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**COURT AVENUE**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 12, Page 421

August 14, 1902

**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

The PETITION of Kingsbury B. Piper and others for accepting as a public street Court Avenue so-called came up from the Common Council read and referred to the Committee on Highways and Sewers and was read and so referred in concurrence.

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From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 12, Page 469

December 11, 1902

**READ AND PASSED**

The Committee on Highways and Sewers, to whom was referred the petition in regard to Court Avenue reported, recommending the passage of the accompanying order as follows:

ORDERED, That the City Engineer is hereby directed to ascertain and report upon the property lines of Court Avenue so-called. Report read and accepted, order read and passed and both sent down for concurrence, subsequently coming back read and accepted, and read and passed respectively in concurrence.

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**COURT AVENUE**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 12, Page 506

March 12, 1903

**DETAILED REPORT**

The Street Engineer in the matter of the order passed December 11, 1902 relative to property lines of Court Avenue, so-called, submitted a detailed report which was read and ordered placed on file and sent down for concurrence and came back with the action of the Board concurred in.

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## COURT AVENUE

From Street Book 1894-1913  
Pages 187-194

August 14, 1902

READ AND ACCEPTED

In Board of Aldermen

August 14, 1902

The following Petition came from the Common Council Read and Referred to the Committee on Highways and Sewers and was Read and so Referred in Concurrence.

Augusta, Maine

August 7, 1902

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Augusta, Maine.

We, the undersigned property holders and residents in the vicinity of Court Avenue (so-called) in this City, respectfully petition that said Court Avenue extending from Perham Street and parallel to and between Winthrop and Court Streets, having been used by the public as a street for the past thirty (30) years or more, be accepted as a public street, the same being about sixteen (16) rods long and twenty (20) feet wide. The street department has kept this street open for travel during the winter but the Street Commissioner declines to make any repairs upon it until it has been duly accepted.

Very respectfully submitted,

Kingsbury B. Piper  
and five others

In Board of Aldermen

December 11, 1902

The Committee on Highways and Sewers to whom was referred the petition in regard to Court Avenue reported, recommending the passage of the accompanying order as follows.

December 11, 1902

ORDERED, That City Engineer is hereby directed to ascertain and report upon the property line of Court Avenue, so-called.

Report Read and Accepted, Order Read and Passed and both Sent Down for Concurrence, subsequently coming back from the Common Council Read and Accepted and Read and Passed in Concurrence.

In Board of Aldermen

March 12, 1903

The City Engineer submitted the following report relative to the property lines of Court Avenue, so-called.

The Report was Read, and Ordered placed on file and Sent Down for Concurrence, subsequently coming back from the Common Council Read and Ordered placed on file in Concurrence.

Augusta, Maine

February 20, 1903

To the Committee on Highways.

In the matter of the order passed by the City Council December 11, 1902 as follows:

ORDERED, That the City Engineer is hereby directed to ascertain and report the property lines of Court Avenue, so-called.

I will make the following.

### Report

I have examined the index of the Board of Aldermen Journal and do not find any record of the laying out as a public street or way of the passageway or street now called "Court Avenue". There is no proper index of the Town records of Augusta, but an extended examination of the records of each meeting does not give me any information as to this street or way. This examination I have made at opportunities when it would not interfere with my other duties for the City which accounts for delay and report.

Several years ago I made a transcript of the County Commissioners records relating to roads and ways in the City and Town of Augusta there is nothing in these records relating to this way.

In the old deeds of the property adjoining Court Avenue I find that the way was reserved by Nathan Weston in 1829. Perhaps the clearest way to give a history of the matter would be to give an abstract from these old deeds of so much as related to this way.

Lot No. 7 on Nathan Winslow's plan of June 17, 1761 was fifty rods wide on the river and extended back from the river one mile bounded on the north by an Eight Rod Rangeway. (The present Winthrop Street is on and adjacent to this Rangeway).

Prior to the year 1800 Nathan Weston (Wesson) was deeded the northerly half of this Lot No. 7 with the exception of what is now occupied by Granite Hall and is a portion of the Post Office and Masonic Temple lots.

In 1807 Nathan Weston commenced to divide up this northerly half of 50 acre Lot No. 7 into lots of different sizes and convey them to different parties. In making these divisions several streets and ways were reserved for the use of the said Nathan Weston his heirs and assigns, and of the public generally. Court Avenue, as now called was one of these ways and was reserved as described in the abstracts from deeds following.

Nathan Weston to Joseph H. Page, Warrant April 22, 1829, 65-299 Lot in Augusta, bounded as follows:

Beginning in the north line of the street leading from the present Court House (Court Street) towards Kennebec River in the southeast corner of a lot of land I conveyed to the use of the County of Kennebec by deed dated August 15, 1828, (Nathan Weston) the easterly part of which was reserved for a street or passageway (Perham Street); thence running northerly by

the east line of that part of the County Lot reserved for a passageway about 85 feet to a passageway of 30 feet wide which is to run easterly from said County Lot parallel with the street leading from the present Court House towards Kennebec River, the center of which last mentioned passageway is to unite with the passageway on the easterly side of said County Lot, exactly midway between the street leading from the present Court House towards Kennebec River and the street leading from the goal (jail) towards Kennebec River; thence running easterly by the south line of the 30 foot passageway (Court Avenue) 80 feet; thence running southerly parallel with the east line of the County Lot about 85 feet to the street leading from the present Court House towards Kennebec River; thence running westerly by the north line of said last mentioned street 80 feet to the point of beginning.

This establishes the westerly end of Court Avenue as 30 feet wide parallel with Court Street and half way between Court Street and Winthrop Street. (W.B.G.)

Nathan Weston to Jeremiah Berry, Warrant May 23, 1829, 65-404 Lot in Augusta bounded as follows:

Beginning in the east line of that part of a piece of land which I conveyed to the use of the County of Kennebec by deed dated August 15, 1828 which was reserved for a street or passageway, 15 feet north of a point in said east line which is midway between the north side of the street leading from the present Court House towards Kennebec River and the south side of the street leading from the goal (jail) towards Kennebec River; thence running easterly parallel with the street leading from the present Court House towards Kennebec River 80 feet by the north side of a passageway 30 feet wide; thence running northerly parallel with the east line of the lot conveyed to the County aforesaid about 85 feet to the south side of the street leading from the goal (jail) to the river; thence running westerly by the south side of the street last mentioned 80 feet to the east line of that part of the lot conveyed to the County as aforesaid which was reserved for a street or passageway; thence running southerly in said east line last mentioned about 85 feet to the point begun at.

Nathan Weston to Joseph H. Page, Warrant \$300, November 1, 1829, 66-355 Lot in Augusta bounded as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of a piece of land which I sold said Page by deed dated April 22, 1829; thence running easterly by the south line of a strip reserved for a passageway parallel with the street leading from the wooden Court House towards Kennebec River 80 feet; thence running southerly parallel with the east line of the piece first sold to said Page as aforesaid about 85 feet to the street leading from the wooden Court House towards Kennebec River; thence running westerly in the north line of said street 80 feet to the southerly corner of the piece first sold to said Page as aforesaid; thence running northerly by the east line of said piece first sold as aforesaid about 85 feet to the point begin at Nathan Weston to Ebenezer Caldwell, Warrant \$1110, August 13, 1829, 66-111 Lot in Augusta bounded as follows:

Beginning on the south side of the road or street leading from the goal (jail) towards Kennebec River in the northeast corner of a piece of land I sold to Jeremiah Berry by deed dated May 23, 1829; thence running southerly in the east line of said Berry's Lot about 85 feet to the southeast corner of said Berry's Lot; thence running easterly 80 feet parallel with

the street leading from Palmer's Tavern by the wooden Court House towards Kennebec River as widened by the Selectmen of Augusta and on the north side of a lane or passageway 30 feet wide; thence continuing the same course easterly running 73 feet; thence running northerly about parallel with the river street in Augusta across land formerly owned by Ezekiel Page to the southwest corner of a piece of land formerly owned by Samuel Coleman and now by Thomas Parker; thence running by said Parker's west line to the northwest corner of Parker's Lot; thence running westerly on the south side of the street leading from the goal (jail) to the river about 153 feet to the point began at, with all the buildings standing on the premises together with the right of passage through a lane 30 feet wide running westerly from the premises to the street east of the stone Court House, between the lots of the said Berry and Joseph H. Page together also with the privilege of getting water from the well on the lot I sold Ephraim Dutton as reserved in my deed to him dated September 23, 1828, and

Nathan Weston to Eliha Robinson, Warrant March 1, 1831, \$300 71-314.

Piece of land in said Augusta bounded as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of a piece of land conveyed by Thomas Parker to Nathan Weston Jr., and James Weston by deed dated April 5, 1828; thence running southerly in the west line of land now owned by said Thomas Parker and the west line of land which I conveyed to Sumner Wald Getchell by deed dated January 8, 1830 to the street leading from the old wooden Court House towards Kennebec River; thence running westerly in the north line of said street to the southeast corner of a piece of land which I conveyed to Joseph H. Page by deed dated November 12, 1829; thence running northerly in the east line of land and conveyed to said Page and continuing the same course, by the east end of a passageway 30 feet wide to land which I conveyed to Ebenezer Caldwell by deed dated August 13, 1829; thence running easterly in the south line of land conveyed to Caldwell to the southeast corner of his land; thence running northerly in the east line of said land conveyed to Caldwell to land owned and occupied by said Thomas Parker; thence running easterly in said Parker's south line to the point begun at, with the free as of a passageway or street 30 feet wide running from the northwesterly part of the premises as hereby conveyed on the south line of the lot conveyed to Caldwell and on the south side of a piece of land I conveyed to Jeremiah Berry by deed dated May 23, 1829 to the street or passageway eastward of the stone Court House together with the privilege getting water, and

By careful reference to the foregoing deed and will be seen that Nathan Weston owned the land between Court and Winthrop Streets and that he divided the land into house lots and reserved a street or passageway of 30 feet wide halfway between the two above mentioned streets for the use and convenience of the abutters, whatever rights the public has would seem to be by continuously for I have not been able to find where the Town or City laid out or accepted any part of what is called Court Avenue.

Encroachments have been made into the 30 feet reserved so that at the present time there is about 20 feet for a passageway.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Getchell  
Street Engineer

A True Record      Attest Lewis A. Burleigh, City Clerk

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**COURT AVENUE  
(DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION)**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 25, Page 57

August 12, 1978

READ AND TABLED

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 25, Page 64

September 18, 1978

READ AND TABLED

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 25, Page 75

October 16, 1978

READ & INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

539 ORDERED, That Court Avenue and a portion of Court Street, description below be discontinued.

Beginning at a point 113 feet, more or less, southerly of the intersection of the easterly line of Perham Street and southerly line of Winthrop Street; running thence easterly 275 feet, more or less; running thence southerly 20 feet, more of less; running thence westerly 275 feet, more or less, to the easterly line of Perham Street; running thence along said easterly line 20 feet, more or less, to the point or place of beginning.

The petitioners hereby agree to hold the City of Augusta harmless of all damages for the closing of said streets.

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**COURT AVENUE  
(DISCONTINUANCE)**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.

July 21, 1980

READ AND PASSED

From Street Book 1923-199\_  
Page 191

July 21, 1980

READ AND PASSED

506 ORDERED, That Court Avenue, description below, be discontinued.

Beginning at a point 113 feet, more or less, southerly of the intersection of the easterly line of Perham Street and southerly line of Winthrop Street; running thence easterly 275 feet, more or less; running thence southerly 20 feet, more or less; running thence westerly 275 feet, more or less, to the easterly line of Perham Street; running thence along said easterly line 20 feet, more or less; to the point or place of beginning.

The petitioners hereby agree to hold the City of Augusta harmless of all damages for the closing of said street.

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