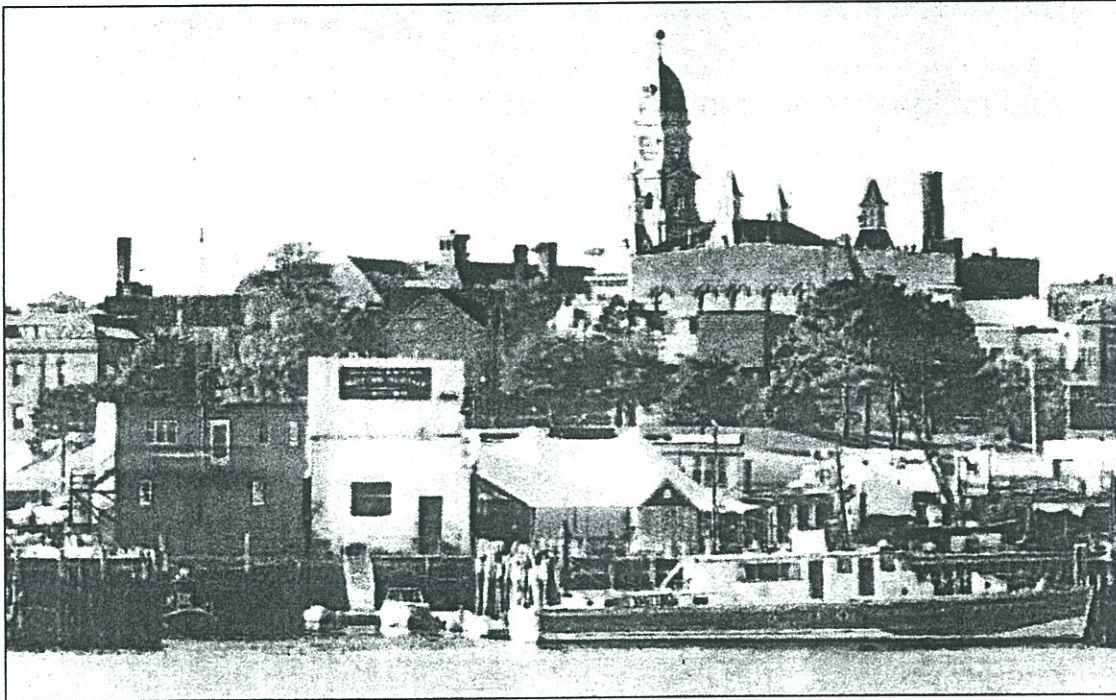




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**First lady Laura Bush spoke about Gloucester's preservation efforts, including City Hall, the tower of which dominates the background, and the Marine Heritage Center, in the foreground, during a speech in New Orleans.**

## **Excerpts from Laura Bush's speech**

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"We all know, though, that historic preservation is about more than just protecting the physical artifacts of our past. Historic preservation has the power to unite us, entire communities, through a desire to preserve our shared heritage - communities like Gloucester, Massachusetts.

"First settled in 1623, Gloucester has witnessed almost four centuries of American history. The city's archives contain records from the earliest New Englanders, the American Revolution and the Civil War. The seaside enclave's rocky shores and sunsets have inspired great American artists like Winslow Homer and Fitz Henry Lane and gave rise to the Luminous school of American painting.