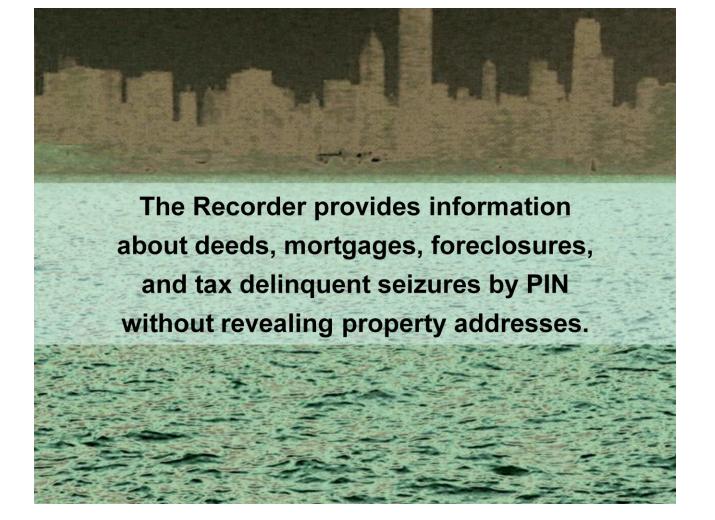
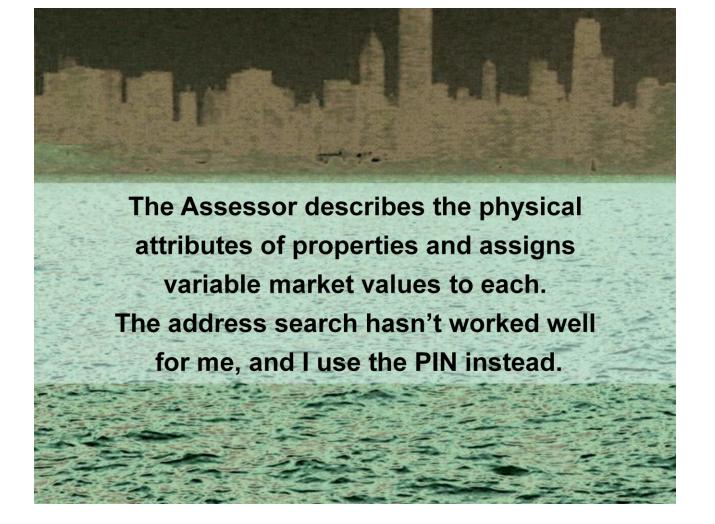
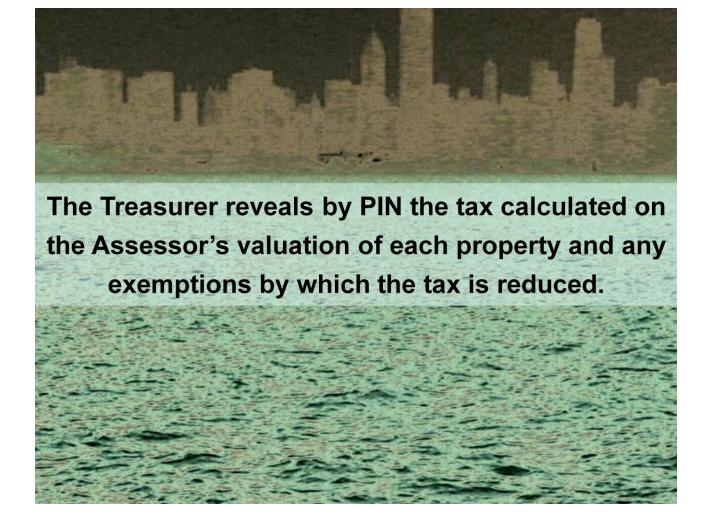


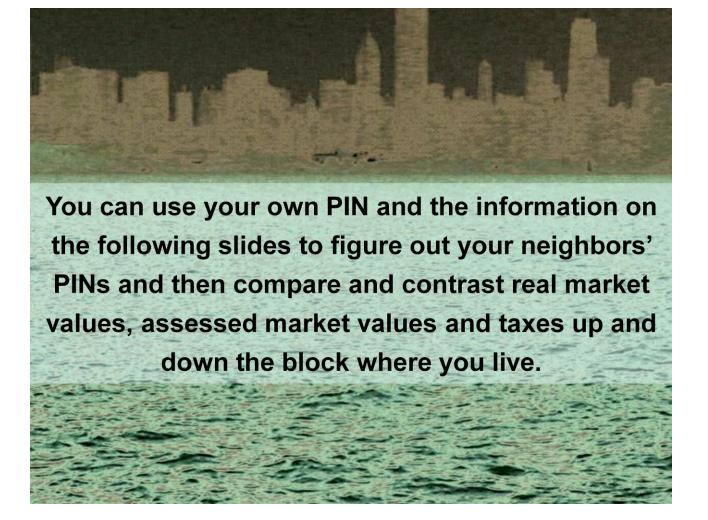
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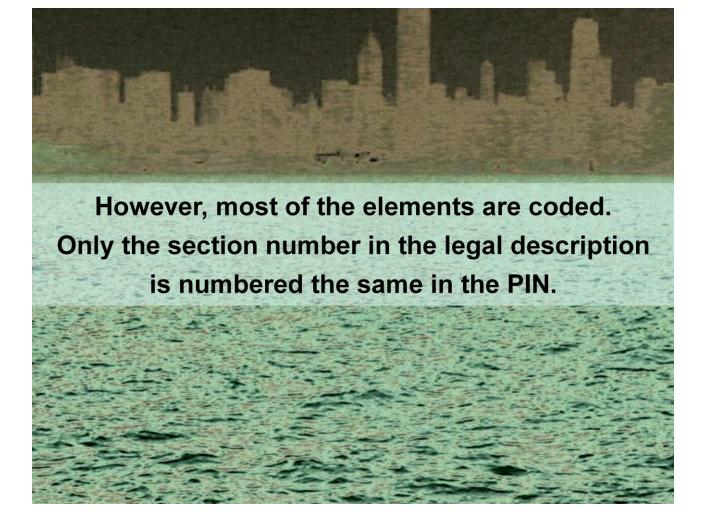


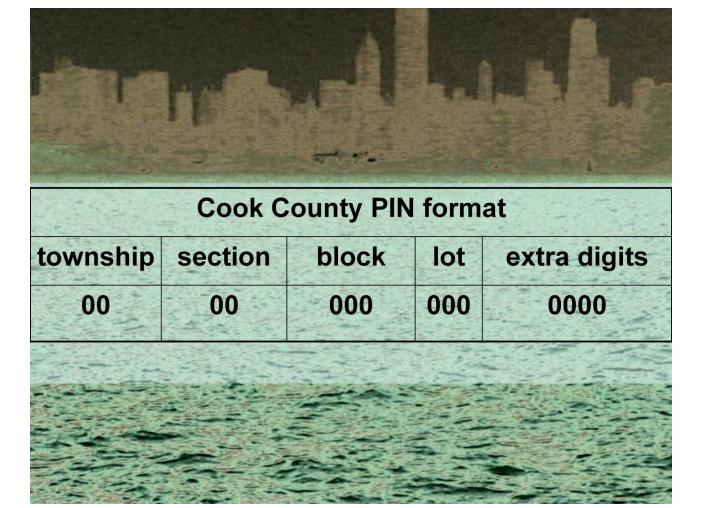


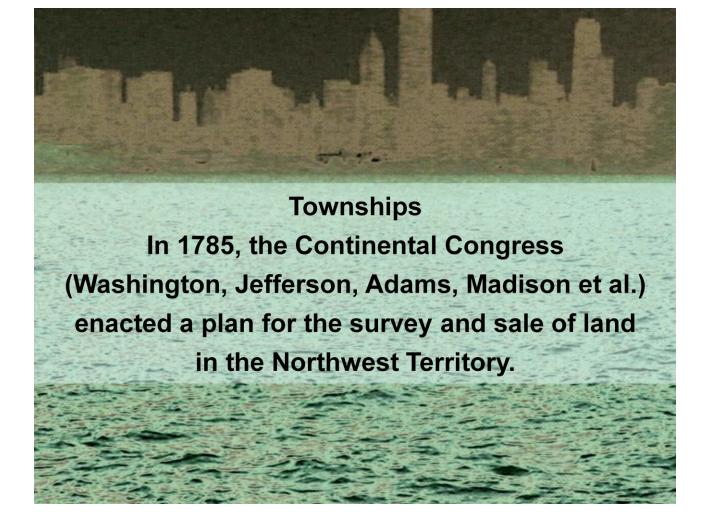


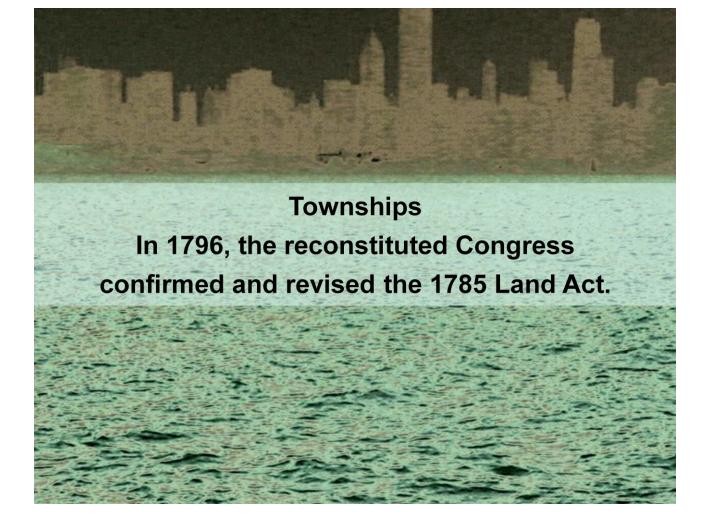


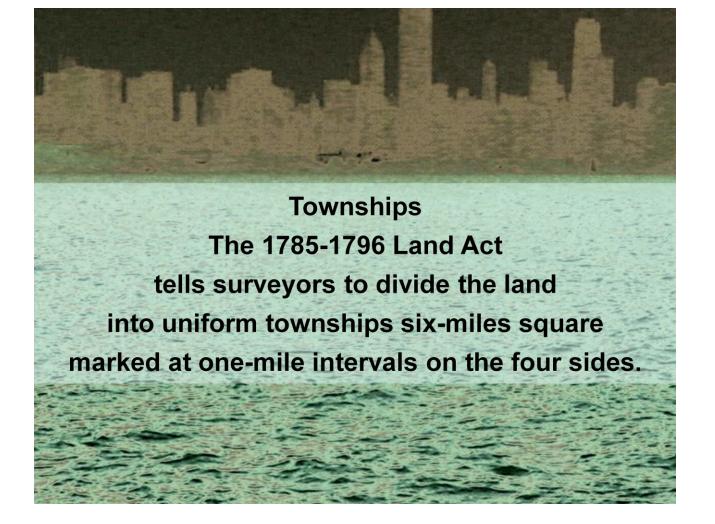


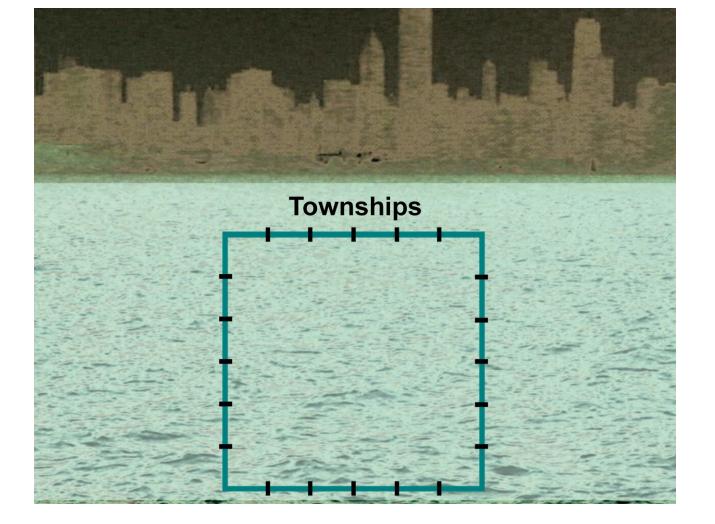


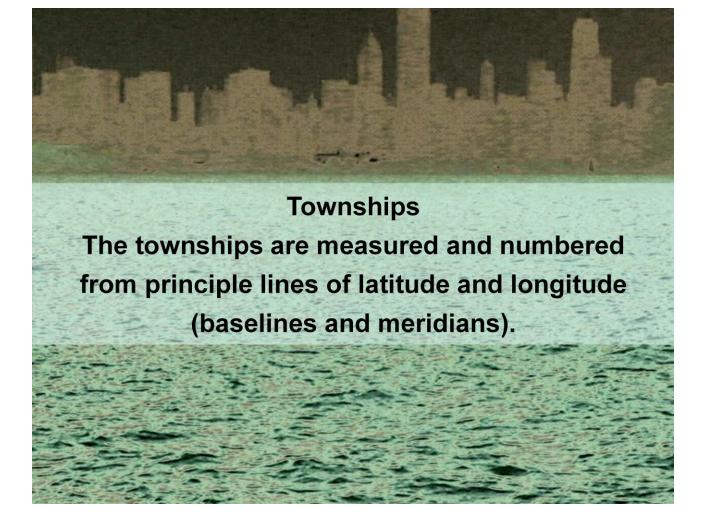


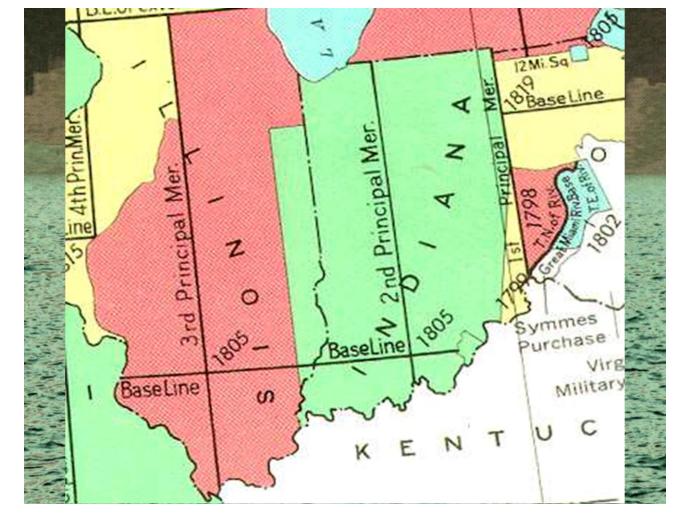




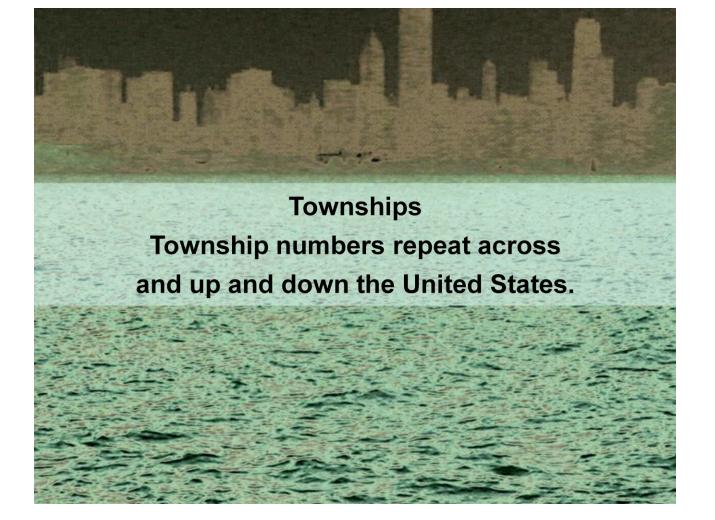


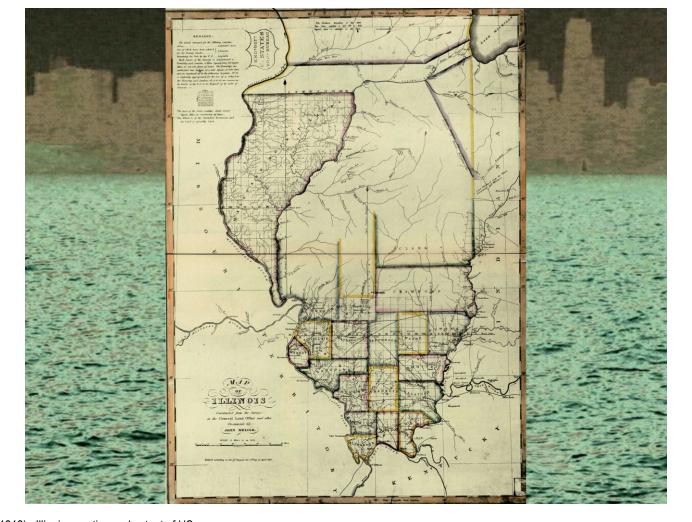




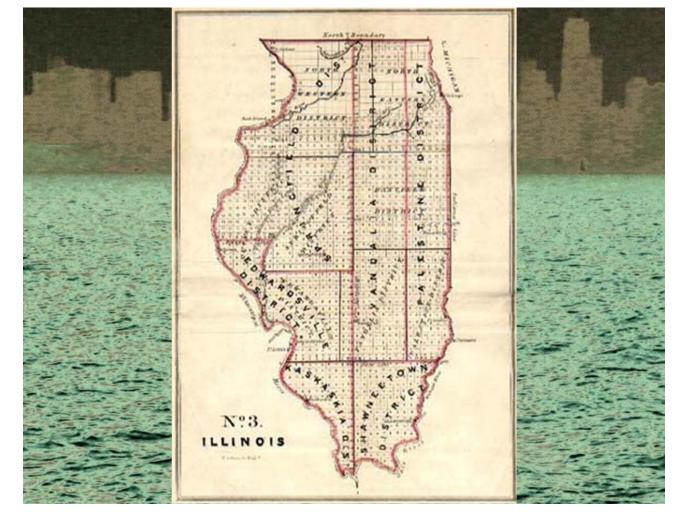


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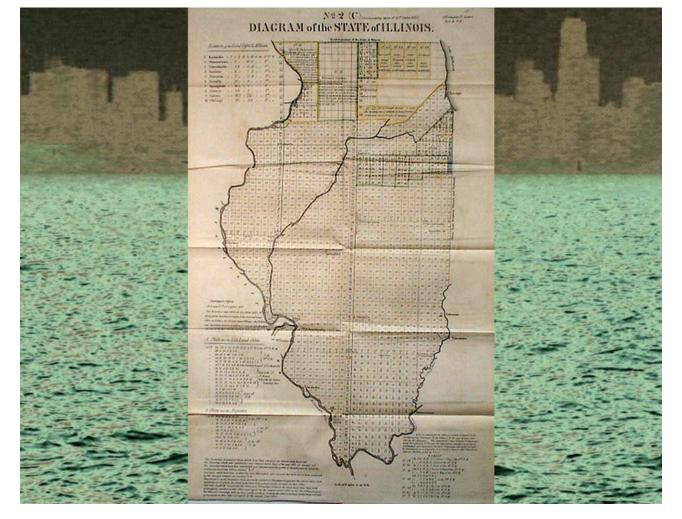




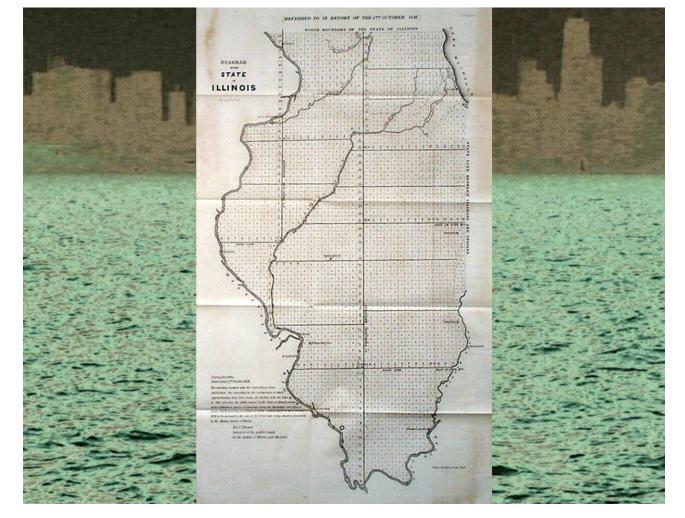
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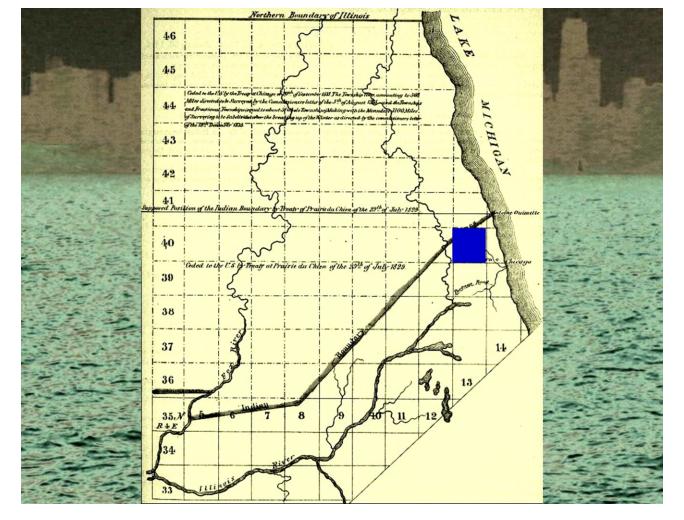
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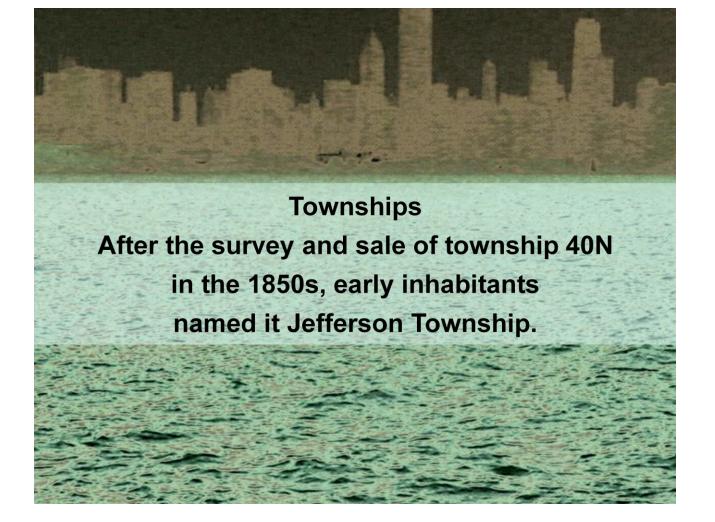
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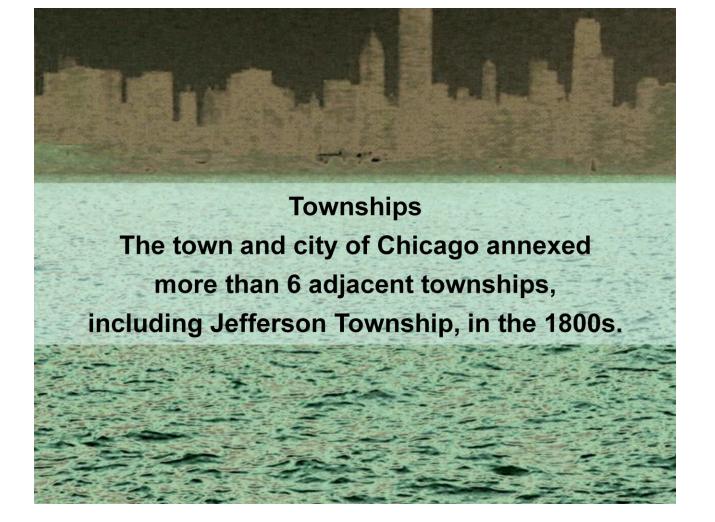


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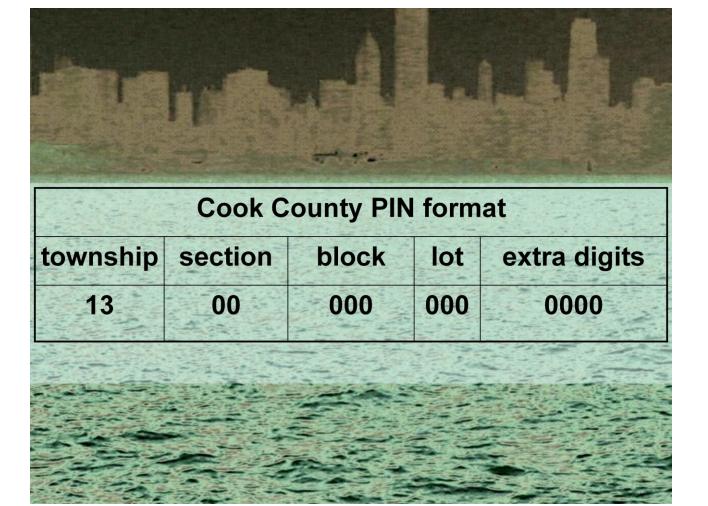
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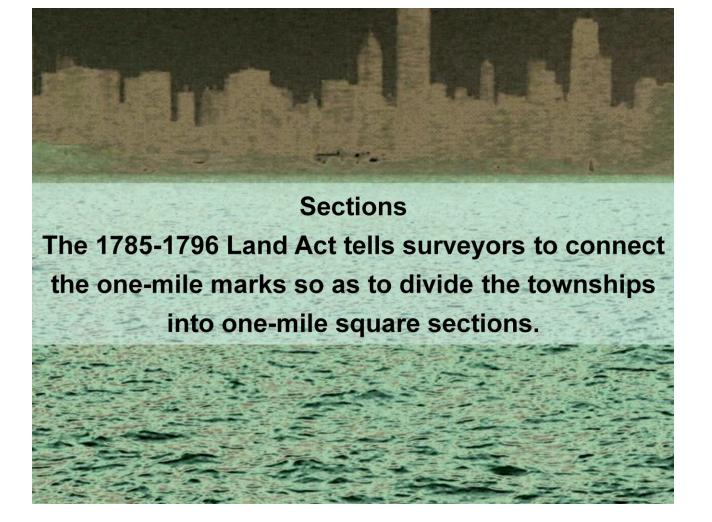
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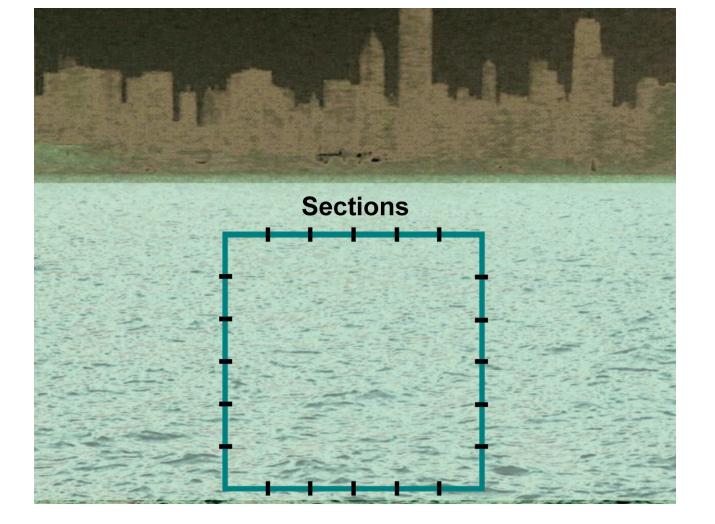


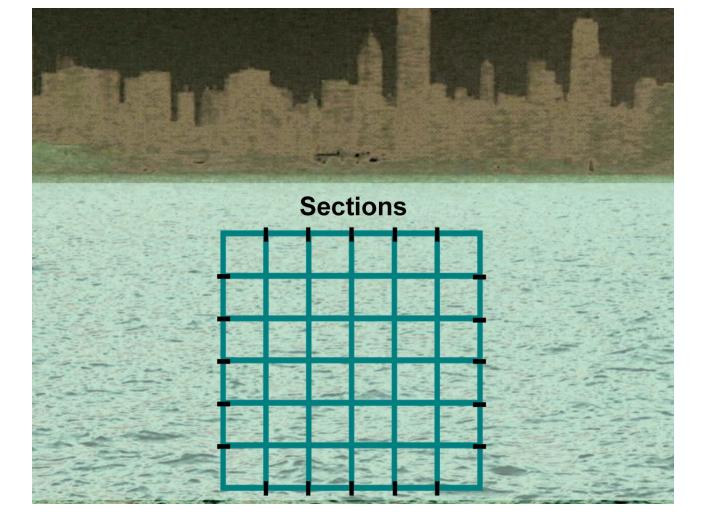


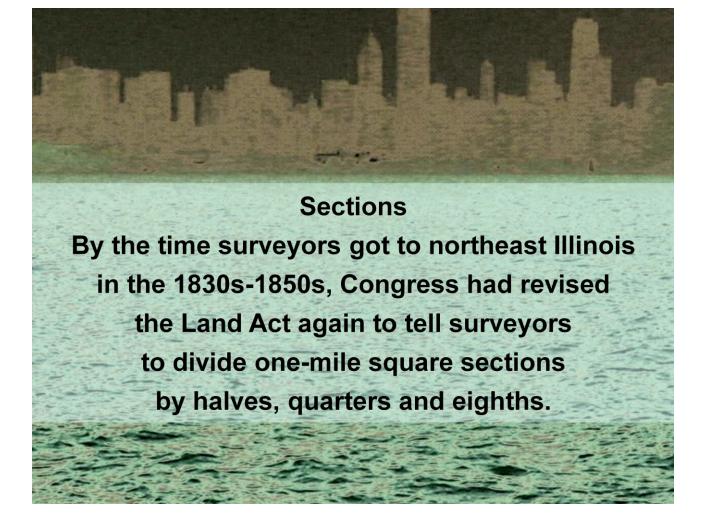














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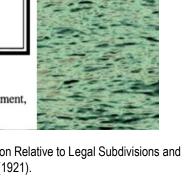
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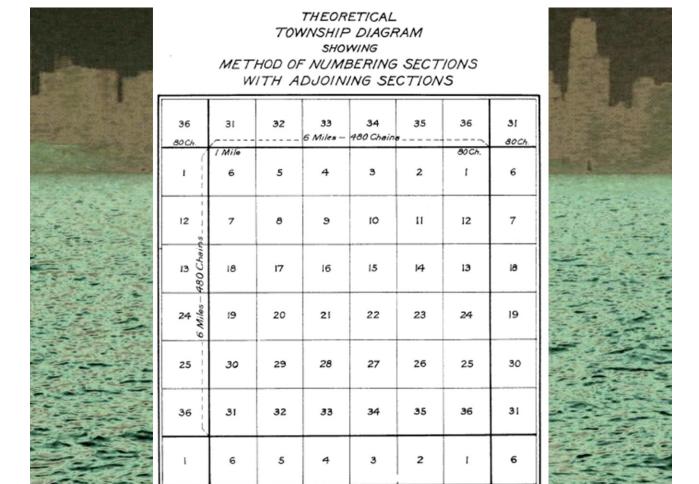
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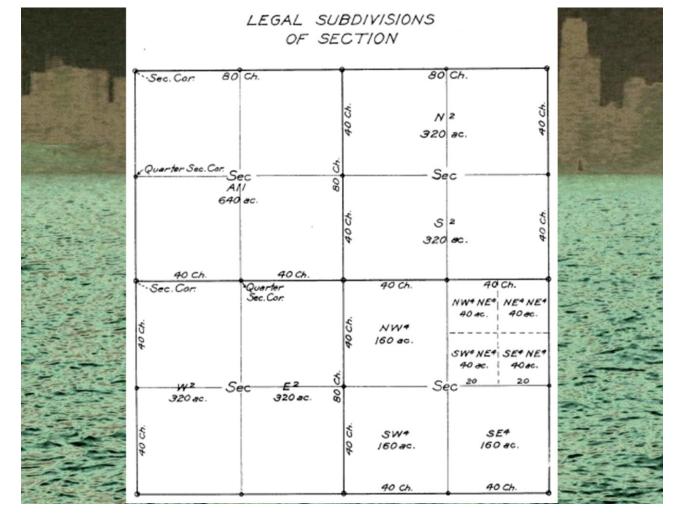
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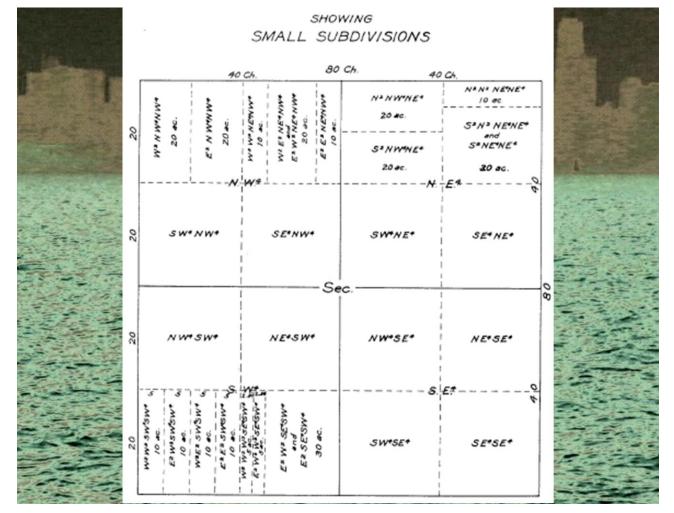


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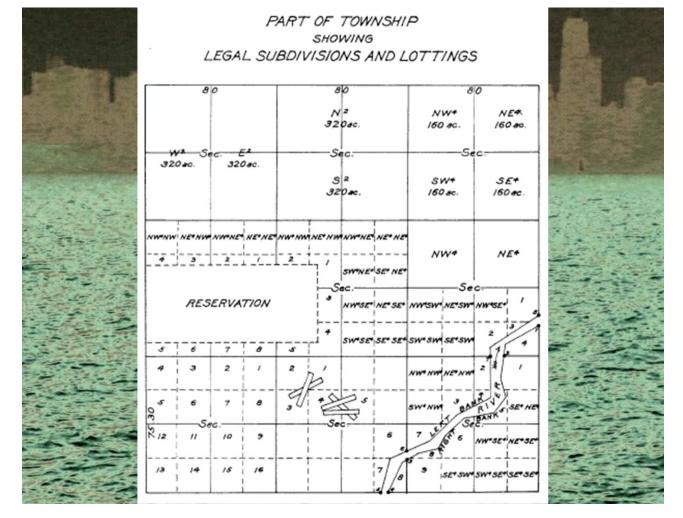
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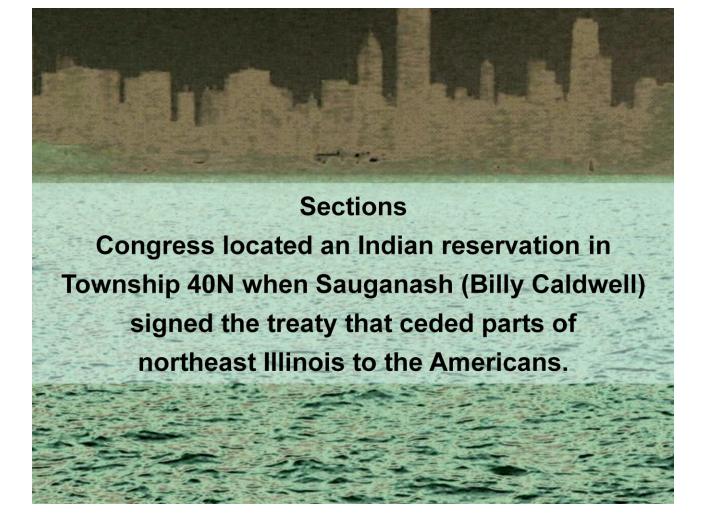
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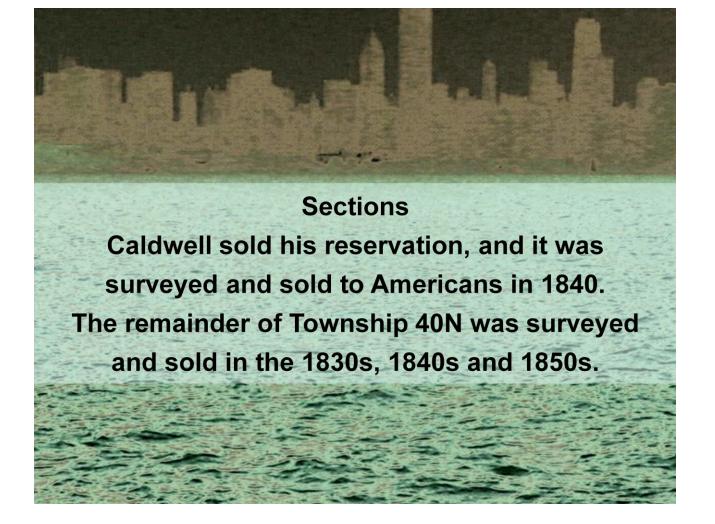


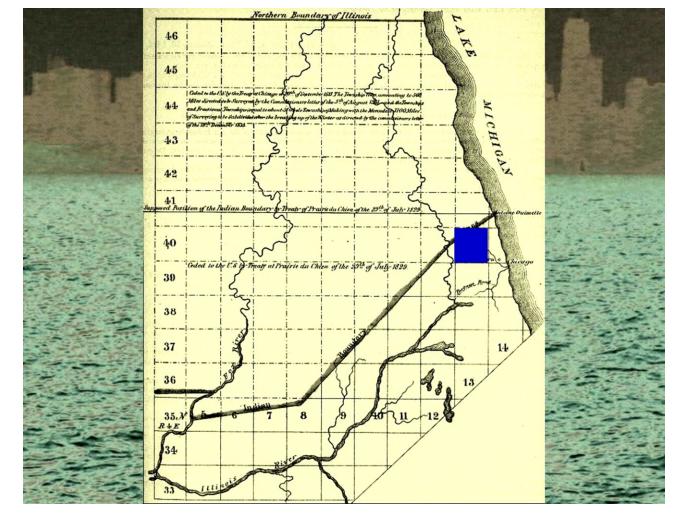
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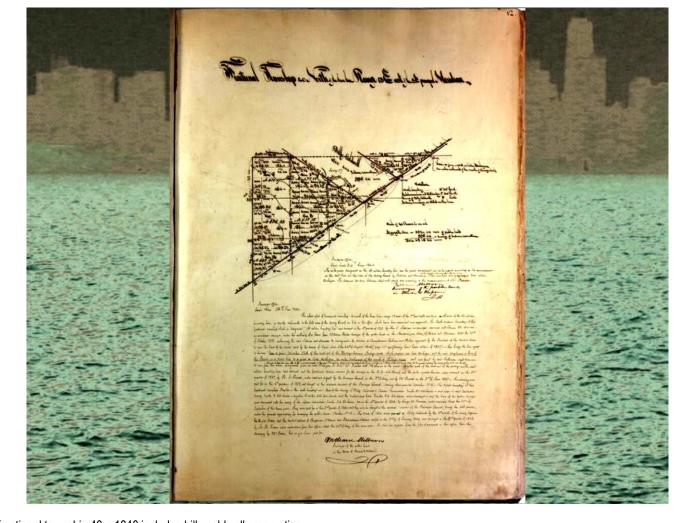




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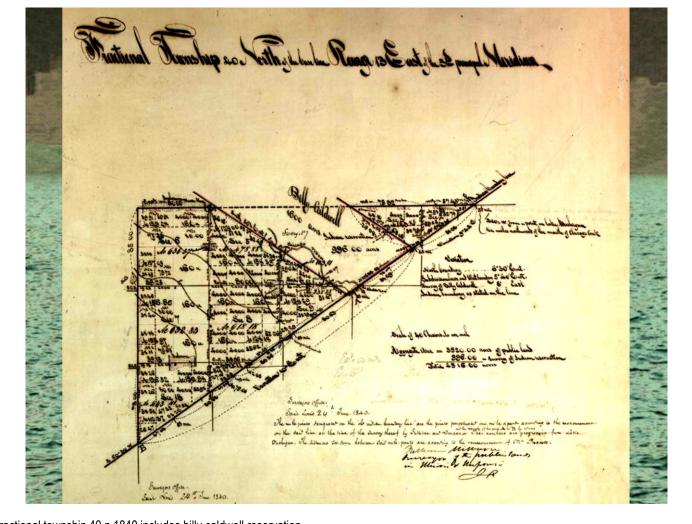
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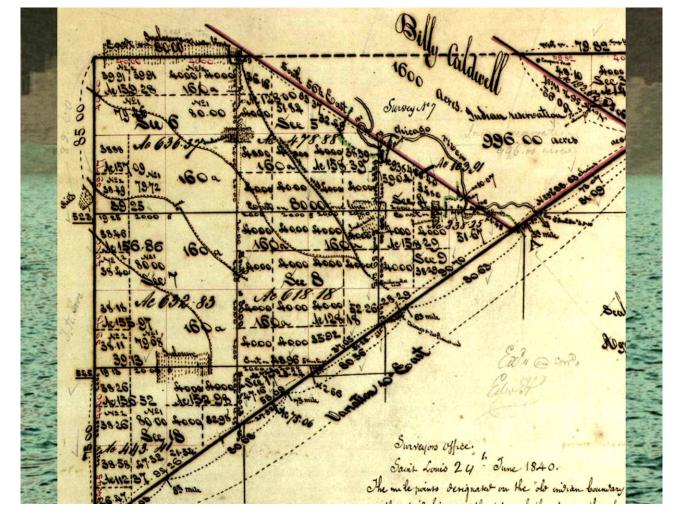


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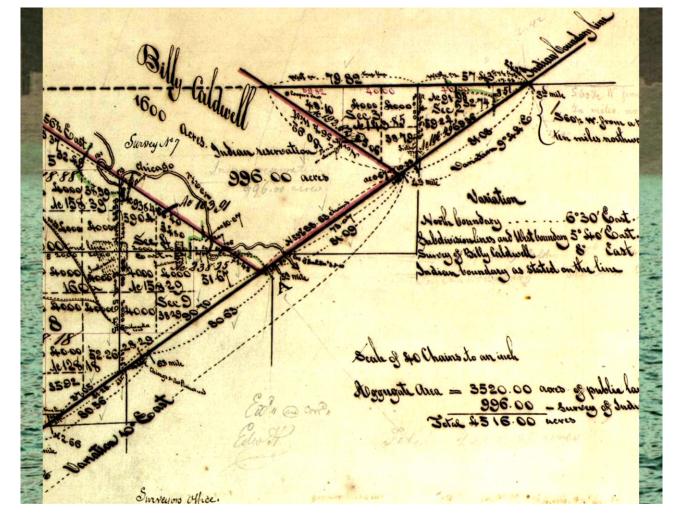
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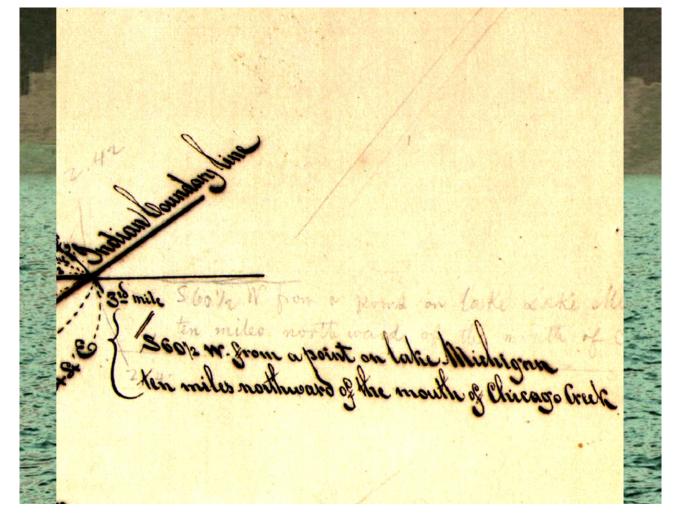
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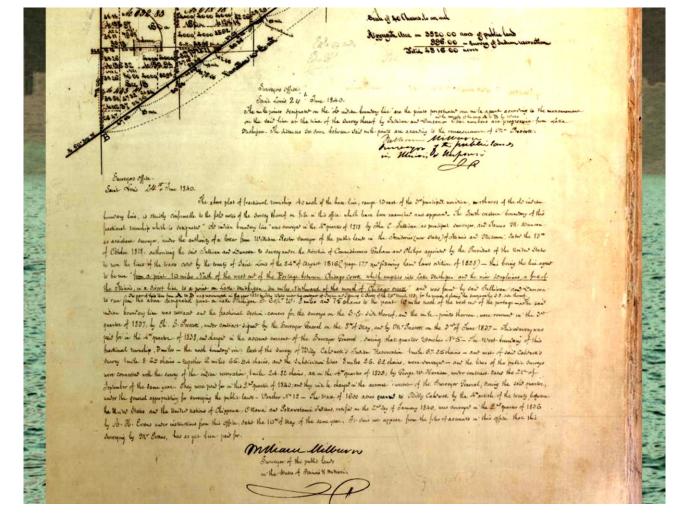
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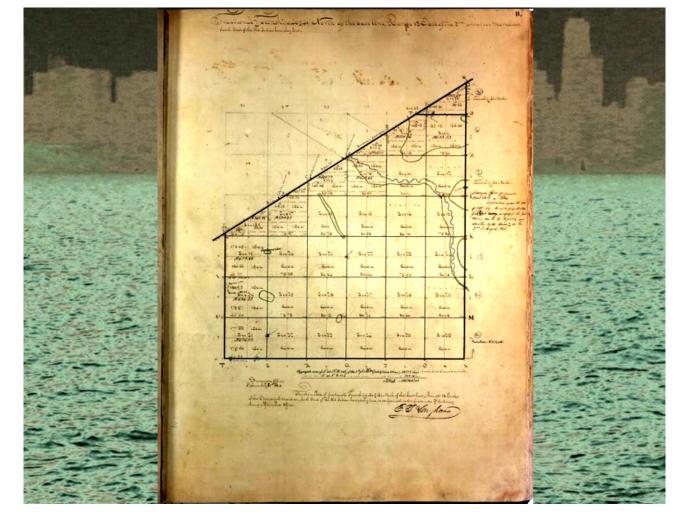
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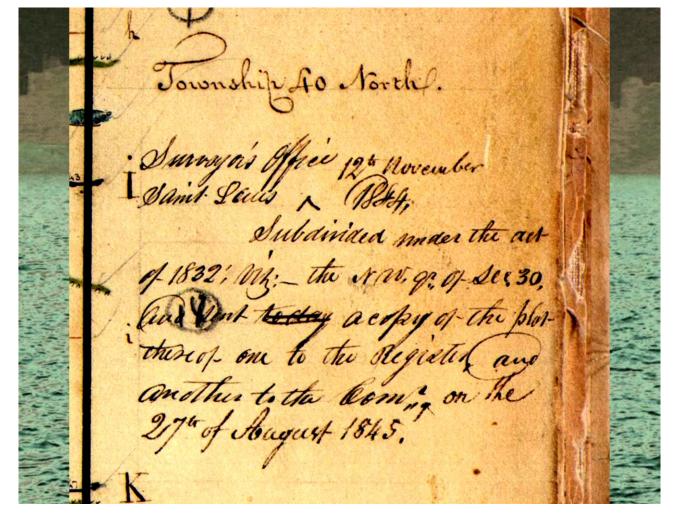
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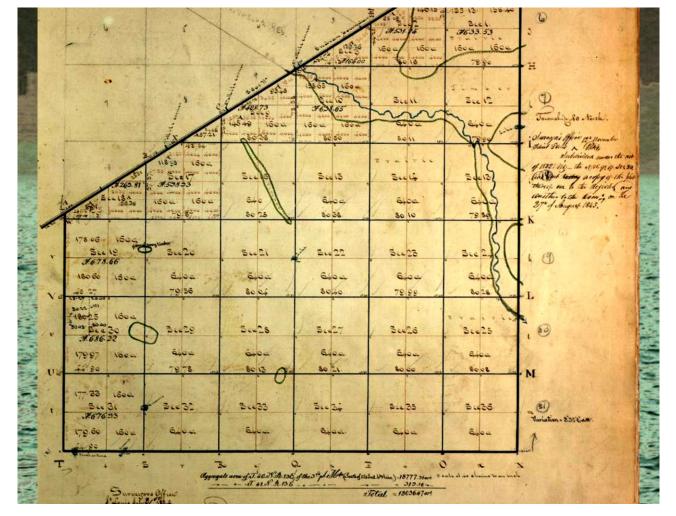
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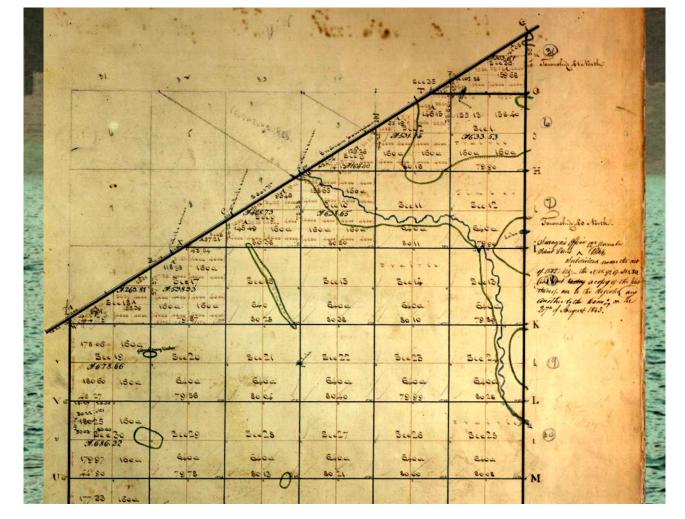
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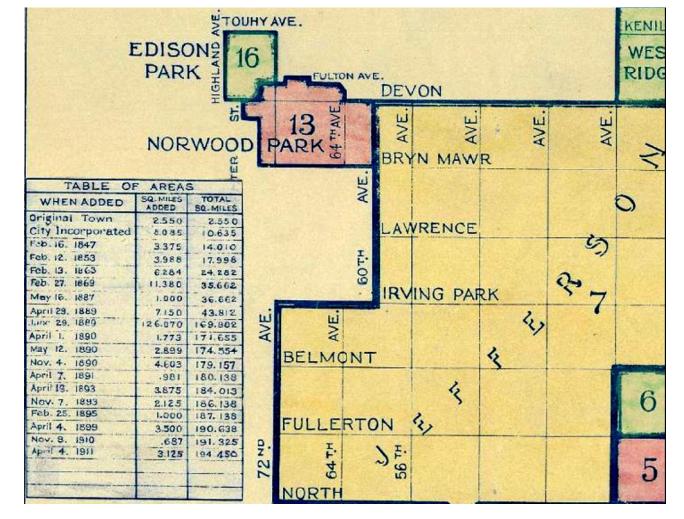
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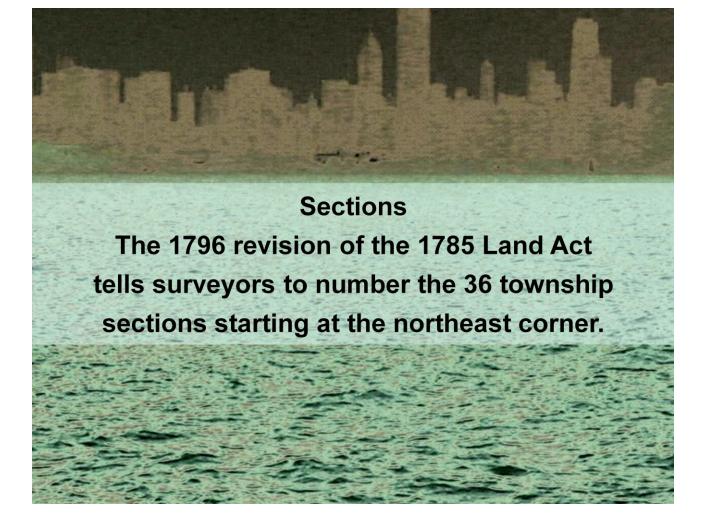
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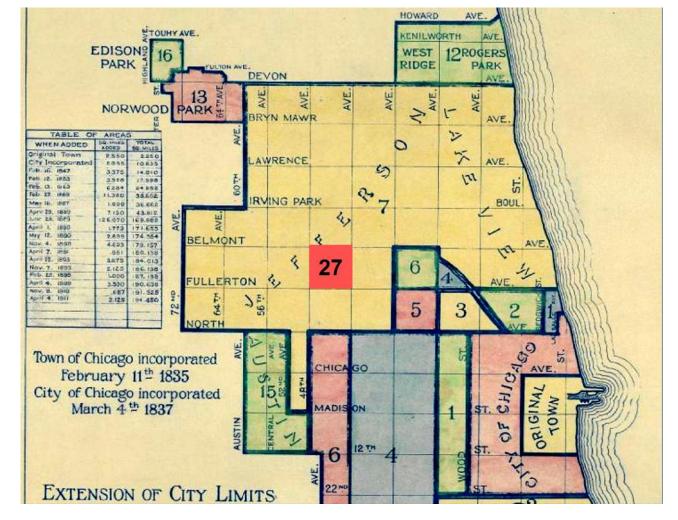
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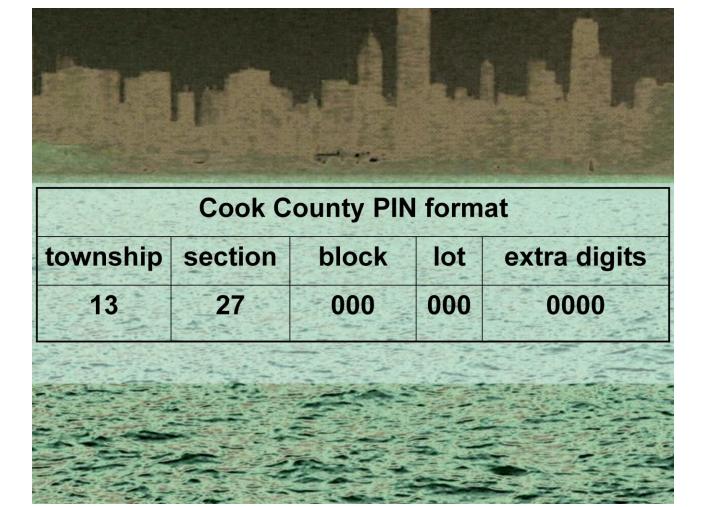
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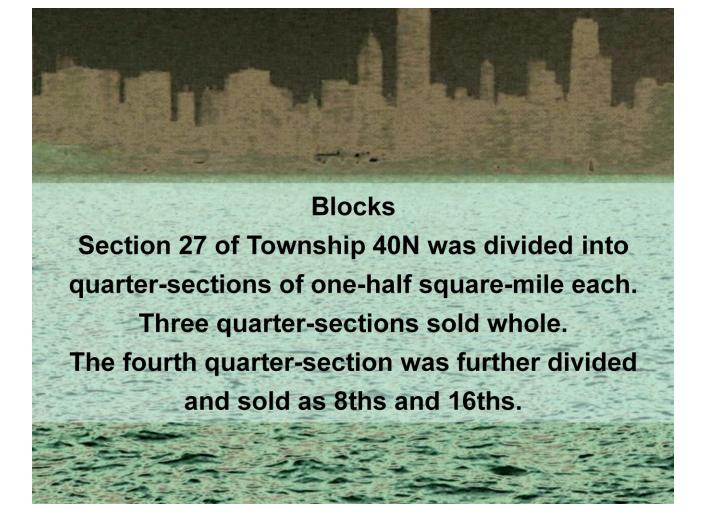
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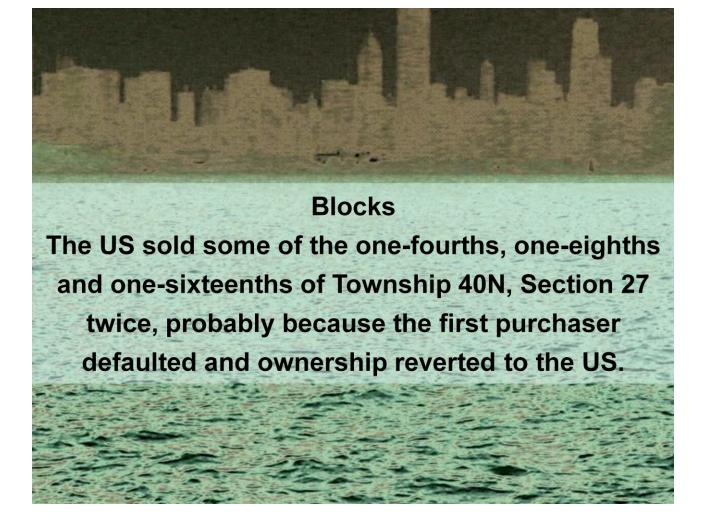
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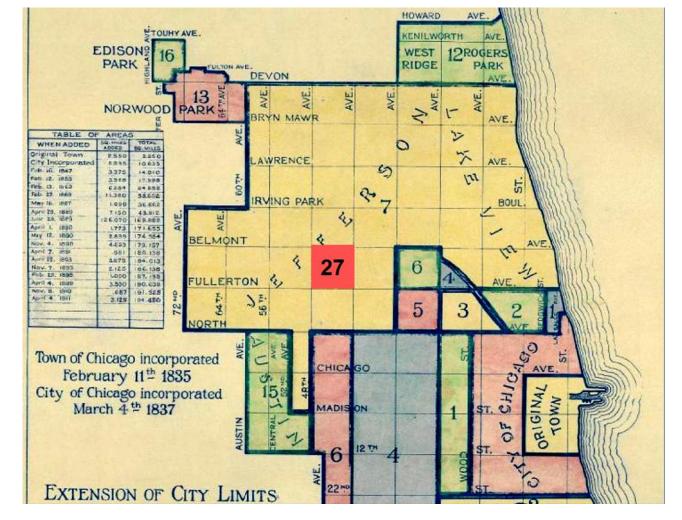
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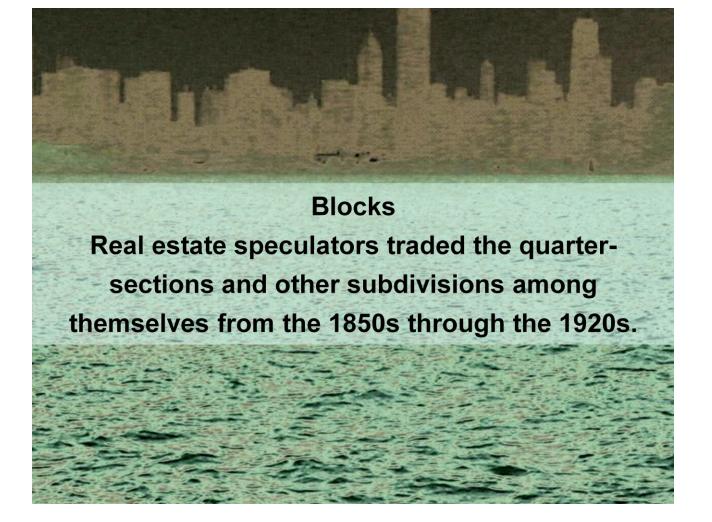
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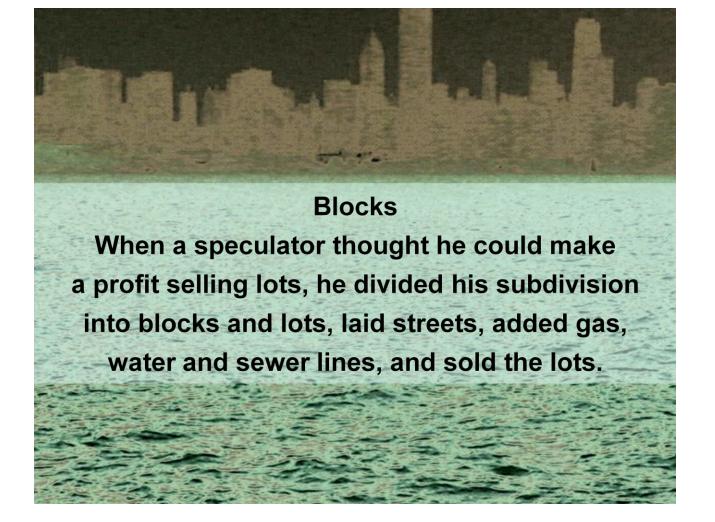
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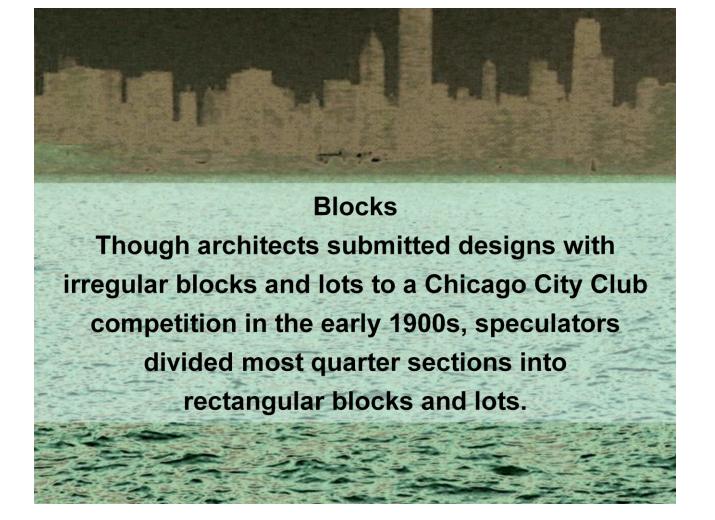
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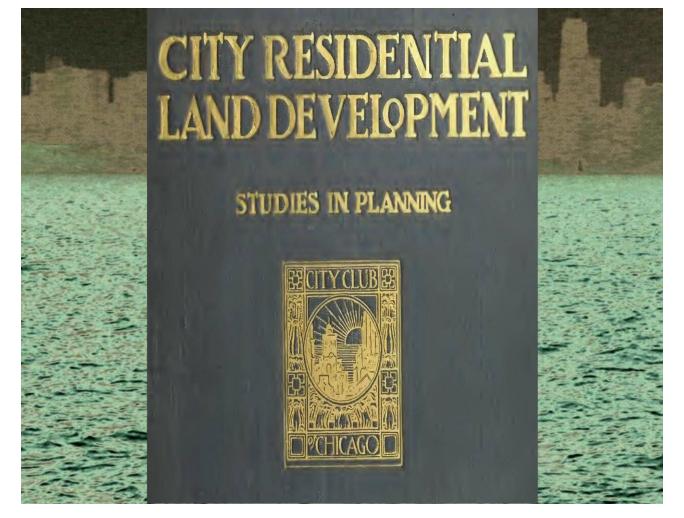
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FERGUSON ALEXANDER	SW	27 40N	11/27/1838
SPENCER ALEXANDER	SEFR	27 40N	02/13/1841
SPENCER SAMUEL	SW	27 40N	02/13/1841
TALLEY ALFRED M	W2SE	27 40N	11/27/1838
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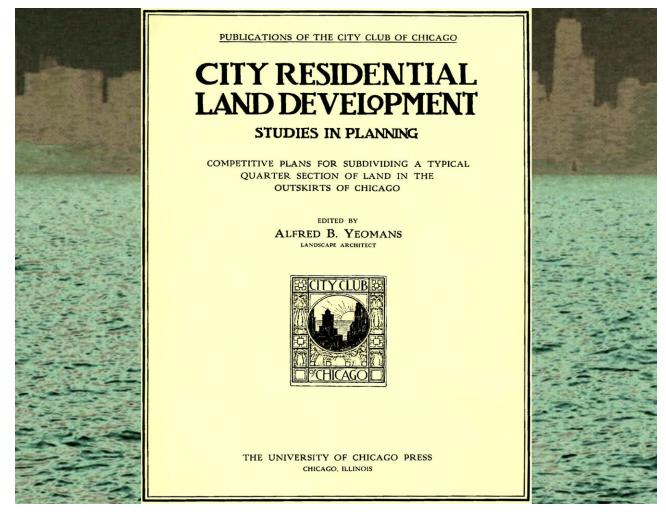




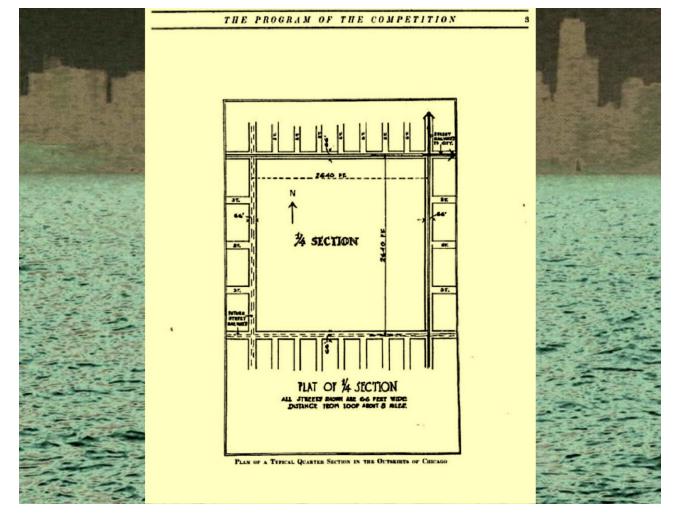




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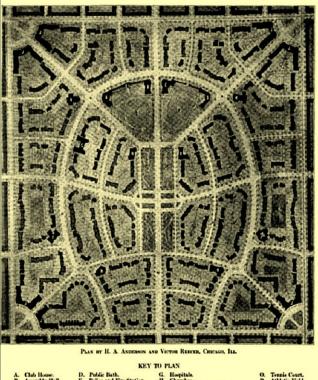
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The houses represent quite a departure from general building practice in this country, but lend themselves most admirably to a scheme of this kind. Instead of placing individual houses upon each lot, we have combined the houses into groups of two, three, and up to eight in number, renting the portion occupying each lot to one family.

The recreation and public areas have been combined and located in one section, convenient to all parts and so designed as to form a pleasing composition for the benefit of all living within the quarter-section. In one section of the park we have provided an athletic field and a gymnasium for the proper recreation of the people and the healthy development of sport.

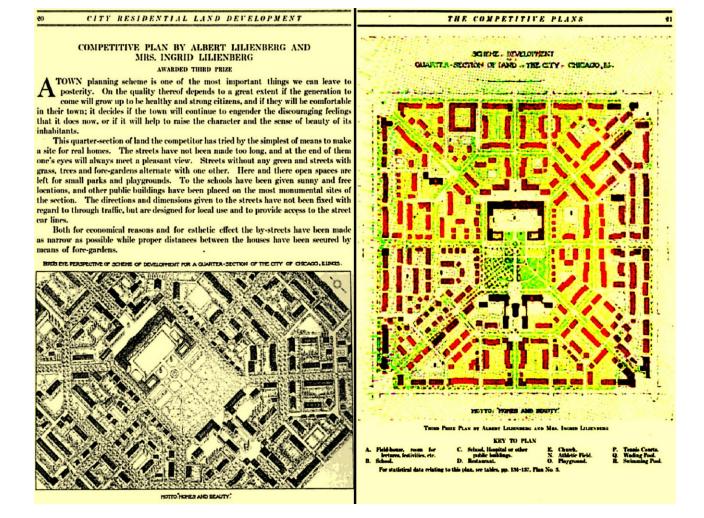




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Walls, Dr. Tongue and others, will also improve their home sites by building handsome houses in the spring. Mr. H. W. Phillips is engaged in adding to his excellent improvements already completed. Col. James H. Meyers is busy with his scheme for constructing a mammoth hennery - the first of its kind near Chicago - and has sent to Europe for his plans. Messrs. Emmans & Morrison are engaged in re-constructing the Danby House for business purposes. Mr. Miles Allen's house, at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Main street, is surrounded by very tastefully laid out grounds. Mr. James Ward has a substantial brick residence and handsome grounds. Mr. W. H. Jacobs has finished an elegant cottage near his residence which is of the same class of architecture. Mr. L. C. Cooper is putting up a near gothic residence on the edge of the grove; and Mr. Hicks will shortly build a new wagon manufactory and residence. Mr. W. L. Emmans, a merchant of the place, has one of the prettiest homes in the village. Messrs. Fennemore, Churchill and Cox are about to erect handsome dwellings. Messrs. W. H, and M. H. Wagner each have attractive residences fronting south on Pennsylvania avenue. Mr. F. B. Angel has a cozy homestead, embowered in evergreens and shrubbery, just south of

Opposite the church, on Main street, is the residence of Mr. C. A Phillips, real estate dealer, of Chicago. He has made a subdivision near the station, and offers fine inducements to those who purchase with a view of actual settlement and improvement.

Mr. J. S. Dodge has just finished and is about to occupy a two-story residence; and the Postmaster, Mr. J. H. McChesney, has completed and occupies a large and attractive residence.

#### HUMBOLDT.

This village, four miles from the Court-house, is destined, under the vigorous management of Mr. Henry Greenebaum, the leading German banker of Chicago and Mr. Chas. Proebsting, President of the Humboldt Park Residence Association, to take rank among our leading suburbs at an early day. An excellent artesian well is sunk, and a beautiful and extensive park about completed.

The place had its origin in the operations of the Association, commenced in 1872, by the purchase of forty acres in section 1, 39, 13, for \$180,000. The tract was originally owned by Alexander White, who, in 1855, paid the Canal Trustees \$1,080 for it. It was sold for \$60,000, cash, in 1870; and in two months thereafter to F. Arnold & Co., for \$100,000. The Association purchased of these last named parties. It was disposed of to the members, in lots, for \$500 each, in the following manner: An auction was called for, choice of localities and premiums were paid for, one half of the lots amounting to an aggregate sum which, when equally divided, reduced the cost to the Association from \$500 to \$350 for each lot. This saving is applied to reducing yearly payments.

The above described property is the first series in the division of lands. The Association has 1,200 feet front on Humboldt Park. The second series lies north of the park, between Humboldt boulevard and California avenue, and contains

about twenty acres. The manner of distributing the lots is similar to that followed with the first series. The lots belonging to members of the Association now range in value from \$40 to \$70 per front foot. Humboldt station is situated in the second series, on the Chicago & Pacific railroad, and has four passenger trains each day. An effort will be made to annex the second series to the city, next spring. This lies just beyond the northern limits now, and ought to be incorporated within the city. The inhabitants are anxious to have the gas and water improvements, and will pay for them cheerfully.

#### KELVYN GROVE.

Kelvyn Grove embraces an area of something over seven hundred acres of land, in sections 27, 28 and 33, township 40, range 14, and is located about four miles from the center of the city, being only half a mile from the western city limits.

A large portion of the property has been recently platted by the owner, Hon. S. S. Hayes. Most of it is high ground, lying from twenty-five to eighty feet above the water level. The surface is agreeably diversified with native groves. The aspect of the place is picturesque and attractive, and the plan of subdivision the result of great skill and study. The main feature of this plan is a boulevard, two hundred feet in width, extending for three miles through the property; and every alternate street is one hundred feet wide, with a building line thirty feet from each side. The lots are large, and of unusual depth, and will be continually beautified from the extensive nurseries owned by Mr. Hayes, and in which he has over one hundred thousand trees of choice varieties.

Kelvyn Grove has the advantage of three railways to the city—the Chicago & Pacific, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Chicago & Northwestern roads, on all of which trains will be run at favorable rates and hours. It can also be reached by carriages from the city over several pleasant drives: Humboldt boulevard, Grand avenue, and other improved streets.

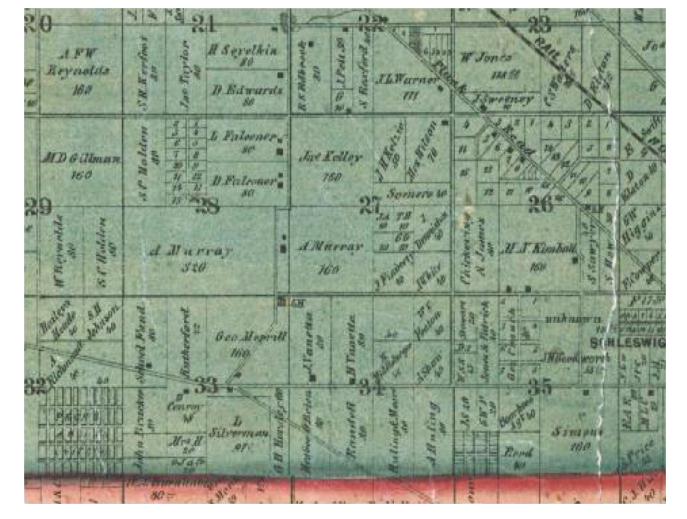
For some time past, several Scotch families have resided on a portion of the land, and gave it the name of Kelvyn Grove. Mr. Hayes adopted this name for the whole suburb when he laid out the plat.

Five thousand trees have already been set out in regular and beautiful order along the lines of the streets, and on the lots. A considerable number of important improvements are projected, in addition to those completed. Among them will be the erection of two churches by Mr. Hayes, and a school-house; the setting out of additional shade trees, and the laying out and graveling of streets. When all this is done, and the lots put upon the market, doubtless the new settlement will attract a great deal of attention, and be speedily filled up with the homes of a high-toned population, such as the place is likely to attract thither.

The price of lots will be from \$15 to \$20 per front foot, and very favorable terms will be given to those who purchase to build. Mr. Hayes has owned the tract for many years, and will put it upon the market this winter.

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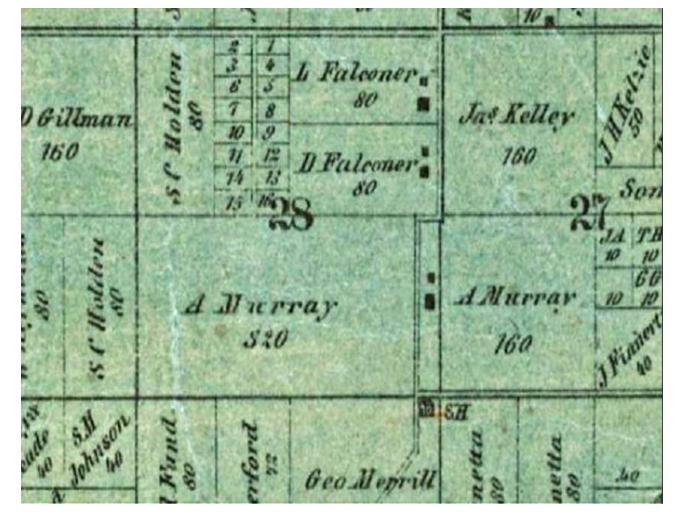
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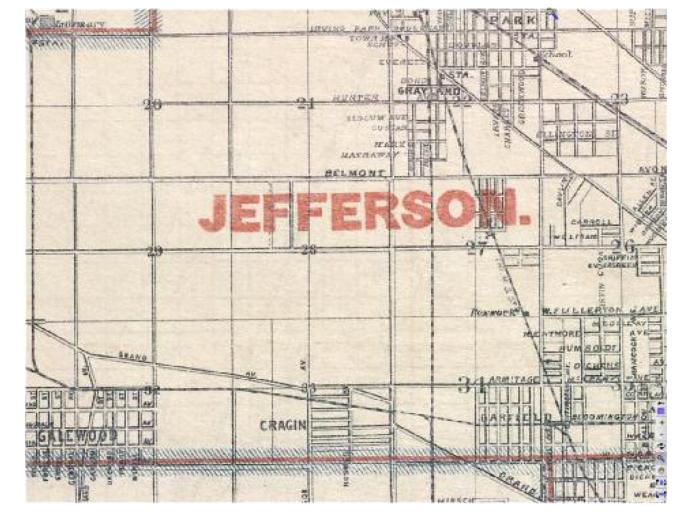
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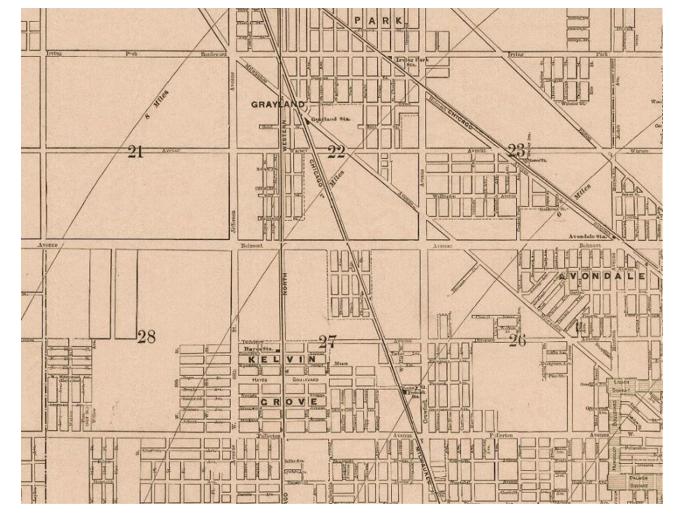
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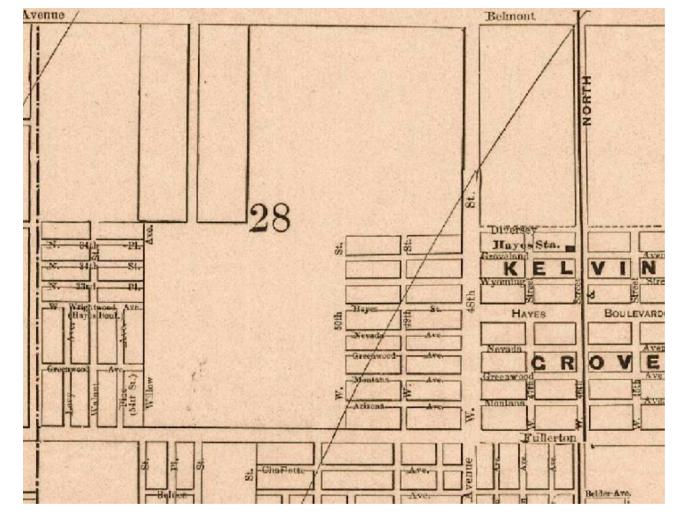
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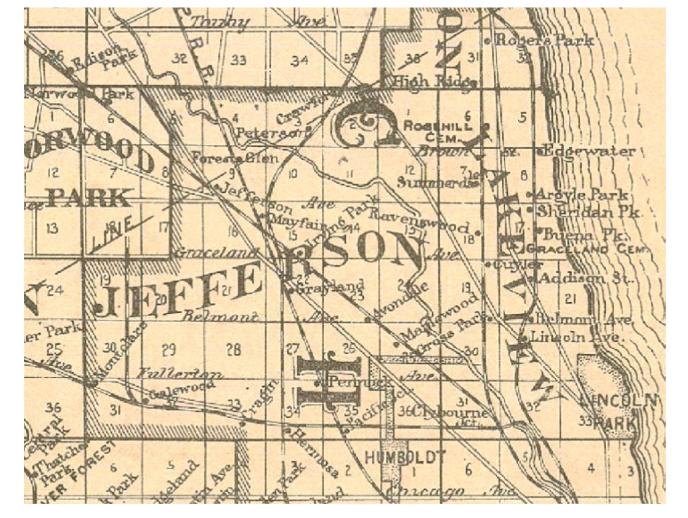
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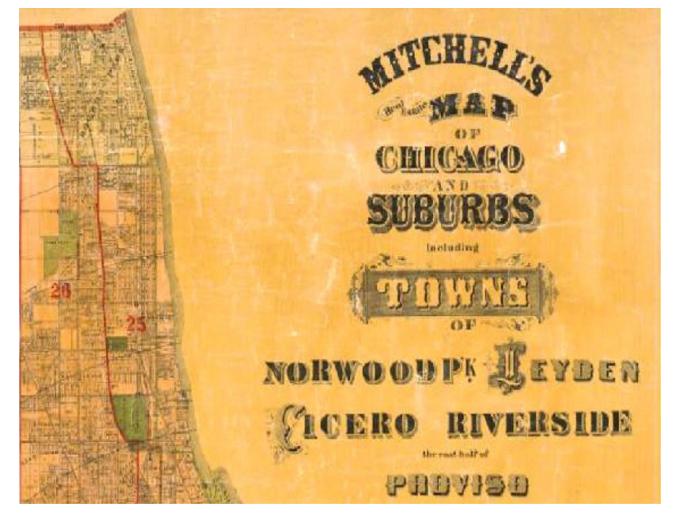


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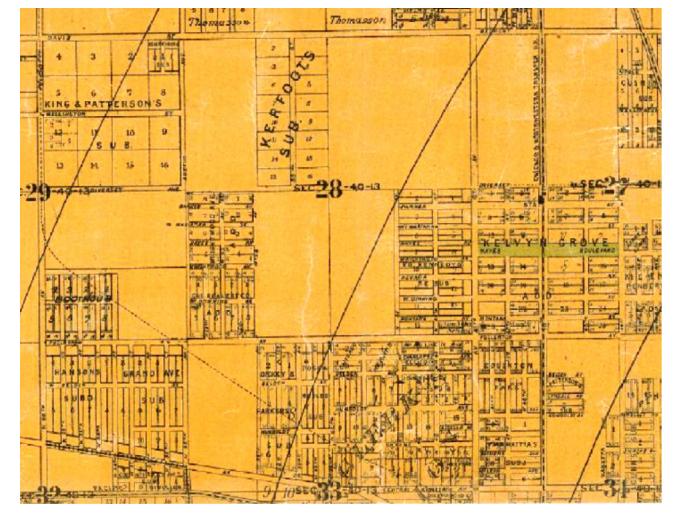
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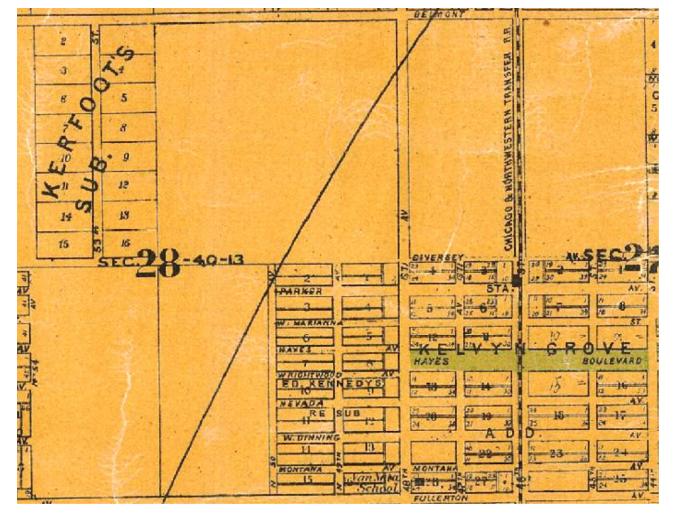
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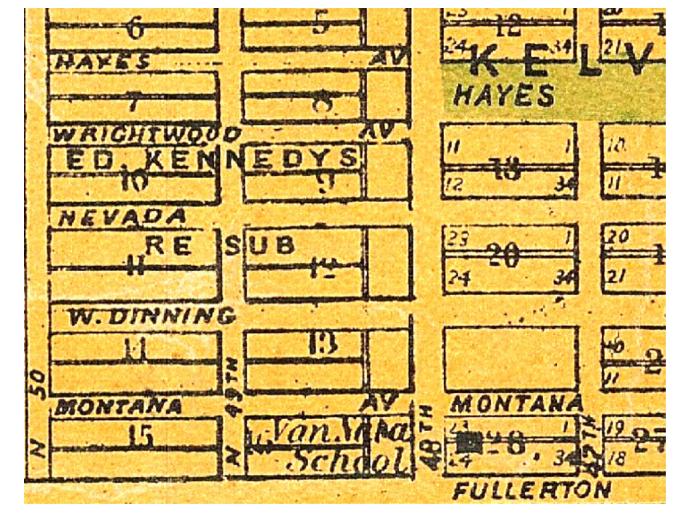
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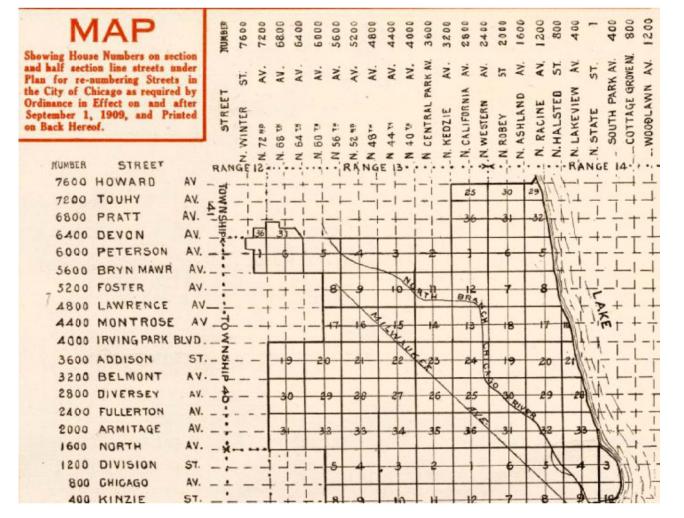
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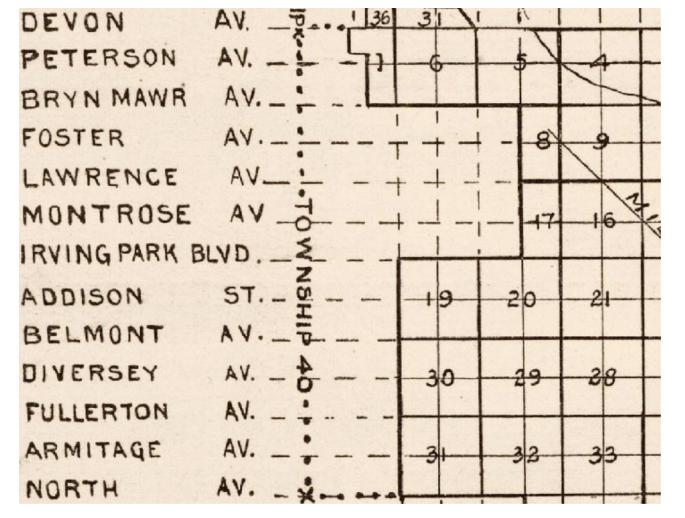


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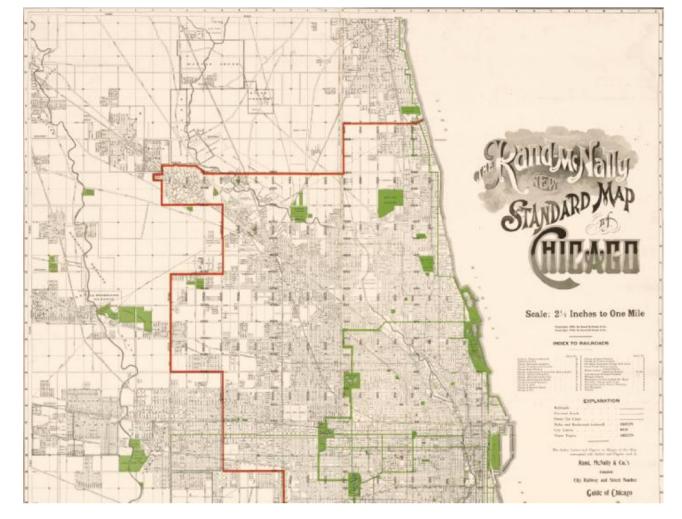


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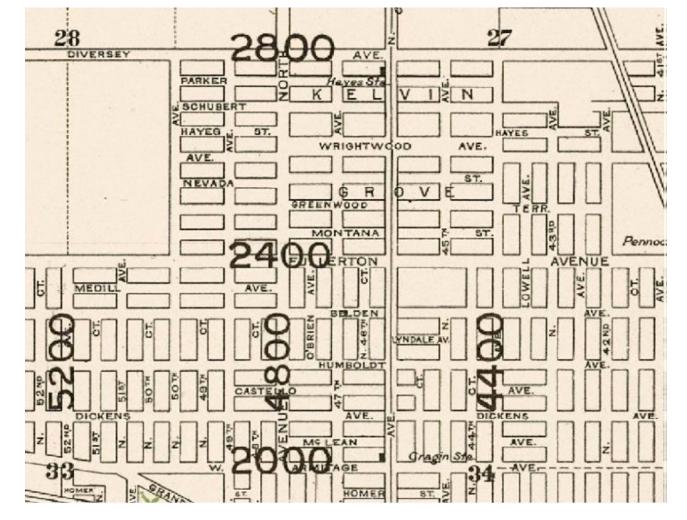


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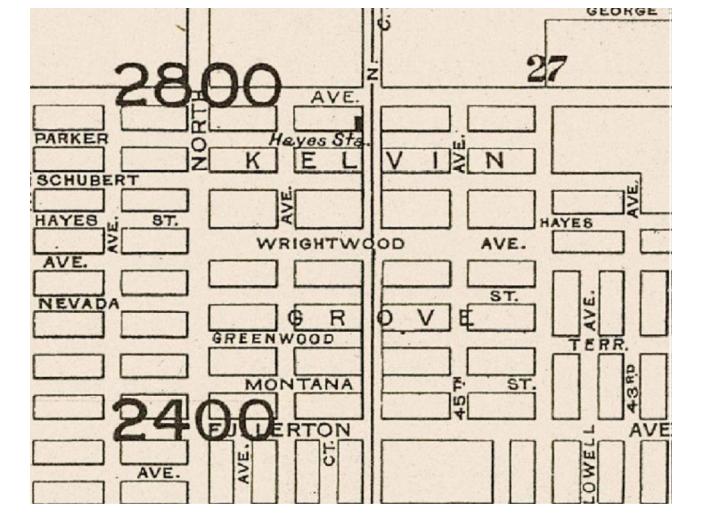


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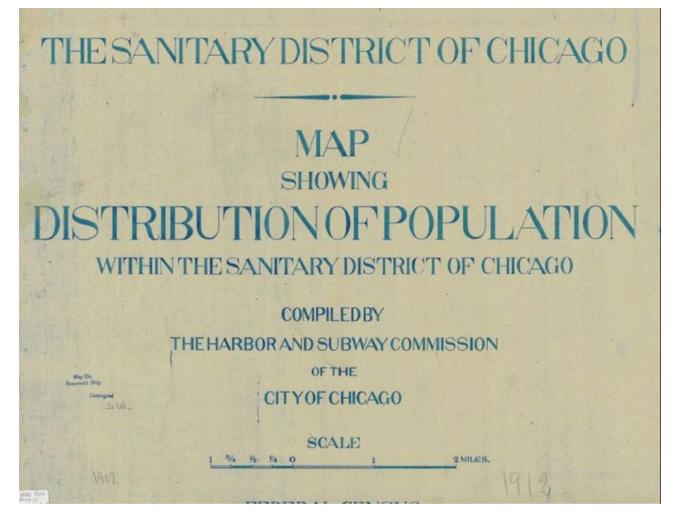


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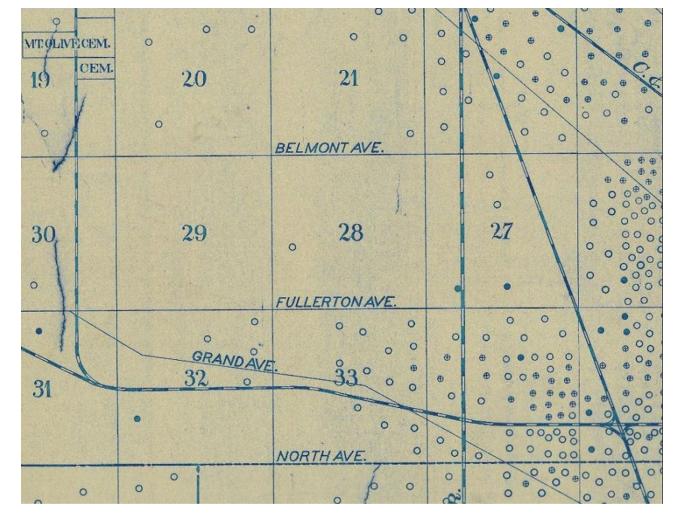
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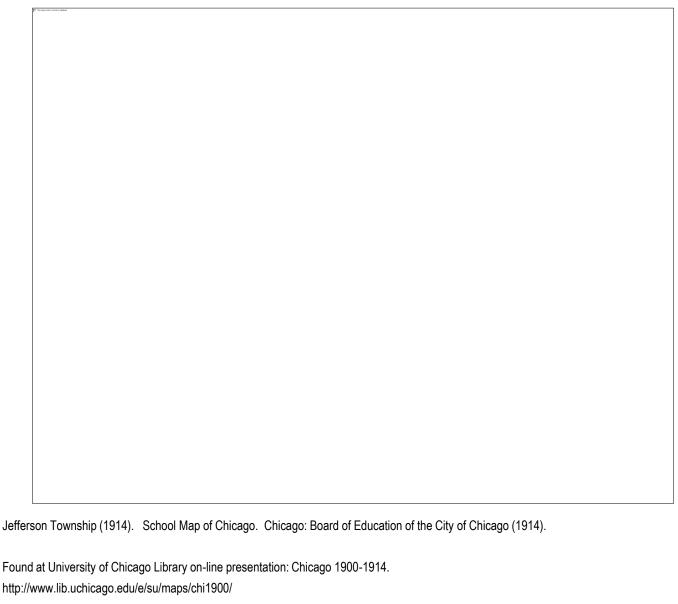


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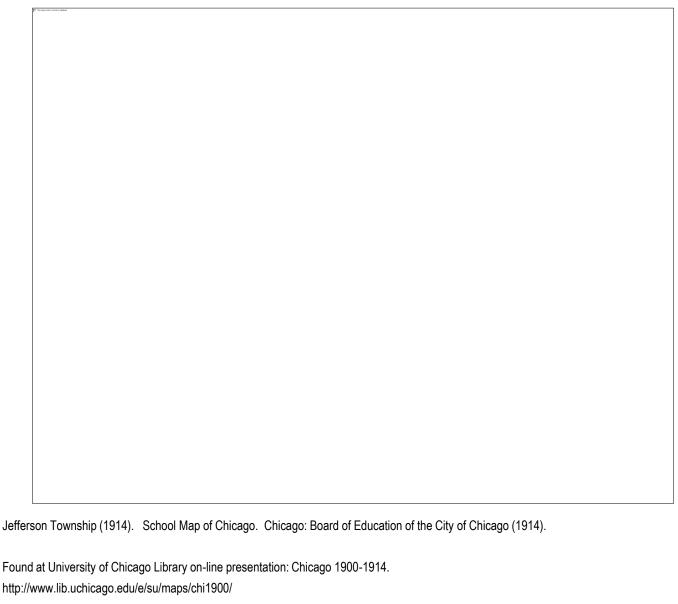
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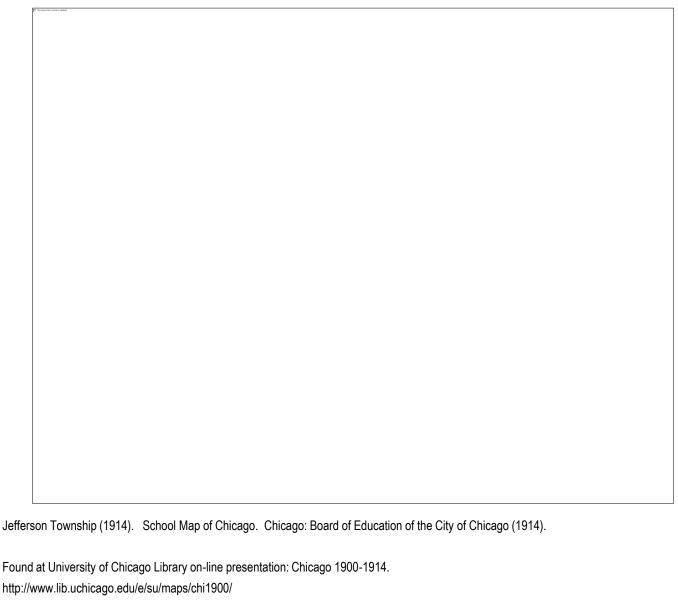




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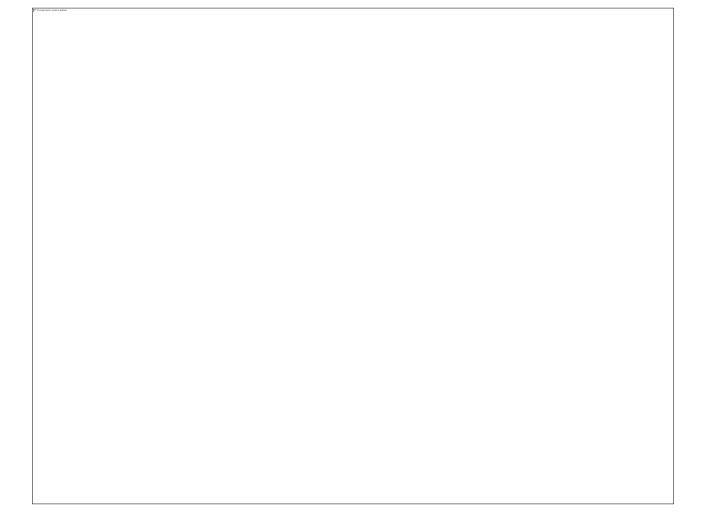
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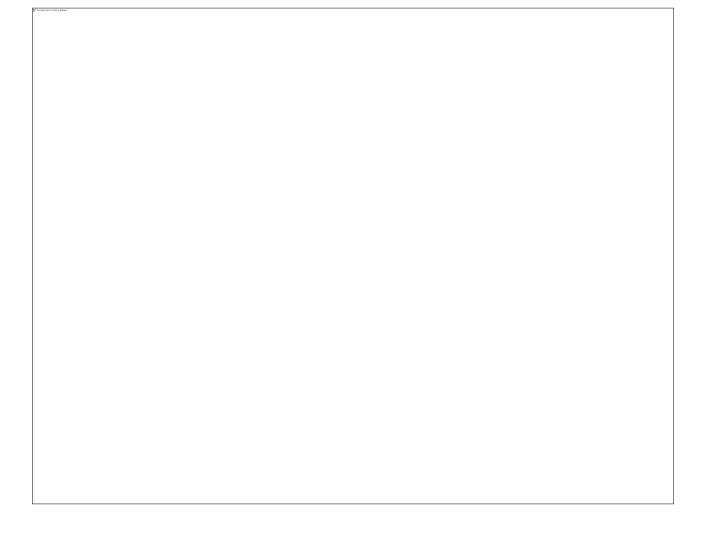


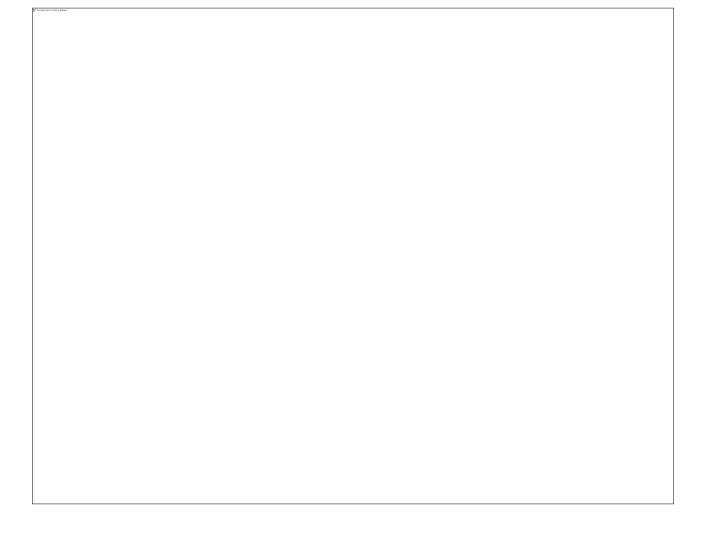
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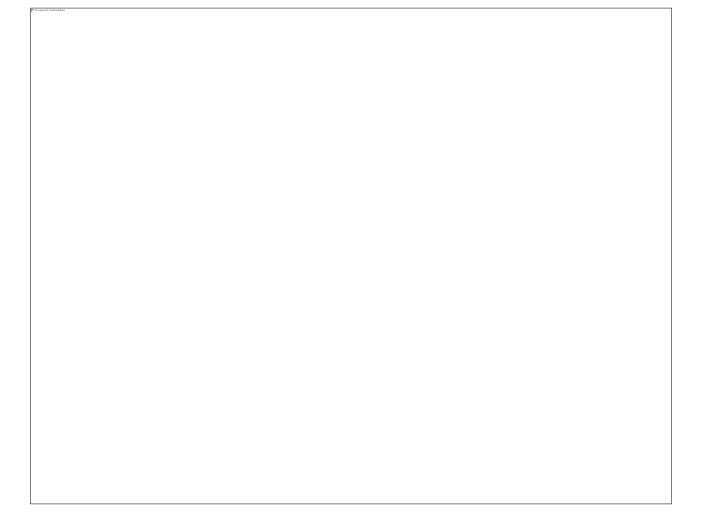
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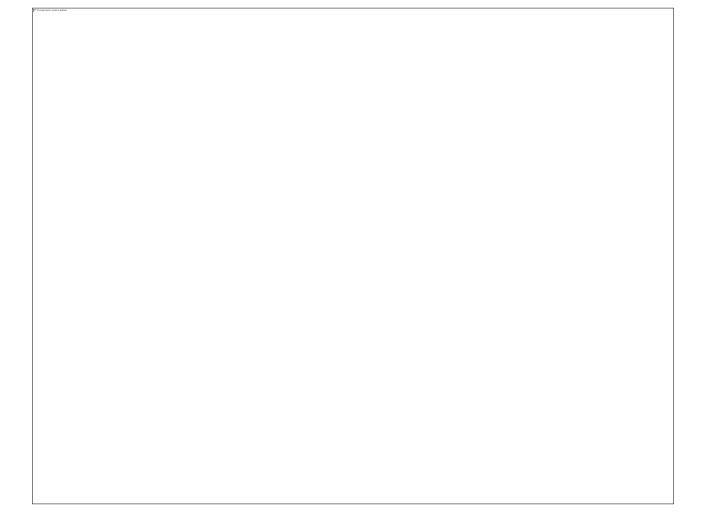
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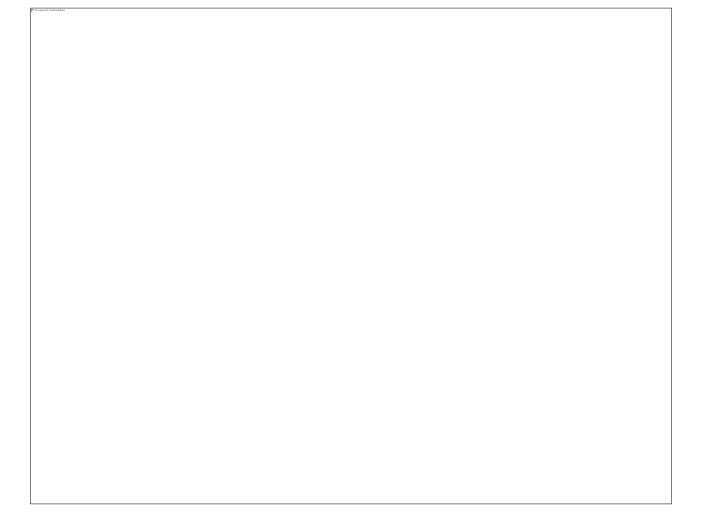


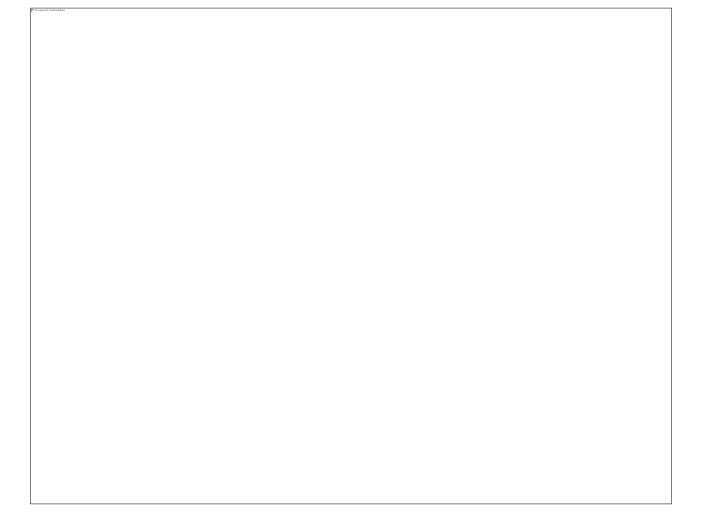


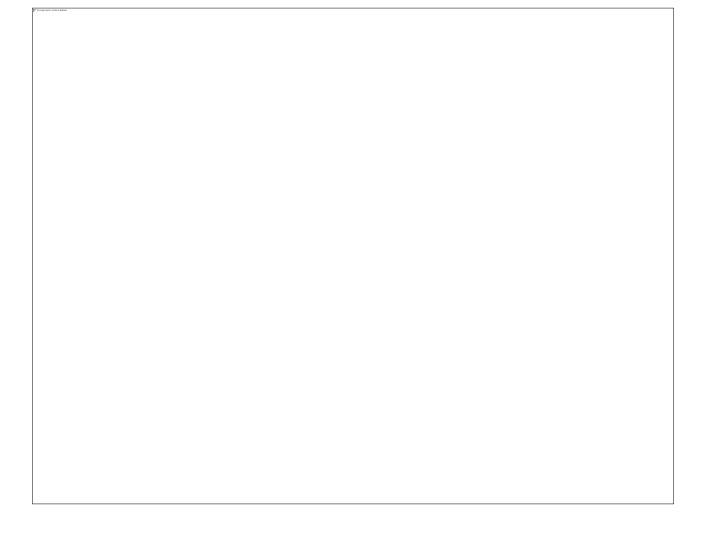


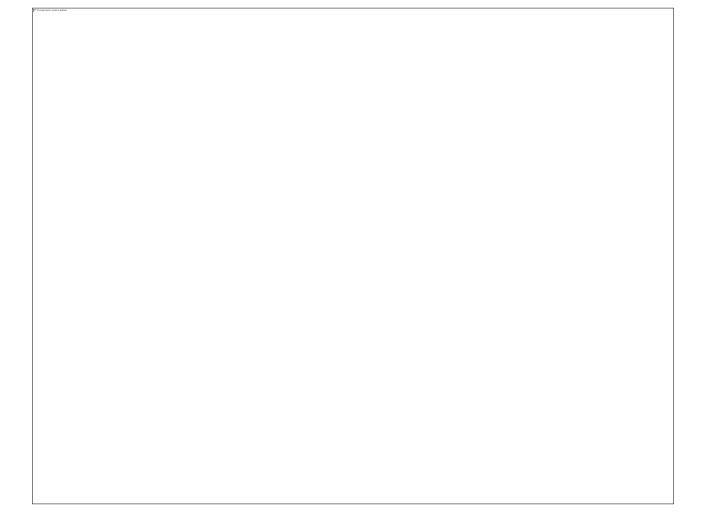


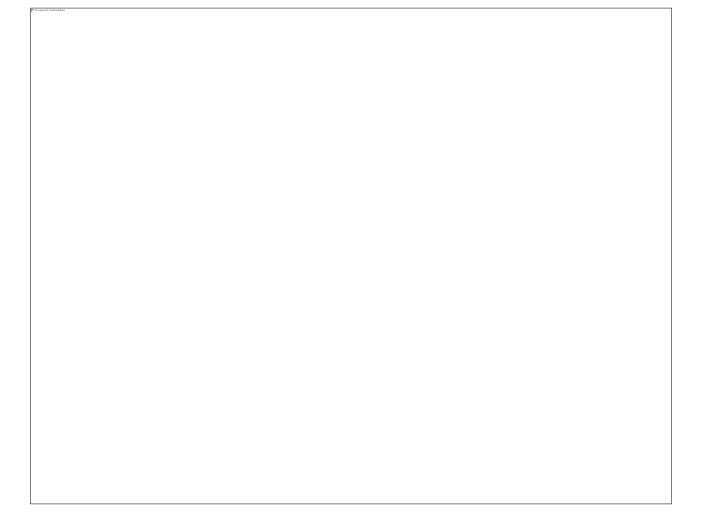


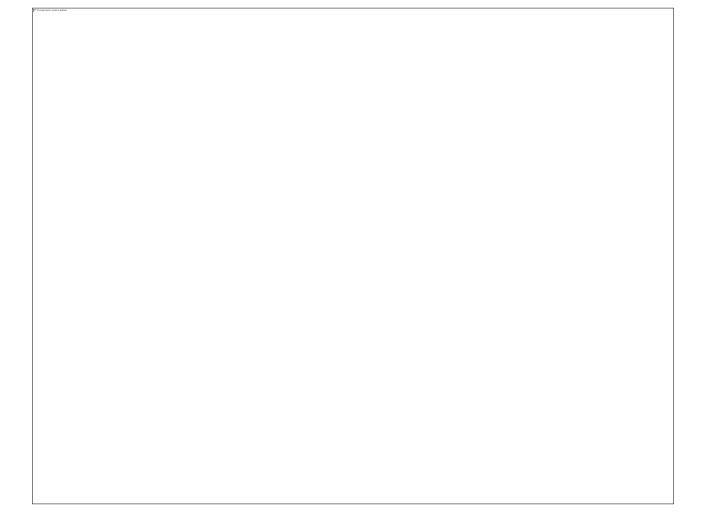


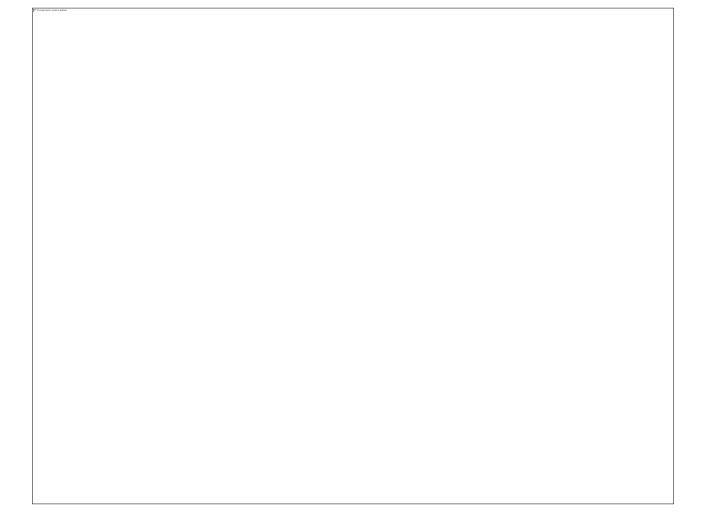


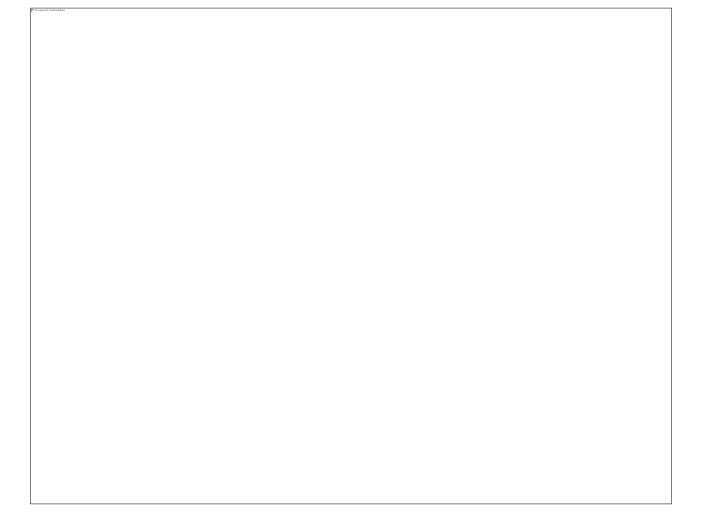


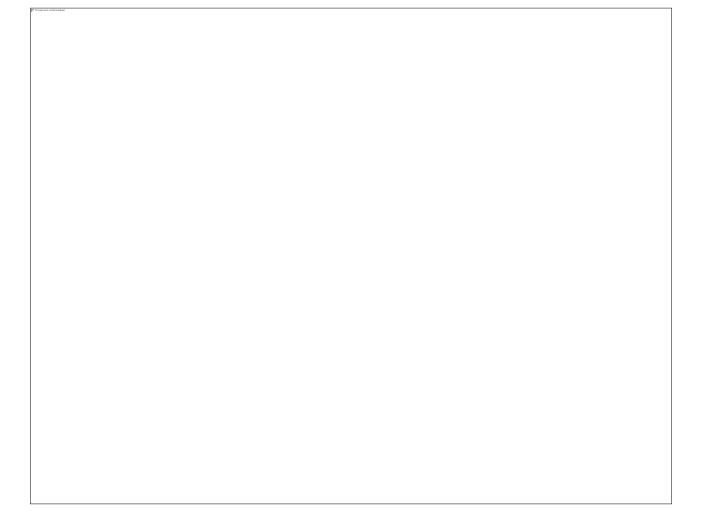


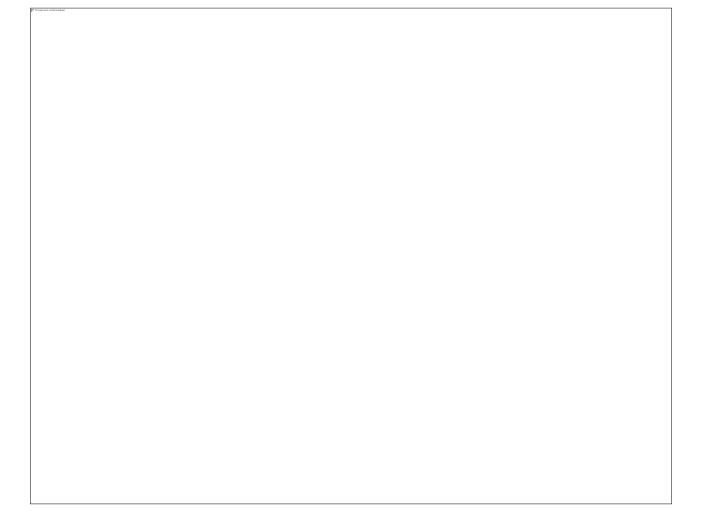


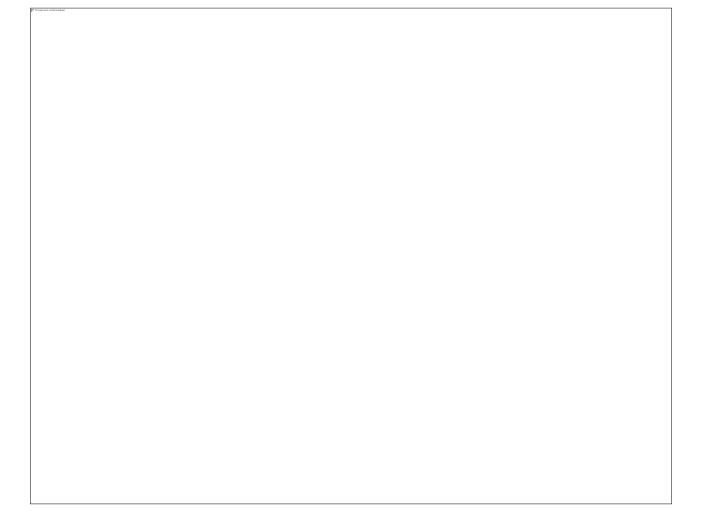


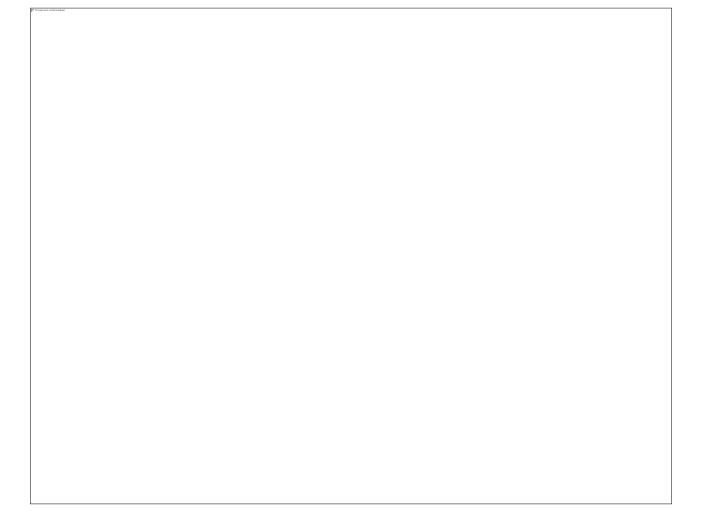


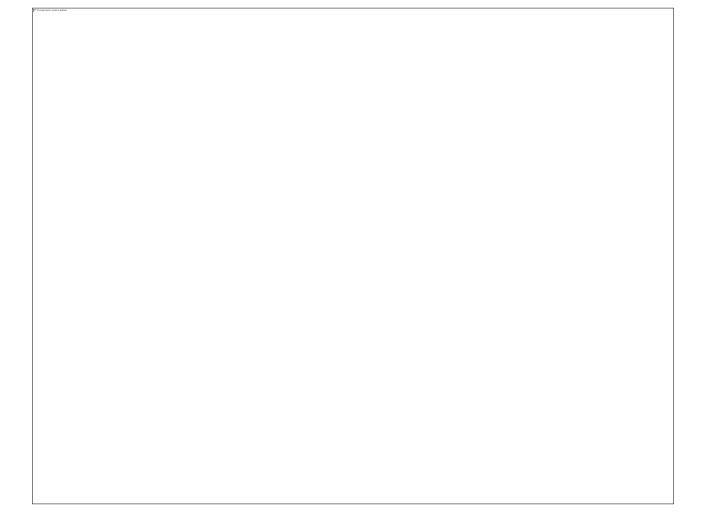


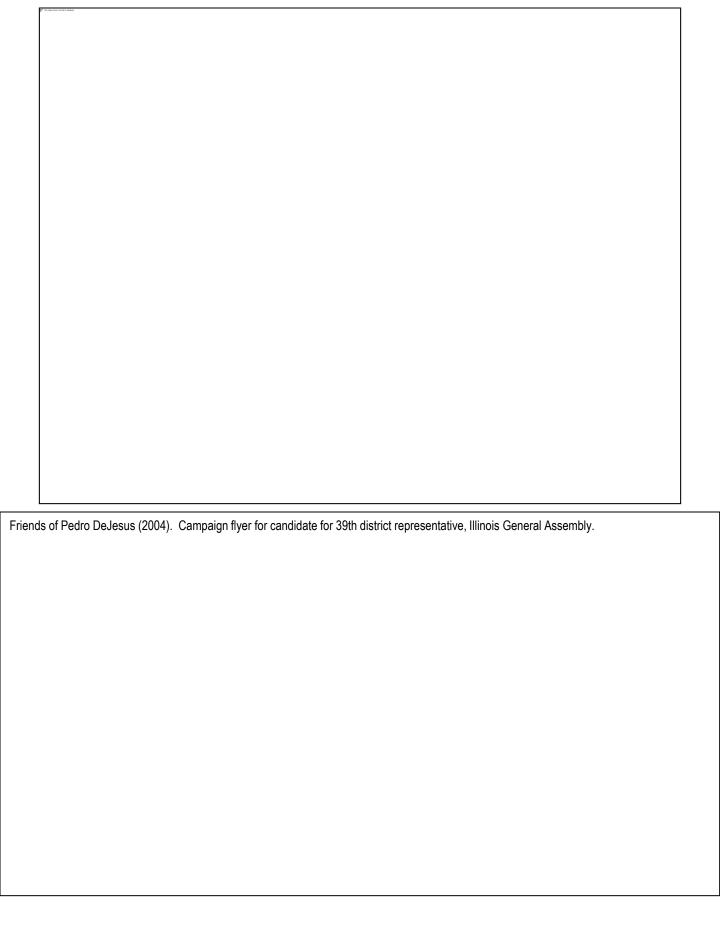


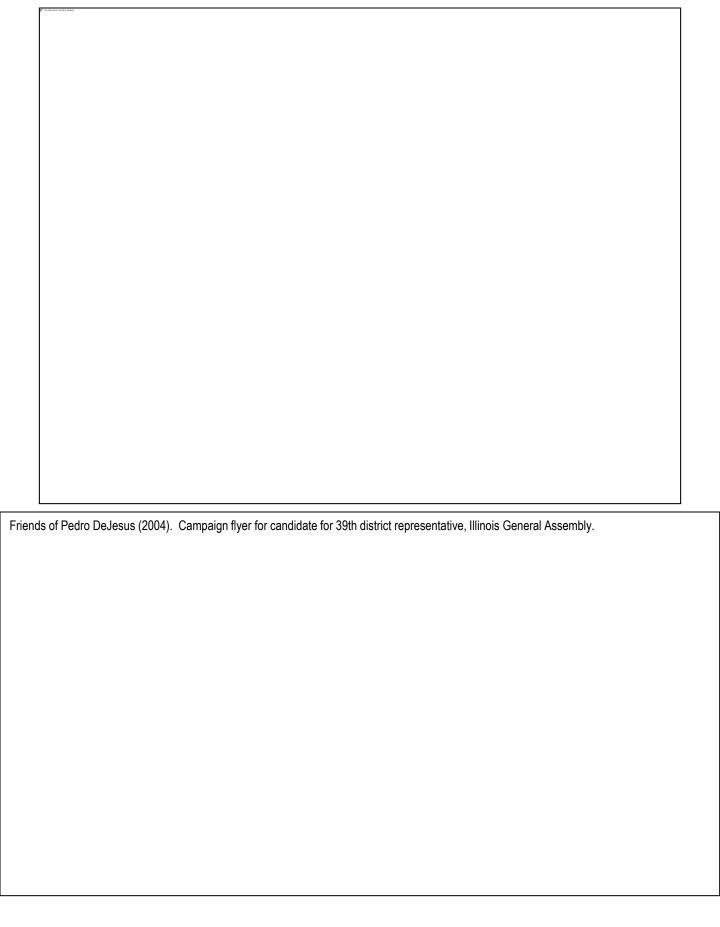


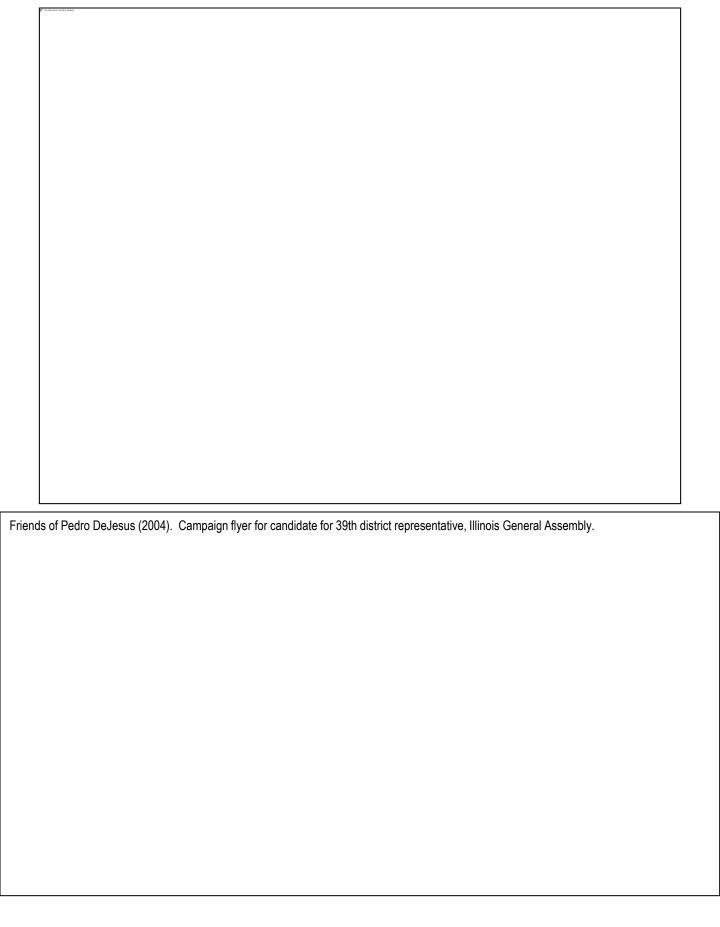


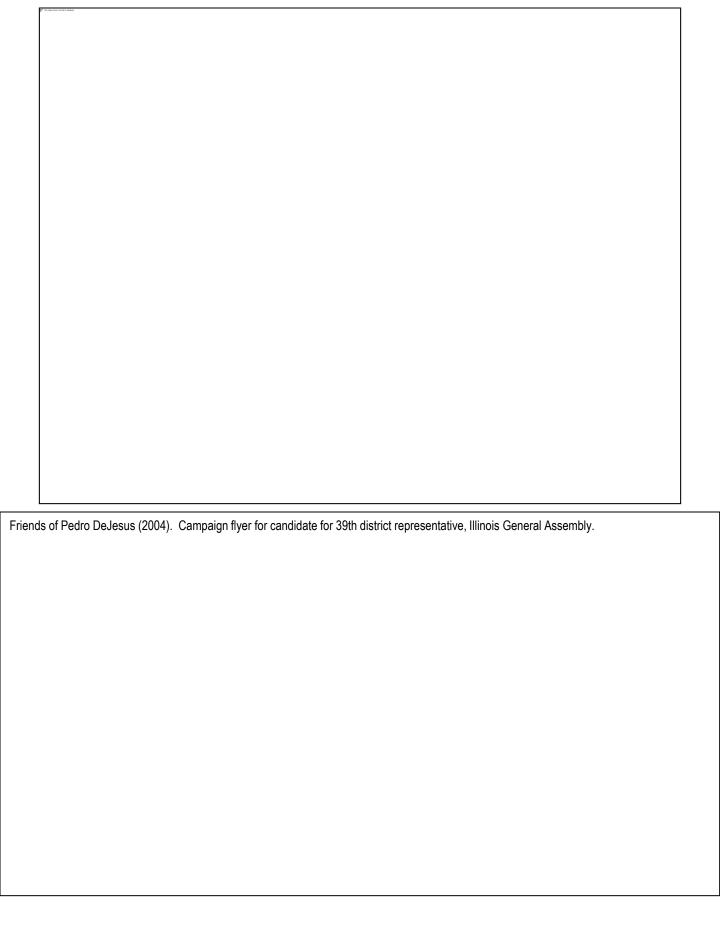


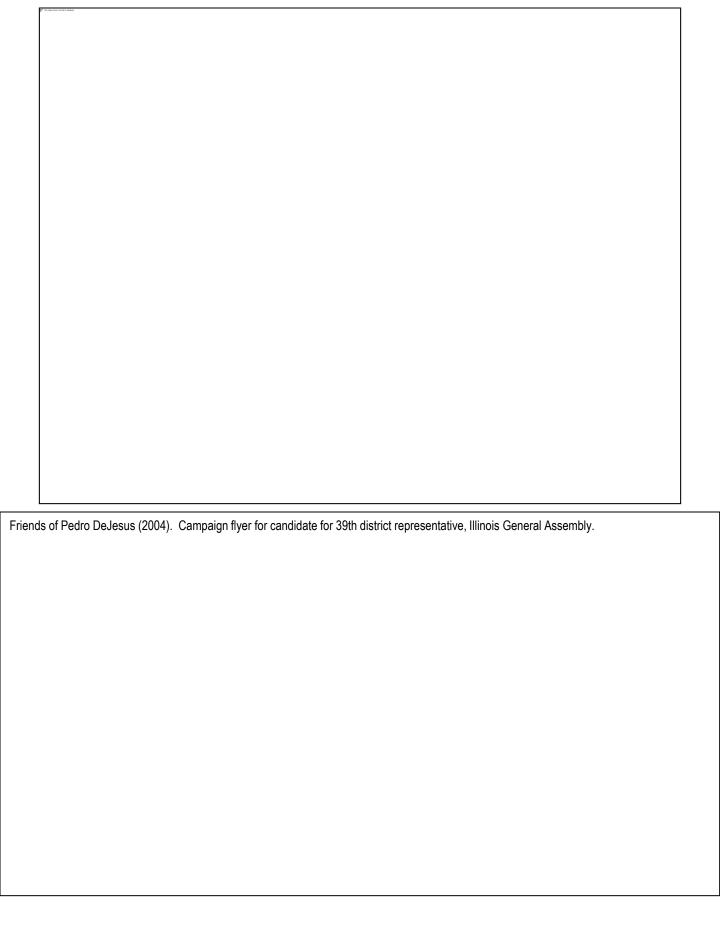


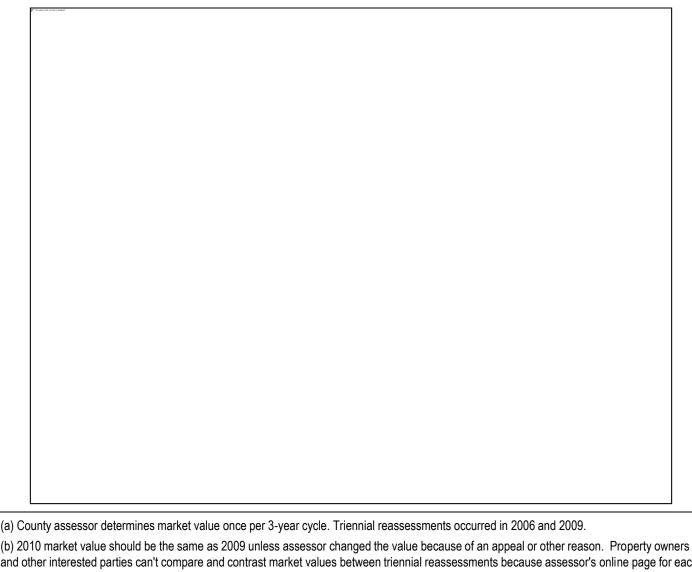






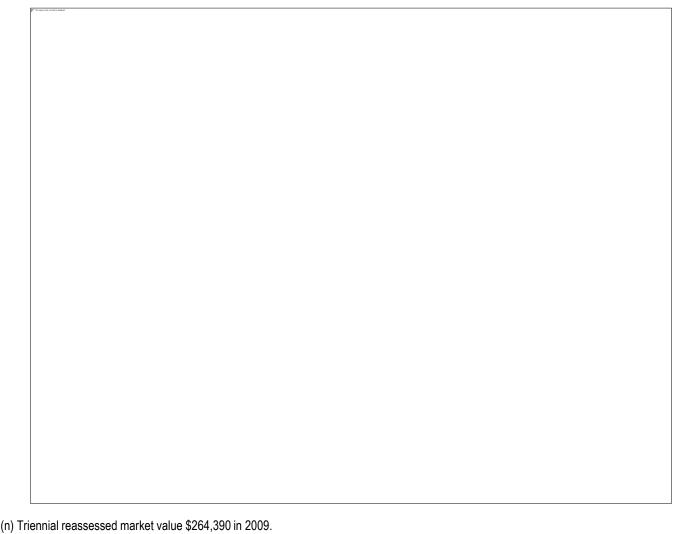






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- (g) Low assessed market value compared to identical properties might be due to owner's race (Hispanic, Puerto Rican), religion (attends St. A's RC church with Puerto Rican alderman); and/or current or family history of city/county/state job/contract or other financial transactions with local Hispanic elected official and family.
- (h) Current owner/occupant is black city worker.
- (i) Current owner/occupant is Hispanic with private sector job. Property sold for \$290,000 in 2006 before 2006 and 2009 reassessments; sold again for \$180,000 in 2010 after 2009 reassessment.
- (j) Current owner/occupant is Polish-American, is a retired city worker, and attends St. A's. Her family has owned house 50 plus-minus years.
- (k) Current owner/occupant is white and has private sector job. Property sold for \$102,500 in 1995; refinanced for \$84,750 in 2004.
- (I) Current owner/occupants are Cuban and Puerto Rican. Husband is brother of a political hack. Wife is a chronic complainer who demands and receives many unusual city services on basis of unfounded complaints, on her own behalf and on behalf of elderly Polish-American woman at 22 D Street, who is St. A's parishioner.

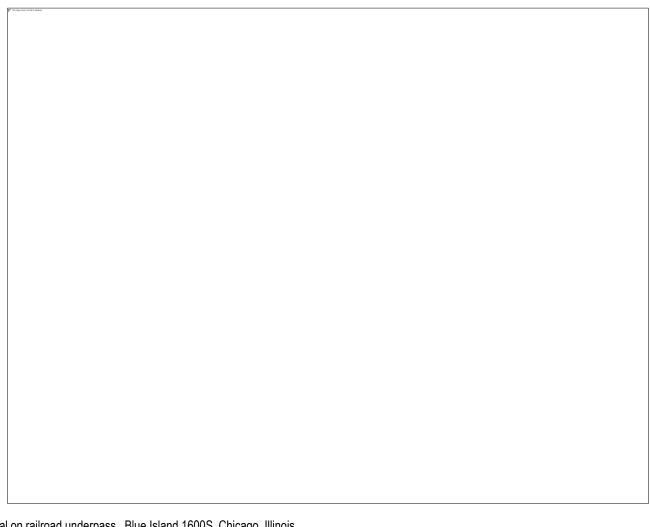
(m) Motives and opportunity to tamper with the assessor's property descriptions and alleged market values are also motives and opportunities to tamper with the treasurer's data for tax paid. Therefore, the treasurer's data for tax paid isn't necessarily the actual tax a property owner paid.



- (o) Unusually wide lot. House is set at back of lot, next to garage to create large front yard.
- (p) Sole owner/occupant's elderly mother died in 2008. The young able-bodied white male owner continues to display a disabled parking tag for his mother in his car in 2010, in addition to claiming a senior citizen exemption on his property tax for 2009.
- (q) Assessor doesn't raise alleged market value for improvements after purchase that cost less than \$75,000.
- (r) Property was offered for sale at \$189,900 in 2010 September and remains unsold in 2010 December after several cosmetic improvements.
- (s) Owner/occupants, their 3 adult children and their children's partners have 4 separate apartments. One son moved out recently and a nonrelative moved into the attic apartment in 2010 November. The male owner has reached retirement age, his wife hasn't. The family exploits senior citizen exemptions intended for single-family homeowners. The family scorns parking regulations and other reasonable ordinance; and makes more than the average number of calls for emergency services. Owners put another For Rent sign on display 2010 December 16.
- (t) 40 D Street was built in 1900, around 25 years before other houses on the block. A 1988 buyer paid an original occupant/owner \$67,000. The 2005 buyer paid the 1988 buyer \$245,000 for this 110 year old wood structure with neighbors from hell. How did the selling agent and mortgage lender talk him into doing such a foolish thing?
- (u) Moderately wide lot has room for driveway next to average-sized house. Owner/occupant uses garage to store materials for his plumbing business. Business phone used to be listed at 44 D Street home address, and wife continues to answer business phone at home.
- (v) Effective 2010 November, property photos don't appear on data pages of newly-elected assessor Joe Berrios' website. Links to property photos are now often broken.



- (w) In 1986 a man with an Irish name got 44 D Street with a warranty deed valued at \$0; and a county sheriff's police and his Puerto Rican wife moved in. In 1987, the county sheriff seized the 35 D Street 3-flat from a white owner and an Hispanic family moved in. A Puerto Rican cousin of the new #44 owner rented the #35 basement apartment from the new owner. The extended Puerto Rican family then abused the fire hydrant until neighbors' complaints forced them to move. In 2010, despite sales documents for #44 for the 1997 Puerto Rican buyer, the tax bill is still addressed to the 1986 Irish purchaser. Other factors that point to fraud are:
- (1) Current owner/occupant has been involved in deals for a local commercial property with persons who have the Puerto Rican alderman's surname.
- (2) Current owner/occupant operates a plumbing business on the property;
- (3) The Puerto Rican plumber might rely on the Puerto Rican alderman for influence and actual city contracts for income;
- (4) The plumber's wife's has the same surname as the 49 D Street owner/occupant.
- (5) 49 D Street is a mis-described, undervalued, undertaxed property used to overvalue and overtax other properties, including white-owned properties on the block."
- (x) 46 D Street, like 24 D Street and other houses on the block, is overvalued and overtaxed because the assessor has underdescribed 49 D Street.



Mural on railroad underpass. Blue Island 1600S, Chicago, Illinois.