1700 - Barton sets up ropewalk on land rented from the Leverett family in the West End. This becomes known as "Barton’s Point"; At about the same time, Stephen Minot lays out ropewalk at Ridgeway lane and Ropewalks set out in Allen’s Pasture

Detail: John Bonner The Town of Boston in New England, 1722-3, West End/New Fields

Bonner’s map shows James Barton’s ropewalk at Barton’s Point – just to the west of the Museum. One ropewalk is located in Allen’s pasture and another running up Beacon Hill appears to be marked with a headhouse at the summit of the walk. Although it looks like this is Belknap (Joy) Street, ropewalks there had not been formed in 1722. This is the Ridgeway Lane establishment of Stephen Minot, later owned by Samuel Waldo.