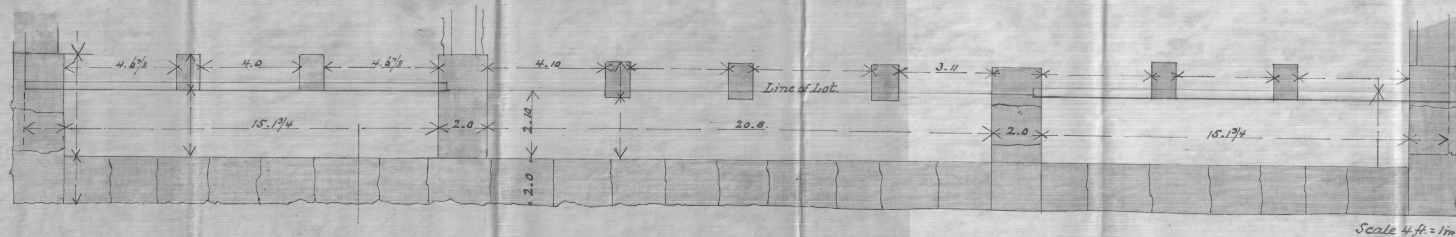


Area Plan for Richard Dolton's Estate, Harvard St., corner of Linden.

The area openings are to be covered with the patent Hyatt Lights.



Cambridge, Feb. 19th. 1870.

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

The undersigned respectfully ~~prays~~ gives notice of his intention to erect a building on the corner of Harvard & Lunden Sts, said building to be of brick, four storeys high 65 feet front on Main St. & running back 38 feet on Lunden St. & to be erected on land owned & now occupied by him. He also prays that the line and grade of the said streets may be given him. Richard. Dolton

In Board of Aldermen. Feb. 23. 1870.

Referred to the City Engineer.

attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

Notice of intention
to divorce -

Richard Holten.

Feb 23 1870.

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

The undersigned, a citizen of Cambridge, owning real estate at the westerly corner of Harvard and Linden Streets, having in view the improvement of the said estate by the erection thereon of a substantial brick and stone edifice for business and other purposes, - and having, in the preliminary steps for so doing, made a certain encroachment upon the public highway for the purpose of obtaining an area beneath the sidewalk on Harvard Street whereby the Basements of his Stores may be the better lighted, said encroachment having been made not through any disrespectful or malicious intent, but through ignorance of the City statutes and ordinances,

— now, therefore, your Petitioner most respectfully prays that the aforesaid encroachment may be allowed to remain, and that he may have leave granted him by your Honorable Body to proceed in the erection and finish of the said building in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by his Architects, Messrs. Ryder & Harris, - a copy of such portions of the plans as relate to the said Basement area, showing the nature and extent of the same, with the size of walls and description of the covering having been filed by your Petitioner in the Office of the City Surveyor.

Richard Dorton
by Ryder & Harris.

Cambridge, 31 March, 1870.

Petition
of Richard Dutton,
Residing on Howard St.
April 4, 1874.



City Engineer's Office,

HYDE'S BLOCK,

Cambridgeport, March 30th 1870

To The Honorable, the Mayor and Aldermen
Gentlemen.

The City Engineer
to whom was referred the notice of Richard Dolton, "of his
intention to erect a building on the corner of Harvard and Lin-
den Streets" and asking for the line and grade of said streets
having attended to the reference made, Reports as follows;

The lines of the streets have been furnished in accordance
with the records laying out the same, and a grade given
corresponding to the present grade of Harvard St. as now used.

With reference to occupancy by the petitioner of his
lot abutting upon Linden St. - a public street of but 25 ft. width;
I would state, that a house to be occupied as a dwelling, has been
placed up to, and flush with, the Western line, so that the win-
dow blinds in opening and closing swing over the sidewalk.

This is without doubt an obstruction to the free use of
the sidewalk, and an interference with the right of the public
over the same.

Another more important and unwarranted use of
a portion of the public highway is also being made in front
of these premises. The petitioner without intimation of
his desire to do so, in the petition presented to your Hon. Board,
or asking even for the customary license to obstruct the street

temporarily, as provided in Sec. 13 City Ordinance, concerning streets. and after receiving the street lines, has assumed the privilege of appropriating to his own use several feet of the sidewalk, by constructing there a foundation wall the whole length of his estate, sixty five and two tenths feet.

Your Hon. Board might grant the right to use a part of the highway for the purposes here intended, but when informally appropriated, in such instances as this, I recommend suppressions to be immediately enforced; for I deem it the right of the City, in all cases to dictate the manner of such occupancy, and mode of construction with reference to public safety.

There is scarcely any limit to a certain class of petty encroachments upon streets throughout the City, and the example of parties who ignore the authority of the City Government relating to them, should be noticed in some effectual manner.

I suggest that there is provision by statute for rules and regulations concerning the erection and maintenance of balustrades, bay-windows, sub-cellars, coal scuttles, foundations, or projections upon the roofs or sides of buildings, and recommend the adoption of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to be provided by ordinance for such cases, as well as an addition to Sec. 17 of the ordinance relating to gates swinging outwards over the street, lane, alley, or sidewalk.

Respectfully Submitted

J. G. Chase
City Engineer

In Board of Aldermen, March 30, 1870.

Referred to the City Engineer, with paid power.
: action further A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

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Report
of City Engineer.
Decided by Richard
Docton.

March 30, 1870.