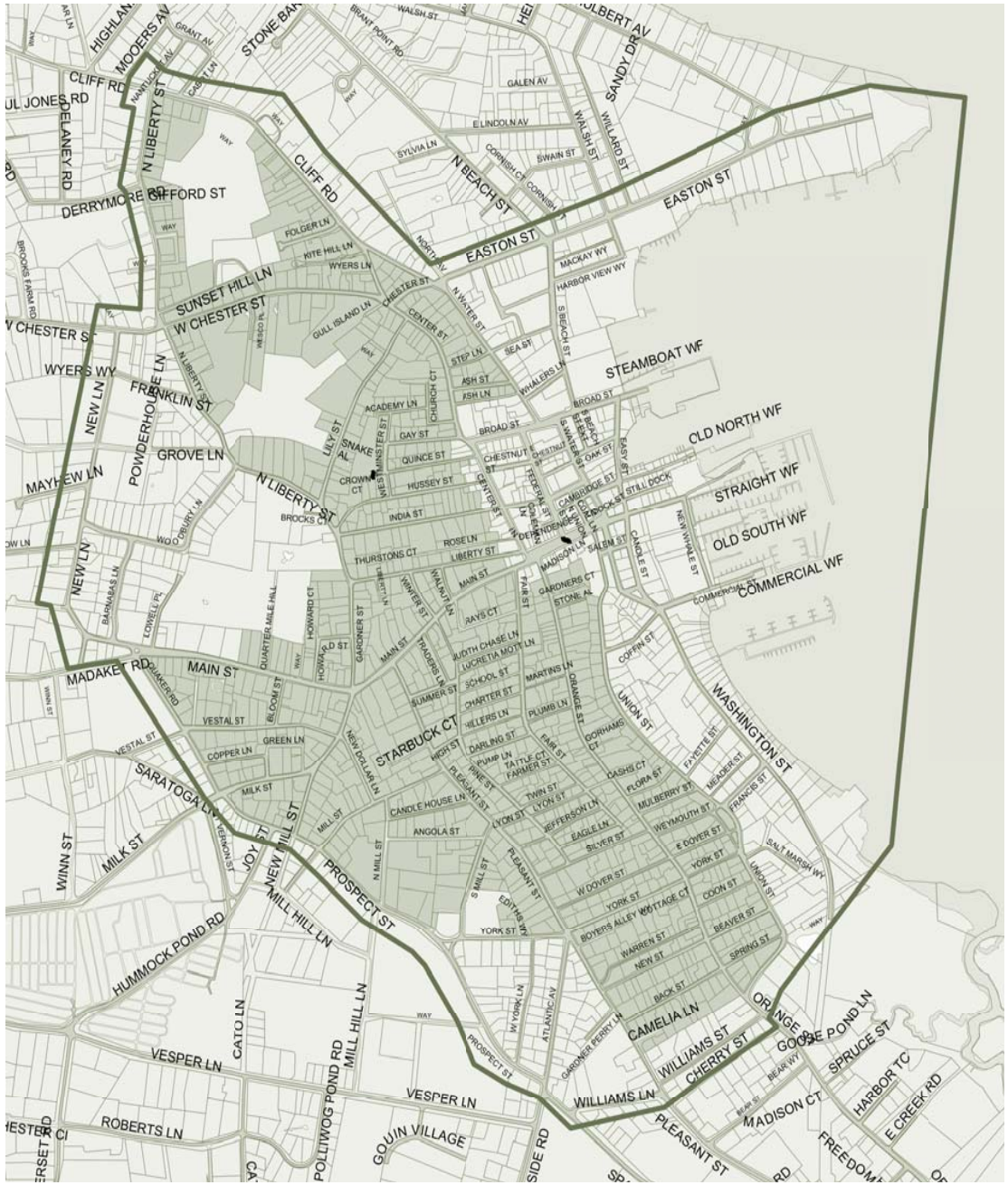
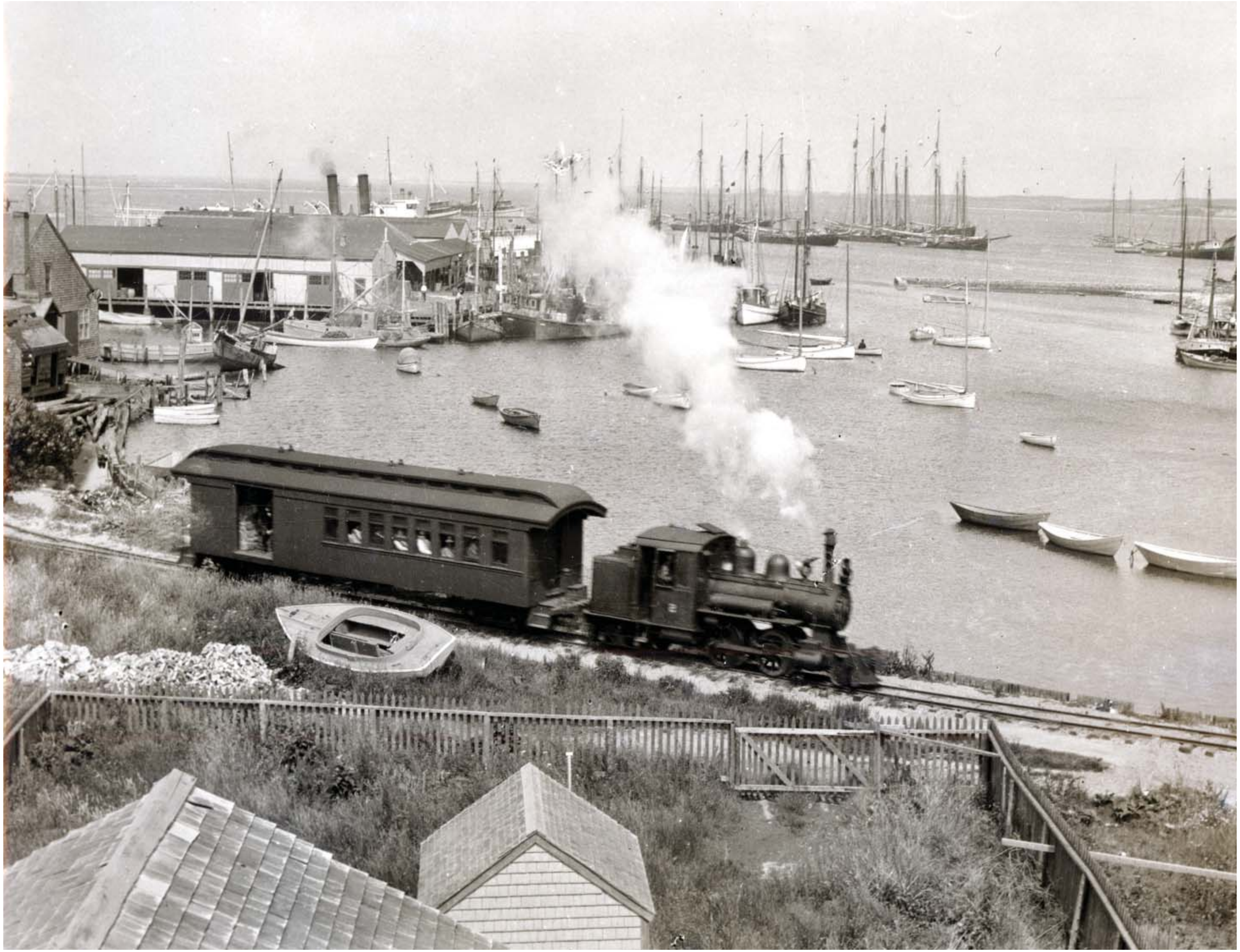
Nantucket 1910-1940

Beinecke and the Historic District



Mr. Beinecke, an heir to the S&H Green Stamp fortune, had the notion of reviving a deteriorating Nantucket by appealing to wealthy tourists. He did this by buying much of the town's waterfront, then fixing it up, building by building, filling in the holes with recreations and reproductions of 18th-century architecture. Nantucket had been declining almost since the time the fictional Ahab steered the Pequod out of its harbor in the mid-19th-century in search of Moby-Dick. After World War II, the wharfs, shops and maritime buildings fell yet more steeply into decay, even as more and more people came to the island. But Mr. Beinecke, who grew up loving the salty summers of Nantucket, came to the belief that the swarms of new visitors spent nearly enough money to justify the damage they were doing. His frankly elitist approach, as he told Time magazine in 1968, was to attract fewer people who would buy six postcards and two hot dogs and more who would rent a hotel room and buy a couple of sports coats.

Nantucket Railroad



NANTUCKET AND ITS RAILROAD.

BY AUTOMOBILE CAR TO 'SCONSET.

One of the Excitements of Vacation Life on the Island.

Correspondence of The Republic.

NANTUCKET, August 11, [illegible]

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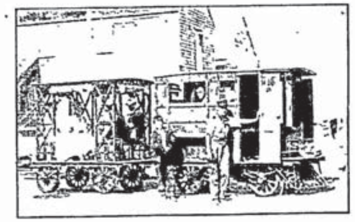

NANTUCKET'S NEW MOTOR CAR.

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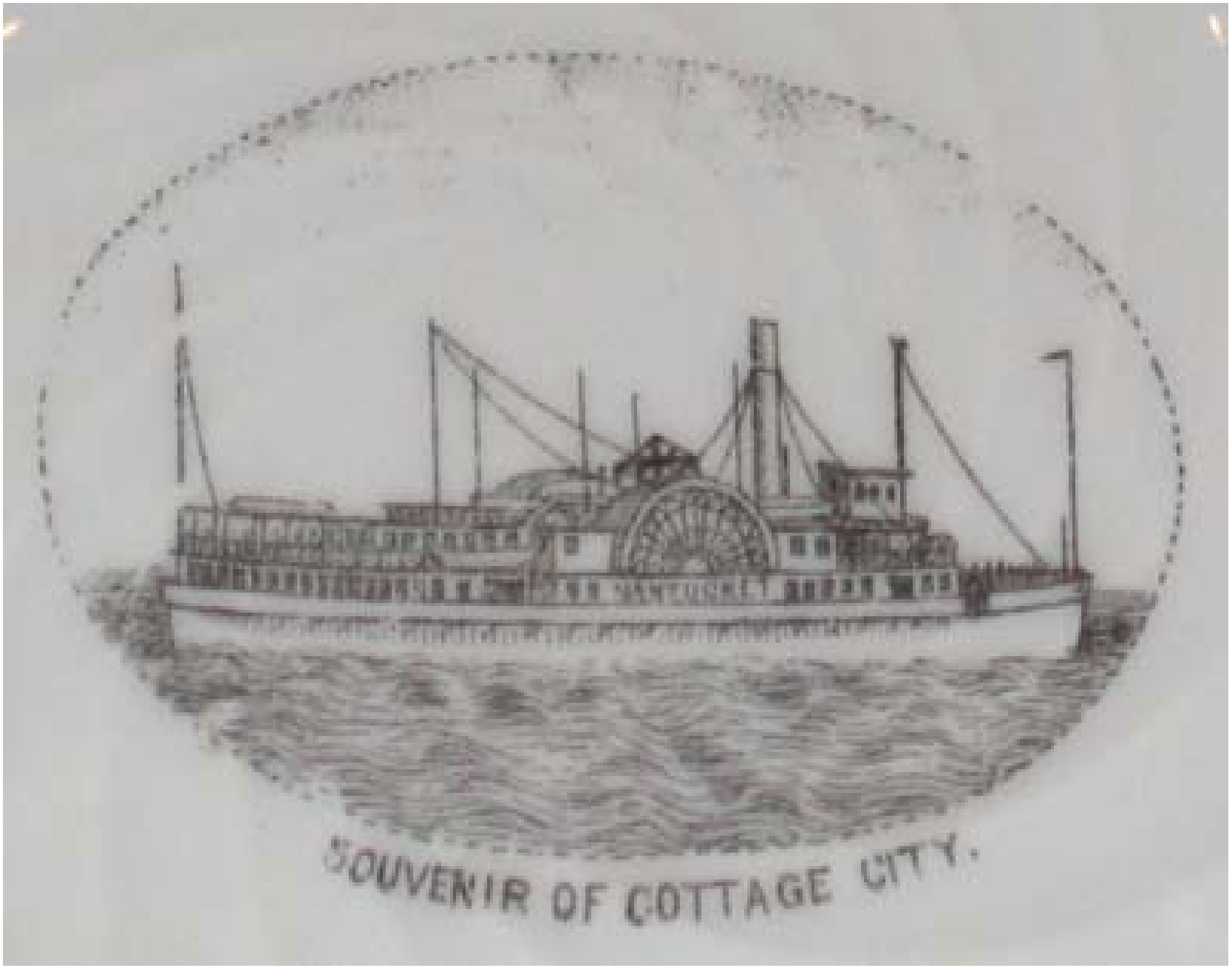
Nantucket Steamship



Strike Halts Nantucket's Ferry Runs

NANTUCKET, Mass. (AP)—A strike has cost the 3,300 year-round residents on Nantucket Island their daily ferry service.

Although Nantucket is 30 miles at sea, none of the residents seemed concerned that their daily contact with the mainland was severed early Saturday.

Many storekeepers, aware for some time that the strike loomed, put in extra supplies of nonperishables.

Extra plane flights and use of private boats fill the gap created when the strike of crewmen tied up the three vessels operated by the Nantucket Steamship authority.

The vessels plied betwen the mainland and Marthas Vineyard and Nantucket Island.

Marthas Vineyard is only six miles from the mainland and small boats negotiate the trip with little difficulty.

Sanborn Map 1910

Churches
Banks
Schools-Institutions
Leisure
Shops
Railroad

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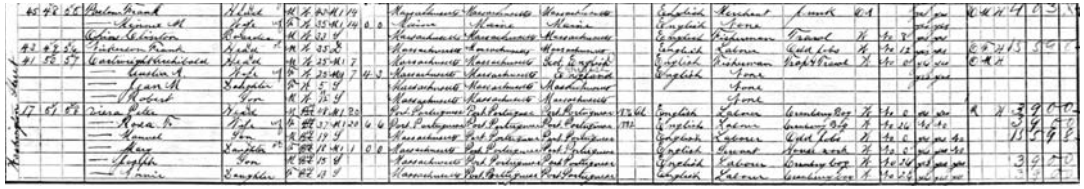
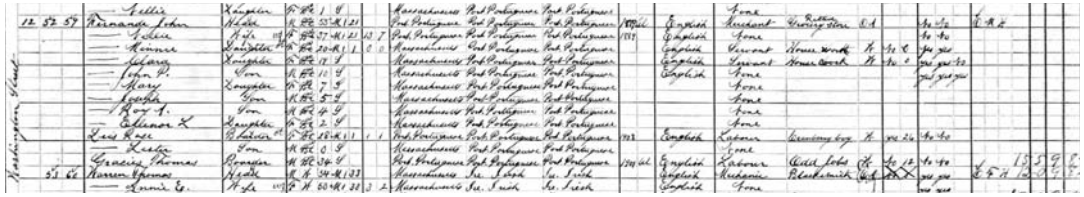
Cencus 1910-Sanborn Maps 1909





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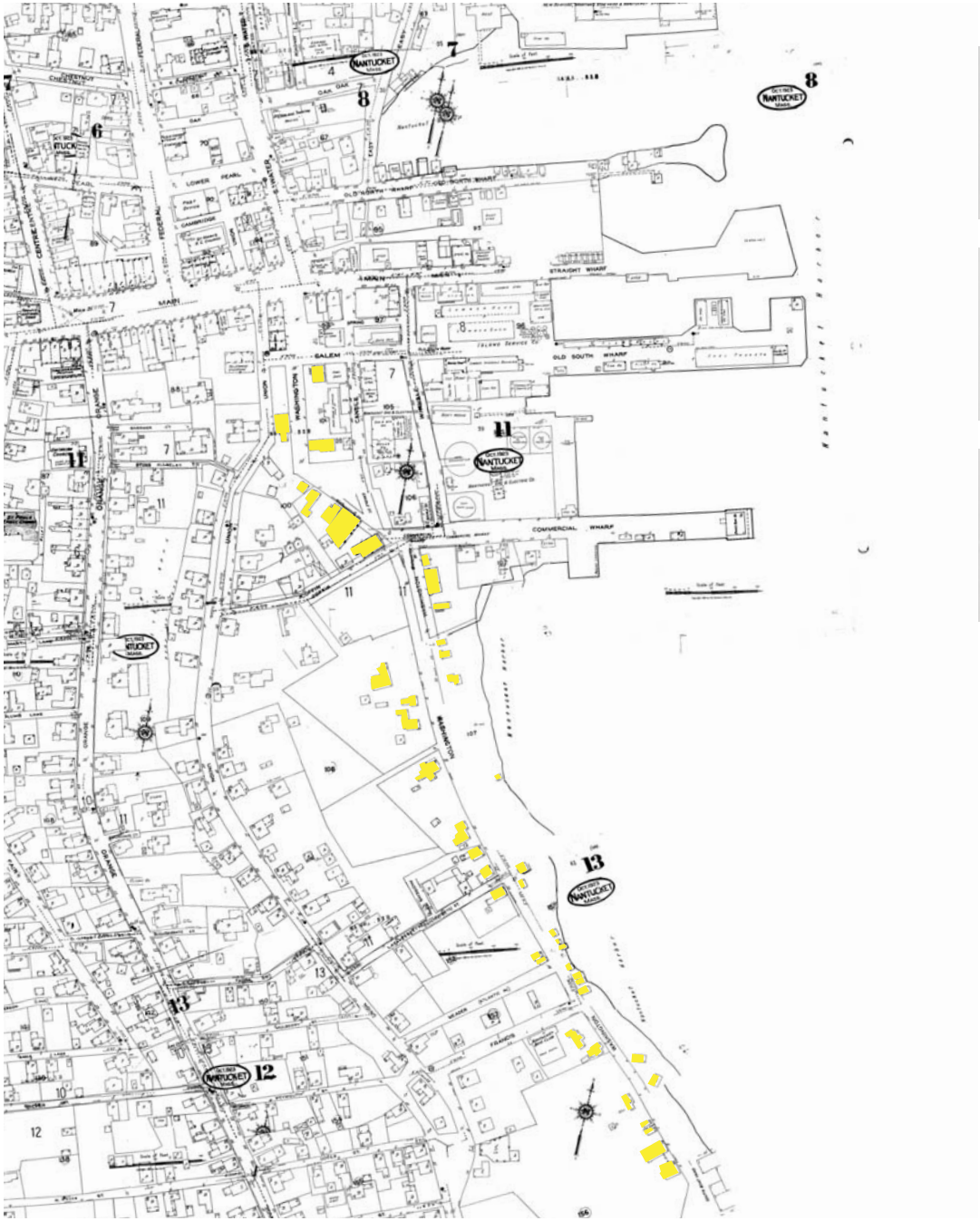

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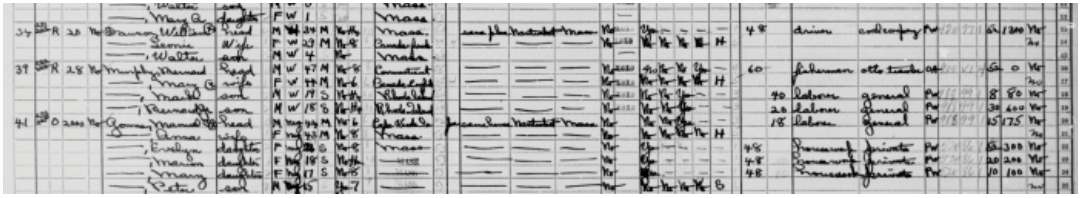

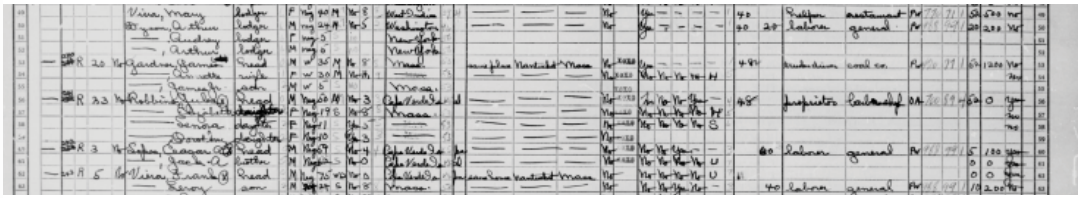

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