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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In May of 1857 a party of thirty-seven persons, comprised mostly of recent German immigrants from Schleswig-Holstein, under the sponsorship of the Davenport, Iowa banking firm of Chubb Brothers and Barrows left Davenport on a speculative enterprise of founding a town in the Platte Valley, in the center of the Territory of Nebraska.

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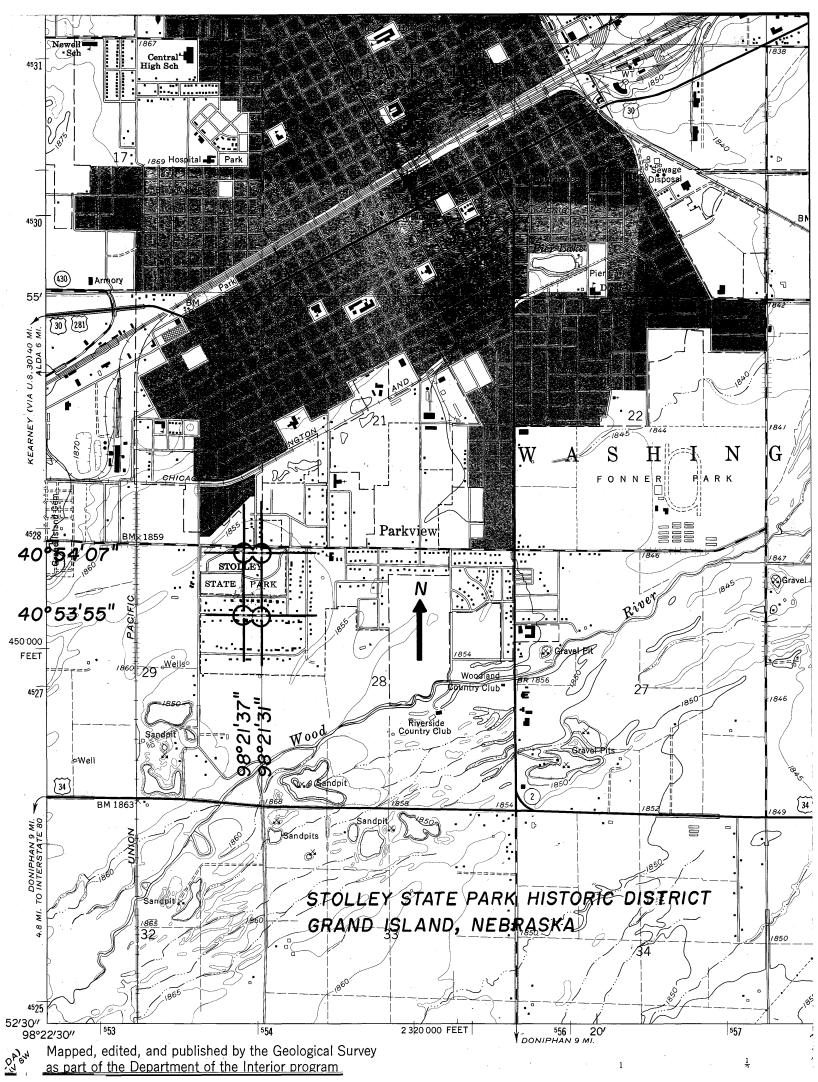
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During the winter of 1857-58, the Chubb Brothers and Barrows Bank failed. Left without financial support, the company abandoned the town and established individual family farms.

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