



City of Cambridge

71.

IN CITY COUNCIL
January 8, 1996

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: This day, August 3, 1996, the City Council celebrates the long Cambridge history of the Watson family, and its innumerable contributions to this City; and

WHEREAS: In 1901 Michael Watson came from County Roscommon, Ireland, to live with his cousin Thomas Watson on Allston Street, and took his first Cambridge job at the Norcross Stoneworks; and

WHEREAS: Two years later Ellen Seary also came from County Roscommon to live with her cousin Bridget on Allston Street; and

WHEREAS: Michael and Ellen knew of each other in County Roscommon, but they met and fell in love on Allston Street; and

WHEREAS: Michael and Ellen married and were blessed with ten children: Mary, 1908-1974; James, 1910-1987; Ellen, born in 1912; Peter, 1913-1977, and his twin, Thomas, 1913-1996; Joseph, 1915-1995; William, 1916-1994; Lawrence, 1918-1927, who suffered a tragic death at the age of 9, when he drowned in the Charles River; Charles, born in 1920; and Edward, 1921-1973; eighteen grandchildren, and thirty four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: All of the Watson sons, except for Lawrence, who died so young, served their country in the U.S. Army during World War II: James "Mike" served in the eighty eighth division, the "Blue Devils" and had a long combat record; William "Barry" served in the First Infantry Division in North Africa and Sicily; Peter served in France and was there on the second day of the invasion; Peter served in New Foundland; Charles served in the China-Burma-India Theater; and Michael and Ellen received a plaque from Archdiocese of Boston on January 12, 1947, in recognition of their having provided the greatest number of members from any single family in the Blessed Sacrament Parish to participate in active duty in World War II.

WHEREAS: After the war James "Mike" worked for Elliot Addressing Machine Company at 143 Albany Street; He married Kathleen and had six children: Michael, Kathleen, Barry, David, Ann and Paul; Mary taught at the Peabody School for forty-two years; she was a very talented teacher who taught every grade at the Peabody School over the course of her career; and

- WHEREAS: Peter worked at Simplex Wire in Cambridgeport and the Post Office; Thomas was appointed to the MDC Police; and
- WHEREAS: Joseph worked at Simplex, M.I.T., and the Post Office; he married Jane and had two children, William and Paula; and William "Barry" worked for the Veteran's Administration; and
- WHEREAS: Edward worked in the Cambridge Post Office, married Mary and had six children: Mary, Elizabeth, Ellen, Barbara, Margaret and Edward; and
- WHEREAS: Ellen graduated from Cambridge High and Latin and then worked at Elliot Addressing Machine; she married John Donohue, a Cambridge firefighter, and they had four children: Laurence, Ellen, John and Margaret; and
- WHEREAS: Charles, who had graduated from Boston College before the war, thereafter graduated from Boston College Law School and practiced law in Harvard Square for forty years; he was a member of the Cambridge City Council from 1954-1959, Veteran's Agent for the City of Cambridge from 1960-1966, and Cambridge's Purchasing Agent from 1966-1972; and
- WHEREAS: The history of the Watson family founded by Michael and Ellen is inextricably linked with the history of twentieth century Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The Watson family has made a significant contribution to what Cambridge was and has become; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby designates the corner of Granite and Brookline Streets as "The Watson Family Square," and be it further
- RESOLVED: That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the Watson family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council January 8, 1996
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Whereas: This day, ~~Sater~~ August 3, 1996 the City Council celebrates the long ^{ancestry of} history, ~~and~~ ~~man~~ of the Watson family, and its innumerable contributions to this city; ~~and~~ and

Whereas: In 1901 Michael Watson came from County Roscommon, Ireland, to live with his cousin Thomas Watson on Allstm Street; ^{and} ~~he~~ ~~took~~ his first ~~Cent~~ job at the Norcross Stone works; and

^{Whereas} ~~Whereas~~: Two years later Ellen Seary also came from County Roscommon to live with her cousin Bridget on Allstm Street; and

Whereas: ^{Michael} ~~Thomas~~ and Ellen knew of each other in County Roscommon, but they met and fell in love on Allstm Street; and

Whereas: ^{Michael} ~~Thomas~~ and Ellen married ~~in 1913~~ and ~~they~~ were blessed with ten children:

← Mary ~~Ellen~~, 1908 - 1974; James, 1910 - 1987; Peter, ~~1913~~ ^{born in} 1912 ~~1911~~; and his twin, Peter, 1913 - 1977; Thomas, 1913 - 1986; Joseph, 1915 - 1995; William, 1916 - 1994; Lawrence, 1918 - 1927, who suffered a tragic death at the age of 9, when he drowned in the

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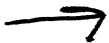
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Charles River; Charles, ~~1920~~ born in 1920; and Edward, 1921-1973; and Righter grandchildren and thirty four great-grandchildren; and

Whereas:

All of the Watsons sons, except for Laurence, who died so young, served their country in the U.S. Army during World War II; James "Mike" served in the ~~88th~~ ^{Eighty Eighth} Division, the "Blue Devils" and had a long combat record; William "Bing" served in the First Infantry Division in North Africa and Sicily; Peter served in France and was there on the second day of the invasion; ~~and Peter served in~~ Charles served in the China-Burma-India Theater New Foundland; ~~and~~ Michael and Ellen received a plaque from Archdiocese of Boston on January 12, 1947.

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Where did
Charles serve?



Whereas:

he married Kathleen
and had six
children: Kathleen,
Michael, David, Ann,
Bing, and Paul;

After the war James "Mike" worked for Elliot Addressing Machine Company at 143

Albany Street; Mary taught at the Peabody School for 42 years; she was a very talented teacher who taught every grade at the Peabody School over the course of her career; and

and the Post Office

Whereas

Peter worked at Simplex Wire in Cambridgeport; ^{Thomas} Peter was appointed to the MDC Police Force; and

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~~18/86~~
~~7/11~~

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Whereas: The history of the ~~Watson~~ Watson family founded by Michael and Ellen is inextricably linked with the history of twentieth Century Cambridge; and

Whereas: The Watson family has ^{made} ~~had~~ a significant ^{contributed} ~~part~~ to ~~the~~ ^{Cambridge} ~~and~~ what Cambridge was and has become; now therefore be it

Resolved: That the City Council hereby designate the corner of Granito and Brookline Streets as "The Watson Family Square," and be it further ~~resolved~~ that

Resolved: ~~that~~ That a suitably engraved copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the Watson family on behalf of the entire C - C -



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COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record designating the corner of Granite Street and Brookline Street in honor of the Watson family with the exact name of the Square to be decided in consultation with the Watson Family.

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City Clerk

1954-59
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Charles A. Watson
and
Ellen (Watson) Donohue

in conjunction with the
City of Cambridge

Requests the Honor
of your Presence
on

Saturday, August 3, 1996
at 11:00 a.m.
for the

Watson Dedication

to be held at the
Corner of Granite and Brookline Streets
to be
officially designated as
the new

Watson Square

in honor of

Michael, Kathleen
Barry, David
A son, Paul

William Michael Watson 1877-1955
Mary E. Watson 1908-1974 - 42 no
Peter J. Watson 1913-1977 = 42 no
Joseph M. Watson 1915-1995
Lawrence D. Watson 1918-1927
Charles A. Watson 1920

Ellen M. Watson 1881-1974
James E. Watson 1910-1987 - 6 children
Thomas F. Watson 1913-1996
William F. Watson 1916-1994
Edward C. Watson 1921-1973 - 6 children
Ellen (Watson) Donohue 1912
Mary, Elizabeth, Barbara
Ella, Margaret, +
Edward

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT
353 BROOKLINE STREET

76th birth
July 9, 1991

- Grand niece nephew

~~Edward M. Watson~~
John Donohue - speaker - nephew. Ellen - sister

Watson Family

- ✓ Michael Watson came from Ireland 1901
to cousin Thomas Watson on Allsh St. Ch Rosemount ^{Ireland}
- ✓ 2 yrs later brother Ellen Seery ^{Ch 1st}
to her cousin who also lived on Allsh St
- ✓ <sup>↑
Bridge St</sup>
Knew of each other in Ireland, but met + fell in love
on Allsh St.
- ✓ father Michael's 1st job was at the Necess Stone Works
↓
Methu
353 Brooklyn St - walls + stairs were constructed
by Necess - now Kathleen Watson Jordan
- 2nd job - in the neighborhood Michael Fitzpatrick + his
rendering business
brothers Joe + Peter + Uncle John Seery all worked
for simplex
- ✓ all brothers except Lawrence died young - Ch River
served their duty in the Armed Forces in WW1

sister Mary Peabody School 42 years
taught every grade
academically talented ch gr
v. talented teacher

✓ James "Mike" older brother, 2d oldest in family
worked for Ellet Addressing Machine Co at 143 Albany
Army 88th division, long combat record
"Blue Devils"

✓ William "Bugs" 1st Infantry division - North Africa + Sicily

✓ Peter served in New Foundland - in Army - Simplex Wire + Cable

✓ Joseph - served in France 2d div of Cavalry

Ellen married John Donohue, Comd fire fighter

4 children Lawrence Ellen John Margaret

Thomas

Joe worked for Simplex

after the war - ~~James~~ William "Bugs" worked ^{for} w/ WA

Joe - Simplex, MIT, the Post office

Michael
34 grad grad
15 grad grad

after the war

- Thomas was apptd to MDC Police ✓
- Edward worked in the Canb Post office

Ellen worked at Elliot Advertising after grad fr
Canb High + Lakes

Charles A.

before the war - BC grad

after war BC Law School

practiced law in Havel Square for 40 yrs

City Councillor 1954-59

Veterans Agent - 6 yrs 1960-1966

Purchasing Agent - 6 yrs 1966-72

Ed
James
Pete
Garry

Post Office

Charles
Chris

Bama

Indian Theater

a play
Reverend for
1/12/47 for Mary provided
the greatest no of workers from
any single home in the
Blessed Sacrament
to participate in
celebrating WWII

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Brookline St &
Granite St.
to be named
"Watson Square"

in remembrance of
an fire water
family

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with the exact name
be decided with
consultation with
the Watson family

That the City Council go on
record designating the corner
of Franklin Street and Brookline
Street in honor of the Watson family,
with the exact name of the square to



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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

Consent Order #71

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Councillors Sullivan, Duehay and
Triantafillou re: Rename the corner
of Granite Street and Brookline
Street in honor of the Watson family.

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Order Adopted