

Cambridge 30 Nov^r 1872
Alderman Harding
Dear Sir—

When I called upon you
the other evening I neglected to mention an
important point, I will state it as briefly as
possible. In a Court of Equity I would have no
difficulty to prove the loss of dockage of one ves-
sel which we suffer in consequence of the widening
of Bridge ^{Street}. Instead of bettering the property, it
has damaged it a much larger sum than I
claim even for the difference in valuation.

You will please remember when considering
my case that no other wharf in Cambridge has
equal facilities for the unloading of vessels,
having the deepest water (with exception of
Lowell Rail R^d wharves) of any wharf in the City,
& no other wharf has a dockage the entire length
on the Easterly side. When your Committee consider
this point in connection with the difference in val-
uation, you will notice I am very moderate in my
request to adjust & finally settle this matter.

Yours most respectfully
B. G. Smith Trustee
Warren Heirs—

Cambridge November 25th 1872
To the Hon^{ble} Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Cambridge
Gentlemen. —

The Undersigned
Trustee for the Warren Heirs, respectfully petition your
Hon^{ble} Body that twenty cents per foot for land taken
for the widening of Bridge Street from the Warren
Wharf, may be deducted from the Betterment assessed,
in order to place this property precisely on an Equal
footing with the other warves on said Bridge
Street, with regard to the widening & Betterments.

— Note —

At the time of widening Bridge Street the "Warren Wharf,"
valued and assessed by sworn assessors of the City at \$1.20
per foot, and the taxes paid as assessed by your petitioner,
The Wharf immediately adjoining and the other warves on
the line of widening on said Bridge Street were assessed
and taxed at \$1.00 per foot. The award for land damages
was arbitrary — no discrimination being made and no
more allowed for the cut off from a corner Wharf —
property valued by sworn assessors of the city \$1.20 per
foot than from adjoining warves valued at \$1.00 per
foot. Your petitioner believes the above mode of
settling land damages wholly without precedent,
and at the same time sincerely believes the City
Government has no disposition to do him or any
other citizen an injustice. Your petitioner desires to pay
on the property he represents the same as his neighbors
and by granting his petition he will so do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Benj^m G. Smith,
Trustee for Warren Heirs,

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 27, 1872

Referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges
and cleared for consideration on the part of this Board.
Attest, Justin A. Folsom, City Clerk

Bridg St.
Petition
of Wm. H. Harris 29
for damages -
Nov. 27. 1872.