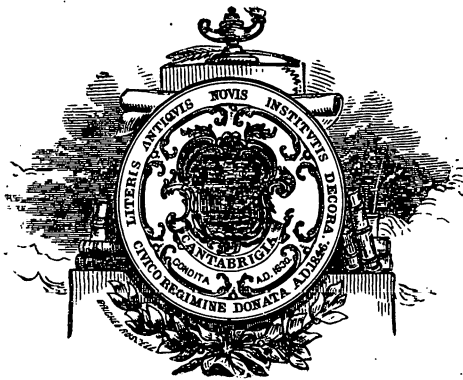




CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen

July 12, 1882

The Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of Samuel Batchelder, in behalf of the executor of the will of Samuel Batchelder, deceased, praying that the city will make provision for suitably compensating the representative of said decedent for an alleged encroachment made ^{in the year 1860} by the city, upon his land, by the widening of Mount Auburn street, west of Ash street,

Reports

That your Committee finds, that in August 1860, the City Council adopted a plan establishing the lines of Mount Auburn street west of Ash street. Within the said lines as then established, was included land enclosed within the fence surrounding the Batchelder estate. The City has never at any time, entered upon and taken possession of the said land shown upon the plan aforesaid as being a part of the street, but included

within the fence enclosing the said estate. In the
accompanying communication from the City Solicitor
the opinion is given that the city has no title to the
land so enclosed. A communication from the City
Engineer upon the matter is herewith transmitted. In
view of the facts as obtained in the inquiry of your
committee, no further action is deemed necessary in
the matter of the said petition.

For the Committee,

Wm E Doyle

Accepted. See also for circumstances.

Accepted. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

In Common Council July 19, 1882.

Concurred, Attest J. W. Feltton clk.

Approved July 21 - 1882

James A. Fox
Mayor

Report
Joint Committee on
on Roads & Bridges, on
petition of Samuel
Batehelden, Exp.

July 12, 1882

City of Cambridge.
Office of City Solicitor,
June 30. 1882.

To the Committee on Roads and Bridges
Gentlemen:

I am of the opinion
that the city gained no rights in the land there
owned by Samuel Batchelder by the proceedings
alluded to in the letter of the City Engineer to you
of the 26th inst. The proceedings are fatally defective.

I am also of the opinion that the city has no
title to the land within the fence.

Respectfully yours.

J. W. Hammond,
City Solicitor.

J.W. Hammond
in regard to land taken
of S. Batchelder & widow
Brattle st. in 1860.

June 30. 1882.



City of Cambridge.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER,

CITY HALL.

To the Committee on Roads & Bridges *June 26th 1887*
Gentlemen

In explanation of the situation on Mt Auburn Street, in the petition of Sam^l Batchelder for compensation for the widening of Mt Auburn Street westerly from Ash Street. I would say that in 1860. Aug 8th the Board of Aldermen adopted a plan showing the line of Mt Auburn Street, this was concurred in by the Council on the 10 of Aug 1860. The line then adopted by the City Council cuts on to the Batchelder Estate as shown by the accompanying sketch, made from the above plan. I am not aware ^{that} the City ever entered and took possession of this land of the Batchelder Estate, but has been enclosed by the owner



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force, which stands now as it did
then so far as I have been able to learn.

Very truly se

W. S. Barton.

City Engineer.

W. S. Barburn
City Engineer.

in regard to land of
Batchelder,

June 26. 1882