1819 – 3 successive fires at Boston Common ropewalks, the United States suffers a severe economic depression – “The Panic of 1819”

Charlestown had a rope industry from its settlement. By 1818 this map shows the ropewalk owned at that time by the MacNeill family – émigrés from the Charles - on the waterfront, as well as a walk perpendicular to the Navy Yard owned at one time by Nathaniel Gorham, Esquire (1738-1796), of Charlestown, who was president of the Continental Congress in 1786 and a signer of the Constitution from Massachusetts. This was conveyed to Benjamin Adams in 1818; the walk on the Mystic River was that of Joseph Andrews.