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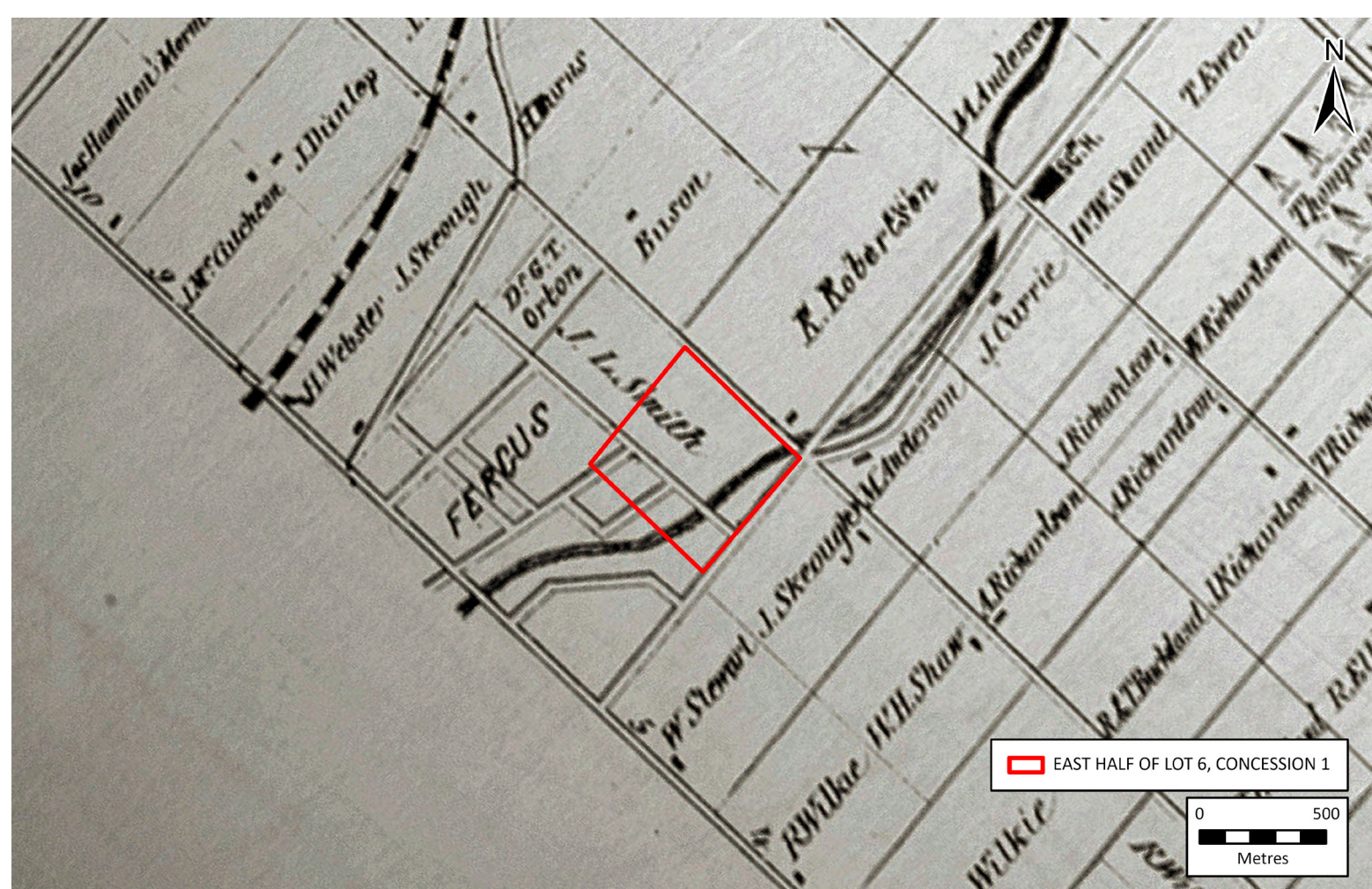
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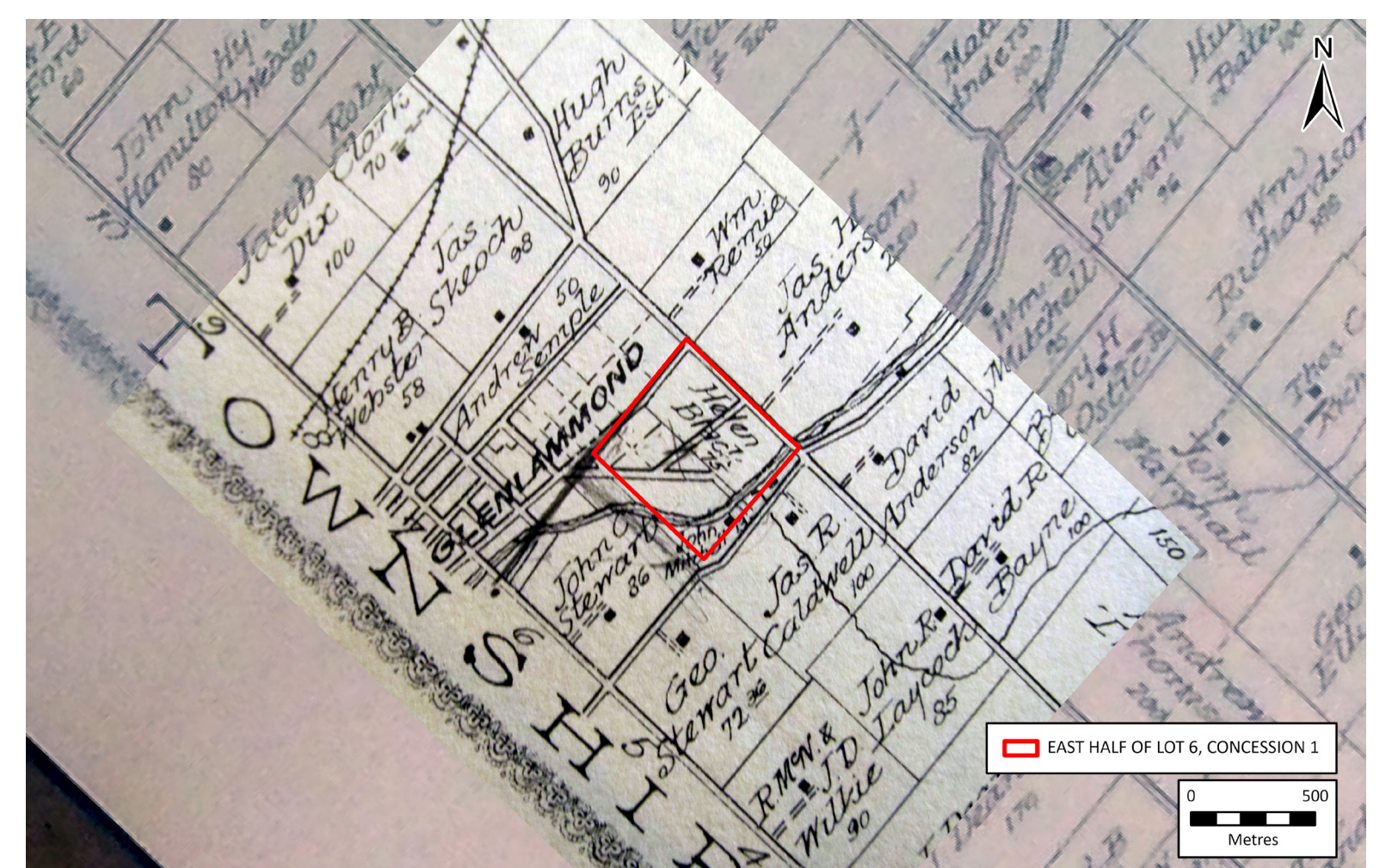
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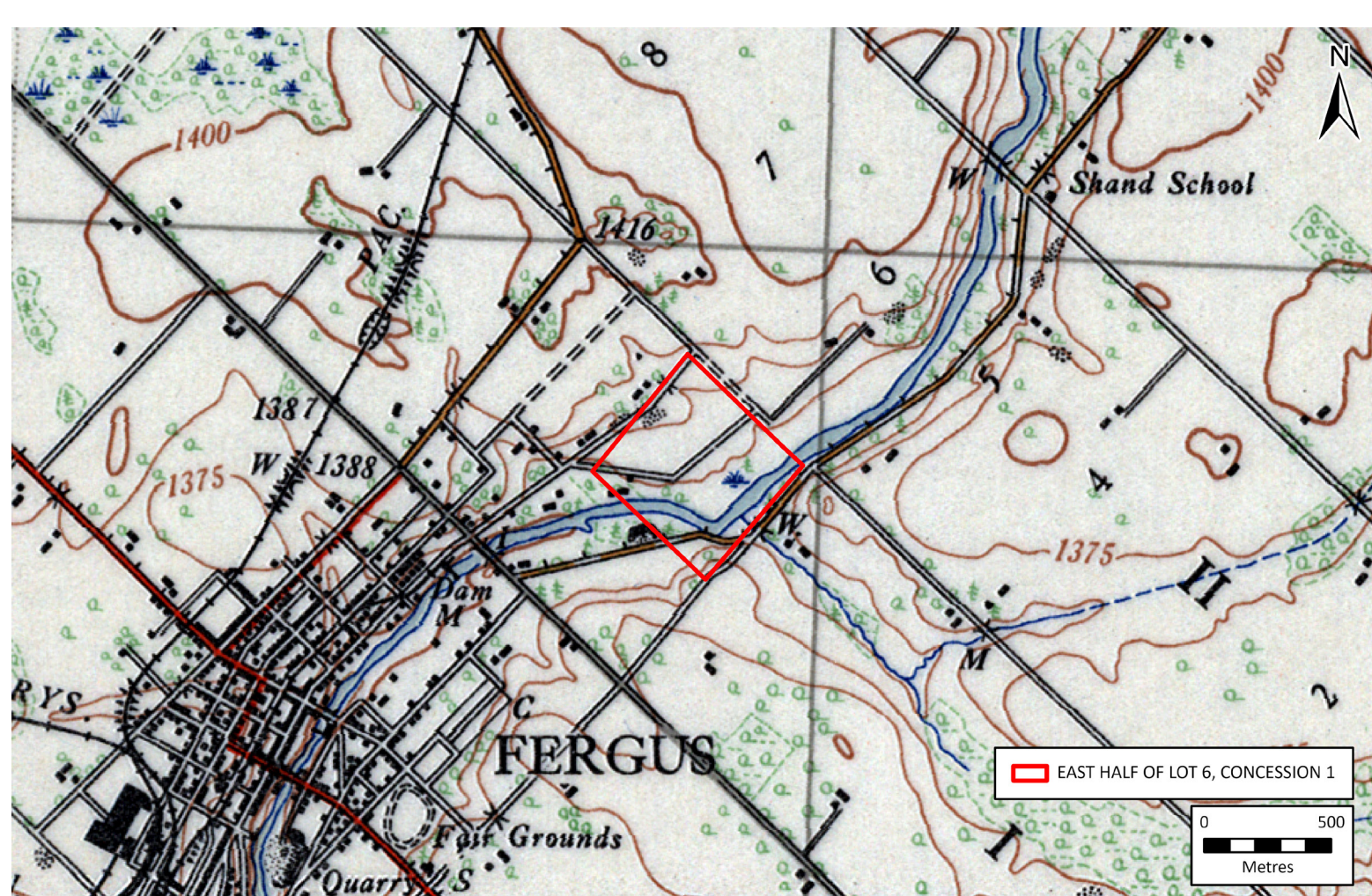
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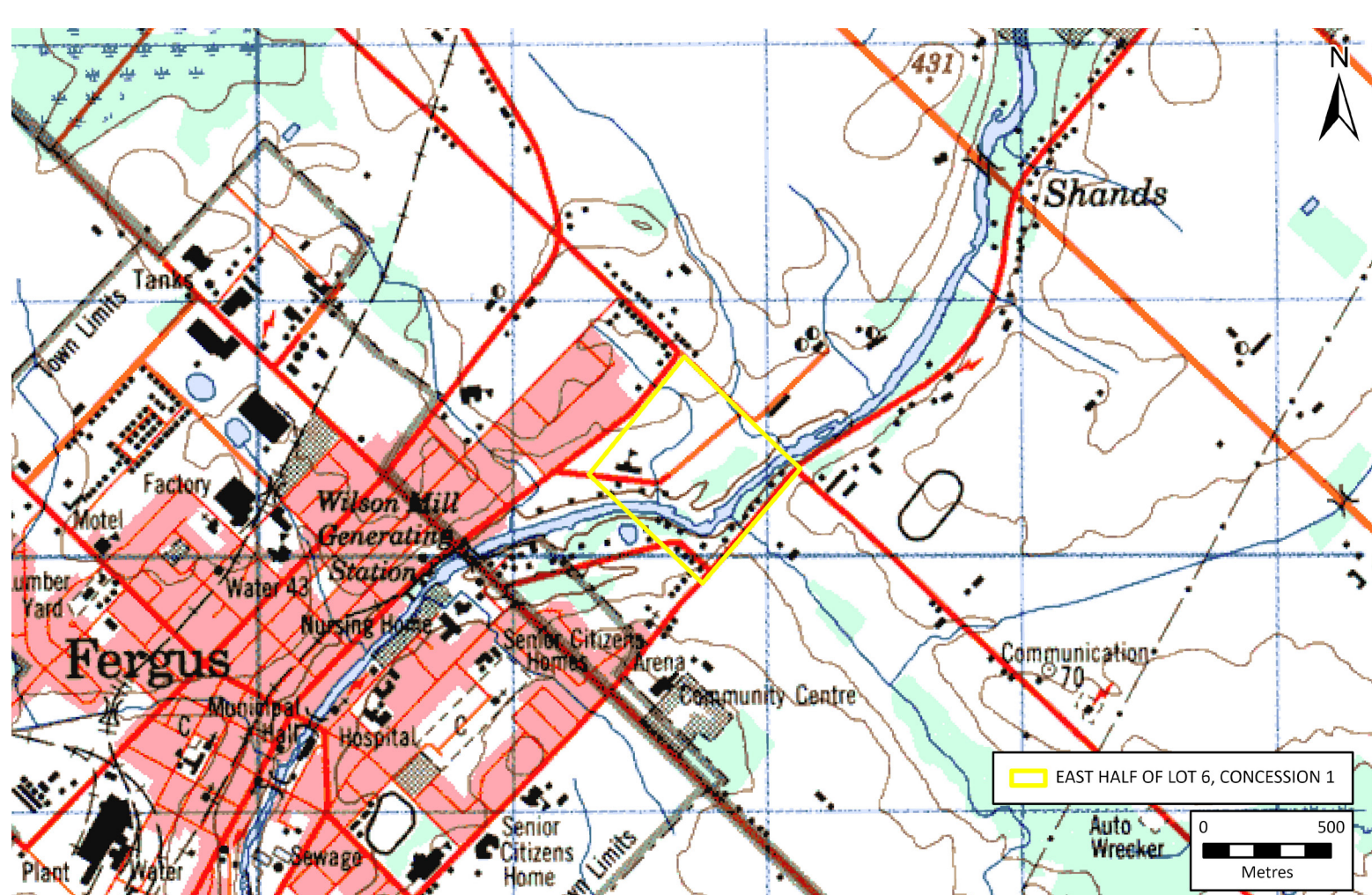
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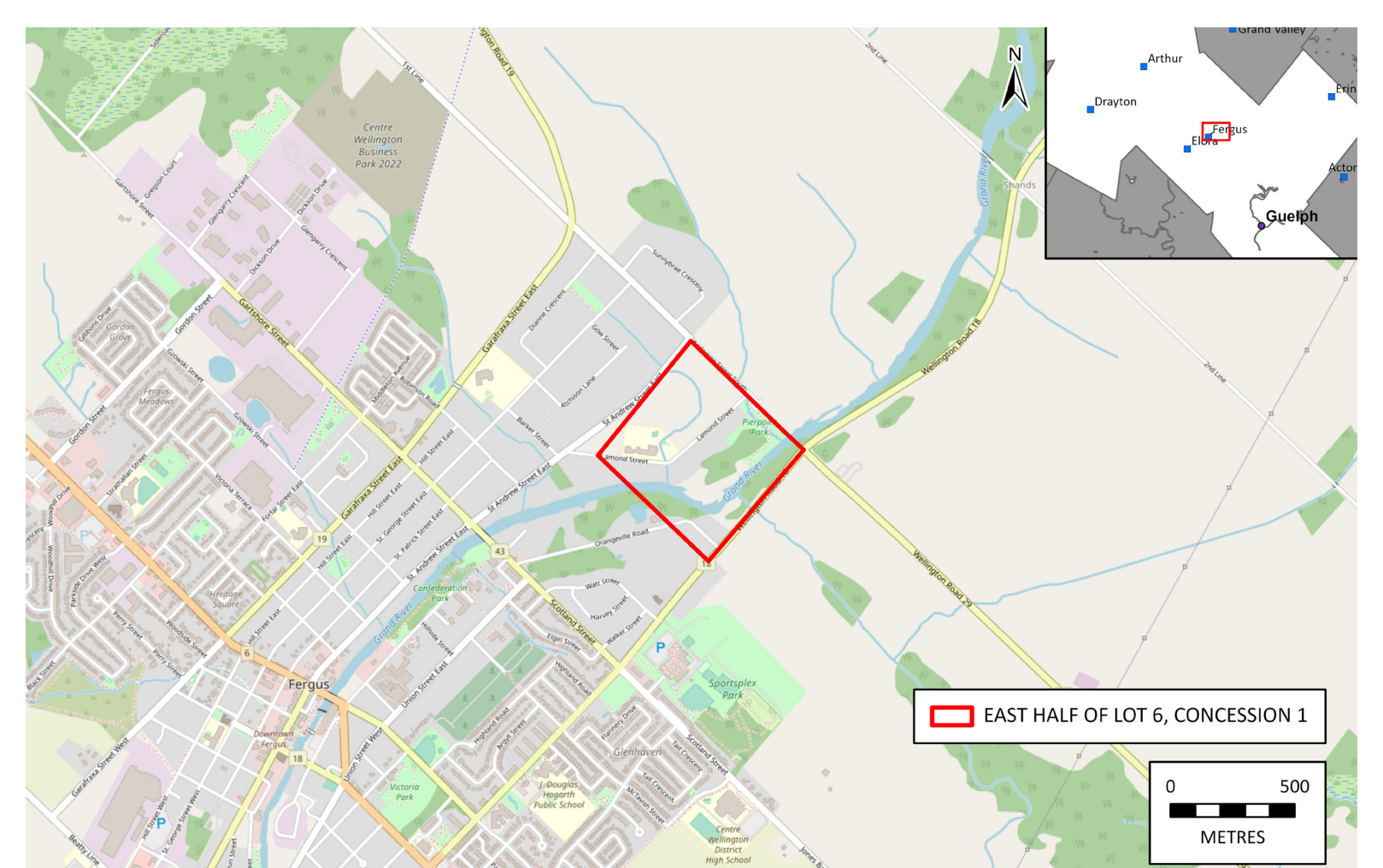
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1954 aerial photograph (Hunting Survey Corporation Limited, 1954)



1980 N.T.S. Map (Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources 1980)



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## Timeline of Events in Richard Pierpoint's Life

**C. 1744:** The man who would become known as Richard Pierpoint is born in the Bundu region of what is now Senegal.

**1760:** At 16 years of age, he is captured and enslaved, brought to America and sold to a colonial officer.

**1780:** Appears in the roster of the Butler's Rangers, fighting for the British in the American Revolutionary War.

**1784:** Named as a single man and "disbanded Ranger" for those men who would settle and cultivate the lands "opposite to [Fort] Niagara."

**1786:** Named in a "Victualling List" for Murray's District, which included part of St. Catharines.

**1791:** Granted 200 acres of land in Grantham Township (now St. Catharines).

**1794:** With 18 other Black men from the Niagara Region, sends a petition to Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe, requesting that they be granted land so they could build a settlement together, separate from White settlers. The petition is rejected.

**1806:** Sells his 200-acre grant in Grantham Township and purchases land in Louth Township.

**1812-1815:** At nearly 70 years of age, Pierpoint fights in the War of 1812 as a private in the Corps of Coloured Men. Pierpoint was the first to propose the creation of such a Corps.

**1820:** Presents a petition to Lieutenant Governor Maitland to request that he be sent back to his homeland in West Africa. The petition is ignored.

**1822:** The Garafraxa Township papers shows that the east half of Lot 6, Concession 1 is granted to Richard Pierpoint as a "Militia grant."

**1825:** Settlement duties on Pierpoint's property are completed.

**1828:** Pierpoint's will is written and witnessed by at least two men from Niagara.

**1836:** The abstract index to deeds shows the east half of Lot 6, Concession 1, containing 100 acres (40.47 ha) was patented by Richard Pierpoint on Sept. 22, 1836.

**1838:** This property was bequeathed by Pierpoint to Lemuel Brown. The will was registered on title in early October 1838.

**1838:** In November 1838, Brown sold Pierpoint's property in its entirety to Alexander Drysdale, a neighbouring Scottish farmer.

There is no exact record of Pierpoint's death.



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