



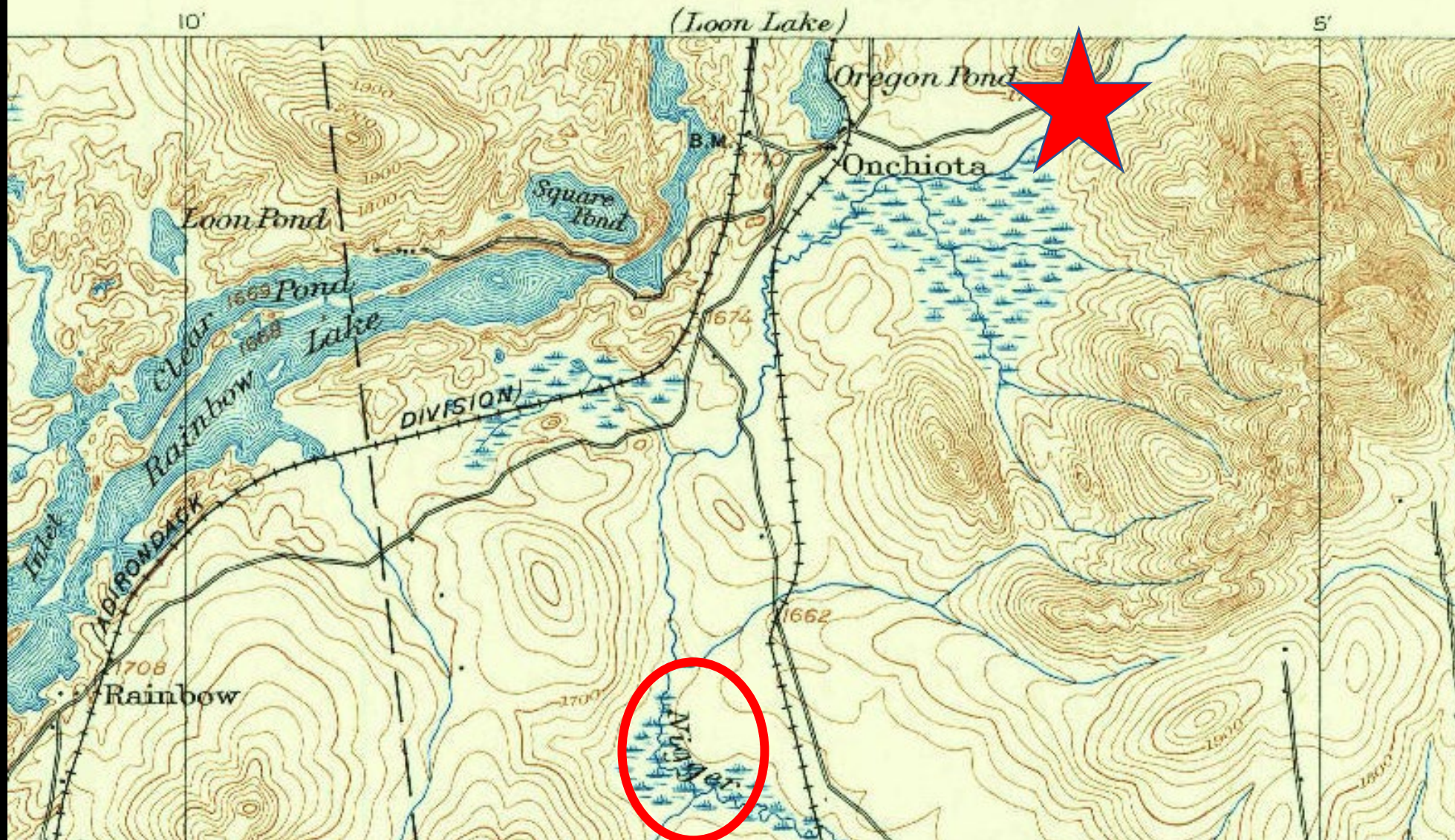
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**OLDER THAN  
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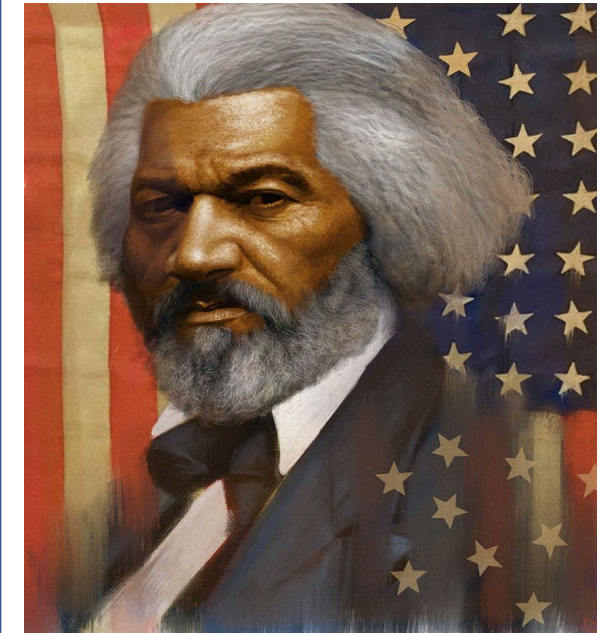
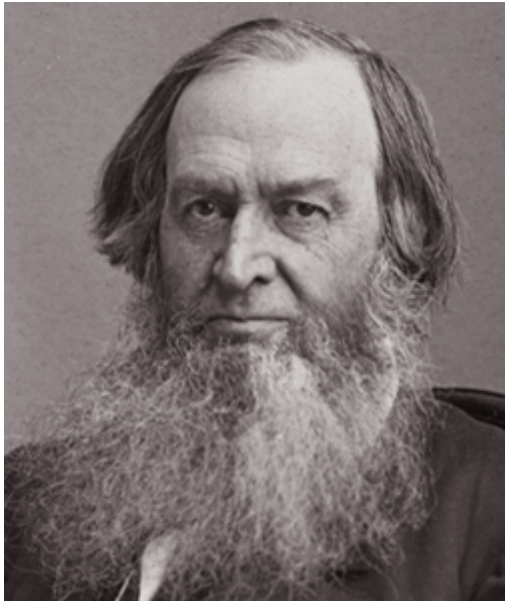
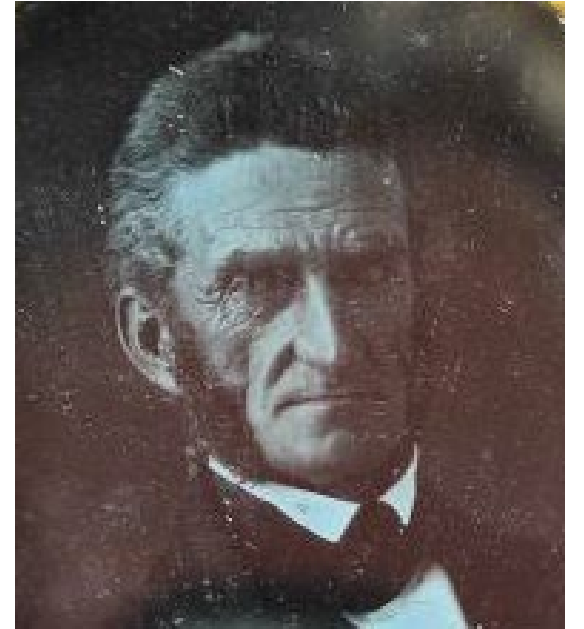
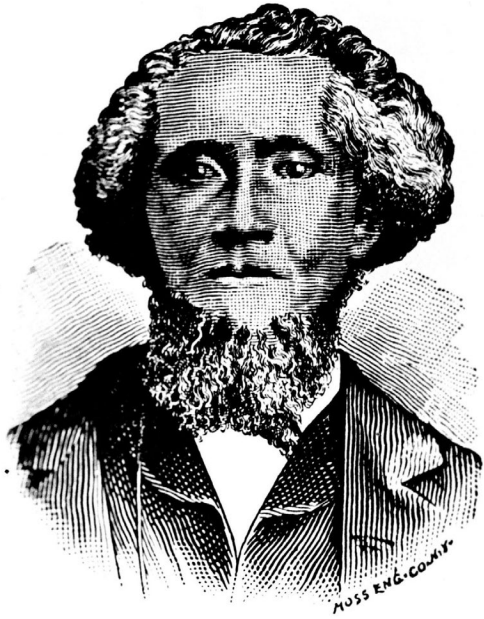




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# THE DREAM: MULTI-RACIAL COMMUNITIES based on HUMAN EQUALITY





## GERRIT SMITH

120,000 acres to  
3000 free Black  
settlers helping  
them to **VOTE**

## JOHN BROWN

pioneer farmer,  
anti-slavery activist



**“The sharp axe of the  
sable-armed pioneer  
should be at once  
uplifted over the soil of  
Franklin and Essex  
counties...**

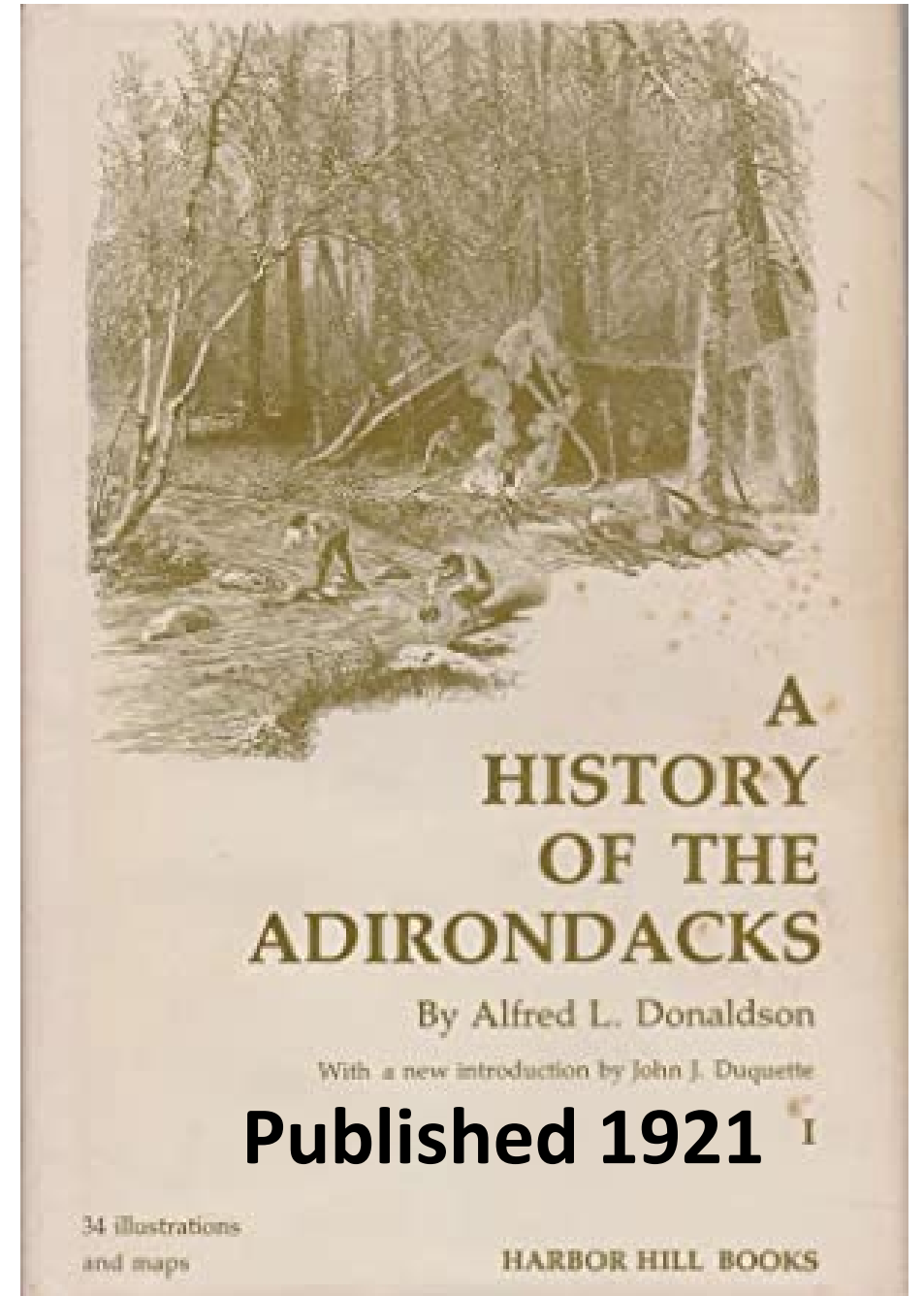
***Frederick Douglass  
(Feb. 18, 1848)***





## ALFRED DONALDSON

“The fugitive slaves clumped together in a ramshackle shantytown...”



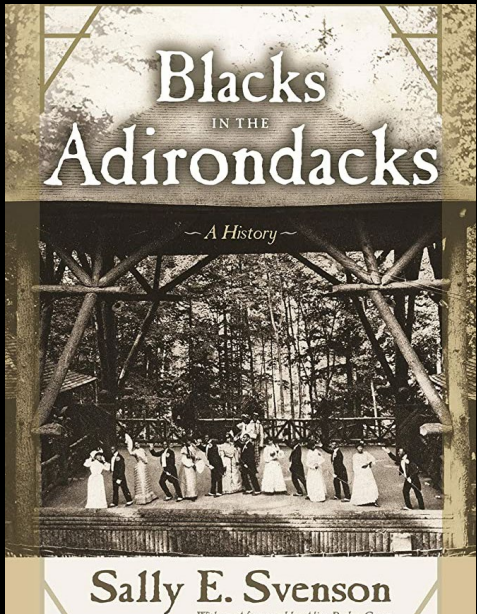
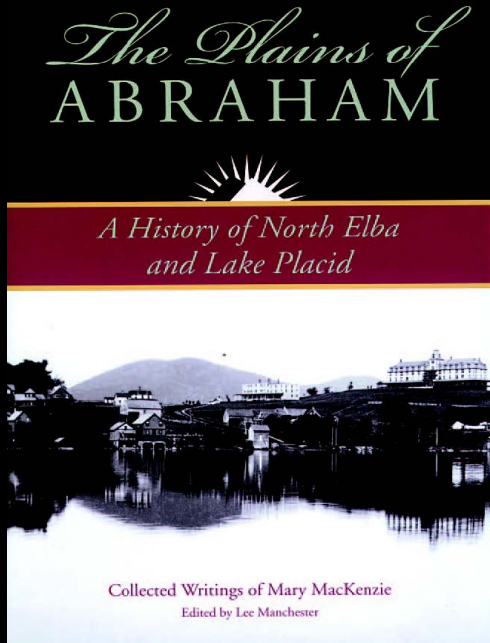




"The Adirondack wilderness,  
for **obvious reasons**,  
was the least attractive and  
**least suited to the negro.**"

"...unless directed by (John Brown),  
**they did nothing for themselves** or  
for their own land."

"As a **negro colony** it was a failure  
and soon dwindled away."

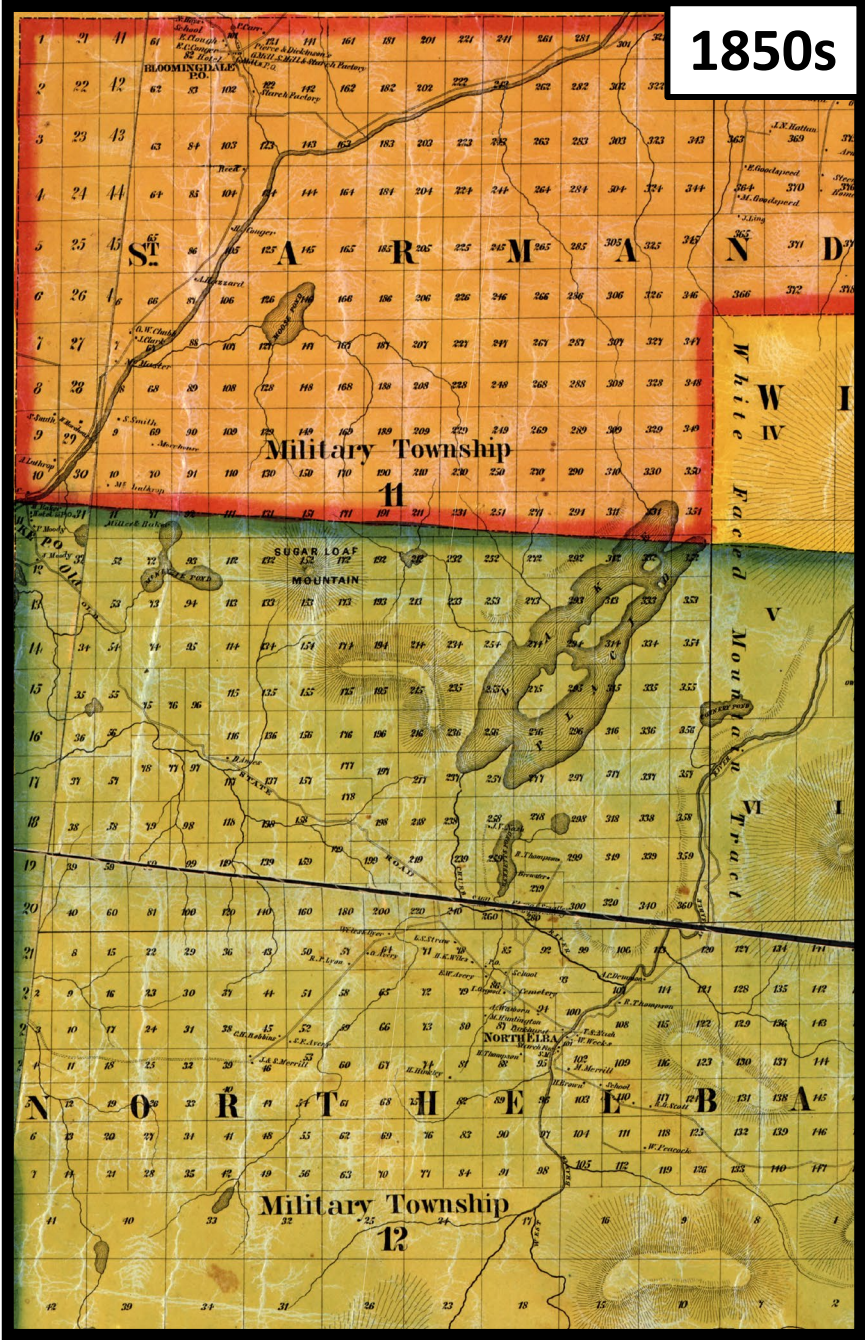




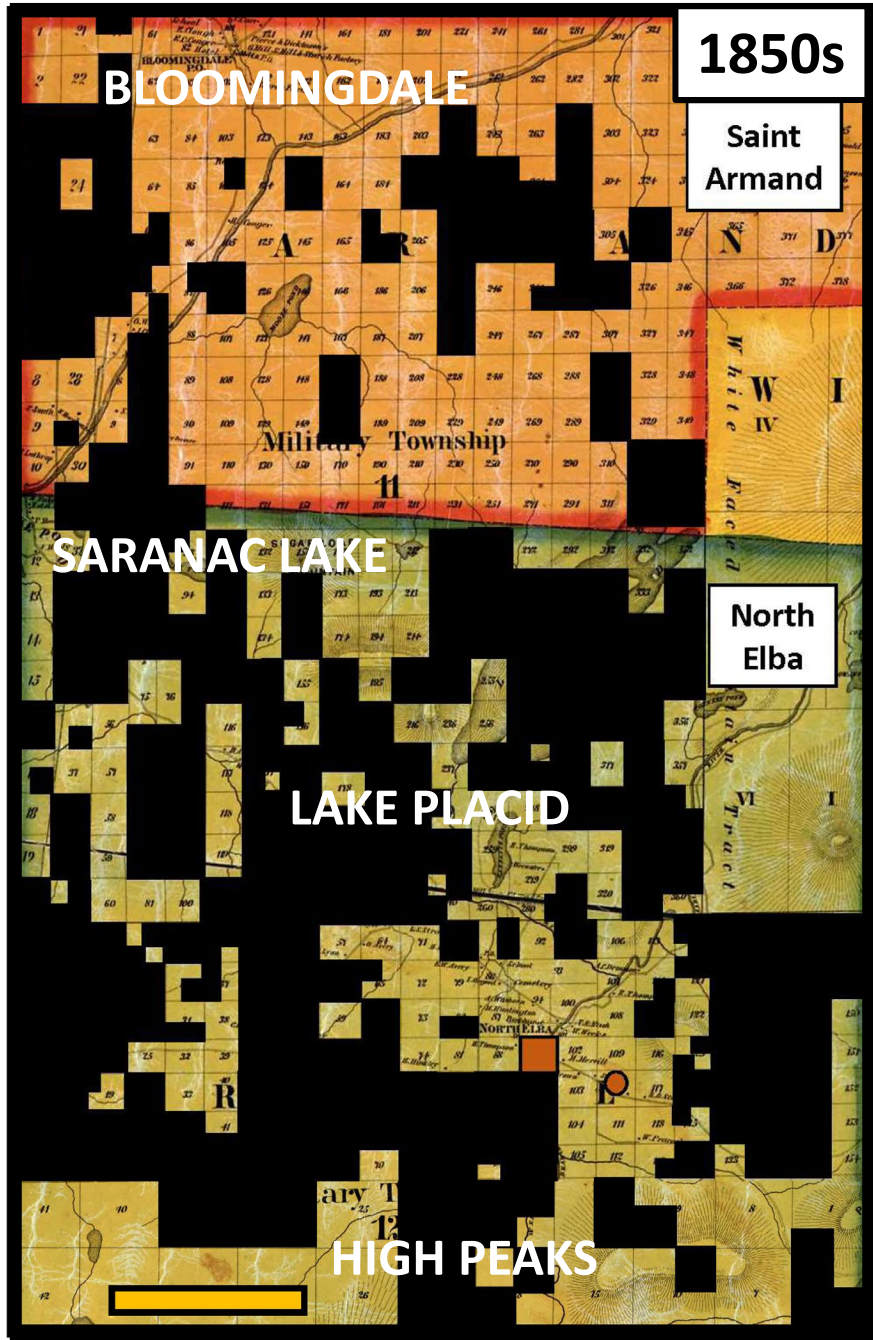
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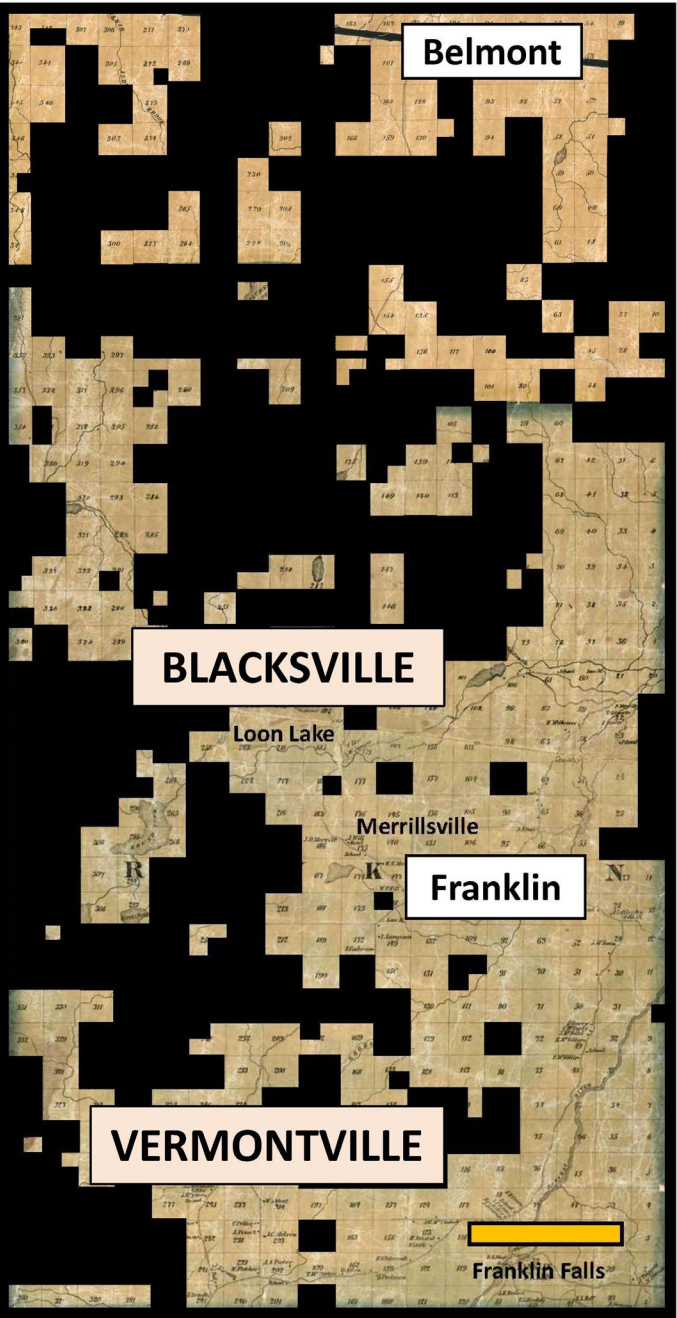
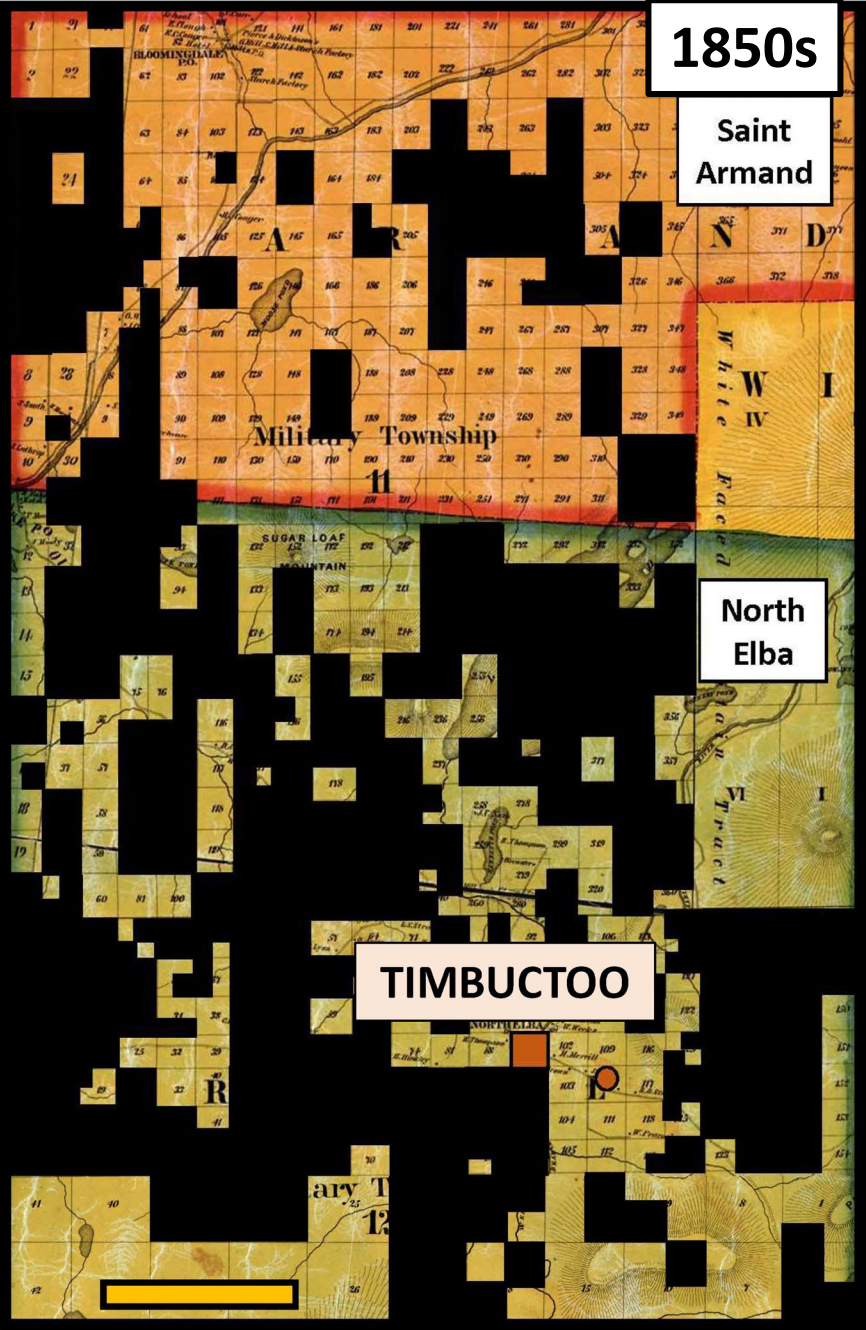
**Mostly  
FREE people**

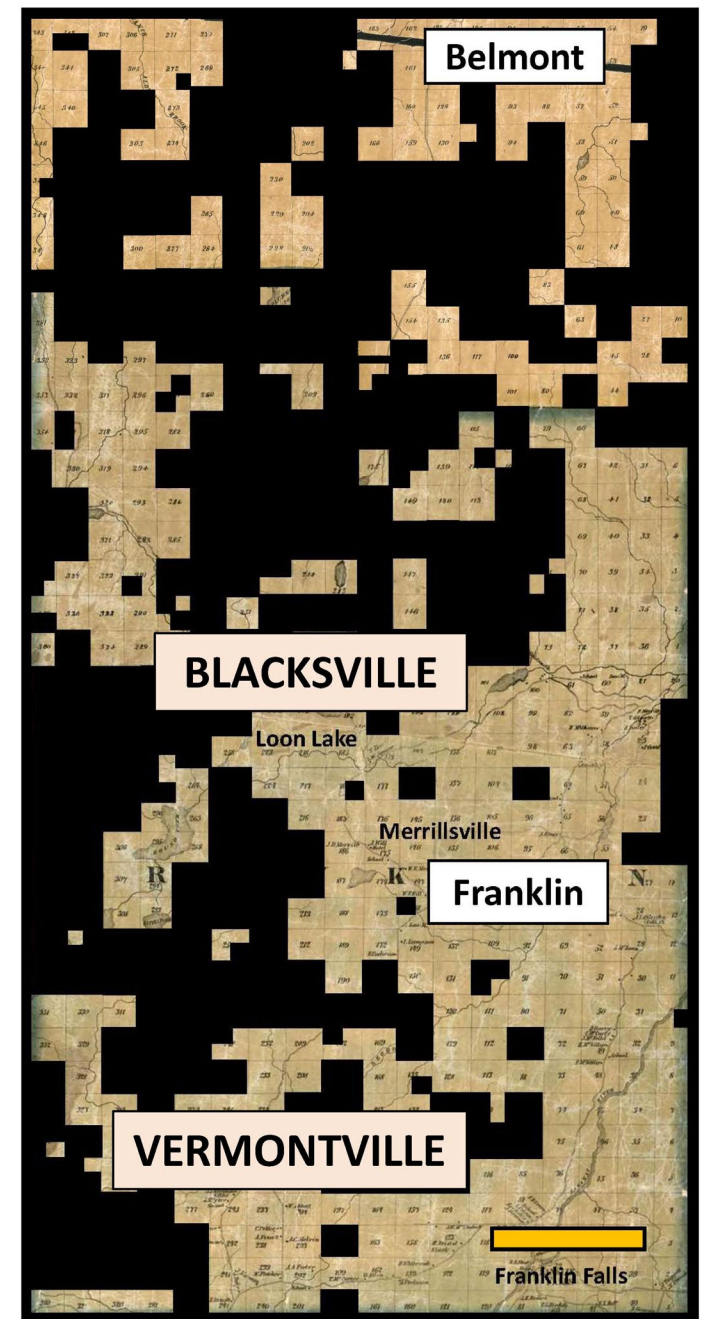
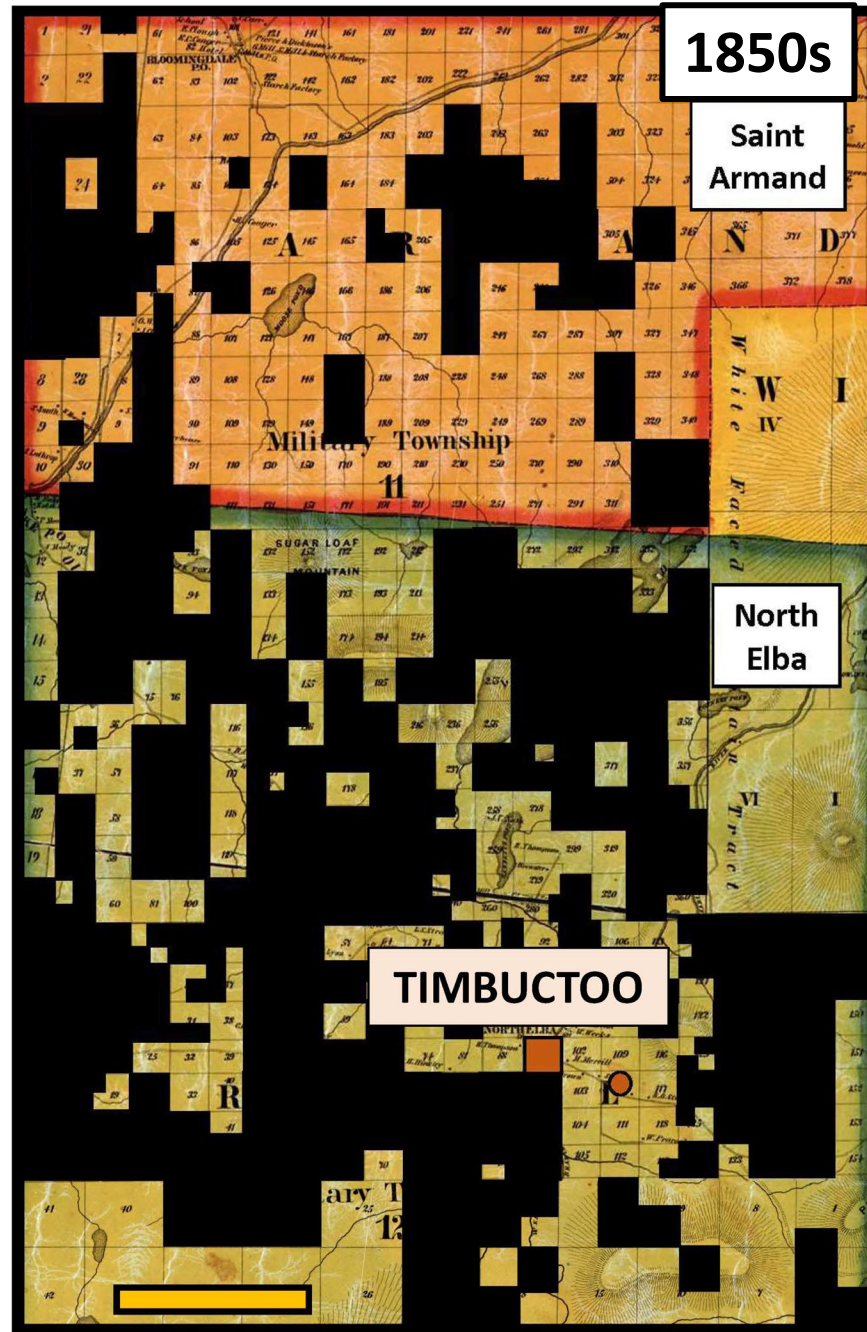
1850s













# **MOUNT BAKER**

Saranac Lake

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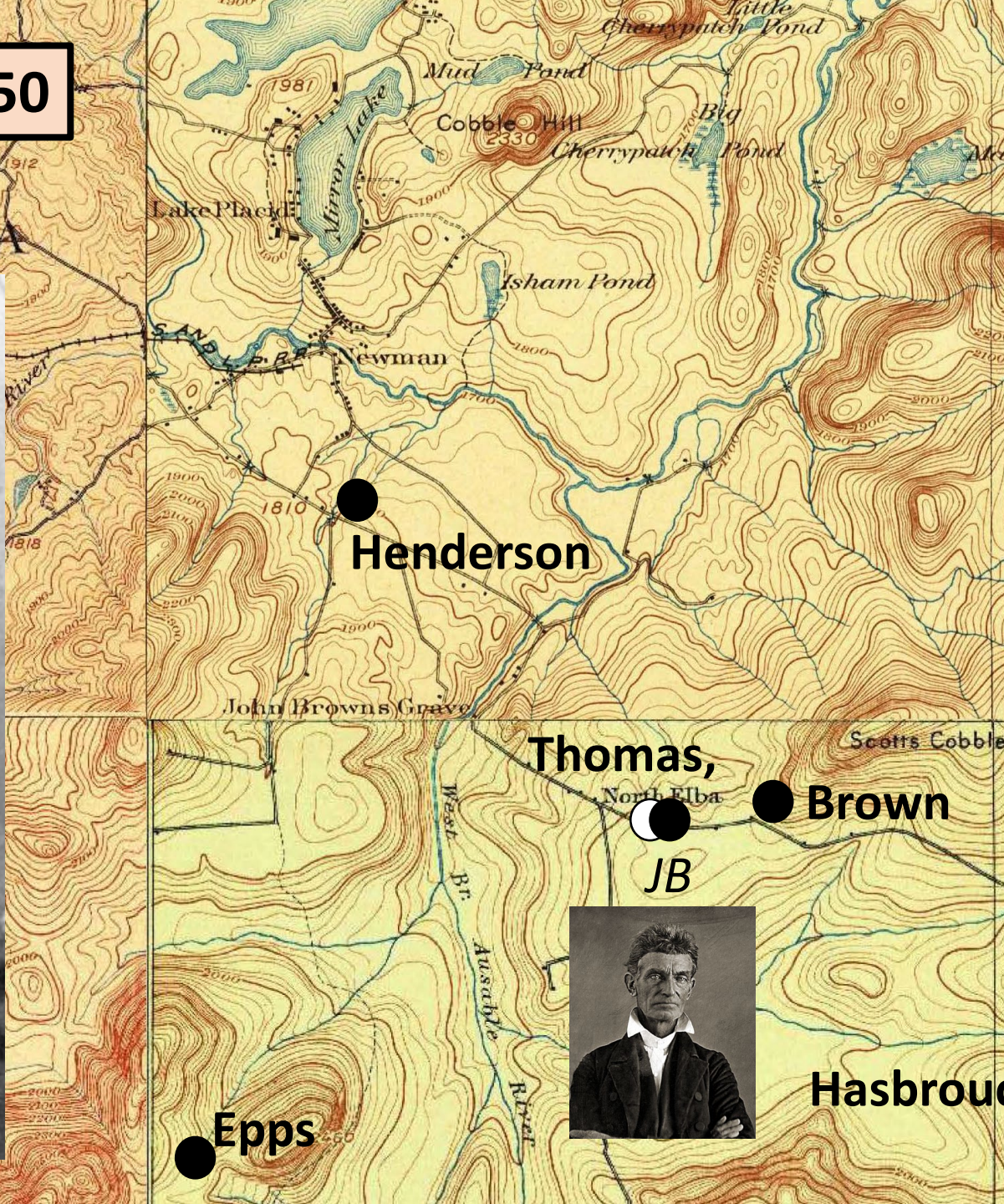
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- (1) Orville Foster (Auburn, NY)**
- (2) Dennis Savoy (Rhinebeck, NY)**
- (3) Henry Lyons (Poughkeepsie, NY)**

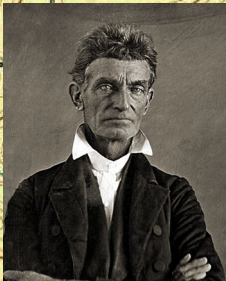
"TIMBUCTOO" 1850



EPPS



HASBROOK



Hasbrouck?

**PIONEERS  
of  
VERMONTVILLE**



**WALTER SCOTT**

From NC, age 19  
(w/Alfred Skiff)



**MISS**

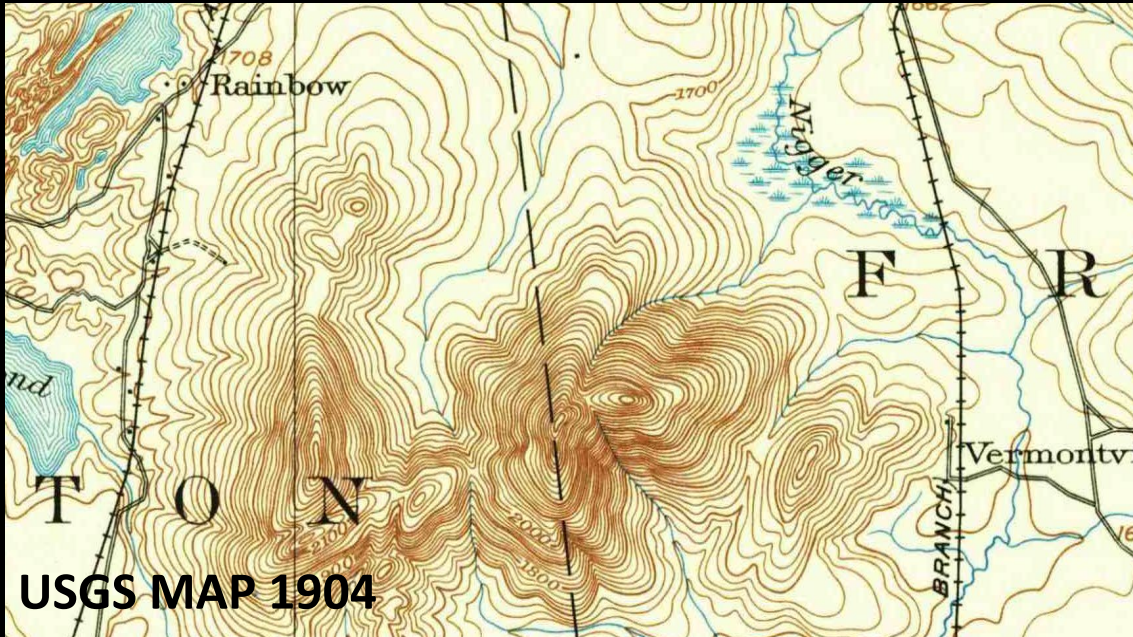
**BETTIE BURNS**  
(w/Luther Bryant)



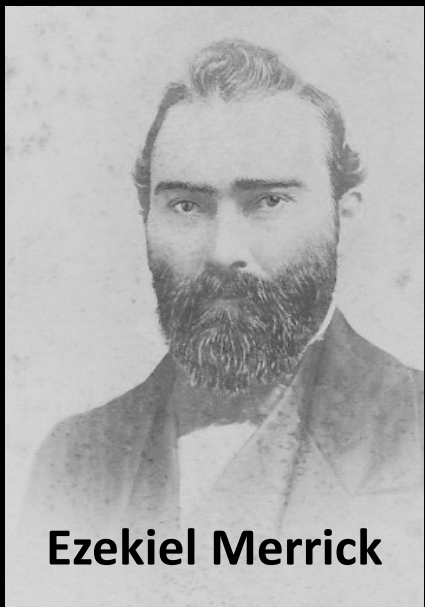
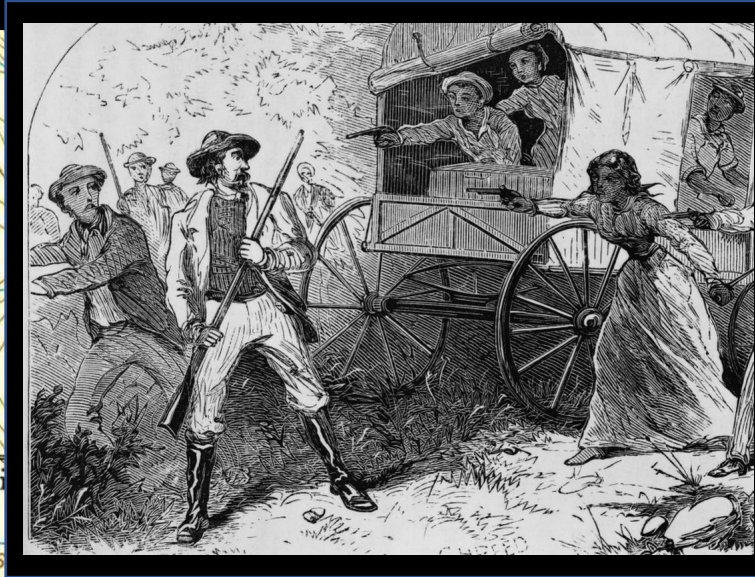
**ROSE SCOTT**

Born 1876  
Vermontville

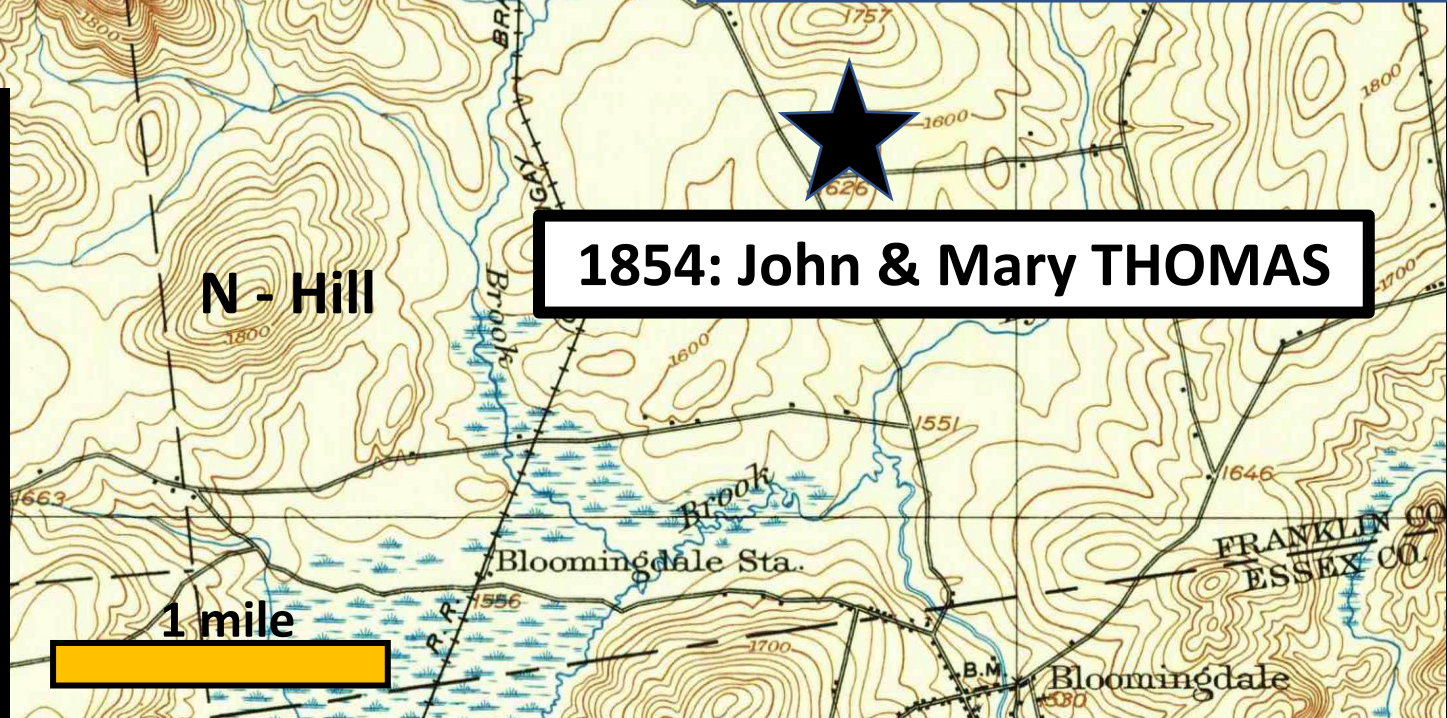




USGS MAP 1904



Ezekiel Merrick



1854: John & Mary THOMAS

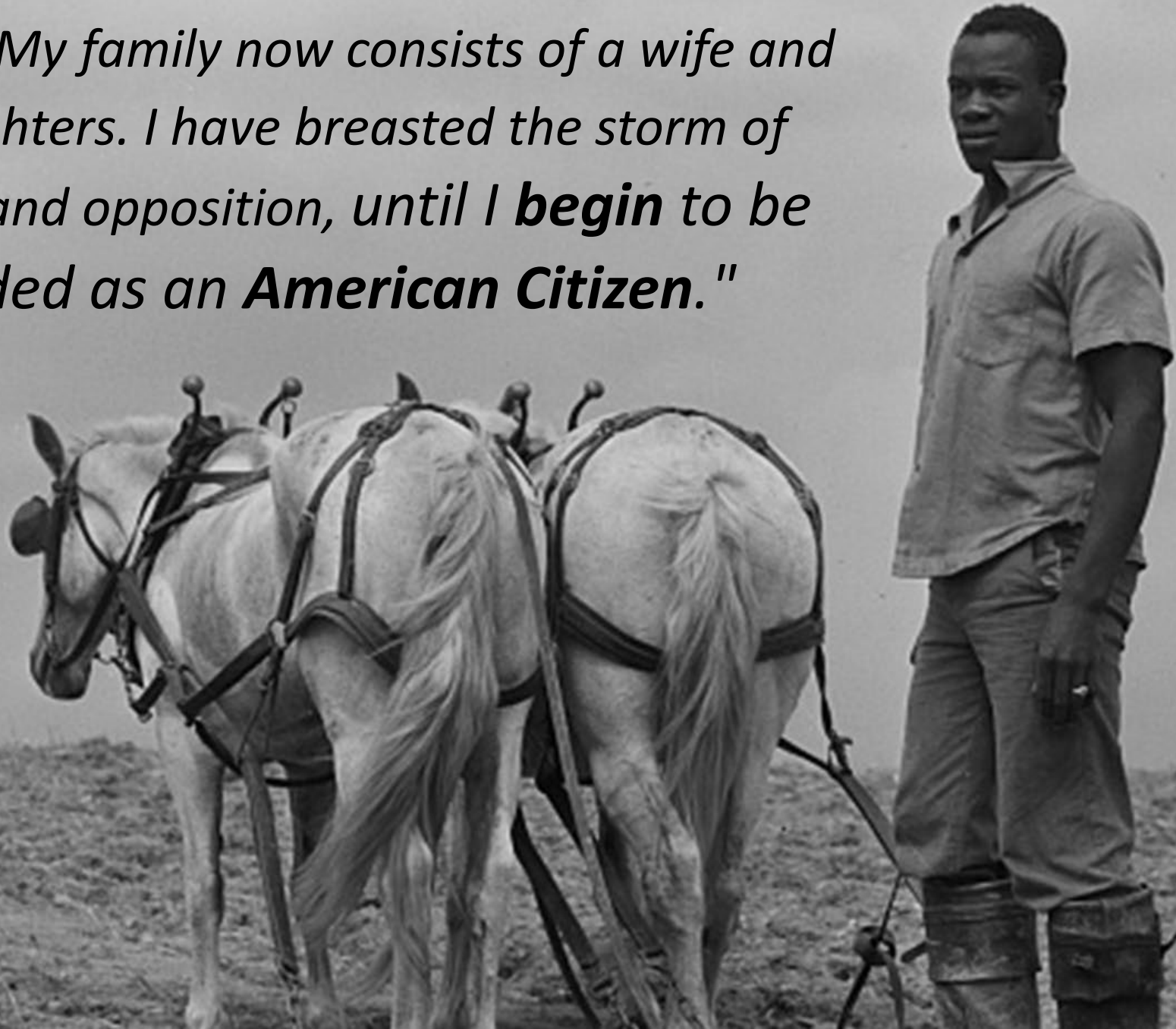


wheat, rye, oats, hay

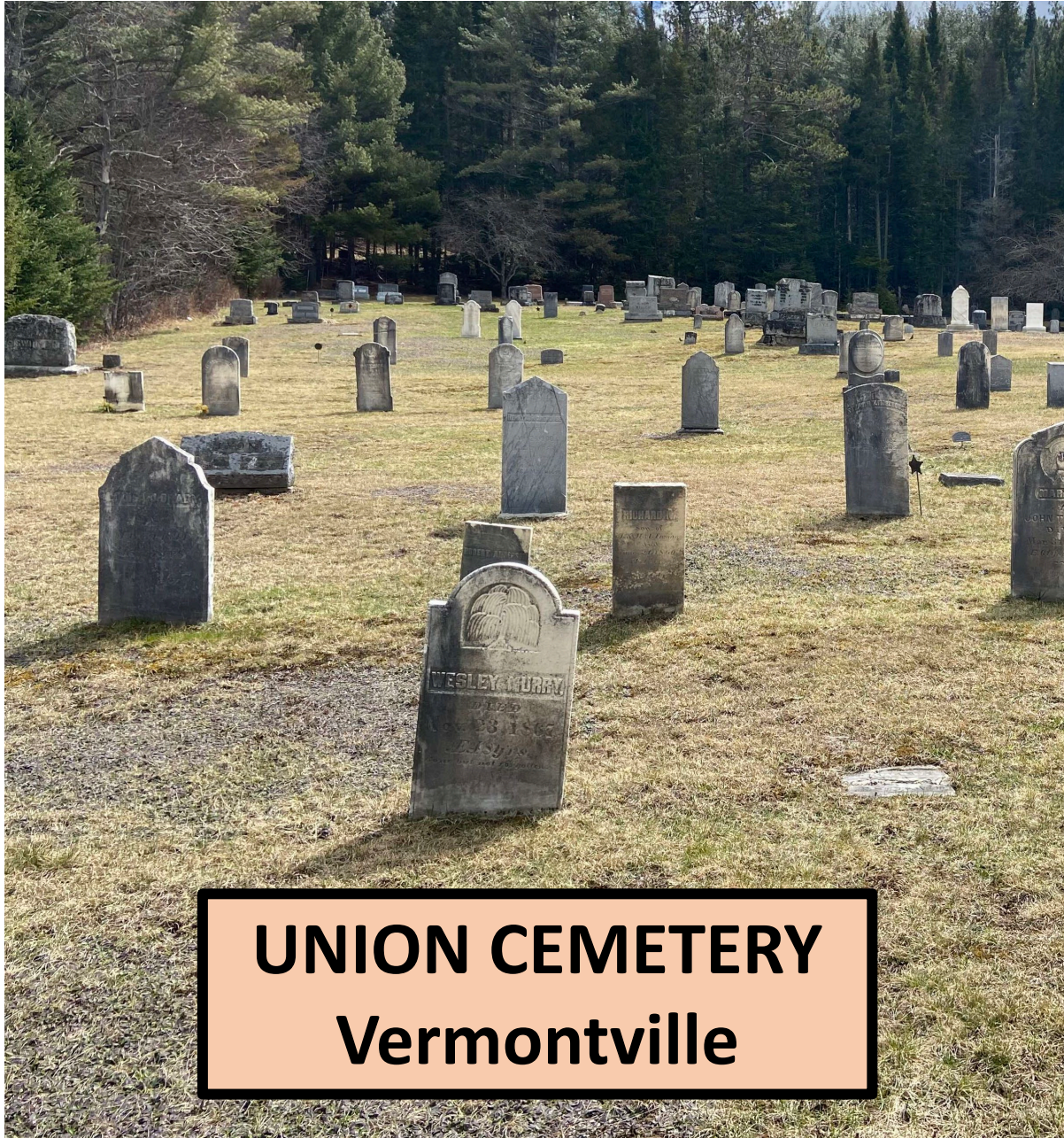


**Log home  
40 acres "improved"  
115 acres other**

**1872:** *"...My family now consists of a wife and two daughters. I have breasted the storm of prejudice and opposition, until I **begin** to be regarded as an **American Citizen.**"*







**UNION CEMETERY**  
**Vermontville**



**"Mr. Thomas was an honest, upright and fair dealing man, a good citizen and much respected in the community where he lived so long."**

*Malone Palladium, 1894*

# SAMUEL BRADY

ENLISTED: Plattsburgh, Dec. 1863

118th Adirondack Regiment

Next day:

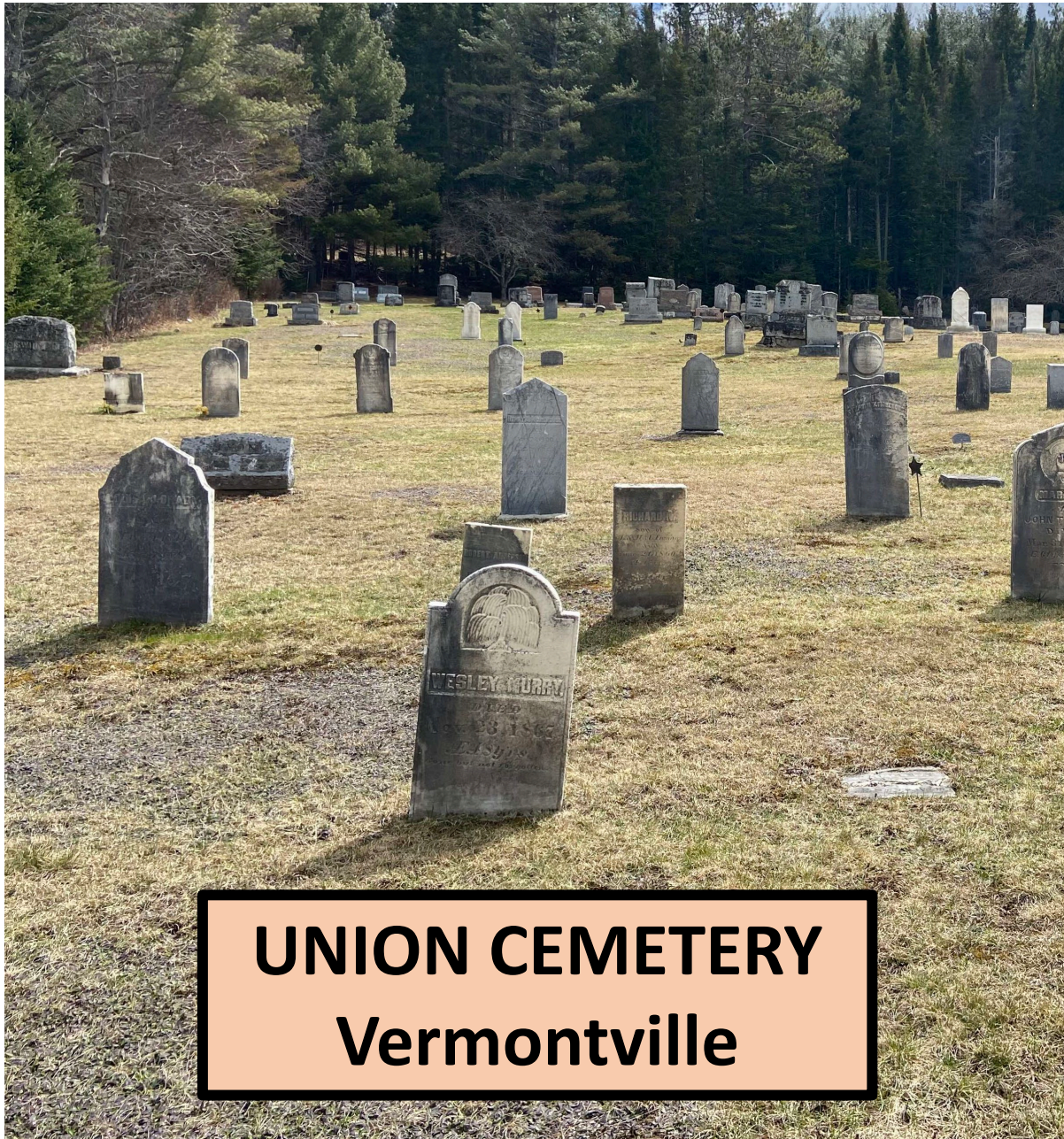
20th USCT Infantry



DIED: New Orleans, Sept. 1864

Corps d'Afrique Hospital

*"this colored boy is said to have died  
in the service (particulars unknown)."*

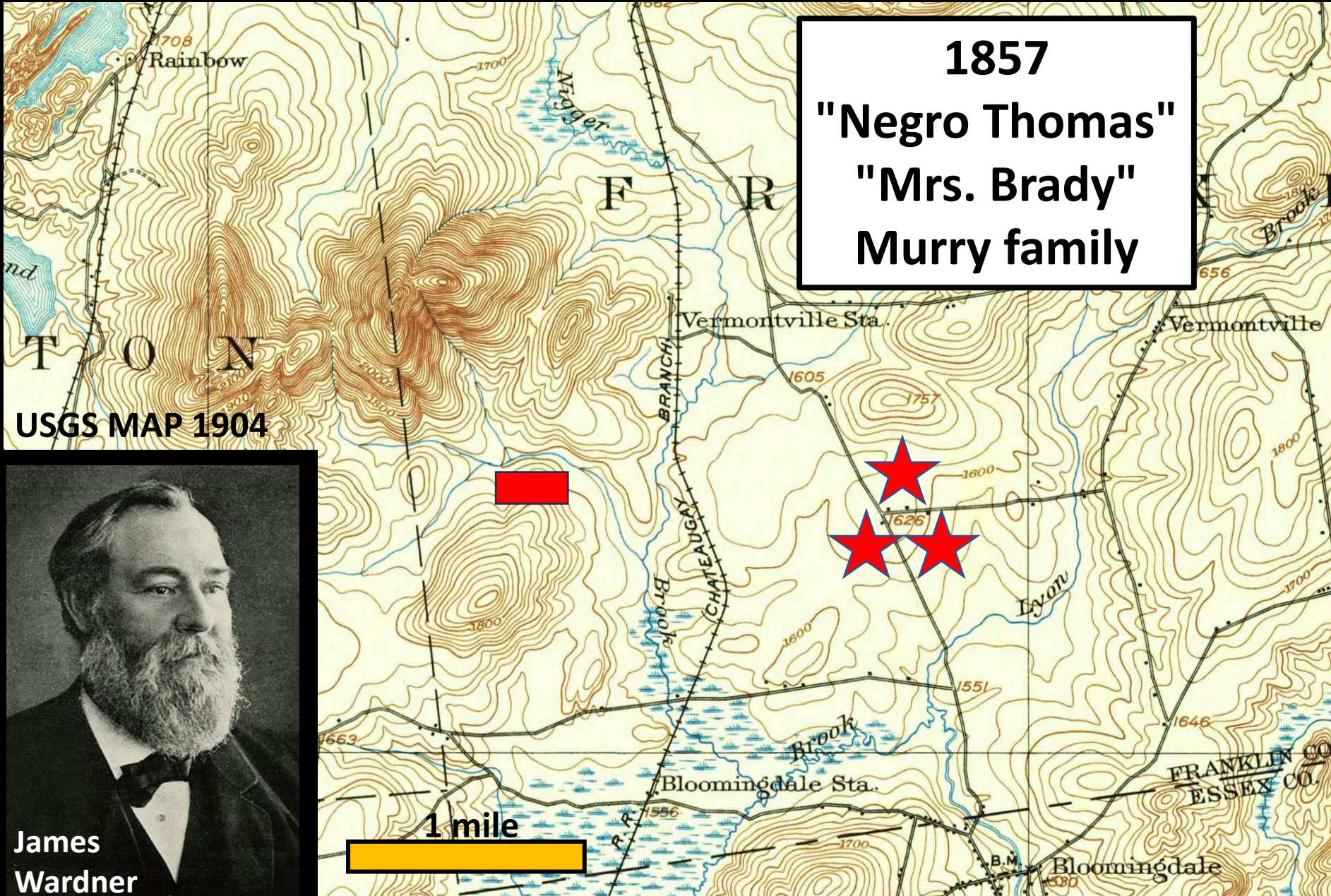


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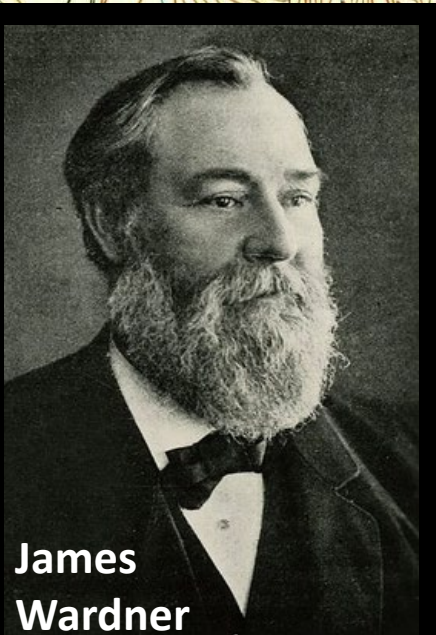
**"Mrs. Brady**, a colored woman, ...had been a slave.... She has been favorably known because of her honest and industrious life.

*Malone Palladium, 1894.*



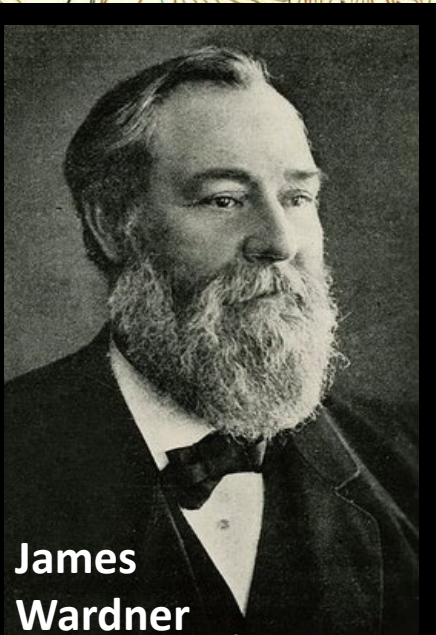
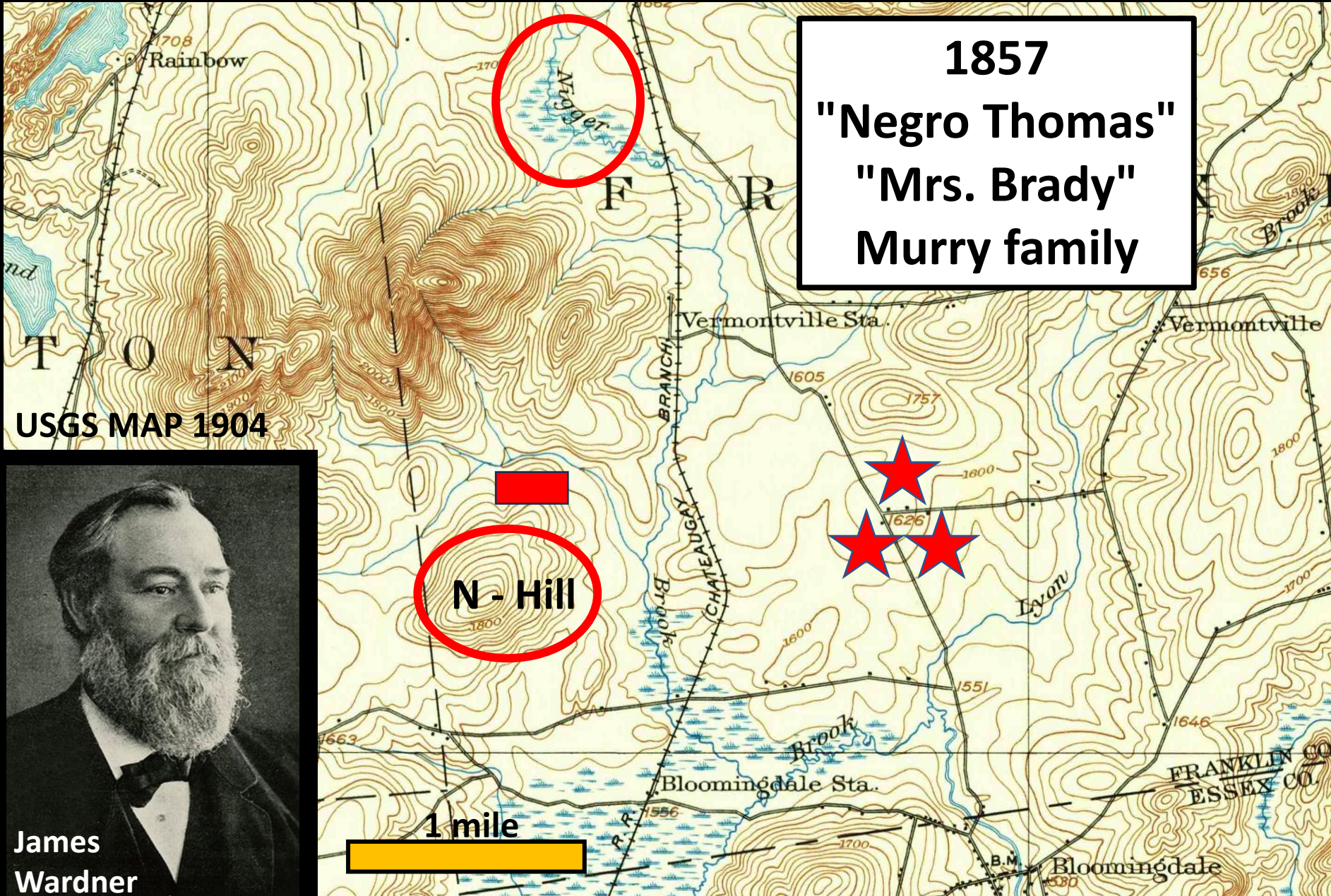
1857  
"Negro Thomas"  
"Mrs. Brady"  
Murry family

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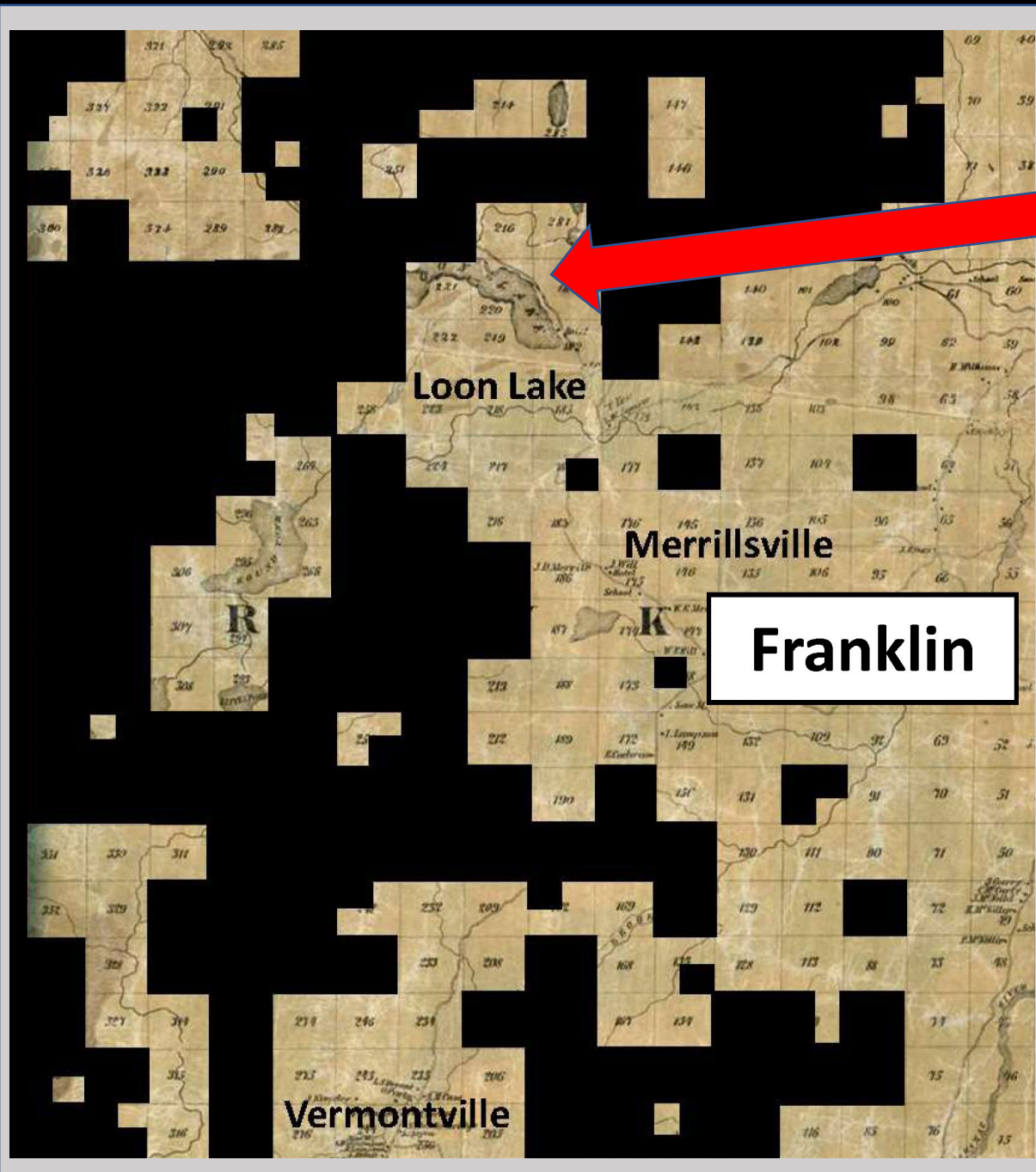


James  
Wardner

1 mile



James  
Wardner



Loon Lake

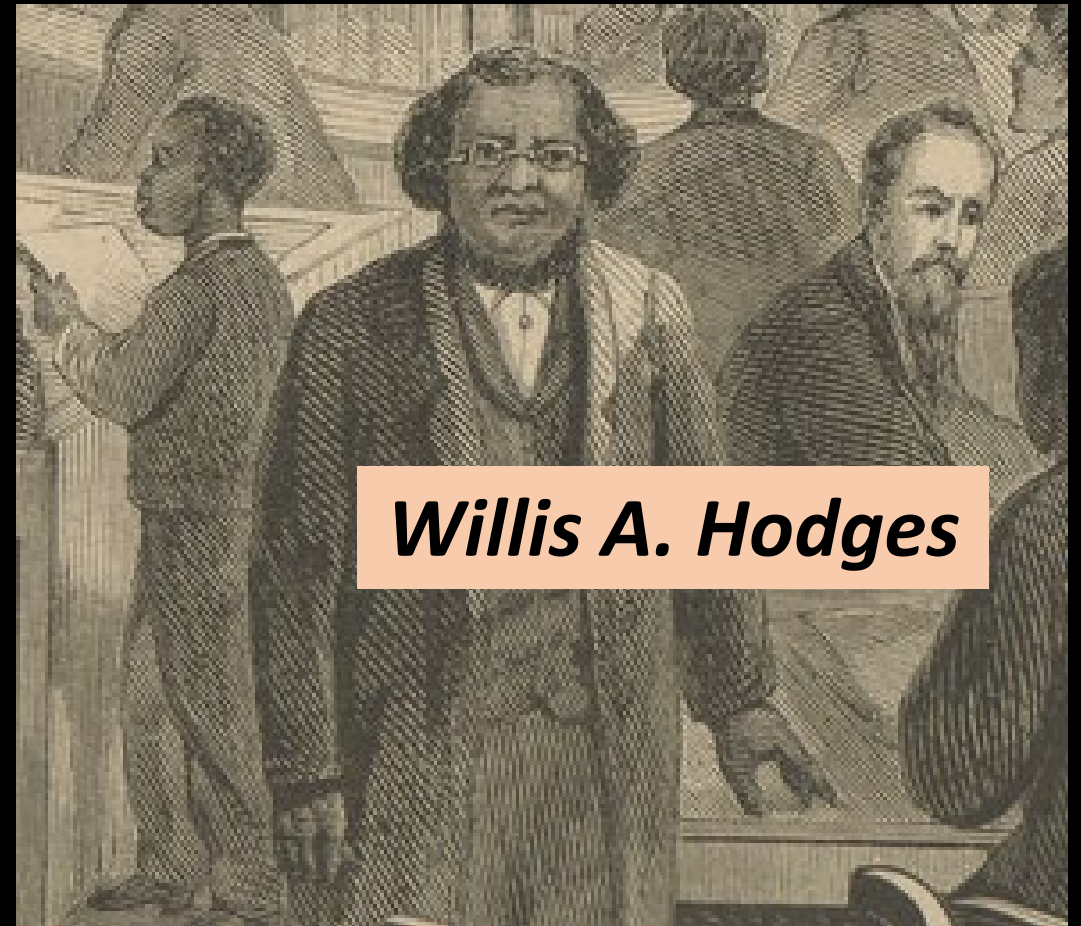
Merrillsville

Franklin

Vermontville



**BLACKSVILLE**  
**1848-1850**



*Willis A. Hodges*







# WARREN & HELEN MOREHOUSE

## 1860 CENSUS

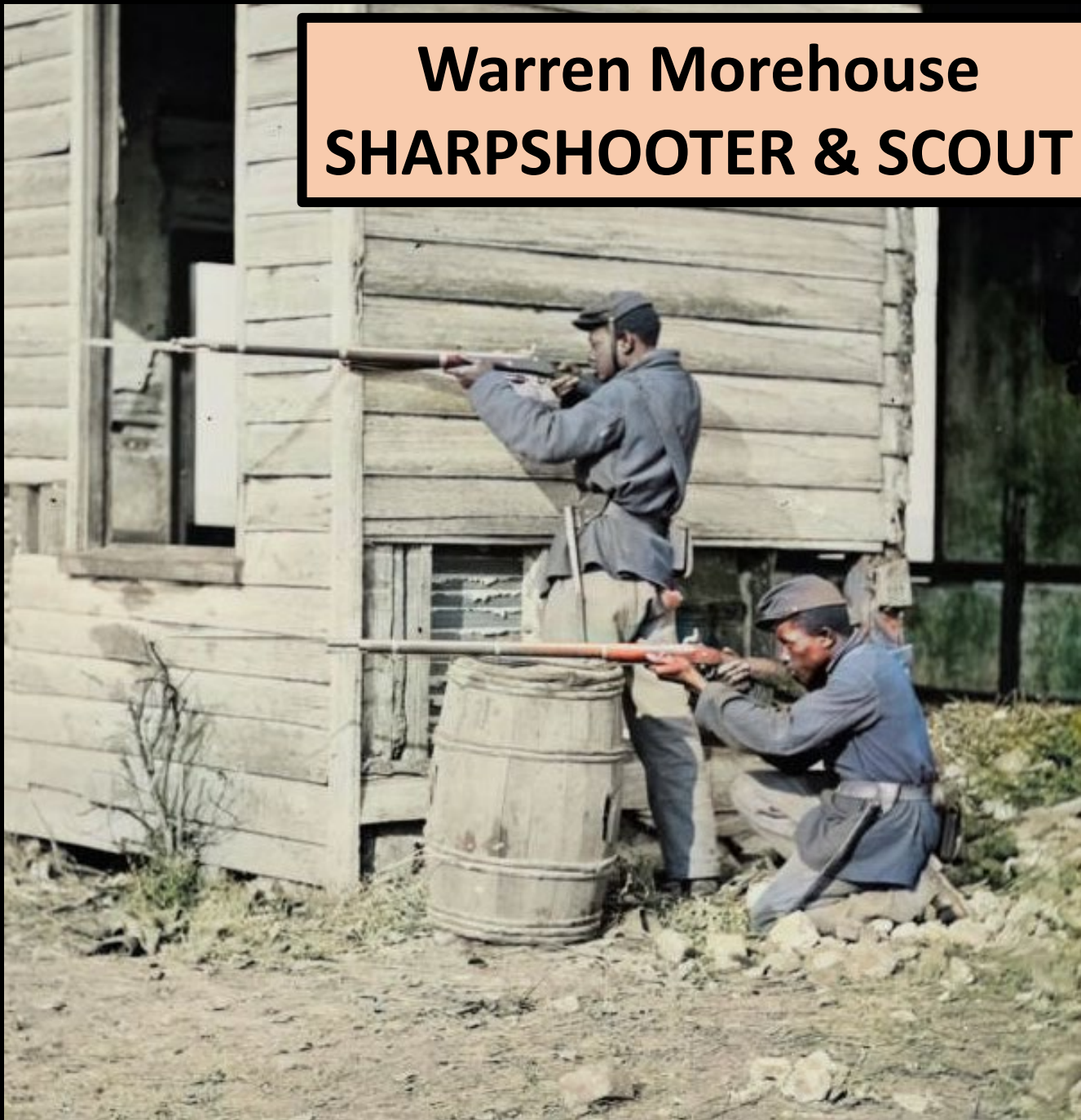
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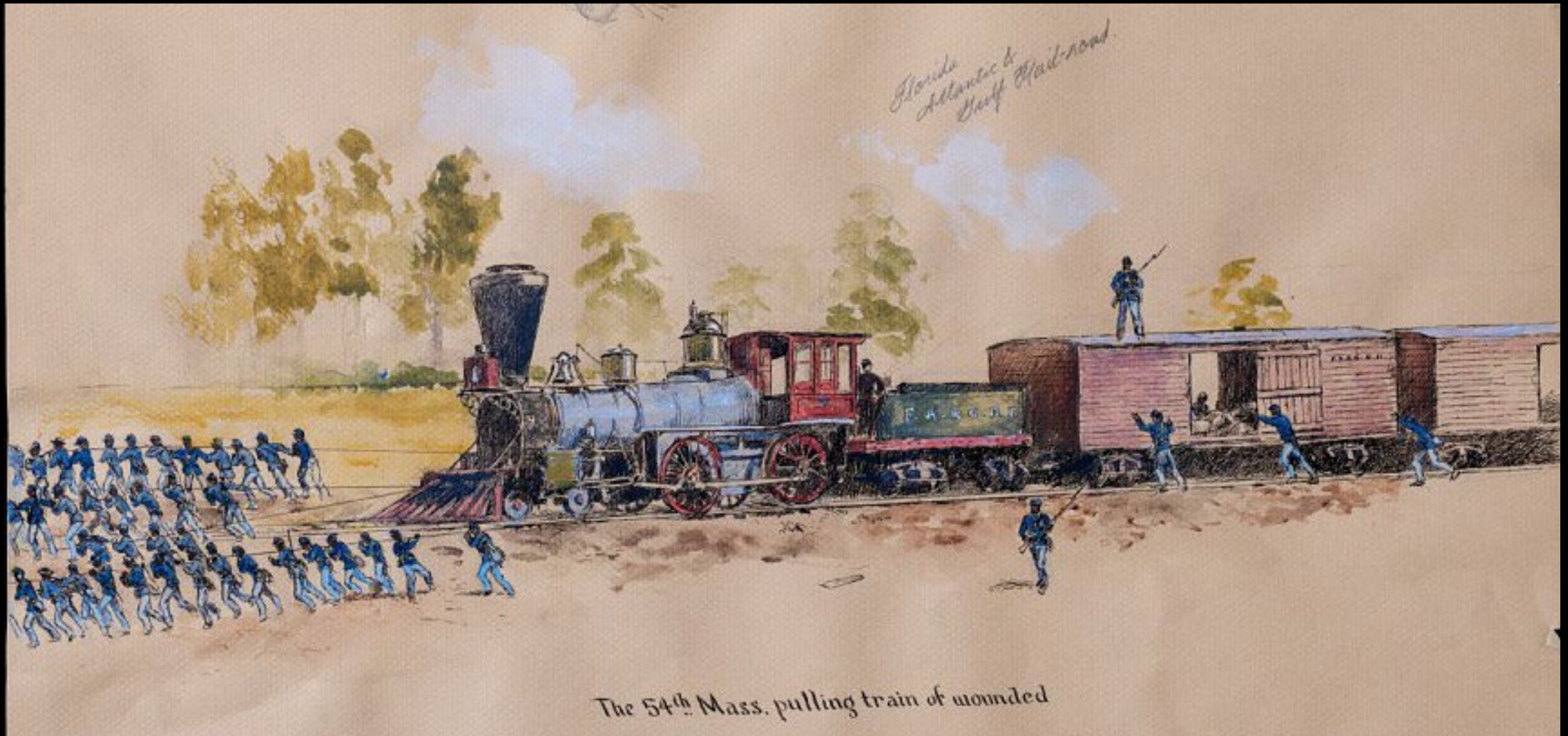


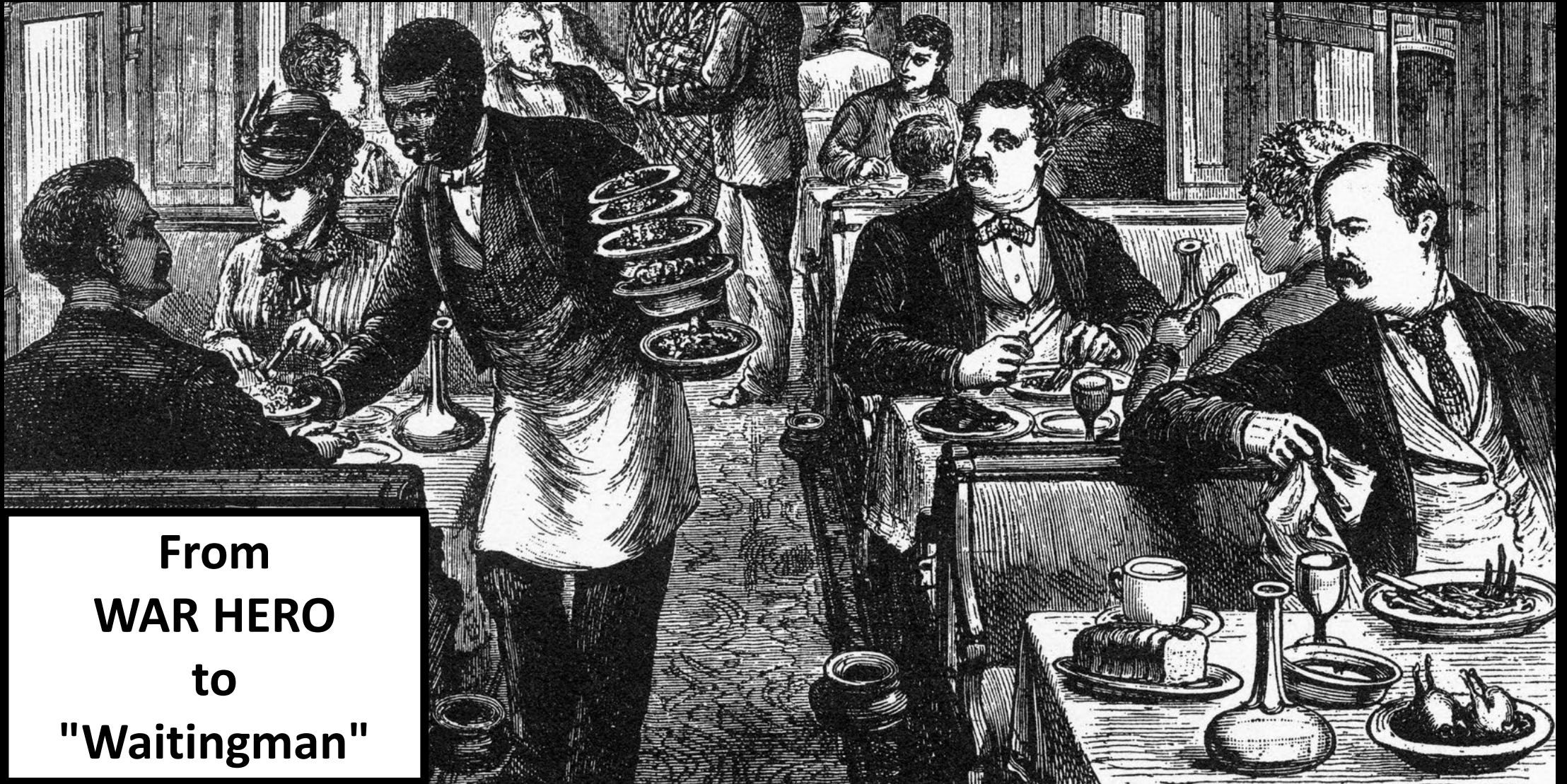
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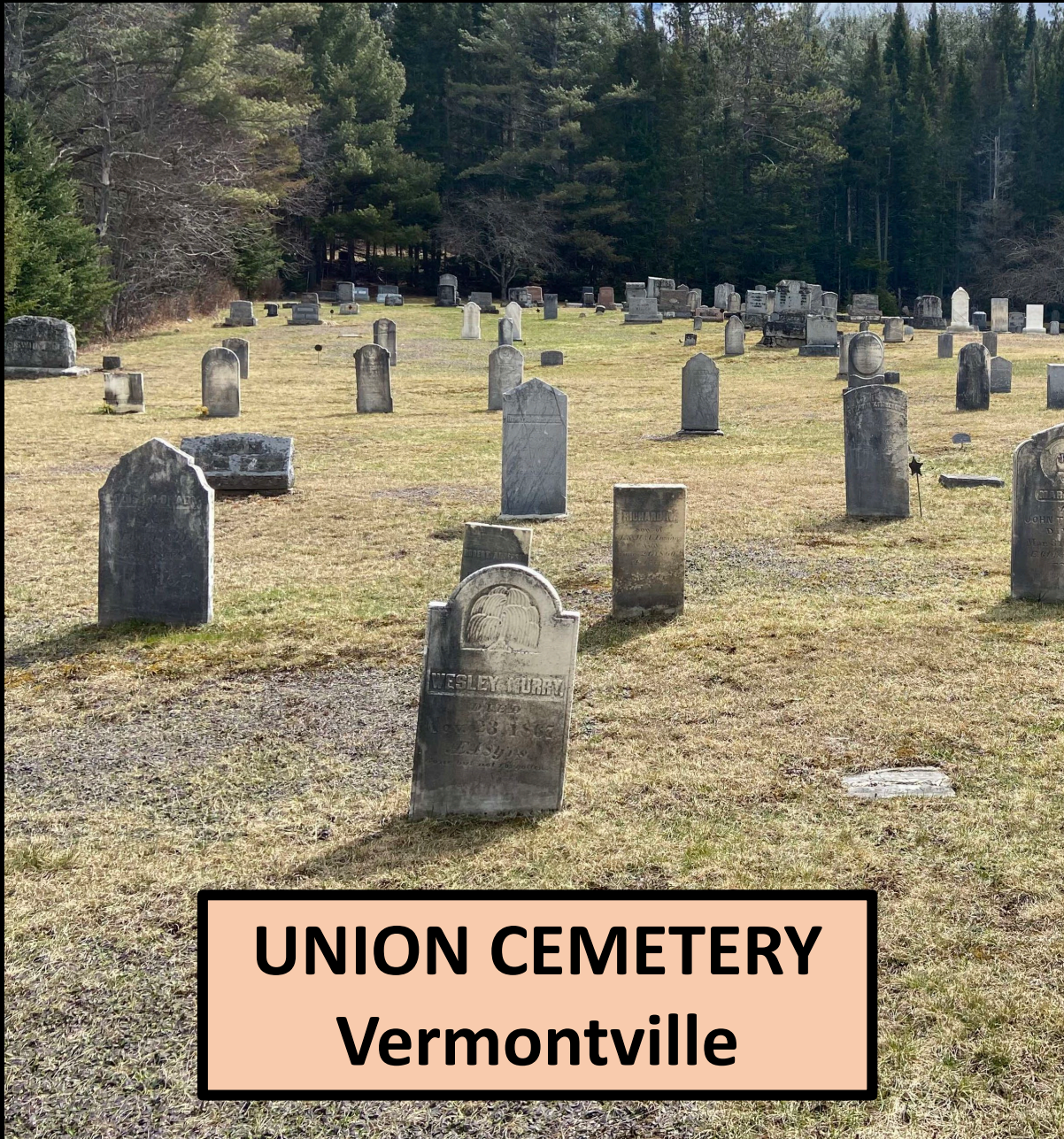


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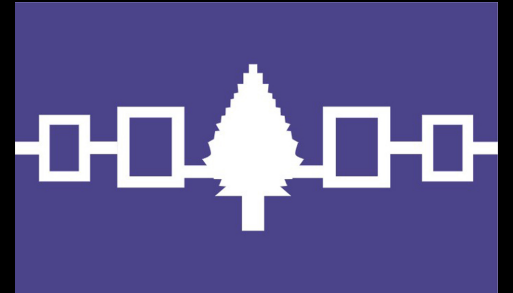
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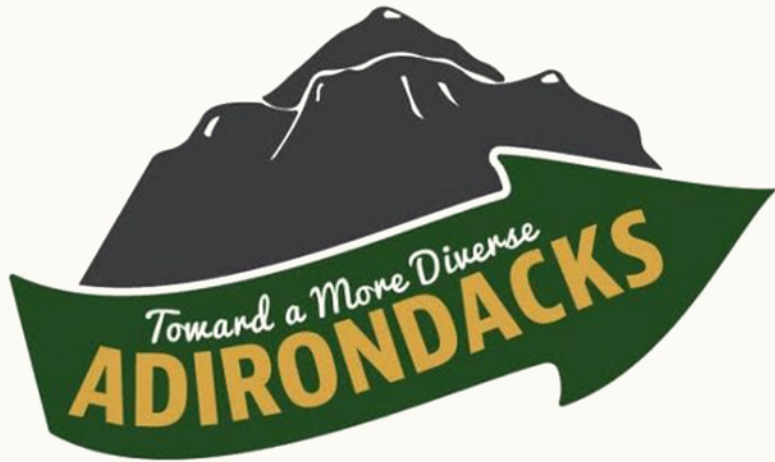


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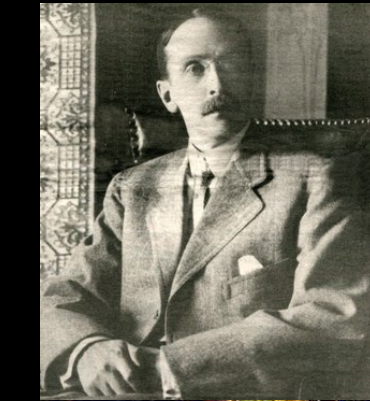
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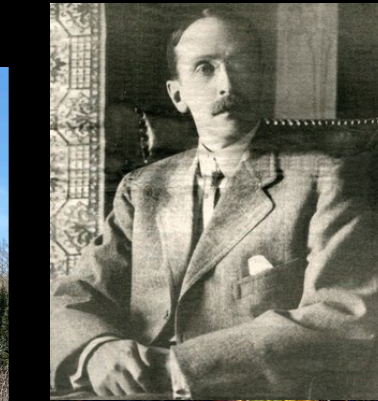
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