

# Finding Alewife

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Cambridge and Boston in 1640

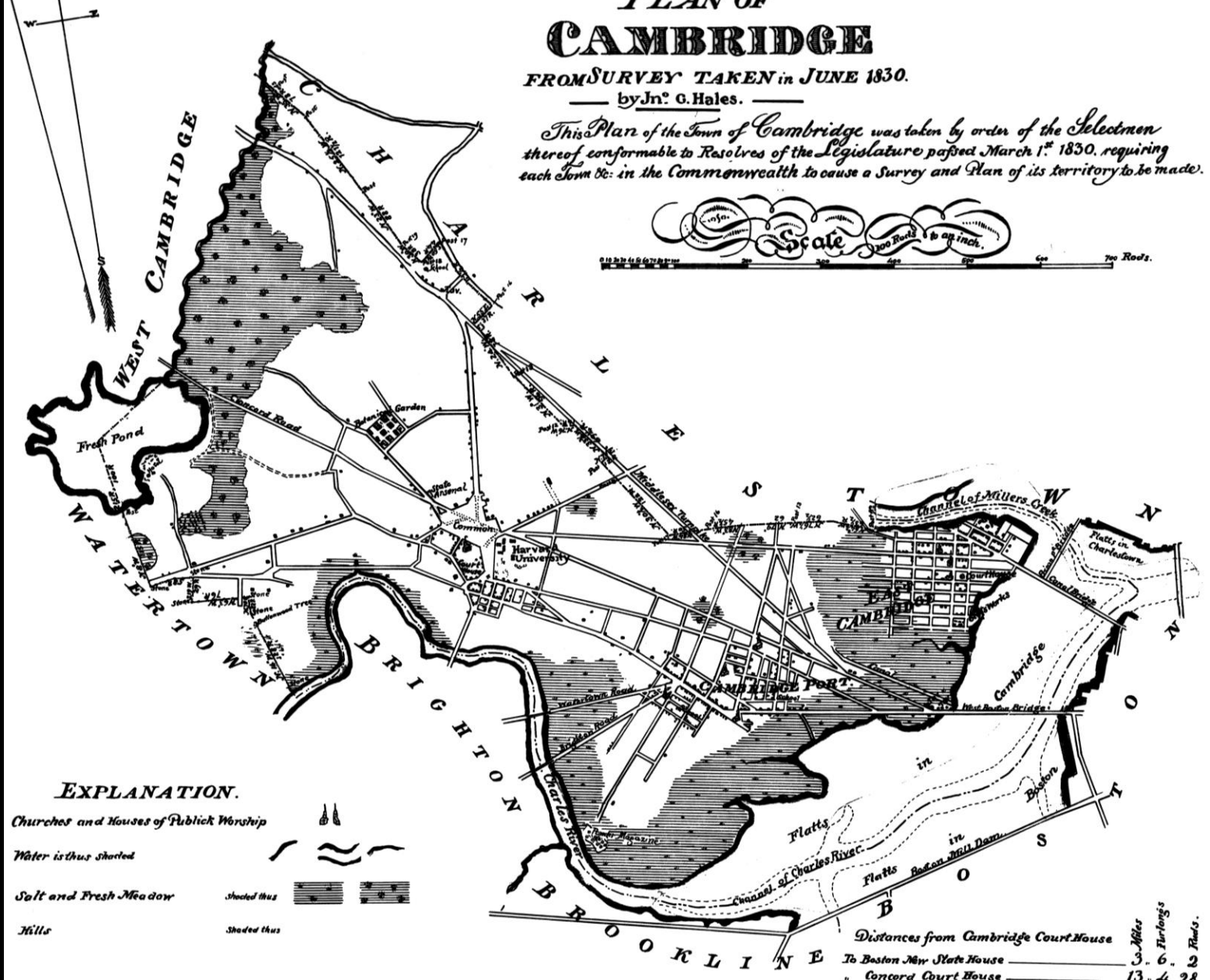
# PLAN OF CAMBRIDGE

FROM SURVEY TAKEN in JUNE 1830.

by Jn<sup>o</sup>. G. Hales.

*This Plan of the Town of Cambridge was taken by order of the Selectmen thereof conformable to Resolves of the Legislature passed March 1<sup>st</sup> 1830, requiring each Town &c. in the Commonwealth to cause a Survey and Plan of its territory to be made.*

Scale 1000 Feet to an Inch.



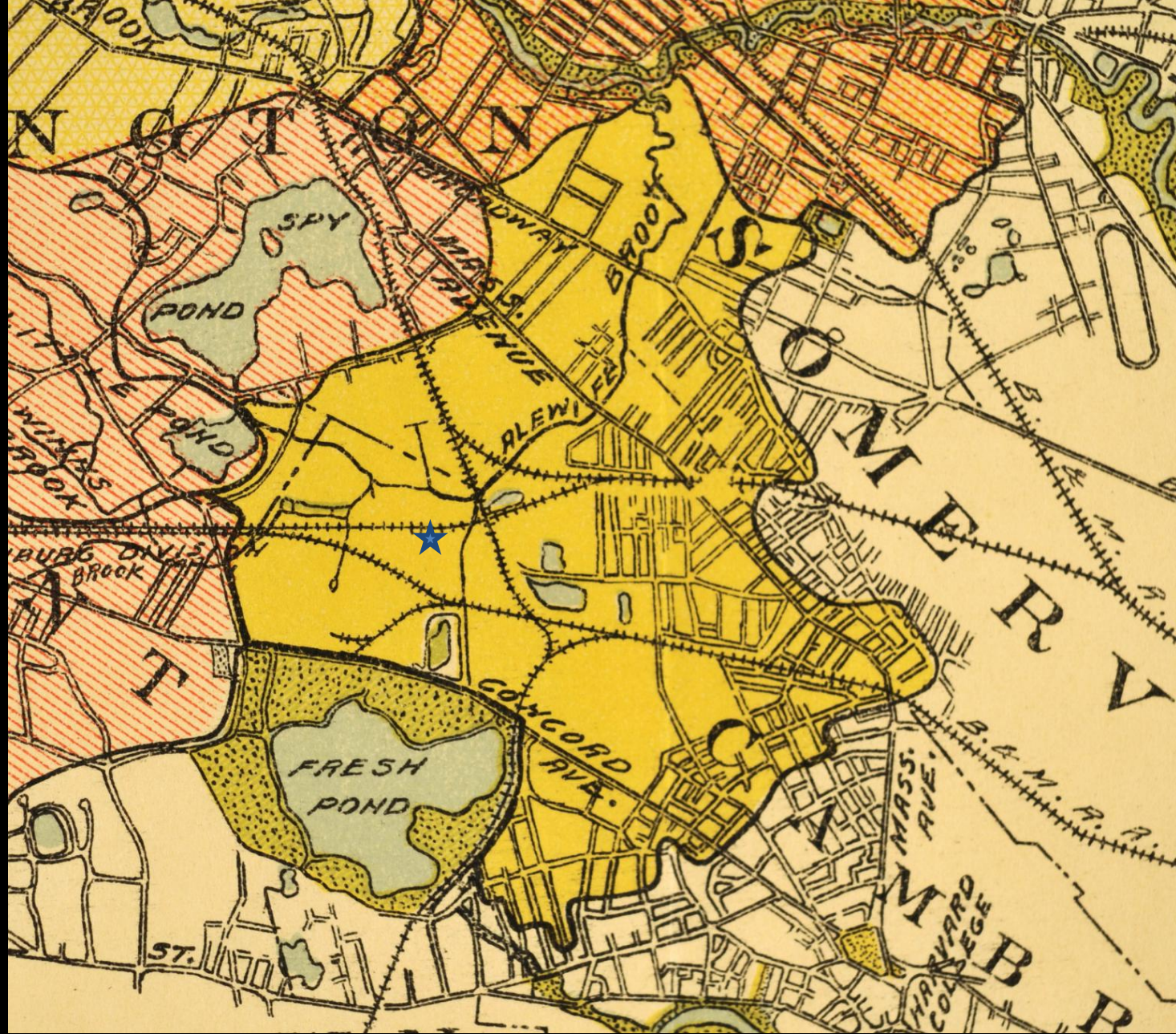
## EXPLANATION.

- Churches and Houses of Publick Worship
- Water is thus shewed
- Salt and Fresh Meadow
- Hills

Distances from Cambridge Court House	Miles	Furlongs	Rods.
To Boston New State House	3	6	12
Concord Court House	13	4	28

Cambridge in 1830



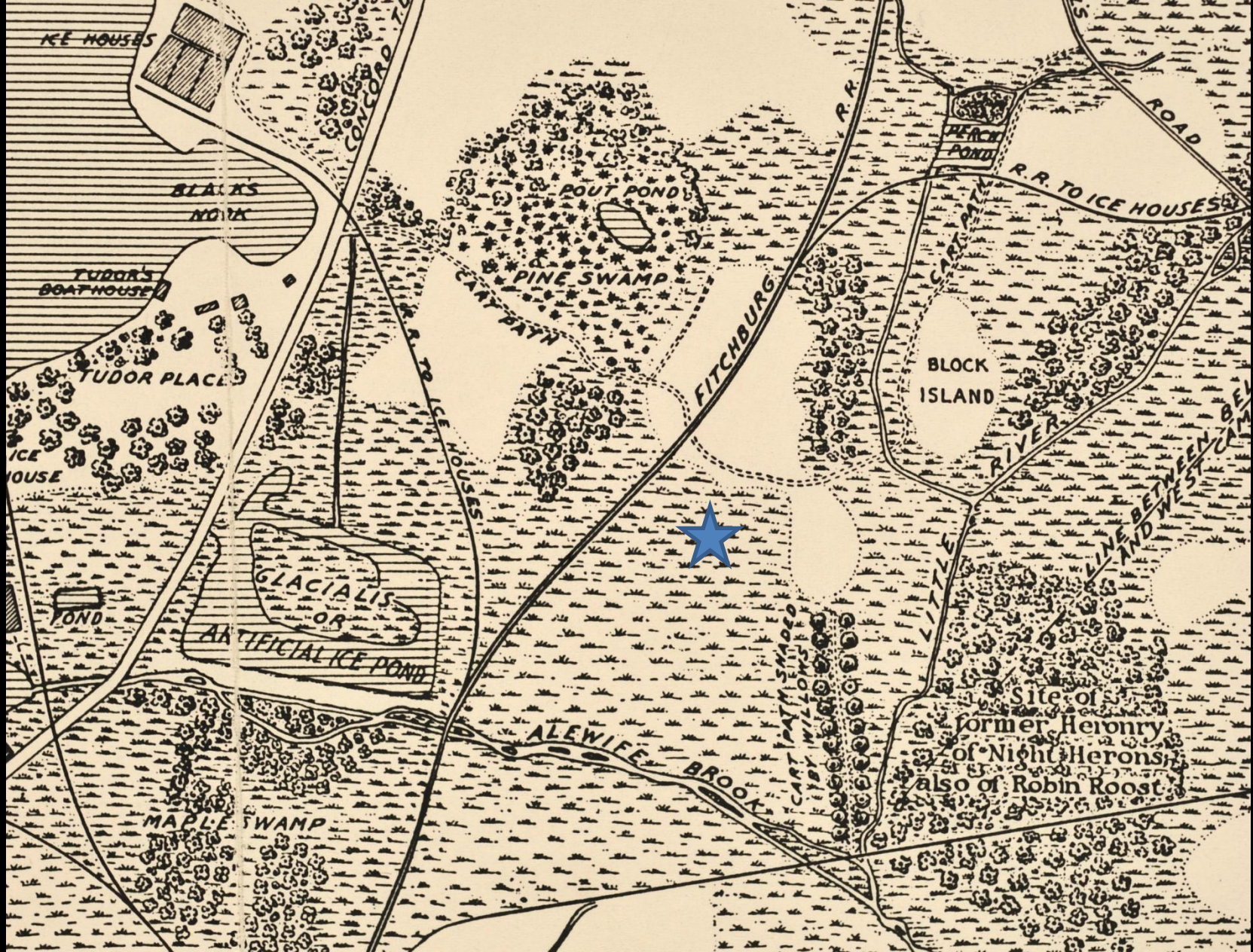


Alewife Brook Watershed, 1904









Fresh Pond Marshes about 1866  
William Brewster, *Birds of the Cambridge Region*, 1906





Concord Avenue, 1902





The Glacialis





Head of Alewife Brook, off Concord Avenue, looking north. *Anopheles* and *Culex* breeding here Aug. 9, 1904; patches of duckweed on surface of water. Photo by William Lyman Underwood.

Alewife Brook near Concord Avenue, 1904





A portion of the Fresh Pond Marshes as they exist to-day. The hills in the distance are in Watertown. Photo by William Lyman Underwood.

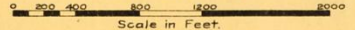
Fresh Pond Marshes looking southwest, 1904



# PLAN SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF MALARIA

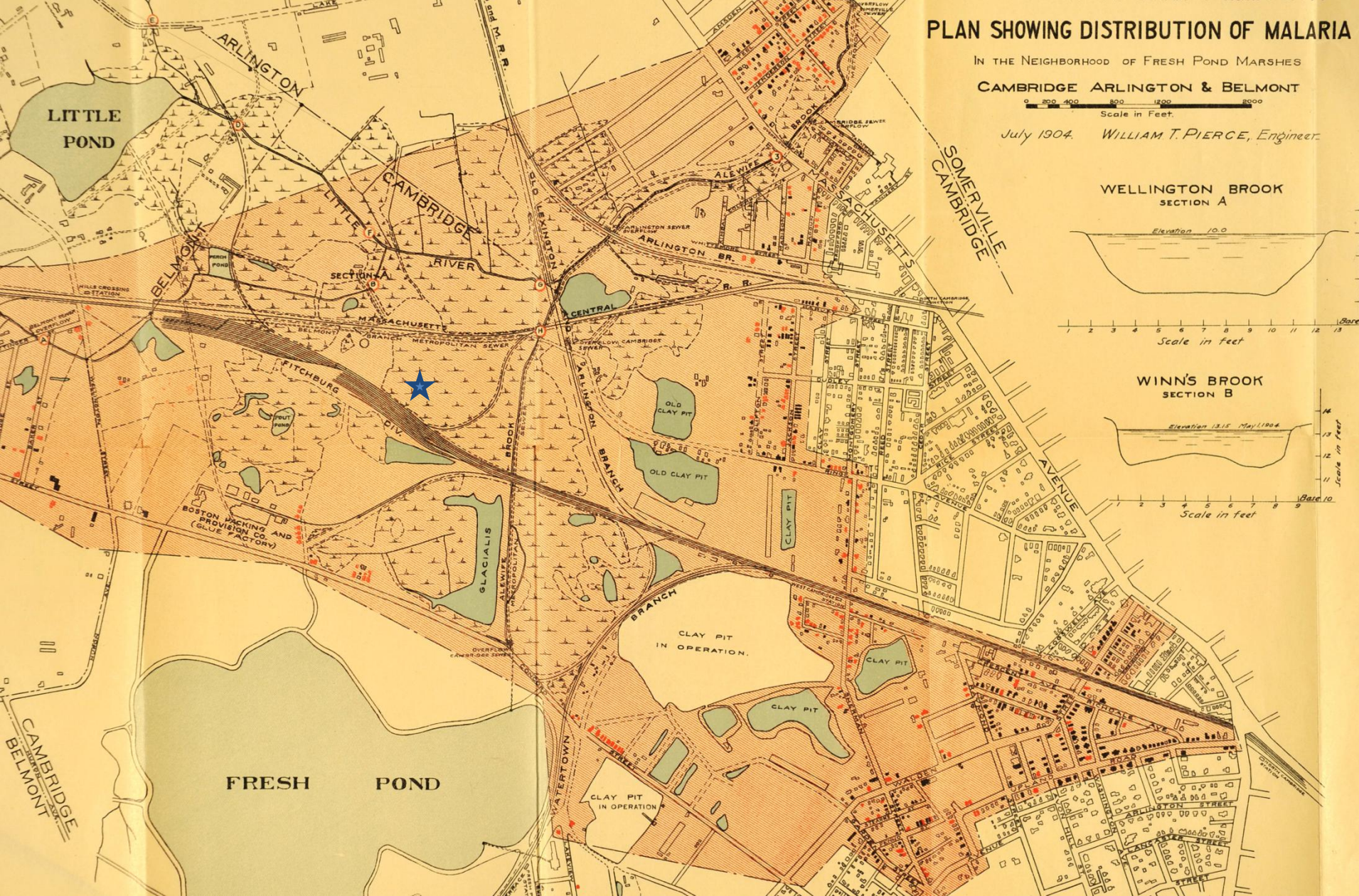
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF FRESH POND MARSHES

CAMBRIDGE ARLINGTON & BELMONT

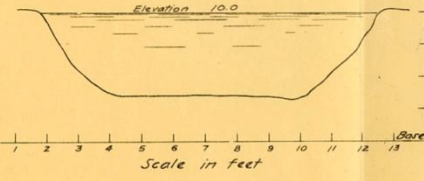


Scale in Feet.

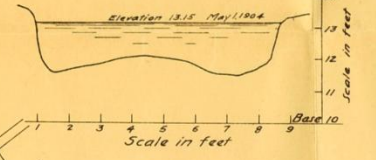
July 1904. WILLIAM T. PIERCE, Engineer.



WELLINGTON BROOK SECTION A

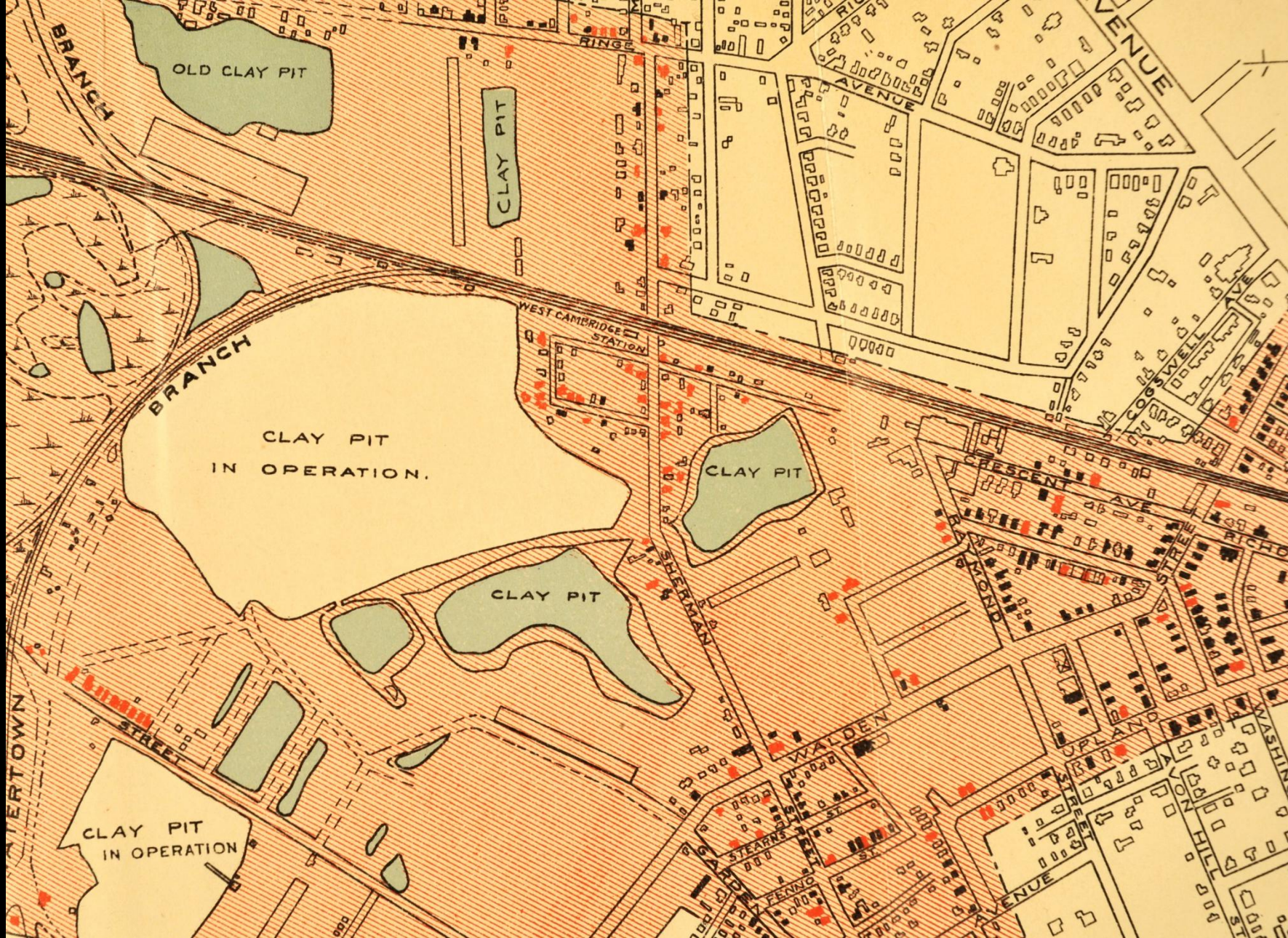


WINN'S BROOK SECTION B



Malaria Cases in 1904





Malaria Cases in 1904













Looking west from the end of Rindge Avenue





Fresh Pond Marshes, looking west from Alewife Brook Parkway, 1936





Looking west on Concord Avenue at Cpl. Burns Road, ca. 1925





Looking east on Concord Avenue at Blanchard Road, 1921

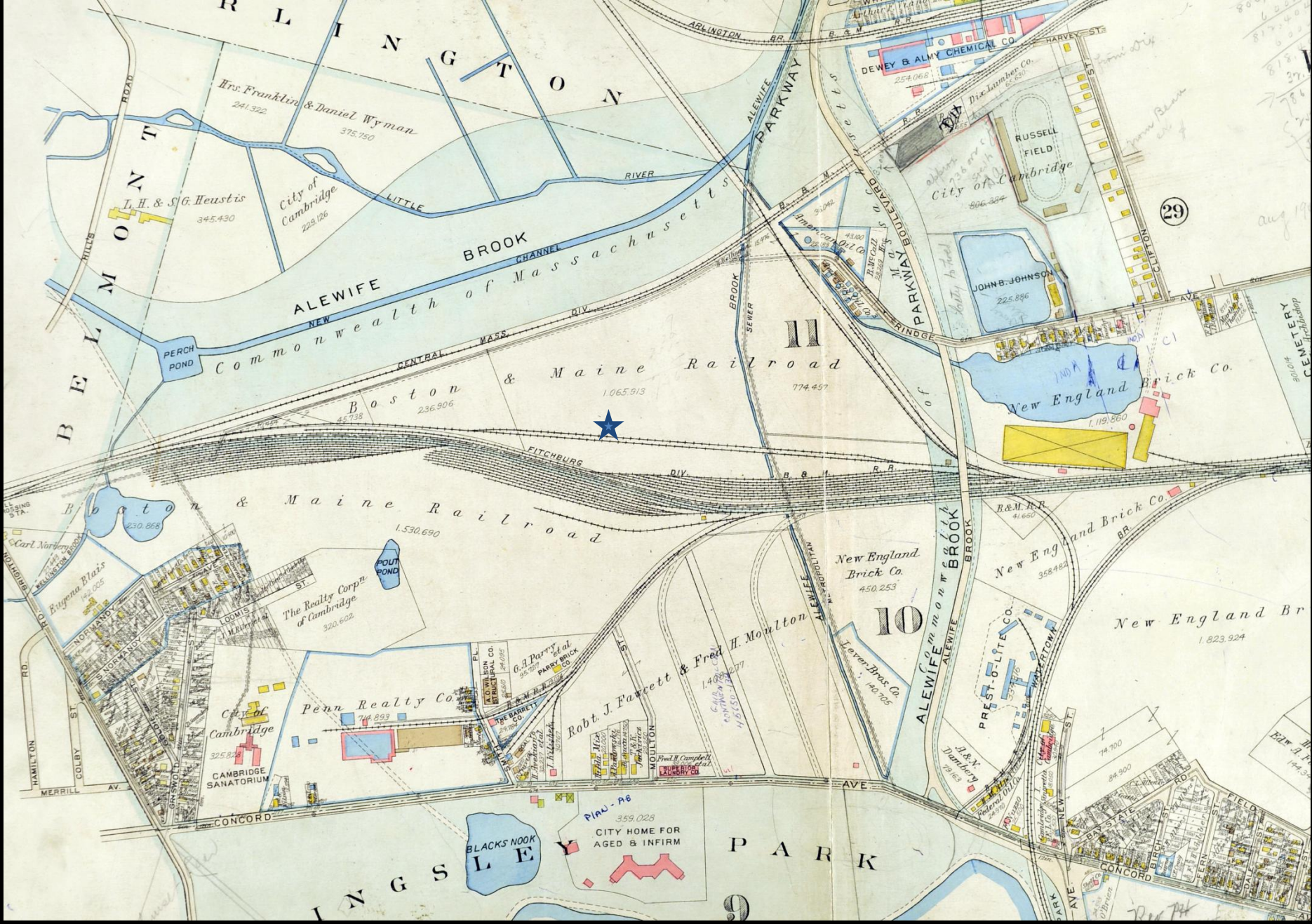




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Looking north on Alewife Brook Parkway at Rindge Avenue, ca. 1932





1930





1937





1947





Pres-to-Lite acetylene plant, Alewife Brook Parkway near Concord Avenue, 1948





BHP-528-12/26 ~~Cambridge~~, Mass. An atomic-like explosion bursts from the Linde Air Products Co. acetylene division this afternoon after a series of explosions and





1947





Looking North over Neville Manor, ca. 1950





Filling in Progress on Mooney Street  
View Northeast from Sancta Maria Hospital, ca. 1948





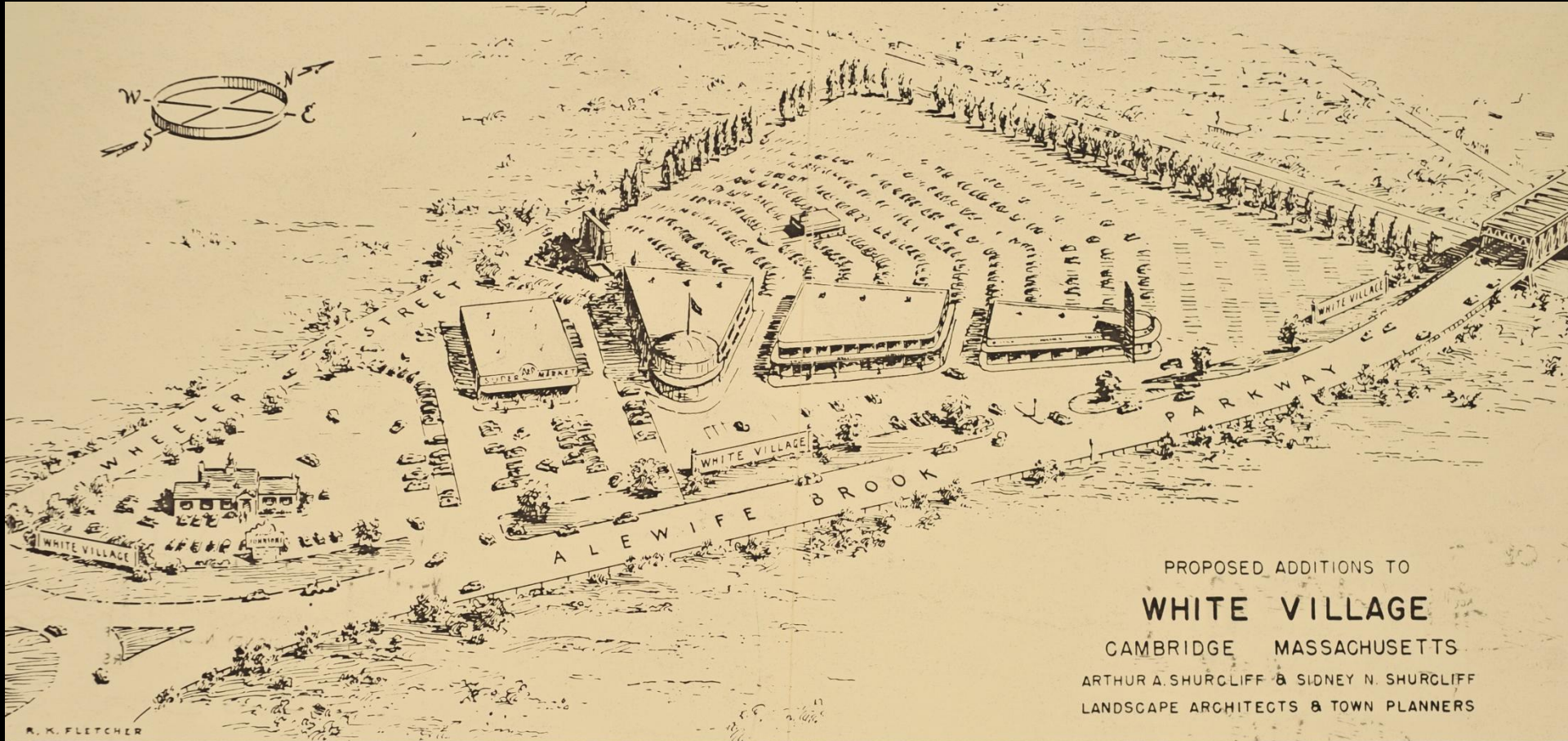
West End Iron Works, looking west from Alewife Brook Parkway overpass, 1953





Fresh Pond Drive-In, 1953





PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO  
**WHITE VILLAGE**

CAMBRIDGE MASSACHUSETTS  
ARTHUR A. SHURCLIFF & SIDNEY N. SHURCLIFF  
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & TOWN PLANNERS

**Proposed \$2,000,000 Shopping Center In West Cambridge**

Proposed White Village Shopping Center  
West side of Alewife Brook Parkway at Concord Avenue, 1950



**TURNPIKE  
BOWLADROME  
20 ALLEYS**

**FOUNTAIN SERVICE  
• SANDWICHES •**

**HOOD'S FRENCH-AMERICAN  
ICE CREAM**

**AIR CONDITIONED  
FOR RESERVATIONS 79-447 TRD. 5533**

**SOOR FOUNTAIN OPEN SUNDAYS**

**OPEN**







Homestead Donuts, Alewife Brook Parkway at Concord Avenue, 1953







BASIC DESIGN REPORT

RELOCATED ROUTE 2

ARLINGTON - CAMBRIDGE - SOMERVILLE

1968



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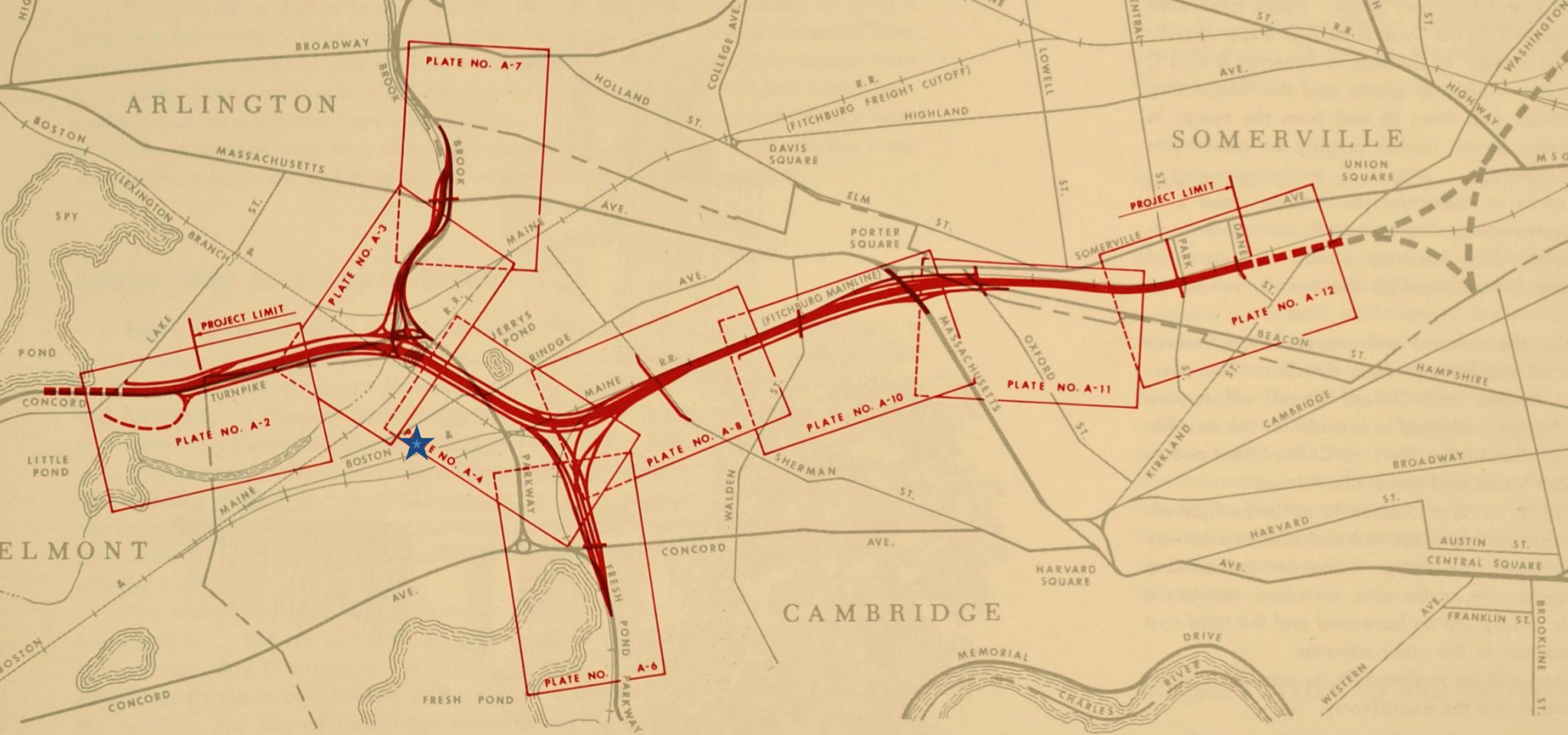
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Route 2 Extension Study, 1968





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INTERCHANGE AT  
PORTER SQUARE

RELOCATED ROUTE 2  
SCHEME B

Route 2 Extension, 1968





Route 2 Extension Study, 1968





Rindge Towers, 1970-72



**PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
PRELIMINARY LOCATION REPORT  
PROGRAM PACKAGE EVALUATION REPORT**

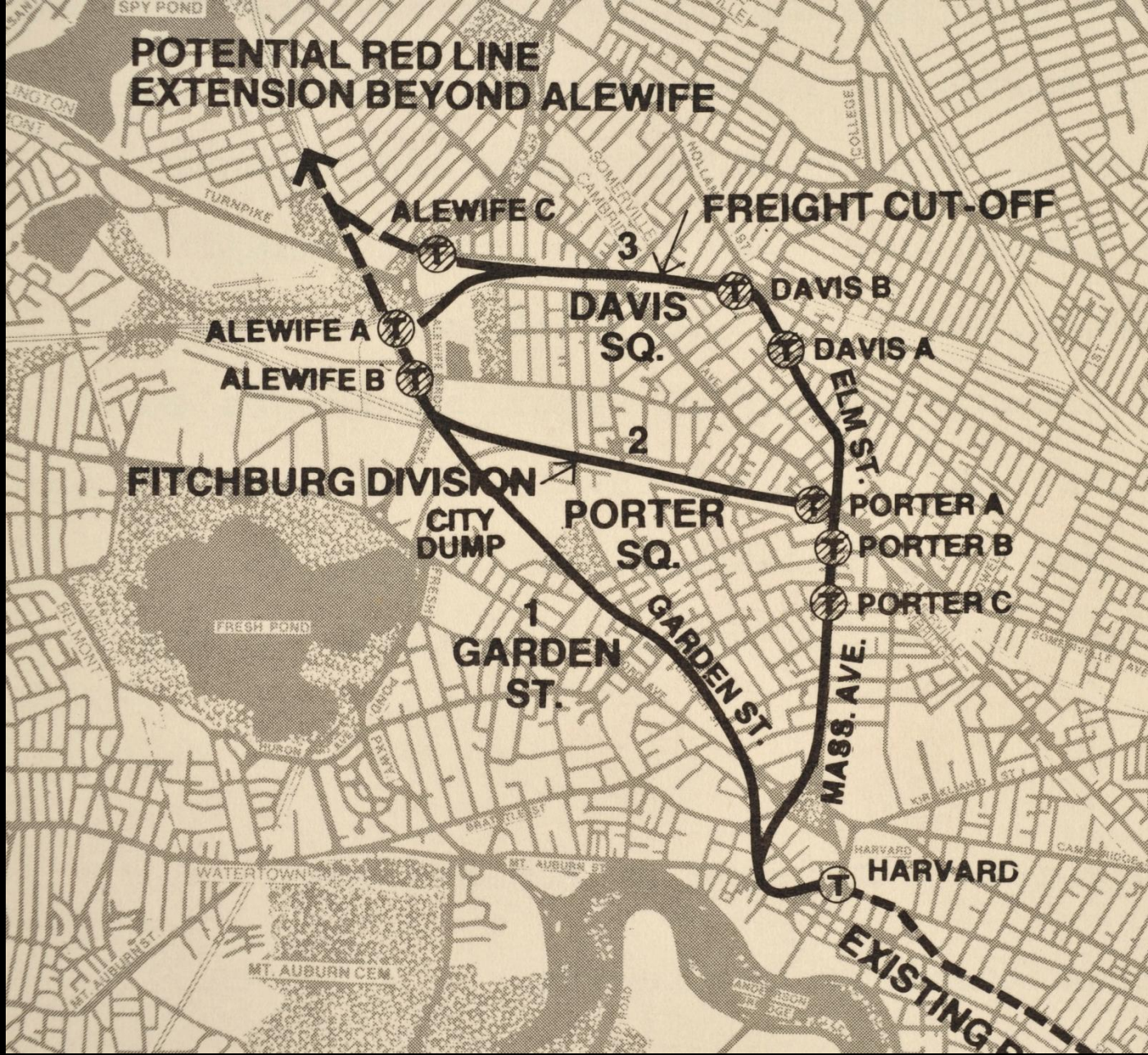
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

**BOSTON      TRANSPORTATION      PLANNING      REVIEW**  
**NORTHWEST**



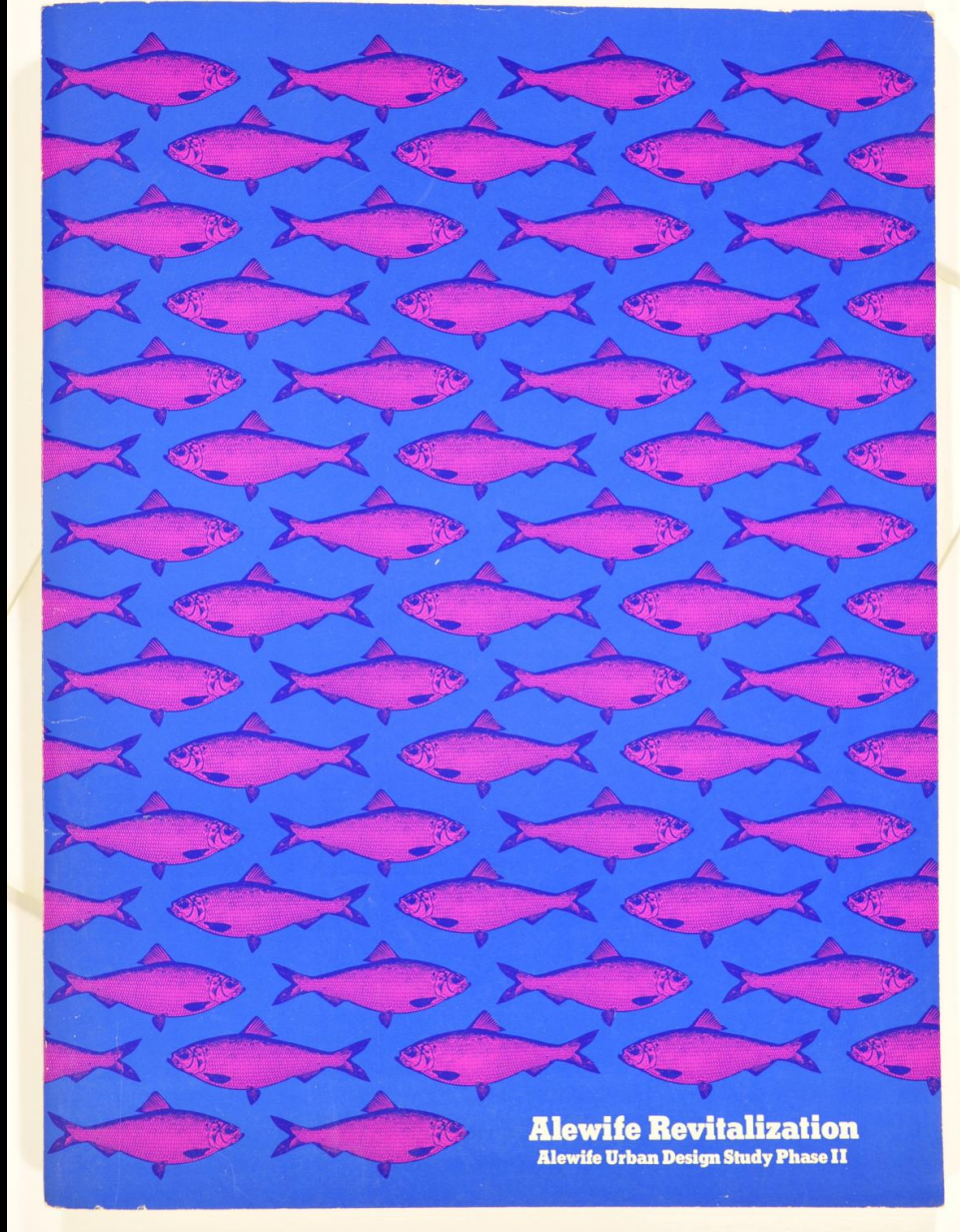
Northwest Corridor Study, 1973  
Boston Transportation Planning Review,





Red Line Extension Alternative Routes  
Northwest Corridor Study, 1973





Alewife Revitalization Study  
Cambridge Community Development Department, 1979





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Cambridge Community Development Department, 1979





NEBCO clay pit, looking south toward Vassdall Lane, ca. 1950





City Dump, looking toward Jefferson Park, 1962





Danehy Park, completed 1990





2012









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