

Middlesex Js.

Samuel Thatcher of Cambridge in the said
County of Middlesex Aged Eighty ~~Seven~~ Years Being this Day duly sworn
Before his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County of Middlesex Viz The
Hon^{ble} James Otis Esq^r Thos Quonon and James Prescott of Concord Esquires.

Testifies and saith that He hath for more Eighty Seven Years lived in
the Neighbourhood of a certain Road leading from Watertown down to Charley
River by the side of a Hill commonly called Samuels Hill Situate in
that Part of Cambridge formerly set off by the Great and General Court of this
Province, from Watertown aforesaid. That He remembers the said Road or Way
for more Eighty Years and that ever since his remembrance thereof it has
always been a Public Road free for every one to pass and Repass to & from the
River. That at the End of said Road or Way there has always been a Landing
Place from the River, and that the said Landing Place has been freely
open by and necessarily used without Leave or Licence from any Person or
Persons whatsoever and that He always supposed the said Landing Place
to be public, and originally laid out with the way for Public Use
That He remembers formerly said Road & Landing Place to ^{have} been in

very

considerable Public Use Both in Exporting and Importing Goods and Materi-
als ~~And~~ from Boston Particularly Wood, And that he never knew
Until Late that said Road or Landing Place was claimed as Property
from any Persons whatsoever, but that the same was as Public as any
High Road in Town Until ~~it was~~ enclosed by Stephen Sawent.

And further that said Landing Place was used by Cambridge People
in Exporting Wood to Boston without any Interruption, or Leave first Obtained
But freely and Openly as they would use any other public Road or Land-
ing Place whatsoever.

Samuel

Thatcher

Witness

Proy. Wm. Lee

Mark

Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England

Middlesex

Cambridge May 15th 1770 Then Samuel Thatcher a fore named
made Oath to the Truth of the foregoing Deposition In Person
- am Rei Memoriam Before us the Subscribers

James Otis a Justice of the Peace Through
the Province above said

James Sherrott Junr. Peace for
the County of Middlesex

2 Witnesses
witness

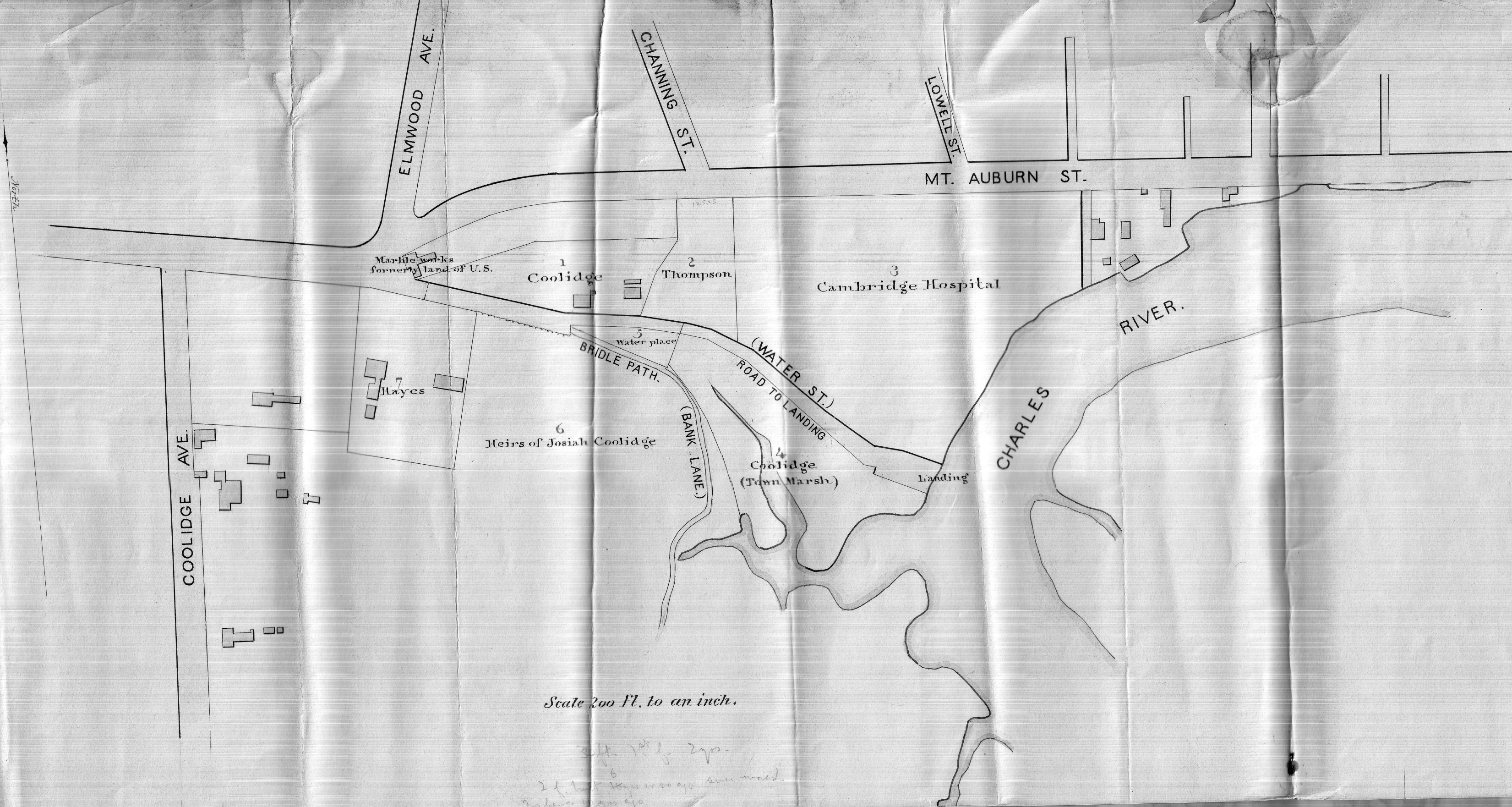
N^o 1770

Sam^l. Thatcher!

Deposition

Concerning the Highway
To the River -

Depositions
of
Sam^l Thacher
bearing date
1770



Report

"Gerry's Landing"

and Way thereto.

April 23. 1883.