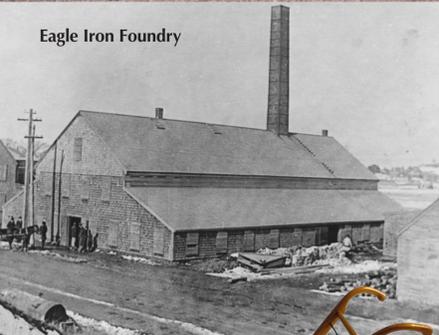
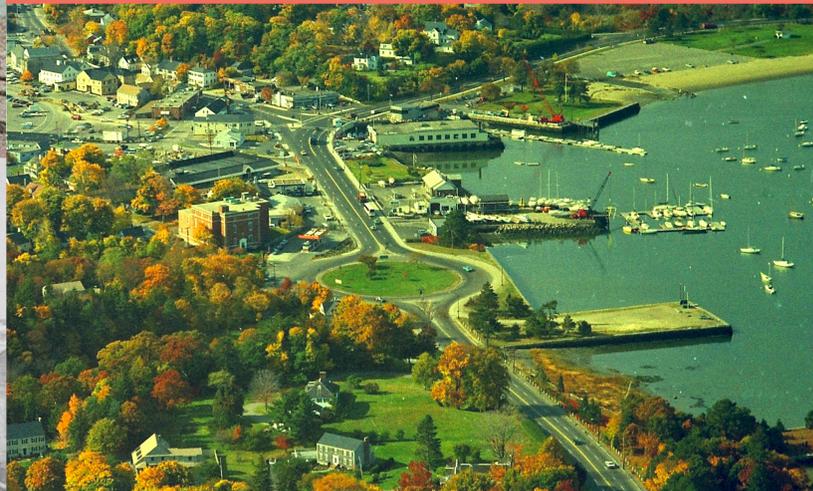


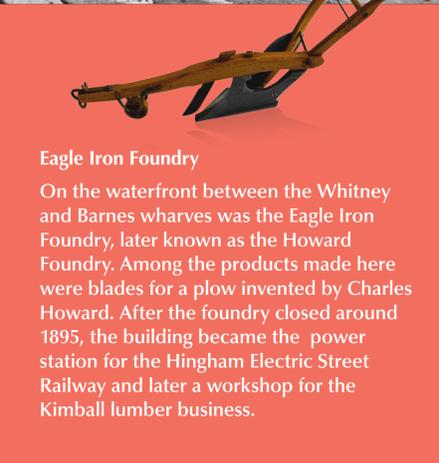


In this early 1980s view of the waterfront, below, there is an auto dealership at what is now Whitney Wharf Park. Whitney Wharf Park was made possible by a land swap. Park construction and a pedestrian bridge were funded by Community Preservation Act grants and private contributions.

Barnes Wharf, in the lower right of photo, was one of the wharves sold to the Town by the Barnes estate in 1966. Barnes Wharf later became home to the non-profit Hingham Maritime Center.

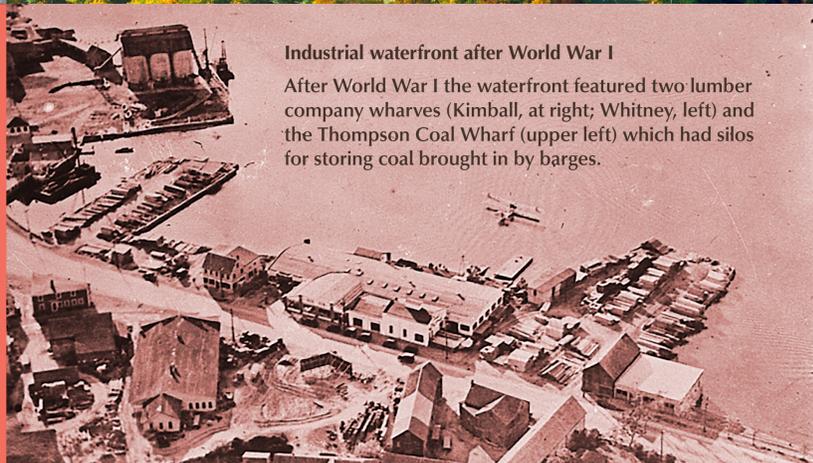


Eagle Iron Foundry



Eagle Iron Foundry

On the waterfront between the Whitney and Barnes wharves was the Eagle Iron Foundry, later known as the Howard Foundry. Among the products made here were blades for a plow invented by Charles Howard. After the foundry closed around 1895, the building became the power station for the Hingham Electric Street Railway and later a workshop for the Kimball lumber business.



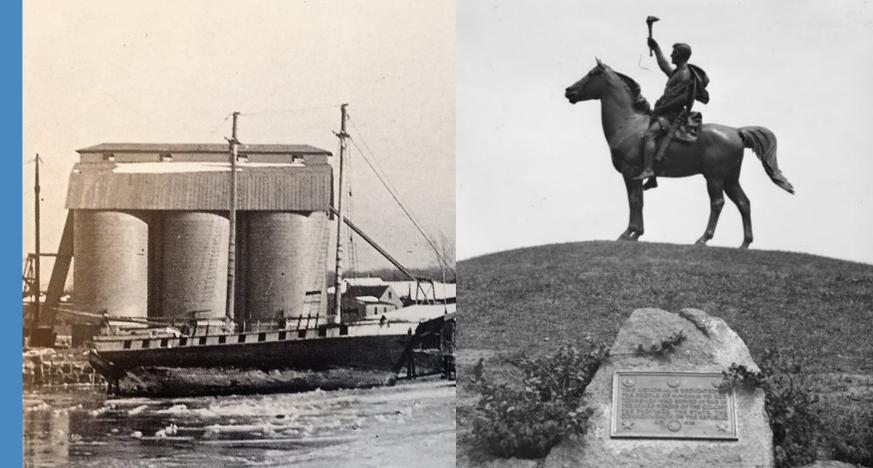
Industrial waterfront after World War I

After World War I the waterfront featured two lumber company wharves (Kimball, at right; Whitney, left) and the Thompson Coal Wharf (upper left) which had silos for storing coal brought in by barges.

# Hingham's Evolving Waterfront

Once home to fishing wharves during the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, Hingham's inner harbor was transformed into a place for steamship wharves, a coal wharf, and an iron foundry in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The 20<sup>th</sup> century then brought car dealerships and gas stations to the harbor.

Recreation along the harbor was encouraged by the 1916 donation of a town beach from Louis C. Cornish to the Village Improvement Society, which later became the Trustees of the Bathing Beach. With the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in 2001, Hingham has enabled more waterfront parkland, and amenities including a new bathhouse, walkways, and expanded recreational boating opportunities.



The coastal plot featuring the Soldiers and Sailors of All Wars Memorial and bronze equestrian Victory statue (dedicated in 1929) replaced the coal wharf, which the Town acquired in 1926.



The Hingham Yacht Club, founded by George Cole and others in 1895, used a wharf adjacent to what was then still the Thompson Coal Wharf. The yacht club later relocated to Crow Point.



For photo/illustration credits and more information about the history of Hingham's Inner Harbor, please visit: [hingham-ma.gov/HinghamHarbor](http://hingham-ma.gov/HinghamHarbor)