RIVERSCAPES AS STORYSCAPES

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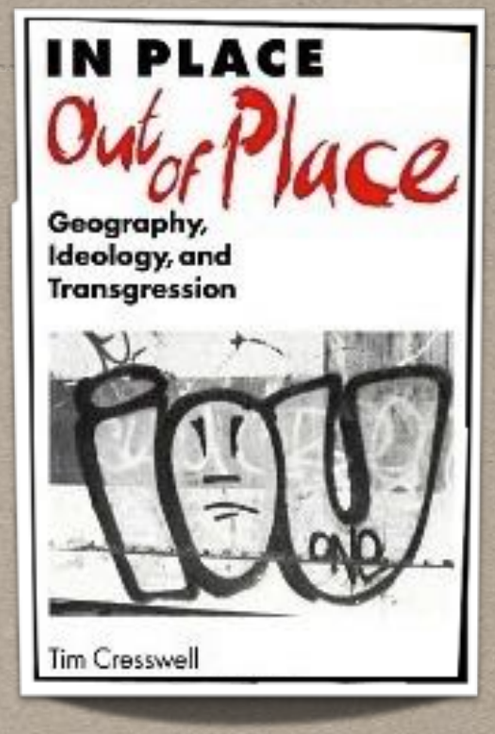
MAKING RIVERSCAPES LEGIBLE



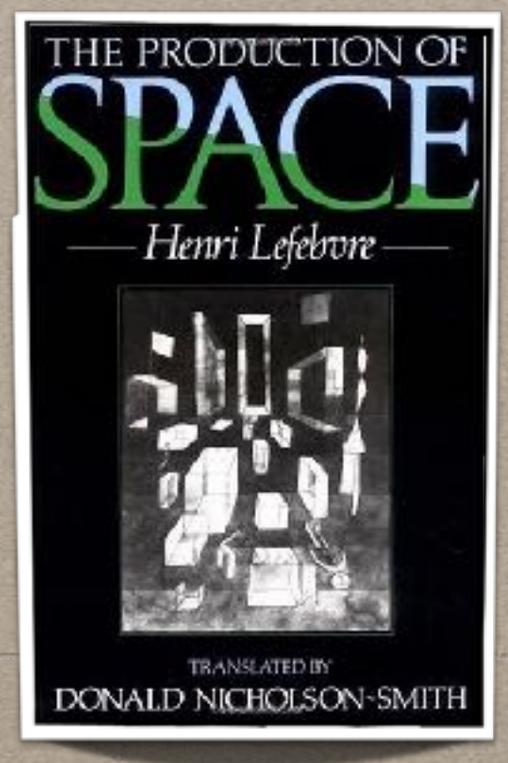




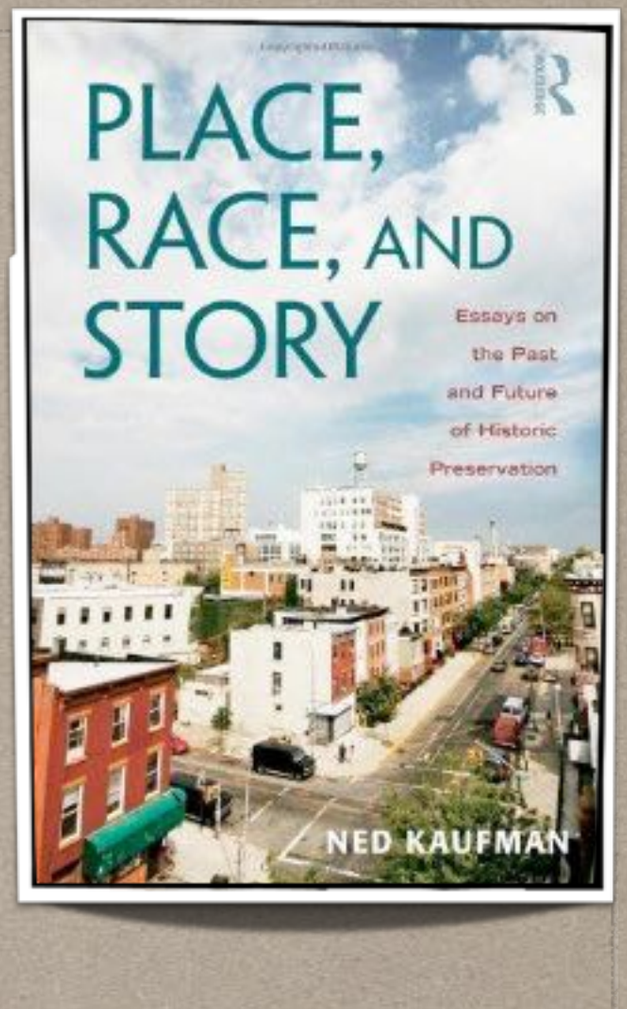
EMPLACEMENT



- contingent social meanings and experiences of place over time are inscribed in physical settings
- people "read" places according to (and against) prevailing social norms and power structure



STORYSCAPES



- Landscapes, cityscapes, streetscapes, etc. consist of “latent story sites”
(discrete locations connected with known or yet-to-be-known stories)
waiting to be retold, interpreted, and interrogated

(FOOTNOTE SLIDE)





STORYSCAPES AND EMPLACEMENT, LAYER BY LAYER

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PHILADELPHIA'S LAZARETTO, 1801-1895



- "Lazaretto" (It. from Biblical sore-covered beggar Lazarus, patron saint of lepers) = isolation hospital or quarantine station

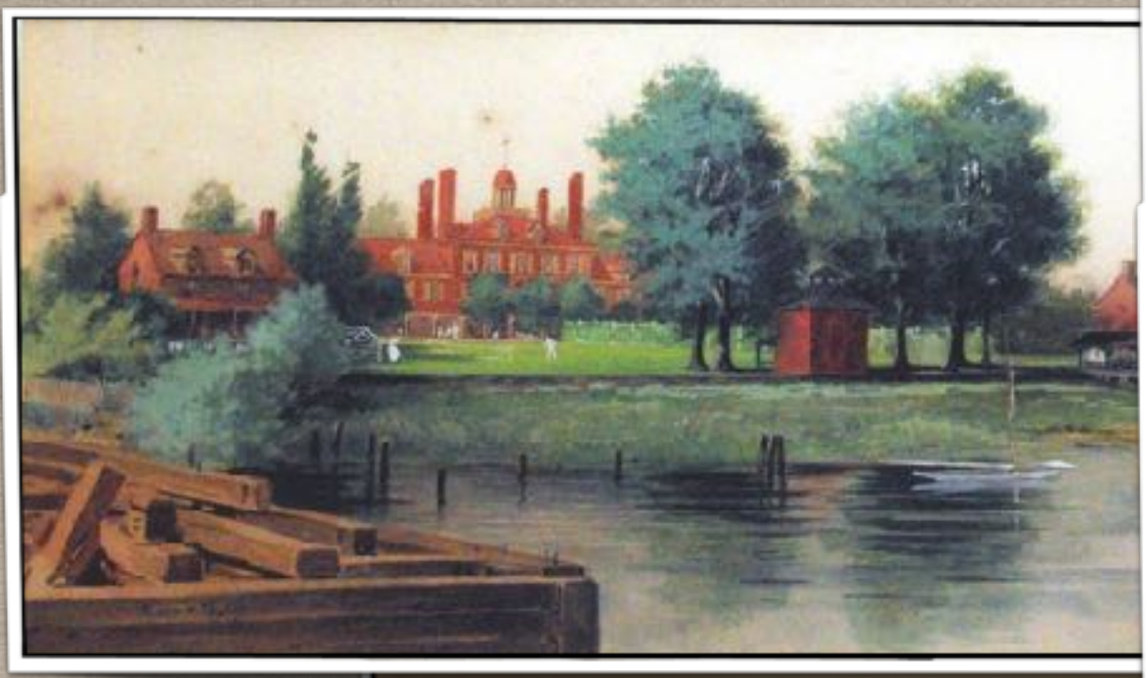
- oldest surviving quarantine station in W. Hemisphere, 7th oldest in the world

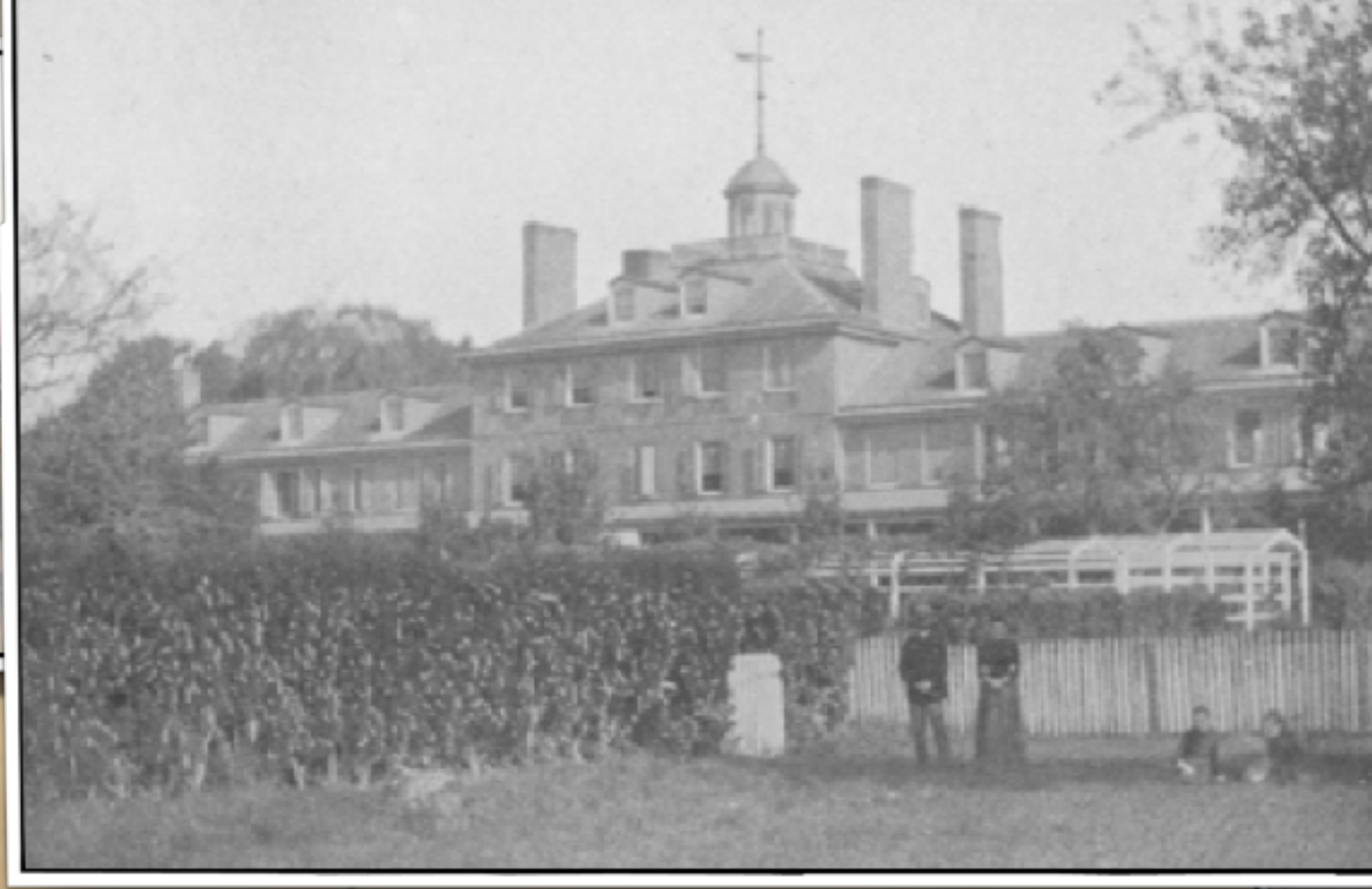
- built 1799-1801 on Tinicum Island after a series of devastating yellow fever epidemics; shut down 1895 as part of fed. govt. takeover of quarantine

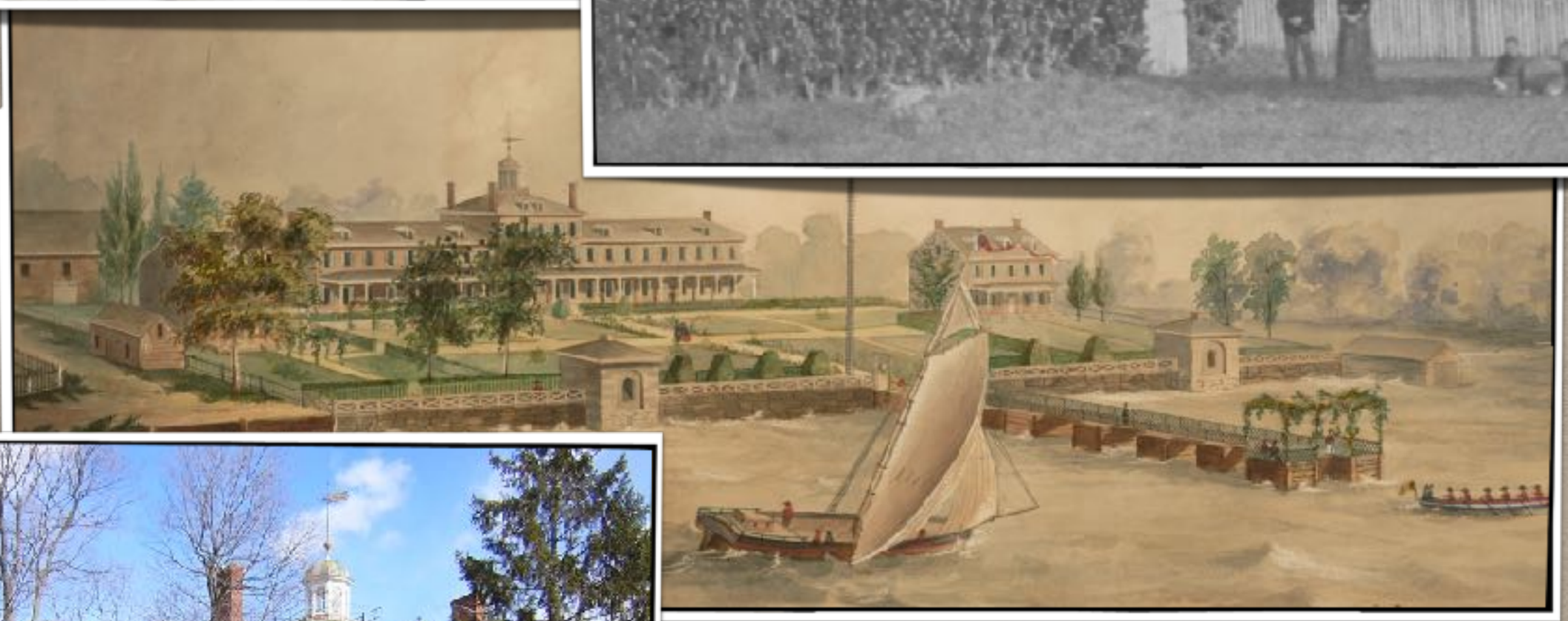
- operated by Philadelphia Board of Health

LAZARETTO GHOSTS:
EPIDEMICS, IMMIGRATION, AND QUARANTINE AT THE WATER'S EDGE

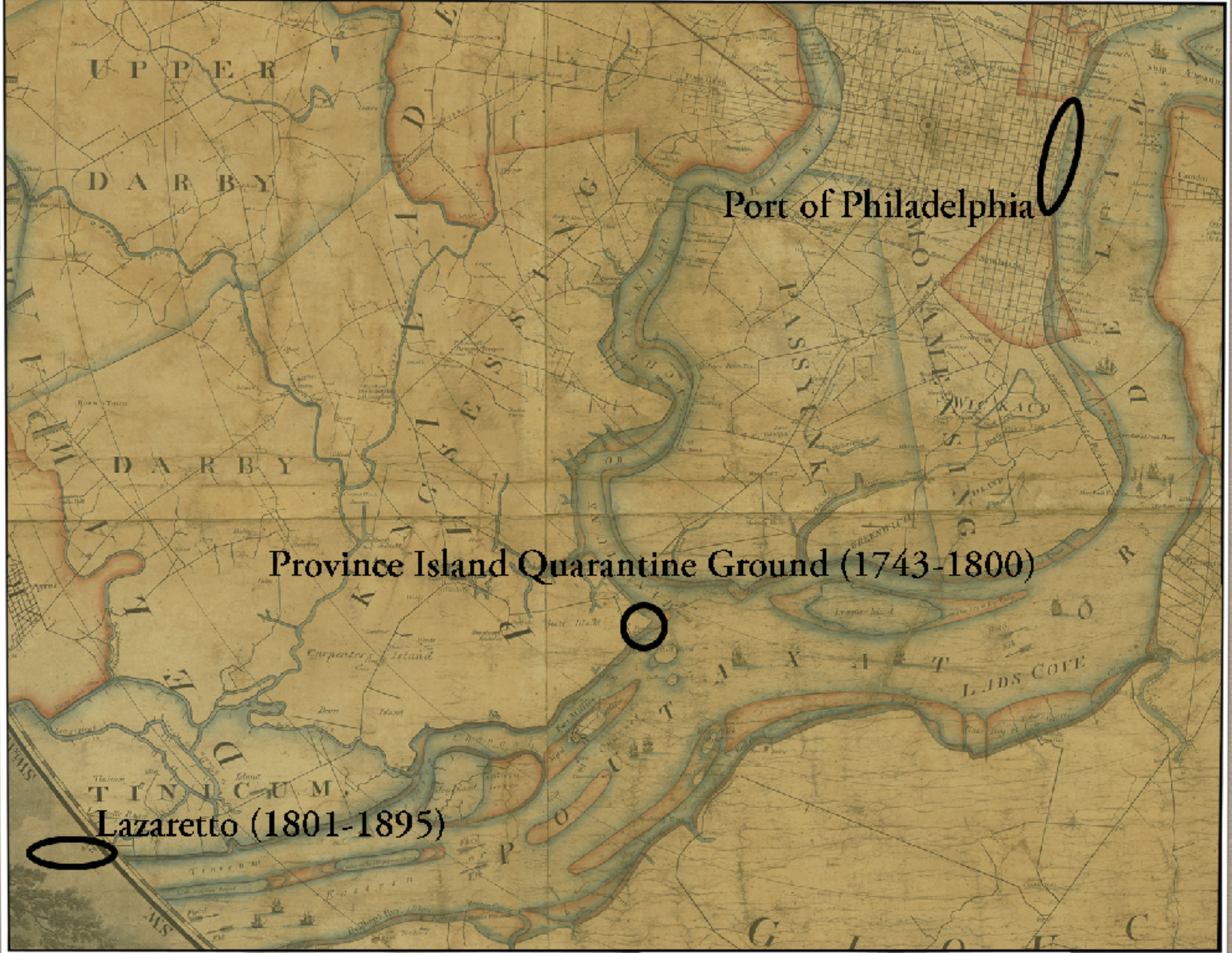
- Quarantine "worked" in part through social efficacy
- Quarantine was based on a fear of "infection," not of contagion, and on a science of rigorously anecdotal empiricism
- American immigration as human trafficking: a profitable, well-organized industry that systematically produced disease in immigrant bodies
- The Care Cure: why so many patients with deadly "incurable" diseases survived










Port of Philadelphia
Province Island Quarantine Ground (1743-1800)
Lazaretto (1801-1895)
UPPER DARBY
DARBY
TINICUM
Carpenter Island
Tinicum Island
Hog Island
Ivanier Island
LADS COVE
DELAWARE RIVER
SCHUYLKILL RIVER
MISSISSIPPI
WILLIAMSBURG
GREENWICH
Camden

HUMANITY.

Arrived at the Lazaretto yesterday, one hundred and eighteen Black People, without the least cloathing, being taken on board the schr. Phœbe, prize to the United States ship Ganges—the humane citizens are requested to send to the Health Office at the State House, any kind of linen cloaths for their accommodation, as well as to prevent the shock their decency will be exposed to by so many of both sexes being thus exposed naked.

August 4.

THIS INDENTURE witnesseth

THAT *Mary Ann* Ganges, by and with the consent of Robert Patterson and Thomas Harrison, members of the Pennsylvania Incorporated Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, he being one of those persons captured on board the Phebe, by the sloop of war the Ganges, commanded by John Maloney, esq. hath put h*is* self and by these Presents, the said *Mary Ann* Ganges doth voluntary and of h*is* own free will and accord, put h*is* self Apprentice to *Thomas Eggar of the City of Philadelphia Incorporated Member of Assembly*; to learn h*is* Art, Trade and Mystery, and after the manner of an Apprentice to serve him the said *Thomas Eggar* his Heirs and Assigns from the day of the date hereof, for and during, and to the full end and term of *Seven* years next ensuing. During all which term the said Apprentice h*is* said Master faithfully shall serve, his secrets keep, his lawful commands every where readily obey. *h*e shall do no damage to h*is* said Master's goods, nor see it to be done by others, without letting or giving notice thereof to h*is* said Master. *h*e shall not waste h*is* said Master's goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any. *h*e shall not commit fornication, nor contract matrimony within the said term. *h*e shall not play at cards, dice, or any other unlawful game, whereby h*is* said Master may have damage. With h*is* own goods nor the goods of others, without licence from h*is* said Master, he shall neither buy nor sell. *h*e shall not absent h*is* self day nor night from h*is* said Master's service without h*is* leave, nor haunt ale-houses, taverns or play-houses; but in all things behave h*is* self as a faithful apprentice ought to do, during the said term. And the said Master shall use the utmost of h*is* endeavours to teach, or cause to be taught or instructed, the said Apprentice in the trade or Mystery of *House carpentry* and procure and provide for h*is* sufficient Meat, Drink, Wearing apparel, Lodging and Washing, fitting for an Apprentice, during the said term of *Seven* years

and when free, to have two suits of apparel, one whereof to be new.

This Indenture not to be assigned, without the consent of the Committee of Guardians of the Pennsylvania Incorporated Society for the Abolition of Slavery.

And whereas a Bond is this day given by *Tho*s *Eggar & Edward Ganges* to John Hall Esq. Marshal of the United States for the District of Pennsylvania, in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, conditioned, that if the suits brought or to be brought by the claimants of the Phebe or her cargo: and the Court should determine that *Mary Ann* Ganges is a Slave, then, and in that case, he is (if alive) to be surrendered to the said Marshal or to his assigns on demand.

AND for the true performance of all and singular the covenants and agreements aforesaid, the said parties bind themselves each unto the other firmly by these presents. In Witness whereof, the said parties have interchangeably set their Hands and Seals hereunto. Dated the *Thirtieth* day of *December* in the year of our L. one thousand eight hundred

L. S.

City of Philadelphia

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Jno Barnes

Mary Ann her *X* mark *Ganges*

*Tho*s *Harrison*

Jno Hall

Marshal

*Rob*t *Patterson*

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tto ----	4 years	29 Decr 1804	
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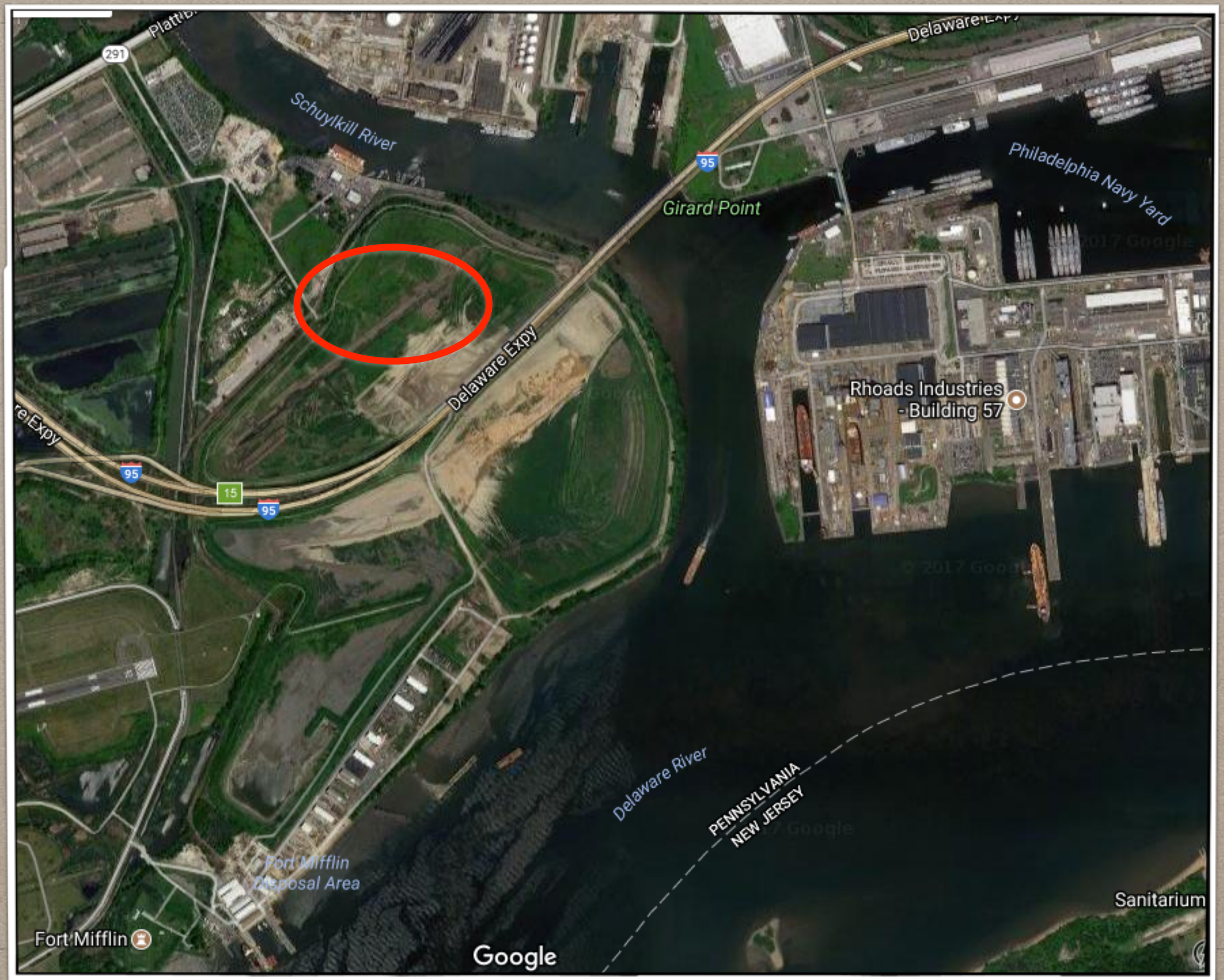
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Wm Fitzpatrick

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MINGO CREEK
Mingo Creek
Schuylkill River
Bartram Ave
95
291
Elmroses Ferry Road
Ferry Tower
Old Lazaretto
14
Delaware Expy
PreFlight Airport Parking PHL
Enterprise Ave
95
15
95
Girard Point
Girard's Point
Delaware Expy
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Rhoads Industries - Building 57
MUD ISLAND
MOUTH OF SCHUYLKILL
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