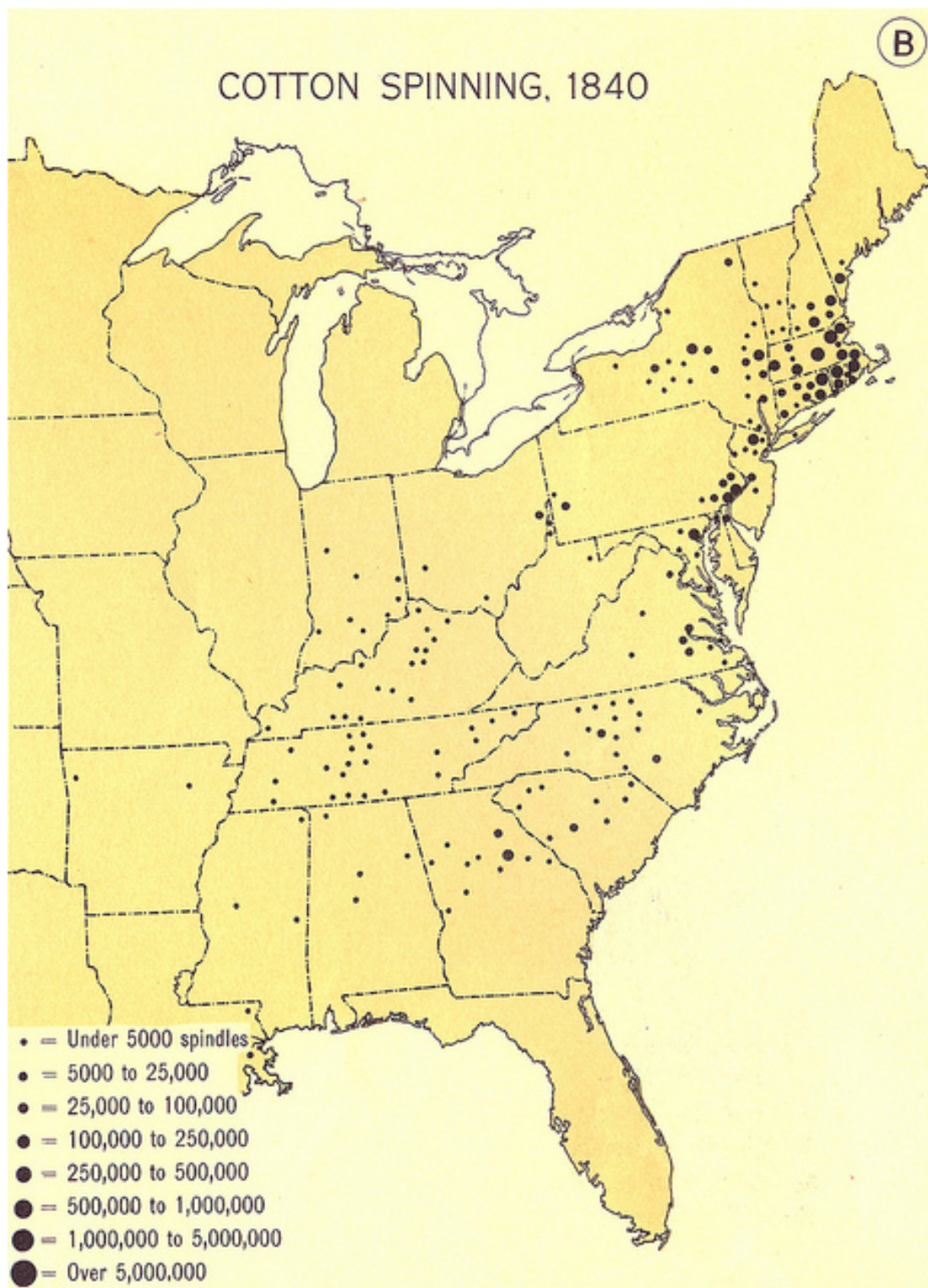


New England Dominance in Textiles

New England and Mid-Atlantic states had a variety of interests. Some influential New Englanders had profited greatly off the slave trade by financing several voyages. Additionally, the growing textile industry depended upon cotton cultivated by slave labor. However, many Northerners were affected by the growing abolitionist movement led by the Quakers. Slavery was abolished in every state north of Maryland from 1781 to 1804.



Shows number of cotton spindles in operation in 1810



Shows number of cotton spindles in operation, by county, in 1840