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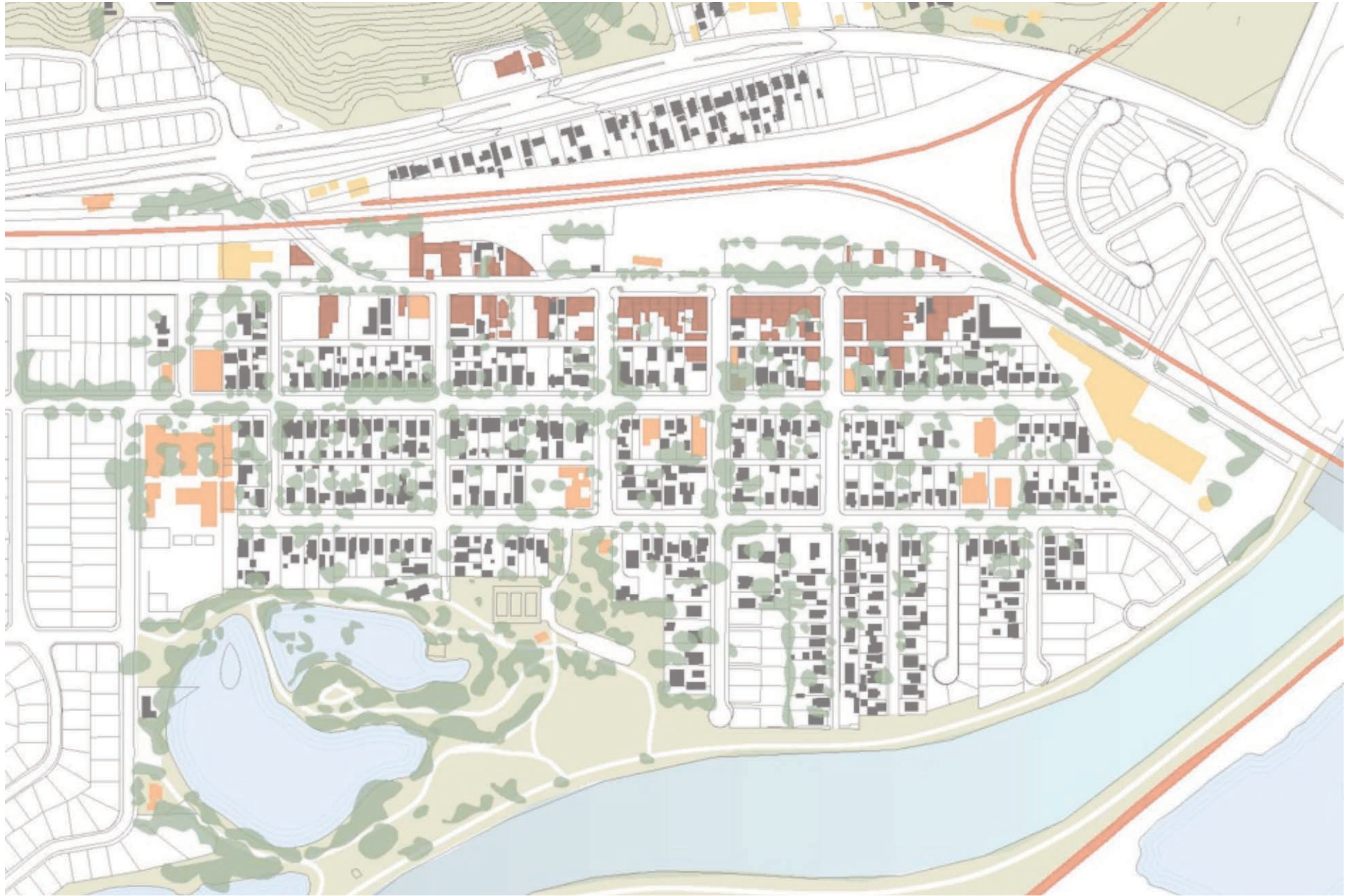
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Niles, 1947

An aerial map of Niles, California, from 1947. The map shows a residential area with numerous houses, some of which are highlighted in orange. A large body of water, likely a lake or reservoir, is visible in the lower-left quadrant. The map is overlaid with the text "Wish I Was There" in a large, bold, black font. The text "Niles, 1947" is written in a smaller, grey font at the bottom of the image.

**Wish I Was
There**

Niles, 1947



An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood. In the center, there is a large, irregularly shaped lake surrounded by green trees and grass. To the right of the lake, a wide river flows horizontally across the bottom of the frame. The surrounding area is filled with residential houses, many of which have red roofs. A network of roads and streets is visible throughout the neighborhood. In the top left corner, there are some hills or elevated areas with more trees. The overall scene depicts a typical suburban landscape with a mix of water, greenery, and built-up areas.

**What's it about
NILES?**



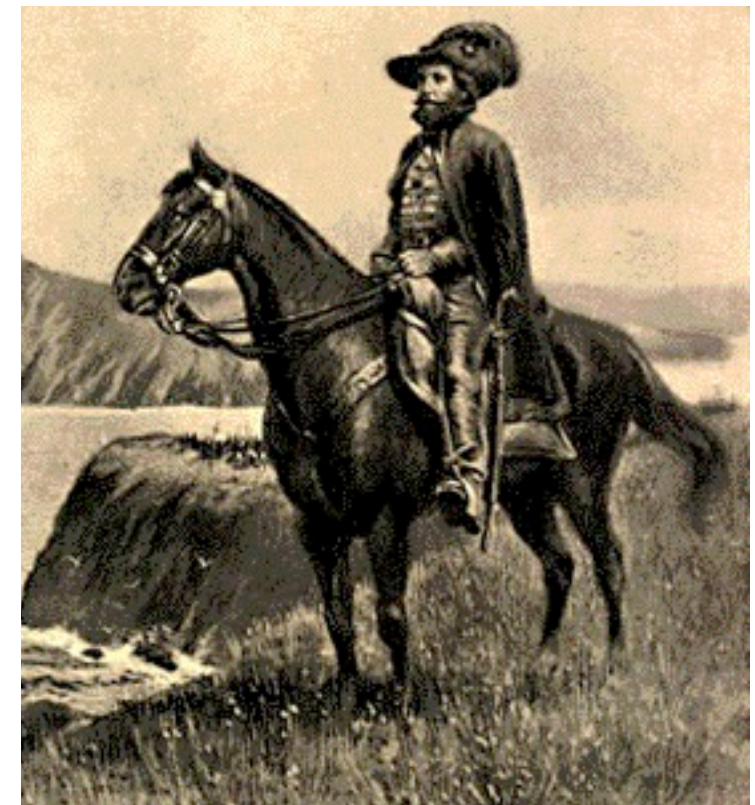
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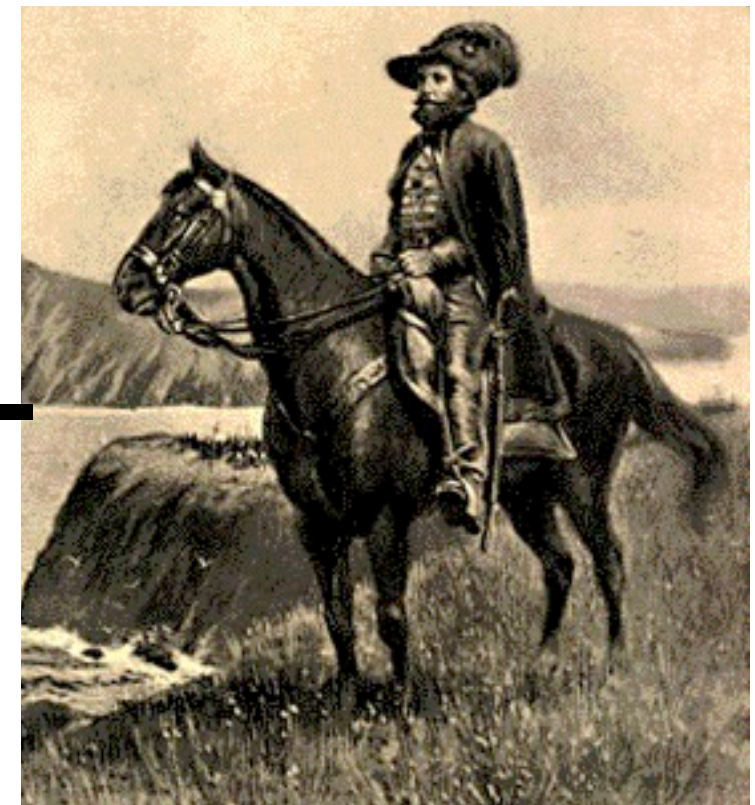
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A map of the San Francisco Bay Area and Central Valley, California, illustrating a proposed Russian invasion route. The route is marked by a thick black line with a black dot at each city. The route starts in San Francisco, goes south through the Golden Gate, then follows the coast through San Mateo, San Jose, and Santa Clara, ending in Monterey. The map shows major highways (e.g., 4, 123, 185, 82, 85, 237, 280, 101, 156, 68, G17) and local roads (e.g., Warm Springs Rd., Santa Teresa Blvd., Gilroy Hot Springs Rd., Canada Rd.). The Pacific Ocean is to the west. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates distances in miles (0, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100). A red dashed line is at the top of the map.

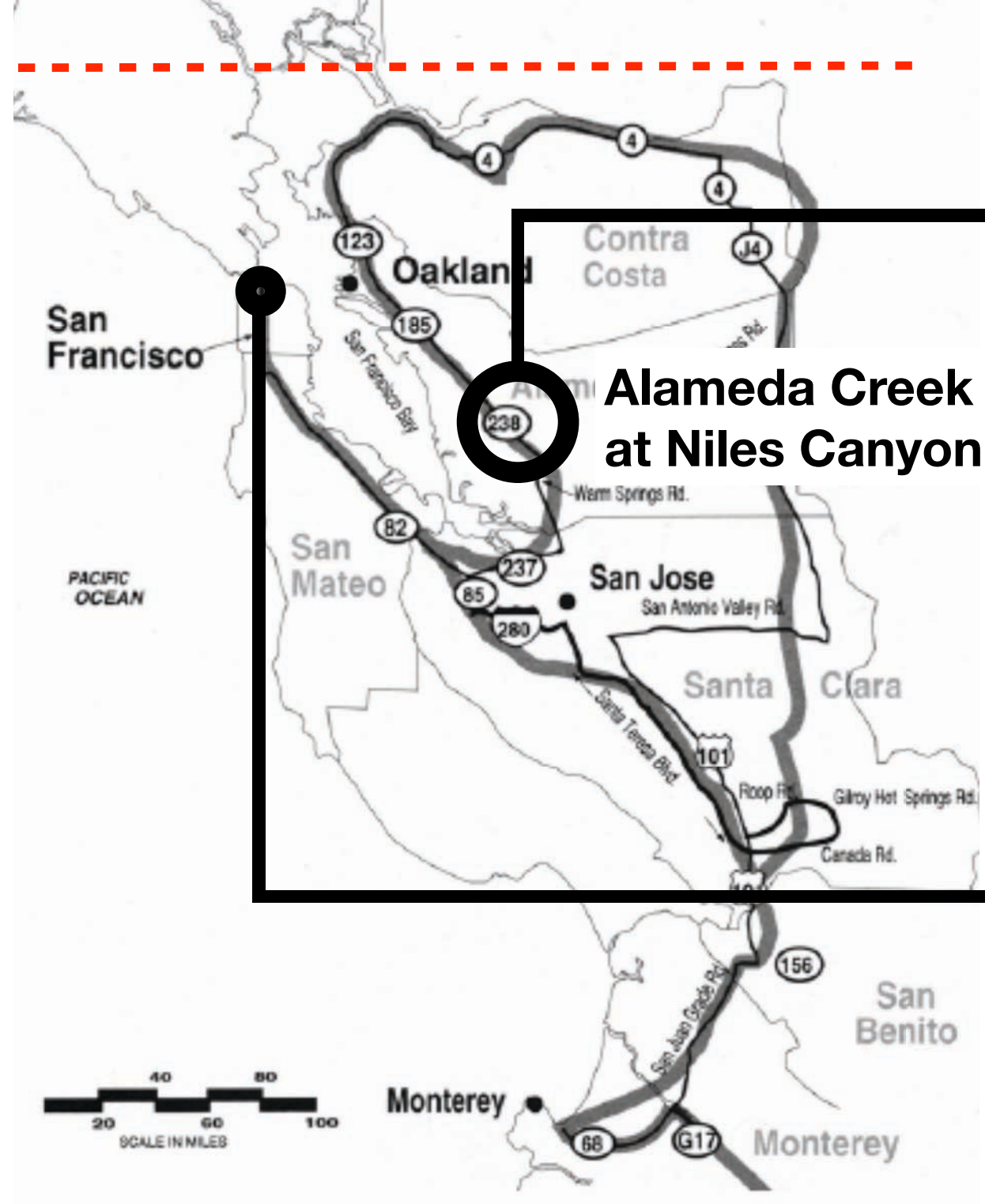


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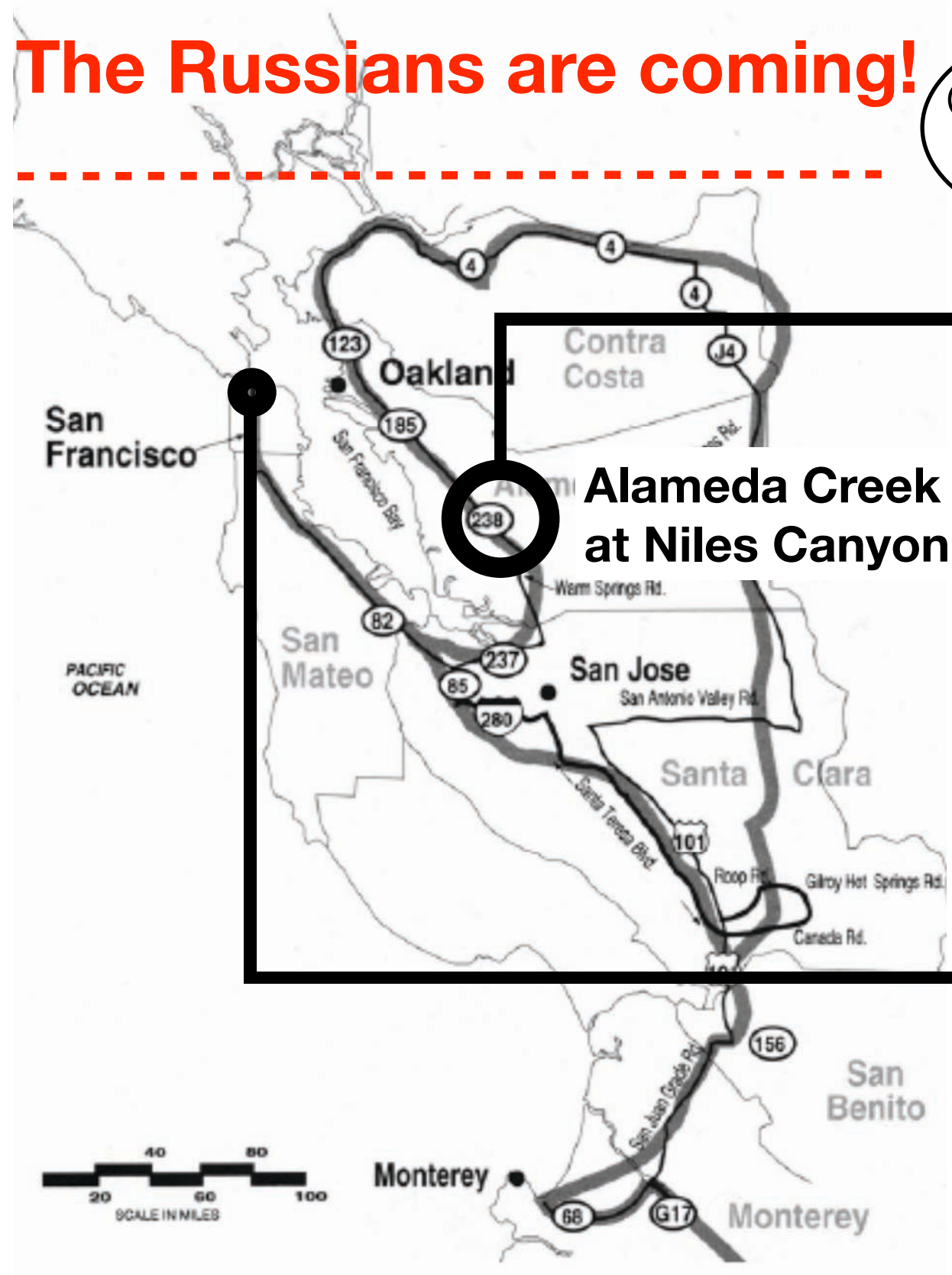


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Good place to cross!



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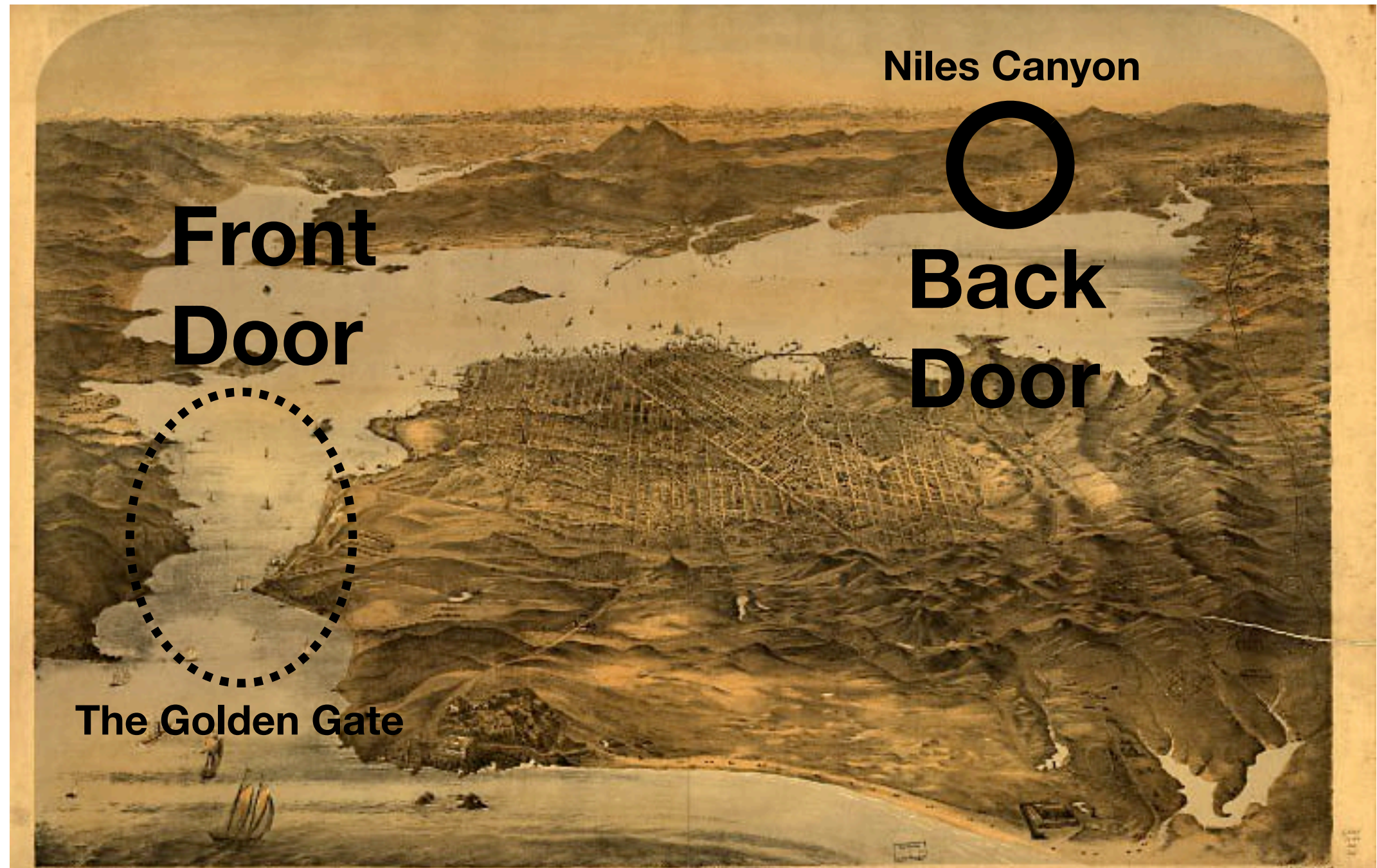
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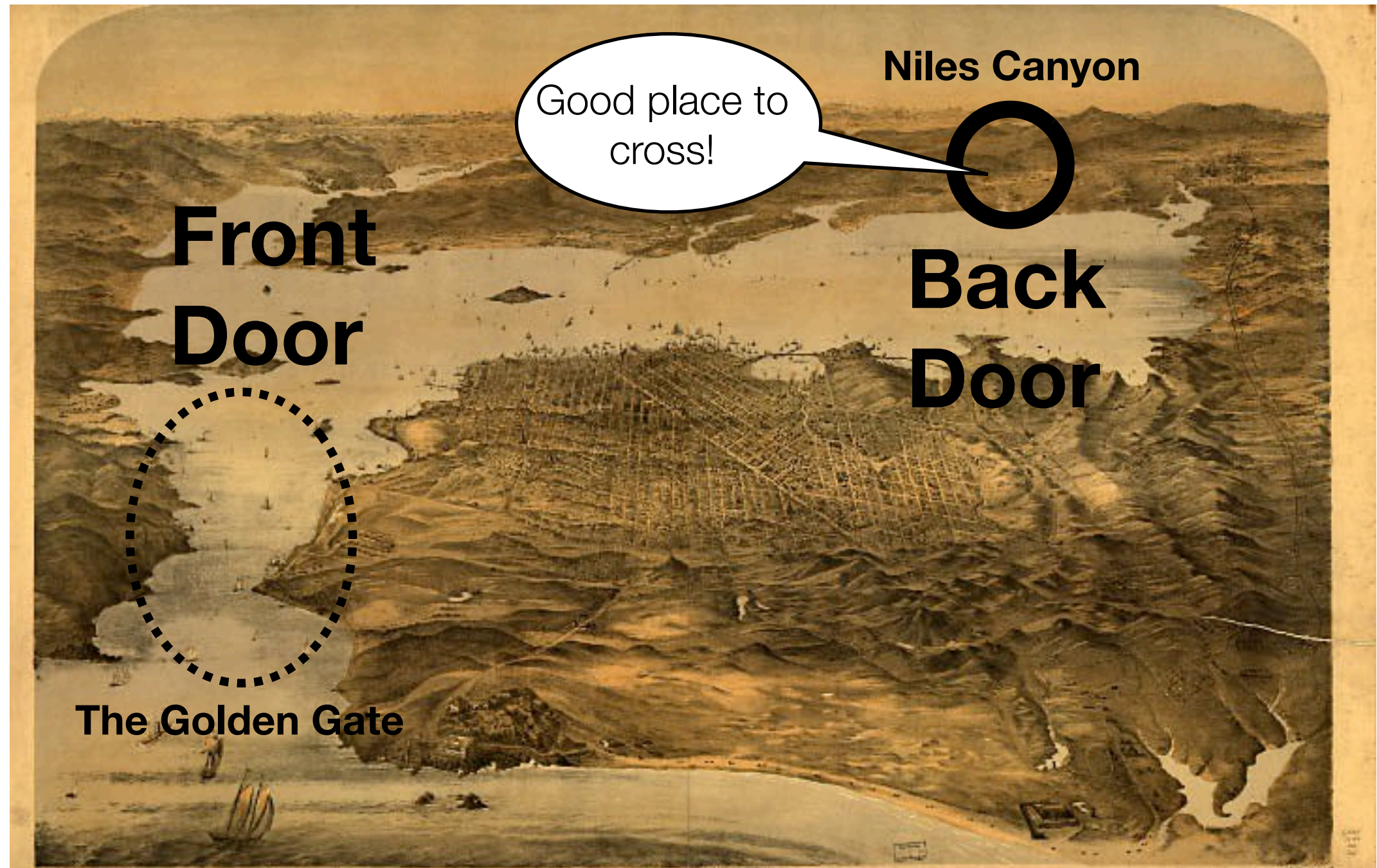
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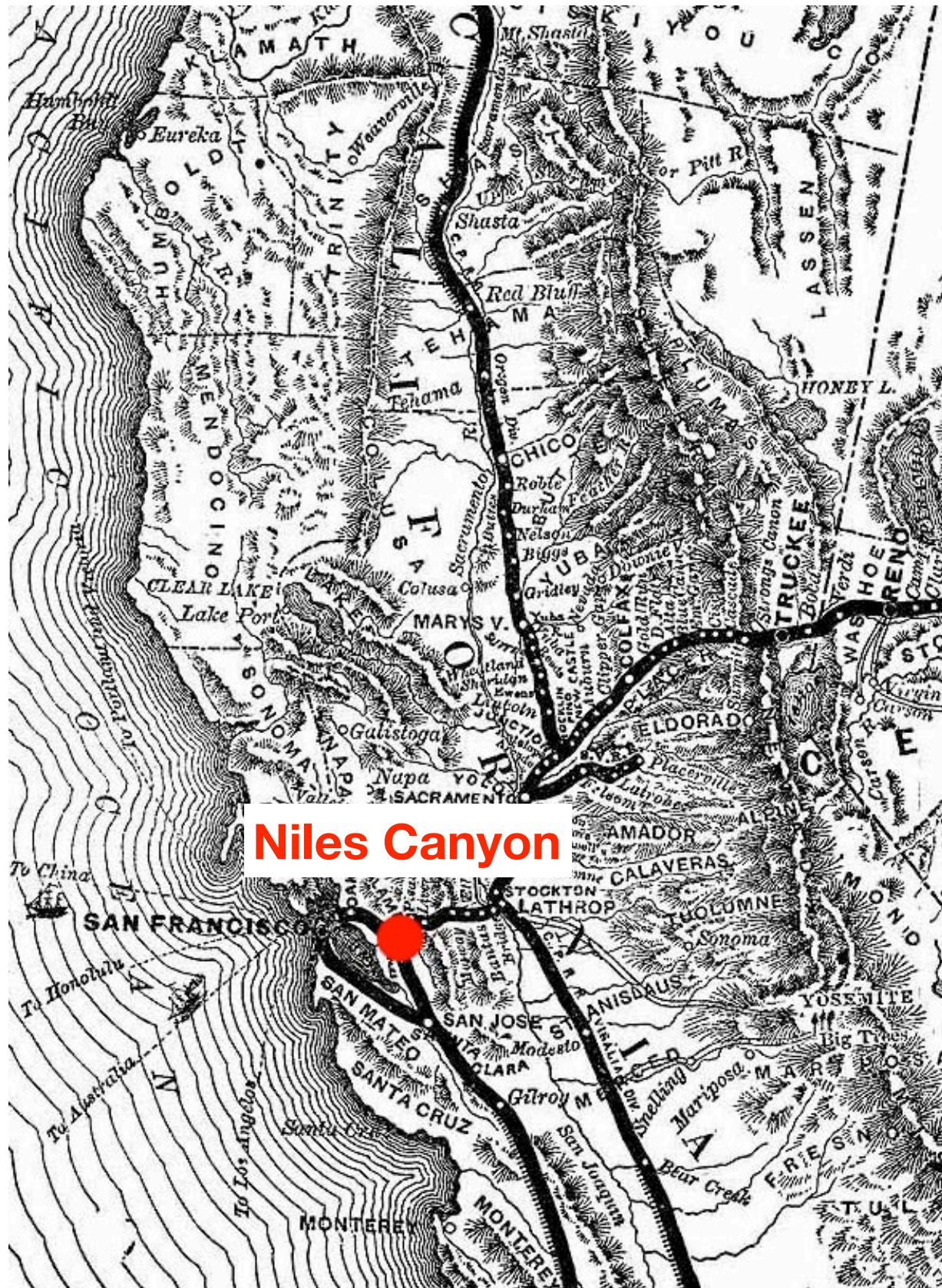
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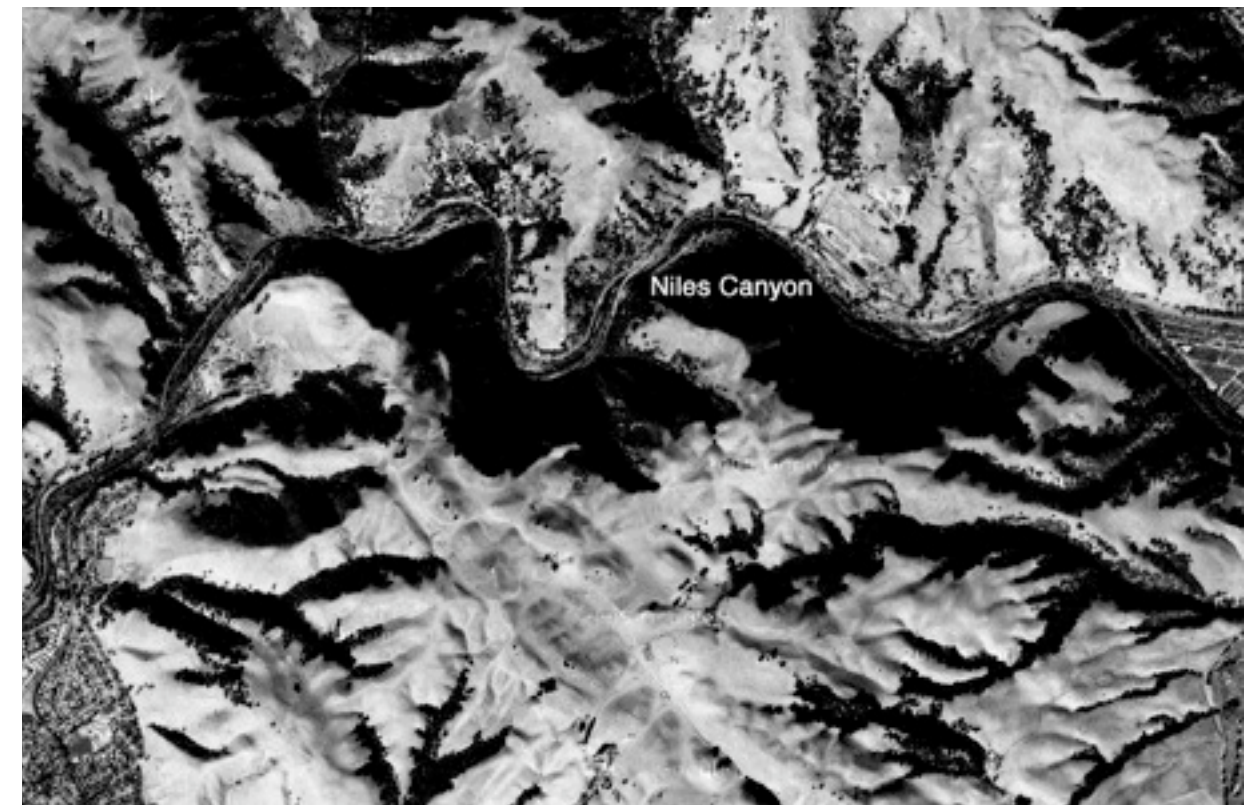
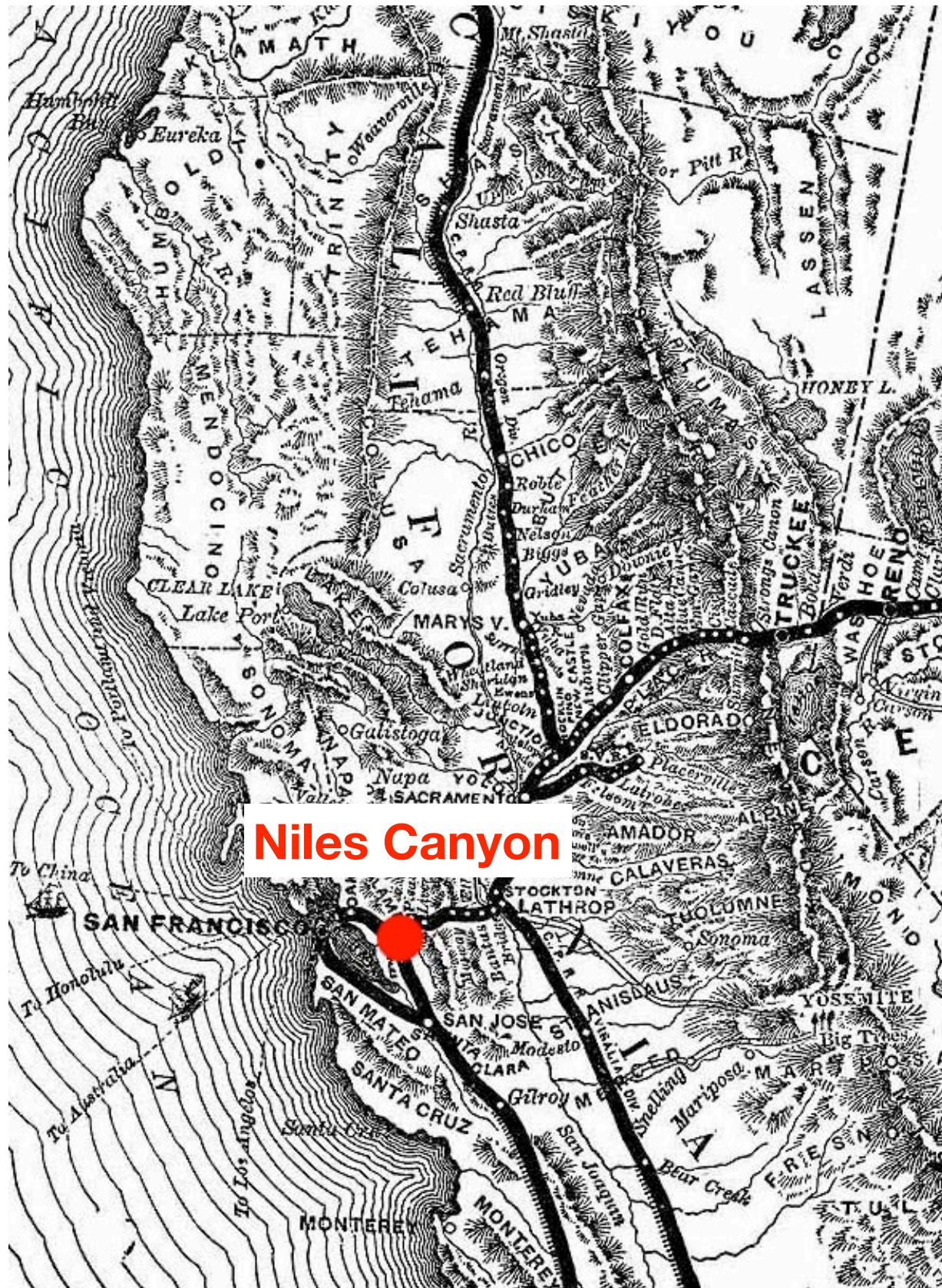
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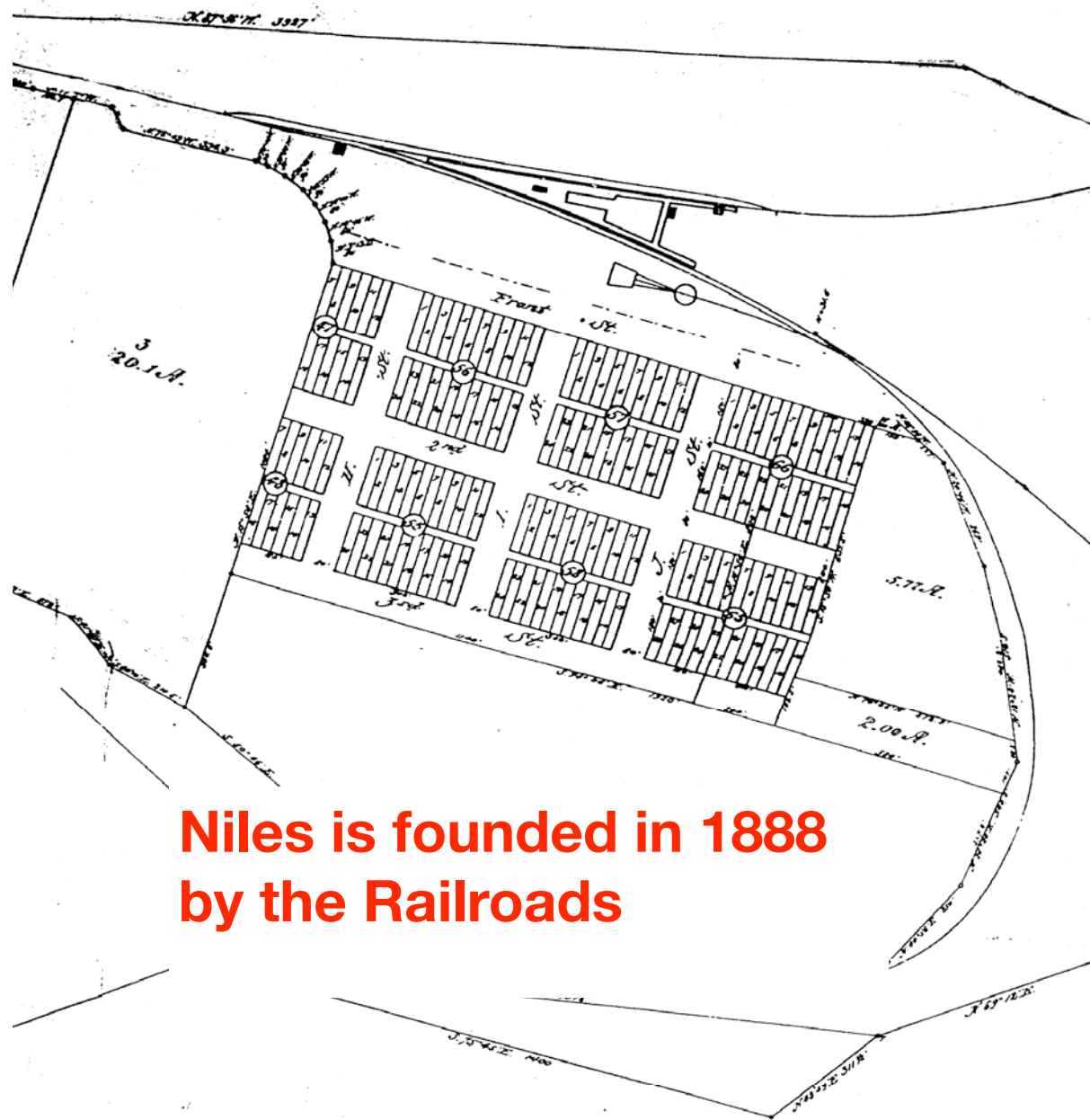


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**Niles is founded in 1888
by the Railroads**



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OFFICIAL MAP
OF
TOWN OF NILES
Alameda County, California.

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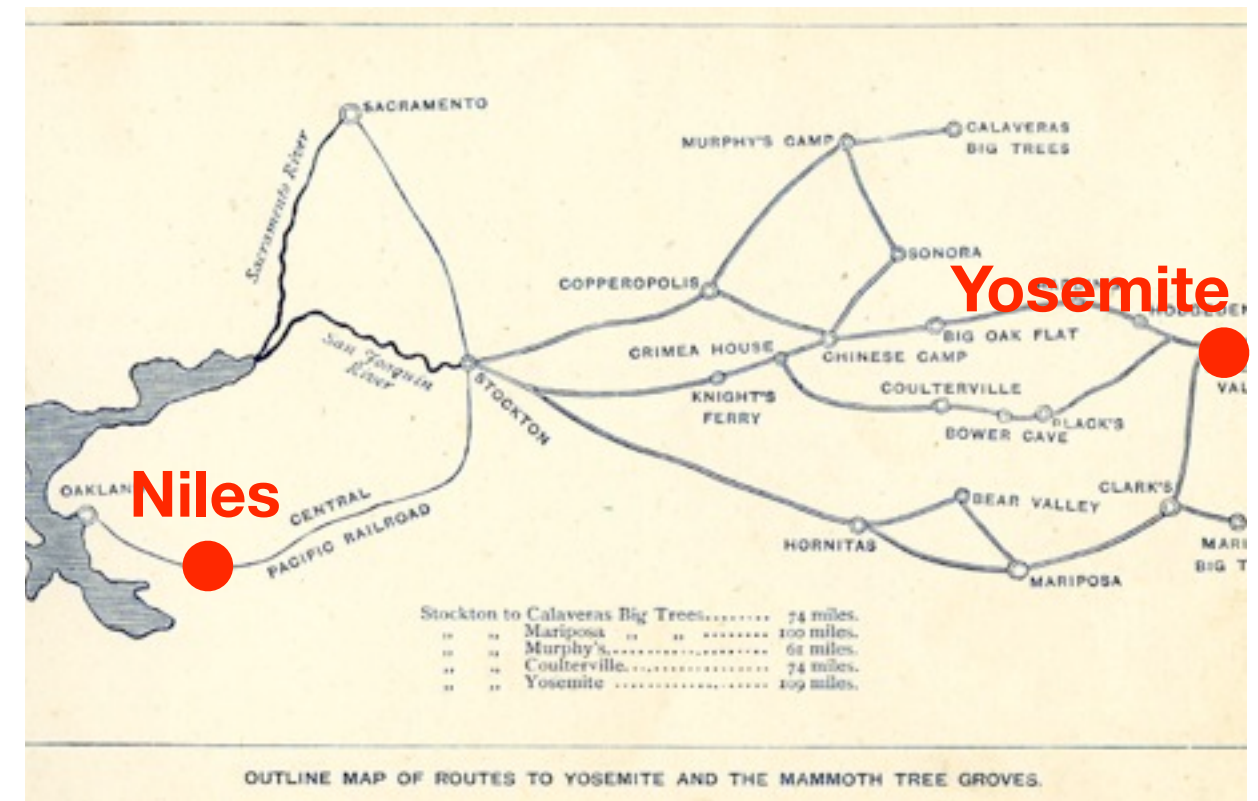
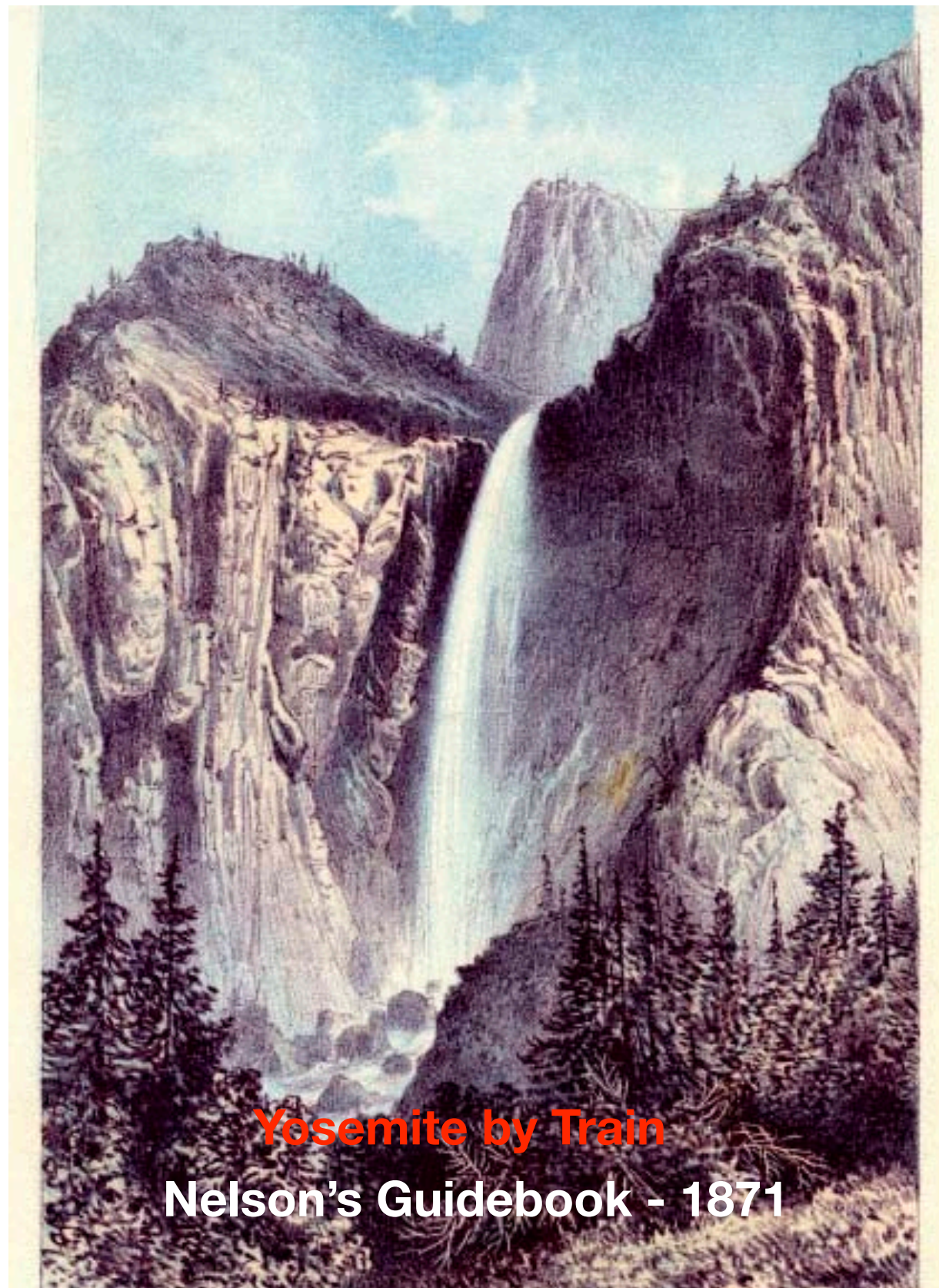


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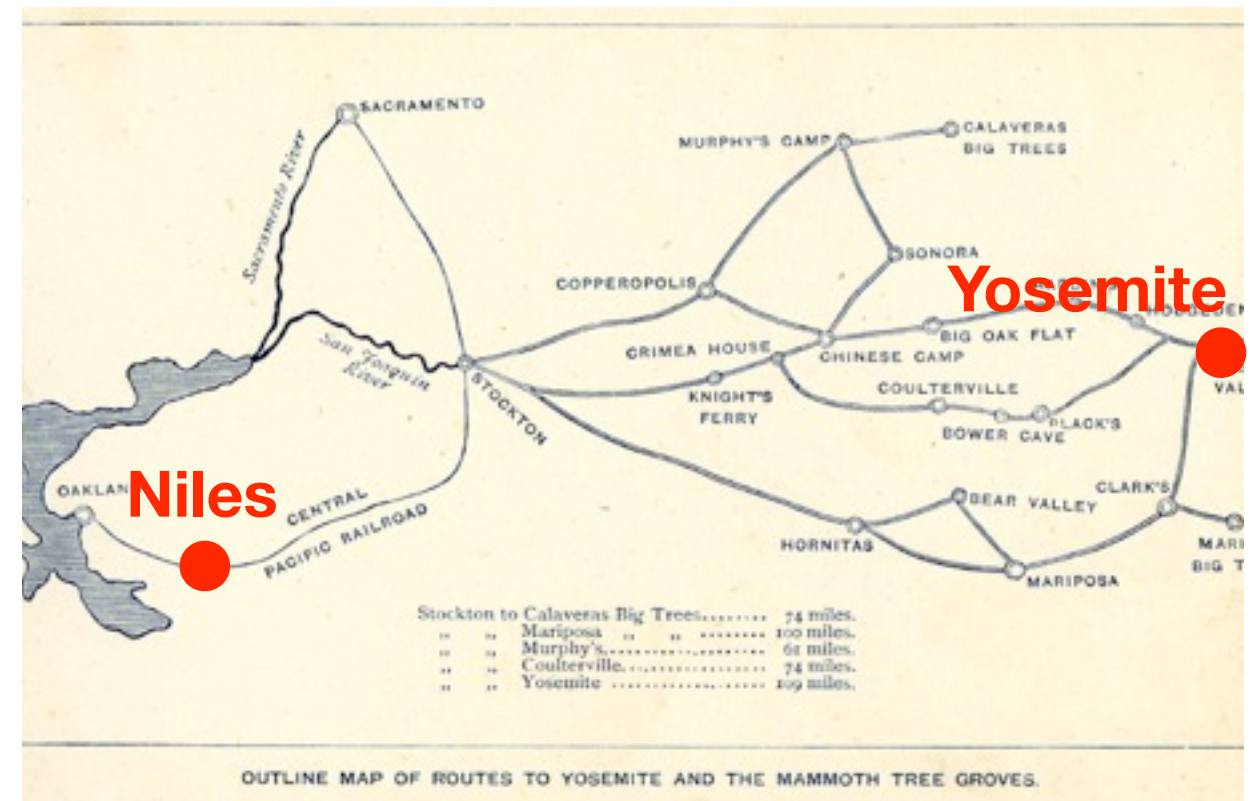
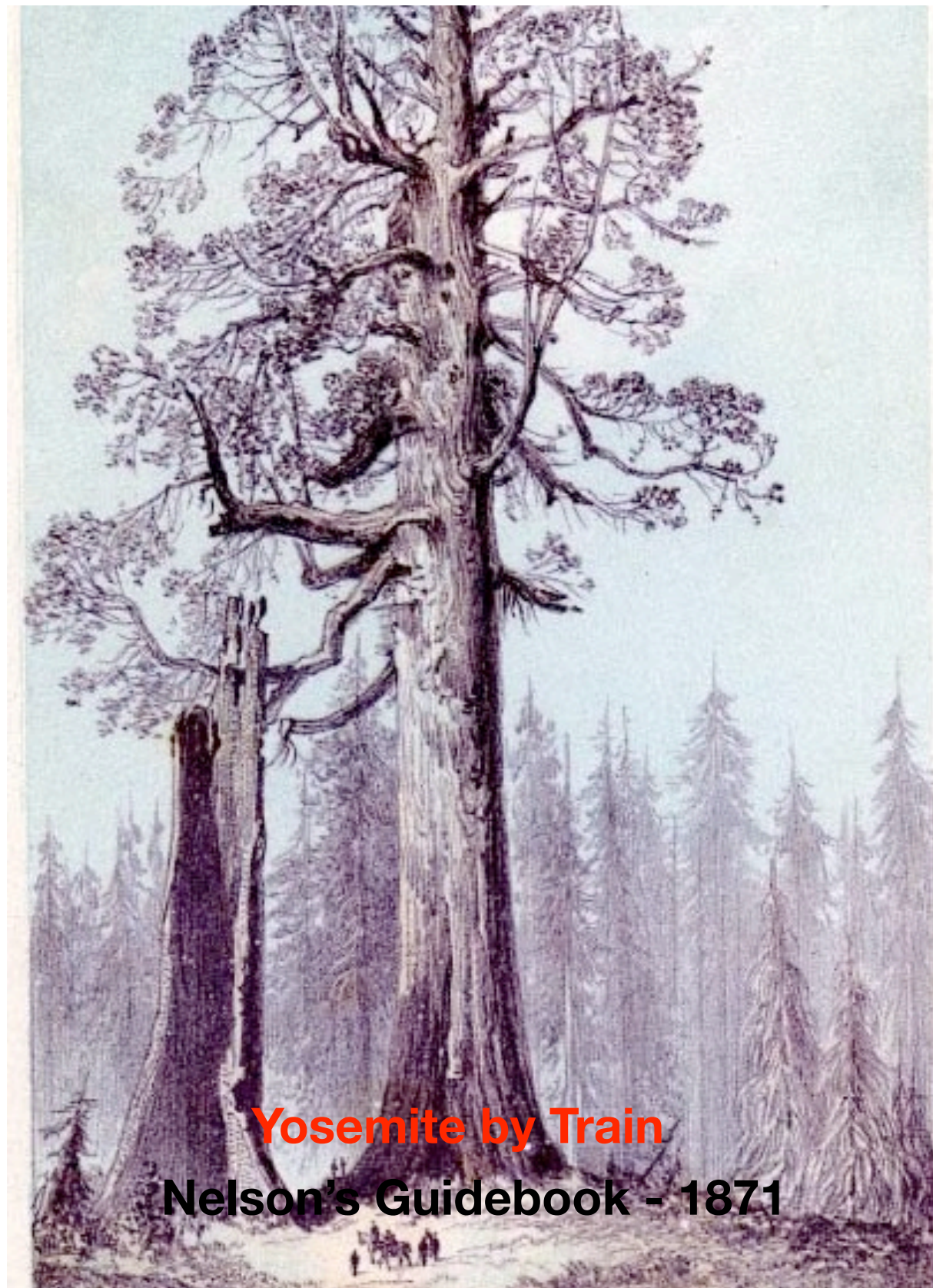
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Randolph Hearst 1863 - 1951

Hearst Property in Sunol

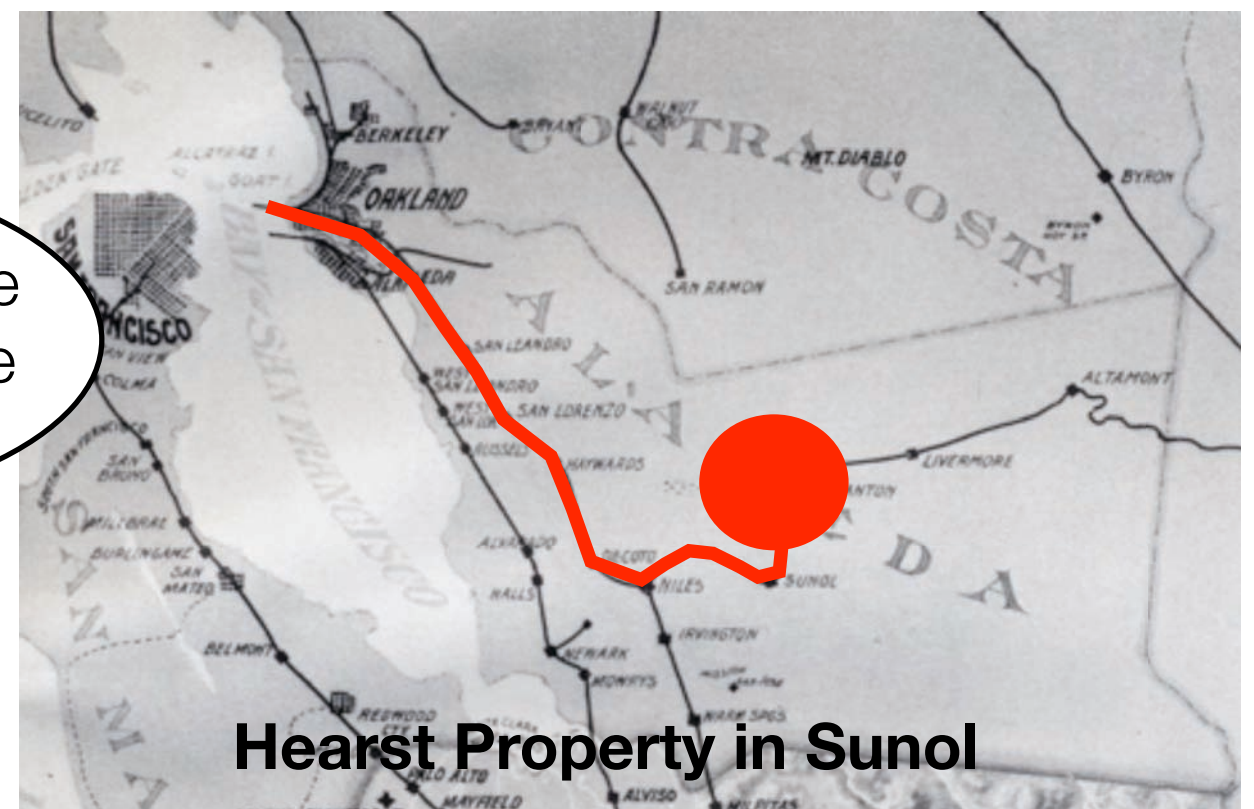
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We'll take our own train
down to NILES, through
the canyon, into the
wilderness.

We need some Leisure
property outside of the
City.



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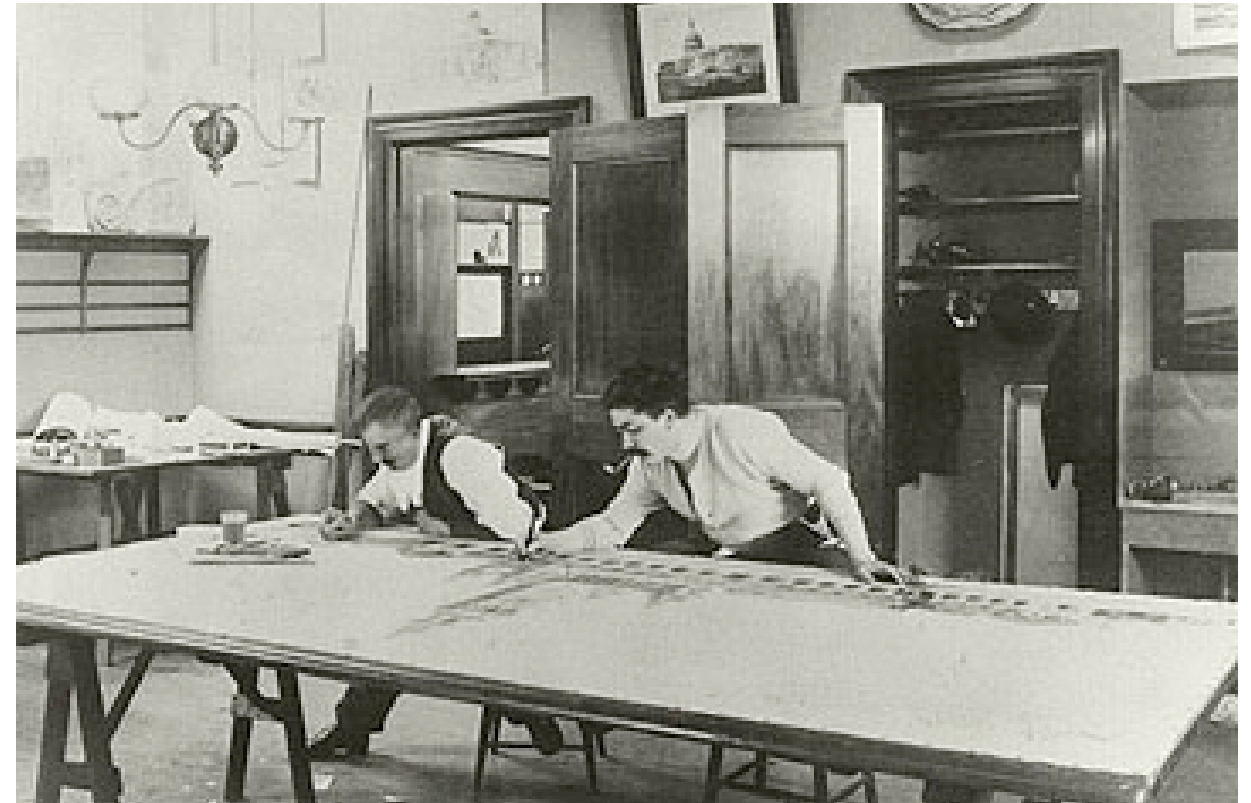
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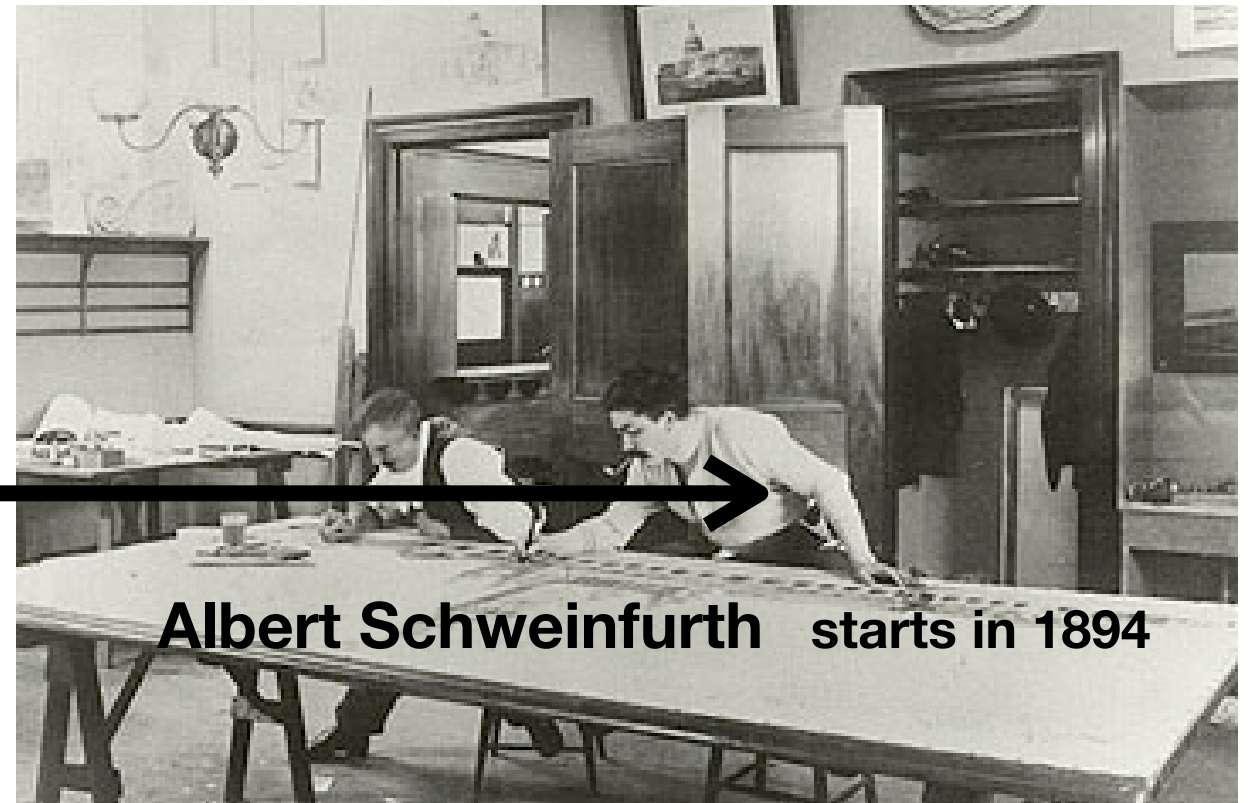
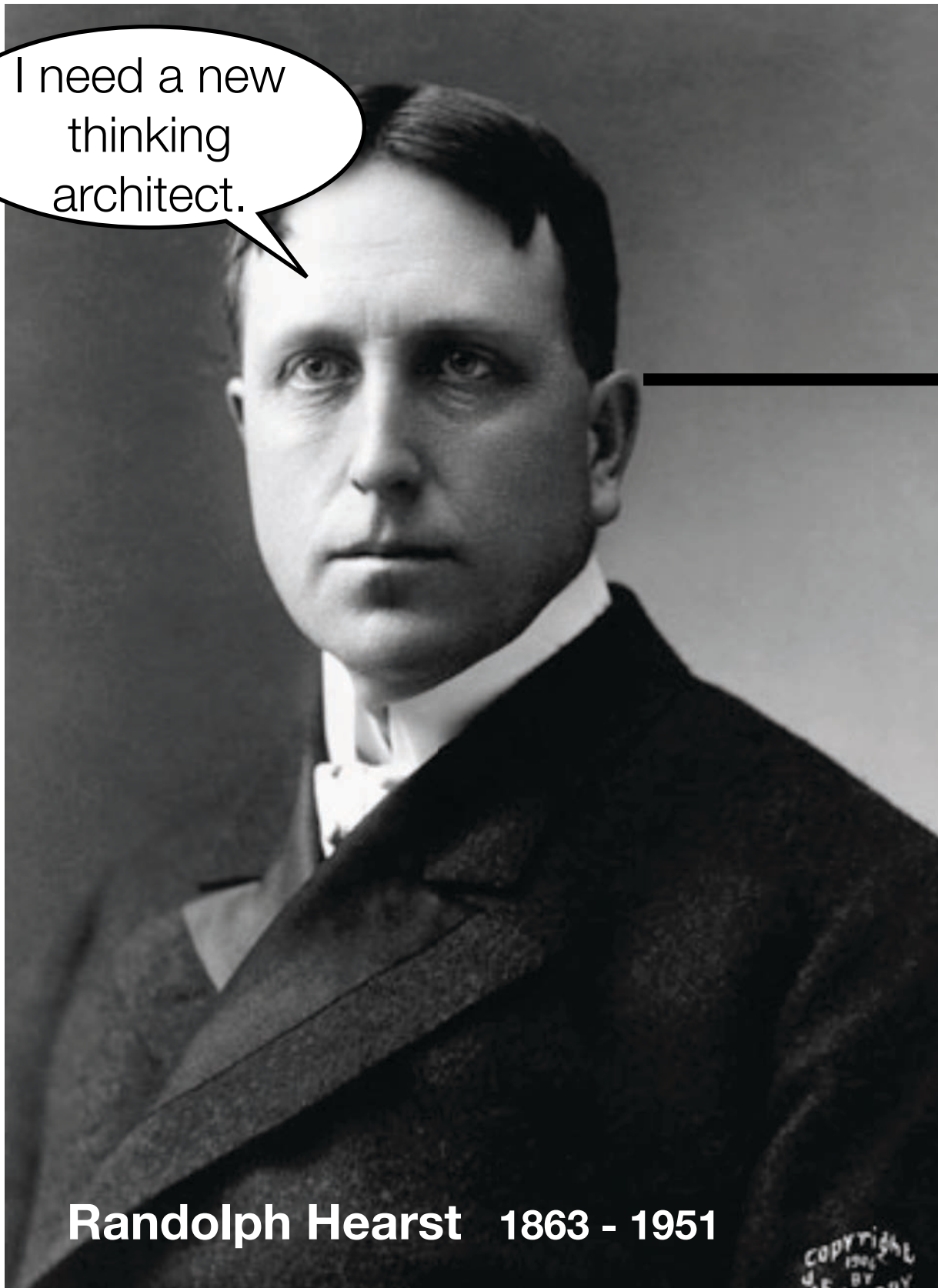
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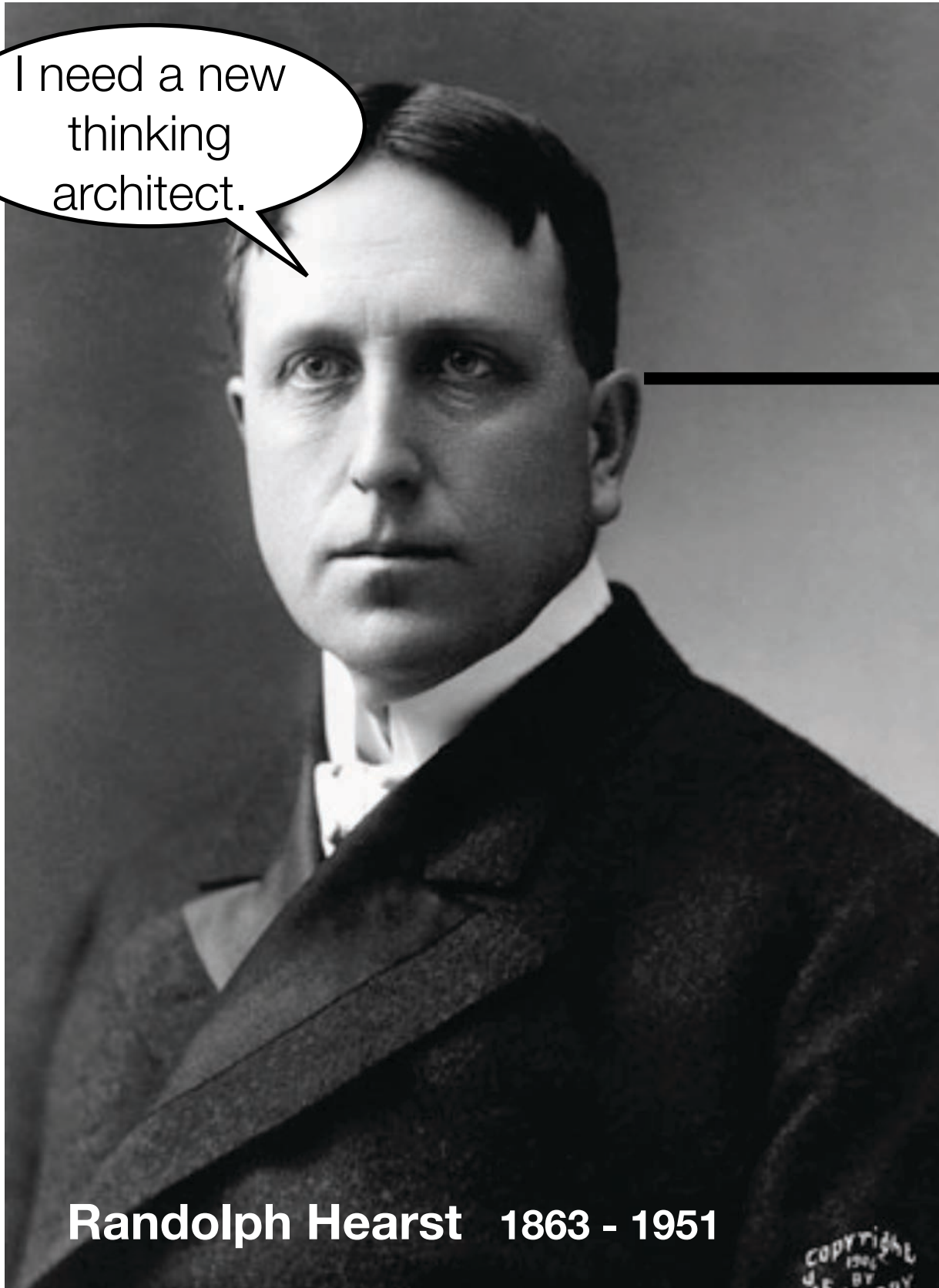
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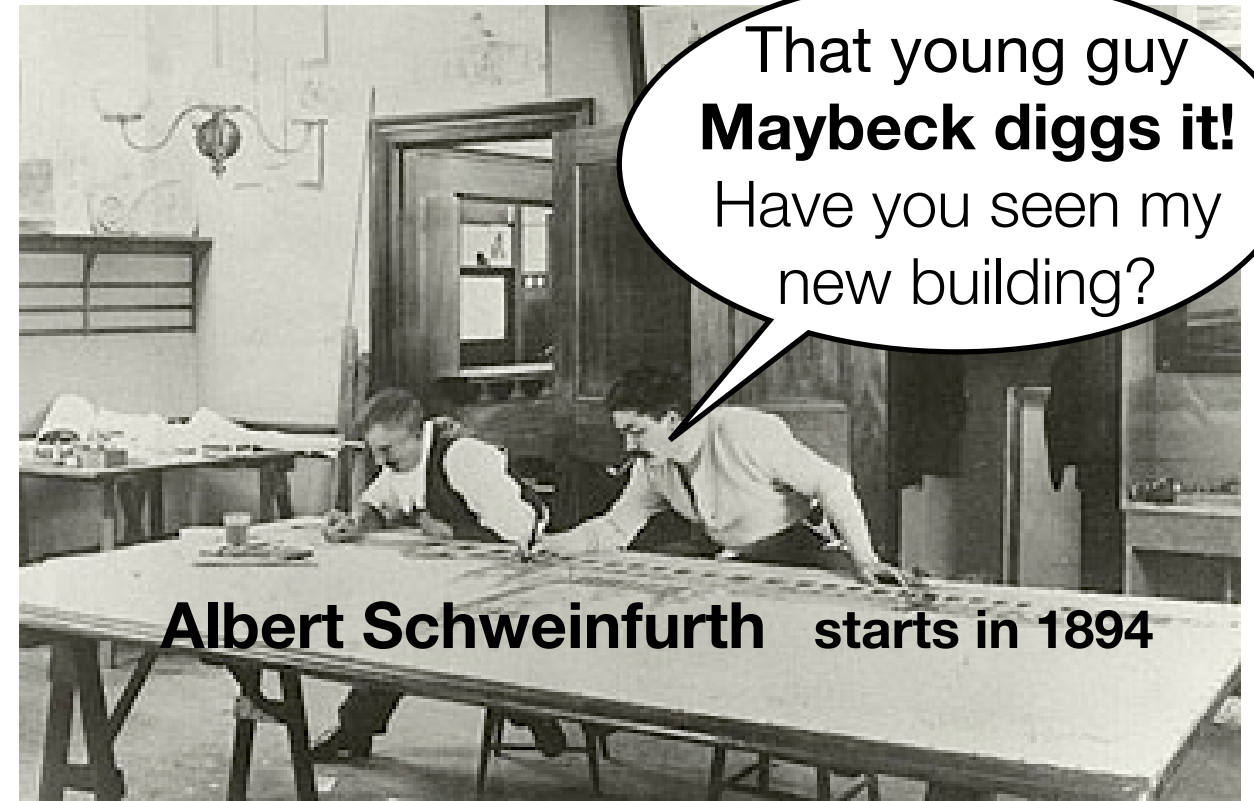
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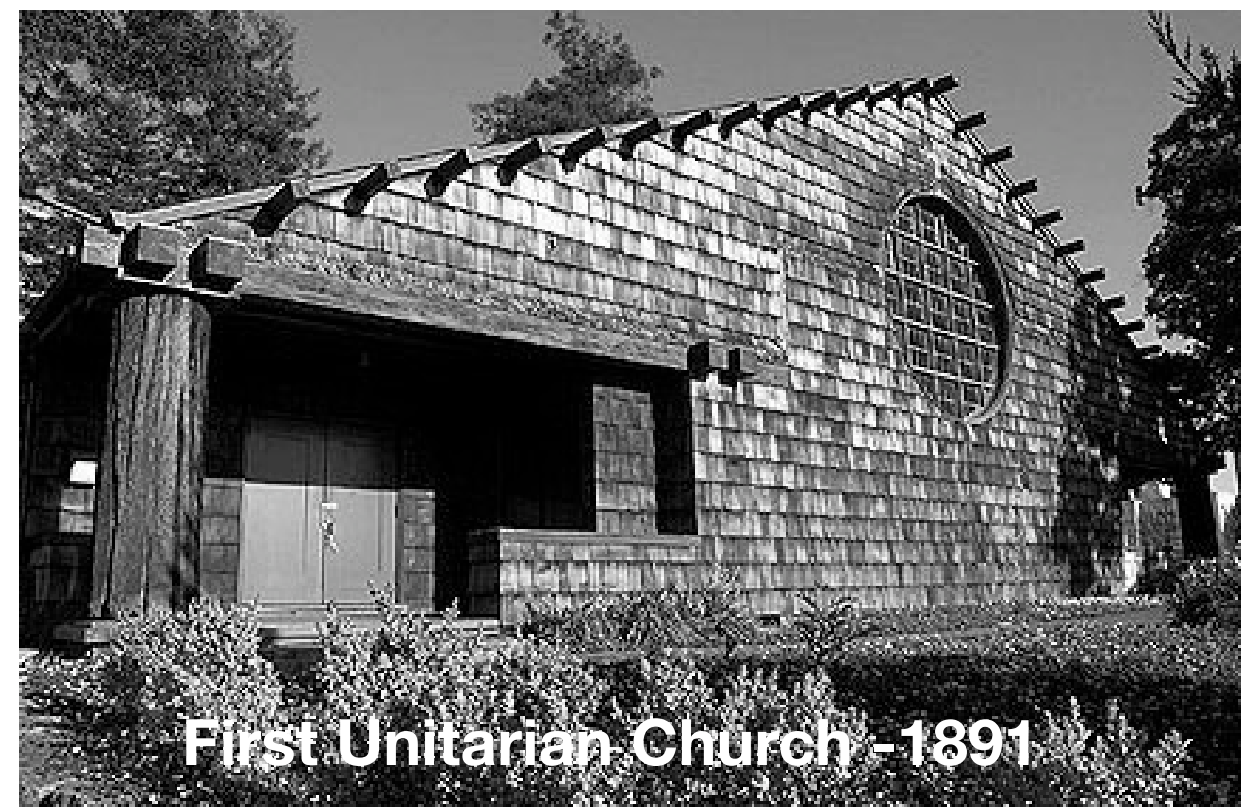
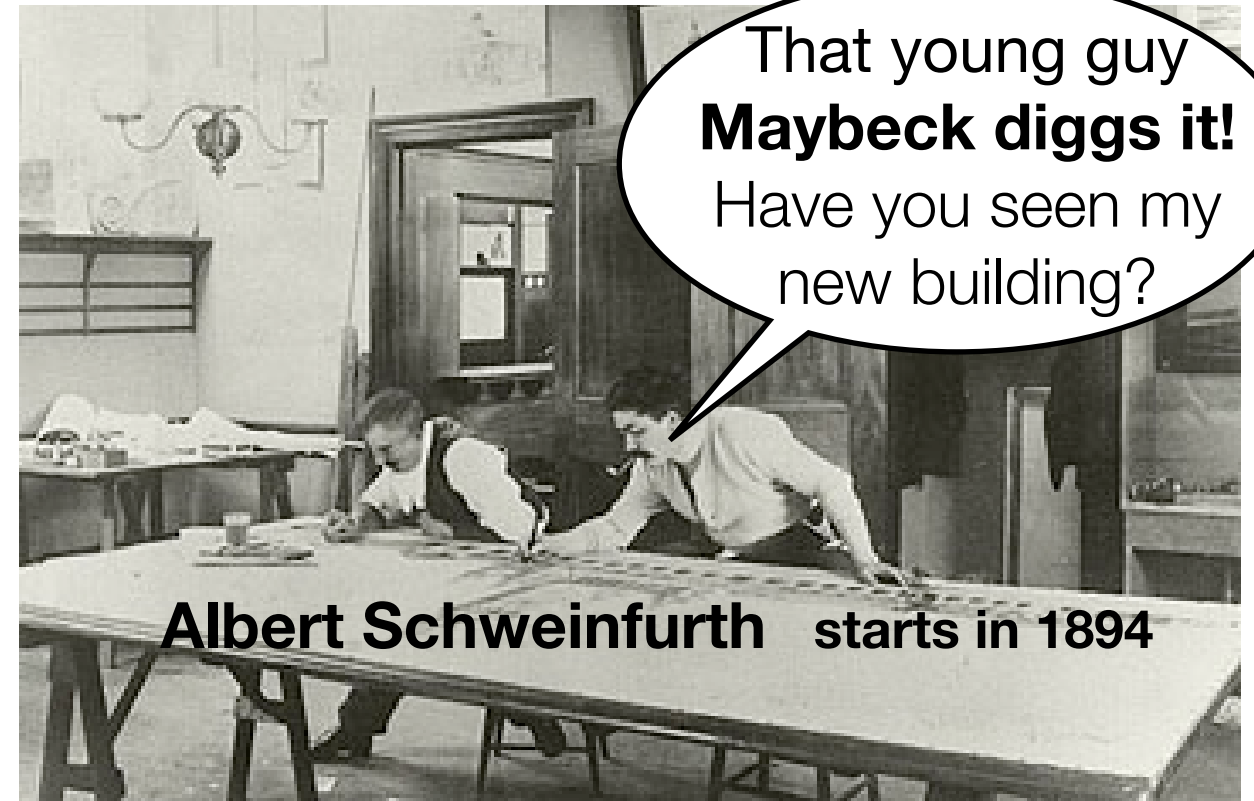


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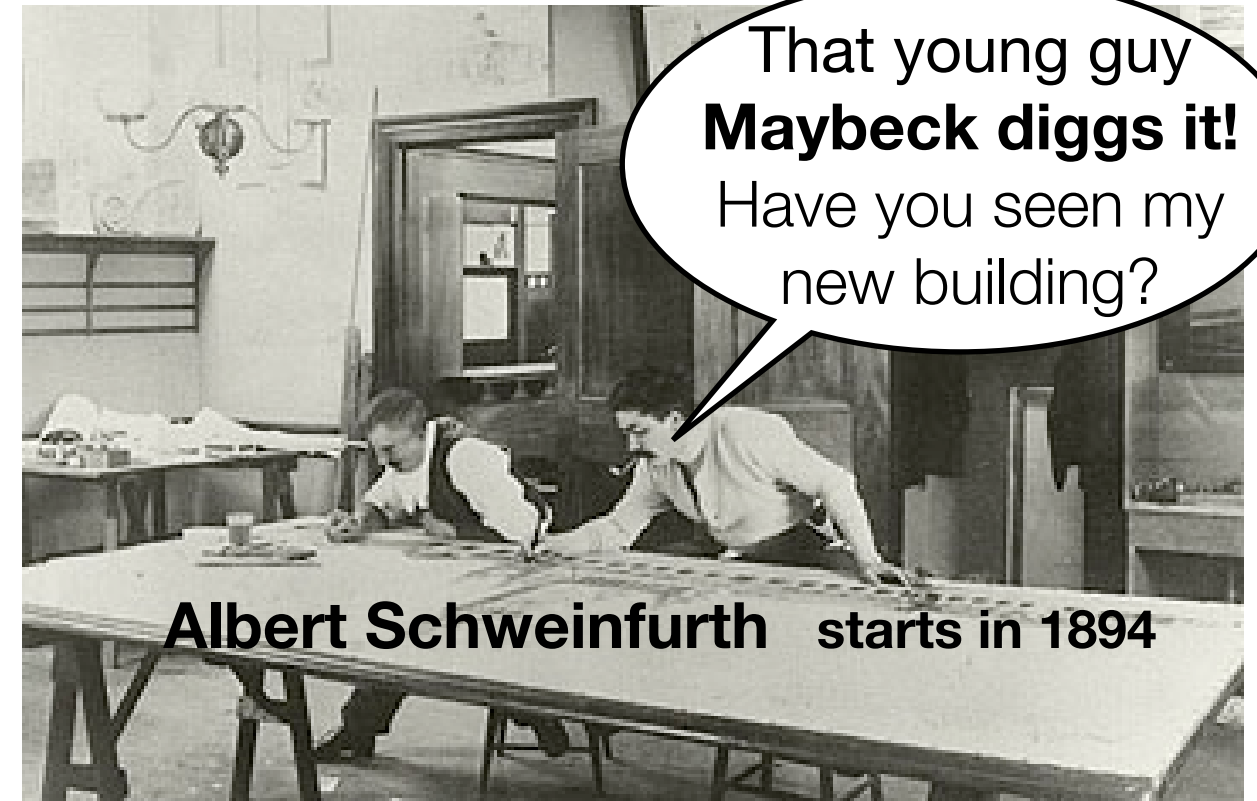


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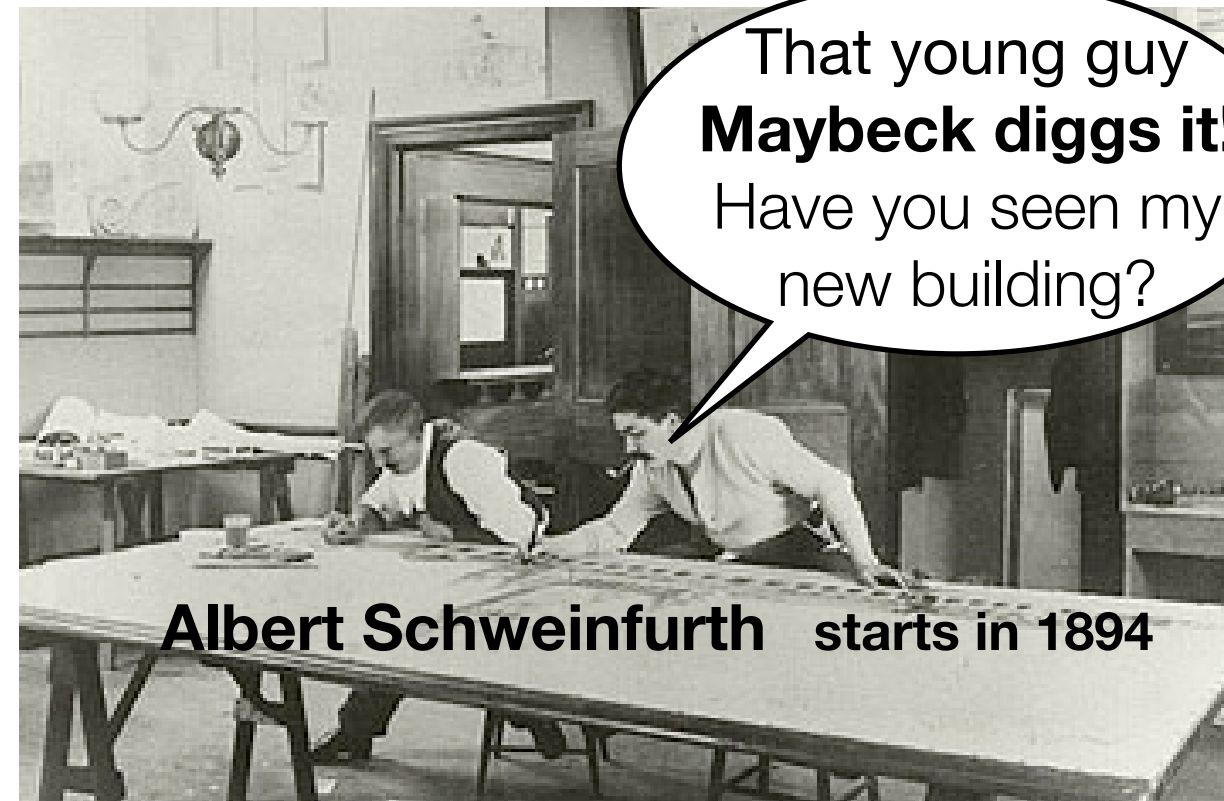
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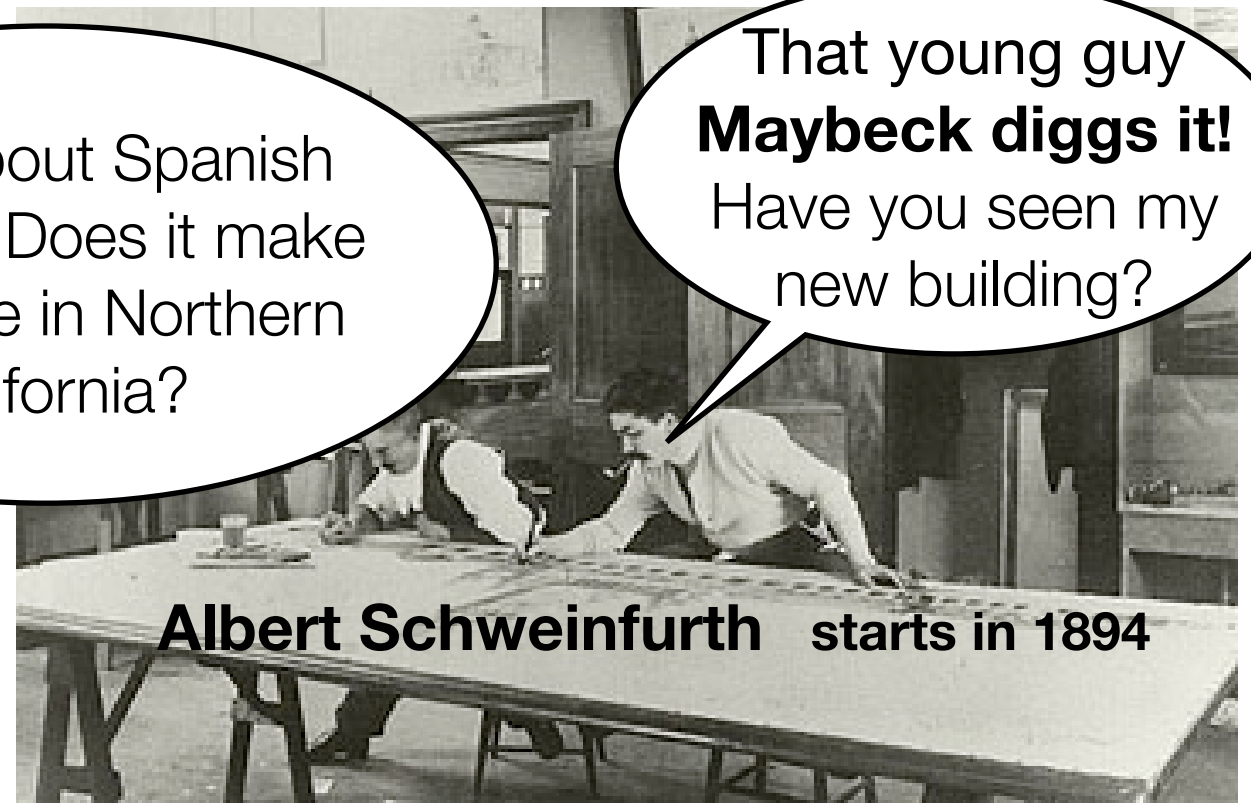
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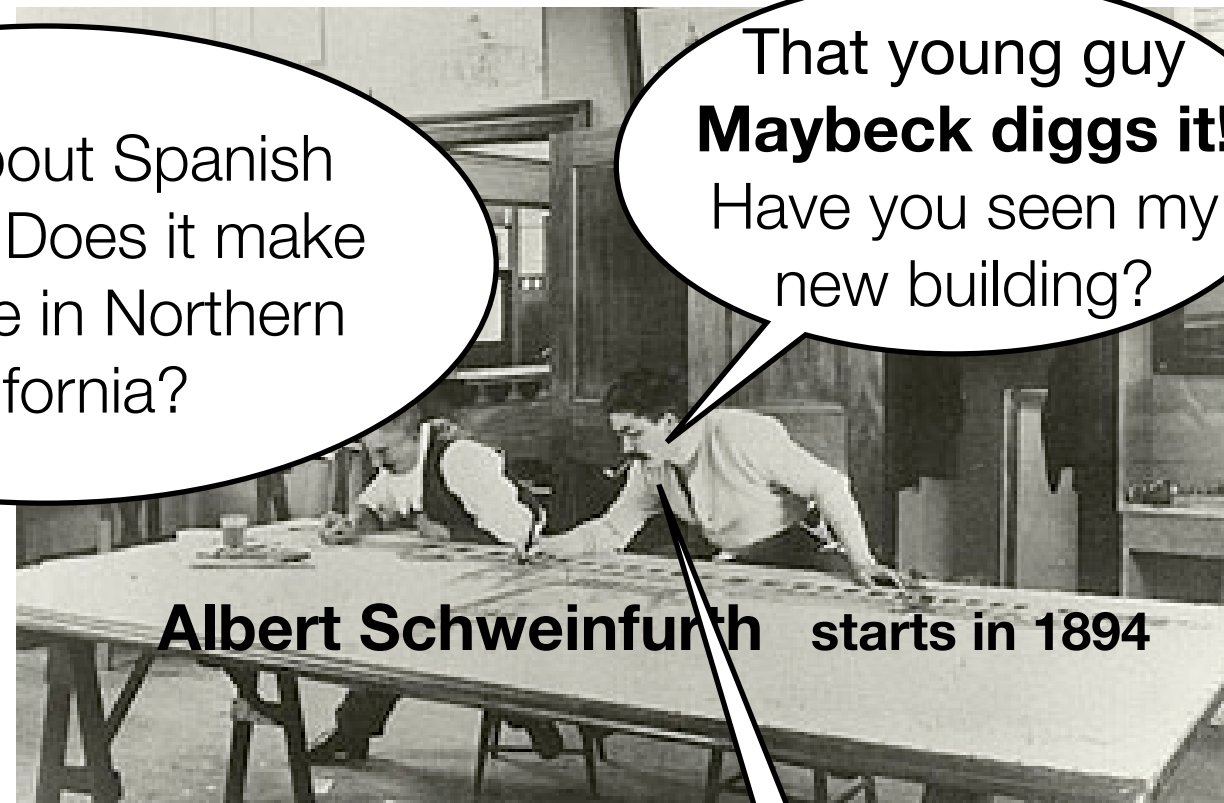
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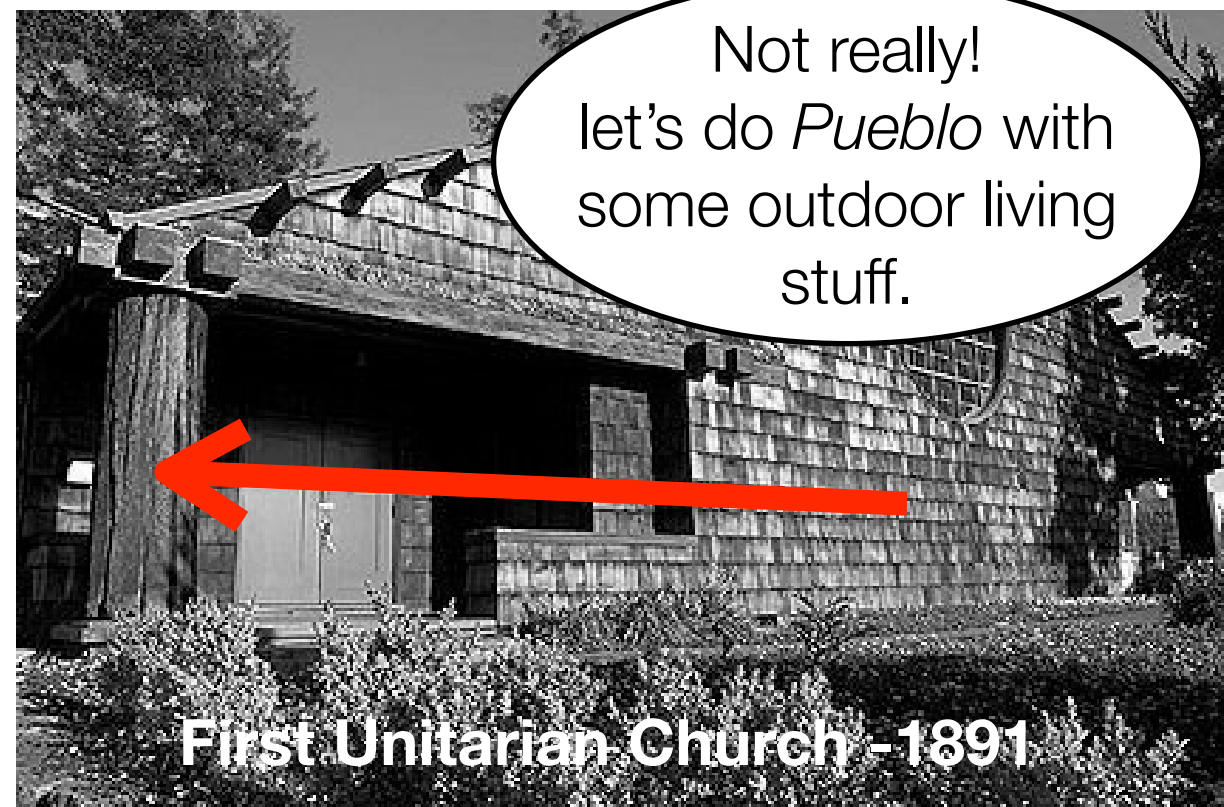


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What about Spanish Revival? Does it make any sense in Northern California?



That young guy **Maybeck diggs it!** Have you seen my new building?



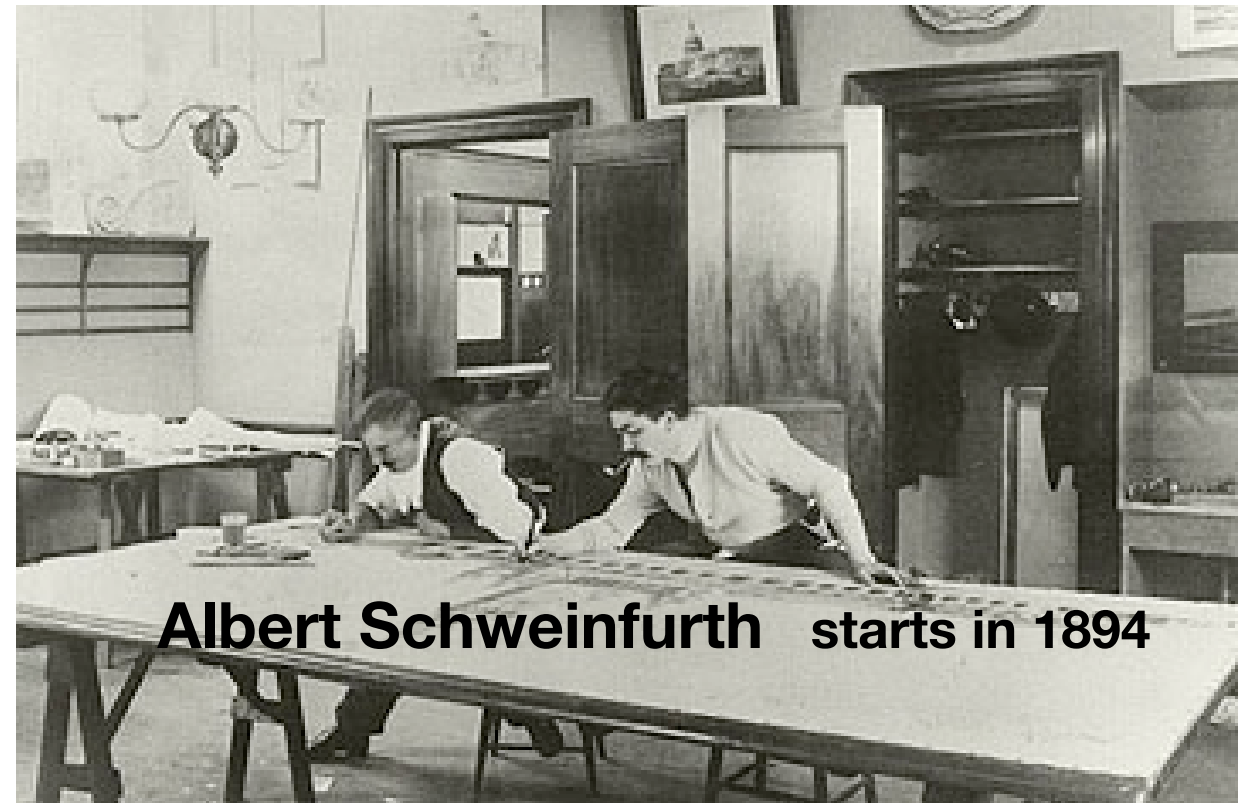
Not really! let's do *Pueblo* with some outdoor living stuff.



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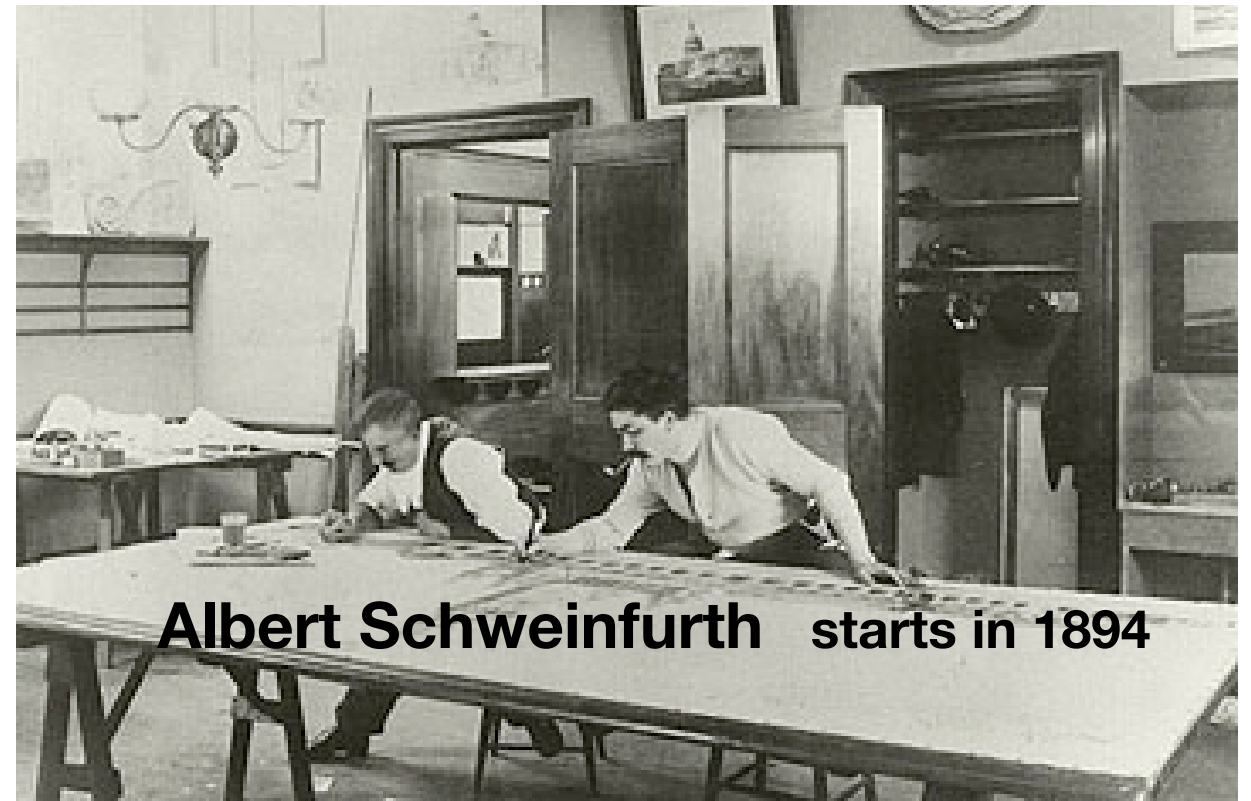


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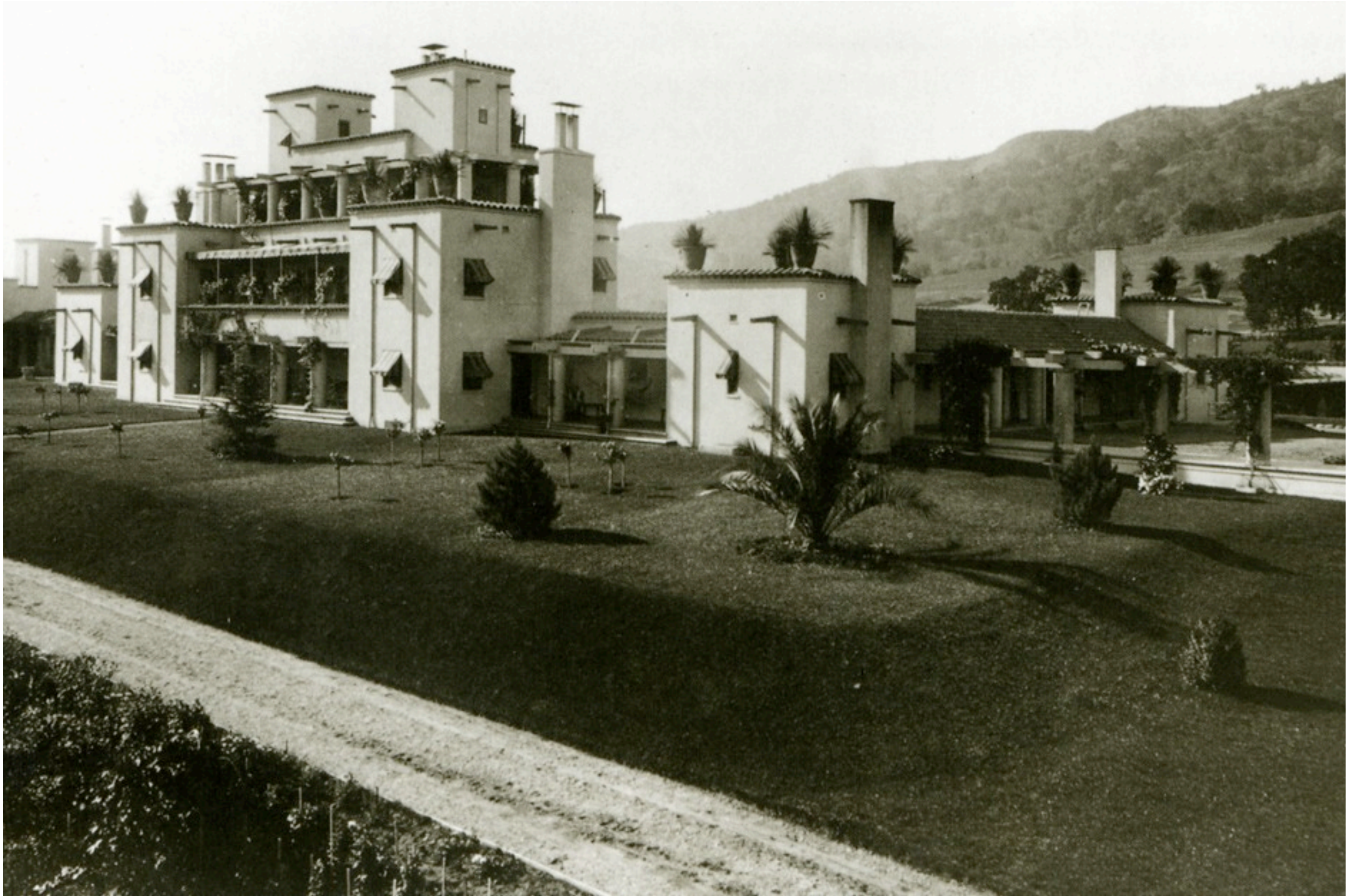


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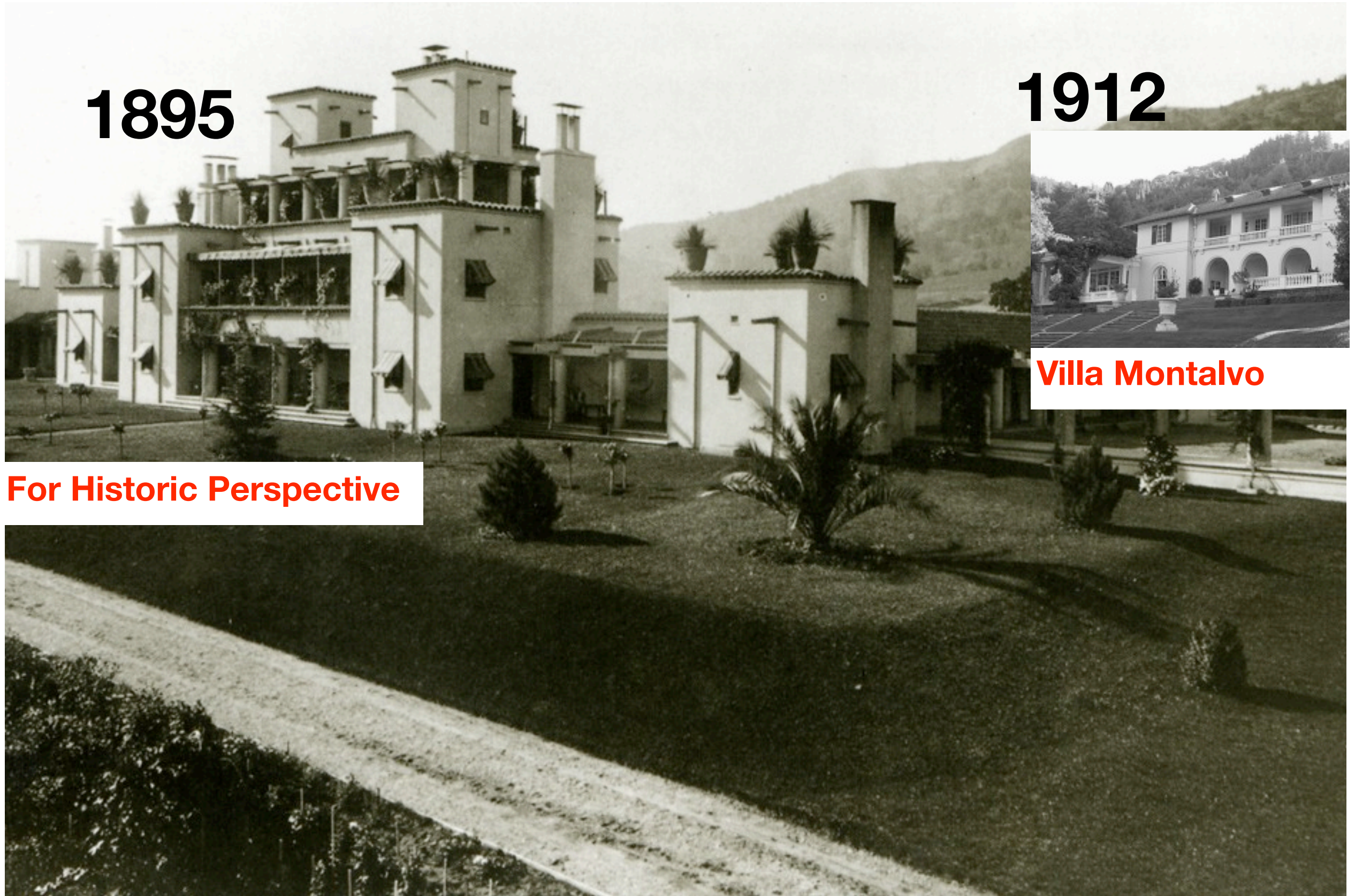
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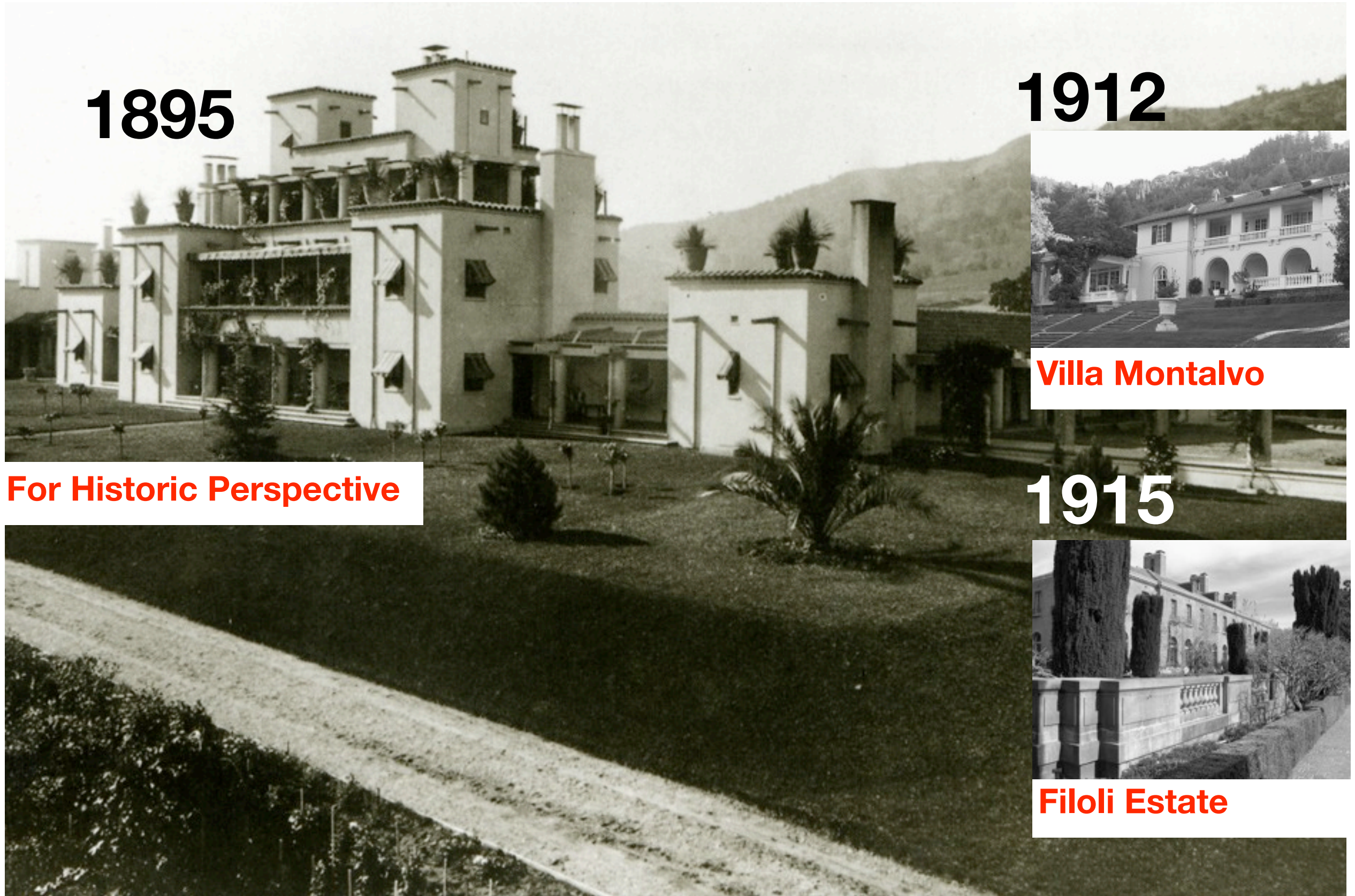


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Villa Montalvo

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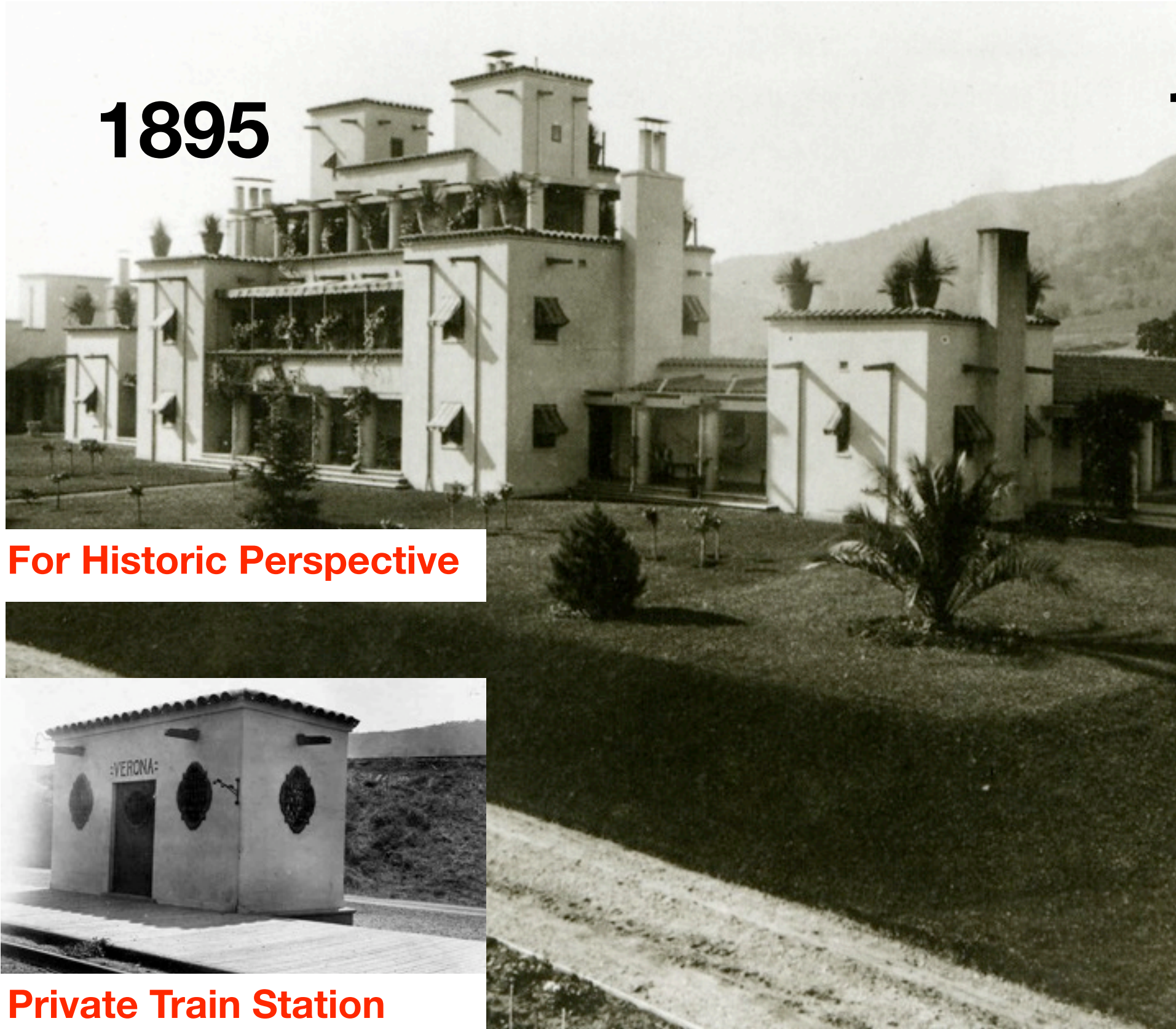
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Filoli Estate

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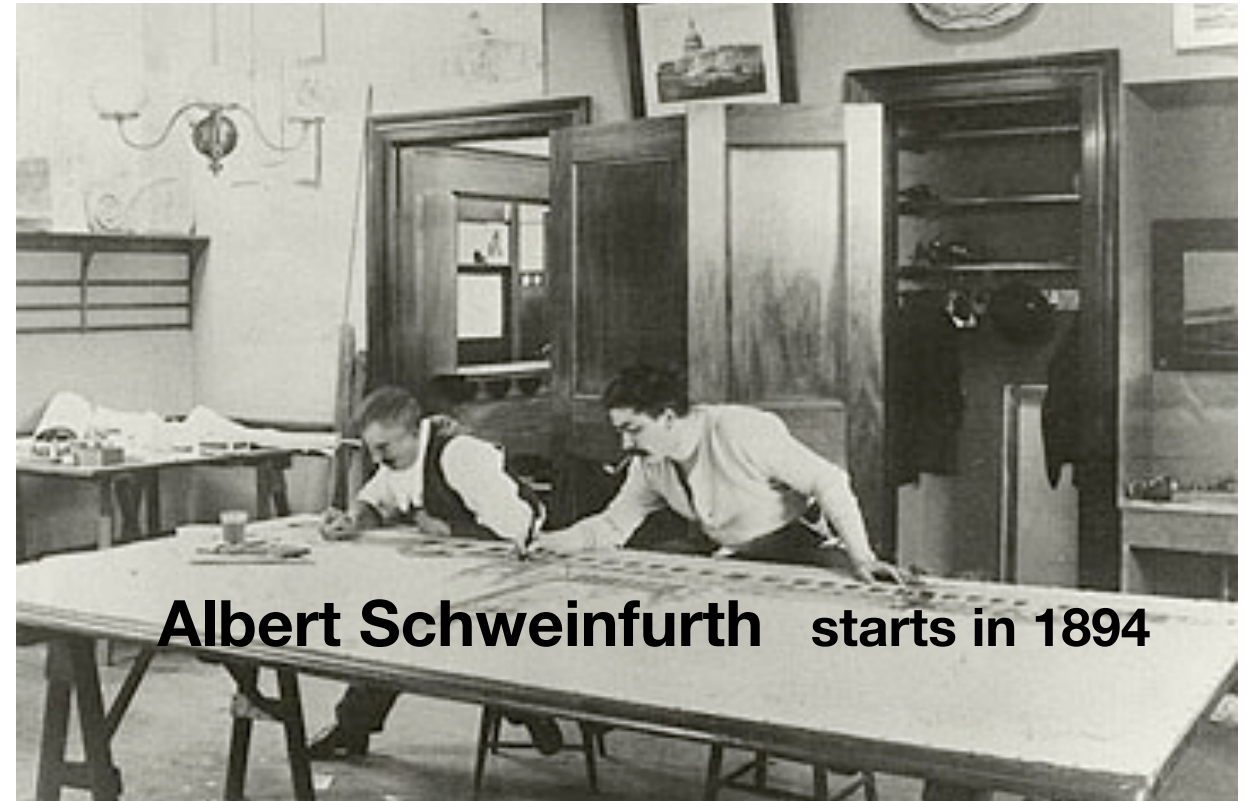
Private Train Station

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California Nursery CO. 1884 - 1972
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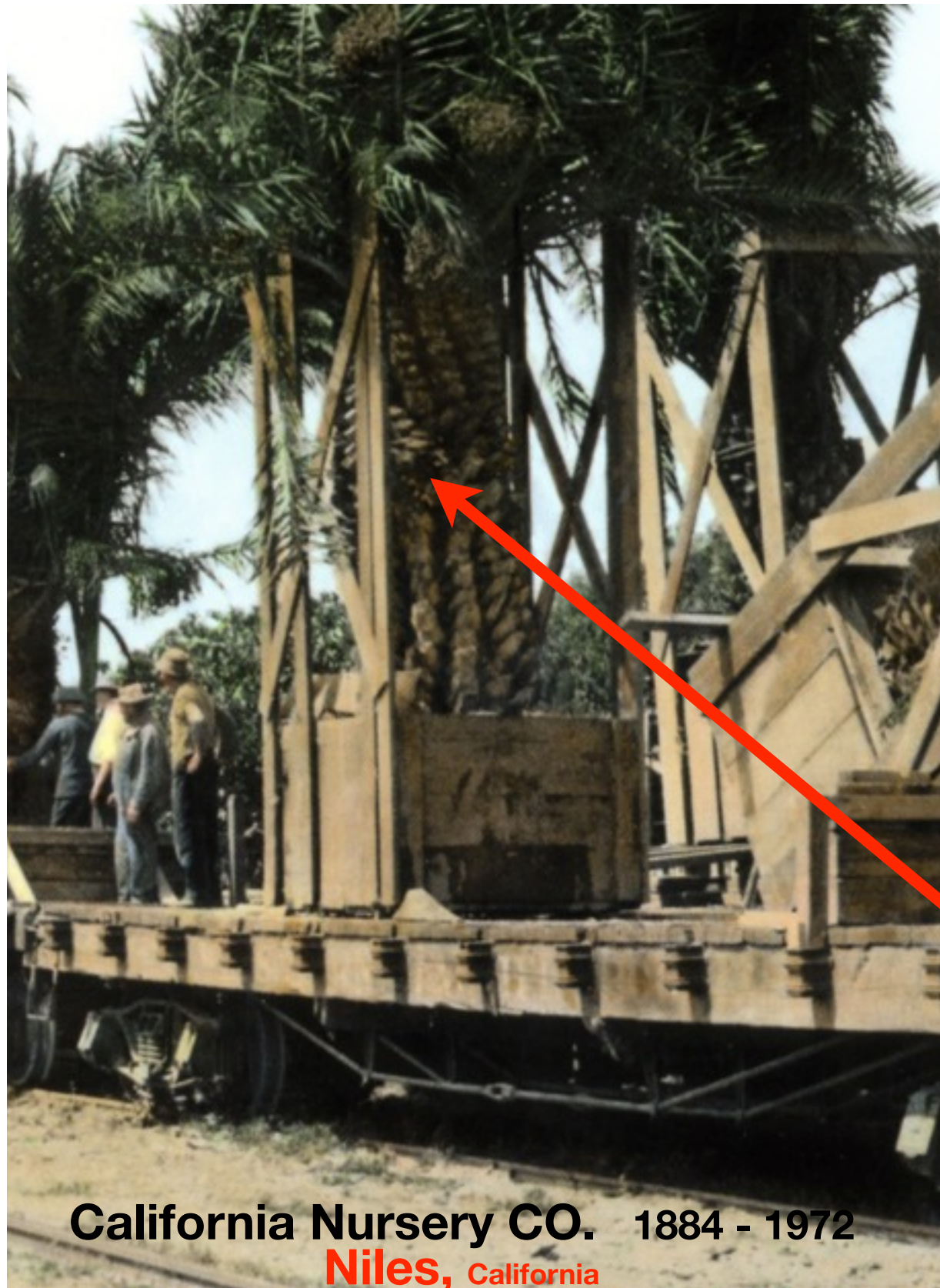


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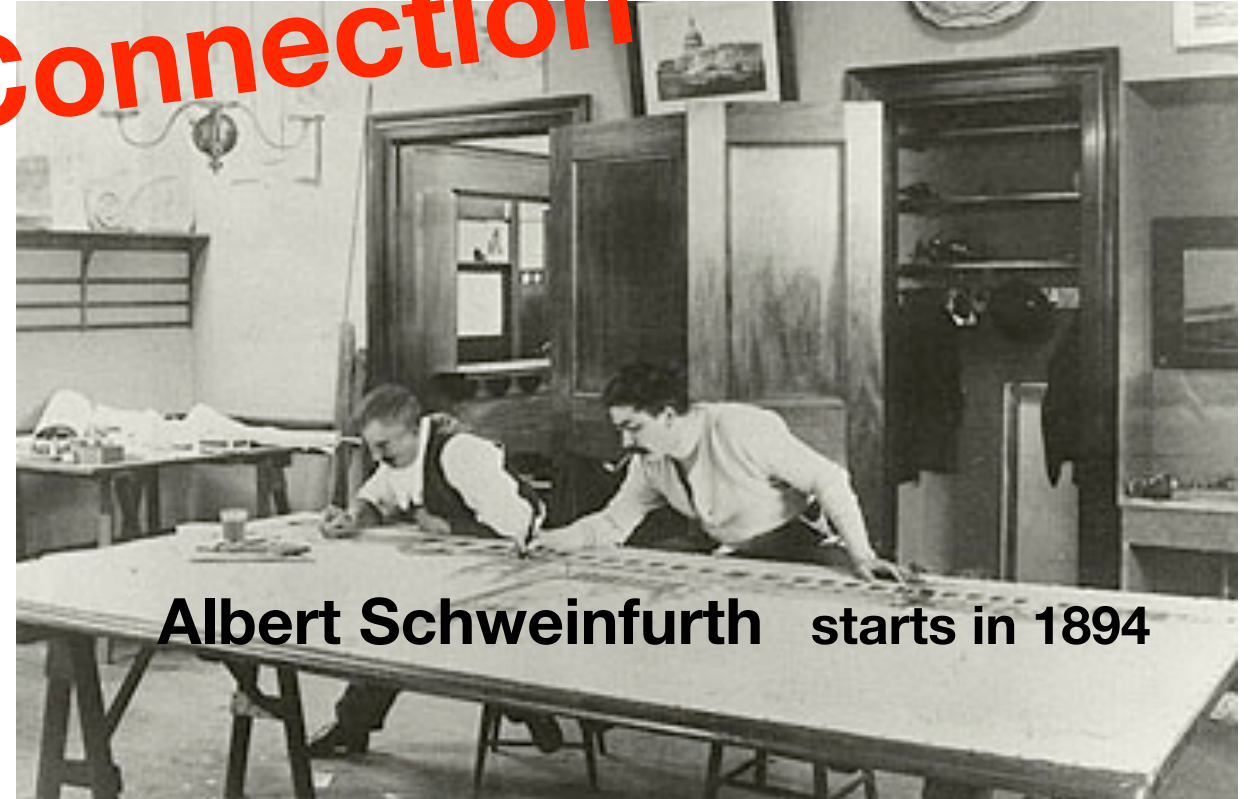
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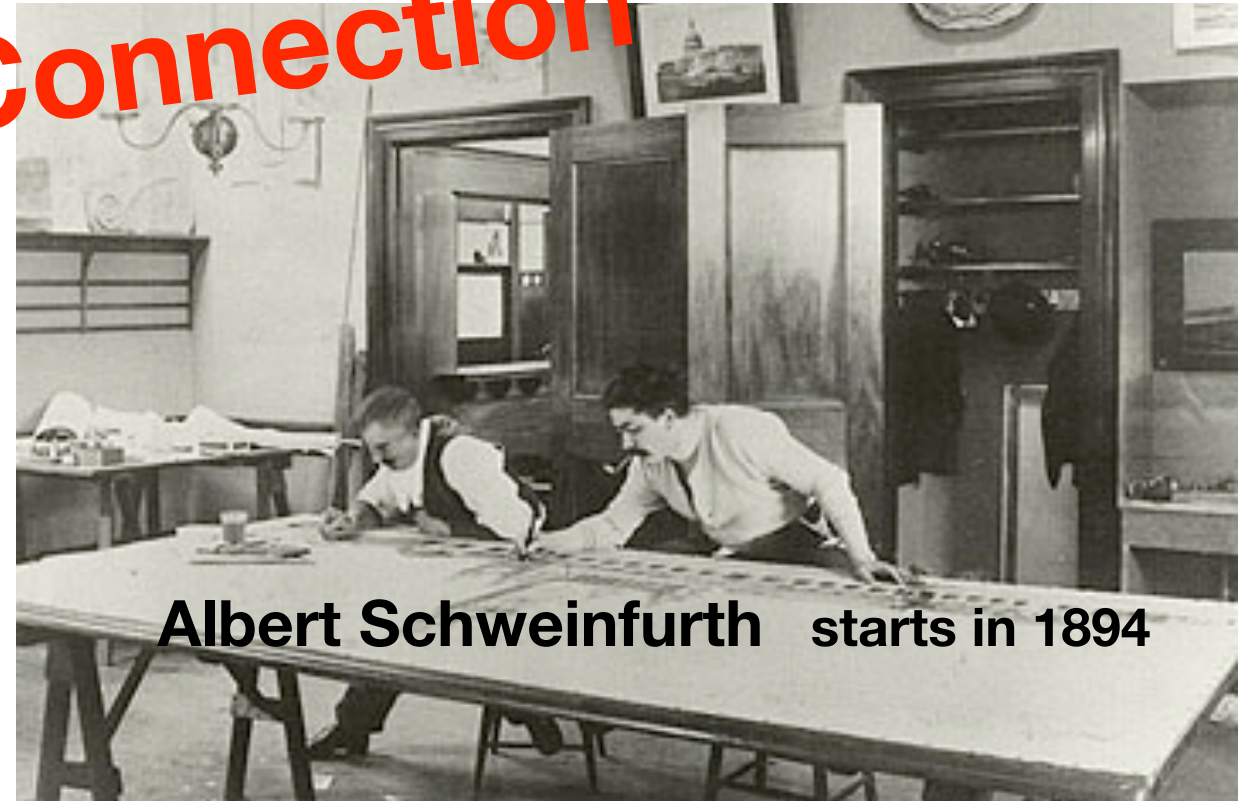
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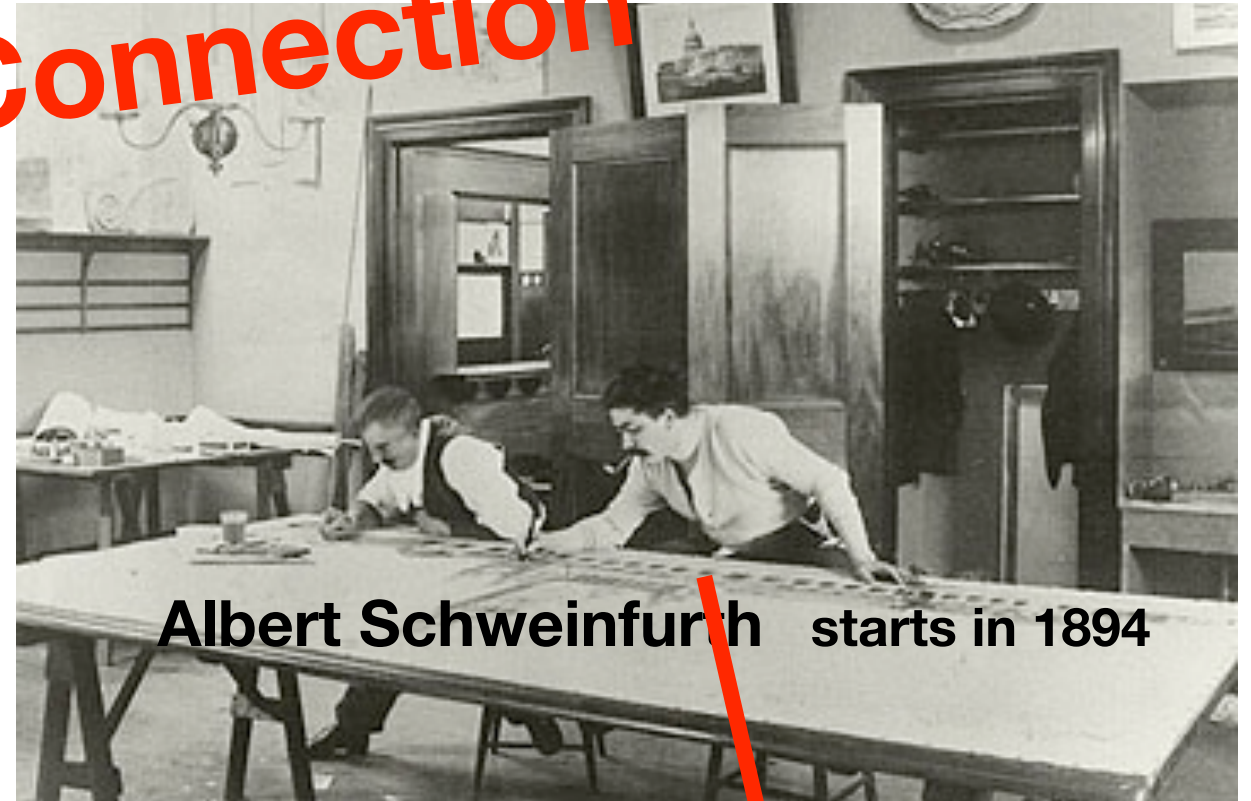


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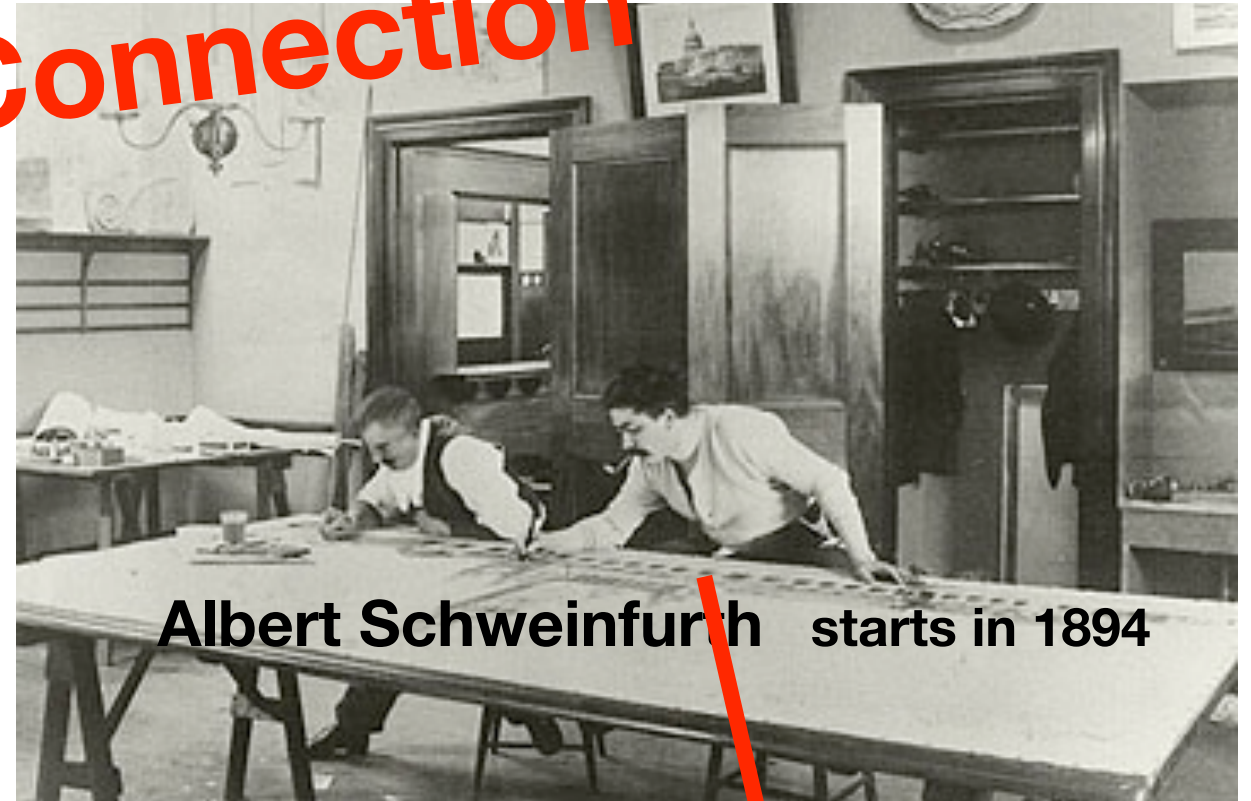


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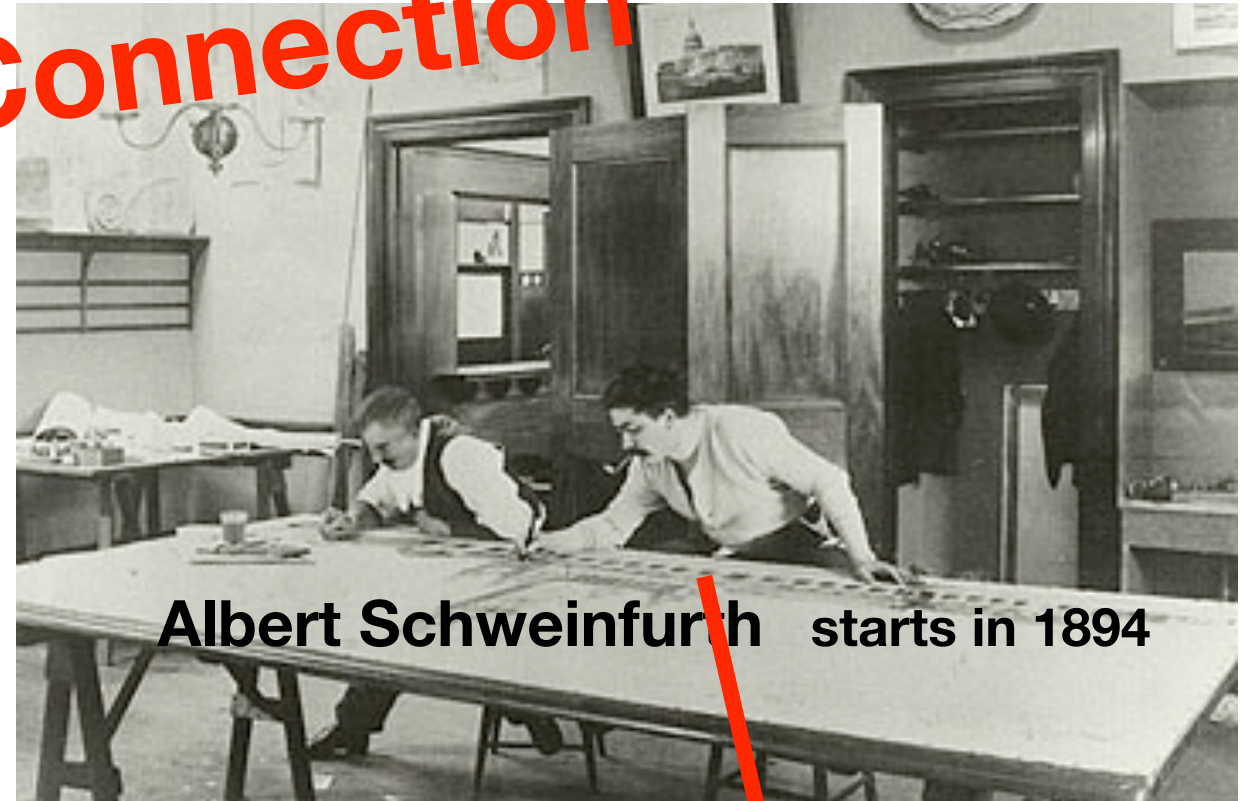
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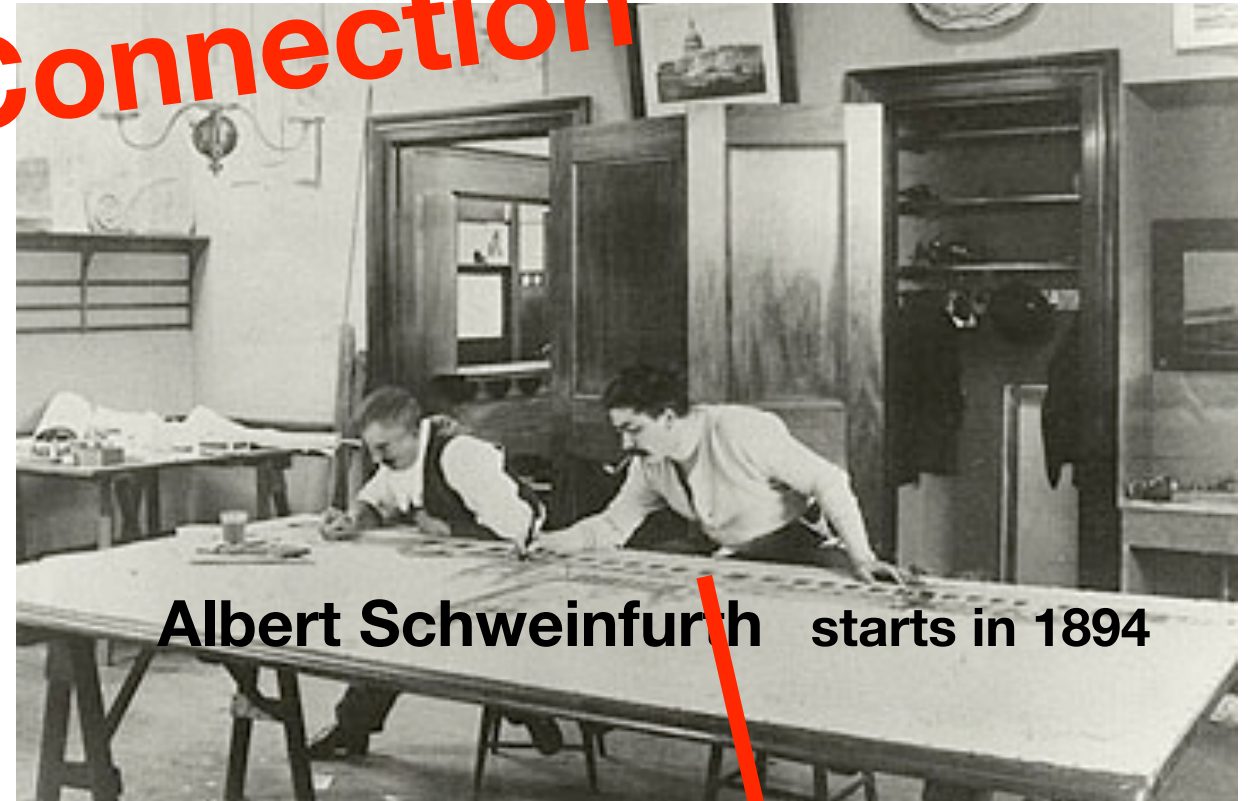
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**Pheobe comes
back to California
from the East
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Pheobe Hearst 1842 - 1919



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Albert Schweinfurth dies



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Hearst Castle



Julia Morgan



Hacienda del Pozo de Verona - 1895

**Specimen
Trees are from
the California
Nursery in
NILES**



Julia Morgan



Hearst Castle



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Hearst Castle



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**Head Nurseryman,
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Dear Mr. Kemp - This
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W. R. H. - 82
N. L. A.

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Nice work,
Nigel!

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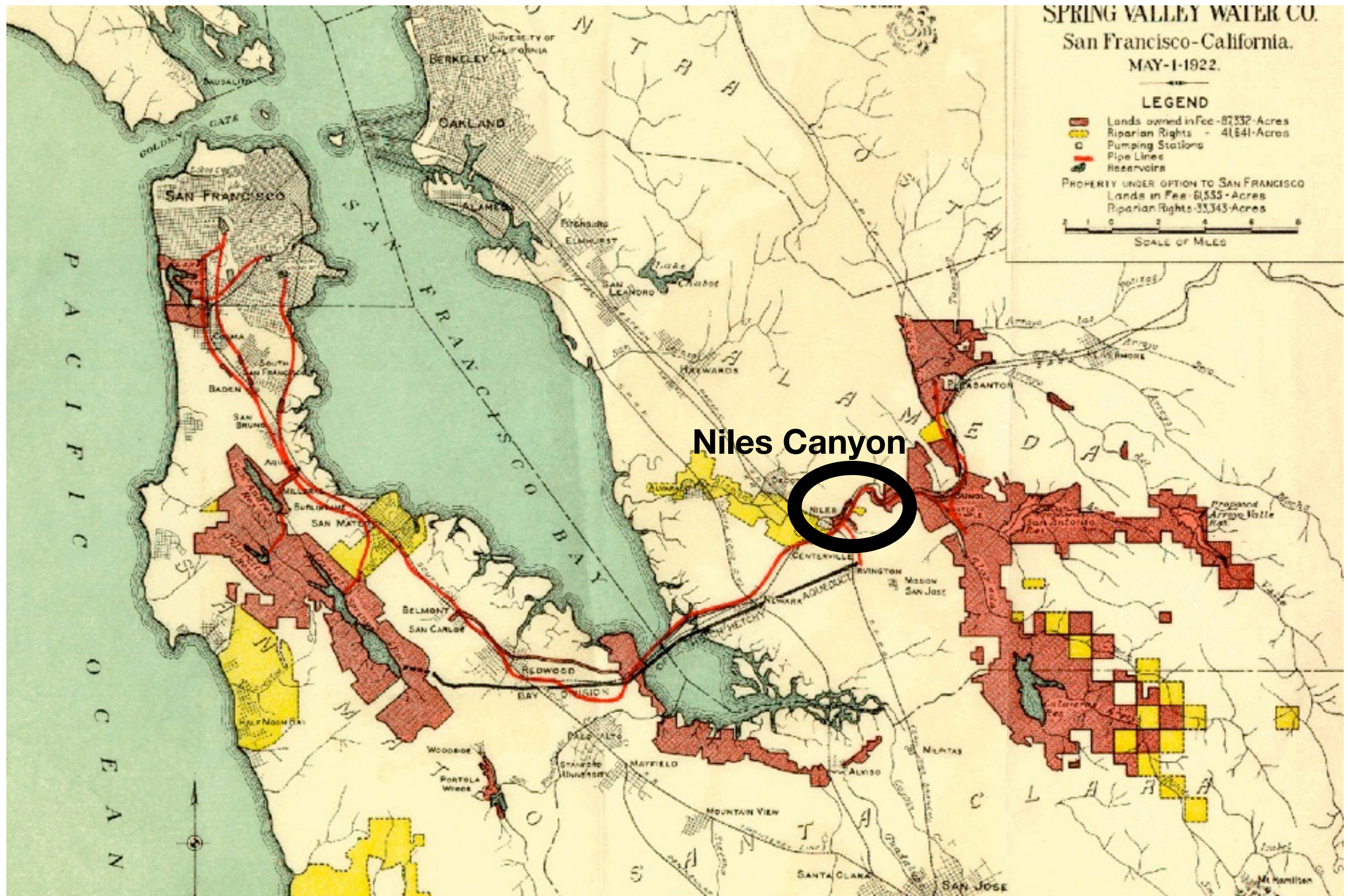
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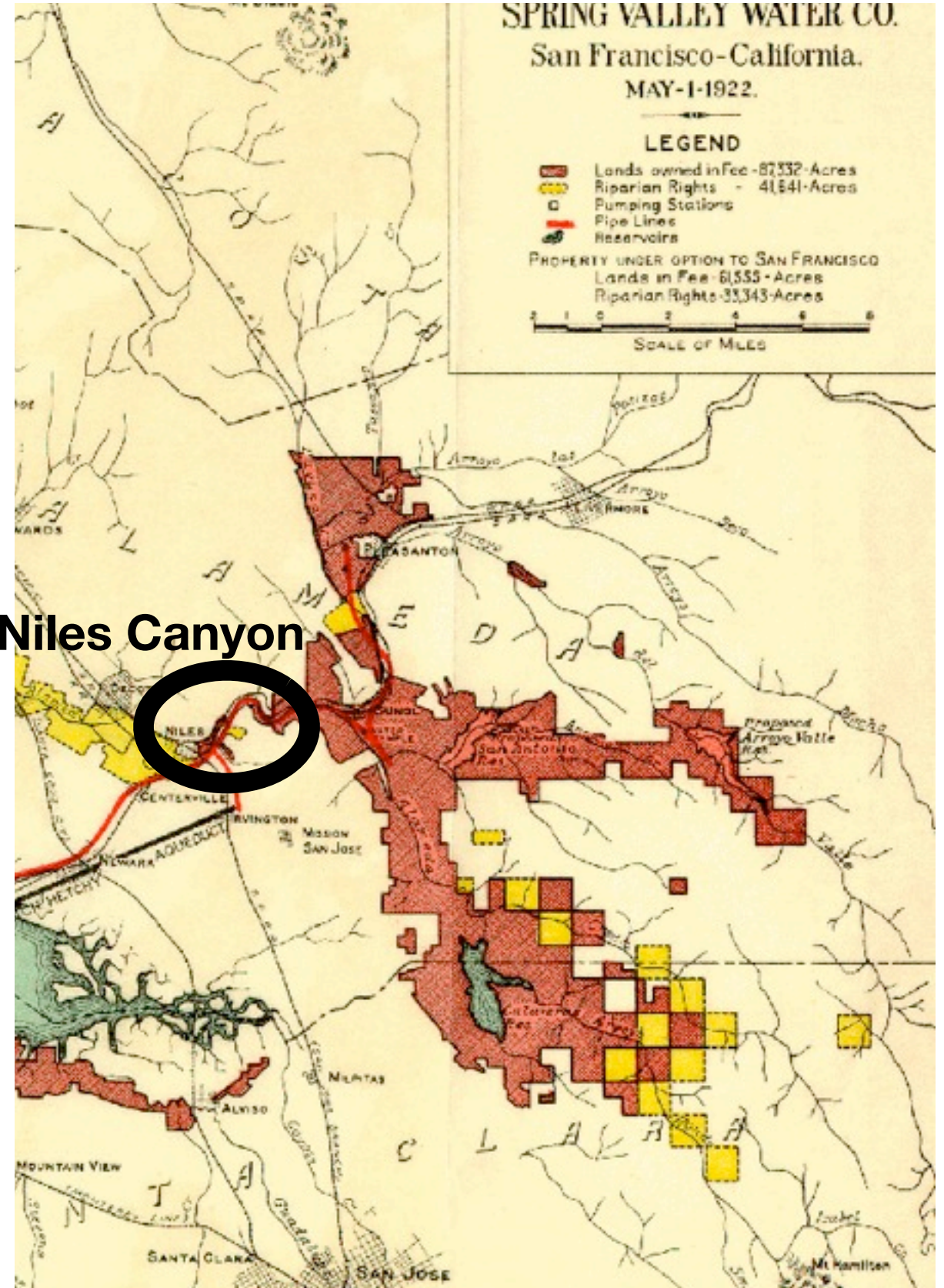
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Willis Polk 1867 - 1924



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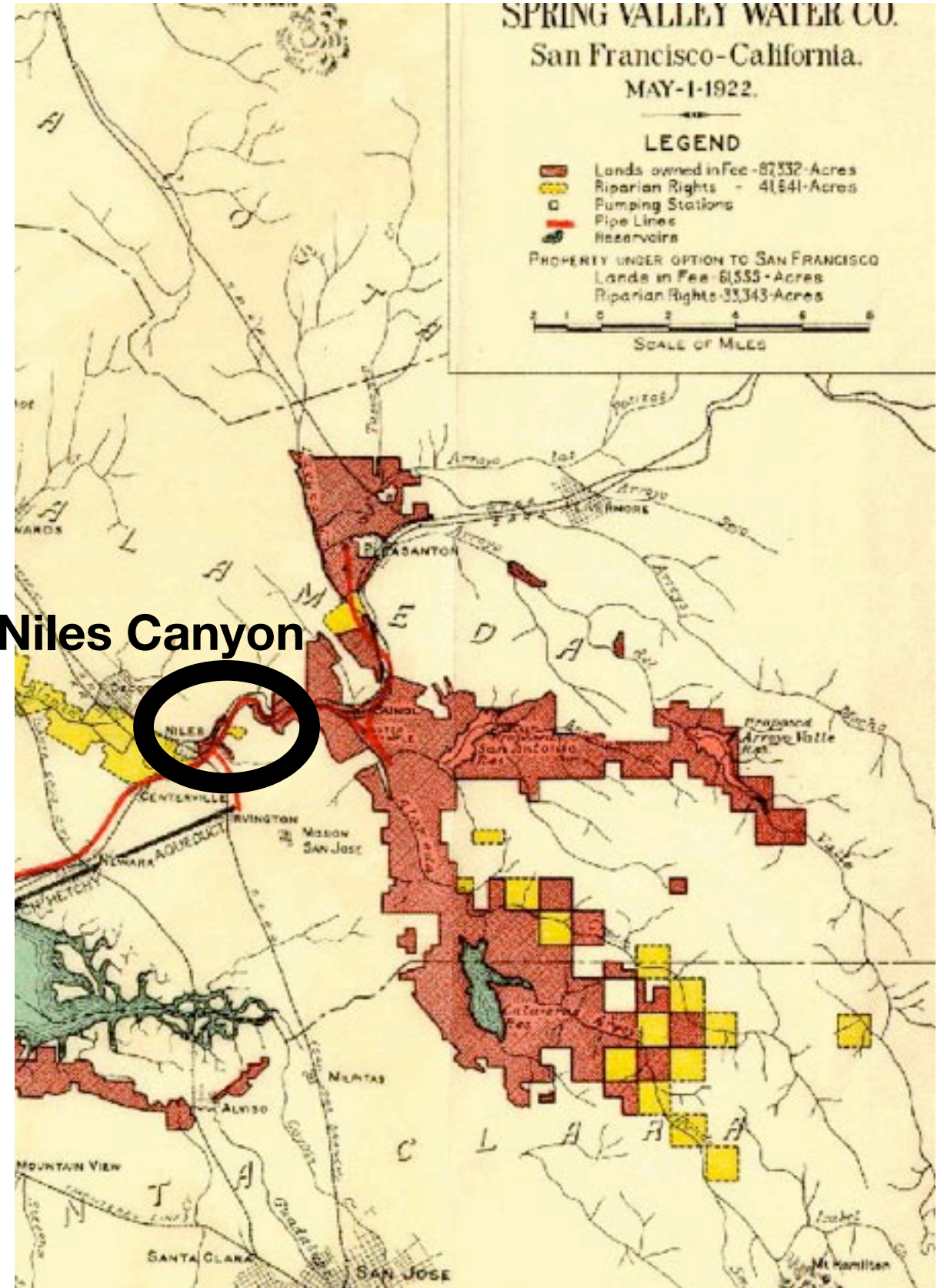
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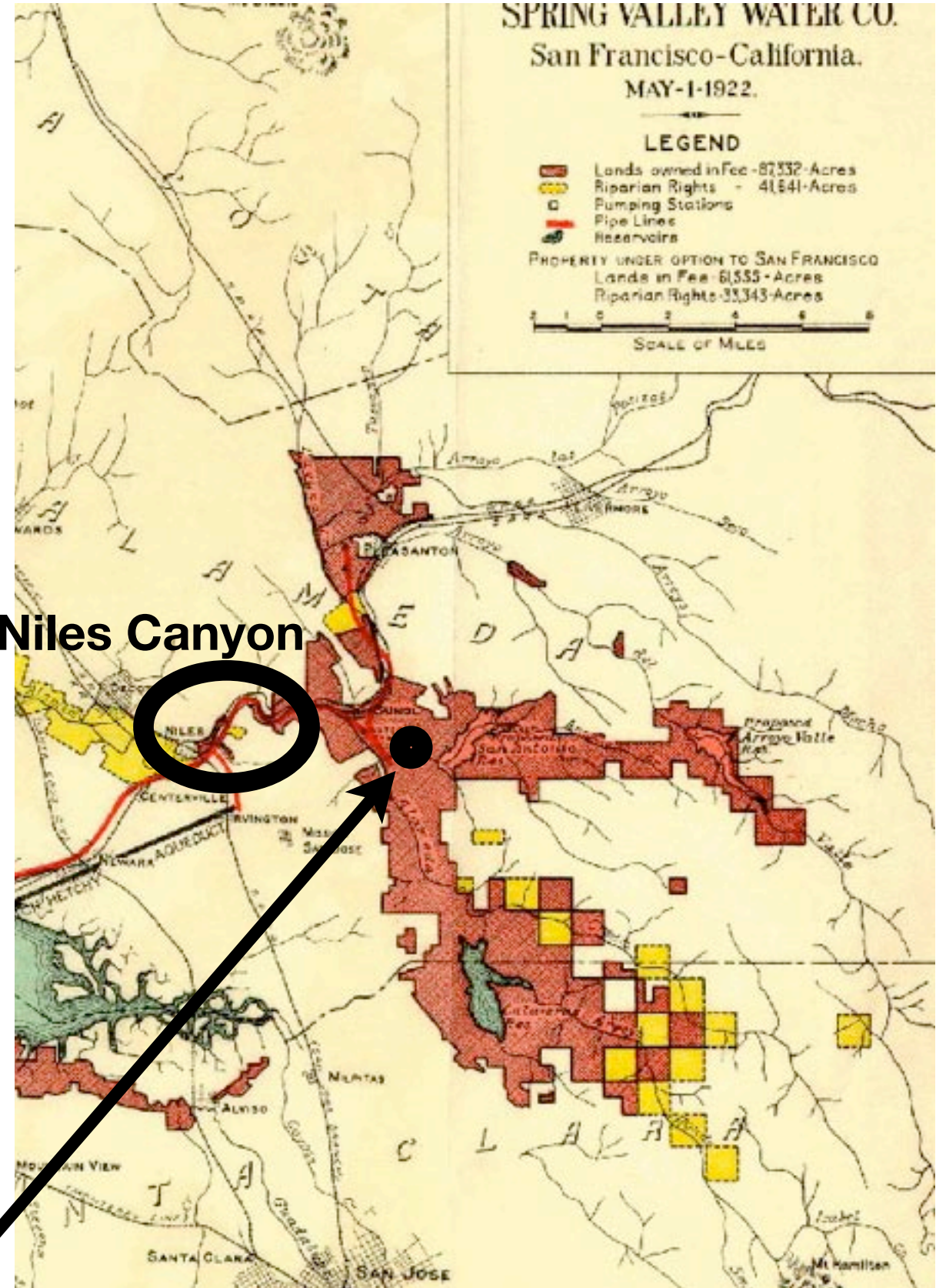


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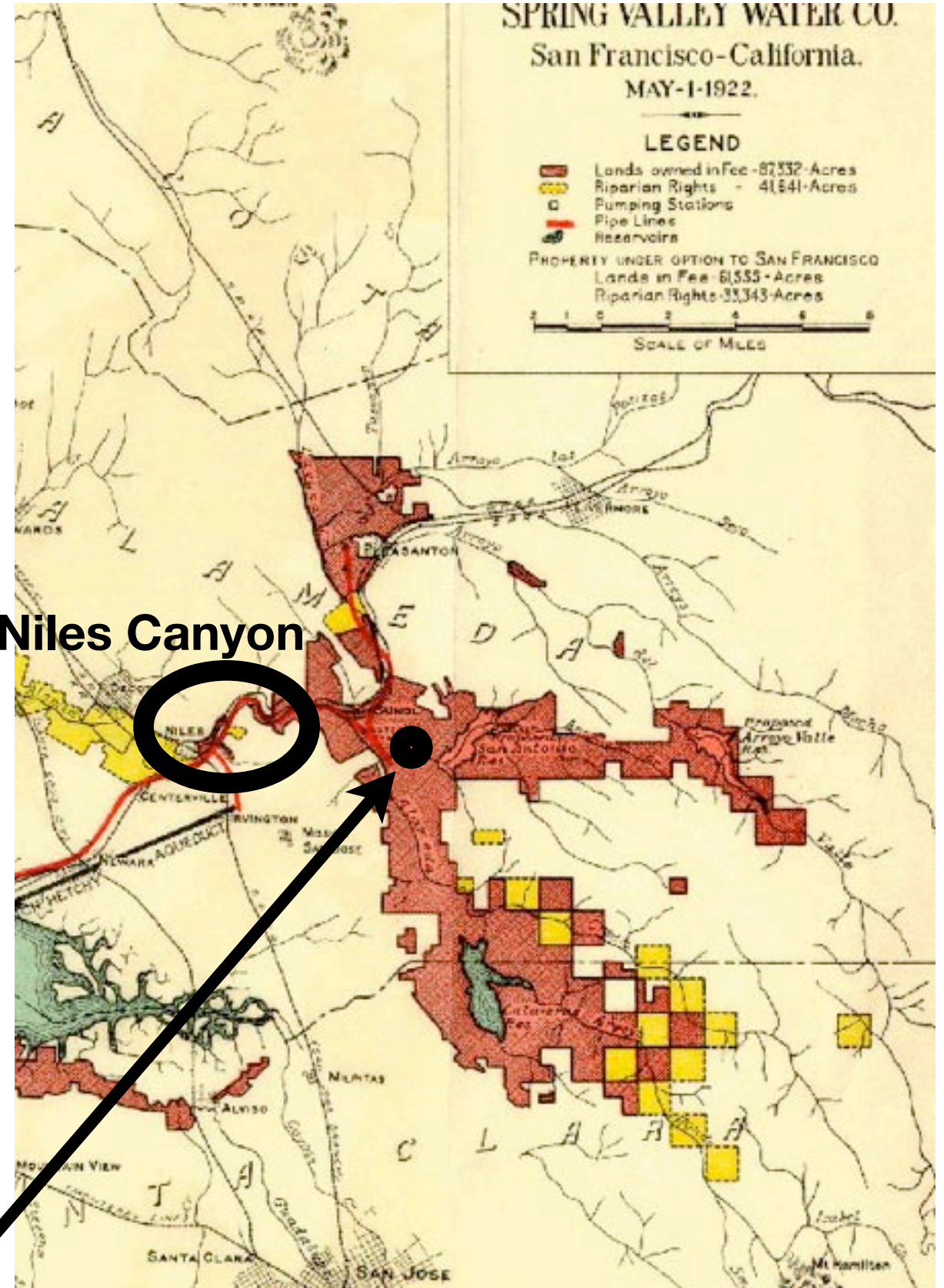
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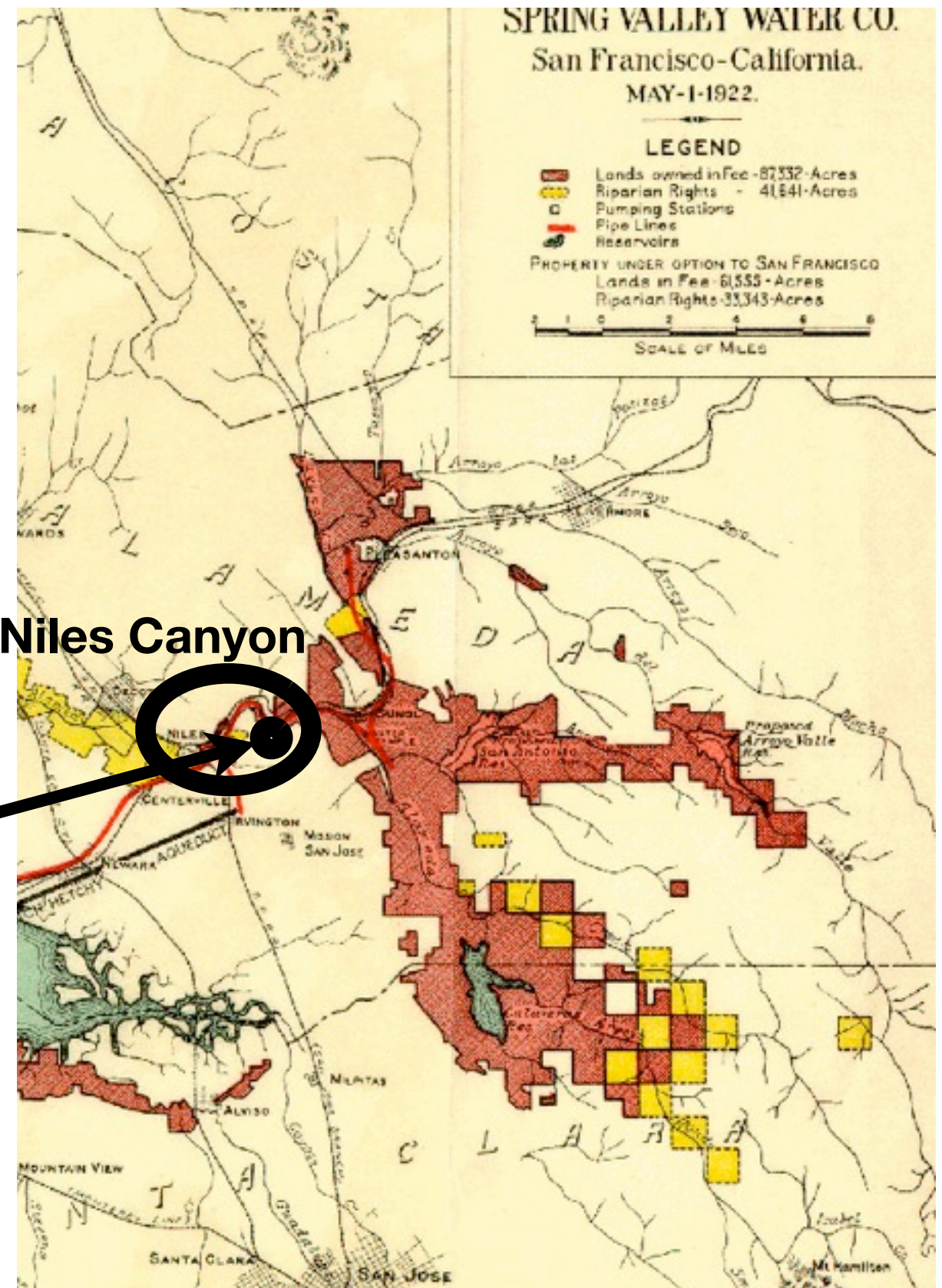
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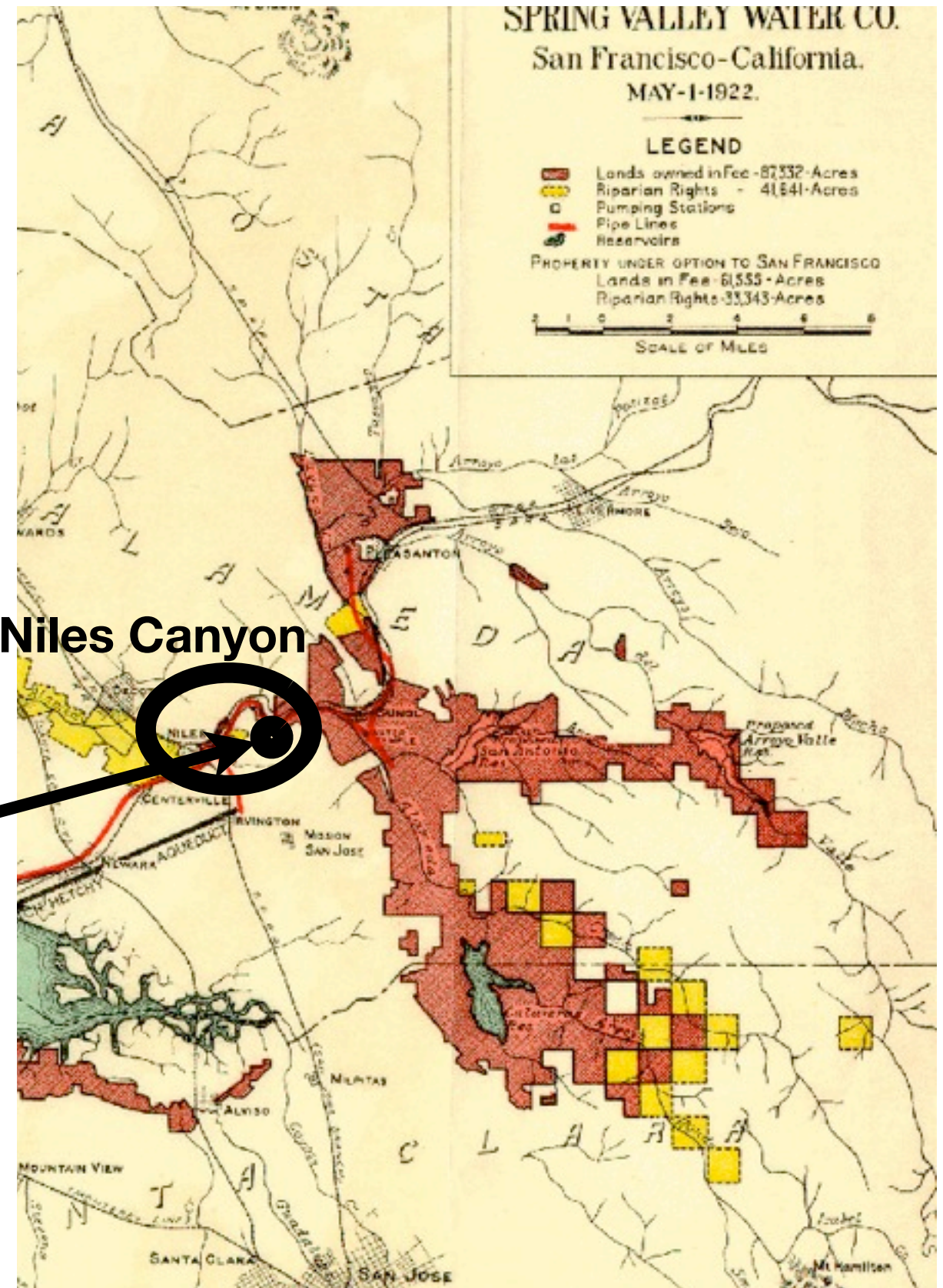
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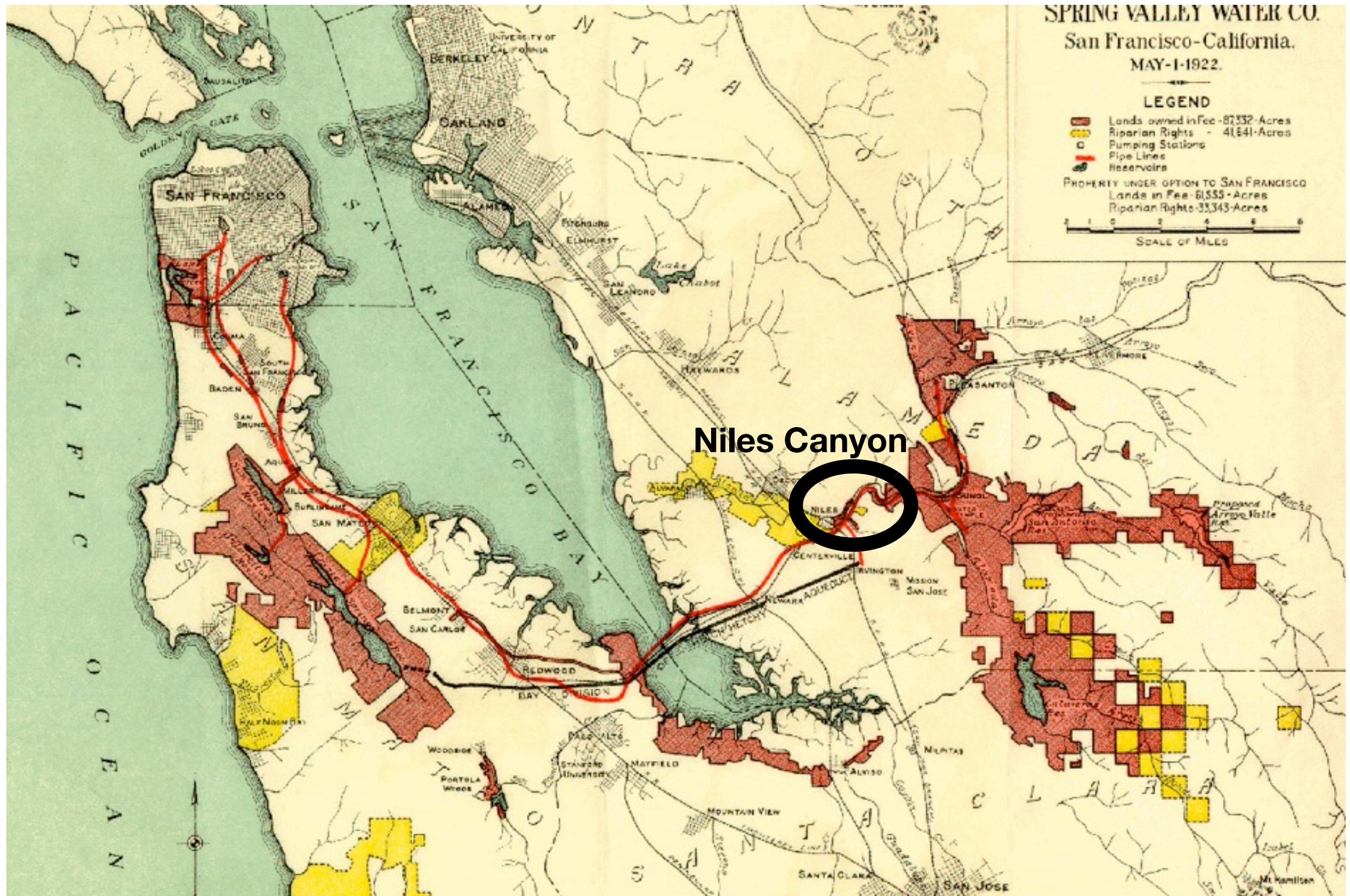
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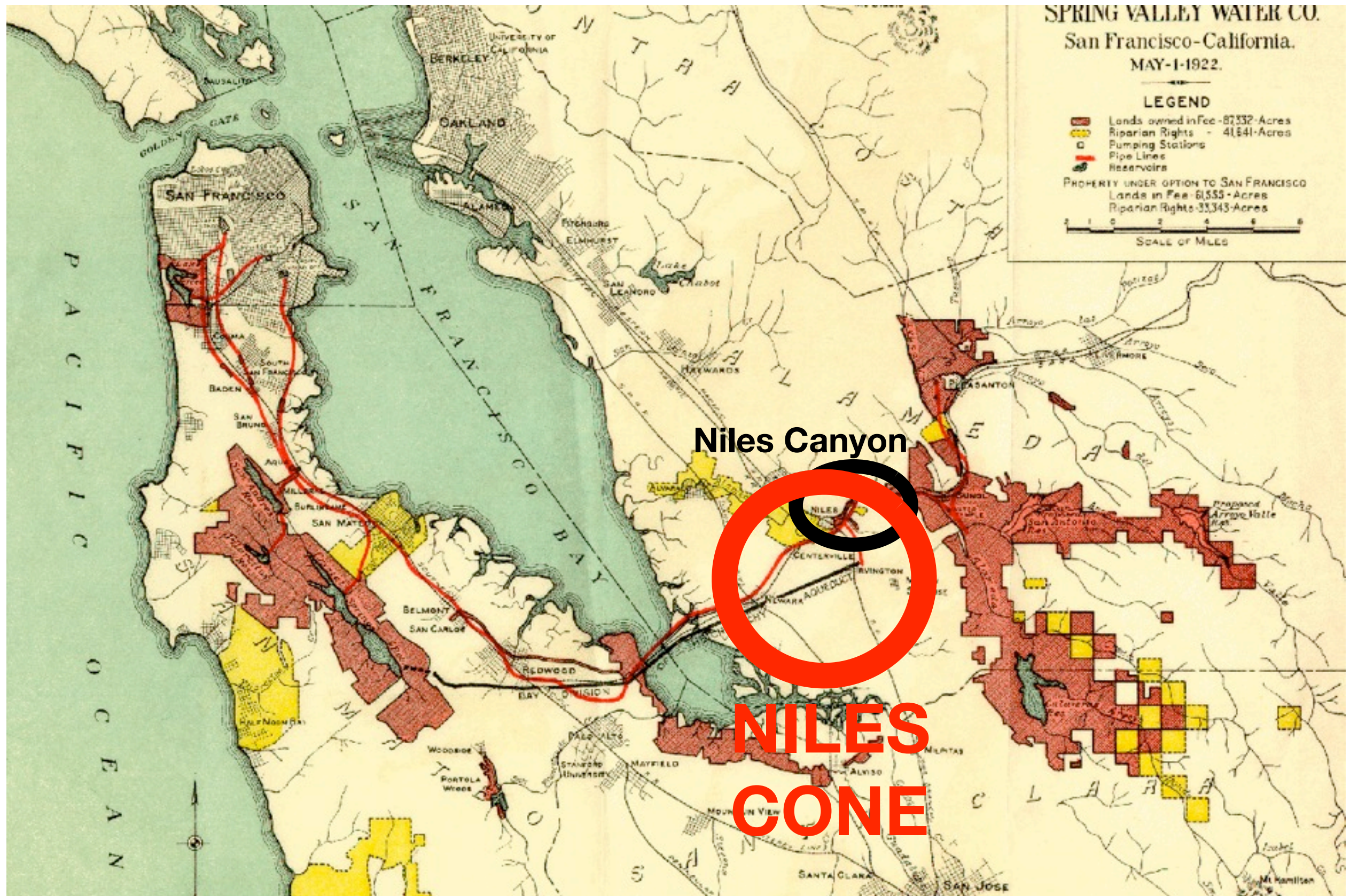
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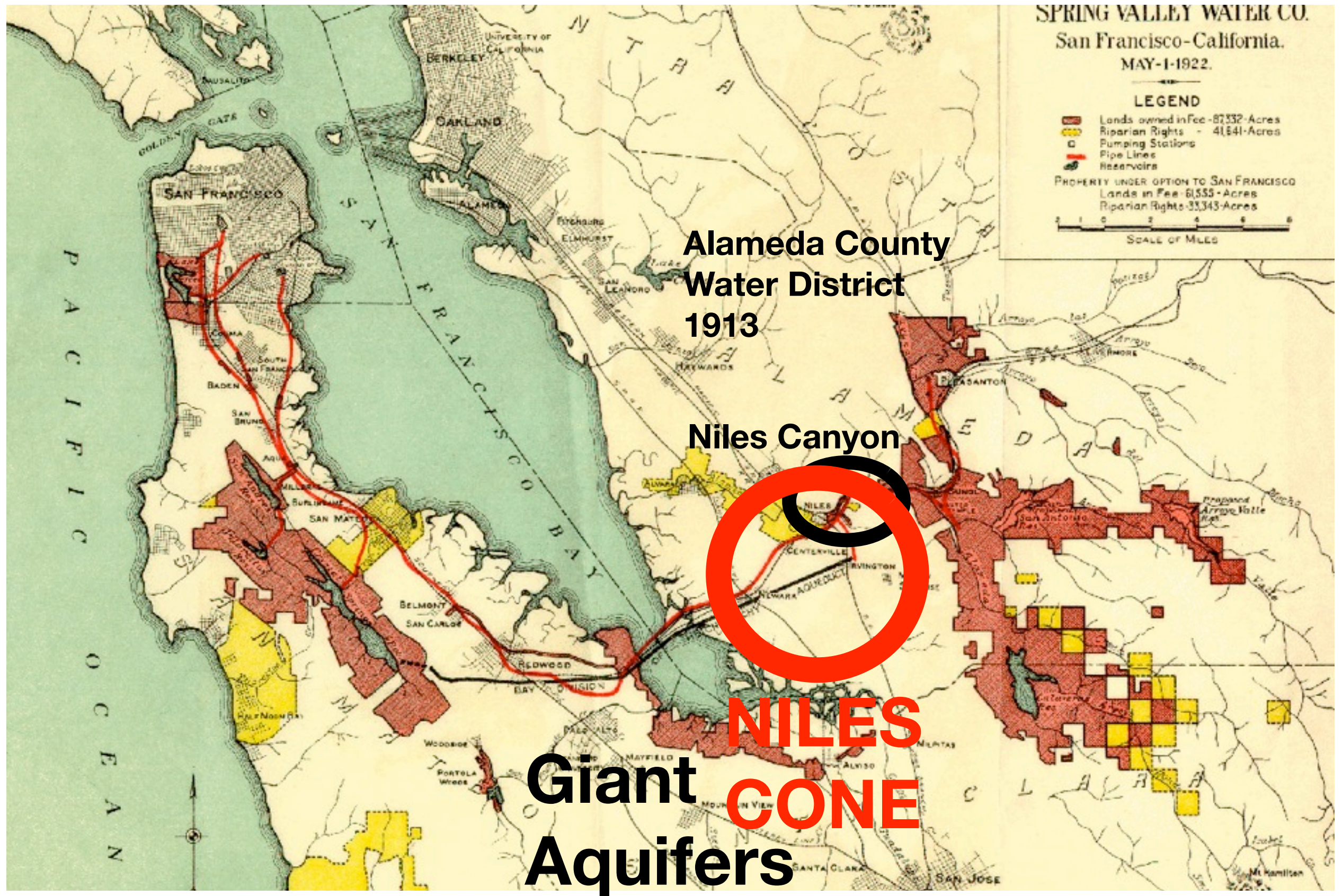
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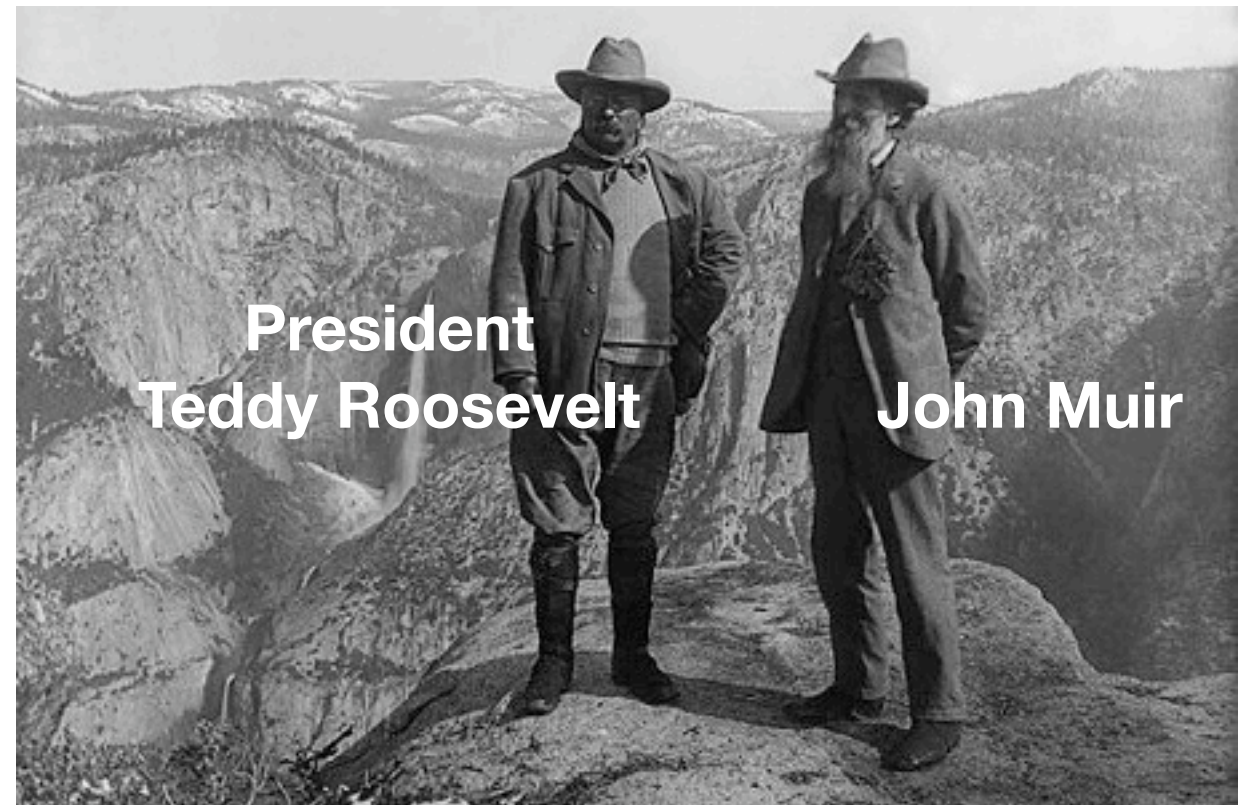
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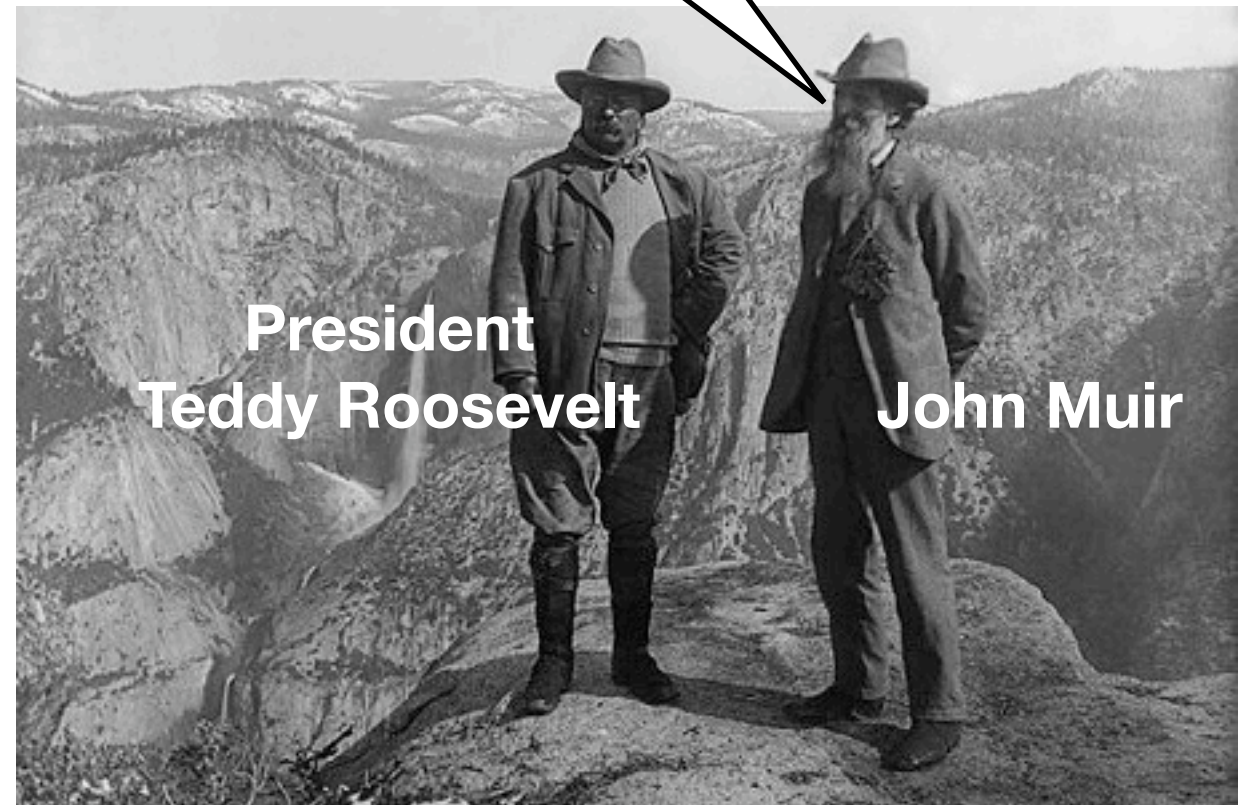


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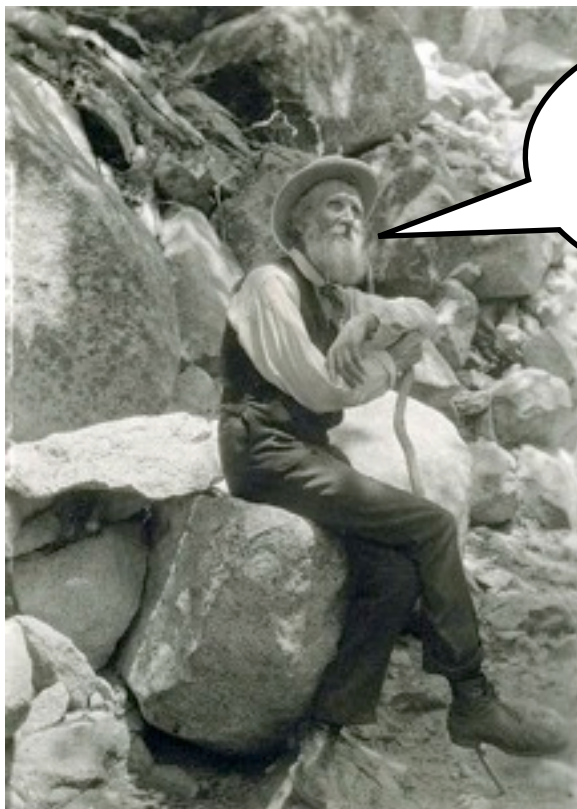
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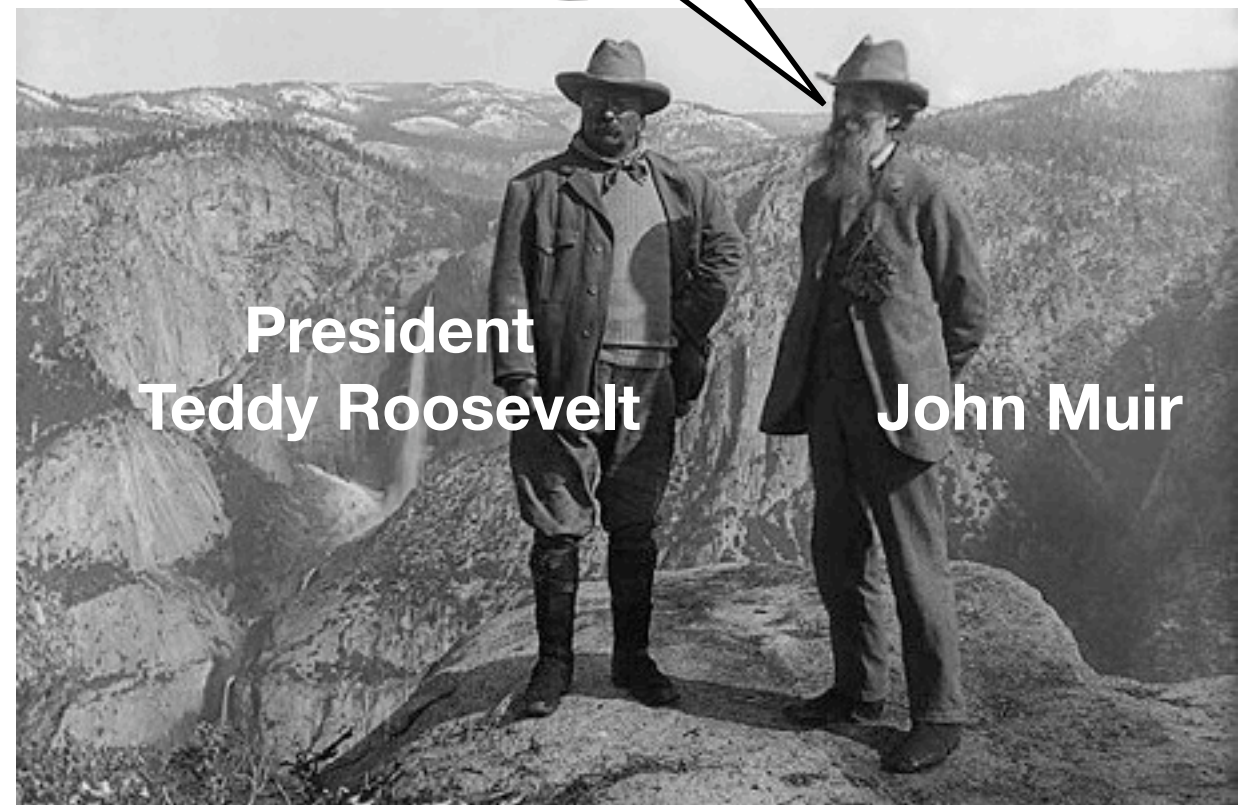
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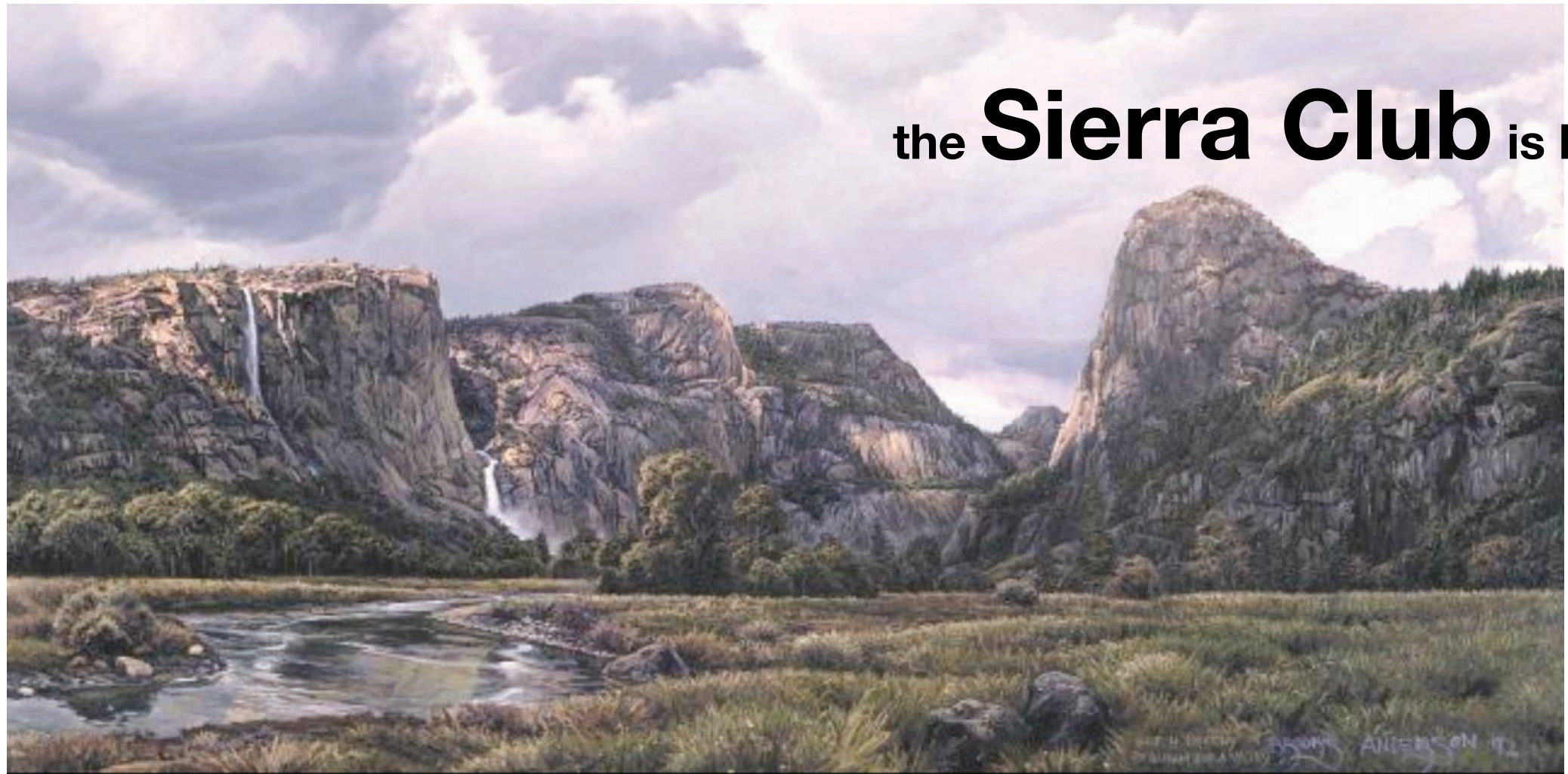
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A topographic map of the Hetchy Hetchy Reservoir area. The reservoir is a large blue body of water in the center. Surrounding it are green and brown hills with contour lines. Several red location pins are placed on the map: one on the western shore, one on the northern shore, one on the eastern shore, one on the southern shore, and one on the far eastern shore. The map also shows roads and other geographical features like 'Hetchy Hetchy Reservoir' and 'Hetchy Hetchy Dam'.

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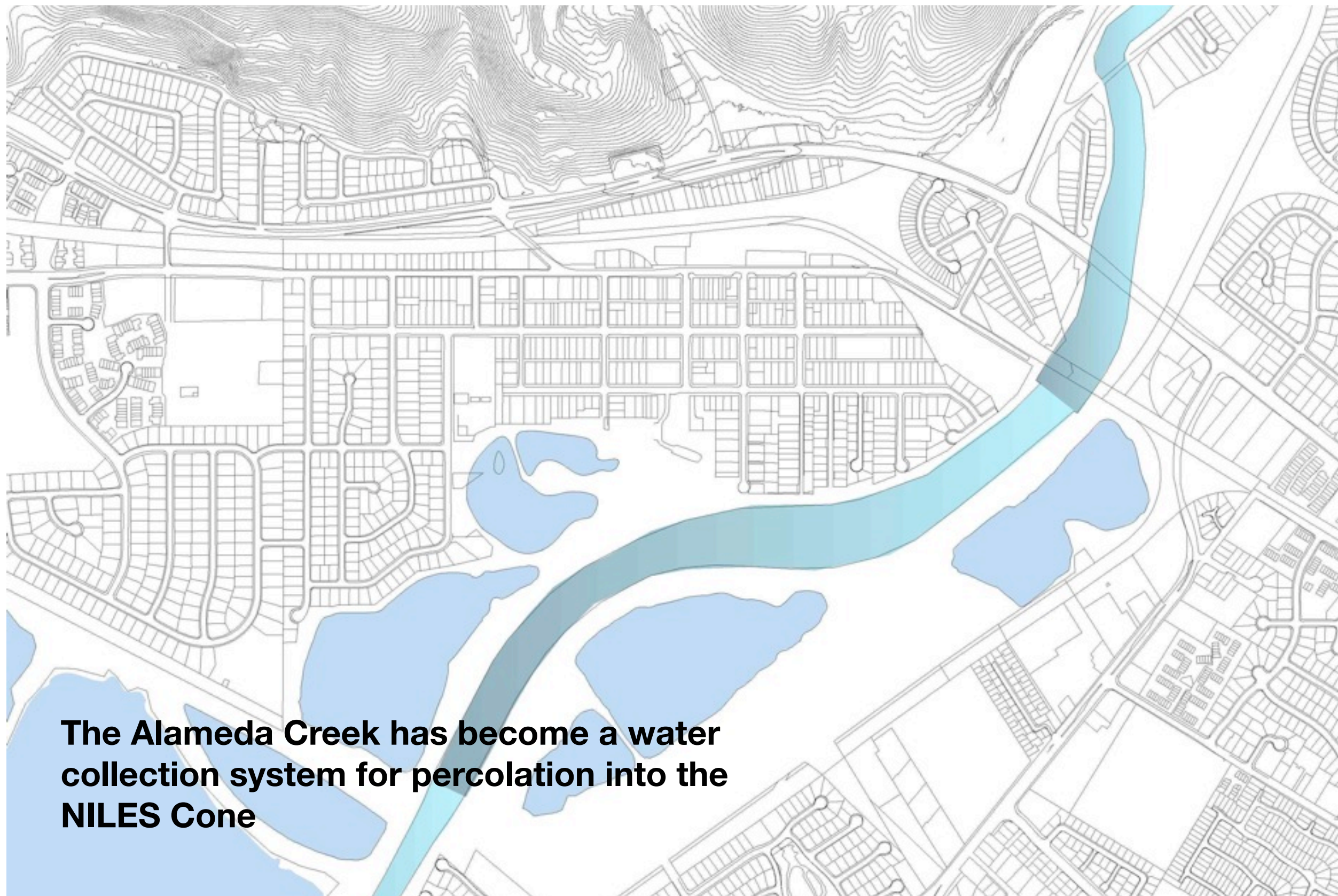


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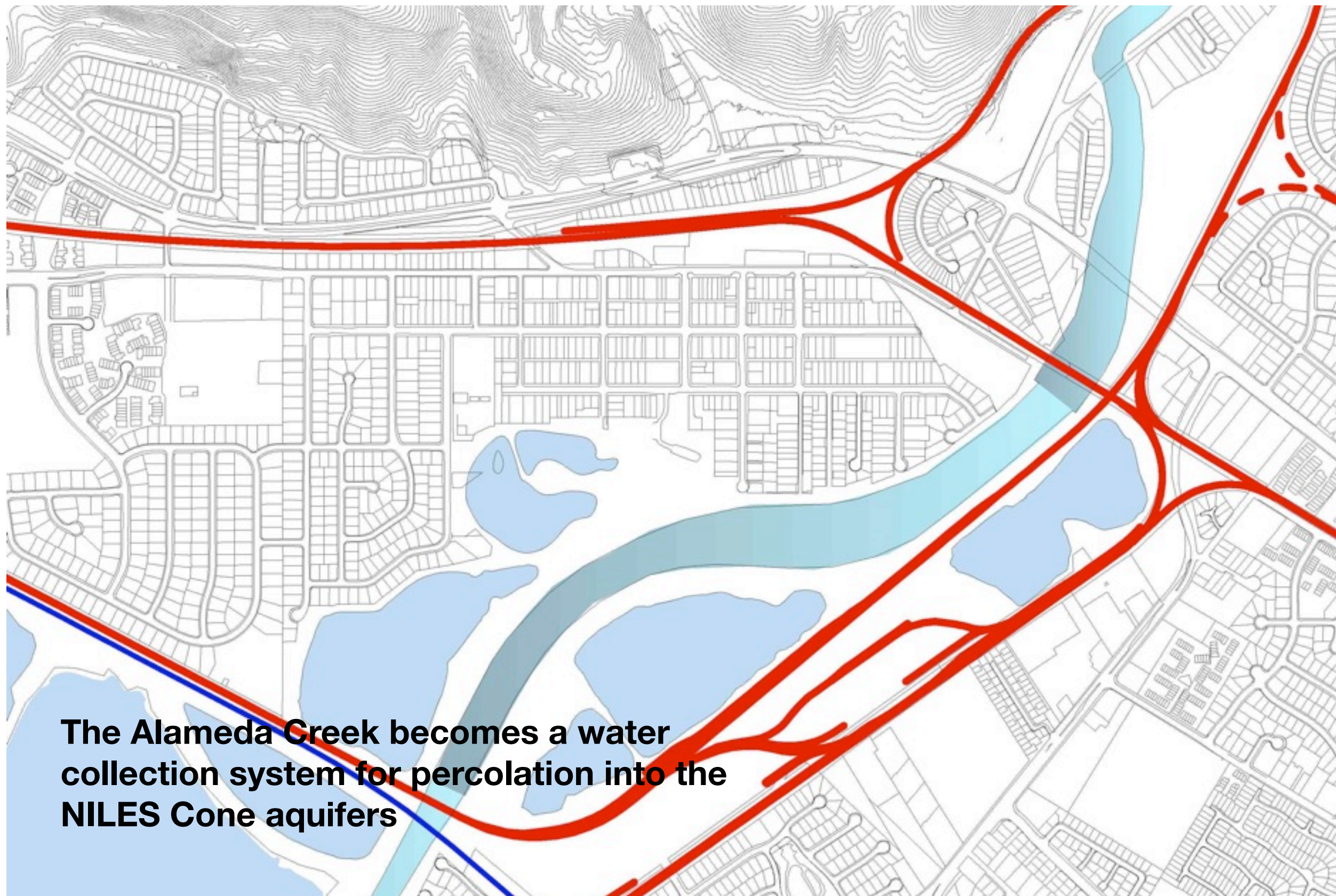




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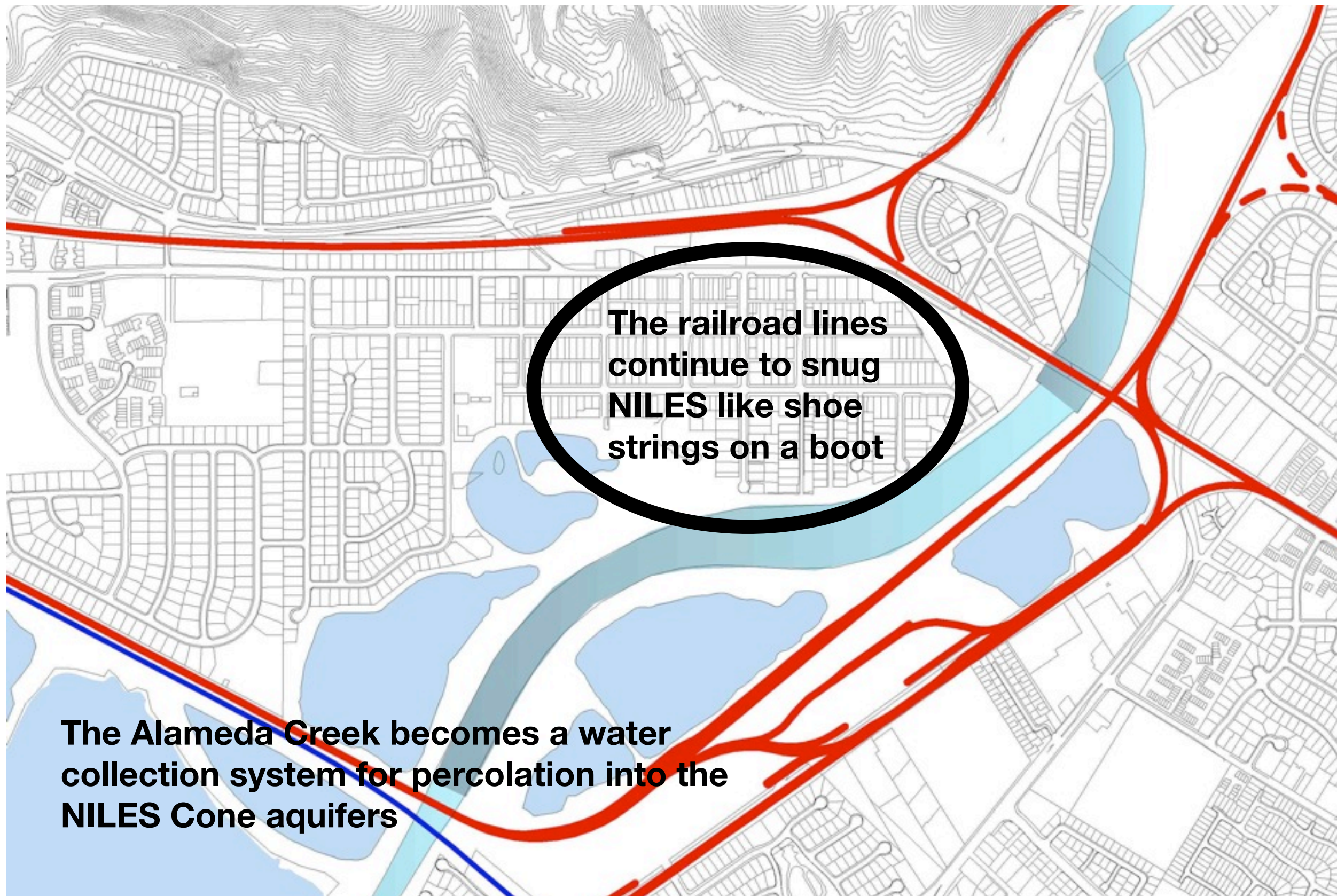


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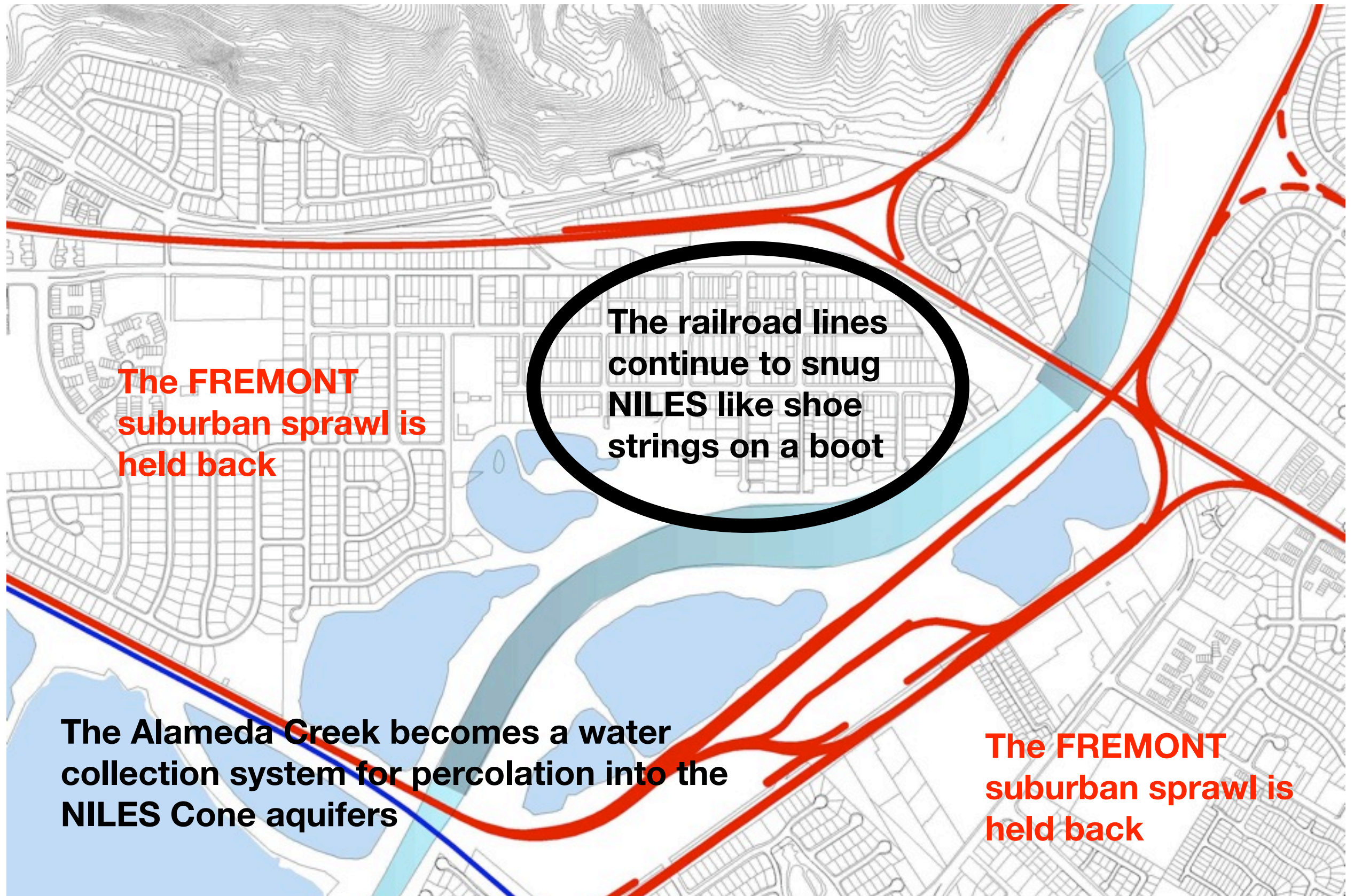
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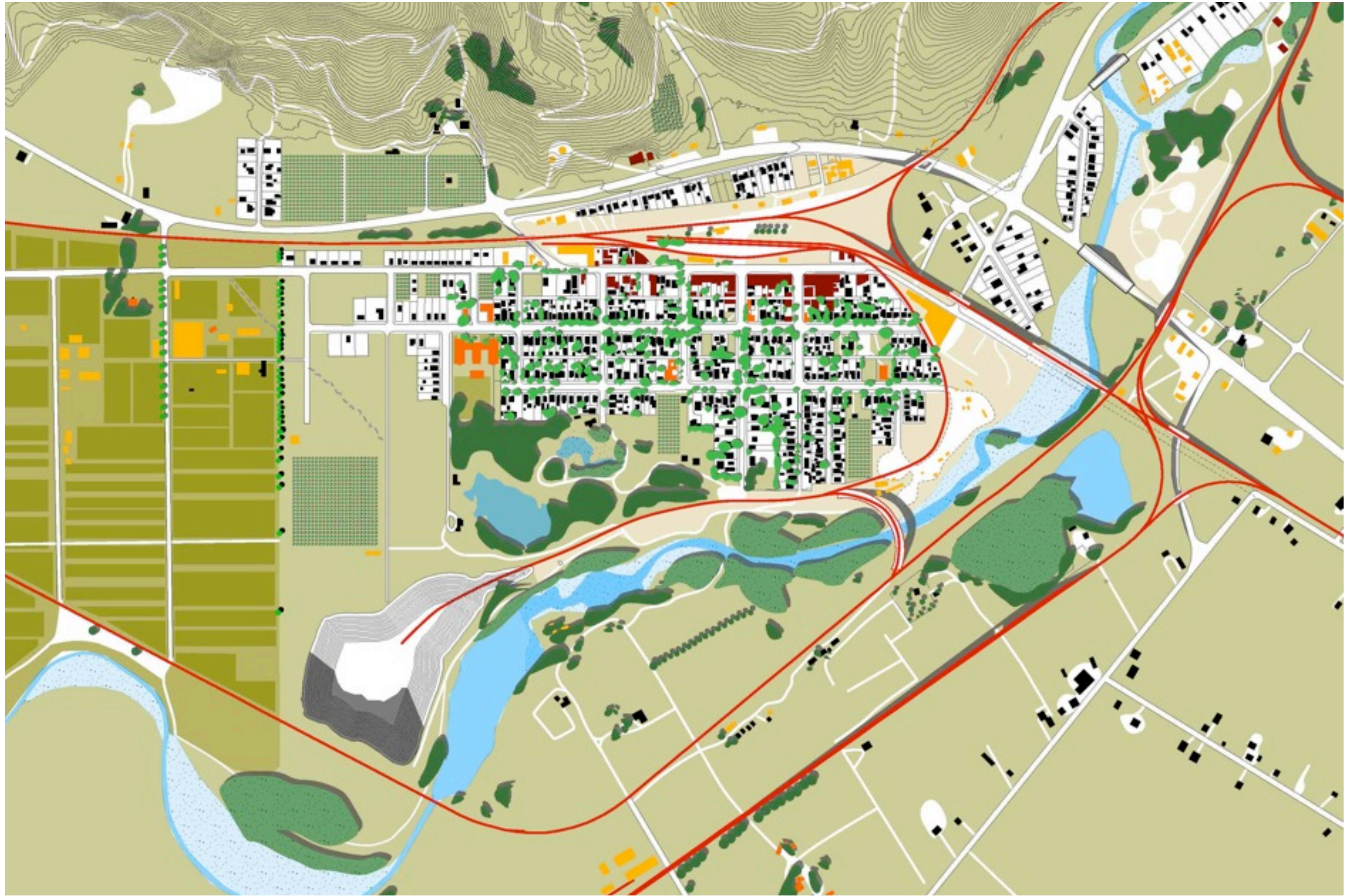
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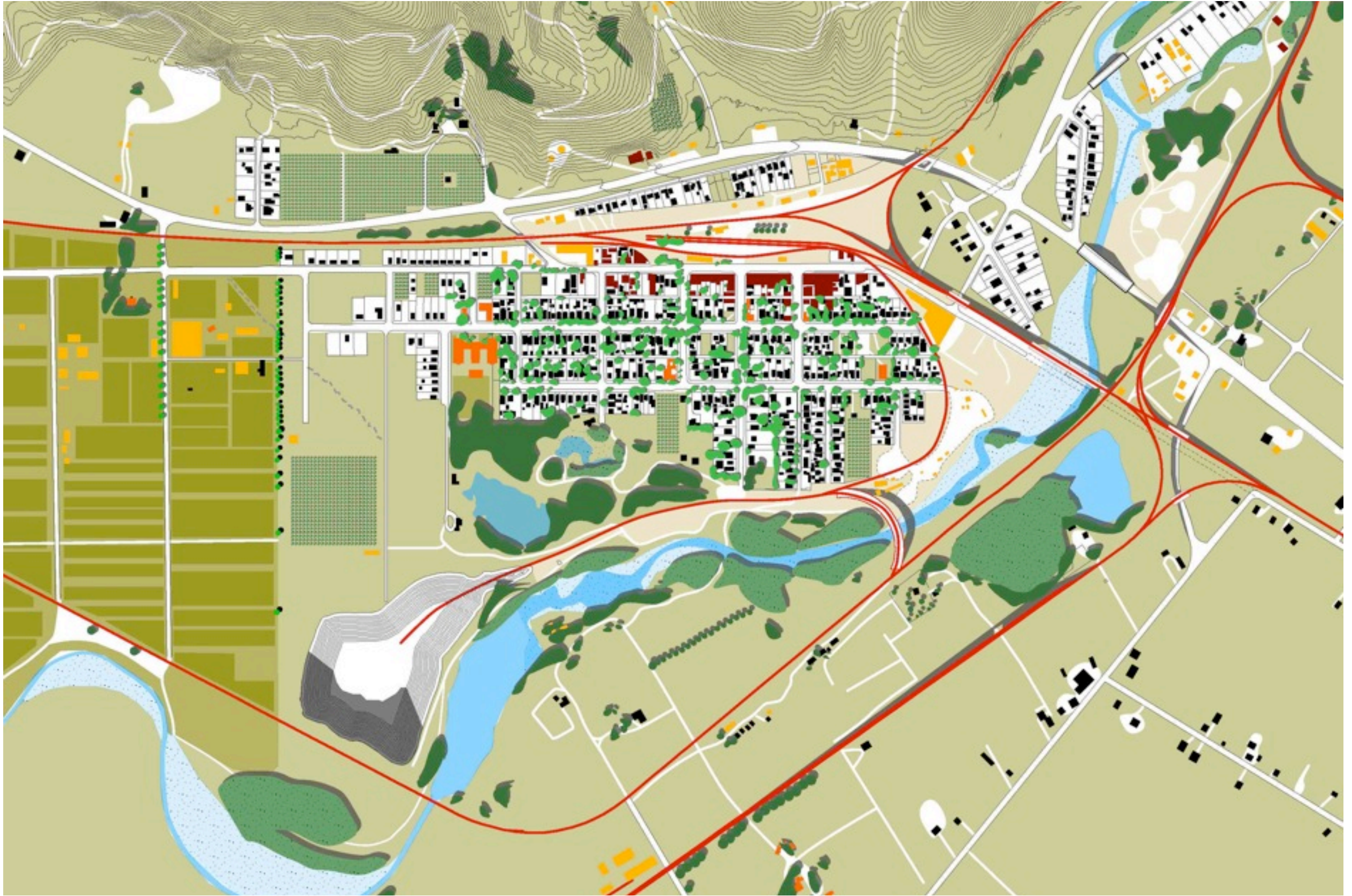
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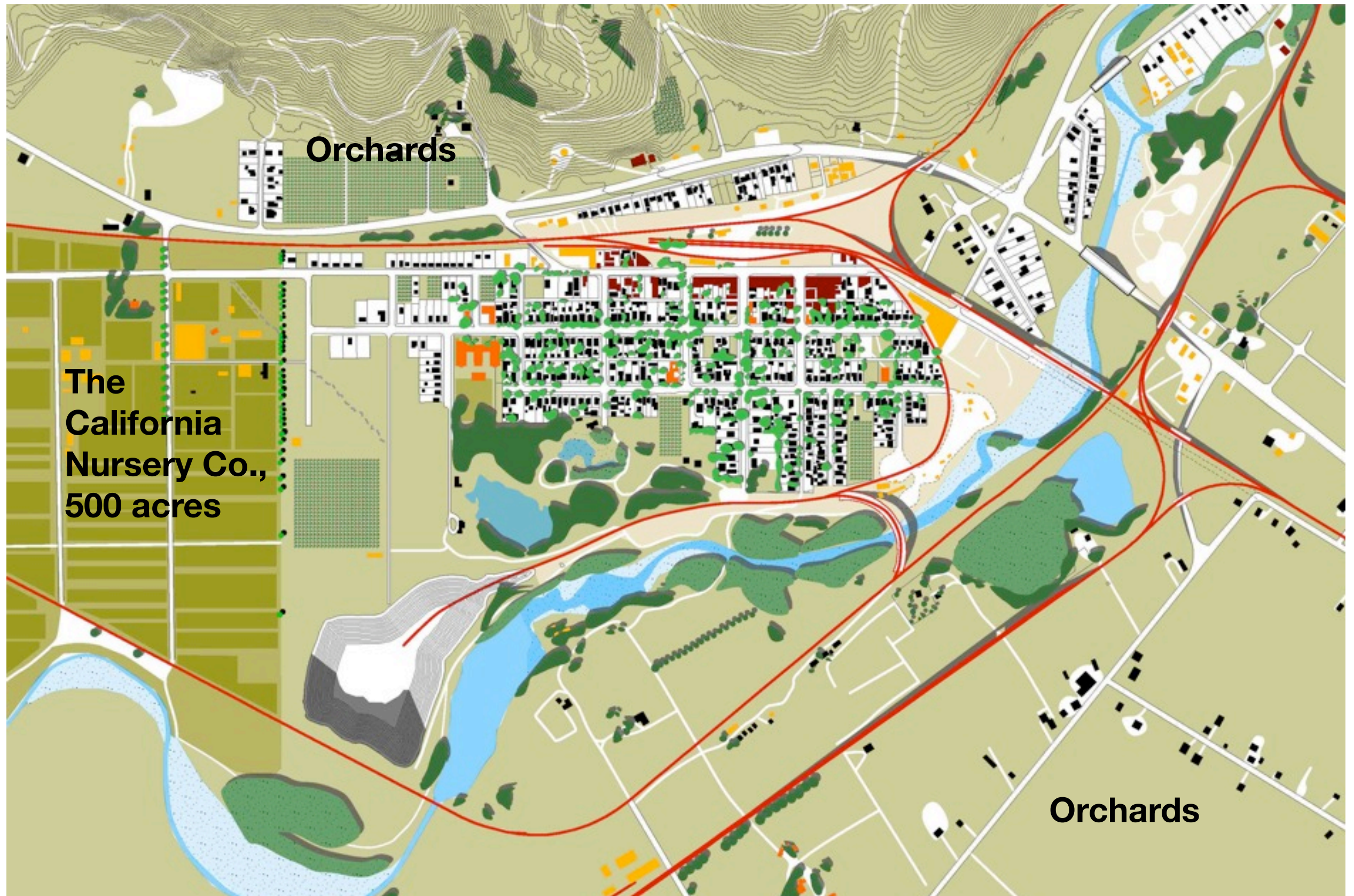


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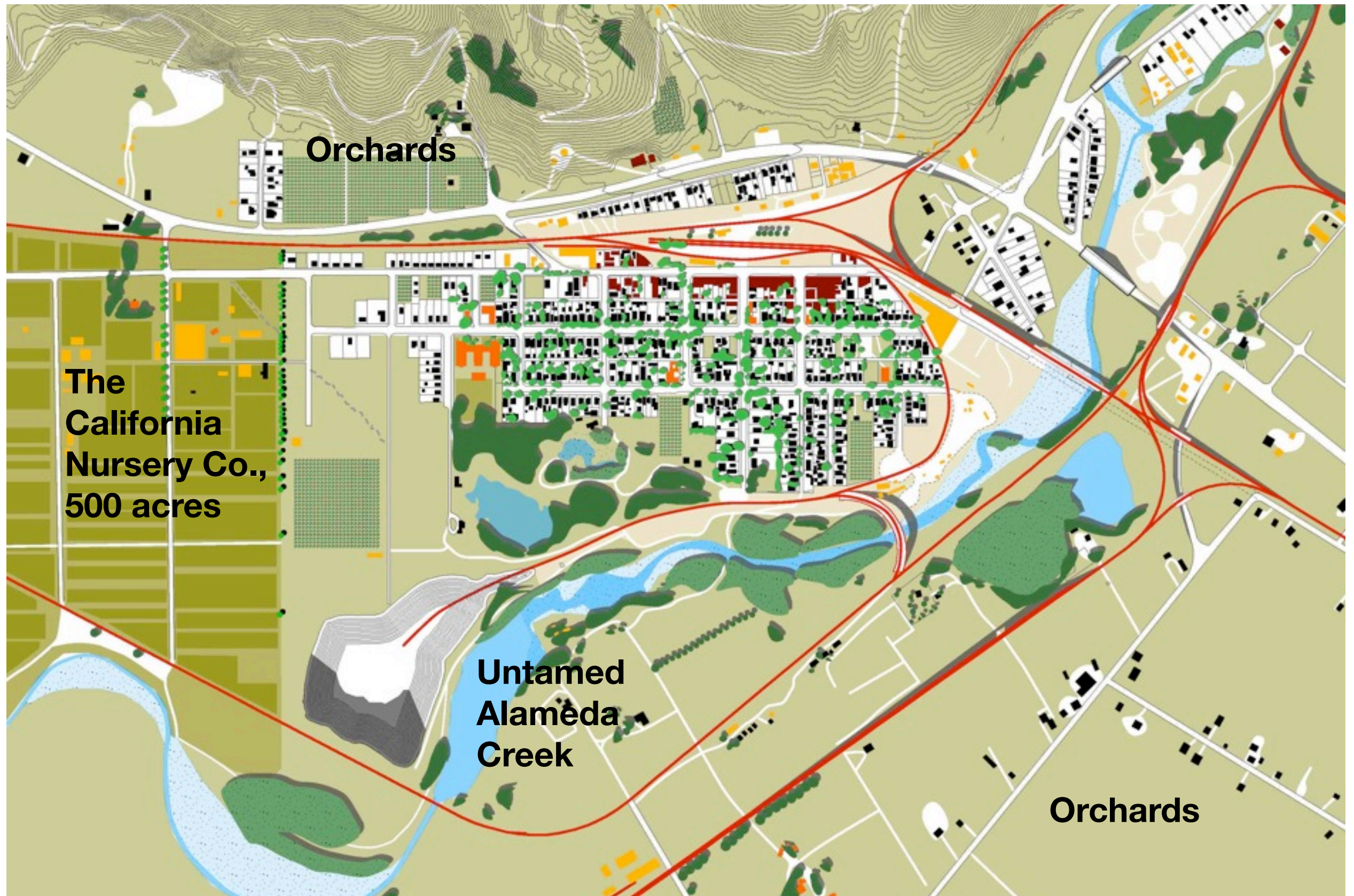


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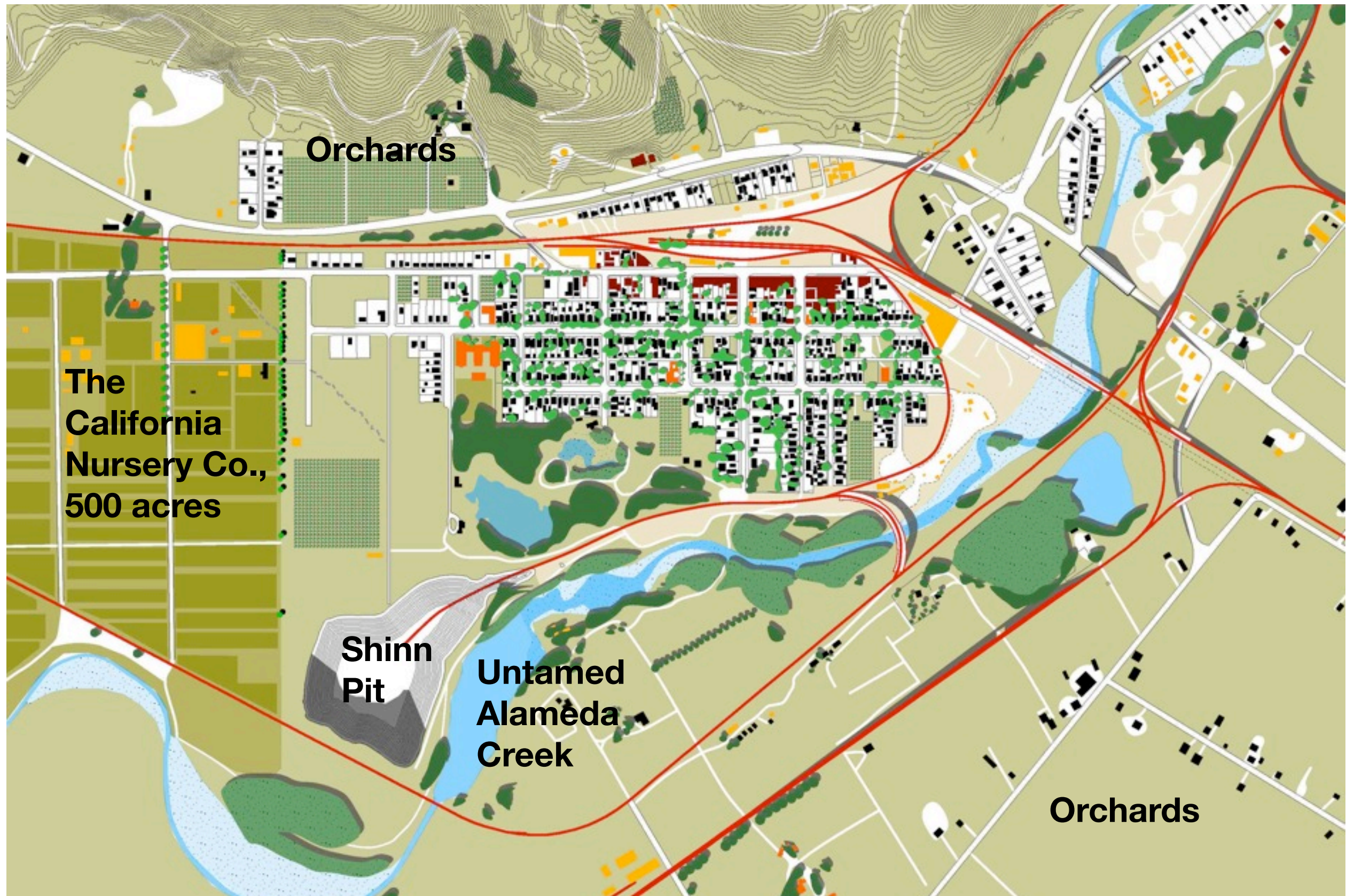
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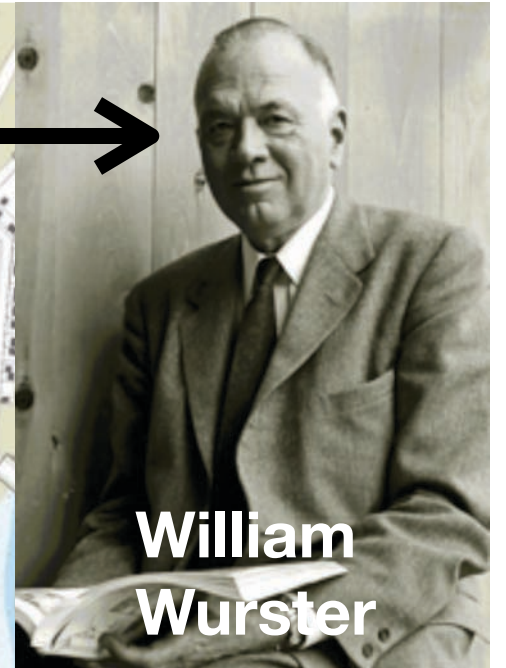


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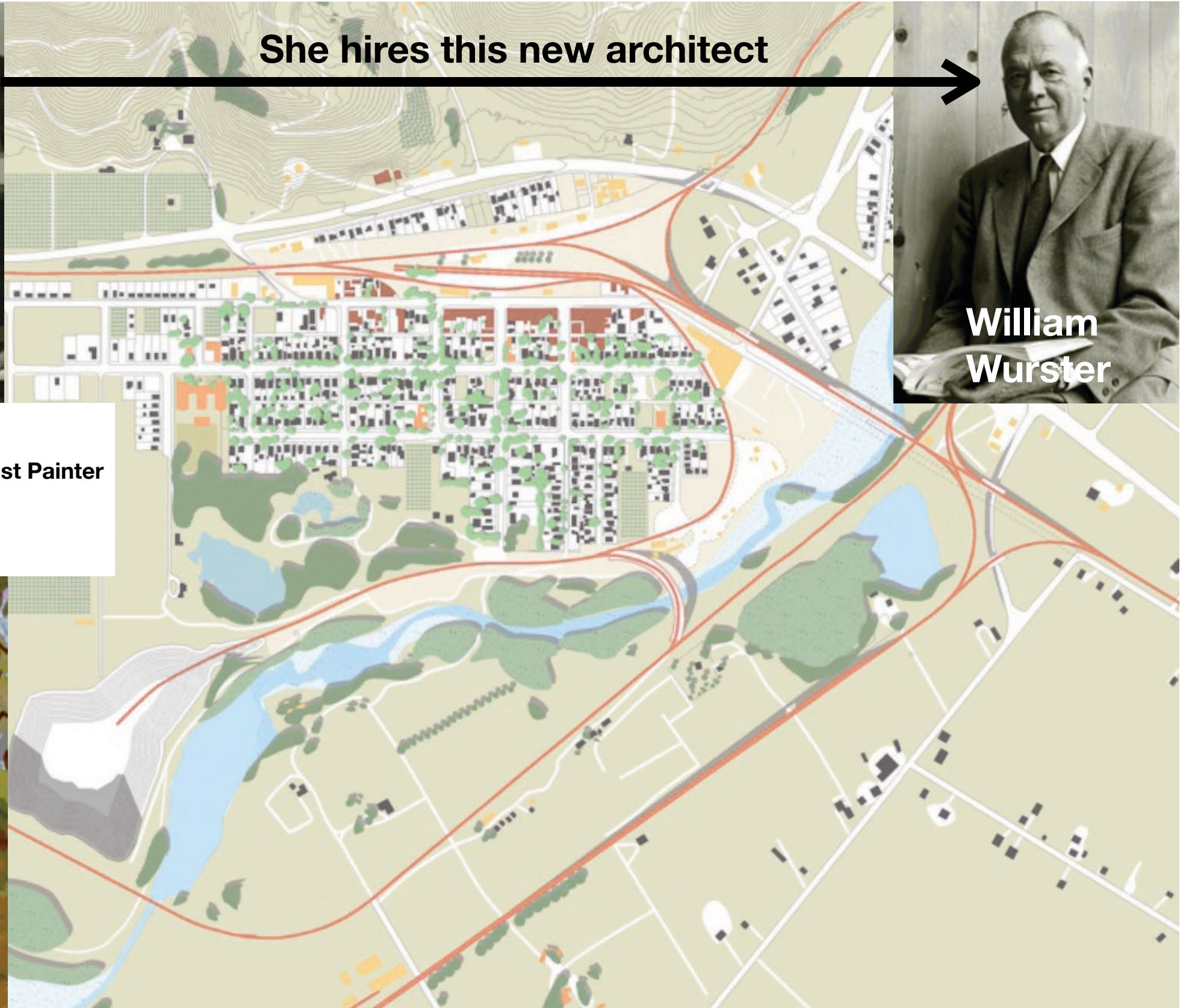
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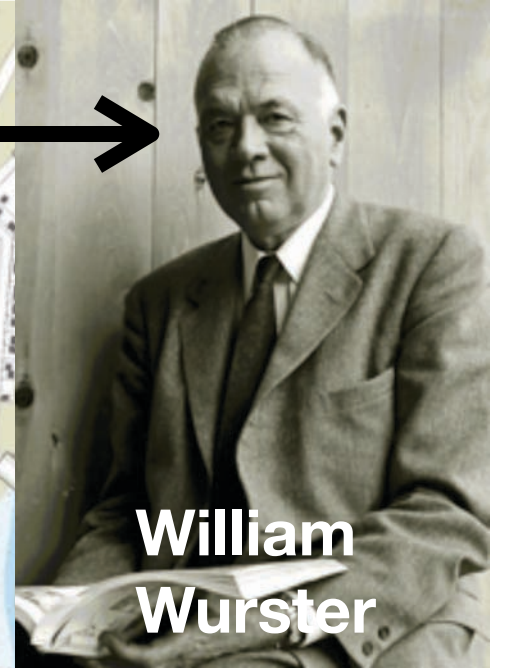
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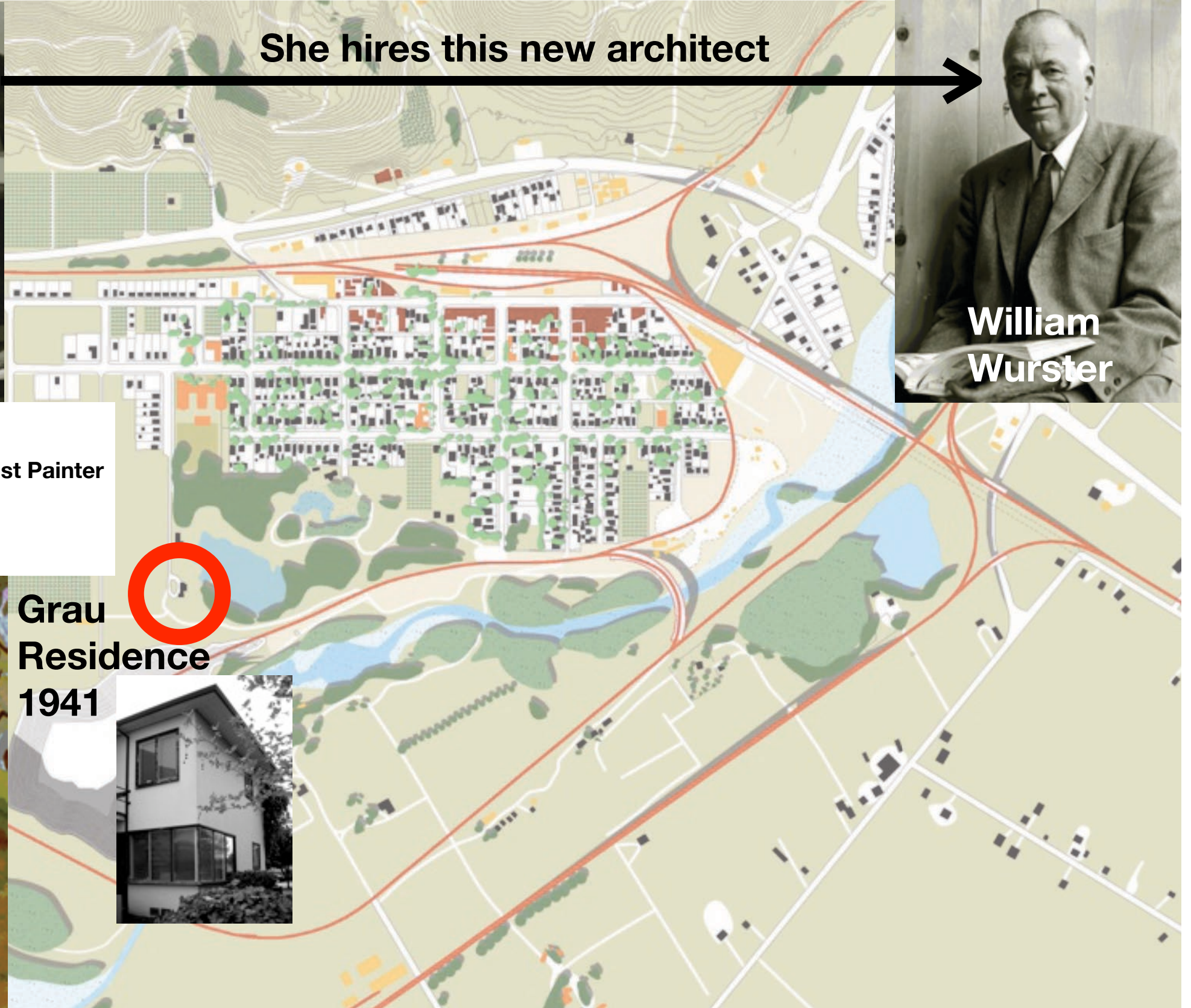
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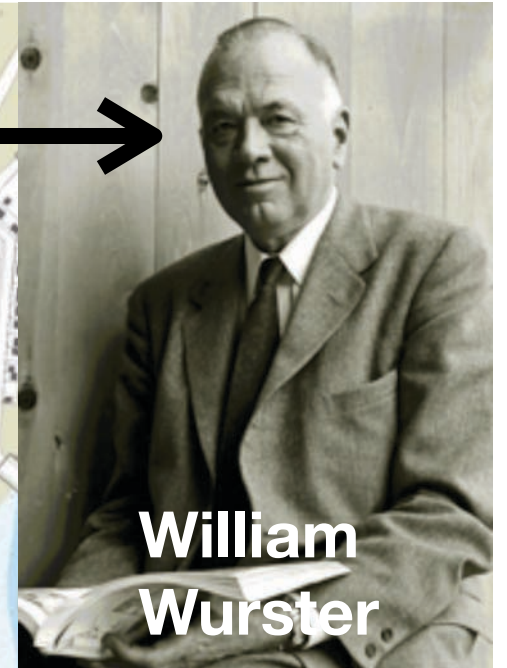
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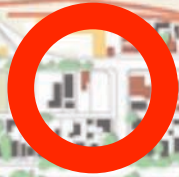
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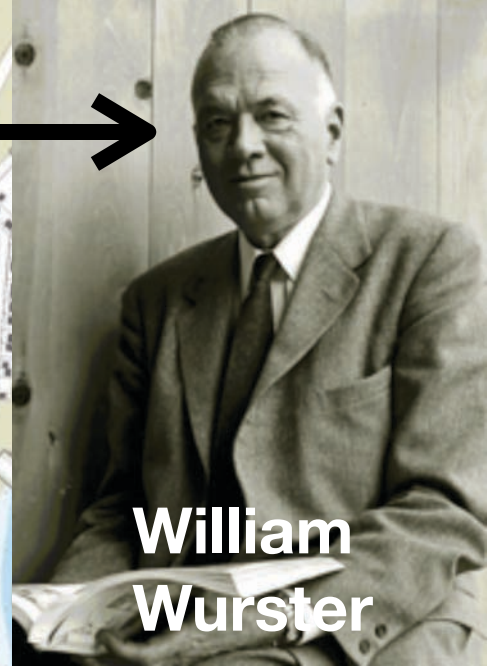


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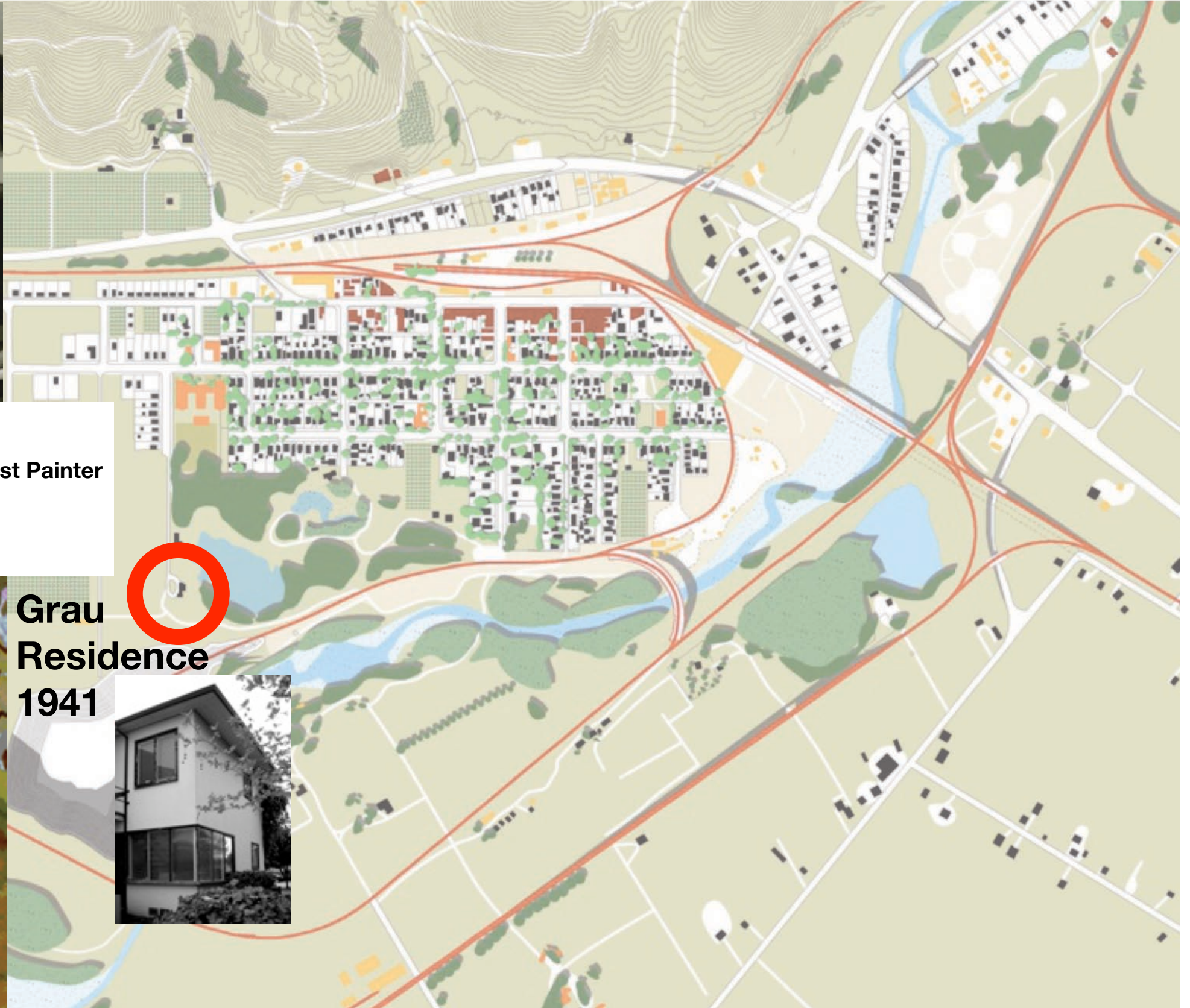


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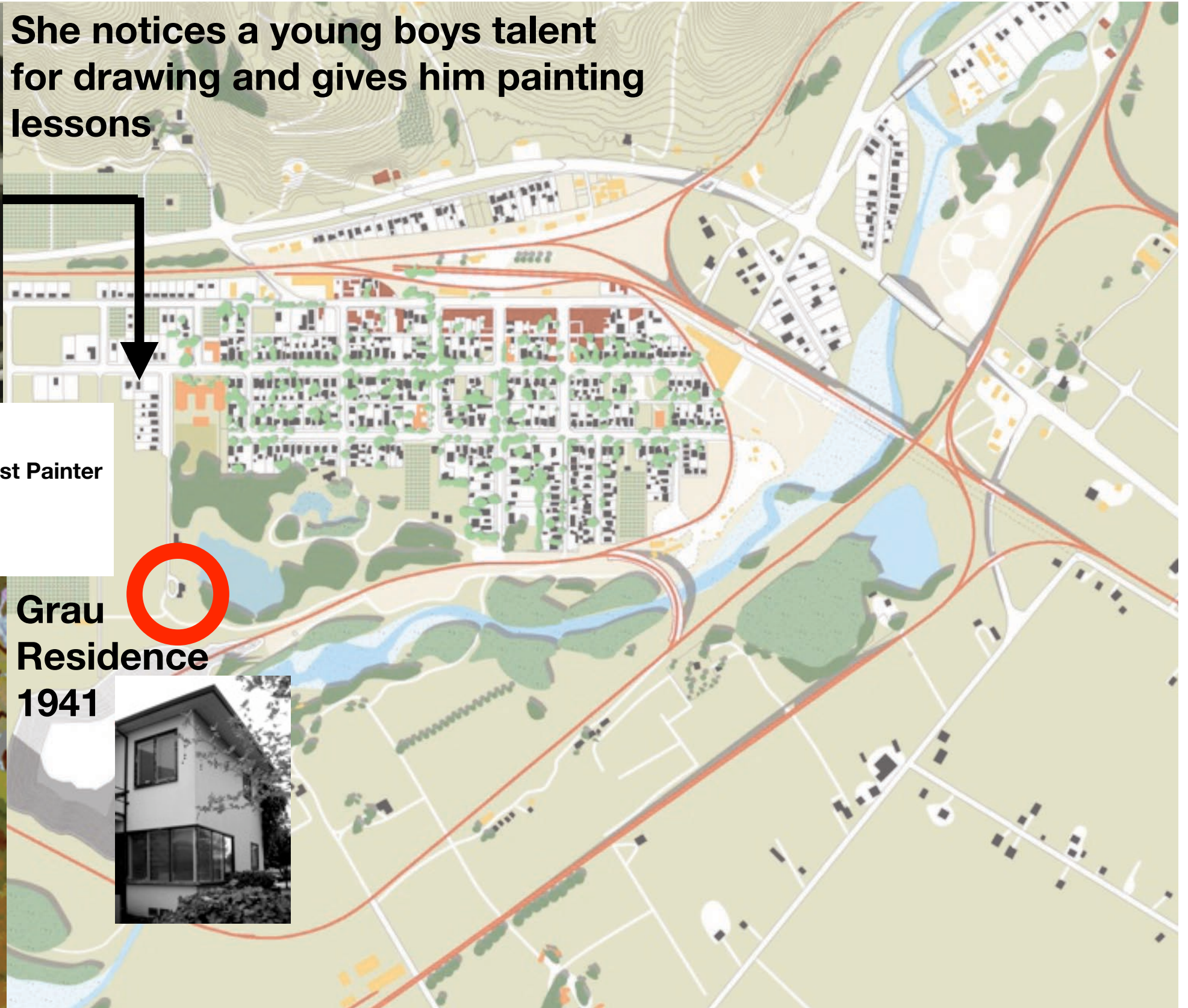
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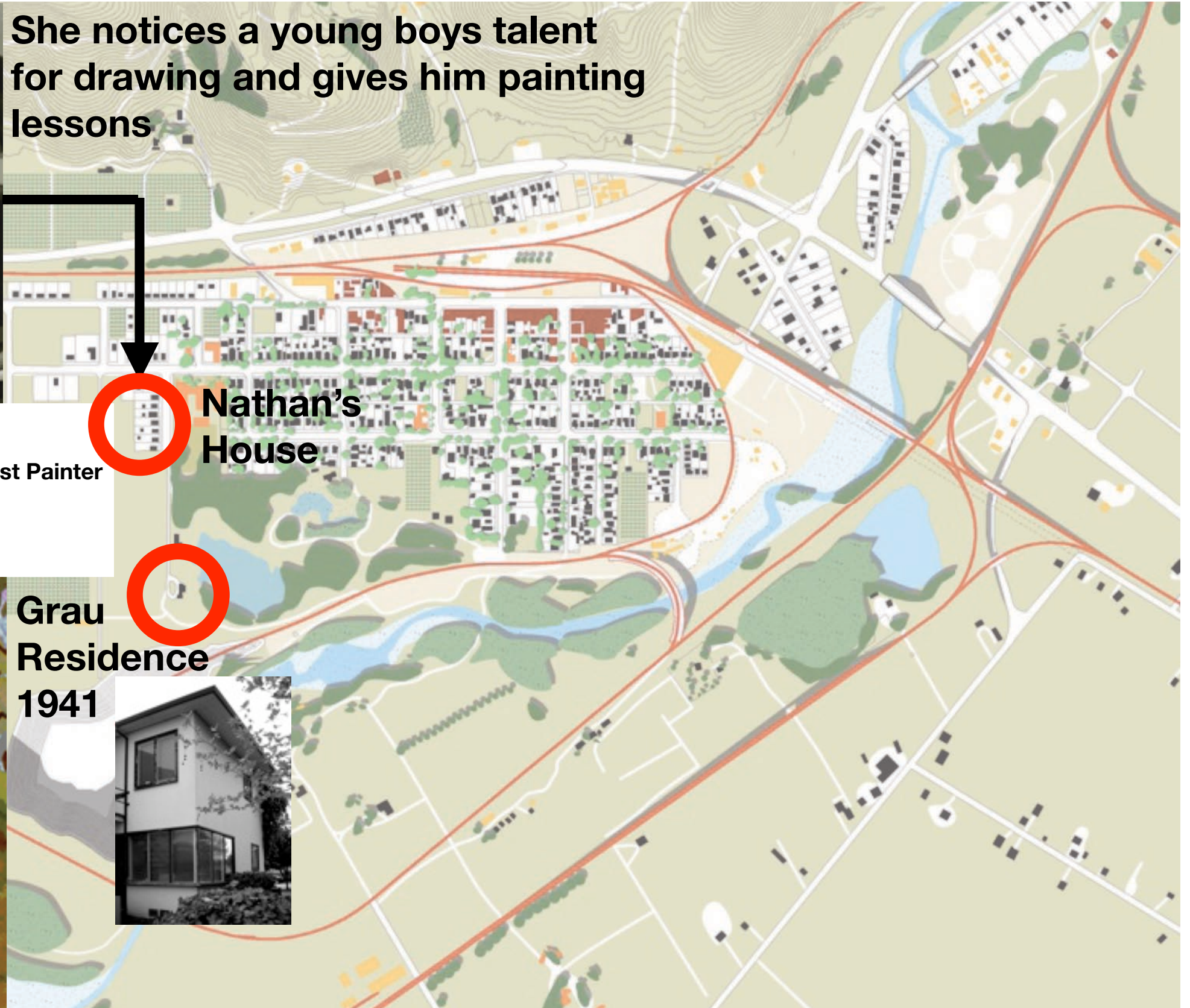
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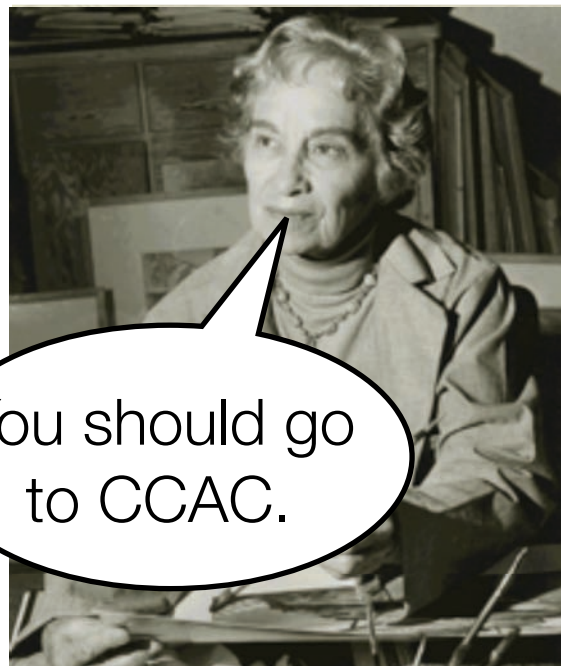
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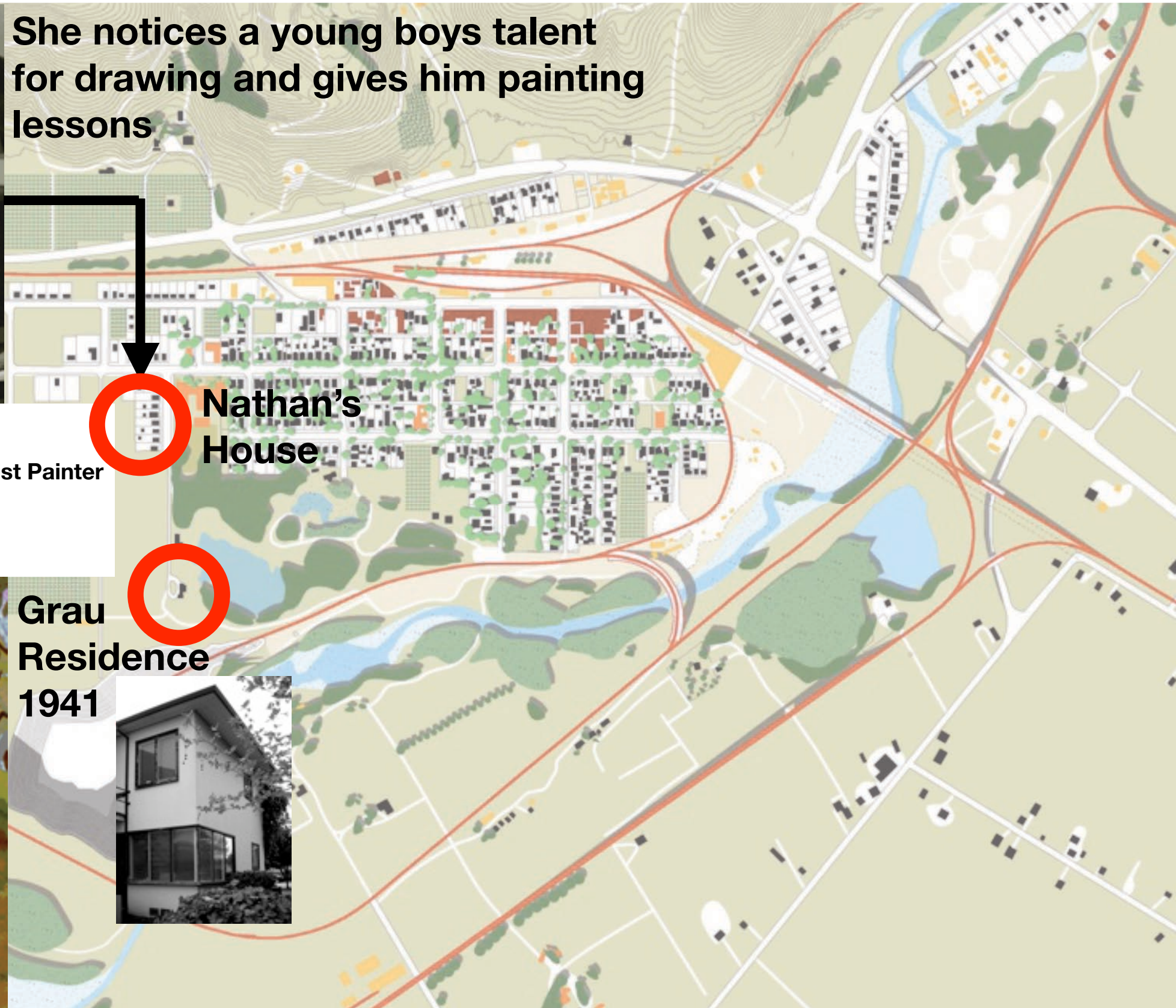
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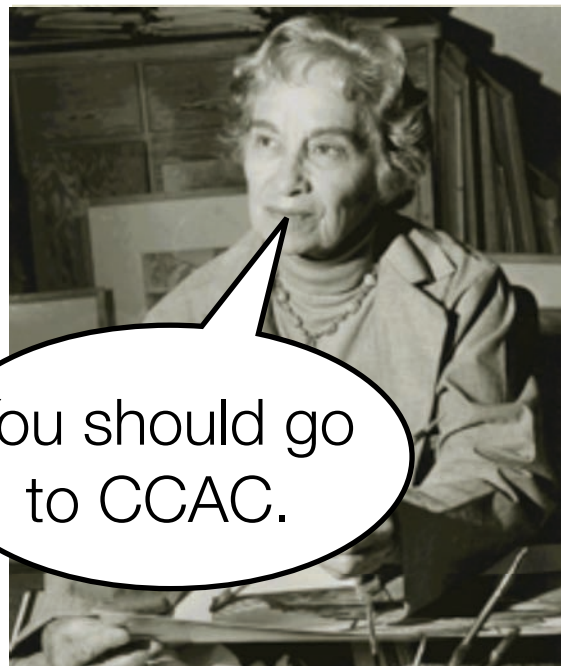


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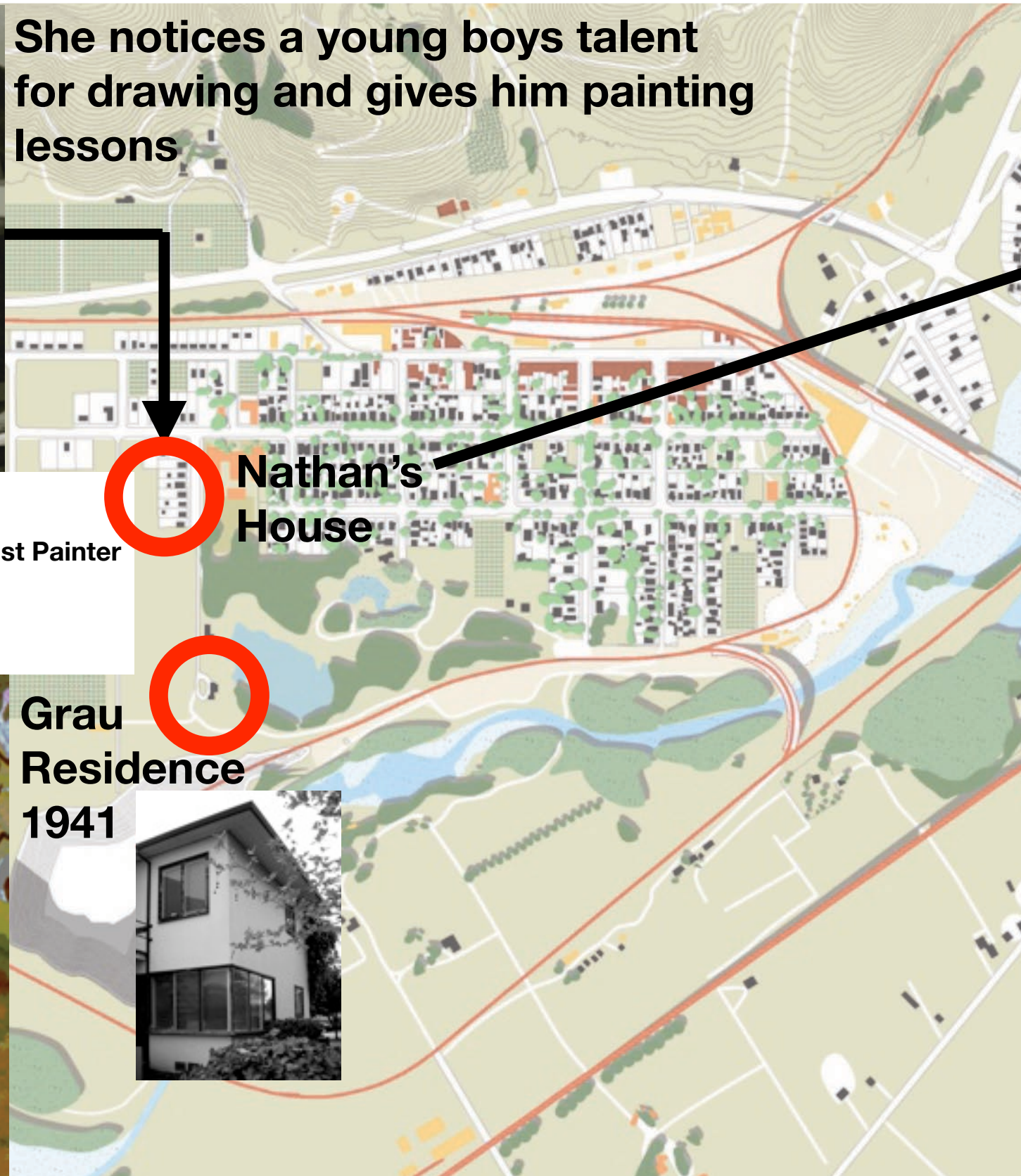


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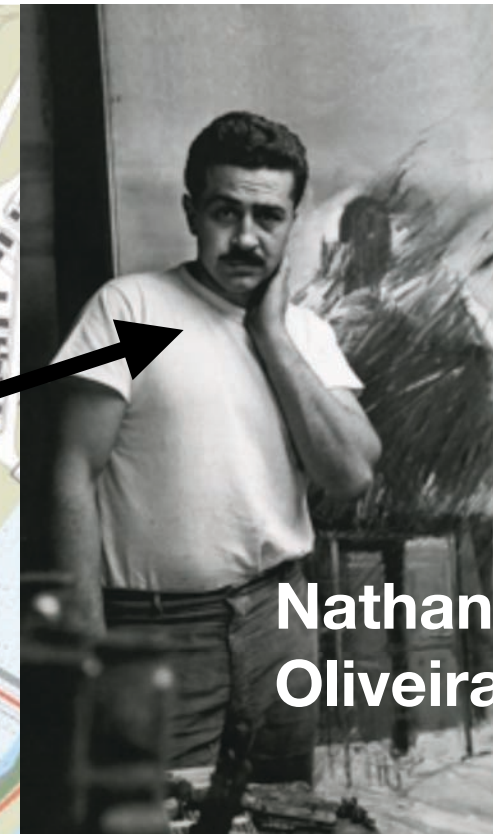
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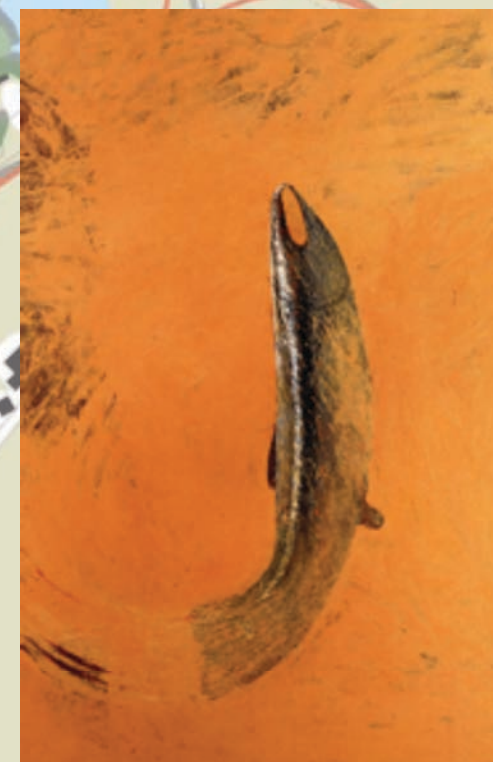


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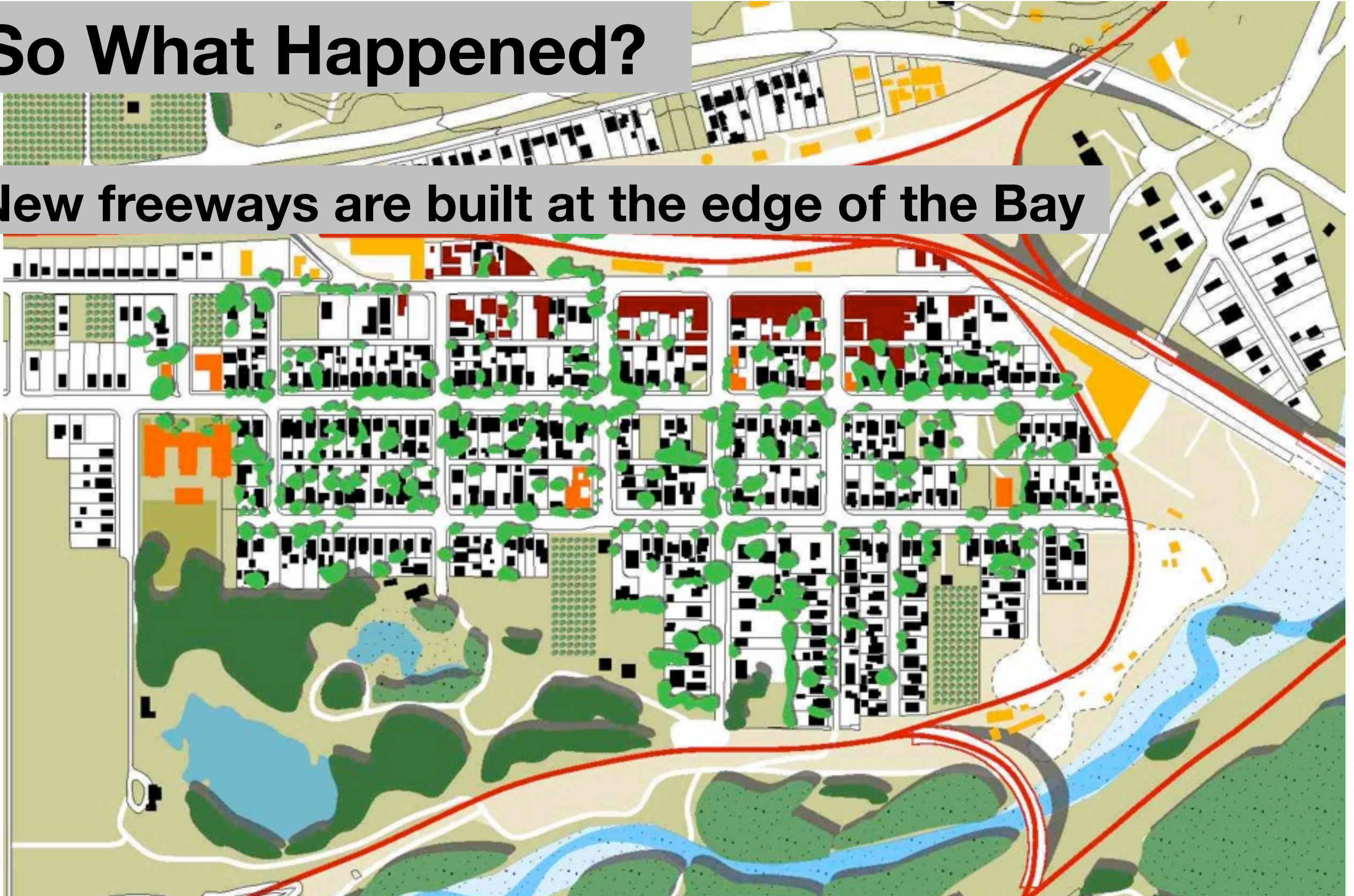
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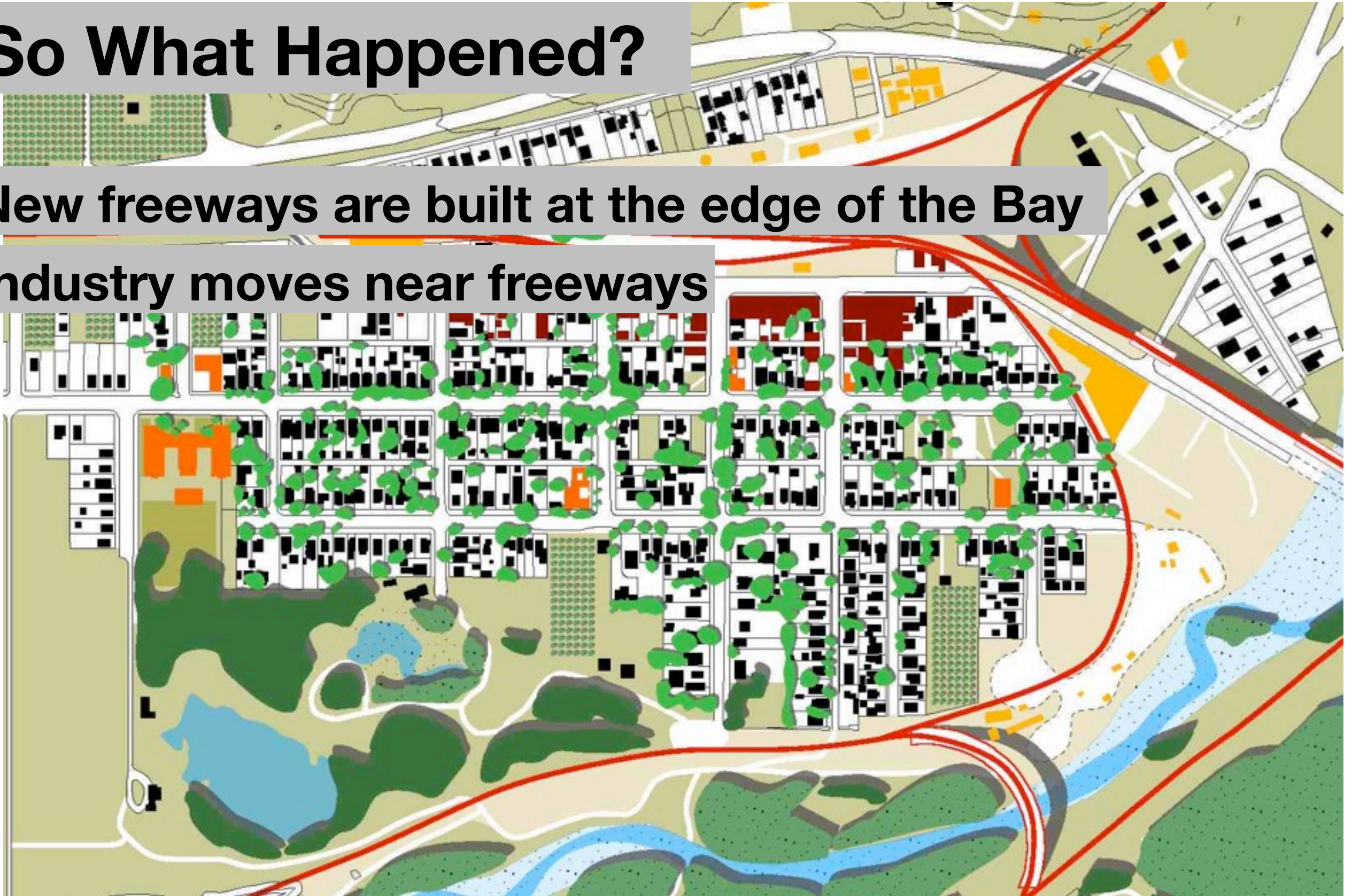


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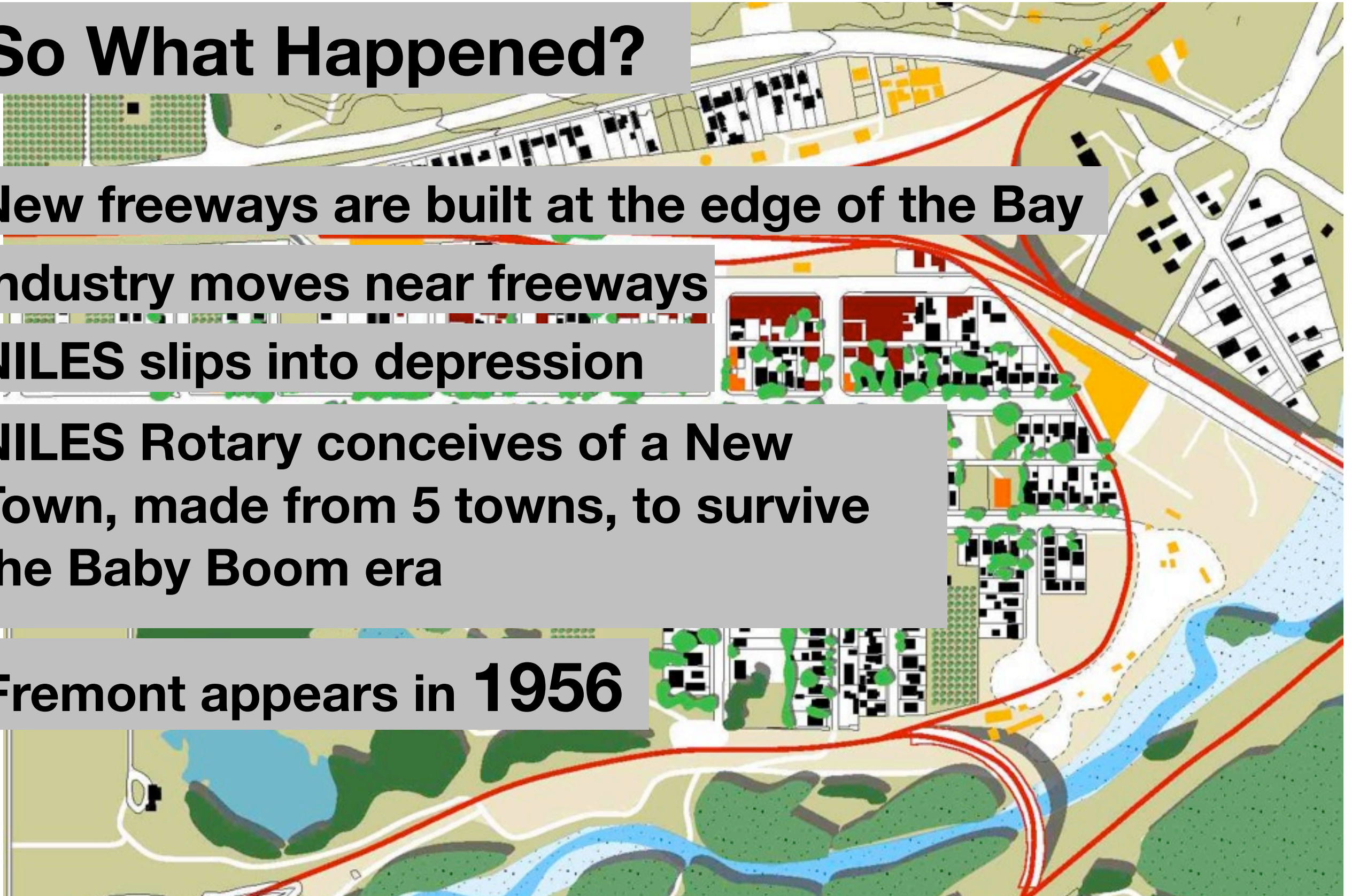
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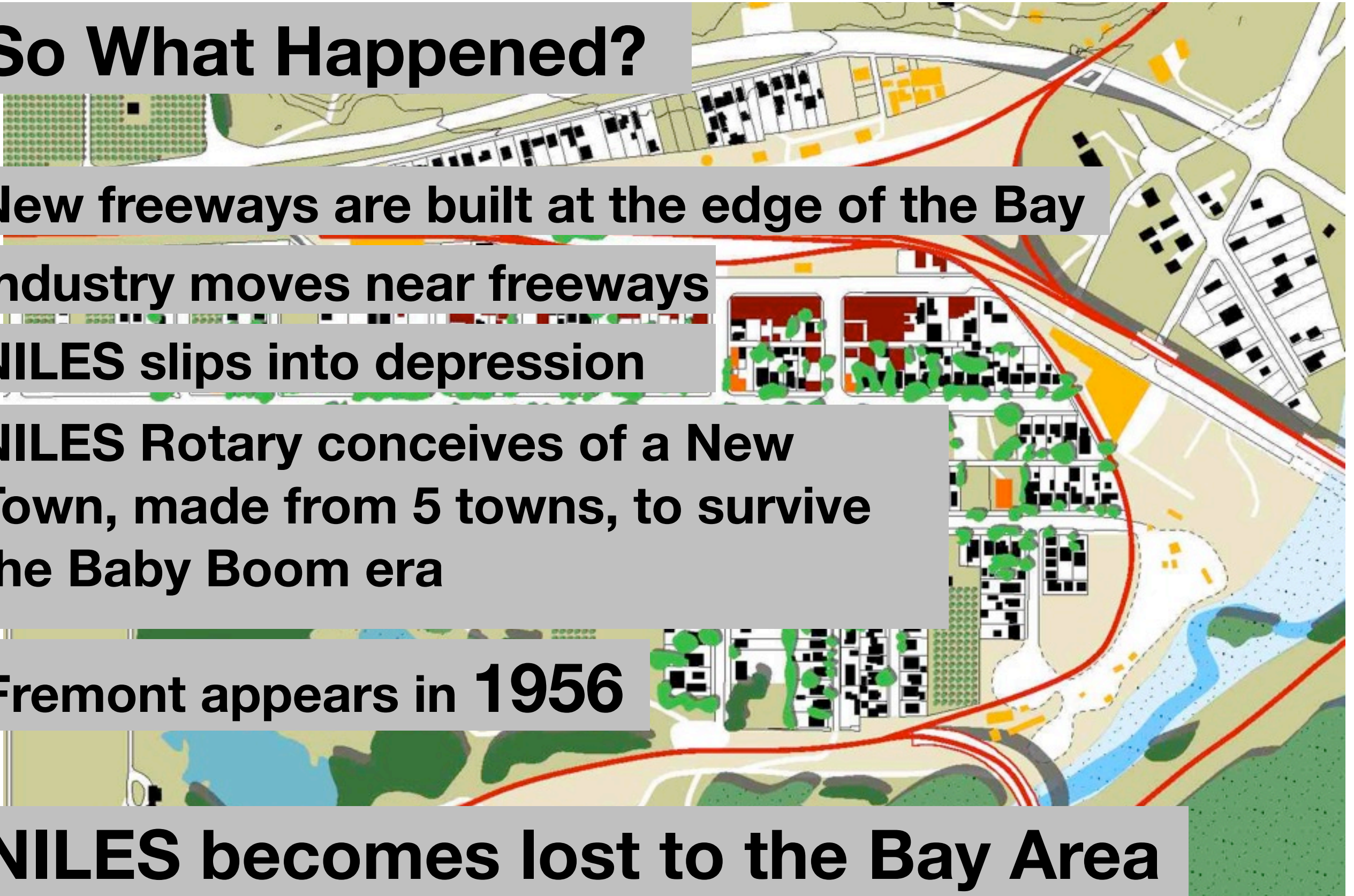
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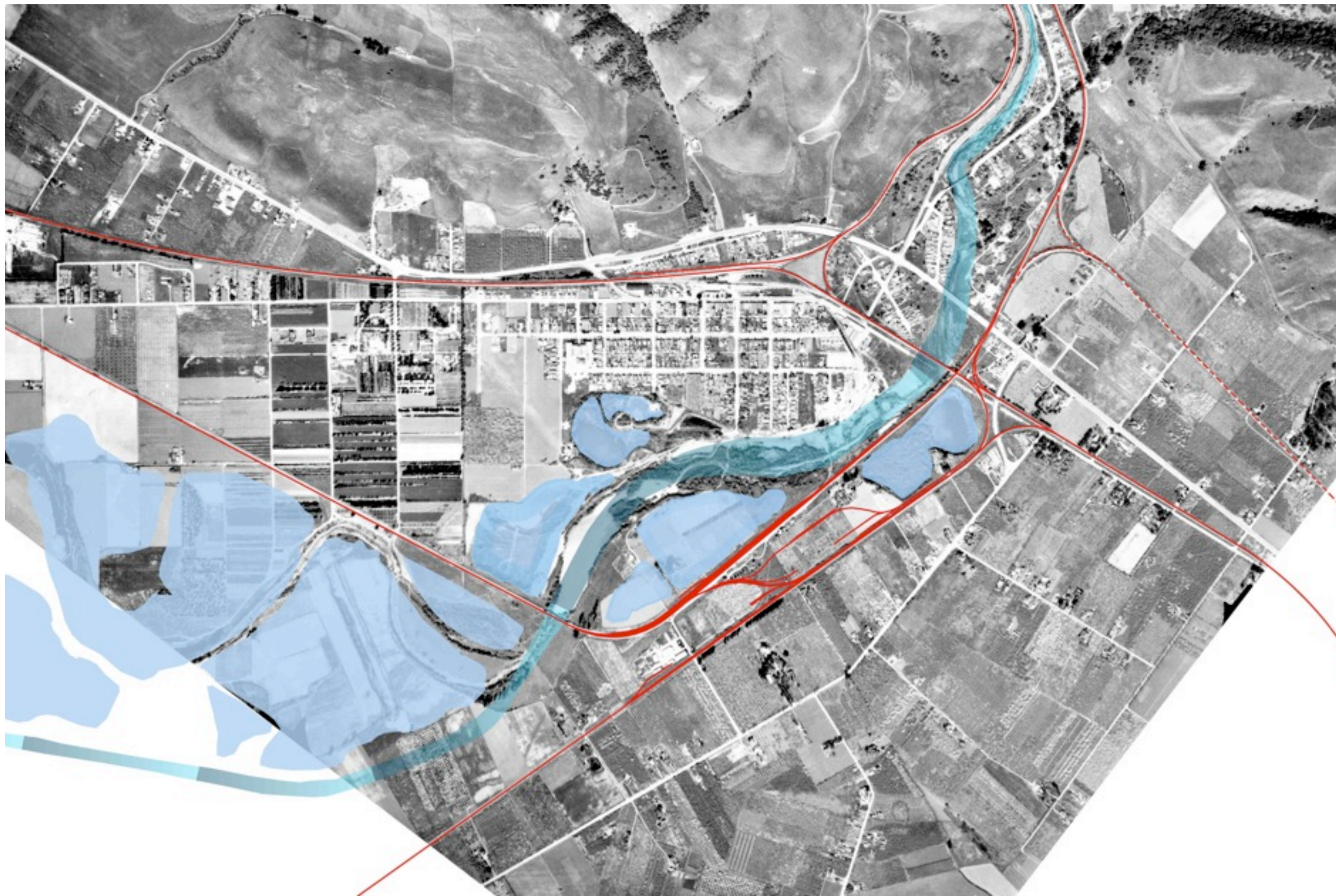




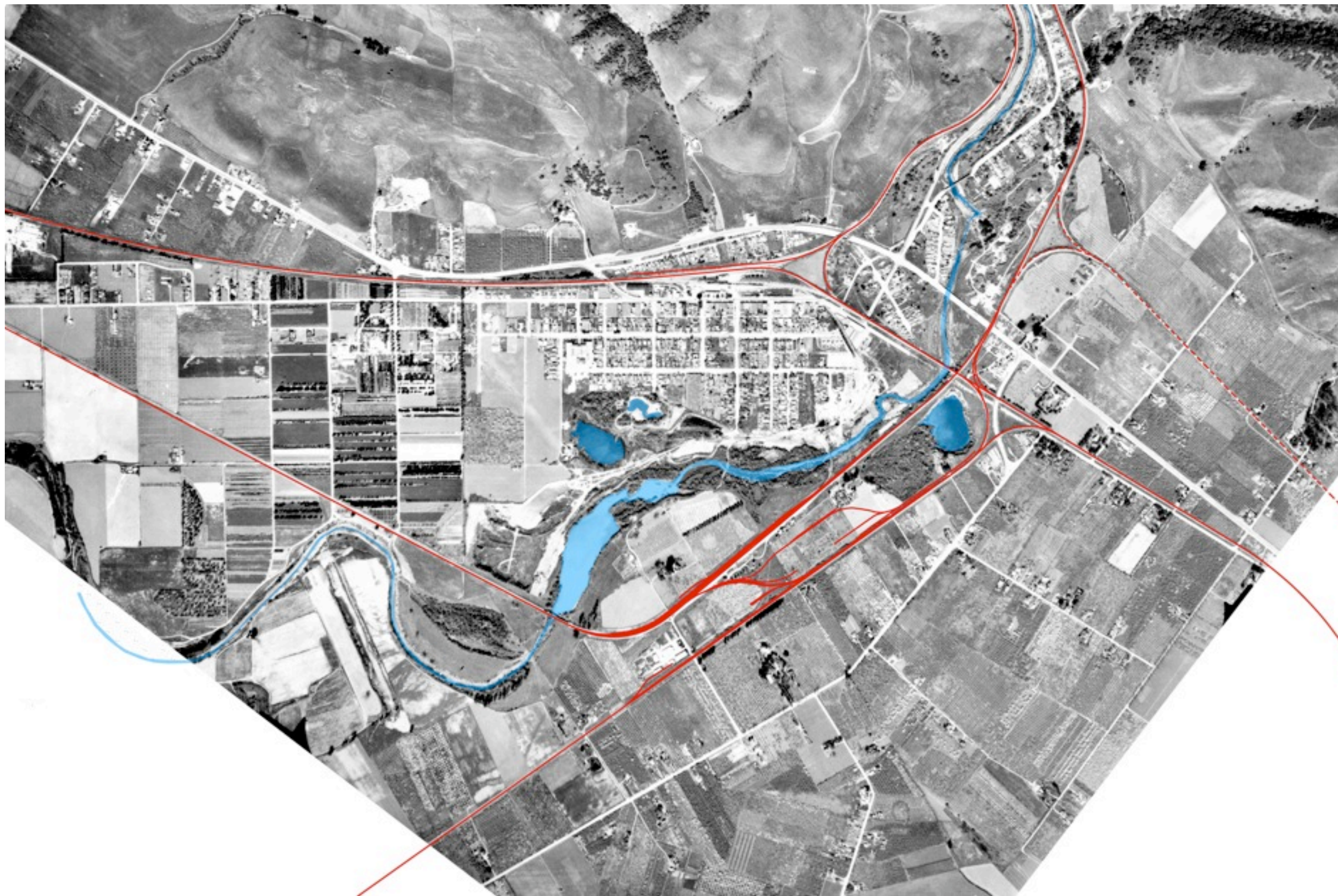
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NILES 2008 with Alameda Creek over **1947** Photo



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- Railroad Sites**
1. 1860 Western Pacific, Ferried to San Jose
 2. 1860 Central Pacific, later transcontinental connection
 3. 1876 North South Connector at Niles, Central to San Jose
 4. 1898 Central Valley Line (Freight), connects Sacramento to Oakland
 5. 1910 Western Pacific Line
 6. 1921 Western Pacific, San Jose Branch Connector
 7. Grand Square Spur
- Niles Station**
8. Freight Building, 1879
 9. Passenger Depot (original report, built 1901, renovated 1921)
 10. Station Master's Residence
 11. Building Tower, ca. 1912
 12. Water Tower
 13. Worker Housing Area
- Landmarks**
14. Olive Lane, Farm Labor Housing from Olive Farms & Calf. Nursery Co.
 15. Olive Canyon Road, made 61 mile segment 1927
 16. Pan-Pacific Exhibition Place (replanting of the California Nursery Co., acquired 1910)
 17. Sullivan Underpass, built 1939
- Industry & Agriculture**
18. Asphalt Plant
 19. Associated Oil Company (Paving & Gasoline), est. 1920
 20. California Nursery Co. Office, built 1930s, Spanish Revival alterations 1950s
 21. California Nursery Co. Lab House
 22. Olive Landings Area
 23. Kraftite Manufacturing Plant, est. 1928
 24. Schuck's Cannery Plant No. 1, est. 1935, redesigned 1947, burned, burned
 25. Olive's Grand
- Other Notable Buildings**
26. American Legion Memorial Building, built 1940
 27. The Bank of Alameda County, built 1928
 28. Belmont Hotel / Oldland Residence, est. 1884, redesigned 1913
 29. Court House, built 1910
 30. Church Memorial Library, built 1928
 31. Elworth Building (church, former), built 1928, Wythe, Stone & Olson Architects
 32. The Elworth Theater, est. 1913
 33. Olive Bank, est. 1935, built 1911
 34. Olive Elementary School, renovated 1912 from 1885 A.R.A. "Old Town", redesigned 1935 in line along buildings 1939
 35. Olive Jail (first building), built 1911
 36. Olive Post Office, renovated 1919
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 40. The Fulton Livery Stable, built 1930s
 41. The Olive Building / Jew's Center, built 1932
 42. The Commons Building, built 1935, second story removed in 1940s
- Churches / Civic Groups**
43. Niles Congregational Church, est. 1885, Tudor Style Church built 1911, burned 1935, Reformed Style Church built 1938
 44. Corpus Christi Church, est. 1885, American Gothic Style Church built 1932
 45. Niles Rotary Club, est. 1907, meetings held at the Belmont Hotel
- Monuments**
46. Dr. Gray Medical Office Building, built 1941 William Wurster Architect
 47. P.O. Hanson Lumber Company, built 1930
 48. International Kitchen, modernized dining house
 49. Wesley Hotel, est. 1907
- Residences**
50. Bull House, built 1935
 51. Quarter-Six House (corner of Jew's Center & Justice of the Peace), built 1935
 52. Blomquist Family Residence, built 1935
 53. Blomquist Cottage, built 1912
 54. Dr. Eugene & Ethel Gray Residence, built 1941
 55. Hoffman - Martin House, built 1935, renovated 1950s
 56. Landers House, (and Olive Court, Nursery Co.) built 1937
 57. The Randall Residence (first & last owner built 1930s)
 58. Frank Rose House (first & last owner built 1935, renovated 1950s)
 59. Rose Family Residence, built 1915
 60. Barker's Residence, built 1935, renovated 1935
 61. 1870s Depot Residence, renovated portion of original Niles Depot, became Niles First Library & in 1928 was moved & converted into a house
 62. Kraft Residence, concrete tile demonstration house

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NILES 1947 with 2008 suburbs & Alameda Creek