



City of Cambridge

13A.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 9, 1995

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MYERS
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: On October 20, 1996, the City Council and the City of Cambridge celebrate the life and contributions to this city of Chester A. Higley; and

WHEREAS: Chester was born in Cambridge on October 8, 1904, and was educated in Cambridge public schools before he went on to graduate from Boston University in 1927 and Boston University School of Law in 1930; and

WHEREAS: After teaching at Cornell University in 1931 and 1932, Chester established his law practice in Cambridge at 678 Massachusetts Avenue; he practiced law there until he was appointed Chief Counsel to the Division of Employment Security in 1954. Chester served in that capacity until 1974, when he retired from the Division and resumed the practice of law in Cambridge, this time with his son Russell, and later, his grandson Jonathan.

WHEREAS: Chester served his country during World War II as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corp. Intelligence Division; and

WHEREAS: During his years as a busy, hard-working and well-respected attorney, Chester made time for public service to his community as an elected official; he served as a City Councillor from 1948 to 1952, and was the Vice Mayor from 1950 to 1952; and

WHEREAS: Even more important, during those busy years of his professional life, Chester devoted himself to the joys of family life with his wife Anne LeShane, of Cambridge, whom he married in 1932, and his two children Sally and Russell; and

WHEREAS: Chester and his children experienced the sadness of bereavement in 1956, when Anne died; time passed, and in 1963 Chester's life was blessed by his marriage to Ruth, a union which also brought him two stepchildren, Nancy Foster and Asa B. Foster, Jr.; and

WHEREAS: Chester's life was also blessed by his grandchildren Jonathan, Mark and Suzanne, the children of Russell and his wife Judy; and Laurie and Leigh, the children of Sally and her husband George Yarmouth; and a stepgrandson Asa, son of Asa B. Foster, Jr. and his wife Susan; and

WHEREAS: During his ninety years of life, Chester served his family, his community and his country in a manner truly befitting a Cantabrigian; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby dedicates the new corner of Follen Street, Concord Avenue and Garden Street as Chester A. Higley Square; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Higley family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council January 9, 1995

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Loving grandfather of Laurie Pearson of Watertown and Leigh Yarworth of California; and

Atty. Jonathan B. Higley, Mark P. Higley and Suzanne C. Higley of Cambridge; and Asa B. Foster, III of Wayland.

He retired from the Division of Employment Security at the age of 70 and entered into the practice of law with his son, Russell and later his grandson, Jonathan, where someone was sure to stop in to chat with Chester; he would amuse them with a captivating story or an anecdote from his early years struggling to make some pin money playing his trumpet, or his early start in the legal profession which he thoroughly loved, favorite people with whom he was acquainted throughout his life, or his extensive travelling experiences, never short for words, he always had a tale to tell.

He continued to practice law, with the exception of the several months he would spend in Florida, until past his 90th birthday.

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Chester A. Higley born October 8, 1904, died December 30, 1994,
Cambridge, MA. Educated in the Cambridge Public Schools; Graduate of
Cambridge High and Latin School 1922; Boston University Undergraduate
1927; Boston University School of Law 1930.

Taught at Cornell University 1931-1932;

Practiced Law at 678 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA, 1931-1954;

Chief Counsel, Division of Employment Security, 1954-1974;

Practiced Law at 323 Broadway, Cambridge, MA at Higley & Higley, 1974-
1994;

City Councilor, Cambridge, MA, 1948-1950 and then as Vice Mayor 1950-
1952;

Served as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corp-Intelligence Division, 1942-
1944;

Late Member of Amicable Lodge and Friendship Lodge, Cambridge, MA.

Husband of Ruth W. Higley of Weston, MA and the late Ann LeShane Higley;

Father of Sally Yarworth and her husband George of Belmont; Russell B.

Higley and his wife Judy of Cambridge;

Stepfather of Nancy Foster of Rockport and Asa B. Foster, Jr. and his wife
Susan of Wayland.

step grandfather Asa

m. Ruth in 1963

1932
60
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1934

60

1932 m. Cambridge

1934 Russell

> 1956

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Steve White, Deputy Commissioner

FROM: Sandra Albano, Assistant to the City Council

DATE: September 27, 1996

RE: **HIGLEY DEDICATION**

Enclosed please find a copy of an order passed by the City Council designating the new intersection at Follen Street, Concord Avenue and Garden Street as Higley Square.

The dedication will take place on Sunday, October 20, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. at the intersection at Follen Street, Concord Avenue and Garden Street. I will need a PA System and Podium for the event.

After consulting with the Higley Family, they would like the sign to be of metal and it should read as follows:

CHESTER A. HIGLEY SQUARE

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at x4280.

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cc: Mr. Bob Simard
Mr. Fred Cabral
Ms. Margaret Drury

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ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution on the death of Chester Higley, former City Councillor, respected Cambridge attorney, and father of City Solicitor Russell Higley; and be it further

ORDERED: That the new intersection at Follen Street, Concord Avenue and Garden Street be named in honor of Chester Higley.

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Entire membership

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Consent Order #13

Councillor Sullivan re: Prepare a suitable
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Higley.

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Order adopted