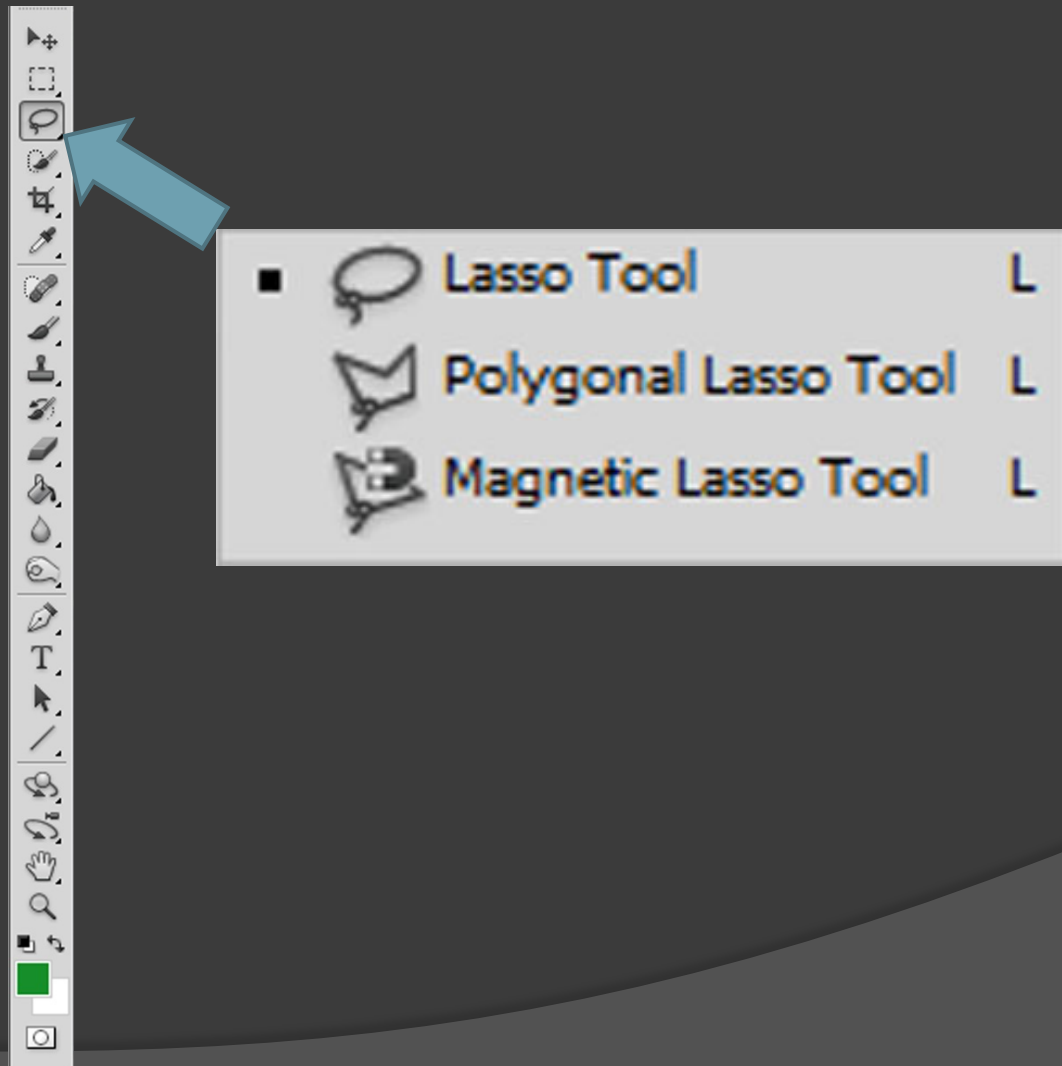


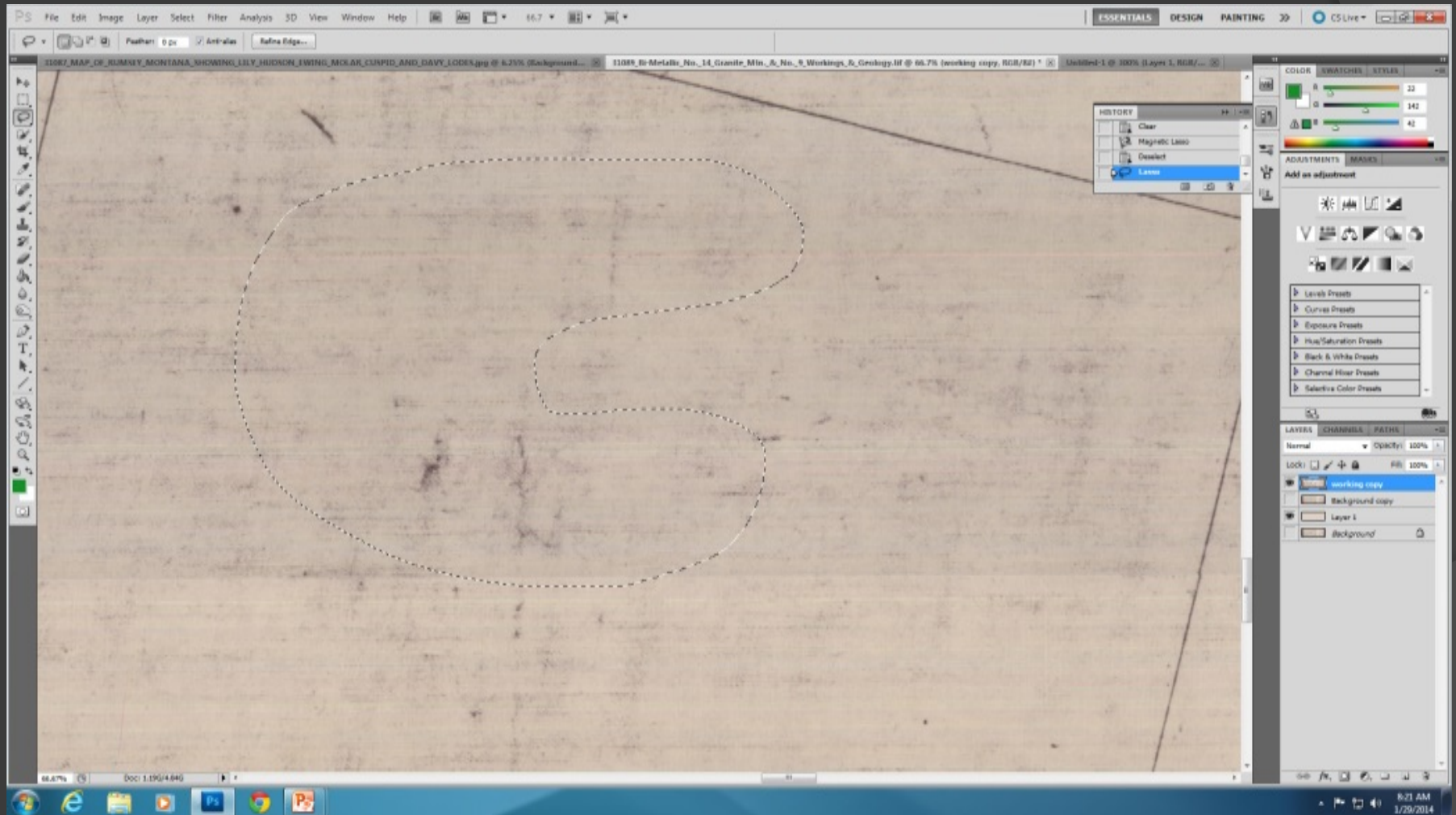
# USING THE LASSO TOOL

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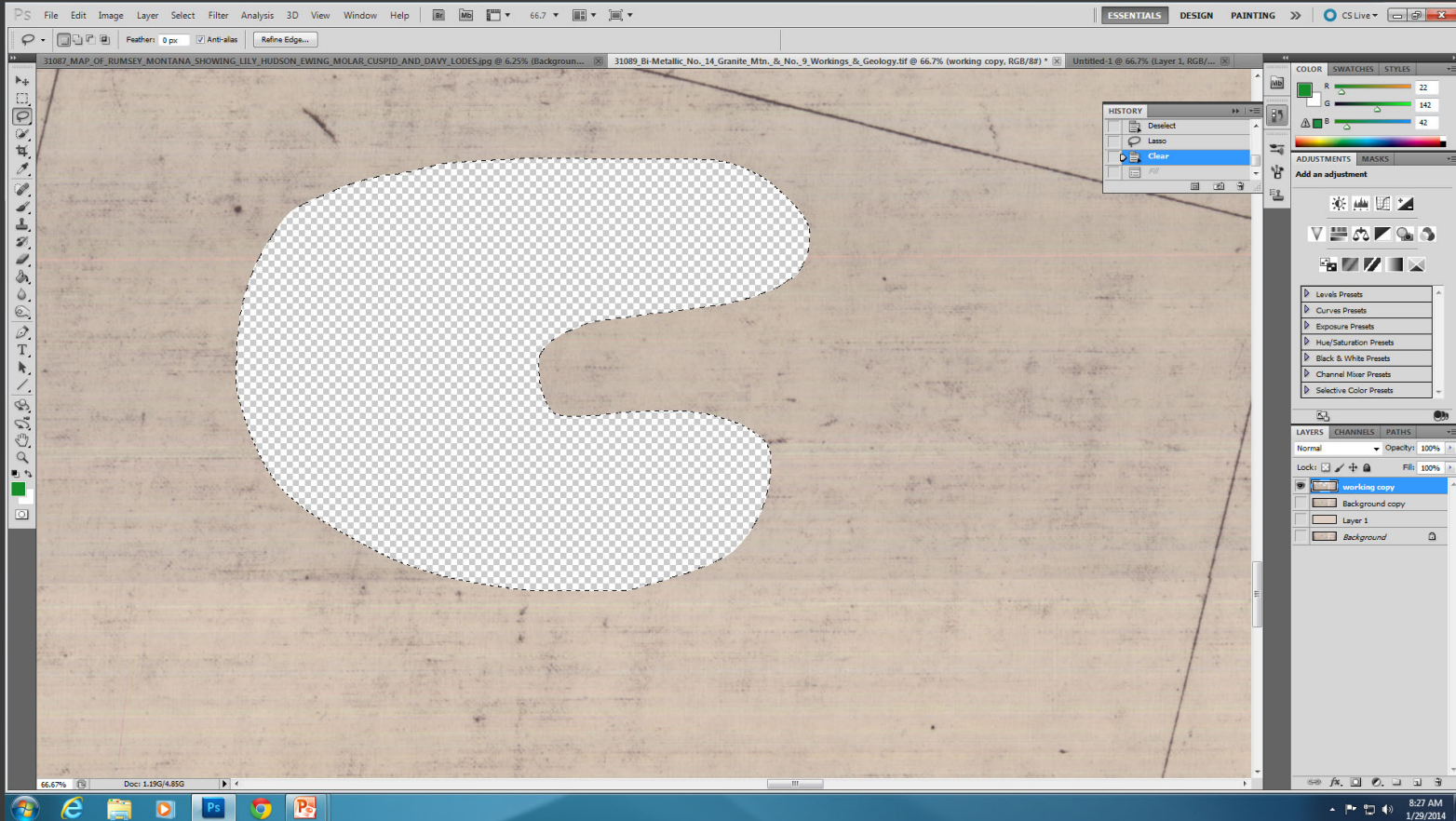
The **Lasso Tool** (hot key **L** on the keyboard) is the third icon down from the top on the left side tool bar. To access the sub menu for the Lasso Tool, hover over the Lasso Tool icon and right click the mouse.



The Lasso Tool can be used to “free-hand” draw around an item. Place the Lasso Tool Icon anywhere on your scan, depress and hold down the left mouse button and move the mouse wherever you want. You must connect your endpoint to your starting point for the area to be selected.

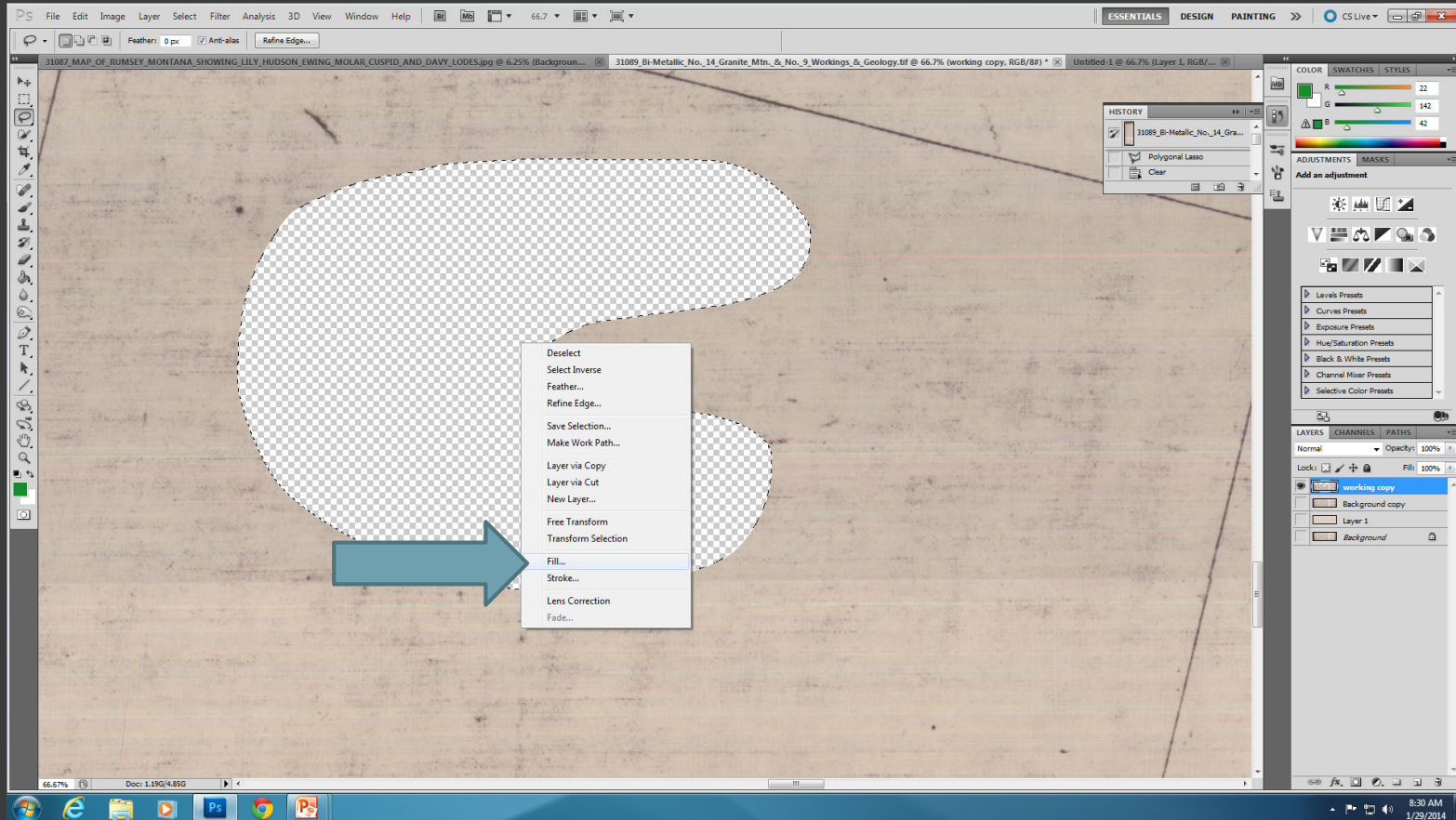


You can Delete the area selected by pressing the **Delete** key on the keyboard.

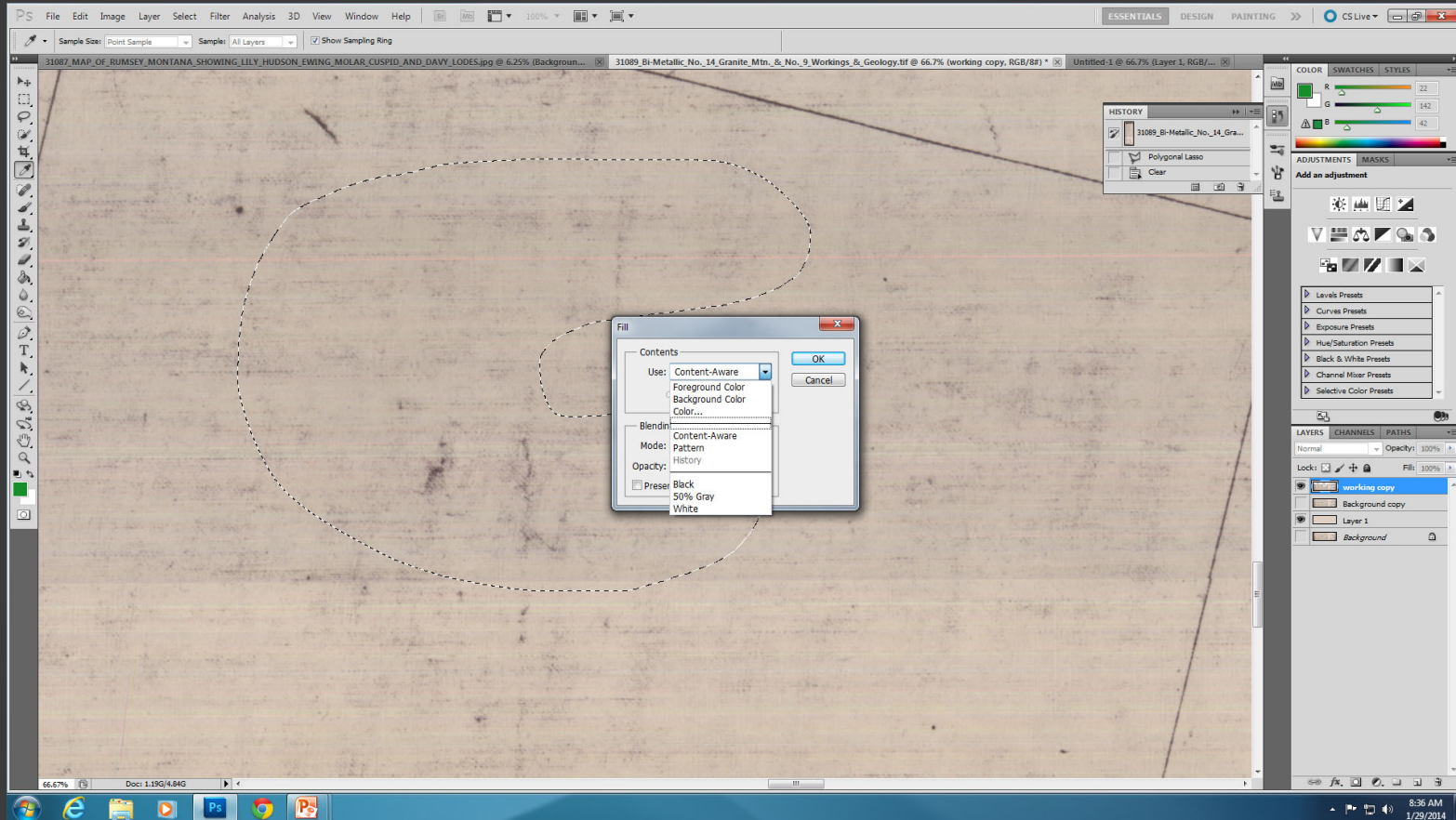




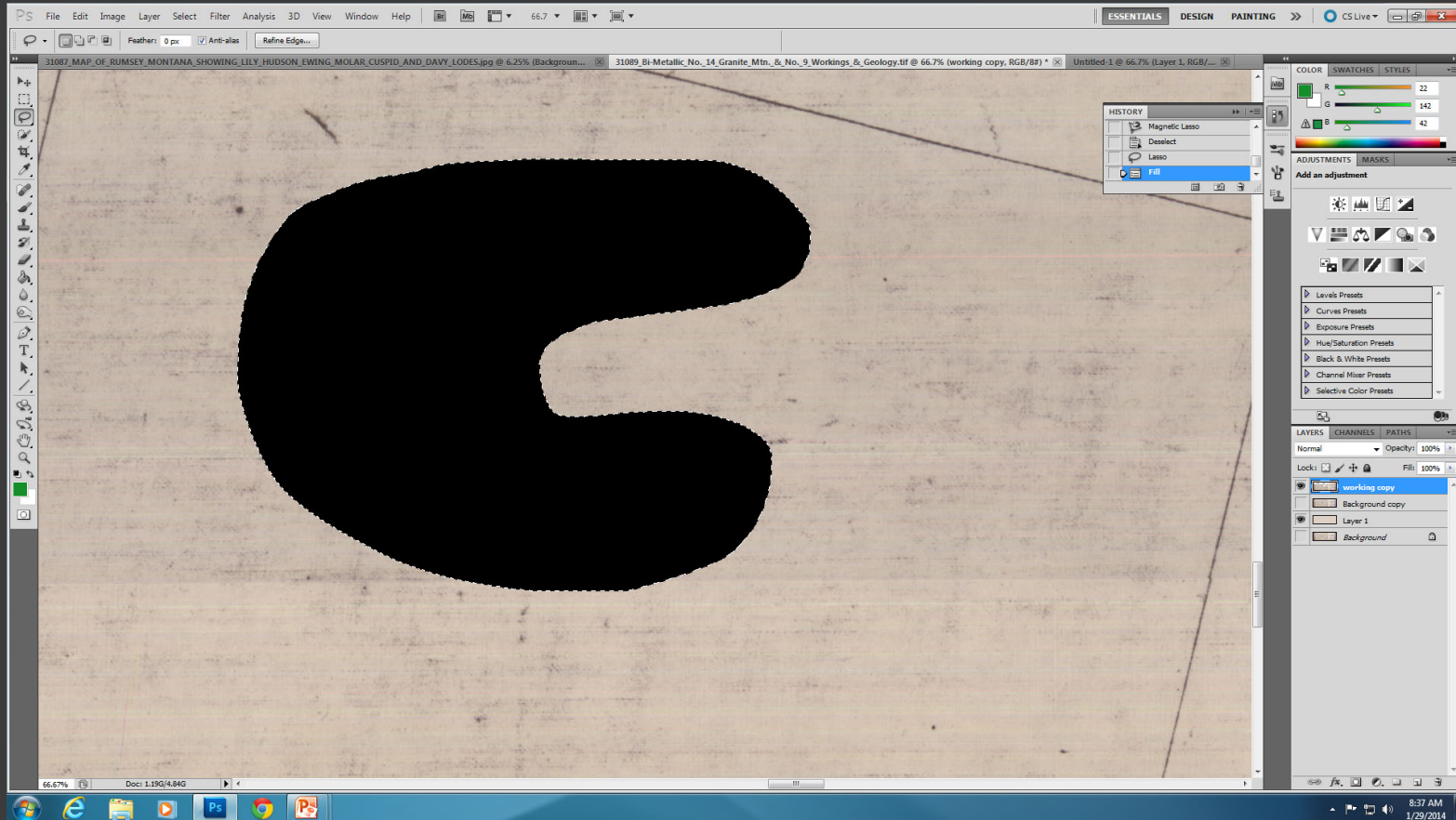
You can also **Fill** the area by moving your mouse pointer inside the selected area and clicking on the right mouse button. Keep in mind that you can also create layers, use the transform selections, and lens correction from here also.



Once **Fill** is selected, you can make any selection you prefer. Content Aware is really helpful when you have to correct a blemish or tear in a document.

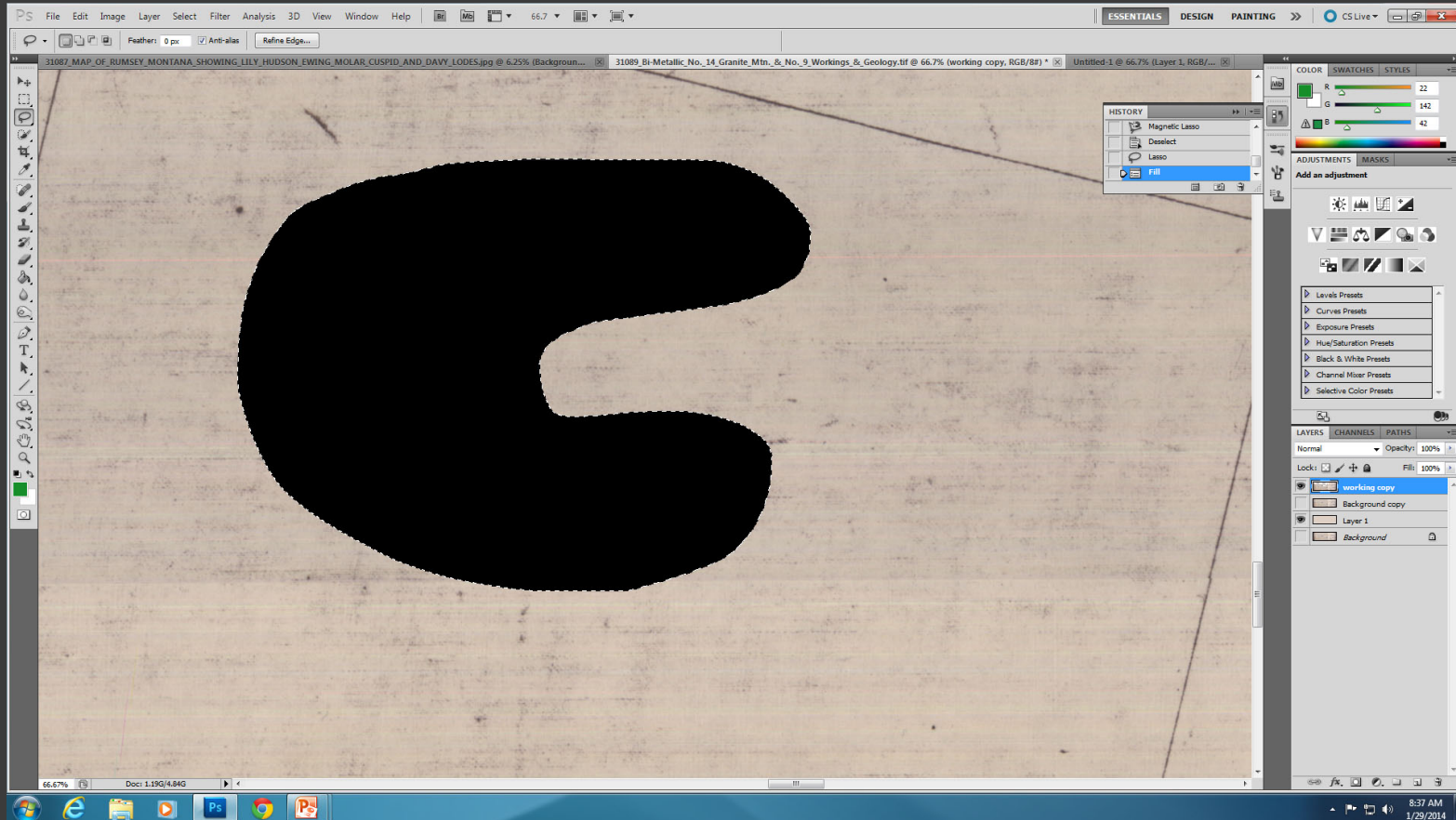


For the purpose of this demonstration, black is used to fill the area. Once you are finished, you can **Deselect** the highlighted area by holding down the **Ctrl** key on the keyboard and depressing **D**. You can also access Deselect by clicking on **Select** at the top left side of the template.




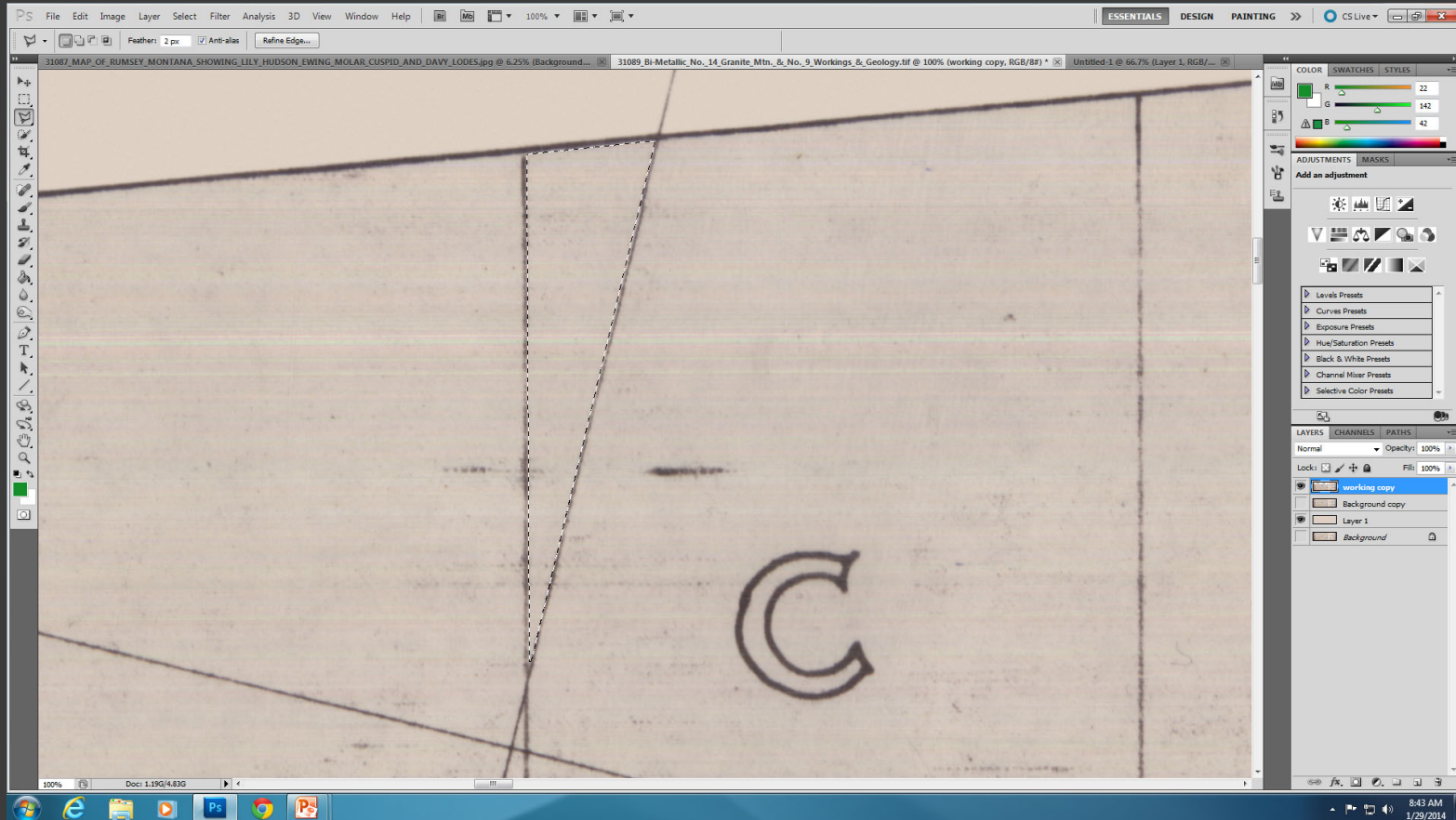


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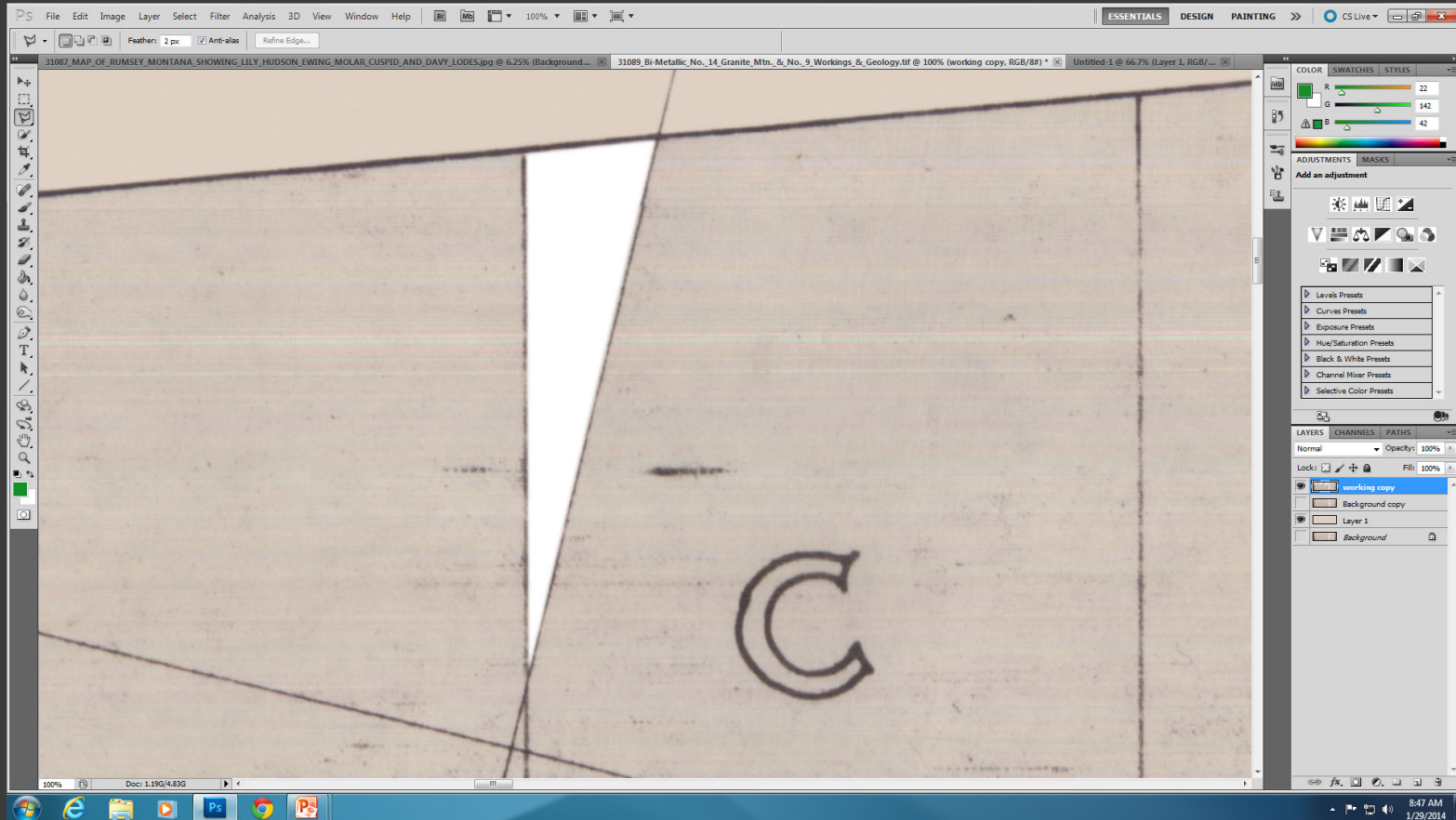




The **Polygonal Lasso Tool**  will create straight lines only. Remember that your endpoint must connect to your starting point for the selection area to be highlighted.



For this demonstration, white was used to fill.

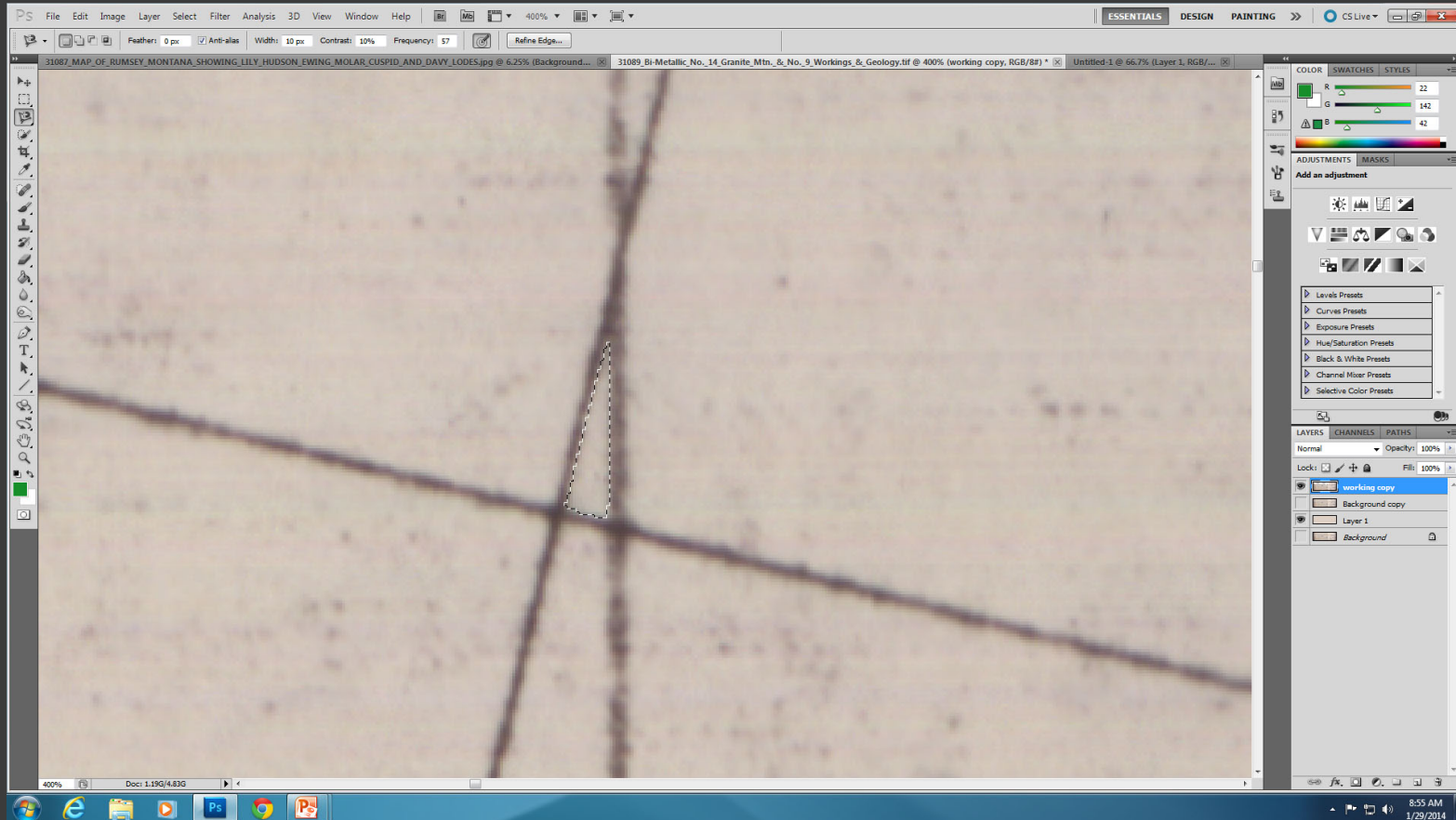


The last tool in the Lasso tool selection is the **Magnetic Lasso Tool**.



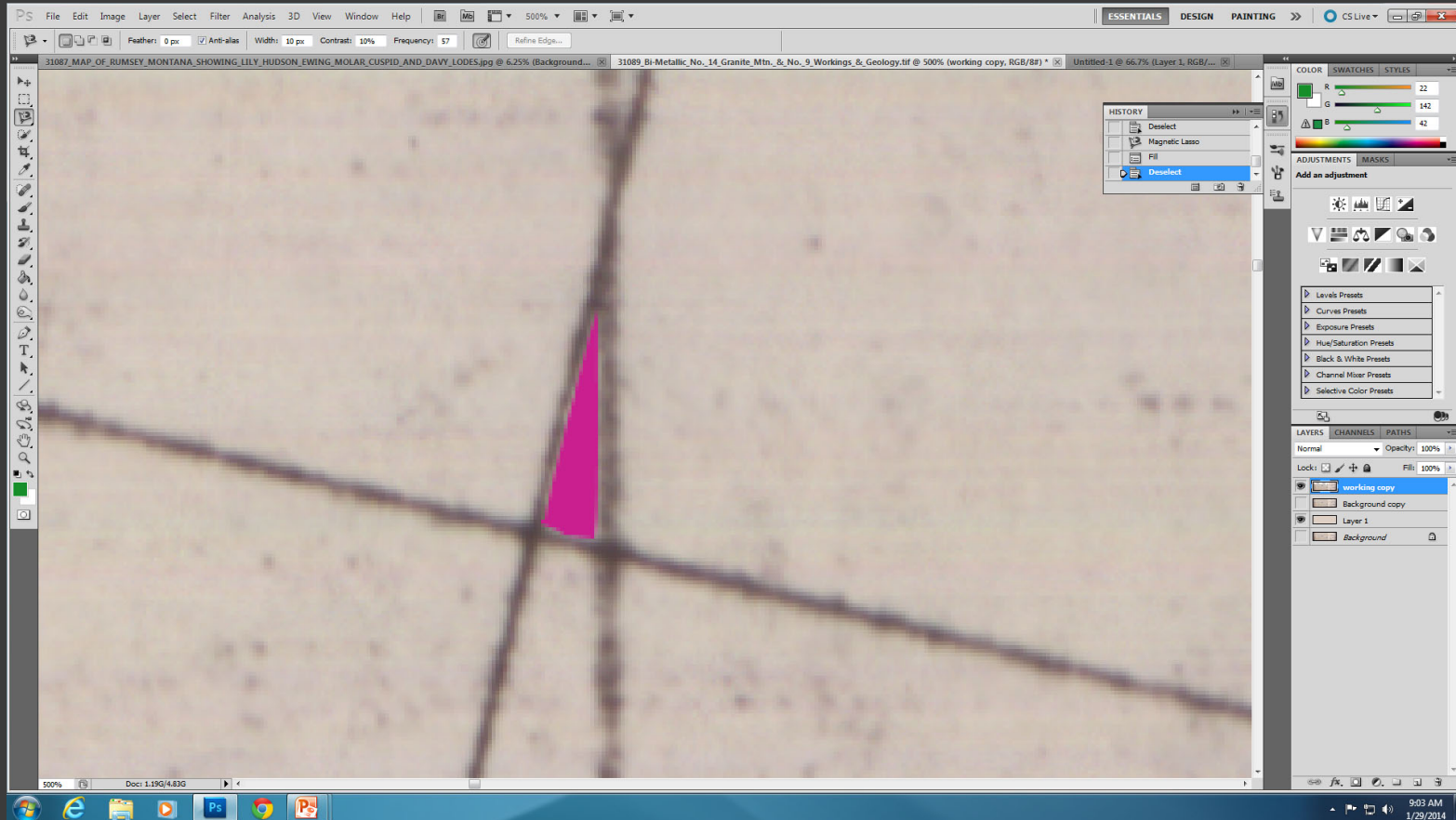
To use this, simply click and release your left mouse button to create a start point. Follow the edge of the area you are trying to select. The line you are creating will “magnetically” stick to the transition area.

**This tool does not work very well unless you have a light background with dark lines.**



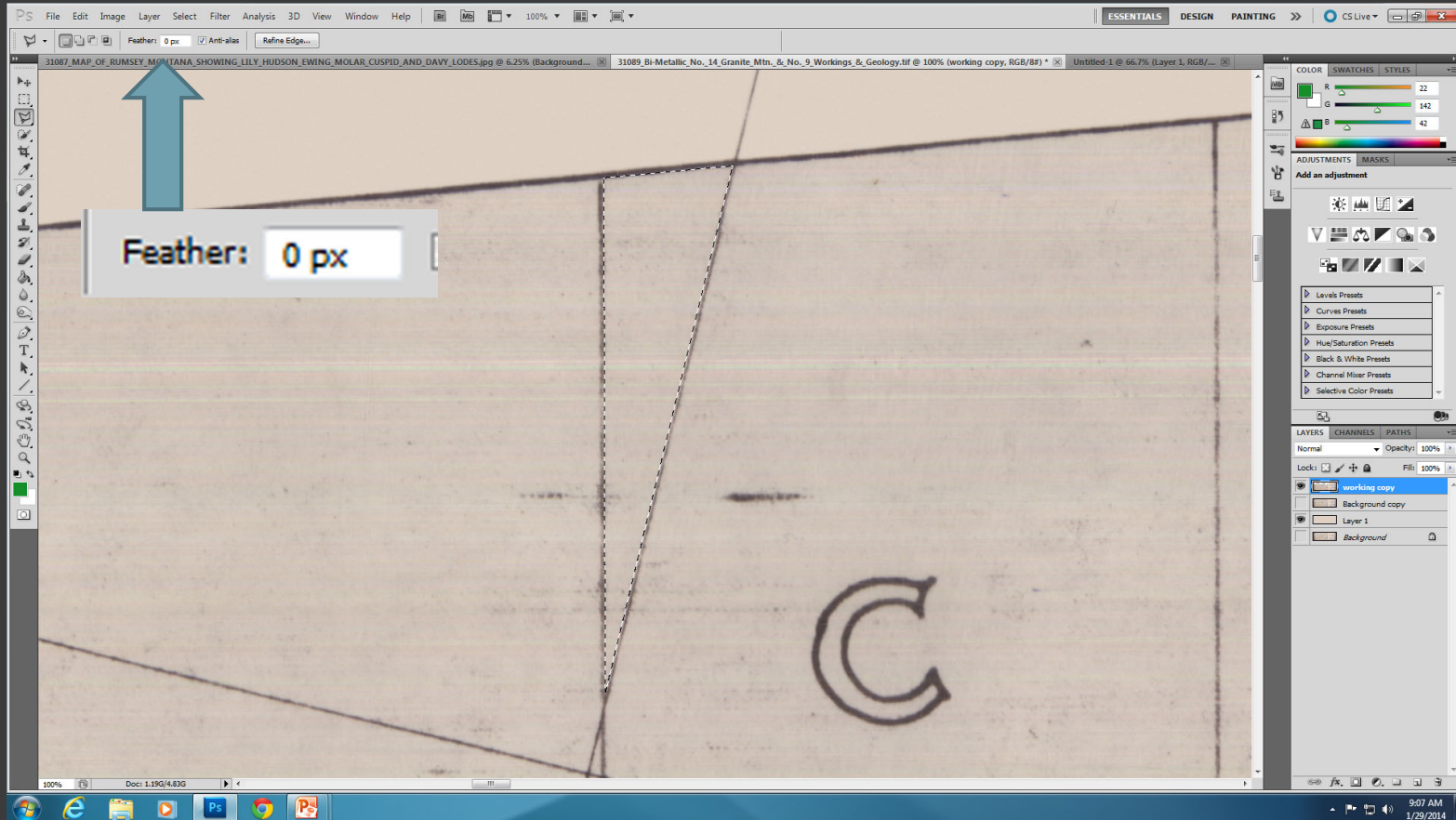


As you can see, the **Magnetic Lasso Tool** does not make a very clean line.

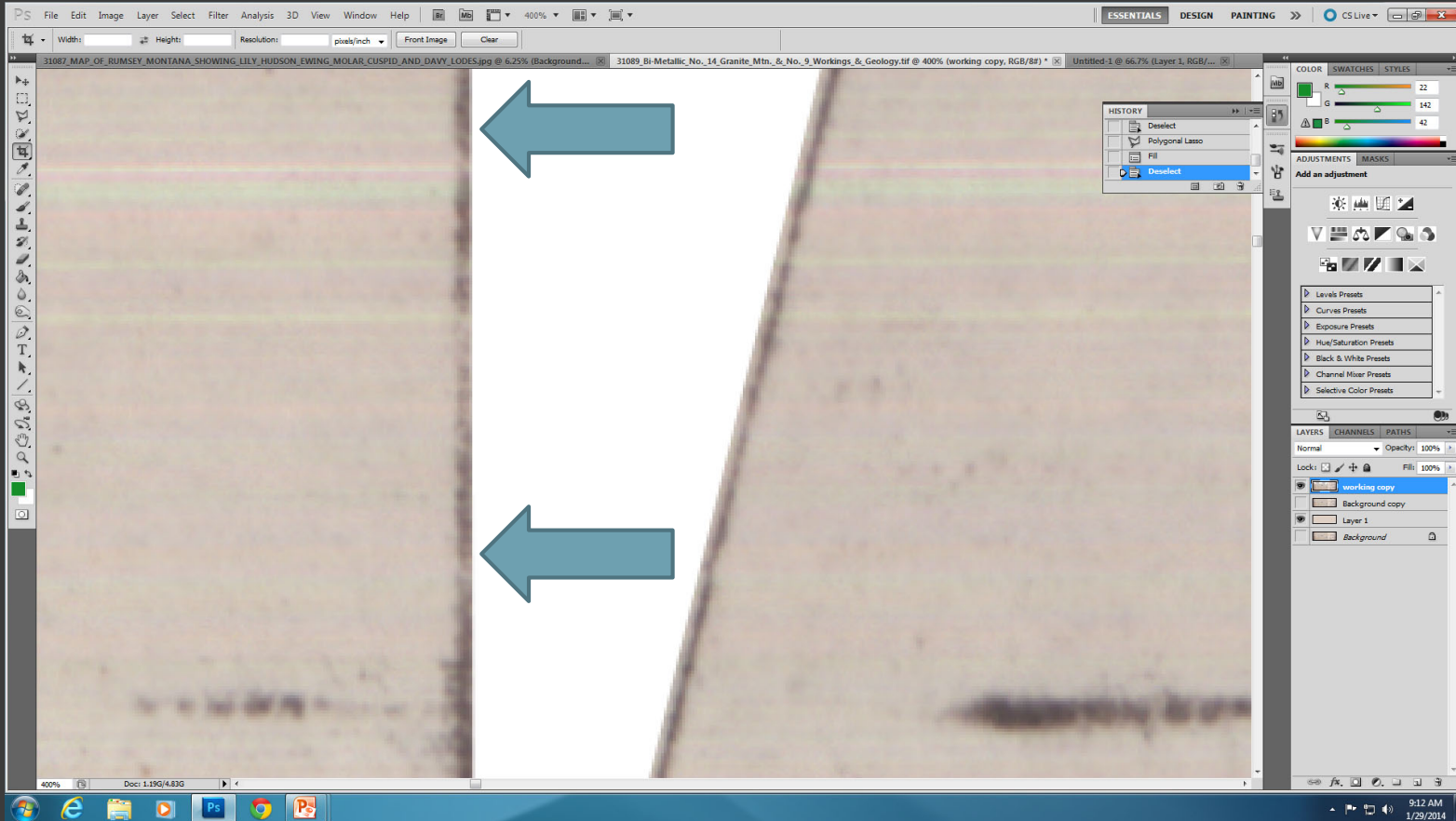




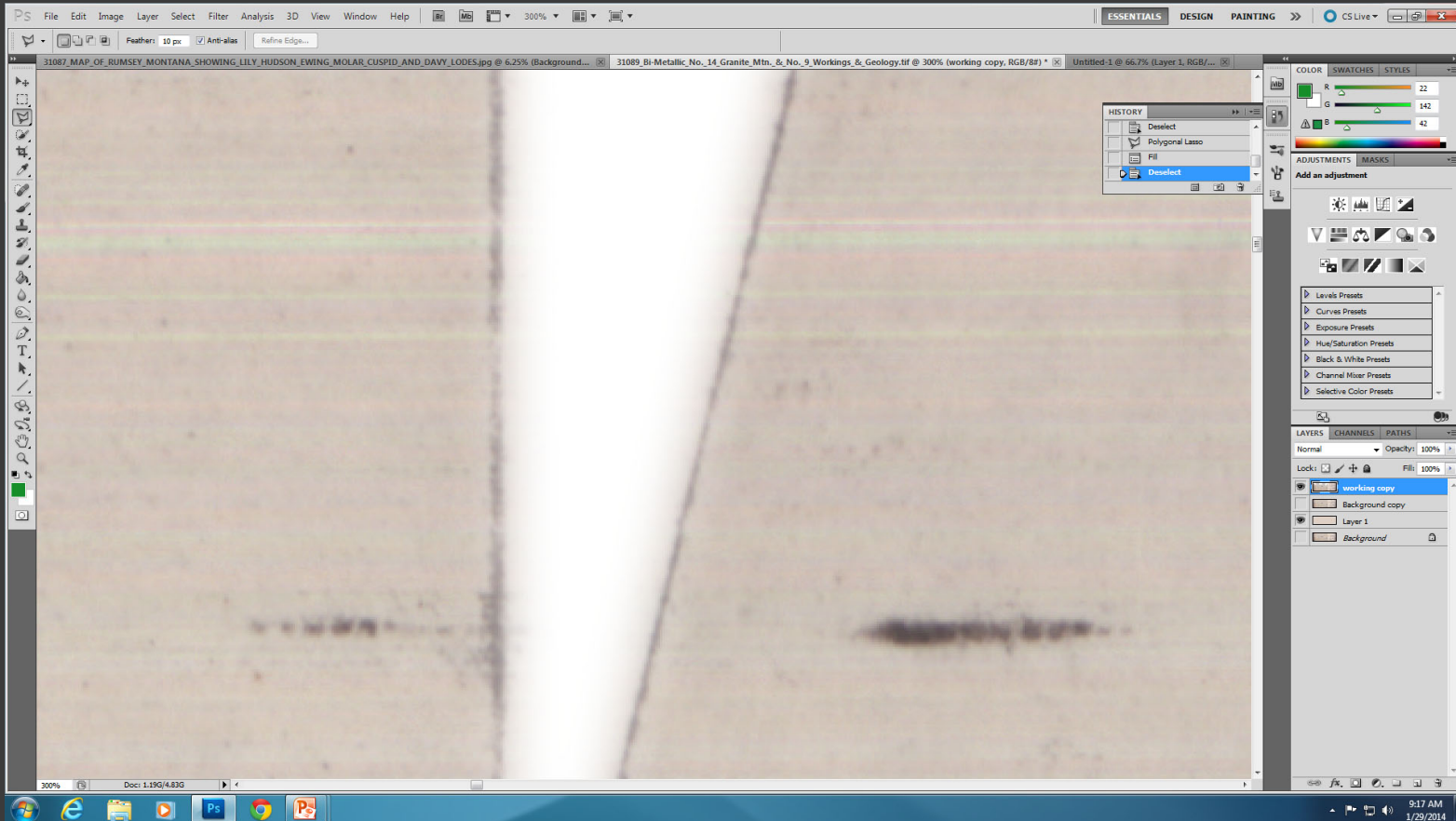
You can also **Feather** your selected edges once you have an area selected. The Feather option is located on the upper left side of the template. From this selection you can change the amount of “feather” on the edge of your line in pixels.



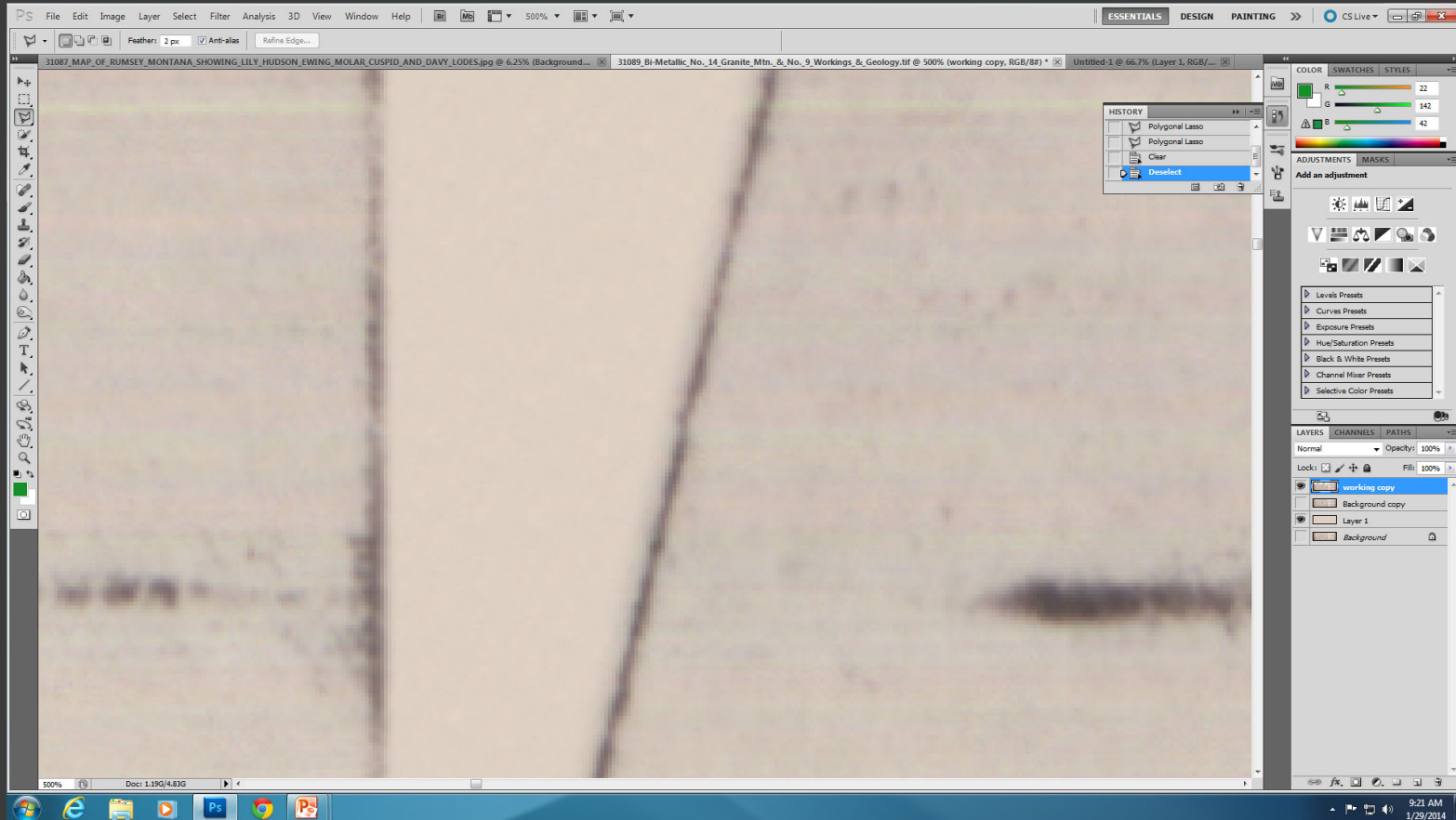
This is using a selection of 0 px (pixels) in the **Feather** option.  
Notice the “hardness” of the line.



This is using a selection of 10 px (pixels) in the Feather option.  
Notice that the edges begin to blend.



When using the **Lasso Tool** on maps, a **Feather of 2 px** (pixels) is generally perfect for blending the new background into the lines.





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