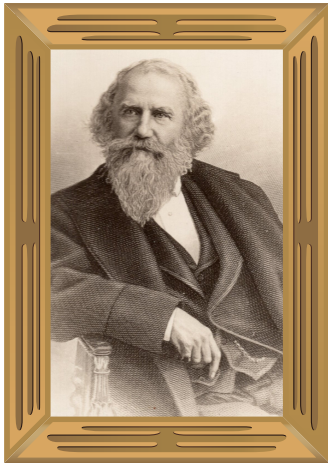


Meet the Innovators



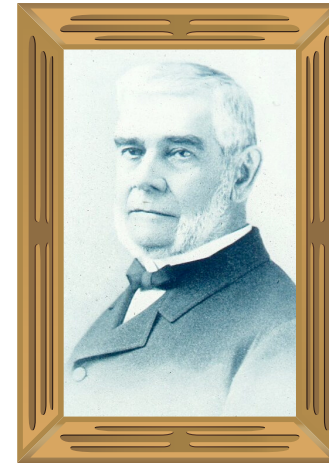
William Mason

- William Mason was a machinist who moved to Taunton in 1835.
- In 1842 he bought the company he had worked for making textile machinery. He named his company Mason Machine Works.
- He invented and patented a revolutionary machine that could spin yarn without a human operating it.
- In 1852, the company expanded and began to manufacture locomotives. They produced over 700 locomotives, 2 of which were shipped as far as North Africa.



Ora King

- Ora King was born in January of 1915 and when she was 4 years old, her family's farm began to transform into what would become Taunton Municipal Airport, also known as King Field.
- When she flew solo for the first time at age 16, she became just the ninth female pilot in the state, as well as the youngest, to ever do so.
- She was invited to join the Ninety-Nines, a club of female pilots, by Amelia Earheart.
- She and her husband ran the airport until she retired in 1993. They were known for always being on the forefront of aviation technology.



Henry Reed



Charles Barton

- Their company, Reed and Barton, was one of the most famous silver companies in the world, known for their quality products and innovative manufacturing and materials.
- Reed & Barton created a huge variety of objects from silver and britannia.
- Britannia is a metal that looked like silver but could be made more cheaply, meaning more people could afford to have it in their homes.
- Together, they created award-winning, original designs.
- The company operated from 1835-2015. The factory is located on the Mill River, now West Britannia Street.

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Meet the Innovators

After reading about the four innovators on the previous page, answer the following questions

Which innovator achieved a major accomplishment at a young age? What was this accomplishment?

Which innovator(s) worked in a factory?

Which innovator invented a new kind of machine? What did it do?

Which innovator(s) won awards? What did they win them for?

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Think about it

Using the map on the next page, do some deep thinking and answer the following questions:

List 6 different things you can identify on the map:

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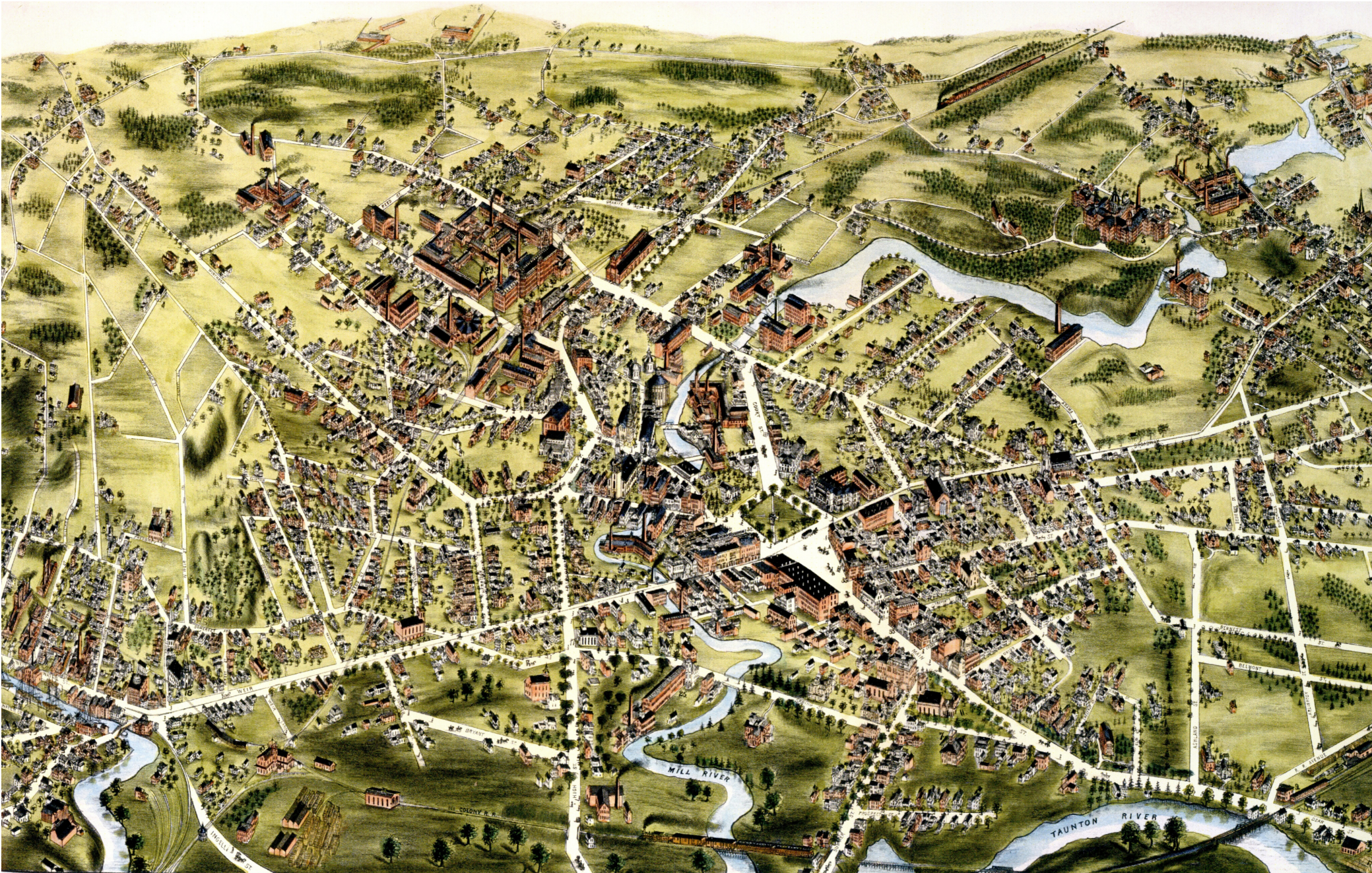
Do you recognize any places or buildings? If so, what are they?

Name 2 ways people & goods could move around the city:

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If you could redesign Taunton and move things around the city, what would you change? Why? Write your response on a new sheet of paper if you need more space.

Taunton 1875



Created in Taunton

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Furniture



Furniture



Crucible



Crucible



Iron



Iron



Locomotive



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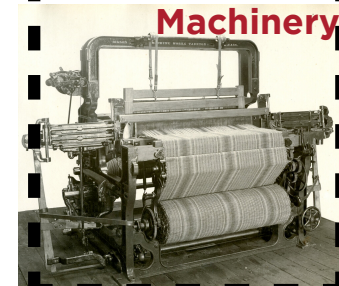
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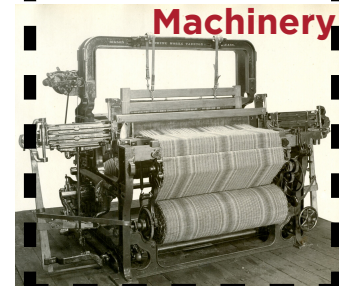
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