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LATVIA'S HISTORIC CITIES

EMERGING, EXPANSION, RAISE and FALL



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STRATEGIES FOR ENHANCING HISTORIC CITIES' RESILIENCE TO DISASTERS

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KULDIGA, LATVIA



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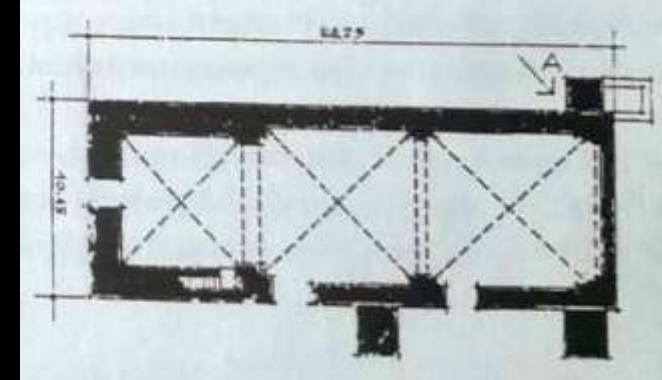




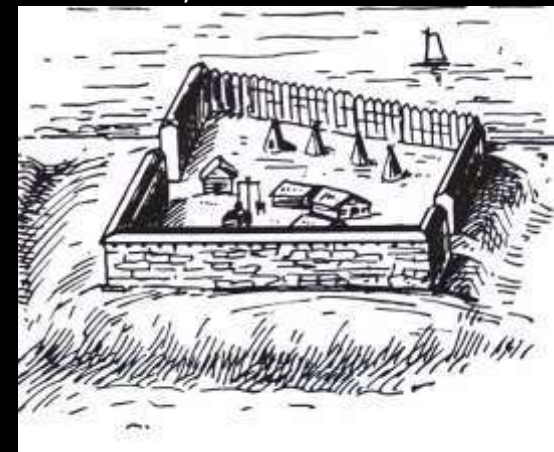


EARLY SETTLEMENTS

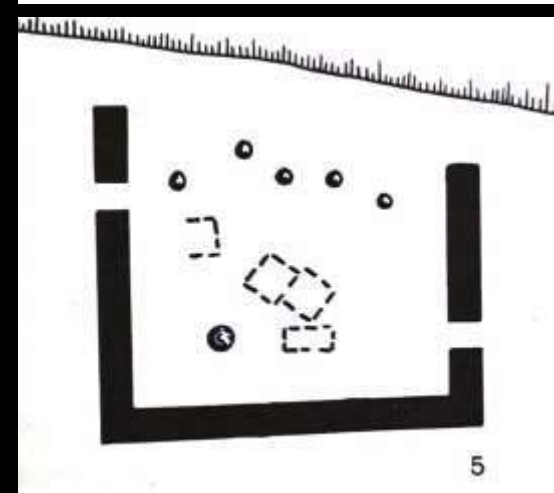
ĀRAIŠI LATGALIAN LAKE DWELLING SITE (9th-10th cnt)



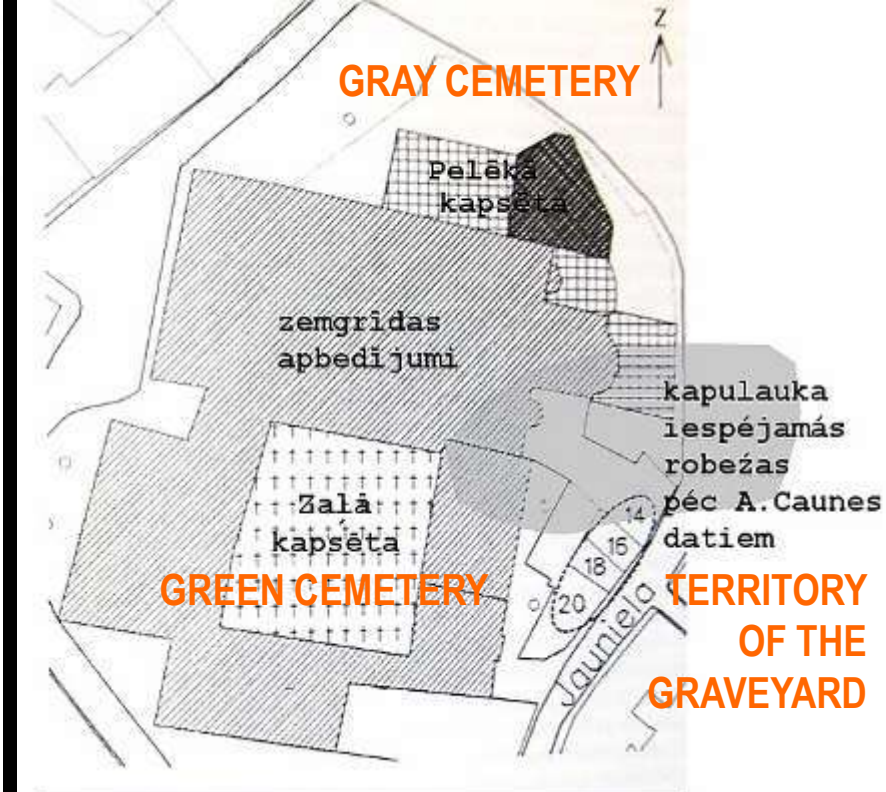
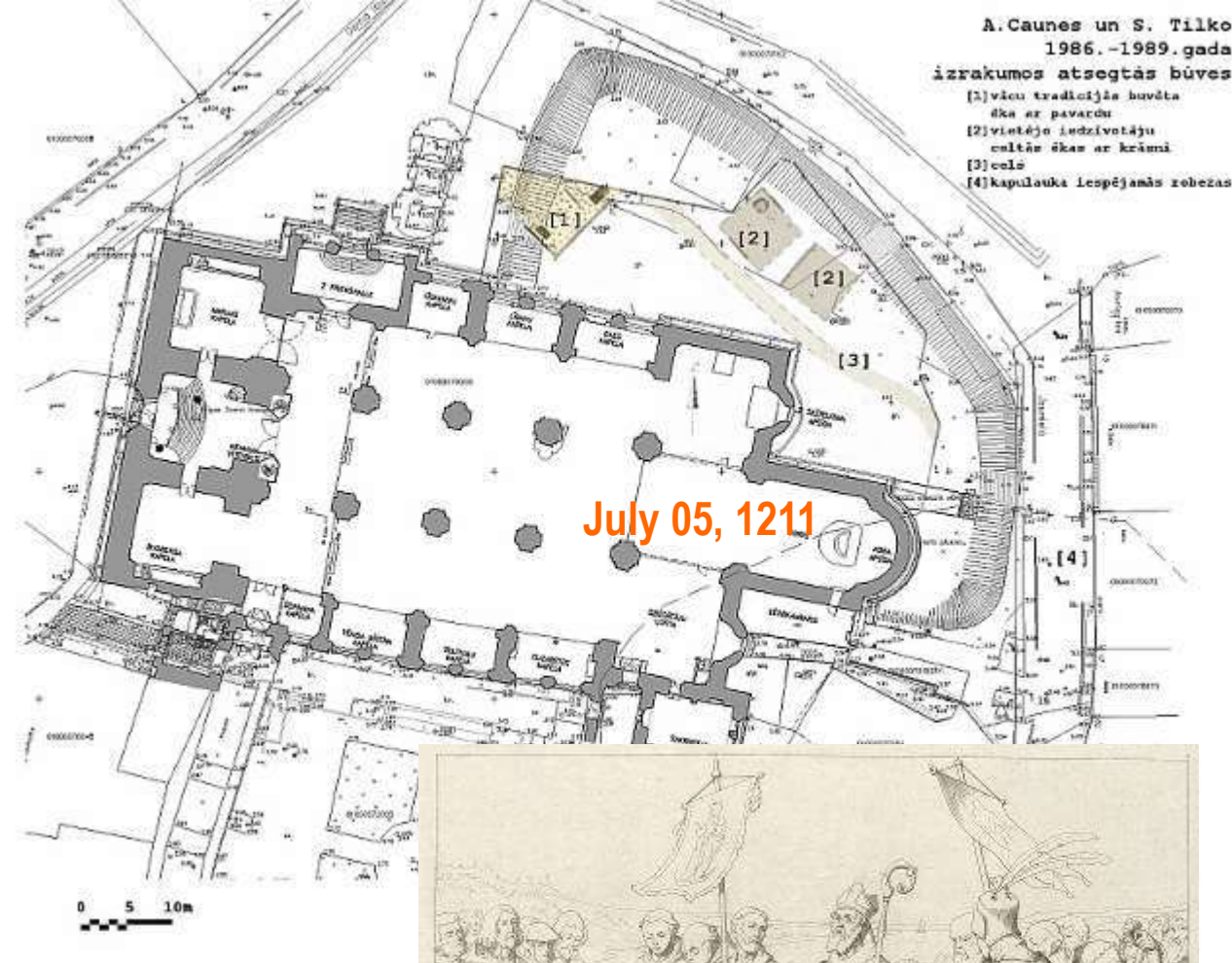
Stone church, ca.1205



E. Mugurevics
1960



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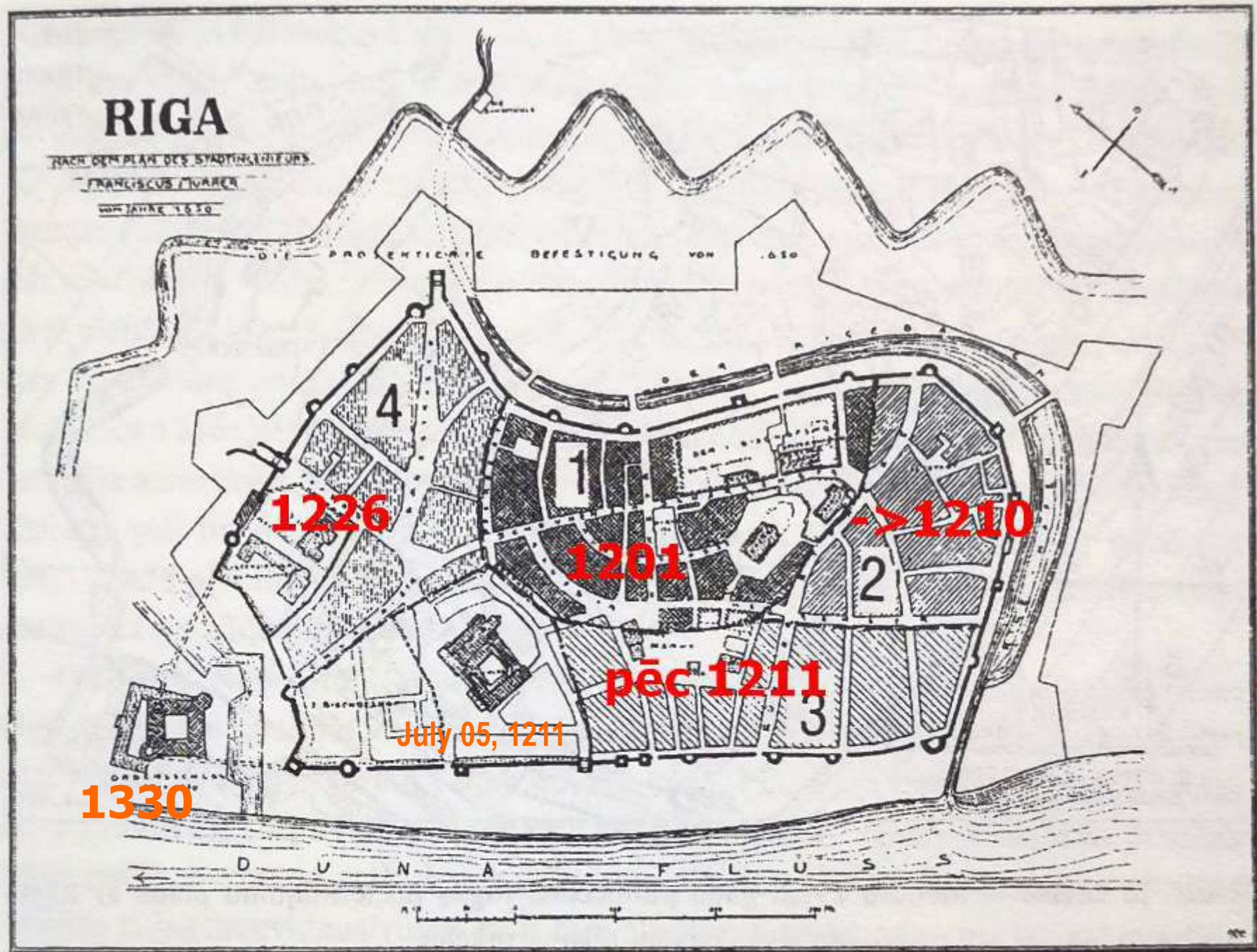


ill: L.von Maydell
1839

RIGA CATHEDRAL

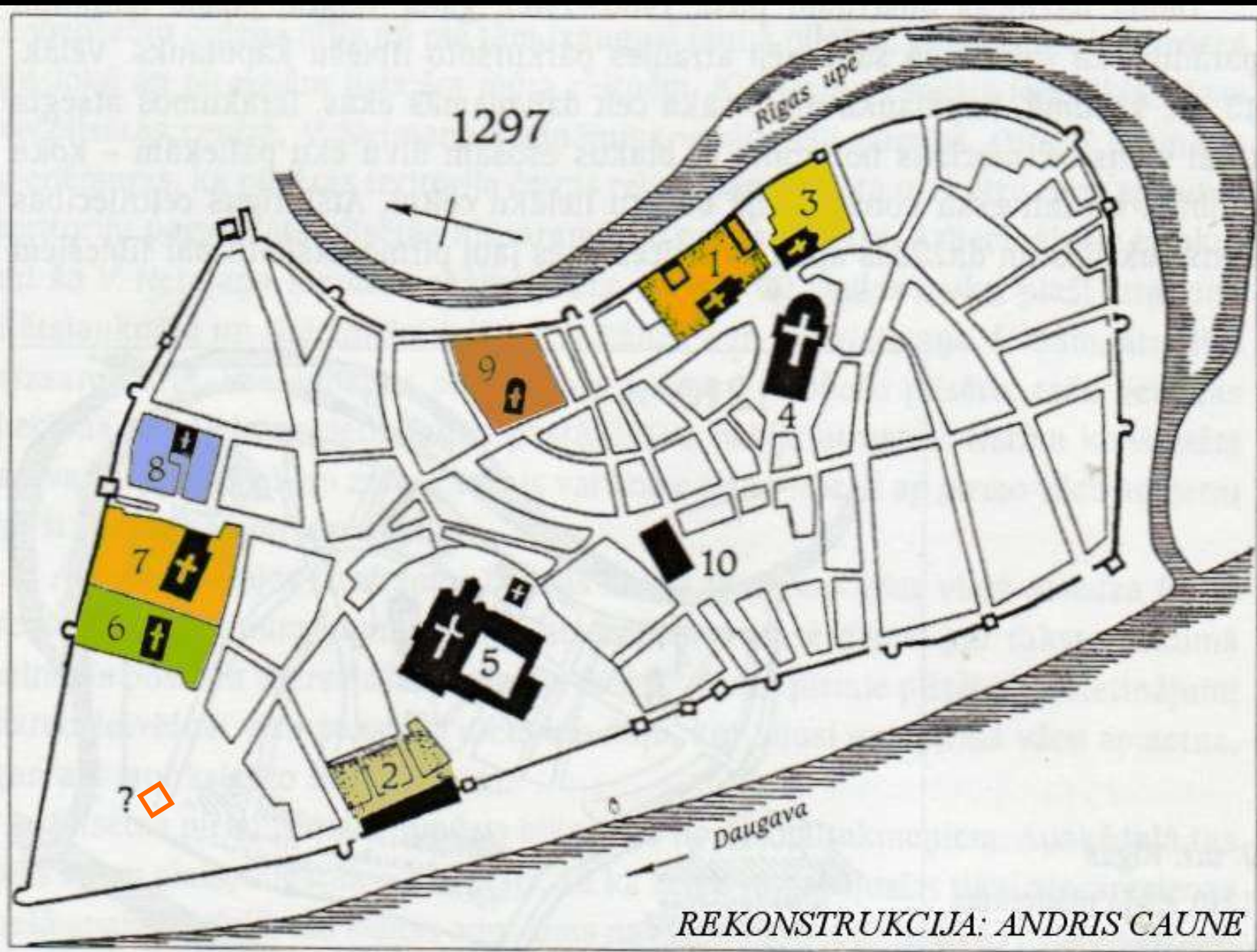


DEVELOPMENT prior to 1211

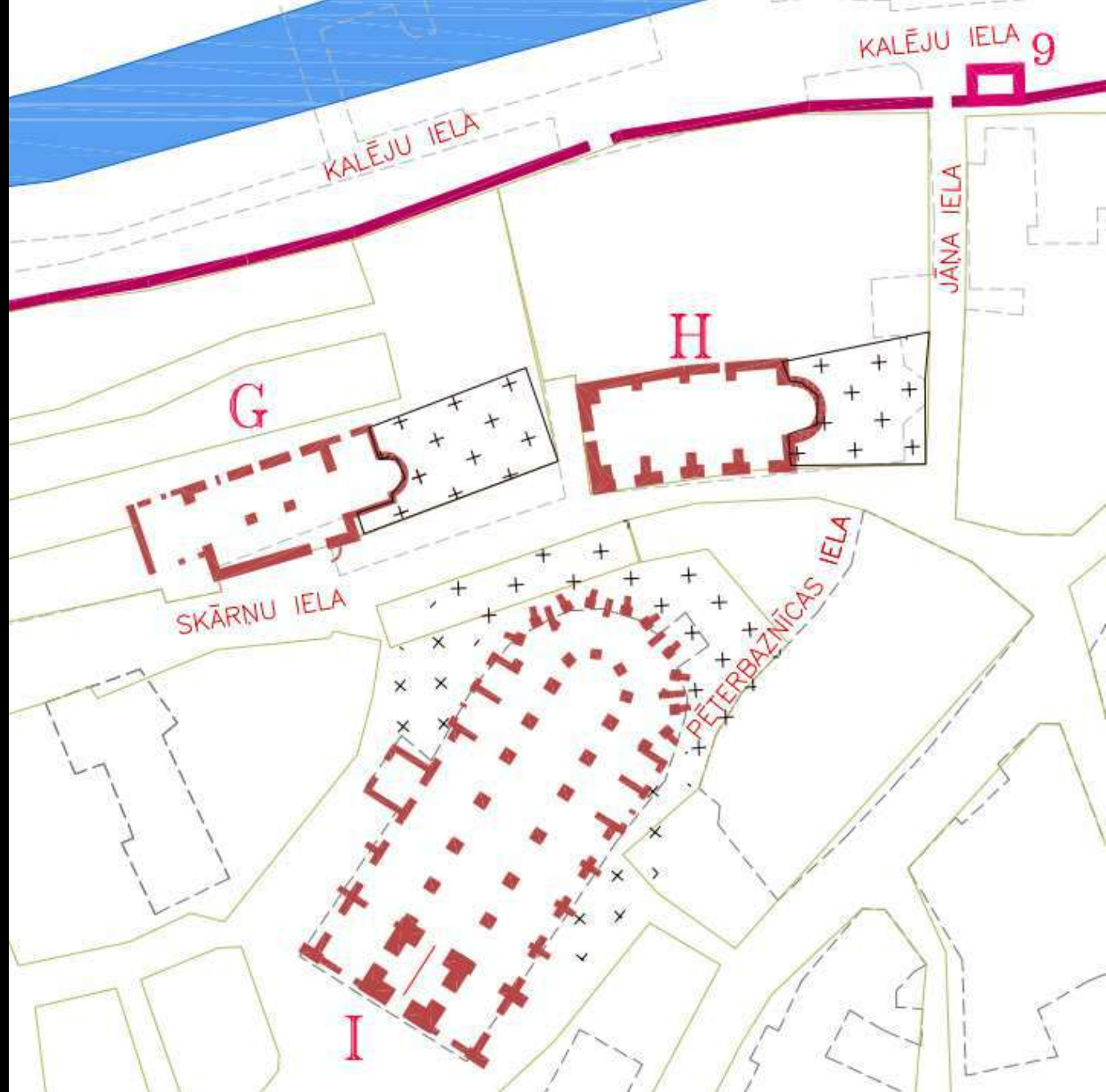
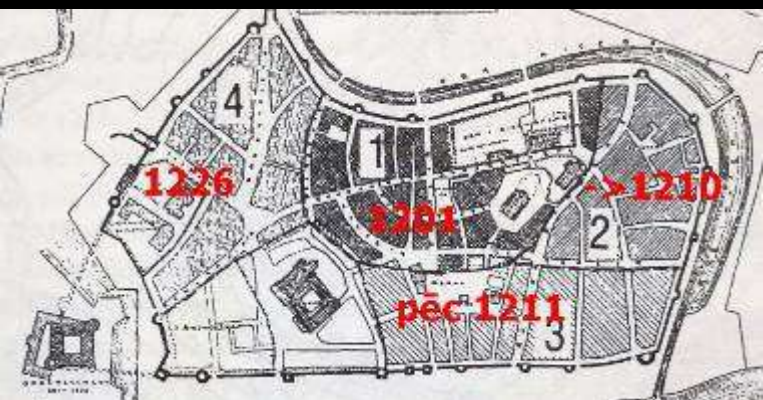


GRADUAL EXPANSION

RIGA during the 13th cnt.

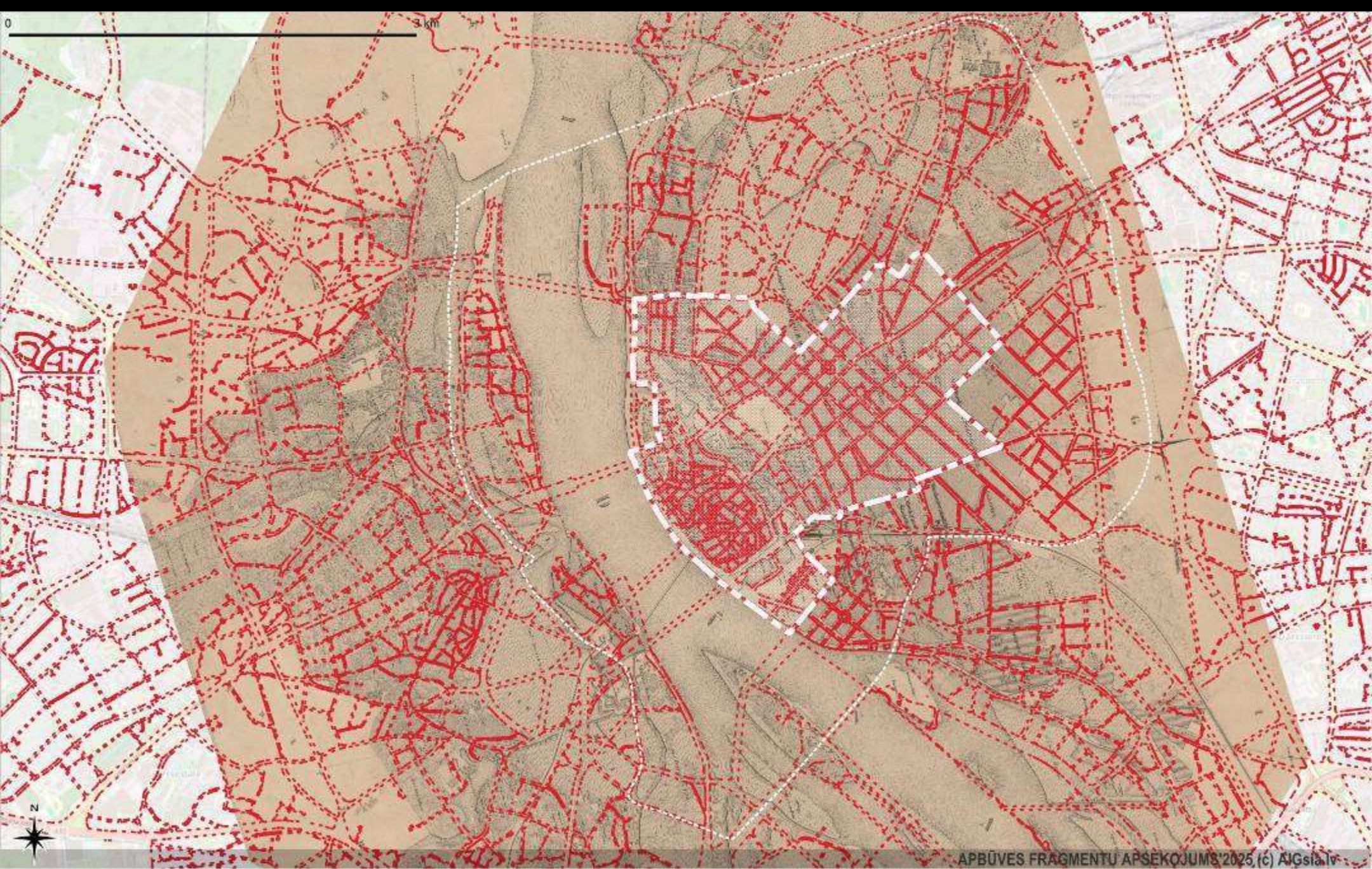


- 1-Castle of the Livonian order
- 2-archbishop's castle
- 3-St. John's church, dominican cloister
- 4-St. Peter's cathedral
- 5-St. Mary's cathedral and cloister
- 6-St. Maria Magdalen's church, cistercian cloister
- 7-St. Jacobs church
- 8-St. Nicolaus church, russian merchants settlement
- 9-St. Catharina church, franciscan cloister
- 10-the new townhouse



EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT

RIGA, CONVENT COURTYARD



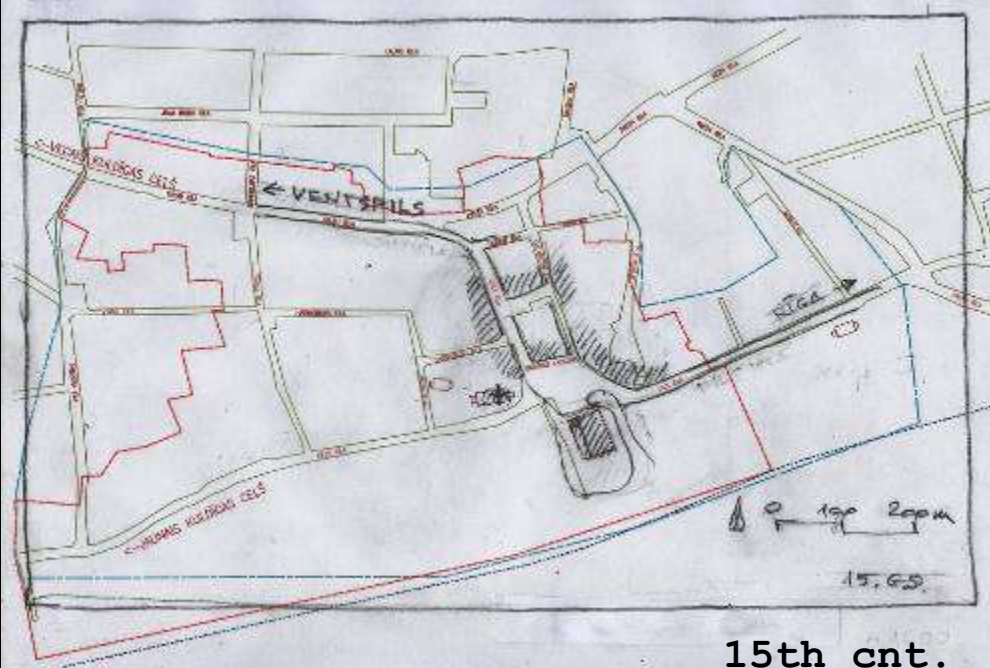
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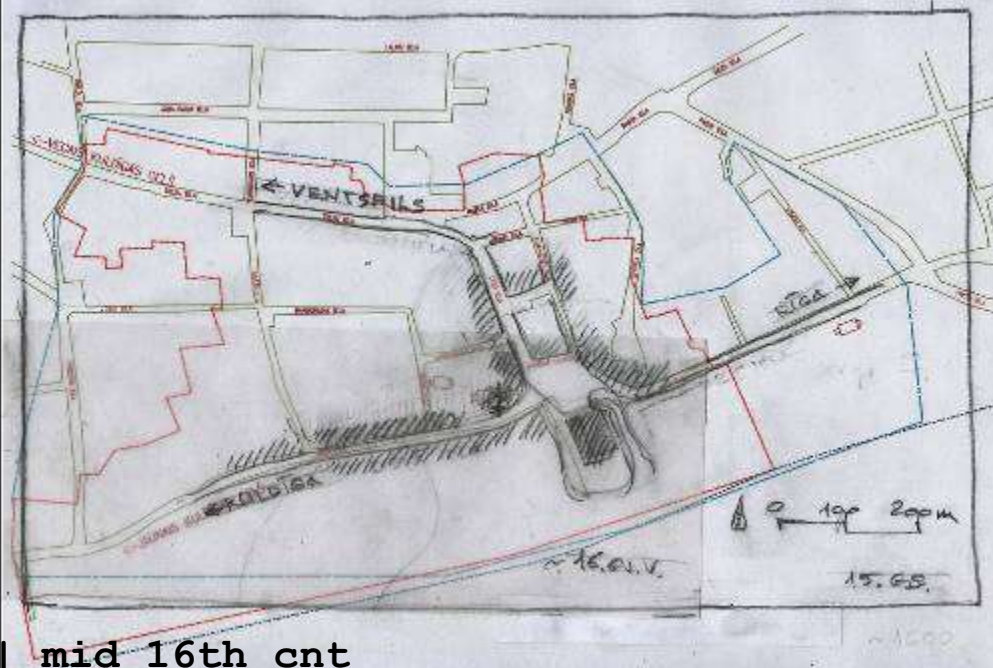
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EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT

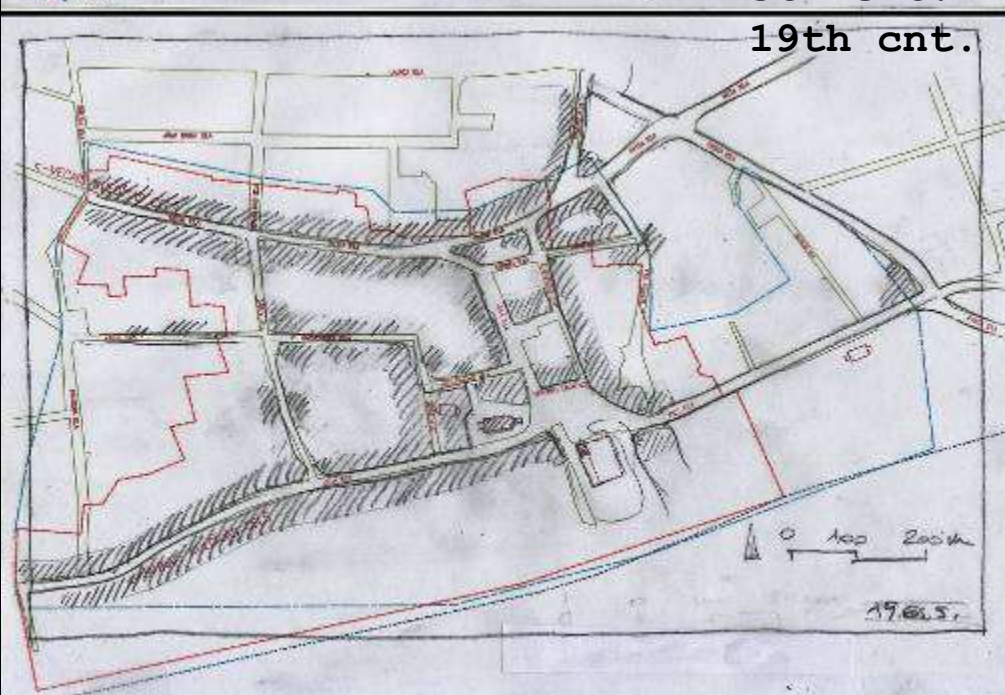
RIGA, 1867



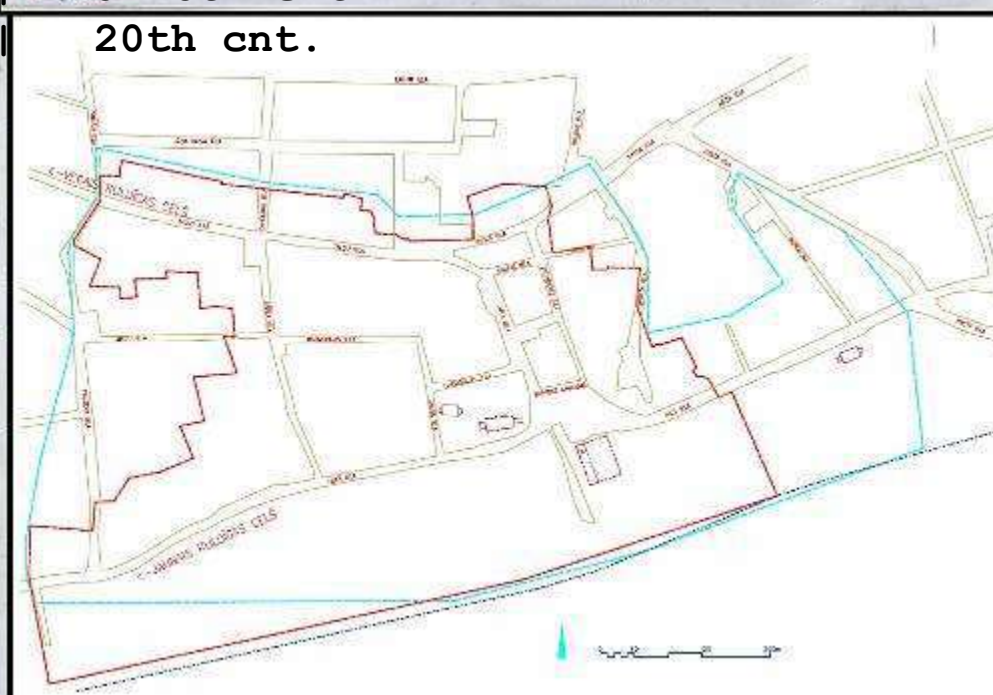
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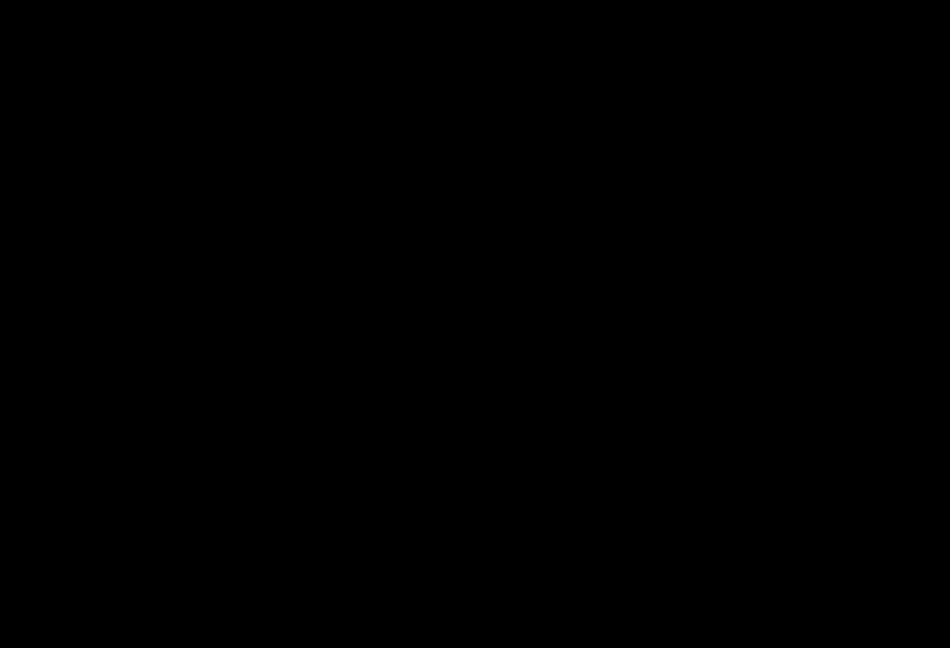
mid 16th cnt



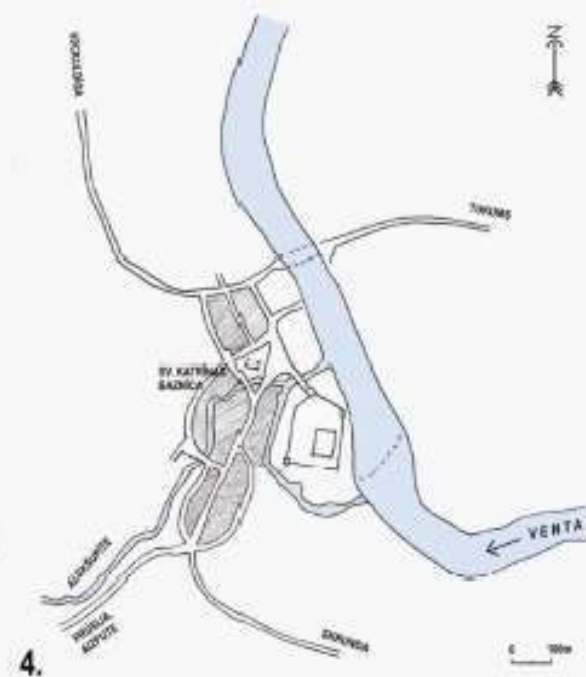
19th cnt.



20th cnt.



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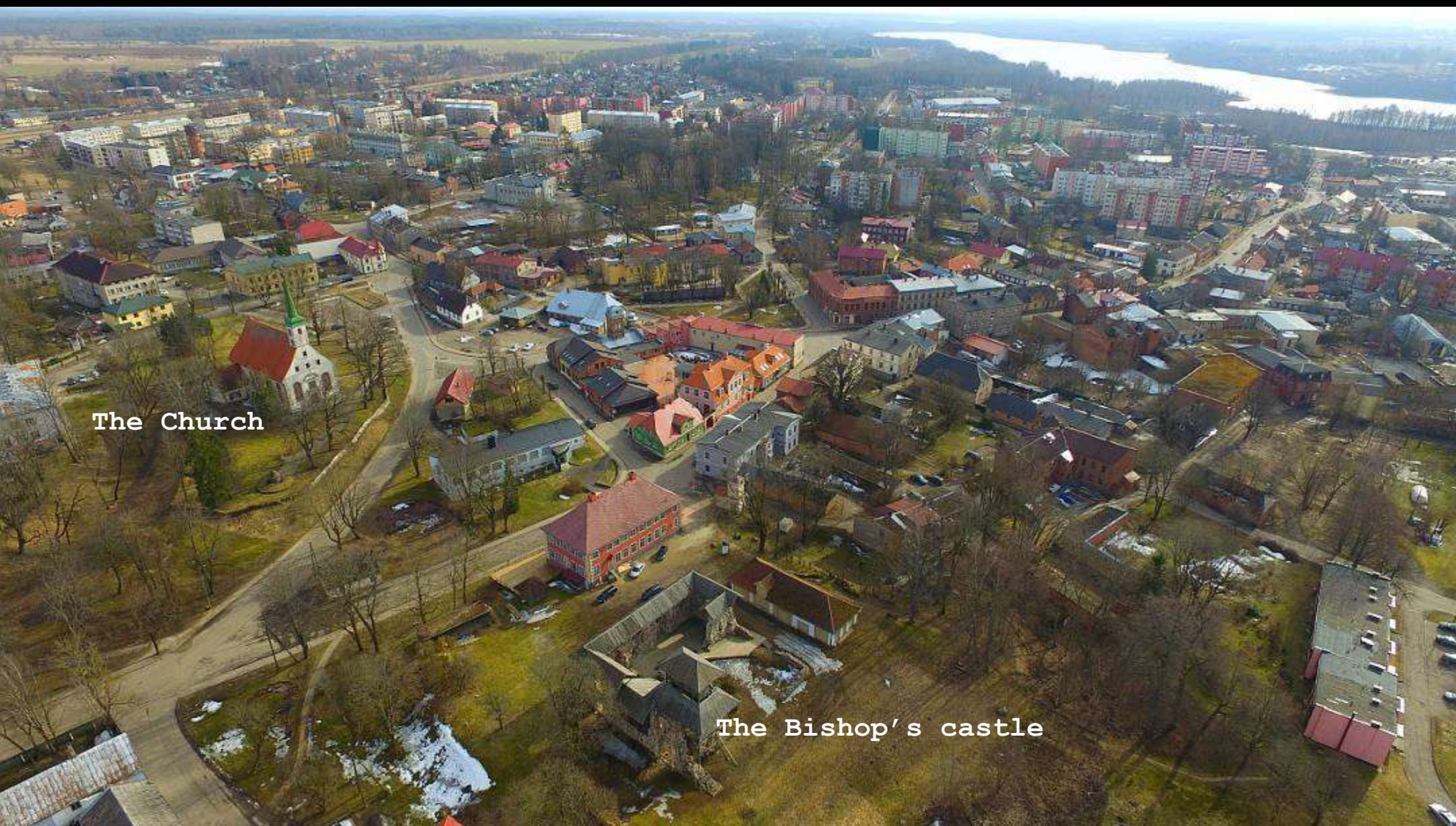


KULDĪGAS
PILSKALNS
9.-13.gs.

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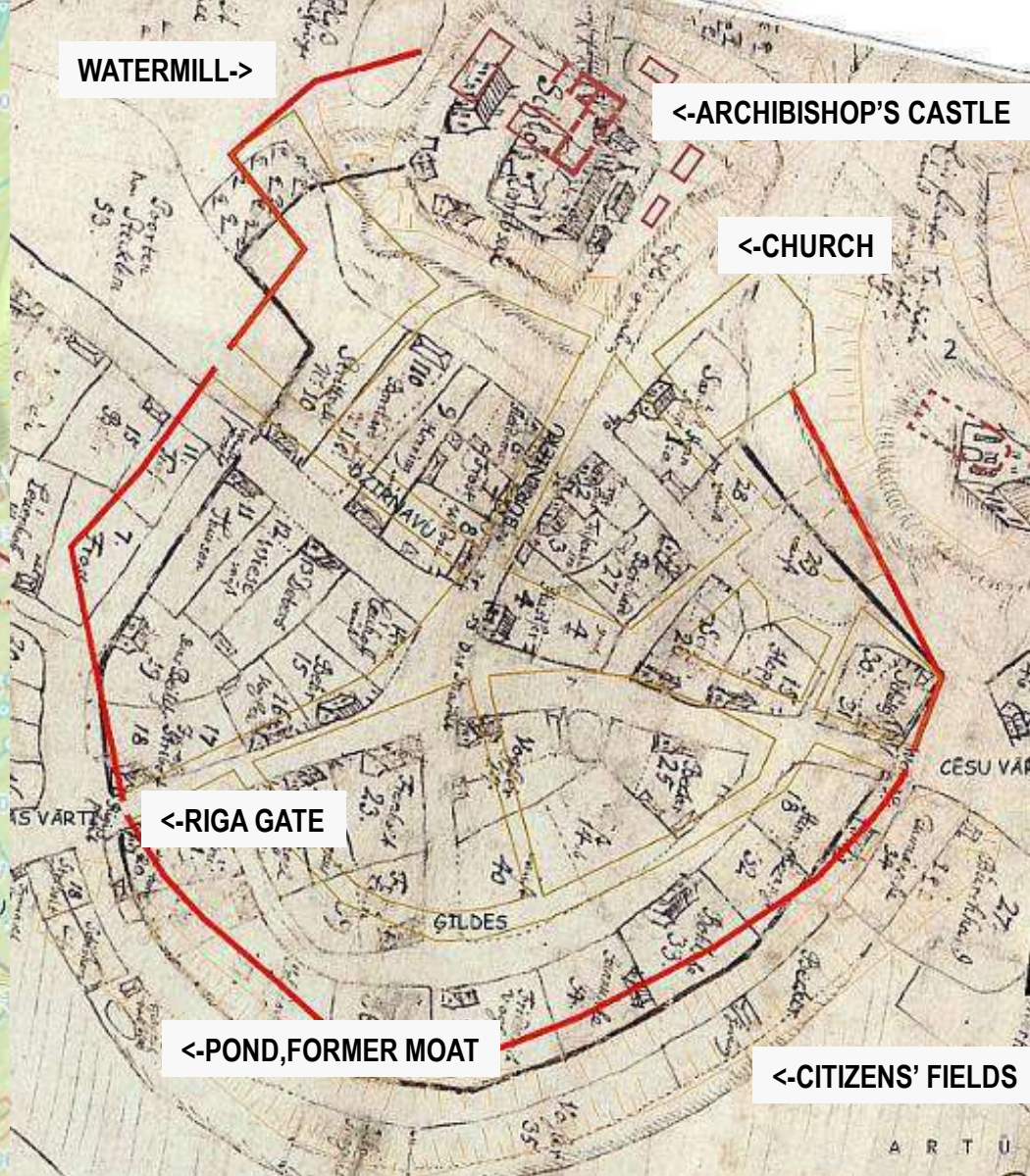
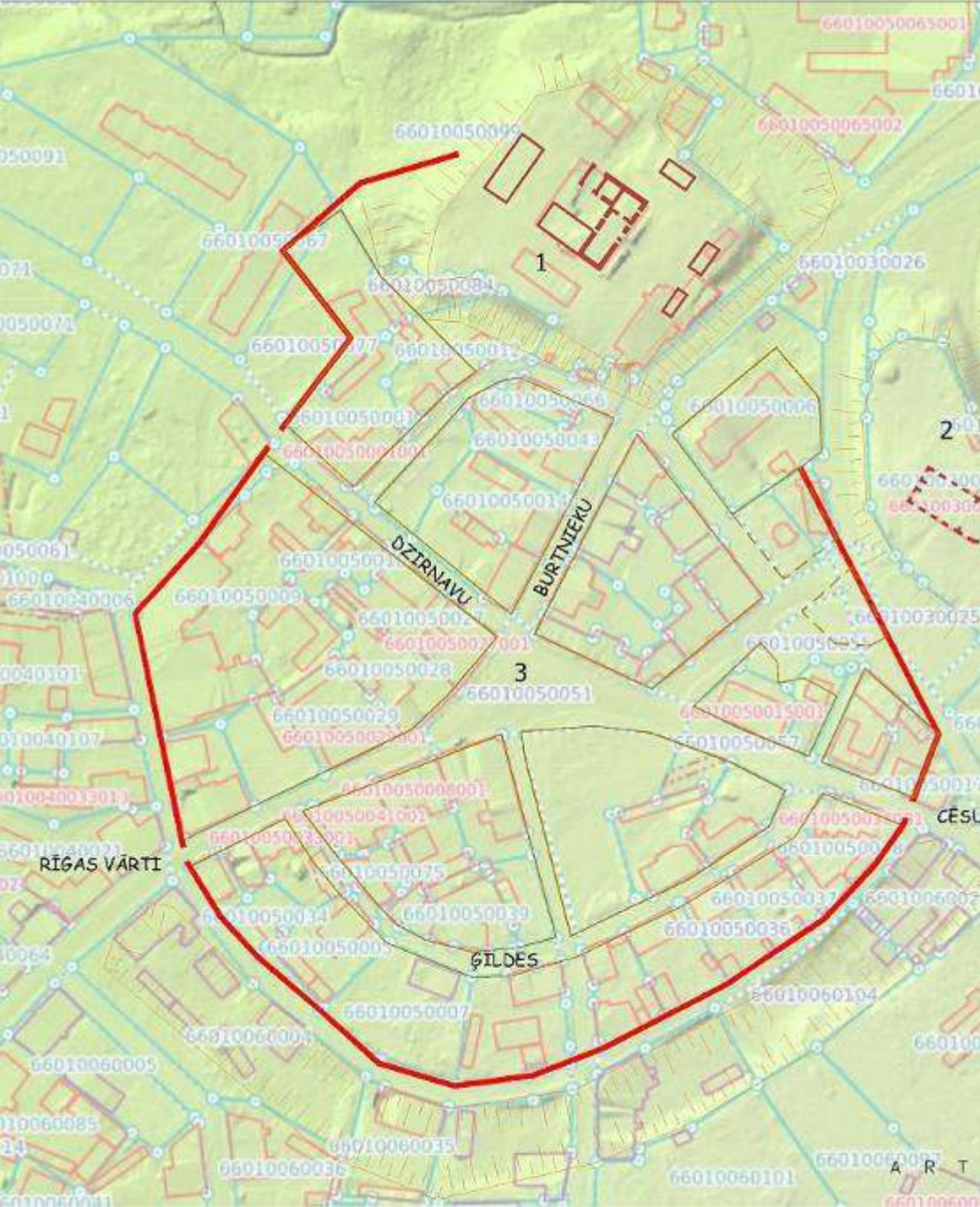
KULDĪGA (*Goldingen*)

GRADUAL GROWTH



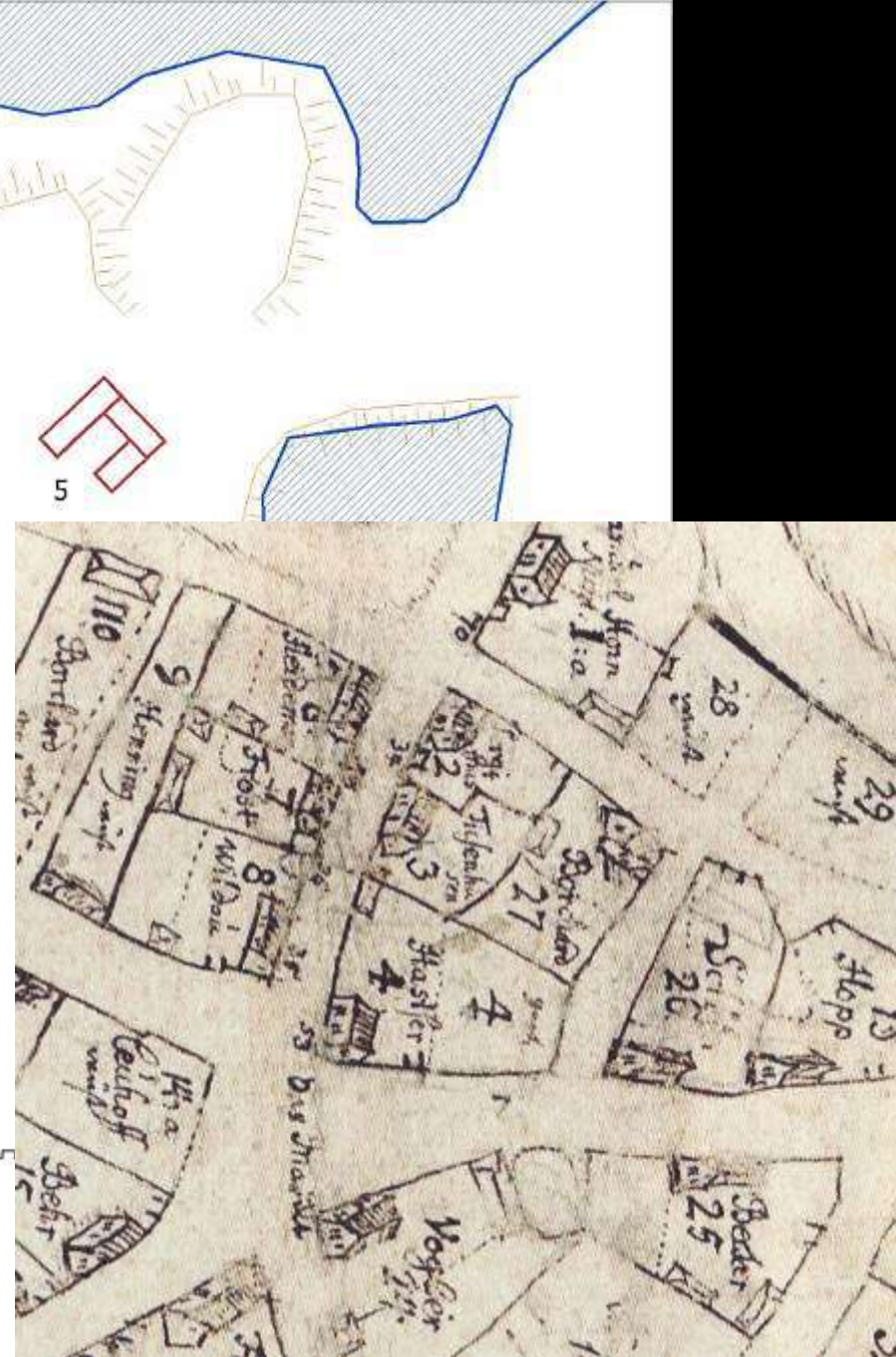
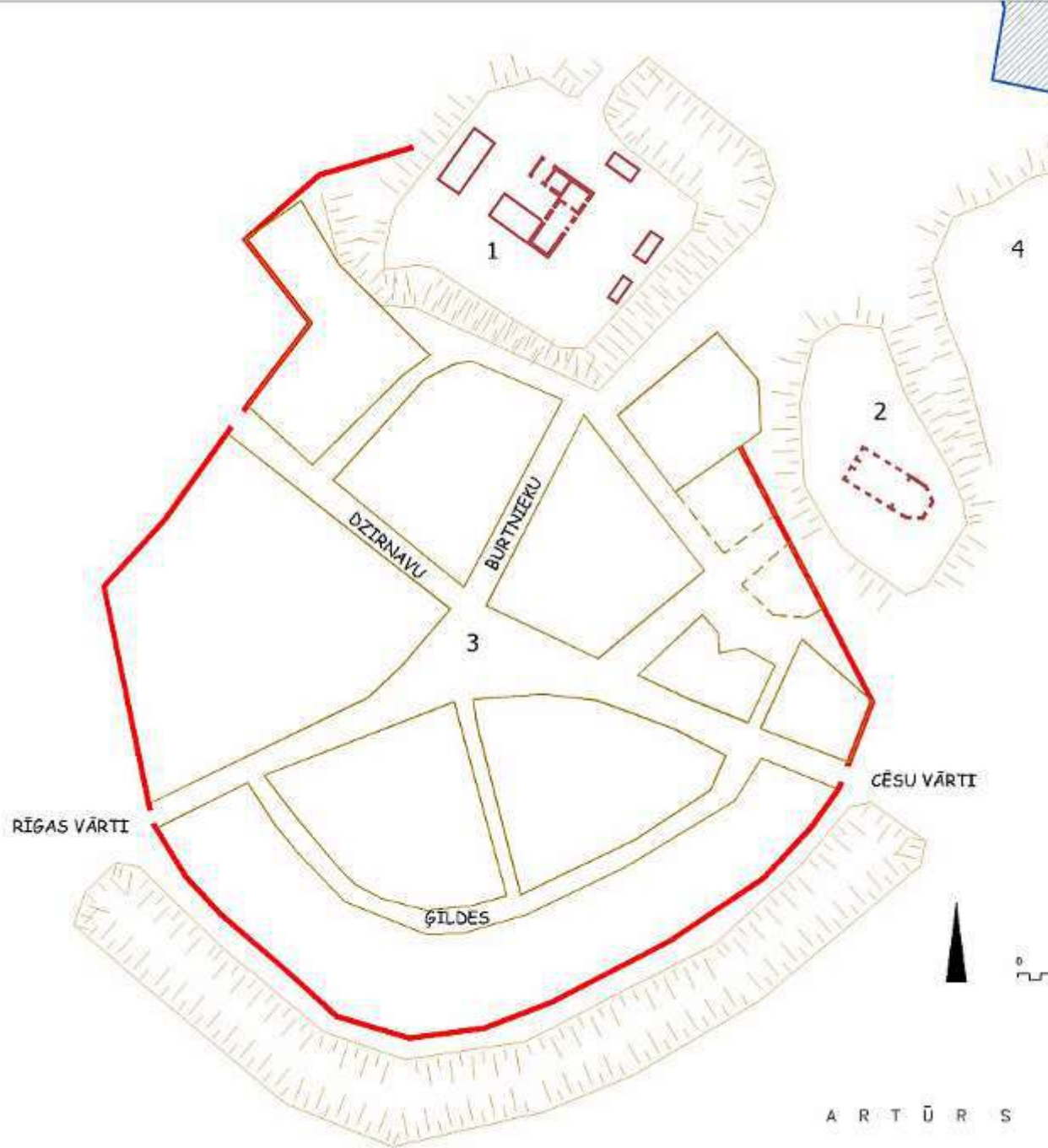
The Church

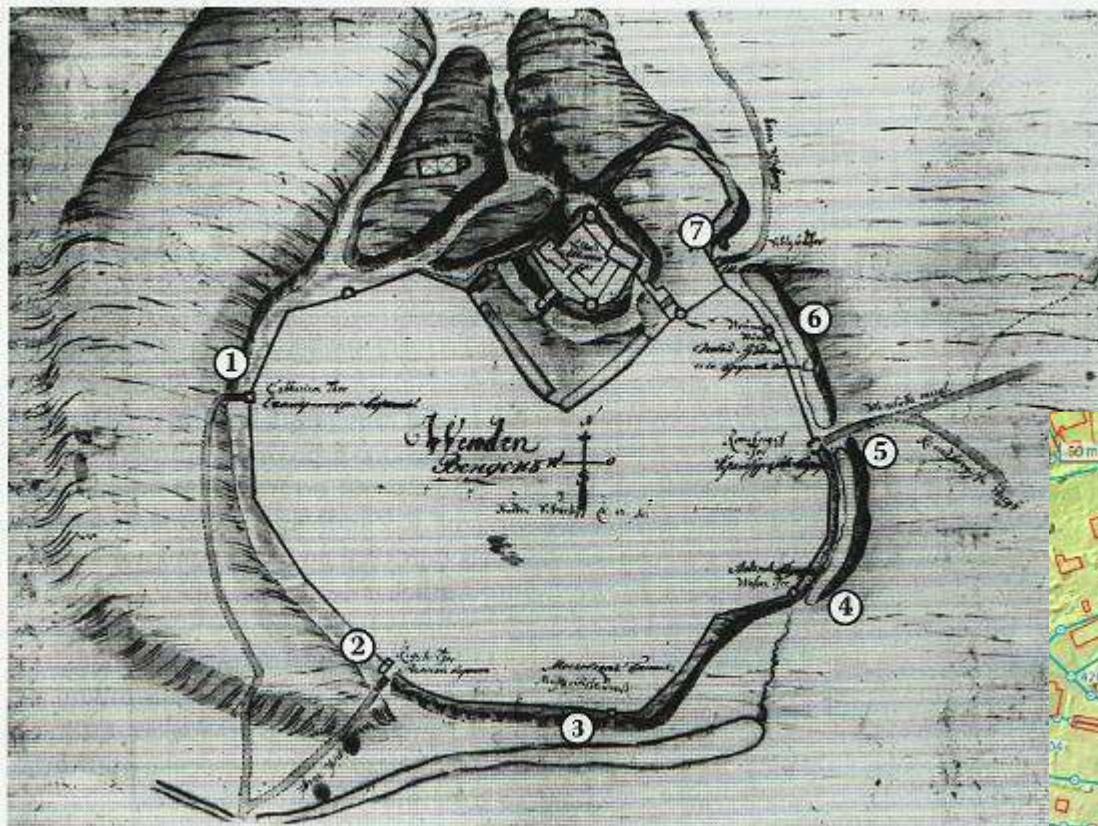
The Bishop's castle



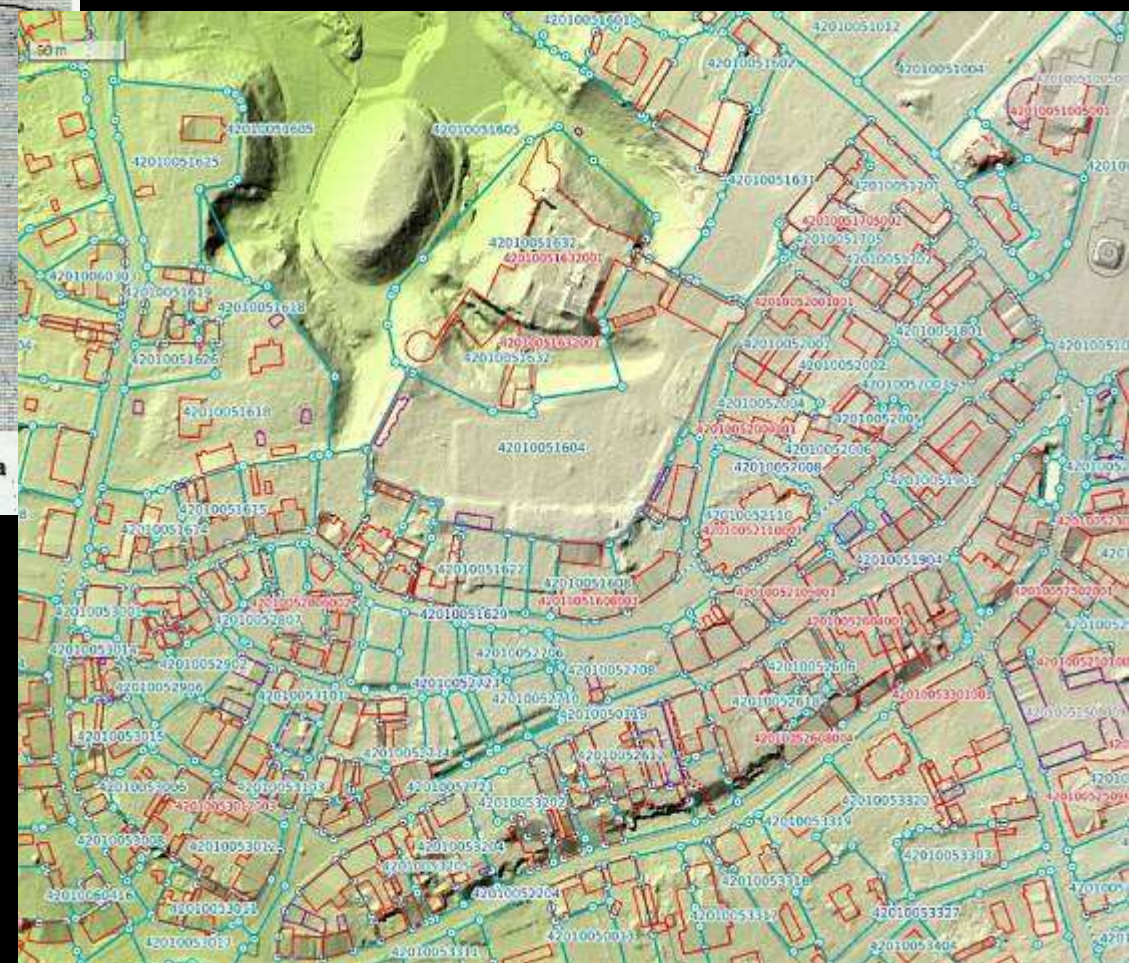
REFILLED CORE

LIMBAŽI (Lemsal)





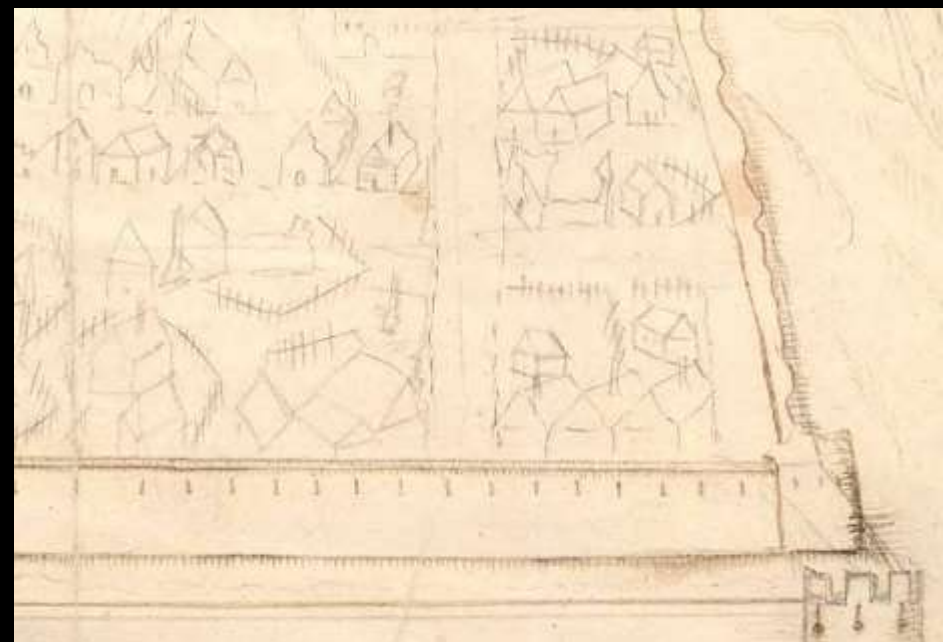
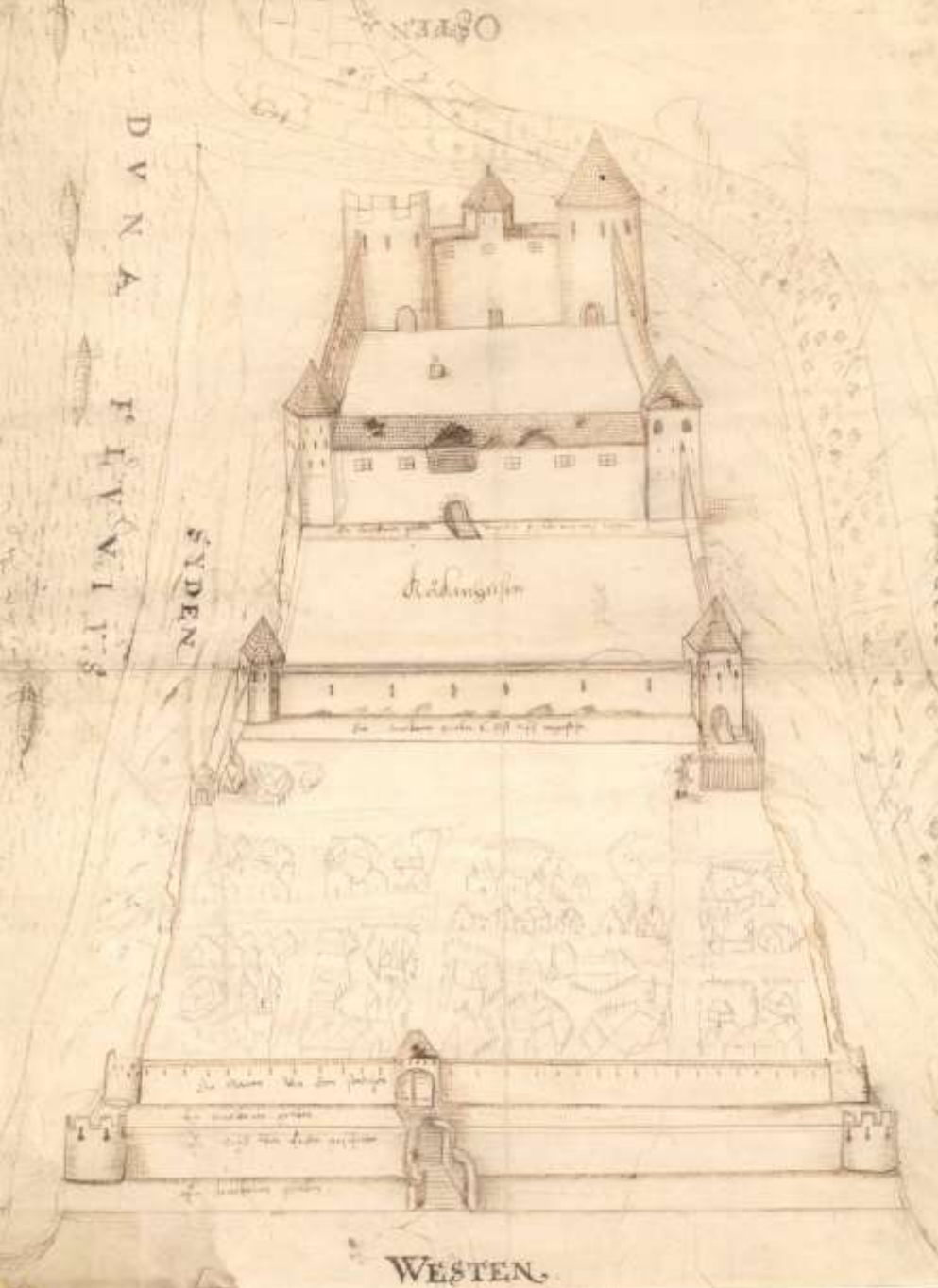
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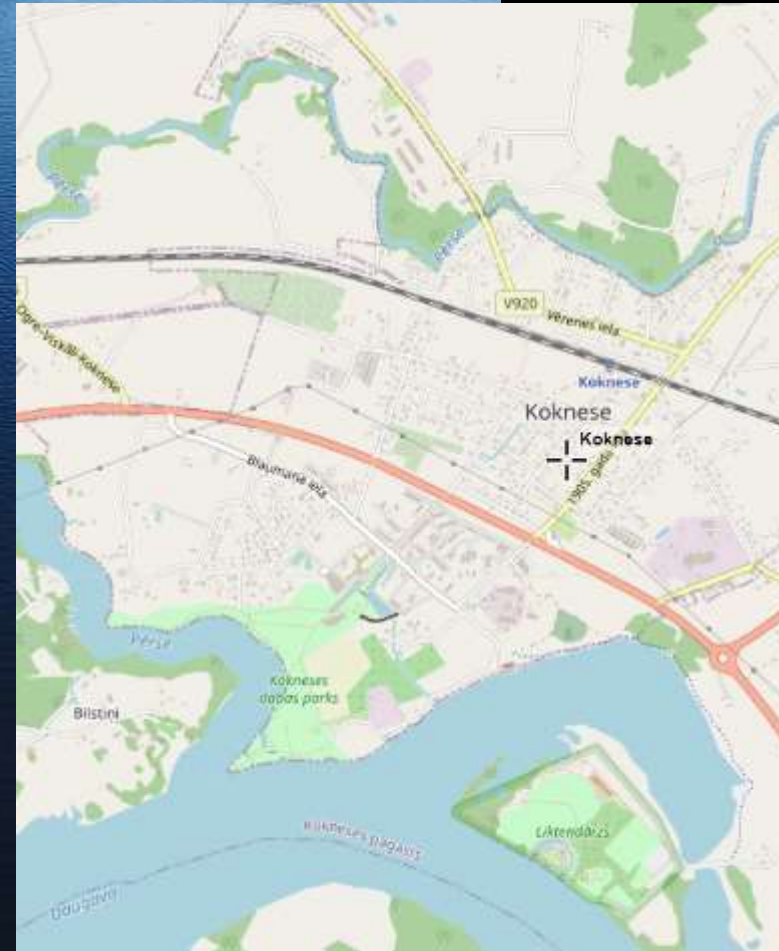
REFILLED CORE

CĒSIS (Wenden)



SHIFTED CENTER

KOKNESE (KOKENHUSEN) 1277



SHIFTED CENTER

KOKNESE (*Kokenhusen*)

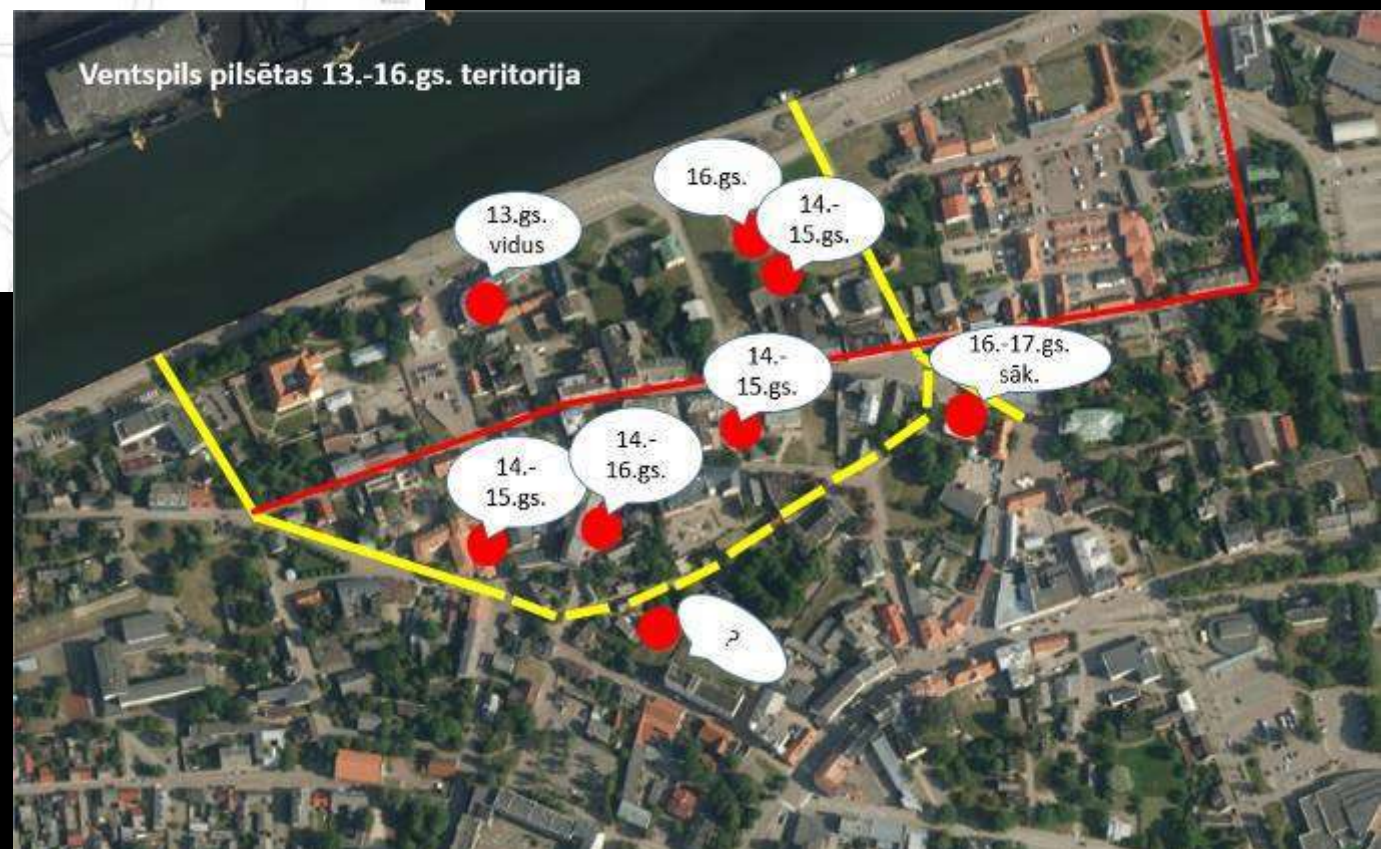


1658 (9-?)

SHIFTED CENTER

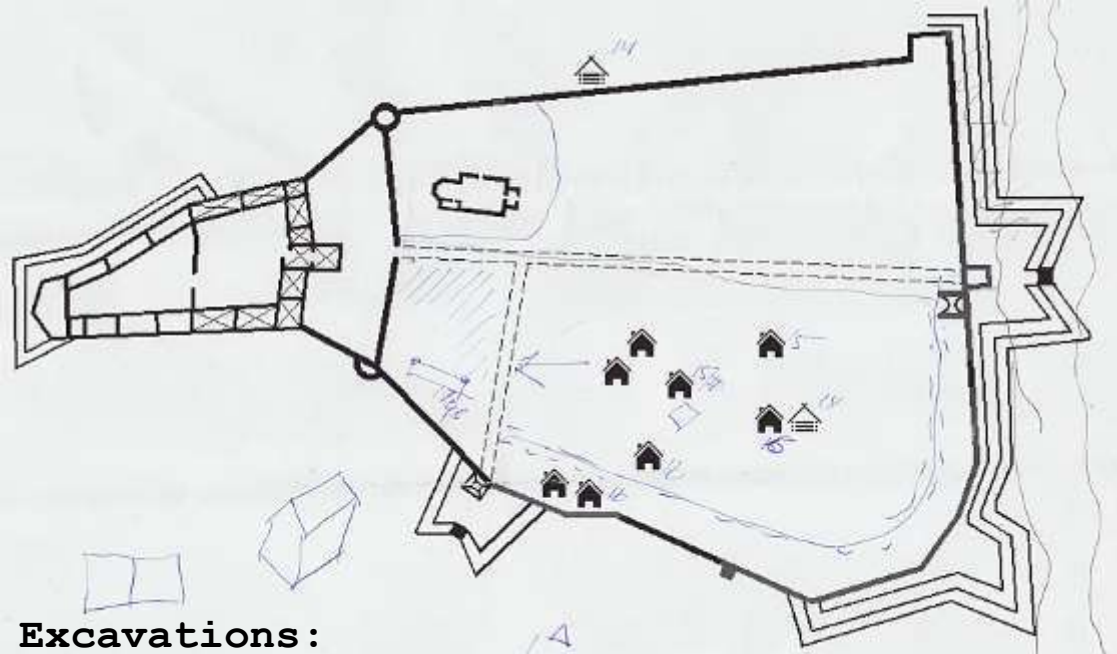


VENTSPILS (Windau) 1378



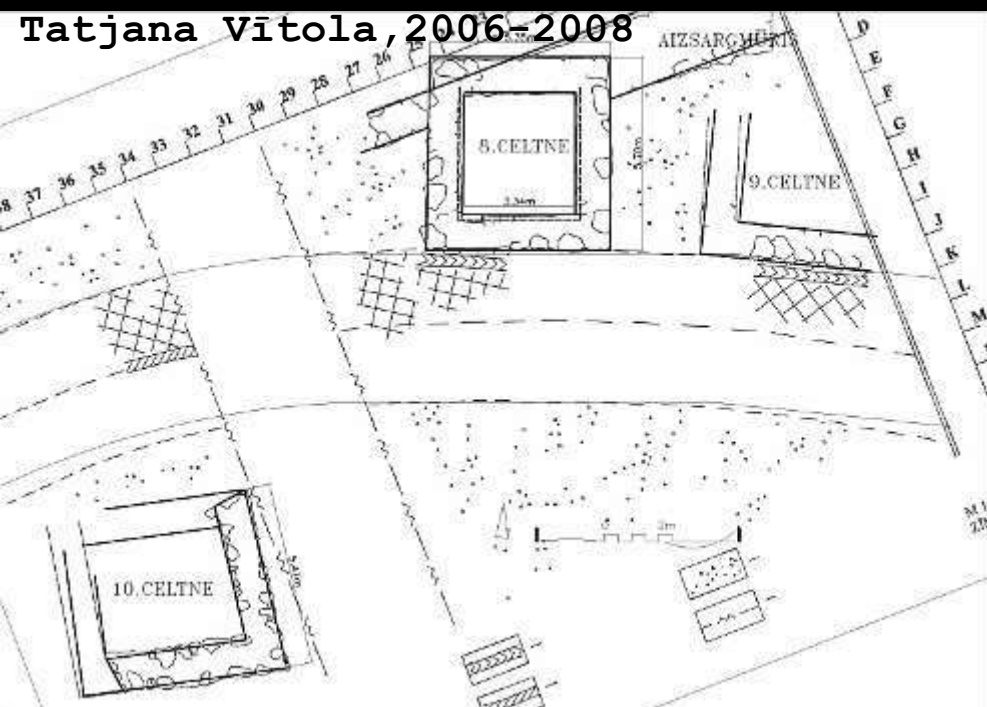
SHIFTED CENTER

VENTSPILS (Windau)



Excavations:

Tatjana Vitola, 2006-2008



1688 (?) plan

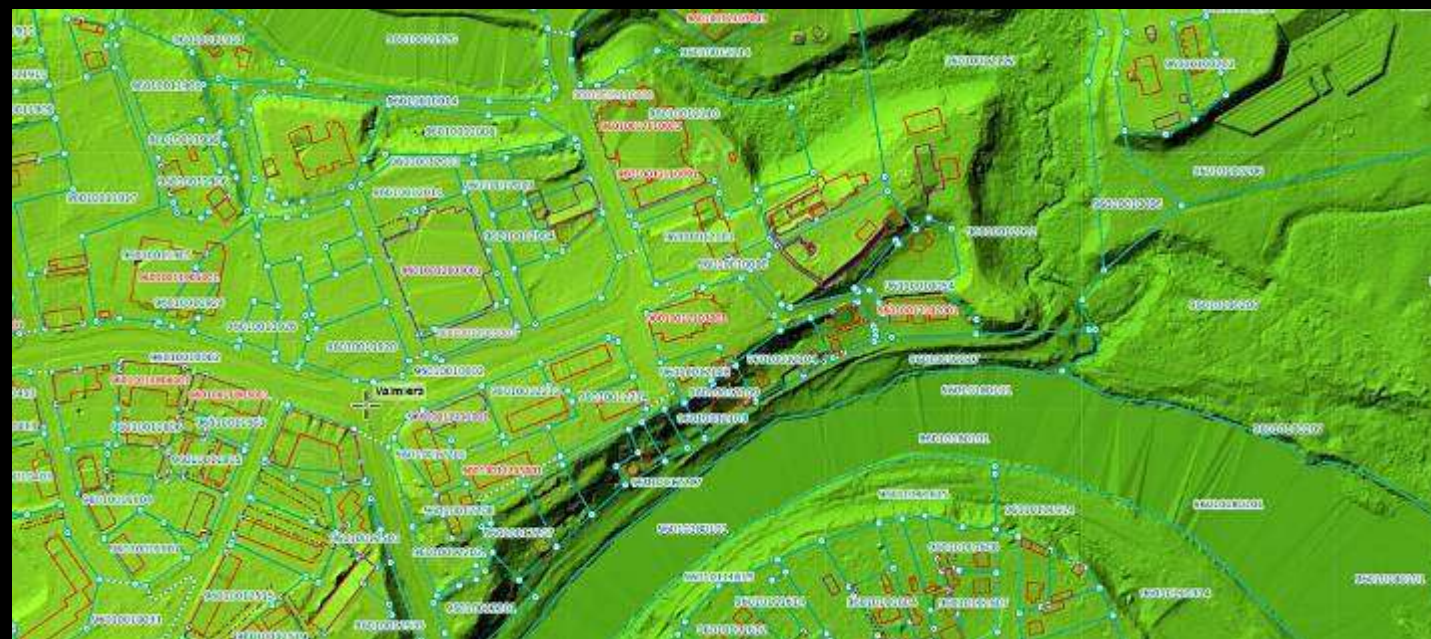


Reconstruction:

Arturs Lapins, 2018

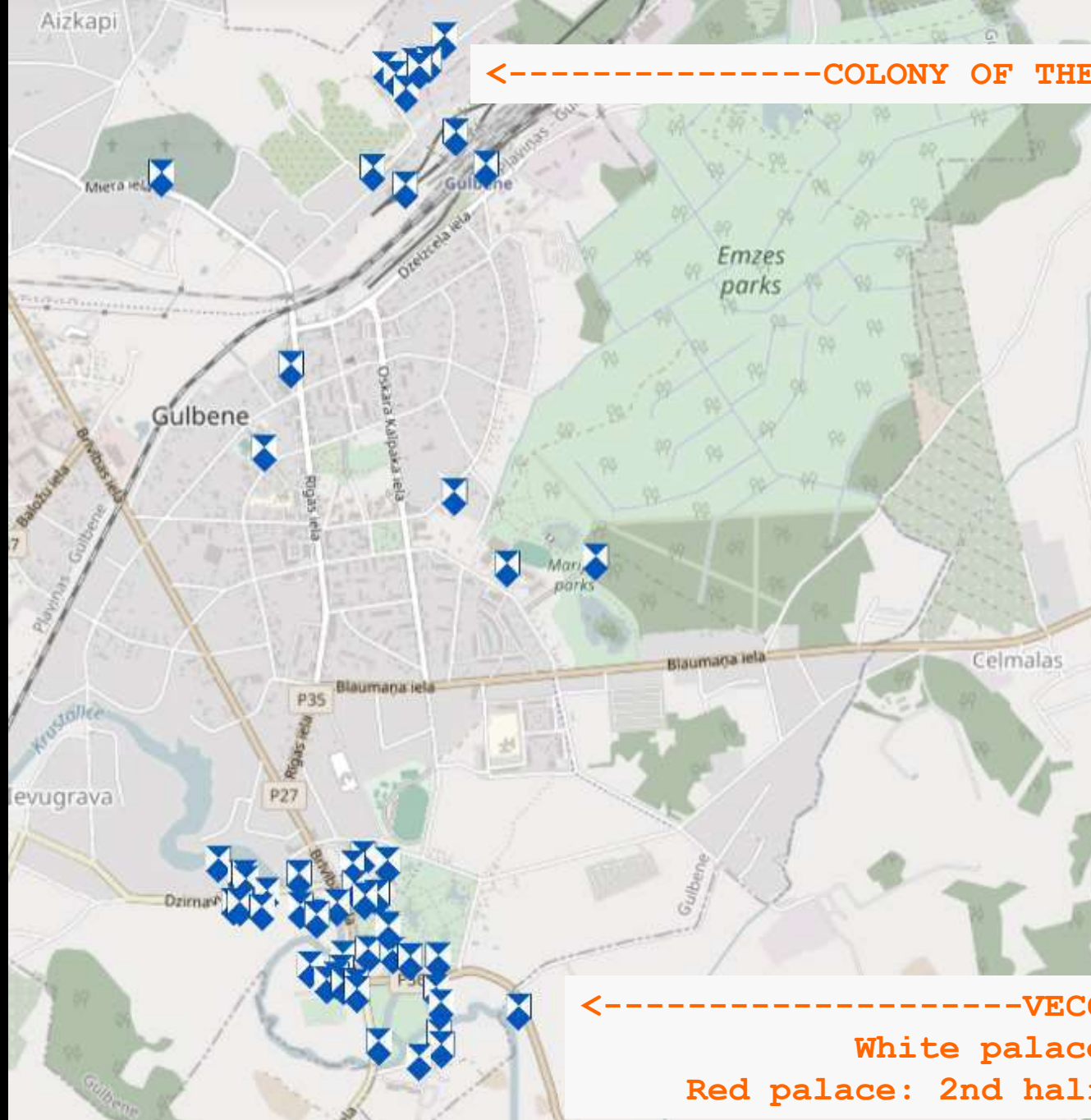
REFILLED CORE

VALMIERA (Vladimir->Waldemar->Wolmar) 1323



REFILLED CORE

VALMIERA (Wolmar)



<-----COLONY OF THE RAILWAY WORKERS

<-----VECGULBENE MANOR
 White palace: 1763->1859
 Red palace: 2nd half of 19th cnt

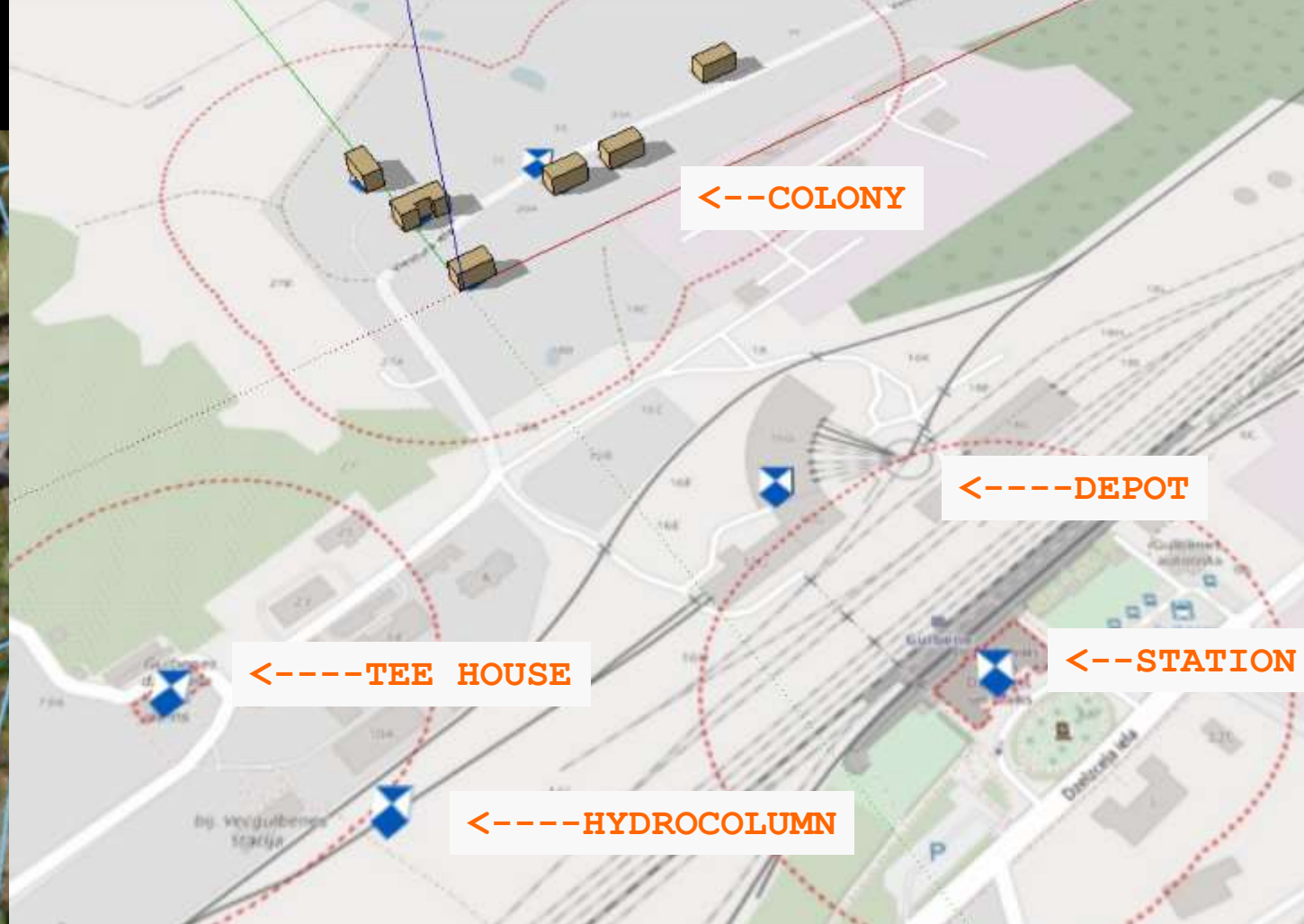
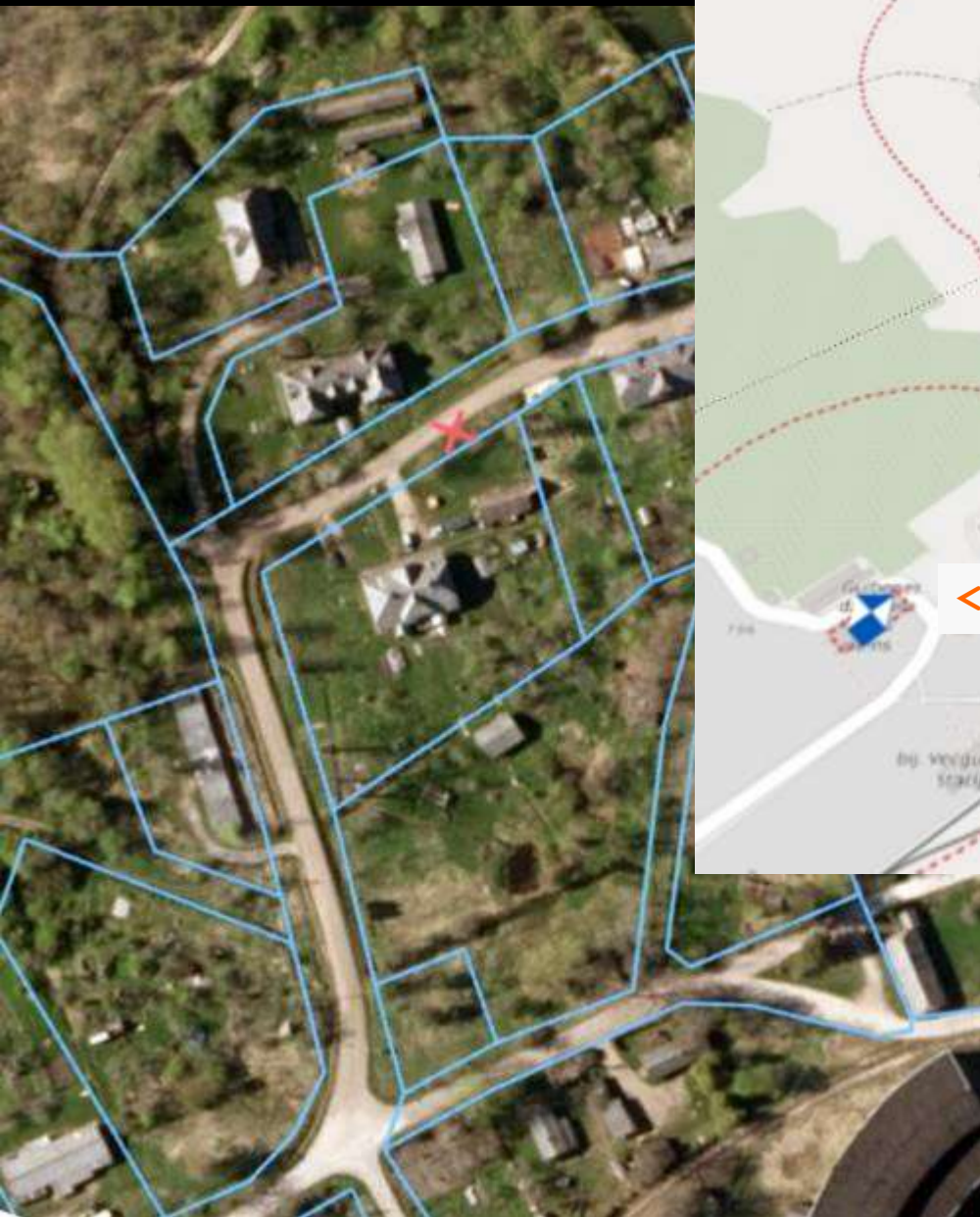


Architect
**PAULS
KUNDZIŅŠ**
(1888–1983)



LINEAR EXPANSION

VECGULBENE (*Alt-Schwanenburg*)



LINEAR EXPANSION

VECGULBENE (*Alt-Schwanenburg*)



LINEAR EXPANSION

RĒZEKNE (Rositten) 1773



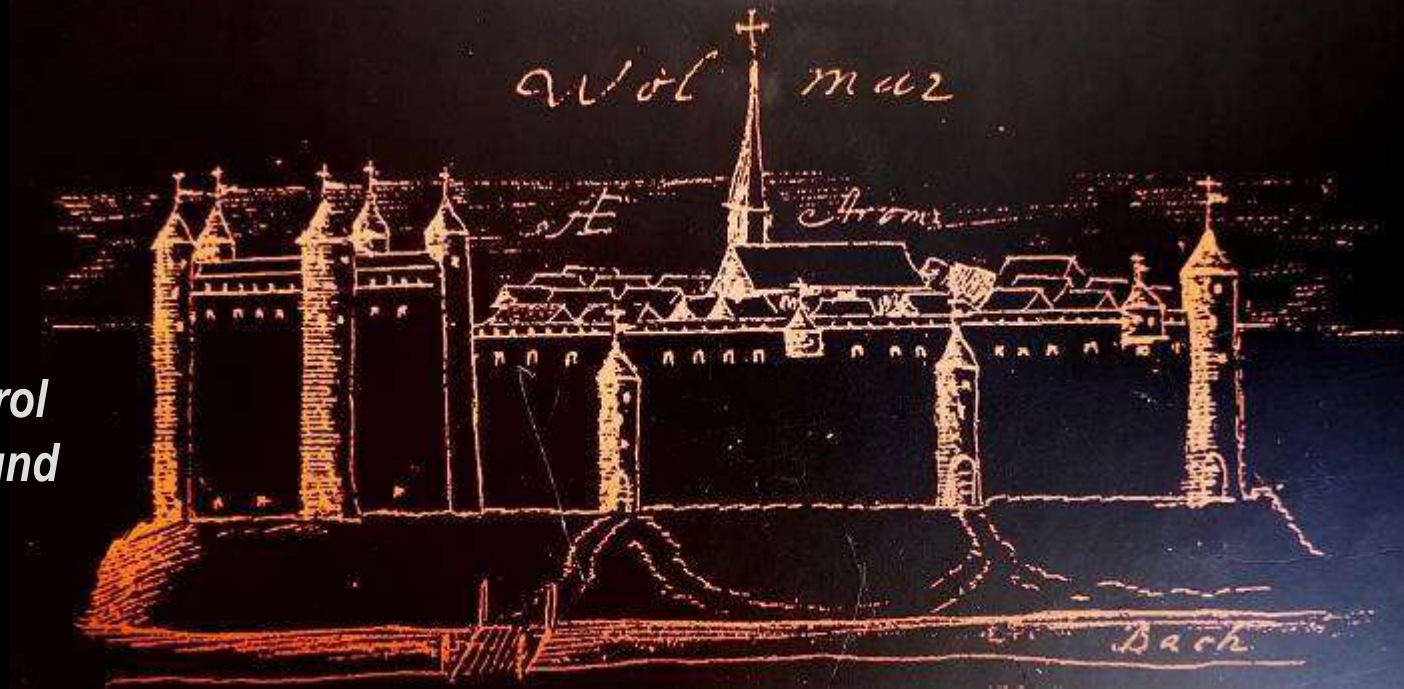


July 4, **1941**. was taken by
the German army

July 27, **1944**. - by the
Soviet army, demolishing most
of the historic buildings

EARLY SETTLEMENTS:

- Safety: fortified walls, gate control
- Circular or enclosed layout, around **magnets** – relief peculiarities, transportation arteries



GRADUAL EXPANSION:

- Linear expansion towards new transportation nodes
- Rectangular or radial pattern

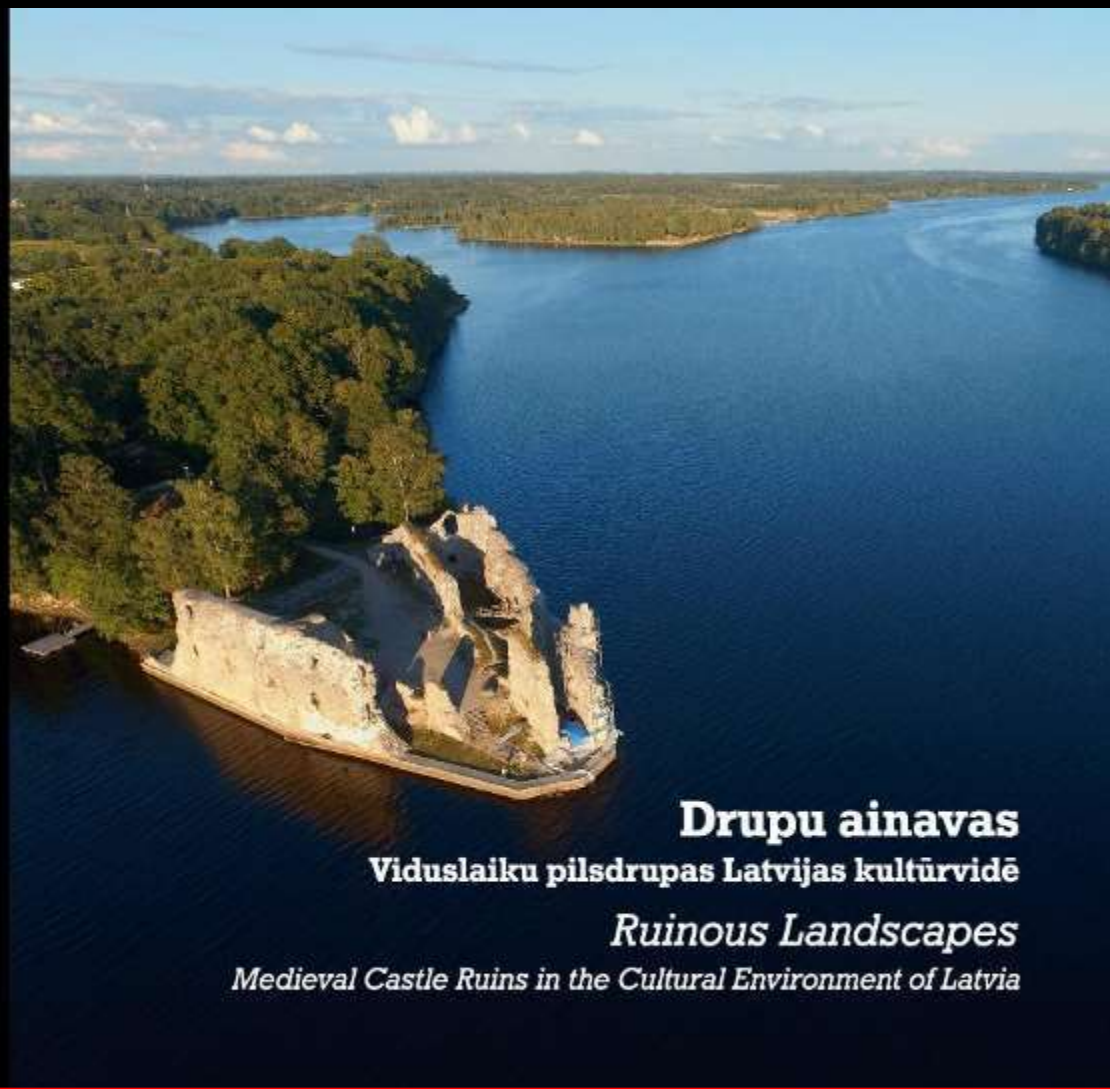
SHIFTED CORE:

- Displacement of the center, forming new surroundings

EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT:

- Filling the core
- Military-administrative center - Church and Castle as a landmark

Time for questions and impressions..



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