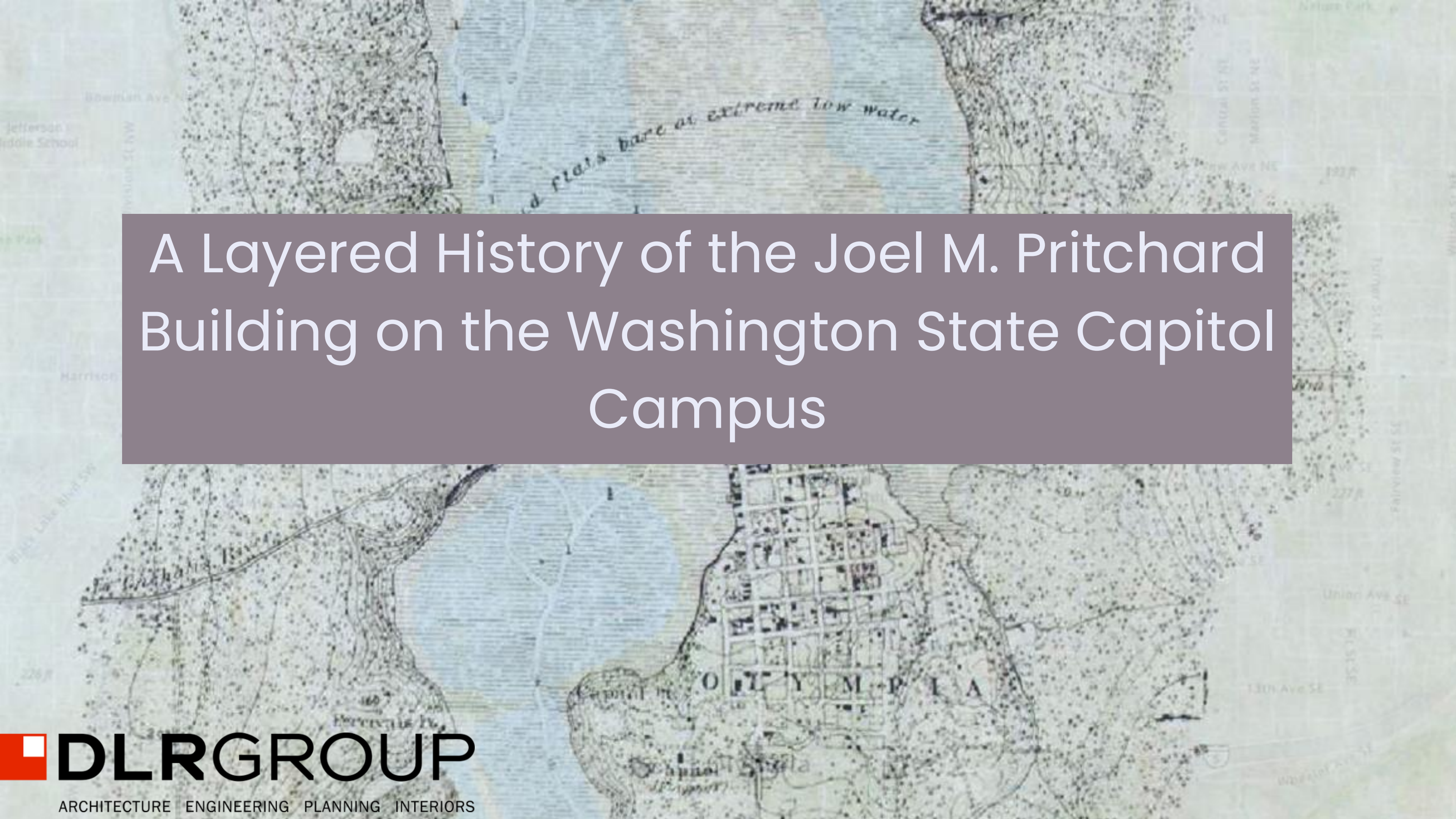




A Layered History of the Joel M. Pritchard Building on the Washington State Capitol Campus

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background



*Washington State Library, 2010
Washington State Archives*

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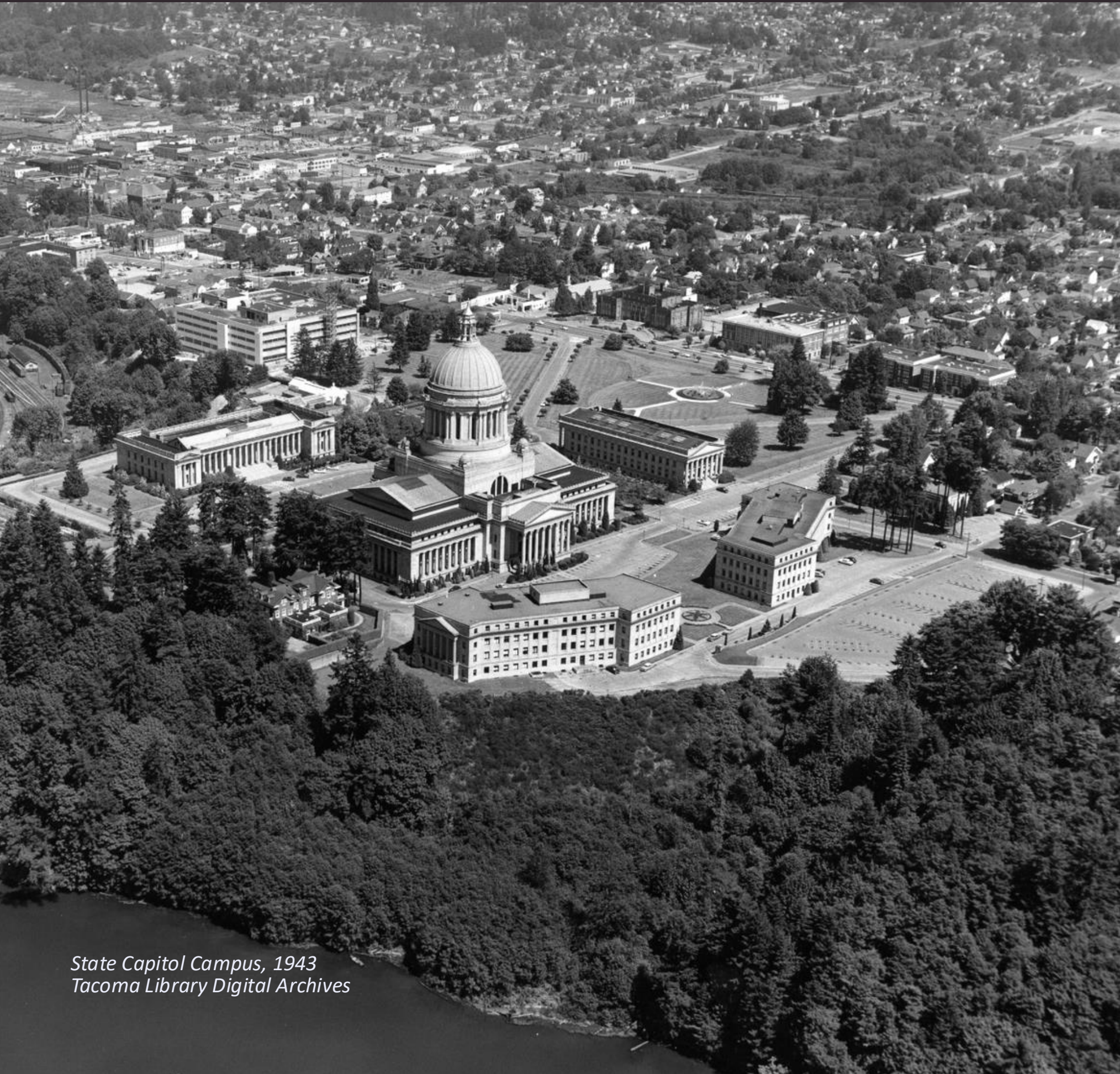


*Washington State Library, 1959
Washington State Archives*



- Designated as the Washington State Library (1958 – 2001).
- Influences: European modernism, Neoclassical architecture.
- Designed by Paul Thiry, a prolific modernist architect in the region.
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the period 1958 – 1959.

research question



*State Capitol Campus, 1943
Tacoma Library Digital Archives*

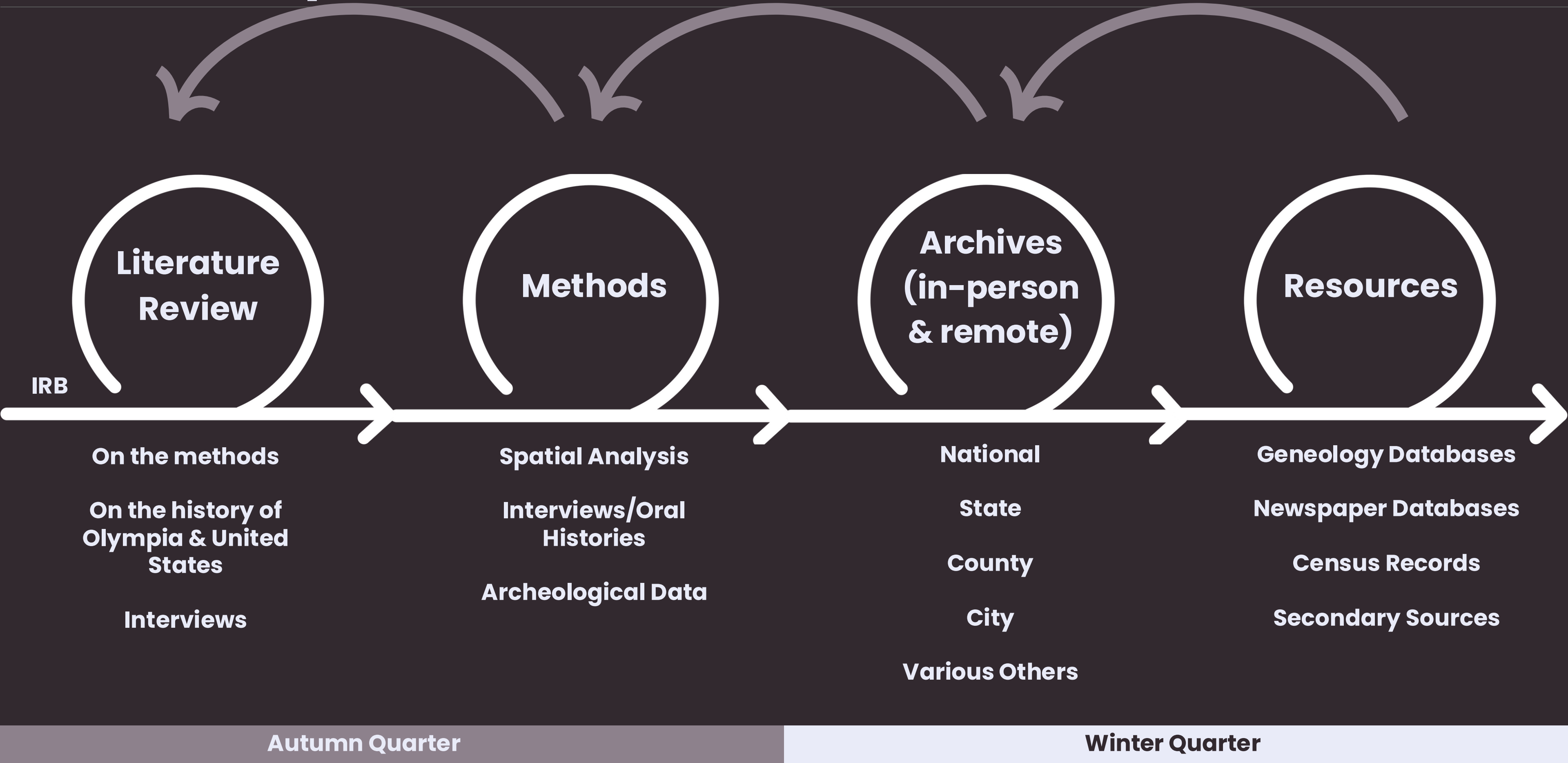
How did the Pritchard building site, before 1958, **evolve in response to societal and demographic shifts** in Olympia and the United States;

and how have **specific individuals, communities, cultural practices, and policies** shaped its use and perception over time?

big picture

**“OH, THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANYTHING THERE.
IT HAS ALWAYS JUST BEEN TREES.”**

research process

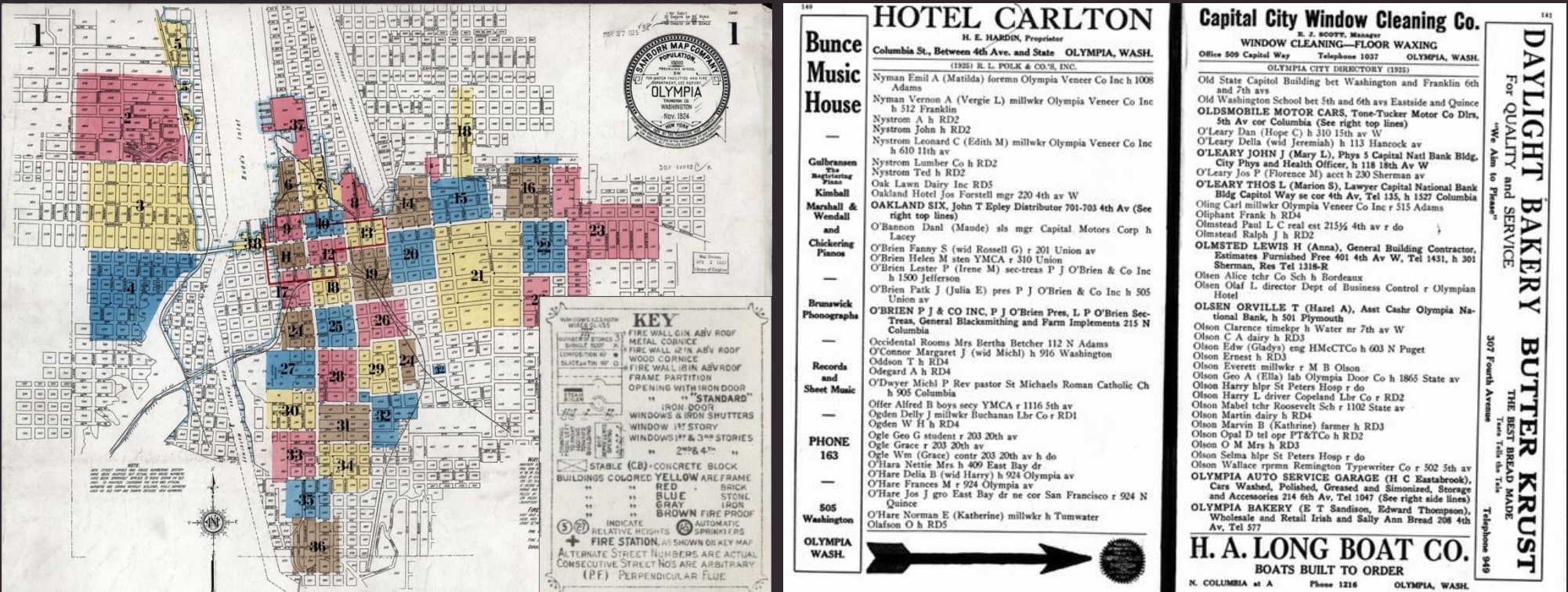


research process



archival research toolkit

Spatial Analysis



Sanborn Maps

Identify Dwellings & Adresses

Reverse Directory Search

Link Data via Archives & Resources

Interviews



Interview , Informal Conversations, Oral Histories

Georeferenced

Link Data via Archives & Resources

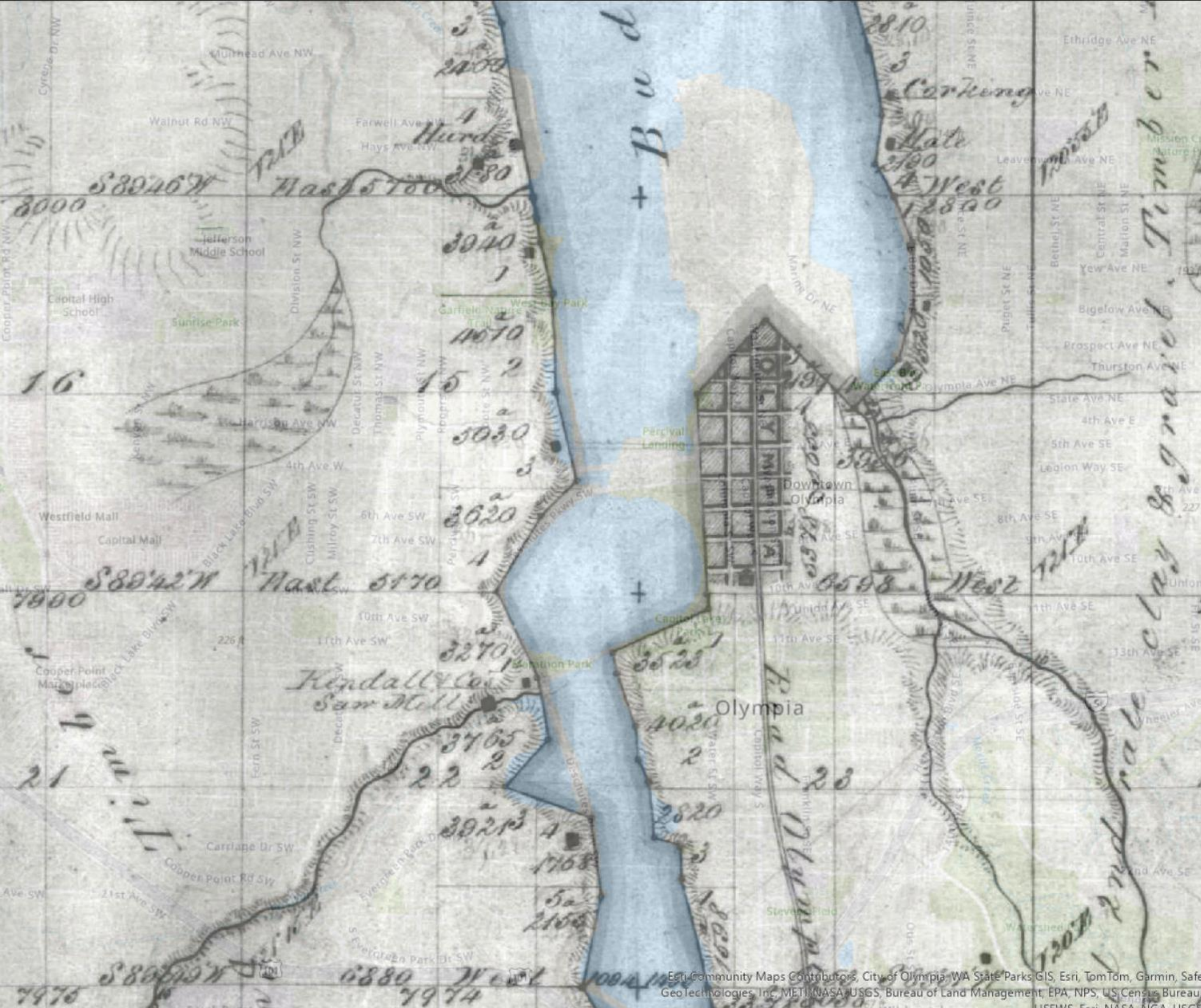
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An examination of how stories of land, displacement,
and memory have been created, erased, and contested.

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<https://arcg.is/8aye41>

thank you

1854 GLO mapped overlaid
with present-day Olympia
features using GIS, Newman
(2025)