



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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OFFICE OF
THE CITY CLERK

August 5, 1980

Rector
Christ Church
Harvard Square
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of an order adopted by the City Council on August 4, 1980 authorizing the burying of the ashes of Dr. Gardiner M. Day, former Rector of Christ Church, and his wife, at the Old Burying Ground.

Your kind attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

PEH/dl

Enc. (1)



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 4, 1980

ORDERED:

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In City Council August 4, 1980.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy".



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Cambridge Historical Commission

City Hall Annex, 57 Inman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139. 617/498-9040



Robert G. Neiley, *Chairman*; William B. King, *Vice Chairman*; Charles M. Sullivan, *Executive Director*.
Dwight H. Andrews; Arthur H. Brooks, Jr.; James F. Clapp, Jr.; Charles W. Eliot, 2d; Joseph G. Sakey; *Commission Members*.
John Lyons, Geneva T. Malenfant, Frances Pierce, *Alternates*.

June 30, 1980

James Leo Sullivan
City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Jim:

A member of Christ Church, Mrs. Jane R. Pike, has recently approached the Commission to inquire about the possibility of reopening the Old Burying Ground in Harvard Square for the purpose of burying the ashes of Dr. Gardiner M. Day, a former Rector of the Church. The Commission has no objection in this case given the stature of Dr. Day, but wishes to avoid a possibly bothersome precedent. The Commission would review and approve any marker, as the cemetery is in an historic district.

The Burying Ground was closed about 1845, and no burials have take place there since that time. A minister of the First Church, Unitarian, was buried on Church property adjacent to the Burial Ground about 1930. According to State law, the Board of Health has to issue a permit for any burial, but the role of the Cemetery Commissioners and the City Clerk is unclear. The Commission has asked that I investigate this matter on behalf of Mrs. Pike, so I am forwarding her request to you and to the others listed below. I will be in touch again after I return from vacation on July 21.

Yours,

Charles M. Sullivan
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Russell Higley, City Solicitor
Conrad Fagone, Commissioner of Public Works
Jane R. Pike, Christ Church

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MASSACHUSETTS

Agenda # 18 permission to bury the ashes of Dr. Gardiner M. Day, former Rector of Christ Church in the Old Burying Ground in Harvard Square. In City Council August 4 1980

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Kevin P. Crane				
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy				
Ms. Sandra Graham				
Mr. Leonard J. Russell				
Mr. David E. Sullivan				
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan				
Mr. Alfred Vellucci				
Mr. David A. Wylie				
Mayor Francis H. Duehay				

*Order Adopted on Voice Vote of 8 Members
 Should be BE NOTIFIED*



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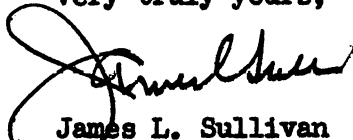
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

August 4, 1980

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed is a communication from Charles M. Sullivan, Executive Director of the Cambridge Historical Commission, requesting permission to bury the ashes of Dr. Gardiner M. Day, former Rector of the Christ Church, in the Old Burying Ground in Harvard Square. Since the Burying Ground has been closed since 1845, I think it is necessary for the City Council to make judgment on this matter.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

JLS/mbf
Enc.

Permission to bury the ashes of Dr. Gardiner
M. Day, former Rector of Christ Church in the
Old Burying Ground in Harvard Square.

In City Council,

August 4, 1980

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affirmative
vote of 8 members.*

*Chosen to be notified
Church notified 8/5/80 (all)*