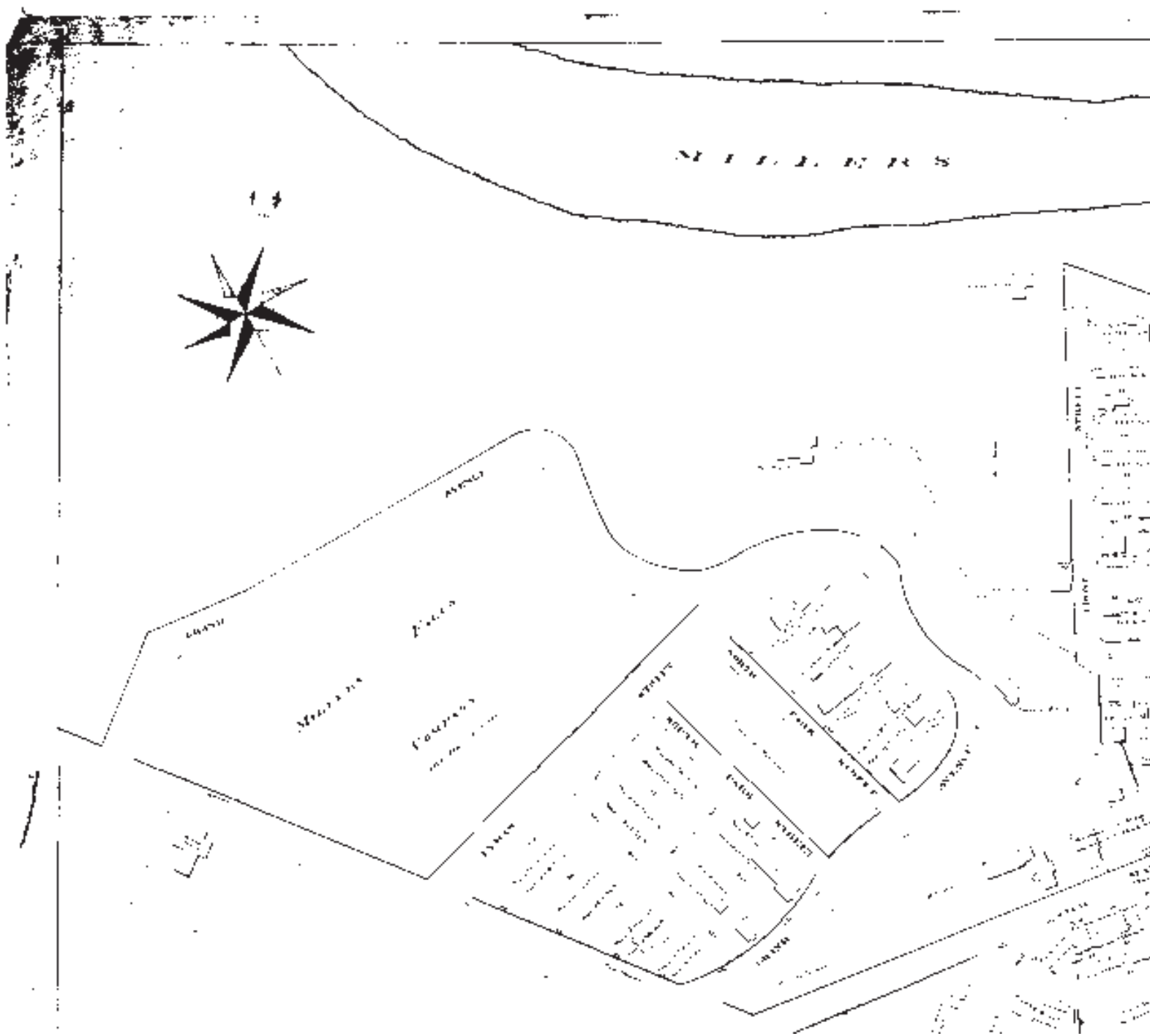
O.H. Bailey



MILLERS FALLS, MASS.

- 12. Mobile House, H. B. Drake.
- 13. B.R. Freight House.
- 14. Livery & Sale Stable, J. A. Taggart, Prop.
- 15. Blacksmith Shop, E. T. Pratt.
- 16. Millers Falls House, E. W. Brown, Prop.
- 17. Groceries, Hardware, Paint and Oil, Thomas E. Stanton.
- 18. General Wood Stock, A. B. Toom, Prop.
- 19. Watch Making & Bakery, E. G. C. Hanks.
- 20. Livery Feed and Boarding Stable, Geo. O. Palmer, Prop.
- 21. H. F. Woodbury, M.D.
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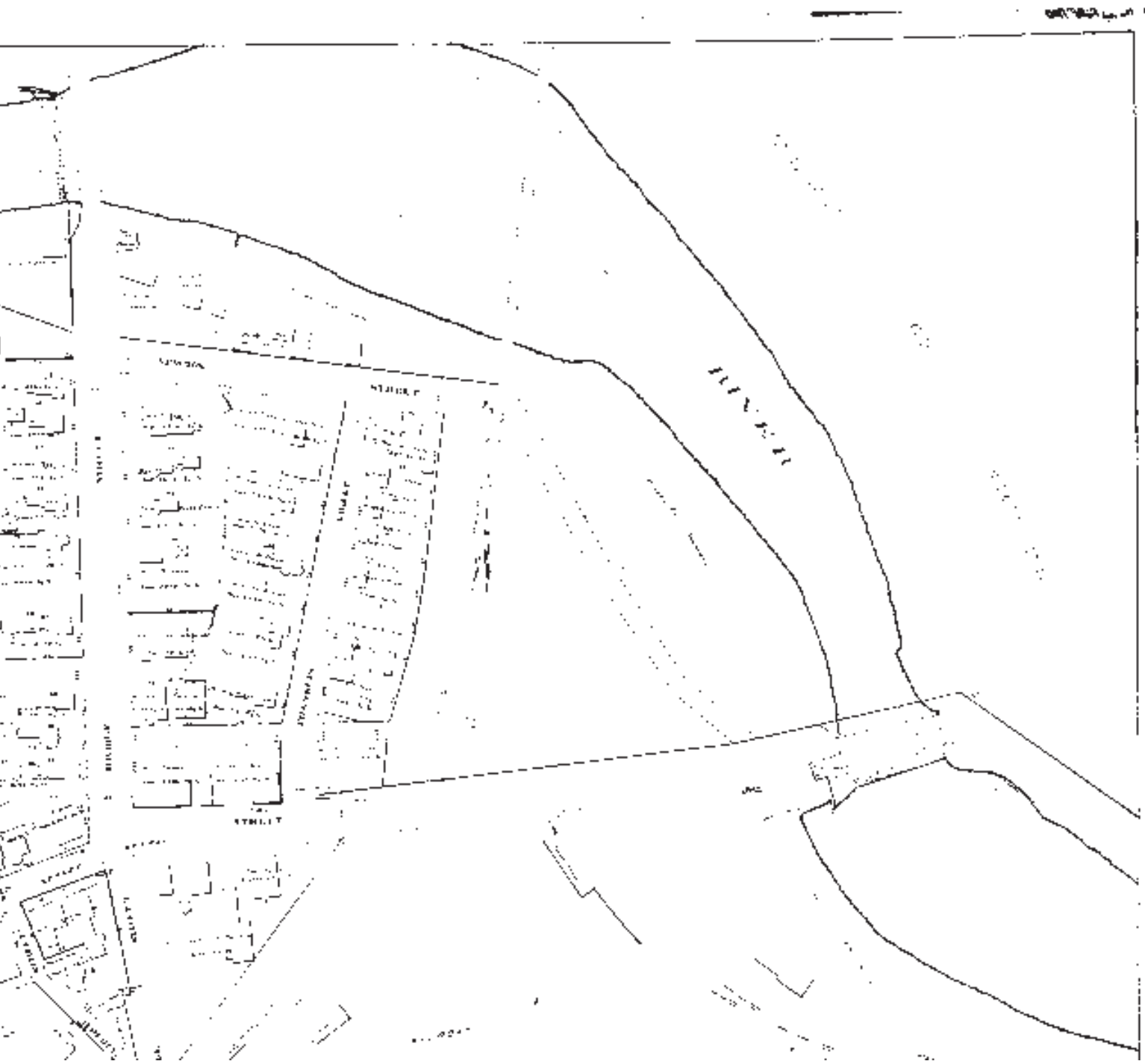




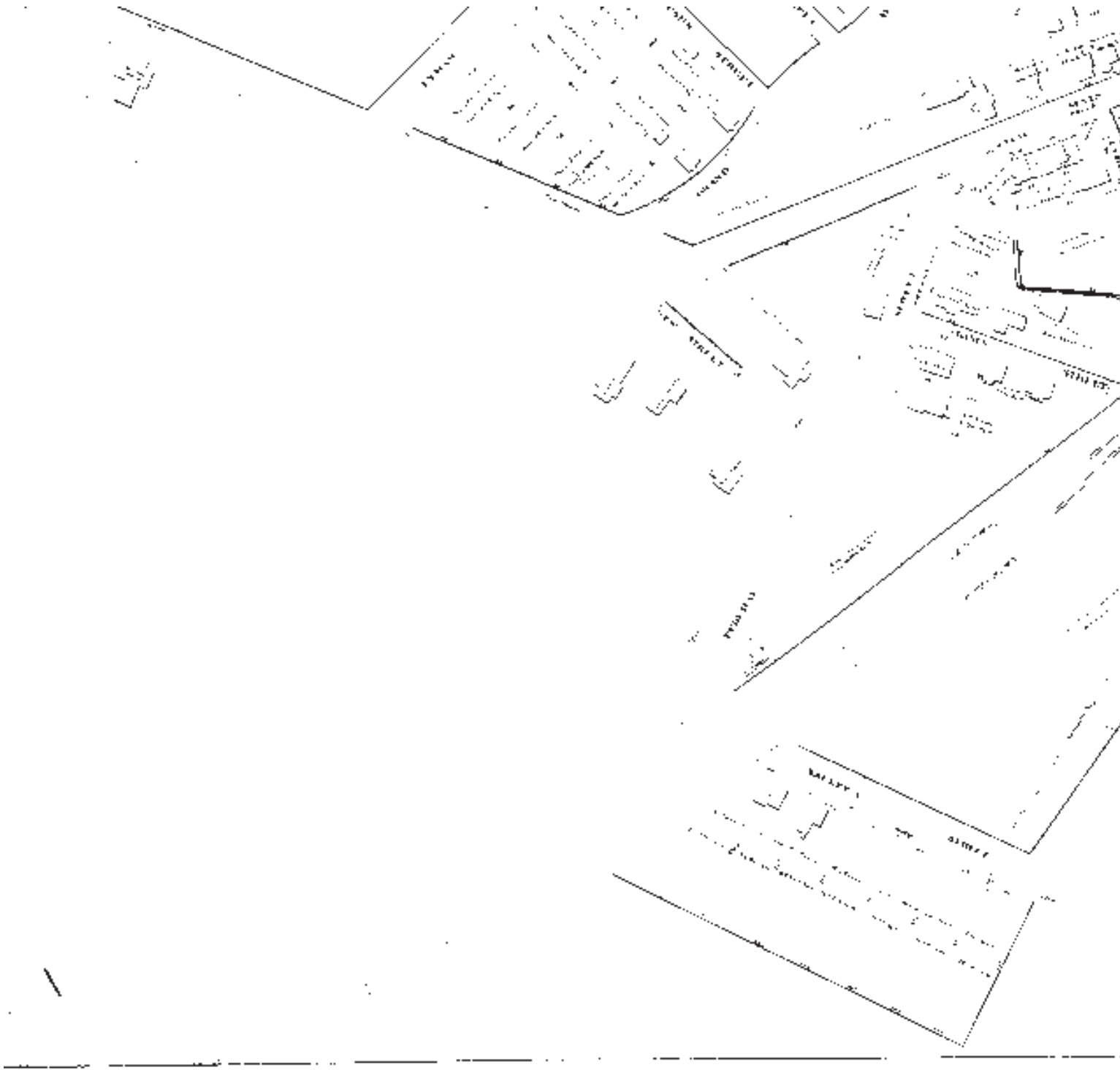
1900

Village of Millers Falls

Clapp & Abercrombie



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1900

Village of Millers Falls

Clapp & Abercrombie

This is a black and white aerial photograph of a city street intersection. The image shows a grid of streets with several buildings. A large, multi-story building is prominent in the center-left. To its right, a large, open area, possibly a park or undeveloped land, is visible. The streets are labeled with names like 'ST. JAMES' and 'ST. JAMES'.

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9. Detailed Maps - Lake Pleasant

The village of Lake Pleasant came into being in the 1880s, at a time when most commercial mapmaking had ended in Montague. As a consequence, we don't have any home-ownership maps of this settlement like the Beers and Walling maps of an earlier time. There was also never any industrial activity here which would have driven the need for detailed renderings such as the fire insurance maps.

On these next pages are copies of the original subdivisions of Lake Pleasant.



1886

Streets and Building Lots at Lake Pleasant

C.T. Wolcott



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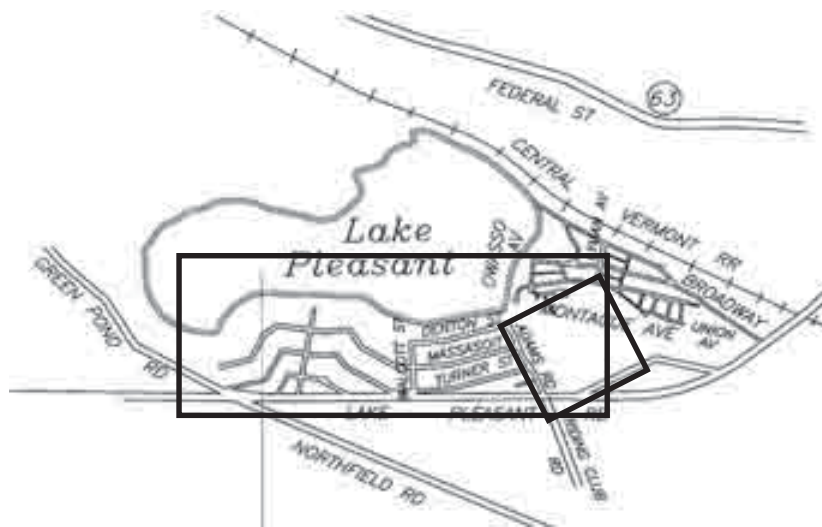
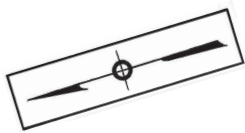
LAKE PLEASANT.

MONTAGUE, MASS.

Surveyed Oct 27 Nov, 1886, by C.T. Walcott

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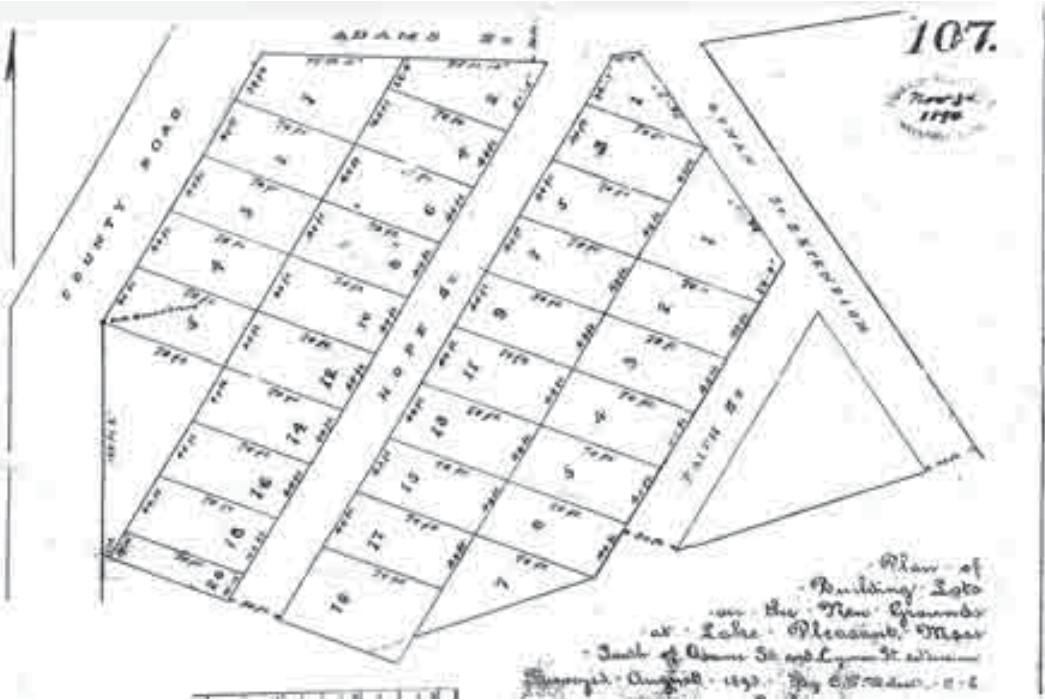
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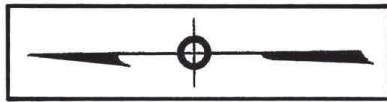
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Building Lots on
the New Ground
at Lake Pleasant

C.T. Wolcott



10. Detailed Maps - Turners Falls



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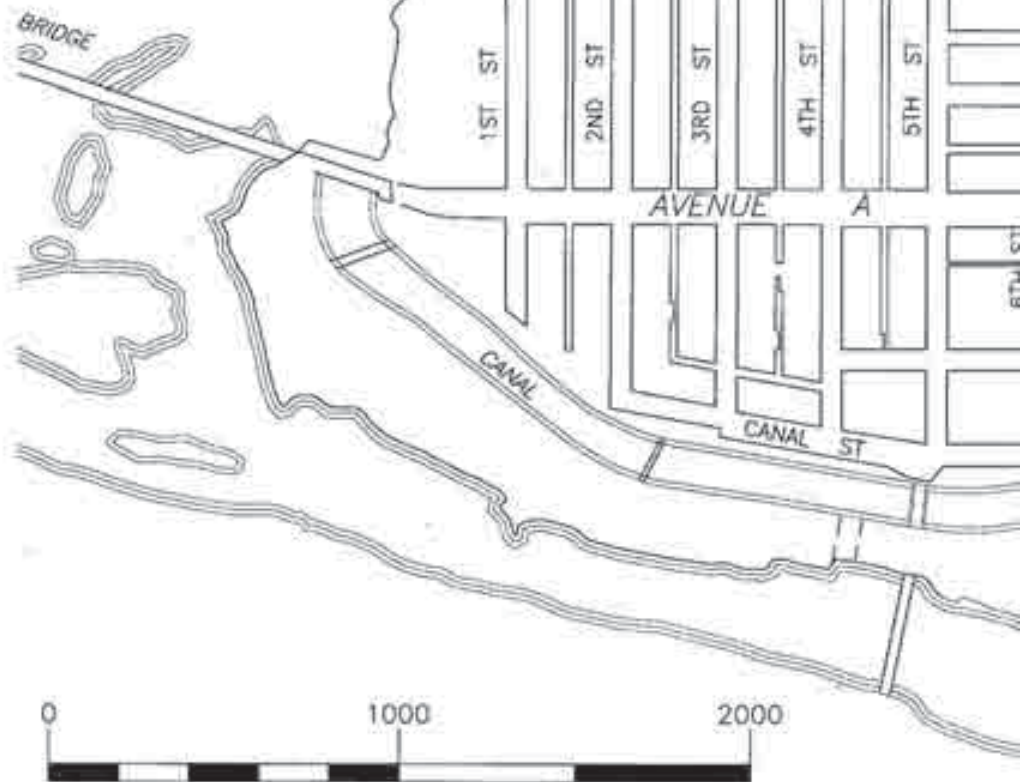
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H.F. Walling

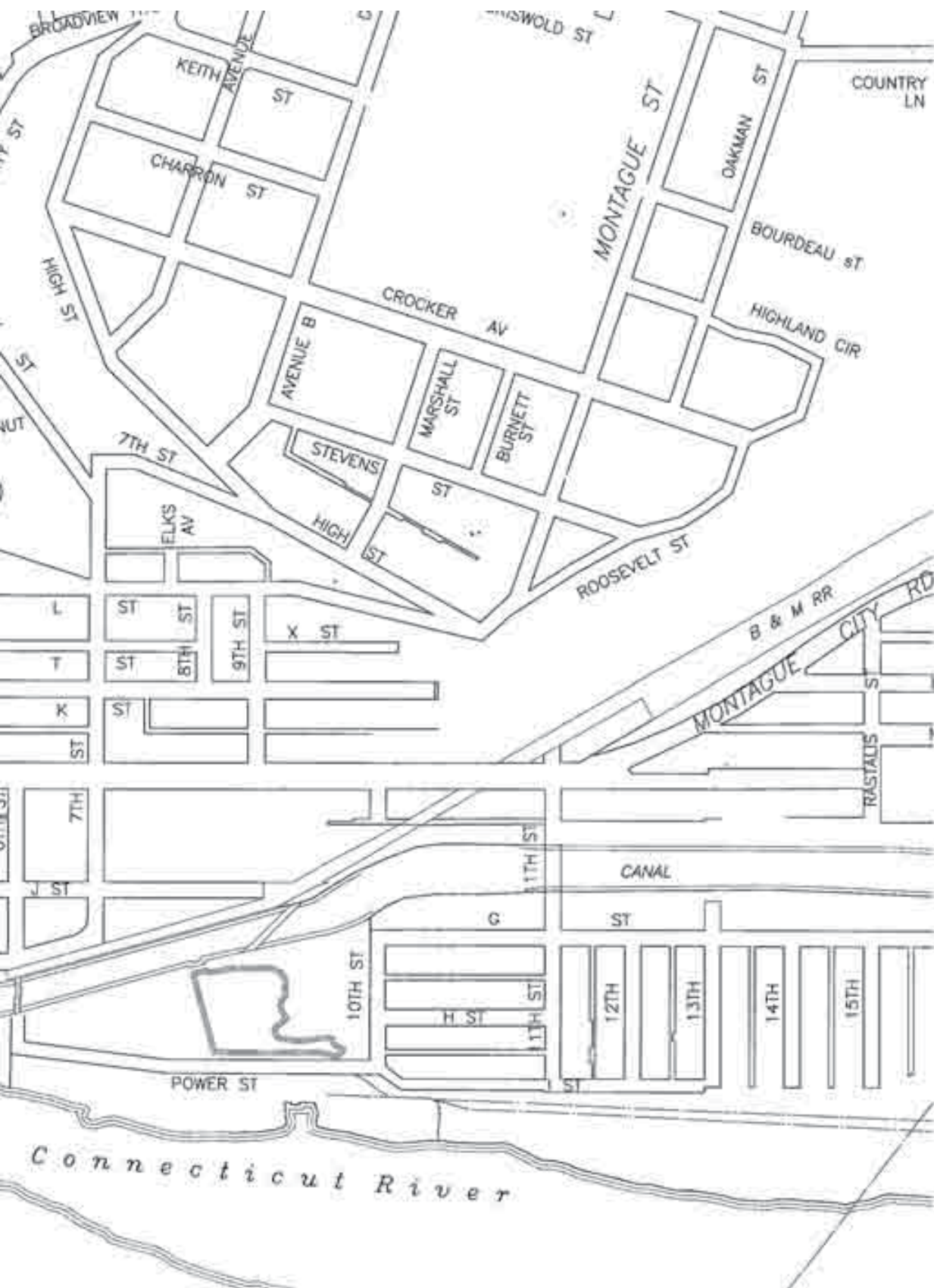


The village of Turners Falls grew from a rural, largely vacant area in the mid 1800s into a booming industrial village a generation later. This early map shows the Turners Falls/Riverside (Town of Gill) area in 1858. This is an excerpt of the larger 1858 map of Montague reproduced earlier in this volume on pages 24 and 25.

On the facing page is a modern map drawn for this publication, and on the subsequent pages are a series of maps showing the rapid growth of the village at the end of the 19th century.



Modern Map of Turners Falls

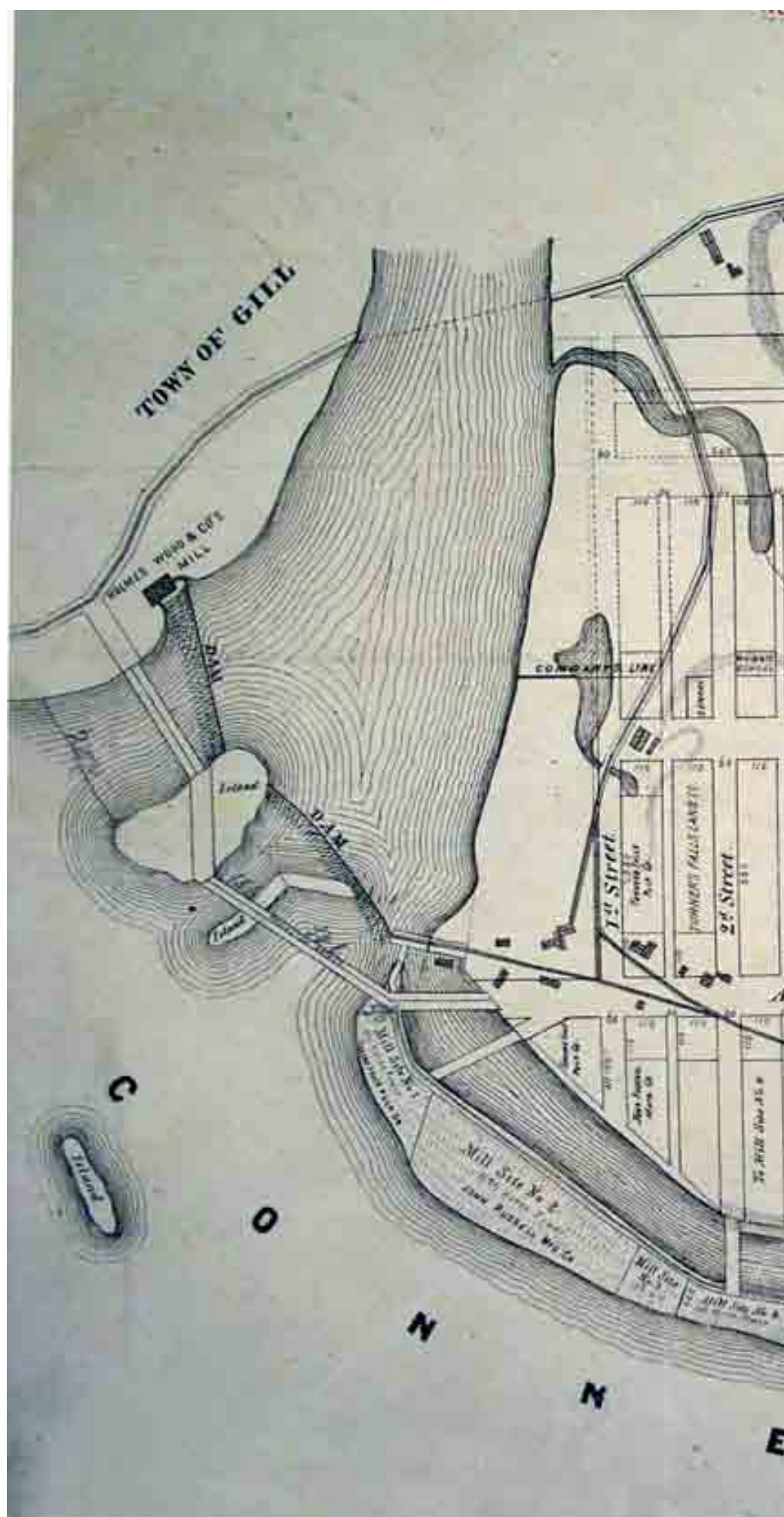


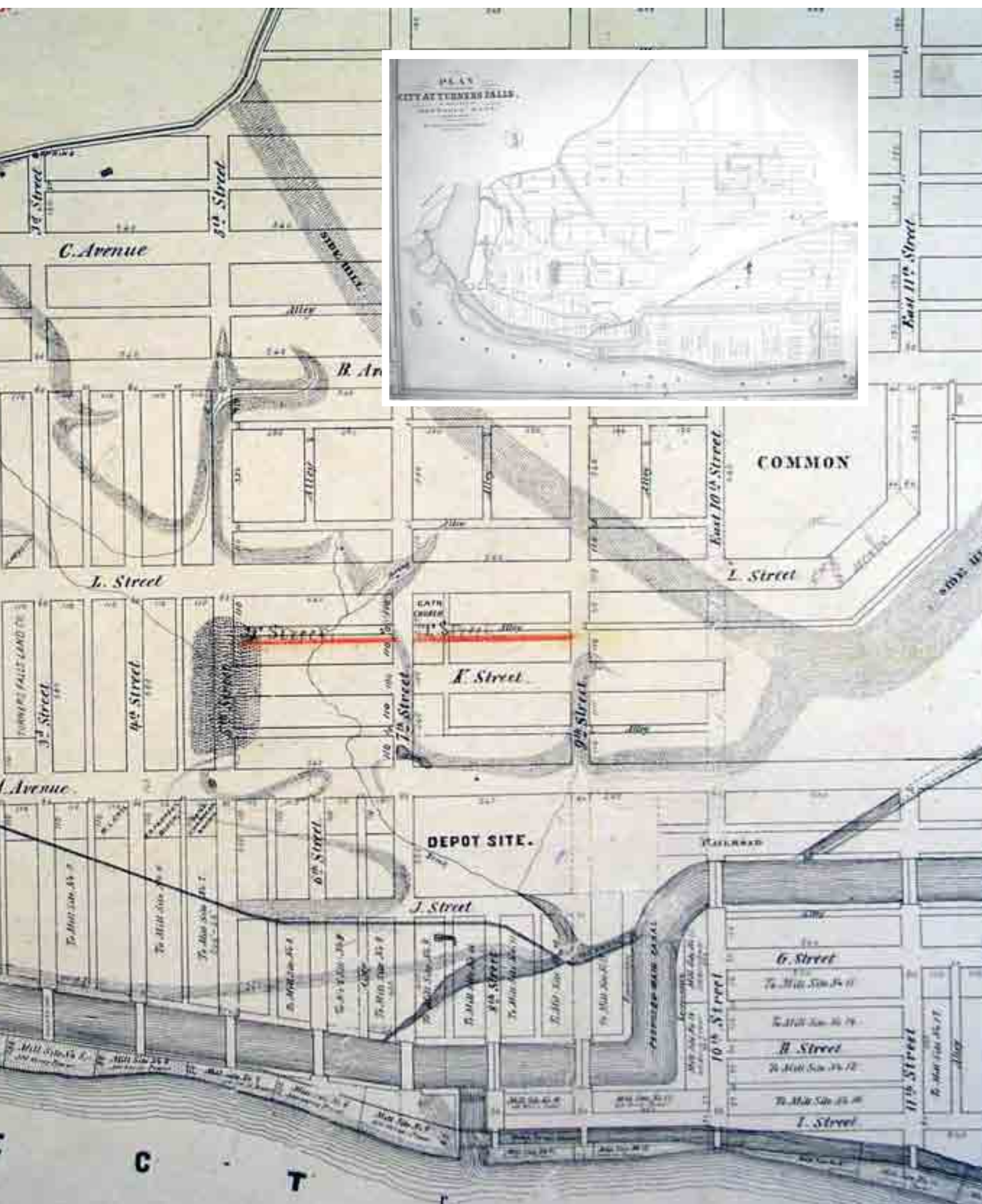
The first detailed map of Turners Falls is this 1868 map of the “Projected City”, drawn and published by William Crocker. Two years earlier in 1866, the Turners Falls Company was established to take advantage of the tremendous amount of water power here. A year later the dam was completed and in 1868 the John Russell Cutlery Company moved here from Greenfield, beginning the industrial use of this great site. When this map was made, only a few buildings existed, and most of the roads were “paper streets” - they existed only on the map. Note that almost all of the streets are laid out on a rectangular grid, and that the proposed canal has a right angle bend near 10th Street. Compare this map with the later 1873 map seen on page 70.



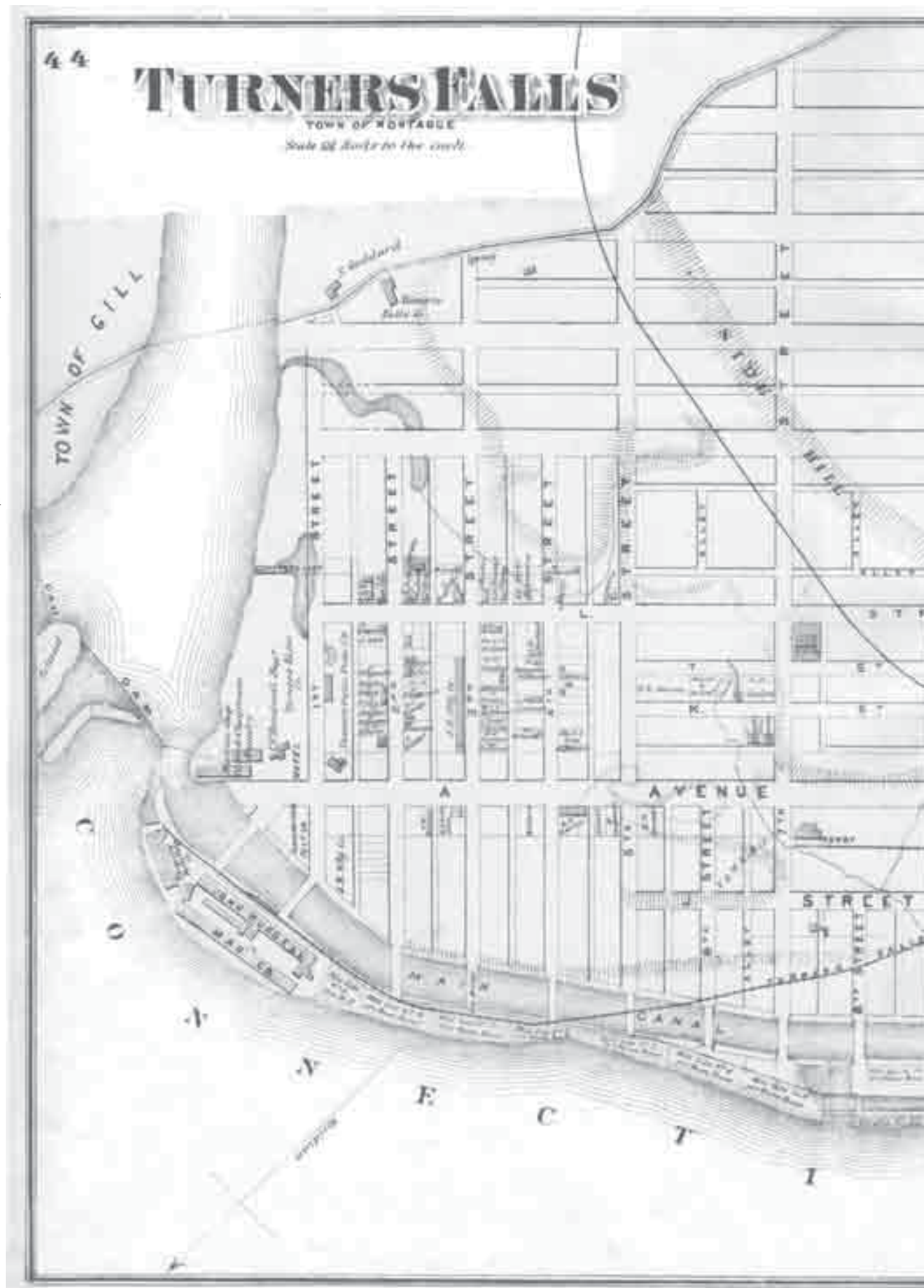
1868 Plan of the Projected City at Turners Falls

William Crocker





Three years later (1871) the Beers atlas map of Turners Falls appeared. It copied liberally from the 1868 “Projected City” map, including the inaccurate location of the proposed canal, and the streets crossing east - west through the “Side Hill”. This map also shows a Proposed Railroad Line extending easterly through the village which was never built.



1871
Turners Falls
 F. W. Beers Company

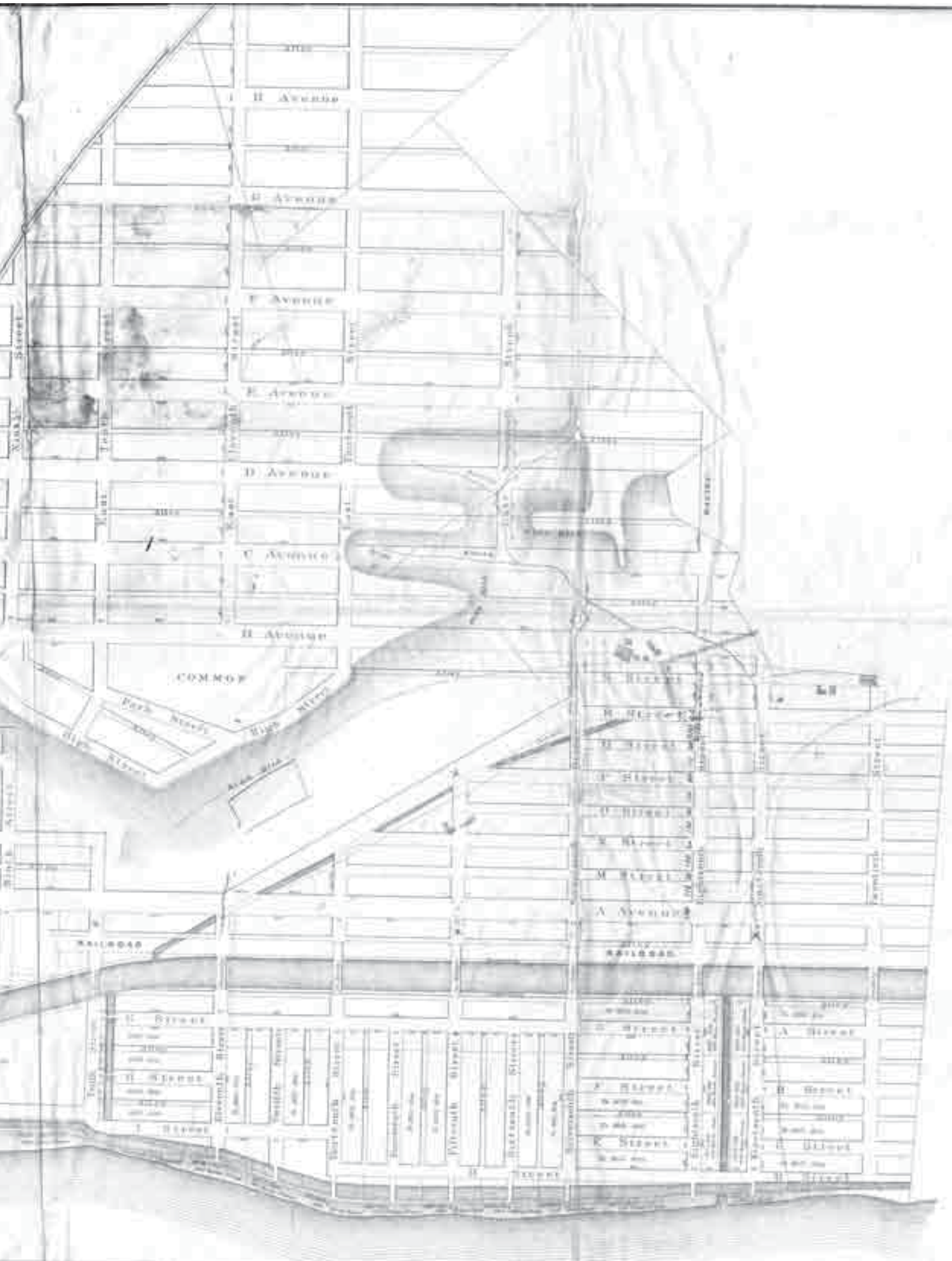
The “Projected City” map was reissued in 1873, five years after the first edition. Here we see the canal in its true location and road alignments much closer to the present arrangement.

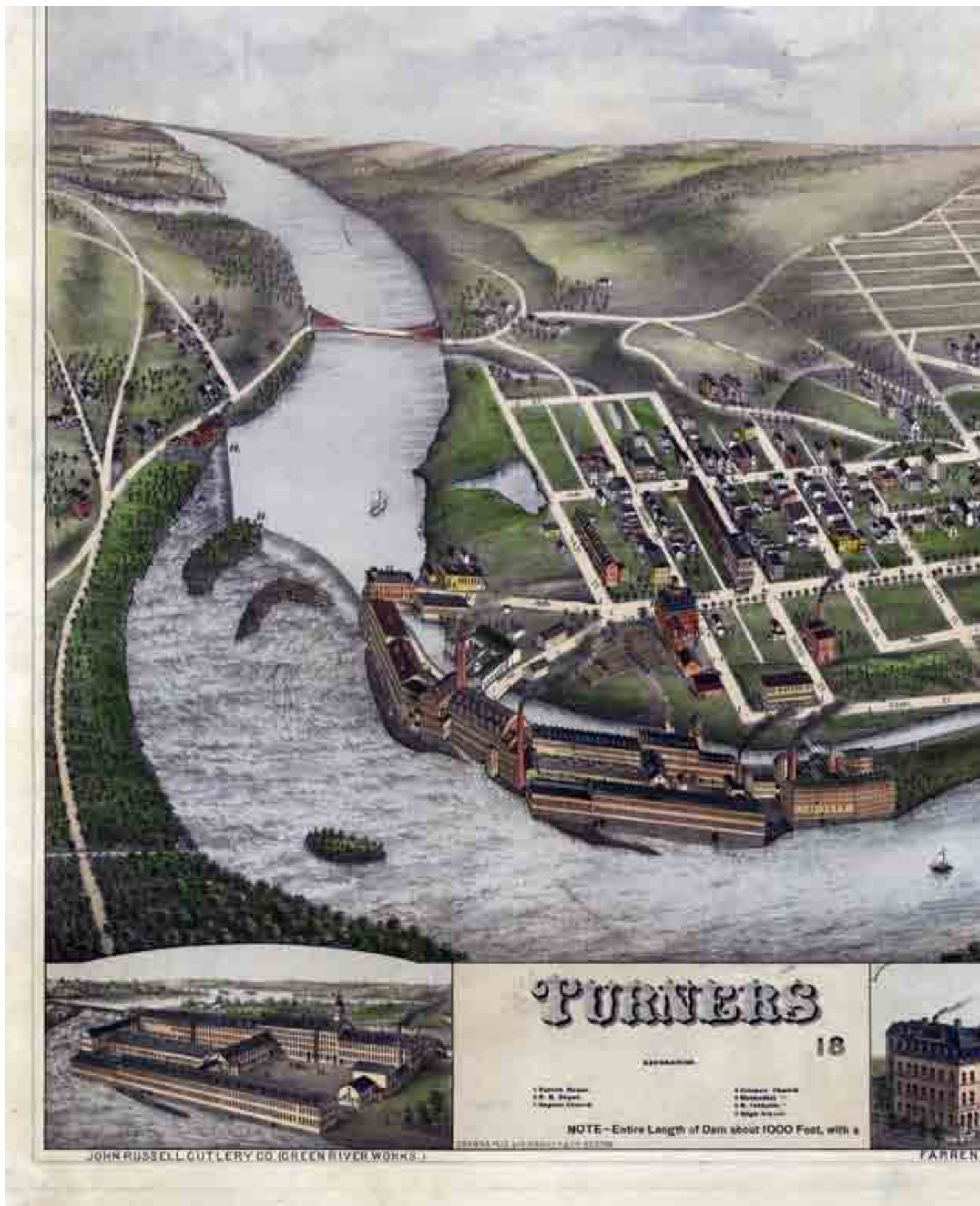


1873

Plan of the Projected City at Turners Falls

William Crocker





1877

Bird's Eye View of Turners Falls

Lucien Burleigh





FALLS, MASS.

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ADDRESS

At John B. Russell & Co.

At Montague Paper Co.

At J. R. O. Co., & Co.

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At The W. Appleton Co.

At The Western Manufacturing Co.

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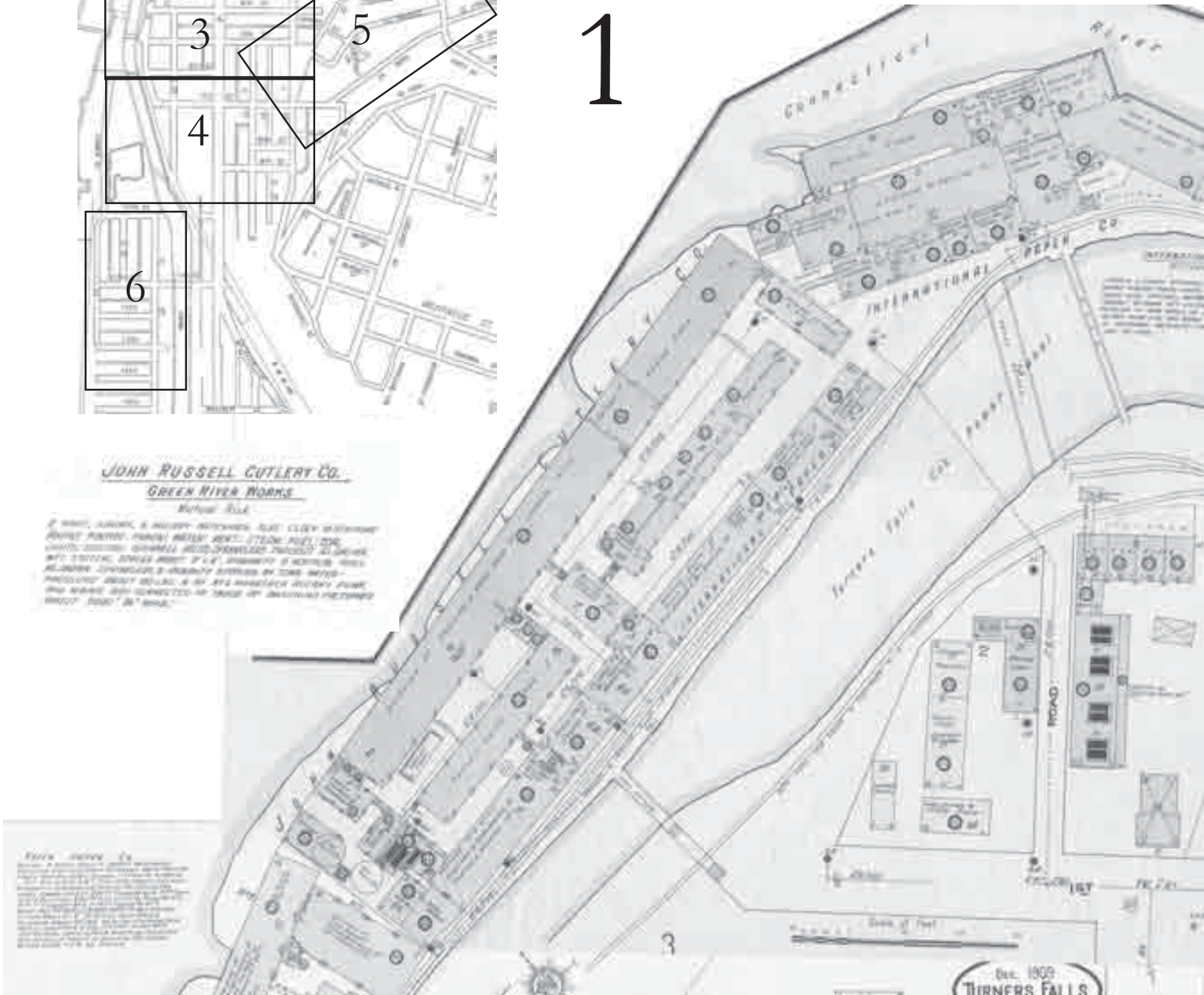
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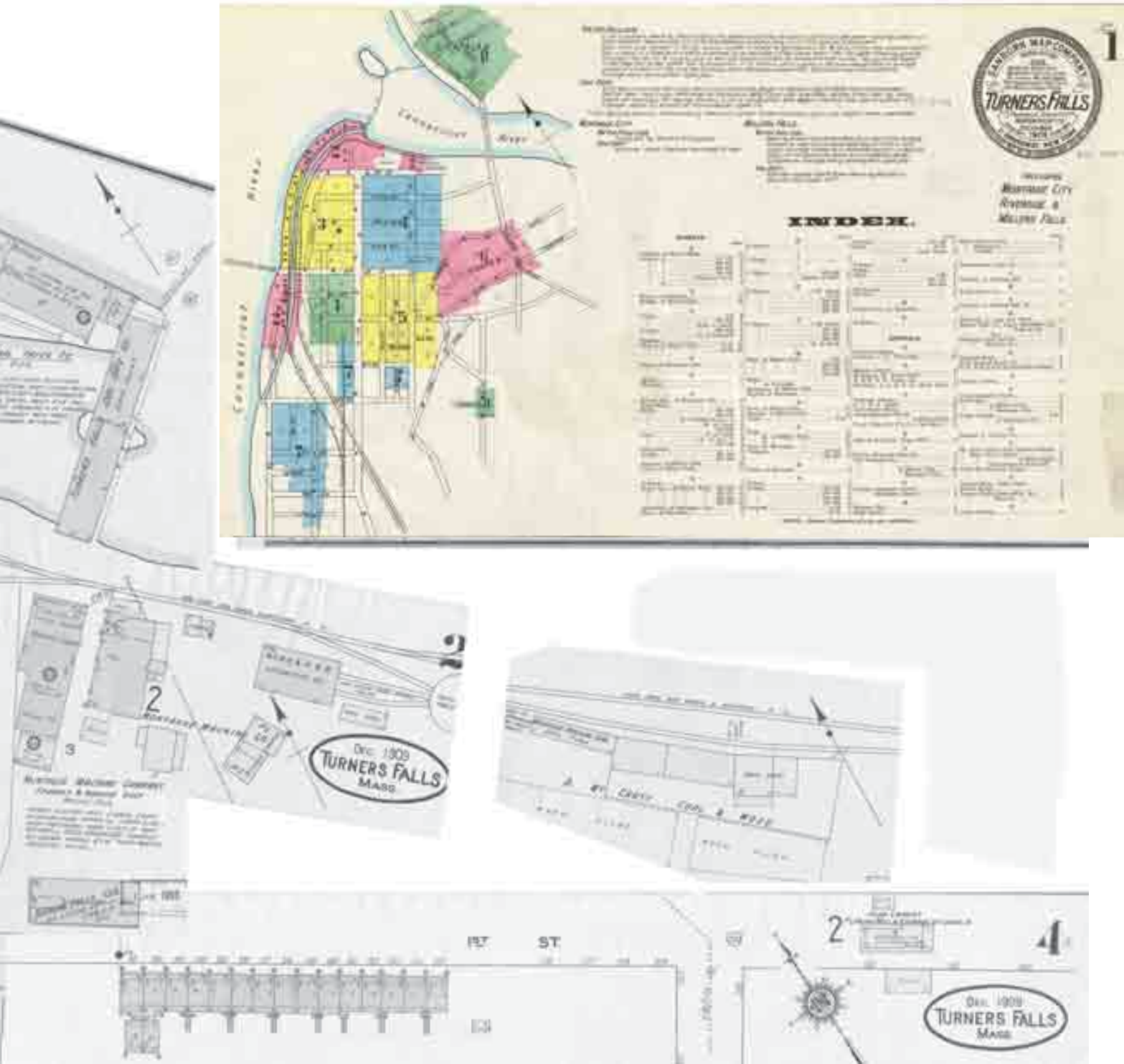
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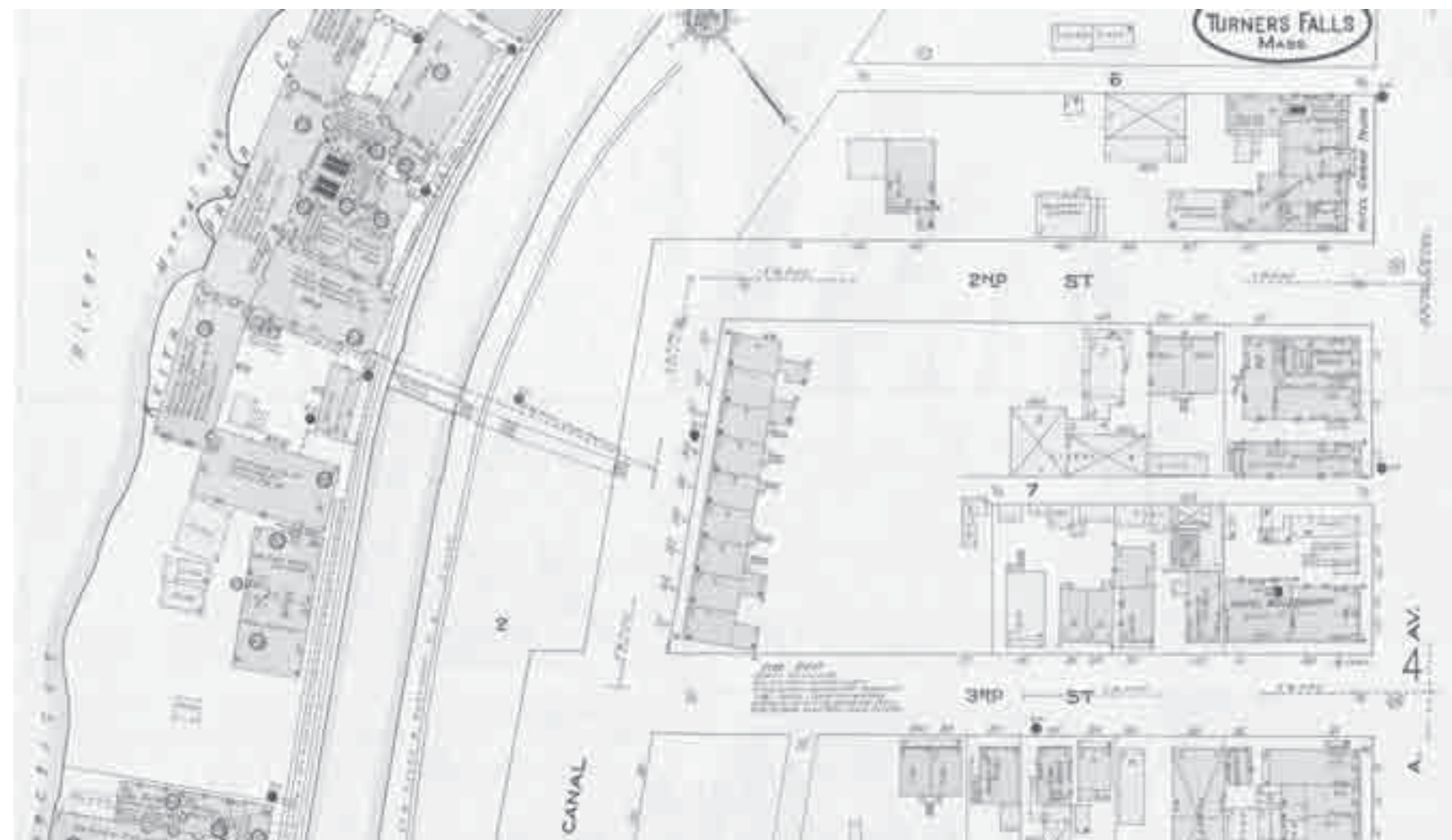


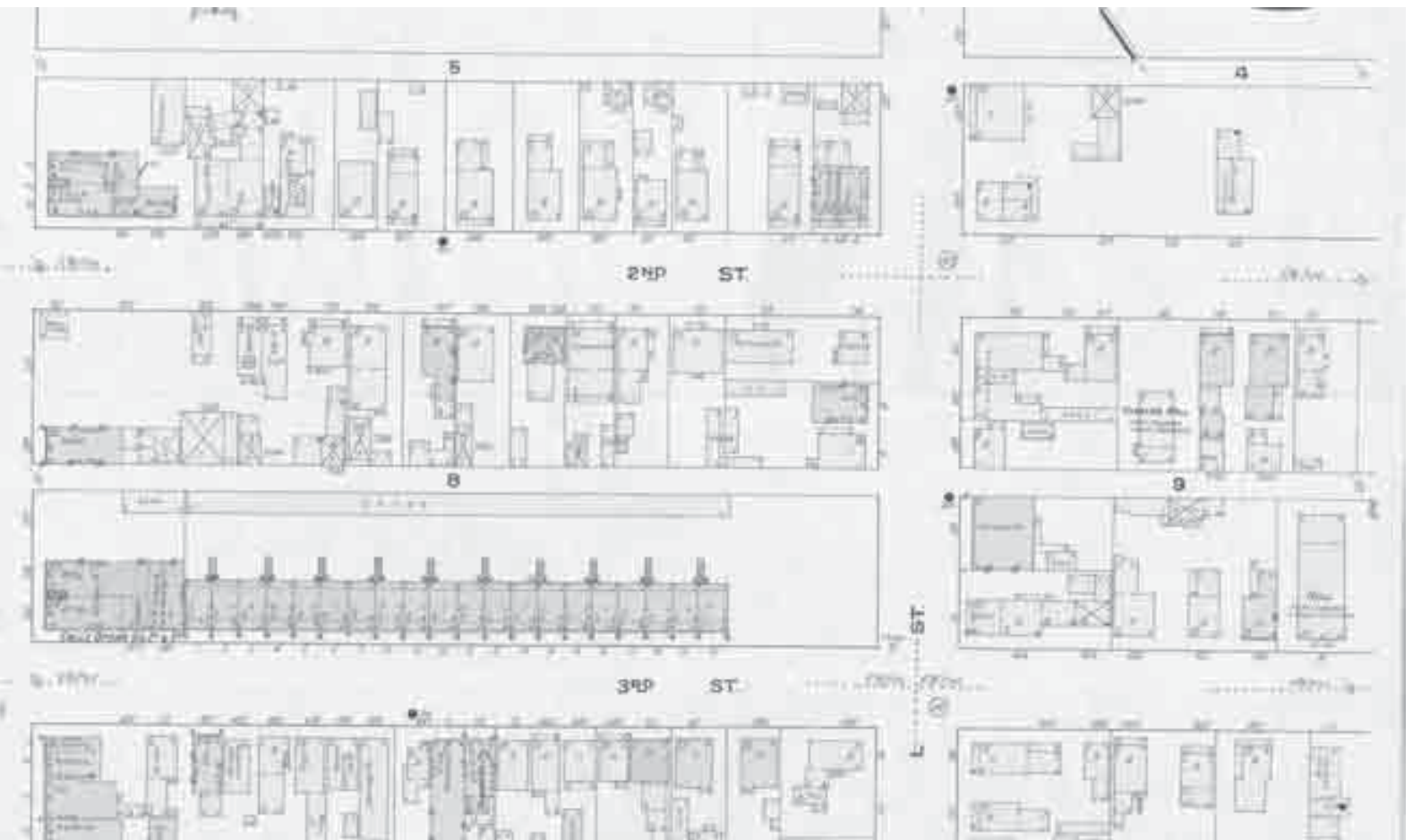
Turners Falls was depicted on six separate sets of fire insurance maps from 1884-1914. Here we reproduce one of the maps, the 1909 set. Each year's "map" is actually several separate sheets arranged to show the principal developed section of town - mostly commercial and industrial sites. The original map segments were arranged in patterns designed to fit the sheets of paper, and are sometimes hard to follow. In this edition the various segments have been stitched together for easier use.

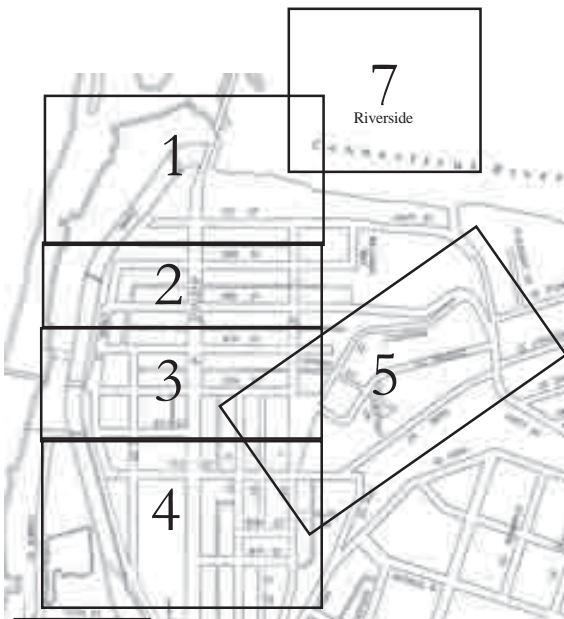


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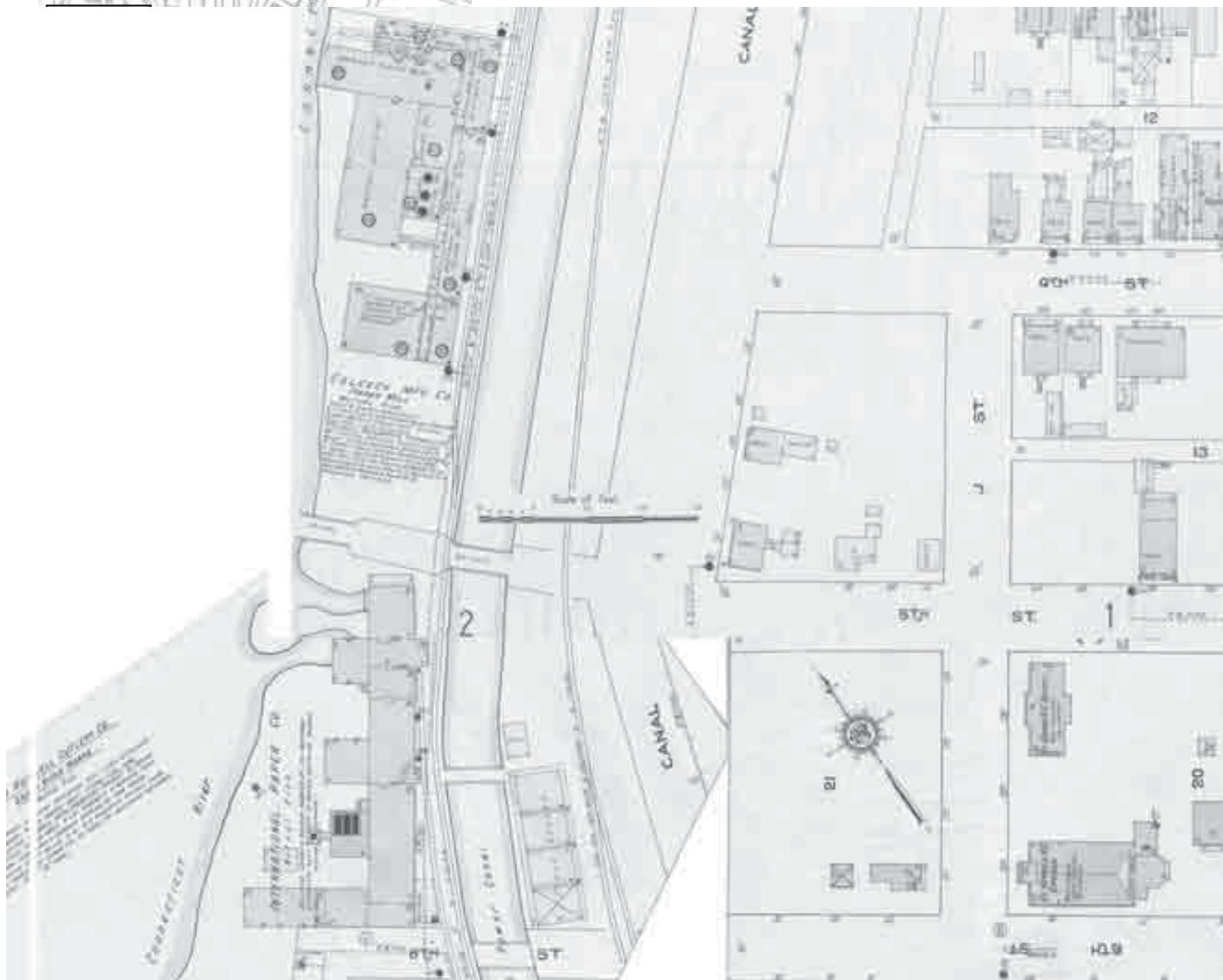


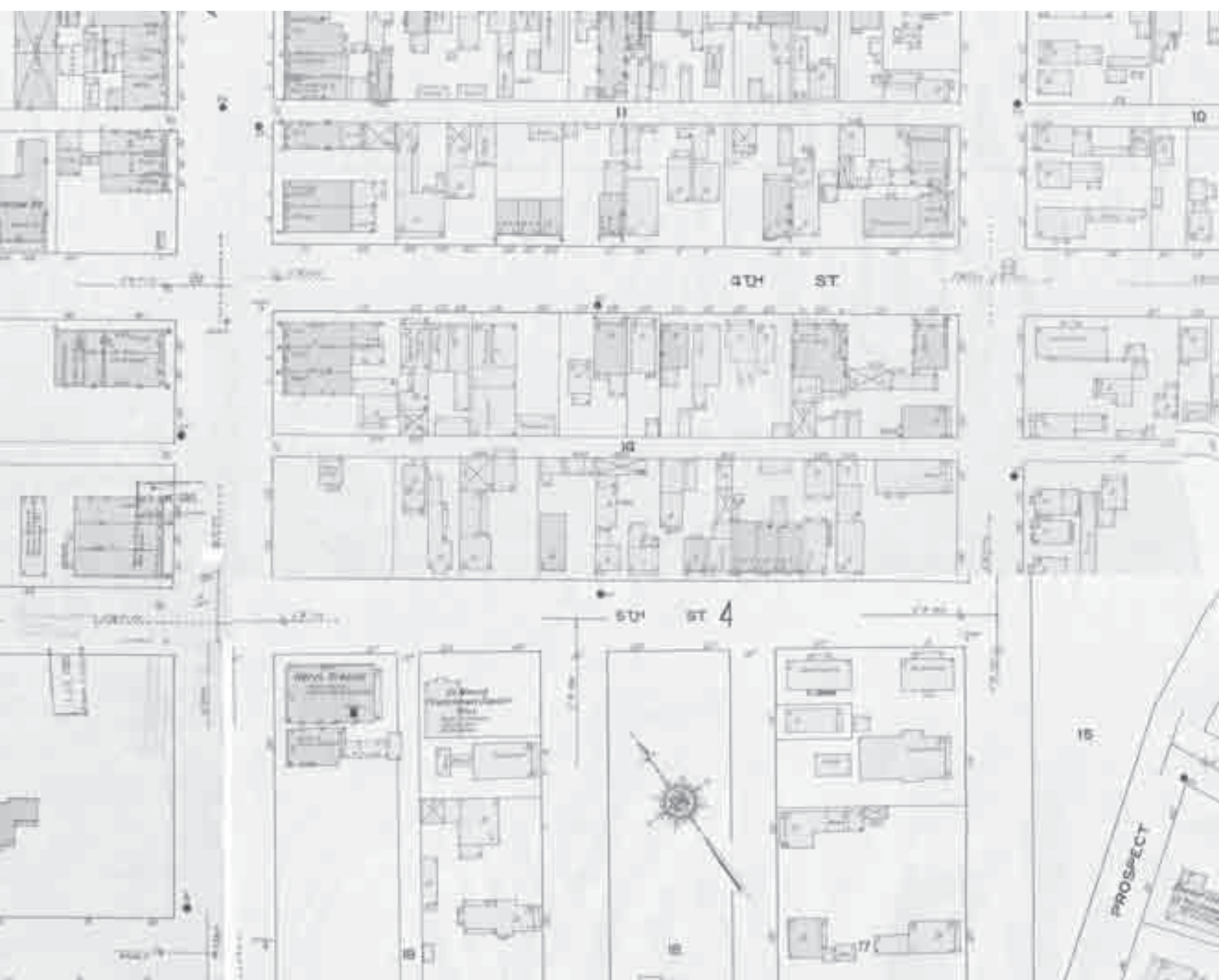


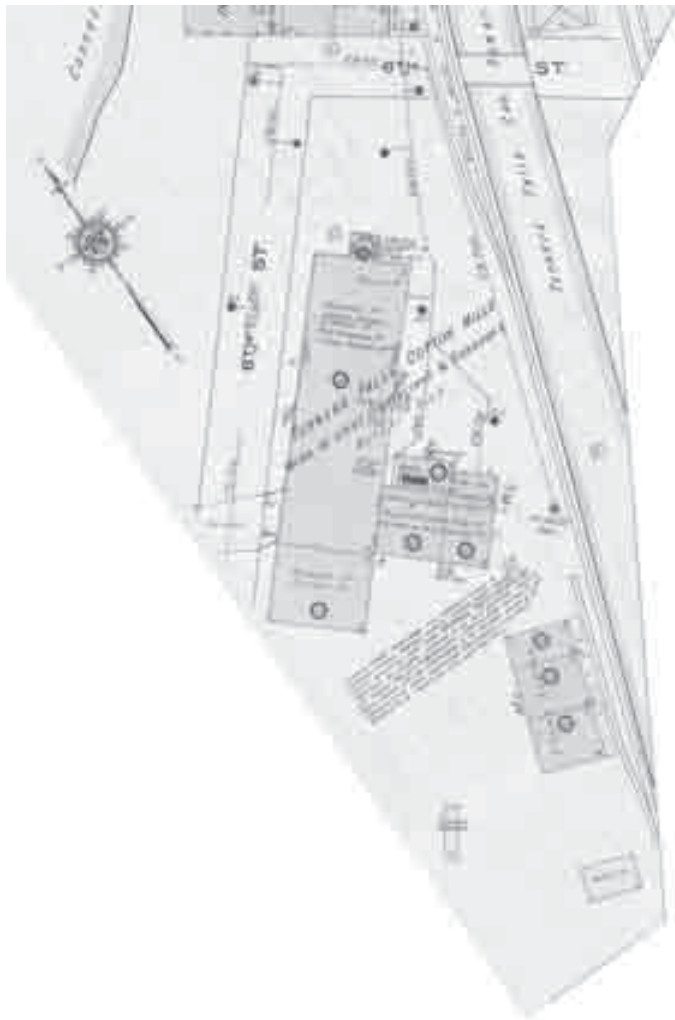
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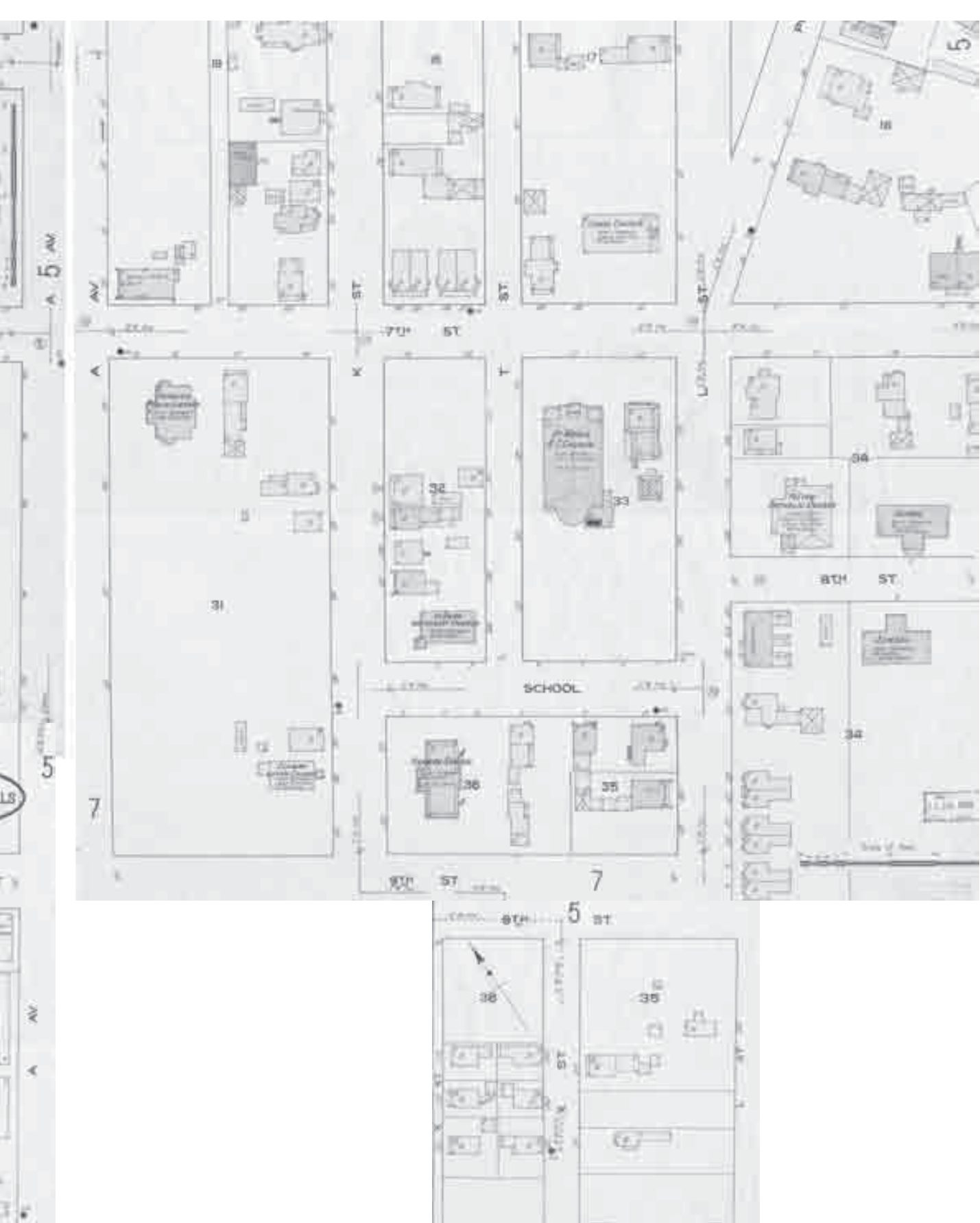




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1909
Turners Falls
Fire Insurance Map
Sanborn Map Company







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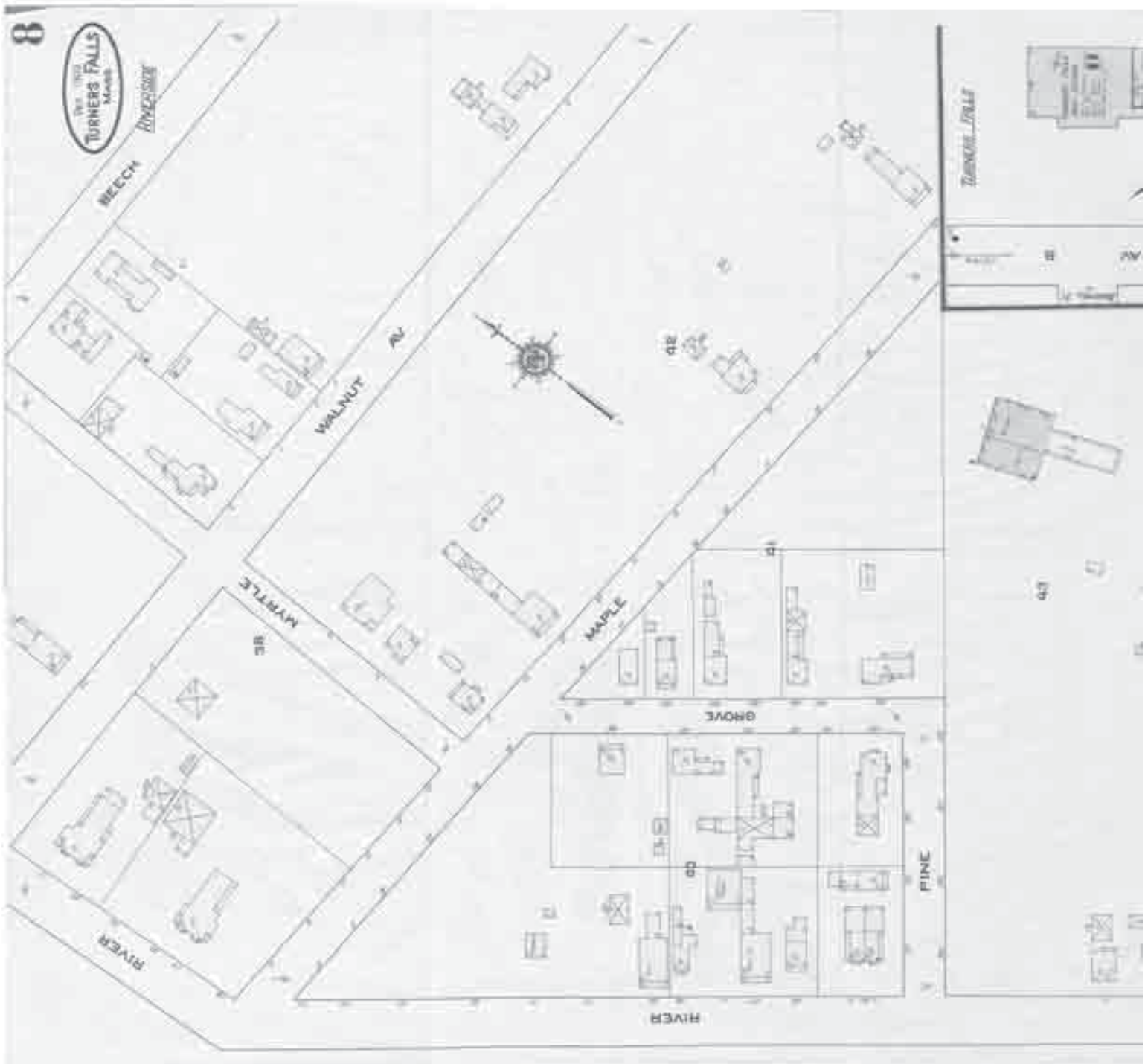
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Fire Insurance Map

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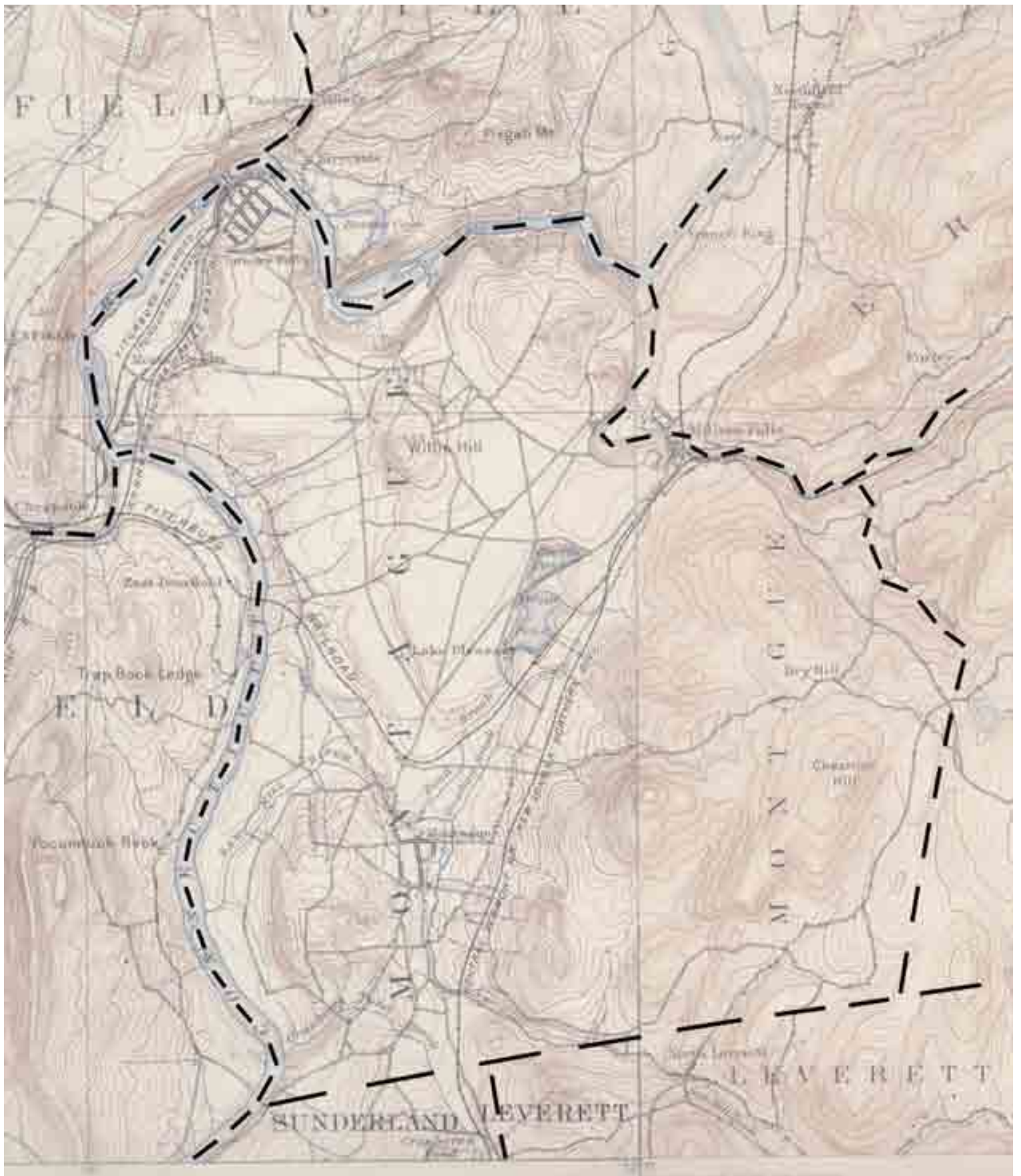
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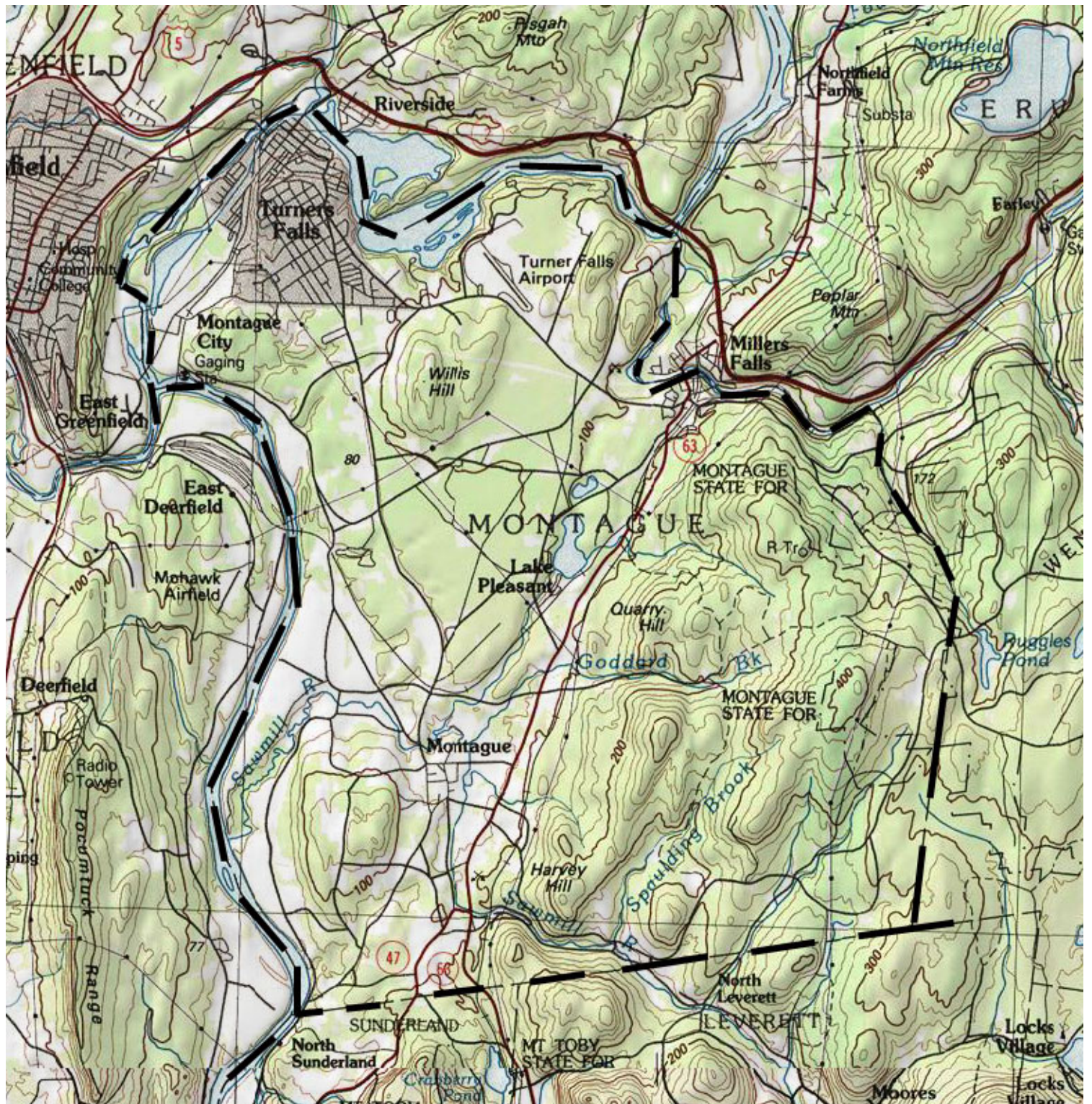
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