

City of Cambridge

Agenda # 6 Gift \$5,000.00

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council October 15, 1973 19

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	
Mr. Clinton	✓			
Mr. Danehy	✓			
Mr. Duhay	✓			
Mrs. Graham			✓	
Mr. Moncreiff			✓	
Mr. Owens	✓			
Mr. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Vellucci	✓			
Mayor Ackermann	✓			
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City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 1973

ORDERED:

That under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the generous gift of \$5,000 from the estate of Mary "Molly" Ramsay, which money is to be invested to yield a reasonable income consistent with security, which income is to be used to sponsor, annually, a competition for Junior Golfers and a Member-Guest Tournament at the Fresh Pond Golf Course. In the event at some future date these purposes cannot be served, then it is required that the available income and any or all of the principal be used in accordance with the unanimous decision of the Chief Executive Officer, the Recreation Superintendent, and the Treasurer of the City of Cambridge; also the Golf Professional of the Cambridge Municipal Course.

In City Council Oct 18, 1973

Adopted by yeas and nays Votes

Yeas 7 Nays 0 Absent 2

Paul E. Hooley
CITY CLERK City Clerk

HARRY FINN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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LAFAYETTE 1807
One Boston Place
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October 9, 1973

John H. Corcoran, City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:


Please be notified that there has been forwarded to the City Treasurer check (\$5,000) being a gift from the residue of the Estate of Mary "Molly" Ramsay, former Cambridge resident.

Miss Ramsay and her uncle, Charles Laird, were members of the Municipal Golf Course at Fresh Pond, as per enclosed copy of Biographical note, which I am sure you will find interesting.

This gift is on the condition that it will be prudently invested to yield a reasonable income consistent with security, the income to be used to sponsor, annually, a competition for Junior Golfers and a Member-Guest Tournament at the Fresh Pond Golf Course. If at some future date these purposes cannot be served, then it is required that the available income and any or all of the principal be used in accordance with the unanimous decision of the Chief Executive Officer, the Recreation Superintendent and the Treasurer of the City of Cambridge; also the Golf Professional of the Cambridge Municipal Course.

I thank you for processing this matter in accordance with all pertinent laws and regulations.

Respectfully yours,


Harry Finn

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Enclosure

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CITY MANAGER

Charles Laird and his niece, Mary (Molly) Maxwell Ramsay, were Cambridge citizens of Scottish birth - - capable, God-fearing, concerned for others. Here, in brief, is the story of their lives and benefactions:

Born June 12, 1889 in Arbroath, Scotland, Charles Laird came to this country in his teens and spent 33 years of his adult life as a vocational teacher (machine shop) in the Boston public schools, retiring in 1953. He worshipped at the First United Presbyterian Church, Inman Square, and was a member of Amicable Lodge of Masons.

Mary (Molly) Maxwell Ramsay was born in Fordoun, Scotland, February 4, 1898, the only child of William Ramsay, a sea captain. She came to the United States in her twenties, was employed for many years as a bookkeeper for a Boston insurance firm and was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Laird and Miss Ramsay both liked to play golf and were among the first Cambridge residents to hold annual memberships at the city's Fresh Pond course. They were also enthusiastic Harvard football fans. Mr. Laird bought season tickets from 1949 to 1963, and for eleven of these years had the same two seats at the Stadium.

He died in Cambridge on December 30, 1966 and was buried in Cambridge Cemetery. In his will, after other legacies, he left his house at 326 Harvard street and the residue of his estate to Miss Ramsay.

She died on April 1, 1972 and is buried in Montrose, Scotland. In her will, after legacies to relatives and friends, she left \$5,000 to the First United Presbyterian Church, and \$1,000 to one of its former

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pastors, the Rev. Elmer H. Murdoch and his wife.

Miss Ramsay then authorized her executor to distribute the rest of her estate among educational and religious institutions and charitable organizations at his discretion, but with the specific request that he include a further sum for the First United Presbyterian Church " where the late Charles Laird worshipped," and a bequest to the Cambridge Y.M.C.A., " an organization respected by the late Charles Laird."

Charles Laird and Mary (Molly) Maxwell Ramsay - - wholesome, warm-hearted Cantabrigians. Their influence for good lives after them.



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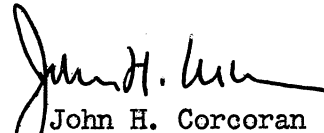
October 15, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I transmit herewith self-explanatory communication from Harry Finn, Attorney at Law, dated October 9, 1973, notifying the City of Cambridge of a gift of \$5,000 from the residue of the Estate of Mary "Molly" Ramsay. This money is to be invested to yield a reasonable income consistent with security, which income is to be used to sponsor, annually, a competition for Junior Golfers and a Member Guest Tournament at the Fresh Pond Golf Course.

It is respectfully requested that your Honorable Body accept this generous gift for use as stipulated under the terms of the will. Attached please find appropriate order.

Very truly yours,


John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Acceptance of gift in \$5,000.00 390

In City Council,

October 15, 1973

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Order of acceptance
Adopted 7-0-2