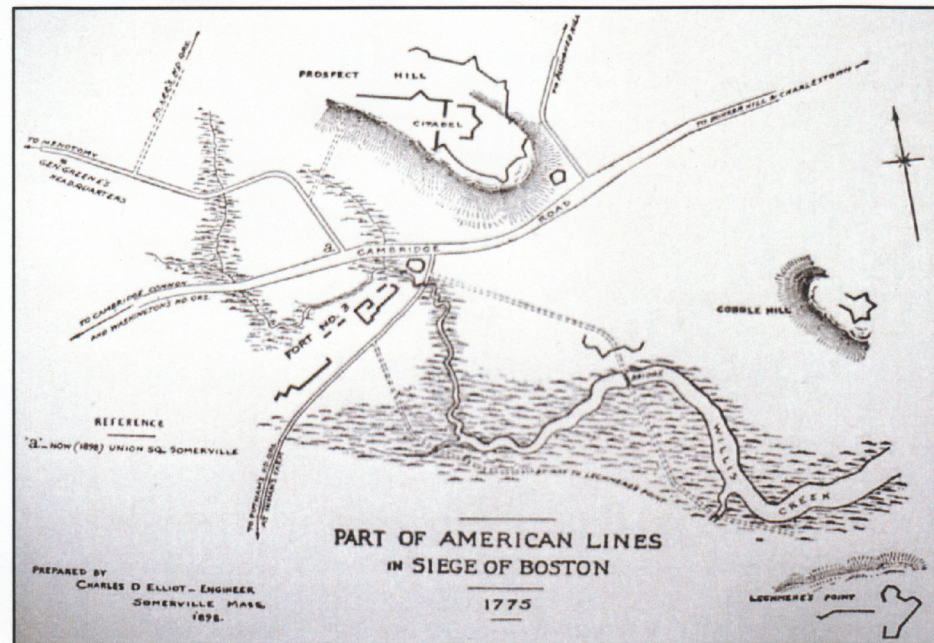


Prospect Hill And The "Siege of Boston" 1775-1776



"Plan of Boston and its Environs 1775." Detail from *Map of the Seat of Civil War in America*. Engraving by Bernard Romans. Philadelphia: 1775. American lines in blue, British lines in red.



In 1898, Charles D. Elliot, formerly city engineer, traced the outline of the fortification at Prospect Hill and vicinity. On the map above, one can easily understand the system of fortifications. Cobble Hill is Asylum Hill; Lechmere Point is East Cambridge; Willis Creek is Miller's River, now filled; Fort Number Three was located near the former Union Square Station on the Fitchburg Railroad. Cambridge Road is the present Washington Street. Also note the road to Menotomy (Arlington), Bow Street and Somerville Avenue; the road to Lee's headquarters, Newton and Prospect Streets, and the road to Ploughed (Nunnery) Hill, Shawmut and Cross Streets. Strong Redoubts encircled the steep brows of Prospect Hill, while the citadel occupied a commanding place at the summit. For more information see "A History of the Hill" by William Preble Jones, April 11, 1896.

