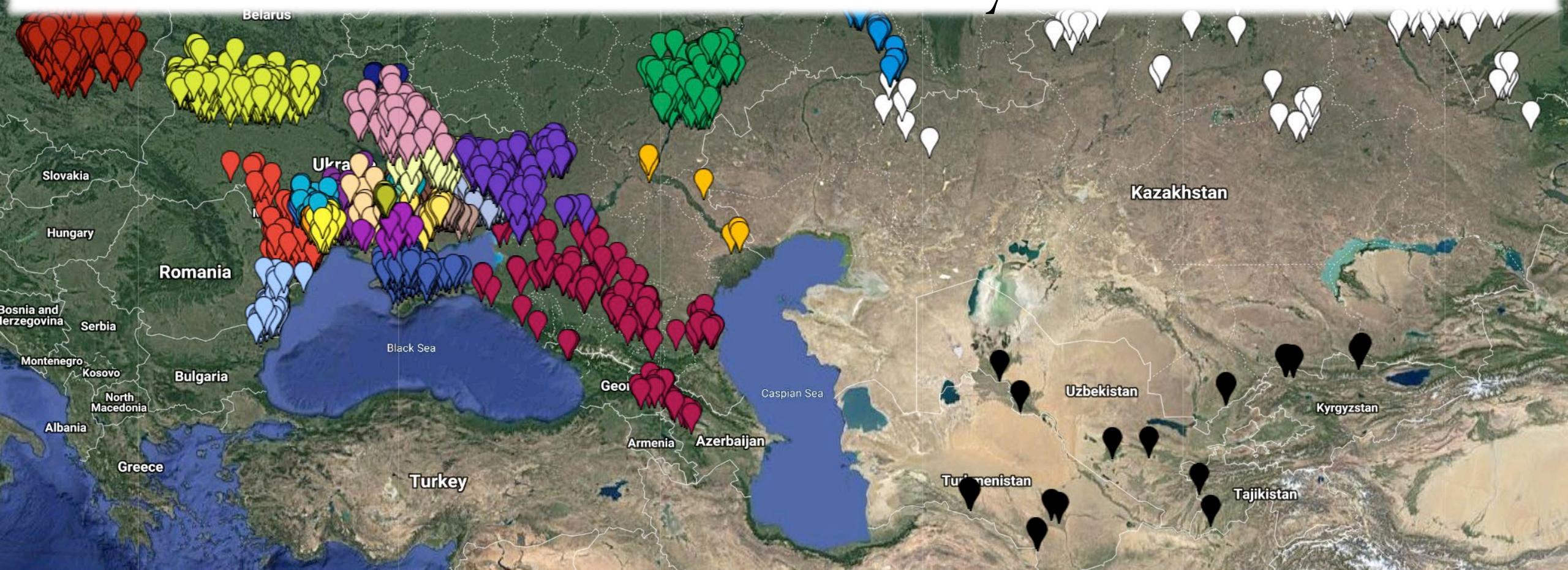


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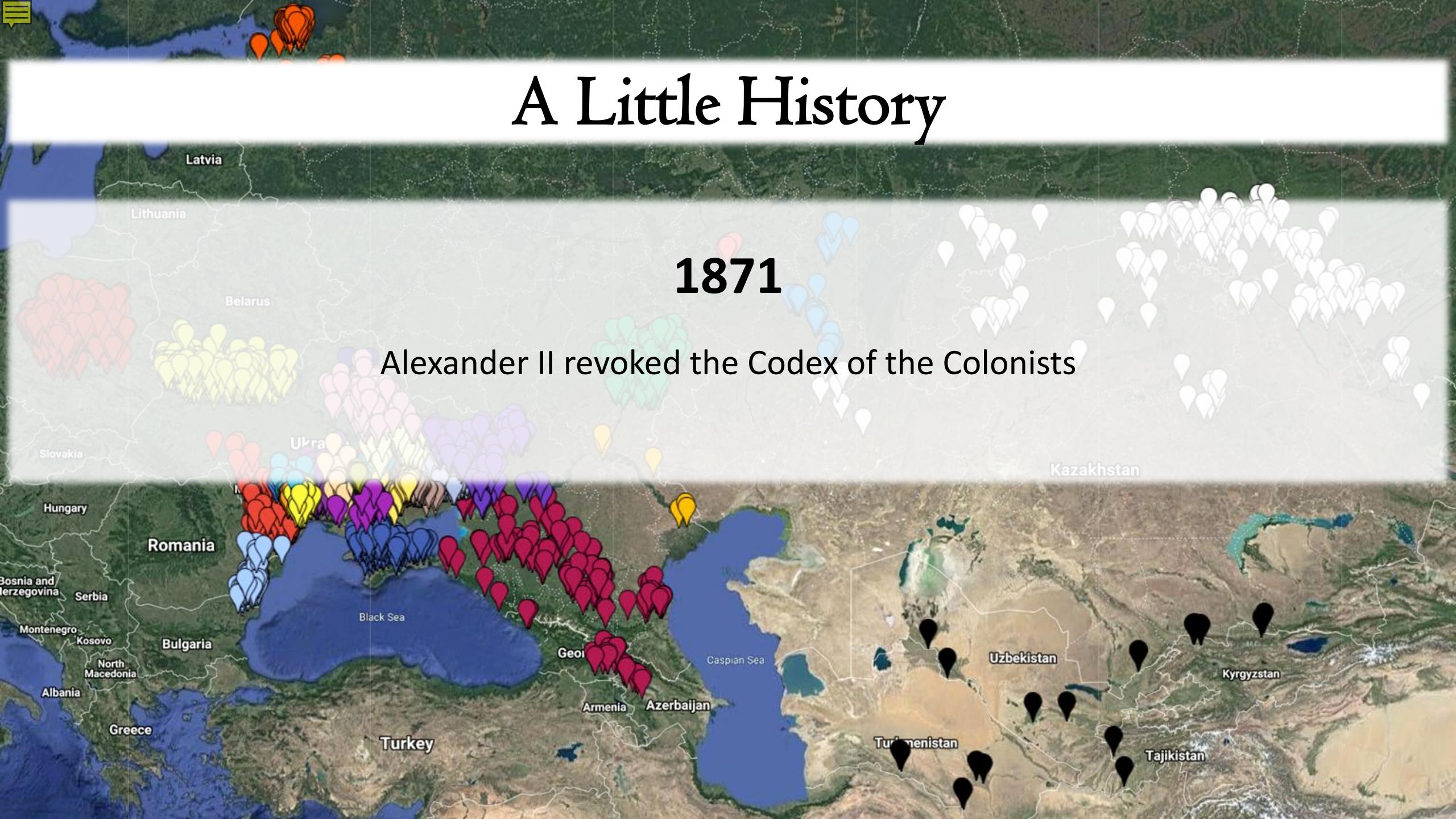
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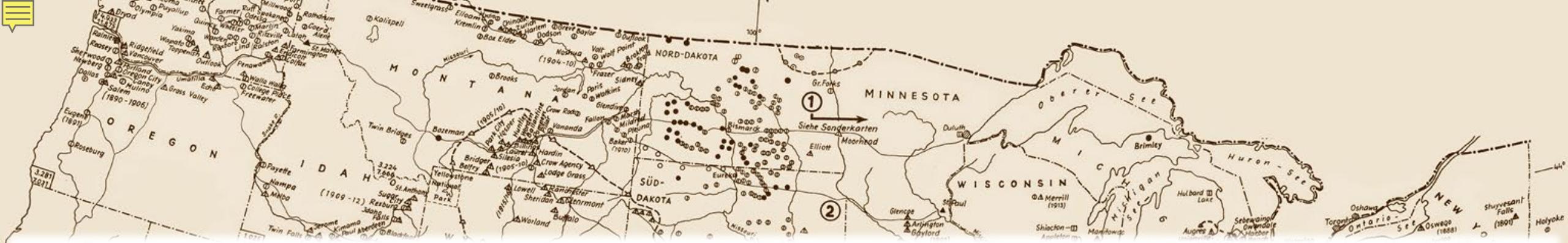
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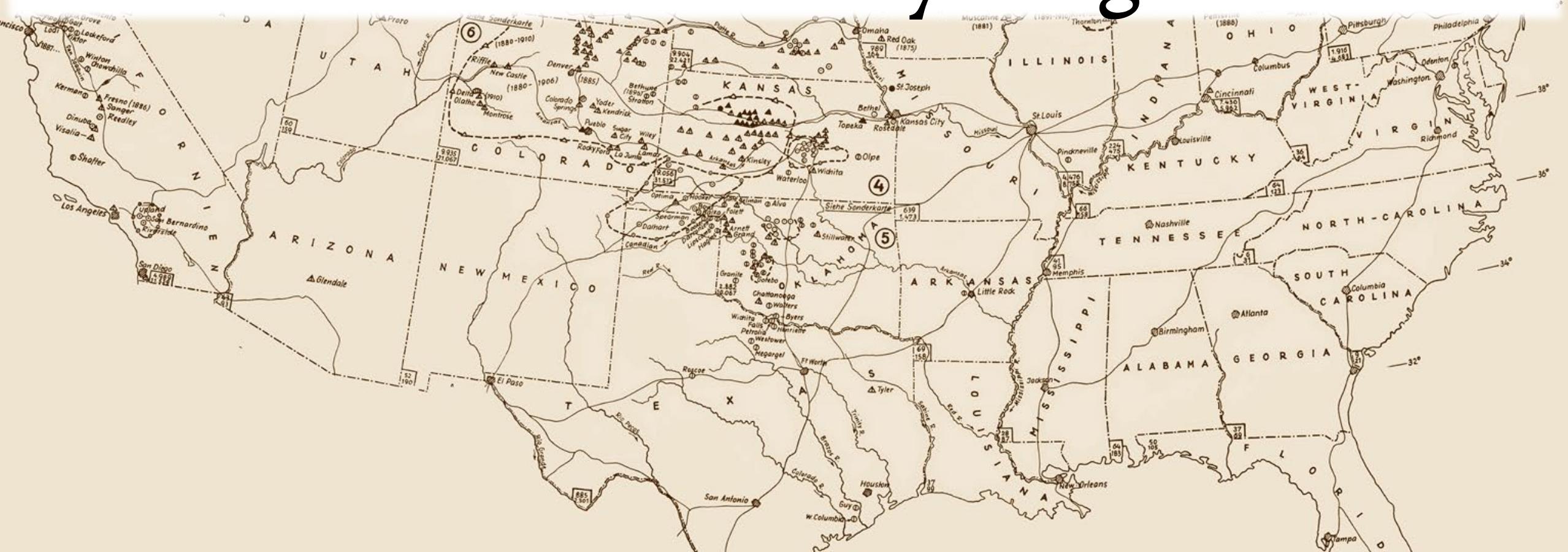
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Russian Government announced that, effective immediately, all medically fit Russian male subjects of age were required to serve 6 years in the military.

Germans from all over Russia began efforts to find a new place to live.



Where did everyone go?





Mapping America



Mapping America

Goal

The goal of this project is to collect and map information about where immigrant Germans from Russia lived in the United States, where they came from in Russia and where their descendants live.

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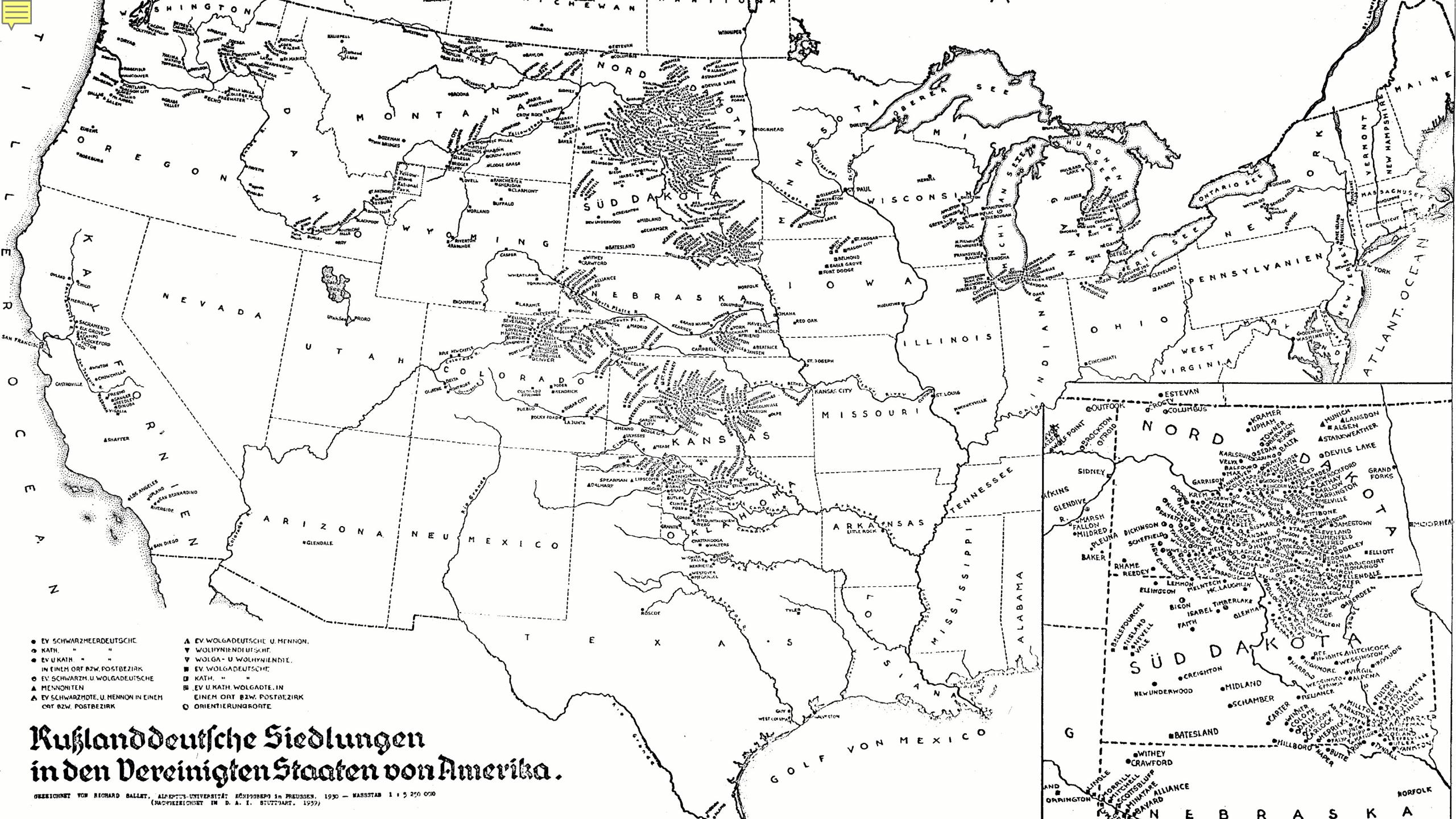
Why does it matter?

- Because history doesn't end.
- Because it's been nearly 150 years.
- Because it's time for a new map.

VERBREITUNG DES DEUTSCHTUMS IN NORD-AMERIKA.

LANGHANS' DEUTSCHER KOLONIAL-ATLAS, N° 8





Karte der russlanddeutschen Siedlungen in den USA und Mexiko

Bearb. v. Dr. K. Stumpf



Sonderkarten für die Staaten:
Nord- u. Süd-Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas
Nord-Colorado u. Nord-Oklahoma



Die Zahlen in den unteren linken Ecken (ausnahmsweise auch rechts) der einzelnen Staaten bedeuten:

Die obere Zahl der Russlanddeutschen nach der Zählung von 1920 an, die noch in Russland geboren sind – erste Generation; in der unteren Zahl sind die Russlanddeutschen der ersten und zweiten Generation enthalten, d.h. zu den in Russland geborenen kommen die Kinder, die schon in Amerika, deren Eltern aber noch in Russland geboren sind.

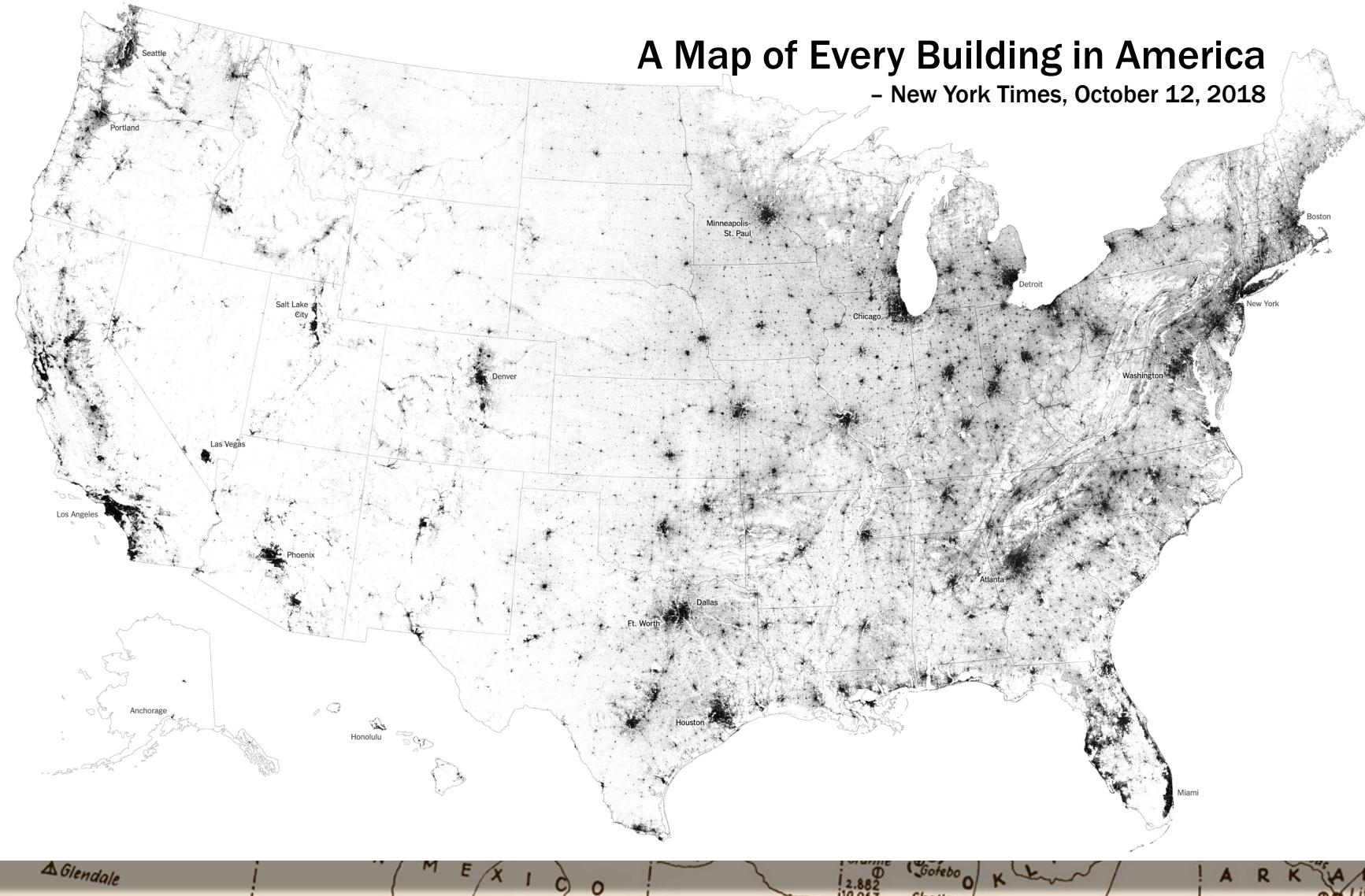
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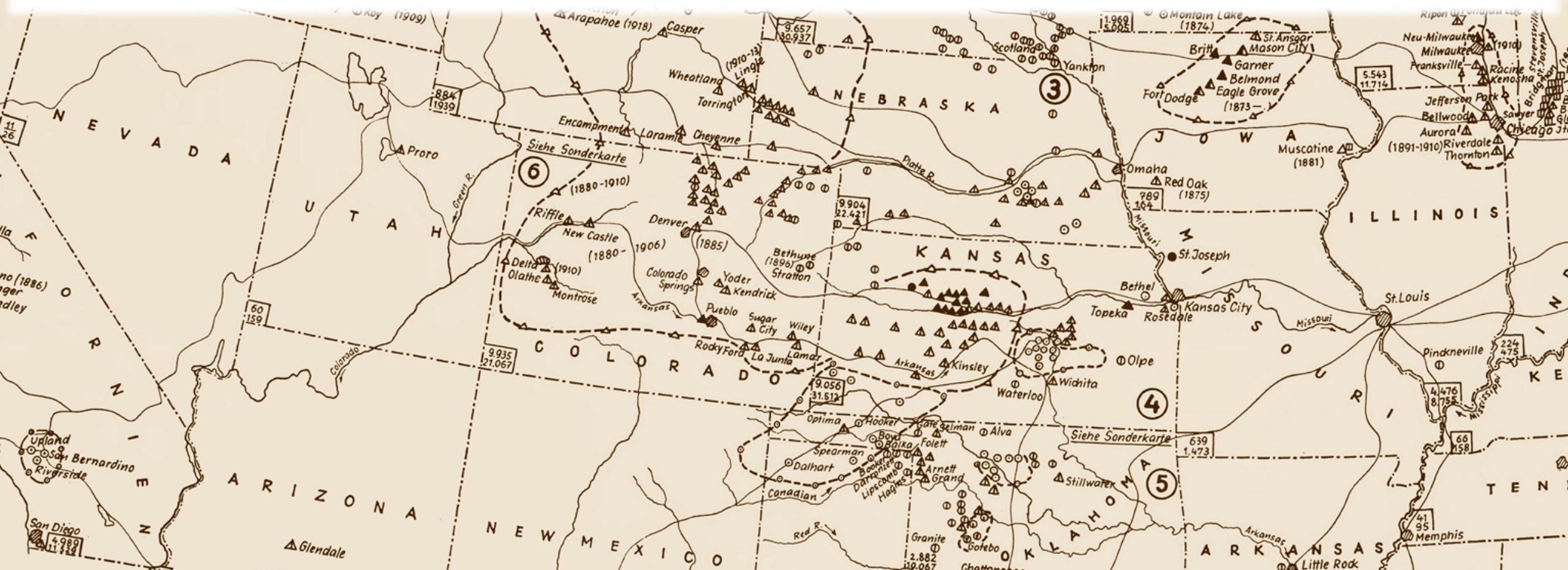


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The Research



The Research

What is a “place”

For the purpose of this project, the term “place” refers to an exact physical location where Germans from Russia resided or, in the case of those who lived on farms or in the country, where their post office was located. A place can be a city, town, census-designated place, unincorporated community, historical post office, historical township, historical cemetery and, in some cases, a homestead that doubled as a post office in a rural area.

The Research

Generations

The immigrant generation are those who immigrated to the United States & born outside the United States.

First generation descendants are the children of the immigrant generation.

Second generation descendants are the grandchildren of the immigrant generation.

Third generation descendants are the great-grandchildren of the immigrant generation.

Fourth generation descendants are the great-great-grandchildren of the immigrant generation.

Fifth generation descendants are the great-great-great-grandchildren of the immigrant generation.

The Research

1. Compile a master list of places.
2. Identify what data points to collect for each place.
3. Identify the major sources
4. Research and record the data for each place.
5. Create and populate the map.
6. Update the map based on feedback.

The Research

Step 1.
Compile a master list of places.

- Maps
- Newspapers
- Books
- Websites
- Survey: Germans from Russia in America

The Research

West: Pacific	
State	COUNTA of Place
Alaska	4
California	151
Guam	1
Hawaii	2
Oregon	81
Washington	157
Grand Total	396

West: Mountain	
State	COUNTA of Place
Arizona	18
Colorado	133
Idaho	62
Montana	154
Nevada	6
New Mexico	16
Utah	11
Wyoming	35
Grand Total	435

Missing: Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, West Virginia, Mississippi

Midwest: East North Central	
State	COUNTA of Place
Illinois	47
Indiana	6
Michigan	85
Ohio	22
Wisconsin	75
Grand Total	235

Midwest: West North Central	
State	COUNTA of Place
Iowa	33
Kansas	173
Minnesota	54
Missouri	15
Nebraska	101
North Dakota	404
South Dakota	285
South Dakota (orig)	14
Grand Total	1079

South: South Atlantic	
State	COUNTA of Place
Delaware	2
District of Columbia	1
Florida	26
Georgia	3
Maryland	6
North Carolina	6
South Carolina	2
Virginia	12
Grand Total	58

South: East South Central	
State	COUNTA of Place
Alabama	3
Kentucky	6
Tennessee	5
Grand Total	14

South: West South Central	
State	COUNTA of Place
Arkansas	6
Louisiana	5
Oklahoma	96
Texas	82
Grand Total	189

Northeast: New England	
State	COUNTA of Place
Connecticut	5
Massachusetts	2
Grand Total	7

Northeast: Mid-Atlantic	
State	COUNTA of Place
New Jersey	13
New York	17
Pennsylvania	5
Grand Total	35

Total **2448**



The Research

Step 2.

Identify what data points to collect for each place.

- Information about the place
- German-Russian history of the place
- General history of the place
- Current information about the place
- Supporting sources

The Research

Step 3. Identify the major sources

- Google maps
- Lists of historical post offices
- Townbooks
- AHSGR
- Center for Volga German Research
- Black Sea German Research
- Wikipedia
- State historical societies
- Demographic gazetteers
 - *Russian-German Settlements in the U.S.*
 - *Black Sea Germans in the Dakotas*
- *The Volga Germans in Russia and the Americas from 1763 to the Present*
- Historical maps
- Lists of ghost towns, books
- Survey: Germans from Russia in America
- GRHS
- Volga German Institute
- Ancestry.com (census, immigration, military, etc.)
- Online state encyclopedias
- City/town websites
- BLM/General Land Office

The Research

Step 4.
Research and record the data for each place.

Lincoln, Nebraska

VS.

Kehhart, New Mexico



The Research

Step 5. Create and populate the map.

- Google My Maps limitations
- Organization and presentation
- Automation



The Research

Step 6.
Update map based on feedback from users.

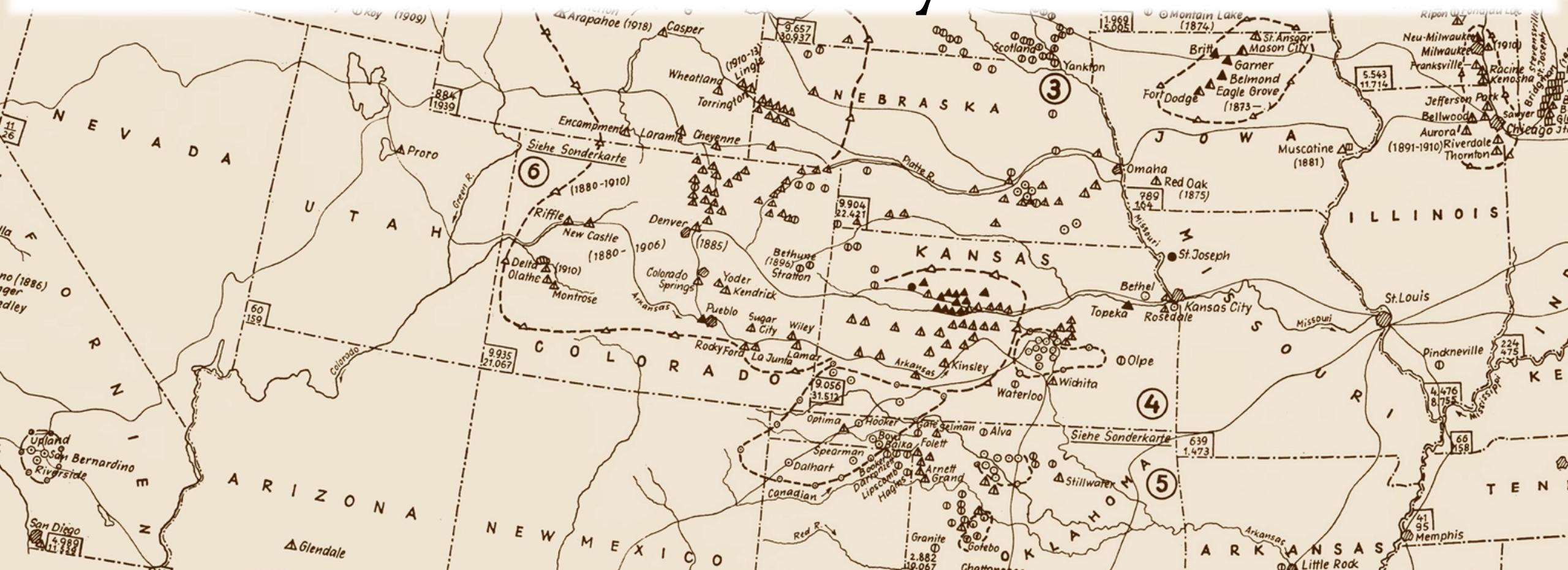
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How can you contribute to the research?





The Survey



The Survey

Crowdsourcing

The purpose of the Germans from Russia in America survey is to collect information about where immigrant Germans from Russia lived in the United States, where they came from in Russia, and where their descendants live from those who are actively going family history research.

The goal is to record as many generations as possible forward from the German-Russian immigrant.

The hope is to confirm what is generally known about the immigrant and 1st generation descendants, expand on that knowledge with subsequent generations, and discover more about immigrants to come to America after WWII.

The survey is open and accepting responses through December 31, 2019.

The Map

