

Question of the Day

- What does the history of Boston's development tell us about the issues facing the city today?

The growth of Boston was shaped by four distinct themes:

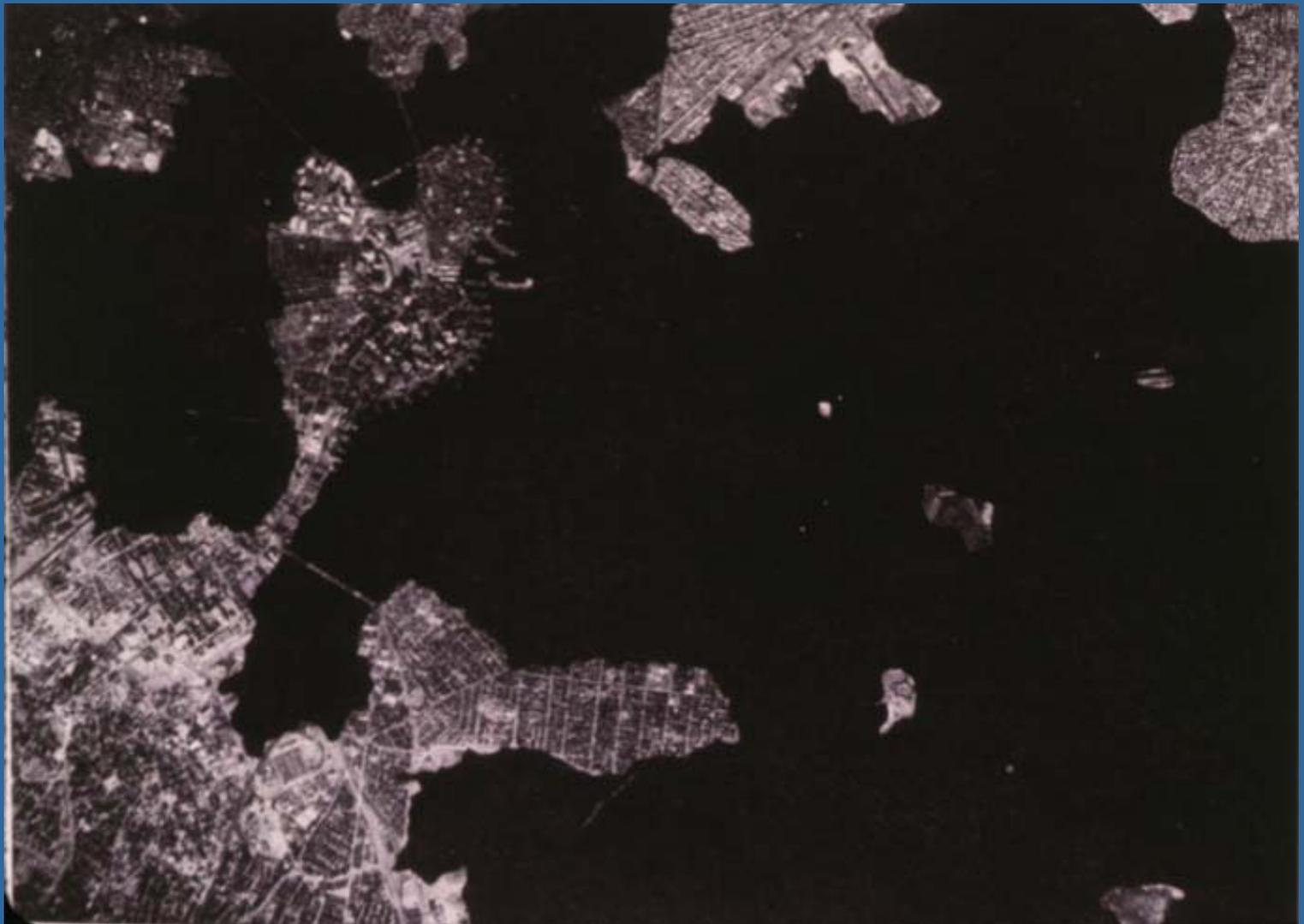
- Early exploitation of the advantages of controlling direction of development
- Integration of open space in city
- City relationship to the water
- Transportation needs and problems

City Upon a Hill
or
City Upon a Landfill

1640



1795



1830



1885



1920



1985



Forces that shaped city aren't unique:

- Natural Environment
- Rail Transportation
- Roads/Autos
- Shipping
- Retail Trade
- Wholesale Trade
- Service Trades
- Manufacturing
- U.D. Movements
- Immigration/Social Structure
- Institutions
- Tourism
- Federal Investment
- Community development programs
- Public Open Space
- Land Subdivision

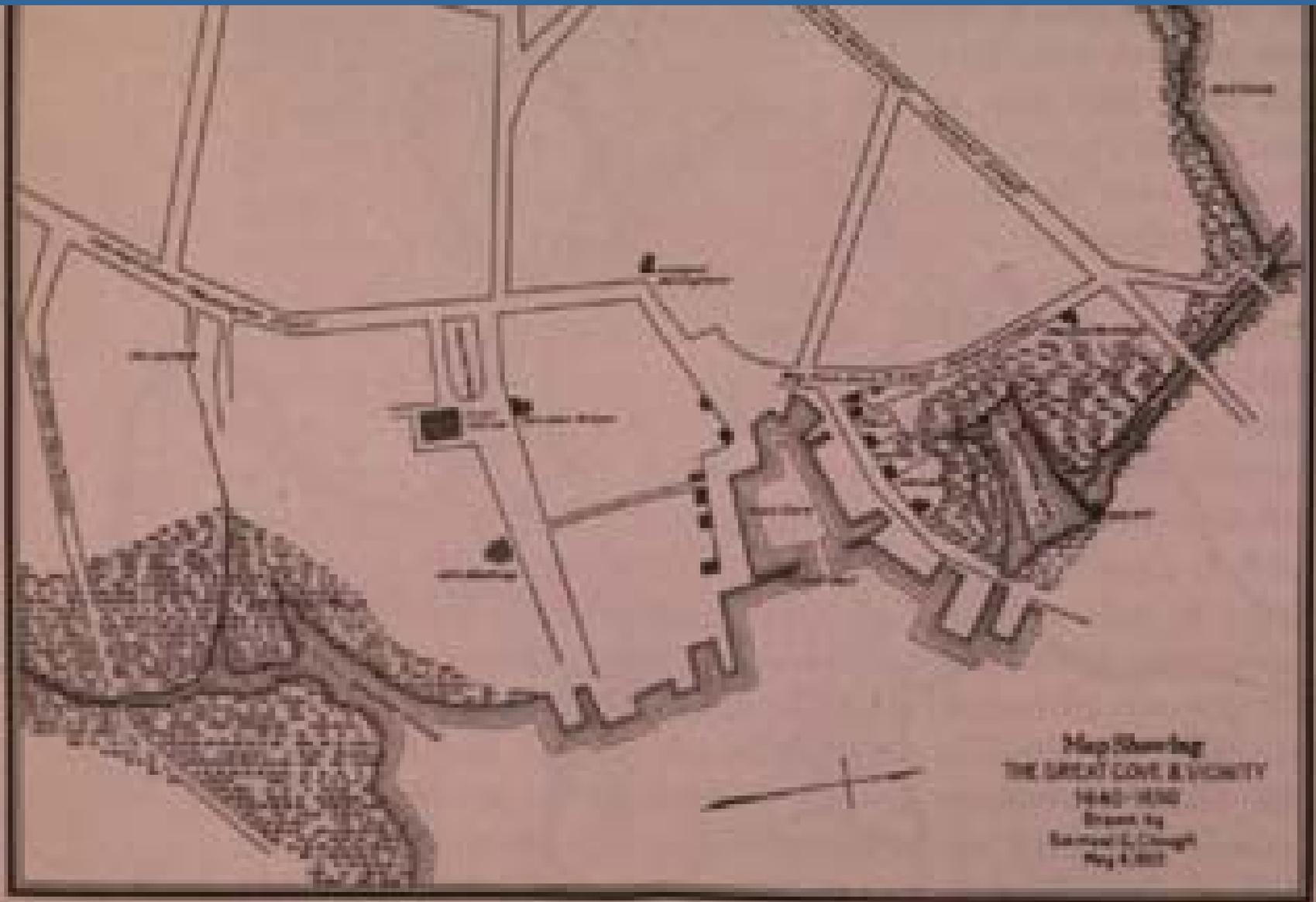


Fig. 6. The center of Boston in the 1640's

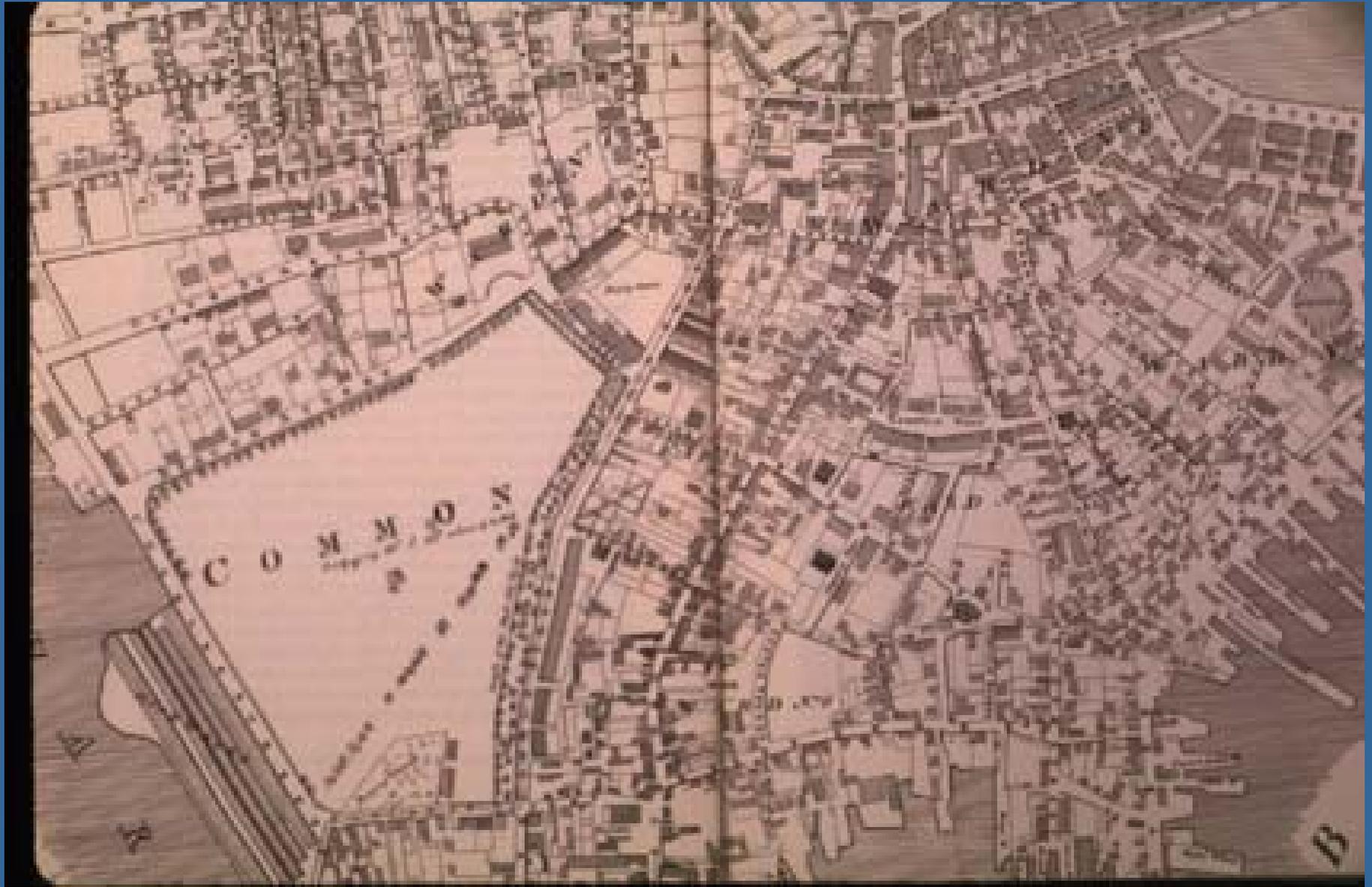
The TOWN of
BOSTON

IN
New England
by
John Bowmer
1722



Fig. 16. The Bowmer map of 1722





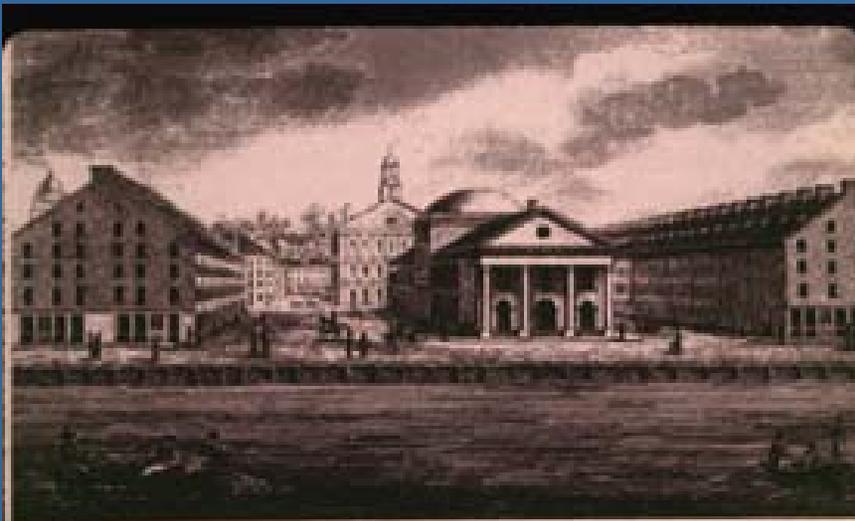


Fig. 50. Quincy Market between South and North Market Streets

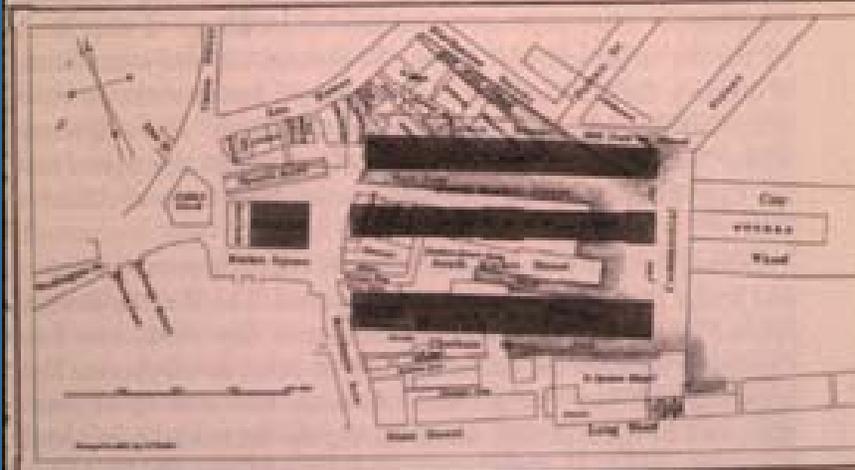


Fig. 51. Plan of the Quincy Market development superimposed on the old waterfront



Figure 3-13. Atlantic Avenue Bridging over Great Cove, 1840.



Figure 5-14. Boston Harbor, 1854.

During the early 1800s, Boston became a prosperous port of over forty wharves and twelve major shipyards. The



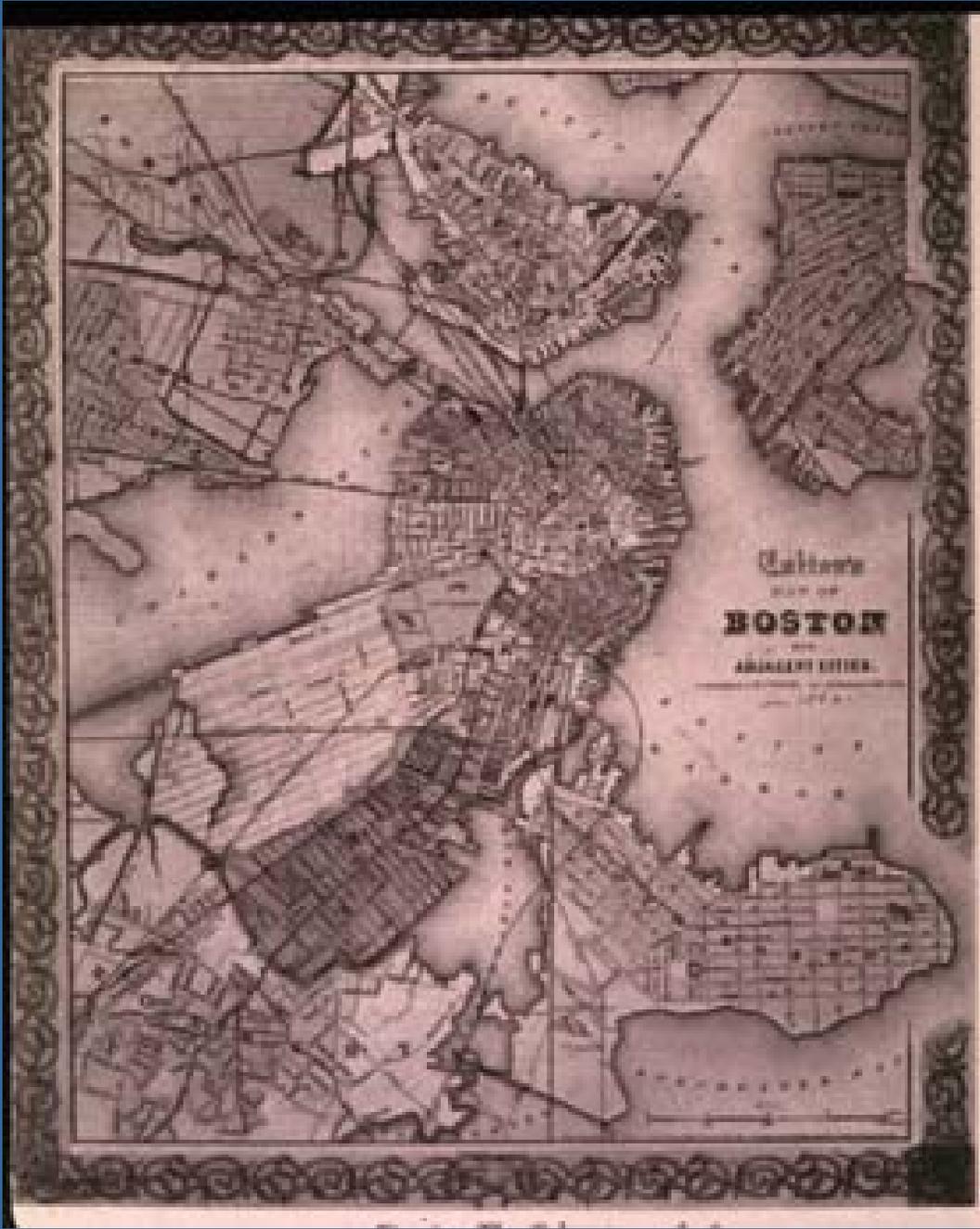




Fig. 51. The Back Bay in 1836



Fig. 53. Trains crossing the Back Bay in 1844



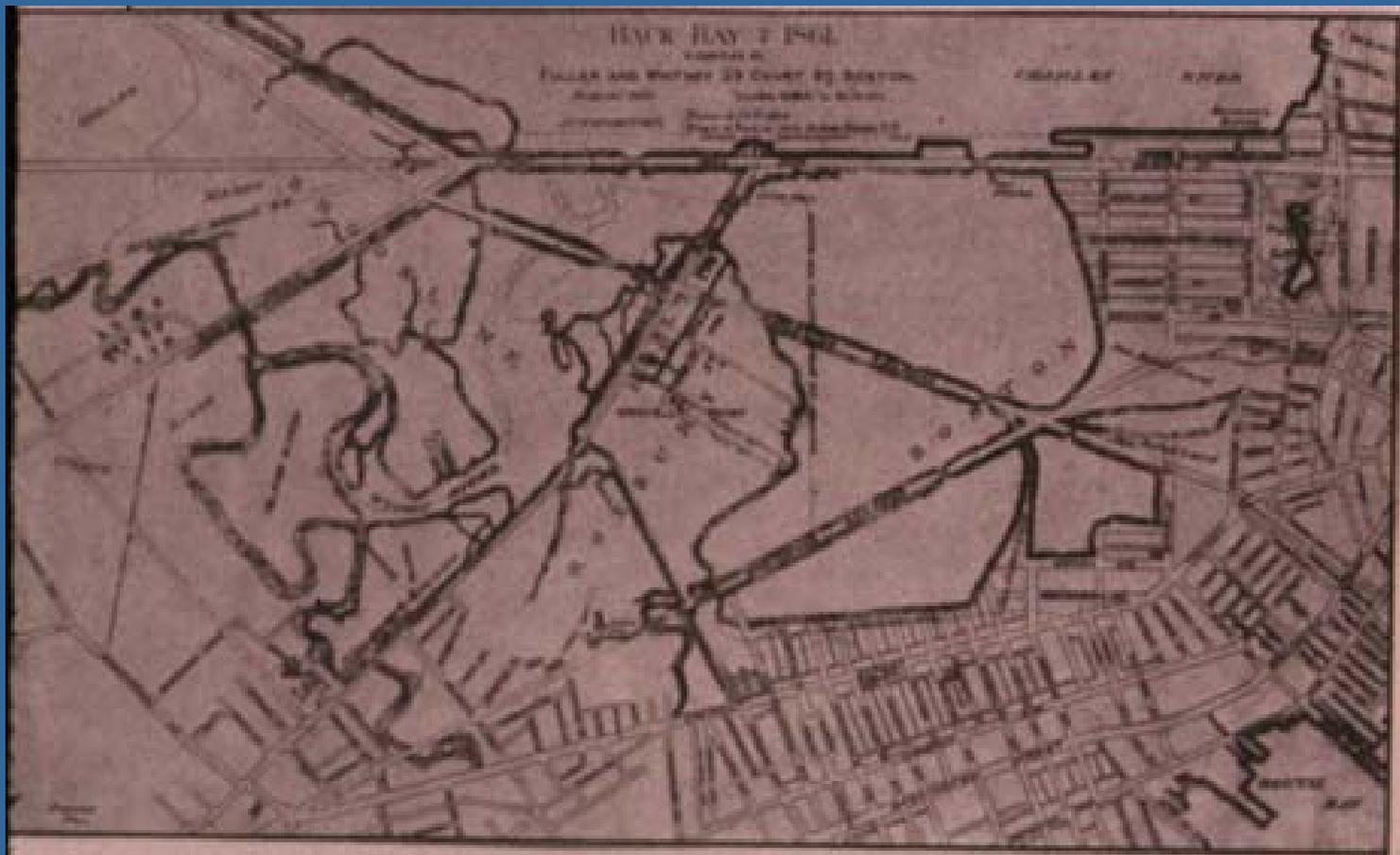


Fig. 88. The Back Bay in 1861

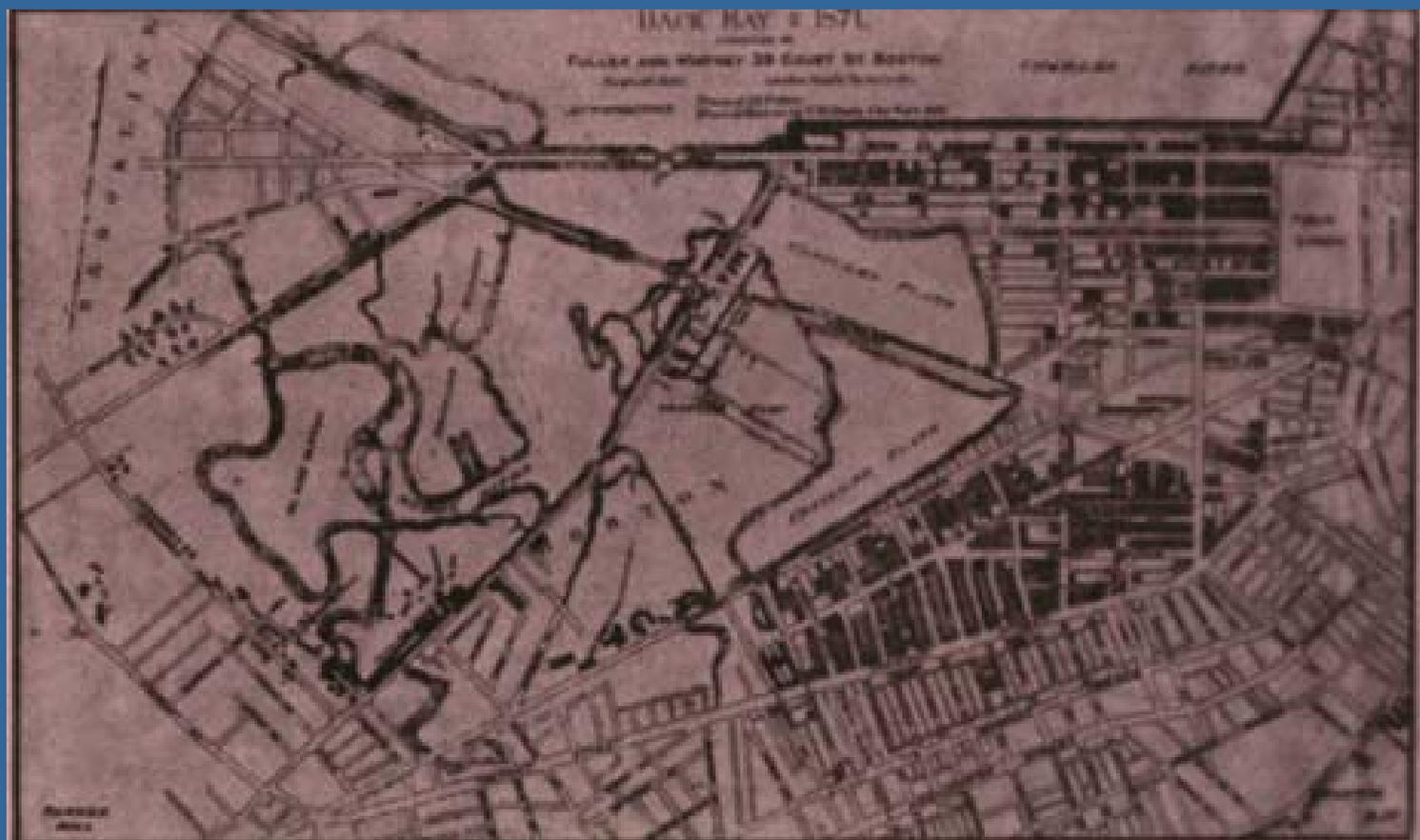


Fig. 89. The Back Bay in 1871



Fig. 95. Commonwealth Avenue in process

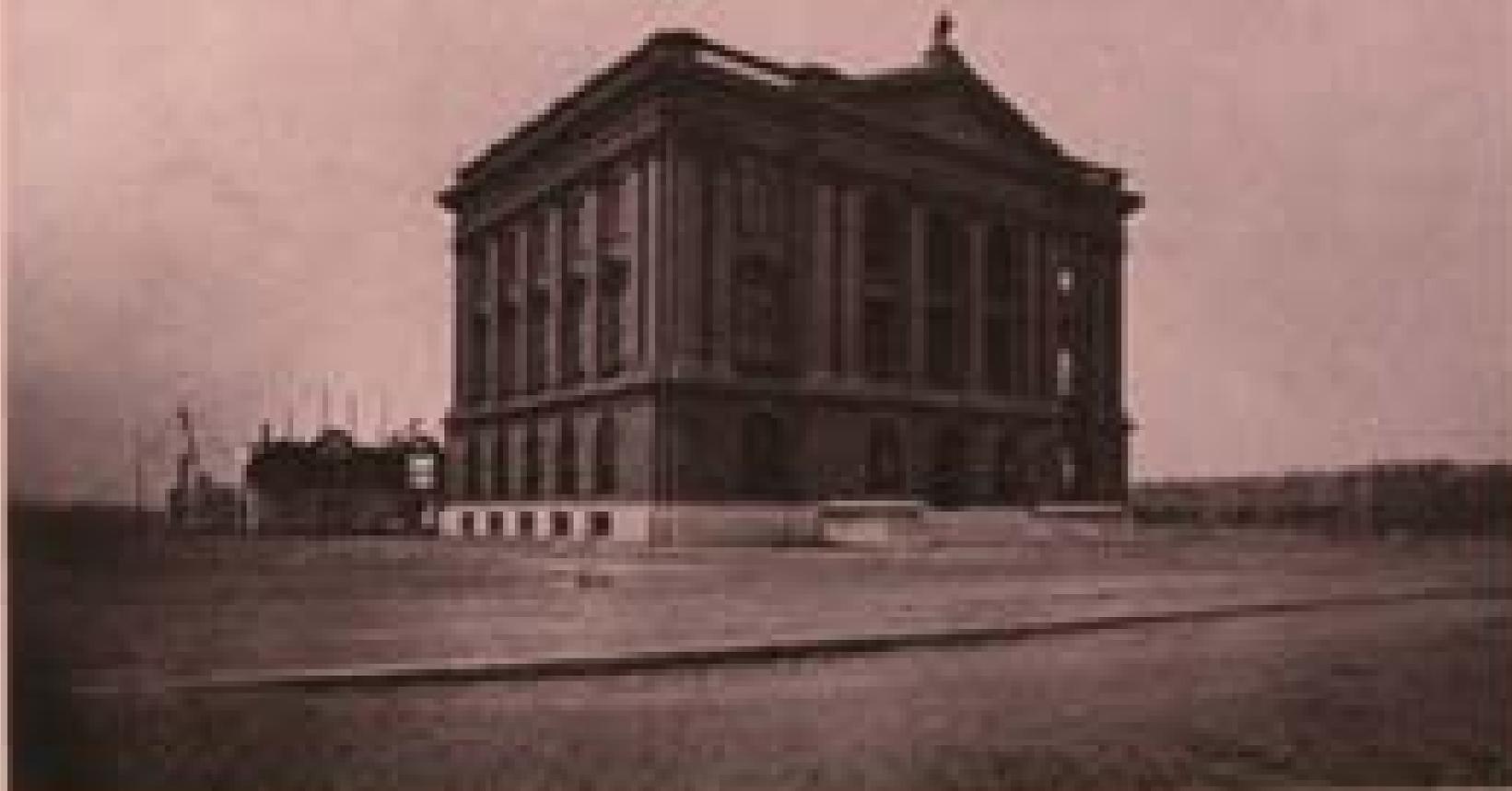


Fig. 98. The Museum of Natural History in 1864



Fig. 101. Copley Square in the 1880's



Fig. 96. Commonwealth Avenue completed

COMMONWEALTH AVE., BOSTON, MASS.



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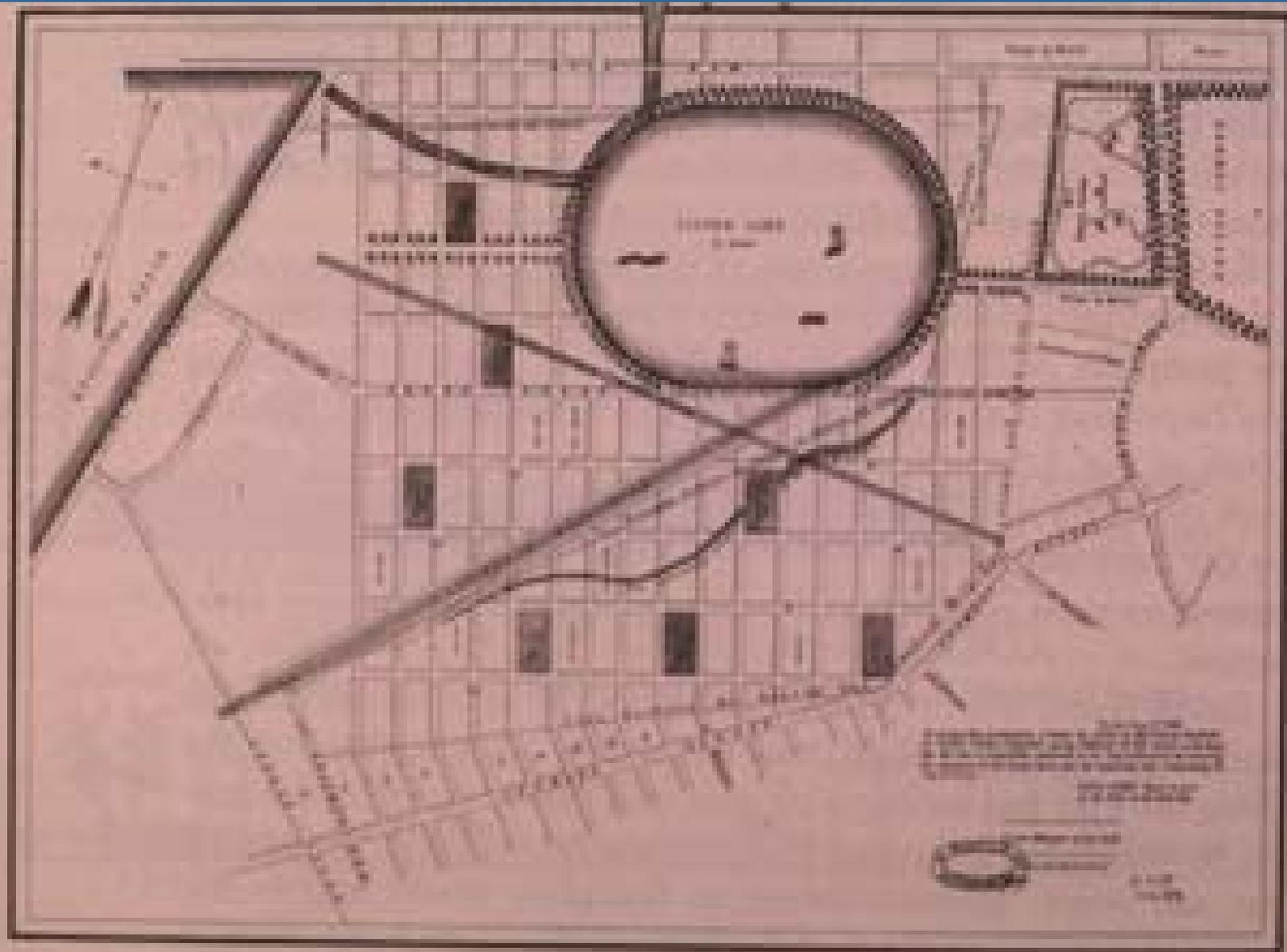


Fig. 83. David Sears's plan for Back Bay development















