1950 – Production of cordage at Charlestown Navy Yard is reduced to a minimum
1975 – The Navy Yard Ropewalks closes

The Charlestown Navy Yard Ropewalk viewed from the far end looking back toward the two story section which contained the yarn preparation and spinning loft and the head house almost a quarter of a mile distant. The city is still searching for an appropriate use for the building, while reserving 30,000 square feet for an exhibition space. Although much of the machinery still remains in the building, the building and its contents listed as poor because of damage caused by the 2002 fire.