1685 - James Barton acquires 1/3 interest in Harrison’s walk including tar-house & warehouse.
1697 - Wealthy ropemakers: William Tilly advertises for the return of a well dressed runaway slave.

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Advertisement.

R       An away the 13th of this Instant June, from his Master, William Tilly of Boston, Rope maker, a Carolina Indian Man servant, named Tom, about Two and Twenty Years of Age. He speaks good English, a well-set Fellow: He hath on a new black Hat, a new light coloured cloth Coat with pewter Buttons, Lin’d with yellow, canvas Breeches buttoned at the Knees with pewter Buttons, Yarn Stockings Tarred, Leather Heelt Shoes.

Whoever shall take up said Runaway, and him convey to his aforesaid Master, William Tilly, Rope-maker, near the Sign of the Bull in Boston, shall have Satisfaction to Content.

Boston, June 14th. 1697.

This advertisement for a runaway slave indicates the wealth of his owner, the ropemaker William Tilly. “Tom” escaped in clothing that many free persons in Boston would envy.

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