1705 - Ropewalks begin between Atkinson & Hutchinson [Pearl] Streets – Theodore Atkinson, Edward Gray, and William Tilly/Tilley,

1707 - William Tilly permitted to build 3 workhouses and a “shedd of 100 fathoms long and 11 foot wide”

1709 - Queen Anne’s War confirms Boston’s predominant position as a port.

1712 - Edward Gray permitted to build a range of wood sheds 400 feet long

Bonner has clearly marked “3 ropewalks” between Long Lane and Olivers Street. An unnamed lane runs next to them – soon to be Atkinson Street. John Harrison’s ropewalk on Belchers Lane [Purchase Street after 1736] has disappeared by 1722. At the time this map was drawn, he owners of the ropewalks were Theodore Atkinson, for whom the street was later named, William Tilly and Edward Gray.