ABSTRACTS

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EARLY WOBURN DEEDS,

Recorded at Middlesex County Registry.

1649—1700,

—-BY—-

EDWARD F. JOHNSON.

WITH SOME EXPLANATORY NOTES

PREFACE.

The abstracts of early Woburn deeds which are published in the following pages first appeared in "The News" of Woburn. They are believed to include all Woburn deeds bearing date in the seventeenth century and now on record at Cambridge. The books at the Registry were read by John W. Johnson, Esquire, several years ago, and the Woburn conveyances here given were scheduled by him at that time. In making the abstracts I have endeavored to include all matter of importance to the conveyancer, and, at the same time, not to omit anything of value to the genealogist.

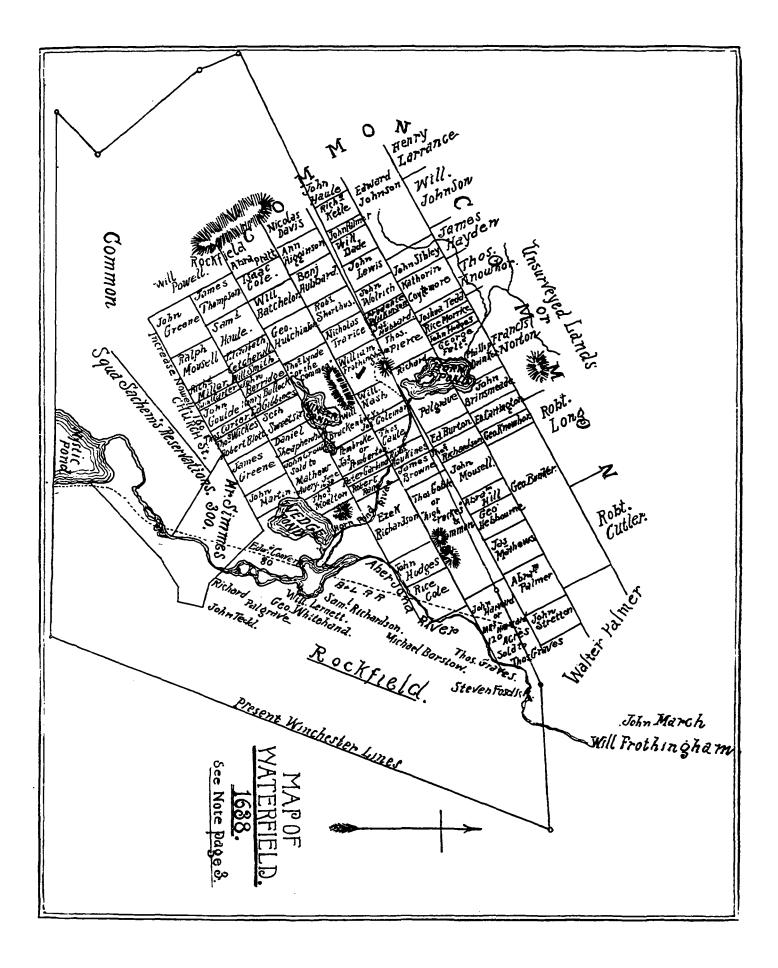
It may be worthy of note here that the earliest deed now existing of real estate in Woburn, is that of George Polle to John Lakin, dated April 10, 1653. It is not recorded at Cambridge, but was published in full in "The News," of Jan. 3, 1891. It was also published and commented upon by Hon. Samuel A. Green, M. D., of Boston, in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January, 1891.

There are many early Woburn deeds preserved in the Woburn Public Library, a large number of which are not recorded at Cambridge. The earliest of these is that of George Farley of Billerica to Richard Snow of Woburn, dated Nov. 19, 1656.

I am indebted to my friend, Mr. William R. Cutter, Librarian of the Woburn Public Library, for assistance in the preparation of the notes to the deeds here published.

Edward F. Johnson.

November 10, 1895.



An Abstract of Early Woburn Deeds Recorded in Middlesex County Registry.

WITH NOTES BY EDWARD F. JOHNSON.

Book 1, Page 14:-The Will and Testament of Lambart Sutton of Woburn in the County of Middlesex, month 9, day the 8, 1649. I, Lambart Sutton, being in perfect memory do make this my last will and testament and I make my wife Elizabeth my whole executor and I give to John Russell Junior my bible and to Mary Russell I give five shillings and the rest of my whole estate I give to my executor and I make overseers of this my will John Mousall and John Wright and John Russell now dwelling in Woburn. In witness whereof I set to my hand.

Lambart Sutton.

John Mousall, John Wright, John Russell.

B. 1. P. 18:-Samuel Carter of Charlestown hath sold unto Thomas Richardson of Woburn a parcel of land by estimation about fifteen acres being bounded Mr. Mellows. southwest, William Learniets North, Aberjona River Northwest and Charlestown Common Northwest.

Ack. Dec. 6, 1650 before Mr. Increase Nowell.

B. 1, P. 18:-Thomas Pierce of Woburn.....have sold unto Thomas Richardson of the same one parcel of land, upland and meadow lying within Charlestown bounds by estimation about forty acres or thereabouts, sometime in the possession of John Cole, being bounded pounds grants unto Henry Brooks of

Mount Discovery southeast, Mr. Graves North, the land of the said Thomas Richardson west and Sam: Richardson east and upon Aberjona River.

Ack. Oct. 11, 1650, Coram Increase Nowell.

[Stoneham was within "Charlestown bounds" down to the year 1725. Mount Discovery is the hill lying above Mont-vale, near Stoneham, at whose base the Stoneham Branch Railroad passes.]

B. 1, P. 24:--John Green of Charlestown, senior, sold unto John Knight of Woburn one dwelling house in Woburnalso eighty acres of arable and meadow land more or less which all appertained to the said John Green and his son John lying being at the southwest end of the town of Woburn and surrounded on all sides by the Common of the said town. Sept. 3, 1649.

Ack. April 8, 1651. John Green. [I'his land is situated in the westerly part of Winchester. See Waterfield Map in Vol. 2 of Winchester Record. This map was constructed by the late George Cooke and George T. Littlefield of Winchester and is designed to show "the approximate location in 1638" of the lots in Woburn and Winchester which had been granted to the inhabitants of Charlestown. The descriptions of the lots, from which the compilers prepared their map, were taken from the Charlestown Book of Possessions.]

B. 1, P. 25:—William Brakenbury late of Charlestown in consideration of fifty Woburn, yeoman, six parcels of upland and meadow containing eight score and eighteen acres in all more or less in Woburn at a place commonly called "horne pond" together with one house frameone parcel of the said land being the proper inheritance of the said William Brakenbury, containing by estimation forty-six acres adjoining to the land of John Crow gent. southeast and to the land of William Grush [Nash?] northwest.

One other parcel of the said land purchased of James Penerton containing thirty-two acres adjoining to the parcel abovesaid west and the land of Peter Garland east.

One other parcel of the said laud containing by estimation fifteen acres adjoining to the land of Richard Palgrave north and to the land of Peter Garland south.

One other parcel of the said land purchased of Robert Hawkins containing twenty-five acres more, adjoining to the land of Robert Rand south and Richard Palgrave north.

One other parcel of the said land containing forty acres purchased of James Brown adjoining to the land of John Mousall north and east and to the land of Robert Rand south.

One other parcel of the said land containing by estimation fifteen acres purchased of Joseph Coleman adjoining to Horn Pond north and the lands of William Nash west. "Ales, my now married wife," releases her interest in above. Dated Dec. 20, 1650. William Brakenbury.

I, Alice Brakenbury do freely consent to this sale. The mark of Alice. Ack. same date. Rcc. Dec. 1, 1651.

[This is the earliest reference in a deed to Horn Pond. The name Horn Pond however, is to be found on the Winthrop Map and the Wood's Map, of the year 1633, and therefore antedates the settlement of Woburn itself by seven years. Lake Innitou was a name entirely unknown to the early settlers, is wholly legendary and mythical, and without any historic foundation whatever.

In the Waterfield Map, Brakenbury's land is placed to the northeast of Winter Pond. The description in this deed thus tends to prove the inaccuracy of the Map in its location of this lot. In fact the description of all the lots in this deed, with the exception of the last one in which Horn Pond is again referred to, varies more or less from that given in the Waterfield Map.]

B. 1, P. 55:—Rebecca Trerice by virtue of a letter attorney from my husband Nicholas Trerice and in consideration of thirtv pounds have granted unto George Reed one farm.....in Woburn together with one dwelling house, one barn, ten acres of meadow and fifty acres of upland or thereabouts.....Nov. 7, 1651.

The mark of Rebeeca Trerice and a seal. Rec. March 30, 1653.

B. 1, P. 72:—Isaac Learned husbandman of Woburn grants to Bartleme Person of Watertown, husbandman, one dwelling house, with barn, outhouseswith three score and eighteen acres of upland and meadow, the said house and seven acres of the land whereof seven is meadow.....being at a place called East Street in the town abovesaid, abutting to the land of Henry Tottingham west and by south, and to the land of James Converse west and by north, to the land of Robert Cutler north and by east, to the land of Mr. Thomas Graves east.

One other parcel of the said land containing by estimation fourteen acres at a place called Farosers Field, to the land of Henry Tottingham adjoining on the north and to the land of Robert Cutler on the west.

One other parcel of the said land containing by estimation two acres at a place called Friendly Field, abutting to the land of Thomas Fuller north and to the land of John Wright south.

One other parcel of the said land being meadow being at a place called Step Rock containing by estimation two and one half acres abutting to the land of John Mousall north and by west and to the land of George Farley south and by east.

One other parcel of the said land containing by estimation three quarters, lving at a place called Cherry Meadow, abutting to the land of James Thompson and to the land of Henry Tottingham south.

One other parcel of the said land containing by estimation three quarters of an acre being in the meadow aforesaid, abutting to the land of Simon Thompson north and to the land of Benjamin Butterfield south.

One other parcel of the said land containing by estimation one half acre being at a place called Boggy Meadow, to the land of Benjamin Butterfield west and to the land of John Mousall east.

One other parcel of the said land coutaining by estimation three quarters of an acre being at a place called Frog Hole, abutting to the land of James Brittan west and to the land of John Tidd south. Release of Mary, his wife. Dated last of second mo. 1652. Isacke Learned and a Seale.

Ack. Oct. 4, 1653. Rec. Dec. 24, 1653. [East Street is represented to-day by the northerly parts of Washington Street in Winchester and extended into Montvale. Friendly Field is referred to in the burn, innholder, in consideration of 77£

Woburn Records in 1644 as "now Boggy Meadow Field," and was located in the vicinity of the present Merrimac Chemical Works. Step Rock is in the same locality not far distant from the railroad track. North Maple Street was formerly called the "road to Step Rock."

The designation Frog Hole is a familiar one at the present day and describes that tract of land lying to the south of Middle and Valley Streets and to the west of the railroad track. It embraces land nearly as far south as Salem Street.7

B. 1, P. 90:-Edward Converse of Woburn, yeoman, grants to Henry Brooks one parcel of land being at a place commonly called Horn Pond River, abutting to the land of the said Henry Brooks north and to the land of the widow Rand east and to the southwest on Horn Pond River containing by estimation seven acres. Dated June 17, 1651. Edward Convers. Consent of Sarah Converse given Aug. 15, 1651. Ack. Oct. 24, 1653. Rec. May 13, 1654.

[Horn Pond River, or Brook, is the stream running out cf Horn Pond and flowing to Wedge Pond. The property to the north and south of Lake Avenue, and bounded westerly by Horn Pond and Horn Pond Brook, remained in the possession of the Brooks family down to the close of the last century. See also Winchester Record, vol. 2, page 266, etc.]

B. 1, P. 90:-Alice Rand, Thomas Rand grant unto Henry Brooks of Woburn one parcel of land in said Woburn containing thirty-seven acres more or less, abutting to the lands of Edward. Converse south and to the lands of the said Henry Brooks west and north. Rec. May 13, 1654. the marke of

> Ales Rand. Thos: Rand.

B. 2, P. 1:-James Richardson of Wo-

10s. grants to Thomas Hershaw of said town, housewright, all that part of the tenement which I purchased of Samuel Converse lying on the west side of Aberjona River or the river which runneth under Blind Bridge and is bounded west and southwest by the Country Road leading to Charlestown from said Blind Bridge and is still bounded by said Country Road over the bridge called the Converse's Bridge to the highway that turneth out of said Country Road eastward at the northwest corner of John Converse's homestead leading to the Country Road from Reading and is bounded southeast and east by the said highway and the Country Road from Reading until those premises come to and meet with the land of Capt. Josiah Converse, and then are bounded north thereby down to the aforementioned river running under Blind Bridge and the said river is the east bounds up to Blind Bridge aforesaid which tenement contains one dwelling house and barn with about nineteen acres of upland and meadow land which is comprehended within the bounds aforesaid on both sides of the river as it is set forth. And further one small parcel of upland and meadow land lying on the right hand of the country road at the southwest end of Blind Bridge and comes to a point next to the bridge and is bounded southeast by said Country Road until it meets with the land late of Capt. Josiah Converse, then is bounded south thereby over to the point that runneth partly into the Wedge Pond and from thence it is bounded northeast by the River issuing out of said Wedge Pond down to the said Blind Bridge and contains one and The which, together one half acres. with the tenement before granted, by me

purchased of Samuel Converse late of said Woburn now resident at Killingly, Conn. Dec. 29, 1710.

Before signing the said James Richardson agreed that said Thomas Henshaw and his heirs shall have the benefit which belonged to Samuel Converse abovesaid in the sheep pasture, so called, which is to lie in common between said Samuel, between said Samuel Converse's father [Samuel], Lieut. James Converse and Deacon Josiah Converse by virtue of their father Edward Converse, his last will, and also the right which belonged unto the above mentioned Samuel Converse in Woburn meeting house, that is to say, Twenty shillings of said right. The mark and seal of James Richardson.

In presence of John Cogin, Robert Converse, James Fowle. Ack. July 14, 1715, before Jonathan Tyng. Rec. Mar. 9, 1716.

[This conveyance relating to lands in Winchester Centre is important as showing the property of Samuel Converse (son of Edward) the unfortunate person who was killed (in 1670) by the water-wheel of the mill where Whitney's in Winchester, now is. Samuel Converse left one son and child, Samuel Converse, the one named in this deed. This second Samuel moved to Conn., had a number of children and many descendants, among them Hon. Elisha S. Converse, first mayor of Malden, and the founder and benefactor of the Malden Public Library. Blind Bridge has been frequently described and its location is well known to antiquaries. It was located back of the present house of Mr. Sullivan Cutter in Winchester and has been in existence in the memory of persons now living. The "Country Road" mentioned is the present Main street, or its former equivalent. "Converse's Bridge" is the present bridge at Whitney's Mill. The "Country Road from Reading" is Washington street, and the highway leading to it, described in the deed, is probably Walnut street, or an equivalent. John Converse is one of the sons of Major James Converse. Capt. Josiah Converse died in 1717. The estate is the equivalent of the Abel Richardson farm of which a plan was made by Loammi Baldwin, jr., in 1835, after the Lowell Railroad was built. The building of the railroad and the raising of the water in the ponds has altered the appearance of this tract very much. The second lot described evidently included the whole of Sullivan Cutter's present lot, and considerable land besides. The point running into Wedge Pond is easily recognized to-day.—W. R. Cutter.]

B. 2, P. 71:-Edward Converse of Woburn having formerly grauted unto Ezekiel Richardson, late deceased, one piece of meadow and upland.....by estimation twelve acres.....at a place called Three Brothers' Brook, adjoining to the said brook east and to the land of the said Ezekiel north, I now confirm the same to the executors and heirs of said Ezekiel. Dated March 6, 1649.

Edward Convers.

Ack. and Rec. April 21, 1658.

[Three Brothers' Brook uncloubtedly refers to some stream flowing into Aber-jona River in the northerly part of Winchester, or in that vicinity. The Three Brothers are Ezekiel, Samuel and l'homas Richardson, who lived on or near Washington street in Winchester. In 1647 Cross street is referred to in the Woburn records, Vol. 1, page 12, as the highway from the "three Richardsons to the town meeting house one way." A century ago that portion of the Aberiona River near the Richardson property was called Richardson River. An article on The Three Richardsons, written by Rev. Leander Thompson, was published in the Winchester Record, vol. 2, page 199. The next deed (B. 2, P. 72) is there (page 207) published in full.]

ing formerly sold unto Ezekiel Richardson, my brother (who is since deceased) forty acres of arable and meadow land in Woburn, on that side of the town towards Reading, the land is bounded south by some land of mine, Samuel Richardson's, also it is bounded north by some land of Thomas Richardson's, our brother, it is also bounded westerly by a running brook, and, easterly, by the Common. do now resign up the same to my sister, Susanna Brooks (who was wife of my deceased brother. Ezekiel Richardson) for her life time, and after her decease then to my cousin Theophilus Richardson and his heirs. But if he does not come to age then to be divided between the surviving children of Ezekiel and Susanna Richardson. March 27,

1651. The marke of Samuil Richeson. The marke of Susanna Brookes.

Ack. March 14, 1651. Rec. April 21, 1658.

[See preceding note. There must be some error either in the date of this deed or in the date of its acknowledgment, for as it stands the latter antedates the former.]

B. 2, P. 154: — Henry Brooks and Susanna Brooks of Woburn, by award of Capt. Francis Norton [and others] have resigned unto Theophilus Richardson all our right in the moiety or half part of the housing and lands late Ezekiel Richardson's of Woburn. Dec. 13, 1659.

The marke of Hen. Brookes and a seale.

The mark of Susanna Brookes and a seale.

Ack. by Henry Brooks and his wife, Susanna, March 20, 1661. Rec. same date.

B. 2, P. 72:--Samuel Richardson hav-

B. 2, P. 197:-Edward Converse aged

73 years, and John Mousall aged about 66 years, being sworn do say and depose that (they being two of the selectmen for the town of Woburn from the beginning of the plantation to this present time, James Thompson, Sr., John Tidd, Sr., Nicholas Davis, Mr. John Green and Mr. Nicholas Trarice were accommodated with conveniency of arable pasture and meadow lands by the grant of the said town proportionately with the rest of the inhabitants on condition of exchange of their lots granted them by Charlestown now lying in the said town of Woburn, the which exchanged lots together with sundry others that were of the sameand condition exchanged by some others in like kind with the town, the said town of Woburn have enjoyed for near 20 vears past without let or molestation in their improvement of them. March 10, 1662. Sworn by Edw. Convars and Jno. Mousall.

Rec. March 24, 1662.

B. 2, P. 384:—William Johnson did demand of the townsmen of Woburn and lay claim unto Mr. Nicholas Trarice's lot, before me, Francis Kendall.

Rec. April 1, 1662. Thomas Dutton. [Mr. Nicholas Trarice's lot, which William Johnson obtained, is given on the Waterfield Map. I have before located this homestead [printed Town Records, vol. 1, page xviii, note] as the Luke Reed place, Winchester West Side, now Edward Russell's farm. W. R. CUT-TER.]

K. 3, P. 18:—John Tidd Sr. of Woburn tailor, conveys to William Johnson of said town, shipwright, one parcel of land (lately belonging to Henry Bullock of Charlestown) containing by estimation twenty-eight acres lying at a place

called "playne street" adjoining to the lands of William Green south, and to the lands of the said William Johnson east and to the land of John Burrage west.

Nov. 2, 1652. John Tid and a seale.

Cambridge Nov. 25, 1663.—Edward Johnson and Matthew Johnson his son appearing before us whose names are subscribed two of the magistrates of the Mass. Col. in N. E. and being sworn do say that the above named William Johnson was legally possessed and enjoyed in his own right the lands above granted and sold for one full year before the date of this deed and the signing thereof by the grantor, John Tidd.

> Thomas Danforth. Eleazer Lusher.

Rec. Dec. 3, 1663.

[Plain street is that portion of present Cambridge street which lies in Winchester. The northerly portion of Cambridge street was anciently called Up street.

This lot of land was the subject of a law suit in Dec. 1672, when Edward Johnson of Charlestown sued his brother Edward William of Woburn for it. Johnson claimed he had purchased it of John Tidd. John Carter, aged 54, testified that Edward Johnson, senior, of Charlestown "had a wigwam upon a parcel of land near Plain street" and it was reputed his land. Richard Gardner, aged 52" saith that about 28 or 30 years ago, Edward Johnson of Charlestown had a little house upon a parcel of land which he said he bought of John Tidd of Woburn, senior, wherein he lived while he cut up some of the timber that grew upon it." William Johnson met all this evidence, however, produced a copy of the above deed in court. and had witnesses to testify that "Edward Johnson was almost 20 years since at the raising of a dwelling-house and barn upon this land and yet" made no objections to his brother's proceedings and acknowledged it was his brother William's land.]

B. 3, P. 57:-We, underwritten, witness that at a general town meeting of the whole town of Woburn they granted unto Josias Converse, William Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Samuel Blogget and Ralph Reed all the swamp and low land adjoining to the Great meadow that they Dated Jan. 29, can make meadow of. 1663. John Brooks, William Locke and Jonathan Thompson, all of Woburn made oath before us to the truth of what is above written. John Brookes. William Lock, Daniel Gookin. Thomas Danforth, Jonathan Thompson.

Rec. Jan. 29, 1663.

[Great Meadow is believed to lie on or near Vine Brook in the westerly part of Burlington, near the Lexington line.]

B. 3, P. 118: — Joanna Richardson widow of Samuel Richardson, of Woburn, deceased, grants to Thomas Pierce, of Woburn, husbandman, three parcels of land in Woburn in a field commonly called New Bridge Field all of them containing twenty acres more or less.

One parcel containing ten acres abutteth on Berry Meadow north, and upon Dry Pole [Pool] Swamp and George Polly's land south, and it joineth to the land of the said George Polly west and to the land of the said Thomas Pierce which he purchased of Thomas Brown east.

Another parcel containing seven acres lieth against the said Thomas Pierce's own land north and abutteth on John Mousall's meadow south and adjoineth to his own land east and west.

And the other parcel containing three acres joineth to the land of George Polly south and east and to the said Thomas Pierce his own land north and west all of them lying in the said New Bridge

Field part within and part without the fence of the said field. April 10, 1663.

Johanna Richardson and a seale.

John Richardson and a seale.

In presence of John Farrer. Jonathan Thomson.

Ack. and Rec. Feb. 15, 1664.

[New Bridge Field is the tract of land lying to the west of Main street and above the centre of North Woburn. Many of our older citizens even at the present day call North Woburn, New Bridge. As early as 1656, a committee was appointed by the town "to lay out a highway from Hart's Hole to New Bridge." This highway was an equivalent of present School street. Berry Meadow was that portion of land located south of Mountain street, west of Main and north of the present horse-car stable. Berry Meadow Brook is the stream which crosses Main street north of the horse-car stable. Dry Pool Swamp, as appears from the above deed, was located some distance south of Berry Meadow. See further Woburn Records (printed edition) Vol. 1, page 11, note.

The following description of the Hart's Hole locality was contributed to the Public Library by an engineer who had been using the library plans.

Hart Hole (or Holl) Meadow, situate in North Woburn in easterly part of land of Wm. Hall. It is about three hundred and fifty (350) feet northeast of a point on School street, sixteen hundred feet east of corner of School with Merrimac streets; contains about 3½ acres. Per survey made by E.C.Bourne, January, 1889.]

B. 3, P. 119:—Thomas Burgess of Charlestowu in consideration of a Red Cow, having a long white streak on her back and big with calf, have sold and made over unto Thomas Pierce of Woburn that piece of land in Woburn which was formerly given me by Mr. George Bunker for my service with him, containing about twenty acres, bounded on the north by Bartholomew Pearson's land and on the east and south by the Widow Catharine Graves land, and on the west by the Great Pine Hill of the said Mr. Bunker's Land. Jan. 20, 1662.

> Thomas Burges & a seale. - Sarah Burges

Ack. Jan. 15, 1663. Rec. Feb. 15, 1664.

B. 3, P. 135 :- May 1, 1660. An agreement between John Brooks and John Mousall Jr. both of Woburn husband-This is to certify that I. John men. Brooks do resign my full right and title of that parcel of land that I, John Brooks and my brother John Mousall purchased of our father Henry Brooks, to my brother John Mousall which he purchased for us of Daniel Bacon. In consideration whereof I. John Mousall, do resign up my full right and title of those parcels of land here expressed to my brother John Brooks, that is to say, my part of the old sheep pasture joining to his orchard and my part of the upper meadow and two acres of meadow lying in Boggy Meadow and one acre of meadow joining to his own in Settle Meadow and the said John Mousall to enjoy all the land from his housing that he now possesseth and the bounds being settled between the said John Mousall and the said John Brooks and the said John Brooks is to possess all from his housing downward by the same bounds till he comes to the Great Meadow and the said John Brooks is to enjoy all the land he hath in possession lying in the lower field adjoining to the same bounds settled between us, and what land is not yet divided shall be equally divided between us and as for the land that lyeth between us we agree

it shall be common to the bridge for the use of both houses forever and a day. Only John Brooks is to have a woodyard by a line from the corner of his house to the stone wall by his little garden. Also the said John Brooks is to have a driftway through the land that is undivided on the east side of the said John Mousall his field, into the lower field of the said John Brooks. Also the said John Brooks doth resign up his full right and title in a parcel of meadow in Lost Meadow, joining to the Church's Meadow on the east and Abram Jaquith on the west, and the line shall stand forever between us both in the yards as it now stands from the street gates to the lower gates at the head of the lane. In presence of James Thompson, Allen Converse.

> John Brookes & a seale John Mcusall

Ack. April 4, 1665. Rec. same date.

[Settle Meadow is in Wilmington. Woburn Records vol. 1, page xxii, describes a "parcel of make meadow," noar the Cedar Swamp, called Ladder Pole Swamp, by estimation 4 acres and half, bounded by Settle Meadow Brook west, Maple Meadow River south, and a line between the Cedar Swamp and that. Settle Meadow Brook is shown on a plan of the B. & L. R.R.by James F. Baldwin of date 1836. a copy of which plan is in Woburn Public Library. The brook is crossed by the railroad about 15 4 miles from Boston. Maple Meadow River or Brook is so called today and is the stream. which crosses the direct road from North Woburn to Wilmington, north of the Settle Meadow was railroad bridge. See Wogranted by the town in 1654. burn Records, Vol. 1, page 19.

Lost Meadow was also called Loose Meadow. In 1648, John Pierce and Daniel Bacon were granted "that piece of meadow now lying in our bounds, by the last running Reading line, in Loose Meadow;" and in 1663, the selectmen ordered that

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"all common meadows at Maple Meadow, on both sides the river, shall be forever kept in the town's hands for succeeding church officers and also one parcel of meadow in Loose Meadow," etc. In 1685 Bartholomew Pearson's wood land was "on the east side of the town near Loose Meadow Brook" about 4 score acres "bounded north by Reading line, and west by Loose Meadow and Shred Pine and south by Shred Pine Path."]

B. 3, P. 147:-Joanna Richardson widow of Samuel Richardson deceased of Woburn releases to John Greenland of Mistick Side, carpenter, one parcel of land containing by estimation five acres at Mistick Side to the Highway leading to Malden on the northwest now in the possession of John Greenland. July 3, 1658. Joanna Richardson

Rec. Jan. 20, 1665. her marke

B. 3, P. 149:-.... Whereas the general court held at Boston in the year 1640, granted unto Thomas Coytmore five hundred acres of land to be laid out in some part of that tract that was granted to Charlestown for a village and at a general court held at Boston the 14th of May, 1656, appointed the said grant of five hundred acres to be set out to Mr. John Coggin of Boston, for the use of the heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Coytmore..... and whereas the said John Coggin by his last will..... Now know ye, that I, Joseph Rock of Boston, administrator of the estate of the said John Coggin and Martha his wife.....have granted unto Francis Wyman of Woburn, farmer, the one moiety or half-part of the abovenamed grant of five hundred acres, in consideration of twenty-five pounds. April 11, 1665.

JOSEPH ROCKE and a seale. Rec. April 11, 1665. B. 3, P. 150:—Whereas [etc. as above]Joseph Rock grants the one moiety or half part of the same to John Wyman, farmer, in consideration of twenty-five pounds. April 11, 1665.

JOSEPH ROCKE and a seale.

Rec. April 11, 1665.

[For an account of Thomas Coytmore and his land, see Sewall's History of Woburn, pages 35, 36. See also the Woburn Journal, Dec. 12, 1890.]

B. 3, P. 244:-James Converse of Woburn, husbandman,....grants to John Brooks and John Mousall, of Woburn, husbandmen, one piece or parcel of land containing forty acres more or less in the bounds of Woburn Town, and being a part of that parcel the said Converse lately purchased of the widow Ann Palgrave and in bounded on the east with the land now is possession of John Burbeen, and on the west by the water commonly called Horn Pond, and on the north by land of Mr. Thos. Carter, and on the south by land of Henry Brooks. In witness the said James and Ann his wife....have hereunto put their hands and seals. Oct. 1, 1665.

James Converss and a seale.

Ann Converss and a seale her marke.

Ack. Oct. 5, 1666 and Rec. Feb. 12, 1667.

[This conveyance includes the present homestead estate of E. W. Hudson, Esq., and land near Hudson Street. It was sold by John Mousall to Joseph Wright and on the latter's death in 1732 it was inventoried as "Palgrave's Lot" of 40 acres. Benjamin Brooks afterwards became the owner of about 14 acres of the northerly portion of the lot, and Rachel Wright, who married Jonathan Lawrence in 1750, became the owner of about 25 acres of the southerly portion. The title to Horn Pond Island which is now owned by Mrs. Griffith of North Woburn will come to light later.]

B. 3, P. 309:—Francis Kendall of Woburn, husbandman, grants to George Reed one parcel of land in Woburn, concaining by estimation eight acres, being the one-half of a lot laid out for sixteen acres, at a place commonly called Hungry Plain, and bounded upon the land of John Knight, senr., northwards; upon the land of John Knight, senr., southward; upon a highway westward and by a line in a swamp, on the west side of John Farrar's house, eastward.

In witness, I, the said Francis Kendall, with Mary my wife....Apr. 11, 1668.

> FRANCIS KENDALL and a seal.. His mark.

In presence of

ISAAC BROOKS.

RALPH REED.

Ack. and Rec. Apr. 11, 1668.

Indorsed on the back side of the aforenamed deed of Francis Kendall, to George Reed, as followeth:

Whereas the lands within granted by Francis Kendall to George Reed, were sometime in the possession of John Tidd, long since dead, and was by last will of said Tidd bequeathed the moiety of the whole lot to Thomas Fuller the son of Thomas Fuller, blacksmith, now at a place called Will's Hill, within the limits of Salm, and by the said Thomas Fuller, senr.. during the minority of the said Thomas, his son, sold to said Francis Kendall, grantor, now this witnesseth that the said Thomas Fuller, Jr., doth resign and give up all his right in the premises unto said George Reed. Apr. 11, 1668.

THOMAS FULLER, and a seal. Ack. and Rec. Apr. 11, 1668

[Hungry Plain, also called Hungary Plain, is a tract of level land in the southerly part of Burlington, near North Woburn line, and lies to the east and west of Pearl street. Pearl street was known as Hungry Plain road.]

B. 4, P. 75 :---Samuel Adams of Chelmsford grants to Joseph Carter of Woburn, currier, one parcel of meadow in Woburn in a meadow commonly called Maple Meadow containing ten acres more or less, lying on both sides of the river; that which is on the south side of the river is bounded with common meadow end east and thereof on the west and adjoineth to the common on the south, and that part which is situated on the north side of the river abutteth on the meadow of Richard Snow westward and on the meadow of Mr. Pastor Carter eastward.

In witness whereof 1 have etc....the 12th day of the 5th mo. called July, 1667.

Samuel Adams and a seale. Ack. and Rec. Aug. 6, 1670.

B. 4, P. 120:-I, Joanna Jacob, wife of Richard Jacob of Ipswich, formerly wife of Ensign Robert Hale of Charlestown, that I know a deceased, do testify lot of land my husband had at Wonear Samuel Richardson's for burn about twenty years before his death; further I remember that John Lewis of Malden was about bargaining for said land, but the bargain was never finished nor payment made....And I also remember that my said husband the winter before his death, speaking of making a will told me that he would give the lot at Woburn unto his son, John Hale..... Further I remember that John Lewis, his widow, did come very often to my house in my husband's lifetime (as making use of him as a friend and father to manage her business) yet I never heard she the said Lewis did ever claim any right into the land abovesaid.....I remember some speech was about a frame, which by my husbands permission there was a frame of John Lewis upon my husband's land abovesaid, which frame, the bargain not going forward, my said husband gave the widow of John Lewis for to take off his land again and sell for her advantage in regard of her poverty.

Taken upon oath July 12, 1670, before us

Samuel Simonds. Daniel Denison.

Rec. Aug. 10, 1670,

[The widow of John Lewis afterwards mraried John Cutler. See Sewall's Woburn page 607.]

B. 4, P. 177.-Michael Bacon, Senr., in consideration of fatherly affection, grants to Michael Bacon, Jr., a certain tract, containing by estimation — acres, lying on both sides the highway in Woburn, part whereof is broke up lands, part pasture lands, and part wood lands, with all and every the houses, edifices, buildings, barns, orchards, gardens, and other appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging, having the lands of me, the said Michael Bacon, Senr., on the northwest and the lands of William Simonds at the one end of the said northwest line, the lands of William Clarke on the east end, the land of Samuel Walker and the lands of George Reed on the southeast side, the lands formerly of Richard Holden, now the lands of the said Michael, Jr., on the southwest.

Also eight acres of meadow lying in Rock Meadow, having the meadow of Samuel Walker on the south, the common elsewhere surrounding.

Also one acre lying in Pine Meadow, having the meadow of John Green on the south side, the common elsewhere surrounding.

MICHAEL BACON, Senr., and a seale.

Nov. 1, 1670.

Ack. Feb. 15, 1670. Rec. Apr. 20, 1671.

[The homestead estate of Michael Bacon was near the northwesterly part of present Cummingsville, and near the Caleb Richardson house, where Walker's Lane, running westerly from Burlington street, enters Cambridge street. See Woburn Marriages, page 251, note. William Simonds' estate was the present Jesse Cutler place on Bedford street, and William Clarke lived on the property situate between Burlington and Willow streets, where the late Lorenzo Winship lived.

Rock Meadow was in the present bounds of Burlington. and in the vicinity of Durenville in Woburn. In February, 1705, there was laid out to Timothy Walker 11 acres of land near Rock Meadow "and is bounded northerly by the homestead of Jacob Kendall," etc. See further Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page 12, note.

Pine Meadow was in the vicinity of Rock Meadow.

The common, which is referred to so frequently in these early deeds, means the land, usually on the outskirts of the town, which had not yet been granted by the town to any individual citizen, but still remained the property of all in common.]

B. 4, P. 179:—Michael Bacon, Jr., in consideration of certain parcels of lands in Bridgewater which Daniel Bacon of New Cambridge doth exchange, grants to said Daniel Bacon, certain parcels of lands and meadows viz: sixty acres of uplands in said Woburn part whereof is broken uplands, part pasture lands, and partly woodland; the said lands lying on both sides of the highway and bounded on the northwest side on lands of Michael Bacon, Senr., and William Simonds on one corner of the said northwest line; on the lands of William Clarke on the east; on the lands of Samuel Walker and the lands of George Reed on the southeast and on the common eslewhere. Also eight acres in Rock Meadow [described as in deed *supra*.] Also one acre in Pine Meadow [described as *supra*].

Also eleven acres of upland lying by Brook Meadow, having the meadow of Lt. Carter on the west and the upland of Joseph Knight on the north, and a piece of swamp of the said Joseph Knight on the west corner, and the upland of George Reed on the southeast. Also eleven acres of upland in Maple Meadow Plain. Also eight acres of upland on Rock Meadow Plain. Also eight acres of land being a wood lot lying and being near the Also three acres of Wymans' Farm. meadow in Concord bounds joining to Billerica line. Also three acres of swamp joining the said three acres of meadow, with all the houses, edifices, buildings etc. belonging. Nov. 29, 1660.

Michael Bacon, Junr. and a seale.

Ack. [except only two parcels of three acres of meadow and three acres of swamp for which said Daniel Bacon acknowledges he hath received satisfaction in law thereof since the signing of the deed] the rest part of the deed is ack. Feb. 15, 1670. Rec. Apr. 20, 1671.

[Brook Meadow was "below Jacob Kendall's Saw-Mill" in 1704 and was in the same general locality as Rock Meadow. For the division of lots on Rock Meadow Plain, see Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page lxvi.*

The Wvmans' Farm was in the northwesterly part of Burlington near the Billerica line and was the 500 acres purchased of the heirs of Thomas Coytmore.

The first part of this deed and the preceding one evidently relate to the same property. This deed antedates the preceding one by ten years, but was recorded later.]

B. 4, P. 312. This witnesseth that I, William Johnson of Woburn. carpenter, owe John Knight of Charlestown, matlster, £400 sterling, and for better security I do mortgage all that messuage to me lately had and purchased of him by deed of sale bearing date Dec. 29, 1671. Conditioned to pay to said Knight £200, in manner following :- £25 per annum for the space of 8 years, £5 thereof in good merchantable corn at current price, and £5 in good dry and merchantable hops at 7d. a pound, and £15 in slitt work at one penny a foot running measure, and if said Knight shall desire bigger timber then to be at the current price. Dec. 29, 1671.

The slitt work at one penny per foot to be 3 and 4 inch square, unless lesser be desired.

WILLM JOHNSON and a seale.

Ack. and Rec. Dec. 29, 1671.

B. 4, P. 329; --- Anna Frothingham, widow, of Charlestown, grants to James Thompson of Woburn, a tract of upland ground, containing 60 acres lying in Woburn and bounded south by the land or farm now of the widow, Mrs. [Katherine] Graves; east by the land commonly called Charlestown Common; north and northeast by land of Joseph Richardson and west by the brook that runneth from Henry Tottman's house down to the mill called Converse's Mill. Mar. 20, 1670.

Anna ffrowginham and seale.

Ack. June 6, 1670. Rec. Oct. 13, 1671. [This lot was in Montvale.] B. 4, P. 364:—John Johnson aged about 35 years and William Johnson aged about 42 saith that William Locke bought of Goodman Pearson of Boston all his land he had in Woburn which was two lots that was formerly John Sibleys & Benj. Hubbards, which sale was about 20 years ago and he paid him for it in clapboard bolts to the said Pearson's content.

> Willm Johnson. John Johnson.

Sworn to Oct. 13, 1671. Rec. Feb. 26, 1672.

[John Sibley's lot is located on the Waterfield Map about east of Cambridge Street and near Lexington Street in Woburn, and Benjamin Hubbard's lot in the westerly part of Winchester near the Woburn line.]

B. 4, P. 424:--These are to certify that I, John Green, son to William Green late of Woburn, do acknowledge the receipt of all that estate willed me by said William Green, my father. I say received the said estate of my much respected uncle John Carter Senr of Woburn he being one of the overseers of the said estate according to my father's last will.

Apr. 4, 1671. John Greene. Witnesses, Josiea Convers, William Simons.

B. 4, P. 425 :—These are to certify that I, John Green of Woburn acknowledge to have received of my respected uncle John Carter Senr £ 11, 13 s. & 10 d. of the estate of my loving brother Ebenezer Green which I shall pay in two months after demand.

Apr. 4, 1671, John Greene. Ack. and Rec. Feb. 18, 1673. B. 4, P. 425:—Received of my uncles Samuel Carter and John Carter being the overseers of the estate of William Green of Woburn the sum of \pounds 34, 3s. and 7 d. being the portion of my wife Hannah Green by her father's will June 2, 1671.

Thomas Knowlton.

Ack. Nov. 28, 1672. Rec. Feb. 18, 1673.

B. 4, P. 425:—I. John Green acknowledgc I have received \$10 of the overseers, given by my grandfather and expressed in my father's will, in full satisfaction. Dec. 20, 1670.

Ack. and Rec. Feb. 18, 1673.

John Green.

B. 4, P. 458:—I, John Snow, of Woburn acknowledge to have received of my uncle Jno. Carter of the same town £34, 6s. 11d. as the full of my wife's portion by her father William Green. June 21, 1672. Jno. Snow.

Ack. and Rec. June 11, 1673.

B. 4, P. 502:—Whereas I, George Polly have hired part of a farm at Hog Island with stock of cattle thereon for one vear, which I, the said Polly are to pay £32 a year. And whereas the said Capt. Thomas Savage stands bound to the selectmen of Boston, in bond of $\pounds 40$ to save harmless the town of Boston from any charge that may accrue by the said Polly or any of his family. Now for full performance and payment of said rent and delivery of said stock at year's end and for securing said Capt. Thos. Savage, I, the said Polly bind myself and all my land and meadow. in Woburn in the sum of £300 to the said Savage. Said Polly didenter on the said farm to begin the rent Mar. 25, 1673. And it is agreed that the said Polly doth reserve to himself 30 acres of land which he bought of Allen Converse of Woburn. Dated in Boston, Nov. 4, 1673.

The marke of George Polly and a seale. Ack. Nov. 4, 1673. Rec. Nov. 21. 1673

[The Hog Island referred to is doubt less the one in Boston Harbor, near Hull.]

B. 5, P. 1:--I, Anna Frothingham, widow of William of Charlestown, with the full consent of my sons, Peter, Nathaniel and Samuel, grant to James Thompson, son of Simon of Woburn [same premises described Book 4, Page 329, supra]. In witness whereof, I, the said Anna, with my sons Peter, Nathaniel and Samuel Frothingham March 20, ?72.

Anna frodingham and a seale, her mark. Samuel frothingham and a seale.

Peter frothingham and a seale.

Nath'l frothingham and a seale.

Ack. Feb. 12, 1672. Rec. Jan. 5, 1672.

B. 5, P. 79:-I, Samuel Walker Senior of Woburn in consideration of parental love, do grant "unto my sonne Samuel Walker of the some place" one moiety of all my farm in westerly part of said town purchased of William Reed containing the house where my son now dwells with the barn and about thirty acres of land adjoining, wherein it is contained one parcel of meadow, by estimation three and one half acres lying near to the dwelling house, and one acre of meadow near Beaver Dam and is adjoining to Francis Kendall's land; and three acres and one rood of swampy meadow near the cartbridge on the river that runs through the said farm and is lying up the river from the said bridge; and about seven acres of plough land adjoining to the dwelling house and the pasture lands adjoining to the said house on the west side of the river; and the remainder of the thirty acres is upland beginning at Beaver Dam and lying up the land of Francis Kendall; and also the one half and somewhat better of the meadow called Rocky Meadow, that part of it that lyeth next the dwelling house and extending as far as an island of upland that lyeth in my said meadow; also the commons of the town belonging to said house and land, as well those that the said Samuel now possesses as those that remain yet in common and is of right due to the same. June 10, 1674.

Samuel Walker and a seale.

Ack. and Rec. June 10, 1674.

[Whether the property described in this deed was a portion of the farm—lying to the west of Burlington Street and to the north and south of Walker's Lane, in present Burlington—which for many successive generations was owned by the descendants of Samuel Walker, Senr., has not yet been fully decided. The title to this farm can be traced back to John Walker, (who died in 1699) the grandson of Samuel Walker, Senr., and remained in the Walker family until, in 1847, Josiah Walker sold it to Edwin Lamson.

In the division of John Walker's estate, in 1699, reference is made to the hop kiln and there is little doubt in my mind that Samuel Walker, Senr., the maltster, was the original proprietor of the homestead part of the farm of 120 acres which his descendant Josiah Walker sold in 1847.

Samuel walker, Senr., says he purchased the land described in the above deed of William Reed; and there is a deed on record in Suffolk County (B. 1, P. 93) dated July 7, 1648, in which Nicholas Davis of Charlestown grants to William Reed of Muddy River, his house and land in Woburn, containing 50 acres of upland, 4 acres of meadow before the door, 4 acres of meadow in Rock Meadow, and two acres in Brook Meadow with all barns, out-houses. etc., belonging.

There will be found a reference in a subsequent deed (B. 12, P. 416) of date 1700, to the "old Beaver Dam where the Bridge is" over Settle Meadow Brook, the location of which in Wilmington has already been described.

The parentage of Samuel Walker of Woburn, who died Jan. 18, 1704, aged 61 years, and who was styled deacon, cor poral, sergeant, and ensign, has been a matter of dispute. See Sewall's Woburn, page 169. In an article entitled "The Family of Walker," by Henry Dutch Lord, published in the Winchester Record, Vol. II, page 226, the writer concludes, on very slender and insufficient evidence, that Deacon Samuel Walker of Woburn was the son of Capt.Augustine Walker of Charlestown.

The following facts, none of which are referred to by previous writers on this subject, prove beyond a shadow of doubt that Dea. Samuel Walker of Woburn was the son of the Samuel Walker, Senr., of Woburn who died in 1684, and who is, therefore, the common ancestor of the Walker family of Woburn and their descendants:—

First, there is the nearly conclusive evidence of the above deed, wherein Samuel Walker, Senr., of Woburn grants land to "my son Samuel Walker of the same place."

Second, in the suit of John Johnson vs. Michael Bacon, both of Woburn, there is on file at Cambridge the written testimony of "Samuel Walker aged fortyfour or thereabouts, and his son Samuel Walker aged eighteen or thereabouts." This evidence was sworn to in court by the two Walkers, April 2, 1661, and the age of the "son Samuel" at t at date identifies him with the Dea. Samuel who died 43 years later (Jan. 18, 1704) aged 61. It identifies him, too, with the Samuel, son of Samuel, who was born in Reading June 28, 1643.

Third, the autograph of the Samuel Walker whose signature appears first on the above document is the same as that of the Samuel Walker who, in the case of Dutton vs. Bacon (see Woburn Mar-

riages, page 83, note) signs himself Samuel Walker, "senyer."

Fourth, in the County Court, Dec. 16, 1684, "administration is granted to Joseph Walker and Samuel Walker on the estate of Samuel Walker senr. deced. An inventory of whose estate he [they] exhibited in Court on Oath." This inventory discloses "a dwelling-house, barne, land, orchard adjoyning other housing, together with all priviledges of outlands belonging" appraised at £ 180. It also contains items of personal property appraised at £158 1s. including "the signe" [of malt ster?] There is also an inventory of estate brought by the relict of said Samuel Walker upon marriage, valued at £44, 12s.

No sufficient evidence has yet come to light to warrant a statement as to the ancestry of Samuel Walker Senr., of The History of Lynn says Woburn. that he was the son of Richard Walker of Lynn and removed from there to Reading. The History of Reading says that he was dismissed from the Boston church to the Reading church. It is my opinion, based on an extended, but not yet completed search of the records of Middlesex, Essex and Suffolk Countiesa search which has already revealed much new genealogical information about Richard Walker of Lynn and Reading-that nothing reliable can yet be stated about Samuel Walker, Senior, previous to his coming to Reading. There is no doubt, however, that he removed from Reading to Woburn sometime between the years 1654 and 1658; for, in 1654, his name appears on the Reading records for the last time, and, in 1658, he was a witness from Woburn in the case of Johnson vs. Carter. See Woburn marriages, page 284, note, and the Woburn Journal, May 1, 1891.

From the Reading records I learn that, Jan. 6, 1645, there was granted to "Samuel Walker three acres in parly Meadow at the North end thereof;" that at a town meeting held Dec. 21, 1648, he was granted a houselot and on Feb. 5, 1651, he was chosen a surveyor. On March 21, 1652, he received a grant of 14 acres of land, and Feb. 12, 1654, he was chosen a surveyor of fences. Samuel Walker and his wife were added to the Reading church as members about 1650. See History of Reading, page 7. Their issue, born in Reading, were:—

(1) Samuel, born June [Sept., in County Record] 28, 1643, died in Woburn, Jan. 18, 1704, aged 61 years. Samuel Walker, Israel Walker, and James Thompson, who married their sister Hannah, were all admitted freemen from Woburn, in May, 1674.

(2) Joseph, born Oct. [March, in County Record] 10, 1645, died in Billerica. He was admitted a freeman from Billerica in May, 1678.

(3) Hannah, born Dec. 15, 1647, [April 11, 1647, and died April 28, 1648, in County Record.]

(4) Hannah, born June 28, 1648, married James Thompson of Woburn.

(5) Israel, born June 28, 1648, died in Woburn in 1719. He is referred to, Nov. 5, 1674, in Vol. 1, page xxxvi,* of Woburn Records, as the son of Samuel Walker, Senr., Maltster.

(6) John, born Feb. 14, 1650, died in Woburn in 1724.

(7) Benjamin, born June 4, 1651, died April 26, 1653.]

B. 5, P. 81:—I. Daniel McGuinnis of Woburn, planter, owe Michael Bacon of Cambridge, yeoman, £ 90 to be paid May 1, 1694, the said payment arising due for lands lying near to the now dwellinghouse of the said Bacon [in Cambridge] as sold to me, as will appear by deed of sale bearing same date with these presents. While the said debt is unpaid, I will allow him as rent £ 5 per year in good. dry and merchantable hops, rye, Indian corn and pork in equal proportions at the current price that such goods do ordinarily pass between man and man. June 29, 1664.

His marke, Daniel Mackgennyes and a seale.

Ack. and Rec. June 29, 1674.

[Daniel McGuinnis was the first Irishman in Woburn, and an account of him will be found in Lewis & Co's. Hist. of Middlesex County, Vol. 1, page 383.

Both Billerica and Lexington were formerly a part of Cambridge.]

B. 5, P. 261:-I, John Tidd of Woburn owe Michael Bacon of Billerica £45 to be paid May 1, 1694. Said debt arising due for so much paid by the said Bacon to Daniel McGuinnis on my behalf and for the purchase of lands I latelv bought of him the said McGuinnis which I do mortgage for better security etc. June 8, 1675.

Before signing I consent to pay fifty shillings more in "hops, Ry. Indian corne & porke as above for the last yeare's rent of the abovesd money."

John Teed and a seale. Rec. June 8, 1675.

B. 5, P. 263:—I, Daniel McGuinnis of Cambridge, Irishman, in consideration of £45 grant to John Tidd. Senior, cooper, of Woburn, one half part of all that land purchased of Michael Bacon of Cambridge, being one moiety containing 25 acres of upland [in Cambridge], and bounded east by lands of William Simonds, John Allen northerly, common lands of the town westerly and southerly; and in meadow land by estimation 12 acres, and is lying in two parcels and is to be equally divided between said John Tidd and John Allen. June 8, 1675.

His marke Daniel Mackgennyes and a Seale.

Ack. and Rec. June 8, 1675.

B. 5, P. 264:—I, Daniel McGuinnis of Cambridge, Irishman, in consideration of £45, grant to John Allen of Cambridge, the other moiety of same with John Tidd. June 8, 1675.

His marke Daniel Mackgennyes and a Seale.

Ack. and Rec. June 8, 1675.

B. 6, P. 167:—James Converse of Woburn grants to Richard Gardner of Charlestown one parcel of land in Woburn, containing about 12 acres, bounded east by lands of said Gardner; west by land of Matthew Johnson; south by my own land and north by the commons of said town. and is part of that lot which I purchased of Nicholas Davison. Dower released by wife, Anna. Dec. 8, 1676.

James Convars and a seale. Ack. and Rec. May 18, 1677.

B. 7, P. 1:—Thomas Richardson of Billerica, in consideration of £ 55 paid by my loving brother Isaac Richardson of Woburn, grants to him all my part of those houses and lands that were of late in the posse sion of mv honored father Thomas Richardson of Woburn, now deceased, as well in the common of the town, as that which he had in propriety. Nov. 11, 1670.

Thomas Richerson and a seale. Ack. Nov. 11, 1678. Rec. Feb. 4, 1679.

B. 7, P. 7:—I, Joanna Richardson, administratrix of the estate of my husband Samuel, by order of the county court, do grant to my son Joseph. to be continued in the hands of his guardian, John Wyman, till he come of age. three parcels of land, namely: 55 acres purchased of John Marth of Charlestown by said Samuel in Woburn, on the east side of the town, bounded by a river south, and abutting to the land of Widow Frothingham east, and northwest to the common lands of Woburn. As also one other parcel containing about 10 acres, adjoining to the land of John Richardson south and east, being taken out of the same, and to the land of Henry Tottingham north and to the land of Bartholomew Pearson west. Also land in Reading.

[No date. Unsigned.]

Although Joanna Richardson has not signed and sealed this deed yet we, the subscribers, know it was her mind that her son Joseph, should enjoy the lands above named, and if Providence had not prevented, she would have confirmed the premises. Taken on oath at County Court June 18, 1678, by the witnesses hereunto subscribed. Rec. June 18, 1678.

Josiah Convars. John Wiman. John Richardson.

B. 7, P. 20:-I, Joanna Richardson, administratrix of my husband's estate. Samuel, according to an order of the County Court, give to my eldest son, John, one dwelling-house, barn, orchard, and 86 acres of land purchased by my husband of John Palmer of Charlestown, lying in Woburn, abutting to Jones River, northeast; on the northwest to a certain place called Buck Meadows; and on the southwest to lands of Robert Cutler, Wm. (?) Witherill and George Bunker; and to the land of John Harvard southeast; excepting and reserving out of said land 10 acres to me, and remaining the proper inheritance of his brother Joseph, bounded on the north with land of Henry Tottingham, and on the west with land of Bart. Pearsons, and on the south and east with the land above mentioned. * * * Also land in Reading purchased of John

Lakin, and bounded north with land of Capt. Walker.

[No Date. Not Signed.]

[Then follows an affidavit similar to that in B. 7, P. 7 supra.]

[Jones River is a contraction for Aberjona River. Buck Meadows is a name which was early applied to the meadow land lying in the valley of the Aberjona River, in present Montvale, and extending northward.]

B. 7, P. 106:—John Cole of Charlestown, seaman, sells to John Jones of Charlestown, mariner, two wood lots of about 6 acres a piece, one near about a mile from Samuel Richardsons, adjoining unto Woburn lands, together with the timber, Feb. 6, 1674.

Jno. Colle and a seale.

Ack. Feb. 6, 1674. Rec. May 12, 1679.

B.-7, P. 154:—Justinian Holden Jr., Thomas Boyden, and Martha, his wife, Samuel Holden, Thomas Williams and Mary, his wife, Stephen Holden, Gershom Swan, and Sarah, his wife, Elizabeth Holden and Thomas Holden, being the children of Ri Holden of Watertown, Planter, grant to their brother, John Holden, 40 acres, more or less, in Woburn bounded southeast with the lands of "ffayntnot wines," and elsewhere by the commons; to us granted by our father Richard Holden, above named, and Martha, his wife, as per grant made the 19th of this instant July 25, 1679.

[Names and seals] Ack. and Rec. July 25, 1679.

[The will of Faintnot Wines of Charlestown is on record at Cambridge. He was brother to the Daniel Wines referred to in Woburn marriages, page 180, note.]

B. 7, P. 250:-Indenture between John

Hale, of Beverly, minister of the Gospel, of one part, and James Converse Jr. of Woburn in the name of Josiah Converse and James Converse, uncle and father of aboye named James, of the other part, witnesseth. That there being a parcel of meadow overflowed by the mill late in the possession of the said Converses, which meadow belonged to said Hale's lot and was to be returned to him upon certain conditions mentioned in an act of Arbitration dated Feb. 20, 1650 and signed by Edward Johnson and others, whereupon [indentures] were drawn between said Josiah and James Converse and John Hale and signed Mar. 19, 1677. about the time and manner of the said meadows being returned; therefore it is further agreed between us that said Josiah and James shall lay down their mill pond the first opportunity and drain the meadow overflowed and shall have the use of the said Hale's meadow with all the upland of John Hale abovesaid which now lieth within the [cross?] fence that now is set up by Samuel Richardson and these to occupy and improve for 18 In consideration whereof said vears. Converses are to pay yearly 18 shillings and said improvers shall return said lands at end of 18 years, with a fence (except on the side next the river) round it sufficient against swine and great cattle and the meadow drained as is expressed in the above indenture dated March 19, 1677-8. March 21, 1678.

[Signed] Rec. May 3, 1680.

B. 7, P. 296:—Eliah Trottingham, husbandman, of Woburn, in consideration of \pounds 28 sells to John Richardson husbandman, of Woburn one parcel of land in Woburn lying on the northeast or east side of the meeting house being the old house and barn which Henry Trottingham deceased formerly lived in and possessed, by estimation 8 acres and bounded by the land of Bart. Pearsons east and north, and by the land of James Fowle and Abraham Jaquith west, and the highway south. Jan. 10, 1679.

Eliah Totingham and a seale. Ack. and Rec. July 24, 1680.

B. 7, P. 297:-Whereas Stephen Fosdick late of Charlestown by his will dated Feb. 3, 1663, bequeathed to Richard Holden and Martha, his wife, 40 acres of land in Woburn limits, and bounded southeast with the land of "faint not wines" and elsewhere by the common; and at the deatn of the said Martha to be equally divided between the children of the said Martha Holden. we quitclaim all that right and interest that they or either of them may have in said premises and assign the same to their children Justinian Holden, Martha the wife of Thomas Boyden, Samuel Holden, Martha the wife of Thomas Williams, Jno. Holden, Stephen Holden, Sarah the wife of Gershom Swan, Elizabeth Holden and Thos. Holden equally, according to the will of their above named grandfather, July 19, 1679.

Richard Holden, his mark and seal. Martha Holden, her mark and seal. Ack. and Rec. July 19, 1679.

B. 7. P. 298:—Nehemiah Tottingham, of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of three pounds, ten shillings, silver. grants to Sam'l Shadock of Woburn one parcel of land in the bounds of the town of Woburn by estimation 51 acres as will

appear on record in the town book; bouuded west by Billerica line; north by land of John Wyman; south by land of Ensign James Converse and east by land of Samuel Walker and Samuel Richardson. Dower of Sarah, his wife released. Oct. 6, 1679.

Nehemian Tottingham his mark and seal. Ack. and Rec. July 5. 1680.

B. 7, P. 305:-Isaac Cole of Hamton, mill-wright and Jacob Cole of Charlestown, felt-maker, administrators of the estate of Isaac Cole of Woburn, grant to James Fowle, shoe-maker, one dwellinghouse and barn, stables, and outhousing, orchard and closes with 4 acres of land adjoining bounded north by Abraham Jaquith's land, south by town common; west by the highway, the house and orchard by the town common east, north and west and south by land of Hopestill Foster. Also one parcel of meadow lying in Step Rock Meadow by estimation 114 acres bounded by the land of Mr. Thomas Carter west and John Tidd east, and the town common elsewhere. One parcel of meadow more lying in the said Step Rock, 1 1-4 acres, bounded by meadow of Mr. Thomas Carter north and Bartholomew Pearson south, land of Abraham Jaquith east, the common land west. Another parcel of meadow lying Step Rock being 1 1-4 acres bounded by Edward Winn north, Allen Converse south, land of Abraham Jaquith east, and the common land west. One parcel of upland lying near Break Neck Hill, by estimation 1 3-4 acres, bounded by land of Henry Baldwin east, and the land of George Bruce west. One parcel of land more lying in Timber Field, containing

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13-4 acres, bounded by land of John Baker east and Abraham Jaquith west. One parcel more lying in Pine Meadow Plain, containing 1 3-4 acres bounded by land of George Brush east and land of Henry Baldwin west. Also a parcel of cedar land in Lebanon and the Middle Swamp lying in the fourth division. Also all right to timber land that belonged to our father in the third eight, excepting one lot of timber that is changed with Geo. Pollylying near Berry Meadow Bridge. Dec. 9, 1674.

> Isaac Cole and a seal. Jacob Cole and a seal.

Ack. Dec. 1, 1679. Rec. Dec. 17, 1680.

[Break Neck Hill was in present Burlington, near the Wyman's Farms. In Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page 53, reference is made to "a piece of woodland at a place called Break Neck Hill, bounded * * * west on the Wymans' 500 acres."

Timber Field is described in the above records (page xxxiii *) as "near the Wymans' farms." In Vol. 1, page xxviii* of the records a lot of land is referred to "near Rock Pond Meadow, at a place called Timber Field." And again, on page xxii* there is described a lot of land" situate in Timber Field, near Dirty Swamp."

Lebanon was another name for the Cedar Swamp, and the Middle Swamp was also called Ladder Pole Swamp. Both localities were in present Wilmington; Ladder Pole Swamp lying near Reading line, and both swamps being on, or near to, Settle Meadow Brook. See Sewall's Hist. of Woburn, page 38.]

B. 7, B. 330:—Thomas Pierce of Woburn and Elizabeth Foster, relict and administratrix of Hopestill Foster, in consideration of £5, 12s., 6d., grant to Simon Lynde of Boston 9 acres in Woburn at a place called Boggy Field, bounded by land of Stephen Fisher west and south, and town common elsewhere. Feb. 20, 1680.

Thomas Peirce and a seal.

the mark of Elizabeth foster and a seal. Ack. Feb. 20, 1679. Rec. Mar. 12, 1681.

B. 7, P. 337:—[A second record of John Hale's lease to James Converse, which appears *supra*. B. 7, P. 250. It is Ack. Sept. 19, 1679, and Rec. April 4, 1681.]

B. S. P. 438:—Lawrence Hammond, executor of the will of Margaret Hammond, his wife [who was] executrix of the will of Francis Willoughby, late of Charlestown. deceased, in consideration of £115, conveys to John Hull 1150 acres of 1and being the grant of Charlestown to Francis Norton and Capt. John Allen of Charlestown, deceased, and purchased of them by Francis Willoughby, and is part of and lies in common with 3000 acres granted to Charlestown by the General Court, abutting upon the town of Woburn and Reading. May 1, 1683.

Lawr. Hamond and seale.

Ack. June 20, 1683. Rec. Dec. 13, 1683. [This lot was a part of the Land of Nod in present Wilmington. For an account of this land and its owners see Sewall's Hist. of Woburn, pages 540— 543. For its location see map in Lewis & Co.'s Hist. of Mip. Co. page 344.]

B. S, P. 509:—Elijah Tottingham, now of Woburn, wheeler, mortgages to Bartholomew Pearsons, 5 acres of meadow land lying at a place called Buck Meadow; and being bounded by meadow of Dea. Josiah Converse Esq., James Converse and Isaac Richardson upon the northeast, and town common northwest; by said Tottingham's lands southeast, and by fence of said meadow where it now stands. southwest, Jan. 8, 1682.

Eliah Tottingham and seale. Ack. and Rec. March 8, 1684.

B. 9, P. 467:-Michael Bacon of Billerica, in consideration of an exchange of lands in Bridgewater, conveys to Daniel Bacon of New Cambridge one complete purchase of house and land in Woburn at a place called the West End, being all the right of Michael Bacon in Woburn, excepting one lot purchased of Michael Knight and three acres of swamp lying in Rock Meadow Swamp which was formerly Richard Holdens, and more particularly a dwelling house. barn, etc., with 60 acres of land, in which 60 acres is contained the homestead that was formerly Richard Holdens, and bounded by land of Wm. Simonds and Wm. Clarke on the northeast and by land of Samuel Walker and Geo. Reed south and by lands of Michael Bacon Senior on the northwest, a highway going through it. Also 11 acres of land at a place called the Pine Plain which was the right of Richard Holden formerly, bounded by land of Geo. Reed east and Joseph Knight north and the brook that cometh out of Spring Meadow south and the town common elsewhere.

Also 8 acres of meadow in Rock Meadow bounded by meadow of John Green south and common land elsewhere. Also one lot of 6½ acres on Maple Meadow Plain which was formerly Michael Bacon, Senr, and is bounded by lands of Timothy Brooks north and lands of John Knight south.

Also one lot lying in Pine Meadow Plain by estimation 6½ acres, bounded by Joanna Richardson east and land of Joseph Winn west.

Also one lot more lying near the Wymans' Farm and bounded by Joanna Richardson and Joseph Winn as aforesaid. It contains $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Also one lot near a place called Dirty Swamp being 11 acres, bounded by the land of Wm. Johnson west and the lands of Francis Wyman east.

Also one great lot lying at Settle Meadow by estimation 49 acres, bounded by lands of Francis Kendall west and lands of Robert Eames east.

Also all my right of wood and timber laid out and to be laid out with all my cedar lots and right of herbage and all common privileges that appertain to my right of division in Woburn.

Also my eighth of Swamp Bottom. Dower of Sarah, his wife, released June 23, 1680.

And whereas there is a deed on record of the purchase of the house and lands abovesaid and in some parts it is too much and in other parts wanting, therefore this deed is to stand good and the other void.

Michael Bacon and a seale.

Sarah Bacon her marke and seale.

Ack. June 11, 1681. Rec. Nov. 11, 1685.

[Pine Plain was near Great Meadow. Oct. 10, 1664, Michael Bacon and others were chosen to lay out a parcel of land to George Reed, "lying on the southeast end of Pine Plain, leading to Great Meadow." Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page 29. Aug. 2, 1669, a committee was chosen "to lay out a highway through the Pine Plain, at the upper end of the Great Meadow." *Ibid*, page 34.

Pine Field was apparently a different locality from Pine Plain, and is frequently referred to in the same records as "Pine Field, otherways called the Great Lots," and bounded by "Billerica line west." It is to be noted, however, that on page xxxiii* of said record reference is made to a "parcel of land in the bounds of the town of Woburn, at a place called Pine Plain. or the Great Lots *** bounded *** Billerica line west." It is possible, therefore, that Pine l'lain and Pine Field refer to the same locality.

Pine Meadow Plain was near Pine Plain and on page xxiii* of said records a parcel of woodland of 12 acres is described "lying in the eighth division, bounded by Capt. John Carter's swamp, being Rock Meadow Swamp east, Michael Bacon's swamp south, the lots on Pine Meadow Plain west, and Rock Meadow north.

Spring Meadow was in the westerly part of Woburn near Lexington line, in the vicinity of Vine Brook and Great Meadow. See Woburn Records Vol. 1, page lxiii*.]

B. 9, P. 471:—Daniel Bacon of Cambridge in consideration of £100, silver, paid by Samuel Walker of Woburn, carpenter, alienates to said Walker one complete purchase of 60 acres [described as in preceding deed.]

Also 8 acres of meadow in Rock Meadow bounded by land of Samuel Walker south and common lands elsewhere.

Also 1 acre of meadow in Pine Meadow bounded by the meadow of John Green south and lands of Wm. Johnson north and common lands elsewhere.

Also 11 acres of woodland in the seventh division at a place called Rock Meadow Plain, near Rock Meadow, bounded by wood land of Francis Kendall south and wood land of Geo. Reed north.

Also another parcel on the same plain, bounded by wood land of Michael Bacon north and wood land of Michael Knight south.

One parcel of woodland of 12 acres, bounded by land of Michael Knight north and Sam'l Walker south.

Also one parcel of swamp lying in

Little Rock Meadow, be it 3 acres more or less, bounded by line of eighth division south and Wm. Clarke's Meadow and Michael Bacon's woodland elsewhere.

One wood lot more abutting to the land of Wm Locke and Samuel Blogget southeast and to Samuel Walker, Geo. Reed, and Francis Kendall's woodland elsewhere.

Also 5 acres of swamp bottom and one half the herbage that belongs to the house and land that is hereby sold and was Michael Bacon's, Junr. Dower of Mary Bacon released. June 23, 1680.

Daniel Bacon and seale.

Mary Bacon and seale.

Ack. June 11, 1681. Rec. Nov. 11, 1685.

[Little Rock Meadow was within the present bounds of Burlington in the vicinity of Durenville. See Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page 12, note.]

B. 9, P. 474:—Richard Holden of Cambridge, husbandman, sells to John Johnson of Woburn several parcels :—

The homestead or Home Plot where I formerly lived in Woburn at a place called the West End by estimation 20 acres, bounded by land of Samuel Walker north and east, and land of Geo. Reed south and east and by common lands elsewhere.

Also 11 acres lying at a place called the Pine Plain, bounded by land of Geo. Reed east and the land of Joseph Knight north and by Spring Meadow Brook south and common lands elsewhere.

Also one parcel of meadow land at a place called Bull Meadow, bounded by meadow of Wm. Clarke east and north, by Cambridge line south and common lands elsewhere.

Also the said meadow containing 3 acres, and one parcel of meadow of 2

acres, bounded by the meadow of Richard Post north and common lands elsewhere, the said meadow lying in Spring Meadow.

Also one parcel of meadow lying in Great Meadow above the bridge by estimation 3 acres, bounded by meadow of Wm. Johnson north and west, and the river and common lands elsewhere.

Dower of Martha, his wife released. June 18, 1681.

Richard Holden his mark and a seale. Martha Houlden her marke and seale. Nov. 11, 1685.

Daniel Bacon, aged 70 years, and Francis Kendall aged 66 years. being sworn, say they were present and saw Richard Holden and Martha, his wife, sign, seal and deliver this instrument. Rec. Nov. 11, 1685.

[Bull Meadow was in the westerly part of Woburn, now Burlington, and close to the Lexington line. It was in the vicinity of Great Meadow and Brook Meadow.

Bull Corner designated a locality near the junction of Winn and Middlesex Streets.]

B. 10, P. 3:—Anna Palgrave, now of Boston, widow, grants to James Converse of Woburn, one lot of land, containing 56 acres in Woburn. and bounded on the southwest by Thomas Peirce, on the northeast by Edward Burten, on the northwest by George Knower, Edward Carrinton, John Brimsmeade and George Felt and now in the hands of Mr. Thomas Carter, and on the southeast by Robert Hawkins. Thomas Call and William Nash, and now in the hands of Thomas Peirce Junior.

One other lot, containing 22 acres, in Woburn bounded on the east by Woburn Common, and on the west by the river

commonly called "Aberjones" River, and on the north by land sometimes belonging unto George Whitehand and on the south by that land formerly in the hand, or else belonging unto John Tidd. Dec. 1, 1665.

Mrs. Ann Palgraves mark & Seale.

Ack. April 26, 1666. Rec. Aug. 31, 1686.

[The first lot described in this deed is very accurately shown on the Waterfield Map, and embraced land both on the easterly and westerly side of Horn Pond, and extended about half way up to the The lots northerly end of the pond. and names of the adjacent owners as here given all appear on said map. James Converse, the grantee, subsequently sold the land on the easterly side of the pond to John Brooks and John Mousall by deed record.d B. 3, P. 244, and already published. See also note to said deed. Converse retained the land on the westerly side of the pond as well as Horn Pond Island, the title to which passed to him by this deed from the Widow Palgrave.

The land "now in the hands of Mr. Thomas Carter" was towards the northerly end of the pond and probably extended well up towards Pleasant street.]

B. 10, P. 9:-Michael Bacon, Senior, of Woburn, grants to Josiah Wood, Junior, of Charlestown, all my real estate consisting in housing and land particularly my mansion house, and one house lot by estimation 20 acres, bounded south with Samuel Walker, east with Benj. Simonds, west and north with two highways. A pasture land by estimation 30 acres, bounded northeast by the highway, northwest by William Johnson, Esq., and Caleb Simonds, southwest by a woodlot and elsewhere by Samuel Walker. A lot by estimation 6 acres lying between a lot of James Fowle and Goodman Wilson. Three acres granted by the town being

part of Long Meadow Swamp. A lot of 20 acres, bounded southwest by George Reed and John Knight and elsewhere by Cragin. A ten acre woodlot John bounded northeast by my own land and elsewhere by Samuel Walker. A meadow called Brook Meadow by estimation 3 acres bounded in the meadow by Capt. Carter and his son John and by the upland elsewhere. Also land in Cambridge. Dower of Mary Bacon released. Oct. 22, 1686. Michael Bacon and seale.

Ack. Oct. 23, 1686. Rec. Nov. 10, 1686.

[The house lot of Michael Bacon has already been described, B. 4, P. 177, note, and the two highways here referred to are Cambridge Street and Walker's Lane.

Long Meadow was in Burlington in the vicinity of the South School House on the Lexington Road and Long Meadow Swamp extended to Forest Field Hill. The well known Town Meadow of Woburn Centre was called Long's Meadow, after Robert Long, to whom it was granted by Charlestown as early as 1638.]

B. 10, P. 111:-I, John Johnson. senior of Woburn.carpenter, bind over to Samuel Blodgett of Woburn, yeoman, all that lot of land, in Woburn, lying in Waterfield, which I purchased of William Dadev of Charlestown and lyeth on the west side my cornfield, bounded by the land I had given me by the town, which was John Palmer's. and bounded east by the lot that was John Lewis's: by estimation 40 acres. To the said Samuel Blodgett forever in case of non-payment of the rent which the said Blodgett shall pay to Mrs. Susanna Johnson [widow of Capt. Edward Johnson] as he is bound as surety for the said Johnson in a bond dated July 8, 1682.

July 8, 1682.

John Johnson senr. and a seal. Rec. Nov. 29, 1688. [The lot of Will. Dade is shown on the Waterfield Map and was situated west of Cambridge street near the Winchester line. The lots of John Palmer and John Lewis appear on said Map and their location there corresponds with the description of this deed.]

B. 10, P. 112:-John Johnson of Woburn, housewright, in consideration of £ 68 sterling, grants to Thomas Kendall of Woburn, yeoman, one tract of upland and meadowland containing by estimation 60 acres, more or less, it being part of the farm that belonged to Capt. Edward Johnson of Woburn deceased and is bounded southeasterly by a brook [i. e. John Johnson's Saw Mill Brook in Shaker Glen] that runs through the said farm. the most northwesterly brook till the said brook meets with another brook [i. e. Turkey Hill Saw Mill Brook] in the meadow and so along till it comes right against the stonewall that parts between the upland and the meadow on the east side of the brook, then the stonewall is the bounds until it comes to William Locke's pasture on the east corner; then northeasterly it is bounded by land of said Locke, the line running through the orchard near said William Locke's house, [the present Ephraim Colburn estate] and so over the brook again and up the hill into the nighway [i. e. Sawpit Lane] which is the north corner; bounded by the lots that were formerly belonging to William Johnson and John Lawrence, now in the possession of William Locke and Richard Nevers on the northwest side; and there is a bastard black oak tree marked in the line upon the hillside near the highway, the next is a white oak and so it runs a little to the northwest of the fence as it now standeth; and to the westward of the fence upon a rocky hill in the said line there is a heap of stones next two little oaks and then an old walnut tree marked; then in the same line is a stake and a heap of stones which is also the corner between William Locke and Richard Nevers; the next is a black oak tree marked, by a little pond; and the next is a bastard black oak marked, and again another bastard oak, marked; and at the most westerly corner there is a heap of stones and it is bounded southwesterly by the town common and woodland of John Johnson and William Locke. Release of Bethia, wife of the grantor. Dec. 11. 1688.

> John Johnson and a seal Bethia Johnson her mark and a seal.

Ack. Dec. 11, 1688. Rec. Dec. 13, 1688. • [This lot comprises that portion of the present J. R. Kendall Farm that is situate on the north side of Russell street and that lies south of Russell street and north of the brook. It is believed to be a part of the homestead estate of Capt. Edward Johnson. The "little pond" on the north side of Sawpit Lane is still there. For a description of this locality see The NEWS of Aug. 8 and Aug. 15, 1891, which also gives the origin of the name Shaker Glen. See also note to next deed.

This property has remained in the Kendall family ever since it was granted to Thomas Kendall by the above deed in 1688.]

B. 10, P. 113:—I, John Johnson, Senr., of Woburn, housewright, in consideration of £20 sterling, mortgage to Thomas Kendall of the same town, yeoman, one piece of meadowland, by estimation, 12 acres, it being part of the farm that formerly belonged to my Honored father, Capt. Edward Johnson, deceased; and the meadow lieth between two brooks which at the lower end of the meadow

run one into another; one brook lieth on the east side and the other northwest of said meadow, adjoining a tract of land that I have sold Thomas Kendall; and it is bounded by the upland southwesterly, the line to run two rod on the upland on that side. Dower of Bethia Johnson released. Dec. 11, 1688.

The condition of this mortgage was that John Johnson should within twelve months of his mother's decease pay certain legacies given by his father's will so that the said Kendall be not molested upon a certain tract of land which he purchased of said John Johnson which was part of Capt. Johnson's farm.

> John Johnson and a seal. Bethia Johnson her mark and a seal.

Ack. Dec. 11, 1688. Rec. Dec. 13, 1688.

[This deed describes the land lying between the John Johnson Saw Mill Brook and Turkey Hill Saw Mill Brook, which latter rises in the vicinity of the Winning Place. Both brooks appear on the Atlas of Woburn, by G. M. Hopkins & Co., 1875, where the John Johnson Saw Mill Brook is named Mill Brook]

B. 10, P. 130:---1, Israel Reed of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £58, 10s., silver, mortgage to my loving cousin, John Walker. of the same town, tailor, one small tenement in Woburn, containing two dwelling houses, a barn and outhousing, a garden and a well and yards and vardroom to the value of ten poles of land, besides the garden and which the houses stand upon, and it is situate on the northwest side of the street near Woburn Meeting House, bounded with the highway southeast, and James Fowle's land southwest, and the town common elsewhere, there being a town highway between the dwelling house and the

barn, which leads to the burying-place.

Also one small spot of ground under the Rock, about 25 foot square, to set a slaughter house or another small house on, near to the aforesaid garden and about 5 acres of meadow in Reading at a place called The Hundred Acres.

Also 40 acres more of upland in Woburn near a place called Rock Pond, it being the lot that was called John Johnson's Great Lot and it is bounded east by Mr. Samuel Carter's lot and west by Joseph Carter's lot.

Also 5 acres of broke upland in a place called The New Field that was purchased of John Sears of Woburn and is situate in Woburn near a place called Shred Pine, and is bounded by John Tidd southerly and John Sears east and north, James Fowle southwesterly. Dower of Mary Reed released. May 28, 1690.

Israel Reid his mark and seal. Mary Reid her mark and seal. Ack. July 7, 1690. Rec. July 26. 1690.

[The first lot described in the above deed was situated on Main Street on both sides of the passageway running north of the Central House to the old burying ground. This passageway is the "town highway between the dwelling-house and the barn, which leads to the burying-place."

In 1662, Isaac Cole was granted 50 pole of land by the town for a house plot, bounded by the highway to the buryingplace on the north. A portion of this lot and perhaps an additional piece to the north of the passageway was, in 1675, granted to James Stokes, a blacksmith, "provided he stay in the town and follow his trade seven years." In 1677, "Samuel Reed is granted that piece of land that was formerly given to Stokes the smith, provided he improve it to follow his trade seven years." In 1661 the town granted to "Benoni Macreast that piece of land by the house that was formerly Isaac Coles, on the same terms that Samuel Reed was to have it." In 1682, the selectmen "agreed with Israel Reed about the land Benom Macreast his house standeth on, and received of said Reed twenty shillings for the taking of the obligation in Macreast his grant, provided the house be removed, as was ordered by the selectmen, the which was done." In 1683, Israel Reed was granted land "to set a barn on near the burying place in case the selectmen approve it.". In 1686, Israel Reed "is granted liberty to set up a slaughter house near his house, under the Rock, the place to be laid out at the discretion of the selectmen."

I have been thus particular in giving the history of Israel Reed's title to the lot which is described in the above mortgage to John Walker as it is stated in the History of the Reed Families, page 66, that Israel Reed lived and owned where the Baptist Church now stands; that he had a house on the present Tufts College property, and that the lot referred to in the above mortgage as being "under the Rock" was on the opposite side of Main Street. None of these statements are correct, the author having probably confounded the first Israel Reed with his grandson Israel who was born in 1722 and, in 1745, married Mary Hartwell whose father(Dea. Joseph Hartwell) did own the present Tufts College property and land on the opposite side of Main Street. Both of these lots owned by Dea. Joseph Hartwell may have been used and occupied by the grandson Israel Reed whose wife was an heir to oue fifth of them, and thus have given rise to the traditional information contained in the Reed book.

The Baptist Church land was originally owned by Gershom Flagg, the tanner. See Sewall's History, page 611.

The Tufts College property was granted to Thomas Whittemore in 1665, "containing forty poles which grant was formerly given to Edward Iron * * * bounded on the east by the highway; to Isaac Cole north."

The property now owned by John Johnson and Heirs of Mary (Fowle) Hart was the southerly portion of the origina) Isaac Cole grant. It passed to James Fowle, who on his death, in 1690, devised it to his son John.

The present estate of G. F. Jones and the property north of it now owned by the Independent Baptist Church was the Israel Reed lot described in the above mortgage. From Israel Reed it passed to Henry Merrow and from him to John Fowle who then owned the lot to the south also.

This whole property (with the exception of the church lot which the town once owned as a pound but which was sold to Marshall Fowle by the town in 1832.) remained in the hands of the descendants of John Fowle until, in 1840, the Jones estate and the church property were sold to Joseph Rollins, who sold the land north of the Central House, called the Pound Lot, to Rev. James Osborn and Mary Winn Converse, who devised it to the church. John Fowle2nd owned the present estate of Johnson & Hart Heirs at the time of his death in 1856.

The work Rock in the phrase under the Rock used in the above mortgage deed refers to Mount Seir, later known as Bell Hill and now called Powder House Hill. See Woburn Marriages, page 249 note; Sewall's History, page 79. In 1678, James Fowle is granted liberty to take in a little piece of land behind the Bell Hill, provided it be laid out by the selectmen.

Shred Pine was in the vicinity of the Richardson Mill property on Middle Street. See Woburn Records, Vol. 1, Page 12, note.

In a deed from James Boutwell *et al* to Stephen Richardson and his sons, dated 1868, it is stated that the latter are owners of a certain mill situated on the stream called "Shred Pine Brook."

I may add that Israel Reed, previous to his owning the Main Street property, in 1682, is believed to have lived in the westerly part of Woburn. In 1678, Francis Kendall 1s granted land "bounded by the the path that goeth from Israel Reed's to Samuel Walker's gate and bounded elsewhere by the land of Francis Kendall and Samuel Walker." In 1680 he was one of the nine residents of the

West End over whom William Locke was tithingman. And it is to be noted that his business as innholder did not begin until after he acquired the Main Street property. See Woburn Marriages page 219 note. See also the NEWS Aug. 8, 1891.

It is safe to say that the present location of the Central House has been used as an inn for at least 200 years.

John W. Johnson, Esq., has a complete abstract of all the property above referred to from the earliest times down to the present day.]

B. 10, P. 159:—I John Post of Andover husbandman, in consideration of £80, grant to John Walker of Woburn, tailor, one small messuage, in Woburn, in a place called "Happie End," which was the tenement that formerly belonged to my honored [father] Richard Post deceased. The house lot contains one small dwelling house and about 15 acres of land, and is bounded by Ralph Reed's land southwest, Caleb Simond's land southeast, and George Brush's land east and woodland belonging to the premises elsewhere.

Also one lot in Woburn Commons called the Great Lot, by estimation 28 acres and it lieth between Matthew Johnson and John Cutler.

One small lot more in a place called Maple Meadow Plain by estimation 6 1-4 acres and lieth between John Wyman and George Polly.

Also one lot more near Shawshin Path, by estimation 5 acres, and lieth between Samuel Walker's and Joseph Carter's lots.

One small lot more in Woburn common by estimation 6 acres and lieth between John Wyman and George Polly.

Also one piece of meadow by estimation 5 acres, situate at a place called Spring Meadow and bounded by George Brush south, Caleb Simonds north, and Capt. William Johnson east.

One piece of meadow more at a place called Long Meadow Tail, by estimation 2 1-2 acres, together with all rights of woodland in the sixth division that are the proper lots that belonged to my said father, and all rights of Cedar Swamp, both in Lebanon and Ladder Pole, zwo cedar swamps in Woburn which belonged to my father Richard Post. May 27, 1690.

John Post and a seal.

B. 10, P. 161:—Mary Post, Susanna Post and Hannah Post, all daughters of the said Richard Post, quit claim to the said John Walker all title in the above premises, May 27, 1690.

Ack. July 7, 1690. Rec. May 23, 1693.

[Happy End is believed to be that part of the West End of Woburn which was in the vicinity of Walker's Lane and Cambridge street. Richard Post's house, according to Sewall's History of Woburn. page 630, stood a little north of Walker's Lane. The "ancient road from Woburn to Billerica," referred to by Sewall, was Wyman street which was followed to its point of junction with Burlington street and then north around the base of Mount Playnum until it joined the present Winn street. Shawshin Path was probably the other way to Billerica going by Wyman street and Walker's Lane to Cambridge street and so on.

In 1825 Spring Meadow designated a tract of land lying to the north of the present Baptist and Unitarian church properties and ext nded west about as far as the railroad track, and east as far as Park street. In 1834, a tract of two and three quarters acres in Spring Meadow is described in the inventory of the estate of Dea. John Fowle deceased, as being bounded east by the old burying-yard lane and land occupied by Wyman Richardson, Esq., north and north-

east partly by land of Leonard Fowle and land of John Tidd; west by Sylvanus Wood, and south by a ditch by land of Abel Winn. In earlier times it was bounded east by Ichabod Parker and the Town Spring. See Woburn Deaths, star page 4* See also Book 320. Page 402 at Middlesex Registry.

The Spring Meadow referred to in the above deed from John Post must have designated a different locality from the one already described. It is clear, too, that the Spring Meadows referred to in the Woburn Records designated localities in Burlington.

B. 10, P. 169:-Indenture, dated May 29, 1693, between Jonathan Richardson of Woburn, husbandinan, and James Burbeen of Woburn, tailor. In consideration of £20 the said Richardson mortgages to said Burbeen a parcel of upland swamp and meadow, by estimation 80 acres in Woburn (which said Richardson lately purchased of Henry Brooks, husbandman, given unto said Brooks by the will of his grandfather Henry Brooks, dated July 18, 1682). That is to say one piece of meadow of 4 acres in a place called Forty Pound Meadow, bounded by John Brook's meadow northwest, and upland northeast, Isaac Brook's meadow southeast, the upland near the highway [i. e. Main street] west.

Also a piece of upland on the west side of the highway, 34 acres, bounded easterly with the highway, northwest by John Brooks, west and southwest by Horn Pond and the brook and by Isaac Brook's land southeast; there being a ditch in the middle of the plain that runs from towards the king's highway towards the river and so by a straight line to the river, containing 5 acres of swamp in those bounds next the river.

Also about 8 acres more of upland on

the southwest side of the brook bounded by Mr. Wade's land southeast, James Converse southwest, and northwest, and by the brook northeast, only leaving out about half an acre next the brook for Isaac Brooks, his own use.

A parcel of woodland in or near a place called Wood Hill, by estimation 15 acres. Also all his right in the lands of Isaac Brooks deceased (which he purchased of said Henry Brooks) about 1-4 part of the land that he died seized of. As also one piece of upland purchased of said Henry Brooks, being allotted to him and was heretofore his father's, being about 6 acres near a place called Wood Bridge bounded by land of John Johnson southwest, by land of Isaac Brooks northwest, by the Pierce's land northeast, and by John Brooks, his woodland (that was Jacob Hambletts) southeast.

Jonathan Richardson and a seai.

Ack. May 29, 1693. Rec. July 4, 1693.

[Forty Pound Meadow is the land lying between the railroad track and Main street, opposite Lake Avenue. The brook or river referred to is Horn Pond Brook. Wood Hill is a locality in the easterly part of Burlington and is so well known at the present day that a more particular description is unnecessary.

The will of Henry Brooks, "cloatheyer * * * stricken 'n years" devises to his son Isaac all the land on the east side of the highway leading to Charlestown, except 8 acres of meadow which is given to his grandsons Isaac and Henry (sons of Isaac) to whom he gives all the land on the west side of the highway leading to "I mean all that land Charlestown. which lyeth betwene my son John Brookes' line, horne pond, horne pond river and the highway; and also all that pece of Land one the west side the river next James Convarses land and eaight acres of meadow in the meadow one the east sid the wave." To his grandchild

Meriam, daughter of his son Isaac he gives all his Great Lot.

The inventory discloses 20 acres of upland on the east side of the highway; 7 acres of meadow adjoining said land; 8 acres of meadow in Forty Pound Meadow given to children of Isaac Brooks; 80 acres of upland on the west side of the highway on both sides of the river given to the two sons of Isaac Brooks; the Great Lot of 42 acres given to Meriam; and 6 acres of meadow, in Shred Pine.]

B. 10, P. 196:—Henry Merry of Woburn, tailor, gives bond to Henry Summers and Jacob Wyman of Woburn, yeomen. in £50, and dated Feb. 16, 1689, the condition being that whereas said Henry Merry and Miriam, his wife. have mortgaged to said Summers and Wyman one parcel of land in Woburn, by estimation 55 acres, which was the bequest of Henry Brooks, deceased, unto said Miriam; if, therefore, the said Summers and Wyman shall peaceably occupy said land without molestation from said Henry Merry, or Miriam, his wife, or their heirs, then this obligation is to be void.

Henry Merry and a seal.

Ack. Aug. 14. 1693 by Capt. Lawr. Hammond and Mrs. Anne Hammond witnesses. Rec. Sept. 26, 1693.

B. 10, F. 216:—Henry Summers, formerly of Woburn. now of Charlestown, innholder, assigns to Jacob Wyman of Woburn all title to the above mortgage. Oct. 15, 1691.

Ack. Sept. 20, 1692. Rec. Nov. 3, 1693. [See preceding note.]

Henry Somars and a seal.

B. 10, P. 219:—I, Robert Peirce of Woburn, in consideration of that entire love and affection which I bear toward my son, Joseph Peirce. myself moving me thereunto, grant to my said son one lot given me by the town by estimation 40 acres, bounded by the land of Henry Baldwin south, Billerica line west, the land of Benjamin Johnson north, and the second range of lots east.

Also one lot given me by the town by estimation 5 acres, lying on both sides of Shawshin Hignway leading to Billerica and bounded by land of Edward Irons on the west, but now in the hands of Gershom Flagg, on the east by land of Theophilus Richardson, and by the second range of lots laid out by Capt. Sherman on the south, and the second range of lots laid out by William Johnson, Esq. on the north. July 3, 1693.

Robert Pierce and a seal. Ack. July 3, 1693. Rec. Nov. 11, 1693.

B. 10, P. 220:—I, Robert Pierce of Woburn, in consideration of entire love etc., convey to my son Jonathan Pierce one parcel of land in Woburn, at a place called Long Meadow, and at the north end, by estimation 10 acres bounded by woodland of Richard Post southwest, and by land of Master Thomas Carter northwest, and by woodland of Robert Pierce northeast and at the northeast corner beginning at a stake bounding John Farrar's woodland and from thence to a tree marked in Long Meadow Swamp and to John Knight's woodland.

Also 2 acres lying on the southeast of said land and is so much as I had by exchange of John Knights for so much delivered said Knight next his at the Pine Plain near his house.

I also give my said son Jonathan all the right of wood in that whole lot which lies on the south side of Long Meadow, and by John Knight's woodlot west; and all my right of wood in that lot I had of John Locke on the west side of the way which goeth to my son's house lying south by the aforesaid lot and Long Meadow. I also give him the full one half all my meadow in Long Meadow and half the swamp as it is now bounded my son having the north side. I also give him the other half of my meadow in Long Meadow to possess after my decease.

I also give my son Jonathan that woodlot lying south of Hodge's Hole coming from a swamp next Long Meadow over the Pine Hill down to the five acre lots lying south of Hodge's Hole Meadow. Dower of Mary Pierce released. Feb. 20, 1687.

Robert Pierce and a seal.

The mark of Mary Pierce the wife of Robert Pierce and a seal.

Ack. July, 4, 1693. Rec. Nov. 14, 1693.

B. 10, P. 224 :--- I, Robert Pierce, of Woburn. veoman, in consideration of love. etc., to my son, Benjamin Pierce, tailor, and because he hath bound himself in a bond of £100 sterling to keep and maintain me and Mary, my wife, during the term of our natural lives, do grant to said Benjamin Pierce all my housing and lands in Woburn, excepting what I have already given my other sons, more particularly my dwelling-house situate in the West End of said town commonly called Happy End, with the barn and other outhousing belonging to my homestead, together with a new house lately by me built, with all lands adjoining my homestead, all which contains about 30 acres, and bounded by the highway southwest, by James Simonds southeast, by Ralph Reed partly on the northeast, by Richard Gardner's meadow on the north corner, and on the northwest end by stakes and marked trees.

Also one other piece containing about 30 acres upon the Great Meadow Plain, 20 acres hereof was by me purchased of my father-in-law, John Knight, late of Charlestown, deceased, by deed dated March 6, 1663. The other 10 acres thereof was granted to me by the town of Woburn, as by their records will more plainly appear: and this 30 acres is bounded by land of Joseph Knight easterly, and to that part of the Great Meadow called Hodge's Hole north, to the woodland of Matthew Johnson and James Converse west and southwest.

Also one piece of meadow in Round Meadow adjoining to the land of Richard Gardner and butting upon my own homestead afore-mentioned, containing by estimation 3 1-2 acres as mentioned in a deed dated Jan. 16, 1654, made by John Parker to my father John Knight, and by said John Knight assigned to me Jan. 27, 1654.

Also one lot called a plough lot containing 4 1-2 acres, which was the lot of Robert Eames, sold by him to Major Wm. Johnson and by said Johnson to me, by deed dated Nov. 23, 1682.

Also one piece of meadow on the southeast side of the brook, part thereof was my own right and the other part was purchased by exchange of Major William Johnson by deed dated May 18, 1677.

Also one other piece of meadow lying in the Great Meadow on the west side of the brook, part of it in my own right and

another part that was purchased of John Johnson by deed dated July 12, 1669. This piece purchased of John Johnson is sold for 4 acres.

Also one piece of woodland containing 12 acres purchased by exchange with John Locke, lying near a place called Long Meadow, the buts and bounds are mentioned more amply in Locke's deed dated May 11, 1686.

Also one other piece of land purchased by me by way of exchange of Samuel Carter, lying at a place called Hodge's Hole, containing about 12 acres, as more fully appears by said Carter's deed, dated June 13, 1682.

Also one small plough lot by Shawshin Path, near Sandy Bridge, of 5 acres. And one small plough lot more of about 5 acres at a place called Maple Meadow Plain with their buts and bounds as mentioned in Woburn Records.

And one tract of swamp more near to John Walker's at a place called the Ashen Swamp, bounded southwest by Joseph Wright and northeast by John Farrar.

Also every other piece of land belonging to me in Woburn.

Dower of Mary Pierce released. July 3, 1693.

Robert Pierce and a seal.

Mary Pierce her mark and a seal.

Ack. July 5. 1693. Rec. Nov. 15, 1693.

B. 10, P. 282:—Forasmuch as Robert Pierce of Woburn, weaver, hath deeded to me, Benjamin Pierce, his son, by deed dated July 3, 1693, all his housing and lands in Woburn, and amongst the writings returned to me is an old deed of 3 1-2 acres of meadow in Round Meadow, sold by John Parker, Senior, formerly of Woburn deceased, to my grandfather John Knight, Senior, deceased; and by said Knight assigned over to my father. But understanding that said 3 1-2 acres of of meadow was alienated by my father to Richard Gardner by way of exchange, I, the said Benjamin Pierce and Hannah, my wife, do surrender up the said meadow unto said Richard Gardner, Dec. 8, 1693.

Benjamin Pierce and a seal.

Hannah Pierce her mark and a seal.

Ack. Dec. 15, 1693. Rec. April 7, 1694.

[Hodge's Hole is a name and locality well-known to Burlington landholders at the present day. It is a portion of the meadow near Vine Brook, in the neighborhood of the Abel Simonds estate, and lies between Sandy Brook and Long Meadow Brook, both of which are tributaries of Vine Brook. The map of Burlington in the Atlas of Middlesex County, J. B. Beers & Co., 1875, shows all these streams. Hodge's Hole was and still is a part of the Great Meadow which extends along Vine Brook, and the latter is sometimes called Great Meadow Brook. Sewall's History, page 26, note, refers to "the Shawshin or Hodge Hole Meadows in Burlington."

It is possible that in our early records there is some confusion between Hodge's Whether or not Hole and Hog's Hole. the latter is a distinct locality I am unable to say. There was, however, and still is a Hog Swamp in Burlington. It is located considerably to the north of Walker's Lane and to the east of Arlington Street-Arlington Street being that portion of the Woburn Cambridge Street that lies in Burlington. Hog Swamp is referred to in a deed from James Fowle to Joshua Walker, of date 1757, and was formerly a part of the estate of Capt. John Reed. deceased.

Mr. W. R. Cutter is "inclined to the belief that Round Meadow of the early settlement is the basin-like appendage of Winter Pond near the old house now occupied by the venerable Thaddeus Parker." See Woburn Records Vol. 1, page 13, note. If this be true, then, according to the references in the above

deeds, Happy End and the homestead estate of Robert Pierce must be in the same vicinity. I have already located Happy End in the neighborhood of Cambridge street and Walker's Lane, and the above deeds seem to confirm the correctness of that location.

Sandy Bridge was in Burlington. In Woburn Records Vol. 1, page xxv*, reference is made to a swamp "lying in the Great Meadow Swamp on the north side the brook which cometh from Sandy Bridge."

In July, 1676. Robert Pierce, aged about 59, testified in the prosecution against Benjamin Simonds of Woburn for committing violence on his daughter, Elizabeth Pierce. aged 18. In this case there were many Woburn witnesses called among them being Dinah Knight, aged 15, and her sister Hannah Knight, nieces of Robert Pierce; Michael Bacon, Senr., aged 67, and John Cragin aged 50. Benjamin Simonds was finally acquitted of the serious charges brought against him. See further Woburn Marriages, page 251 note.

It would seem from the references to relationship in the above deeds and in this suit that Robert Pierce married Mary Knight daughter of John Knight, senr., of Charlestown; and that the latter was the father of Joseph Knight, whose children Dinah and Hannah mentioned above were born in Woburn. These are important genealogical facts which are not alluded to in Sewall's Genealogical Notices, nor, so far I know, have they been referred to elsewhere. See Woburn Births, page 145, note.]

B. 10, P. 283:—I, Jonathan Richardson of Woburn, husbandman (in consideration of an exchange of 40 acres of upland and meadow with about 20 acres of woodland, namely all the upland and woodland given to Henry Brooks of Woburn by his grandfather Henry Brooks. deceased; as also his portion of the lands that his own father Isaac Brooks died seized of, which is about one quarter

[part], and 5 acres of swamp adjoining Horn Pond River and about 10 acres of land near Wood Bridge) do grant to said Henry Brooks a parcel of upland and meadow by estimation 70 acres in Woburn, lying in several pieces namely all the lands given me by my father Isaac Richardson by his will dated Feb. 28, 1689, namely two thirds of the homestead containing 11 acres of upland and 3 acres of meadow near thereunto, this piece of land containing one dwelling house, barn, orchard etc., bounded southeast by the highway, northeast John Bateman, and northwest by said Bateman; southwest by the other third part belonging to Edward Richardson.

As also about 30 acres more belonging to the homestead on the southeast side of the highway, bounded by said highway northwest, John Bateman northeast, the woodland southeast, and Edward Richardson's land southwest.

Also about 20 acres of woodland, near adjoining to the homestead, bounded by Samuel Richardson northwest, John Richardson northeast, Ezekiel Richardson's woodland southwest.

Also a lot in Charlestown. The said 3 acres of meadow lieth by the river near the homestead adjoining to John Bateman's meadow. Jan. 21, 1693.

Jonathan Richardson and a seal. Ack. Oct. 13, 1693. Rec. April 18, 1694.

B. 10, P. 284:-I, Henry Merrow of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £ 28, mortgage to James Converse 2nd, of said town, yeoman, one messuage or tenement with some lots and woodlands in Woburn, in all by estimation 60 acres in the East End of the town :--

First, the homestead is that which formerly belonged to Isaac Richardson of Woburn, deceased, and by him given to his son Jonathan by will dated Feb. 28, 1689, and by the said Jonathan sold to Henry Brooks, and by said Brooks sold to me. And this homestead part thereof on the west side of the highway containing about 11 acres of upland, bounded [as in preceding deed] As also 3 acres of meadow upon the river near said homestead, adjoining to John Bateman's meadow.

As also about 30 acres of upland, belonging to the homestead, that lyeth on the southeast side of the highway, and it contains one dwelling-house and bounded [as in preceding deed].

As also one piece of woodland near the homestead by estimation 12 acres and bounded by Samuel Richardson's woodland northwest John Richardson's woodland northeast, Ezekiel Richardson's woodland southwest.

Also land in Charlestown.

Dower of Miriam, wife of the grantor, released March 15, 1694.

Henry Merrow and a seal. Miriam Merrow and a seal.

Ack. March 15, 1694. Rec. April 24, 1694. Mortgage discharged on the margin, March 30, 1696.

B. 10, P. 303 :— I, John Walker, Junior of Woburn, tailor, acknowledge payment by my uncle Israel Reed of Woburn tailor, of the mortgage [recorded Book 10, Page 130 *supra*] and release said premises to him. Ruth, wife of John Walker, releases dower. May 31, 1694.

John Walker and a seal. The mark of Ruth Walker and a seal. Ack. June 5, 1694. Rec. June 6, 1694.

B. 10, P. 315:-I, Israel Reed of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of $\pounds 60$ mortgage to John Fowle of same town. cordwainer. one small messuage or tenement in Woburn, near the meeting-house on the northwest side of the street, by estimation 1-4 of an acre, also two dwelling-houses, a barn and outhousing, yards, garden and well with a pump in it. the barn is butting upon the burying-place, there being a town highway between the dwelling-houses and the said barn, leading to the burying place; as also a little piece of and on the hillside, close to the Rock about twenty-two feet square, which was granted by the town to me to make a yard, or to build a slaughter-house upon, and the dwelling, housing and the land they stand on, with the garden and yard room abuts upon the land of the said John Fowle southwest, and upon the town street southeast. Also 5 acres of meadow in Reading.

Also 40 acres in Woburn near a place called Rock Pond, it being the lot called John Johnson's Great Lot, bounded east by Samuel Carter, west by Joseph Carter.

Also 5 acres at a place called the New Field which I purchased of John Seir. Dower of Mary Reed released June 1. 1694.

The mark Israel Reed and a seal.

The mark of Mary Reed and a seal.

Ack. June 1, 1694. Rec. July 21, 1694.

[Rock Pond, Rock Pond Meadow etc. are in that part of present Burlington called Wood Hill. In Woburn Records Vol. 1, page 50 (year 1673) reference is made to "a tract of timber, lying on the west side of Cherry Meadow Swamp, beginning fifteen pole to the westward of a poplar tree on Break Neck Hill *** and then westward *** to Rock Pond Meadow and then alongst that swamp to Cherry Meadow Swamp and up that

swamp to the lots ensign Sherman laid out." The inventory of the estate of Samuel Wyman who died in 1743 discloses 22 acres of woodland in Woburn at or near a place called Rock Pond Brook, bounded east on land of Nathaniel Cutler, north on the range line, west on Rock Pond Meadow and south on Cherry Meadow. This property passed to Samuel Wyman's only son, Samuel and on the latter's death in 1787 he willed to his son Joseph "one half of my Wood Hill lot so called lying in Woburn near Rock Pond." By the settlement of Samuel Wyman's estate, however, this lot was, in 1791, set off to his willow, Catharine.

Rock Pond Meadow must not be confounded with Rock Meadow. The latter was situated in the westerly part of present Woburn. in the vicinity of Durenville. See deed from Abigail Munroe (wife of Jonathan) and heir of Francis Kendall to James Fowle Jr., in 1772, and recorded Book 73, Page 116.

In the year 1680, James Burbeen owned "one parcel of woodland more lying on the northwest side of Horn Pond Hill between Sergt. Thomas Pierce's land and Wood Bridge by estimation twenty acres." Woburn Records Vol. 1, page xxviii. In *Ibid*, page 17, reference is made to "two parcels of land formerly granted to Edward Johnson near Wood Bridge and Winter Pond."]

B. 10, P. 330:—I. Francis Kendall of Woburn, in consideration of £18, do convey to John Foster Esq., of Boston, one eighteenth part of a parcel of land in Woburn at a place called Mount Plainum Hill, by estimation 20 acres, and is in three parcels:—Fifteen acres of it being on the said hill and bounded by a line, drawn from the corner of the highway [i. e. present Burlington Street] leading from George Brush's house to Billerica Road and over the said hill, to a heap of stones on the northside and from thenee to Billerica Road and then to the first corner, it being almost a triangle. The other two parcels lying near it on t 1 (11h of Rag Rock Hill.

The deed goes on to warrant all the grantor's right to the said one eighteenth part of said lands, mines, minerals, utensils, or other material belonging to the said mineral. Dower of Mary Kendall released. July 19, 1694.

Francis Kendall his mark and a seal. Mary Kendall her mark and a seal.

Ack. July 21, 1694. Rec. Aug. 9, 1694.

B. 10, P. 331:—I, Francis Wyman of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £18, grant to John Foster Esq., of Boston, one eighteenth part of a parcel of land in Woburn [described as in the preceding deed]. Dower of Abigail Wyman released. July 19, 1694.

Francis Wyman and a seal.

Abigail Wyman's mark and seal.

Ack. July 21, 1694. Rec. Aug. 10, 1694.

Mount Plainum is the hill in present Burlington in rear of the Mountain Schoolhouse, so called, at the northerly end of Burlington Street, and overlooks "The Plains" of Cummingsville. The Billerica Road skirts its base on the southerly and easterly sides. Mount Plainum was anciently supposed to contain mineral wealth and is sometimes referred to as Mineral Hill, Copper Mountain etc. Burlington Street was formerly called Brush's (i. e. Bruce's) Lane, after George Brush, or Bruce, who is supposed to have lived near the junction of Locust and Burlington Streets.

The familiar name of Rag Rock appears in the Woburn Records as early as 1648. The word Rag is old English for rugged or rocky. See note of W. R. Cutter in printed edition of Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page 12, note.]

B. 10, P. 337 := I, John Johnson, senior, of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of £100, 10 s. do grant to Thomas Kendall of Woburn, yeoman, three pieces of land, all together containing 116 acres, in Woburn, at the West End of the town, part of it was land that did belong to the farm of my father, Capt. Edward Johnson, deceased, and that piece with part of another lot that adjoins thereto contains 55 acres, and it lies between the Two Rivers in said farm, and is bounded northwest by said Thomas Kendall's land, part of the said farm formerly sold him by me, the brook being the bounds on that side: bounded by the land of Matthew Johnson southwest, and by the other brook called Turkey Hill Sawmill Brook southeast, only part of the bounds on that side is upon a piece of land that was Joseph Johnsons and by him sold to Matthew Johnson and from said Matthew to the aforesaid Thomas Kendall: then again by the same brook until it comes to a piece of meadow of about two acres and one half that lieth at the lower end of said meadow in the crotch of the river where the Two Rivers run both into one, which two acres and a half of meadow was taken by execution from John Johnson and delivered to William and Matthew Johnson, and it is bounded by the said two acres and half of meadow northeast.

Aud one piece more is part of the homestead of me the said John Johnson, namely that whereon my house standeth, and it contains about 31 acres and is bounded by the highway northeast, a little black oak tree marked by the highway at the east corner of the said piece of land, and from thence by a strait line a little within the field till it comes to a bushy tree marked near the west corner of the said field and then the line turneth more westerly by marked trees to a buttonwood tree near the river, about 4 poles off said river and so home to the river called Turkey Hill Sawmill Brook and so along said brook or river until it comes to William Locke's fence in the meadows, and it is bounded by William Locke's land northeast and north until it comes to the highway again.

And the third piece contains about 30 acres and it lieth on the northeast side of the highway and is another part of the homestead, and is bounded by land of William Locke, Senior, northwest, by Samuel Blodgett and John Kendall northeast; by land of Matthew Johnson southeast and by the highway southwest until it comes to the black oak tree marked by the way aforementioned, and then it is bounded by the other part of the homestead whereon the house stands as aforesaid; comprehending the highway within the premises.

Dower of Bethiah Johnson released. Aug. 11, 1694.

John Johnson and a seal. Bethiah Johnson her mark and seal.

Ack. Aug. 11, 1694. Rec. Aug. 20, 1694.

B. 10, P. 374:—I, Abraham Jaquith of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of a parcel of land of 53 acres in Woburn near a place called Lubber's Brook to me made over by James Fowle and Mary, his wife, as also £7 in money to me paid, do convey to said James Fowle one piece of land in Woburn of 5½ acres, it being the houselot that was formerly Benjamin Butterfields, afterwards Abraham Jaquiths now deceased. It contains one old dwelling-house and an orchard with a small piece of meadow at the east end of the said houselot, and it is bounded by land of Lt. John Richardson that was Henry Totman's houselot east, and the said town street west and the houselot that was Isaac Coles, now John Fowles, south, and the houselot that was John Tidd's north which is now in the possession of the said James Fowle.

I, the said Abraham Jaquith, as also Jacob Hamblett, my father-in-law, and

Mary Hamblett my natural mother..... hereto set our hands this March 6, 1694.

Abraham Jaquith and a seal.

Mary Hamblett her mark and a seal. Rec. Feb. 12, 1695.

K. 10, P. 375:—I, John Wright the second of Chelmsford. farmer, in consideration of £55 do convey to James Fowle of Woburn, cordwainer. one small piece of land of 4 acres of upland in Woburn, which piece of land was purchased by me of my brother-in-law Joshua Sawyer of Woburn and it is fenced in by itself and contains one small dwelling house and a barn and an orchard and a garden and is bounded easterly by the King's highway, and westerly by land of William Daine, and northerly by land of Gershom Flagg; southerly by land of Joseph Knight.

Dower of Abigail Wright released. Feb. 24, 1687.

John Wright and a seal.

Abigail Wright her mark and a seal. Ack. May 25, 1693. Rec. Feb. 12, 1695.

B. 10, P. 266:—Indenture dated Feb. 26, 1694, between Henry Brooks of Woburn, husbandman, on the one party and Henry Merrow of Reading, tailor, on the other party, witnesseth: That said Henry Brooks, in consideration of certain lands herein conveyed to him by said Henry Merrow and of £20 paid, grants to said Henry Merrow in exchange all those his messuages, lands etc. in Woburn, herein mentioned, that is to say:—A certain messuage consisting of a mansion house, barn and 14 acres of land, more or less, part orchard, part arable, part pasture and part meadow. and bounded southeast by a town highway, northeast and northwest by land of John Bateman, southwest by land of Edward Richardson.

Also another parcel lying over against the forementioned parcel on the other side the highway, by estimation 30 acres and bounded by said highway northwest, John Bateman's land northeast, the woodland southeast and Edward Richardson's southwest.

Also a parcel of woodland containing about 20 acres, adjoining the first mentioned parcel, bounded by land of Samuel Richardson northwest, of John Richardson's northeast, and by Ezekiel Richardardson's woodland southwest (excepting always and reserving to said Henry Brooks 8 acres of the last parcel of woodland to be allotted and staked out by said Henry Merrow upon reasonable demand.)

Also one eighth part of a certain sawmill erected upon the land of John Bateman in Woburn and a certain lot of land in Charlestown at a place called Bear Hill.

All which above mentioned premises were purchased by said Henry Brooks of Jonathan Richardson now or late of Woburn.

The said Henry Merrow hath likewise granted to said Henry Brooks in exchange a certain messuage in Reading [describing it] * * * all which premises the said Henry Merrow lately purchased of James Stimpson of Reading.

Henry Brooks and a seal.

Ack. March 8, 1694. Rec. March 15, 1694.

B. 10, P. 440:--I. Henry Merrow of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £115, silver, do convey to John Vinton of Malden, forgeman, all my messuages, lands, etc., purchased of Henry Brooks of Woburn, that is to say, a certain messuage consisting of a barn and about 11 acres of land bounded southeast by the King's Highway leading to Reading, by John Bateman's land northeast and northwest and southwest by the land of Edward Richardson.

Also one piece of meadowland and skirts of upland by estimation 3½ acres on both sides the river adjoining to John Bateman's land, abutting upon the said highway southeast, John Swan northeast, John Bateman's land elsewhere, it being two thirds of that piece of meadow called the meadow belonging to the homestead.

Also one other piece of land on the southeast side of said highway right against the piece of eleven acres first mentioned, containing about 30 acres with one mansion house and garden and bounded by the King's highway northwest, John Bateman northeast, Edward Richardson's land southwest, and the woodland southeast.

Also one piece of woodland containing about 20 acres adjoining to this last piece, whereon the mansion house stands, bounded by land of Samuel Richardson westerly, John Richardson northeasterly, Ezekiel Richardson southwesterly. 'Together with one full eighth part of a saw-mill in John Bateman's land near unto the said mansion house. Also land in Charlestown....with whatever else was by Isaac Richardson given unto his son Jonathan by will dated Feb. 28, 1689, and purchased by me of Henry Brooks. Dower of Miriam Merrow released. Aug. 2, 1695.

Henry Merrow and a seal. Miriam Merrow and a seal.

Ack. Aug. 2, 1695. Rec. Nov. 15, 1695.

[According to the Vinton Memorial, page 15, et seq., the messuage and land described in the foregoing deed "was very near, perhaps, upon the locality where are now the dwelling-house and mills of Deacon Stephen Richardson. The saw-mill 'near said Mansion-House' must have been at the outlet of Stephen Richardson's Mill-Pond. The Lowell Railroad passes about a quarter of a mile west of it.... Bear Hill is N. W. of Spot Pond, and not far from it, in Stoneham." In 1720, John Vinton conveyed this property to his son Samuel, who, in 1729, conveyed it to Jonathan Lawrence of Charlestown.

Vinton refers to "Merry's Meadow" near New Bridge in present North Woburn.]

B. 10, P. 452:-William Johnson, aged 67 years or thereabouts and Matthew Johnson aged 61 years saith that we certainly know that Capt. Edward Johnson bought a lot of Baptize Smedly, late of Concord, which was then called Shorthoses's Lot, lying in Woburn, at a place called Waterfield, butting upon a lot then called Lewis's Lot, on the south side by a lot purchased by William Johnson which was called Hubbard's Lot. We say this lot was bought before the year fifty-two, and said Edward Johnson had a deed of said lot and was in possession of said lot and he and his-----have peaceably possessed and enjoyed said lot ever since until a day or two before Oct. 1, 1695. Dec. 16. 1695. before the Inferior Court of Pleas, William Johnson Esq., and Matthew Johnson made oath to the truth of the above. Rec. Feb. 10. 1696.

[According to the location given on the Waterfield Map, Shorthus' Lot was in the westerly part of present Winchester, near the Woburn line.]

B. 10, P. 454 :---I, Nehemiah Willoughby of Salem, merchant, in consideration of £6, do quit claim to Samuel Sewall of Boston, Esq., all the estate, right, title etc., I have in and to 1150 acres of land, lately belonging to my father. Francis Willoughby late of Charlestown, and is a part of and lies in common with 300 acres granted unto Charlestown by the General Court, abutting upon the towns of Woburn and Reading in Middlesex and Andover in Essex. Jan. 31, 1696.

Nehemiah Willoughby and a seal.

Ack. Feb. 1, 1695. Rec. Feb. 11, 1696. [This was Land of Nod. See note to B. 8, P. 438 supra.]

B. 10, P. 470:—I, Thomas Henshaw of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £50, do mortgage to Samuel Whittemore of Charlestown, yeoman, all that my messuage in Woburn, containing 30 acres more or less, with a dwelling house and barn thereon, and bounded by James Fowle north and west, south by the woodland of George Brush, east by the highway leading to Maple Meadow. Mar. 28, 1696.

The condition of the mortgage was to pay £28, 10s., and also to find and allow to his son Thomas Henshaw, now apprentice to said Samuel Whittemore, "all sorts of clothing woollen and linen and shoes suitable for one of his degree and quality during the term of his apprenticeship."

Thomas Hincher his mark and a seal.

Ack. March 28, 1696. Rec. April 8, 1696. Mortgage is discharged on the margin March 9, 1716.

B. 10. P. 471:-I, Henry Merrow of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £11, mortgage to James Converse Jr., of the same town, yeoman, a certain house and ground in Woburn which house was built by Israel Reed, tailor, and it contains about one half an acre of upland and one dwelling house with an outhouse or kitchen and a barn with yards and a garden with a well and pump in it with a little house on the backside, bounded by the King's highway east, John Fowle's houselot south, Woburn burying place west and the town common north. Dower of Miriam Merrow released March 30, 1696.

Henry Merrow and a seal. Ack. March 30, 1696. Rec. April 11, 1696.

Mortgage discharged Sept. 17, 1697. [See note to B. 10, P. 130, supra.]

B. 10, P. 476:-I, Nathaniel Richardson Senior, of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £5, 12s. do grant to John Holden of the same town, carpenter, a certain piece of upland by estimation 5 1-2 acres in Woburn, at the East End of said town at a place called Bastow's Lot and bounded by land of Samuel Richardson northeast, * * * upon the woodland of John Richardson southeast, by the upland of Benjamin Richardson southwest, northwest by a crooked line several marked trees near the edge of the meadow called Bastow's Meadow. Dower of Mary Richardson released. April 8, 1696.

Nathaniel Richardson Senr. and a seal. Mary Richardson her mark and a seal. Ack. April 9, 1696. Rec. April 17, 1696.

B. 10, P. 486:—William Johnson, Francis Kendall, Francis Wyman, Jonathan

Wyman and John Wyman, proprietors of a certain tract of land in Woburn, containing 22 acres. 7 acres thereof in two allotments lying at a place called "Raggy Rock hill," viz: three acres abutting northerly on the highway called Lippingwell's Lane and measuring on that line 40 rod; easterly, southerly and westerly on common lands not laid out, measuring on the easterly side 16 rod, on the southerly side 40 rod, and on the westerly side S rod; and the four acres lying on the west end of said hill near Israel Walker's house, and abuts northerly on the highway where it measures ----- easterly, southerly and westerly upon the common lands not laid out measuring [distances omitted on the record.] And the other 15 acres lying at a place called "Mount Plainun hill," and is bounded to the west by a straight line ranging with the line of the highway [i. e. Burlington street] between the dwelling house of Samuel Carter and George Brush, and begins at a heap of stones on the northerly side of the path that leads to Billerica, and runs northerly on the said line 50 rod to another heap of stones, then easterly by a straight line to a heap of stones near said highway that leads to Billerica and is on that line 60 rod, and on the southeasterly side bounded by the said highway leading to Billerica, which said highway runs rounding at the foot of Mount Plainum Hill and is on that rounding line 81 rods, bounded northerly and westerly on common land not laid ont.

Know ye, we the said proprietors, in consideration of £8, do grant to John Foster of Boston, merchant, one full eighth part of said tracts of land, together with one full eighth part share of and in the Copper Mine and other mines and minerals discovered or to be found within the same, and of all edifices, buildings, woods, stones etc., the said Foster having purchased the same of us in 1680. Dated Aug. 3, 1695.

[Names and seals.]

Esther Johnson, wife of William, Mary Kendall, wife of Francis, Abigail Wyman, wife of Francis, Hannah Wyman, wife of Jonathan, and Hannah Wyman, wife of John, release dower in the above premises. [All but the last named Hannah Wyman sign by making a mark.]

Ack. April 23, 1696 Rec. May 13, 1696.

B. 10, P. 507 :- John Bateman of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of £130 grants to Samuel Richardson of Woburn, all his messuage or tenement in Woburn containing one dwelling-house and barn, and about 100 acres of land, that is to say, 90 acres of upland and 10 acres of meadow, and bounded northeast by land of Stephen Richardson and John Swan, southwest by land of John Vinton, southeast by land of Mary Brooks, westerly by land of Joseph Pierce and northwest by woodland of John Mousall. Dower of Abigail Bateman released. July 27, 1696.

John Bateman and a seal.

The mark of Abigail Bateman and a seal. Ack. July 27, 1696. Rec. July 31, 1696.

[I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Nathaniel A. Richardson of Winchester, informing me that the location of the land conveyed by Henry Merrow to John Vinton, B. 10, P. 440, *supra* and one of the estates referred to in the above conveyance, is not correctly stated in my note to that deed.

My note consisted wholly of a quotation from the Vinton Memorial—a Win-

chester authority by the wav—but I am now satisfied that Mr. Vinton was wrong and Mr. Richardson right. The latter says:--"All the land was and is located in the region of Washington and Forest streets. It first belonged to the first Thomas Richardson and was afterwards owned by his heirs, Isaac, Edward and Jonathan. Isaac lived in the rear of the residence of the late John S. Richardson. John Bateman owned 100 acres of land in this region which my great grandfather afterwards owned. The sawmill mentioned was run by water pent up near the outlet of Winchester's North Reservoir. The Vinton lot was afterwards owned by Joseph and Ebenezer Lawrence of Woburn. I mean the land within sight of Bear Hill. In 1843 the two Lawrences sold the wood from this lot at auction. Francis Chisholm now owns it."7

B. 10, P. 514:—Francis Wilson of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £145, grants to Benjamin Pierce Jr., of Woburn, tailor, a certain messuage of about 18 acres, situate in Woburn, part of it being the homestead of the said Francis Wilson that was his fathers, and the rest of it is three acres adjoining to this homestead, bought of John Wilson Jr., and it contains a dwelling-house, barn etc., and bounded by Zachariah Snow east, Isaac Farrar west, John Wright and Zach: Snow north and the King's highway south.

As also one piece of meadow land purchased of Samuel Polly in New Bridge Meadow in Woburn, 4 acres more or less, as it is bounded in his deed dated Dec. 9, 1693.

As also the northernmost wood lot laid out to John Wilson, senior, in Wood Hill together with about 5½ acres of woodland near William Brush's house, bounded by Samuel Wilson's land north and Samuel Baker south, the highway west. Also one piece of meadowland fenced in by Samuel Wilsons, about 3 acres, bounded Jonathan Wyman north, Samuel Wilson south and east, highway west.

As also one small piece of land more containing about 2 acres and purchased of Thomas Pierce by deed dated Jan. 27, 1696, and situated adjoining to the meadow abovesaid and bounded more particulaaly in said deed. Ruth Wilson releases dower. July 18, 1696.

ffr. Wilson his mark and a seal.

Ruth Wilson her mark and a seal.

Ack. Aug. 19, 1696. Rec. Aug. 29, 1696.

B. 10, P. 515:-I, Samuel Richardson, Senior, of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of love and affection to my loving and dutiful son, Samuel Richardson, Junior, husbandman, but chiefly because he is my eldest son, do grant to said Samuel, Junior, several parcels of land by estimation about 42 acres, being part in Woburn and part in Charlestown. One piece in Woburn is 2 acres of meadow at a place called Burgess's Lot, bounded Thomas Pierce southeast, John Richardson, Junior, northeast, and John Richardson, Senior, northwest. Another piece of land in Woburn of about 8 acres at a place called Barstow's, and bounded by John Holden's land east, the river called Buckmeadow River west, Stephen Richardson north, and that which was Isaac Richardson's, now Nathaniel Richardson's south.

And part of the 42 acres is in the township of Charlestown, part of which was a lot of 12 1-2 acres that was Samuel Lord's, bounded south by Edward Wilson and Mr. Winthrop's lot, west by William Jones, north by John Row, and east by

John Richbell's lot. And one piece more in Charlestown Bounds is a lot that was John George's 5 1-2 acres, bounded north upon Doleful Pond, east upon John Richbell's lot. south upon a great swamp at the north end of Spot Pond and west upon the lot of Monsieur Belveal. And another part of said premises in said Charlestown Bounds by estimation 13 acres bounded * * *. Dower of Sarah Richardson released. March 23, 1695.

Samuel Richardson Senr. and a seal.

Ack. July 13, 1696. Rec. Aug. 29, 1696.

[The land mentioned in the first paragraph of this deed was in the vicinity of North Winchester. Burgess's Lot is referred to in the descriptions of real estate in Woburn, in 1798, and Michael Bastow's name appears on the Waterfield Map. Buckmeadow River is another name for the Aberjona River.

The land referred to in the second paragraph is located in Stoneham; and this deed shows that the names Doleful Pond and Spot Pond both of which are so well known to-day ante-date the name of Stoneham itself].

B. 10, P. 524: - Thomas Graves of Charlestown, physician, in consideration of £200, grants to Nathaniel Richardson of Woburn, yeoman. one farm, consisting of 360 acres in Woburn, now in the tenure of Thomas Williams, which farm contains one small house, barn, outhousing etc., and is bounded easterly by Charlestown Lots and John Holden's land that was Stephen Fosdick's lot southeasterly, and by the land of Isaac Richardson and John Bateman south and southwest, and westerly by Woburn town common partly upon the land of Bartholomew Pearsons upon the west, northerly by the land of James Thompson, northwest by the land of John Richardson and Thomas Peirce.

Warranty against those claiming "under me, or from by or under my honored father Captain Thomas Graves formerly of Charlestown, now deceased." Dower of Sarah Graves released. April 9, 1686.

> Thomas Graves and a seal. Sarah Graves and a seal.

Ack. April 19, 1686. Rec.Nov.12,1696. [This land was situated nearer Montvale than that described in the first paragraph of the preceding deed, and was near the Stoneham line. The approximate location of Stephen Fosdick's lot is given on the Waterfield Map].

B. 10, P. 52 (inverted)-We Isaac Richordson and Nathaniel Richardson, both of Woburn, yeomen, have made this writing as a final agreement in the division of the lands which we have a right unto by purchase and inheritance :---Beginning at a stake on the east side the Saw Mill Pohd next the town common and from thence the line runs across the pond westward a little to the southward of a white oak on the top of a little hill and from thence to the great black cak by the gate from thence by a straight line to a stake by the highway from said stake along the ditch and old fence to the river is the bounds of the abovesaid Nathaniel Richardson's land; and on the west of the highway going to Mr. Graves' farm and the east side the river, the land enclosed by a fence by a straight line from a little white oak next the highway to a white oak next the river and so along the fence as it now stands is Nathaniel Richard-Also 6 3-4 acres laid out in Rice son's. Cole's lot on the northwest corner coming up to the ditch and leaving a highway for Isaac Richardson of a pole broad on the southwest of said land for the said Isaac Richardson to go to his meadow. Further Nathaniel Richardson has that meadow and land between Isaac Richardson's field and the river beginning at a marked ash at the river side and a white oak and so down the river to a highway leading to the meeting-house.

Also all the right to that land lying south of Isaac Richardson's fence on the south side his field.

All other lands belonging formerly to their mother are Isaac Richardsons. Dec. 1, 1682.

Nathaniel Richardson and seale. Mary Richardson her marke and seale.

Isaac Richardson and seale.

Deborah Richardson her marke & seale.

Rec. April 10, 1686.

[This lot of land was also in present Winchester, Rice Cole's lot lying to the east and near the base of Mt. Pleasant].

B. 10, P. 53 (inverted): — Katherine Graves of Charlestown, widow, in consideration of £5, sells to Isaac Richardson of Woburn, all lands granted before the date hereof by the town of Woburn to me in way of privileges to my farm that lieth in Woburn. In no way alienating any part or parcel of my said farm in Woburn which did belong to my husband Mr. Thomas Graves, deceased. Dec. 30, 1679.

Katherine Graves and seale broken. Ack. by Stephen Gass April 10, 1686. Rec. April 10, 1686.

B. 11, P. 4:—Mabel Summers, widow and relict of Henry Summers, late of Woburn, sendeth greeting:—Whereas my dear husband by his will, dated Oct. 14, 1675, gave to me his dwelling-house and all his lands, during the term of my life, and in case I should be in want I to have full power to sell the lands; and whereas Henry Summers, the son of Henry Summers, the testator, hath broken covenant with me and not maintained me with meat, drink and clothing, whereby I had been exposed to great want and pinching necessity had not my loving son George Reed of Woburn maintained me for above five years, etc. In consideration whereof and that said Reed hath promised to provide for me during my natural life, I grant to said Reed all houses and lands that were my said husband's, Henry Summers, and of which he died seized. April 4, 1690.

The mark of Mabell Summers and a seal. Ack. April 5, 1690. Rec. Feb. 12, 1691.

[In this deed the mother-in-law, Mabel Summers, endeavors to convey to her own son, George Reed, the property which, on her death, belonged to her step-son. Henry Summers. The latter had several lawsuits about his mother-in-law's support, and on her death, which occurred within two months after this deed was executed, there was a further contest over her will. See B. 12 P. 62 *infra* and Woburn Marriages, page 261 note.]

B. 11, P. 11:—Henry Merry and Miriam, his wife, of Woburn, tailor. in consideration of £12, 5s. mortgage to Henry Summers and Jacob Wyman, both of Woburn, one parcel of 55 acres in Woburn, all which said parcel was given to said Miriam by her grandfather, Henry Brooks, by the name of his Great Lot. Feb. 16, 1689.

Henry Merry and a seal. Miriam Merry and a seal. Ack. April 2, 1689. Rec. Feb. 20, 1691.

B. 11. P. 35:—By virtue of an execution issued April 25, 1691, against the estate of John Johnson, Senior, of Woburn, to satisfy a judgment for the sum of £19, 7s. 10d., in favor of William Johnson, Esq., and Matthew Johnson, John Tidd, constable of Woburn, levied upon 2 acres and 76 poles of meadow, which belonged to the estate of John Johnson, bounded by the river and the land of Thomas Kendall west and north, and the river with land of William and Matthew Johnson east, and by the land of John Johnson south, a straight line from a birch tree to the south corner of the meadow of William Johnson; to the value of £9, 18s.

And 71 acres of upland which belonged to the estate of John Johnson and situated on the south end of a lot formerly purchased of John Lowes of Charlestown, bounded by land of William Johnson south, and the land called Dady's Lot west, and by the fence of John Johnson north, leaving 2 poles for a highway between the fence and said land, to the value of £7, 10s, giving said parcels of land into the possession of William and Matthew Johnson, with the remainder in household goods, £2, 8s. and 2d. and marshall's fees. All said particulars were appraised by William Locke, Samuel Blodgett and Samuel Pierce.

John Tidd of Woourn.

Rec. May 27, 1691.

[See note to B. 10, P. 111 supra. John Tidd, the constable who made this levy on the land of John Johnson, was an ancestor of John E. Tidd. the present deputy sheriff of Woburn, who is today engaged in the same pursuits—no pun intended as was his great-great grandfather 200 years ago.]

B. 11, P. 106:—I, Israel Reed of Woburn, in consideration of £ 13, 9 s. mortgage to Samuel Whiting, Senior, of Billerica, executor to Mrs. Mary Russell of Charlestown, deceased, one parcel of swamp and meadow of about 6 acres, formerly the land of Henry Brooks, in Woburn, on the north side of the town, near Reading line, bounded by James Thompson, Senior, on the north, by town common on the west near the highway leading to Andover.

Also one parcel of land arable, of about 20 acres in the west side of Woburn, at a place called Rock Meadow Plain, bounded by town common south, highway north, south by land of William Johnson, Esq., Oct. 1, 1691.

Israel Reed his mark and a seal. Ack. Oct. 1, 1691. Rec. April 13, 1692.

B. 11, P. 119:-William Johnson of Charlestown sells to William Locke and Samuel Blodgett, both of Woburn, one parcel of land given me by Charlestown, now lying in Woburn, containing about 37 acres, abutting to land of Captain Edward Johnson south, to land of Richard Nevers west, land of James Hayden east and Woburn common elsewhere. Dower of Elizabeth Johnson released. Oct. 27, 1672.

Wm. Johnson and a seal. Elizabeth Johnson her mark and a seal.

Ack. by Richard Lowden, a witness. May 14, 1692. Rec. May 14, 1692.

[This lot is shown on the Waterfield Map and lies to the north of the present J. R. Kendall Farm on Cambridge street. It is situated north of the old lane (the ancient Sawpit Lane) which runs from Cambridge street to Russell street. The "land of James Hayden east" is shown on said map and the "land of Richard Nevers west" was that formerly owned by Henry [John] Lawrence whose name also appears on the map and whose land must have extended into present Durenville.

This deed, which is dated as early as

1672, but not recorded till 1692 tends to confirm the opinion expressed in the note to deed from John Johnson to Thomas Kendall dated 1688 and recorded B. 10, P. 112 *supra*, that the present J. R. Kendall farm was a part of the homestead estate of Capt. Edward Johnson.]

B. 11, P. 152:—John Wyman of Woburn in consideration of \pounds 25, grants to Francis Burroughs of Boston, merchant, one eighteenth part of a parcel of land called Mount Plainum Hill in Woburn, with one eighteenth part of the Copper Mine or mineral therein. Oct. 4, 1692.

John Wyman and a seal.

Ack. Oct. 4, 1692. Rec. Nov. 3, 1692.

B. 11, P. 153:—John Wyman of Woburn, in consideration of £20 mortgages to Francis Burrough of Boston, one eighteenth part of Mount Plainum Hill with one eighteenth part of the Copper Mine or mineral therein. Dower of Hannah Wyman released. Oct. 26 1692.

John Wyman and a seal.

Ack. Oct. 26, 1692. Rec. Nov. 4, 1692.

[Francis Burroughs of Boston evidently did his best to obtain a full and complete title to Mt. Plainum and doubtless thought he had struck a bonanze of mineral wealth in land which is worth far less today than he paid for it 200 years ago.]

B. 11, P. 158:-I, Edward Jchnson, ship carpenter of Woburn, confirm to Katherine Baker a jointure of £ 100 to remain to her at the day of marriage of the said Edward and Katherine when it shall please God they are so joined together. For the confimation and assurance of said jointure I do hereby assign to said Katherine one dwelling house, with all outhouses, garden and wharfs, with one parcel of meadow, given me by by my father. As also I grant to said Katherine during her natural life all such other estate as I die possessed of, provided it shall be at my disposing if the Lord shall be pleased to give me any children living at the day of my death. Dec. 7, 1649.

Edward Johnson and a seal.

Rec. Dec. 5, 1692.

[This Edward Johnson was a son of Captain Edward, and removed from Woburn to Charlestown where he died in 1692. The Lord was "pleased to give" him several children.]

B. 11, P. 183:—By virtue of an execution against John Johnson dated April 21, 1692, and in favor of Thomas Kendall, the Marshall General or his deputy was required to seize all that 12 acres of meadow and 2 poles of upland on the south side thereof, in Woburn, part of the farm of Capt. Edward Johnson deceased, and lying in the meadow called Captain Edward Johnson's Meadow, be tween two rivers, which is now in the possession of John Johnson, Senior, of Woburn and was mortgaged to Thomas Kendall by deed dated Dec. 11, 1688.

The return on this execution recites that levy was made on said meadow and that the same was delivered to said Thomas Kendall in full satisfaction of said mortgage and of this execution.

Samuel Gookin Marshal General.

Rec. April 24, 1693.

[This execution was a foreclosure of the mortgage recorded in B. 10, P. 113, supra.]

B. 12, P. 1:—1, Jacob Kendall of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of \pounds 26 grant to George Reed of the same town, husbandman, a certain tract of land in Woburn near to the homestead of said Reed containing by estimation 3 acres, bounded by the highway north, and by land of said Jacob Kendall east from a marked white oak at the northeast corner, to a stake at the Southeast corner and south and west by land of said Reed. Dower of Alice Kendali released. June 22, 1714.

Jacob Kendall his mark and a seal.

Ack. July 17, 1714. Rec. March 7, 1716.

B. 12, P. 1:—1, Jacob Kendall of Woburn, in consideration of £ 29, grant to George Reed one messuage or tract of pasture land in Woburn containing about 6 acres, bounded by land of said Reed west, by land of heirs of Timothy Walker southeast, and northerly by land of said Jacob Kendall. March 21, 1712.

Jacob Kendall his mark and a seal.

Ack. July 17, 1714. Rec. March 7, 1716.

B. 12, P. 62:—Henry Summers of Charlestown, innholden, sendeth greeting:—Whereas Henry Summers, Senior, late of Woburn, deceased, by his last will dated Oct. 14, 1675, gave to his wife Mabel all his dwelling-house, lands etc. during her natural life, and after his wife's decease, to his son Henry, now know ye, I the said Henry Summers, in consideration of £ 30 grant to James Menzies of Boston, Gent. all that dwelling-house, barn, orchards, lands etc. in Woburn which were given to said Mabel during her natural life. May 6, 1697.

Henry Somars and a seal. Ack. and Rec. June 5, 1697.

[See note to B. 11, P. 4, supra]

B. 12, P. 73:--I, Robert Eames of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of affection do grant to my son John Eames, carpenter, one messuage in Woburn, at a place near the meeting-house by estimation 10 acres, bounded by land of John Tidd north and Thomas Carter west and the land of John Burbeen south. the highway east, it being a dwelling-house, orchard and unbroken up land. June 11, 1697

Robert Eams his mark and a seal.

Ack. June 11, 1697 by Robert Eames and Elizabeth, his wife. Rec. July 1, 1697.

B. 12, P. 76:-1, John Eames of Woburn, husbandmen, in consideration of £ 60, grant to Jabez Fox of the same town, minister of ye Gospel, one small tenement containing by estimation about S acres in Woburn near the meetinghouse. It contains one small dwellinghouse and land, part orchard, part meadow, all fenced in, part stonewall, part rail fence and part hedge, and bounded east by the King's highway. west corner by said town's upland, southerly by land that was John Baker's, now James Burbeen's, southwest by land of Thomas Carter, north and northwest by land of John Tidd. June 23, 1697.

John Eams and a seal.

Ack. and Rec. July 8, 1697.

[The land described in the two last deeds is believed to be situate west of Main street, in the vicinity of Church Ave., and extending to the south of it.]

B. 12, P. 37:—I, Benjamin Pierce of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £70 paid by Jacob Kendall of the same town, yeoman, and because he has obliged himself to fulfil a bond of mine to keep and maintain my aged father and mother, Robert Pierce and Mary Pierce, during their lives, do grant to said Jacob Kendall, a mansion house, barn, etc. and divers parcels of land all in Woburn. The homestead contains by estimation 30 acres, [bounded] by the highway southwest, James Simonds southeast, by Ralph Reed upon the northeast, Richard Gardner's meadow north, and by stakes and marked trees at the northwest end.

Also one lot called a plough lot by estimation 4½ acres which was the lot of Robert Eames, sold by him to William Johnson, and by Johnson to Robert Pierce and by him to me.

Also one piece of meadow by estimation 6 acres and lieth in the Great Meadow on the southeast side of the Brook, part thereof was purchased by exchange of William Johnson, butting upon said Johnson northwest, Richard Gardner, southwest.

Also one piece of woodland by estimation 12 acres, purchased of John Locke, lying near a place called Long Meadow, bounds being mentioned in his deeds to Robert Pierce of May 11, 1686.

Also another piece of land purchased of Samuel Carter about 12 acres, lying at a place called Hodge's Hole, the bounds are in his deed of June 13, 1682.

Also one small plough lot by Shawshin Path by Sandy Bridge, 5 acres more or less. Another small plough lot of 5 acres at a place called Maple Meadow Plain, the bounds being given in the plot of these lots.

Also another parcel of plough land and meadow purchased by me of my brother John Pierce lying at Long Meadow, the upland about 11 acres, and the meadow about 6 acres, and this piece of upland and meadow is bounded by the aforementioned 12 acres of woodland south, George Reed north, John Walker east, and the meadow of John Carter west.

Also all utensils of husbandry I had of my father Robert Pierce by writing dated Dec. 8, 1693. Dower of Hannah Pierce released. April 25, 1696.

Benjå. Pierce and a seal. Hannah Pierce her mark and a seal. Ack. April 29, 1696. Rec. Sept. 3, 1697.

[This conveyance includes most of the lots of land described in the deed from Robert Pierce to Benjamin Pierce, recorded B. 10, P. 224, supra. See also note to B. 10. P. 282, supra.]

B. 12, P. 90:—I, John Mousall of Woburn, yeoman. in consideration of love and good will for my loving cousin Joseph Wright, Junior, of the same town, farmer, and unto Elizabeth, his wife, having experience of her respects and care of me and my wife for many years together, and now also in our age the said Joseph Wright and Elizabeth, his wife, have engaged themselves to take care of me and my wife, during our natural lives, do grant to said Joseph Wright, Junior, all my homestead, with some woodlands and other estate as is here mentioned more particularly:

First, my homestead, containing by estimation about 40 acres, situate in Woburn. near Woburn Meeting-House, and bounded by land of John Brooks east, by land of Ephraim Buck, John Brooks, and Jabez Brooks southeast, by the King's Highway southwest and land of Jonathan Thompson and John Burbeen partly on the northwest side and at the northeast end next the meeting-house it is abutting on the town highway. [i. e. Montvale Ave.]

Also one piece more, by estimation 30

acres, lying in Woburn at the west corner of this homestead called Palgraves, and adjoining Horn Pond, and it is bounded southwest by said pond, southeast by Jabez Brooks, northwest by Thomas Carter and northeast partly by John Burbeen and partly by the homestead, the King's Highway running through the east corner of this 30 acres.

As also two pieces of woodland adjoining, one of them to Mount Diseovery, and so down to the Richardsons' land, and the other piece is adjoining to Ephraim Buck s land at a place called Bunker's Lot; both these pieces of woodland containing by estimation 35 acres.

And one piece of woodland more at Forest Field Hill in Woburn, by estimation 10 acres, lying on the south side of the highway leading to Billerica.

All these pieces of woodland I give to said Joseph Wright, Junior, only the wood and timber thereof, the land remaining the towns for herbage according to the order of said town as may appear in the records thereof.

I also give said Joseph my dwellinghouse, barn, cider-mill and press, these all belonging to my homestead. He to have all after the decease of me and Sarah, my now married wife. Feb. 19, 1694.

John Mousall and a seal.

Ack. Feb. 20, 1694. Rec. Sept. 23, 1697.

[The homestead estate of John Mousall was near the corner of Montvale Ave. and Prospect street and included land lying between Prospect and Main streets—the "King's Highway." The present Prospect and Mt. Pleasant streets represent substantially the old lane known as Mousall Lane, and 60 years ago the present freight yard of the B. & M. Railroad was called Mousall Pasture. In 1868, George W. Reed petitioned the Selectmen to name Prospect Street Mousall Lane. and his request should have been granted.

In the early records, Montvale Avenue is very appropriately called Hilly Way, and the Mousall House, which was the first one built in the present limits of Woburn, was called the "Hopewell House." See note of W. R. Cutter to printed copy of Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page xvii.

The second lot mentioned in this deed "called Palgraves" is described in B. 10, P. 3, supra. The description of the original Palgraves Lot refers to Horn Pond Island as being "an island in southwest fide of the pond." See note of W. R. Cutter supra.

Bunker's Lot embraced about all the land in Woburn Centre. See Woburn Records Vol. 1, page 3, note.

John Mousall the grantor in this deed, was the son of John Mousall one of the original seven founders of Woburn. He left no children to bear his name which very early in the history of Woburn became extinct. His sister, Eunice, married a Brooks and some members of that family are doubtless descendants of the first John Mousall.

The original of this deed is now in the Woburn Public Library.]

B. 12, P. 95:—I, John Sears of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of the love I owe to my loving kinsman, Daniel Baldwin of the same town, blacksmith, as also as a requital of the great cost and kindness showed unto me by said Daniel in the time of my sickness, and also what he has further engaged to do for me and my now married wife. Ann Sears, during my natural life, in a covenant of even date with these presents, do grant to said Daniel Baldwin all my whole estate, real and personal, situated in Woburn or elsewhere, namely:—

One dwelling-house, barn, outhousing, lands, etc., pertaining to my homestead

in Woburn, containing about 12 acres, bounded by the town street on the west. James Converse's Meadow on the east, Joshua Sawyer's land that was formerly John Wrights on the south, and the land that was Allen Converse's Homestead on the north; including three or four acres of land that I purchased of Allen Converse at the east corner of his homestead and adjoining to my own.

Also 6 acres of woodland, part of it land and all, taken up on account of Swamp Bottom and bounded by Israel Reed's land easterly, Frog Hole Meadow northwesterly and Buck Meadow northeasterly.

Also a woodlot at Berry Meadow that runs down to Maple Meadow and another lot butting upon that and runs down to Reading line which is all the woodland belonging to me in the Third Division; with one lot more at Hop Brook belonging to said Division; as also a plough lot near Shawshin Path, not far from Break Neck Hill; and one plough lot more, and one lot more adjoining to Deacon Baldwin's land. These two lots are about 6 acres apiece.

Also a piece of meadow of 4 acres at Maple Meadow, bounded by the swamp southwest, and Timothy Carter's Meadow northeast. Also a small piece of meadow at Step Rock, bounded by James Fowle southwest and Henry Summers northeast containing about 1 1-4 acres. Also about 3 1-2 acres of meadow at Cherry Meadow and one small lot of meadow at Shred Pine, adjoining to lot of Francis Wymans and the right of 6 acres of swamp bottom to take up according to town grant, and all my right of herbage or otherwise belonging to the house right of me, the said John Sears. Also all my moveable estate, all money debts in hands of John Walker, Senior, of Woburn and Timothy Baldwin of Charlestown, and in the hands of Israel Howe of Dorchester and all other debts. Also a debt of £15 or £16 due from the estate of Joseph Eliott of Boston which became due to me by a judgment of court dated Dec. 13, 1682, for keeping said Eliott when he was a child. Dower of Ann Sears released. Dec. 26, 1692.

The mark of John Sears and a seal.

Ack. Feb. 3, 1693. Rec. Oct. 8, 1697.

B. 12, P. 97:—I. Daniel Baldwin of Woburn having received a deed of my honored grandfather John Sears, do covenant to maintain him and Ann Sears my grandmother during the time that my grandfather shall live, with all things necessary for persons of their age and quality. Dec. 26, 1692.

It is agreed that said Baldwin shall keep and maintain said John and Ann Sears in the house that was John Sears and nowhere else.

Daniel Baldwin and a seal.

Ack. and Rec. Oct. 8, 1697.

[John Sears was the first innholder of Woburn. See Woburn Marriages, page 249, note. He was thrice married, but Sewall says he left no children. It appears from these papers, however, that he was grandfather to Daniel Baldwin.

The homestead estate of John Sears, which is here convived to Daniel Baldwin was probably located in the vicinity of New Boston Street.]

B. 12, P. 104:-I, James Menzies of Boston, Gent., in consideration of £31 grant to Henry Summers of Charlestown, innholder, all that dwelling-house, barn, land etc., in Woburn which I purchased of said Summers by deed dated May 6, 1697. Sept. 30, 1697.

Ja. Menzies and a seal.

Ack. Sept. 30, 1697. Rec. Nov. 23, 1697.

B. 12, P. 147:—I, John Carter, Junior, of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £6, mortgage to Jacob Wyman of Woburn, yeoman, all that my sixth part in a certain house and land that was called Joseph Carter's homestead, situate in Woburn. near said Jacob Wyman's house, meaning all right and interest I have therein by virtue of the last will of my honored grandfather, Joseph Carter, Senior, late of Woburn, deceased. The said homestead is bounded by the highway east and south, by the houselot that was Richard Snow's west, and by land of Jacob Wyman north. [No date].

John Carter his mark and a seal.

Ack. March 30, 1698 Rec. April 23, 1698 Discharged on the margin, August 18, 1699.

[Joseph Carter's Homestead was on Wyman Street, which was a part of the old Billerica Road.]

B. 12, P. 153:-I, Henry Merrow of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £48, grant to John Fowle of the same town, cordwainer, one small tenement, containing by estimation 20 rods of ground, also one dwelling-house with a kitchen near adjoining said house, and a barn with a little house on the back side, a garden plat and yard-room for cattle, with a privilege to set a small house or shop under The Rocks, to the northward of the well, two or three apple-trees, and a well with a pump in it, and a little garden between the kitchen and the well; also cellars under the houses and the premises are situated in Woburn on the

west side of the street near the Burying-Place, and bounded east by the highway, south by John Fowle's land that was Isaac Coles and by the town common elsewhere. Always excepting a highway to be open for the town's use between the said house and barn which leads to the Burying-Place and to the Watering-Place, the little house being the utmost bounds at the west corner. Dower of Miriam Merrow released. July 9, 1697.

Henry Merrow and a seal. Miriam Merrow and a seal.

Ack. July 9, 1697. Rec. May 10, 1698.

[This is the same estate which was fully described in the note to B. 10, P. 120, supra. The Watering-Place was a spring near the junction of Park and Centre Streets. See Woburn Deaths star page 4*].

B. 12, P. 168:—I, John Flagg, late of Woburn, now of Boston, tanner, in consideration of £7, grant to John Coggin of Woburn, cordwainer, a piece of meadow in Woburn at Settle Meadow, the which I purchased of Samuel Blodgett, Senr., and bounded northeast by meadow of John Brooks and southwest by meadow of Jonathan Thompson, and is by estimation 2 acres. June 2, 1698.

John fflage and a seal.

Ack. June 2, 1698. Rec. June 8, 1698.

B. 12. P. 203 := I, Daniel Baldwin of Woburn, blacksmith, in consideration of £21, grant to Samuel Waters of the same town, carpenter, a piece of upland swamp and meadow by estimation 6 acres, situate in Woburn at a place called Millstone Meadow and bounded by land of John Snow south and west, John Cutler's land east, and by a highway northerly.

Dower of Hannah Baldwin released. May 24, 1698.

Daniel Baldwin and a seal. Hannah Baldwin and a seal. Ack. June 22, 1698. Rec. Aug. 5, 1698.

[Millstone Meadow is situated partly in Woburn and partly in Burlington. In a deed from Abijah Thompson administrator of the estate of Abijah Thompson, deceased, to Stephen Nichols and William Tidd, dated Feb. 13, 1832, and recorded B. 338, P. 582, is described a "piece of swamp land lying in Burlington, con-taining 10 acres at a place called Millstone Meadow." And in a deed from Stephen Nichols Jr. to James F. Baldwin, dated Feb. 20, 1835, and recorded B. 338, P. 542, is described a piece of upland and meadow situate in the northwesterly part of Woburn called Millstone Meadow and about 100 rods southerly from the tannery of the late Jonathan Tidd Jr. [the present J. Otis Cummings tannery] and containing 2 acres and 96 rods as per plan of Cyrus Thompson.

Millstone Meadow is also referred to in a deed from John Cutler to Jabez Thomspon, dated May 16, 1735. It is supposed to be the same as Mill Rock Meadow. See note of W. R. Cutter, Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page 12.]

B. 12, P. 218:—I, John Carter of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £15, 10s., grant to Thomas Kendall of the same town, yeoman, a piece of woodland of about 30 acres, situate in Woburn at Apple Tree Hill and bounded by the line that parts between Cambridge and Woburn southwest, Josiah Johnson's land northeast, Richard Gardner southeast, and William Johnson, Senior, northwest.

Also a piece of meadow of about 2 acres at Great Meadow above the bridge, it being the half part of a lot of 4 acres lately purchased by me of Richard Nevers of Woburn, and the whole is bounded by Great Meadow Brook east, by the meadow of William Johnson Senr. north, and the upland of Woburn elsewhere. Dower of Ruth Carter released. Feb. 12, 1697.

John Carter and a seal. Ruth Carter and a seal. Ack. Jan. 27, 1698. Rec. July 22,1698.

[Apple Tree Hill is one of the elevations in the West Side of Woburn, near the Lexington line. In 1710, a way was laid out beginning "at Kettell's Lot, near the old Saw Mill at Turkey Hill, and from thence close under Apple Tree Hill" Woburn Records, Vol. 1, page lxii*]

B. 12, P. 219:-I, Israel Walker of Woburn, yeoman. in consideration of £6, 10s., grant to Thomas Kendall of the same town, veoman, a small piece of meadow of about 2 acres, situate in Woburn at the Great Meadow, part of that lot which was John Sears, and bounded upon the river northeasterly and upon an island southwesterly, the meadow of Samuel Blodgett southeasterly that which was Samuel Richardsons and upon the meadow of Ebenezer Johnson northwesterly. Dower of Hannah Walker released. Jan. 20, 1697.

Israel Walker and a seal. Hannah Walker her mark and a seal.

Ack. July 20, 1698. Rec. July 22, 1698.

B. 12. P. 240:--I, Samuel Fowle of Charlestown, mariner, in consideration of £S, grant to my loving brother James Fowle of Woburn, cordwainer, my seventh part of several parcels of upland and meadow given to me by my honored grandfather, John Carter Senr., late of Woburn deceased, as in his will is expressed more particularly, namely: Fifteen acres at Break Neck Hill and 9 acres at Pine Meadow Plain, 19 acres of land

adjoining to Capt. Johnson's land near Shawshin Path, and 9 acres at Dirty Swamp near Shawshin Path, and 20 acres part of the Great Lot in the Thick Woods, and 3 acres at Davison's Plain, so called, and 2 acres of meadow at Settle Meadow; all which parcels are in Woburn and are all mentioned in said will as given to the children of my mother Abigail Walker to each one an equal part, there being seven of us all, it being undivided. Dower of Susanna Fowle released. Nov. 4, 1698.

Sam'll flowle and a seal. Susanna flowle and a seal.

Ack. Nov. 4. 1698. Rec. Nov. 8, 1698. [This deed proves that James Fowle, the father of Samuel, the grantor in this deed, married Abigail Carter, daughter of Capt. John Carter. This fact is not given in Sewall's Genealogical Notices and was evidently unknown to him. Abigail (Carter) Fowle married, second, Ensign Samuel Walker. Henry Dutch Lord in his special article on the Walker Family (Winchester Record Vol. II, page 226) not only does not state the maiden name of the widow who married Ensign Samuel Walker but gives it only as a probability that Abigail Fowle was the widow of James Fowle. This deed settles all doubts on the matter.]

B. 12. P. 255:—We, David Stowell and Robert Murdock, both of Cambridge, husbandmen, in consideration of seven score pounds, grant to Thomas Belknap of Cambridge, glover, a messuage in Woburn at a place called Forty Pound Meadow, by estimation 80 acres. It lieth all in one piece together, not in a square but in divers forms, and contains one mansion house and barn and consists of part orchard, part meadow, part plough land, part timber land, part pasture and part swamp, there being a high-

way running through the same; bounded by the meadow and upland of James Burbeen northwest, by the upland of Ebenezer Brook's north, the land of Samuel Converse southeast, on both sides the highway and partly by land of James Fowle and James Converse on the southeast side, and then one part of it is bounded by James Converse southwest and northwest, and westerly by the river called Horn Pond River until it comes to James Burbeen's land mentioned at the first. Dowers of Mary Stowell and Hannah Murdock released. June 29, 1698.

[Signed]

Ack. July 21, 1698. Rec. Dec. 3, 1698.

[Mr. W. R. Cutter in an article on The Belknap Family (Winchester Record, Vol. II, page 272) refers to this deed and speaks of Forty Pound Meadow as "being the tract of low ground beginning at or near the present house of James Russell in Winchester and extending northerly across Cross, Conn and John streets, nearly or quite to Fowle Street, a tract now covered by several of Woburn's largest tannery establishments and crossed by the Woburn Branch of the Boston and Lowell Railroad." See also *ibid*, page 279.

It is believed that the Belknap estate extended as far north as and included the Nathan J. Simonds estate. It embraced land on both sides of Main street, which is the highway "running through the same."

B. 12, P. 359:-I, Jacob Kendall of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £46, grant to John Walker of the same town, tailor, a certain piece of land by estimation 20 acres, situate in Woburn at Long Meadow, it being a piece sold by John Pierce to Benjamin Pierce and by hlm to me, and bounded by my woodland (that was Benjamin Pierce's) south,

George Reed north, John Walker east, and by the meadow of John Carter and Edward Johnson west. Dower of Alice Kendall released. April 29, 1696.

Jacob Kendall his mark and a seal.

Alice Kendall her mark and a seal.

Ack. April 27, 1696. Rec. July 31, 1699.

B. 12, P. 368 :— I, Justinian Holden of Cambridge, carpenter, appoint my beloved wife, Susanna Holden, and my son Thomas Durren both of Cambridge, my attorneys to take possession of all my lands in Woburn and to sell the same. Dec. 14, 1696.

Justinian Holden and a seal. Rec. Sept. 15, 1699.

B. 12, P. 388:—I, Israel Walker of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £8, grant to my cousin John Walker of the same town, tailor, one piece of meadow by estimation 2 acres, situate in Woburn at Great Meadow and bounded north by the meadow that was formerly Mr. Samuel Carters, now in the hands of Major William Johnson and his son Ebenezer, and east by the River, south by my own meadow, and west by John Brush's land. Jan. 29, 1696.

Israel Walker and a seal. Ack. and Rec. Dec. 2, 1699.

B. 12, P. 389:—I, Israel Walker of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of two pieces of woodland containing about 8½ acres in Woburn, at a place called the Mountain Swamp, which two pieces of woodland are assured to me by deed of John Walker, Junr., of the same town, tailor, do grant to said Walker two pieces of woodland by estimation 8½ acres, both pieces near the Mountain Swamp. The one piece of 6¾ acres bounded west on my own swamp by a crooked line, east on the line near the top of the Copper Mountain, north on said John Walker's woodland, and south part on said John Walker's land and part on John Brush's woodland. The other piece of about 13 acres bounded west and north by my own land, east by Jonathan Wyman's land and south by John Walker's land. March 4, 1695.

Israel Walker and a seal.

Ack. and Rec. Dec. 2, 1699.

[In the Winchester Record, Vol. II, is the fac-simile of a deed from Joseph Winn Senr, of Woburn, yeoman, who, in consideration of a piece of woodland of about 9 acres. situate in Woburn, at or near a place called Dirty Hole, made over to him by John Walker Junr, tailor, grants to said Walker a piece of woodland of about 11 acre on the west side of the Copper Mountain and bounded by the line of Copper Mountain east, John Farlar north, Israel Walkersouth, and to a line that runs into the Mountain Swamp The deed contains a warranty west. against any future claim of his brother Increase Winn, and the dower of Rebecca Winn is released. March 7, 1694].

B. 12, P. 399:-I, Edward Johnson of Woburn, house carpenter, in consideration of 2 acres and three score poles of meadow at Long Meadow at the southwest end of said meadow, to me made over by a deed of my brother-in-law John Walker of the same town, tailor, do grant to said John Walker a piece of meadow and swamp by estimation 3½ acres, situate in Woburn, about the miadle of said Long Meadow bounded northeast by said Walker's meadow, southeast by said Walker's Field, southwest by Ebenezer Johnson's meadow and northwest by Francis Kendall's woodland; it being one half of the right that my father Major

William Johnson had in that meadow and swamp. Jan. 22, 1696.

Edward Johnson and a seal.

Ack. Feb. 5, 1696. Rec. Dec. 16, 1699.

B. 12, P. 412:-I, John Johnson of Boston, ship wright, in consideration of 50s., do grant to John Walker of Woburn, tailor, one small piece of meadow, by estimation one acre, situate in Woburn at Long Meadow, at the southwest end thereof, and adjoining to the meadow of John Carter. It being a piece of meadow that formerly belonged to my grandfather, Capt. Edward Johnson of Woburn. deceased, and is all his right of meadow at that place. Dower of Margaret Johnson released, and rights of my honored mother Katharine Johnson, released. June 22, 1694.

John Johnson and a seal. Margaret Johnson and a seal. Katherine Johnson her mark and a seal.

Ack. by Katherine Johnson and a subscribing witness Dec. 27, 1699. Rec. Dec. 27, 1699.

[A fac-simile of this deed will be found in the Winchester Record, Vol. II.]

B. 12. P. 415:-I, John Flagg of Boston. tanner, in consideration of £40. grant to Samuel Polly of Woburn, weaver, and his heirs several parcels of land by estimation 90 acres, 58 acres thereof being the half of their Great Lots. situate in Woburn at Settle Meadow, namely, half of the whole number of acres contained in Abraham Jaquith's lot, Michael Bacon's lot and John Cragin's lot; that is to say all that part of these three lots that lieth on the east side of the way to Settle Meadow as the way goeth over Settle Meadow Brook, at the Old Beaver Dam

where the bridge is, and is bounded east by the Young Men's Lots, by the said highway west, and by James Converse's land northwest and Francis Kendall's lot northeast; excepting always that piece of meadow at Settle Meadow, within these bounds, part of it being sold by the said John Flagg to John Coggin of Woburn, and part belongs to other men.

Also another piece at the east corner of these premises, being four of the Young Men's Lots, namely, Joseph Knight's, James Converse's Edward Converse's and Samuel Snow's lots, all four amount to 28 acres, and bounded? southwest by Thomas Pierce's lot, northeast by Zachariah Converse's lot, northeast by the Second Range of Young Men's Lots, so called, and northwest by the lot of Francis Kendall.

Also all the right of Gershom Flagg, Senr, among the Allowance Lots, near Canoe Swamp.

Dower of Abihail Flagg released. Jan. 3, 1700.

John Flagg and a seal.

The mark of Abiath fflagg and a seal.

Ack. Jan. 10, 1699. Rec. Jan. 18, 1699.

[Sewall's History, page 40, explains what is meant by The Young Men's Lots.

Canoe Swamp was in present Wilmington and is shown on a plan of the B. & L. R. R. by James F. Baldwin of date 1836, a copy of which plan is in Woburn Public Library.]

B. 12, P. 429:—I, John Locke of Woburn, weaver, in consideration of two pieces of woodland of about 10 acres, situate in Woburn near Long Meadow, which two pieces are made over to me by a deed of John Walker, Junr., of the same town, tailor, do grant to said Walker one piece of woodland of about 9 acres situate in Woburn near said Walker's house, bounded south by John Walker Junr., west by a highway, north by John Brush, east by my own land, there being a crooked line between the said 9 acres and that which belongs to me on that side next the Copper Mountain. Dower of Elizabeth Locke released. March 16, 1694.

John Lock and a seal. Elizabeth Lock her mark and a seal. Ack. and Rec. Jan. 23, 1699.

B. 12, P. 435:—I, Joseph Whittemore of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £30, do grant to George Reed, Junr., of the same town, yeoman, a small mansion house and grounds near the Meeting-House. The ground lieth in two small pieces, one piece where the house standeth is on the northwest side of the highway, by estimation 20 rods of ground, and contains one small dwelling-house and orchard and a well, and bounded by the King's Highway southeast, John Fowle's land northeast, the Town Highway to their Burying-Place northwest, and the Training Place or Town Common west.

The other piece contains about 30 poles and is situate on the southeast side of the highway right over against the said house and this piece also contains some orchard and is bounded by the King's Highway northwest, the Town Pound northeast and square off from the south corner of the said Pound up the hill to a range of stones where the old fence stood and it is bounded by the town common in all other places * * * the house plot being fenced in with a stonewall in all places except before the house only.

Also there is another piece of land sold therewith which is a plough lot, so called, situate in Woburn at Hodge's Hole, containing about 13 acres and bounded by the lot of Michael Knight south and by lot of John Cutler north. Consent of Elizabeth Pierce, his mother, that was the reliet of his father Thomas Whittemore, deceased.

Joseph Whittemore and a seal. The mark of Elizabeth Pierce and a seal.

Ack. primo February, 1700. Rec. Feb. 1, 1700.

[The first lot described in this deed was the present Tufts College property at the corner of Main and Park streets. See supra B. 10, P. 130, note.

The second lot embraced the land on which "THE NEWS" building is now located, the first Town Pound being located near or on the site of the Bank Block owned by The First National Bank.]

B. 12, P. 441:-I, Isaac Cleveland, late of Woburn now an inhabitant in a place called Pigscomsett in Connecticut Colony cordwainer, in consideration of a valuable sum, grant to James Fowle of Woburn, cordwainer, a piece of rough land containing about seven acres, situate in Woburn at a place called the Young Men's Lots, and was granted to my brother Moses Cleveland who was one of those voung men to whom the tract of land was granted which is called the Young Men's Lots and is included in it, and also all the right and property my brother Moses had in that tract of land called the Young Men's Lots and is bounded by Increase Winn southwest, by the land of Thomas Kendall Senr. northeast, and southwest by a former grant of lots to young men, and is bounded elsewhere by another range of lots. Dec. 30, 1699.

Isaac Cleveland and a seal.

Ack. Dec. 30, 1699. Rec. Feb. 19, 1699 [1700.]

B. 12, P. 445:—I, Nathaniel Pierce of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £22, grant to Joseph Whittemore of said Woburn, husbandman, all that 3¼ acres together with the privilege of the highway thereto. being in Woburn, and bounded northerly by land of Henry Summers, easterly by land of Daniel Baldwin that was formerly the land of Goodman Sears, and southerly by land now of James Burbeen, as the same is set out to me by my mother and overseers of my father's will in part of a legacy of £20 to me given by my father's last will.

Also an orchard in said Woburn containing about 70 rods as it is set forth unto me by my mother executrix and the overseers of my father's will to me given as aforesaid in full of said $\pounds 20$ bond, said orchard being bounded southerly by Daniel Baldwin and by the barn and land left about it. Feb. 23, 1699.

Nathaniel Pierce and a seal. Ack. and Rec. Feb. 23, 1699.

B. 12, P. 457:—I, John Carter of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of 1 1-4 acres of meadow at Pine Meadow, to me made over by John Walker of the same town, tailor, do grant to said Walker a piece of meadow of 1 acre and 60 poles at Long Meadow and bounded north and west by Francis Kendall's woodland, south by John Walkers and east by land of Benjamin Pierce Junr. Dower of Ruth Carter released. Feb. 6, 1695.

John Carter and a seal. Ruth Carter and a seal. Ack. and Rec. Feb. 3, 1700.

B. 12, P. 458:—I, Samuel Walker Senr. of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of love unto my own natural son John Walker Junr. late of the same town,

tailor, deceased, did put the said John Walker into the actual possession of several pieces of land in his lifetime and had not given him a legal conveyance thereof unto his death; and the said John Walker Junr. having left two children, namely a son called Edward Walker and a daughter named Ruth Walker, to which two children the above named Samu l doth grant said several parcels of land. namely:-One piece of meadow and swamp at Long Meadow which I purchased of John Johnson by estimation 6 acres, bounded by meadow and swamp that was Matthew Johnson's north. William Johnson south, the woodland of Edward Johnson west and land of said John Walker's heirs east.

Also 2 acres of swamp on the northside of Long Meadow and adjoining land of said John Walker on the northside.

Also a piece of meadow in Pine Meadow by estimation one acre, adjoining meadow of John Carter, the which said John Walker had exchanged with John Carter for a piece in Long Meadow.

Also a piece of woodland of about 4 acres between two paths, one leading to Long Meadow, the other to Hodge's Hole which is only the wood and timber thereof, according as wood and timber, called woodland, is granted to the inhabitants of Woburn, as by their records thereof will appear more at large. This piece of woodland the said John Walker has exchanged with John Locke.

And further the aforesaid Samuel Walker having formerly granted unto his said son 12 acres of swamp bottom to take up in any place where the top (otherwise called wood and timber) is his own, according to the town grant of swamp bottom, all these parcels are confirmed to the above named two minors at the disposal of their guardians in their minority, and when they come at lawful age to be delivered to them 1-3 thereof to the daughter and 2-3 to the son. Jan. 27. 1699.

Samuel Walker and a seal. Ack. Jan. 27, 1699. Rec. Jan. 29, 1699.

B. 12, P. 478:-William Johnson, aged 70, and Francis Kendall aged four score years or thereabouts. saith: That whereas Capt. Edward Johnson, Capt. John Carter, Dea. John Wright, Dea. Josiah Converse and Thomas Pierce, all of Woburn, were chosen a committee by Thomas Dan1orth Esq., Daniel Gookin Esq. and Mr. Edward Collins who were appointed by the General Court a committee to order the prudential affairs of our town. the town then being in great confusion about the ordering and dividing their common lands and also about their records, we say that about the year 1676 we were both present with a part of the committee above named upon the tract of land and meadow between Lebanon and Reading Line and there the men of this committee did show Thomas Pierce, Lt. John Wyman and the rest of a committee which had done great service for the town in proportioning to every man his right in the common lands of Woburn, a certain piece of meadow and land that they had reserved and appointed for to satisfy them for their labor and pains in what they had done for the town, and then it was agreed which should have the piece of meadow in the corner between George Reeds ten acres and the corner called Mr. Brook's Corner or Reading Line who were John Wyman, Samuel Walker, Thomas Pierce and John Brooks and Francis Kendall; Capt. John Carter

and Dea. Josiah Converse were to have the piece of meadow and upland lying southward of it and adjoining to Reading Line and at this time Capt. Carter and Dea.. Converse did sell their rights to Francis Kendall and this was before the Great Lots were laid out or drawn for.

William Johnson futher adds that when the committee abovesaid did devide the timber and common lands of Woburn I was always present with them to run the lines, they did appoint me, and about the year 1671 or 1672 before the Great Lots or any other but the meadows were laid out, the committee appointed by the committee of the General Court did meet upon the land on the north side Maple Meadow and there ended several controversies about land namely that about Whittemores, and that about the Wymans, and also did then set apart and appoint the Swampy Meadow on the other side Maple Meadow River up stream and some below the Old Cedar Swamp and the meadow at Mr. Brook's Corner, between that which now is called George Reed's ten acres and Reading Line to satisfy both committees for what service they had done the town.

I further say that when this tract of land called the Great Lots was laid out, there were many parcels of meadow many years before given to several men and only bounded by a line across the meadow between the lots, but never bounded at the ends next the upland, neither were the lots of cedar in the swamp called Lebanon bounded at the ends. But my order was from this committee, that I should first take a platt of the land they appointed me to lay out, that so they might give a near guess how big to lay the lots, and this must be done

partly by judgment, because they could not readily come to the knowlege of what meadow was given out already within the circumference, neither did they know how big the swamp Lebanon was, and several lots laid out before the Great Lots. Therefore when I had taken platt of this tract of land they ordered me to go and lav out these Great Lots and not to meddle with about four score acres of common land that laid at the south end of these lots, because they had reserved. it to be an addition to the Seventh Division of timber land, neither was I to meddle with the piece of meadow at Mr. Brook's [Brock's] Corner nor the piece of upland and meadow below it. Thev also ordered me to lay out one lot for the town of 60 acres, the which is in the range of George Reeds, and three or four lots before it. They then also ordered me that when any man's meadow fell within another man's lot that then I should lay out that man's lot so much the bigger, and so do it by my best judgment, and all this I can say I did without favor or affection or ill will to any man.

Sworn to by Major William Johnson and Mr. Francis Kendall, April 24, 1700. Rec. April 24, 1700.

B. 12, P. 482:-I, John Carter of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £15, grant to John Coggin of the same town, cordwainer, a small piece of land in Woburn, it being part of the homestead that did belong to my father Joseph Carter in Woburn and contains by estimation 4 acres, adjoining to land of Jacob Wyman at the north corner of said homestead, and it is butting upon the King's Highway east and Jacob Wyman's land north it being in that place but three poles wide for about 20 poles together till it comes to the brook, and then the line runs southwesterly about 12 poles wide until it comes square with Jacob Wyman's south corner, and then the main piece is 38 poles long and 13 poles wide, bounded by the upland of the homestead south and by the swamp and upland in the swamp west and north and partly upon Jacob Wyman's land east and partly upon the other part of the premises first mentioned. Release of Bethia "my honored mother." March 29, 1700.

John Carter his mark and a seal. Bethiah Carter her mark and a seal.

Ack. and Rec. April 4, 1700.

[The estate of Jacob Wyman was on Wyman Street and is the estate now called "Woodside" owned by E. C. Colman.]

B. 12, P. 492:-I, George Reed Senr., of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of love for my son John Reed of the same town, but chiefly because of his care of me and prudent management of my husbandry in time of my sickness and lameness, grant unto said John Reed the half part of all my homestead in Woburn namely, the west end of my dwelling house that I now live in, and half the cellar, half the barn, namely the west end thereof with half the orchards, lands, hop-gardens, etc. belonging to my homestead, lying on the east side thereof, adjoining to the land of Samuel Walker and Thomas Kendall on the east, the other half of said homestead on the west.

Also half my meadow at Great Rock Meadow, the easterly end thereof. Also half my woodlands in Woburn with half my pastures fenced in and one lot at

Hodge's Hole about 5¹/₄ acres. Dower of Hannah Reed released. Oct. 9, 1696. George Read Senr., his mark & a seal.

Hannah Read and a seal.

Ack. April 14, 1699. Rec. May 4, 1700.

B. 12, P 519:-I, Thomas Pierce Senr. of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £8, grant to John Pierce Senr. of Woburn, one piece of meadow, by estimation 5½ acres, in Woburn aforesaid at a place called Lubbers Brook at Reading Line Corner, bounded by Reading Line east, and the line of the Land of Nod north, and land of George Reed south and west. Dower of Rachel Pierce released. April 11, 1700.

John [Thomas] Pierce Senr. and a seal. Rachel Pierce and a seal.

Ack. July 10, 1700. Rec. July 13, 1700.

B. 12, P. 529:—Indenture dated July 21, 1698, betwixt John Polly of Woburn, carpenter, and John Emerson of Charlestown, forgeman, witnesseth: That in consideration of 10 £, the said Polly mortgages to said Emerson a certain parcel of meadow by estimation 7 acres in Woburn at a place called Edwards' Bridge bounded southwest by Ipswich River, northwest by Ladder Pole Swamp,northeast by the upland, southeast by a bridge called Edwards' Bridge.

John Polle and a seal.

Ack. July 22, 1698. Rec. July 5, 1700.

[In a deed from John Polly and Mary, my wife, Joseph Eames and Mary, my wife. and Elizabeth Polly, all of Woburn to John Emerson of Salem, clerk, dated April 21, 1704, and recorded B. 13, P. 585 the above 7 acres are described as being "at a place salled Mathew Edwards, his Bridge."

A deed from James Spike Senr. of Woburn to his son Nathaniel Spike of Woburn, dated Nov. 18, 1710, conveys 30 acres bounded south upon land of Ephraim Buck, by a path that goes to Pharos Meadow west, upon the old highway that goes to Matthew Edwards' Bridge east, upon Samuel Eames north and upon Pharos Meadow northwardly.]

B. 12, P. 589: We, Nathaniel Wade of Medford. Gent., and Thomas Wade of Ipswich, Gent., in consideration of 20£ 16s, grant to Josiah Johnson of Woburn, yeoman, a certain parcel of land by estimation 45 acres, and was formerly a lot given by Charlestown to Ann Higginson, being in Woburn at a place called Turkey Hill, and is bounded by land of Major William Johnson on the east, northwest and south. Mercy, wife of Nathaniel Wade and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Wade, release dower. March 9, 1695.

[Signed]

Ack. March 9, 1695. Rec. Oct. 28,1700.

[The Aun Higgmson lot is shown on the Waterfield Map, and this property which is situated partly in Woburn and partly in Winchester remained in the possession of the descendants of Josiah Johnson until disposed of by the heirs of the late Ezekiel Johnson.]

B. 12, P. 590:—We, James Fowle, John Fowle, \bullet cordwainers, Timothy Walker, husbandman, all of Woburn, aud Jacob Fowle, tailor, of Boston, in consideration of £8, 10s, grant to Josiah Johnson of Woburn, husbandman, a certain parcel of plough land in Woburn in a field called the Great Field adjoining to the highway leading from the West End of Woburn to Charlestown, by estimation 2 acres, 20 poles, or five-sevenths of 3 acres in the place abovesaid, and was given to us by our grandfather Capt. John Carter of

Woburn by his last will, and is bounded by land of Major William Johnson north, by the said highway west, south by a parcel of land given by said Capt. John Carter to his grandchildren, the children of Mr. Peter Fowle of Charlestown, east by the land now in possession of Henry Gardner. Mary, wife of James Fowle, Elizabeth, wife of John Fowle, Elizabeth, wife of Timothy Walker release dower. June 20, 1699.

[Signed] Ack. June 21,1699. Rec. Oct. 28, 1700.

B. 12, P. 633:-I, Samuel Richardson junr., of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of 34 £ grant to John Holden of Woburn, carpenter, a certain parcel of upland, meadow and swamp containing in all about 11 acres, situate in Woburn at a place called Bastows on the east side of Buckmeadow Brook, and it is about one half meadow and swamp and about one half upland, bounded on said brook west, Stephen Richardson north, John Holden and John Richardson's woodland east, southerly by John Holden's upland and Benjamin Richardson's meadow. Two acres of this meadow was purchased of Nathaniel Richardson that was Joseph Richardson junr's. Sept. 21, 1696.

Samuel Richardson junr. his mark and a seal.

Ack. Sept. 21, 1696. Rec. Jan. 2, 1700.

B. 12, P. 657:—This indenture, dated May 15, 1700, between Thomas Belknap of Cambridge, yeoman, of the one part and James Oliver of Cambridge, physician, and Robert Murdock of Roxbury, husbandman, of the other part, witnesseth:—That said Thomas Belknap in consideration of 80£, mortgages to said Oliver and Murdock, all that messuage in Woburn at Forty Pound Meadow, containing by estimation 80 acres and bounded [substantially as B. 12, P. 255. supra.]

Thomas Belknap and a seal.

Ack. Mar. 10, 1700. Rec. Mar. 11,1700.

Discharged on the margin. June 2, 1712, by William Brattle. executor to Mrs. Mercy Oliver.

B. 12, P. 688:-I, Daniel Shepardson of Rehoboth, tailor, son and heir to Daniel Shepardson formerly of Charlestown, deceased. in consideration of 40s., as also in consideration of a valuable sum formerly paid to my father-in-law, Thomas Call, late of Malden, deceased. grant to James Converse junr., of Woburn, yeoman, all my rights in a piece of land by estimation 25 acres. situate in Woburn at a place called Winter Pond, which land was a lot formerly granted my father Daniel Shepardson, namely that piece which said Converse purchased of my father-in-law, Thomas Call, and he, the said Converse is in actual possession of now. Dower of Elizabeth Shepardson released. June 8, 1688.

The mark of Daniel Shepardson and a seal.

'The mark of Elizabeth Shepardson and a seal.

Ack. by the subscribing witnesses. Rec. March 19, 1700.

B. 12, P. 689:—I, William Hamlet now of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of about 26 acres of land in Woburn adjoining to the land of Thomas Pierce, his heirs, as also about 90 acres of land in Woburn at Lubber's Brook, they being made over to me and my son Jacob Hamlet by several deeds from James Converse

2nd of the same town, husbandman, as also in consideration of £53 in money paid, do grant to said James Converse 2nd one parcel of upland and meadow of about 49 acres in Woburn at a place called Horn Pond, a parcel of and formerly purchased by me of Caleb Farley of Billerica and bounded by land of James Converse and Isaac Brooks on the southeast side, and on the southwest side partly by woodland of John Burbeen and partly by land of Samuel Pierce which he purchased of me, the said Hamlet, and on the northwest side it is bounded by the said Horn Pond and on the northeast by the brook that runs out of said pond, the middle of the brook being the boundary on that side.

This land contains one little old house, with fences etc. May 1, 1686.

William Hamblett and a seal.

Ack. May 1, 1686. Rec. March 19, 1701.

B. 12, P. 690:-We, Nathaniel Wade of Medford, and Thomas Wade of Ipswich. Gentlemen, in consideration of £ 26 10s., grant to James Converse of Woburn, veoman, a tract of land by estimation 53 acres, and it is the lot formerly called John Crowe's lot, situate in Woburn, near the said Converse, his house, between Horn Pond and Wedge Pond, and it is bounded by land of said James Converse junr., that was Daniel Shepardson's lot, westerly, and by the land of James Converse senr. Josiah Converse and Samuel Converse southerly and easterly, and by the land of Isaac Brooks northely. Mercy, wife of Nathaniel Wade, and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Wade, release dower. March 8, 1694.

[Signed.]

Ack. of Major Nathaniel Wade and Lieut. Col. Thomas Wade March 8, 1695. Rec. March 19, 1701.

B. 12, P. 707:-I, Ralph Reed of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of love grant to my loving son, Joseph Reed of this town, husbandman, the one half of all my estate. both real and personal, that is in Woburn (excepting in y dwelling-house and household stuff therein contained) namely the half of my homestead both plough land and pasture land etc., and half the barn, namely the west end thereof. The homestead contains about 40 acres and is bounded by the town highway southwest, Caleb Simonds south, John Walker northeasterly, and at the west corner by 8 acres of land formerly granted to my son William Reed, deceased, and belongs to his son, William Reed junr, and by the woodland northwest. My said son Joseph is to have his half on the northwest side of my homestead next the said woodland, only the orchard is to be divided equally let it lie in which part it will, and Joseph is to have the northwest side of it.

Also my meadow at the Great Meadow above bridge, be it about 4 acres, butting upon meadow of Capt. Johnson south, and the woodland of Matthew Johnson and James Converse northeasterly; and Joseph is to have his half of said meadow up stream on both sides the brook.

Also one piece of meadow more I have in a place called Hodge's Hole of about 2 acres, bounded by George Brush, his meadow, south, and Jonathan Thompson north, the river west, and the Timber Lots east. Joseph Reed is to have his half next Jonathan Thompson.

One piece of meadow more below bridge that formerly belonged to Matthew Johnson, of about one acre; also one acre more at the lower end of said Great

Meadow. Joseph's half in these two lots to be next the river.

Also one half of all my timber and woodland, one lot thereof adjoining my homestead of about 12 acres. Joseph to have his half next the homestead.

And one small lot of woodland more of about 2 acres, and one of about 8 acres upon Long Meadow Hill. Joseph to have his next Joseph Winns.

Also one wood lot more of about 4 acres by Hog Swamp, Joseph to his half next to Joseph Wrights.

Also about 3 acres of wood lot near Hodge's Hole. Joseph to have his half next the brook.

Also one lot in the Thick Woods, near Cherry Meadow, being about 5 acres.

Also half of my cattle, utensils etc. After my decease the said Joseph is to have the reversion in the other half of my homestead, lands, personal property etc. the which I and Mary. my wife, wish to keep in our possession during our natural life. Dec. 12, 1693.

> Ralph Read and a seal. Mary Read her mark and a seal.

Ack. and Rec. May 31, 1701.

B. 12, P. 743:—I, Samuel Polly of Woburn, weaver, in consideration of $10\pounds$, mortgage to John Emerson of Salem, schoolmaster, two parcels of land in Woburn, the one in Settle Meadow which was purchased of John Flagg of Boston, containing about 58 acres, bounded east by the Young Men's Lots, west by the highway and by James Converse, his land, northwest, and by Francis Kendall's Lot northeast.

The other parcel, containing 28 acres, bounded southwest by Thomas Pierce, his lot, northeast by Zechariah Converse's Lot, southeast by the second range of Young Men's Lots, so called, northwest by the land of Francis Kendall. Also all the right of Gershom Flagg Senr., among the Allowance Lots, near Canoe Swamp, that he purchased of the owners thereof. May 25, 1700.

Samll Polle and a seal.

Ack. May 25, 1700. Rec. July 3, 1701. Discharged on the margin July 4, 1702.

B. 12, P. 750:—I, Samuel Bruce, late of Woburn, mariner, in consideration of a valuable sum, grant to my brother Joseph Bruce, of said town, all my right and interest in the estate of my father, George Bruce. late of Woburn, deceased, as well in that part of my father's housing and lands set out for my mother's improvement during her life, and then dividable among my father's children, as in that part which was dividable amongst my father's children immediately after his decease. July 21, 1701.

Samuel Bruce and a seal. Ack. July 22, 1701. Rec. July 23, 1701.

B. 13, P. 56:-1, John Carter junr., of Woburn, carpenter. in consideration of £151, 10s, do mortgage to Thomas Graves of Charlestown, physician, one dwellinghouse and out-houses with 50 acres of upland thereto belonging, situate at the south end of Woburn, with divers other lots of meadow and upland hereafter mentioned, viz: 8 acres of ploughland with the Great Field, called Plain Field, bounded by Capt. Johnson's land northeast, by Capt. Carter southeast, by Lieut. Johnson's Highway northwest, by the country road southwest. The orchard and pasture, about 16 acres, bounded by Capt. Carter south and southwest, Lieut.

Johnson northwest, the county road northeast.

Also 28 acres above the pasture by the end of a hill called Indian Hill, bounded southeast and northeast by Capt. Carter, northwest by the Converse land and southwest by Lieut. Johnson's woodland.

Also a wood lot in the common near the Pine Mountain, bounded south by Sergt. Johnson's lot, southwest by the lot that was Isaac Brooks, northwest by William Locke's second division, east by Richard Gardner.

Also one woodlot more at Turkey Hill bounded east by the Johnsons' land, south by Richard Gardner, west by Cambridge Line and north by Lieut. Johnson's lot.

And all my division of pines near Pine Meadow, and all my meadow there, by estimation 7 acres, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Brook Meadow; and 7 acres of meadow in Long Meadow. lying at the southwest end thereof.

Warranty of title to said premises against any one claiming under William Green senr., late of Woburn, deceased, or of John Bateman the late possessor of said premises.

Dower of Ruth Carter released. April 19, 1686.

John Carter and a seal.

Ack. April 19, 1686. Rec. Oct. 24, 1701. Discharged on margin Jan. 26, 1704.

[Indian Hill lies to the west of Cambridge street, in Winchester, to the rear of what was formerly known as the Daniel Wyman estate, later owned by Daniel W. Locke. In a deed from Ruth Wyman to Gardner Symmes, dated July 30, 1850, reference is made to 18½ acres of the "Indian Hill pasture," bounded north by land of Capt. Edmund Parker, called the Great Pasture, west by land of heirs of Elijah Pierce, and east by land of heirs of Daniel Wyman.

Mrs. Martha (Cutter) Gardner who died in Winchester, in 1862, in the 98th year of her age, and who lived at the corner of present Cambridge and Church streets, when eleven years old, viewed the conflagration of Charlestown on the day of Bunker Hill battle "from the top of Indian Hill, near her residence."—W. R. Cutter in Lewis & Co's. History of Midd. Co. Vol. 2, p. 748.]

B. 13, P. 60:—I, Israel Walker of Woburn, in consideration of £18, convey to Joseph Winn of Woburn two lots in Woburn at Maple Meadow near the highway leading to Andover it being the lots granted by the town formerly to Samuel Carter and said Walker's father, being by estimation 18 acres bounded by the highway leading to Andover east. Aug. 10, 1694.

Israel Walker and a seal. Ack. Aug. 12, 1694. Rec. Oct. 29, 1701.

B. 13, P. 121 :-- I. Samuel Snow of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £30, convey to Joseph Carter of the same town, currier, one piece of upland and swamp of 10 acres in Woburn. it being the one half part of my father Richard Snow, late of Woburn, his house lot. which half part also contains one "Hovell with a seller in the side hill." Also one orchard, hopvard etc., and is bounded east by land of Joseph Carter and west by the other half of said houselot, now in the possession of my loving brother Zachariah Snow, and north by the land of my loving brother, John Snow, and south by the King's highway. Dower of Sarah Snow released. Apr. 4, 1687 Samuel Snow and a seal.

The mark of Sarah Snow and a seal.

Ack. Nov. 22, 1687. Rec. Jan. 16, 1701.

B. 13, P. 132—I, John Wyman, junr. of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £10, convey to my brother-in-law Thomas Pierce junr. of Woburn, husbandman, a piece of swamp and meadow of about 6 acres, situate in Woburn at Lubber's Brook near the Cedar Swamp called Lebanon, and it is the half part of 12 acres granted by the town to Francis and John Wyman, senr. The other half is now in the possession of my uncle Francis Wyman. April 22, 1695.

John Wyman junr. and a seal. Ack. Oct. 20, 1701. Rec. Jan. 26, 1702.

B. 13, P. 295:—I, James Converse junr. of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £33, convey to James Locke of the same town, husbandman, a tract of woodland of about 45 acres situate in Woburn near the Pine Mountain and bounded southeast by woodland of Henry Gardner and Josiah Johnson, northeast by woodland of Josiah Johnson, northwest by woodland of John Carter and southwest partly by Cambridge Line and partly by woodland of John Carter. Sept. 9, 1699.

James Convers jnnr. and a seal.

Ack. Jan. 27, 1699. Rec. Oct. 14, 1702.

B. 13, P. 363:—I, Sarah Russell of Woburn, widow and relict of John Russell deceased, in consideration of £7, convey to Ensign James Converse of Woburn, yeoman, one piece of ground in Woburn of about 54 acres lying in the Third Range of lots called the Great Lots at a place called Lebanon on both sides of Lubber's Brook; bounded by the Land of Nod northerly and excepting the Cedar Swamp called Lebanon and part of the Wymans' Swamp of 12 acres upon Lubber's Brock, both which pieces lie within the bounds of this lot of 54 acres. John Russull, son of Sarah, joins in this deed. May 1, 1685.

Sarah Russell her mark and a seal. John Russell and a seal.

Ack. Dec. 28, 1686. Rec. Mar. 1, 1702. I, William Johnson, being appointed as one of a committee by the General Court to advise said Sarah Russell in the selling of some lands to pay her husband's debts, did consent to the selling of the lands mentioned in this deed.

B. 13, P. 543:—I, John Polly, carpenter, and Mary Polly, his wife, of Woburn, in consideration of a valuable sum convey to John Dickerman and Thomas Boutelle of Reading, yeomen, all our rights and parts in housing and lands given by the will of our brother Matthew Edwards of Reading, deceased, co me, John Polly and to Mary Polly, his wife. Feb. 8, 1692.

[Signed]

Ack. May 8, 1700. Rec. March 28, 1704.

B. 13, P. 586:—I, John Swan of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £10, mortgage to John Emerson of Charlestown. clergyman, all that messuage of about 27 acres of land, three acres of it meadow, with the dwelling-house, lying in the east end of Woburn and bounded northeast by Nathaniel Richardson, Daniel Richardson and Benjamin Richardson; northwest by John Mousall's woodlot; west by John Bateman, John Vinton south and southeast by Buckmeadow River. April 21, 1696.

John Swan and a seal.

Ack. April 18, 1704. Rec. June 1, 1704. Discharged on the margin by Sarah Emerson Feb. 14, 1714.

B. 13, P. 659:—I, John Catter of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of £118, do mortgage to Mr. Thomas Graves of Charlestown, physician, one dwellinghouse and out-houses with 50 acres of upland in the south end of Woburn. [Being the same premises described in B. 13, P. 56, *supra*.] Dower of Ruth Carter released. Sept. 29, 1686.

> John Carter and a seal. Ruth Carter and a seal.

Ack. Oct. 9, 1686. Rec. Jan. 26, 1704.

Discharged on the margin by Sarah Phillips, formerly Graves, executrix of will of her late husband Thomas Graves, May 14. 1709.

B. 13, P. 678:-I, Samuel Walker senr. of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of love for my dutiful son, Timothy Walker of the same town, husbandman, grant to said Timothy Walker certain houses and lands in Wobnrn, namely :---one dwelling house situate between my dwelling-house and the dwelling-house of George Reed. senr. together with half my barns, half the yard room etc. next adjoining to his said house. Together with the orchard that is on the southeast side of the highway just before the said house, as also a piece of meadow adjoining, the which, with the said orchards, contains 3½ acres and is situate at a place called Happy Eud, bounded by the land of George Reed, seur. southeast and southwest, by a highway northwest and my land northeast.

Also a piece of pasture near adjoining said house of about 12 acres, bounded by my pasture northeast, Josiah Wood northwest. the highway southwest and the land of George Reed senr. southeast. allowing a highway three poles wide near adjoining to George Reed's fence by the said house leading from the town highway up to the said pasture.

Also all the land that I purchased of Daniel Bacon which lieth on the southwest side of the highway near said pasture be the same about 60 acres, bounded by the highway northeast etc.

Also several pieces of wood land bounded etc. Also one half of myjmeadow called Great Rock Meadow by estimation 8 acres bounded by the town's upland southwest and partly by Wm. Johnson's Swamp. July 5, 1699.

Samuel Walker Senr. and a seal.

Ack. by the subscribing witnesses Mar. 13, 1705, and recorded the same day.

B. 13, P. 690 :--- I, William Dean, senr. of Woburn, house carpenter, in consideration of 8£ 10s. grant to Joseph Wyman of the same town, tailor, a piece of 8 acres consisting of part meadow, part upland and swamp, and it is part of the homestead that was Richard Posts, bounded by Jacob Wyman's swamp north, Francis Wyman northwest, John Russell's land west, the highway and the rest of the homestead of me. the said Dean, that was Richard Posts, south, and the land of James Fowle and Gersham Flagg east. Dower of Martha Dean released. and also consent of William Dean my eldest son. March 13, 1696.

William Dean senr. and a seal.

Ack. by subscribing witnesses April 30, 1705, and recorded the same day.

B. 14, P. 83:—I, William Johnson of Woburn, Esquire, in consideration of £18, grant to Timothy Thornton of Boston. merchant, one eighteenth part of a copper mineral in Woburn, at a place known by the name of Mount Plainum Hill, the tract of land in which it lieth being about 20 acres and is in three places near and adjoining to said Hill, bounded by a straight line beginning at the corner of a highway leading to the said Hill from George Brush, his house, and over the Hill northwest or thereabouts, and then turns from a heap of stones eastwardly to Billerica Highway and along said way to the first corner.

With two parcels more belonging to said mineral, one parcel on the north end of Rag Rock Hill and one parcel near Israel Walker's field. Sept. 20, 1693.

William Johnson and a seal.

Ack. Sept. 22, 1693. Rec. June 28, 1706.

[It appears from this deed that Rag Rock Hill was supposed by the early settlers to contain mineral as well as Mount Playnum. The latter was actually mined and it is probable that Rag Rock Hill was also.]

B. 14, P. 271:-I, Samuel Carter of Woburn, Clerk, in consideration of £150 grant to William Johnson Esq. of Woburn, all my housing and lands thereto belonging in Woburn at a place called Mount Playnum, that is to say, one dwelling-house with 20 acres of land adjoining to it, bounded by the highway east and south, and by the land of George Brush west, and woodland of John Locke north.

Also 12 acres of land on north side of Mount Plainum Hill. Also 12 acres on Forest Hill, bounded by Long Meadow Swamp south. Also two lots at Dirty Swamp, one of them being purchased of Samuel Blodgett and contains 4³/₄ acres, the other lot being given me by the town and joins to it on the west side, by estimation 2⁴/₄ acres. Also one lot in Wood Hill being formerly George Polly's lying in the First Division in the First Range. Also one Great Lot by estimation 18 acres; also one lot of 4½ acres on the north of Maple Meadow; also one lot in Pine Meadow Plain, and also one lot of 4 acres on Great Meadow River.

Also one parcel of meadow of 5 acres in The Great Meadow; also 6 acres in Settle Meadow, bounded by the Young Men's Lots south and east. Also all my right in the Cedar Swamps, namely, Lebanon and Ladder Pole Swamps.

Also one wood lot near Geo. Polly's house. and one wood lot on the east side of Willow Meadow, laid out with James Fowle's woodland. Also one wood lot on Forest Field Hill on the east side the way leading to Billerica, which was bought by Israel Walker of George Polly bounded by John Baker's wood land eastward and Samuel Snow westward.

Also one wood lot lying near Step Rock Meadow, bounded by the wood land of Samuel Walker west and the land of John Tidd east. Also all my right of wood lying in the Great Swamp adjoining Maple Meadow River. Also all my father's rights in the same, excepting 3½ acres sold to Francis Kendall. Dower of Eunice Carter released. April 30, 1688.

Samuel Carter and a seal.

Eunice Carter her mark and a seal.

Entered before sealing that the lot mentioned within this deed lying in Pine Meadow Plain being exchanged with Samuel Blodgett for his lot at Dirty Swamp is not to be accounted sold.

Ack. April 30, 1688. Mrs. Eunice Kendall formerly Eunice Carter acknowledges the same May 14, 1707. Rec. May 15, 1707.

B. 14, P. 431:--I, James Converse senr, of Woburn, veoman, in consideration of love grant to my son Edward Converse of the same town, husbandman, the dwelling-house he now liveth in with $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land where the said house stands, adjoining to my brother Josiah Converse's land down to "Wedg pond," as also one third part of my barn and out housing, one third part of the hop garden, pasture and meadow belonging to the Homestead adjoining to Mr. William Symmes, his land, on the southeast side. Also one third of my plough land on The Plain, by estimation 11 acres, bounded by Driver's Lane southeast, and Capt. John Carter's land southwest, and by my brother Josiah Converse, his land, northeast.

One third part of my meadows by Blind Bridge and one third part of my two meadows in Woburn Town, and one third part of Buck Meadow. Also one third part of all my lots and commons and herbage remaining of what I have already given to my son James Converse junr. and John Pierce. March 23, 1686-7.

James Converse senr. and a seal. Ack. July 22, 1707. Rec. Dec. 15,1707.

B. 14, P. 497:—We, James Converse Senr., and Josiah Converse, both of Woburn, yeomen, in consideration of £15, grant to George Reed Junr. of Woburn, farmer, a tract of woodland at a place called the World's End in the west part of Woburn, containing about 30 acres being all the woodland that belongs to the said James and Josiah Converse on the west side of the Great Meadow River and it is bounded by Cambridge town line west, northwest by Caleb Simonds, his woodland, northerly by Samuel Walker Senr. northeasterly by George Reed Senr. and Francis Kendall, and south and southeast by Richard Gardner's woodland.

Dower of Ann, wife of James Converse Senr., and of Ruth, wife of Josiah Converse, released. July 30, 1691.

> James Converse Senr. and a seal. Josiah Converse and a seal.

> > Ruth Converse and a seal.

Ack. March 2, 1708, by Lt. James Converse and Capt. Josiah Converse and Mrs. Ruth Converse. Rec. April 29, 1708.

B. 14, P. 597:-I, Faintnot Wines of Charlestown, flax-dresser, in consideration of one heifer, convey to Samuel Richardson of Woburn, husbandman. 10 acres of woodland as it was anciently laid out by the Townsmen to the said Wines, situate in Woburn, bounded on the west side with a small river, and on the east with common that belongs to Charlestown, and on the north with lands belonging to Mr. Thos. Graves and on the south with the lands anciently laid out to Michael Beerstow, but now in the possession of said Samuel Richardson.

Ack. Nov. 23, 1649, by Faintnot Wines and his wife Bridget. Rec. Oct. 4, 1708.

[This lot is situated in Montvale.]

B. 14, P. 654:—I, John Russell of Woburn, cordwainer, in consideration of 30s., grant to Samuel Wyman, husbandman, one lot in Woburn at a place called the Wymans' Farms, or Timber Field, by estimation 3 3-4 acres, bounded by lands of Matthew Johnson east, John Pierce west his own land south, and the Second Range of Lots north. Dower of Elizabeth Russell released. July 21, 1694.

John Russell and a seal. Ack. Dec. 7, 1698. Rec. Dec. 23, 1708.

B. 14, P. 687;-I, Isaac Richardson of

Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £8, grant to Edward Converse of the same town, husbandman, one piece of meadow of 2 1-4 acres, situate at Buck Meadow, and bounded by the brook north and northeast which runs between Nehemiah Tottingham's meadow and the premises. Dower of Deborah Richardson released. Oct. 8, 1688.

Isaac Richardson and a seal. Deborah Richardson her mark and a seal.

Ack. and Rec. March 8, 1709.

[Buck Meadow River is referred to in a deed from Josiah Converse to the Proprietors of the Middlesex Canal, dated Aug. 25, 1794, and recorded B. 151, P. 27 and in a deed from Junius Richardson to Bartholomew Richardson, dated May 1, 1847, and recorded B. 506, P. 367.]

B. 14, P. 723:--1, Francis Kendall of Woburn, husbandman. in consideration of 30s., grant to my son, Thomas Kendall the one half part of a lot bought of Thos. Leppingwell and was given to his father by the town of Woburn, lying at a place called Hodges's Hole, by estimation 4³/₄ acres.

Together with the top of 6 acres more lying near a place formerly called Bacon's Mountain, laid out to said Thomas Kendall Dec. 21, 1697.

Francis Kendall his mark and a seal.

Ack. May 23, 1704. Rec. April 13, 1709.

B. 15, P. 6:—I, Israel Reed of Woburn, tailor, in consideration of £4 grant to Thomas Kendall of the same town, yeoman, one lot of 7 acres situate in Woburn among the Young Men's Lots. Dower of Mary Reed released. June 1, 1694.

The mark of Israel Read and a seal.

The mark of Mary Read and a seal.

Ack. June 1, 1694. Rec. April 21 1709.

B. 15, P. 11:—I, Francis Kendall of Woburn, miller, in consideration of £3, convey to Thomas Kendall of the same town a parcel of land at Mount Plainum Plain on the south side by estimation 2 acres, bounded by land of George Brush north and west and the common elsewhere.

Also a lot in Pine Meadow Plain by estimation 6 acres, bounded by land of Johanna Richardson and Joseph Winn. Nov. 28, 1692.

Francis Kendall his mark and a seal. Ack. May 23, 1705. Rec. April 21, 1709.

B. 15, P. 12:-I, Israel Walker of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of 50s., grant to Thomas Kendall of the same town, yeoman, a lot of swamp and upland of about 5 acres, and it lieth among the Young Men's Lots in the First Division on the northwest side of Maple Meadow Brook. May 22, 1696.

Isreal Walker and a seal. Ack. of Ensign Israel Walker July 20, 1698. Rec. April 21, 1709.

B. 16, P. 19:-I, William Johnson of Woburn, in consideration of £8 grant to George Reed of the same town, about 16 acres of woodland and swamp, situate in Woburn at the West End near unto Rock Meadow and between that and Spring Meadow, bounded by the country road and woodland of George Reed westward, and north by the brook running into Spring Meadow.and east by Rock Meadow and Rock Meadow Tail etc. Jan. 29, 1699.

William Johnson and a seal. Ack. by the subscribing witnesses March 11, 1712. Rec. March 11, 1712. B. 16, P. 517:—John Carter of Woburn, yeoman, and Ruth, his wife, in consideration of £15, grant to Josiah Johnson of Woburn. yeoman, three acres, bounded westerly by the country 10ad leading down from the West End of Woburn to Charlestown. April 23, 1700.

> John Carter and a seal. Ruth Carter and a seal.

Ack. Feb. 13, 1708. Rec. Jan. 19, 1713.

B. 16, P. 579:--Whereas I, John Wyman of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £25, did by deed dated Oct. 4, 1692, bargain and sell to Francis Burroughs of Boston, merchaut, one eighteenth part of certain tracts of land in Woburn, namely, 3 acres abutting northerly on the highway called Lepingwell's Lane, easterly, southerly and westerly on common lands not laid out, and the other 4 acres lying on the west end of said hill near Jeremiah Walker's house, and the other 15 acres lying at Mount Plainum Hill and is bounded to the west by a straight line ranging with the line of the highway between the dwelling-houses of Samuel Carter and George Brush and begins at a heap of stones on the northerly side of the path that leads to Billerica * * * and on the southeasterly side bounded by the said highway leading to Billerica, which said highway runs rounding at the foot of Mt. Plainum Hill, and is on the rounding line 81 rods.

Now, know ye. I hereby confirm said deed. Dower of Hannah Wyman released. April 27, 1696.

John Wyman and seal.

Hannah Wyman and seal.

Ack. May 20, 1696. Rec. June 25, 1714.

B. 16, P. 621:-I, William Hamlet of Woburn, carpenter, grant to John Watson of Cambridge, husbandman. a parcel of land in Woburn near Lubber's Brook, containing about 32 acres, bounded east by the 2nd Range of Great Lots. July 3, 1696.

William Hamlett and a seal.

Ack. July 4, 1696. Rec. July 3, 1714.

B. 17, P. 157:—I. Nathaniel Richardon Senr. of Woburn, in consideration of £16, convey to John Swan of the same town, husbandman, seven acres in Woburn upon the plain and by the brook called Marreners Drill, bounded by land of Swan southwest, * * * abutting upon Buck Meadow River southeast.

Also 14 acres of woodland in the First Division of woodlands, bounded by the woodland of John Richardson northeast there being a great elm tree near Charlestown Line, and then a marked walnut tree and so straight to a little brook in a swamp, and so straight out of said brook to Bastow's Lot, bounded by said lot northwest and Charlestown Line southeast. * * * Dower of Mary Richardson released. April 14, 1696.

Nathaniel Richardson and a seal. Mary Richardson her mark and a seal.

Ack. Nov. 10, 1710. Rec. Dec. 22, 1714.

B. 17, P. 158:—I, Stephen Richardson, in consideration of ± 20 , grant to John Swan of Cambridge a parcel of land in Woburn, it being the west and by north end of a lot land out to Rice Cole, and being 20 acres of upland, swamp and meadow, bounded on the river and a piece of a ditch east and by south and to Mount Discovery west and by north. Dower of Abigail Richardson released. Jan. 30, 1690.

Stephen Richardson and a seal. Abigail Richardson her mark and a seal.

Ack. May 20, 1702. Rec. Dec. 22, 1714.

B. 18, P. 64:-I, Joseph Simonds now of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of 47 acres of land in Cambridge, part of a farm called Shaws Farm, it being all James Simonds, his share. and Rebecca Cole's, her share, and half Huldah Simonds, her share, bounded by Cambridge Common northeast-in consideration of these lands made over to me by my loving brother James Simonds, I do sell to said James, one new dwelling-house not finished and a barn and orchard and about 15 acres appertaining thereto situate in Woburn, and formerly the land of Michael Knight, and is bounded by the highway leading to Concord south and west, northerly by land of Robert Pierce and east by another way leading into Woburn Common, and so leadeth to Shawshin.

Also 2 acres near the house on the southward of Concord Road. About 4 acres in Long Meadow: and one lot of woodland in the Seventh Division. bounded by the Second Range of Lots and by the highway by Round Meadow. Also 2½ acres of land in Maple Meadow Plain, 2 acres in Hodge's Hole and 2½ acres in Timber Field. Also the last Great Lot of about 20 acres near Settle Meadow. Oct. 15, 1679.

Joseph Simonds and a seal.

Ack. April 6, 1687. Rec. June 9, 1716.

B. 18, P. 65:—I, Thomas Kendall, now of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of one plough lot of about $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres at Rock Meadow Plain made over to me by my brother-in-law James Simonds, carpenter, of Woburn, as also 30s, in money, by him paid. grant to said James Simonds, all my right in a tract of woodland in Woburn on the further side of Great Meadow Bridge bounded by Cambridge Line west and Billerica Line north. Dower of Ruth Kendall released. Nov. 24, 1692.

Thomas Kendall and a seal. Ruth Kendall her mark and a seal. Ack. and Rec. June 9, 1716.

B. 18, P. 214:-I, Samuel Pollv of Woburn, weaver, in consideration of £17, 10s. grant to Nathaniel Tay of the same town, mariner, a parcel of upland and meadow containing about 17 acres and it is situate in Woburn at a place called Bumble Bee Hole, bounded north by land of said Tay, west by John Polly, south by Edward Winn (the line to run in the place as directed by George Polly's will)east by land of Robert Eames, by the edge of the brow of the hill on that east side, so the line runs cross the Ridge Hill between Dry Pole Swamp and Humble Bee Hole from a great stump of a tree straight over the little brook that runs out of Humble Bee Hole to the meadow of Samuel Waters called Heart's Hole etc.' Dower of Priscilla Polly released. Dec. 14. 1699.

Samuel Polly and a seal. Priscilla Polly her mark and a seal. Ack. and Rec. Dec. 13, 1716.

B. 19, P. 371:-I, Timothy Carter of Woburn, cordwainer, grant to James Thompson, Senr. of Woburn, farmer. 18 acres of land in Woburn formerly granted to Mr. Thomas Carter as an addition to his Great Lot, bounded east by Canal Swamp. Oct. 24, 1690.

Timothy Carter and a seal. Ack. March 31, 1715. Rec. Aug. 1, 1718.

B. 20, P. 41:—I. Samuel Carter of Woburn, for a valuable consideration, grant to Aaron Cleveland of said town, shoemaker, a tract of 17 acres of woodland in Woburn, near adjacent to Boggy Field, bounded east by the highway and James Fowle's land, west by Increase Winn and Zechary Snow, and south by Gershom Flagg. Dower of Eunice Carter released. Feb. 13, 1687,

Samuel Carter and a seal.

Eunice Carter her mark and a seal.

Ack. April 8, 1718, by Israel Walker, a witness, Rec. April 8, 1718.

B. 20, P. 299:-I, Samuel Converse, Junr., of Woburn, husbandman, in consideration of £11, grant to Josiah Johnson of Woburn, carpenter, 7 1-2 acres at Indian Hill, bounded by land of William Johnson, Esq., northeast, etc. March 8, 1693.

Samuel Converse and a seal.

Ack. March 17, 1693 by Samuel Converse and his wife, Dorcas. Rec. March 17, 1719.

B. 20, P. 300:—I, Samuel Converse of Woburn, in consideration of £20, grant to Josiah Johnson of Woburn, husbandman, 14 acres of land in Woburn at a place called the Strawberry Banks, or Indian Hill, upon the north end of said hill, bounded north by land of William Johnson Esq., on the northeast by a parcel which I made over to said Josiah, under my hand and seal, on the south by land of Lieut Josiah Converse, west by land of William Johnson. Dower of Dorcas Converse released. June 3, 1697. Samll Convers and seal.

Dorcas Convers her mark and seal. Ack. June 4, 1697. Rec. Match 17, 1719. B. 20, P. 303:-I, Josiah Converse of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £3 12s., grant to Josiah Johnson of Woburn, yeoman, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres at Indian Hill. Feb. 20, 1694.

> Josiah Converse and a seal. Ruth Converse and a seal.

Ack. March 4, 1694 by Lieut. Josiah Converse and Ruth, his wife. Rec. Mar. 17, 1719.

B. 20, P. 303:—I, Samuel Johnson of Woburn, wheelwright, in consideration of £19, grant to my cousin. Josiah Johnson. 2 small pieces of meadow—2 acres in each piece—situate at Great Meadow, one piece bounded by meadow of Henry Johnson southwest which was given him by his father. Matthew Johnson, deceased. etc. July 16, 1698.

Samuel Johnson and a seal. Ack. Feb. 13, 1708. Rec. March 17, 1719.

B. 20, P. 455:—I. William Locke, Senr., of Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of love for my son Ebenezer Locke of the same town, weaver, as also inconsideration of £20, do grant to said Ebenezer one half part of all my housing and lands in Woburn. Dower of Mary Locke released. Oct. 9, 1699.

William Lock and a seal. Ack. July, 17, 1700, Rec. July 18, 1720.

B. 20, P. 683:—I, John Wright, Senr., of Woburn, yeoman, in exchange for a tract of about 4 acres of plough land at Boggy Field, do grant to Robert Eames Senr. about 4 acres of plough land sitrate at Boggy Field, near said Eames house, and bounded by land of Samuel Converse Senr. south, the town common north,

land of Francis Wyman west. and land of said Eames east. Feb. 8, 1694.

John Wright and a seal. Ack. April 12, 1722, by Eleazar Flagg Esq., a witness. Rec. May 17, 1722.

B. 20, P. 716:-I, Nathaniel Richardson, Senr., of Woburn, veoman, in consideration of love for my son, James Richardson, of the same place, do grant to said James one-half of 200 acres, with the house now standing on the same, part of my son's half to be 40 acres where said house stands, beginning at the foot of the Great Hill westward of said house. The rest of said half to be laid as conveniently as it may be, it being the west end of my farm that I dwell on, the whole being bounded northerly by land of Thomas Pierce and town common; westerly with the land of Lieut. John Richardson, deceased: southerly Jabez Brooks eighth; easterly with my own land. It being understood that said parcel is to be extended eastward two poles to the eastward of Drill or Long Meadow and the pond above said meadow. Dower of Mary Richardson released. Dec. 9, 1698.

Nathaniel Richardson and a seal. Ack. Nov. 29, 1699. Rec. June 4, 1722.

B. 21, P. 104:—I, William Locke, Senr. of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of 23s. grant to Samuel Johnson of said town, wheelwright, 1½ acres at Beech Island, near William Rows house and Cambridge line, bounded by land of Samuel Johnson south etc. March 15, 1698.

William Lock and a seal. Mary Lock and a seal. Ack. May 20, 1699. Rec. April 23, 1720. B. 21, P. 120:—I, Nathaniel Richardson, Senr. of Woburn. yeoman, in consideration of £5, 6s., paid by Gershom Flagg and Eleazar Flagg, both of Woburn, tanners, do grant to said Eleazar about 10 acres of woodland called Oaks Without Pines, situate in Woburn in the Second Division, part of it by Shred Pine Brook and part by Lose Meadow adjoining to Reading line, namely all the right of oaks that belonged to Mrs. Katharine Graves in that division in those two places, which she sold with some other allottments to Israel Richardson. Dower of Mary Richardson released. Dec. 24, 1696.

Nathani I Richardson and a seal. Mary Richardson her mark and a seal. Ack. Jan. 6, 1696. Rec. May 5, 1720.

B. 21, P. 138:-I, William Johnson, Esq., of Woburn, in consideration of £5, as also in exchange of a parcel of land lying on the hill, near my house, and in consideration of a true right that my brother. Mathew Johnson, had to onethird part of two lots, the which I bought of Richard Kettle, and he paid honestly for it, do therefore grant unto Samuel Johnson of Woburn, husbandm n, one parcel at or near a place called Beech Island, and is part of the lot formerly Isaac Brooks' containing about 7[‡] acres, bounded by Cambridge Line southwest.

Also 2½ acres on the south side Beech Island Krook.

Also a parcel lying near the sawmill and was part of Haul's Lot on the north side the Brook, and is about $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres, bounded by land of Thomas Kendall on the east, the brook south. Aug. 1, 1696.

William Johnson and a seal. Ack. and Rec. June 14, 1720.

B. 21, P. 276:-I, John Johnson, of

Woburn, yeoman, in consideration of £35 grant to William Johnson Esq., about 32 acres at Turkey Hill bounded by land of Thomas Kendall northwest, by the highway leading to Charlestown on the northeast, and the land of said William Johnson on the southwest. Dower of Bethia Johnson released. Sept. 7, 1694.

John Johnson and a seal. Bethia Johnson her mark and a seal. Ack. and Rec. Mar. 14, 1721.

B. 22. P. 89:—I, Thomas Carter of Woburn, husbandman, in exchange for 2½ acres of meadow at Rag Rock Meadow, grant to Increase Winn of Woburn,cooper, about 6½ acres at Boggy Meadow Field, bounded by Aaron Cleveland's land easterly, and by the town highways southeast and west. Dower of Margery Carter released. Jan. 18, 1688.

Thomas Carter and seal.

Margery Carter the like with a mark. Ack. Sept. 21, 1722. Rec. Oct. 2, 1722.

B. 24, P. 90:-I, Timothy Carter of Woburn, shoemaker, grant to Increase Winn of Woburn cooper, about 2½ acres at Boggy Meadow Field, bounded bortherly by Zachary Snow, southerly by said Increase Winn, easterly by Aaron Cleveland, westerly by the town highway. Dower of Anna Carter released. Feb. 13, 1688.

> Timothy Carter and a seal. Anna Carter the like.

Ack. Sept. 21, 1722. Rec. Oct. 2. 1722.

B. 21; P. 91:-I, Gershom Flagg of Woburn, tanner, in consideration of £3, grant to Increase Winn of said town, cooper, about 3 acres at a place called Boggy Meadow Sawmill. Dower of Hannah Flagg released. April 24, 1688.

Gershom Flegg and a seal. Hannah Flegg and a seal.

Ack. and Rec. Oct. 2, 1722.

B. 16, P. 2:—I, Matthew Johnson, in consideration of £6, convey to Thomas Kendall, 9 acres of woodland, in two parcels, at the Old Savmill at Turkey Hill, one parcel of 6 1-4 acres bounded by Major Wm. Johnson northeast; the other parcel of 3 acres near Wood Bridge, and bounded by Thomas Kendall northwest, Jabez Brooks northeast, and the highway south—it being a three cornered piece. Dower of Mary Johnson released. Jan. 22, 1697.

Mathew Johnson and seal.

Ack. April 26, 1709. Rec. Feb. 27, 1712.

B. 16, P. 25:—I, Nathaniel Richardson, Sr., convey to my son Nathaniel, being my first born, two pieces containing 50 acres at Mr. Graves his farm, one piece being 30 acres with mansion-house, hovell etc. and bounded by James Thompson's heirs north and northwest. Charlestown Lots east, Buckmeadow Brook southwest and my land southeast.

The other 20 acres lie on the other side of the brook upon the plain, bounded by John Richardson northwest and northeast, my land southeast and southwest, there being stakes upon the brow of the hill southwest towards the Beaver Hole Meadow, always excepting a town highway in this 20 acres leading to Buck-Dower of Mary Richardson meadow. released. Feb. 17, 1696. Provided always that this shall be Nathaniel Richardson Jr's. full proportion of his said father's estate, and that he prove a good husband and keep good company and take good courses.

Nathanl Richardson Senr. and seal. Mary Richardson her mark and seal. Ack. Mar. 9, 1705. Rec. Mar. 5, 1712. B. 16, P. 361:—I. Henry Summers of Charlestown, in consideration of 40s. convey to Ephraim Buck, all that dividend of pines granted by Woburn to my father, Henry Summers, containing 6 acres, bounded southwest by the road to Pharos Meadow, east by Andover Road and Edwards Bridge, and south by Andover Road. Dower of Susannah Summers released. June 22, 1698.

Henry Somars and seal.

Susannah Summers her mark and seal.

Ack. and Rec. Sept. 11, 1713.

[Land in Wilmington, near Reading.]

B. 22. P. 311:--I, Robert Pierce, weaver, in consideration of 600 pine boards delivered at my house in Woburn, convey to Benjamin Johnson, carpenter, 1 1-4 acres at Sandy Bridge, near Edward Johnson's house, bounded by the highway north, and b. the brook west. July 4, 1693.

Robert Pierce and seal.

Ack. by one of the witnesses, March 11, 1718. Rec. July 29, 1723.

B. 22, P. 630:—I, Francis Wyman of Woburn. in consideration of affection, convey to my son Samuel Wyman of Woburn. 92 acres at Pine Plain near Edward Johnson's house, and bounded by land of said Johnson southeast, land that was Lieut. John Wyman's northwest, the Town Lots northeast, Wm. Johnson's land east.

Also 40 acres on the west of John Wyman Jr., his house, and on north side of the highway, bounded by land of Seth Wyman south and northwest and land of said John Wyman southeast, and the lots north. Reserving 30 acres thereof on the southwest side of the way for my natural life. Also 5 acres of meadow in Billerica on west side of Shawshin River.

Dower of Abigail Wyman released. April 2, 1694.

Francis Wyman and seal. Abigail Wyman her mark and seal. Not ack. Rec. March 18, 1724.

B. 24, P. 29:—I, James Converse, Jr., consideration of £12, convey to Henry Gardner of Charlestown, 3 acres at Great Plain Field at the South End of Woburn, bounded east by William Johnson, west by Richard Gardner, north by James Converse, Sr., south on the 6 acres devised by Capt. John Carter to the children of Peter and James Fowle; with a drift way on easterly side of said 6 acres, from the lane to said 3 acres. Dec. 1, 1697.

James Converse, Jr., and seal.

Ack. July 11, 1723, by Joseph Mixer and Sarah Green, witnesses. Rec. June 22, 1724.

B. 24, P. 298:—I, Jonathan Richardson of Woburn, in consideration of £68, convey to James Burbeen of Woburn, tailor, 70 acres in several parcels.

First, 5½ acres at Forty Pound Meadow, bounded by Jabez Brooks northwest and northeast, Isaac Brooks southeast, and the King's highway southwest.

Also 41 acres more bounded by Jabez Brooks northwest, Horn Poud west, Horn Pond Brook southwest and land of Isaac Brooks southeast. 'The northerly side is bounded by the fence of Forty Pound Meadow, comprehending both the King's Highway and the town highway in that place within said bounds so far as where the two ways meet, namely that way that leads to the Richardsons meets with the King's highway. Also 8 acres bounded by Wm. Wade's land southeast, the said 8 acres lying on the southwest side of Horn Pond Brook near James Converse's land, and is bounded by said land southwest and northwest, by Isaac Brooks northeast near said brook.

Also the wood and timber of 15 acres at Wood Hill.

Also a small piece of woodland on Mount Discoverv side, lying undivided with Isaac Brooks. Feb. 23, 1694.

Jona. Richardson and seal.

Ack. Mar. 6, 1694. Rec. Feb. 11, 1724.

B. 24, P. 405:—I, John Eames of Woburn, carpenter, in consideration of £25, convey to John Walker of Woburn, 10 acres with the buildings thereon at Cranberry Hole near Flegg [?] Rock Meadow, and bounded by land of Samuel Converse on the north, of Robert Eames on the west, southerly by John Walker, and the Common elsewhere, the highway going through it. Oct. 22, 1697.

John Eames and seal.

Ack. Oct. 29, 1697. Rec. June 2, 1725.

B. 24, P. 514:-I, Benjamin Baldwin of Woburn, in consideration of £40. convey to John Reed, Sr., weaver, first, Henry Baldwin's Great Lot of 44 acres, bounded northwest by Billerica Line. Also 5 acres laid out by Wm. Johnson to the southward of above. Also 2 1-2 ac. at Settle Meadow. Also 7 acres at Timber Field. Also 4 acres more at Timber Field, bought of John Cragin, Senr. Dower of Hannah Baldwin, released. Jan. 1, 1700.

Benjamin Baldwin and seal.

Hannah Baldwin her mark and seal. Ack. Jan. 4, 1700. Rec. Dec. 4, 1725.

· B. 29, P. 110:-We,Gershom Flagg and

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Henry Baldwin, both of Woburn, the one a tanner the other a yeomau, do hereby exchange each with the other, 21 acres for 8 acres, I, the said Flagg conveying to said Baldwin the 21 acres lying at New Bridge on the south and southeast side, bounded west by the highway to said Bridge and on the north by a way from New Bridge to Boggy Field, on the east upon woodland of Edward Winn, on the south upon land of Joseph Carter and partly on woodland of Michael Leppingwell. Dower of Hannah Flagg released. Dec. 6, 1679.

> Gershom Flagg and a seal. Hannah Flagg and a seal.

Ack. Jan. 7, 1679, and Rec. Sept. 16, 1728.

B. 29, P. 111:—We Gershom Flagg and Hannah Flagg, in consideration of 30 s. convey to Henry Baldwin, 3 acres of woodland at New Bridge, bounded by meadow of Francis Wyman east, the brook north, the highway west and south. To have in as ample a manner as ever Gershom Flagg. deceased, did enjoy the same. Sept. 10, 1691.

Gershom Flagg and a seal.

Hannah Flagg her mark and a seal.

Ack. July 25, 1692, and Rec. Sept. 16. 1728.

B. 34, P. 391:—I. Bartholomew Peirson of Woburn, in consideration of several payments made by my son John Richardson, of wood, clearing of meadow, building a frame and forty barrels of cider, convey to said Richardson my dwelling house where I formerly lived, with barns etc. and 53 acres adjoining, bounded by Ephraim Buck south, John Richardson west, lands of John Wright and James Converse north and common lands east. July 4, 1681.

Bartholomew Peirson his mark and seal.

Ack. May 14, 1684. Rec. Dec. 10, 1733.

B. 40, P. 146:—I, Nathaniel Richardson Sr., of Wobure, in consideration of £8 convey to Samuel Richardson, Jr., 2 acres at Bastows in the east end of Woburn, and it is the meadow that belonged to Isaac Richardson, deceased, and given by his will to his son Joseph, and by said Joseph sold to me, butting upon Buck Meadow River, northwest, and on the southeast by upland sold by me to John H:Iden. Dower of Mary Richardson, released. April 8, 1696.

Nathaniel Richardson, Senr. and seal. Mary Richardson, her mark and seal.

No date of Ack. Rec. June 21, 1739.

B. 41, P. 201:--1, John Carter Senr. of Woburn, in consideration of £30, paid by Caleb Simonds of Woburn in behalf of his son Samuel Simonds, cooper, convey to said Samuel 30 acres pear Bull Meadow between Brook Meadow and Bull Meadow bounded east by Brook Meadow, south by Concord Road, southwest by Major Wm. Johnson, north by Bull Meadow Brook, together with one and a half acres on north side of said brook and extending its bounds northerly as far as the sawmill yard on Brook Meadow Stream. Reserving to said John Carter the right to flow said meadow for the sawmill from Michelmas to the middle of April annually so long as there is a mill there. Dower of Ruth Carter released. Feb. 28 1700.

John Carter and seal. Ruth Carter and seal. Ack. Jan. 1, 1701. Rec. Nov. 1, 1740. [Bull Meadow here referred to was in the westerly part of Woburn, near Lexington line, and in the vicinity. I think, of present Durenville.]

B. 45, P. 127 :— I, Samuel Walker, Senr., of Woburn, in consideration of affection, convey to my son Samuel, a lot of 55 acres, I bought of Samuel Richardson, bounded by said Samuel Walker, south, and north by Timothy Reed, west by Henry Tottingham, east by land of Geo. Polly and Michael Knight.

Also a lot of 36 acres given me by the town lying on the south side, and adjoining the said lot.

Also 3 acres at lower end of Settle Meadow. Feb. 11, 1692.

Samuel Walker, Senr. and seal. Ack. Feb. 12, 1692. Rec. June, 6, 1745.

Since my note was written to the Walker deed recorded B. 5, P. 79, in reference to the ancestry of Samuel Walker, Senior, father of the grantor of this deed, I have made a personal examination of the Reading Church records, and find that the author of the History of Reading is in error in stating that Samuel Walker, (• ho died in Woburn in 1684) was dismissed from the Boston church to the Reading Church. Λ careful reading of the record shows that his name is not included in the group of those who came from Boston. Mr. Joseph B. Walker of Concord, N. H., at whose request I made the above examination, has a work in preparation on the Walker Family, and in it he will give my copy of that portion of the church record, which illustrates and explains the above entry relating to Samuel Walker.]

B. 45, P. 127:—I, Jacob Hamblet of Woburn, in consideration of £4, do mortgage to Samuel Walker Jr. of Woburn, 3 acres at Lubber's Brook. Dower of Mary Hamblet released. Feb. 7, 1694. Jacob Hamblet and seal.

Mary Hamblet her mark and seal.

Ack. Jan. 1744 by Abraham Jaquith, a witness. Rec. June 6, 1745. Not discharged.

B. 45, P. 128:-I, Jacob Hamblet of Woburn, in consideration of £25, convey to Samuel Walker, Jr., of Woburn, 14 acres at Lubber's Brook. Dower of Mary Hamblet released. Aug. 30, 1694.

Jacob Hamblet and seal.

Mary Hamblet her mark and seal.

Feb. 5, 1744, Abraham Jaquith, one of the witnesses testified to the acknowledgment Rec. June 6, 1745.

[The land described in this, and the two subsequent deeds, is situated near Billerica Line. See B. 45, P. 131, infra.]

B. 45, P. 129:—I, Isaac Farrer of Woburn, in consideration of £5, convey to Samuel Walker, Jr. 27 acres at Lubber's Brook. Jan. 30, 1695.

Isaac Farrer and seal.

Ack. Dec. 11, 1744. Rec. June 6, 1745.

B. 45, P. 130:—I, Jacob Hamblet of Woburn, in consideration of £6, convey to Samuel Walker, Jr. 2 acres of meadow joining to Lubber's Brook. Sept. 4, 1695.

Jacob Hamblet and seal.

Ack. Mar. 20, 1744, by Timothy Reed one of the witnesses. Rec. June 6, 1745.

B. 45, P. 131:-I, John Wyman, Jr., of Woburn, in consideration of £24, convey to Samuel Walker. Jr., of Woburn, 8 acres of meadow at Lubber's Brook at Billerica town line, and part of it within Billerica bounds. Dec. 29, 1696.

John Wyman and seal.

Ack. Jan. 31, 1722. Rec. June 6, 1745.

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