

**FRONT STREET**

From Street Book 1833  
Pages 61 & 62

March 6, 1848

**VOTED**

At the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Augusta qualified to vote in Town affairs, legally called and notified, held at the Town House in said Augusta on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1848 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and also by adjournment on the tenth day of April 1848.

ARTICLE 22, VOTED, That the Town will accept the road laid out by the Selectmen on Petition of George Williams and others, provided that the said road shall be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen, free of expense to the Town, except damages to the proprietors of land over which it passes.

The report of the laying out is as follows, viz:

Commencing at a stake six rods and ten links westerly from the southwest corner and in a parallel line with the south side of the Fish Wharf; thence North 8 degrees East eleven rods and nine links to the northeast corner of Henry William's hay barn; thence North 19 degrees East sixteen rods and fifteen links to the southeast corner of William S. Haskell's brick store; thence North 32 degrees East twenty-eight rods and nineteen links to the southeast corner of N. Flagg's brick store; thence North 25 degrees East 8 rods to a point parallel with the north side of N. Flagg's new store house, and 20 feet westerly of the same; thence North 32 degrees East eighteen rods and fourteen links, to the southeast corner of James W. North's brick store; thence North 29 degrees East nine rods and seventeen links to Ruel William's store; thence North 24 degrees East three rods to the northeast corner of said store; thence North 8 degrees east three rods and seven links to the northeast corner of William Will's store; thence North 62 degrees West two rods and nineteen links to the County Road.

Said road to be two rods wide and the monuments to be the southerly and westerly line of the road.

A True Record Attest Daniel Pike, Town Clerk

See Warrant Vol. 3, Page 174  
Recorded in Augusta

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**FRONT STREET  
DISCONTINUANCE**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 3, Page 196

March 6, 1848

VOTED

ARTICLE 22 VOTED, That the Town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of George Williams and seventy- seven others provided that said road shall be built to the acceptance of the Selectmen free of expense to the Town except damages to the proprietors of land over which it passes.

The Selectmen’s report of the location is as follows. To wit: “Commencing at a stake six rods and ten links westerly from the south-east corner and in a parallel line with the south side of the Fish Wharf; thence North 8 degrees East 11 rods and 9 links to the north east corner of Henry Williams hay barn; thence North 19 degrees East 16 rods and 15 links to the south east corner of Williams S. Haskell’s brick store; thence North 32 degrees East 28 rods and 19 links to the south east corner of N. Flaggs brick store; thence North 30 degrees East 3 rods to the north east corner of N. Flaggs brick store; thence North 25 degrees East 8 rods to a point parallel with the north side of N. Flaggs new store house and 20 feet westerly of the same; thence North 32 degrees East 18 rods and 14 links to the south east corner of James W. North’s brick store; thence North 29 degrees East 9 rods and 17 links to Ruel Williams’ store; thence North 24 degrees East 3 rods to the north east corner of said store; thence North 8 degrees East 3 rods and 7 links to the north east corner of William Mills’ store; thence North 62 degrees West 2 rods and 19 links to the County road. Said road to be two rods wide and the monuments to be the southerly and westerly line of said road.”

See Vol. 1, Page 61

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**PROOFED**

**FRONT STREET**

From Street Book 1833  
Page 107

April 8, 1854

VOTED

Augusta, Maine

April 8, 1854

To the City Council of the City of Augusta

The undersigned citizens of Augusta would respectfully represent that there is but one public passage to the river on the west side of the river for the whole length of Water Street; and that

the public convenience and necessity requires an additional one leading from said street past the west end of Kennebec Bridge, southerly in the rear of the stores on water side of said street to the south side of the Vose Wharf. Wherefore, they pray that your honorable body would layout a street to be called Front Street, commencing at the east line of Water Street opposite the west end of the Kennebec Bridge; thence southerly in the rear of the stores on said Water Street; thence easterly to the south side of the abutment of the bridge to said termination at the water on the south side of Vose Wharf.

George Williams  
Horace Bowditch  
J. W. Coffren  
Francis Davis  
A. W. Hodge

In Common Council

April 8, 1854

Referred to Committee on New Streets and Notice Ordered - Sent Up for Concurrence.

William H. Wheeler, Clerk

In Board of Aldermen

April 8, 1854

Read, Referred and Notice Ordered in Concurrence.

Daniel C. Standwood, Clerk of Board of Aldermen

The Committee on New Streets to whom was referred the petition of George Williams and others for a new street and upon which notice was ordered have had the same under consideration and report.

That the City Clerk gave the notice of the intention of the City Council to layout said street as prayed for from Water Street near Isaac H. Randall's store past the west end of Kennebec Bridge southerly in the rear of the stores on the water side of said Water Street to and terminating at the south side of the Vose Wharf, which notice was posted on the east and west end of said Kennebec Bridge on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1854, notifying all persons interested to appear before a committee of said council at the west end of said Bridge at ten o'clock a.m. of the 29<sup>th</sup> day of said April. At which time and place your committee met and after viewing the route, hearing the petitioners and considering the matter laid out a public road or street to be called Front Street as follows, viz:

Beginning in the east line of Water Street, near the northwest corner of Isaac H. Randall's store being the same formerly occupied by William S. Wills; thence running easterly in a line parallel with the northerly side of said store and six inches therefrom forty-six feet to the north east corner of said store, over the land of the proprietors of the Kennebec Bridge; thence South three degrees West over the land of said Isaac H. Randall twenty-five feet distance on a right angle to said first line to said Randall's south line; thence same course about twenty-five feet on a right angle to said first line to the northeast corner of the Brown & Williams store over the land of Ruel Williams; thence South twenty-four degrees West fifty feet to a point at the southeast corner of said Brown & Williams store over said Ruel Williams' land; thence

same course sixteen feet across the passageway between the Phoenix Block and Brown & Williams store to land of Ruel Williams and Thomas S. Smith, said passageway owned by the proprietors of said Phoenix Block and Brown & Williams store; thence same course South twenty-four degrees West across the land of said Ruel Williams and Thomas S. Smith about sixty feet to James W. North's land; thence same course across said J. W. North's land one hundred and twenty-five feet; thence across the land of the heirs of the late Mary Vose same course about one hundred and sixty-nine feet to the south side of the Vose's Wharf at the water, at a point ten feet from the south line of said land belonging to said Vose heirs; said road or street to be a public street and twenty-four feet wide, north and east of said line - this road passes over twenty-five feet of Ruel Williams' land opposite to said Isaac H. Randall's land, being the second course after leaving Water Street. On the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of April your committee filed with the City Clerk of said City, the laying out of said street with the bounds and admeasurements of the same and as above reported.

And we have estimated and determined the damages for laying out said street as follows, viz: To Isaac H. Randall two hundred and ninety dollars, to Ruel Williams for the second course and admeasurements of twenty-five feet and the third course and admeasurements of fifty feet, five hundred and seventy dollars and for the other parties over whose land the street passes we find no damages and assess none.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Per Order of the Committee  
Mason G. Farrar, Chairman

In Board of Aldermen

May 6, 1854

Read and Accepted and Sent Down for Concurrence.

Daniel C. Stanwood, Clerk of Board of Aldermen

In Common Council Accepted in Concurrence.

William H. Wheeler, Clerk

A copy of the laying out of the foregoing road with the bounds and admeasurements of the same as above described was filed in the office of the City Clerk seven days previous to the acceptance of said road by the City Council.

A True Record    Attest Daniel C. Stanwood, City Clerk

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**PROOFED**

**FRONT STREET**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 2, Page 32

April 8, 1854

A Petition of George Williams and others for a new street to be called Front Street with accompanying papers sent up from the Common Council was referred to the Committee on New Streets and Notice Ordered in Concurrence.

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**PROOFED**

**FRONT STREET**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 2, Page 38

May 6, 1854

From St. Book 1833  
Page 107

April 8, 1854

Ald. Farr from the Committee on New Streets to which was referred the petition of Geo. Williams and others made a report laying out a street as follows, viz:

Beginning in the east line of Water Street, near the northwest corner of Isaac H. Randall's store being the same formerly occupied by William S. Wills; thence running easterly in a line parallel with the northerly side of said store and six inches therefrom forty-six feet to the north east corner of said store, over the land of the proprietors of the Kennebec Bridge; thence South three degrees West over the land of said Isaac H. Randall twenty-five feet distant on a right angle to said first line to said Randall's south line; thence same course about twenty-five feet on a right angle to said first line to the northeast corner of the Brown & Williams store over the land of Ruel Williams; thence south twenty-four degrees west fifty feet to a point at the southeast corner of said Brown & Williams store over said Ruel Williams' land; thence same course sixteen feet across the passageway between Phoenix Block and Brown & Williams store, to land of Ruel Williams and Thomas Smith, said passageway owned by proprietors of Phoenix Block and Brown & Williams store; thence same course South twenty-four degrees West across the land of said Ruel Williams and Thos. Smith about sixty feet to James W. North's land; thence same course across said James W. North's land 125 feet; thence across the land of the heirs of the late Mary Vose same course about 169 feet to the south side of the Vose Wharf at the water, at a point ten feet from the south line of said land belonging to said Vose heirs, said road or street to be a public street and twenty-four feet wide north and east of said line; this road passes over 25 feet of Ruel Williams land opposite to said Isaac H. Randall's land - being the second course after leaving Water Street. On the said 29<sup>th</sup> day of April your committee filed with the City Clerk of said City, the laying out of said street with the bounds and admeasurements of the same as above reported - and we have estimated and determined the damage for laying out said street as follows, viz:

To Isaac H. Randall two hundred and ninety dollars, to Ruel Williams for the second course and admeasurement of 25 feet and the third course and admeasurement of 50 feet, five hundred and seventy dollars and for the other parties over whose land the street passes we find no damage is sustained and assess none.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Per Order of the Committee  
Mason G. Farrar, Chairman

The Report was Accepted and Sent Down for Concurrence.

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PROOFED@@

**FRONT STREET**  
(FORMERLY FORE STREET)

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 2, Page 75~

November 4, 1854

Alderman Gage offered an Order providing for the building of Fore Street which was referred to the Committee on New Streets and Sent Down for Concurrence.~

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PROOFED

**FRONT STREET**

From Jr. Bd. Ald.  
Vol. 2, Page 94

March 3, 1855

An Order passed at the meeting of the Board February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the discontinuance of the street recently laid out from Kennebec Bridge southerly in the rear of the stores on Water Street was sent up from the Common Council referred by that Board to the next City Council. Ald. Gage moved to recede and concur and on motion of Ald. Titcomb, Ald. Gage's motion was laid on the table.

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PROOFED

**FRONT STREET**

January 13, 1855

ORDERED, That the highway recently laid out and established by the City authorities from the Kennebec Bridge running south in the rear of the stores on Water Street in the direction of James W. North's Wharf be and the same is hereby discontinued - provided the parties to whom damages have been awarded relinquish the same.

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PROOFED~@@

**FRONT STREET**  
(ALSO KNOWN AS FORE STREET)

From Street Book 1  
Pages 125 & 126~

August 25, 1860

VOTED~

To the City Council of Augusta~

The undersigned would represent that in laying Fore Street an error was made as the undersigned supposes in the course from the south east corner of the Brown and Williams store to the end of said road as laid, the design and intention having been as is believed to lay the same from said corner of said store parallel to Water Street, whereas it now runs on to near the middle of the Vose Wharf. The undersigned petitions and asks that the said Fore Street from a point in the west line thereof intersected by the north line of J. W. North's land may be relaid to the end thereof so as to be parallel to Water Street after reaching the north east corner of Meonian Building the same passing over the land of said North for 125 feet and over the land of said North and George Williams or his assigns for the remainder of the distance and that if be attended with no damage or expense.~

August 25, 1860

James W. North~

In the Board of Alderman

August 25, 1860

Read and Referred to Committee on New Streets and Notice Ordered Sent Down.~

William Gaslin, Jr., City Clerk~

In Common Council

August 25, 1860~

Read and Referred in Concurrence~

Levi Page, Clerk~

The Committee on New Streets to whom was referred the petition of James W. North for alteration in Fore Street upon which notice was Ordered would report,

That whereas James W. North petitioned the City to layout or alter a street or road called Fore Street in said City commencing in the west line of said Fore Street at a point intersecting by the north line of said North bound and running southerly to the northeast corner of the Meonian Building and thence by said building and the east end thereof on a line parallel to Water Street to and terminating at a point ten feet from the south line of land purchased by said North and George Williams of the estate of Mary Vose, and the City Clerk gave notice by order of the City Council of their intention to layout or make the said alteration in said street and notified all

persons interested to appear before a committee of said Council at James W. North's office on Saturday October 13th, 1860 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, a true and attested copy of which notice was posted by the City Marshal seven days previous in public and conspicuous places in the Post Office in said Augusta and also a true and attested copy of said notice was posted in a public and conspicuous place at the end of the Kennebec Bridge.

Your committee met at the time and place mentioned in said notice and proceeded to view the alterations proposed and having heard the parties interested who appeared made the alteration in said Fore Street by laying out the same as follows, viz:

Commencing in the west line of Fore Street at a point cut by the north line of James W. North's land on which his block of brick stores stand; thence running southerly over said North's land

about eighty feet to the store forming the northeast corner of Meonian Building owned by the said North; thence southerly fifty feet by the east end of said Meonian Building over said North's land to the southeast corner thereof; thence in a southerly course on a line parallel with Water Street as laid out by the town of Augusta in 1822 to a point ten feet from the south line of land purchased by said North and George Williams of the estate of Mary Vose, the said line being on the divisional line between the land belonging to the estate of said Mary Vose and the lot sold to said North and Williams and said road to be twenty-four feet wide east of said corners and bounds, and all of said Fore Street east of said street as now laid out to be discontinued. No damages are claimed or awarded and your committee on the said 13th day of October, 1860 filed

in the City Clerk's office the bounds and admeasurements and laying of said road, all of which is hereby submitted.

John Barrows    Committee on  
William W. Libby New Streets  
Per Order~

In Board of Aldermen

October 27, 1860

Read, Accepted, and the alteration in Fore Street as laid out established and all that part of Fore Street east of said new location discontinued, Sent Down for Concurrence.

William Gaslin, Jr.  
City Clerk

In Common Council

October 27, 1860

Read, Accepted and the alteration as laid out established, and all east of the new location Discontinued in Concurrence.

Levi Page, Clerk~

A copy of the alteration of said Fore Street with the bounds and admeasurements of the same was filed in the City Clerk's office

October 13, 1860.

Attest

William Gaslin, Jr.~  
City Clerk

A true copy.

Attest William Gaslin, Jr.~  
City Clerk

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