

WASHINGTON'S VIEW

*Understanding the Landscape of
George Washington's Mount Vernon*



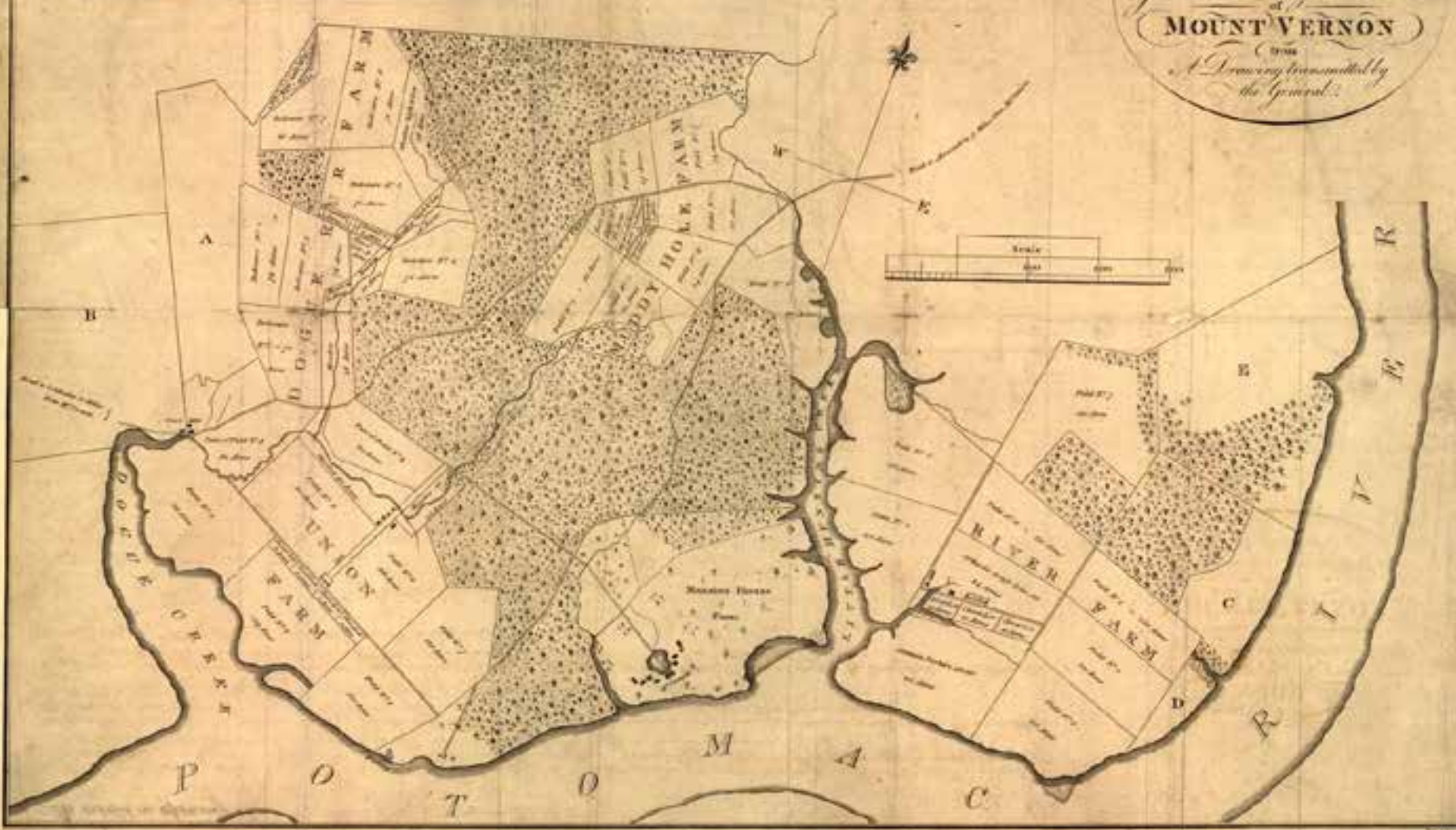


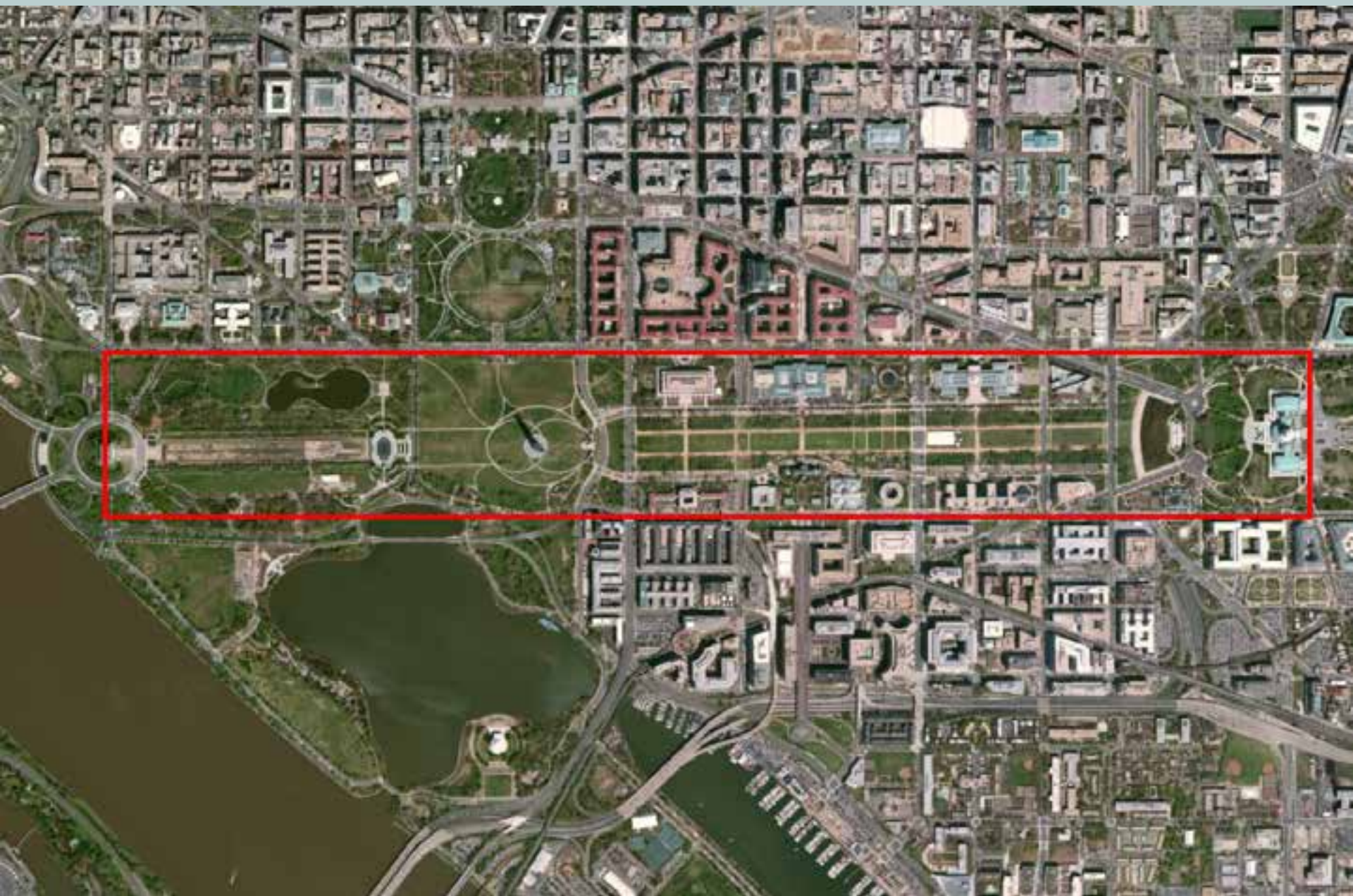


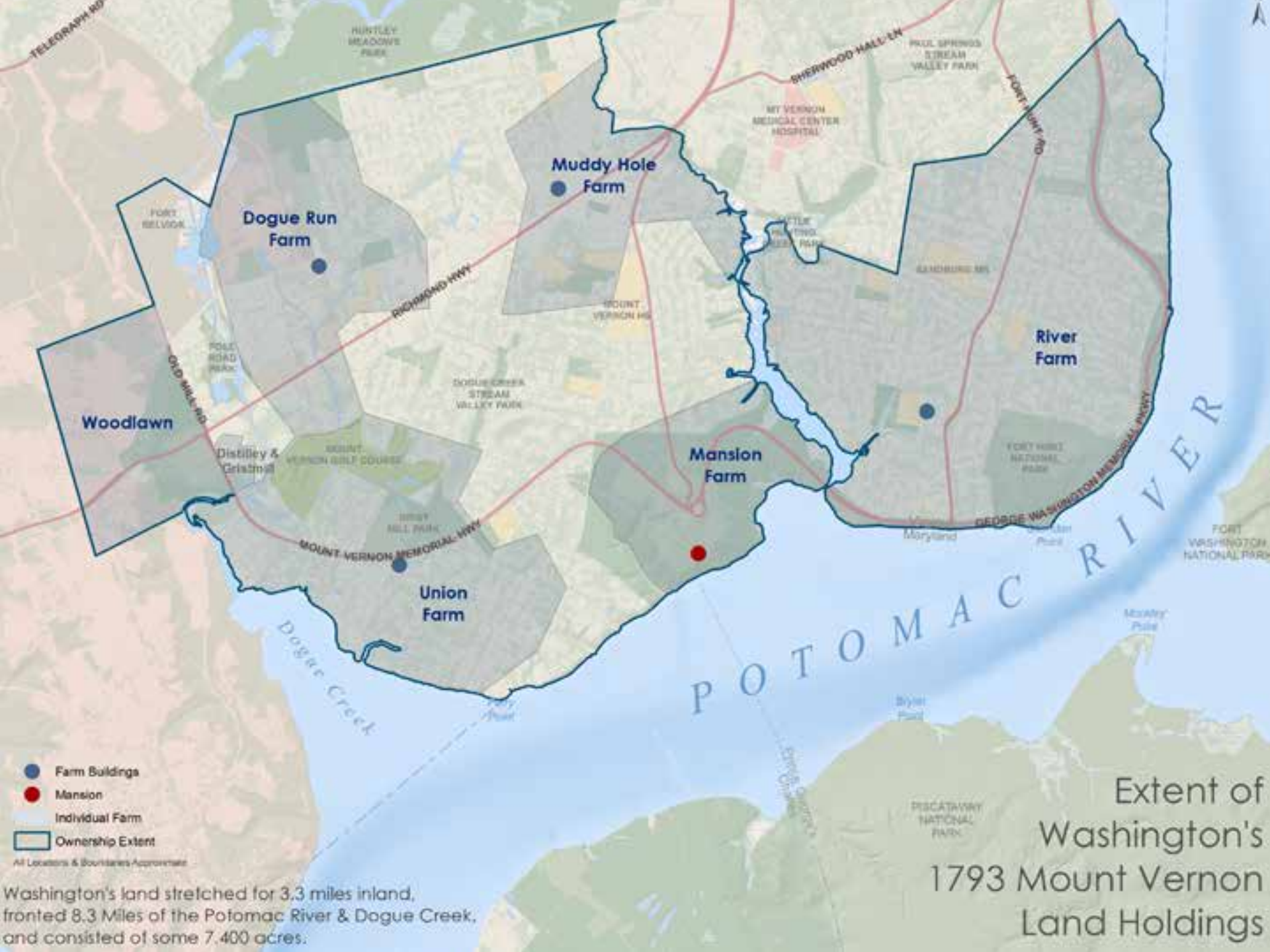
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- B. Great part within these lines is in woods, but there is a sufficiency of open & cleared land for cultivation, for a middle sized farm, with a house on it, and a most beautiful view for a gentleman's seat.
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- D. Is also cleared land, and might be added to River farm; or, if that farm should be subdivided, it might form part of the smaller ones. — offering pleasant titles for houses on the banks of the River.
- E. The use of this farm is accorded to a Relation.

A
Plan
of
General Washington's Farm,
at
MOUNT VERNON
(1793)
A Drawing transmitted by
the General.







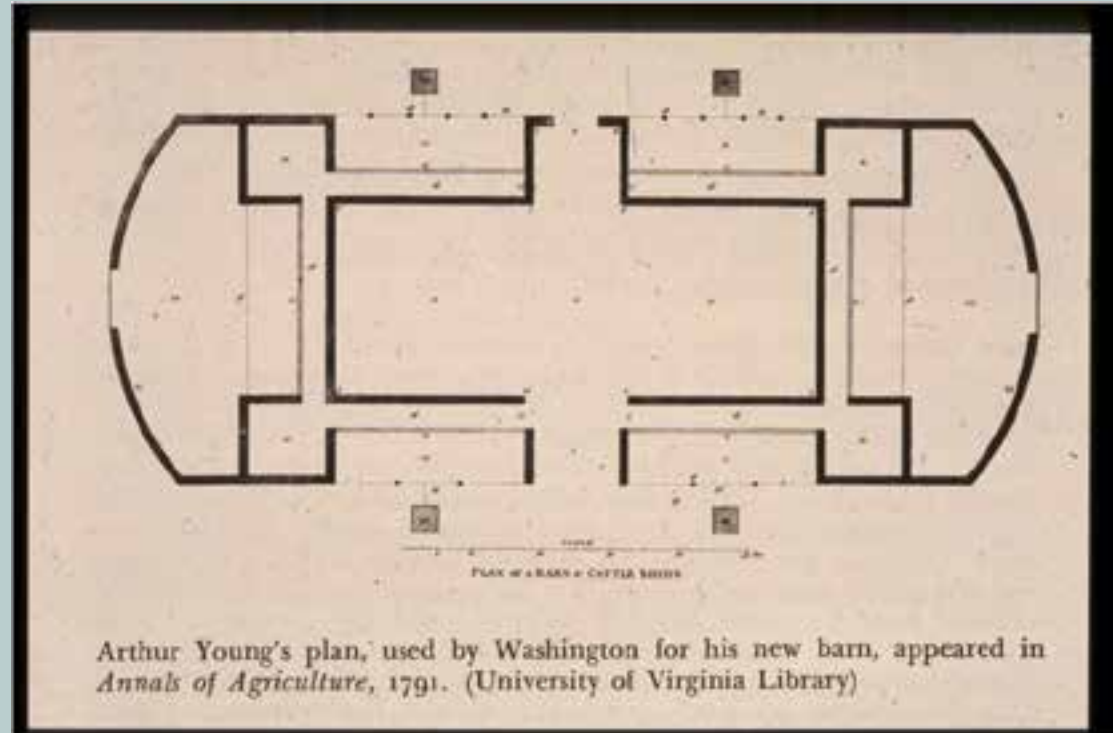
Washington's land stretched for 3.3 miles inland, fronted 8.3 Miles of the Potomac River & Dogue Creek, and consisted of some 7,400 acres.

Extent of Washington's 1793 Mount Vernon Land Holdings

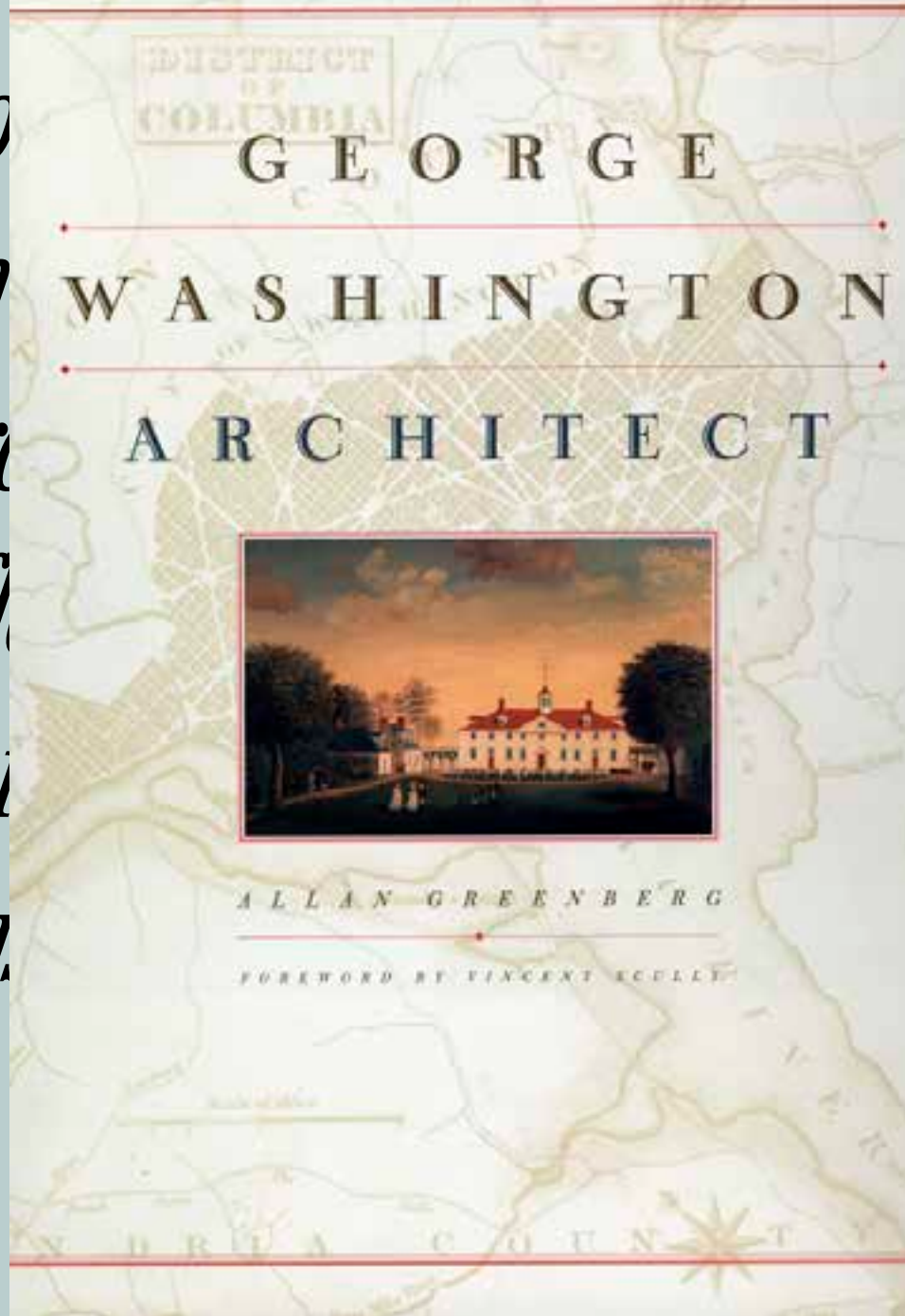


Dogue Run Farm Barn

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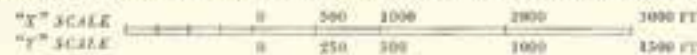


FIG. 72 A section through Union Farm and Mansion House Farm, to illustrate the contours of the land between the house and the New Brick Barn. It shows that the brick barn may have been visible from the upper floors of the house, especially in winter when the trees had lost their leaves.



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FIG. 78 The Treading Barn was located on the main axis of the Mansion House. This cross section shows that the cylindrical roof of the barn may have served as a beacon of reference for travelers going to and leaving Mount Vernon.



SITE SECTION THROUGH MANSION HOUSE AND RIVER FARM BARN

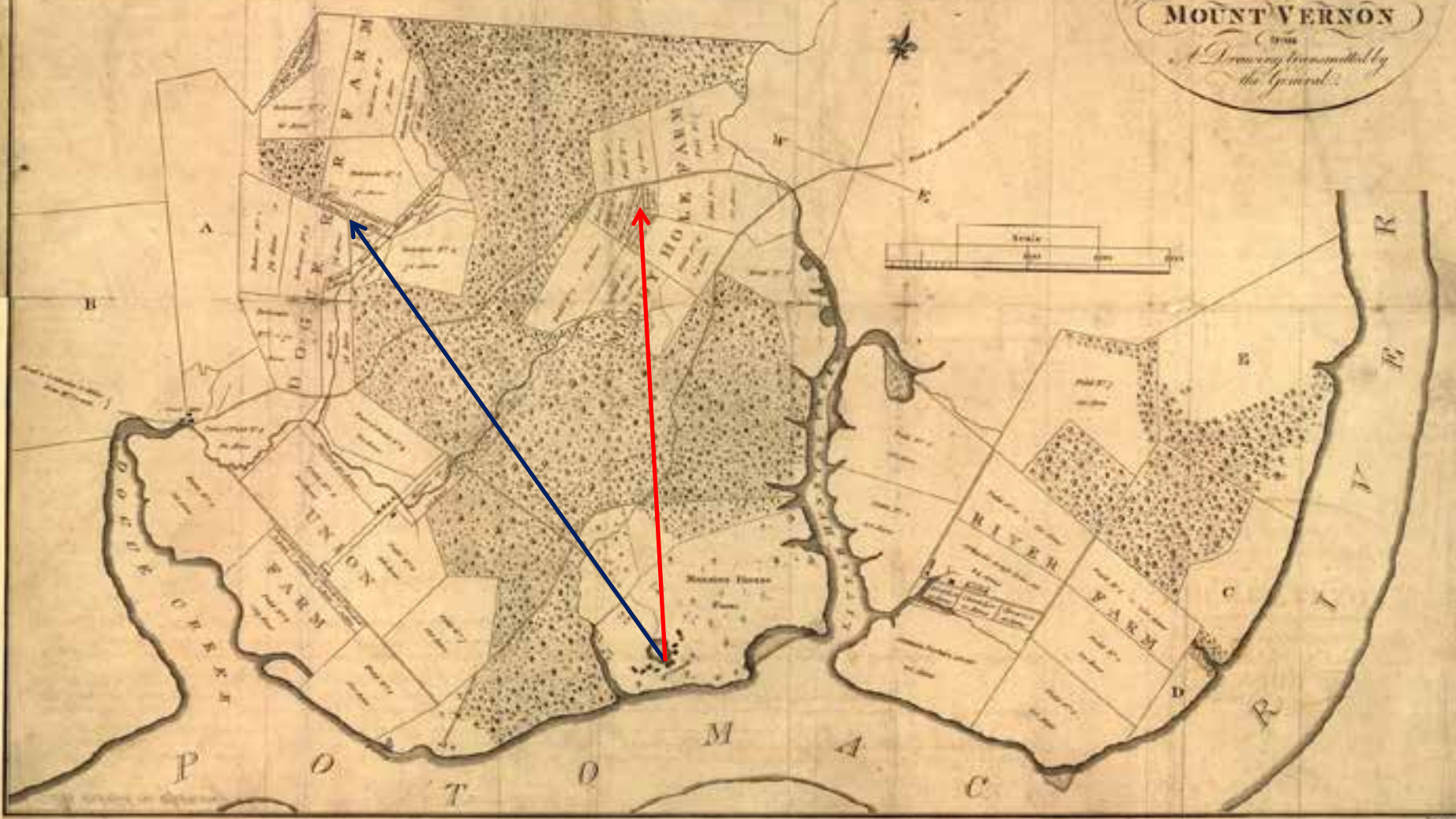


FIG. 80 A section cut between Mansion House Farm and River Farm shows that the barn at River Farm was easily visible from the Mansion House.

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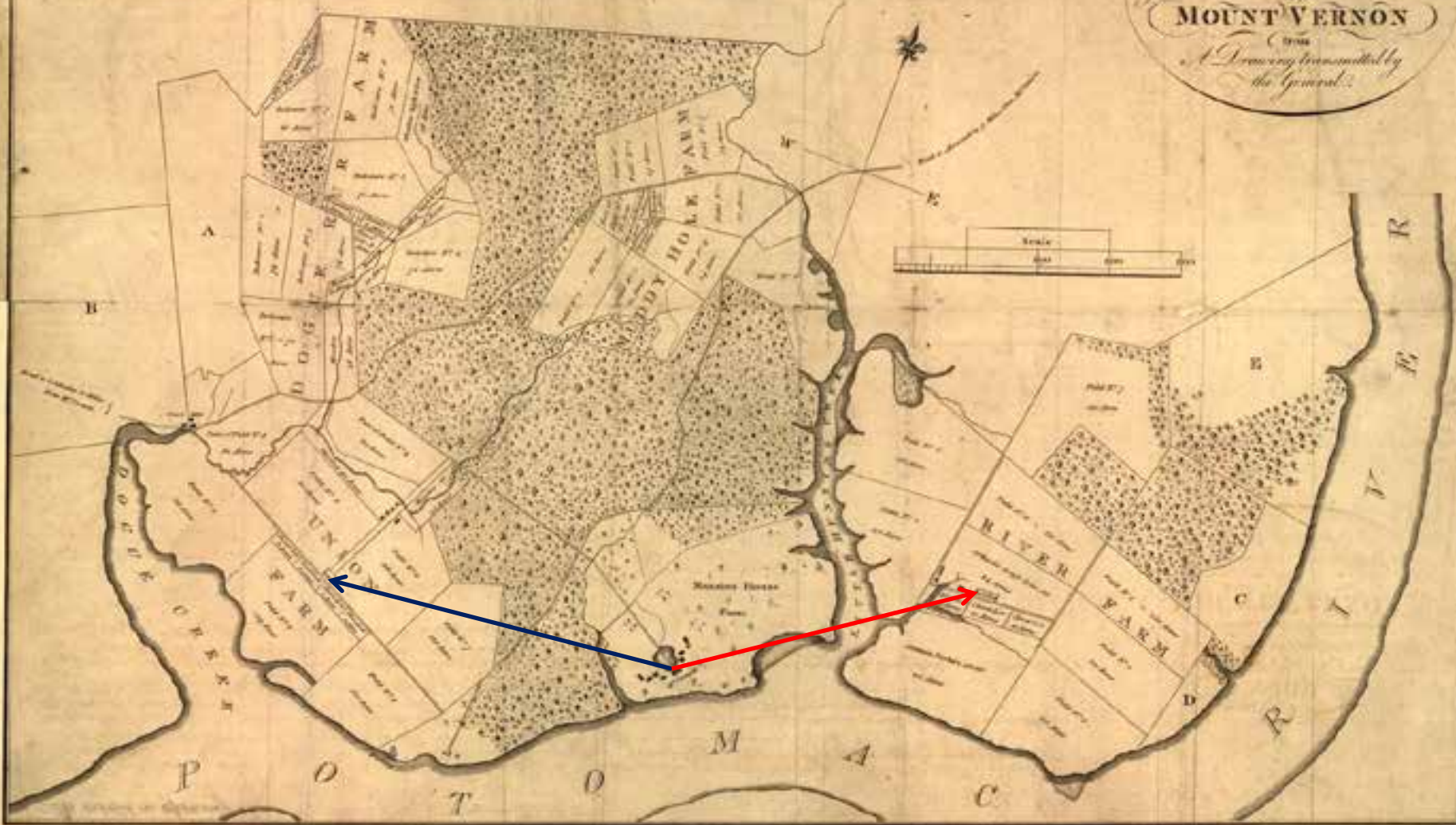
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