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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ether Dome

AND/OR COMMON

Ether Dome

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN

Boston

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Suffolk

STATE

Massachusetts

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

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4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO. 1

View from above--south (front) elevation of Bulfinch
Building and roof of Ether. Dome.



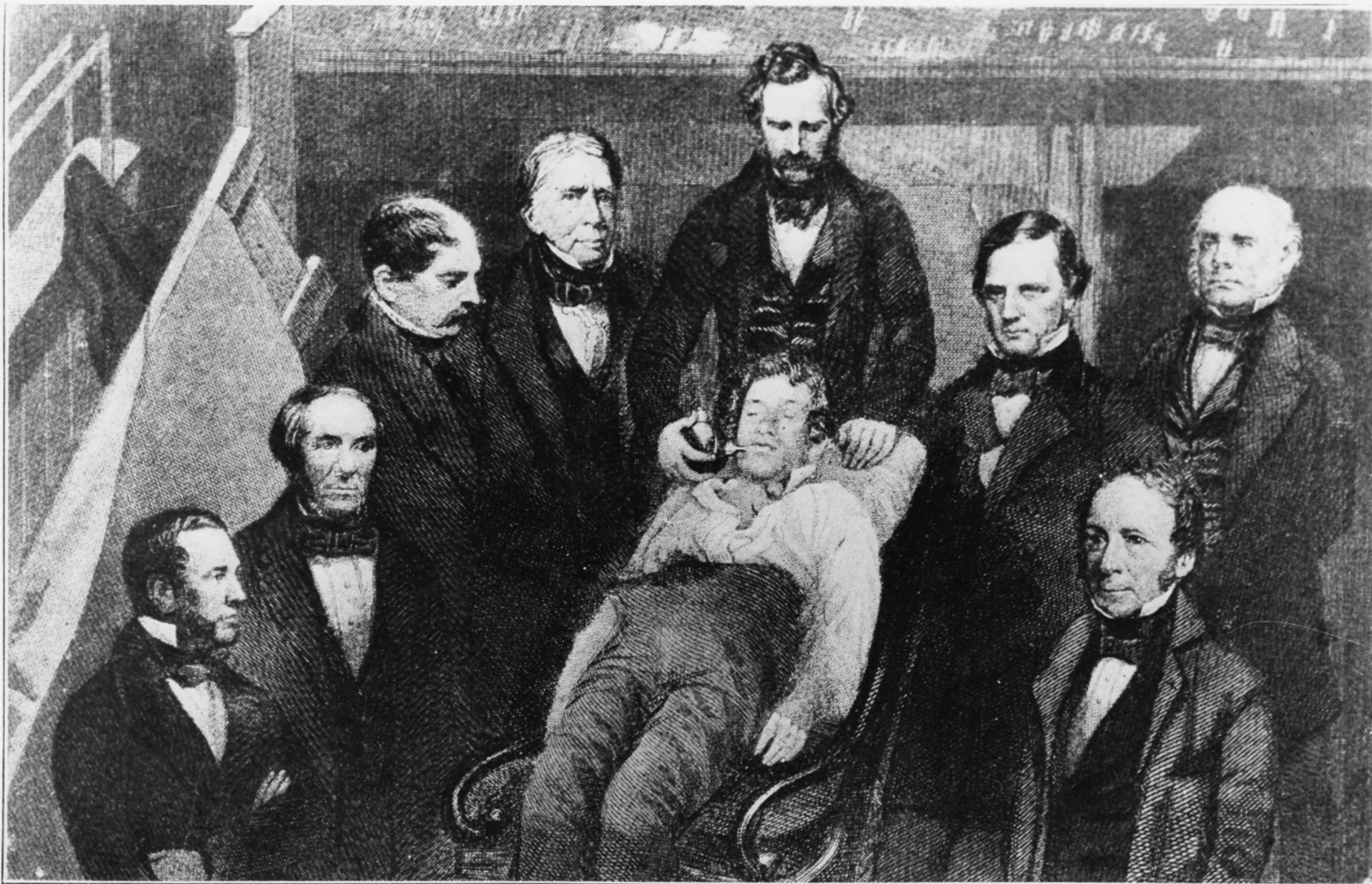
The original building of the Massachusetts General Hospital, designed by Charles Bulfinch. The "ether dome" can be seen at the top of the central section of the structure.

Courtesy Massachusetts General Hospital



The "ether dome" as it appeared in 1961.
The room has not been changed since then.

Courtesy Massachusetts General Hospital



1. Dr. Henry J. Bigelow. 2. Dr. A. A. Gould. 3. Dr. J. Mason Warren. 4. Dr. John Collins Warren. 5. Dr. Morton. 6. Dr. Samuel Parkman. 7. Dr. S. D. Townsend. 8. Dr. Geo. Hayward.

DR. MORTON MAKING THE FIRST PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF ETHERIZATION AT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL, BOSTON, OCTOBER 16. 1846.



**The Boston Medical Library's painting of
the operation in the "ether dome," October 16,
1846.**

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A photograph of an operation in the "ether dome" a few months after October 16, 1846.

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