



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JOHN W. LYONS, MAYOR

October 31, 1939

To The Honorable, The City Council of Cambridge:

I consider it an official duty to notify you of the death of our dearly beloved fellow citizen, Edmund Reardon, which occurred at his home in this city on Tuesday, October 24, 1939, in order that suitable action may be taken by the city government as a tribute of respect to his memory.

Mr. Reardon was born in Ireland and at the time of his death he was 102 years of age. He has been a respected resident of Cambridge for nearly 100 years. In his youth he established himself in business in Cambridge and later became identified with banking interests in the City of Boston. To the very last he was active in banking affairs.

He was intensely interested in the welfare of his adopted city and his services in this direction were always available to his fellow citizens. He was the oldest living member of the city government of Cambridge, having been a member of the old Common Council in 1874 and 1875 and of the Board of Aldermen in 1876 and 1877. He was also formerly a member of the Board of Park Commissioners. In all of these positions he served faithfully and well.

The presence of this remarkable noted citizen will be missed everywhere throughout this community. The memory of such a man should be commemorated.

Respectfully,
John W. Lyons.
MAYOR

COMMUNICATION
from the Mayor, transmitting
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of Edmund Pearson
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In City Council

Referred to Special Committee
Councillor Gibson, Banks, Burke,
Toomey and Dee.

Frederick H. Burke
City Clerk

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City of Cambridge

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 14, 1939

WHEREAS

Notice has been received from His Honor, the Mayor, of the death on October 24th of Edmund Reardon it is fitting and proper that notice be taken of this sad event.

Born in Ireland, Mr. Reardon came to America with his family in 1839 and settled in Cambridge where he remained for almost one hundred years. In his early youth he was engaged in the manufacture of soap, but later entered in the banking business. Up to the time of his death he was the oldest living bank official in the United States, Mr. Reardon was active in his business and took a great interest in it. Up until a very short time ago he appeared at the bank for duty every day.

During his busy career he found time to enter politics and served in the Old Common Council in 1874 and 1875 and also ~~on~~^{as} the Board of Aldermen in 1876 and 1877. Later he was appointed to the Board of Park Commissioners a position he filled with dignity and distinction.

Mr. Reardon was always a forceful and active member of the many temperance and religious societies to which he belonged and he served as Chairman of the Catholic Charities Bureau for a number of years. He was an outstanding figure in the life of Cambridge citizens during his earlier years. Had he lived until February 1940 he would have celebrated his 102nd birthday. Many will miss this kindly

gentleman and the memory of his noble character and high ideals will live in the hearts of his friends for many a year. It is therefore

RESOLVED:-

That the City Council of the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the loss the city has sustained in the death of Mr. Reardon and would have this tribute to his memory spread upon the records.

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In City Council-----

*Adopted unanimously by
a rising vote*

Frederick W. Burke City Clerk

Executive Department NOV 16 1939

Approved-----

John W. Lyons
Mayor

City of Cambridge.

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Presented to the Mayor

For *Cambridge*

City Clerk

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... November 14, 1939

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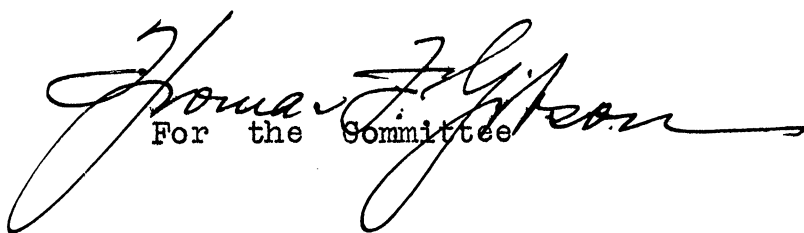
Committee On Resolutions

to which was referred a communication from His Honor, the Mayor, transmitting notice of death of Edmund Reardon

Reports,

Recommending the adoption

ot the accompanying resolution relative to the same.


For the Committee

REPORT

Special

Committee on Resolutions

On the death of Edmund Reardon

November 14, 1939.