

Report of Committee

Cambridge July 2nd 1867

The committee on Roads and Bridges to which was referred the petition of J. A. Holmes and others that the grade in the square at the junction of Magazine and River streets and Western Avenue may be reduced so as to conform to the grade of said streets, and that the edgestones at the junction of Magazine and Main streets may be raised and such other changes made in said locality as the interest of the public require has considered the subject, and would respectfully Report. That the grade in the middle of the square, above mentioned ought to be reduced the same having been greatly and disproportionately raised while the City scales stood upon the spot; and also that the edgestones upon either side of said square and upon the sidewalks next main street ought to be raised the same being now at least ten inches below the centre of main street in consequence of which the street is too sideling, the gutters too low, and the edgestones a source of danger to persons using the highways.

The committee would therefore recommend that the changes proposed be made under the direction of the surveyors of Highways.

The committee would further report that

so much as several of the buildings fronting upon said square have within a short time been greatly improved at a large expense: and the square is one of the most conspicuous in the city, and for the reason that the improvements recommended by the committee will be likely to be permanent, the present time would a proper time to reduce the sidewalk on the south easterly side of the of the building of Messrs Hyde and Chamberlin thereby widening and adding greatly to its beauty and convenience. Said side walk is now upwards of thirty one feet in width, and might with great advantage be reduced to about sixteen feet, thus adding more than fifteen hundred feet to the ^{width of the} square at the point where it is most needed, and conducing greatly to the comfort and convenience of those having occasion to use it. The Land was purchased by Messrs Hyde and Chamberlin at about sixty seven cents per foot. They will however consent to the widening of the square as recommended still leaving a sidewalk of nearly twice the width of that to which the

city has any claim and giving to the public more than fifteen hundred feet of land at considerably less than the sum which it cost them, and at the same time relinquish-
ing all claim to a parcel lying outside of the present edgestone, for which they actually paid at the above rate

The Committee would earnestly recommend this widening of the square, and submit the accompanying order

In behalf of the Committee

John S. Merriam

In Board of Aldermen, July 2, 1867.

Accepted and ordered for concurrence.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

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Petition of J. A. Jacobs
July 2, 1867.

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, July 2. 1867.

Ordered, That so much of the land of Messrs Edward Wyke and Daniel A. Chamberlain as is included between a line drawn from Main Street to River Street, along the South Eastern side of the street now occupied by said Chamberlain, and the Square at the junction of Western Avenue, Main Street and River Street, be taken for public use and laid out as a part of said Square, for a public way, to wit the strip included between the line first mentioned and a line parallel therewith and at the distance of sixteen feet South Easternly therefrom, as a sidewalk, and the remainder of the land so taken as a part of the carriageway of said Square.

Ordered, That the sum of Four Hundred Dollars be awarded to said Wyke and Chamberlain as damages for the land so taken.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In common Council Aug 7 1867
Concurred
Attest J. H. Clark

Ordered
Square, Magazine
and River Streets.

July 2, 1867.

Cambridge June 18. 1867

The undersigned respectfully petition your Honorable Board, to cause the grade in the Square at the junction of Magazine & River Street and Western Avenue, to be reduced so as to conform to the grade of said Street

Also to raise the grade of the Curb stones at the junction of Magazine & Main Street, and such other changes in said location as in your wisdom the interest of the public requires

J. A. Holmes.

W. W. Wellington

John Livermore

Edw. Richardson

Josiah W. Cook

Geo. D. Carter

Benj. Pitton

John Rerrick

L. S. Learned

Reuben Bent

In Board of Aldermen, June 19, 1867.
Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

See also for references.

Attest, J. A. Holmes, City Clerk.

Admiration Council July 2, 1867

Concluded

Attest, J. A. Holmes, City Clerk

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of J. A. Holmes vs.
grade of Square

June 19, 1867.

James J. J.