

Nov. 26, 1973

The City Council
Cambridge Mass.,
Dear Friends

"In this time of rising costs I find it necessary to inquire if there is a possibility of a widow's pension for me?

My husband James O'Callahan went to work for the Cambridge Sewer Dept. shortly after returning from France after World War I. His father had also worked for the Cambridge Sewer Dept.

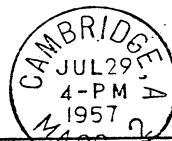
On Nov. 5, 1948 my husband was awarded a disability pension from Cambridge as a result of an injury received while on the job. He received this pension until his death on June 2, 1957. At that time I received no financial payment of any kind from

Cambridge. We had two children still of school age, then. Although I had been a life long resident of Cambridge as had been my parents, I could not afford my house at 107 Seventh Street. This house had previously belonged to my husband's parents.

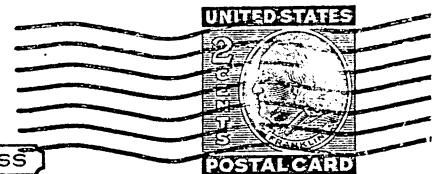
You are no doubt aware of the fact that I am not eligible for any Social Security Benefits as the program was not open to City employees at that time. I am now 72 years of age and have received no aid from the City of Cambridge or the State of Mass.

Enclosed is a copy of a card that was sent to me which bears out these dates

Yours truly,
Elizabeth Callahan



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Elizabeth Callahan
107 Seventh Street
Cambridge Mass.

Our records show James O'Callahan
as pensioned Nov. 5, 1948. from Seiner
dept. Died June 2, 1957
I suggest you write a letter
to the City Council, Cambridge
requesting a pension or an annuity
you being the wife of James O'Callahan
L. L. Gould City Hall



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City of Cambridge

Comm. from Elizabeth O'Callahan relative to
information regarding widows pension.

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Placed on file.