



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JOHN W. LYONS, MAYOR

February 13, 1940

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am writing to officially notify you of the death of Ralph R. Stratton on February 11, 1940.

Mr. Stratton spent most of his adult life as a resident of Cambridge, and was always interested in the welfare of the city. He was a member of the old Common Council and later of the City Council, from 1915 to 1920. He also represented the city in the Massachusetts Legislature from 1921 to 1926, at all times serving the citizens faithfully and well.

As a youth he entered upon a journalistic career and for many years covered Cambridge as a reporter for many of the leading Boston newspapers. At the time of his death he was Assistant City Editor of the Boston Herald.

I respectfully recommend that suitable action be taken as a tribute of respect to his memory, in which action I shall be glad to join.

Yours respectfully,

Francis L. Sennott

Acting Mayor

COMMUNICATION
^{Act 197}
from the Mayor, transmitting
one from notifying City Council
of the death of Ralph R. Trotter
a former member of the City Council and
our Legislature

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FEB 13 1940

In City Council

Referred to Special Committee
Consisting of Pell, Sullivan, Crane
W. W. Warner & Madison

Frederick H. Burke

City Clerk

Pell
Sullivan
Crane
W. W. Warner
Madison



City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 20, 1940

WHEREAS

Notice has been received from His Honor, the Mayor, of the death of Ralph R. Stratton on February 11, 1940 it is fitting and proper that recognition be given the sad event.

Born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, Mr. Stratton came to Cambridge at an early age and remained here during the rest of his life time.

As a youth he entered upon his career as a newspaper man and in the early days covered our city for the Old Boston Journal and the Boston Advertiser. He later became associated with the Boston Herald-Traveler where he loved and enjoyed his work and finally became assistant city editor. This position he held until his death which occurred only after a short illness.

Always interested and active in civic affairs he served in the Old Common Council of our city in 1915 and became a member of the City Council from 1916 to 1920. He left our governing body to represent Cambridge in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1921 to 1926.

Mr. Stratton, cautious, discreet and practical, will be remembered especially as a man of excellent judgment and a possessor

of that quality which is so rarely found in a statesman, that
of being able to think for himself. Now therefore be it

RESOLVED:-

That the City Council of the City of Cambridge does
hereby acknowledge the loss sustained in the death of Ralph
R. Stratton and would have this tribute to his memory spread
upon the records.

In City Council FEB 20 1940

*Adopted unanimously by a
rising vote*

Fredrick M. Burke City Clerk

Executive Department FEB 23 1940

Approved

John W. Lyons
Mayor

FEB 23 1940

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City of Cambridge

In City Council.....February 20, 1940

The

Committee on Resolutions

to which was referred a communication from the Acting Mayor notifying the City Council of the death of Ralph R. Stratton a former member of the City Council and the Massachusetts Legislature

Reports,

Recommending the adoption of
the accompanying resolution.

For the Committee

Hayman Rell

REPORT

Special Committee on Resolutions
On death of Joseph R. Stratton, former
member of City Council

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Feb. 20, 1940