

## DES MOINES, 1937

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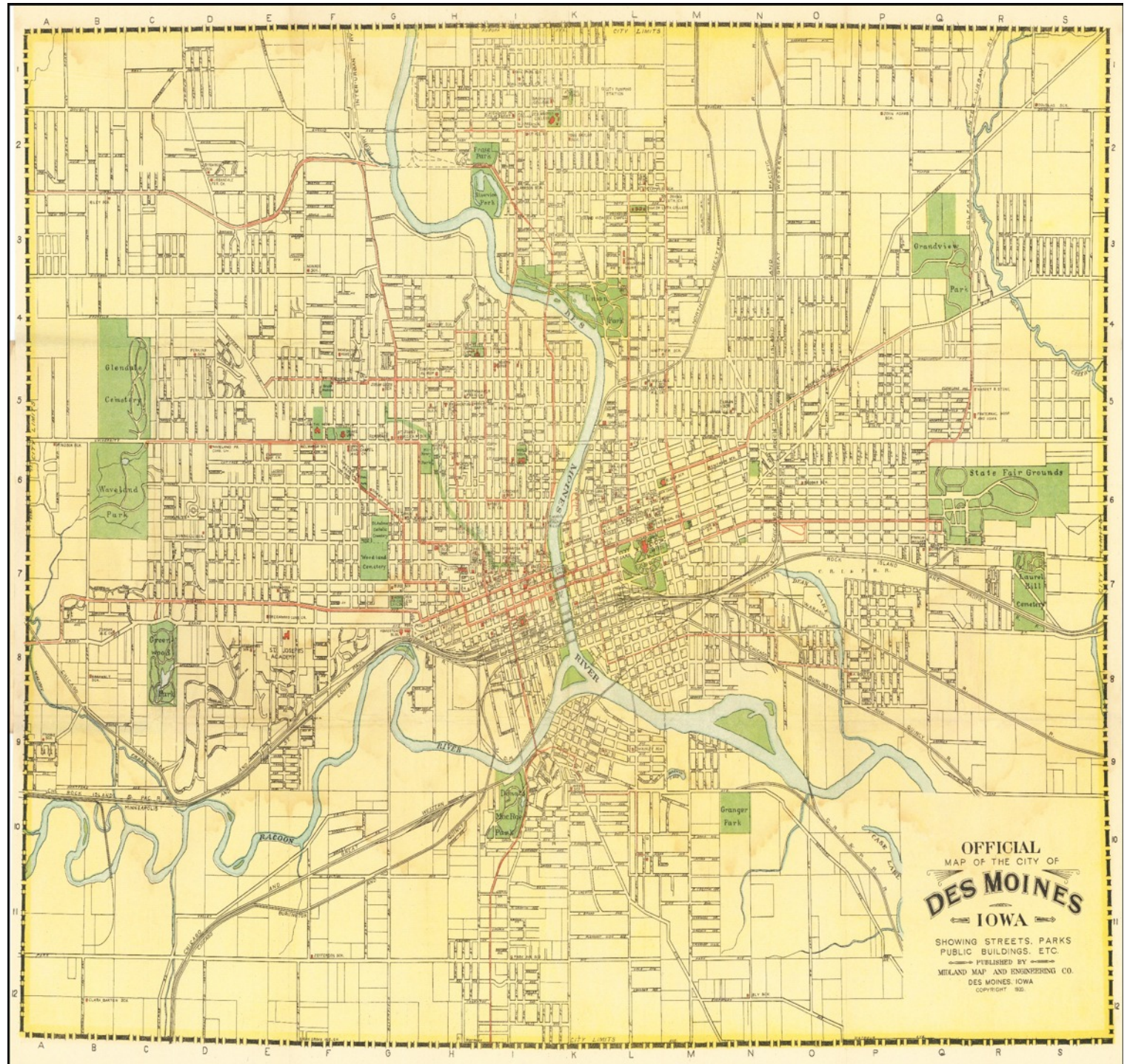
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### Overview

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Des Moines had a population of 142,000 people. A considerable sum considering its humble beginnings as a fort on the prairie. The city's namesake river divided the population in multiple ways.

#### West:

- Commercial hub
- Center Street or "Negro District"
- The Wealthy

#### East:

- Industry
- Redlight District
- The Capitol

#### North:

- Originally called "North Des Moines" it was its own city until Des Moines annexation spree in the 1890s.
- Also included additional streetcar suburbs known as the "parks" areas: Highland, Oak, and Union.

#### South:

- Italian Quarter or Sevastopol: Originally settled by Dutch, German, and Irish immigrants who worked in the local brewery and mining established in the 1850s. By the 1870s, Italians were introduced to the area bringing their culture and traditions. By the turn of the 20th Century, the original settlers had moved on and the city of Des Moines annexed the town as it did many others in the 1890s.
- The Southeast Bottoms; "The Bottoms": A very poor area of the city where nicer homes were intermixed with rentals, packing plants, a dump, and transients. Streets were unpaved.



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East

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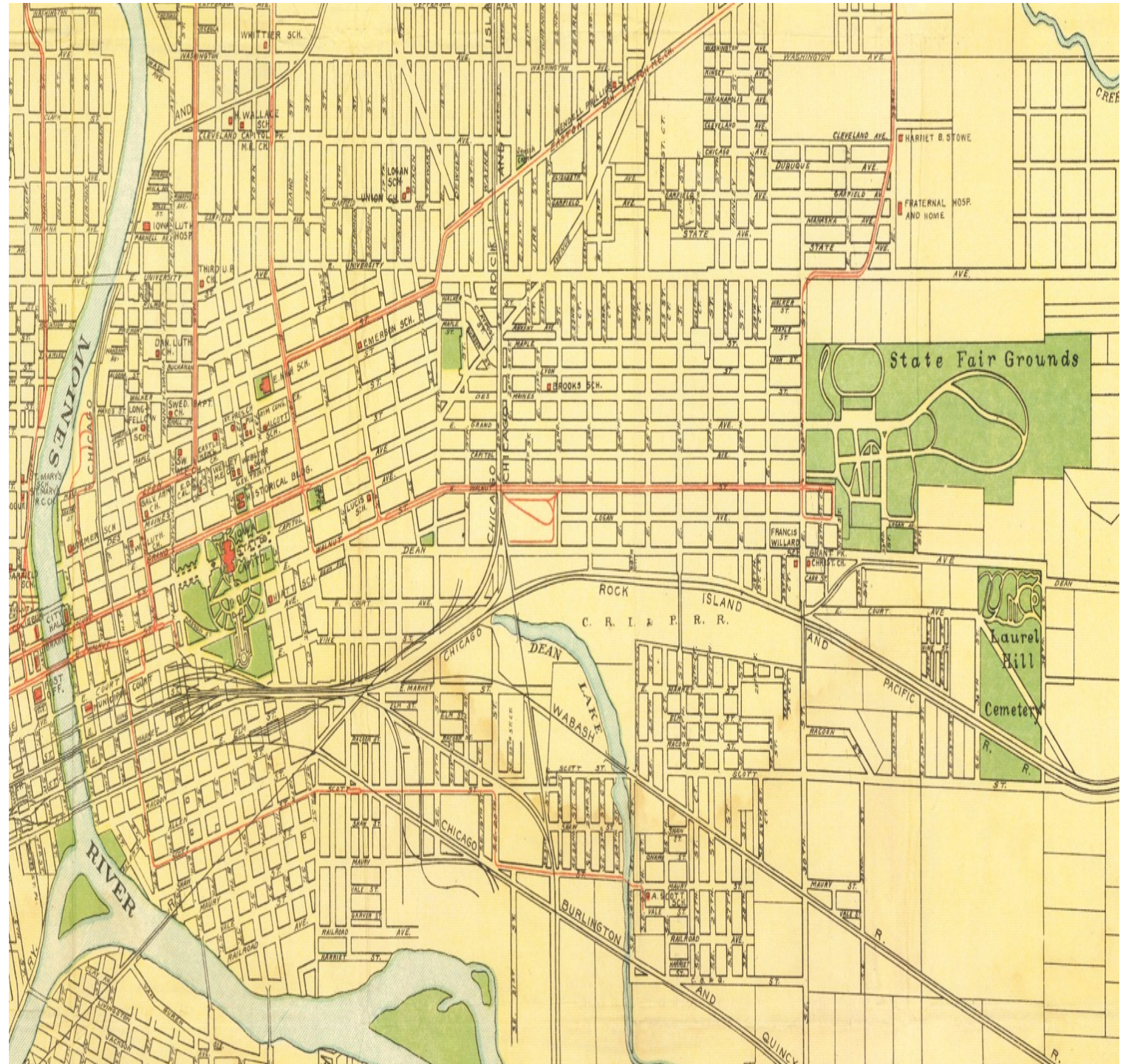
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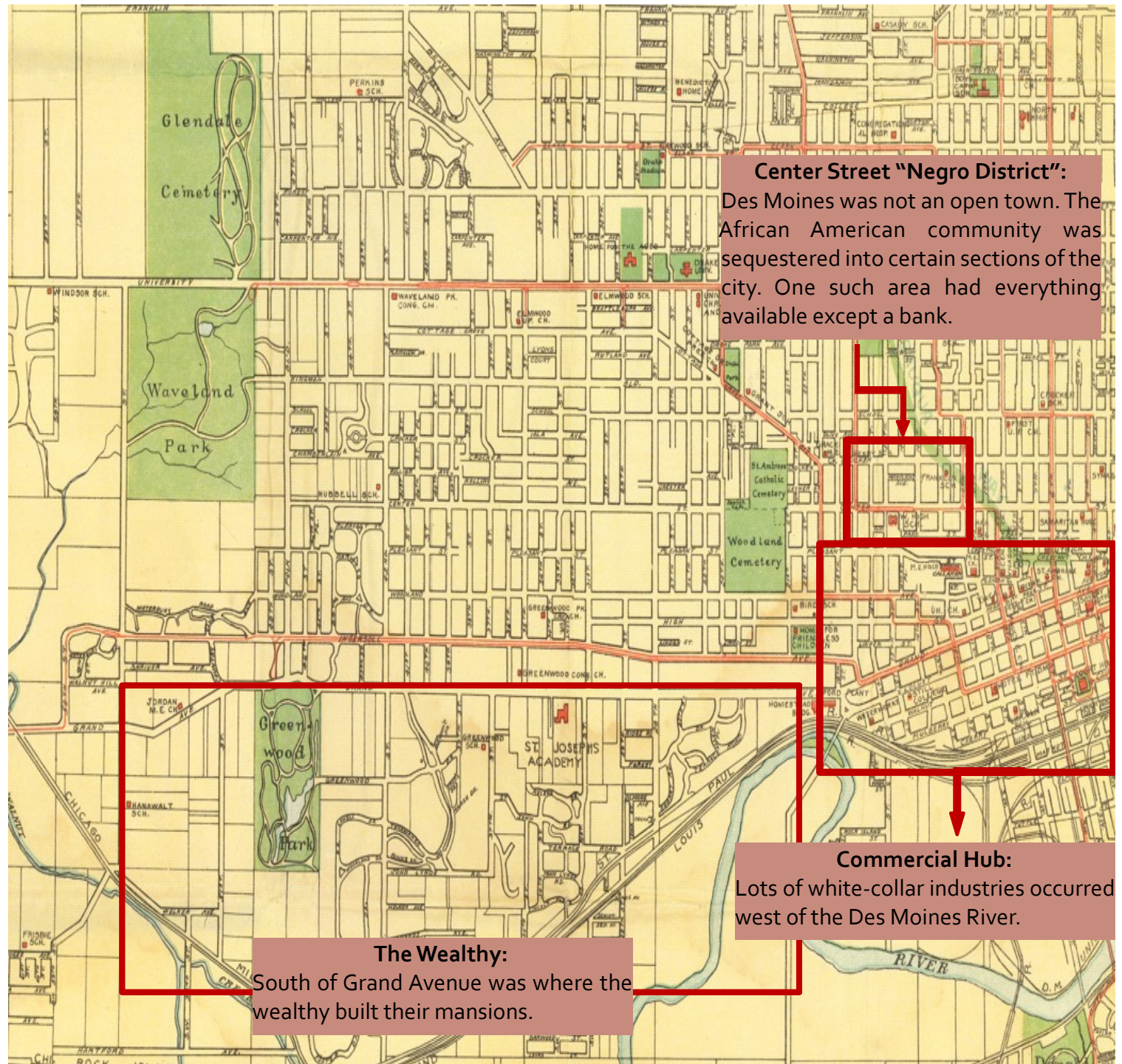
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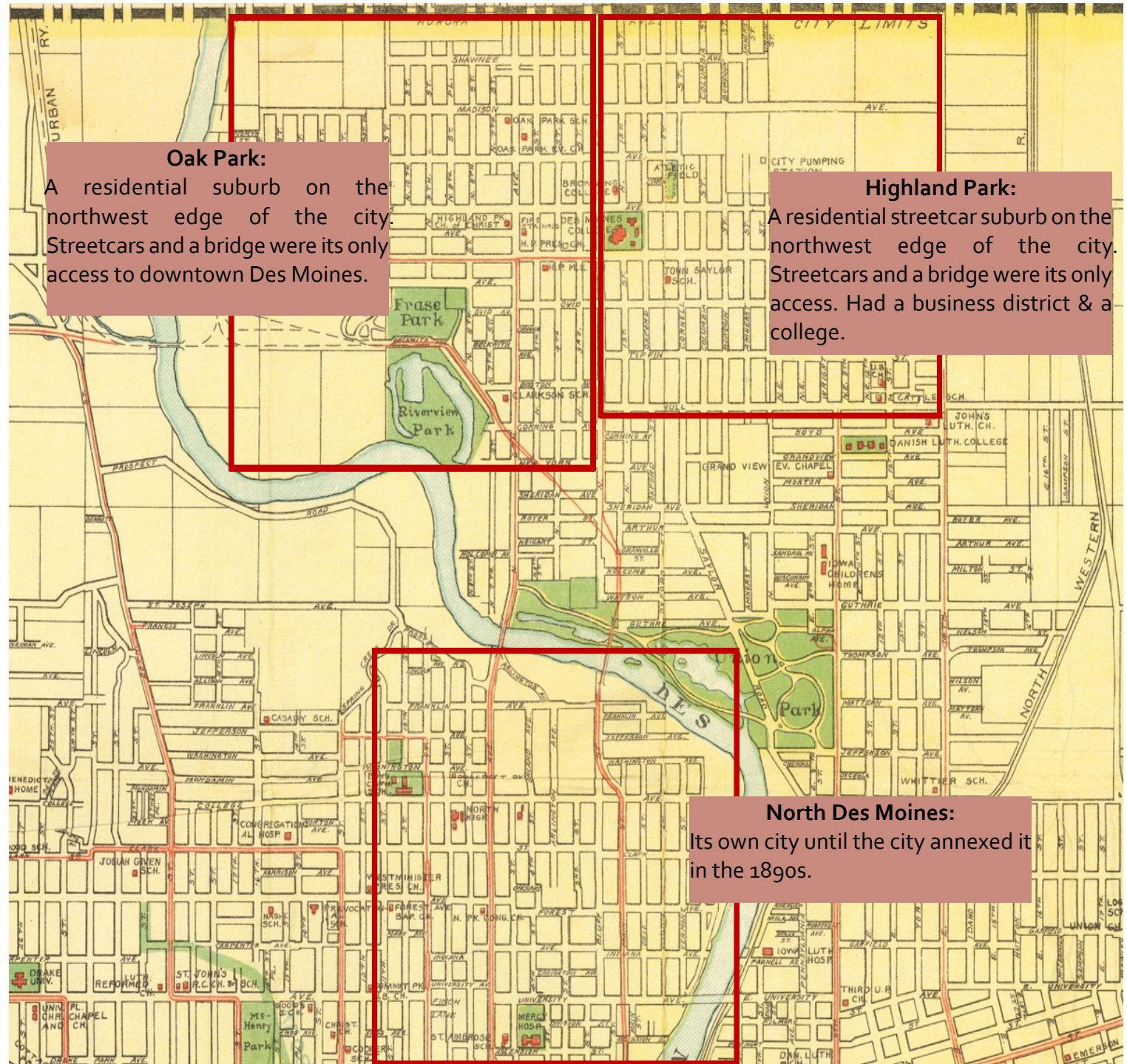
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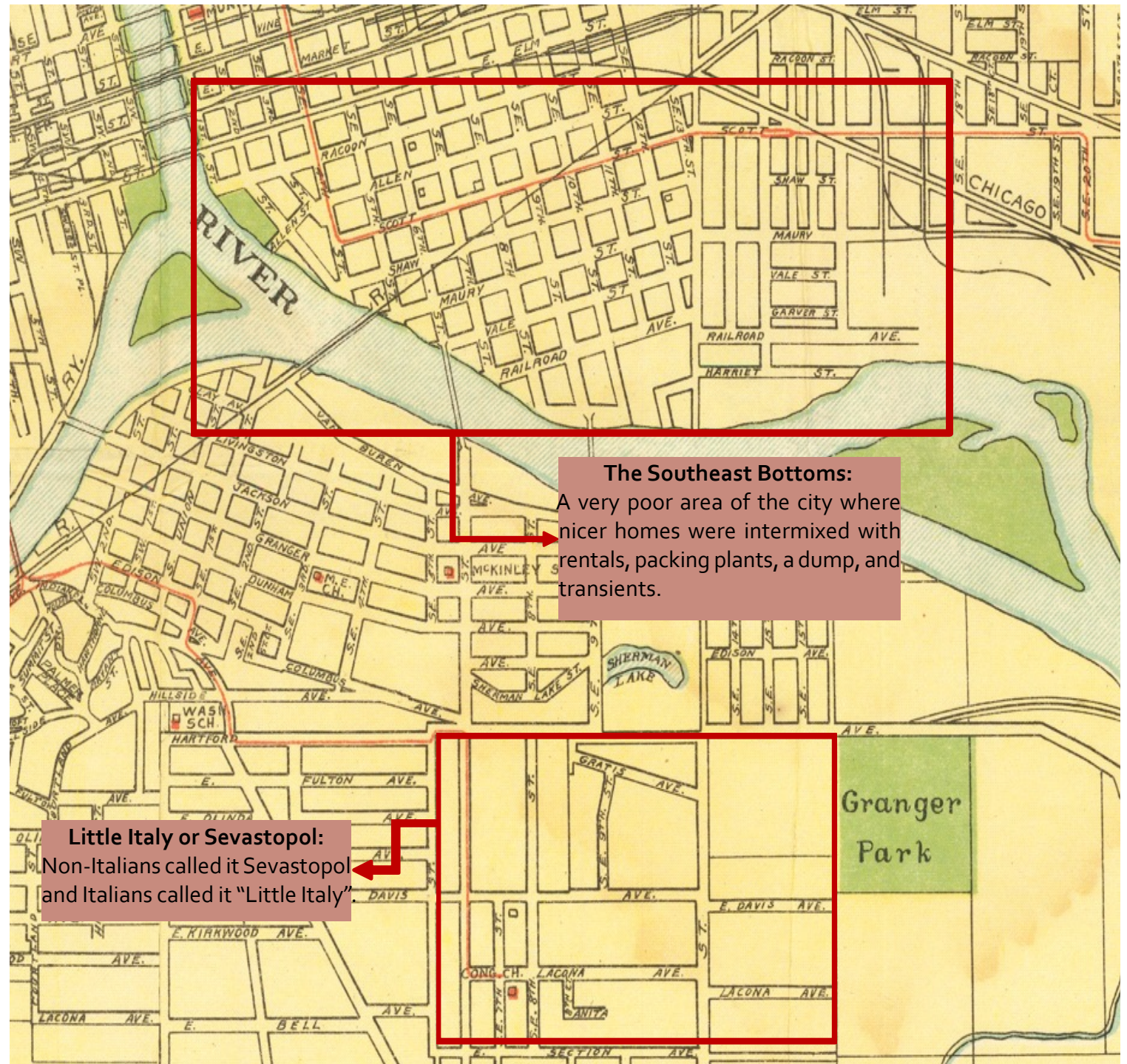
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