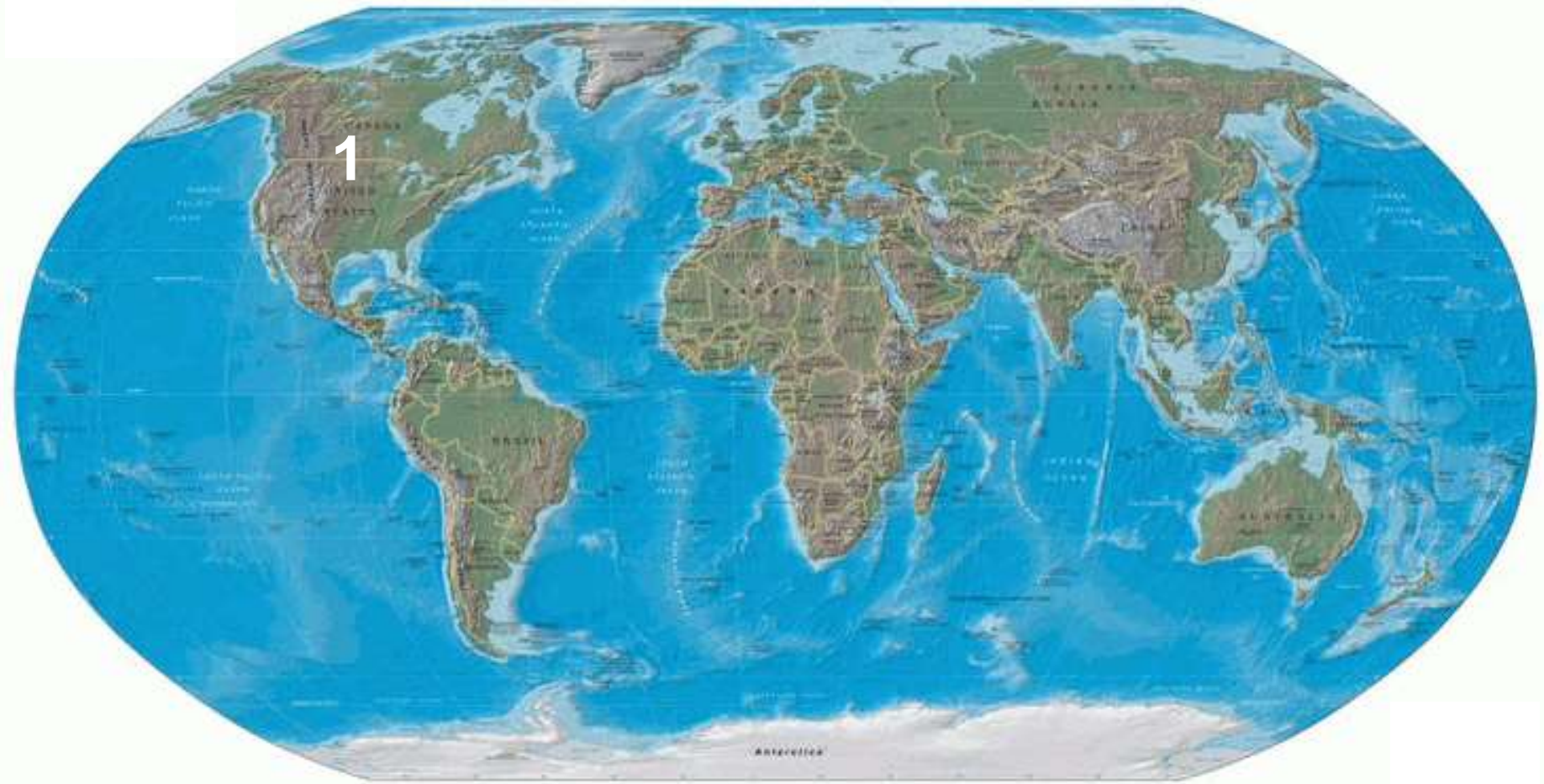


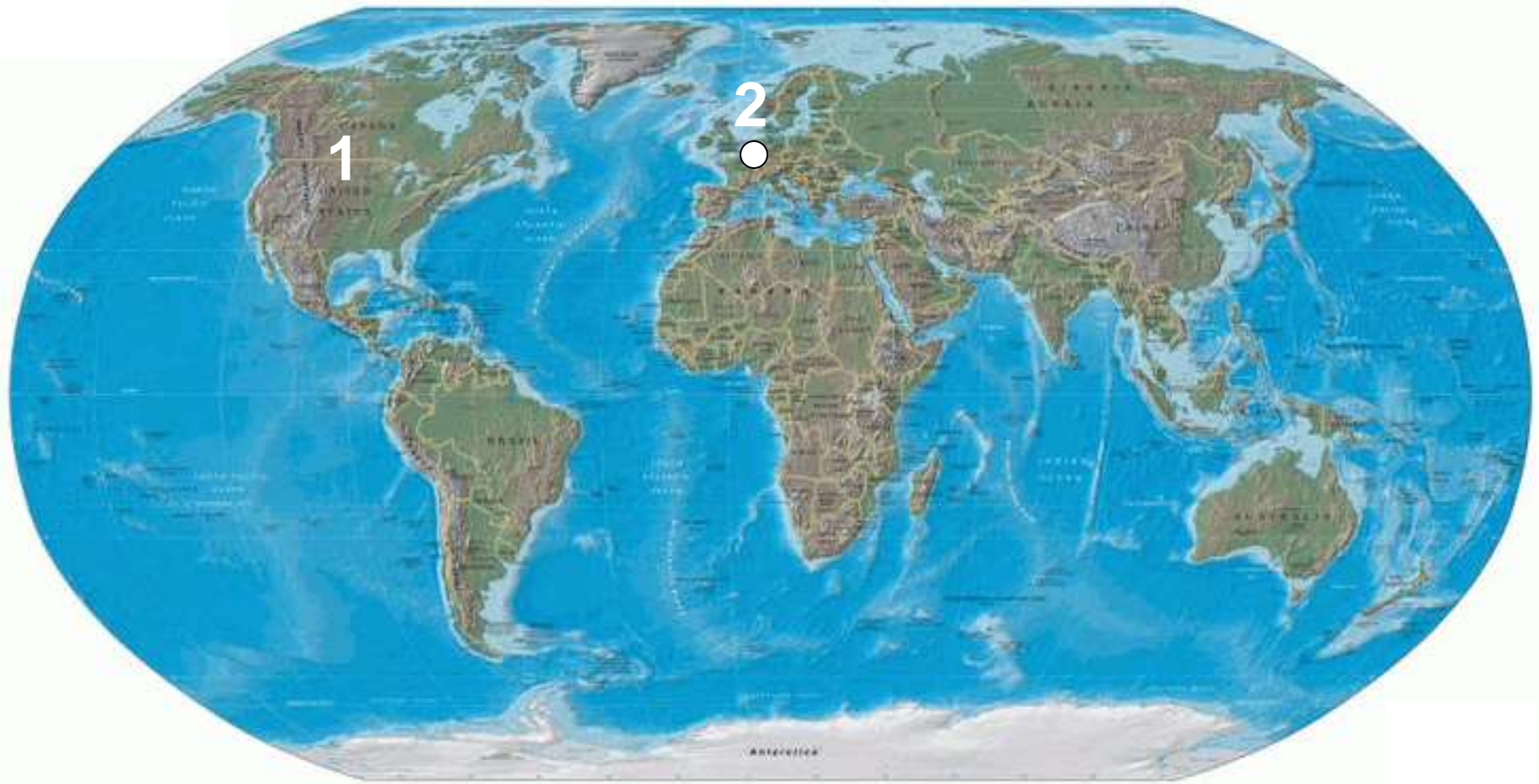


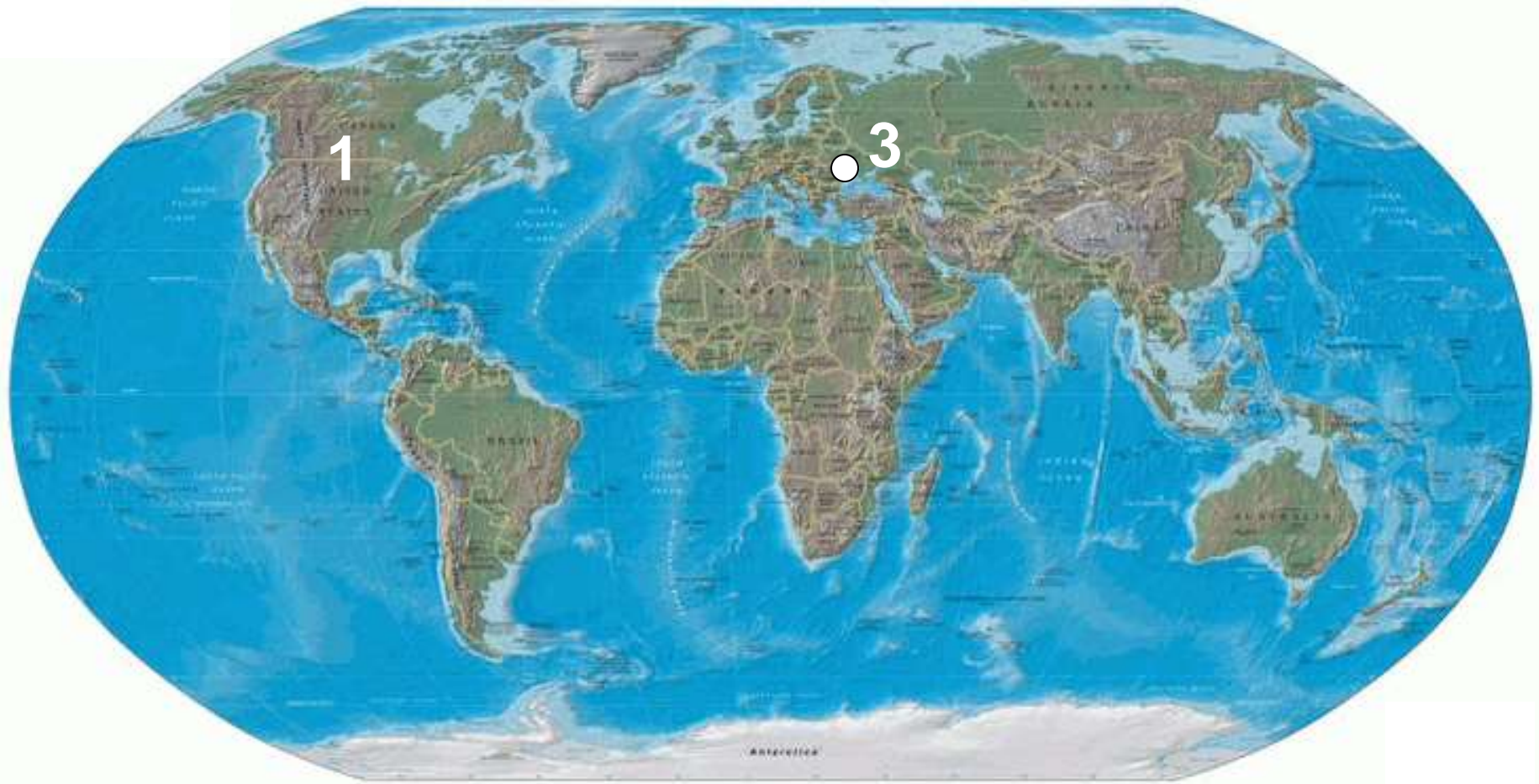
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**Before, During, and After the German Settlements**

**Presenter: Allen E. Konrad - July 2010**





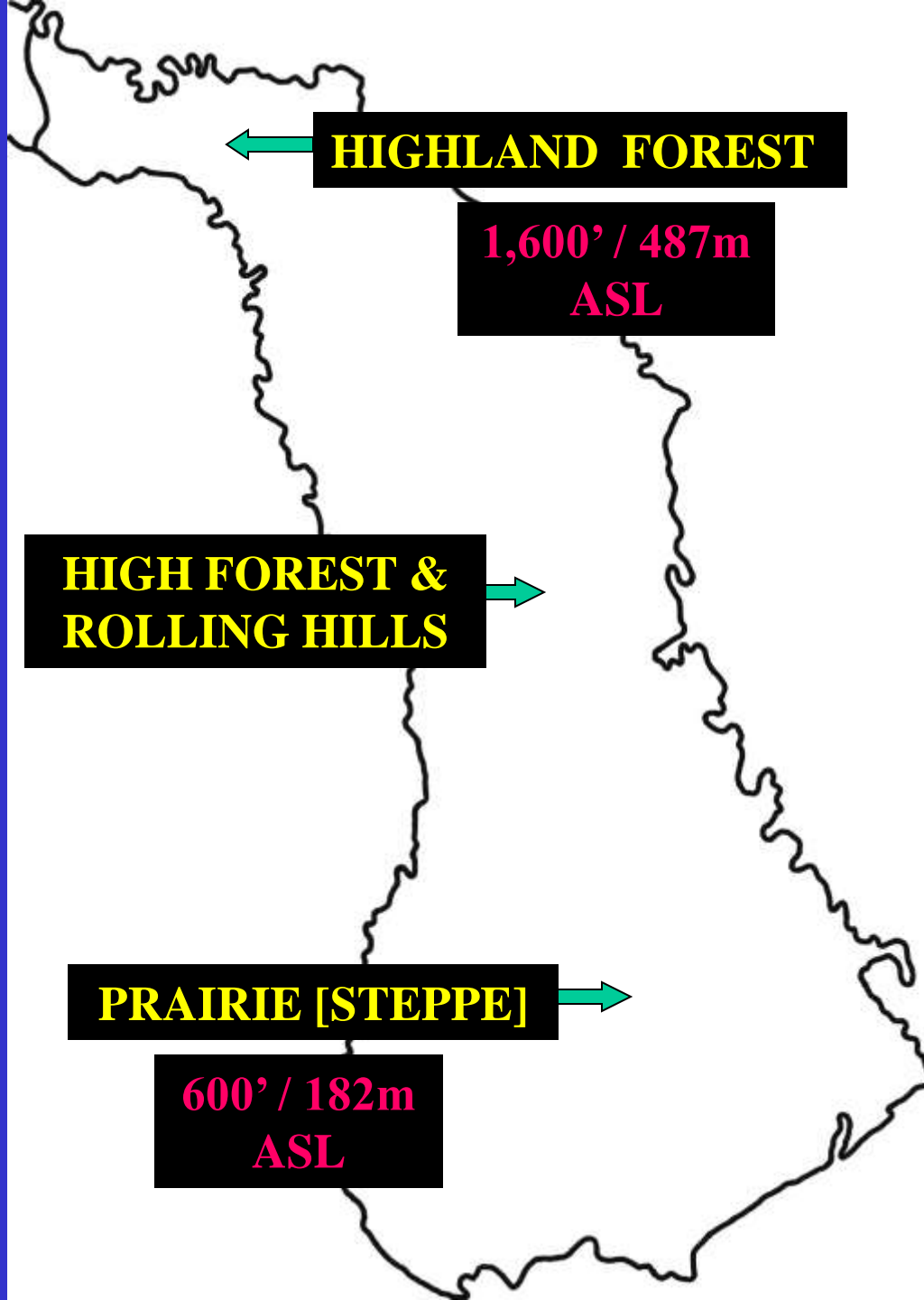




**DNIESTER  
RIVER**

**PRUTH  
RIVER**

**DANUBE  
RIVER**



**HIGHLAND FOREST**

**1,600' / 487m  
ASL**

**HIGH FOREST &  
ROLLING HILLS**

**PRAIRIE [STEPPE]**

**600' / 182m  
ASL**

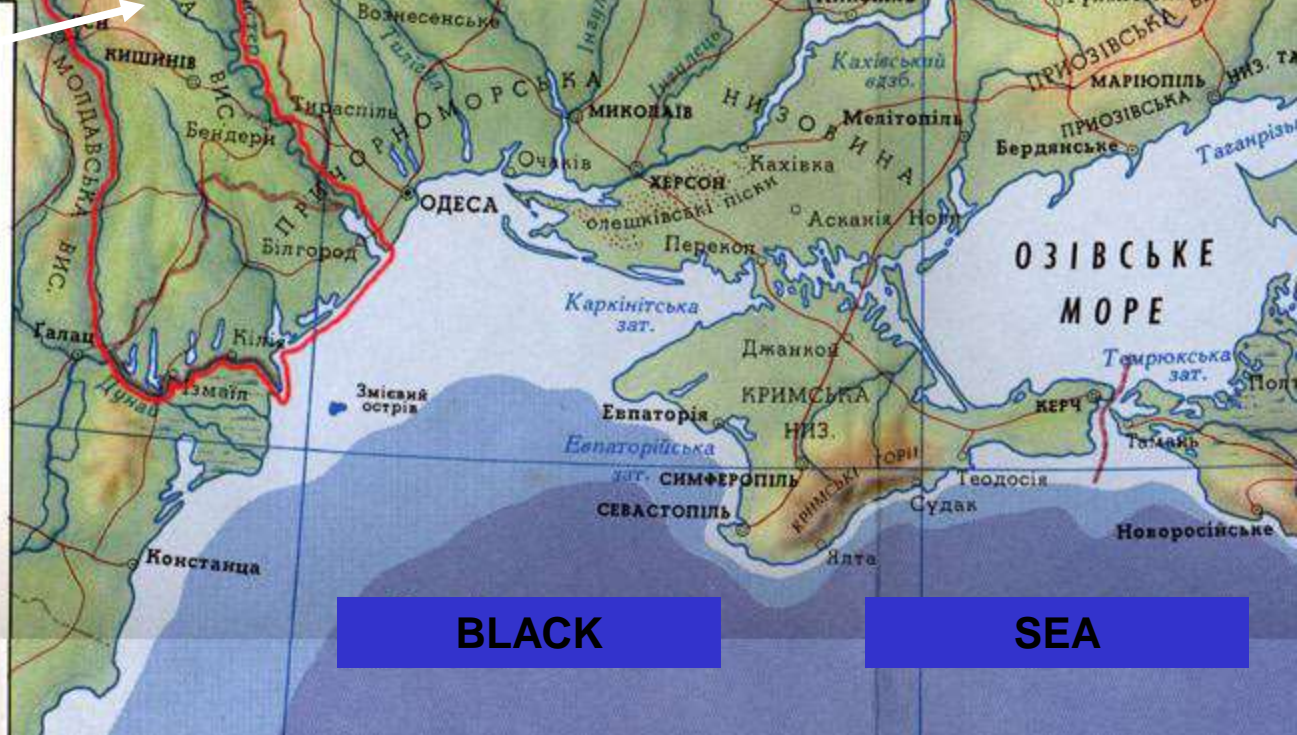


**UKRAINE  
PHYSICAL MAP  
BESSARABIA IN RED OUTLINE**

- Kyiv - population > 500,000    ● понад 500,000 мешк. КИЇВ
- Lviv - pop. 100,000 - 500,000    ● 100,000 — 500,000 мешк. ЛЬВІВ
- Uman' - pop. 50,000 - 100,000    ● 50,000 — 100,000 мешк. Умань
- Kaniv - pop. < 50,000    ○ менше 50,000 мешк. Канів

- Залізниця — Railroads
- Ріки, озера — Rivers, lakes
- Канали — Canals

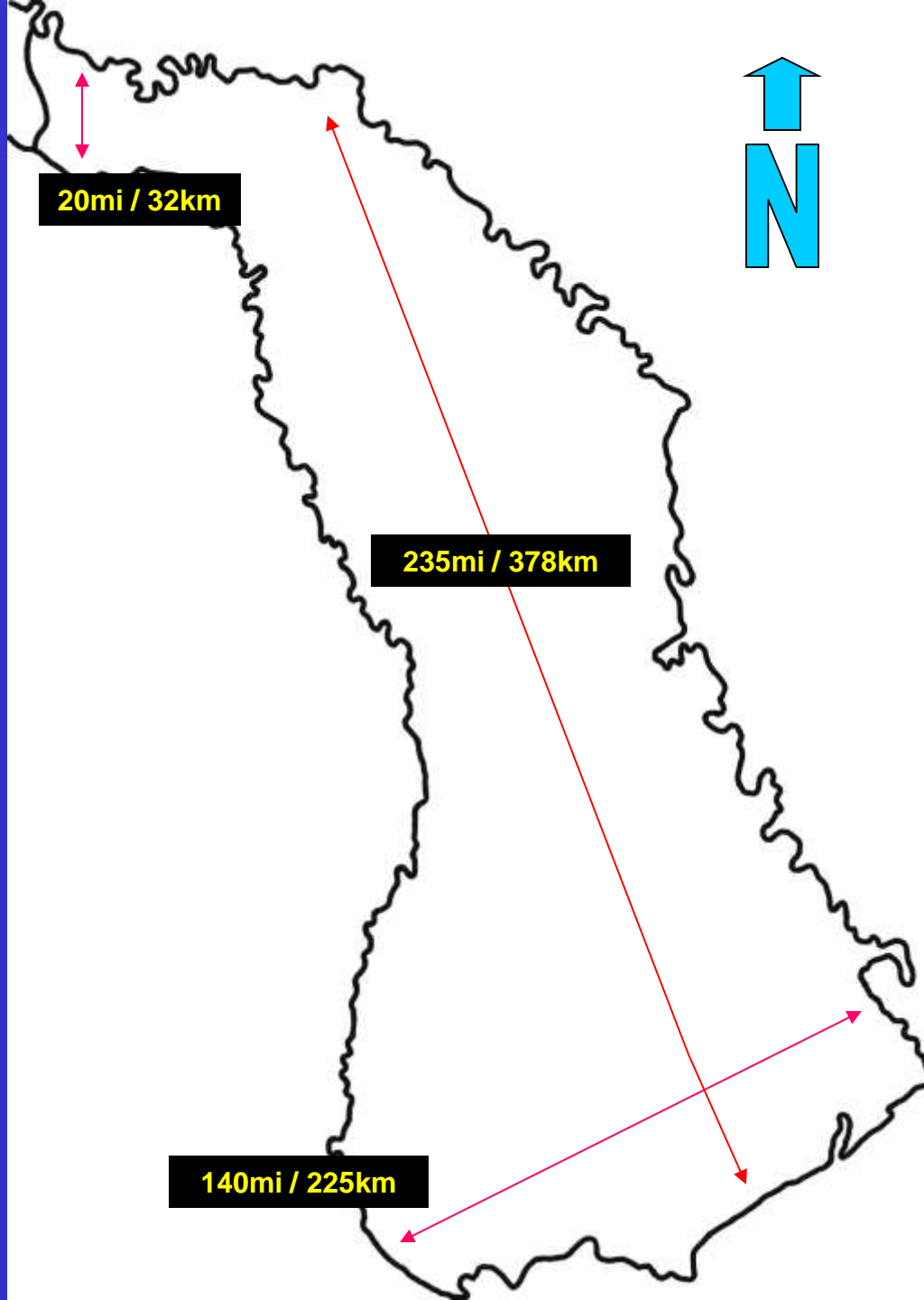
- Височини:** Altitude
- 1000 м і понад
  - 500 — 1000 м
  - 200 — 500 м
  - 100 — 200 м
  - 0 — 100 м
  - Депресія Below sea level
- Глибини:** Depth
- 0 — 50 м
  - 50 — 100 м
  - глибше 200 м



**BLACK**

**SEA**

**BESSARABIA**  
17,147 sq mi  
44,411 km<sup>2</sup>



**NORTH DAKOTA**  
70,703 sq mi  
183,121 km<sup>2</sup>



# ANCIENT HISTORY

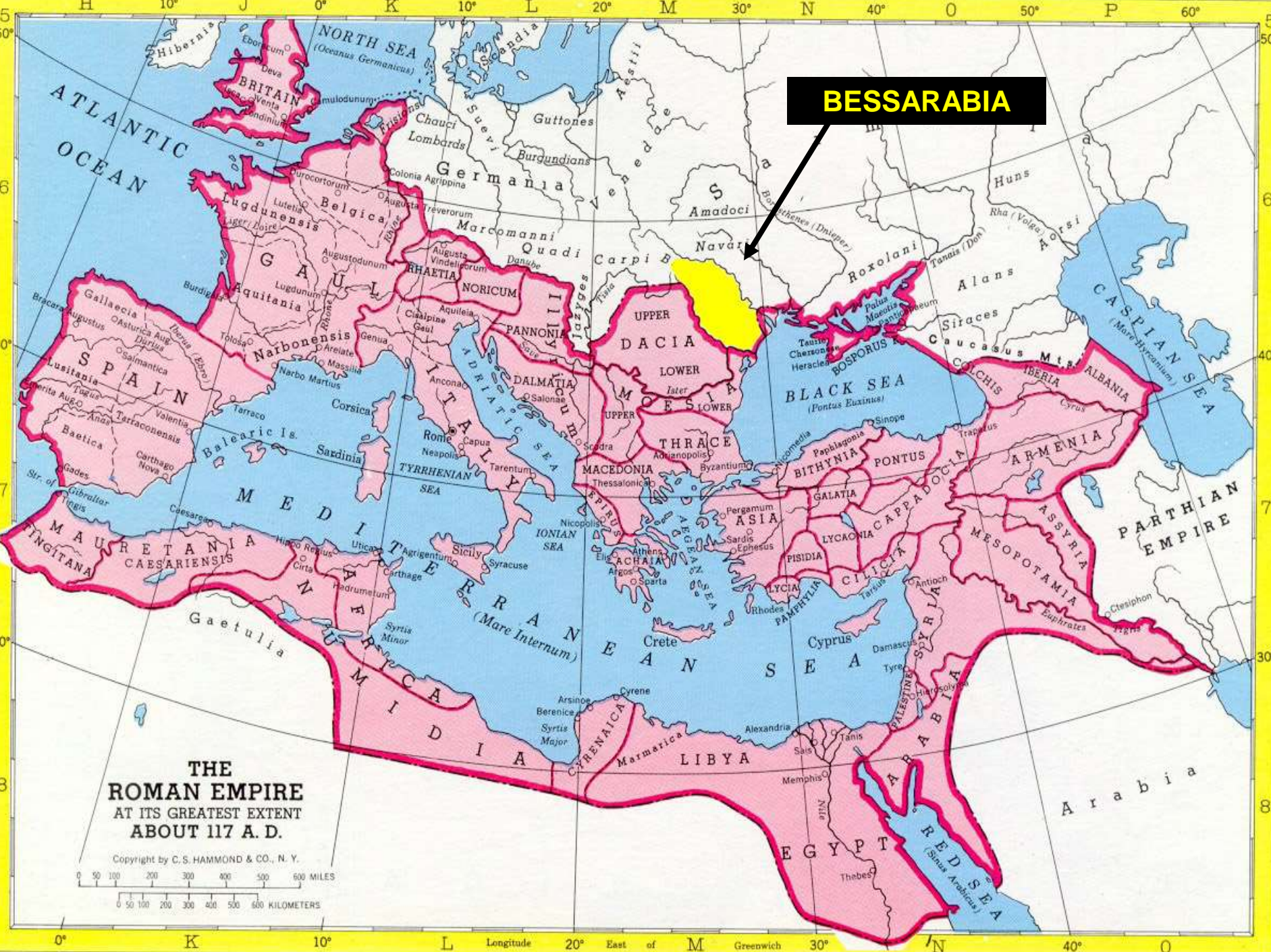
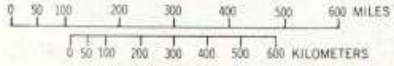
- **Heroditus (485-425 BD), Greek Historian**
- **Dniester River**
- **Akkerman & Tiraspol**
- **Scythians (200 BC)**

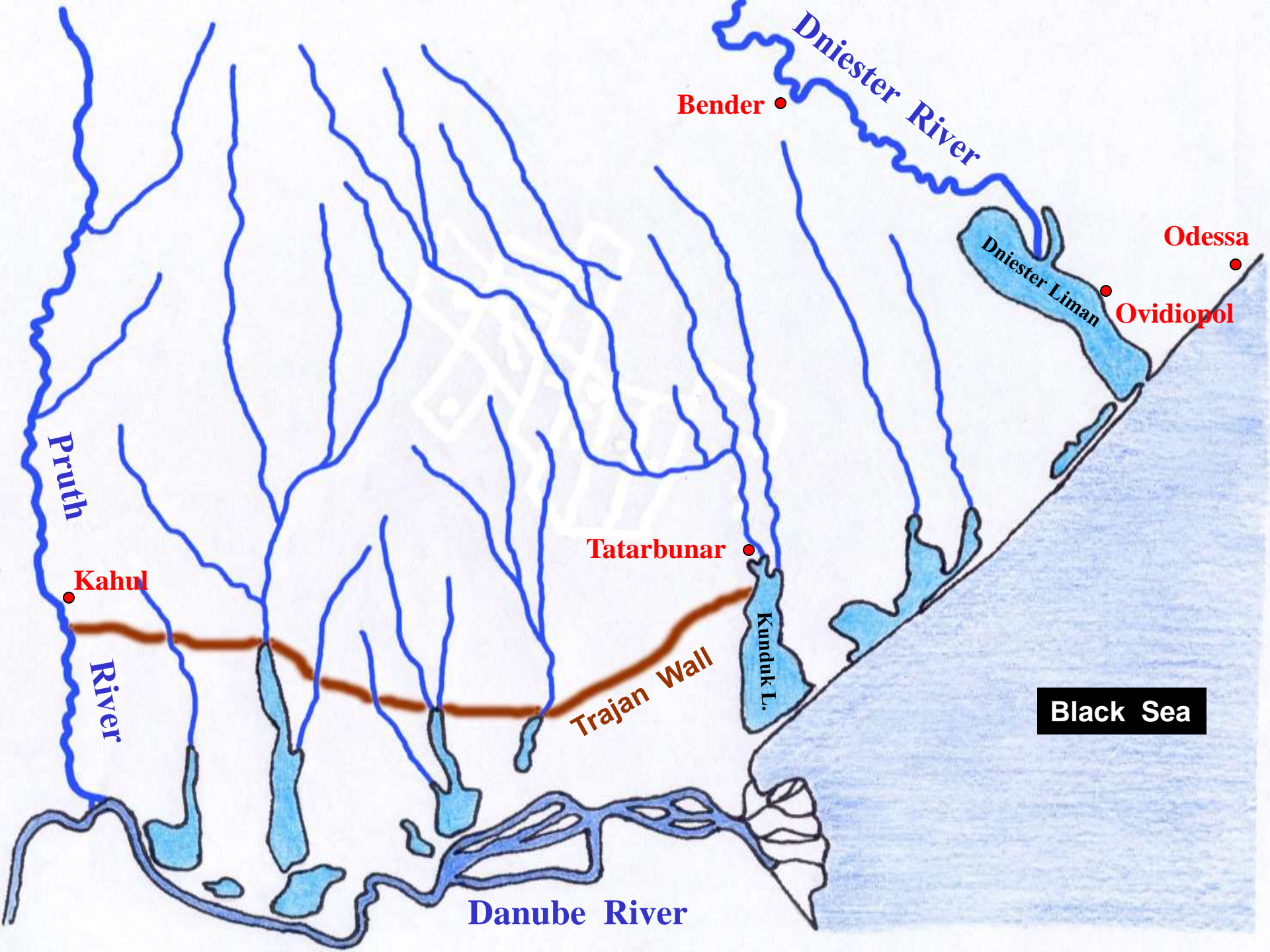
**BESSARABIA**



**THE  
ROMAN EMPIRE  
AT ITS GREATEST EXTENT  
ABOUT 117 A. D.**

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Pruth

Kahul

River

Tatarbunar

Trajan Wall

Kunduk L.

Danube River

Bender

Dniester River

Dniester Liman

Ovidiopol

Odessa

Black Sea

EUROPE  
SHOWING BARBARIAN MIGRATIONS  
IN THE  
FOURTH AND FIFTH CENTURIES

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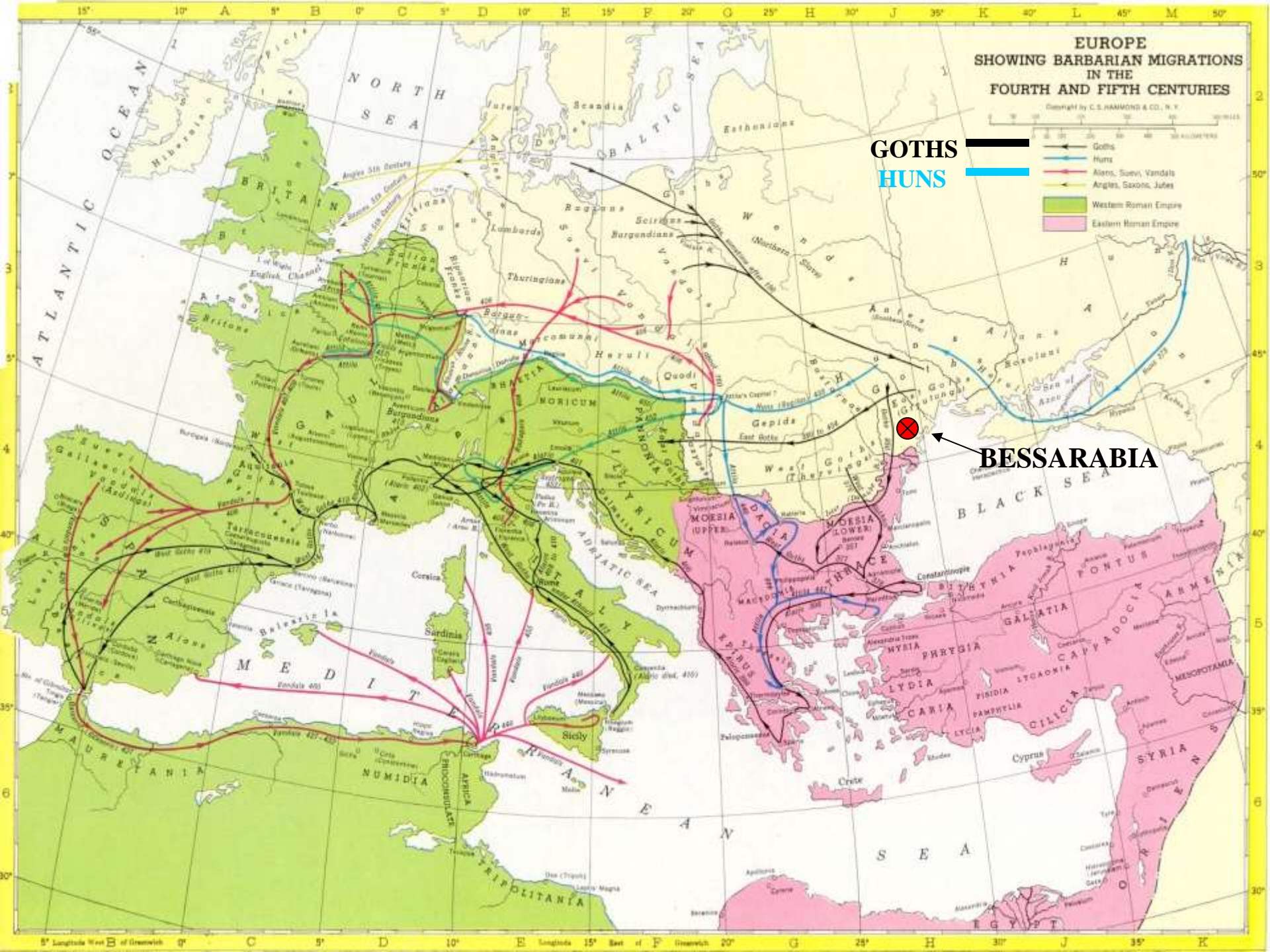
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GOTHS

HUNS

- Goths
- Huns
- Alans, Suevi, Vandals
- Angles, Saxons, Jutes
- Western Roman Empire
- Eastern Roman Empire

BESSARABIA

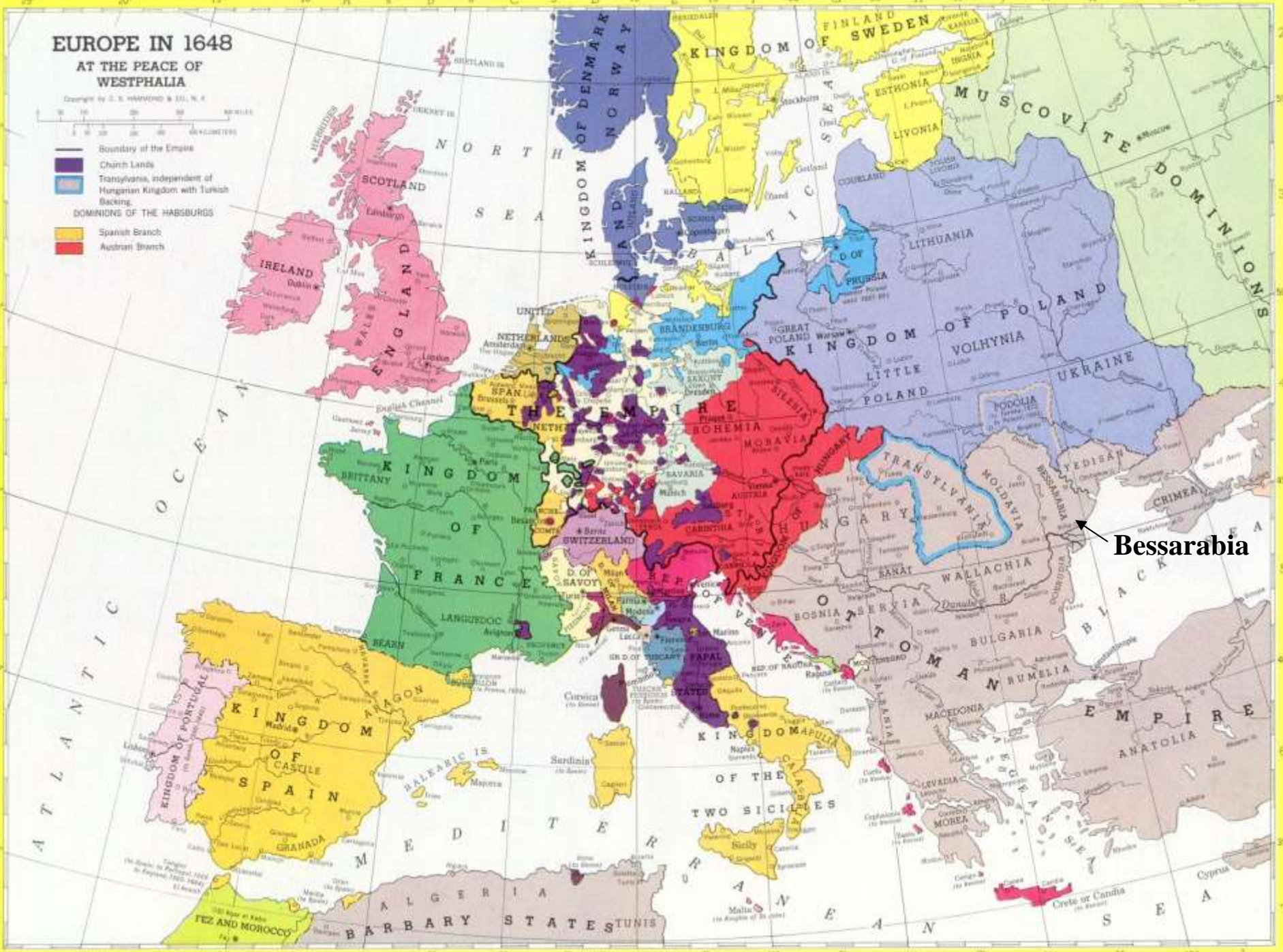


# EUROPE IN 1648 AT THE PEACE OF WESTPHALIA

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- Boundary of the Empire
- Church Lands
- Transylvania, independent of Hungarian Kingdom with Turkish backing
- DOMINIONS OF THE HABSBURGS
  - Spanish Branch
  - Austrian Branch



**Bessarabia**



# EUROPEAN POLITICAL HISTORY



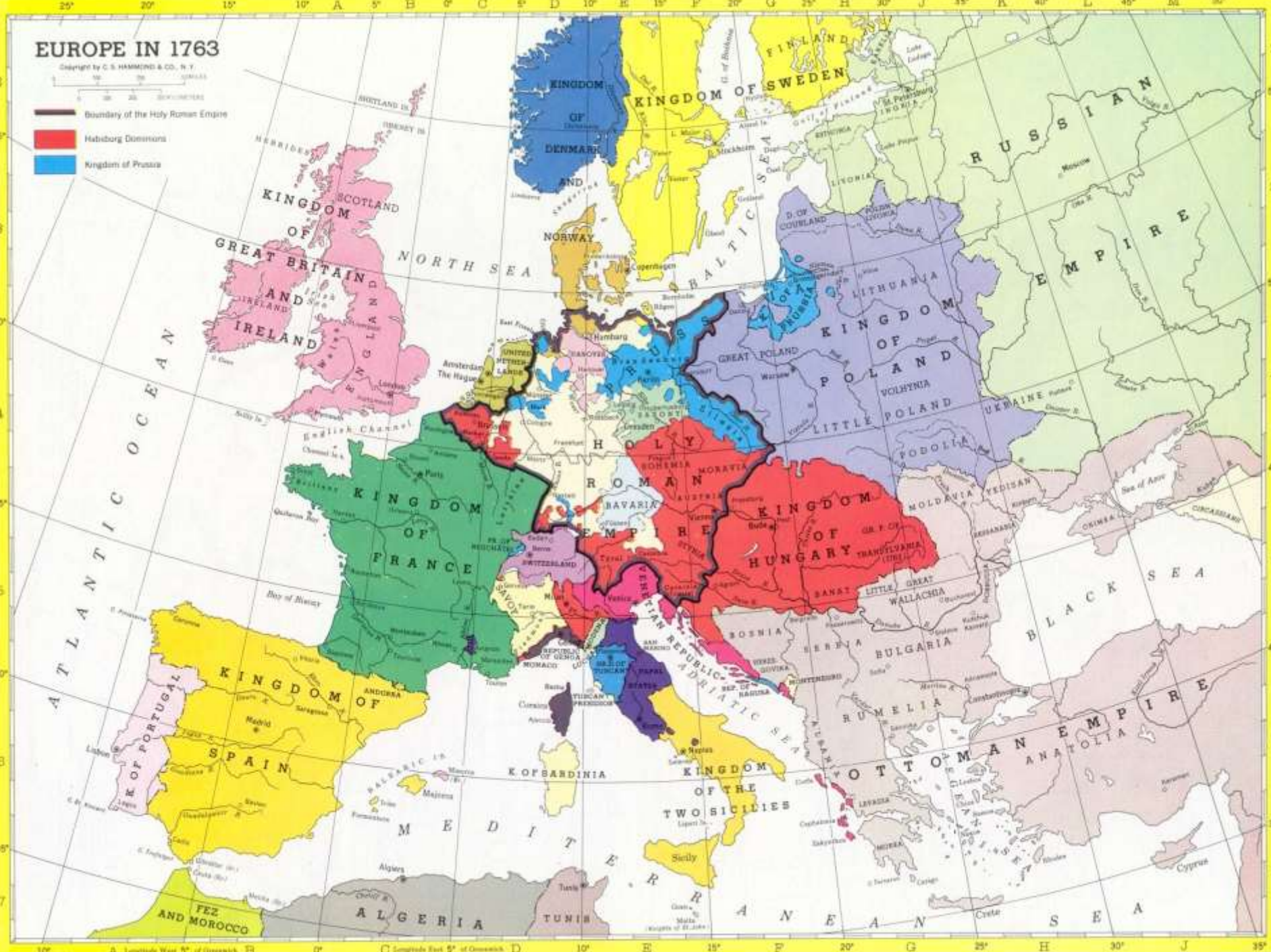


# EUROPE IN 1763

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- Boundary of the Holy Roman Empire
- Habsburg Domains
- Kingdom of Prussia

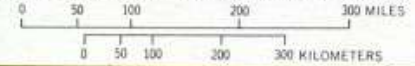






**POLAND TO 1667**

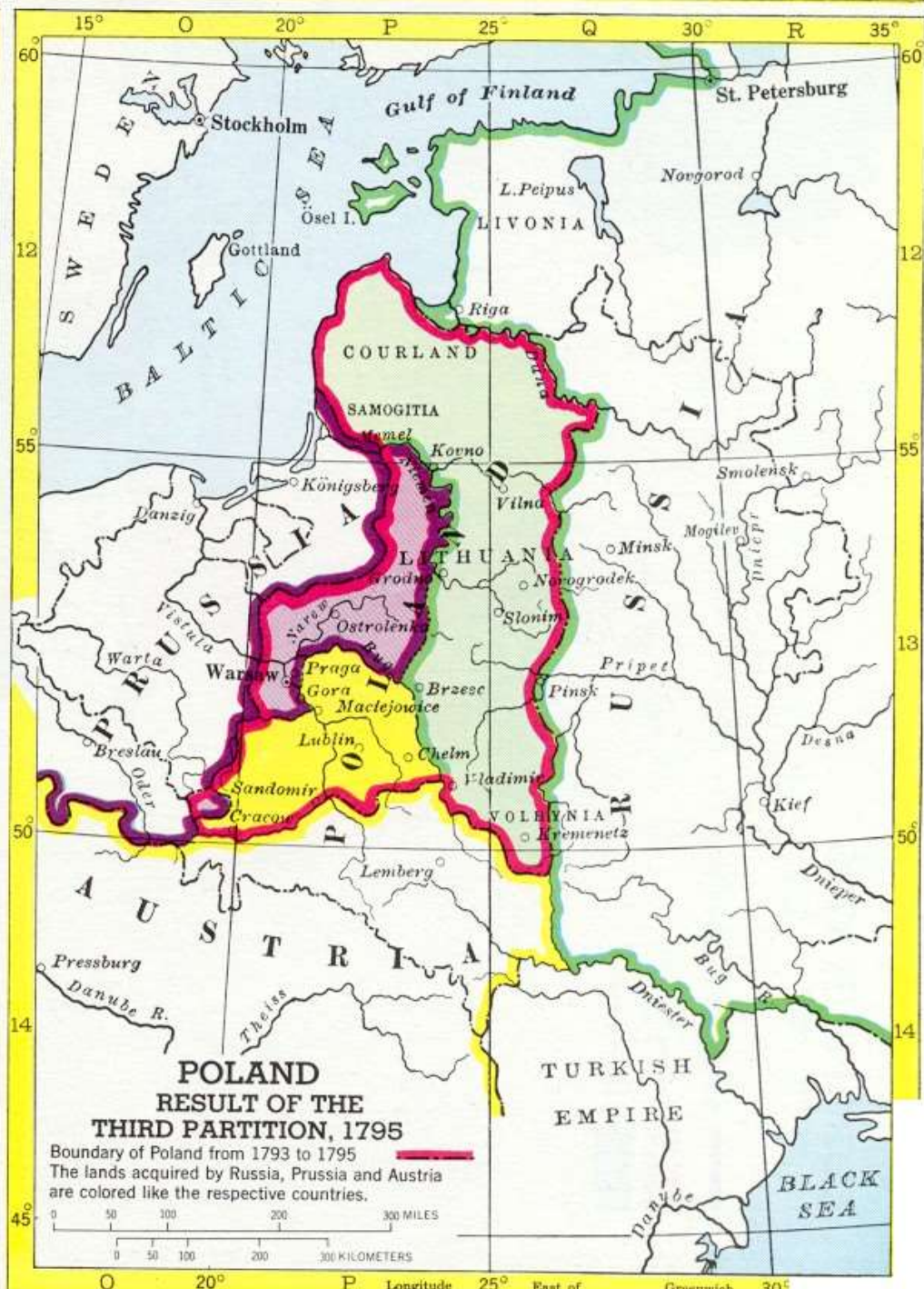
Boundary of Poland previous to 1629 ———  
 Lands ceded to Sweden in 1629 (confirmed 1660) ———  
 Lands ceded to Russia at the Peace of Andrussov, 1667 ———



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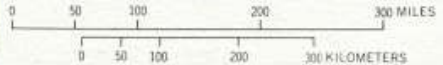






**POLAND**  
**RESULT OF THE**  
**THIRD PARTITION, 1795**

Boundary of Poland from 1793 to 1795  
 The lands acquired by Russia, Prussia and Austria  
 are colored like the respective countries.





# Russia at War with Turks

- War of 1768-1774 --- Land on Black Sea
- War of 1787-1791 --- East of Dniester River
- War of 1806-1812 --- Dniester to Pruth River

# MOTIVATION TO RELOCATE

- **Volhynia Settlement**
- **Volga River Settlement**
- **Kherson/Odessa Settlement**

# MOTIVATION TO RELOCATE

- **Political Reasons**
- **Economic Reasons**
- **Personal Reasons**
- **Spiritual Reasons**



# **MANIFEST TO SETTLERS**

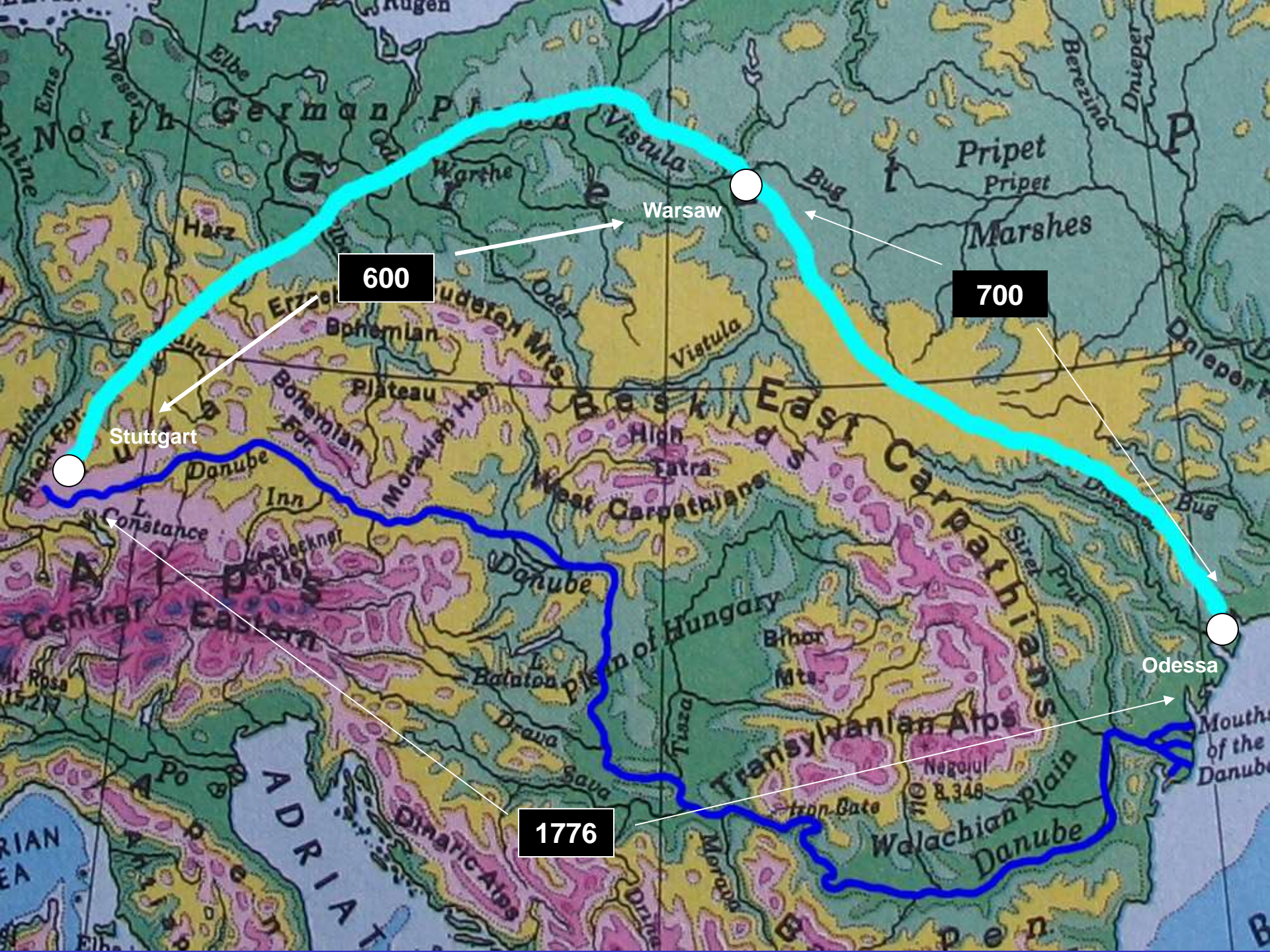
- **Focus on improving agriculture techniques**
- **Religious liberty**
- **Exemption from military service**
- **Local self-government**
- **Funds for food until first harvest**
- **60 dessjatine (164 a./66 h.) free land per family**
- **10 year interest-free loan to help get set up**
- **Tax exemption for 10 years**

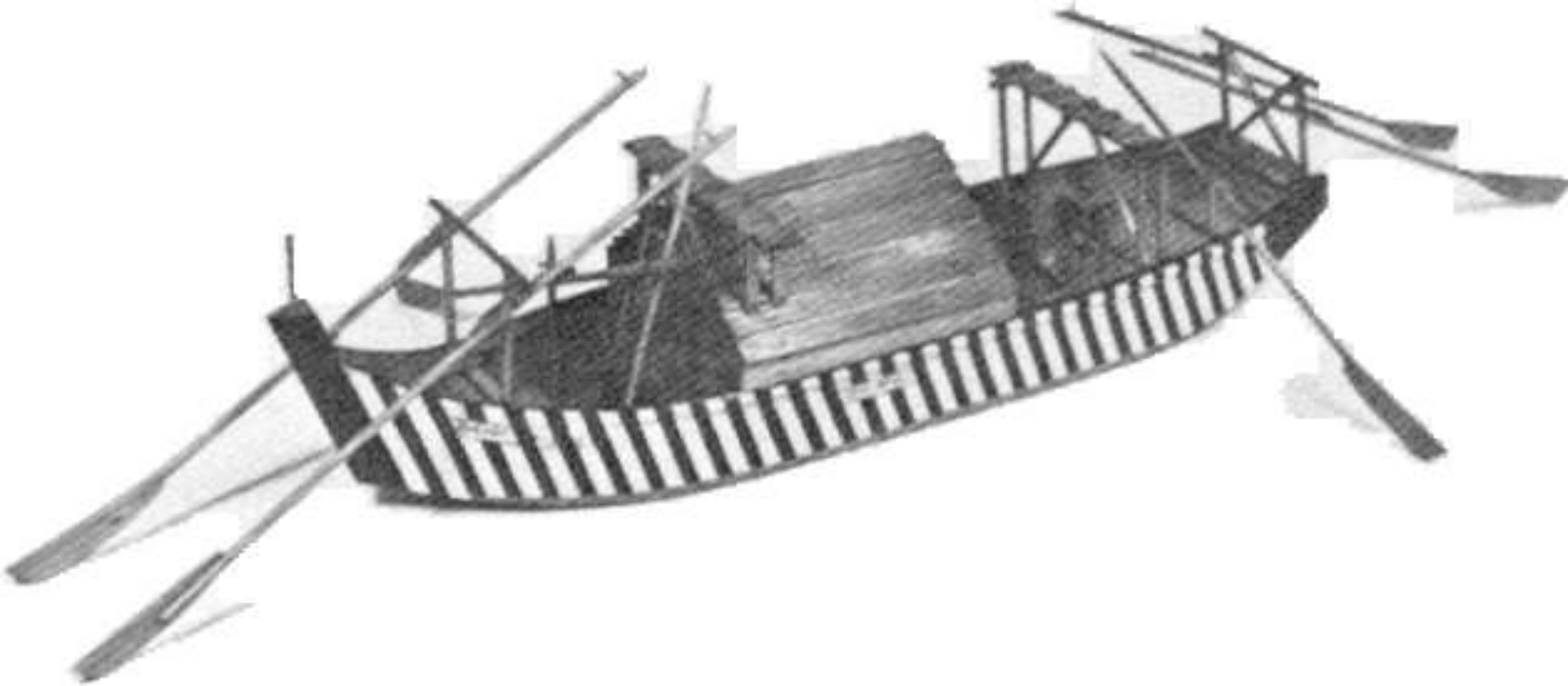


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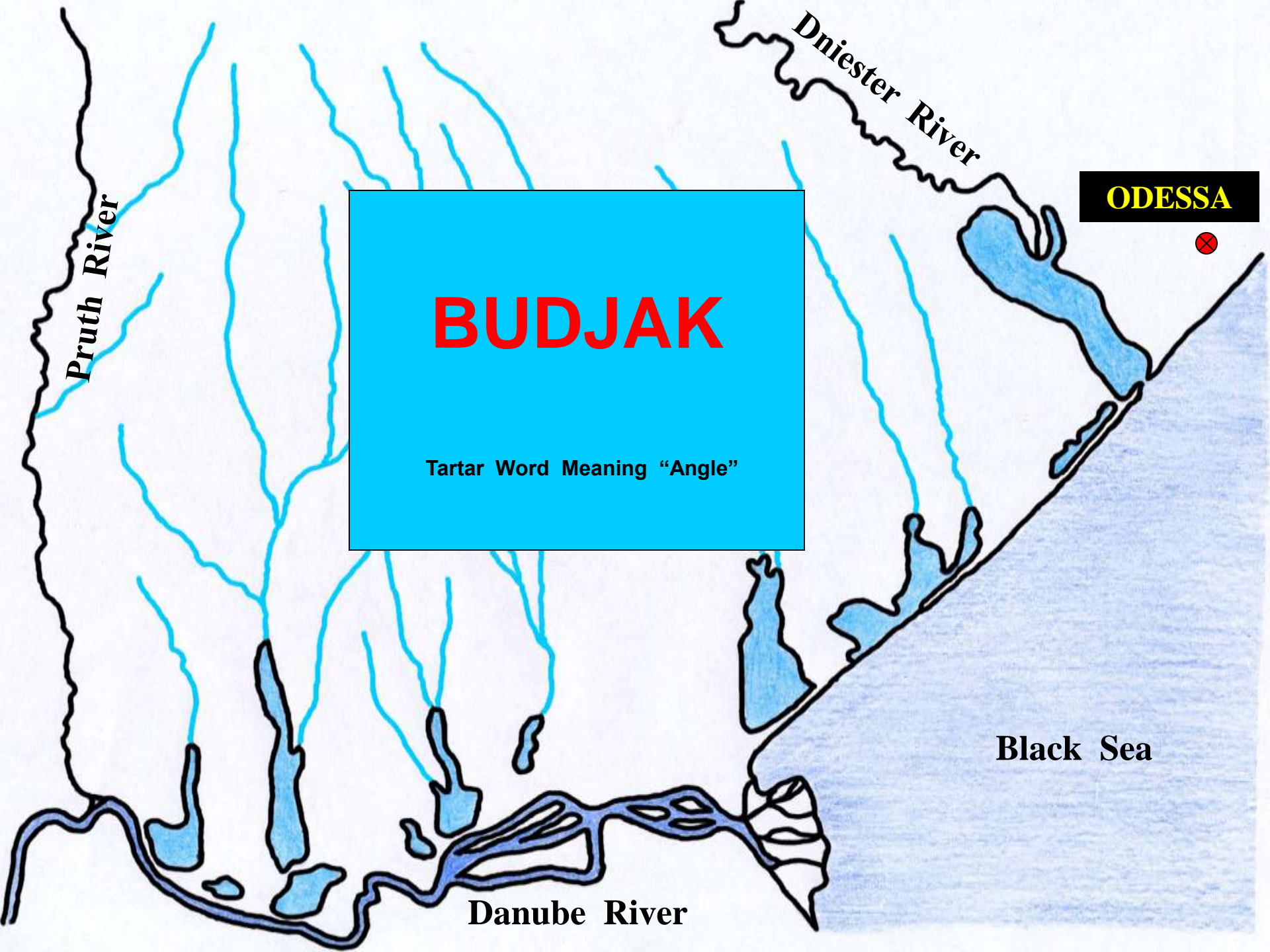


**Different Times**





Ulmer Schachtel - Stumpp 32



Pruth River

Dniester River

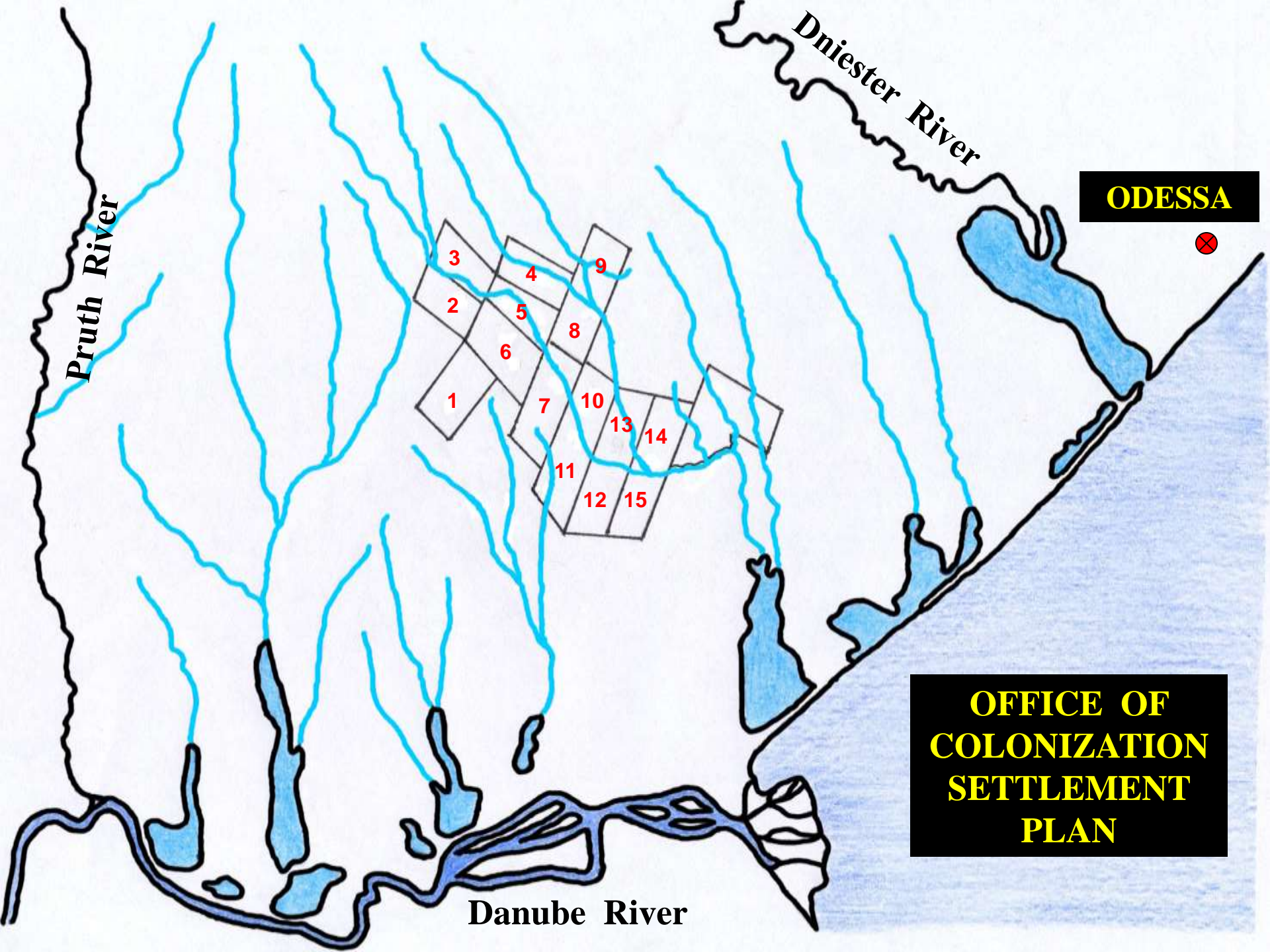
**ODESSA**

**BUDJAK**

Tartar Word Meaning "Angle"

Black Sea

Danube River



Pruth River

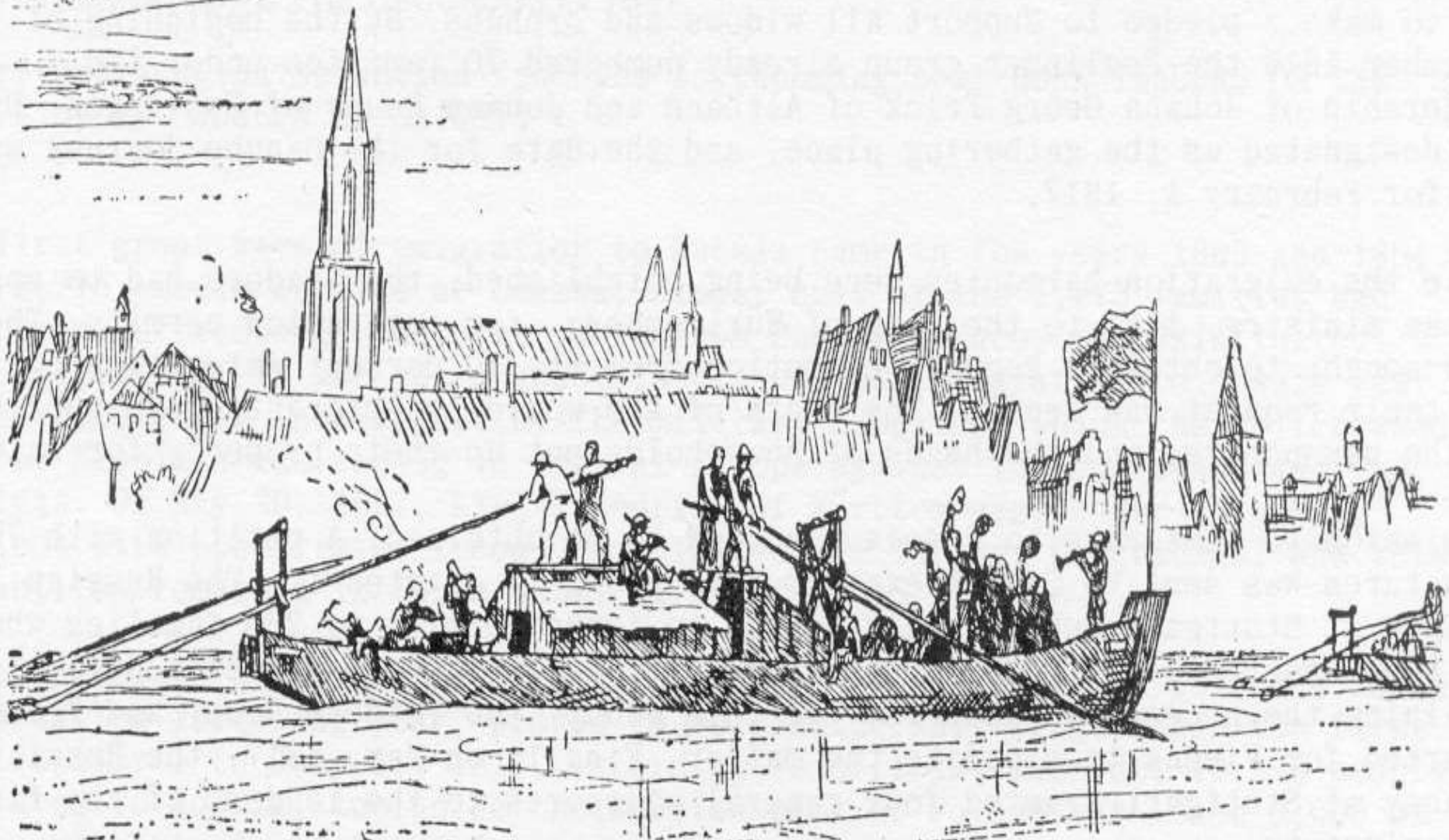
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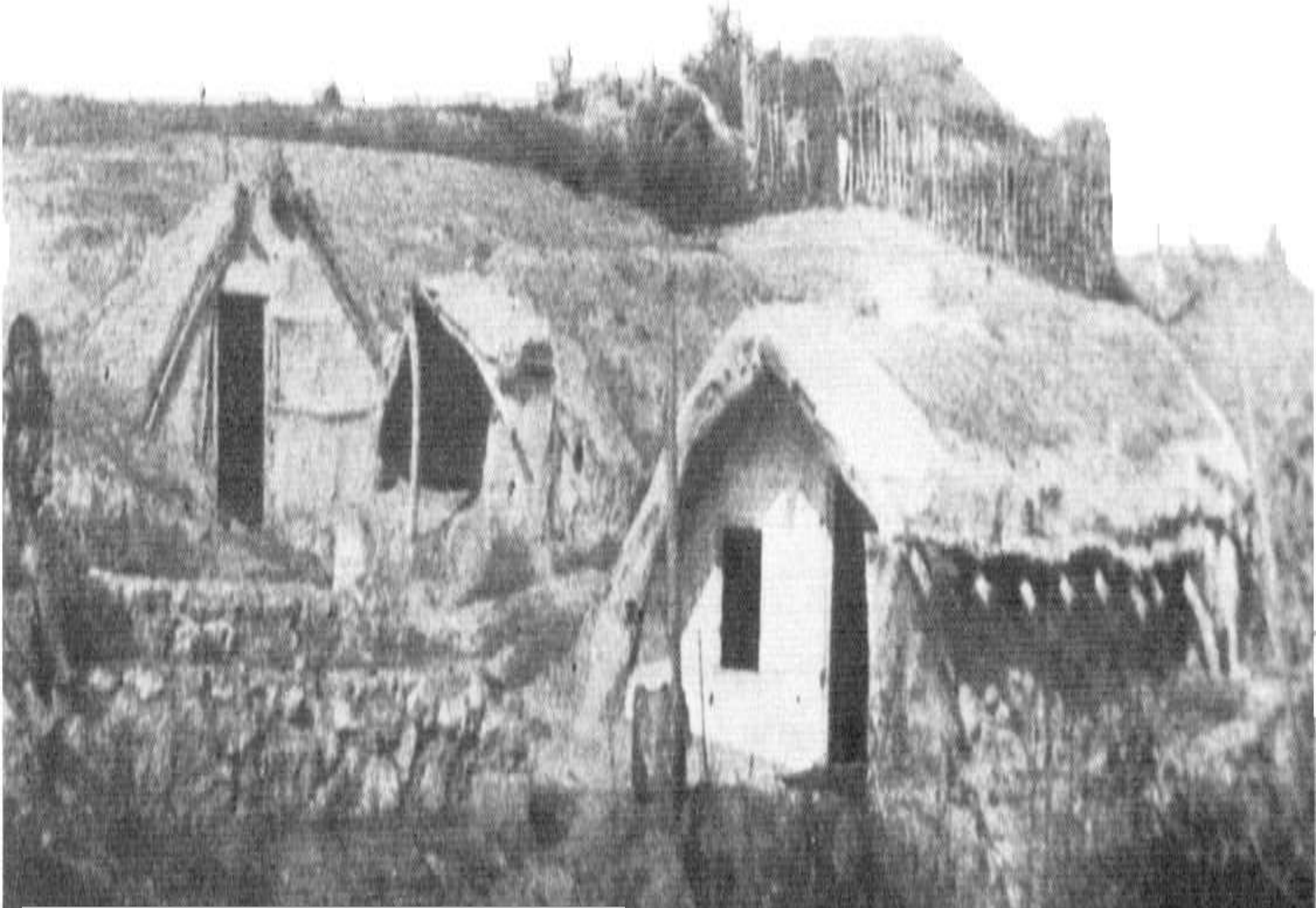


**OFFICE OF  
COLONIZATION  
SETTLEMENT  
PLAN**

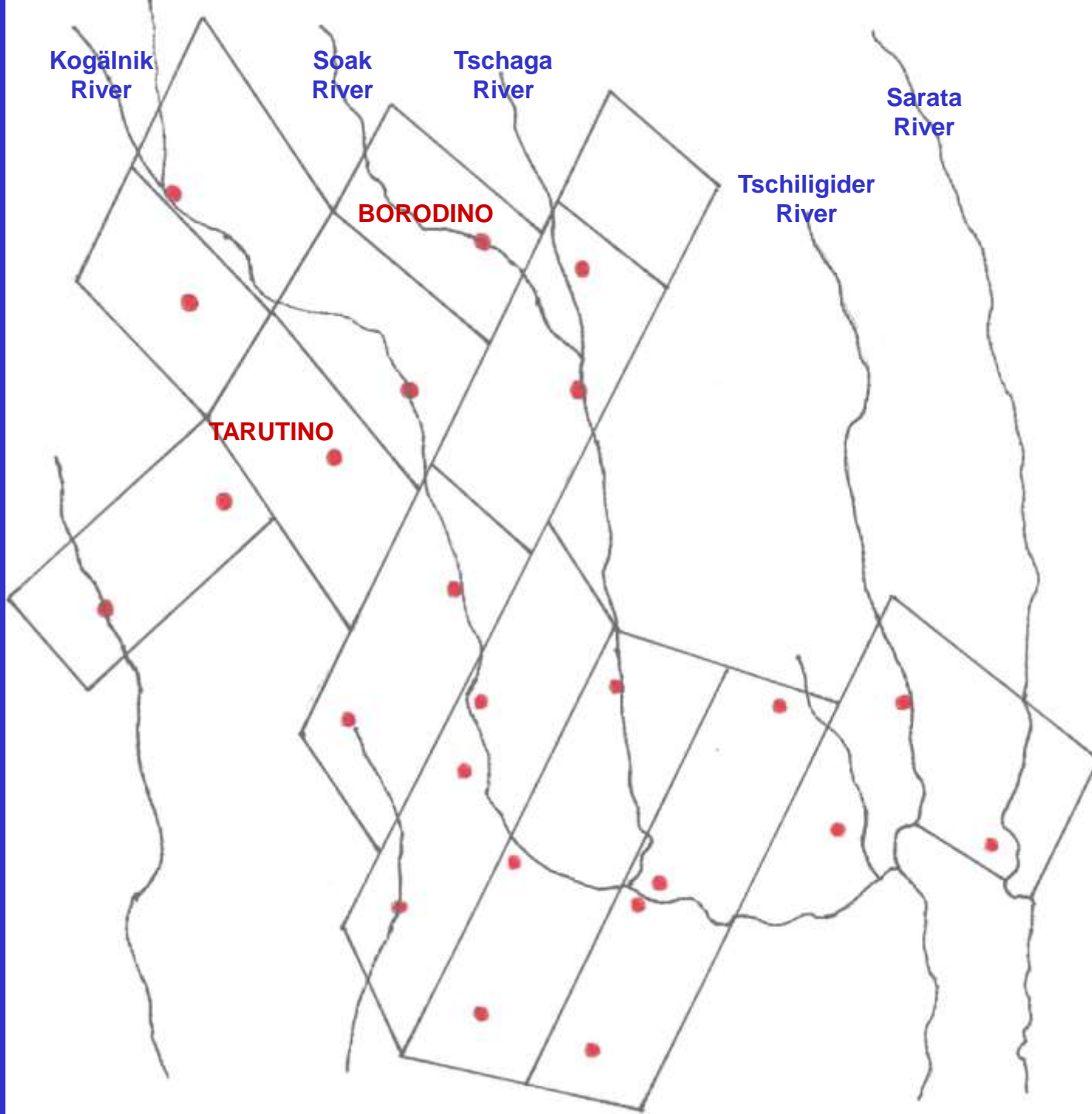
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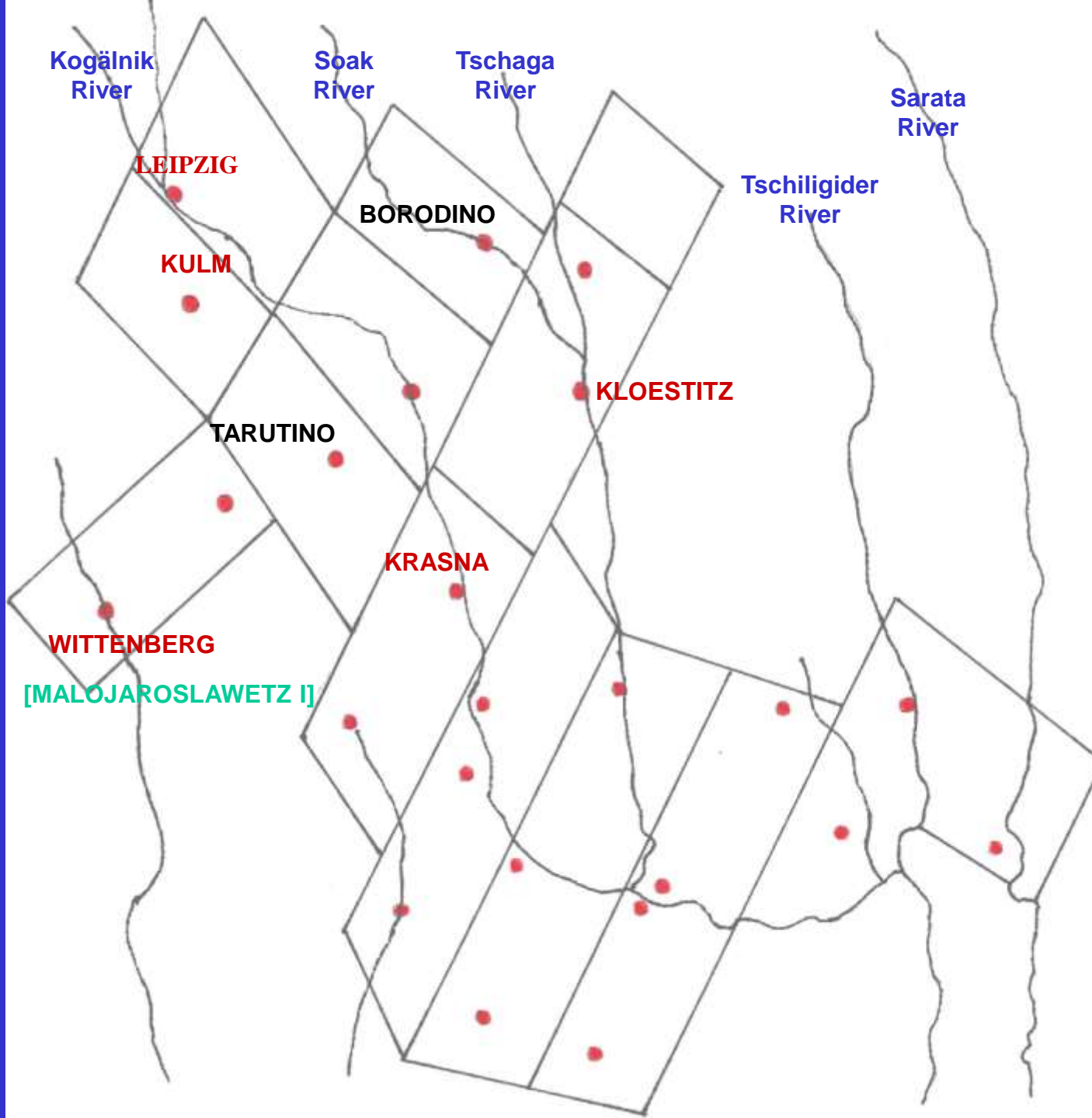




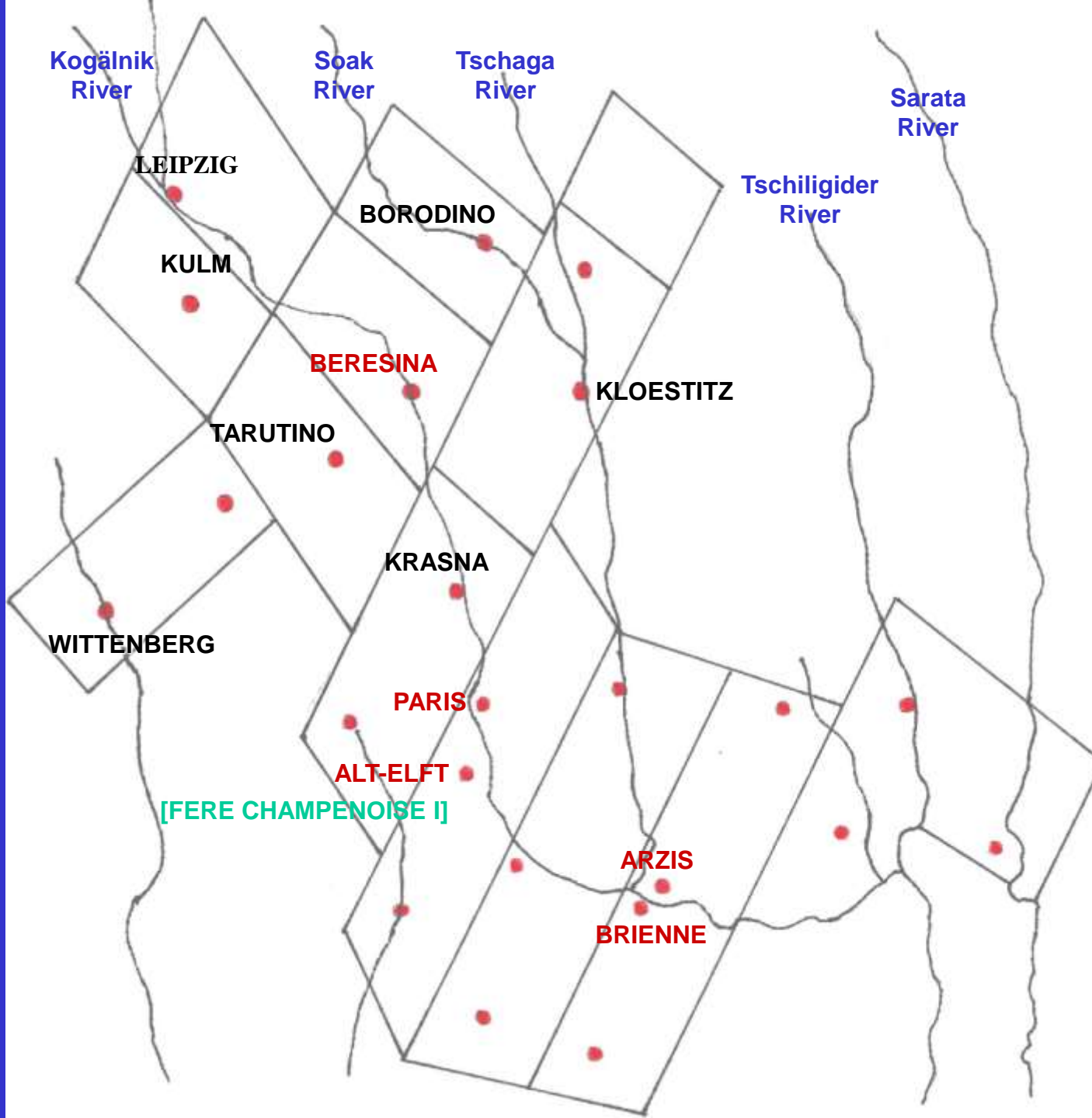
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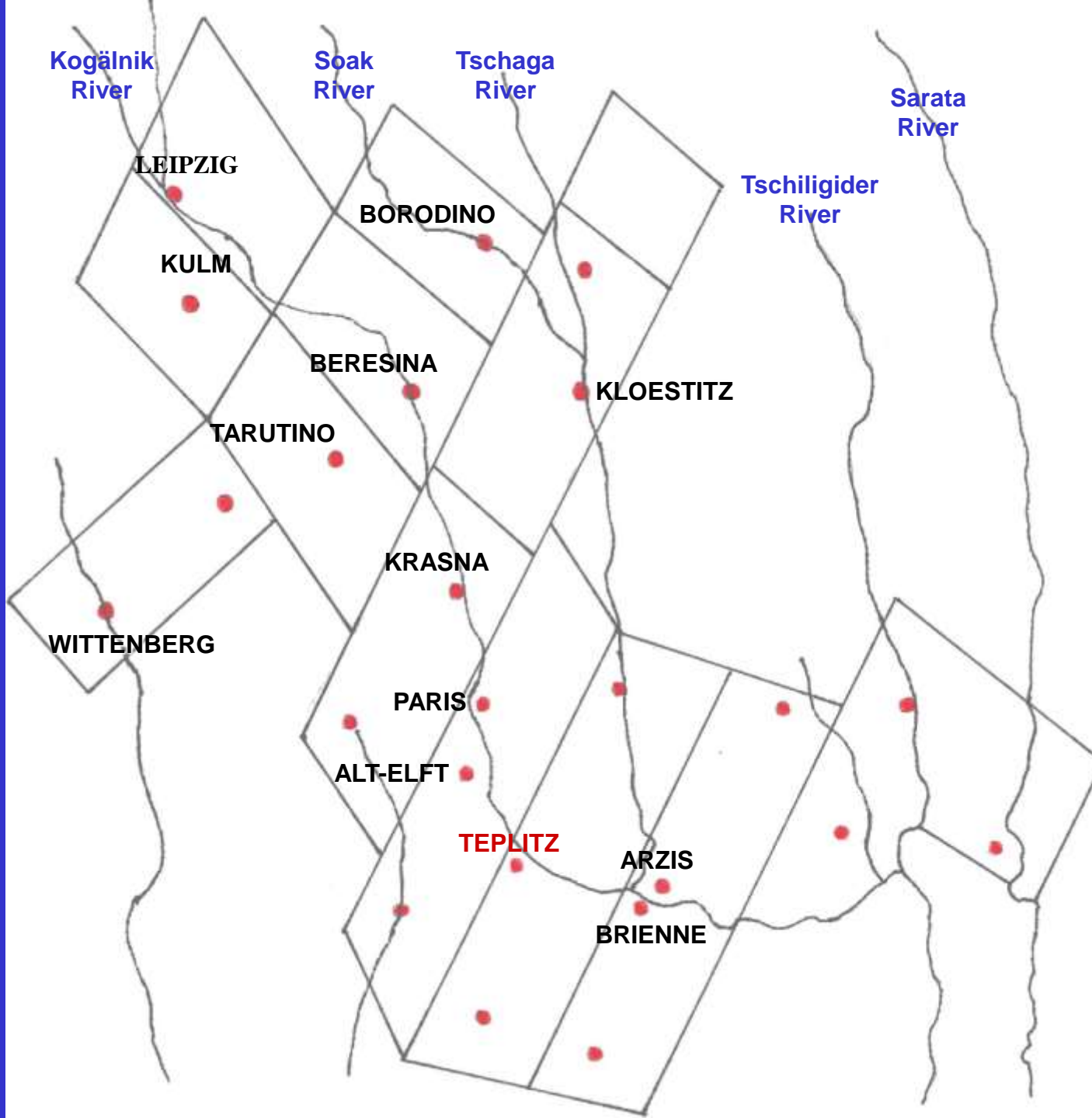
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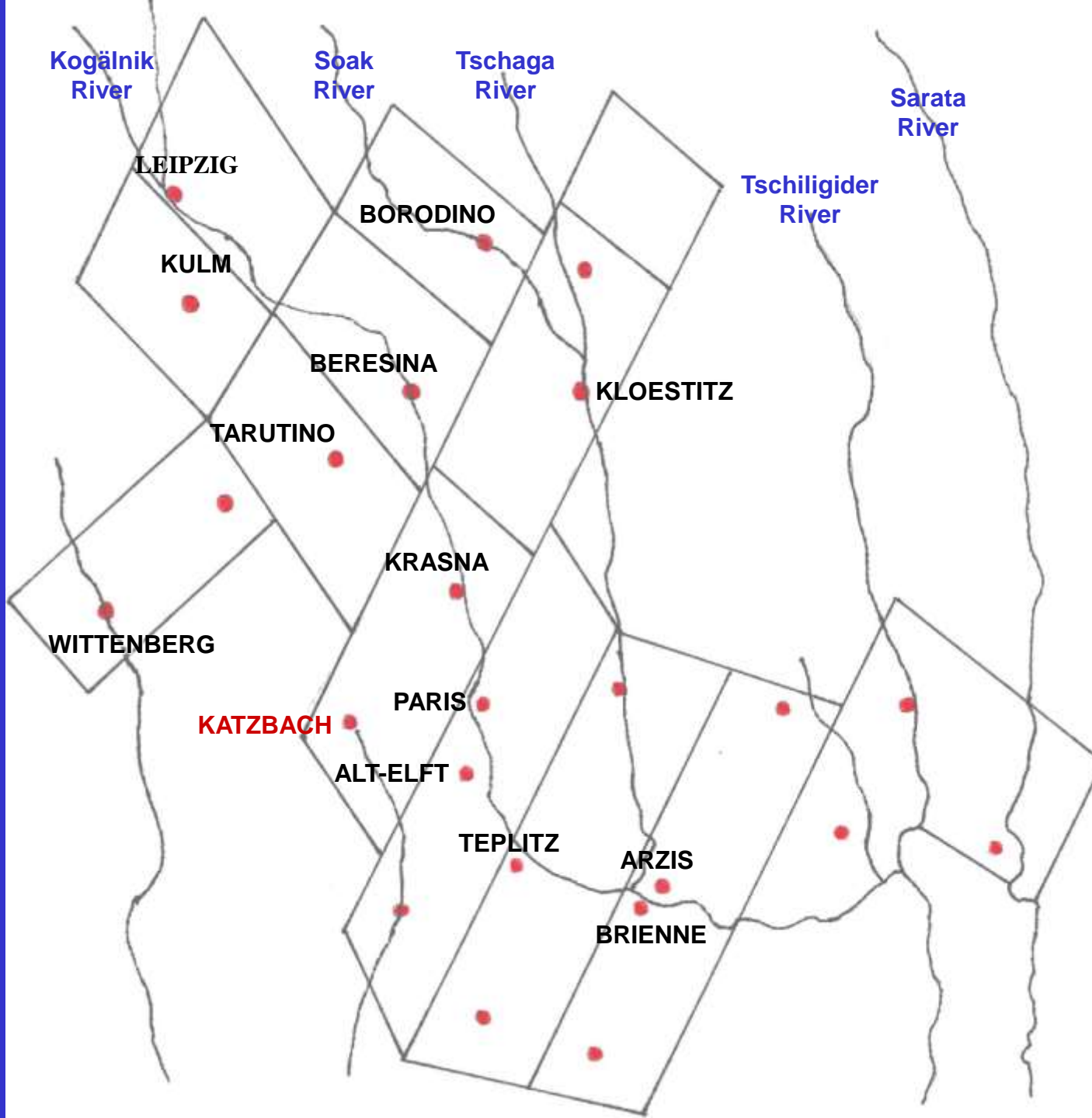
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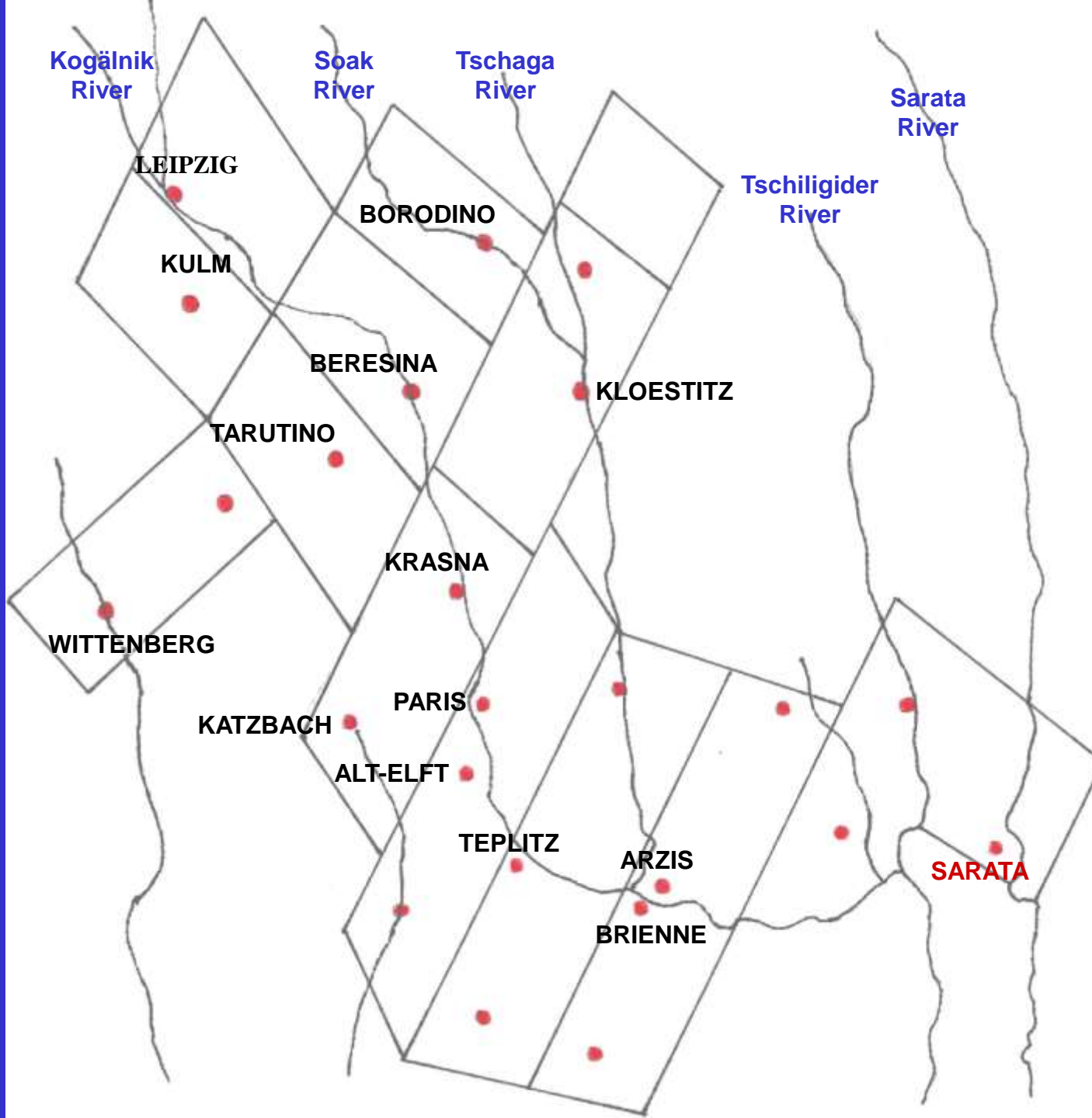
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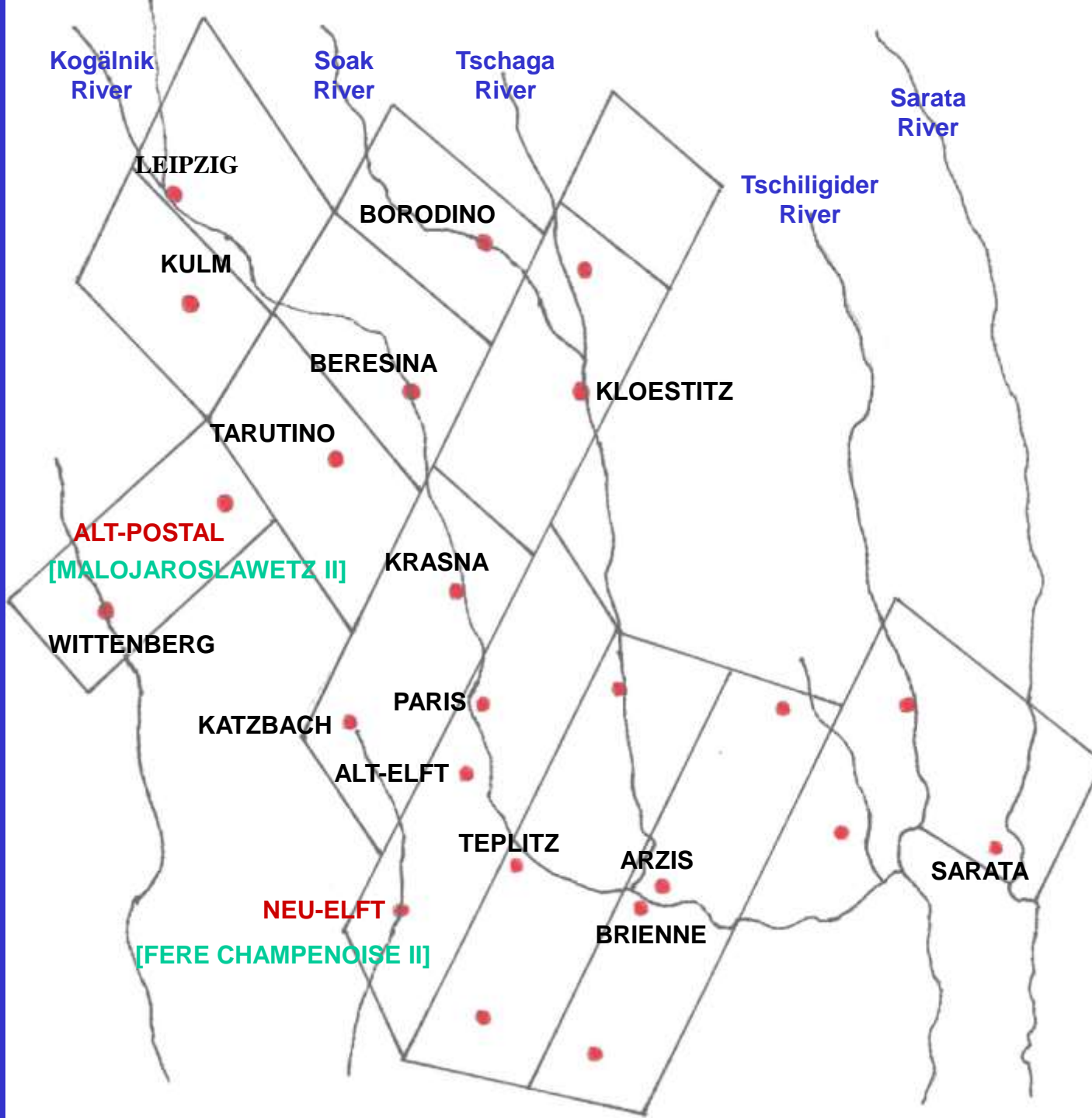


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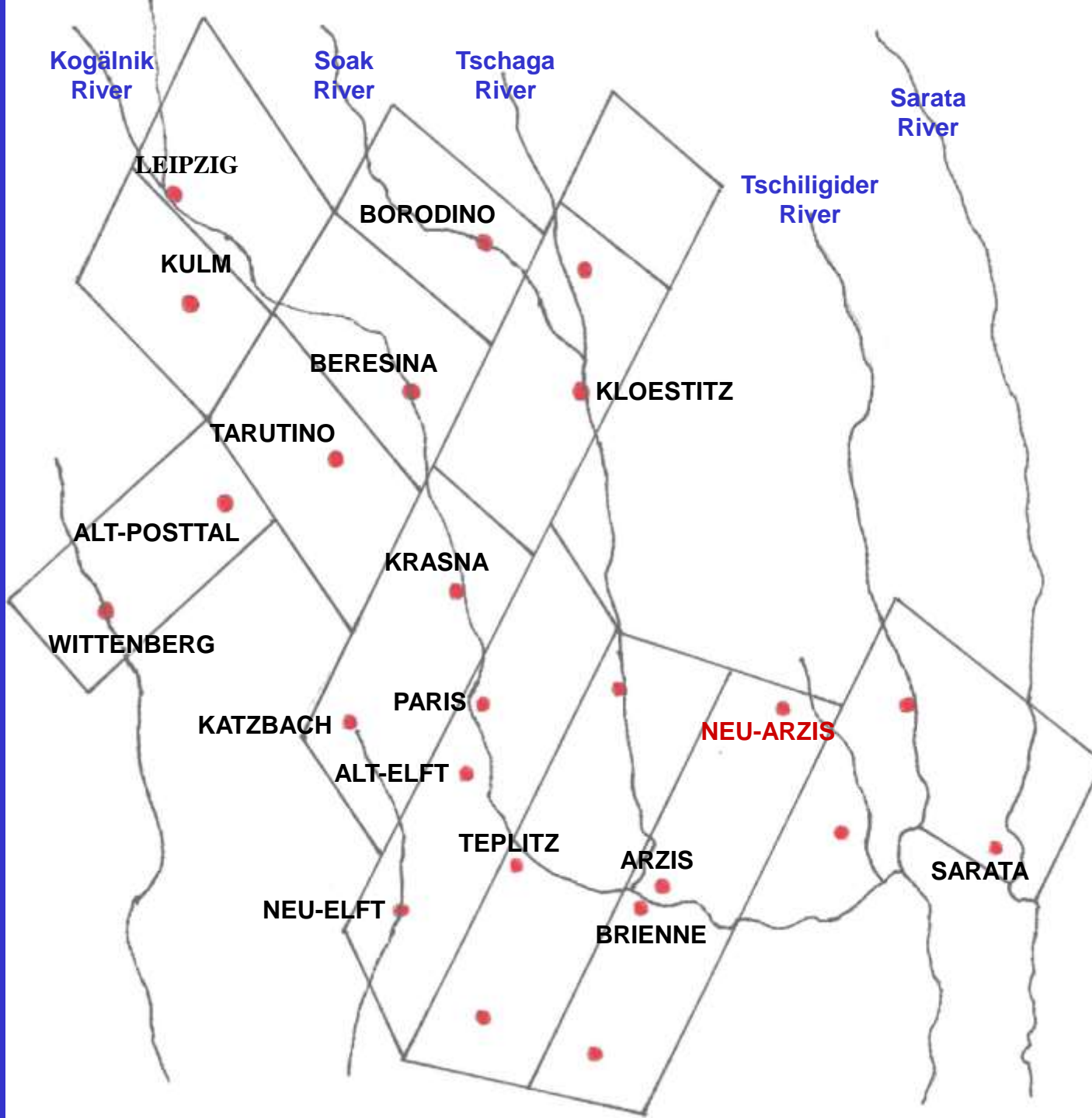
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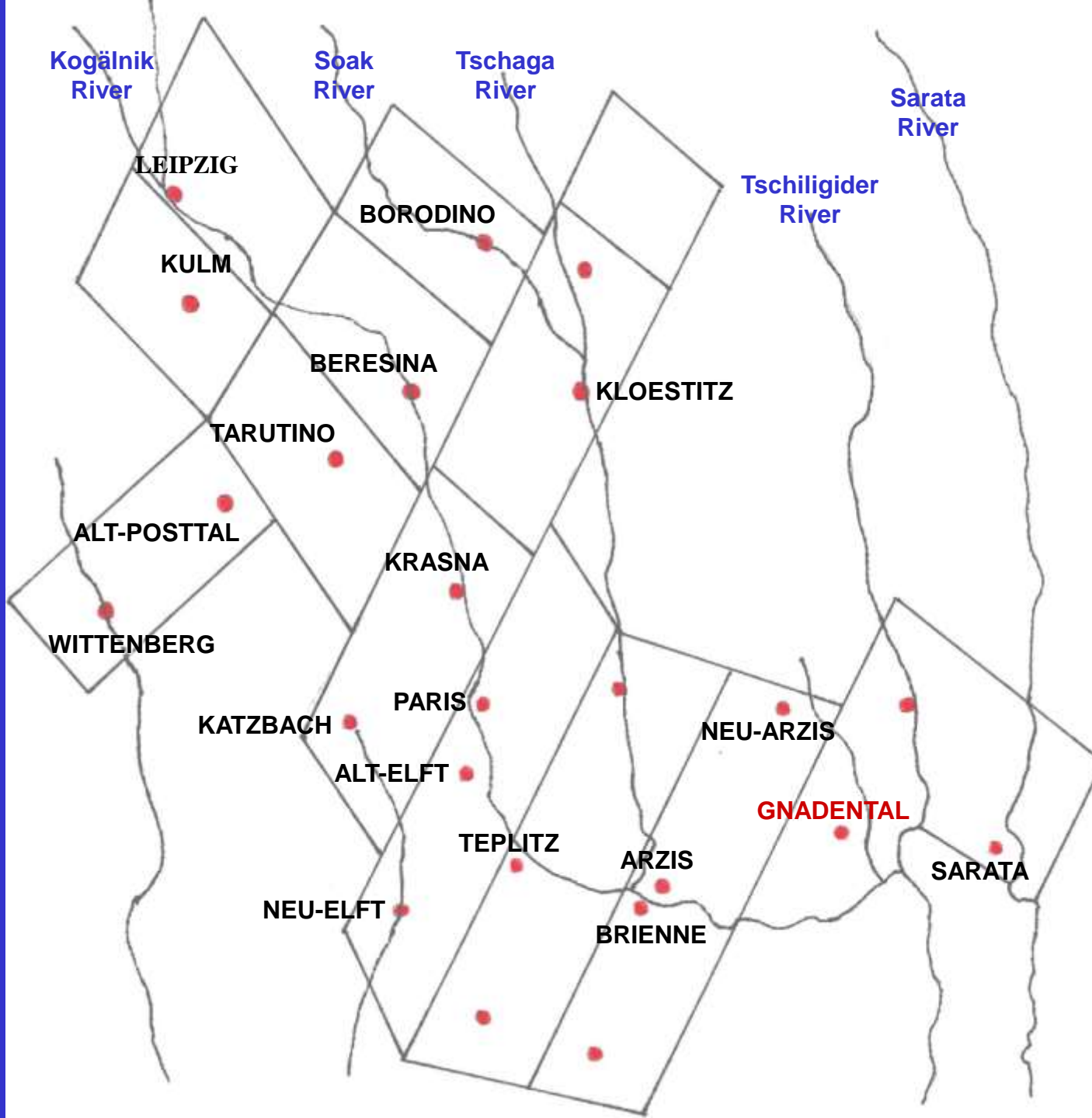


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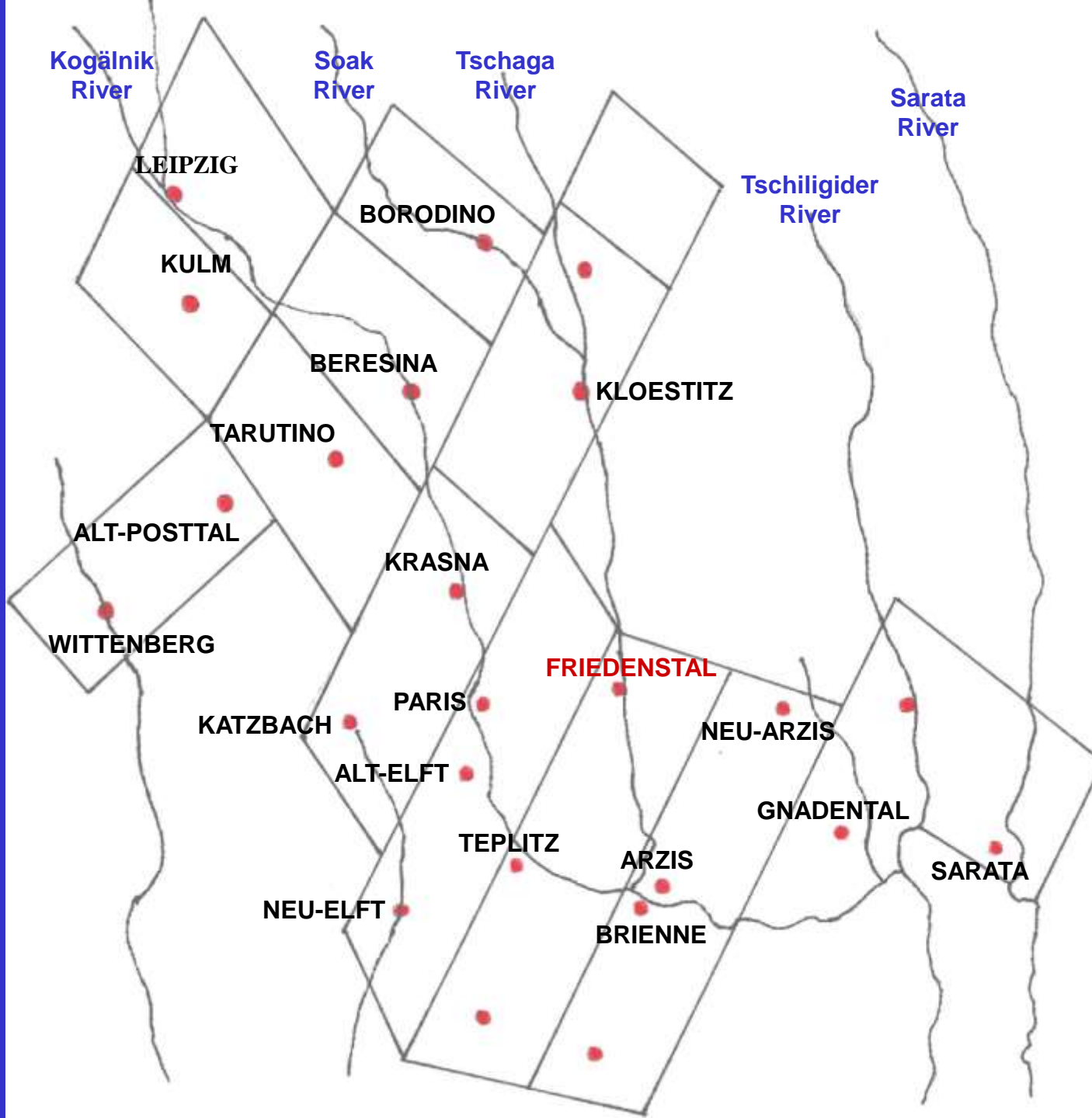
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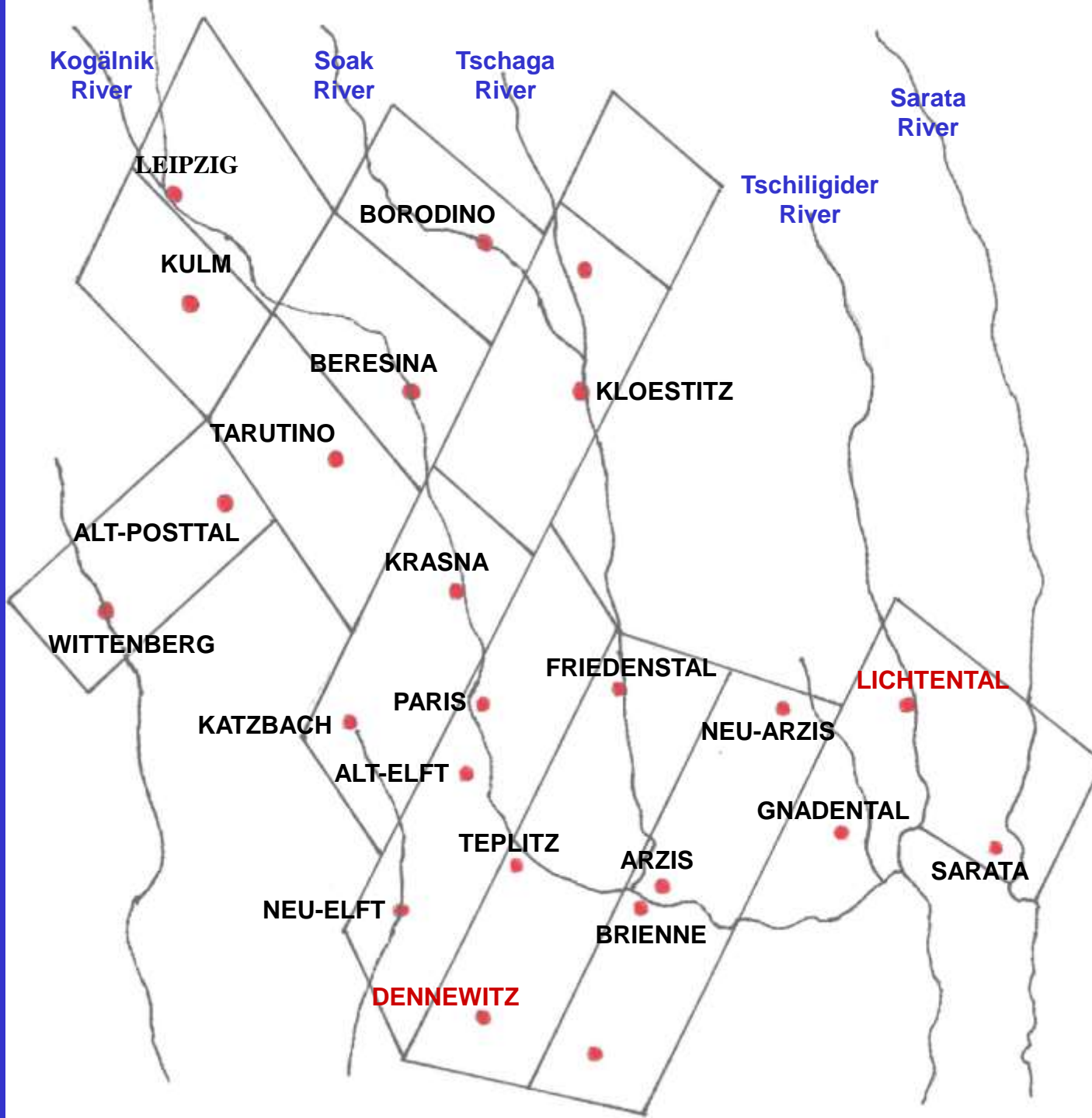
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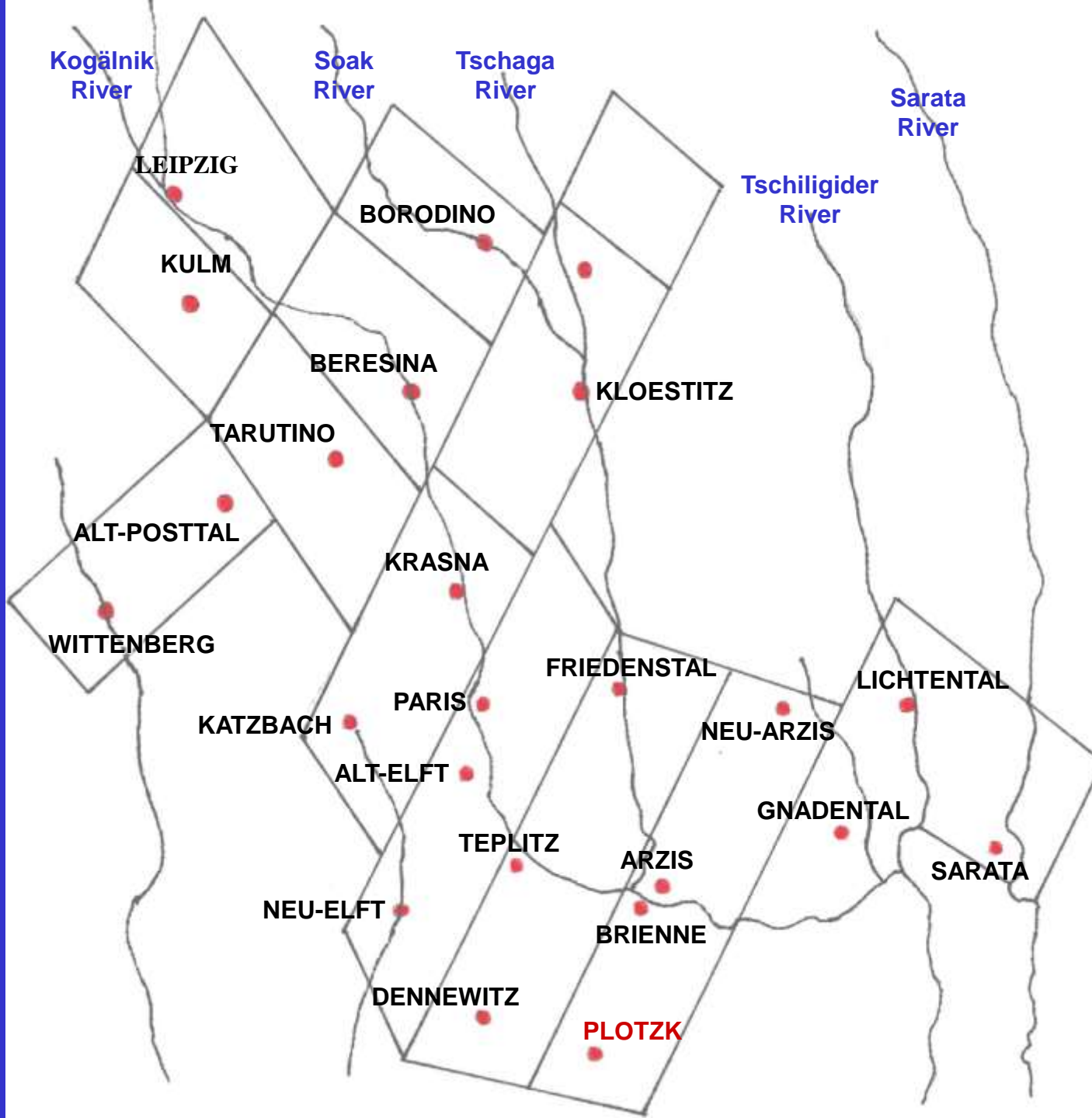
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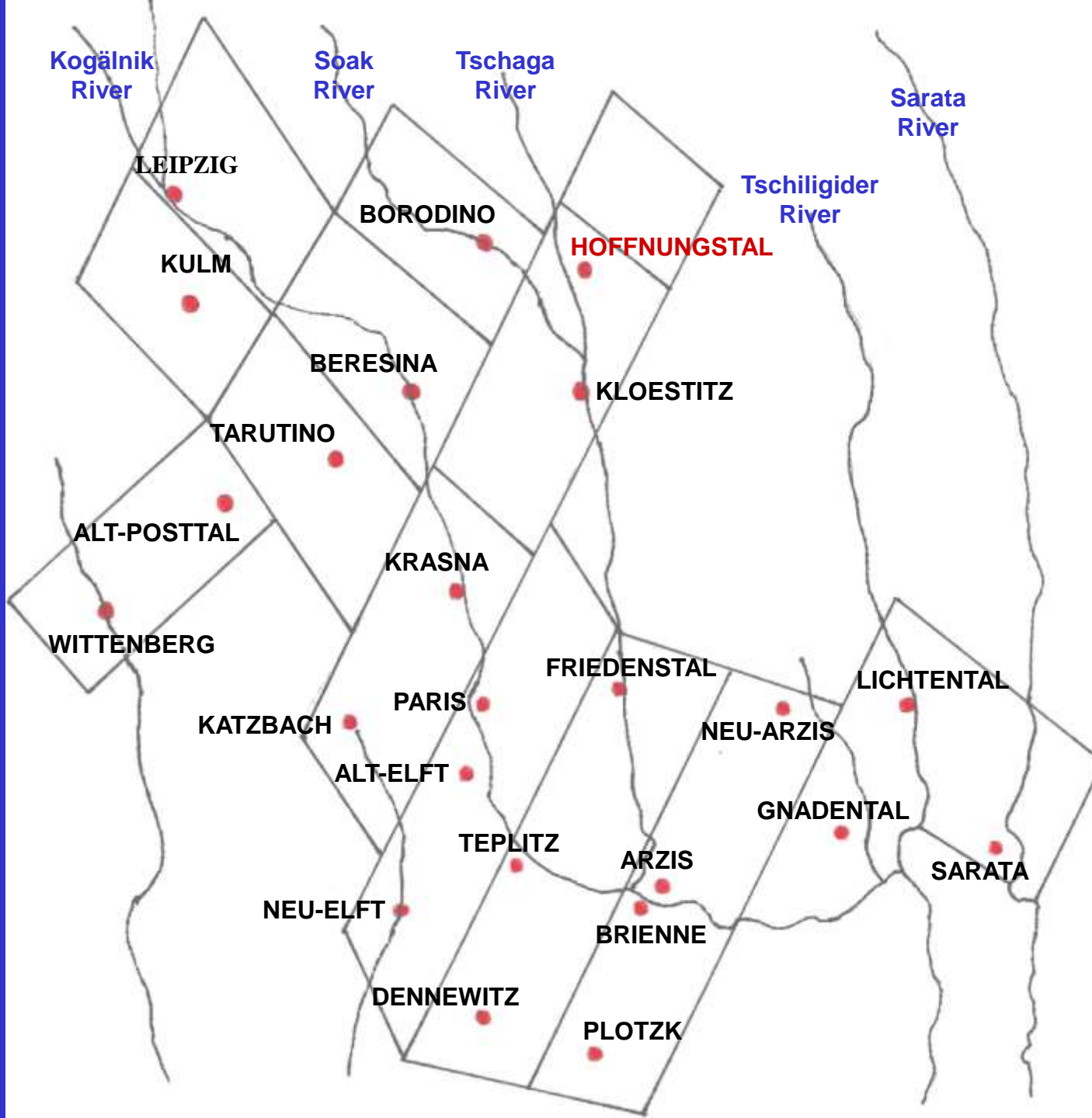
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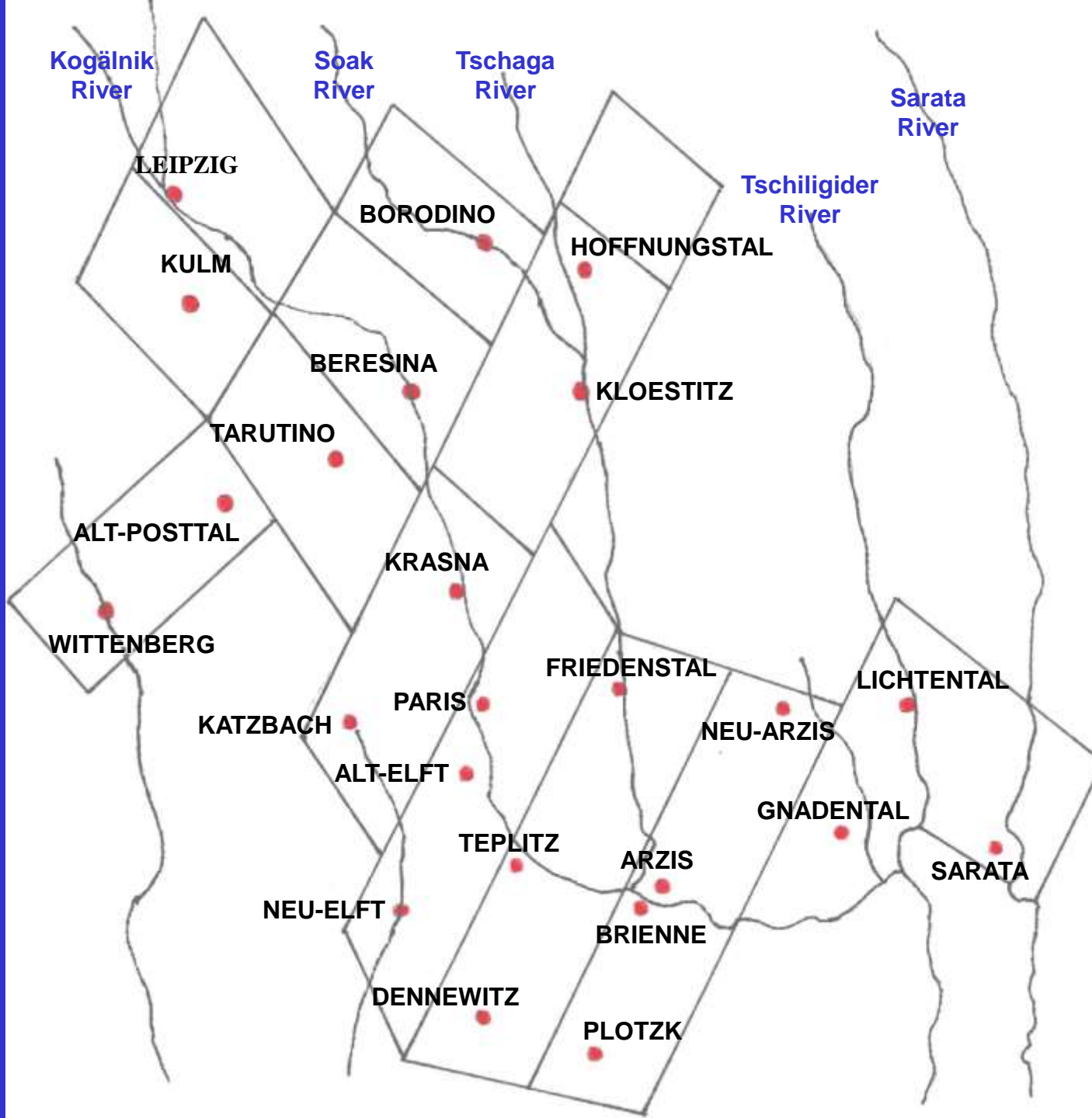


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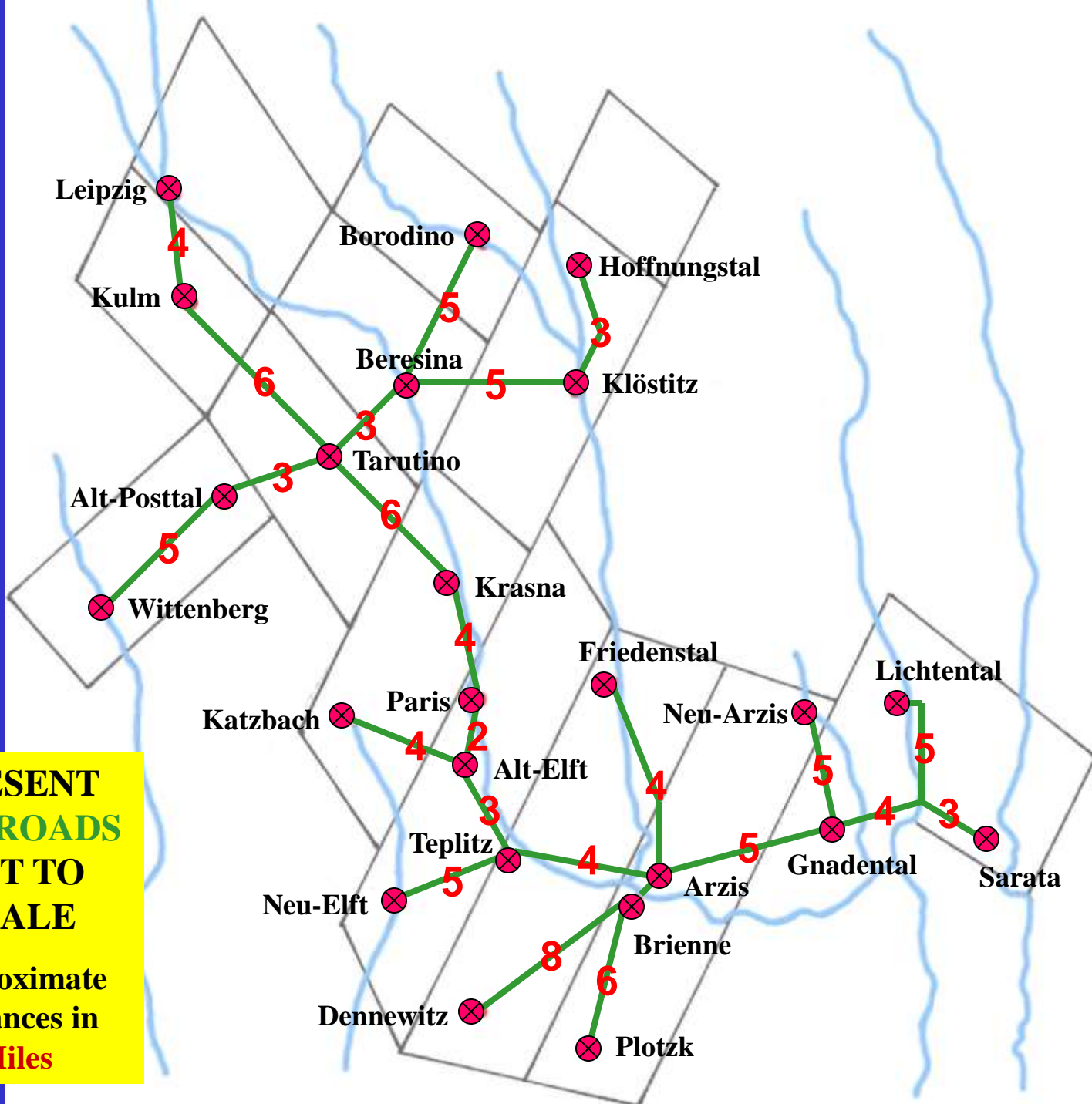


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# MOTHER



# COLONIES



**PRESENT  
DAY ROADS  
NOT TO  
SCALE**

**Approximate  
Distances in  
Miles**



# Local Administration

- Community (*Gemeinde*) or Congregation
- Village (*Dorf*)
- Mayor (*Schulz*)
  - 2 Council Men (*Unterschulzen*)
  - Auxiliary Policemen (*Zehentmänner*)
- Clerk (*Schreiber*)

# District Jurisdiction

- Group of Settlement Villages
- Superior Magistrate (*Oberschulz*)
  - 2 District Associates
  - District Clerk
- Welfare Committee (*Fürsorgekomitee*)
- Ministry in St. Petersburg

**PODOLIA**

**BESSARABIA  
COUNTIES OR  
MUNICIPALITIES**

**I. KHOTIN**

**II. SOROKA**

**III. BEL'TSY**

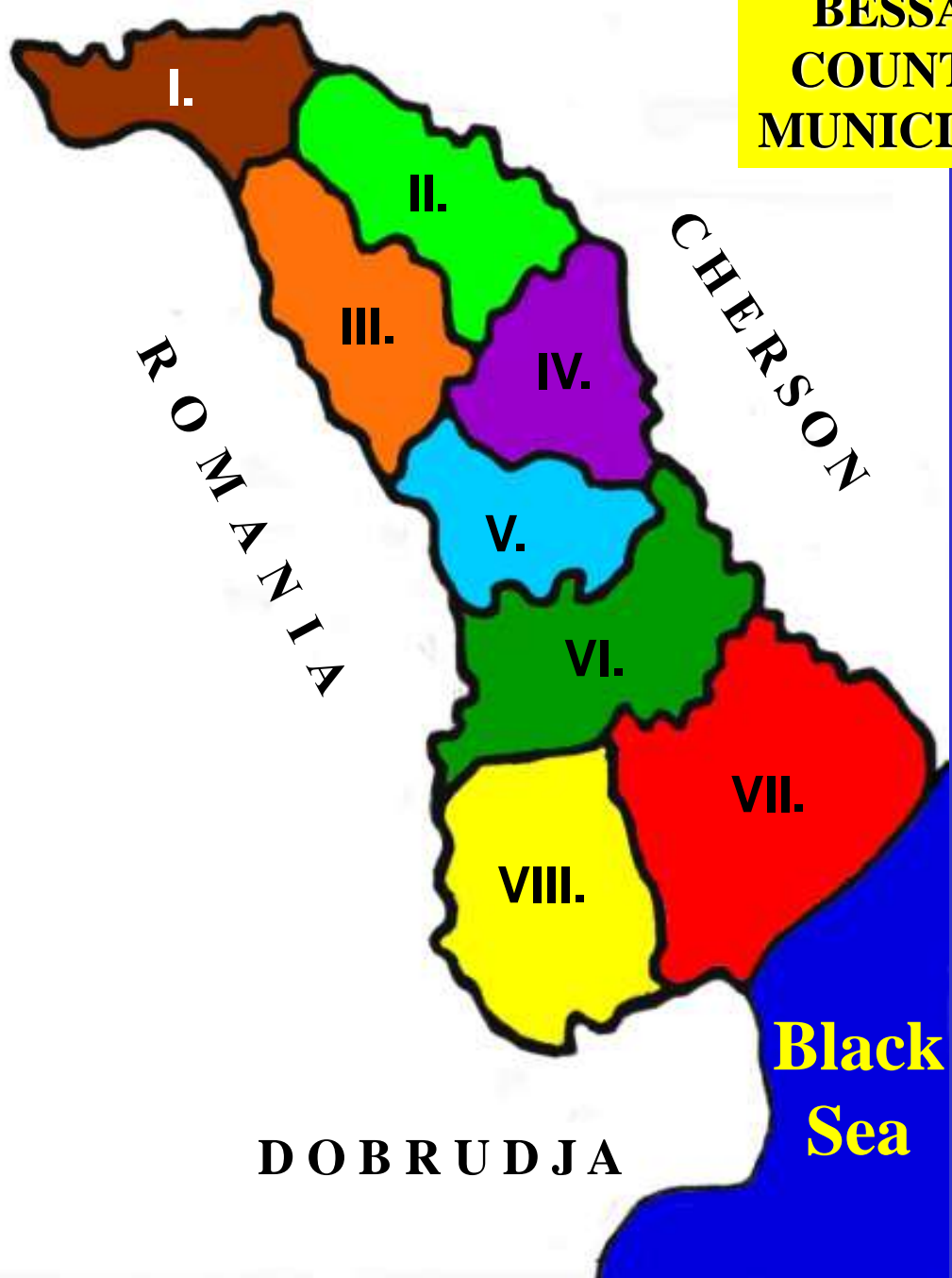
**IV. ORGEYEV**

**V. KISHINEV**

**VI. BENDERY**

**VII. AKKERMANN**

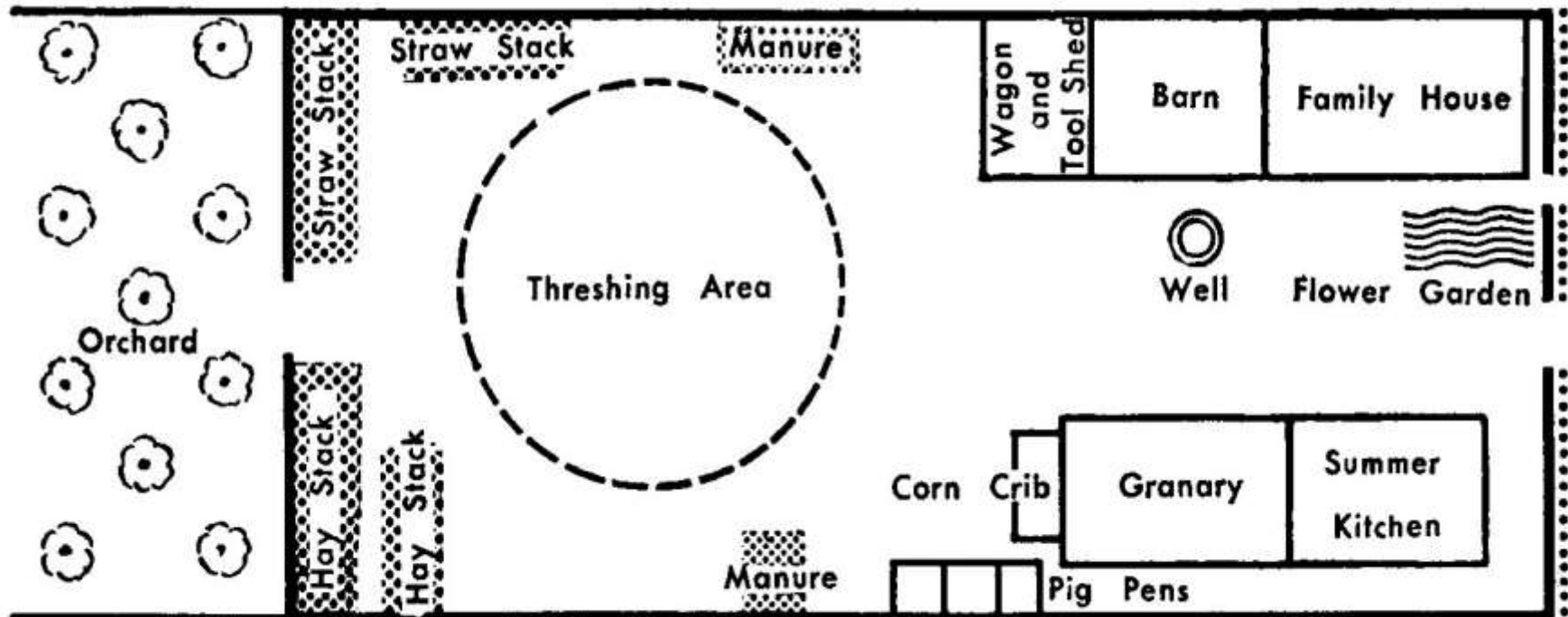
**VIII. ISMAIL**



Farmstead Model - Height 235



# Farmyard Plan - Height 235



Typical plan of colonist farmyard

**60 dessjatine = 164 acres**

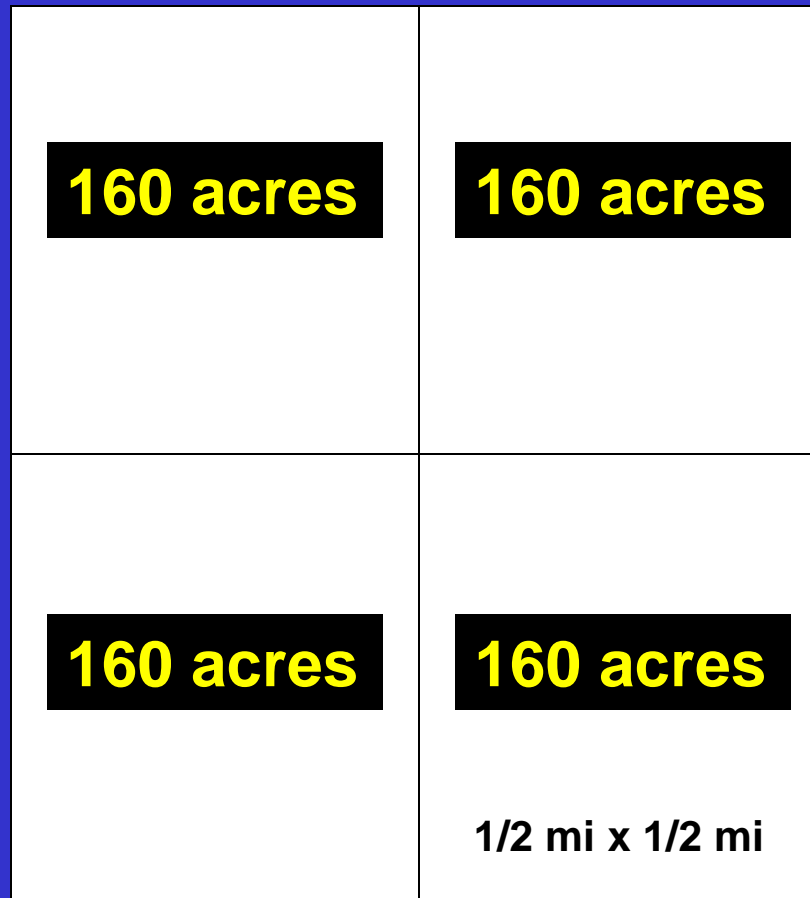
**ONE MILE SQUARE**

**640 acres**

**One Section**

# 60 dessjatine = 164 acres

QUARTER SECTIONS





Mariental Fields - Kern 159

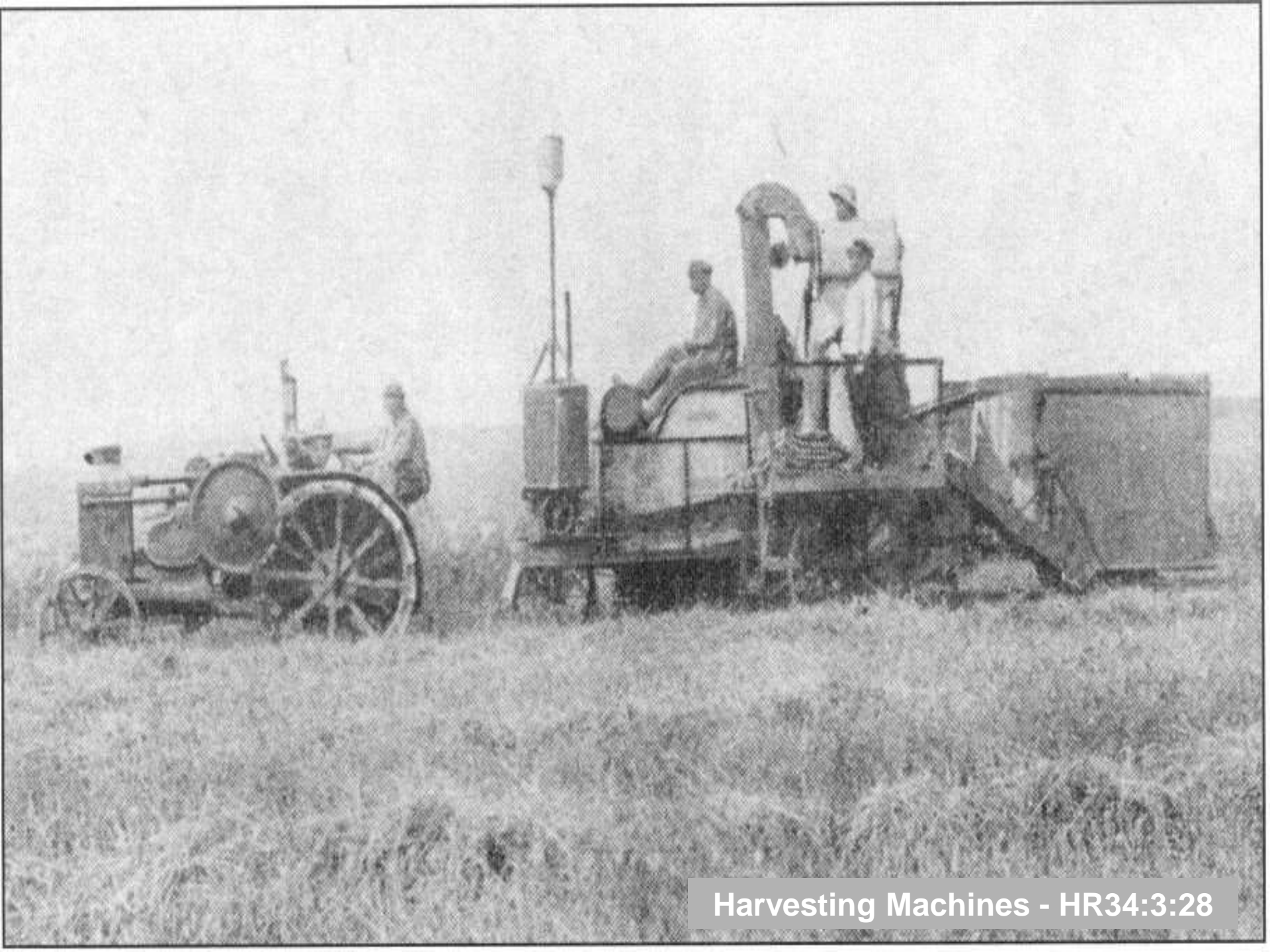




Steppe Plowing - HR34:3:24



Horses & Binder - Kern cov



Harvesting Machines - HR34:3:28

Harbi Wagon - HR34:3:25



# Plow & Drag - BHK 51-95





Corn Husking - Height 142

# THREE-FIELD SYSTEM

- **Winter Grains**
  - wheat, barley, rape-seed (canola), rye
- **Summer Grains**
  - wheat, barley, oats, millet, rape-seed, mustard, flax, hemp
- **Root Crops**
  - corn, sunflower, castor oil plant, soy beans, potatoes, turnips, etc.

# B A S H T A N

- Watermelons (*Arboose*)
- Sunflowers
- Onions, radishes, beets, turnips, egg plants, cucumbers, tomatoes, lentils
- Pumpkins & Gourds
- *Welschkorn* - - *mamaliga*









Schabo Colony Vine Grower - Kern 195

Tarutino Market - HR34:3:27

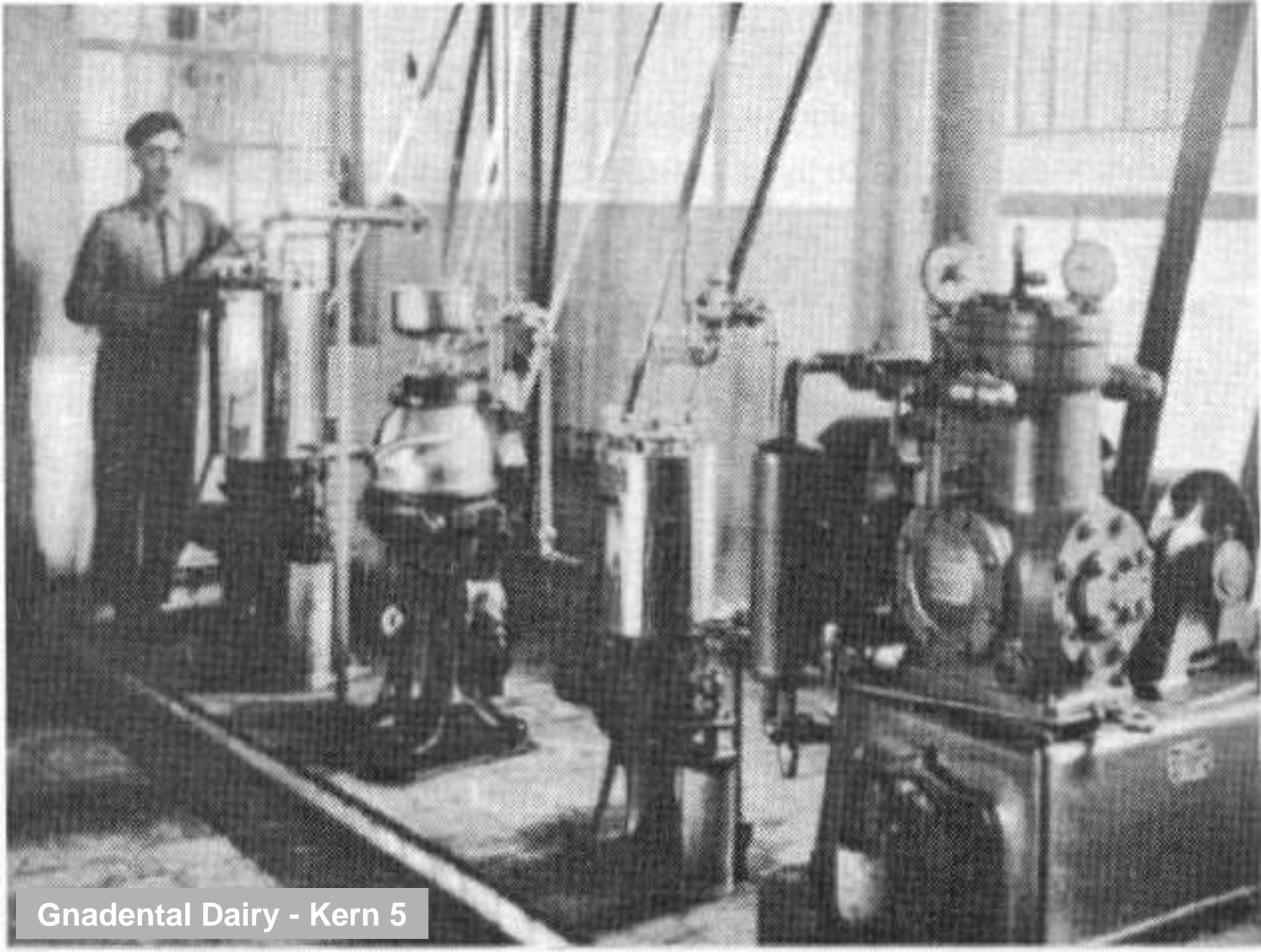




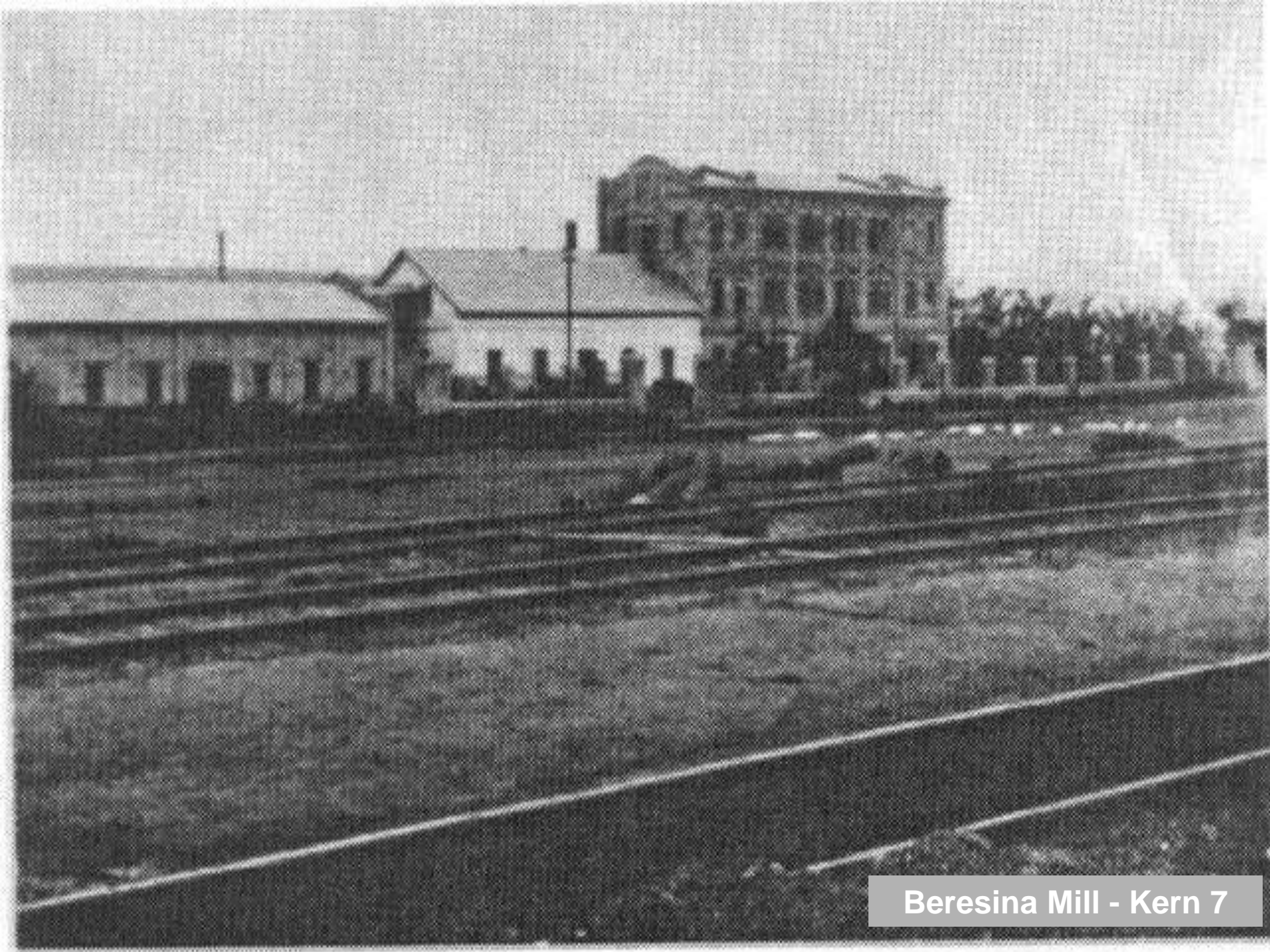
Neu-Mariewka Cattle Well - Kern 151



Demir Chadschi Sheep - Kern 95



Gnadal Dairy - Kern 5



Beresina Mill - Kern 7





Tatarbunar German Steam Mill - Kern 188

# LABOR SERVICE

## *(Landesdienst)*

- Community Service
- National Service



Krasna Main Street - HR13:2:21



Krasna Catholic Church - Kern 199

• KAMENETZ

# Catholic Church

**RUSSIA**

•  
JASSY

KISCHINEV

BALMAS

BENDER

**ROMANIA**

LARGA

EMMENTAL

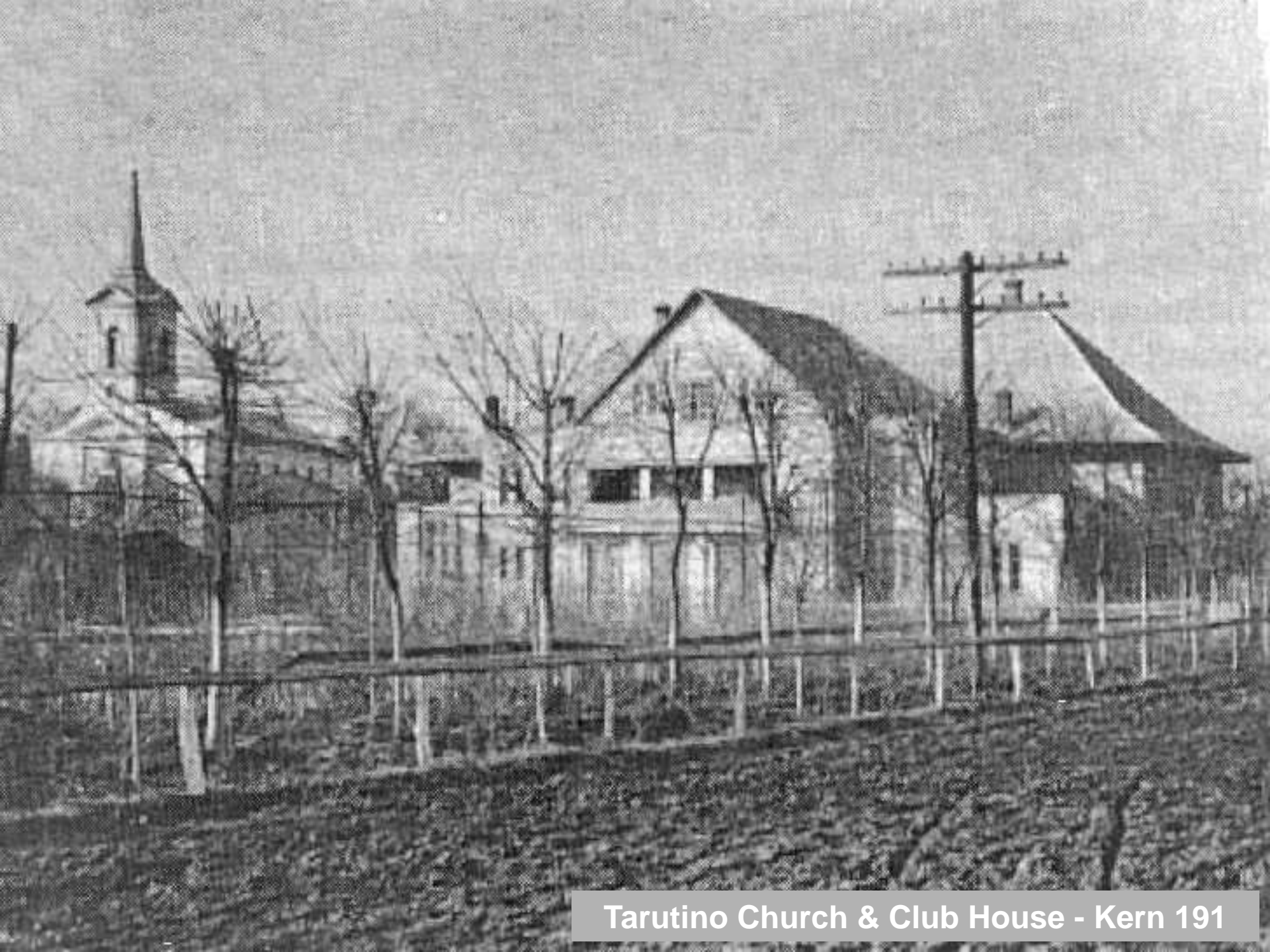
• KRASNA

• AKKERMANN



# LUTHERAN CHURCH

- **St. Petersburg Consistorium - 1832**
- **Dorpat (Estonia) - Theological Seminary**
- **Tarutino Provisional Consistorium - 1919**
- **Siebenbürgen, Romania - 1920**
- **Pastor Training**
  - **Tübingen, Leipzig, Marburg, Vienna**



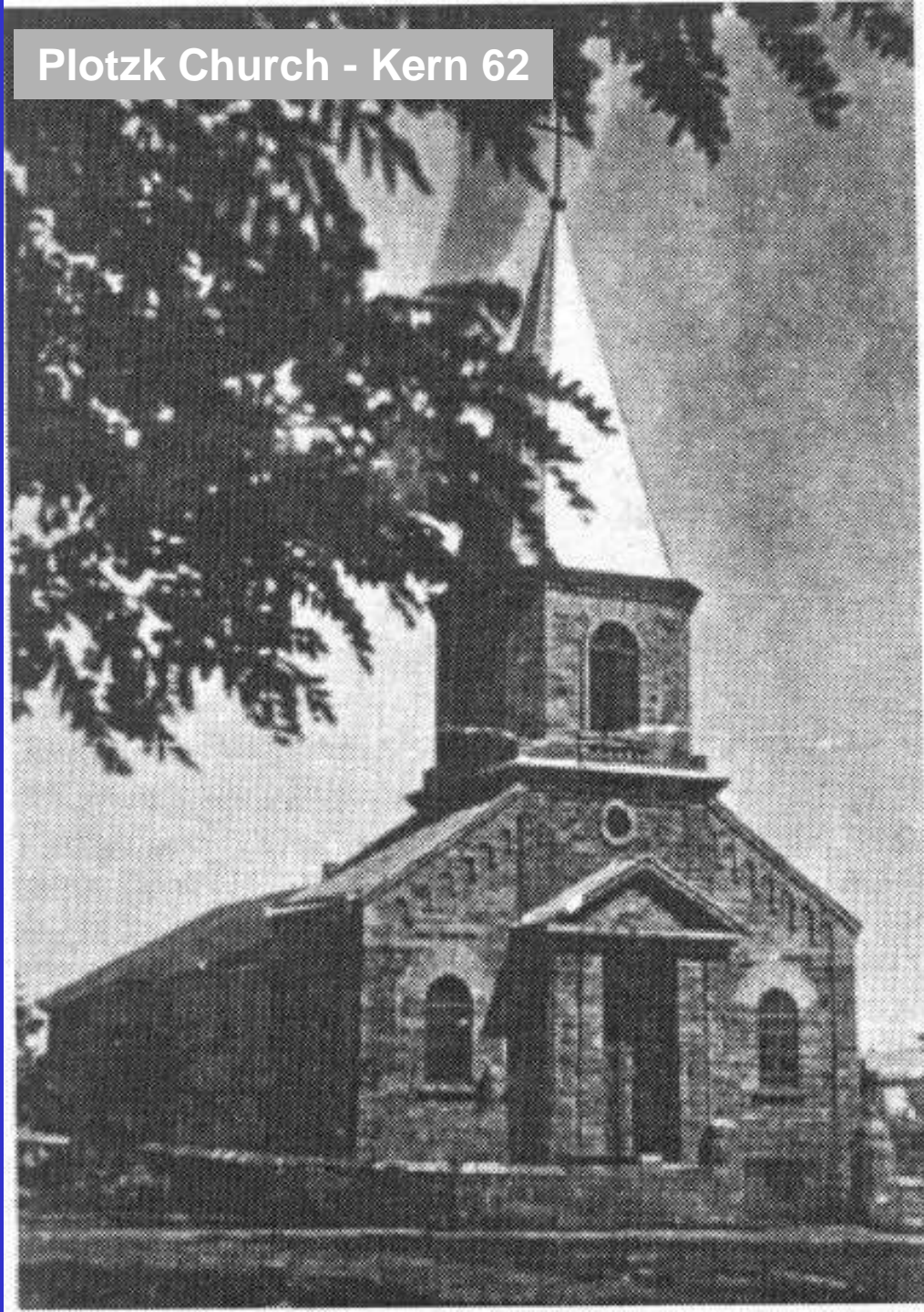
Tarutino Church & Club House - Kern 191

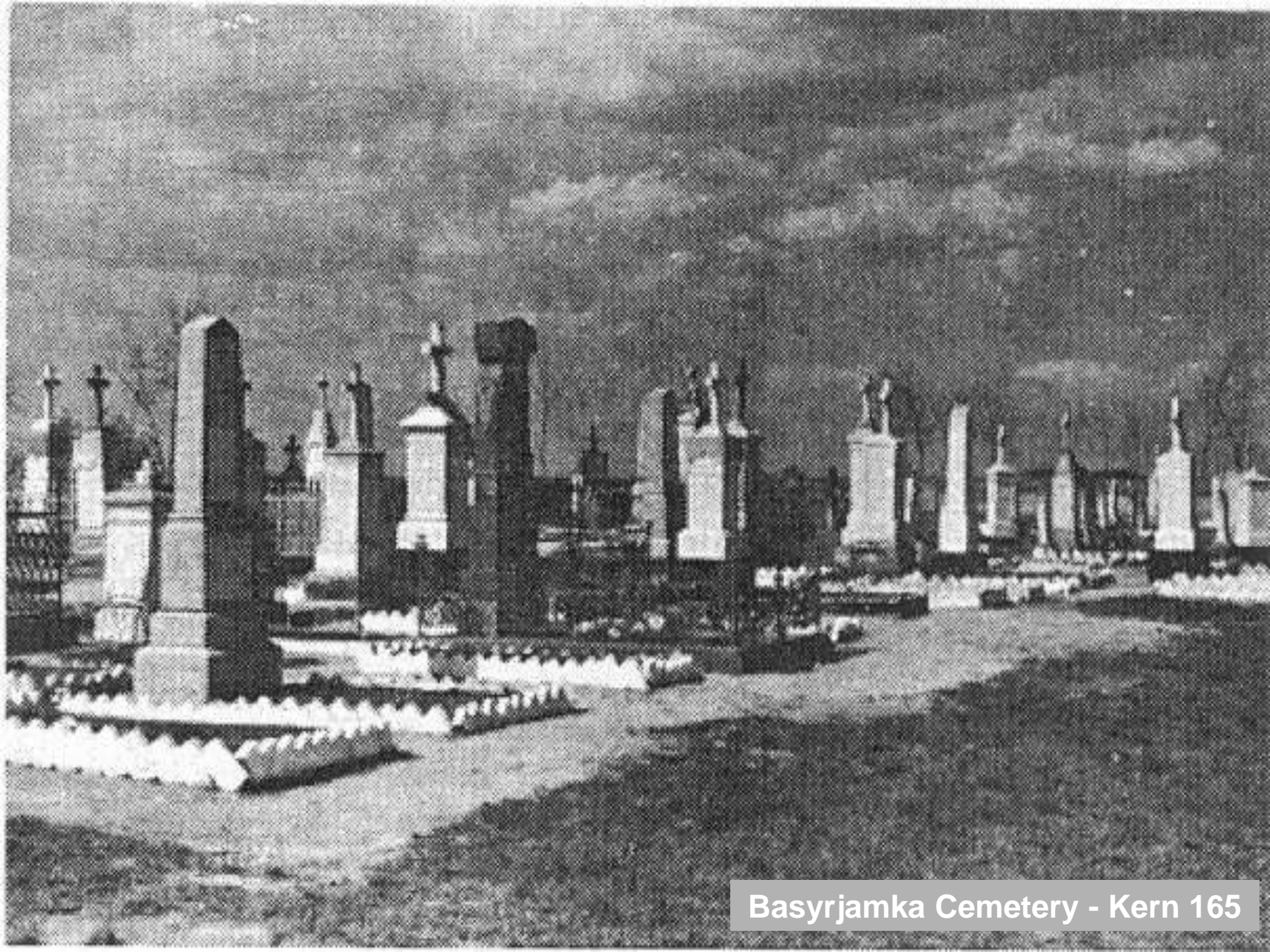


Seimeny Prayer House - Kern 77



Plotzk Church - Kern 62





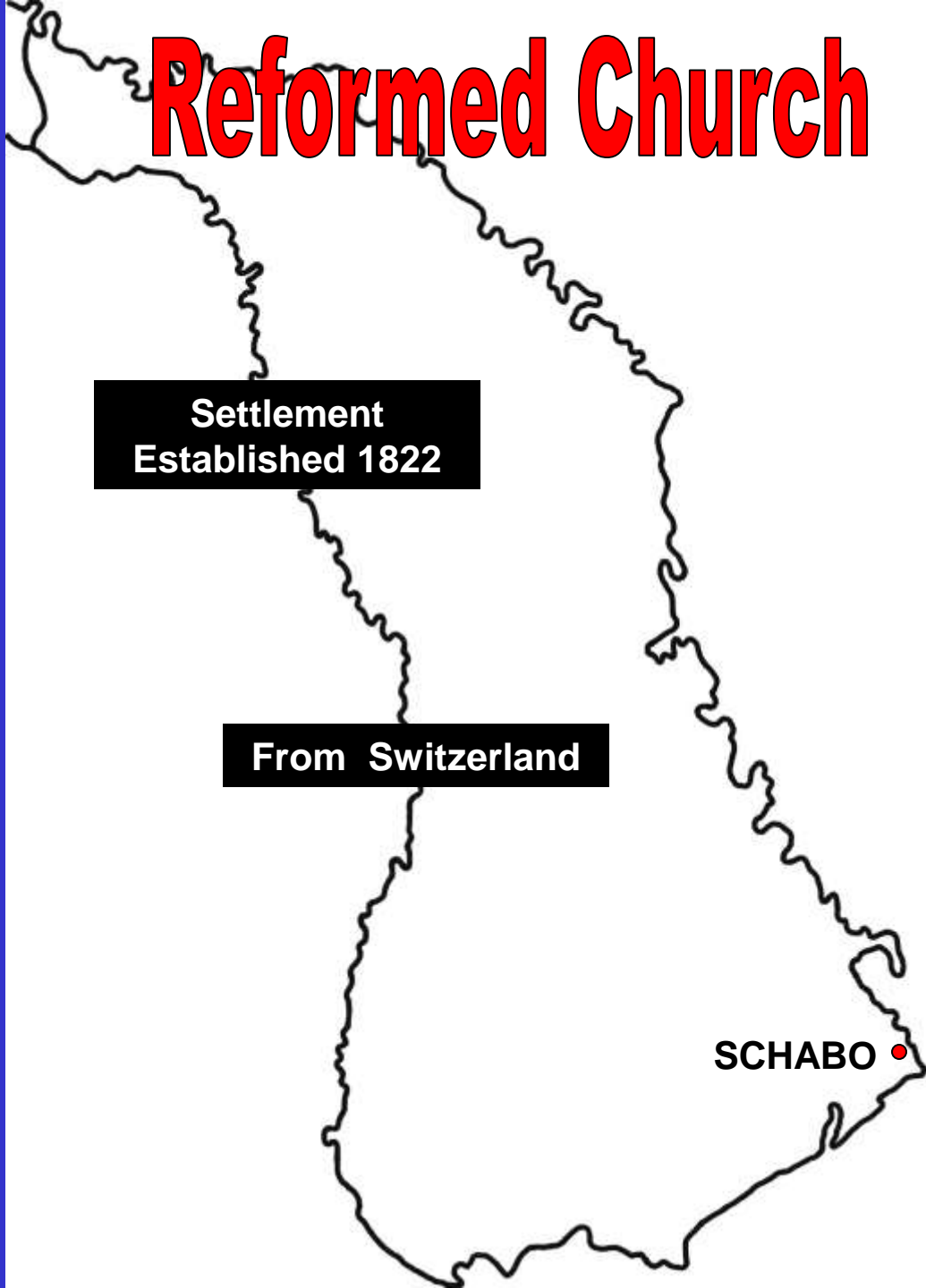
Basyrjamka Cemetery - Kern 165

# Reformed Church

Settlement  
Established 1822

From Switzerland

SCHABO ●



# **BROTHERHOOD**

## ***(Brüderstunden)***

- **Meet in private homes**
- **Led by Laymen**
- **Focus on personal repentance and revival**



**COLONY EXPANSION**

# DAUGHTER COLONIES

- *Chutor* -- very few farmsteads
- *Pachtland* -- leased/rented land
- *Outright Purchase*

# **DAUGHTER COLONIES**

**Colonies Established by  
Germans**

**Germans in non-German  
Settlement**

**JURISDICTION**

**KAHUL**

**or**

**ISMAIL**





# ALBOTA PARISH

- **Albota (1880); Alexanderfeld (1908); Alexandrowka (1908)**
- **Baimaklia (1912); Balaban (1920)**
- **Eichendorf (1908)**
- **Netusche Weiler (1926); Neu Dennewitz (1913); Nusstal (1925)**
- **Paruschowka (1921)**
- **Sofiewka (1892)**
- **Unter Albota (1919)**

# ARZIS PARISH

- **Friedrichsdorf (1911)**
- **Maltscha (1911)**
- **Parapara (1916)**
- **Pomasan (1911)**

# NEU SARATA PARISH

- **Bajusch (1910); Bergdorf (1921)**
- **Ebenfeld (1914)**
- **Fundu-Sarazika (1892); Fürstenfeld I (1895);  
Fürstenfeld II (1911)**
- **Jargara (1882)**
- **Leowa (1902)**
- **Manukbejewka (1893); Marienfeld (1911);  
Mariental (1925); Mischeny (1912)**
- **Neu Sarata (1889)**
- **Rohrbach [Romanowo] (1887)**
- **Wischniowka (1906)**

**JURISDICTION**

**AKKERMAN**

**or**

**CETATEA ALBA**



# ALT ELFT PARISH

- **Neu Paris (1910)**

# ANDREJEWKA PARISH

- **Andrejewka (1892)**
- **Eigenheim (1861)**
- **Halle [Alisowka] (1894)**
- **Kisil (1909)**
- **Neu Alexandrowka (1911); Neu Seimeny [Dox] (1921)**
- **Oloneschi (1883)**
- **Raskajetz (1886); Romanowka (1895)**
- **Tschemtschelly (1862)**

# ARZIS PARISH

- **Demir Chadschi (1860 )**
- **Hoffnungsfeld (1864)**
- **Kaschpalat (1911)**
- **Neu Brienne (1934)**
- **Neu Friedenstal (1922)**

*Chutor Kroll*

*Chutor Roduner*

*Chutor Schlenker*

# EIGENFELD PARISH

- **Annówka (1908)**
- **Eigenfeld (1880)**
- **Freudenfeld (1879/1880)**
- **Friedensfeld (1879/1881)**
- **Gnadenfeld (1879/1881)**
- **Korntal I [Kantemir] (1829/1886)**
- **Korntal II (1889/1929)**
- **Neu Odessa (1879/1899)**
- **Pharaonówka (1892)**
- **Sarazika (Eckert hamlet) (1908)**



# KLÖSTITZ PARISH

- **Friedrichsfeld [Bodamer Estate]**
- **Gnadenheim [Semsotka] (1909)**
- **Hoffmannsfeld [Luxemburg] (1922)**
- **Philippowka (1914)**
- **Tamurka (1895)**
- **Tschiligider (1884)**

*Chutor Gerstenberger*

*Chutor Hoffman*

# NEU POSTTAL PARISH

1 of 2

- **Basyrjamka (1891)**
- **Benkendorf (1863)**
- **Budaki (1900)**
- **Kamtschatka (1893)**
- **Katlebug (1895)**
- **Luxemburg (1929)**
- **Mannsburg (1862)**
- **Neufall (1867)**
- **Neu Posttal (1864)**
- **Pawlowka (1888)**

# NEU POSTTAL PARISH

2 of 2

- **Popasdru (1922)**
- **Sangerowka (1898)**
- **Schabo-Possad (1894)**
- **Schabolat (1840)**
- **Schulzenheim (1907)**
- **Sofiental (1863)**
- **Strassburg I (1920)**
- **Strassburg II (1878)**
- **Tuzla (1918)**

*Chutor Ensslen (1920)*

*Chutor Faas (1907)*

*Chutor Fuchs (1912)*

*Chutor Gassert*

*Chutor Gerling (1907)*

*Chutor Irion*

*Chutor Kurz*

*Chutor Reimann (1925)*

# SARATA PARISH

- **Bairamtscha**
- **Balaktschelly (1899)**
- **Maraslienfeld (1880)**
- **Rosenfeld (1890)**
- **Sarjari (1860)**
- **Stanhopka (1899)**
- **Tatarbunar (1845)**

**JURISDICTION**

**BENDER**

or

**BENDERY**

or

**TIGHINA**



# EIGENFELD PARISH

- **Jakobstal (1873/1886)**
- **Neu Annowka (1879)**

# KISCHINEV PARISH

- **Hirtenheim (1887)**
- **Missowka (1907)**
- **Neu Borodino (1920)**
- **Neu Nikolajewka (1889)**

# LEIPZIG PARISH

- **Blumental (1881)**
- **Jekaterinowka (1908)**
- **Kolatschowka (1908)**
- **Kurudschika (1881)**
- **Mintschuna (1868)**
- **Peterstal (1873)**
- **Romanowka (1882)**
- **Tschimischilia**



# MATHILDENDORF PARISH

- **Hannowka (1896); Helenowka (1895)**
- **Josefsdorf (1865)**
- **Lunga (1907)**
- **Mansyr; Mariewka (1892)**
- **Neu Josefsdorf (1923)**
- **Neu Mariewka (1925)**
- **Neu Mathildendorf (1907)**
- **Neu Tarutino (1906)**
- **Reulingen (1890)**

**JURISDICTION**

**KISCHINEV**



# KISCHINEV PARISH

- **Alt Oneshti (1885)**
- **Bratuleni (1896)**
- **Calmatzuie**
- **Hantscheshti (1898)**
- **Ketrossy (1912)**
- **Neu Kureni (1914)**
- **Strymbeni (1881)**

*Chutor Roemmich*

*Chutor Singer (1902)*

# NEU SARATA PARISH

- **Rosental (1923)**

**JURISDICTION**

**SOROKA**



# KISCHINEV PARISH

- **Glückstal (1929)**

**JURISDICTION**

**BEL'TSY**

**or**

**BELZ**



# KISCHINEV PARISH

- **Neu Strymba (1860)**
- **Oknitza**
- **Ryschkanowka (1865)**
- **Scholtoi (1865)**





**RUSSIA**

**A U S T R I A  
H U N G A R Y**

**M O L D A V I A** →

← **W A L A C H I A**

**S E R B I A**

**B U L G A R I A**

**Black  
Sea**

Tisza

Dniester

**Jassy** •

Prut

Bessarabia



**Budjak**

**Bucharest** •

Danube

# **RUSSIFICATION**

**1861 - 25 million serfs emancipated**

**1871 - Welfare Committee dissolved**

**1874 - Military service exemption ends**

**- Russian compulsory in schools**

# WORLD WAR & REVOLUTION

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**1918 - Moldavian Democratic Republic**

# ROMANIA - NEW BOSS

- Currency - *Lei*
- Mayor (*Primar*) - Clerk (*Notär*)
- Land Reform (247 acres = 100 hectares)
- Military service begins at age 22

# WORLD WAR II

- **German-Soviet Pact of August, 1939**
- **Soviet Union reclaims Bessarabia - June 1940**
- **Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic**

**RESETTLEMENT**

**OF**

**1940**



# NEGOTIATIONS

- **Who is eligible to resettle?**
- **Questions about property**
- **Questions about crops in the fields**
- **Evacuation not compulsory (*muß*)**
- **Transportation**

**SOVIET  
UNION**

*Pruth River*

*Dniester River*

**BUKOVINA**

**EVACUATION**

**CENTERS**

**Ki-1**

**Kischinev**



**Be-1**

**Beresina**



**Ma-1**

**Mannsberg**



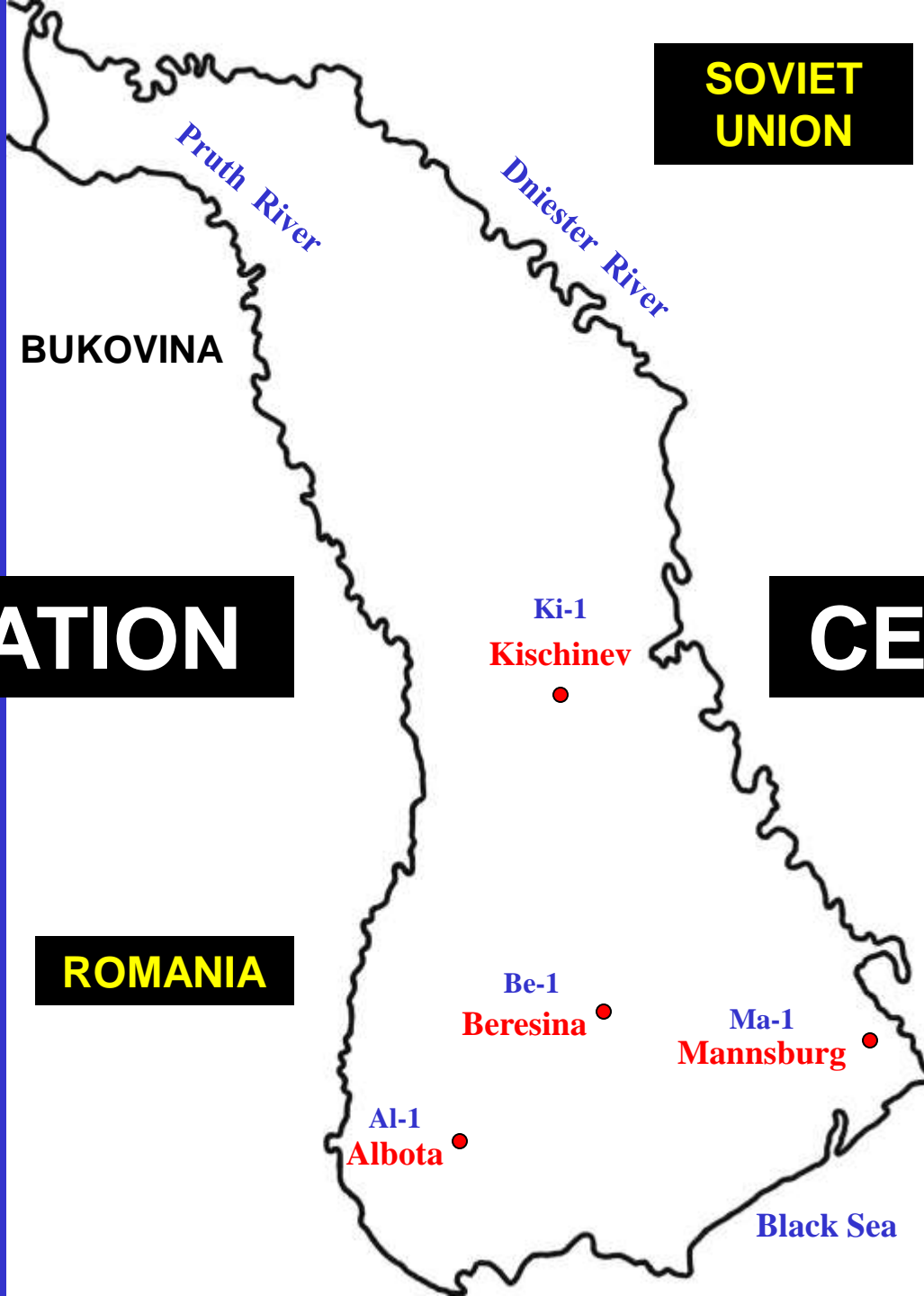
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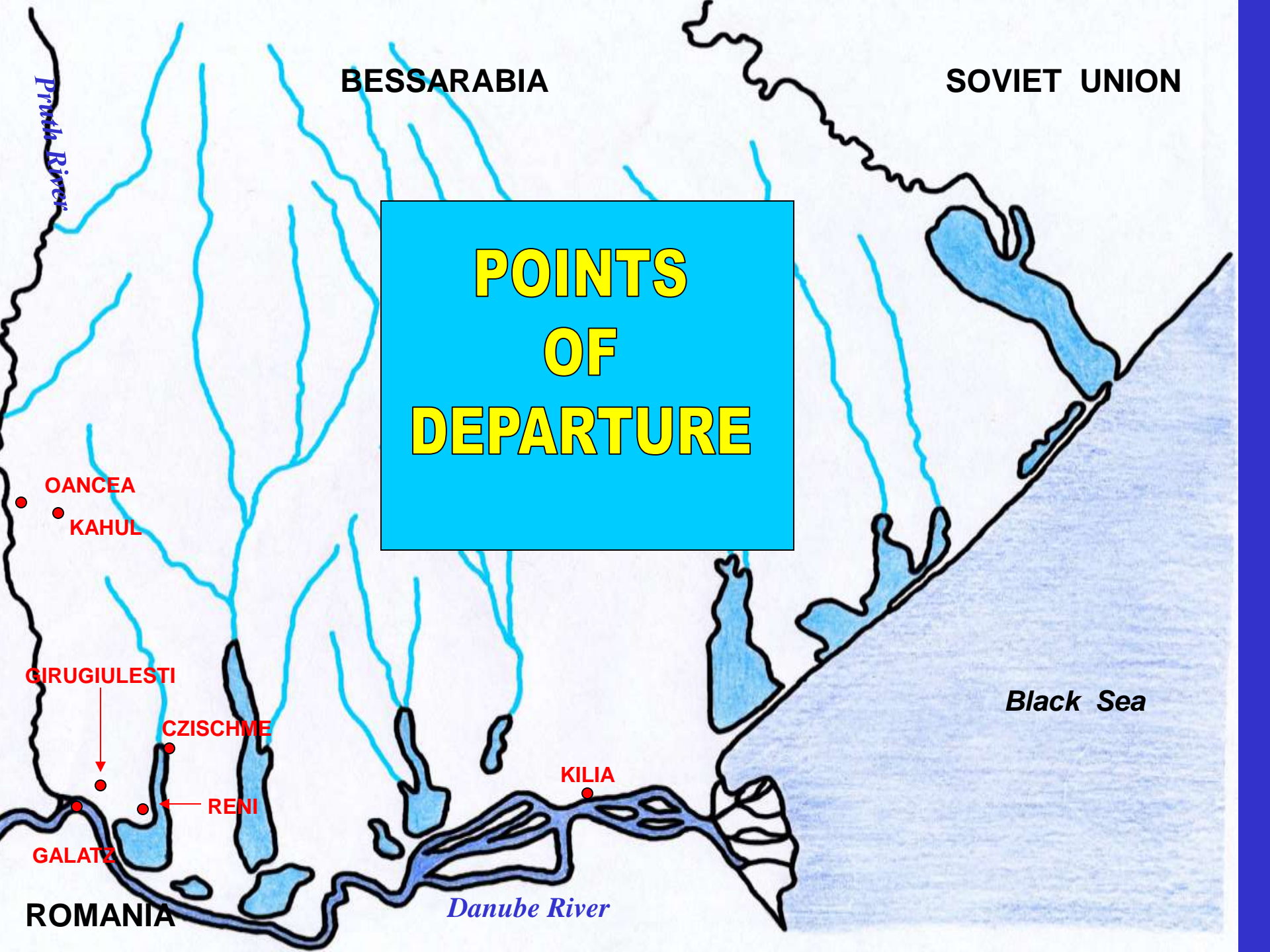
**Albota**



**ROMANIA**

**Black Sea**





**BESSARABIA**

**SOVIET UNION**

**POINTS  
OF  
DEPARTURE**

**OANCEA  
KAHUL**

**GIRUGIULESTI**

**CZISCHME**

**RENI**

**KILIA**

**GALATZ**

**ROMANIA**

*Danube River*

*Black Sea*

*Pruth River*

# RESETTLEMENT TREK

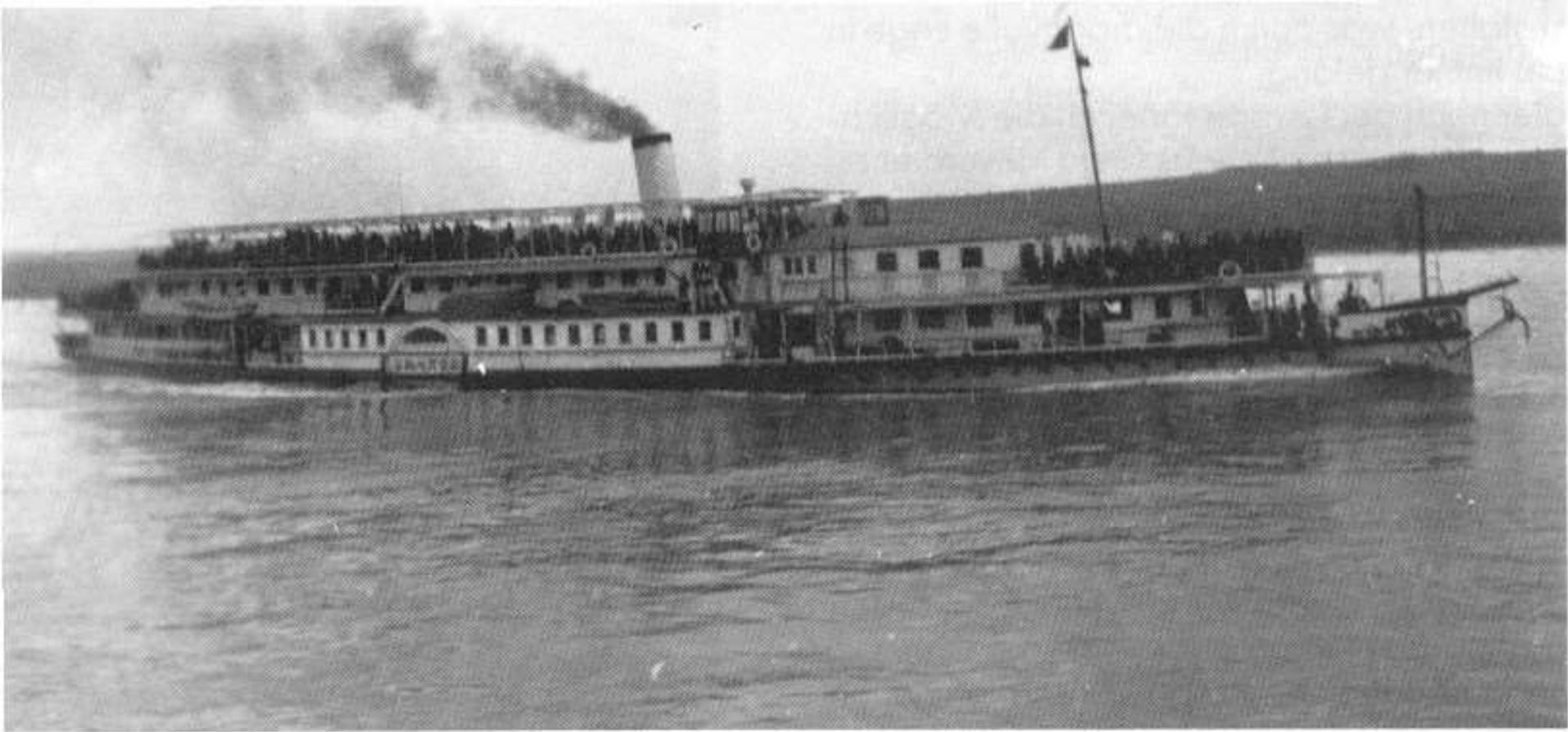


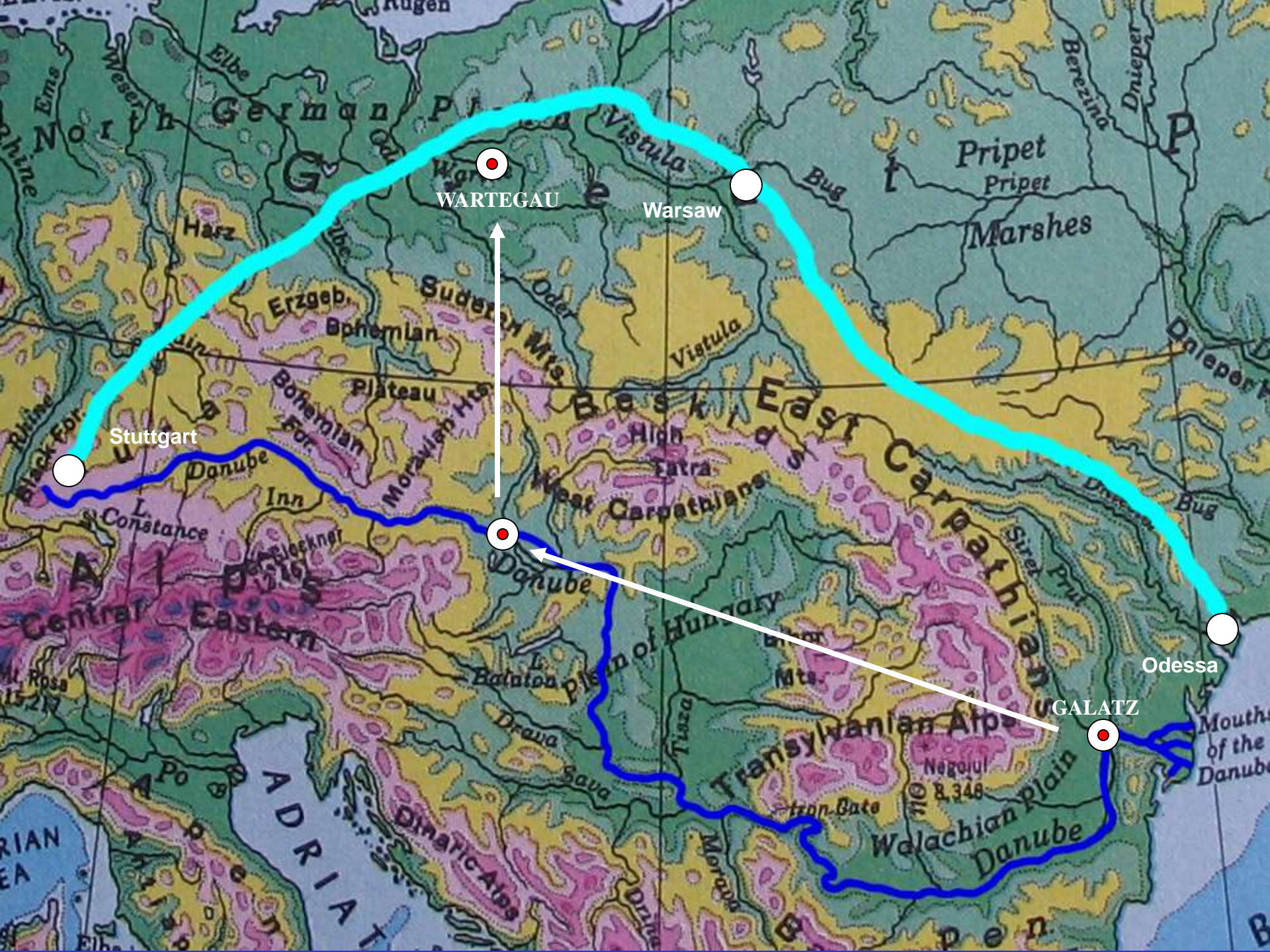


# EVACUATION STATISTICS

- **21,000 households - 91,049 souls**
- **11,408 wagons - 22,505 horses**
- **Processed at Port Kilia - 20,045 persons**
- **Processed at Port Reni - 39,150 persons**
- **Processed at Pruth Bridge - 29,350 persons**

# RESETTLEMENT STEAMSHIP





WARTEGAU

Warsaw

Stuttgart

Odessa

GALATZ

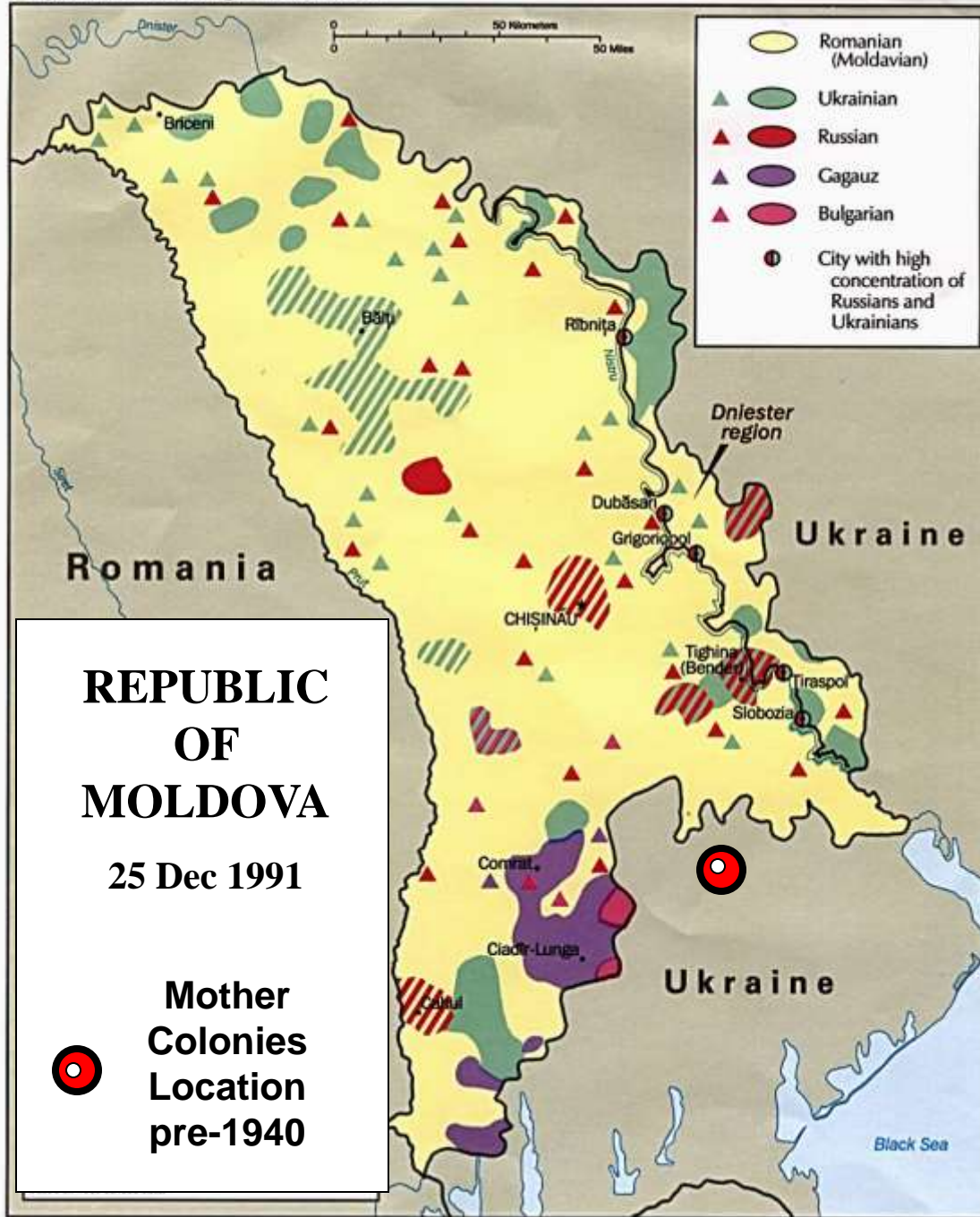




**MOLDAVIA SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC**

**Jassy-Kischinev Operation - 20 Aug 1944**

# Major Ethnic Groups in Moldova



**REPUBLIC  
OF  
MOLDOVA**

25 Dec 1991

**Mother  
Colonies  
Location  
pre-1940**



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A Very Important Part of Every German-Russian Homestead

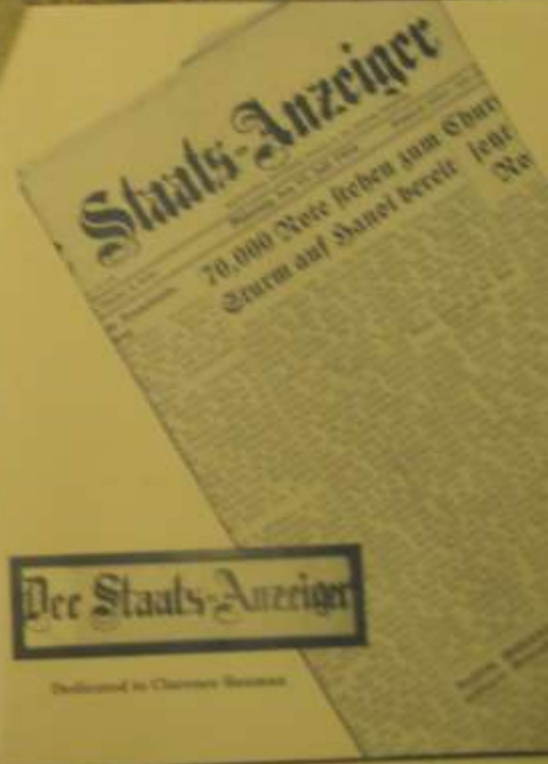


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Germans



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# BESSARABIA

**Before, During, and After the German Settlements**