The Map Behind the Wall

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Part 1 — Fill the gaps while you listen

1. By the time the repair crew reached the archive, rain had _____ the lowest shelves.
2. Water ran from a loose joint in the upstairs _____, then seeped through a crack in the brickwork.
3. At first, the clerk assumed the damp had ruined only a stack of _____ forms.
4. Years earlier, a _____ had painted over that same stain whenever winter storms returned.
5. When the crew removed a warped panel, they _____ a tin case wedged behind it.
6. Inside lay a survey map showing a passage sealed during _____ decades before.
7. The crack traced the old passage, which _____ the archive to a forgotten street entrance.
8. Because the map _____ a public right of way, the town could not simply close it.
9. The clerk had been preparing to discard those forms, which _____ the passage's closure.
10. After the pipe was _____, she filed the map among records that could reopen the dispute.

Part 2 — Write every sentence you hear

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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10.

Answer key

Part 1 — the missing words

1. darkened 2. drainpipe 3. obsolete 4. caretaker 5. uncovered 6. renovations 7. connected 8. recorded 9. documented 10. repaired

Part 2 — the full transcript

1. By the time the repair crew reached the archive, rain had darkened the lowest shelves.
2. Water ran from a loose joint in the upstairs drainpipe, then seeped through a crack in the brickwork.
3. At first, the clerk assumed the damp had ruined only a stack of obsolete forms.
4. Years earlier, a caretaker had painted over that same stain whenever winter storms returned.
5. When the crew removed a warped panel, they uncovered a tin case wedged behind it.
6. Inside lay a survey map showing a passage sealed during renovations decades before.
7. The crack traced the old passage, which connected the archive to a forgotten street entrance.
8. Because the map recorded a public right of way, the town could not simply close it.
9. The clerk had been preparing to discard those forms, which documented the passage's closure.
10. After the pipe was repaired, she filed the map among records that could reopen the dispute.

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