

'Asks Cambridge to Drop Name of Harvard Square

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—A City Council committee took up consideration today of a proposal to change the name of Harvard Square to George Washington Square after being warned by Councilman Henry D. Wilson that approval of the motion would lead everybody to regard the Councilmen as "a bunch of loons."

City Councilman Michael A. Sullivan introduced the motion, terming John Harvard, for whom the university was named, "just another foreigner who never set foot in this country." He added that Washington "did more for Cambridge and the United States than John Harvard ever did."

The old, somewhat triangular "square," famous in Harvard tradition, borders on Harvard Yard and Cambridge Common, where Washington assumed command of the Revolutionary Army.

Although not directly concerned in the controversy, Harvard commentators said today that Councilman Sullivan apparently was confused on his history, because John Harvard came to near-by Charlestown as a preacher in 1637 and died the following year. On his deathbed he dictated a will leaving £400—half his estate—and all his library to the institution just founded by the State.