

# CAPTAIN WILLIAM HACKETT

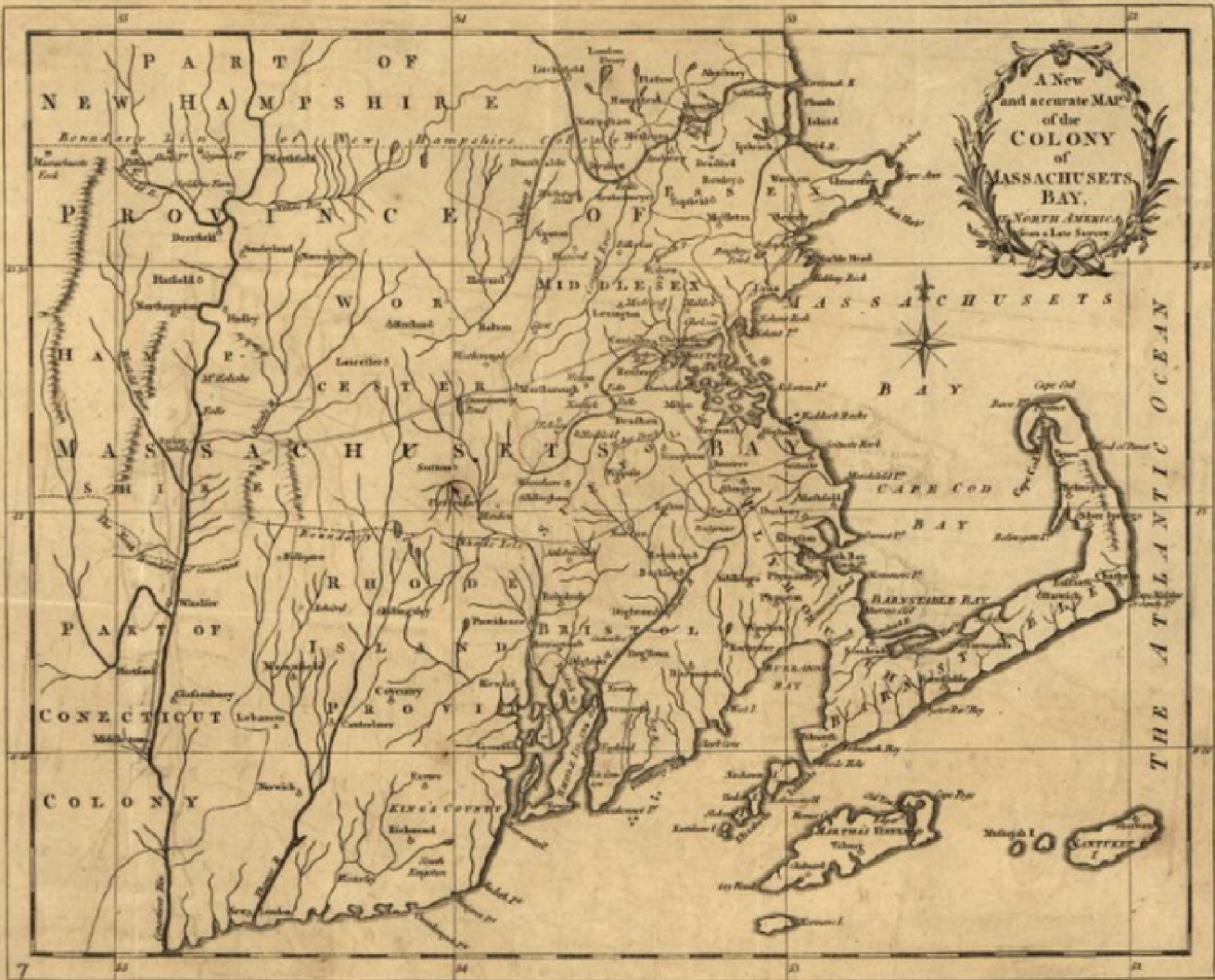


**Massachusetts**

## **My story:**

**My name is Captain William Hackett. I grew up in a coastal town in Massachusetts called Salisbury. After serving in the French and Indian War as a teenager, I entered the shipbuilding industry. I joined forces with my cousins James and John to begin our own shipbuilding business. The shipbuilding industry is expanding rapidly. Because Massachusetts has a significant amount of coastline, it is a prime location for both building ships and creating ports where ships can sail in and out of. The ships we design, and build serve a variety of purposes. Some are used by merchants to ship their goods across the globe. Others are built to be used by the fishermen who make their living off the fish and whales that are so plentiful in the ocean and rivers around us. The shipyards where we make our living are busy places, and it takes many different tradesmen to bring the ships we design to life. As tensions build in our colony, there might be a time when I am called upon to design warships as well.**

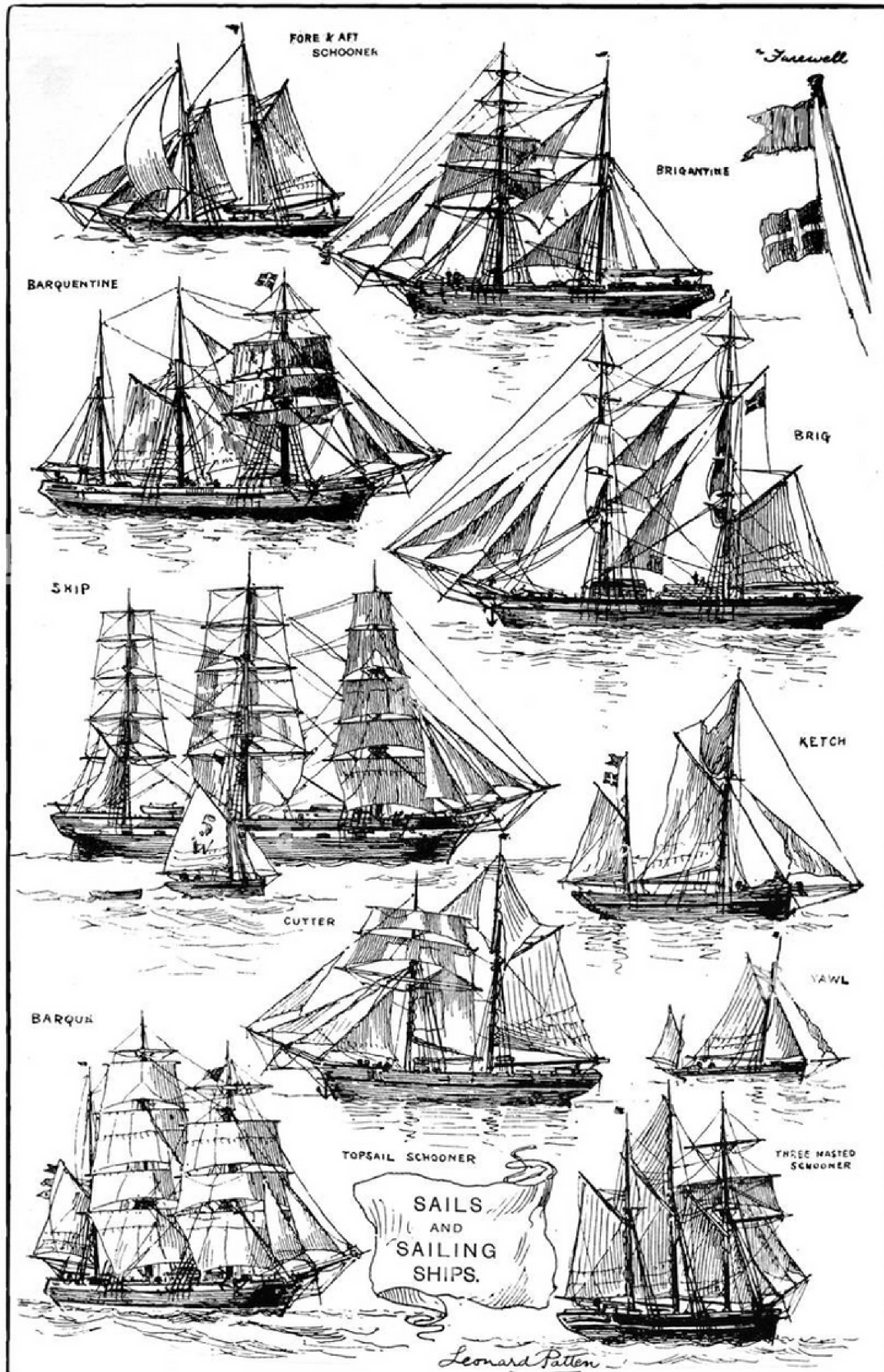
# Map of Colonial Massachusetts:



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# Examples of Colonial Ships:



**Question 1:**

**What types of trades do you think might be involved with the shipbuilding industry?**

**Question 2:**

**Why do you think shipbuilding became so important to the New England economy?**

**Question 3:**

**Consider the geography and resources of the New England colonies. What factors do you think made this a prime area for shipbuilding?**