

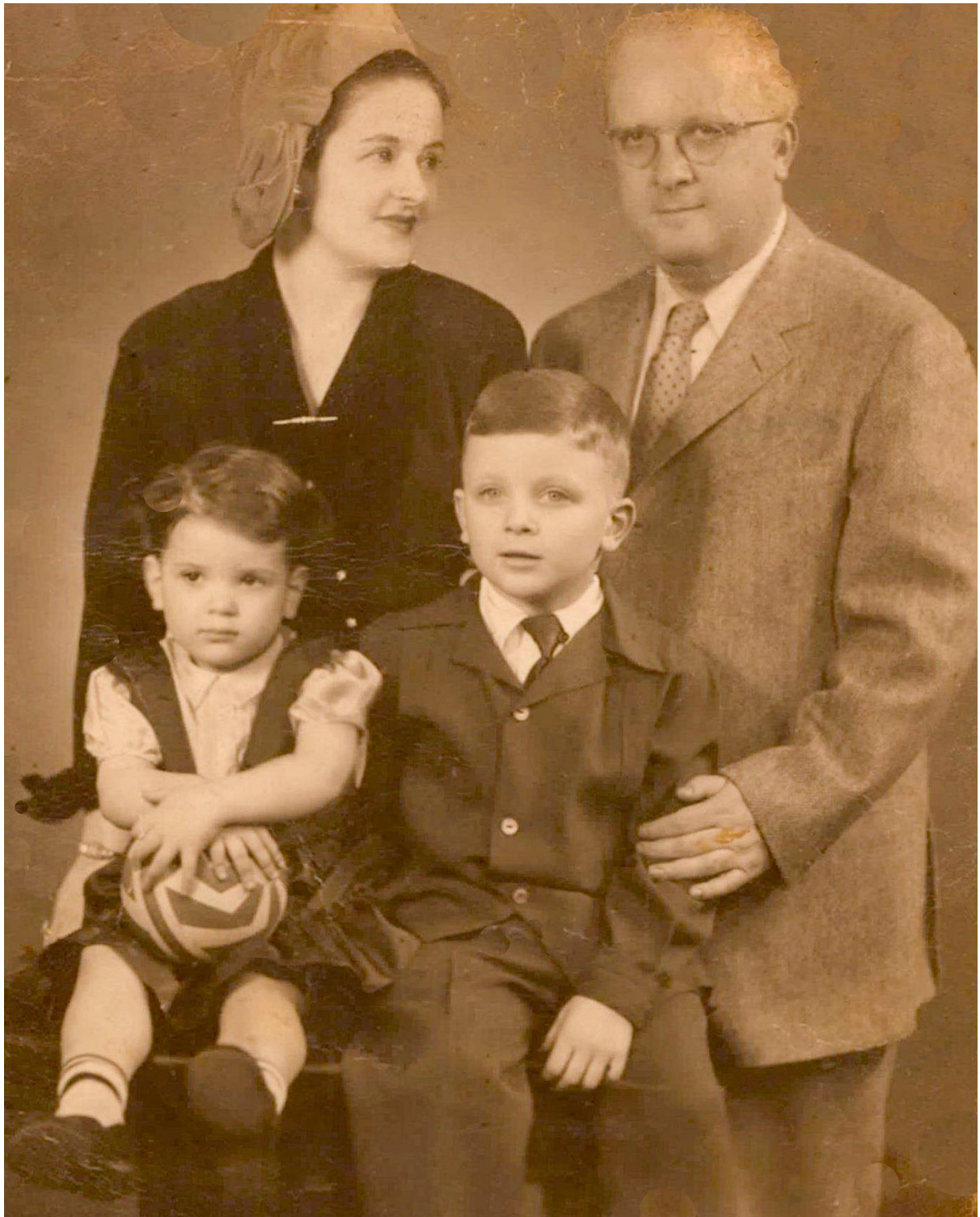
David M. Griffel and some family connections

Edward Gelles

David Griffel who died a year ago, on 3rd December 2021, was the last remaining 1st cousin of our Griffel family. David's father Edward Griffel and my mother Regina Griffel were siblings whose father was David M. Griffel, after whom my cousin was called. The siblings' grandfather Eliezer Griffel, was head of the Jewish community of Nadworna in Galicia.

An outline of my cousin David's life can be gathered from appended photographs which were retrieved from his house in Weston, Massachusetts.

David Griffel was born in New York in 1946. His father Edward Griffel (1904 – 1959) married Susan Manson (1911 - 1978) . David's sister Eve (1949 - 1998) is shown beside her brother in the photograph which was taken in 1952 /1953.



The following photograph shows David as a young man whose education took him to MIT where he graduated in 1967. He continued his studies there, contributing to computer science, and eventually developed his business interests related to the new technology.



GRIFFEL, DAVID M		6/46
STUDENT NAME		BIRTH DATE
630578	1	2/64-6/64
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**MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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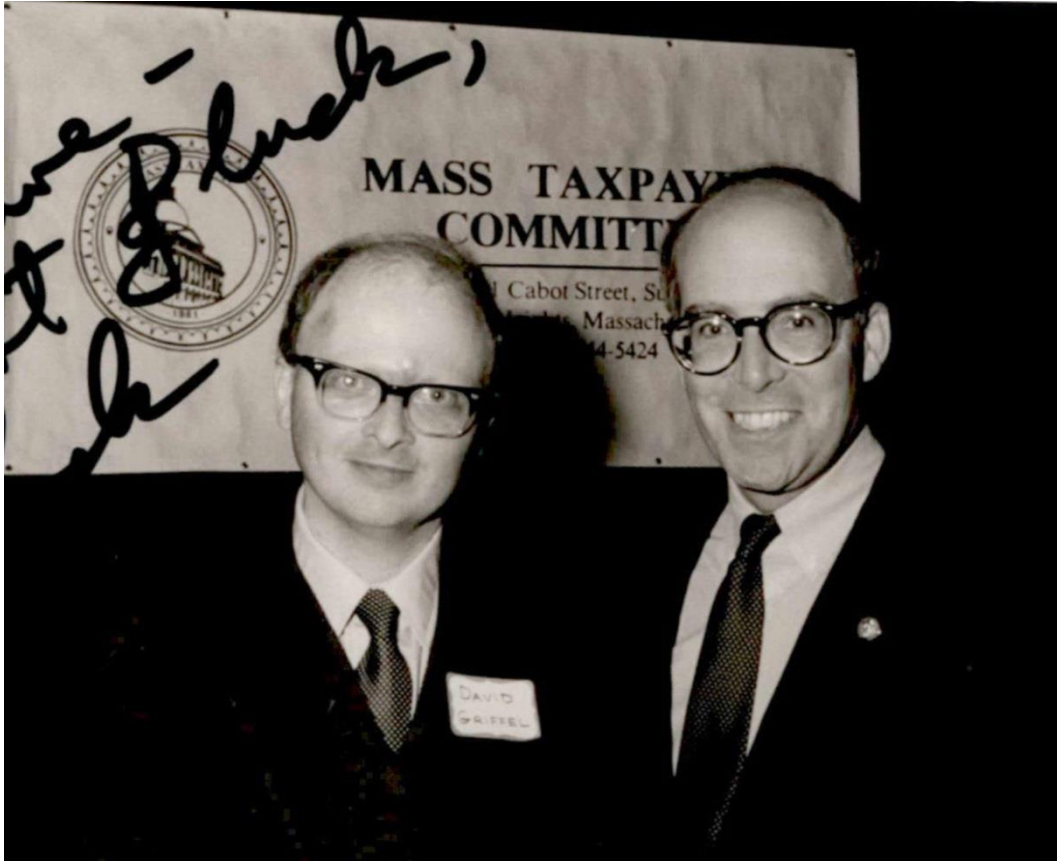
David M. Griffel

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has registered at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
and has completed requirements with regard to fees as
of the above dates.

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He settled in Weston, Massachusetts where he took an active part in local government as indicated in the appended photograph and newspaper cutting.



Weston water candidates address

Griffel wants independent water board

By STEPHEN THOMPSON
News Correspondent

WESTON — David Griffel is linking his candidacy for the Board of Water Commissioners to one issue — the need for an independent board.

Griffel, of 65 Hidden Road, is running against Charles P. Sullivan, of 36 River Road, for the one spot open on the three-member board. Neither candidate has run for public office before.

Griffel, 39, said the board should be separated from town hall and get all of its funds from money paid for water. Now the town allocates part of the town budget for water needs to the board, as it does with the police department and the fire department.



DAVID GRIFFEL
... independent board

“We should be able to spend money paid for water bills for water needs exclusively,” he said, adding that money paid for water now goes into the town budget, eventually flowing into all department channels.

Griffel said the board could be set up as “a little public utility

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Sullivan says look for new water sources

By STEPHEN THOMPSON
News Correspondent

WESTON — Candidate Charles Sullivan thinks the board of Water Commissioners should look for other water sources as state prices skyrocket.

Sullivan, 47, of 36 River Road, is pitted against David Griffel of 65 Hidden Road for the spot open on the three-member board. Neither candidate has run for office before. The election is May 10.

Sullivan said the 22 percent price increase of water from the Mass. Water Resource Authority “deteriorates the town’s buying power” and Weston should look for sources elsewhere.

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He planned to run for the US Senate in his home state in 1988

David **GRIFFEL**
for United States Senator

Meet
**DAVID
GRIFFEL**



The
Independent Candidate
for the
U.S. Senate

These notes are from the above leaflet

- David Griffel is a successful businessman who graduated from MIT in 1967.
- David Griffel was a Researcher and Teacher at the MIT Political Science Department and Center for International Studies from 1967 to 1974.
- The founder of a software firm serving clients in the United States and abroad, David has seen firsthand how the size and complexity of government burdens business.
- He received national recognition for the development of computer software for government, business and non-profit organizations.
- He understands the obstacles presented by excessive regulations and paperwork to the introduction of new products and the creation of jobs.
- And he has firsthand knowledge of both the usefulness and potential dangers of information technology.
- David Griffel understands that not only is government becoming much too large, it is becoming increasingly ineffective. He believes that the misguided policies that stifle economic development harm us all including the truly needy. These misguided policies result in fewer jobs, inefficient delivery of services, and prevent the poor from helping themselves.
- America needs an independent voice to speak out with new ideas designed to meet the challenges of the future.
- David Griffel has the right qualifications to help shape the government policies of the future – policies that balance competitiveness and compassion, technology and human values.

David's death certificate confirms that he was buried at the Baron Hirsch Cemetery on Staten Island, New York, as were his parents and sister.

		 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		State File # 2021 059681 Registered # 21-255
07012019				
DECEDENT	Place of Death	CEDARWOOD GARDENS HEALTH AND REHABILITATION CENTER, FRANKLIN, MA		
	Date of Death	DECEMBER 03, 2021	Age	75 YRS
			Sex	MALE
	Current Name	GRIFFEL, DAVID ---		
	Surname at Birth or Adoption	GRIFFEL	SSN	██████████
	AKA	---		
	Date of Birth	JUNE 01, 1946	Birthplace	NEW YORK, NEW YORK
	Residence	65 HIDDEN ROAD, WESTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02493		
	Race	WHITE	Education	BACHELOR'S DEGREE
	Marital Status	NEVER MARRIED	Occupation/Industry	BUSINESS OWNER/COMPUTER SOFTWARE
MEDICAL CERTIFIER	Last Spouse - Last, First, Middle (Surname at Birth or Adoption)	---		Decedent: U.S. Veteran (Most Recent)
				NO
	Parent Name - Last, First, Middle (Surname at Birth or Adoption)	GRIFFEL, SUSAN (MANSON)	Birthplace	POLAND
	Parent Name - Last, First, Middle (Surname at Birth or Adoption)	GRIFFEL, EDWARD (GRIFFEL)	Birthplace	POLAND
	Part I. Cause of Death - Sequentially list immediate cause then antecedent causes then underlying cause			Interval between onset and death
	a. Immediate Cause (Final condition resulting in death)			
	TUMOR OF RIGHT EYE			--- MOS.
	b. Due to or as a consequence of:			

	c. Due to or as a consequence of:			

d. Due to or as a consequence of:				

Part II. Other significant conditions contributing to death but not resulting in underlying cause			Manner of Death:	
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			Time of Death: 06:15 PM	
			Result of Injury: NO	
Certifier	ASMA TAHIR, MD			Lic # 158433
Addr.	300 MOUNT AUBURN STREET, SUITE 517, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138			
Funeral Licensee/Designee	ANTHONY N MASSARONI			Lic # 50747
Facility/Addr.	LEVINE CHAPEL, BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS			
Immediate Disposition	REMOVAL FROM STATE			
Date of Immediate Disposition	DECEMBER 16, 2021			
Place/Address	BARON HIRSCH CEMETERY, 1126 RICHMOND AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK 10314			
Date of Record	DECEMBER 15, 2021			
Date of Amendment	---			
				 CLERK, CITY OF FRANKLIN

DATE ISSUED: MARCH 14, 2022



I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Clerk of the Town of Weston; that as such I have custody of the records of birth, marriage, and death required by law to be kept in my office, and I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy from said records, as held in the Commonwealth's central vital records information repository.

Nehemiah M. Davenport

Clerk
Town of Weston

Further photographs, family correspondence, and other material have been gathered to expand this outline of my cousin's life.