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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

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PHOTO NO. 1

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

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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.

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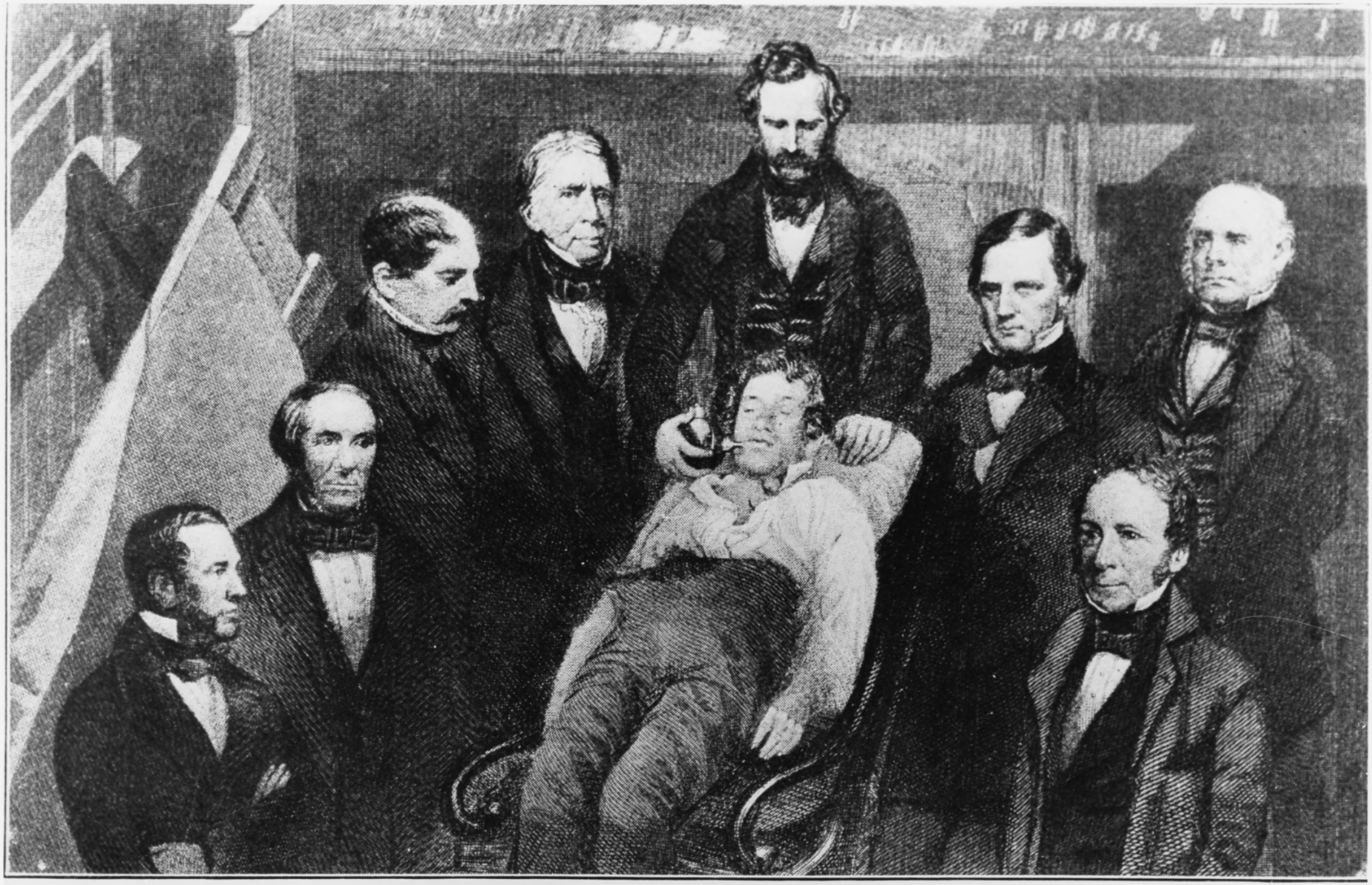

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1. Dr. Henry J. Bigelow.
2. Dr. A. A. Gould.
3. Dr. J. Mason Warren.
4. Dr. John Collins Warren.
5. Dr. Morton.
6. Dr. Samuel Parkman.
7. Dr. S. D. Townsend.
8. Dr. Geo. Hayward.

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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