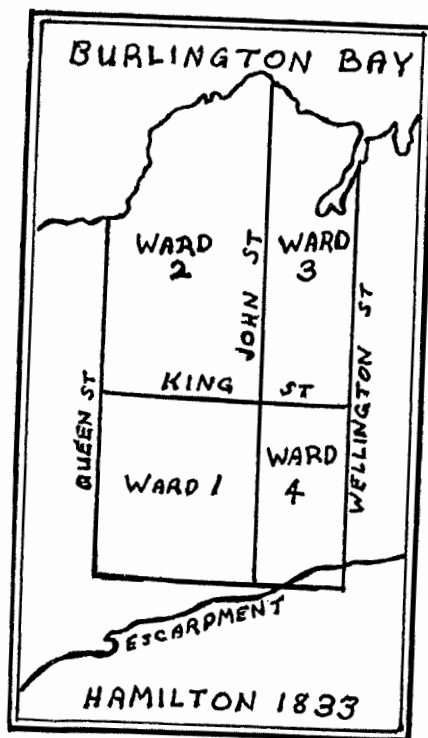


CITY OF HAMILTON

WARD BOUNDARY MAPS



1813 -- 1985

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This publication contains ward maps for Hamilton from the earliest (1813) to the present, along with a description of the process leading to incorporation as a town. Over the years, as the city grew, the ward boundaries underwent many realignments. These maps will particularly aid researchers using the census records for the city of Hamilton. For more information, you may wish to refer to the Hamilton Spectator clipping file in Special Collections.

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efficient system of Municipal Government. For this purpose an Act was passed on the 9th of June, 1846, to alter and amend the Act incorporating the town of Hamilton and to erect the same into a city. The inhabitants within certain limits fixed by this Act were constituted a body politic in fact and in name, by and under the name of the City of Hamilton.

The boundaries of the city were fixed as follows: "That the City of Hamilton shall consist of all that part of the District of Gore which lies within the following limits, that is to say: Commencing on the northeast corner of lot number twelve (Emerald Street) in the township of Barton, on the waters of Burlington Bay, thence following the line between the said lots number twelve and number eleven in a southerly direction to the rear of the third concession of the said township of Barton; thence along said concession westerly to the intersection of the line between lots numbers twenty and twenty-one of the said township; thence in a northerly direction following the said line between the said lots numbers twenty and twenty-one until it reaches the marsh at the head of Burlington Bay; thence along the southerly and easterly margin of said marsh to the waters of Burlington Bay to the place of beginning, including the several road allowances along the said boundary and the harbour in front of said Town.

The city was divided into five wards, named St. George, St. Patrick, St. Lawrence, St. Andrew and St. Mary.

This Act was superseded by the General Municipal Act of 1849, which extended the city limits eastward to Wentworth Street. The boundaries then were: on the east, Wentworth Street; on the south, Aberdeen Avenue; on the west, Paradise Road, and on the north, Coote's Paradise and Burlington Bay. By this Act the City of Hamilton exercises jurisdiction over that portion of the Township of Barton comprised in lots eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty in the first, second and third concessions and the Broken Front.

The next change was that of the Proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, which fixes the city limits as follows:

All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land in the said Township of Barton lying to the west of the road allowance between lots numbers eight and nine (Sherman Ave.), and extending from the brow of the mountain to the waters of Burlington Bay, and westward to the present city limits, and including the said road allowance between numbers eight and nine and also parts of lots thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, and of the road allowance between lots numbers eighteen and nineteen in

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In 1791, Mr. Angustus Jones, P.L.S., completed the survey of the Township of Barton, and prepared a map showing the lots, the names of the owners, and the concessions. The map has the date of the 25th of October, 1791. From the records of the Crown Lands Department at Toronto, we glean the following facts concerning the land now within the present city limits. North of the base line, which is now called Burlington Street, is the "Broken Front"; from this base line southward to Barton Street is the first Concession; from Barton Street to Main Street the second Concession; from Main Street to Aberdeen Avenue, the third Concession. On the east, Sherman Avenue is the side road between lots 8 and 9; Wentworth Street, between lots 10 and 11; Wellington Street, between lots 12 and 13; James Street, between lots 14 and 15; Queen Street, between lots 16 and 17; Dundurn Street, between lots 18 and 19; Paradise Road, between lots 20 and 21. The lots are numbered from east to west, the Concessions from north to south.

Mr. George Hamilton, after whom the city was named, purchased from David Springer lot 14 in the Third Concession of Barton, and from John Askin, Sr., that portion of lot 14 in the Second Concession lying between Main and King Streets. King Street followed the Indian Trail and was the principal road leading from Niagara to Dundas and Ancaster. Main Street was the original road allowance between the Second and Third Concessions. That portion of lot 14 in the Second Concession lying between Main and King Streets was the portion first surveyed. It was divided into four blocks, and these were again divided into eight lots each, four facing King Street and four facing Main Street, with an alley between them, running east and west. This was the germ of the City of Hamilton.

As the Northerly and Southerly boundaries of these lots were surveyed to run parallel with Main Street, a gore was left on the south side of King Street. This gore was afterwards given as a Public Park, with the understanding that a similar portion on the north side of King Street should be given for the same purpose. This, however, was never done and the gore remains as originally given.

An act was passed on the 22nd of March, 1816, forming the Gore District out of portions of the Home and Niagara Districts, and conferring upon it all the rights and privileges pertaining to the other districts of the Province. The town of Hamilton was selected as the district town.

On the 19th of March, 1823, an act was passed providing for the construction of a navigable canal to connect Burlington Bay with Lake Ontario. This canal gave a decided impulse to the progress of Hamilton. Prior to its construction Ancaster and Dundas

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Barton Township.

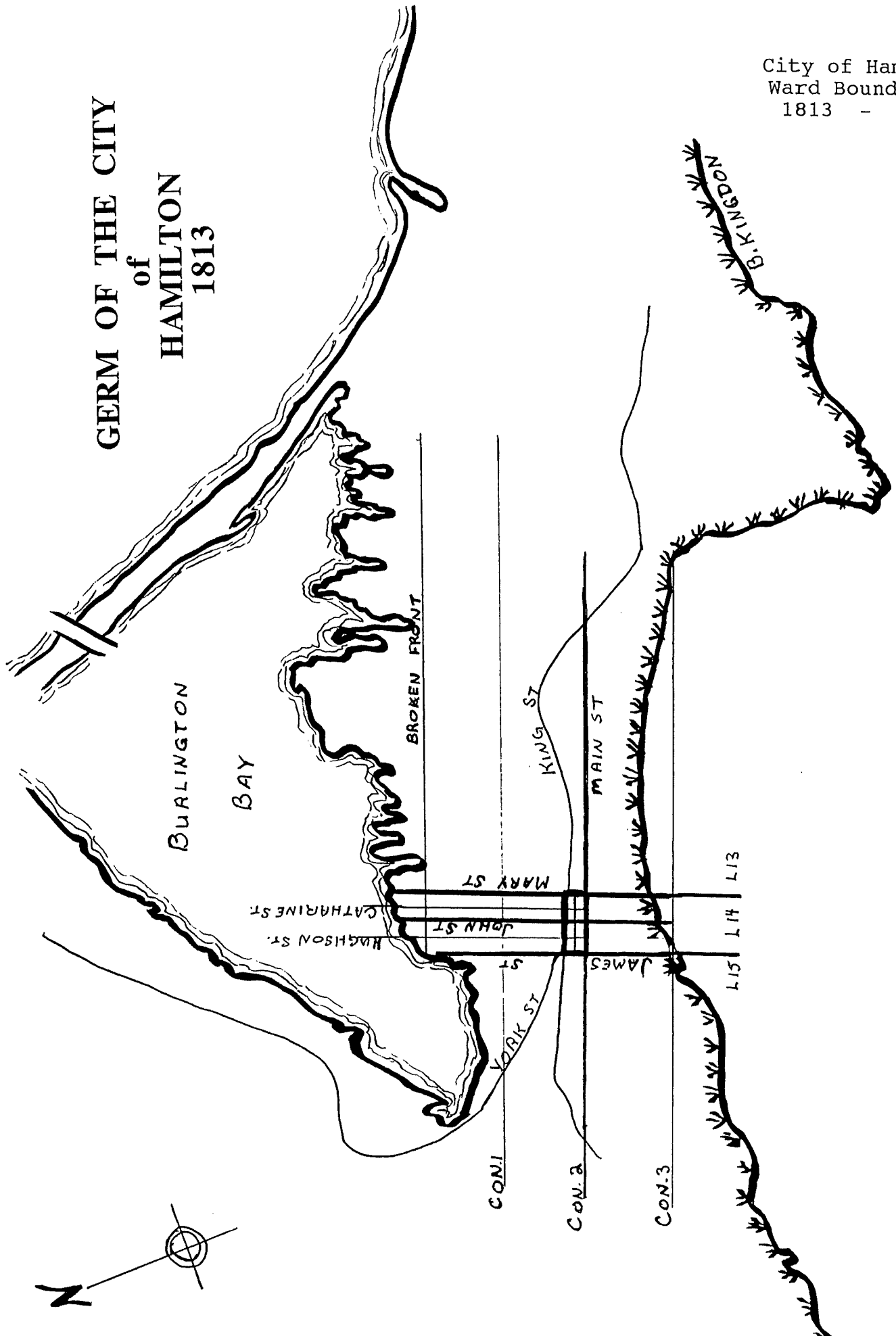
The final annexation to the City of Hamilton came 9th of July, 1969, expropriating 3,371 acres in the area of Highway 403 and Upper Horning Road, in the south west corner of the city.

The purchase of water lots from the Hamilton Harbour Commissioners, and the inclusion of Burlington Bay (not previously included), have brought Hamilton to a respectable 34,842 acres.

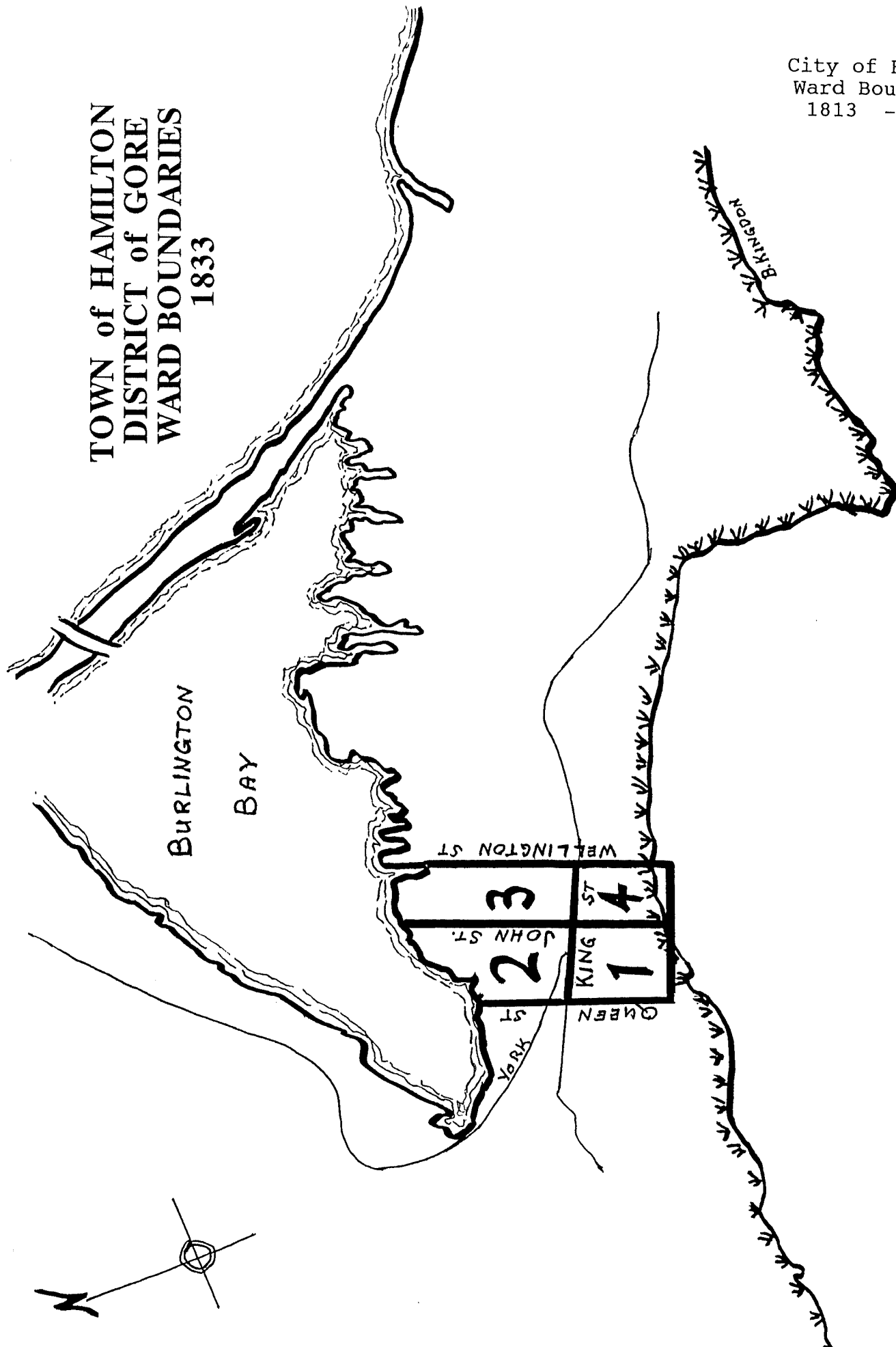
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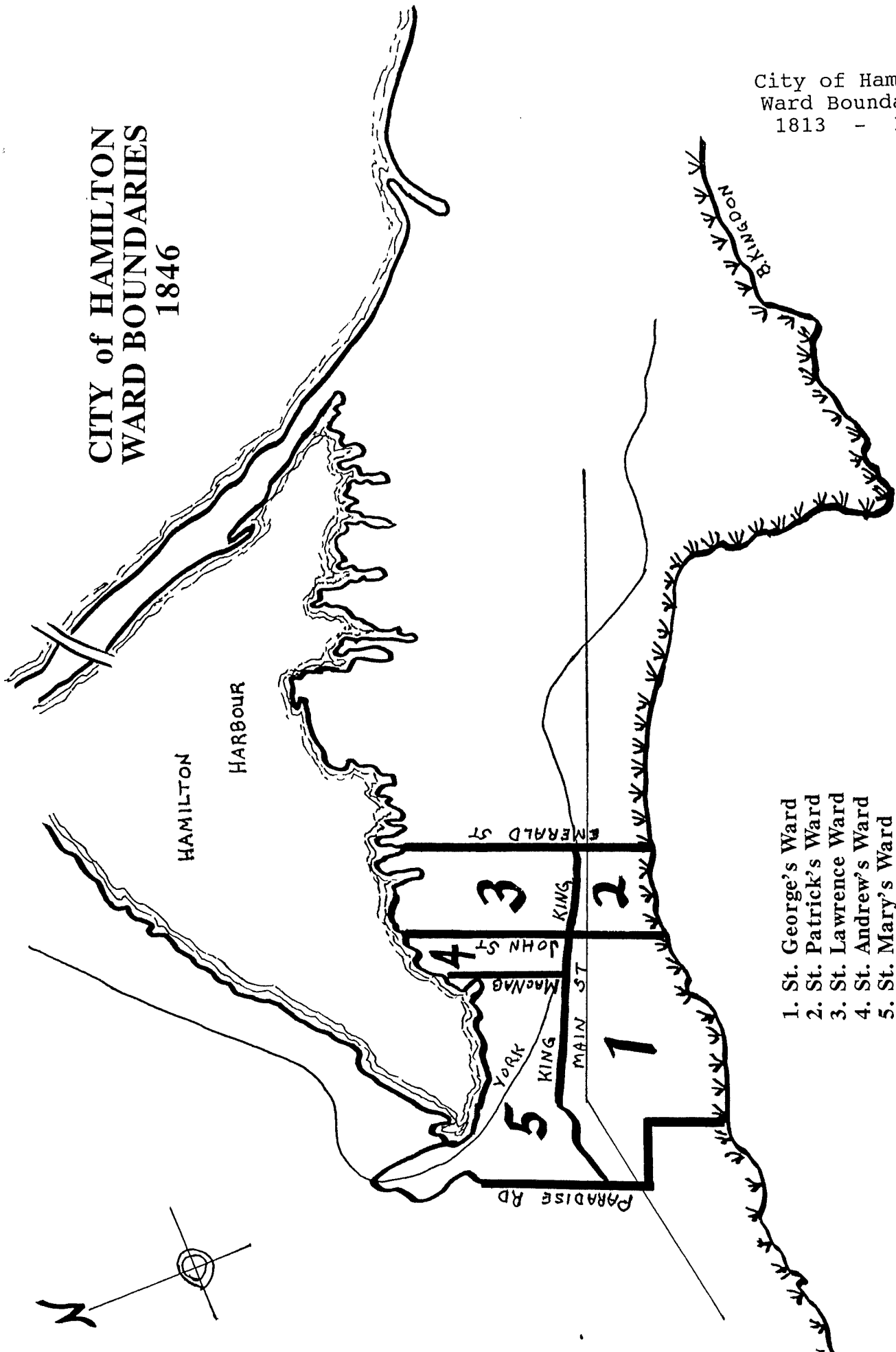


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1. St. George's Ward
2. St. Patrick's Ward
3. St. Lawrence Ward
4. St. Andrew's Ward
5. St. Mary's Ward

First Street Numbers Given In 1853

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JOHN STREET, UPPER, CONTINUED.

564 Newcombe J., mason.

Meat market.

61 Hayward J., painter.

63 Vanstone J., carpenter.

65 Wright T., stone cutter.

67 Hutchison J., tanner.

69 Baker T., carpenter.

71 Boswell A., inn.

58 Teahan J., travellers home.

60 Almas J., Canada home.

62 McKay P., tailor.

64 Johnson D., shoemaker.

66 Monroe Wm., whitewasher.

68 Oliver W., icameter.

70 Prater J., laborer.

72 Newbury J., watchmaker.

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KING STREET, CONTINUED

6 Bank British North America.

7 Kerr A. & T. C., & Co., & s d g.

11 Jennings J. & Co., crockery.

13 Higginson A., crockery.

15 Gore Bank.

8 Tisdale V. H., fancy store.

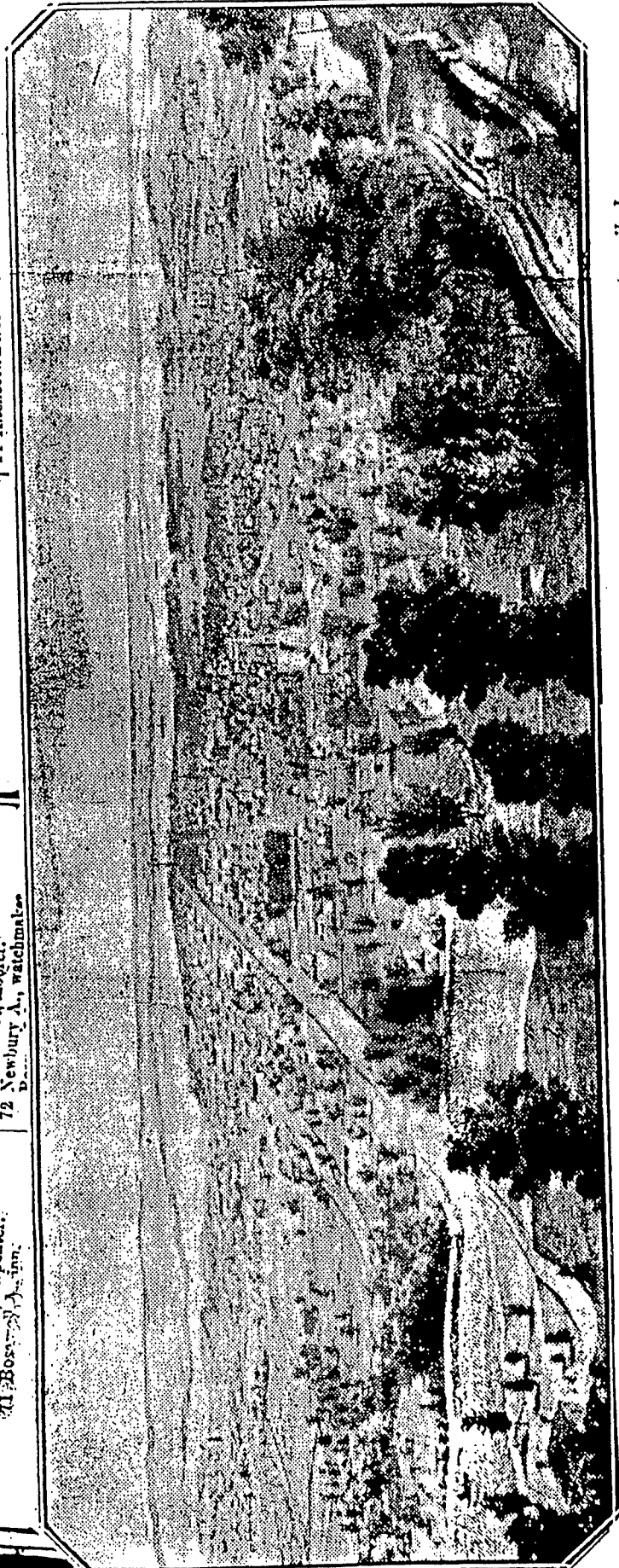
Springer O., attorney

Odd Fellows hall.

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12 Eccleston T., confectioner.

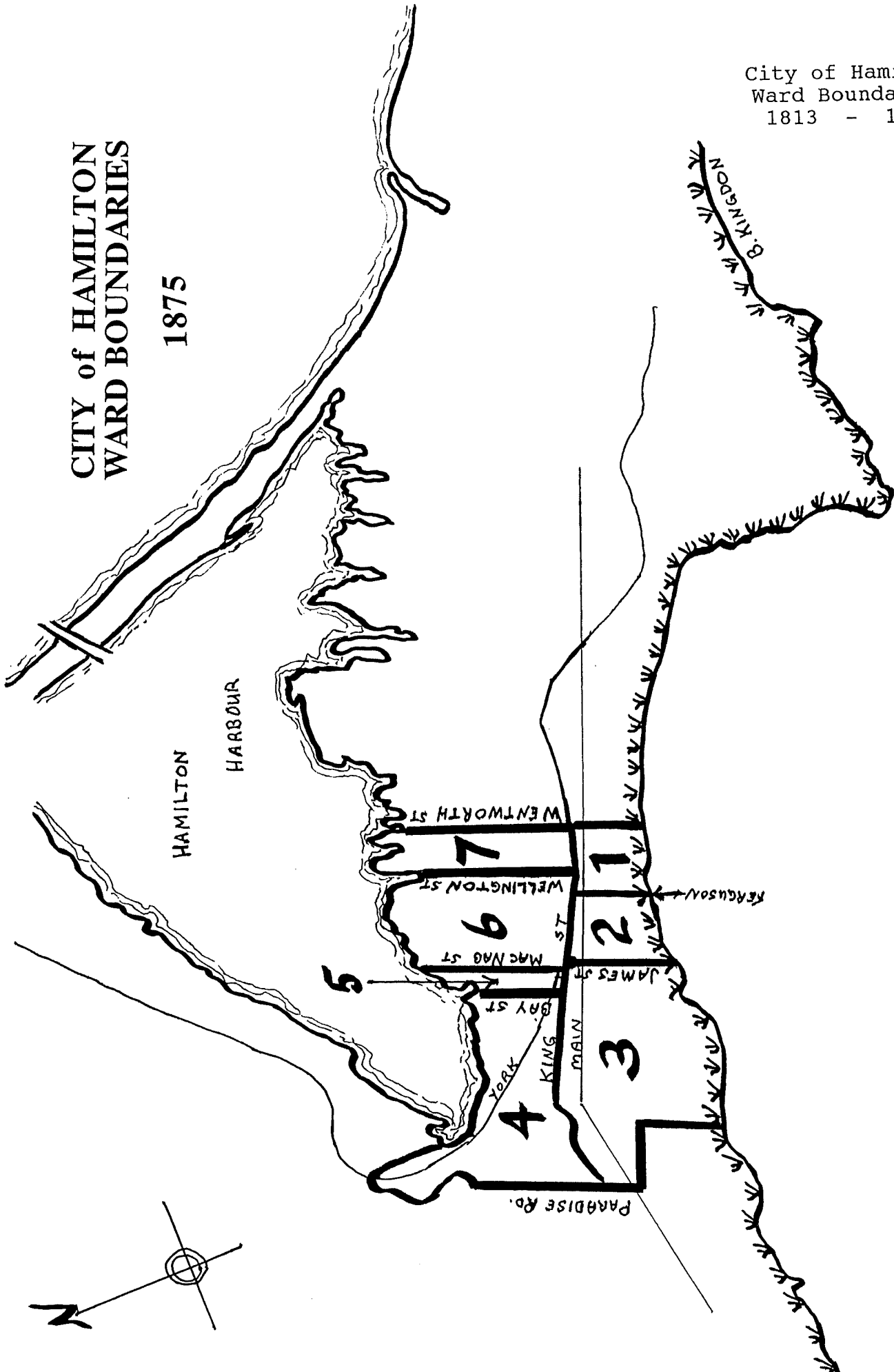
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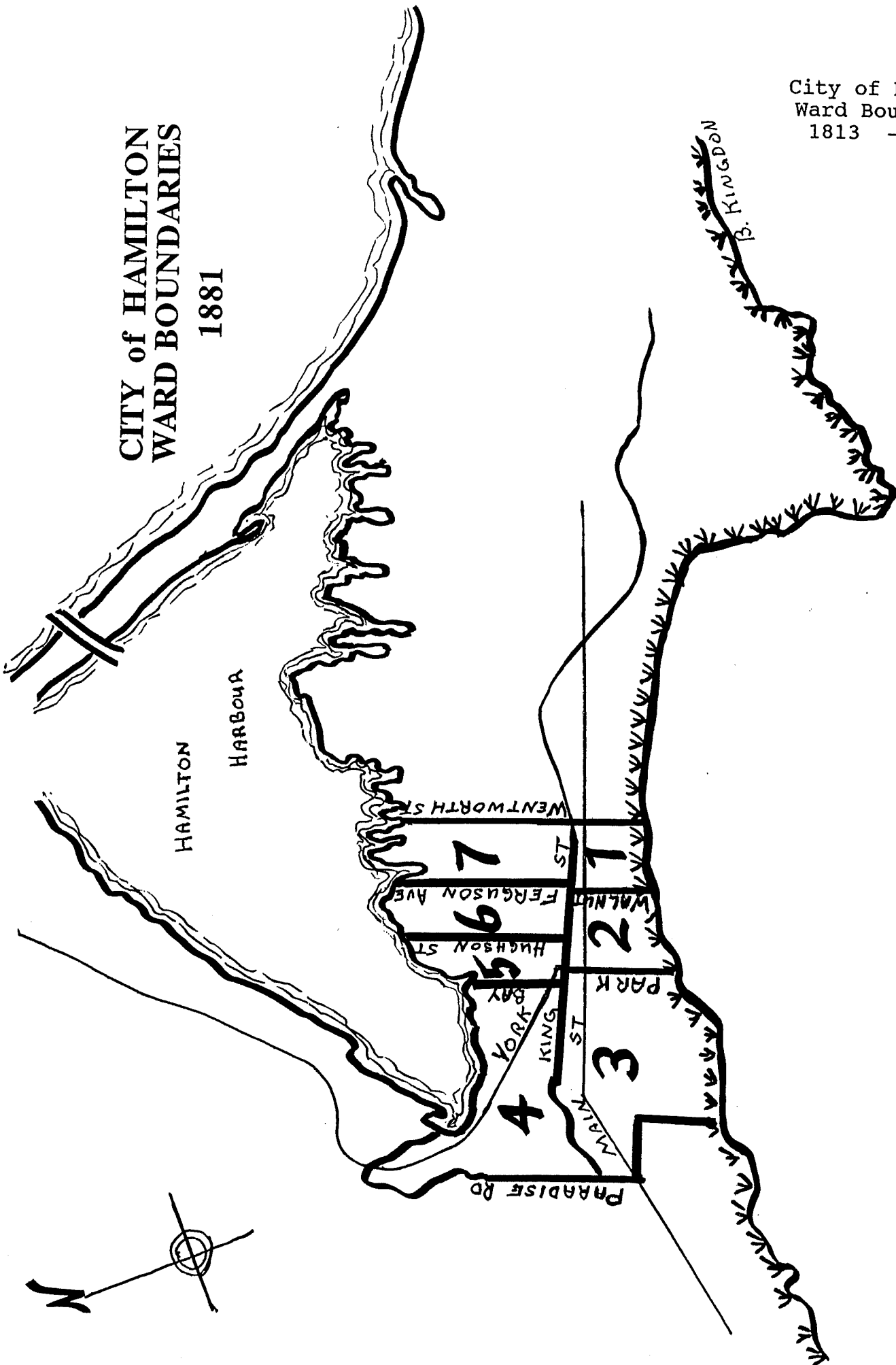
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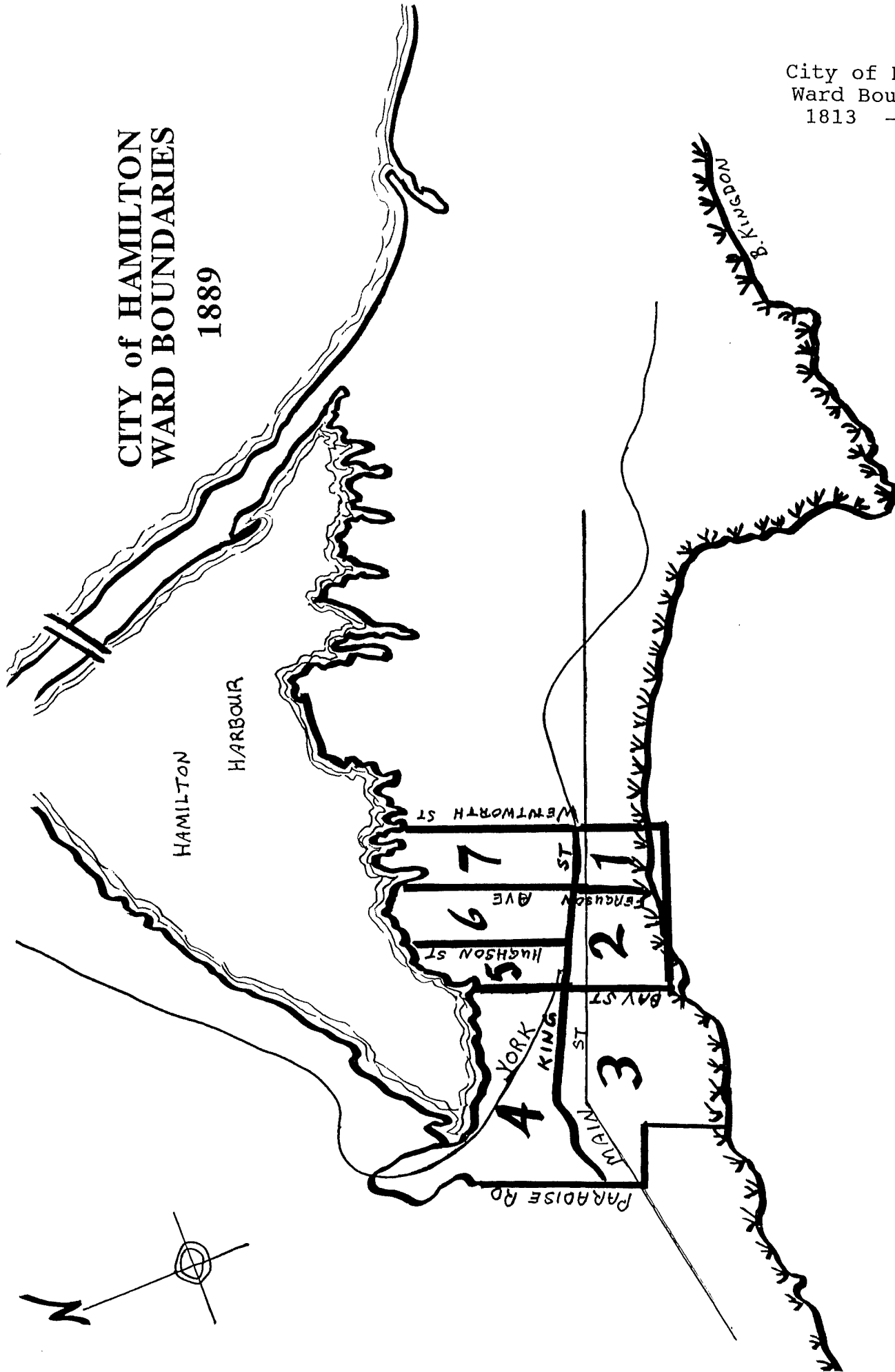
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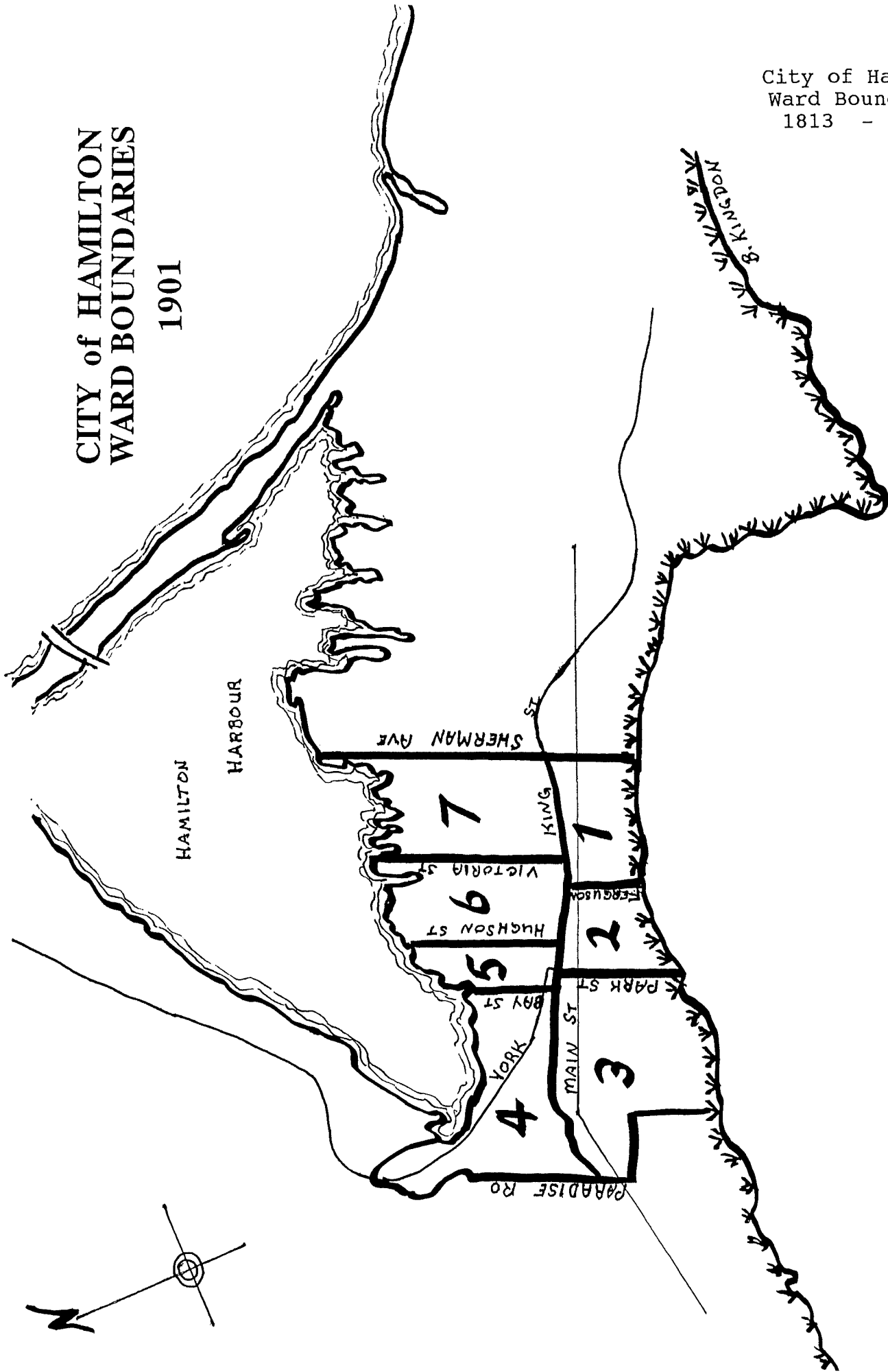
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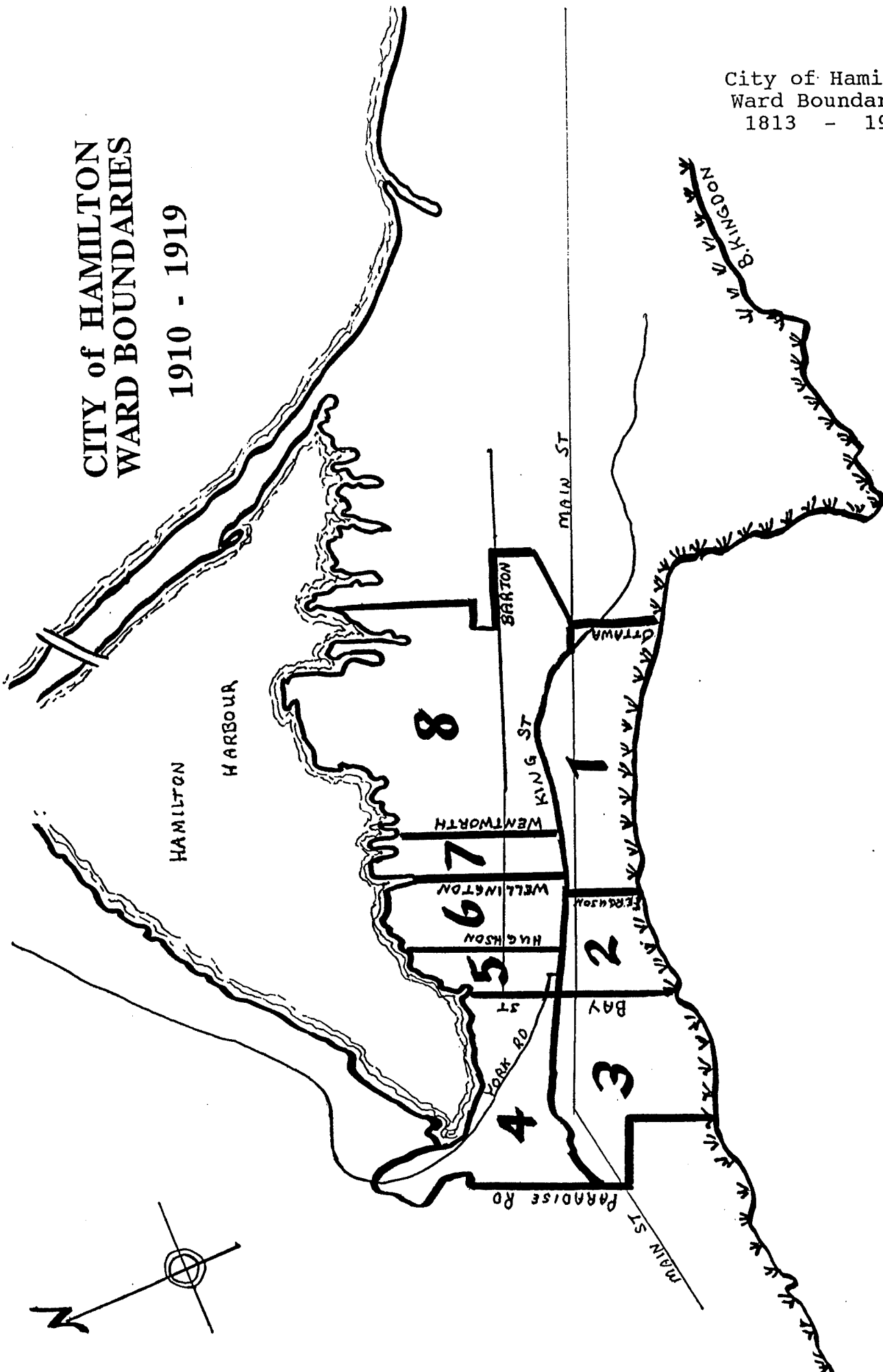
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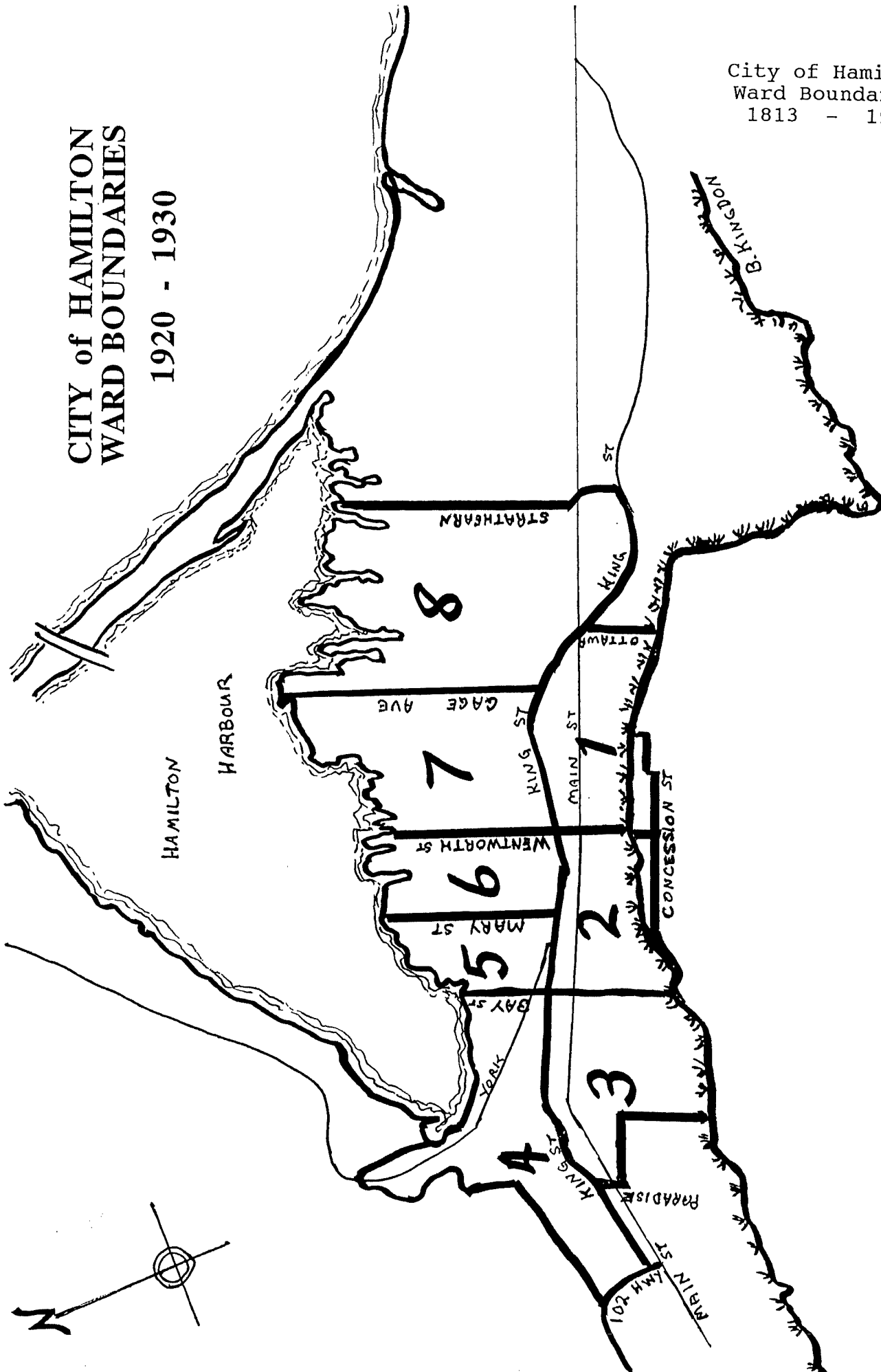
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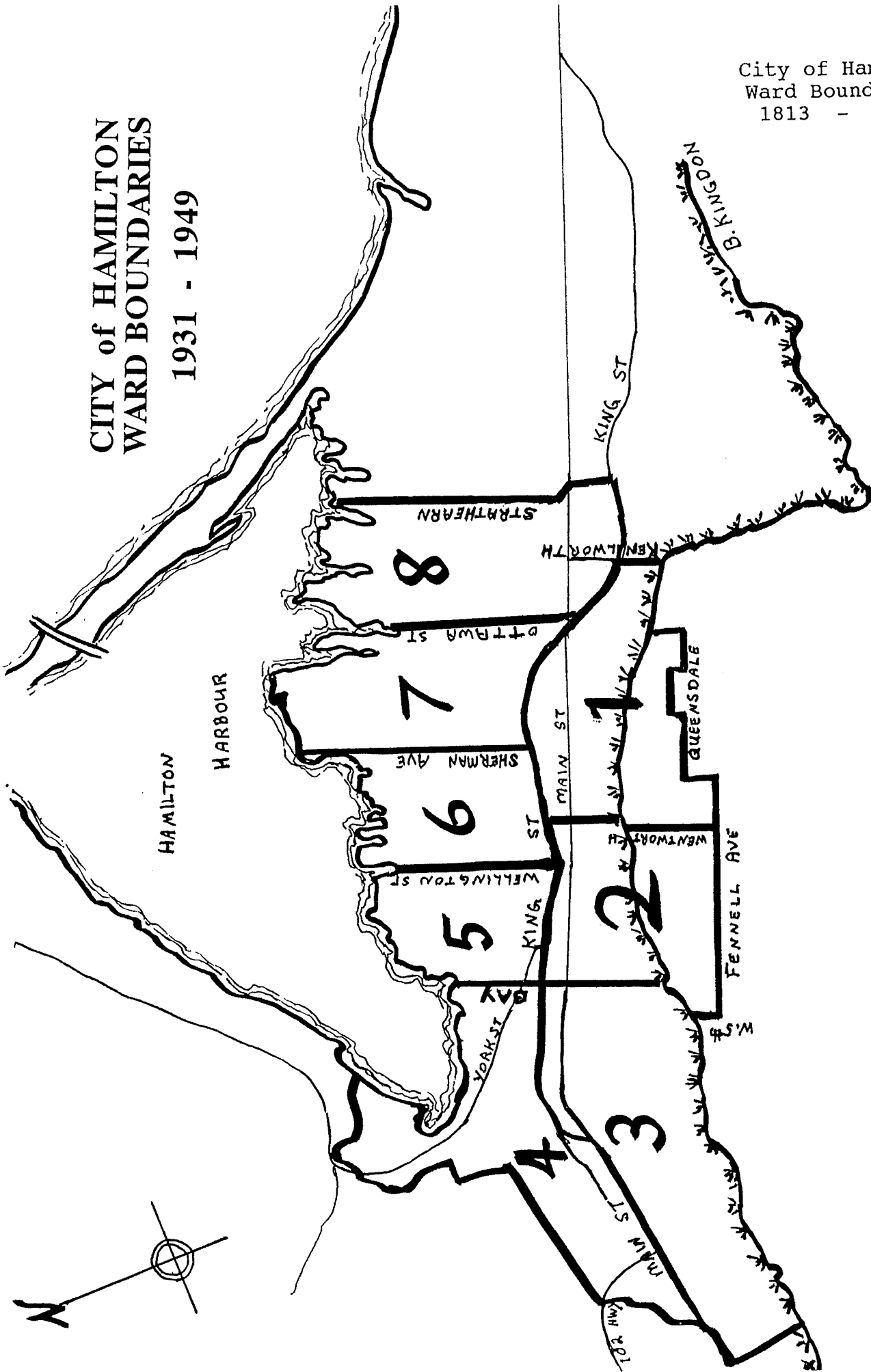
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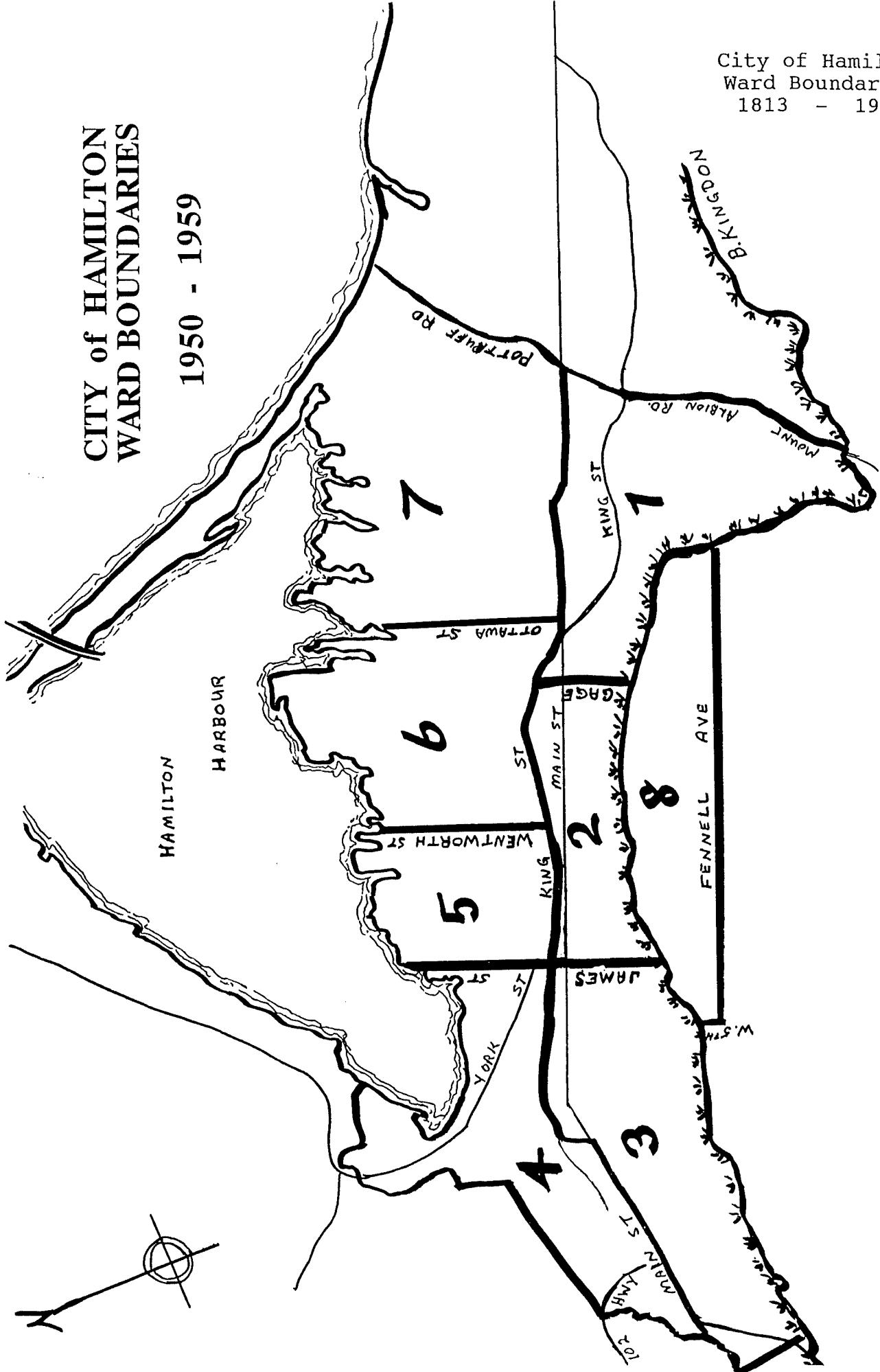
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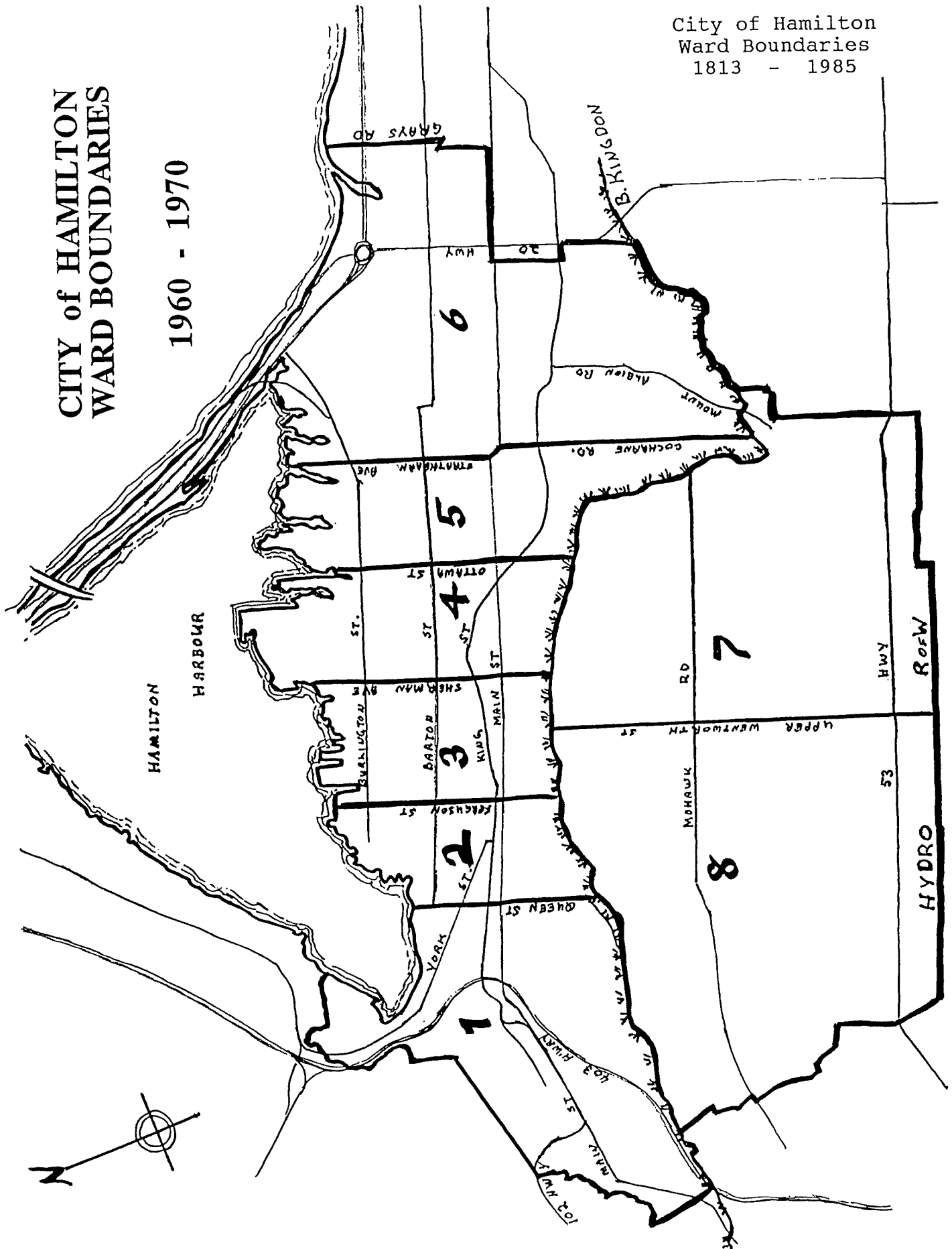
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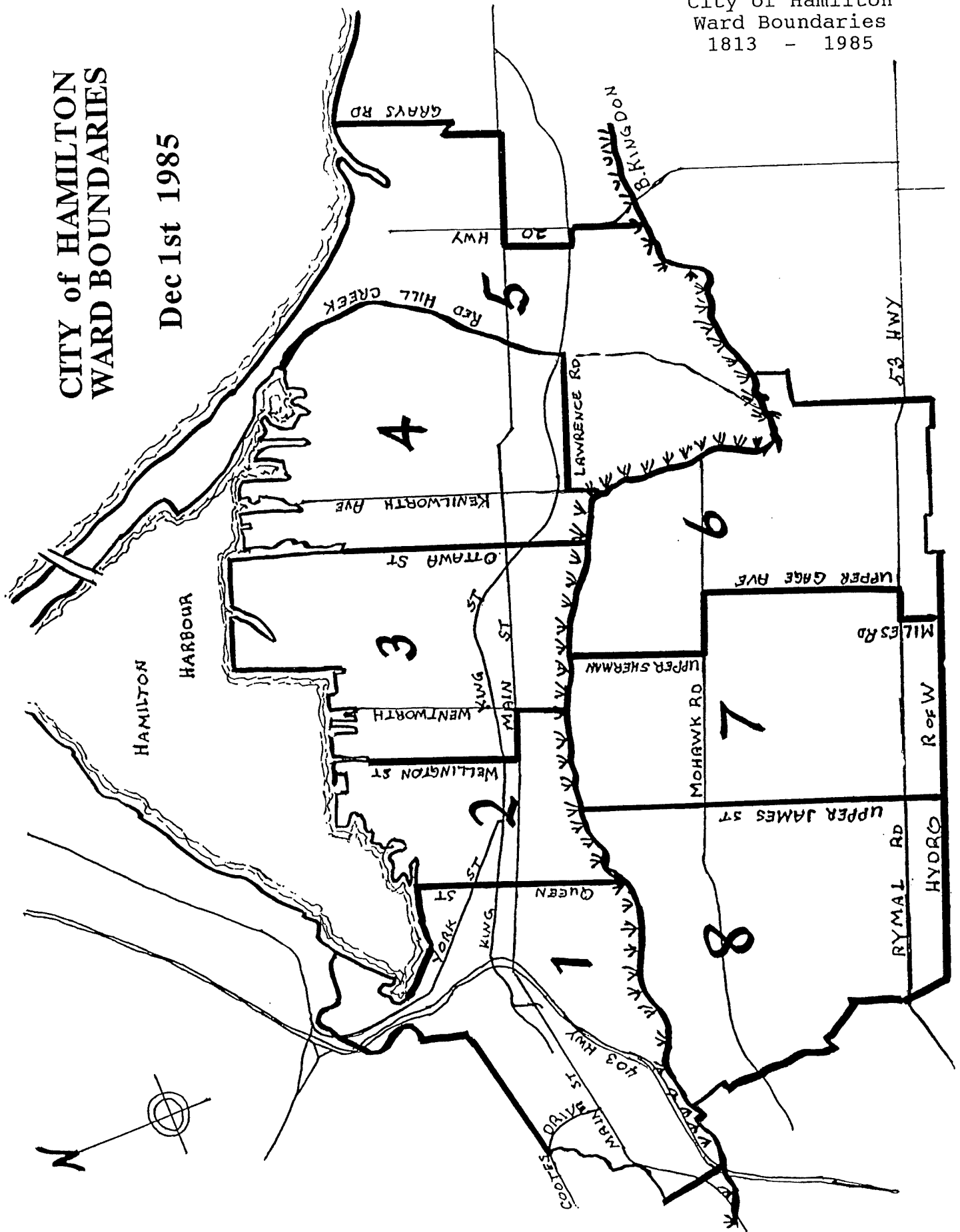
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