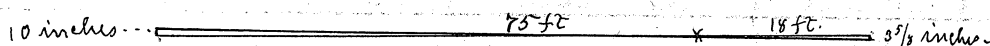


To the Honorable the Mayor and
Aldermen of the City of Cambridge

Respectfully represents John Towne &
George C. Towne both of Boston, builders, doing
business under the firm name of "Towne
& Son" that they the said Towne & Son have
erected a block of brick dwelling houses
in that part of Cambridge called East Cam-
bridge at the corner of East & North Streets
upon a lot of land bounded and described
as follows, viz: Southeasterly by East Street
there measuring Seventy-five feet, South-
westerly on land of the Boston & Lowell
Railroad Corporation there measuring Fifty
feet, Northwesterly by land now or late of
Lennis Coffey there measuring Seventy-five
feet, and Northeasterly on North Street
there measuring Fifty feet, containing
3750 Sq. ft. being lot numbered 52 in the
partition of the real estate of Harrison Gray Otis
which is recorded with Suffolk Deeds Lib 619 fol 177
said buildings being Forty-five feet in depth
and Four stories in height and were completed
in September 1870 ~

And your petitioners further represent that owing
to a mistake on the part of the master mason
in laying out and establishing the bounds of
said estate, the buildings were not built upon
the true lines as above described but were
built in such a manner that the Southeast-
corner of said block projects into the street
a distance of Ten inches and the Northeast-
corner instead of being upon the true line
of the street sets back from said line a
distance of Three & 1/2 inches thus forming an
encroachment upon said East Street in
a triangular form of a strip of land

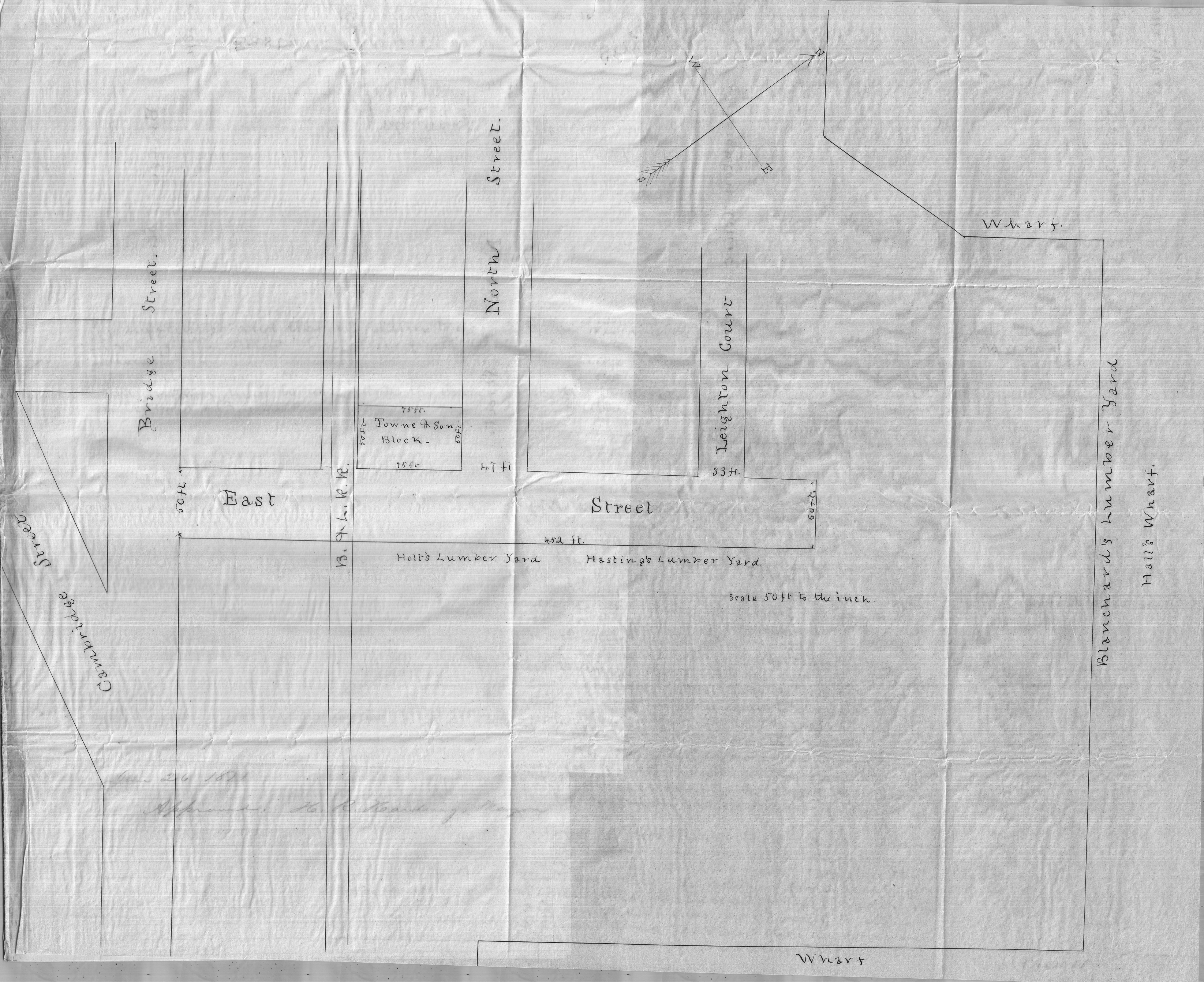
ten inches in width at the Southeast corner of said block and diminishing in width until at a distance of about eighteen feet from the Northeast corner the line of the block meets the true line of the street - as shown in the following diagram -



And your petitioners further state that said error in the position of the foundation & walls of said block was not discovered until the walls were fully erected and the buildings covered in & nearly finished -

And your petitioners further show that by reference to the accompanying plan said East Street is only 453 ft in length & 50 ft. in width, that said street can never be extended except through Blanchard's Yard & Hall's Wharf, that said street accommodates only the residents upon it & North Street & Leighton Court & the Lumber Wharves upon said East Street, that at the Southeast corner of said Towne & Son's block the width of East Street is still Forty-nine feet & two inches, and increases in width until it reaches a point about Eighteen feet from the Northeast corner of said block when it becomes Fifty feet in width -

And whereas an order for the removal of said buildings was passed by the Board of Aldermen during the last year, your petitioners pray that they may be relieved from a strict compliance with the terms of said order and that said buildings may be allowed to stand by sufferance. Your petitioners hereby formally acknowledge that such possession is permitted



East

Street

Holt's Lumber Yard

Hastings' Lumber Yard

Leighton Court

Wharf.

Blanchard's Lumber Yard

Hall's Wharf.

Scale 50 ft. to the inch.

Bridge Street.

North Street.

Towne & Son Block.

Wharf

Cambridge Street.

B.L.R.R.

Approved: H. R. Meadings

June 26 1871

by sufferance and that no claim to acquire any right or title thereto shall arise from such possession -

And your petitioners further pray that this their petition may be referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges



John Towne
Geo. B. Towne

In Board of Aldermen, Jan 18, 1871

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges. Sent down for commencement

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk

In Common Council Jan 25, 1871
Concurred - Attest J. W. Cotton
Clerk

Jan 26 1871

Approved. H. R. Harding, Mayor

East to

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Petition

Towne & Son -

Jan 18. 1871.

Referred to City Sol.
with instructions