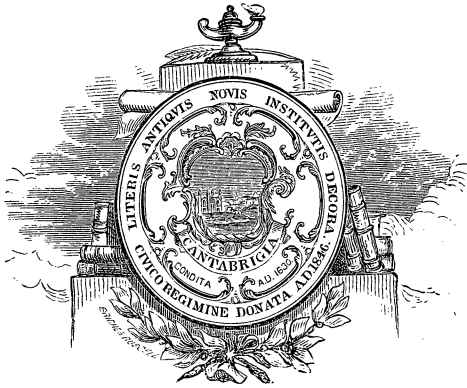




City of Cambridge.

CLERK'S OFFICE,

Nov. 12. 1864.

To the Joint-Standing Committee
on Roads and Bridges:-

Gentlemen,-

I have been asked
whether, in my opinion, the land which it is proposed
to take from Messrs. Chamberlin & Hyde is not al-
ready owned by the City.-

To this question I reply as follows:-

River Street, as it is now called, was laid
out in 1640, and the westerly line of this street, as
shown on James Hayward's Large Plan of Cam-
bridge, made by order of the Town, in 1637, formed
the boundary of the land of Edmund T. Hastings,
now the land of Messrs. Chamberlin & Hyde, on
the side next the Square.

Western Avenue, as it is now called, was
laid out in 1824, intersecting River Street, near the
Flag-staff in front of Engine House No. 4, and

crossing River Street, at a very acute angle, near the South Easterly corner of the Hay-Scales which formerly stood in the Square.

The Southerly line of Western Avenue makes the boundary of the land of Joseph A. Holmes, and the width of these two streets, River Street and Western Avenue, made the width of the Square at the front nearest Main Street.

The South Easterly corner of Mr. Hastings' land was then at a point nearly mid-way between the present line of the edge-stone of Messrs. Chamberlin and Hydes' land and the Hay-Scales, at a distance of about 27 feet from the present edge-stone.

Several years since, Mr. Edmund T. Hastings, then the owner of the land, set the edge-stones along the side of the Square, where they now stand, throwing into the Square this triangulated piece of ground which measured, as I have stated, about 27 feet on Main Street.

This, I am of opinion, was such an act of dedication that the public has acquired the right of way over this parcel of land, now forming a part of the Square, for all the purposes of ordinary travel.

The land lying between the edge-stone and the building, on the clean street-side, is about 24 feet in width, over 12 feet of which, next the edge-stone, I think the public has a right of way for a side-walk: this is up to a line drawn from the corner of Dr. Wright's land, just above the City Hall, parallel with the edge-stone.

On the side next the Square there is a width of about 30 feet, of over 10 feet of which, next the edge-stone, I think the public has a right of way for a side-walk.

The remainder of the land, being a strip 12 feet wide on the clean street-side, and a strip 20 feet wide on the side next the Square, I think belongs to Chamberlain and Hyatt, who have a right to build upon, or to use in any other way, as they please.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Justin A. Jacobs.

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 17. 1866.

On the Petition of Messrs. Chamberlain & Hyde,

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition be granted, - Provided, the sum so paid to the Petitioners shall not exceed the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, and Provided also the Petitioners will deed to the City their land on the South-Easterly side of their building up to the line of said building, and their land on the North Easterly side of said building up to the line on Chases' Plan of Main Street, dated April 22^d 1864, which line has been adopted by the City Council as the line to which all future improvements on Main Street shall conform: - the same to be used for a highway.

Adopted and sent down for concurrence.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

In Common Council Oct 24, 1846.

The foregoing order is amended by striking out the words "Four Hundred Dollars" in the fourth and fifth lines, and as amended referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges with instructions to state the opinion of the City Solicitor whether the land proposed to be taken is not already owned by the City, and sent up for concurrence.

Attest. J. H. Holbrook

In Board of Aldermen, Dec. 24, 1846.

Concurred.

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clk.

Ordered
in Board 4-
Dec. 17, 1846.

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept 19 1866

The Committee on Roads and Bridges to whom was referred the petition of Chamberlain and Hyde praying for an alteration of the sidewalk in front of their store near the Haystacks, have considered the same and would respectfully report. The Committee find upon examination that the curb stone will have to be raised as far as the City Hall in order to conform to the alteration prayed for. also the brick sidewalk in front of the estates of J. H. and J. P. Thayer will have to be repaired. It is estimated by the Superintendent of Streets, that the expense to the City for the labor to complete the work, as it should be, will be about six hundred dollars.

Four Committee are of the opinion that all the city should do is the labor; they therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, providing they will give the land.

For the Committee
F. L. Chapman

In Board of Aldermen Sept 19. 1866

Report recommended to the same Committee
and sent down for concurrence

Attest J. P. Hall, City Clerk pro tem

In Common Council Sept 24. 1866
Concurred

Attest J. P. Hall Clerk

Report of a Committee
Sept. 18. 1866

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 17. 1866.

The Committee again submits this Report.

An Order of this date is adopted, by way of
substitute for the recommendation of the Com-
mittee.

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk

(See Order)

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Cambridge, June 27, 1866.

To the Honorable, the City Council,
of the City of Cambridge.

The undersigned respectfully pray that represent that the space between their building on Main Street near the Square in which the Hay-Scoles are situated, and the edge-stone along said square, is much wider than is required for a sidewalk, being upwards of thirty feet in width.

They therefore pray that your Honorables body would lay out said square and the sidewalk thereby up to the South Eastern line of their store, making said sidewalk of a reasonable width, say sixteen feet, and taking the remainder of the unoccupied land for public use, making the undersigned reasonable compensation for the land so taken.

Danl. U. Chamberlin.

Edw. Hyde

In Board of Aldermen. June 27, 1866.

Referred to the clerk & sent down for consideration.

Amesbury

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs, City Clk.

In Common Council July 2, 1866
Referred to the Committee on
Roads and Bridges and sent up for concurrence
West. J. H. Holt, Clerk
In Board of Assessors July 2, 1866.
Concurred. Assessors Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Communication 17
from Hayes & Chaulsain,
June 27, 1866.