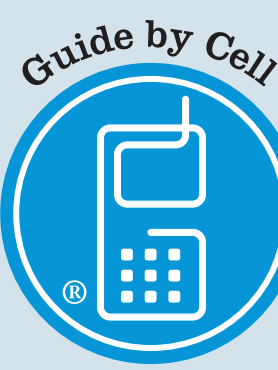


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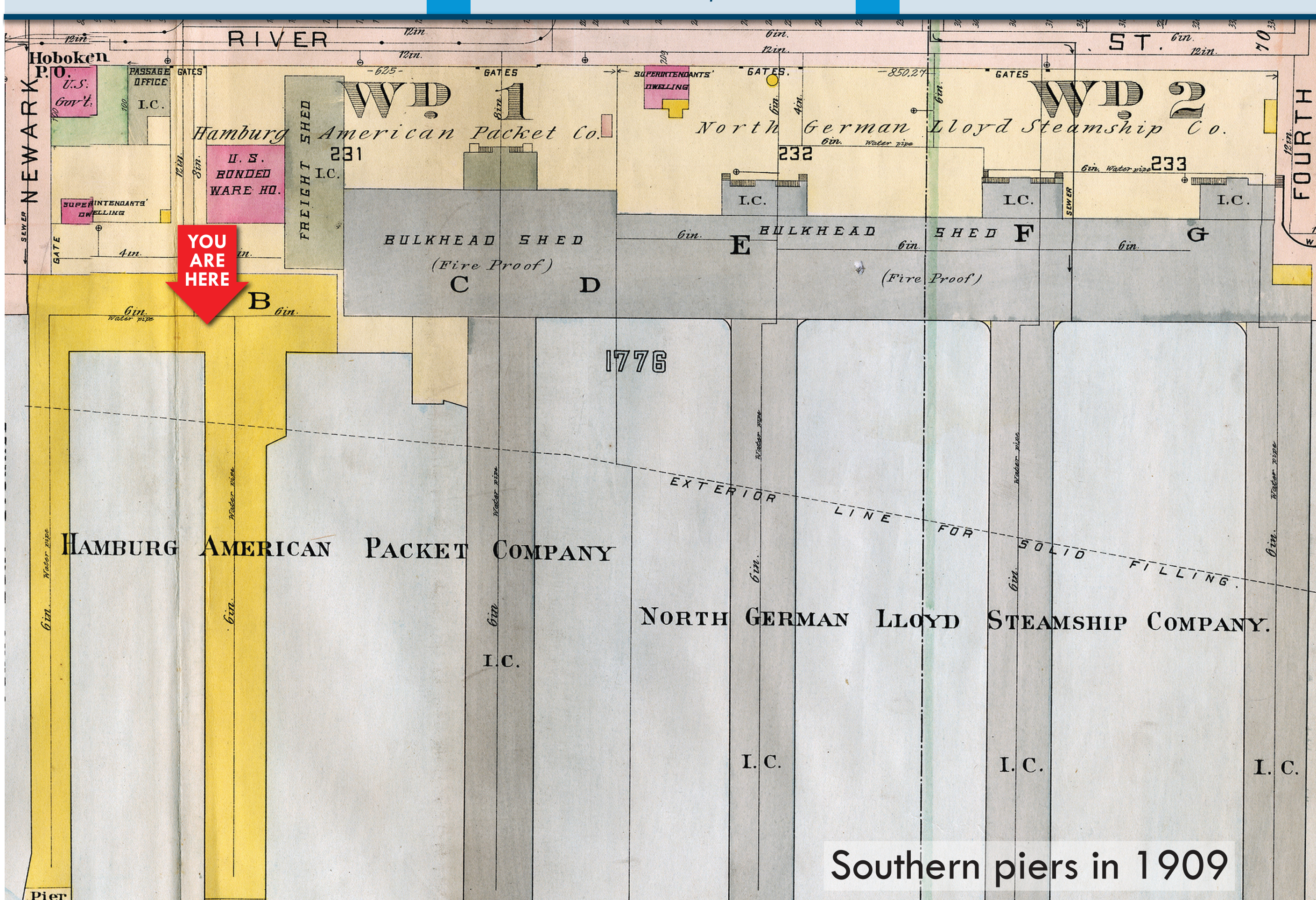
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Southern piers in 1909

Two major German passenger lines made Hoboken their American home port from the 1870s to 1914: Hamburg-American Line and North German Lloyd Steamship Co. Their ocean liners, some of the largest and finest of the era, occupied six piers from Newark St. to Fourth St. and served all classes of passengers, including hundreds of thousands of immigrants.



HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE



919 FEET LONG 50,000 TONS 98 FEET BEAM

When World War I began in 1914, many German ships were interned here. The U.S. entered the war in 1917 and confiscated the vessels and piers. Hoboken became the U.S. Army Port of Embarkation, through which nearly 2 million soldiers passed on their way to and from France. The liners became troop ships for the duration of the war.

Army troops at Port of Embarkation



After the war, the U.S. Government controlled the piers until 1952, when the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey leased them. PANYNJ rebuilt the piers, but their use for passengers & cargo was to end by the 1970s.

The City of Hoboken gained control of the piers in 1988 and, with community input, designed and built a new waterfront walkway with public parks at Piers A and C.



Port Authority piers in 1956.



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