

Boston By Map

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Agenda

- History Through Maps
- Best of Boston Maps
- Where To Find Maps Online
- Overlaying Maps
- Visit the Map Center

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History through Maps

- What used to be here?
- Where is that on today's map?
- How did this part of Boston develop over time?
- Example: Mercantile Wharf

History through Maps - Example

- Mercantile Wharf Buildings
- Designed by Gridley Fox Bryant
- Boston Granite style
- Built on made land in 1856
- Did not originally look like this
- Partially demolished in 20th century
- For a large transportation project
 - Which project?
 - Reason for demolition?
 - What did it look like originally?



Mercantile Wharf History through Maps

- Original Shoreline
 - [1722 Bonner sheet map](#)
- Fulton and Commercial Streets
 - [1826 Annin & Smith sheet map](#)
- Mercantile Wharf land and building
 - [1857 Smith & Fuller sheet map](#), [1857 Champney illustration](#)
- Cross Street Expansion
 - [1928 and 1938 Bromley atlas plates](#), [1933 photo](#)
- Fitzgerald Expressway
 - [1952 and 1955 USGS aerial photographs](#)

Best of Boston Maps

- [Boston Shoreline Reconstructed](#)
- [Clough 1600's Reconstructed](#)
- [Bonner 1722](#)
- [Page 1775](#)
- [Hales 1814](#)
- [Annin & Smith 1826](#)
- [McIntyre 1852](#)
- [Slatter & Callan 1852](#)
- [Bromley Atlases 1883-1938](#)
- [USGS aerial photos 1938-1978](#)

Historic Maps Online

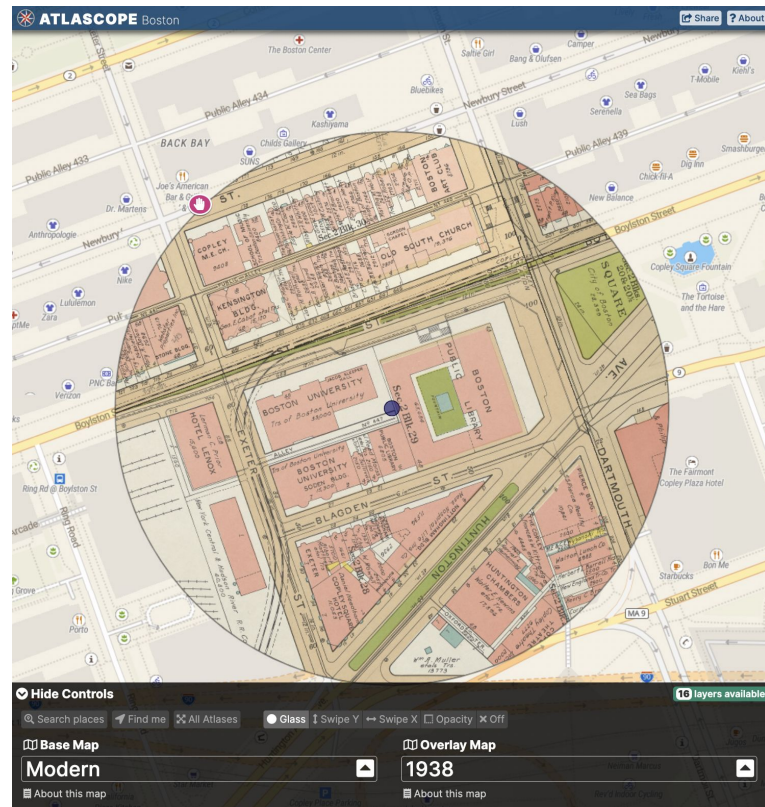
Digital Images

- LMEC [Digital Collection](#)
- [Massachusetts Real Estate Atlas Digitization Project](#)

Map Overlays

- BPDA [Boston Atlas](#)
- LMEC [Atlascope](#)

How to use Atlascope



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Summary

- Check out the maps!
 - Use the handout as your guide to the maps and websites
 - Visit the map center at the BPL
- Amaze your family and friends with Atlascope!
 - Bookmark it on your device
 - Use it when walking around Boston

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