

Summary of Witness Tree Research for Central  
Massachusetts Towns

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Methods of research for witness or boundary tree data

Trees recorded as boundary markers in original property surveys (from about 1717 to 1792) were used to describe the composition and distribution of the forests of the central New England study area.

A review of the Proprietor's Record Books yielded the most information on trees used to mark plot boundaries of a town's earliest land owners and settlers. The detail available in these records varied from being a descriptive narrative of lot boundaries, to individual lot maps, to town plans with lot locations mapped out. Proprietor's records, if in existence, are usually held in a vault at a town's Town Hall under the Town Clerk's authority. In the case of a few towns, especially those in Worcester County, proprietor's records have been microfilmed and are kept in the Mass. State Archives (in the Mormon's Files), or have been published and are available in town libraries.

Information on the earliest proprietors or settlers in a town is available in town history books, which also often include reconstructed or original maps of the settlements. This information was used look up deed abstracts at the county registry of deeds. Though many of the plots were traceable, witness trees were seldom used and only a small amount of data were gathered this way.

A search of records from The Great and General Court at the Mass. State Archives produced plan maps and boundary descriptions of grants or purchases of land. As these were generally large tracts of land, relatively little data were available from the court records.

Summary of Data by Town

Ashburnham (Dorchester's Canada)

Ashburnham Town Hall has the town proprietors' records from 1736-1839, Box number 864106. Vol. A-1, Proprietary Records 1736-1801 has records of Committees formed, votes, road repair, etc. Vol. B-2, The Records of Ashburnham 1765-1801, has lots for soldier's compensation and other grantees described, but not in detail and no trees are mentioned. Also road layout is described. Andrew Wilder was an original surveyor. The town was laid out in 80 acre lots with additions of 40 acres. A sawmill was included in the original plan.

Stearns, Ezra S., History of Ashburnham Mass. 1734-1886., describes seven original grants with maps from 1734-1771. It also lists original proprietors and later owners of the lots through the first four divisions. Copies of the relevant pages are included here.

The seven original grants and some of the early land owners follow:

I. Starr Grant, heirs of Thomas Starr (1735)->Thomas Green-> Joseph Wilder Jr. and John Joslin, years later they sold it in small lots.

II. Cambridge Grant, first tract of land severed from wilderness in Ashburnham, also called the Bridge Farm in Dorchester's Canada, 1000 acres, sold in several lots;

Thomas Adams (1768) 100 acres->Joshua Billings 80 acres

->John Adams

Isaac Stearns (1765)->Samuel Adams (1769) 75 acres

->Simon Proctor (1772)

->Ebenezer Fletcher (1772)

Samuel Russell (1769)

Antil Gallop (1771)

III. Lexington Grant (1734) 1000 acres-> sold to German emigrants (1757) called Dutch Farms.

IV. Bluefield Grant 450 acres, Benjamin Bellows (1734) called Bellows Farm->William Jones (1737)->Enos and Isaac

Jones

->Ephraim Wetherbee (1737)->Ephraim

Wheeler

V. Converse Grant (1734) 400 acres, Robert Converse->Josiah

Converse->Gershom Keyes->Hezekia Gates (1746)->Joseph Wilder Jr., became part of Wilder farm.

VI. Rolfe Grant (1735) 600 acres, Rev. Benf. Rolfe->John Greenwood (1750) divided into settlers lots.

VII. Dorchester Canada or Township Grant, Thomas Tilestone, Joseph Wilder, William Royal (1736).

I looked for entries of these and subsequent transactions at the Registry of Deeds in Worcester, which are on microfilm because of their age, but could find very few trees (one red oak, one chestnut) mentioned as boundary markers.

Ashby, see Townsend

Athol (from Gordon Whitney)

Athol Town Hall has Proprietors' Records volumes 1 and 2. Gordon Whitney recorded 288 trees from the years 1724 to 1784. The first groups of settlers came to the area in 1735 -36 and settled on Pequag Hill. Most of the lots were laid out in 1761-63 and are in the 6 square mile boundaries of the town, which includes Athol and part of Orange.

Bare or Open Hill was said to have no trees when the first settlers came.

Barre

A large portion of the Rutland Proprietor's records relate to the area which is now Barre, called the North West Quarter of Rutland in the records (see Rutland). A map of the area was made in 1844 which has the farm and lot numbers labeled which correspond to lot descriptions in proprietor's records. I recorded 51 trees, which is all that is available from these records, from the years 1724 to 1739. A map of the

lots on which the trees are noted (included in this report) shows that the trees recorded are scattered all over Barre.

Bernardston, including Leyden (Fall Town)

Bernardston Town Hall has Proprietors' of Fall Town 1735-1819, Parts 1 and 2. These records have Proprietors' Lots, petition to the court, agreement from the court, minutes of meetings, and town plans and individual lot maps. About 30 trees were mentioned as boundary markers in the entire record. Leyden and Bernardston town histories indicate that settlement occurred at about the same time in both portions of town, so I assume the trees recorded apply to the whole area.

Clinton, see Lancaster

Deerfield (Pocumtuck)

Deerfield Town Hall has the proprietors' records from 1699-1799 and the Deerfield Town Book to 1762. These have minutes of proprietors' meetings and some boundary descriptions. Property boundaries are recorded in detail for 1736 and 1737 which is the division of the Green River settlement and is now in the towns of Greenfield and Gill.

Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association at Memorial Hall in Old Deerfield has original and copied maps and manuscripts of one settlement and several individual lots in Deerfield, Greenfield, Gill Whately, and Conway. Of interest is the Deerfield Community Manuscripts Box 1. The East Mountain Division of Lands in 1740 is an area that is now Deerfield and is described as lying between the town westerly and the Connecticut easterly, Deerfield River northerly and a division of lots running from the country road (south of Long Hill) to the Connecticut River. Thirteen trees are mentioned in the lot layouts. A special feature mentioned is a tract of pines on Sugar Loaf Plain. Other grants described that are in Deerfield are Samuel Northams Grant of 1735 on East Mountain and Smead Grant. Twelve trees were recorded from these grants. A list of local place names was also found in this box and is included in this report.

In Map Book 5, page 21 at the Greenfield Registry of Deeds is a map of the Common Field Fence in Deerfield of 1793, see map. Twenty-one trees are used as boundary markers in the narrative of this map.

Sheldon, George. A History of Deerfield Vol. 1. Pocumtuck 1636-1886. Deerfield, Mass. 1895.

Melvoin, Richard I. New England Outpost: War and Society in Colonial Frontier Deerfield, Massachusetts. PH.D. Dissertation, University of Michigan 1983.

Melvoin, Richard I. New England Outpost: War and Society in Colonial Deerfield. N.Y.: N.W. Norton and Co. 1989.

Erving (Ervingshire)

Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Franklin Records Book 2, page 623 has plan map of John Erving's grants. Boundary descriptions of most

plots can be traced through deed record books by starting with John Erving, but few trees are used as boundary markers.

Care, Pearl et al. The History of Erving, Massachusetts. Turners Falls, MA. Pioneer Litho Inc. 1983., has information on other grants making up Erving. Some of these are traceable at the registry of deeds, but mention no trees.

Fitchburg, see Lunenburg

Gardner, see Westminster and Winchendon

#### Gill and Greenfield

Both Greenfield and Gill were part of Deerfield until 1753 when the area was set off as Greenfield. Gill separated from Greenfield in 1793. Both towns were comprised the area called the Green River settlement, the seven square mile grant, or sometimes Pocumtuck. In 1736/37 the area was surveyed and lots laid out. A large portion of the Deerfield Proprietors' records are concerned with this area and it is almost always referred to as "north of Cheapside and east of the Green River". The lots are described with maps, lot numbers and divisions, and trees are often used as boundary markers. I recorded 112 trees for the Greenfield/Gill area.

In order to separate Gill and Greenfield lots, a list of the earliest settlers in each town, a good map of place names, and a lot of time would be needed. Stoughton's history of Gill gives a good start for doing this. He has mapped the location and lot numbers of the northern half of Gill which can be used as a guide through the proprietor's records to place any trees mentioned in those lots in Gill. Thompson's history of Greenfield is also helpful in that he at least describes all the Main Street residences which are now in Greenfield. One problem that might result from separating the Greenfield from Gill lots is that there may not be a large enough sample size to split between two towns.

Thompson, Francis M. History of Greenfield: Shire Town of Franklin County Massachusetts, Vol. 1. Greenfield, MA. 1904., has vegetative descriptions from "early times" for several places in Greenfield. Petty's Plain was "covered with large pine timber, the underbrush of which was kept subdued by an annual burning over by the Indians", Irish Plains was "covered by sweet fern waist high", Lop Plain "was celebrated for its immense pine timber, the uprooted stumps of which formed a large portion of its fences", White Ash Swamp was the great swamp lying between the village and Fall River, Trap Plain was "heavily wooded and was much resorted to by local hunters".

Stoughton, Ralph M. History of the Town of Gill, Massachusetts 1793-1943, vol. 1. Greenfield, MA: E.A. Hall and Co., Inc. 1978.

#### Hardwick (Lambstown)

The Hardwick Town Hall has town records from the time of settlement. Town meetings, births, deaths, and marriages, and other information is recorded in these books, but no property descriptions. Neither the town hall or the historical society seem to have the Proprietors' Records.

It may be possible to get some trees from the Worcester County Registry of Deeds with a list of early settlers.

#### Hubbardston

Hubbardston is indicated as the North East Quarter of the town of Rutland in the Rutland Proprietors' Records (see Rutland). The tree sample is scattered over the entire area which was laid out into house lots and great farms at one time. I tallied 74 trees from the survey of 1737, but settlement didn't start in earnest until about 1766 (Blake, see Rutland).

#### Lancaster, including Clinton

Lancaster Town Hall has Proprietors' Records vols. 1 and 3. Boundaries are described for lots which were laid out from 1659 to the 1800s. Up to page 233 in volume three is a transcription of the original records, following which are lots in towns that split off from Lancaster including Boylston, Harvard, Berlin, and Bolton. For the area that is now in Lancaster and Clinton, I have recorded 115 trees from the years 1689-1740.

The area that is now in Lancaster was settled by a few families in 1643, had 50 families by 1667, and a possible population of 356 in 1708.

The area in the town of Clinton was part of a 1701 land purchase by Lancaster. John Prescott owned 1200 acres of land in southern Lancaster and in what is now Clinton. He set up a the first saw mill along the south branch of the Nashua River in 1659. The land was described as a "dense pine forest land" and that below Prescott's mills was "undisturbed forest" until 1791 when the fifth John Prescott died (Tymeson). In 1750 there were still just 50 people in the Clinton area, but after 1809 it quickly became an industrial mill town.

Marvin, A.P. History of Lancaster Massachusetts. Lancaster 1879., has maps of the house lots of the original settlers, their names, the 1790s map, and lots of local history.

Safford, Marion Fuller. The Story of Colonial Lancaster. The Tuttle Publishing Co. Inc. Rutland, VT. 1937., has a map of home lots of the first settlers in areas that is somewhat more readable than the Marvin map.

Tymeson, Milford Mc Clary. The Lancastrian towns. Barre, Massachusetts: Barre Publishers, 1967.

#### Leominster (additional grant to Lancaster)

Leominster Town Hall should have, but couldn't find their Proprietor's records. The Leominster Public Library and the State Archives have the Mormon copies of the Proprietors' Records from 1701-1847, volumes 1 and 2 (Mormon's Files 86761). I recorded 253 trees (up to page 50) from the years 1727 to 1757. Place names and descriptions used in the records show that the sample area for the witness trees is scattered all over Leominster.

#### Leverett

Information on Leverett is in the Sunderland Proprietors' Records at the Sunderland Town Hall. I used local features and place names to

separated Leverett properties from Sunderland. I recorded 156 trees on or near areas mentioned on maps or listed as being in Leverett by Taft and Montague (see Sunderland). The place names are of areas scattered around Leverett.

#### Lunenburg, including Fitchburg

Davis, Walter A. The Proprietors' Records of the Town of Lunenburg, Massachusetts Including Fitchburg and a portion of Ashby 1729-1833. Fitchburg 1897., gives boundary descriptions and locations according to local features. I cannot differentiate between Lunenburg and Fitchburg in the tree sample.

#### Montague

Montague Town Hall has Town Record Books including a portion copied from Sunderland's records as North Parish of Sunderland. I used local place names to identify properties located in the current boundaries of Montague.

Deed studies of W.C. Wentworth have locations of original proprietors north of the old Sunderland town line.

#### New Salem

Wetherbee, David Kenneth. Heare Lyes Salem New Grant 1734-1763. New Salem, MA. Hop Book Community, 1980., lists early proprietors and their lots. It also gives a tentative map of lot locations. A search of the Franklin County Registry of Deeds for the names listed by Wetherbee did not turn up any trees.

New Salem Town Hall had a fire in 1856 which destroyed the original records.

#### Northfield (Squakege)

The secretary at the Northfield Town Hall has recently transcribed Town Meeting and Proprietors' Book. It has highway and property boundary locations from 1720 to 1828. I recorded 89 trees mentioned as witness trees in these records from areas scattered around Northfield as indicated by the place names used in the property descriptions.

Northfield Library has parts of Indian Deeds, a few deeds, and portions of the Proprietors' records on microfilm.

Temple, J.H.; Sheldon, George. History of the Town of Northfield Massachusetts, For 150 Years. Albany, NY. Joel Munsell, 1875. describes locations of land features and some house lots. In particular Dry Swamp is described as "brush wood in 1673 and had become well timbered with oal and hard pine in 1714", it lay to the south of Great Swamp and applies to the lands drained by Miller's brook, extending from the home lots on the west to the six-rod highway on the east.

#### Pelham (Lisburn)

Pelham Town Hall has the Proprietors' Book No. 1, 1738-1767 which has two town plan maps and lots descriptions. I recorded 241 trees which are located within the boundaries of the town as it was when it was called New Lisburn.

Petersham (tallied by Gordon Whitney)

Coolidge, Mabel Cook. The History of Petersham, Massachusetts. The Petersham Historical Society, Inc. 1948., indicates locations for early settlers in areas all over Petersham. Because of the this and the large number of trees recorded by Gordon, 288, I assume that the sample area also covers most of the town.

Princeton (East Wing of Rutland)

The Proprietors' records for Rutland (see Rutland) don't have detailed descriptions for the East Wing. It only gives lots drawn, acreage, and names and acres of meadow lot divisions. No trees are mentioned.

Royalston

Proprietors's Records are mentioned in the town history book, but so far I have not been able to interest any town officials in looking in the vaults (they all work out of their homes). Barb Richardson (508-249-9641) is the town clerk and is willing to meet with someone on a Saturday afternoon to look in the vaults for the records.

Caswell Lilley B. The History of the Town of Royalston, Massachusetts 1762-1917. Town of Royalston, 1917.

Rutland

The Mass. State Archives has a copy of Rutland Proprietors' Records, 1722-1792 in the Mormon files. The area that is now in Rutland was referred to as the six mile square or the settlers part. Other towns which were set off from Rutland are included in the proprietors' records but can be distinguished by their locations (see Barre and Hubbardston). Individual lot maps, owner, boundary descriptions, and dates are given for each lot. Rutland was laid out by divisions in different areas over an extended period of time. I tallied 91 trees over a wide time span, 1723 to 1795, so the sample distribution probably covers all of the current boundaries of Rutland.

Reed, Jonas. A History of Rutland; Worcester County, Massachusetts From its Earliest Settlement with a Biography of its First Settlers. Worcester: Mirick and Bartlett Printers, 1836.

Blake, Francis Everett. History of the Town of Princeton in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1759-1915, Vol. 1. Princeton: 1915.

Murphy, Timothy C. History of Rutland in Massachusetts, 1713-1968. Northeastern University, Rutland Historical Society, Inc. 1970.

Shutesbury (Road Town) including a portion of Wendell

Hampshire Co. Registry of Deeds in Greenfield has the Proprietors' Records and plan map in the Hampshire Abstract Record Book 1, p. 315. Shutesbury and Wendell proprietors' lots are in book 5, pages 12 and 13. I recorded 78 trees for the southern part of Shutesbury (avoiding duplicating trees Gordon tallied).

Two of Nathaniel Dwight's manuscript field books of surveys of Roadtown are at the Belchertown Historical Society. One of these may

have been used by David Kenneth Wetherbee to plot trees on the 1751 survey map of N. Dwight of the northern part of Roadtown in his book (see New Salem). Gordon Whitney recorded 130 trees from Wetherbee's map for the northern part of Shutesbury (map included in report).

#### Sterling (Second Precinct of Lancaster)

Sterling was a district of Lancaster until 1781. It was also called West Parish, Chocksett, Washacum, and possibly Sterling new grant. No mention of these names appears in the Lancaster Proprietor's records, so it may have happened that the second volume contained Sterling grants, was given to Sterling and was burned in a fire at the Sterling Town Hall in 1850.

The land was part of the 1701 land purchase and a region called the Shrewsbury leg which were added to Lancaster. The first few settlers in Sterling went to the area in 1720 and were followed by an influx of settlers from 1730 to 1740.

#### Sunderland (Swampfield)

Sunderland Town Hall has Town Meetings 1A and 1B. Boundary descriptions begin in the middle of Town Meeting Book, 1757-1816. Montague and Leverett are included in these records, which I separated by using local place names from maps and Taft and Montague.

Taft, Henry; Montague, Abbie. History of Sunderland. 1899., gives locations (Sunderland, Montague, or Leverett) of features used to describe placement of properties in the proprietors' records.

#### Templeton (Narragansett No. 6) including Phillipston

The Mass. State Archives has the Proprietors' Records (didn't check town hall) in the Mormon files. A very clean and orderly copy follows the original records. I tallied 202 trees from these records which I feel represent both Templeton and Phillipston because the divisions occurred before Phillipston (Gerry) was set off.

#### Townsend, (Turkey Hills) including part of Ashby

Town Hall has Proprietors' Records, Town of Townsend. Town history, meetings, and boundary descriptions (beginning page 101) are included. I recorded about 198 trees for the years 1731 to 1747 in the area which is now Ashby and Townsend.

A very old and faded plot map for the town is on the town hall wall.

#### Warwick (Roxbury or Gardner's Canada)

Warwick Town Hall has Roxbury or Gardner's Canada, 1736- 1771, Records of Proprietors. The records have meeting notes, votes, and book keeping, but no boundary lines. It mentions a Book of Proprietors' which is not at the town hall. Original sheep skin maps with plot boundaries, one with settlers names, are in the vault.

Numerous deeds are recorded in the Hampshire county abstracts, books 1-4, at the Greenfield registry. Fifty-three trees were obtained from a thorough review of these records.

Blake, Jonathan et al. History of the Town of Warwick From its First Settlement to 1854. Boston. Noyels Holmes, and Co. 1873., mentions a few of the first land owners.

Morse, Charles A. Warwick, Massachusetts Biography of a Town 1763-1963., describes the first grants of Warwick. Morse put together a map of the property boundaries of 1830s inhabitants, which is in his book and at the historical society.

#### Whately, part of Hatfield

The Hatfield Town Hall and the Hampshire County Registry of deeds in Northampton have copies of town records which include grants and the layout of divisions. Boundary descriptions are given by distance and angles and do not include any witness trees. Also no trees were found in the records of later land sales at the Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

Crafts, James M. History of the Town of Whately, Mass. 1661-1899. Orange, MA. D.L. Crandall, Mann's Block, 1899., has a list and locations of many of the early settlers of Whately.

Temple, J.H. History of the Town of Whately, Mass: Including a Narrative of Events Leading from the First Planting of Hatfield, 1660-1871. Whately, Mass.: 1872., has a complete list of the divisions and the settlers of Hatfield which became part of Whately.

#### Wendell

Wendell Town Clerk at the town offices has Wendell Town Book No. 1-8. No boundary descriptions are given.

Some grants and transfers of land from the Erving Grant map which are in Wendell are recorded at the Registry of Deeds, but no trees are mentioned.

#### Westminster (Narragansett No. 2), including half of Gardner

The Westminster Town Clerk has the Proprietors' Records from 1728-1756. Clear boundary descriptions and map are given. I recorded 175 trees which are scattered all over Westminster as can be seen on the map.

#### Winchendon (Ipswich Canada)

Plantation of Ipswich Canada, 1735-1794 is at the Winchendon Town Hall. Maps and boundary descriptions which include many witness trees are included. I recorded 145 trees which are located throughout the six mile square township.

### Special Landscape Features and Species Mentioned

Athol- pine plain of 16022 acres, see John Erving Esq. Grant map

Deerfield- tract of pines on Sugar Loaf Plain

Greenfield- called Greenfield meadows

Lancaster- cranberry, common rocky pine land, common pine hill, rocky oak land, walnut swamp, timber plain, oak hill

Leverett- boggie meadow, brushy meadow, ash swamp

Lancaster- great pine plain

Lunenburg- pine ridge, pitch pine, clay pit meadow

Montague- pine plain

Northfield- dry swamp, described as brush wood in 1673 which became well timbered with oak and hard pine in 1714, south of Great Swamp, being the land drained by Miller's Brook

Pelham- ash swamp, pitch pine

Rutland- walnut hill, oak hill, pine plains, cedar swamp

Shutesbury- flatt spruce country, clay loam, black soil, tall spruce stand, hemlock and beech stand, see copied map of Shutesbury

Sunderland- plumbtrees

Templeton- ash swamp

Townsend- pitch pine, ash swamp, swamp, pine land

Westminster- pine plain, cedar swamp, beech hall meadow

Winchendon- pine land, beech land, spruce swamp



Total Number of All Trees Recorded for All Towns

	HUB	BARRE	LEO	WAR	PHAM	ATHO	N.SHU	S.SH	LAN	WEST	MONT	DEER	LEV	GRNF	SUND	LUNE	RUT	TEMP	NORTH	WINC	TOWN	PELH	BERN
CHESTNUT	0	4	24	8	35	20	14	14	9	13	21	4	12	6	6	13	15	11	6	0	8	46	2
YEL OAK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
RED OAK	0	4	39	2	23	0	0	6	17	8	11	3	12	0	10	5	6	3	1	0	14	0	2
WHITE OAK	2	13	96	1	46	14	6	12	87	1	46	7	69	31	38	19	13	0	39	0	23	60	4
OAK	3	0	0	0	8	32	1	4	4	5	12	3	3	1	2	3	10	3	1	0	6	2	1
BLACK OAK	4	5	12	1	35	0	4	15	40	0	19	4	15	6	8	7	3	1	9	0	8	0	1
GREY OAK	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0
BLACK BIRC	2	1	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	2	14	0	0
BIRCH	1	0	1	2	15	12	9	2	0	7	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	6	3	3	0	6	4
WHT BIRCH	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
RED ASH	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
WHITE ASH	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
ASH	2	4	3	0	12	6	13	3	0	9	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	4	1	1	2	6	0
BEECH	5	1	1	13	15	14	32	2	0	39	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	34	0	31	29	0	1
HEMLOCK	6	4	6	12	35	49	26	0	1	35	3	0	0	12	3	6	10	49	3	37	9	3	5
SPRUCE	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	9	3	0	3	8	0	0	1	4	2	6	1	0	1
PINE	4	2	12	1	38	84	1	9	28	4	26	8	11	17	25	17	1	20	14	22	39	19	2
PITCH PINE	10	1	12	0	8	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	4	6	25	0
WHITE PINE	14	3	11	3	35	12	4	2	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	11	1	12	18	4	1
MAPLE	9	3	14	7	35	20	10	0	0	23	1	3	6	4	4	11	7	36	2	21	26	4	2
WALNUT	0	1	5	0	4	0	4	5	5	0	11	1	9	4	7	1	1	0	4	0	0	15	2
POPLAR	4	2	5	0	15	6	3	0	1	3	2	0	3	1	2	4	2	6	0	0	2	11	2
BOXWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BASS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
BUTTONWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOGWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MOUNT OAK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
PIPERAGE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHEST OAK	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WITCH HAZE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
ELM	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	1	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
CHERRY	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
HORNWOOD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HORNBEAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BLACK ASH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
SAXAFAX	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RED BEECH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
WITCH ELM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
JUNIPER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
HACKMETACK	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
BUTTERNUT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	74	51	253	53	359	281	131	78	198	175	165	45	156	112	116	105	91	202	89	145	218	241	30

TABLE 1. PERCENTAGE SPECIES COMPOSITION OF PRESETTLEMENT FORESTS OF FIVE STUDY SITES.

Site	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Springfield	Brookfield	Holden	Athol	Shutesbury
	1685	1701-34	1724-68	1737-84	1751-56
Pine sp.*	53	2	15	29	1
White pine		2	5	4	3
Pitch pine		5	-	1	
Oak sp.*	1	1	5	11	1
White oak	14	47	20	5	5
Black oak	12	19	4		3
Red oak	5	7	10		
Chestnut oak			1		
Hickory	5	6	1		3
Chestnut	6	5	8	7	11
Beech		-	2	5	25
Maple	-	1	8	7	8
Birch			5	4	7
Cherry				1	1
Basswood		-	-		
Hemlock	1	2	8	17	20
Tamarack				1	
Spruce			-		2
Ash	-	1	2	2	10
Elm			1	1	
Poplar	-	1	2	2	2
No. trees noted in survey	172	378	297	288	130

Note change of composition from oak in south to beech and hemlock in north.

\* indicates surveyors did not identify species of pine or oak.

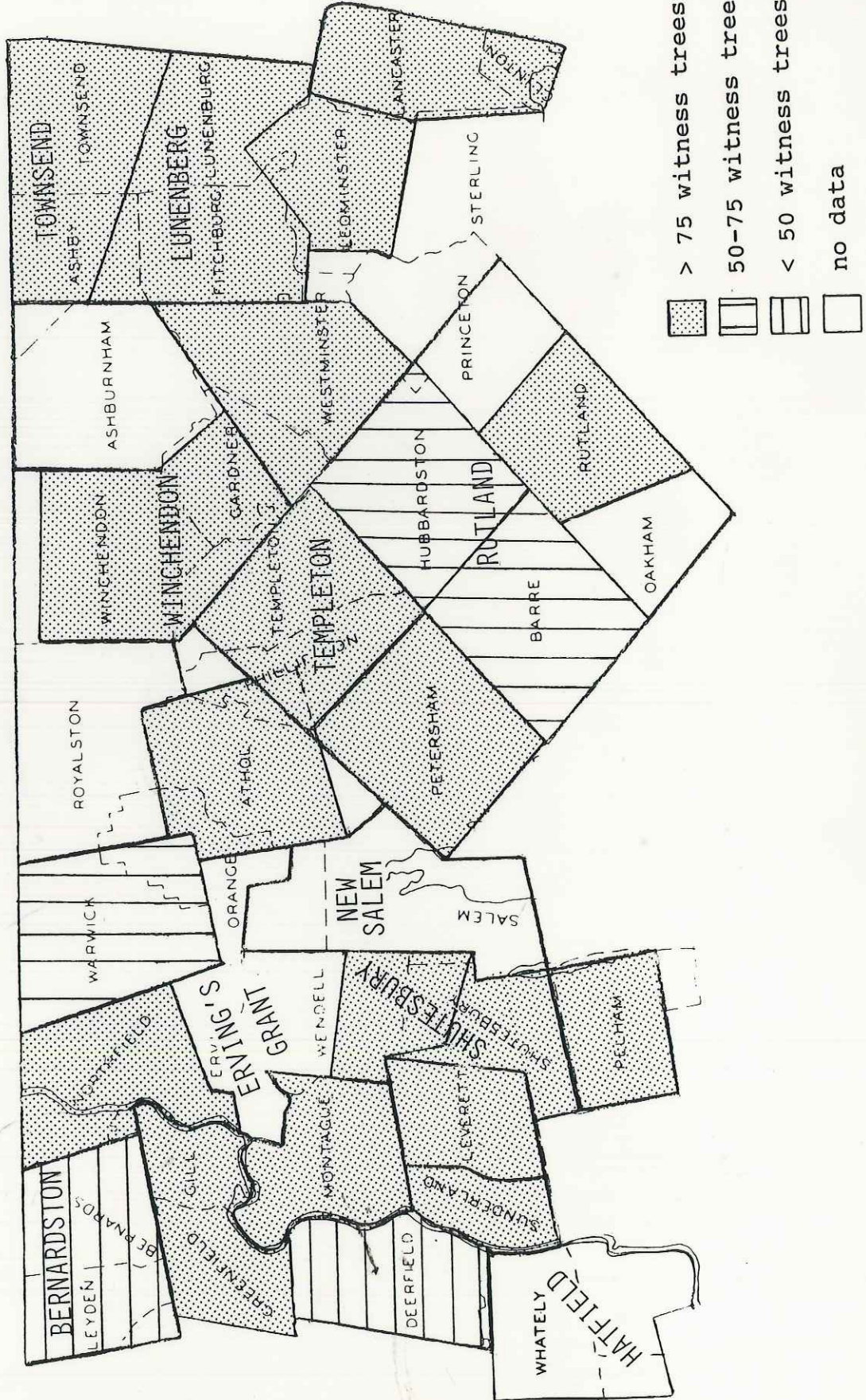
- indicates species present at < 0.5 per cent.

Dates are dates of land surveys. Sources of information are as follows: Springfield - Burt (1898); Shutesbury - Nathaniel Dwight's manuscript field book of survey of northern part of Roadtown, Belchertown Historical Society; Athol, Holden, Brookfield - early proprietors' records in manuscript form in respective town clerks' offices.

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Central Massachusetts Witness Tree Study Area



Med elev.	Springs	Petersham	Attol	Wendell, Shutesbury Newburgh
pine	53	10 ✓	29	
white pine		9 ✓	4	4
pitch pine		2 ✓	1	
<del>pine total</del>	<del>53</del>	<del>21</del>	<del>34</del>	<del>4</del>
OAK		2 ✓	11	
white oak	14	15 ✓	5	5
black oak	12	9 ✓		3
red oak	5	6 ✓		
<del>oak total</del>	<del>31</del>	<del>32</del>	<del>16</del>	<del>8</del>
hickory c. nuttallii	5	1		3
chestnut	6	9 ✓	7	11
beech		4 ✓	5	25
maple	*	9 ✓	7	8
birch		4 ✓	4	7
hemlock	1	9 ✓	17	20
Ash	*	3 ✓	2	10
poplar	*	4 ✓	2	2
<u>BAFT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>60</u>
# trees	172	384	288	130

3 representation of witness trees

Table 1

still need data on substrate, rate forest clearance





middle of the towne three rod in bredth Easterlie into the woods or mountaine: and Westerlie it shall run into the meadows; leaving it to be laid out in the most convenient place as may best accomodate the meadows and the fesibleness of the passage into the same: att the reare of John Stebbins Lot it runs four rod on the banke then to runn through the meadow to the river.

4. That as to the more higher sort of Lands called Intervale or plowland we order that [there] shall be two divisions made of the same out of both which all the proprietors shall [receive] their proportion: the first division which we judge best for the qualitie of Land begining Northerlie att the river called pacumtuck fronting Westerlie on the pine hill [and the] land called meadow or mowing land runnng Easterlie to the mountaine and extending Southerlie to the Towne Plott: then to begin againe on the South side of the towne at Eagle Brook and so being fronted by the meadow Westerlie to runn till it come [to a ridg] of falling land and there to terminate and end the which running Easterlie to the [woods] or mountaine.

A 2d division to begin att the aforesaid ridg of land where the other ended and [so to run] Westerlie over the river by a ridg of high land which divides between the [intervale] and mowing land there till it comes to the hills or woods and so all the proprietors to have their lotts run through on both sides of the river from the mountaine Westerlie [to the] mountaine and swamp Easterlie till the high land-on the West side be runn out—the remainder to take their lotts on the East side of the river in the rest of the Intervale land till it be runn out to the wood land.

5 That there shall be a highway two rods in bredth which shall runn through both the divisions above mentioned both Southerlie and Northerlie; the highway running Northerlie to runn to pacomtuck river and so out into the woods [so that each] proprietor may come to his land which highway is left to be laid out for place as conveniency the best advantage may suite.

6 That there shall be a highway 2 rod in bredth running through the meadow lying on the East side of the river from one end to another—Northerlie and Southerlie [so] every man may come to his land.

7 That all the proprietors take up a proportion proportionable in the meadow Lands lying over the west side of the river and that there be a highway 2 rod in bredth run throughout the said meadow in the most convenient place as may best advantage the said [Land and] that every man may come att his land:

Whereas Samll Hinsdell, desiring to Injoy a percell of Land on which [at] present he is resident and saith it was granted him by the town of De[dham] and understanding by Capt. Pynchon (who was then present when it was [asked] for) that he thinks it was intended so and finding the piece said to be inconsiderable for qualitie and quantity being about 3 or 4 acres and he abating as much in the 2d of his divisions of plow land; the said tract not also prejudicing any man's lott or lotts; we judge he may Injoy the said percell of land considering his expense on the same; and no damage is done either to the Comons [or] any particular proprietor.

That from the way running through the meddow on the est side [of the] river at the northerlie end there shall be a way left of 2 rod in bredth leading to the river westerlie that there may be a passage to the same from the land lying opposite on the west side of the river.

A list of the houselots drawn by the Committee this 14:3:71: [May 14, 1671.]

	Lots	Commons	Acres	Roods	Rods
Robt Ware, Nat'l Fisher	1	15	00	5	7½
Eleazer Lusher, Gent	2	9	1	3	30¾
Timothy Dwight's farm	3				
John Allin, Gent	4	16	0	5	24
John Hubbard	5	3	0	1	9½
Tim <sup>e</sup> Dwight	6	12	0	4	38
Anthony Fisher, Jr.	7				
Ensign Phillips	8	16	0	5	24
Samll Hinsdell	9	16	0	5	24
Peter Wooderd	10	20	0	7	10
Samson Frary	11	9	3	3	22½
Capt Pynchon	12	16	4	5	¾
John Stebbins	13	20	0	7	10
Capt Pynchon	14	18	0	6	17
John Fuller	15	9	3½	3	28
Peter Wooderd	16	20	0	7	10½
Mary Hayward	17	11	0	3	21½
John Harrington	18	18	2	6	0
Ed Richards farm	19				
Church Lott	20	8	0	2	¾
Leift Fishers farm	21				
Seargt Avery	22	13	1	4	25¾
Thomas Mason	23	13	1	4	25¾
John Bacon	24	7	3	2	29½
Seargt Thomas Fuller	25	20	0	7	10
Samll Daniell	26	12	0	4	38
Deacon Chicerins	27	8	3	2	12
John Haward	28	8	0	2	¾
Peter Wooderd	29	20	0	7	10
Isaac Bullard	30	11	1	3	¾
Rob Hinsdell	31	8	0	2	¾
Natl Coleborne	32	11	1	3	¾
Ensign Phillips	33	16	0	5	¾
Leift Fisher	34	6	1	2	¾
Samll Hinsdell	35	16	0	5	¾
Samll Hinsdell	36	14	3½	5	30¾
Mrs Bunker	37	17	3	6	¾
Ensigne Phillips	38	16	0	5	¾
John Baker	39	13	2	4	¾
John Gaye	40	11	2	3	¾
Ensign Daniell Fisher	41	13	0	4	¾
Thomas Paine	42	6	0	2	¾
Capt Pynchon	43	20	0	7	10
[Total,		515	35]		"

The town plot laid out by this committee in 1671 is that of today. The highways are essentially unchanged. Many of the lines now bounding the meadow lots are those laid out under the "artist" employed by these men. Many of the house lots are changed by bargain and sale to a more convenient size, while others remain the same.

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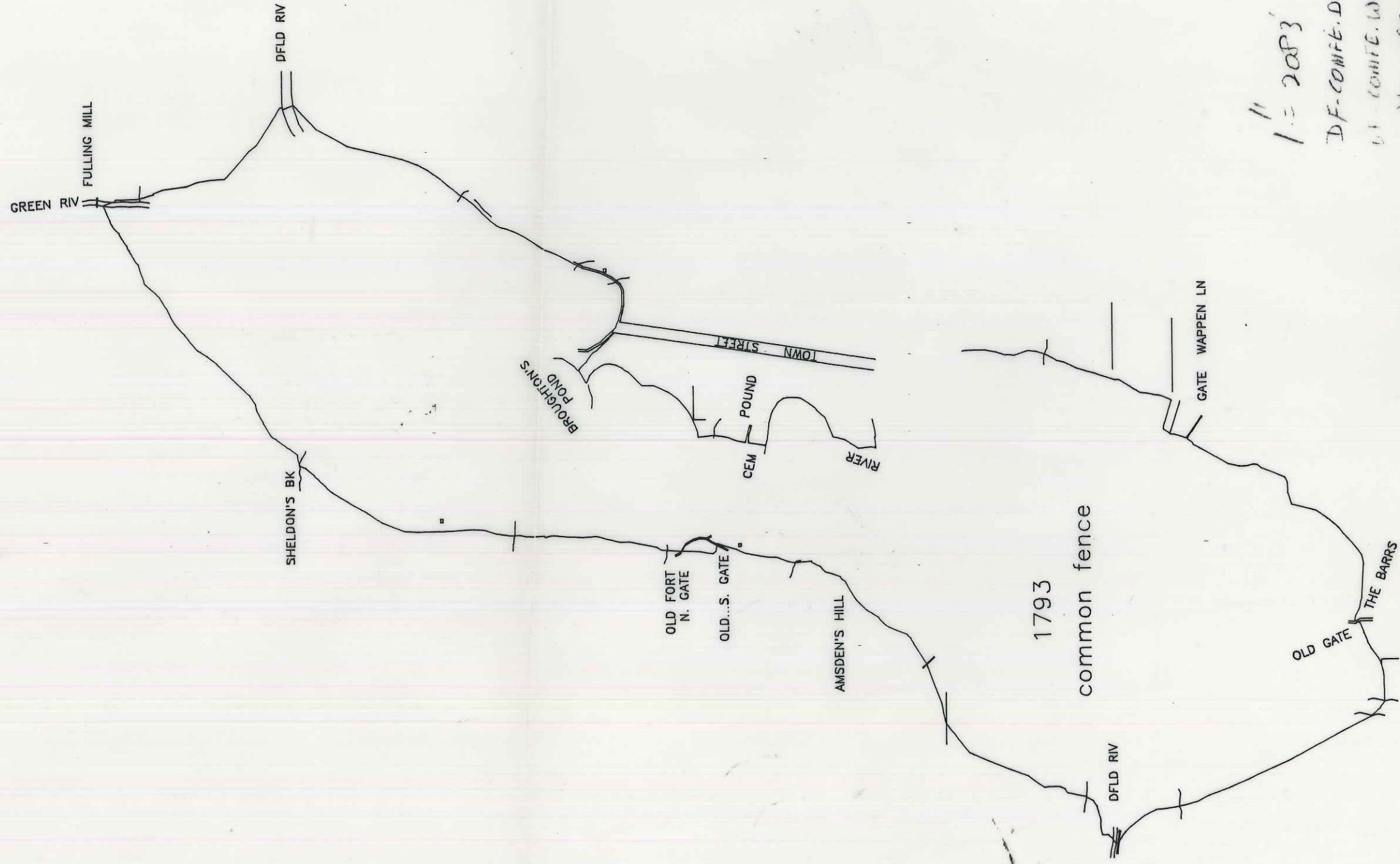
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association

1896-1897

Year	Month	Day	Event
1896	Jan	1	...
1896	Jan	2	...
1896	Jan	3	...
1896	Jan	4	...
1896	Jan	5	...
1896	Jan	6	...
1896	Jan	7	...
1896	Jan	8	...
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1896	Jan	28	...
1896	Jan	29	...
1896	Jan	30	...
1896	Jan	31	...

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1" = 2000'  
 DF-COMFE. DWL  
 DT-COMFE. WQ1  
 Nov 1991

Overlay on Topo map of  
 Deerfield.

APPENDIX E

DATA ON SETTLEMENT AT DEERFIELD, 1680-1688

I. Grants of New or Additional Lands  
52 grants made to 41 different individuals between December 13, 1680 and April 5, 1688

4 returnees on list: Thomas Hastings, Martin Smith, Lt. William Clark, Quinton Stockwell  
remaining 37 are new to town

Homelots Given by Deerfield

<u>Unspecified locale (5)</u>	<u>Plumtree Plain/Wapping (8)</u>
John Williams	Ebenezer Brooks
Samuel Field	Nathaniel Brooks
Samuel Davis	Benjamin Barrett
Lt. William Clark	James Brown
Joshua Pomeroy	Thomas Broughton
	Benjamin Hastings
	Jonathan Church
	Joseph Bodman

Green River (14 lots to 13 men)  
Layout based on DTB, p. 40

1. Samuel Smead <sup>##</sup>	2. "Mill Lot"	3. Joseph <sup>##</sup> Goddard <sup>##</sup>	4. Robert <sup>##</sup> Goddard <sup>##</sup>	5. John <sup>##</sup> Severance <sup>##</sup>	6. Jeremiah <sup>##</sup> Hull <sup>##</sup>
-- street	---	---	---	---	---
					(street continues)
Ebenezer Wells	David Hoyt	William Brooks <sup>##</sup>	William Brooks <sup>##</sup>	Edward Allen <sup>##</sup>	---
(street continues)					-----
	7. John Allyn <sup>##</sup>	8.	9.	10.	
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	street				

\*\*means individual received 20 acres at Green River also  
--Nathaniel Brooks also received 20 acres at Green River, but a homelot at Wapping  
--John Williams also received 20 acres at Green River, but a homelot in town

Green River forfeits: Nathaniel Cooke  
Robert Poag (including 20 acres)

Samuel Beamon (including 20 acres)

<u>Total Land Grants, 1680-1688</u>	
27 homelots -- 4 acres each	108 acres
11 20-acre Green River grants	220
33 cow commons granted (worth roughly 3 acres/common at that time)	99
miscellaneous grants	118
	545 acres
	(acreage for 6 grants is unknown)

II. Grants of "Wanting Lands"

33 grants made to 29 different individuals between late 1684 and April 5, 1688

4 returnees on list:	4 Pocumtuck heirs:
John Stebbins, Jr.	Joseph Gillett
Daniel Weld	John Hinsdale
Moses Crafts	Ephraim Hinsdale
William Smead	Nathaniel Sutcliffe

clear data exists for 25 grants -- total acreage of 446.5 acres

average acreage per grant: 17.9 acres

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## CHAPTER II.

### PROPRIETARY HISTORY.

THE TOWNSHIP AWARDED TO SIXTY PERSONS.—THEIR INFLUENCE OVER THE SETTLEMENT.—PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST MEETING.—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROPRIETORS.—HOUSE LOTS SURVEYED.—SITE FOR MEETING-HOUSE SELECTED.—SAW-MILL PROPOSED.—SECOND DISTRIBUTION OF LAND.—A FULLING-MILL SUGGESTED.—THE FIRST MEETING-HOUSE.—WAR WITH HEZEKIAH GATES.—THE PROVENCE LINE.—KOSSEMAN'S INN.—FEAR OF INDIANS.—BLOCK-HOUSE BUILT.—THE SETTLEMENT TEMPORARILY ABANDONED.—THE SITUATION.—CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE PROPRIETORS.—PERSONAL NOTICES.—KOSSEMAN'S PETITION.

DORCHESTER CANADA now falls into the possession of its new proprietors. Three shares or rights are reserved for public uses, and sixty are bestowed upon the persons contemplated by the charter. Thus each person to whom is allotted a right becomes the owner of one sixty-third part of the township. The committee promptly completed the service enjoined in the charter by naming the persons who were entitled to a share in the grant. Fifty-four rights were bestowed on account of service under Captain John Withington of Dorchester, and six to the soldiers, or their legal representatives, in other companies. Fortunately the report of this committee has been preserved. It presents a sad record of mortality. Only one soldier, Philip Godding, comes forward and receives in person this late reward for service to the colony. It is certain, however, that a few others, repre-

### PROPRIETARY HISTORY.

sented on this occasion by their relatives, were still living.

The sixty rights in the township were assigned as follows :

- 1—Thomas Wilder of Lancaster in Right of His wife Susannah eldest Daughter to John Pope. → *Calley Dowse*
- 2—John Swift Junr of Frammingham in the Right of His Father  
Mr John Swift eldest Brother to William Swift.
- 3—Joseph Warren of Roxbury in the Right of Elias Monk of  
Stoughton.
- 4—Benjamin Cheney of Dorchester in the Right of his Brother  
William Cheney.
- 5—Joseph Triscott of Dorchester in the Right of His Father  
Joseph Triscott.
- 6—Humphrey Atherton of Stoughton in the Right of His Father  
Consider Atherton.
- 7—Jonathan Chandler of Dorchester in the Right of His Brother  
Samuel Chandler.
- 8—Matathias Evens of Dorchester in the Right of His Brother  
Richard Evens at the Desire of his Eldest Brother Thomas  
Evens.
- 9—John Toalman Junr in the Right of His Father John Toal-  
man of Dorchester and at His Desire.
- 10—Seth Sumner of Milton in the Right of His Uncle Josianish  
Sumner at the Desire of His uncle William Sumner.
- 11—John Robinson Junr of Dorchester in Behalf of his Father  
John Robinson eldest Brother to James Robinson.
- 12—Ebenezer Crane of Braintree in the Right of Ebenezer  
Crane.
- 13—William Blake of Milton in the Right of James Morey in  
Behalf of his Mother Martha Blake eldest Daughter to  
said James Morey.
- 14—John Andrews of Dorchester in the Right of His Brother  
Thomas Andrews.
- 15—Joseph Leads of Dorchester in Behalf of His Wife Mary  
eldest Sister to Joseph Weeks.
- 16—Thomas Lyon Junr of Dorchester in Behalf of His Father  
Thomas Lyon Eldest Brother to Henry Lyon.

- 17—Richard Withington of Dorchester in the Right of His Father Capt John Withington.
- 18—Joseph Weeks of Dorchester in the Right of His Brother Thomas Weeks.
- 19—Mr William Cooper of Boston in the Right of Benjamin Hewins, at the Desire of Joseph Hewins eldest Brother of said Benjamin Hewins.
- 20—Obadiah Swift of Dorchester in the Right of His Brother James Swift.
- 21—Hezekiah Barber of Dorchester in the Right of Yonnie Madsley at the Desire of His Brother Thomas Madsley.
- 22—Ralph Pope of Dorchester in the Right of His Brother Ebenezer Pope.
- 23—Samuel Butt of Dorchester in the Right of His Uncle Richard Butt.
- 24—David Joans of Wrentham in the Right of His Uncle John Joans.
- 25—Samuel Sumner of Taunton in the Right of His Father Samuel Sumner.
- 26—Josiah Baker of Boston in the Right of His Uncle William Baker.
- 27—Mr. William Cooper of Boston in the Right of His Uncle George Menott.
- 28—Edward Kelton of Dorchester in the Right of His Father Thomas Kelton.
- 29—Robert Redman of Stoughton in the Right of His Father Charles Redman.
- 30—Samuel Kneeland of Boston in the Right of Ammiel Weeks at the Desire of His son George Weeks.
- 31—Neamiah Clap of Milton in the Right of His Brother Edward Clap.
- 32—Timothy Tilestone of Dorchester in the Right of His Brother Cornelius Tilestone.
- 33—Samuel Hinshua of Milton in the Right of Daniel Hinshua His Uncles son.

- 34—Edward Sumner of Roxbury in the Right of His Uncle Samuel Sumner.
- 35—Benjamin Sumner of Milton in the Right of His Brother William Sumner.
- 36—Robert Cook of Needham in the Right of His Brother William Cook.
- 37—Bartholame Gold of Boston in the Right of His Uncle Ebenezer Sumner.
- 38—John Charhore of Milton in the Right of His Uncle John Charhore.
- 39—Benjamin Bird Junr of Dorchester in the Right of His Uncle Thomas Bird.
- 40—Samuel Blake of Taunton in the Right of His uncle William Blake.
- 41—Thomas Tilestone Esqr of Dorchester in the Right of Capt. John Galliver at the desire of Jonathan Galliver who was admitted a Settler.
- 42—Timothy Mossman of Sudbury in the Right of His wife's Brother Samuel Hix.
- 43—Joshua George of Attleborough in the Right of His Brother William George.
- 44—James Atherton of Harvard in the Right of His Uncle Joseph Atherton.
- 45—William Sumner of Milton in the Right of William Sumner His Uncle Increase Sumners Son.
- 46—Elizabeth Trescott of Milton in the Right of Her Brother Samuel Trescott.
- 47—Joseph Chaplin of Roxbury in the Right of His Brother Moses Chaplin.
- 48—Hezekiah Barber of Dorchester in the Right of Eliab Lyon at the Desire of Zachariah Lyon Son of Nathaniel Lyon Eldest Brother to said Eliab Lyon.
- 49—Walter Lyon of Dorchester in the Right of Her Uncle Edward Wiat.
- 50—Benjamin Mansfield of Dorchester in the Right of His Nephew Peter Kelley.

- 51—Samuel Burch of Dorchester in the Right of His Uncle Eliazer Wales.
- 52—Isaac How of Dorchester in the Right of His Cussen Joseph Curfice.
- 53—Thomas Tilestone Esq<sup>r</sup> of Dorchester in the Right of Hope-still Sanders in Behalf of John Sanders.
- 54—William Royal of Stoughton in the Right of Samuel Sanders in Behalf of John Sanders.
- 55—John Sheperd of Stoughton in the Right of His Uncle John Sheperd—Maj<sup>r</sup> Wade.
- 56—Philip Gooding of Stoughton who served under Maj<sup>r</sup> Wade.
- 57—Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> of Lancaster in the Right of His Uncle Samuel Wheeler who served in the Expedition to Canada under Maj<sup>r</sup> Nathanel Wade.
- 58—Nathan Heywood of Lunenburg in the Right of John Willis His Wives Father who served under Capt Savage.
- 59—Oliver Wilder of Lancaster in the Right of Jonathan Fair-bank who served under Cap<sup>t</sup> Champany.
- 60—Joseph Wheelock of Lancaster in the Right of His Uncle Timothy Wheelock who served under Cap<sup>t</sup> Anderson.

Except Timothy Mossman, none of these original proprietors ever resided in the township, yet several of them, or their sons, retained their interest and attended the meetings of the propriety for many years. The Wilders, the Summers, Joseph Wheelock, Nathan Heywood and Hezekiah Barber became intimately associated with the fortunes of the settlement. The descendants of several of these proprietors were subsequently among the most useful and valued citizens of Ashburnham. Here is found the probable cause which led to a residence here of the Wilder, Kelton and Crehore families. And in the succeeding records, as the change of ownership introduces new names, will appear the first mention of other families which have been honorably associated with the annals of the town. A miniature town was con-

cealed in this report of 1736. To sixty men and their successors was committed the destiny of a future Ashburnham. Had the decision of the committee passed by these names and bestowed the grant on sixty other persons, the drama would have proceeded with the scene unchanged, but the actors and all the incidents of the play would have been changed. A town with a parallel history would have succeeded, but the name, the men, the order and color of the events would not be those which fill the pages of our annals.

While these proceedings were in progress, the General Court had passed an order empowering Timothy Tilestone to call the first meeting of the proprietors. This warrant is dated September 8, 1736, and the meeting was assembled in Dorchester fourteen days later. The proceedings of the first meeting outline plans and projects for the benefit of the proposed settlement which are not consummated for many years. The record of the meeting is as follows:

At a Meeting of the Proprietors of a Township Granted to the Officers and Soldiers in the Expedition to Canada anno 1690 in the Company under the Command of Capt John Wittington late Deceased on the 22 Day of Sept 1736 at the Turkehead in Dorchester, Legally warned.

Voted That Thomas Tilestone Esqr be moderator.

Voted To Lay out the Land as Soon as may be.

Voted the first Division Lots to be fifty acres and the Committee to ad thereto for badness of Land.

Voted That the Committee shall Consist of Six men and four of them to be a quorum.

Voted That Edward Hartwell Esq<sup>r</sup>, Benjamin Bird Mr Samuel Sumner Mr Benjamin Sumner Mr Isaac Howe & Joseph Wilder Esqr be a Committee to Lay out the first Division Lots.

Voted That the Committee do agree with the Surveyors and Chain men.

public affairs the proprietors were inspired by loftier purposes and nobler aims.

The following table presents a list of the owners of the several rights when the propriety was organized and the first division of lands was made. Compared with the list in Chapter II., it is found that sixteen persons who were admitted as grantees of the township had sold their interest in the grant previous to the early meetings of the proprietors. The right-hand column gives the name of some subsequent owner of the same right. Five rights were continued in the same name throughout the existence of the organization. In some instances a right was owned by several persons in succession. In filling the right-hand column in such cases, the name of the person in whose possession the right remained the longest time has been selected.

This list of proprietors introduces many names which became intimately associated with the continued history of the town. Zimri Heywood, Ebenezer Conant, Jonathan Samson, Samuel Fellows, James Coleman, David Taylor, James Spaulding, Nathan Melvin, John Bates, Jonathan Gates, Nathan Dennis, Elisha Coolidge, Moses Foster, Josiah Wilder, Jonathan Winchester, Stephen Ames and David Clark were well-known resident proprietors. Many of the non-resident proprietors were succeeded by their sons who subsequently occupied the lands acquired by inheritance. Among this class the families of Wilder, Stearns, Kelton, Dana and Crehore are conspicuous.

The families who settled on any of the six minor grants do not appear in these records of the proprietors, and not until the act of incorporation did they constitute a part of the body politic.

ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS.	FIRST DIVISION.	SECOND DIVISION.	THIRD DIVISION.	FOURTH DIVISION.	EQUIVALENT LOTS.	LATER OWNERS OF THE SAME RIGHT.
Timothy Mosseman,	1	35	31	7	32	Zimri Heywood - 56, 64, 66, 68, 69, 55, 8
Elisha Tilestone,	2	45	18	39	12	William Babcock.
William Cooper,	3	49	57	23	35	Joshua Henshaw - 28, 53, 32
Andrew Wilder,	4	24	36	12	55	William Scott.
Edward Sumner,	5	29	51	60	13	Samuel Sumner.
Joseph Triscott,	6	47	2	18	45	John Moffatt.
John Swift,	7	20	17	53	19	Eben'r Conant.
Ministry,	8	11	16	62	62	
School,	9	12	15	63	63	
Hezekiah Barber,	10	58	6	55	21	Caleb Dana.
Samuel Blake,	11	17	40	17	60	John Moffatt.
Edward Hartwell,	12	14	5	14	43	Jonathan Samson.
Thomas Wilder,	13	41	7	54	20	Recompense W ards - worth Shinson.
Joseph Weeks,	14	56	48	56	22	do do do
Josiah Baker,	15	42	38	44	24	Samuel Fellows.
Ebenezer Crane,	16	22	52	48	6	William Bovaoin.
Hezekiah Barber,	17	18	62	47	7	James Coleman.
Joseph Warren,	18	3	30	20	42	Samuel Fellows.
Isaac Royal,	19	52	50	16	32	Samuel Fellows.
Timothy Tilestone,	20	8	42	28	23	do
Isaac Royal,	21	43	59	42	17	Caleb Dana.
Matthew Evans,	22	4	12	50	10	Griggs.
John Andrews,	23	30	63	21	36	David Taylor.
Thomas Tilestone,	24	24	45	9	26	Caleb Wilder.
Nathan Heywood,	25	37	14	15	31	Caleb Wilder.
Joseph Wilder, Esq.,	26	7	27	31	38	Caleb Wilder.
Benjamin Bird, Jr.,	27	26	43	49	9	James Spaulding - 105, 63, 37, 63, 3
Ralph Pope,	28	57	21	11	46	Ebenezer Pope - 143, 348, 345
Humphrey Atherton,	29	31	28	30	30	Nathan Heywood - 143, 310
Nathaniel Blake,	30	33	22	32	40	Isaac Stearns.
James Meara,	31	40	8	26	51	Samuel Dwight.
John Crehore,	32	6	39	6	50	John Crehore.
Isaac How,	33	23	19	61	61	Isaac Stearns.
Robert Redman,	34	5	34	33	18	Isaac Stearns.
Thomas Tilestone,	35	39	33	52	33	Nathan Melvin.
Thomas Tilestone,	36	60	29	33	5	Caleb Dana.
Oliver Wilder,	37	32	46	36	5	John Bates.
Benjamin Sumner,	38	53	11	5	49	Benjamin Sumner.
Joseph Wheelock,	39	16	13	19	3	Jonathan Gates.
Ebenezer Clapp,	40	59	10	4	48	Benjamin Hammatt - 34, 209
John Shepard,	41	9	37	4	48	Oliver Wilder.
William White,	42	5	9	41	56	Caleb Dana.
Samuel Henshaw,	43	3	25	40	28	Alexander Hill - 41, 133
William Cooper,	44	28	41	43	8	Caleb Dana.
Nehemiah Clapp,	45	63	10	35	2	Nehemiah Clapp.
Jonathan Dwight,	46	25	3	1	34	John Dennis.
Edward Kelton,	47	50	47	34	11	Heirs.
Samuel Burt,	48	44	20	3	47	Elisha Coolidge.

ORIGINAL PROPRIETORS.	FIRST DIVISION.	SECOND DIVISION.	THIRD DIVISION.	FOURTH DIVISION.	EQUIVALENT LOTS.	LATER OWNERS OF THE SAME RIGHT.
Benjamin Jewett,	49	16	61	45	27	Jonathan Gates.
Joshua George,	50	19	4	2	25	Elisha Coolidge.
Robert Cook,	51	36	55	27	15	Moses Foster.
Thomas Lyon, Jr.,	52	48	56	13	53	Josiah Wilder.
Richard Wilmington,	53	61	44	37	4	Henry Coolidge.
James Atherton,	54	51	58	57	44	Caleb Dana.
Seth Sumner,	55	62	24	51	14	Caleb Dana.
James Swift,	56	21	23	39	54	James Swift.
First Minister,	57	10	33	24	16	Jonathan Winchester.
Bartholomew Gould,	58	13	35	22	37	Moses Burgess.
Samuel Kneeland,	59	54	49	59	1	Samuel Kneeland.
John Robinson, Jr.,	60	27	60	25	59	Stephen Ames.
Thomas Tlestone,	61	15	54	8	58	Benjamin Church.
Thomas Stearns,	62	38	26	58	39	David Clark.
William Sumner,	63	34	32	38	29	Eben'r. Hemenway.

Many of the non-resident proprietors were men of influence and character and during their connection with the affairs of this town were actively engaged in other pursuits. One of the most influential and useful members of the propriety was Caleb Wilder. He was a son of the elder Judge Joseph Wilder and a lifelong resident of Lancaster. Owning several rights in the plantation, from an early date until after the incorporation of the town, he continued to exercise a controlling influence in the general direction of its affairs. He introduced the manufacture of potash here and was a leading spirit in all the concerns of the settlement. In 1765 he was styled major and probably held other commissions in this line of service. He was a deacon of the church and honorably filled many positions of trust in his native town. He died June 19, 1776, aged sixty-six years. Two of his sons, Caleb, Jr., and Samuel, became useful citizens of this town. In an eminent degree they reflected the sterling character and marked ability of their honored father.

Joseph Wilder, another son of Judge Joseph Wilder, was born in Lancaster, 1708. He was a surveyor, a magistrate, a colonel in the militia, and after the death of his father he was also one of the Justices of the County Court. He settled in the North Precinct or Lancaster New Grant which was incorporated under the name of Leominster in 1740. Forgetting that Leominster originally was a part of Lancaster, it is sometimes erroneously stated that he removed from Lancaster to Leominster in 1740. While a proprietor of Dorchester Canada, for many years he was also the owner of the Starr and the Converse grants. He died September 12, 1776.

Oliver Wilder was a cousin of Judge Wilder, Sen. An early proprietor, he was frequently named on important committees and after the death of Thomas Tlestone he was often chosen to preside at the meetings of the corporation. Like nearly all the Wilders he was a military man and rose to the rank of colonel. He died March 8, 1765.

Thomas Wilder remained a proprietor but a short time; his right was subsequently owned by Caleb Dana.

The Sumners were extensively engaged in buying and selling land in other townships. Seth Sumner was the only one of this name who attended any considerable number of the meetings or was in any way identified with the settlement beyond the purchase and sale of lands.

Caleb Dana was of Cambridge, where he was born 1697, and died April 28, 1769. Becoming a proprietor about 1750, at one time he owned nearly four thousand acres or over one-eighth of the township. He was a magistrate, and at his home and in the councils of the proprietors an active, energetic man. His land in this town was subsequently owned by his son George Dana, who settled here about 1776 and died in this town April 11, 1787.

Barre (North West Quarter of Rutland)  
from the Proprietors records of Rutland

1724-1739

✓ Chestnut 1111

✓ ash 1111

✓ wht oak ~~1111~~ 1111 111

✓ Blk Oak 1111

✓ wht. Pine 111

✓ poplar 11

✓ Red Oak 1111

✓ Hemlock 1111

✓ maple 111

✓ wht ash 1

✓ walnut 1

✓ Beech 1

✓ Blk Birch 1

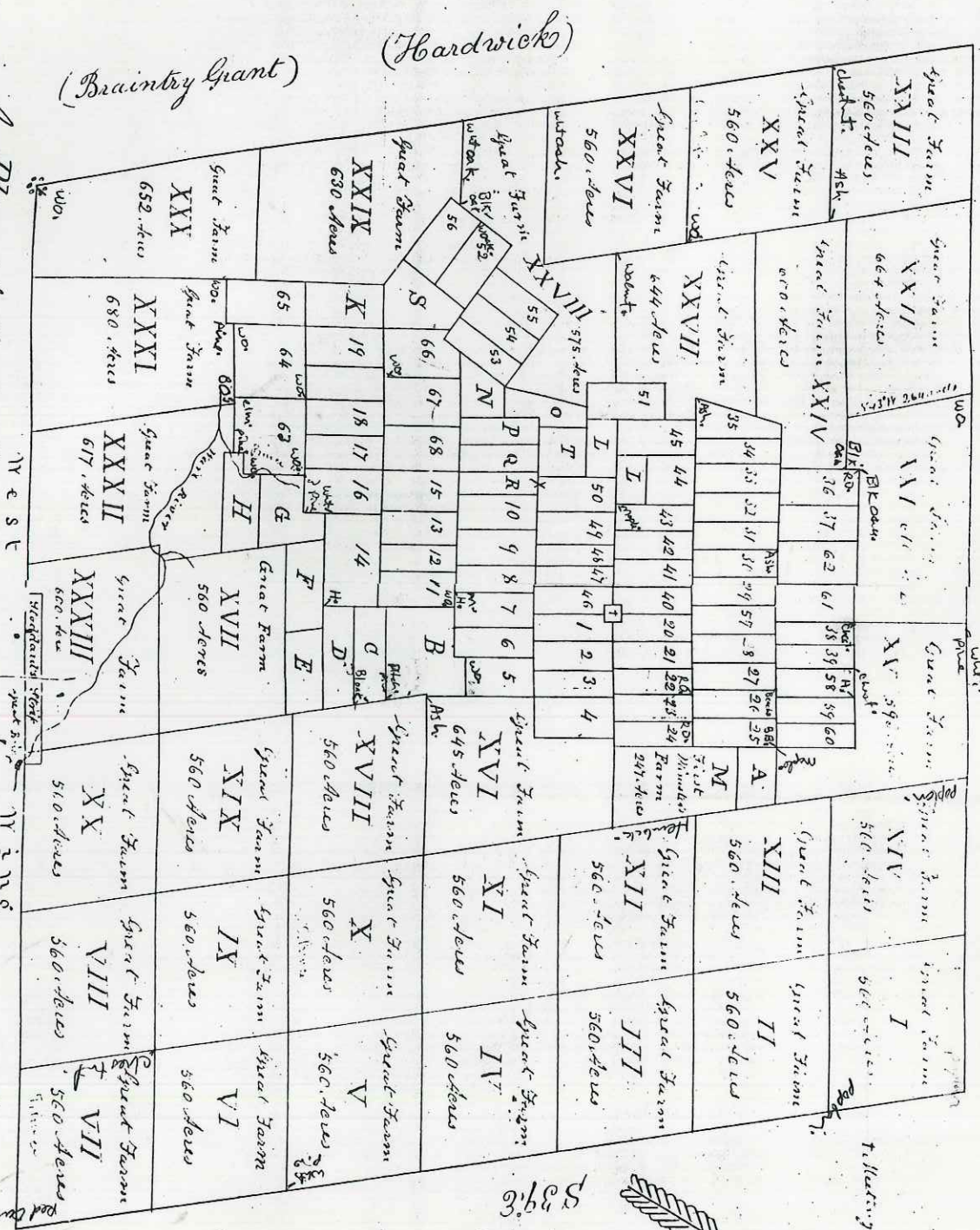
✓ pitch pine 1

✓ pine 11

✓ elm 1

✓ Sassafras 1

Nichemeros 630' X

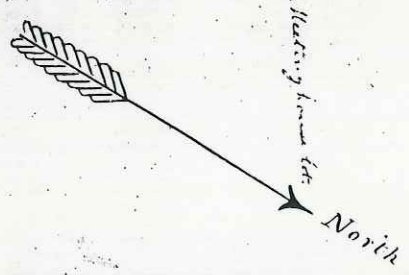


(Braintree Grant)  
(Hardwicks)  
A Plan of the North West Quarter of the Township of Rutland  
(now Rutland) compiled from the Surveyors' original Book of Records -  
Book, 200 made for an ind. Com. in Feb 1844.  
A.P.

1724, 1727, 1737, 1739

X = SAKI A-OK

North East Quarter  
(Now Hubbardston)



Barnardston

Proprietors of Fall Town 1735-1819

Parts 1 + 2

Proprietors Lots

agreements from the court  
petition to the court  
meeting minutes

plans + individual lot maps start p. 65

most plans say "and is delineated as in the plan" and a map is given

Chestnut 11

Birch 1111

poplar 11

red?

Rock oak 11

Hemlock 111

Beech 1

pine 11

Walnut 11

Whit oak 1111

Spruce 1

maple 11

whit pine 1

black oak 1

oak 1

Swamp

Chestnut hill

Bald hill

dry brook

# Deerfield Trees

Map Book 5 p. 21

Common Field Fence in Deerfield (See Map)

1793

- ✓ Oak III
- ✓ pine II
- ✓ Elm IIII
- ✓ Whit Ash II
- ✓ Chestnut I
- ✓ Butternut II
- ✓ maple II
- ✓ White oak IIII
- ✓ Cherry II

—  
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## Deerfield Totals

Oak 3	cherry 2
Red oak 3	walnut 1
Whit Oak 7	Sittowood 1
Blk oak 4	
chestnut 4	
pine 8	
elm 5	
Whit ash 2	
maple 3	
Butternut 2	

$$4 = \frac{x}{100} \times 45$$

$$100 = \frac{4}{x} \times 45$$

55-75

GREAT BOTTOM: lies at the foot of a small hill at the north end of Great Meadow hereinafter to be described & between that hill and Pogues Hole.

PINE HILL: a large hill containing about 40 acres of land towards the north part of the north meadows. This was probably an island when Deerfield meadows were under water, or were the bed of a lake.

GREAT POND: in which there was formerly a cultivated island lies directly west of Pine Hill.

GREAT PLAIN: lies directly east of Pine Hill.

LITTLE PLAIN: lies directly east of Great Plain.

PLAIN SWAMP: lies between these plains.

BEAMAN'S POND: lies directly south of Pine Hill.

GREAT MEADOW: takes in all the meadow from Little Meadow on the south to Great Bottom hill on the north, Deerfield River on the West & Broughton's Pond & a line parallel with the east line of Pine Hill on the east.

BROUGHTON'S POND: in fact lies in Great Meadow. NW FROM NORTH END OF MAIN ST

LITTLE MEADOW: extends as far north as the north end of Great pasture (Meadow?) & Broughton's Pond west to the river & south and east to the rear of the homelots. FROM ACAD PLAYING FIELDS NORTH TO GREAT MEADOW

OLD FORT: lies west of the river & embraces all that tract of land west of the river in the meadows, north of a line drawn from the middle lane of the street. It received its name probably from a fort being erected there for the protection of the inhabitants while at work from the attacks of Indians.

NEW FORT: is farther south & embraces all the remaining meadow land on the west side of the river except

HARROW MEADOW POINT: which is a considerable tract of land lying between old and new forts. At New Fort there was also a more recent fort for the protection of the inhabitants.

HARROW MEADOW: lies at the rear of the homelots at the south end of the street, south of the old burying yard hill, & east side of the river. THE PLAYING FIELDS

DEERFIELD STREET: lies between Plain Swamp on an elevated plateau secure from the floods which overflow the meadows &

Eagle Brook: which runs from the mountain to the river at this place.

THE PLAIN: extends from the top of the hill south of Eagle Brook to the hill at Second Division, on the east of it is EAST OF BARS ROAD, VILLAGE SOUTH TOWARDS CROSS ROAD, AS FAR AS STATE H/W ROUGHLY

BEAVER DAM: & on the west of it is

LOG MEADOW: extending to the river on the west & runs some ways west of ~~WEST OF BARS ROAD FROM VILLAGE SOUTH TO WELLS~~  
CROSS ROAD

SECOND DIVISION: which extends to Wapping on the east, the Bars on the south, to Deerfield river & Stebbins Meadow on the west.

STEBBINS MEADOW: takes in the remainder of the meadows not described & lies south of Deerfield River at its bend from the dam, west of the canal, & is bounded south & west by an amphitheater of hills bordering the meadows.

NORTH & SOUTH WISDOM: so named from the knowledge & intelligence of the early inhabitants, comprises the whole of that tract of west of Deerfield River between there & Shelburne.

HOOSACK, OR DUBLIN: lies south of this on the south side of the river & extends to ~~CONWAY - SO. DEERFIELD STATE H/W NORTH TO~~  
STILLWATER BRIDGE

MILL RIVER: a tract of land situated upon small stream which rises in Conway, & empties into Conn. R. at Hatfield. It is at the southwest part of the town & terminates at Whately & Conway lines. ~~CONWAY - SO. DEERFIELD STATE H/W SOUTH TO WHAT~~  
LINE

BLOODY BROOK: lies east of this & is now a large & flourishing village. ~~KNOWN AS SOUTH DEERFIELD~~

TURNIP YARD: or Wellers Hill lies northeast of Bloody Brook. ~~Now~~  
HILLSIDE

PINE NOOK: lies east of this, east of the mountain, north of Bloody Brook. ~~THE WHOLE FARM LAND FROM SOUTH BRIDGE NORTH~~  
TO WHITEMORE'S FERRY AND GREAT RIVER

These last four places & the Bars at the foot of Long Hill at the south part of the meadows, & part of Wapping one mile & a half <sup>of</sup> the village of Deerfield street are in the territorial limits of the south parish set off from the north parish about 12 or 15 years ago.

PLUM-TREE PLAIN: another name for Wapping.

GREAT RIVER: extends from Pine Nook to the mouth of the Deerfield River & embraces all the territory between those limits east of the mountain.

FORT HILL: at the rear of our South Meadow lots on a beautiful eminence overlooking the town & on a site of an Indian Fort & also FORT HILL at the rear of the homelots at the north end of the street, on a most beautiful & commanding plateau of land, also on a site of our native Indians' fort. From this fort, long before this part of the country was inhabited by white men, tradition informs us that a severe indian battle was fought between our Indians & the Mohawks. The latter were repulsed & afterwards decoyed our Indians into the north meadows where they signally defeated them.

MARTINS HILL: lies on the plat immediately east of the homelots at the south end of the street.

ABIJAH'S HILL: or our present burying yard hill lies nearly east of the middle of the street. It was called Abijah's hill from an old negro who formerly lived upon it.

WOODCHUCK HILL: lies directly north of this.

The foregoing was written by Dr. Stephen W. Williams, once of Deerfield, Mass. C.M. Taintor Oct. 31, 1855.

He does not mention "Wisdom", "Little Hope",

"Skunk's Misery", "Stillwater" - "Foot's Ferry" -

DONOR to Mem. Hall: Charles M. Taintor  
Wethersfield ("Pyquag") Conn.

Sept. 9, 1870.

*Item 5: Sheet 3*

*Probably a Item Sheet 3*

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WOODBRUCK HILL: lies directly north of this.  
from an old name who formerly lived upon it.  
of the middle of the street. It was called Abijah's Hill  
ASHLAR: lies on the west side of the street.  
WOODBRUCK HILL: lies on the east side of the house.

The foregoing was written by Dr. Stephen W. Williams, one of  
Deerfield, Mass., Oct. 21, 1888.

He does not mention "Widow", "Little Hope",  
"Slovak's Quarry", "Sullivan's", "Foot's Quarry".

DONOR to Mem. Hall: Charles M. Tainter  
Walthamfield ("Lyons") Conn.  
Sept. 2, 1888.

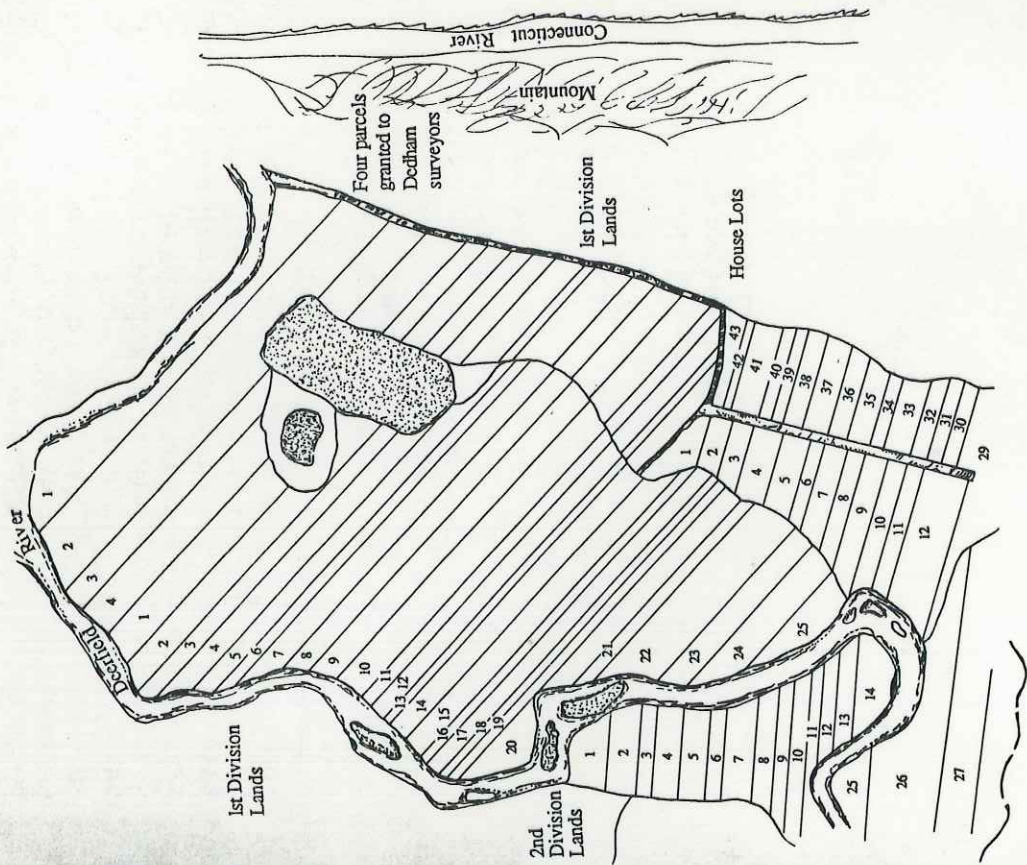
west. They reported that they had successfully laid out the eight thousand acres. The name of the place, they reported, was "Pecumtick."<sup>10</sup>

At its autumn session, the General Court confirmed Dedham's acquisition when townsman Joshua Fisher brought forth a map of the land along with a written summary of its borders. The plat embraced the heart of what Fisher as well as the Indians called Pocumtuck. Now Dedham was to "make a toune of it, to majntejne the ordinances of Christ there once within five yeares."<sup>11</sup>

Dedham's timing in all this was fortuitous. The town laid claim to Pocumtuck a scant six to eight months after the Mohawks had destroyed the Pocumtuck Indians' fort and village. That depredation must have been massive, even total, for the Dedham and General Court records betray not one word of Indian lands, dwellings, or peoples. Yet Dedham's citizens were neither naive nor stupid. On May 22, 1665, the same day they welcomed their explorers home, they raised this "Indian issue." Acknowledging that it would "appeere that some Indians are like to clayme a Title" on the land, which needs to "be cleared," the selectmen announced that Ensign Daniel Fisher and Eleazer Lusher should go and "treat with . . . Capt Pynchon, and empower him to contract wth those said Indians for the buyeing out of all thier Right or clayme in the prmisses."<sup>12</sup> Captain Pynchon—not William Pynchon, Springfield founder and Connecticut valley pioneer, but rather John Pynchon, his

ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE: This is a copy of the one surviving piece of a map prepared in Pocumtuck in about 1671. It shows the layout of lands for the northern half of town. This includes home lots, in the map's lower right quarter; first-division farmlands, in the meadows to the north of the home lots; and second-division farmlands, on the west side of the Deerfield River. At the very top of the map are also noted four "farms" (1 through 4), given by Dedham to the four men who went out and surveyed Pocumtuck in the 1660s.

The numbers on the map represent the holdings of the different proprietors of Pocumtuck and were drawn by lot, in Dedham, as planned by the town. The differences in lot sizes were based on the number of "cow commons," or proprietary shares, that each proprietor held. (For further explanation see Chapters 2 and 3.)



The Town Plan of Early Deerfield: Pocumtuck, ca. 1671



No. of Lots.	No. of Com- mons.	Width of Lot-Rods.	No. of Lots.	Width of Lot-Rods.	No. of Com- mons.	Eleazer Hawk's
1	8 1/2	12 3/4	26		10	
2	12	18	27		16	Jos Barnard
3	3 1/2	5 1/4	28		19	Col Jn <sup>e</sup> Pynchon
4	13	19 1/2	29		26	Benoni Stebbins
5	14	21	30		13	Jn <sup>e</sup> Hawks
6	8	12	31		13	Eph Hinsdell
7	3	4 1/2	32		18 1/2	Jn <sup>e</sup> Sheldon
8	10	15	33		22	Mr Sol Stoddard
9	13	19 1/2	34		22	W <sup>m</sup> Brooks
10	13	19 1/2	35		4	Robert Price
11	9	13 1/2	36		1	Jos Gillet
12	6	9	37		9 1/2	Jn <sup>e</sup> Stebbins
13	4	6	38		8	Godfre Nims
14	10	15	39		14	Peter Plimton
15	7	10 1/2	40		3 1/2	The Broughton
16	10	15	41		10	The Hunt
17	16	24	42		13 1/2	Sam <sup>l</sup> Northam
18	16	24	43		12	Simon Beaman
19	16	24	44		18	Samson Frary
20	14	21	45		20	Henry White
21	8 1/2	12 3/4	46		30	Edward Allen
22	30	45	47		18	Jn <sup>e</sup> Evans
23	8	12	48		5	The French
24	16	24	49		14	Capt John Allis
25	3 1/2	5 1/4	50		10	Tim <sup>e</sup> Nash

Here it must be noted that he y<sup>e</sup> hath y<sup>e</sup> first in y<sup>e</sup> first Division hath also y<sup>e</sup> first lot in y<sup>e</sup> 2d division (which is according to y<sup>e</sup> order of y<sup>e</sup> Committee) so he that lies next y<sup>e</sup> long hill in one of his divisions lies next or near Hatfield bounds in his other division All y<sup>e</sup> lots ly in this order except Capt Jn<sup>e</sup> Allis & Tim<sup>e</sup> Nashes who were afterwards ordered and y<sup>a</sup> lie both divisions next hatfield bounds.

These divisions have been subsequently known as Long Hill East, and Long Hill West Divisions. There was recorded at the same time—

A List of Wood Lots on the Mountain, the first Lot beginning at Deerfield River Laying along by the River side :—

No. of Lots.	No. of Com- mons.	Breadth of Lot-Rods.	No. of Lots.	Breadth of Lot-Rods.	No. of Com- mons.	
1	14	28	10		12	Siman Beaman
2	4	8	11		14	Mr Jn <sup>e</sup> Russell
3	20	40	12		10	The Broughton
4	6	12	13		22	Mr Sol Stoddard
5	14	28	14		10	The French
6	13 1/2	27	15		10	Benj Barret
7	30	60	16		15	Sam <sup>l</sup> Hinsdell
8	3	6	17		13	Jn <sup>e</sup> Hawks
9	13	26	18		10	Daniel Belding

drawn 1688

No. of Lots.	No. of Com- mons.	Breadth of Lot-Rods.	No. of Lots.	Breadth of Lot-Rods.	No. of Com- mons.	
19	9	18	35		18	Henry White
20	19	38	36		18 1/2	Jn <sup>e</sup> Sheldon
21	7	14	37		14	Jn <sup>e</sup> Evans
22	5	10	38		16	Mr W <sup>m</sup> Williams
23	10	20	39		10	Elear Hawks
24	8	16	40		3 1/2	Jonath Church
25	16	32	41		8	Jn <sup>e</sup> Stebbins
26	16	32	42		12	Sam <sup>l</sup> Northam
27	16	32	43		8	Mr Jn <sup>e</sup> Williams
28	4	8	44		13	Joshua Carter
29	26	52	45		9 1/2	Jos Gillett
30	16	32	46		1	Rob Price
31	3 1/2	7	47		8 1/2	Daniel Weld
32	13	26	48		8 1/2	Nath <sup>l</sup> Sutlief
33	6	12	49		1	Capt Jn <sup>e</sup> Allis
34	6	12	50		1	Tim <sup>e</sup> Nash

The following are names of men not on the above list who are found on a meadow fence list, and must have been owners of land in the Meadows: John Allen's heirs, Mr. Daniel Allyn, Ephraim Beers, Joseph Bodman, Ebenezer Brooks, Barnabas Hinsdale's heirs, David Hoyt, Francis Keet, Hezekiah Root, John Severance, Isaac Sheldon, John Weller.

Thomas Howard was also a resident, as appears by an "ear mark" recorded to him on the town records, but he held no land. By this list it appears that two only of those originally drawing commons in 1671, were now owners—John Pynchon and Samson Frary,—and in but one case, that of John Stebbins, are descendants found holding the land. Further town action relating to wood lands, roads, meetinghouses, schools, fences, meadows, &c., will appear under those respective heads.

THE REVOLUTION OF 1688.

It is only through information gleaned from the old State manuscript archives that the history of this period can be given. Since the last recorded meeting of April, 1688, great changes had taken place in the aspect of affairs. The shadow of Indian hostilities had fallen across the valley. A revolution had swept the arbitrary Andros from the Governor's chair, and a provisional government had been established. In these events our town had been prominent; but on her records not the slightest indication appears that anything

tended to each propriator according to their proportion in every sort of Land deuideable

It is also agreed that no man shall laye out more then 20 Cow Common rights together in one place

Joh. Pincheon Esq<sup>r</sup>. is intricated, and empowered, at all his best opportunities to take his time to visit the Committee, and Artist about mention and to give them such advice in that worke committed to them, as he shall Judge most conduceable to the good of the plantation who also is empowered to voate with the rest of the Committee when he shall be p<sup>r</sup>sent:

Ensi: Daniell Fisher is also deputed to Joyne with the Committee before named—any 3 of which Committee, haue power to proceed in the worke

The Committee before named, are also empowered to view and make tryall of the layeing out of the Lands, already layed out vpon grante commonly called the Farme Lands, whether they be truly layd out according to thier grants, and to rectifie, what mistakes they shall finde therein

It is further agreed to drawe Lotts, and p<sup>r</sup>pare accordingly, and that in every deuision of Lands of all sorts (except house Lotts) the length of the Lotts shall runne easterly and westerly, and the beginning of layeing out Lotts in particular shall allwayes be on the northerly side, and make an end on the southerly side, and so proceede according to that rule each propriator to holde that order of succession thoroughout

The names of the p<sup>r</sup>sent propriators with the number of Common Rights, and number of Lotts in succession as they wer drawn

No of lots as drawn.	Mens names.	No Cow Commons.	No Sheep Commons.	No of lots.
18	16	20		
39	29	26		
	20	20	4	3
	37	13	0	1
	28	8	1	1
	24	11	0	1
	16	8	2	1
	16	8	1	1
2	4	5	3	1
	9	20	0	3
	1	18	0	1
	25	11.	2	1
	19	7	1	1
	21	6	3	1
	8	6	0	1
	20	15	0	1
7	10	60	0	3
	27	13	1	1
	33	13	2	1
	3	11	1	1
	31	13	1	1
	32	11	1	1
	6	9	0	1
	23	9	3½	1
	15	17	1	1

16	14	16			
14	30		46	3½	3
	36		20	0	1
	12		12	0	1
	17		12	0	1
	13		8	0	1
	18		8	0	1
			3	0	1
			9	3	1
			515	35	39

Observe that to prevent mistakes that the figures in the first column in the marg<sup>n</sup> showeth the succession of place as by the drawing of lotts they are layd out and the uppermost figures in those 3 [4?] men that haue each of them 3 Lotts, show how many cow commons each of their lotts contain and furder note that whereas Robt Ware and Fisher drew together that Nathaniel Fisher is to haue 8 cow commons laid out first in that number in the 8 place and Robert Ware to haue 7 laid out adjoining to him and so in each division and that the 2 collum showeth the names of propriety: the 3. the number of Cow Commons: the 4 of Sheep Commons: the 5 in how many divisions each mans land ought to be laid in each division."

During the summer of 1670 the committee chosen for that purpose went to Pocumtuck, laid out the town street and the highways; set out two divisions of land most suitable for tillage, and located in each the rights of the several proprietors, according to the draft above, and in the spring following made a full report, as follows:—

"May 16, 1671. Agreed by the Committee chosen by the proprietors of land at Pacomptuck for the settlement of the situation of the Town Plott equalizing lands laying out Highways &c &c by their mutual assent and consent.

1 That for the situation of the Town Plott it shall be on that tract of land beginning [at] the Southerly end of it att a little brook called Eagle Brook & so extend Northerly to the banke or falling ridge of land at Samson Frary's celer & so to run from the banke or ridge of land fronting on the meadow Land Westerlie to the mountain Easterlie

2 That there shall be a highway for the common street laid out six rod in breadth about the middle of the tract of land above expressed beginning on that side towards Eagle Brook and so to run Northerlie throughout the said tract; on both sides wharon the house lotts shall be laid out: one tear of lot fronting on the said common Street Easterlie and another tear of Lotts fronting on the said Street Westerlie: the measure of the house lotts to begin on the west range of Lotts att the North end:

3. That there be three highways laid out one at each end of the Towne which shall be each way three rod in breadth running Easterlie to the mountaine or woods and Westerlie leading in to the meadows: Also there shall be another highway running from the

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Deerfield Trees

East Mountain Division of Lands in Deerfield

1740 " Lies between the town westerly and the Connecticut easterly, Deerfield River northerly and a division of lots running from the country road (south of Long Hill) to Connecticut River. "

✓ Chestnut III

✓ Red Oak II

✓ Whit Oak I

✓ Blk Oak IIII

✓ Pine III

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Special features:

Tract of Pines upon Sugar loaf Plain

Samuel Northens Grant

1735 on east mountain "

✓ Chestnut I

✓ Red oak staddle I

✓ Pine III

Smead

✓ Elm I

✓ Whit oak IIII

✓ Maple I

✓ butternut I

✓ Walnut I

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(Greenfield, Hill)

Deerfield Proprietor Records (Acumtuck) 1699-1799

Town Hall in South Deerfield

surveyed 1736/37, plot maps + narrative  
North of Cheapside, east of Green River, re Greenfield Gill area

Spruce +++ |||

Bass +++ |

whit oak +++ +++ +++ +++ +++++ |

pine +++ +++ +++ ||

maple |||

Blk oak +++ |

Blk Birch ||

- Hard maple |

Hemlock +++ +++ ||

whit pine |

whit ash ||||

Alder |

Red ash +++

Chestnut +++ |

Walnut ||||

Oak bush |

Birch |

Piperage (?) |

Ash |

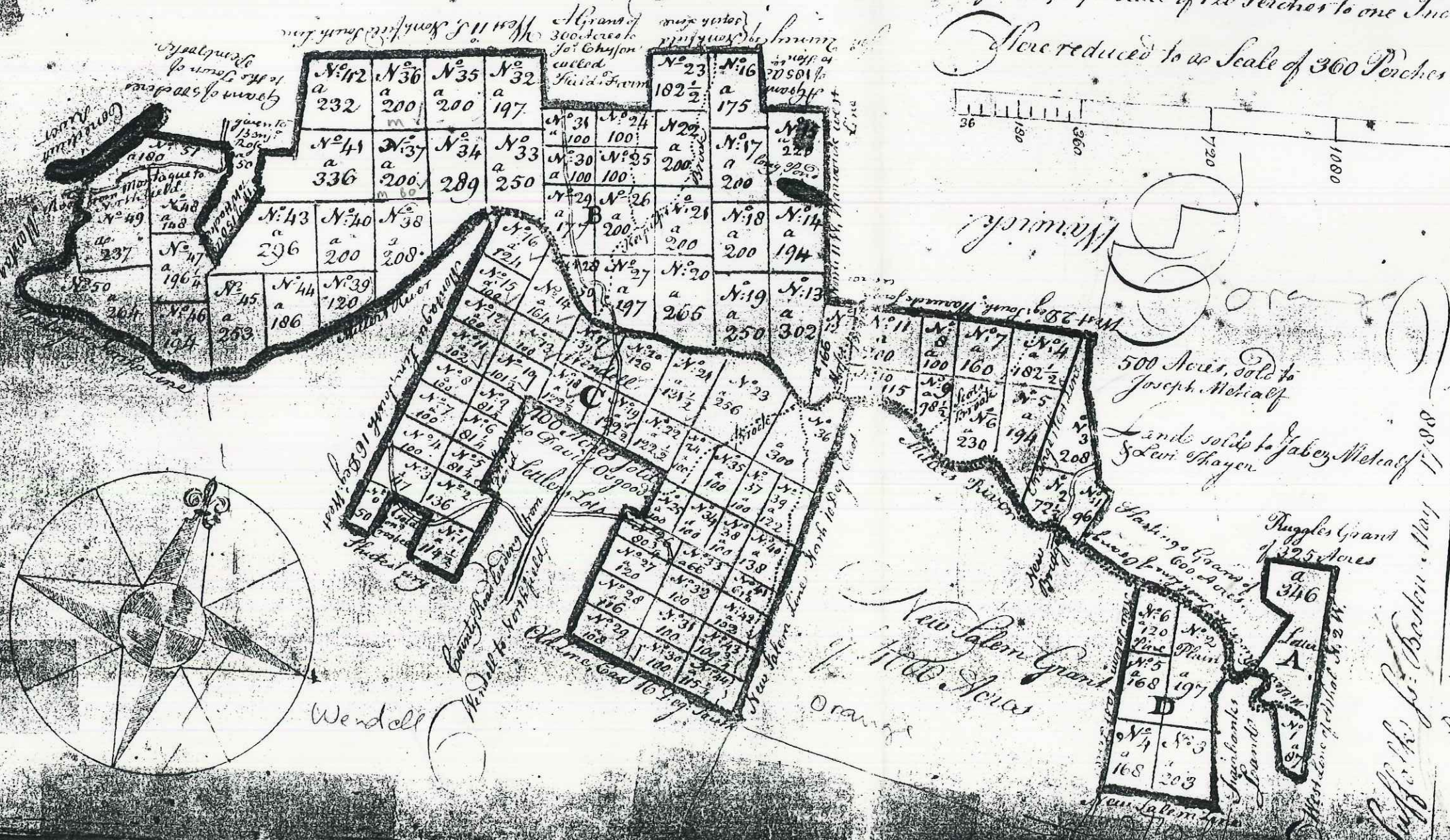
Poplar |

*Plan of Lands lying in the County of Hampshire belonging to Heirs of the late Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Cuming Esq. lying in several Tracts on the East Side of Connecticut River, and on both sides of Miller River: That lying on the north side of Miller River is called the great Farm; that Tract marked with the Letter A contains 346 Acres. That Tract lying on the south side of Miller River marked with the Letter B, contains 9613 Acres, & is divided into 51 Lots. That Tract marked with the Letter C, lies in Wendell & contains 5113 Acres, & is divided into 45 Lots. That Tract marked with the Letter D, contains 945 Acres, and is divided into six Lots, and is called the Pine Plain; the whole containing 16022 Acres.*

Orange April 21. 1788

Tracted originally by a Scale of 120 Perches to one Inch, by Joseph Metcalf, Surveyor

Here reduced to a Scale of 300 Perches to one Inch by J<sup>n</sup>. Pope



500 Acres, sold to Joseph Metcalf  
 Lands sold to Jabez Metcalf & Levi Shayer  
 346 Acres  
 9613 Acres  
 5113 Acres  
 945 Acres  
 16022 Acres  
 Joseph Metcalf  
 Jabez Metcalf  
 Levi Shayer  
 Samuel Bonnell  
 Judge of the Peace  
 before me  
 J<sup>n</sup>. Pope  
 1788

Rutland Proprietors Records

Hibbanston is indicated as the Northeast Quarter and occupies most of pages 6 on 17-18 + 147-157

The whole area was laid out into house lots + great farms over the entire area

I am going to assume that

The corners that have the same species mentioned

for a shared corner is the same tree. 1737

Northeast Quarter

West Side of Highway

~~White pine~~ II

~~Maple~~ I

~~White oak~~ I

✓ white Pine IIII IIII IIII

✓ Hemlock IIII I

✓ poplar IIII

✓ maple IIII IIII

✓ white ash III

✓ oak III

✓ BIK Birch II

✓ Pitch Pine IIII IIII

✓ white birch I

✓ Cherry II

✓ White oak II

✓ Spruce II

✓ ash II

✓ Blk oak IIII

✓ Beech IIII

✓ pine IIII

✓ birch I



Safford, Marion Fuller

The Story of Colonial Lancaster (Massachusetts)

The Tuttle Publishing Co., Inc. Rutland, Vt.

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COLONIAL LANCASTER

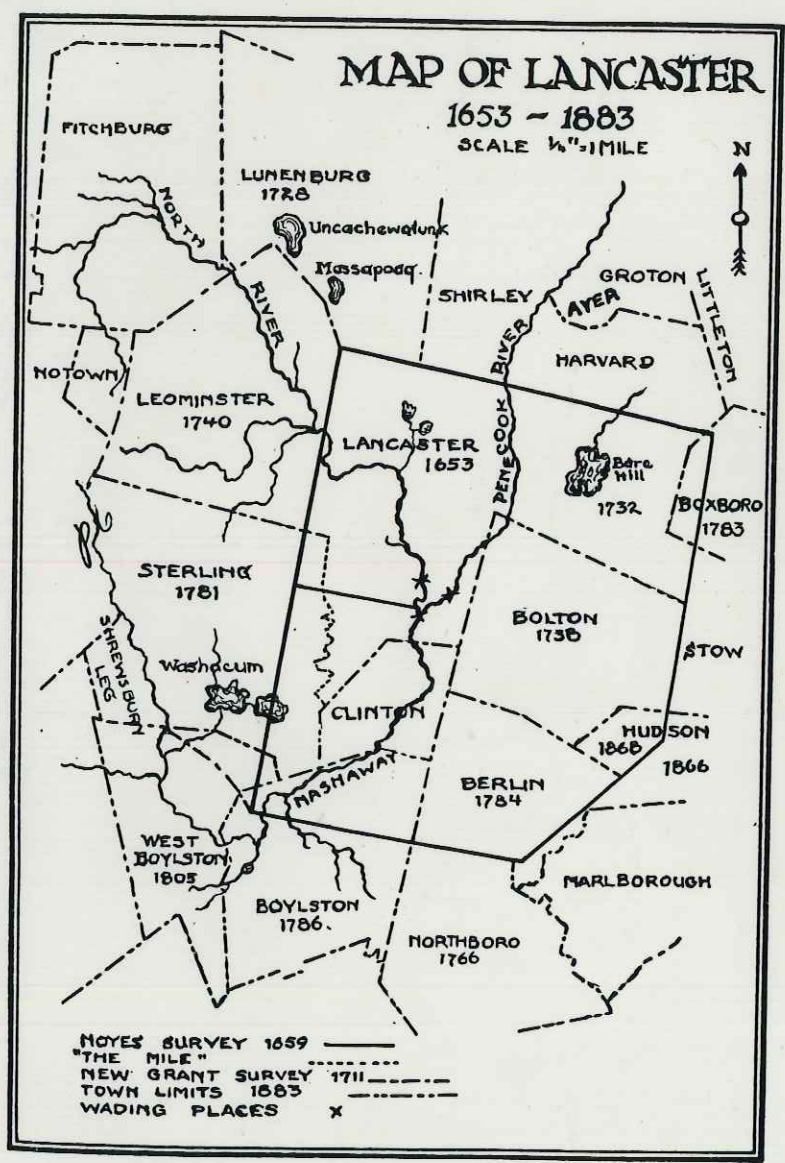
ing Indian trail, to establish his new  
ntation. At the very outset he met  
have changed the whole story, for  
ng in the Sudbury river, and a week  
eing upon another horse, were hardly

escott's first choice of a home lot in  
ite of the present civic center of this  
build his home upon the "Neck of  
etween the rivers. This would have  
ings already erected—those of Waters  
ter events that lot would have proven  
not have been so easy for a surprise  
the pioneers had nothing to guide  
his hitherto unknown race of men and,  
ndians were very friendly.

s land in what long has been called  
ghton, and established his family at  
ere a beginning had been made at the  
d bought from John Cowdall.

n 1604, in the hamlet of Shevington,  
Lancashire, England. His ancestors  
ect line to Charlemagne, in the 9th  
Platts, at Wigan, in 1629. He is suppos-  
England, and to have left that Country  
st sailed to Barbados, in 1638, thence  
ned one hundred twenty-six acres of  
e resided, and soon became interested

Historian of the Nashua Valley, gives  
this man, who was destined to become  
We get very few glimpses of Prescott  
f succeeding years, but those serve to  
prosperous and annually honored by his  
duties for which his sturdy integrity  
Prescott was a rare type of man, an  
he famous frontiersmen, whose figures  
in early American history, was better  
ities that win hero worship in a new  
the Nashaway Plantation. Had Pres-







Levanth ✓

Road Hill, Joshua Mt, Cave Hill, Hopwood, Stoddard Hill,  
Ingram Hill & Pond, Fish Pond rocks, Juggie meadow, Boggy meadow  
Gunn Hill, Brusky mt., Hadley Mill River

✓ White oak ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ###

✓ Chestnut ### ###

✓ Walnut ###

Spruce III

✓ Birch II

✓ Buttonwood I

✓ Blk oak ### ### ###

✓ Oak III

✓ maple ### I

✓ White ash II

✓ Witch Hazel III

✓ Red oak ### ### II

✓ Pine ### ### I

✓ Red ash ###

✓ Poplar III

—  
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done up to # 56 in 18

Proprietors Records Book No. 1 1738-1767 (copy from 1930)  
 Lisburn - northern half of a tract of equivalent land  
 (Pelham) lying only east of Hadly

Map seems to be of all divisions, so all trees are of one area.

2 plans included, lots mapped only list of proprietors  
 trees + map could be matched up easily by  
 lot descriptions start p. 31-82 William Young Surveyor

<sup>1st</sup> Division 1739

✓ chestnut IIII IIII IIII IIII

places

ash Swamp

✓ wht oak IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII

✓ poplar IIII I

✓ pitch pine IIII IIII

✓ grey oak IIII IIII IIII

✓ walnut IIII

✓ maple II

✓ white pine IIII

✓ Birch IIII

✓ ash II

✓ oak I

✓ pine II

2+3rd divisions 1739

✓ maple II

✓ wht oak IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII I

✓ walnut IIII IIII I

✓ chestnut IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII

✓ oak I

✓ pine IIII IIII IIII II

✓ ash IIII

✓ poplar IIII

✓ hemlock IIII

✓ Birch II

✓ wht pine I

✓ grey oak IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII I

✓ pitch pine IIII IIII IIII

Lunenburg \* Fitchburg  
U-mass Library

Proprietor's Records, boundaries & location descriptions (place names)  
up to p 91 (much more continues)

1729 - 1748?

Surveyed by Nathaniel Haywood

✓ pitch pine 1

✓ Black oak IIII II

✓ Cherry II

✓ Chestnut III IIII III

✓ Hemlock IIII I

✓ white pine IIII

✓ white oak III IIII III IIII

✓ pine III IIII IIII II

✓ poplar III

✓ Red oak IIII

✓ Walnut 1

✓ Horn wood 1

✓ Birch 1

✓ maple III IIII 1

✓ Blk Birch 1

✓ Beech IIII

✓ oak IIII

✓ apple 1

✓ elm III

place names

pine ridge

pearl hills (most from and)

mulphae falls

apple tree hill

clay pit meadow

Reference

Davis, Walter A. The Proprietors Records of the  
Town of Lunenburg, Massachusetts including  
Fitchburg and a portion of Ashby 1729-1833.  
Fitchburg 1897.

History:

1719 Turkey Hills Grant from General Court (~~called~~  
~~as Lunenburg by 1772~~)  
(South of North town)  
Then called South town, then Lunenburg  
Fitchburg incorporated (split off) in 1764.

Figure 24. Loukkos River Basin (US Army Map Service n.d..)

Montague

From Sunderland Proprietors Records

Places: Harvey's Hill, Chestnut Hill, Miller's Plain, Slat Stone Brook,  
Some Saw Mill R, Hunting Hills, Dry Hill, Pine Hill, Mossy Swamps,  
Country Hill, Bald Hill,

walnut ### ### 1

white oak ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### ### 1

oak ### ### 11

Red oak ### ### 1

Bass 1

Ash 1

pine ### ### ### ### 1111

buttonwood 1

White ash 111

Spruce 111

chestnut ### ### ### ### 1

Blk oak ### ### ### 1111

poplar 11

Dogwood 1

maple 1

hemlock 111

Mountain oak 11

Chestnut oak 1

# FIRST DIVISION

Sometime between 1735 and 1737, in Salem, before there was any settlement here, the Proprietors "drew lotts". The numeral of each First Division lot coincided with the Right numeral. This was true only for the First Division. Later Divisions were drawn anew. First Division lots were also sometimes called "Homelots". They were 35 acres in extent with ranges roads, sometimes called "highways" between the ranges of lots. A Meeting House Common was left "undivided" in the center of the ranges of lots. Of the 63 lots, one was reserved for a school, another for the Minister and a third for the support of the church, called the ministerial lot. In theory, houses had to be built on these lots within a given period of time or the Proprietor would lose his Right. But the settlement of New Salem was a speculative affair and it was difficult to find settlers. A Second Division had already been drawn before any settler arrived. When a Proprietor sold a Right, he sold only the afterdivisions that were to be drawn on the Right, not the divisions already made. The aftersale of Right Number One for example had no effect upon the ownership of Homelot Number One.

First Div. #1. 1774, Benjamin Southwick to Benjamin Southwick, Jr., F11-200. (F1-455, F24-446) (F91-110, 1835)

The above format will be used to show the first recorded mention of each lot. Additional references refer to deeds that in some way were useful in determining the geographic location of that lot. The final reference is the most recent deed that mentions each lot by Division and Lot number. Even before the Proprietor's Book of Records was lost in a fire in 1856 these lot numbers fell into disuse. Future researchers are cautioned that there were many errors in the deeds regarding lot numbers and abutters' lots and in designations of directions. Putting this jigsaw puzzle together (see the tentative plan elsewhere in this book) was done in the face of many, many contradictions and obvious and not so obvious errors. Dilemmas were usually resolved by the author through putting himself into the boots of the surveyor in laying out the ranges. The final reference in each item of the listing will, hopefully aid researchers in making connections between the original lots and land system with more modern searches of title chains. Good Luck!

First Div. #2. 1774, Benjamin Southwick to Benjamin Southwick, Jr., H26-466. (F13-162, F13-522, F30-596) F35-508, 1814)

First Div. #3. 1774, Benjamin Southwick to Benjamin Southwick, Jr., H26-466. (F-30-596, F35-508) (F35-501, 1814)

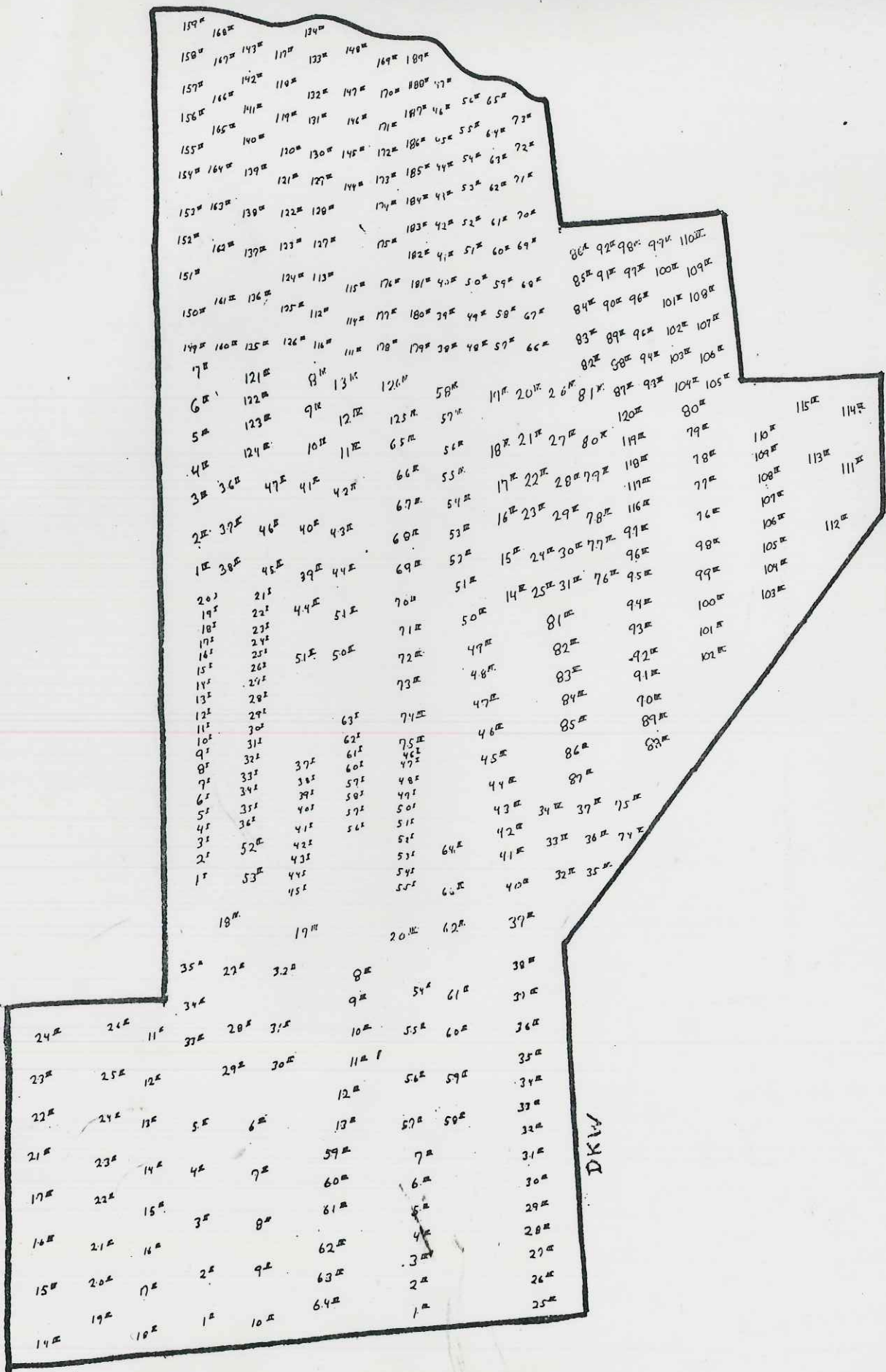
First Div. #4. 1740, John Preston to David Felton, F6-123, E79-126. (F14-238) (F30-596, 1807)

First Div. #5. 1785, Benjamin Southwick to Benjamin Southwick, Jr., H Prob. (F14-238) (F25-302, 1808)

First Div. #6. 1799, Amos Foster to Daniel Foster, F13-206. (F24-595, F25-305) (F25-307, 1808)

*it listed all many at registry, trees never used*

*130 feet  
on any side  
in Hampton  
Co. 2004  
date 10/31*



- First Div. #7. 1774, Obadiah Townsend to John Chandler, F3-334.  
(F54-302, 1817)
- First Div. #8. 1759, Samuel Carlton to Amos Foster, H4-424. (F25-307)  
(F54-311, 1823)
- First Div. #9. 1834, Isaac Patrick to Eliza Wheeler, F89-17).
- First Div. #10. 1805, Aaron Putnam to Constant Ruggles, F24-135.
- First Div. #11. 1805, Aaron Putnam to Canstant Ruggles, F24-135.
- First Div. #12. 1745, John Trask to Benjamin Stacy, H Y-884.
- First Div. #13. No reference.
- First Div. #14. 1739, Samuel Nurs to John Gardner, E 80-1 .  
(PVMA 25-35).
- First Div. #15. 1760, Benjamin Prescott to Daniel Putnam (PVMA25-35).
- First Div. #16. 1760, Benjamin Prescott to Daniel Putnam (PVMA25-35).
- First Div. #17. 1741, Jonathan Southwick and Thomas Stoddard to  
Joseph Woods H O-659. (PVMA-25-35, 1760)
- First Div. #18. 1743, John Woodress to Samuel Aborn, H Y-448. (F16-  
652) (F104-361, 1838)
- First Div. #19. 1798, Jonathan Goodale to Stephen Upton, F16-652.  
(F143-180, 1848). This contact between First and  
Fourth Divisions is difficult to plot.
- First Div. #20. No reference.
- First Div. #21. 1745/46, David Southwick to Benjamin Goodhue, H22-410.  
(F19-393)
- First Div. #22. 1743, Samuel Cook to Samuel Kendall, H Y-678. (F28-  
159, 1810)
- First Div. #23. No reference.
- First Div. #24. 1762, Robert Stone and G.C.Kellogg to G.C.Kellogg,  
H2-9. ((F49-145, 1822).
- First Div. #25. 1741, Benjamin Brown to Ezekiel Kellogg, H6-469.  
(F24-180) (F49-145, 1822)
- First Div. #26. 1746, Daniel Epes, Jr. to Samuel Kendall, H Y-682.  
(F24-180) (F49-145, 1822)
- First Div. #27. 1765, William P. Kellogg to Ezekiel Kellogg, Jr.,  
H6-469. (F42-424) (F37-363, 1817)
- First Div. #28. 1751, Jonathan Goodale and Isaac Goodale to Thomas  
Whive, (F42-424) (F37-363, 1817)
- First Div. #29. 1771, Daniel Shaw to Samuel Cook, F4-508. (H21-82,  
F25-17) (F25-17, 1802.
- First Div. #30. 1763, Ebenezer Kellogg to William P. Kellogg and Samuel  
Kellogg, F4-635, (F26-583)
- First Div. #31. 1766, Nathaniel Kellogg to Samuel Kellogg and William  
P. Kellogg, F2-304. (F96-43, 1828)
- First Div. #32. 1739, Jonathan Southwick to James Buffington, E78-83.  
(F80-30)

- First Div. #33. 1800, Amos Foster to Ezekiel Kellogg, Jr., F14-237.  
(F54-311, 1823)
- First Div. #34. 1768, Samuel Kendall to Amos Foster, H12-766.  
(F14-237) (F54-311, 1823)
- First Div. #35. 1759, Samuel Foster to Amos Foster, H4-427.  
(F14-237) (F80-30, 1826)
- First Div. #36. 1759, Samuel Foster to Amos Foster, H4-427.  
(F14-237) (F80-30, 1826)
- First Div. #37. 1743, Samuel Foster to Samuel Kendall, H Y-682.  
(F44-110) (F47-353, 1821)
- First Div. #38. 1786, Daniel Ballard to Asa Meriam, H27-439.  
(F44-110) (F52-198, 1821)
- First Div. #39. 1800, Ebenezer Felton to Stephen Felton, F15-112.  
(F26-583) (F44-110, 1819)
- First Div. #40. 1753, William Carpenter to Daniel Carpenter, H X-56.  
(H22-526) (F9-317, 1796)
- First Div. #41. 1740, George Daland to James Wyar, E79-83.  
(H22-526) (F9-317, 1796)
- First Div. #42. 1740, John Higginson to James Wyar, E79-93.  
(F22-493) (F118-187, 1840)
- First Div. #43. 1750/51, David Childs to David Felton, F9-564.  
(F13-351) (F136-198, 1846)
- First Div. #44. 1742, Joshua Hicks to Enos Buxton, E84-110.  
(H4-418) (H4-418, 1750)
- First Div. #45. 1739, John Trask to Enos Buxton, E78-31.  
(H4-418, 1750)
- First Div. #46. 1755, Benjamin Prescott to Ebenezer Goodale, H9-83.  
(F31-442, 1814)
- First Div. #47. 1797, Obadiah Townsend to Obadiah Townsend, Jr.,  
F14-50. (F17-277) (F28-545)
- First Div. #48. 1742, Ephraim Ingalls to David Felton, E84-76.  
(F17-277) (F28-545, 1812)
- First Div. #49. 1747, Ebenezer Felton to Obadiah Townsend, H R-249.  
(F28-545, 1812)
- First Div. #50. 1745, Jeremiah Meacham to Stephen Cary, H Y-677.  
(F9-594) (F78-156, 1831)
- First Div. #51. 1751, Thorndyke Proctor, Jr. to Abraham Pierce,  
H9-160. (H9-459) (F127-92, 1844)
- First Div. #52. 1745, Jeremiah Meacham to Stephen Cary, H Y-678.  
(F3-160) (F127-92, 1844)
- First Div. #53. 1782, New Salem Committee to Solomon Gibbs, F8-119.  
Ministry land. (H9-459) (F127-92, 1844)
- First Div. #54. 1766, Abraham and Samuel Pierce to Israel Richardson,  
H9-155. (F17-572, F68-40) (F501-48, 1838)

- First Div. #55. 1741, Cornelius Cutler to Stephen Cary, H Y-676.  
(H22-526) (F501-48, 1838)
- First Div. #56. 1768, Joseph Barnard to Alexander Conkey, Jr., H20-377.  
(F15-750) (F53-385, 1823)
- First Div. #57. 1768, Joseph Barnard to Alexander Conkey, Jr., H20-377.  
(F35-590, F122-48, 1842)
- First Div. #58. 1739, Ezekiel Goldwayt to Benjamin Southwick, E78-203.  
(F5-538) (F23-359, 1806)
- First Div. #59. 1742, Amos Putnam to Isaac Southwick, PVMA25-38.  
(H9-85) (f23-359, 1806)
- First Div. #60. 1743, Samuel Manning to John Ganson, H R-731.  
(H9-85) (F31-258, 1801)
- First Div. #61. 1767, Joseph Barnard to Ebenezer Goodale, H9-85.  
(F31-258, 1801)
- First Div. #62. 1762, John Turner Est. to Ebenezer Goodale, H9-82.  
(H9-81) (F31-442, 1814)
- First Div. #63. 1754, John Buxton to Jeremiah Meacham, H6-239.  
(H9-81) (F27-548, 1809)

Problems with the First Division: Does #20 belong north of #19 or of #21 ? Does #57 belong south of #58 or of #56 ?

# SECOND DIVISION

The Second Division had already been made before any settlers arrived; before 1739. There were 63 numbered lots plus a 64th laid out for some unknown reason or purpose. These lots did not correspond in numeral to the Proprietor's Share nor Homelot number. One to each proprietor's Share, they were 80 acres in size with "equality in quality and quantity."

- Sec. Div. #1. 1766, Benjamin Southwick to John Lindsey, H22-52.  
(F14-540) (F20-259, 1802)
- Sec. Div. #2. 1741, Joseph Flint to Benjamin Southwick, H26-465.  
(F20-259, 1802)
- Sec. Div. #3. 1741, Daniel Epes to Samuel Barnard, F22-236.  
(F8-353) (F41-348, 1819)
- Sec. Div. #4. 1741, Samuel Brown to Benjamin Prescott, H18-441.  
(F8-353) (F39-214) Schoolhouse on or near it.
- Sec. Div. #5. 1759, Samuel Aborn to Robert Peebles, Jr., H1-670.  
(F28-370) (F44-187, 1820)
- Sec. Div. #6. 1739, Jonathan Waters to Isaac Goodale, E28-268.  
(F15-671, 1795)
- Sec. Div. #7. 1778, James Berry to William Berry, F15-78.
- Sec. Div. #8. 1758, Joseph Goldthwait to Joseph Goldthwait, H4-446.  
(F37-8, 1816)
- Sec. Div. #9. 1739, James Buffington to Jonathan Southwick, H W-706.  
(F44-318, 1820)
- Sec. Div. #10. 1759, Amos Foster to Elizabeth and John Trask, Jr.,  
F13-398. (F1-236) (F44-318, 1820)
- Sec. Div. #11. 1748, Samuel Cook to Joseph Clough, H Y-268.  
(H18-89) (F43-17, 1814). "Mineral oar" in NW corner.
- Sec. Div. #12. 1762, Giles Crouch Kellogg and Robert Stone to Robert  
Stone, H2-9. (F6-677, 1814)
- Sec. Div. #13. 1747. Benjamin Brown to William Lynde, H W-255.  
"Pine Hill lot" (F4-611, H5-185) (F26-58, 1797)
- Sec. Div. #14. 1768, Samuel Wheeler to William Haskins, F5-511.  
(F23-415, 1796)
- Sec. Div. #15. 1739, John Trask, Jr. to Enos Buxton, E78-31.  
(F41-145) (F41-348, 1819)
- Sec. Div. #16. 1771, James Berry to Alexander Berry, F24-389.  
(F41-348, 1819)
- Sec. Div. #17. 1749, Amos Putnam to John Buxton, E98-144.  
(F19-53, 1803)
- Sec. Div. #18. 1767, Jacob Fuller to Archibald Crossett, H9-160.  
(F29-144, 1807)
- Sec. Div. #19. 1748, John Proctor, Jr. to Benjamin Southwick, H26-445.  
H9-160, H10-309, F24-158) (F24-159, 1792)

Lots adjacent + use same trees for corners Entered  
 Westminster 1 most of Narragansett No. 2, also include SE. half  
 of Gardner (or Western section)

prop. Rec. 1728 & 1756

Bond Records at Westminster Town Hall  
 Town Clerk

Division 1 lots 60 acres

meadow not included in 1st div  
 cedar swamps excluded

1736

90.  $\frac{1734 + 1736}{1st\ Division\ lots}$  Surveyor  
 11 Chestnut IIII ✓  
 8 Red Oak III ✓  
 11 Black Birch IIII ✓  
 6 ash II ✓  
 14 Beach IIII ✓  
 14 Hemlock IIII ✓  
 8 Spruce III ✓  
 6 pine II ✓  
 14 wht pine IIII ✓  
 3 Birch I ✓  
 3 maple I ✓  
 3 wht ash I ✓

Nathaniel Anselton  
 Nathaniel Peck  
 Jonathan Willard

mentioned:  
 pine plain

1755 area called Beach Hall meadow

area called Pine Plain around Lot # 76 1st div.  
 near Watchmet Hill

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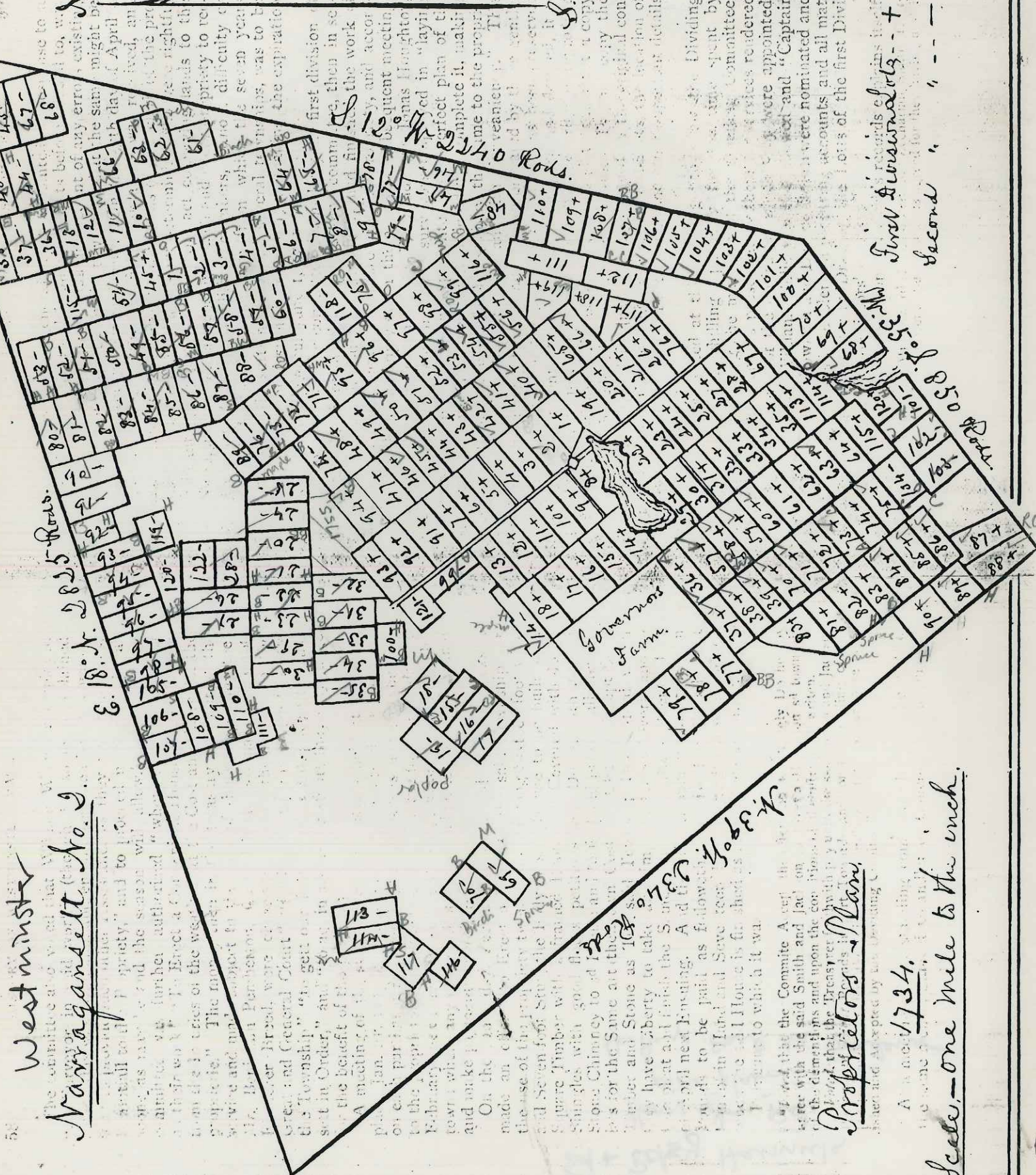
- 2<sup>nd</sup> division lots Justonian Holden  
 Surveyor  
 4 Oak IIII ✓  
 1 Blk Birch II ✓  
 4 Birch IIII ✓  
 24 Beach IIII IIII IIII IIII ✓  
 1 Pine II ✓  
 3 Oak IIII ✓  
 22 Hemlock IIII IIII IIII IIII ✓  
 4 Red Oak IIII ✓  
 16 maple IIII IIII IIII IIII II ✓  
 2 ash III ✓  
 6 chestnut IIII IIII ✓

[May 6, 1646]

Marblehead, inhabitants of  
DS petition to the General Court asking that  
some order may be established to prevent the  
burning of their firewood, stage timber and  
flakestuff by the fishermen who make yearly  
visits.

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Westminster  
Narragansett No. 9



First Division 1734  
Second " " " "

1734

Scale - one mile to the inch

Proprietors Plan

N 33° 00' W 4068 ft

113 -  
112 -  
117 -  
116 -

169 -  
168 -  
167 -  
166 -

E 18° N 285 Rods.

S 12° W 2340 Rods.

N 35° E 850 Rods.

Ed + Betsy Hammula

Harrington Rd.

pine plain

Heritage Park in Gardner

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Northfield - Town Hall, Secretary's Office

Secretary recently typed from Town Meeting and Proprietor's Book

from years 1720-1756 (third settlement)

Lots

Wt oak    ++++    +++    +++    +++    +++    +++    +++    +++    +++  
blk oak    ++++    +++  
Spruce    "  
Pine        ++++    +++    +++  
Chestnut    +++    "  
Birch        +++  
Red oak    "  
elm        "  
ash        "  
Maple        "  
hemlock    +++  
Walnut    +++  
yellow oak    "  
oak        "  
wt pine    "

Road hayots also mentioned  
1738 - 1799

pine    +++  
chestnut    +++    +++    +++    +++  
wt pine    "  
yellow Birch    "  
oak    +++    "  
birch    "  
yellow oak    "  
wt birch    +++  
poplar    "  
wt oak    +++  
Red Oak    +++    "  
Maple    "  
Walnut    "  
Hemlock    "  
did not use in tally

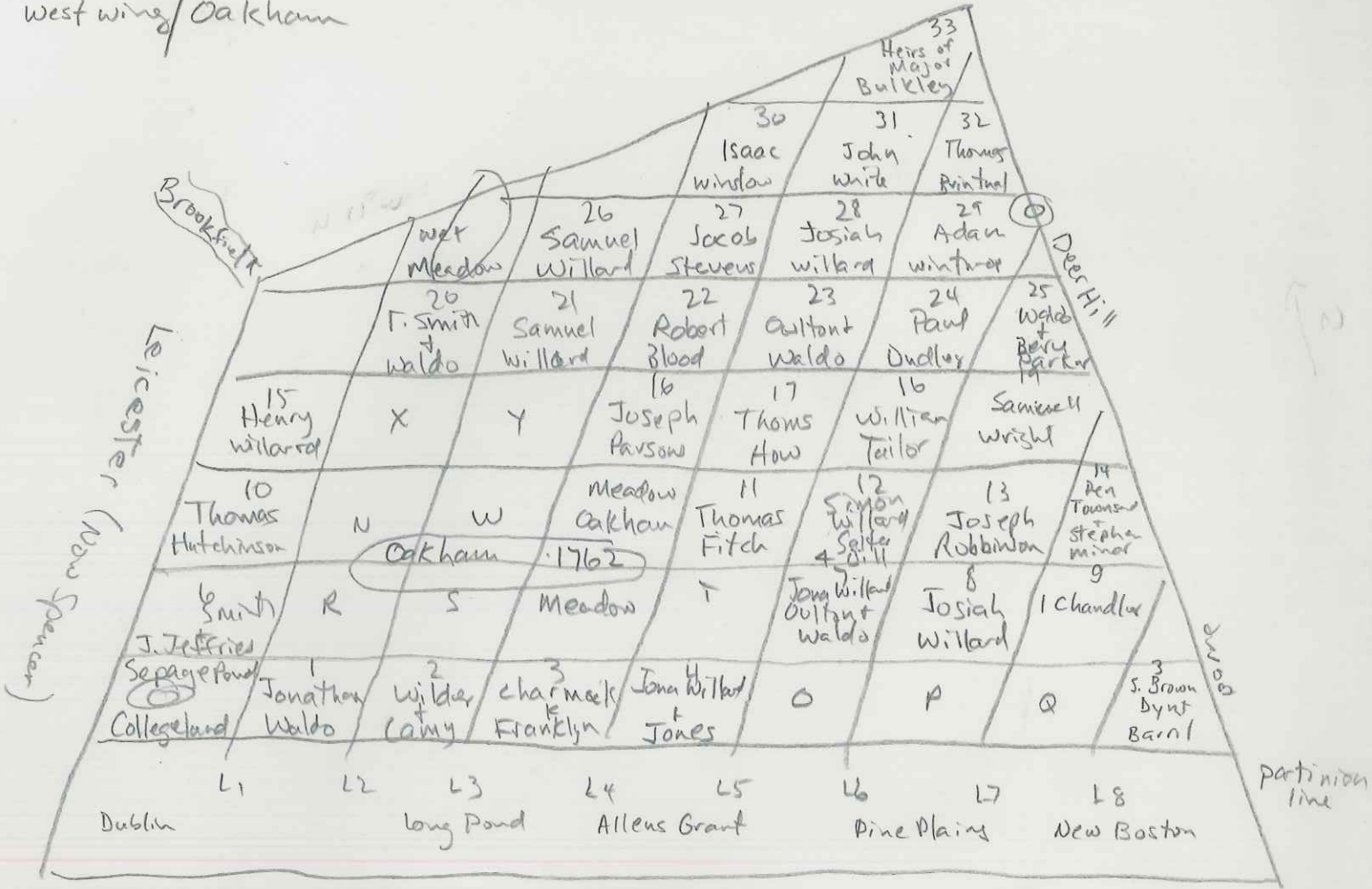
Place names:

little meadows  
Second Moose Plain  
West Side of Conn. R.  
Dry Swamp  
Beers Plain

Great Swamp  
Mary's Meadow  
Sequestered Land  
Bennett's Hill  
Staddole Hill

Cole Spring Meadow    Chestnut Hill  
Bennett's Pond        old Soldier's hole  
Hemlock Mountain  
Grate Pond  
Moose Plain

west wing / Oakham



East wing / Princeton

from  
Mormon Files  
859331

South Fork

minister	L	28 Samuel Wright	29 Charnock + Franklyn	30 Robert Blood	31 Faith Waldo + Ben Porter	32 Townsend + Minot	33 Wilder
22 Thom Smith + Jon Waldo	Dead Meadows	23 William Taylor	24 Jos Willard + Jos Person	25 Jos Willard	26 Salt + Bix	27 Aulton Waldo	G
G	H	16 Steven Smith	17 Josiah Willard	18 Buckleys Heirs	19 Samuel Willard	20 Jonathan + Jones	21 Thomas Fitch
D	E	12 Thomas How	F	Smith Jeffries	Witchusett Meadows	14 Thomas Antelina	15 Chandler
Point Water Meadow	7 Jon Waldo + Oulton + B Waldo	8 Paul Dudley	9 Sam Brown + B. Dyer	B	C	10 Daniel Willard	11 Thomas Brintnal
M	1 Adam Wm Thompson	2 Thomas White	3 Jos Winstan	4 Henry Willard	5 Jos Robbin + Jon Waldo	6 Jonathan Waldo	

237 acers each

Witchusett  
William + Hill  
Ward


Josiah Houghton


# Rutland Proprietors Records

1722 - 1792

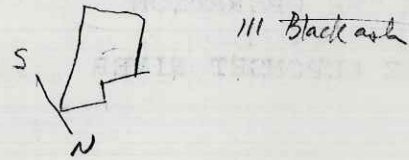
Surveyor Sam Wright

Thomas Fitch 1722

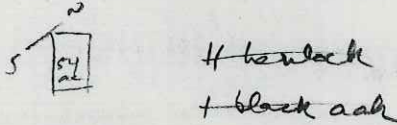
1726  210  
hemlock

1736  stone  
maple

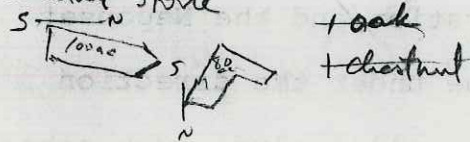
Edward Savage? Surv. Thomas Hamman

1746  S N  
Black ash

1745 3<sup>rd</sup> div. Lot 47 + lot 36 Sur. Thomas Hamman

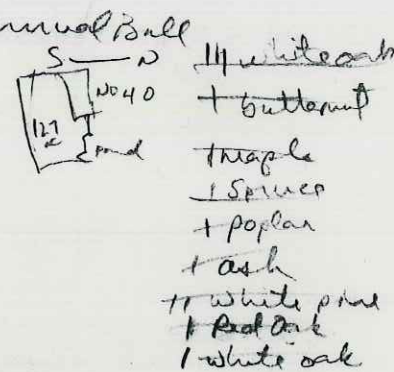
 54  
hemlock  
black oak

1724 Samuel Stone Sur. J. Houghton

 1000  
oak  
chestnut

1731  lot 55  
black oak  
hemlock  
white oak

1723 Clear Haywood 11 Chestnut plot 59  
white oak  
oak

1724 Samuel Bull  127 40  
white oak  
butternut  
maple  
spruce  
poplar  
ash  
white pine  
red oak  
white oak

# Morrison Files

Mostly 1722-29 + 44  
1723-1795

- ✓ beach III
- ✓ black oak III
- ✓ Chestnut ~~###~~ ~~###~~ ~~###~~
- ✓ Rock maple I
- ✓ pitch pine ###
- ✓ hemlock ### ###
- ✓ oak ### ###
- ✓ white oak ### ### III
- gray oak I
- ✓ ash III
- maple ### I
- Sealer Swamp
- ✓ Black birch I
- ✓ Red oak ### I
- ✓ poplar II
- ✓ pine I
- ✓ white pine III upto p. 125
- ✓ BK ash IIII
- ✓ white ash I
- ✓ butternut I
- ✓ Spruce I

walnut hill  
oak hill  
pine plains

X enter here

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1729 <sup>+</sup>    | 1744-47        |
| John Jeffries        | John Jeffries  |
| Henry Franklin heirs | Edward Rice    |
| George Robbins       | Simon Davis    |
|                      | Henry Franklin |

Returned Dec. 22, 1874

The Proprietor of the Pipe-Plum in Antwerp in the month of May  
then voted to accept of the above Plan being adopted  
all the lots of said Proprietor. then voted that they meeting  
the second Monday in June next to meet at Col. John Bull's  
at one o'clock. A then y. meeting was adjourned accordingly

Paul Moore mdy

Paul Moore Prop. Clerk

1/4 E 64 rod

1/4 E 78 rod

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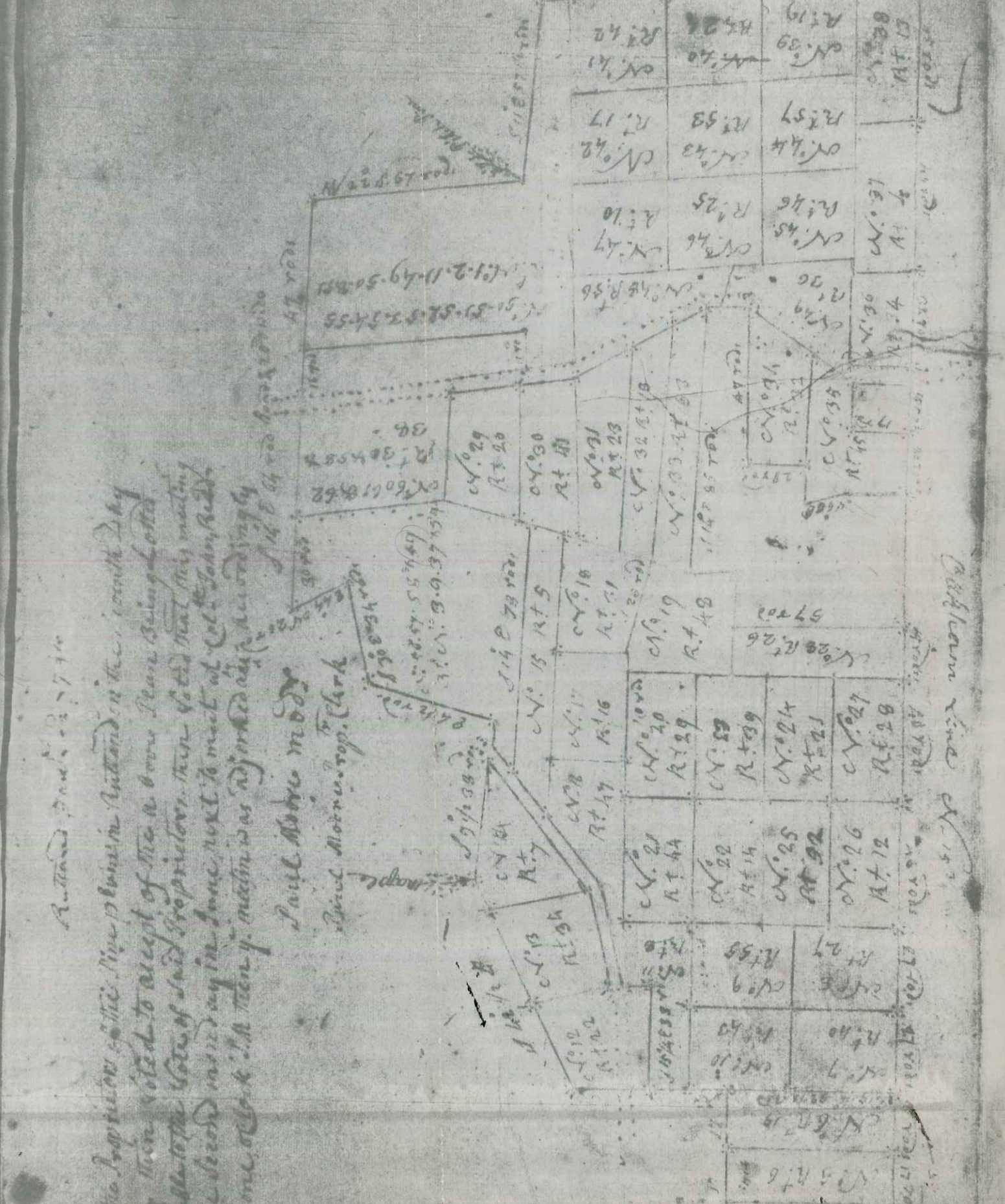
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Catharine Road

1874

Map of the P  
Division in Rut  
Rutland Prop

Pine ~~Barren~~ Plain

(southern part of Shutesbury)

Shutesbury Proprietors Records at Greenfield Registry of Deeds

+ map book 5, p. 13

(so as not to duplicate Gordons, none are from Northern Section These lots and divisions are

Lot#	Division	
95	1	whit oak 1
80	4	chestnut 1
39	1	pine 11
38	1	pine 1 whit oak 1
little part 80	3	chest 1 blk oak 11
34	3	chest 1 birch 1
42	1	birch 1
76	1	blk oak 1 pitch pine 1
36	3	Red oak 1 Blk oak 11
79	4	whit pine 1 chest 1 whit pine 1
52	4	oak 1
74	4	oak 1
76	4	oak 1 chest 1 blk oak 11
12	2	Pine 11 Red oak 1
81	4	pine 1
46	1	chestnut 1
74	1	whit oak 1
44	2	beech 1
45	2	blk oak 1
45	1	blk birch 1 whit oak 1
59	1	blk oak 1
27	1	oak 1
56	1	chestnut 1
48	1	chestnut 1
97	2	whit oak 11 pine 1
41	2	oak 1 Blk oak 1 Red oak 1
107	1	Blk oak 1 chestnut
36	3	whit oak 1
63	1	chest 1
62	1	Red oak 1 whit oak
61	1	whit oak 1
66	1	whit oak 1 chest 1

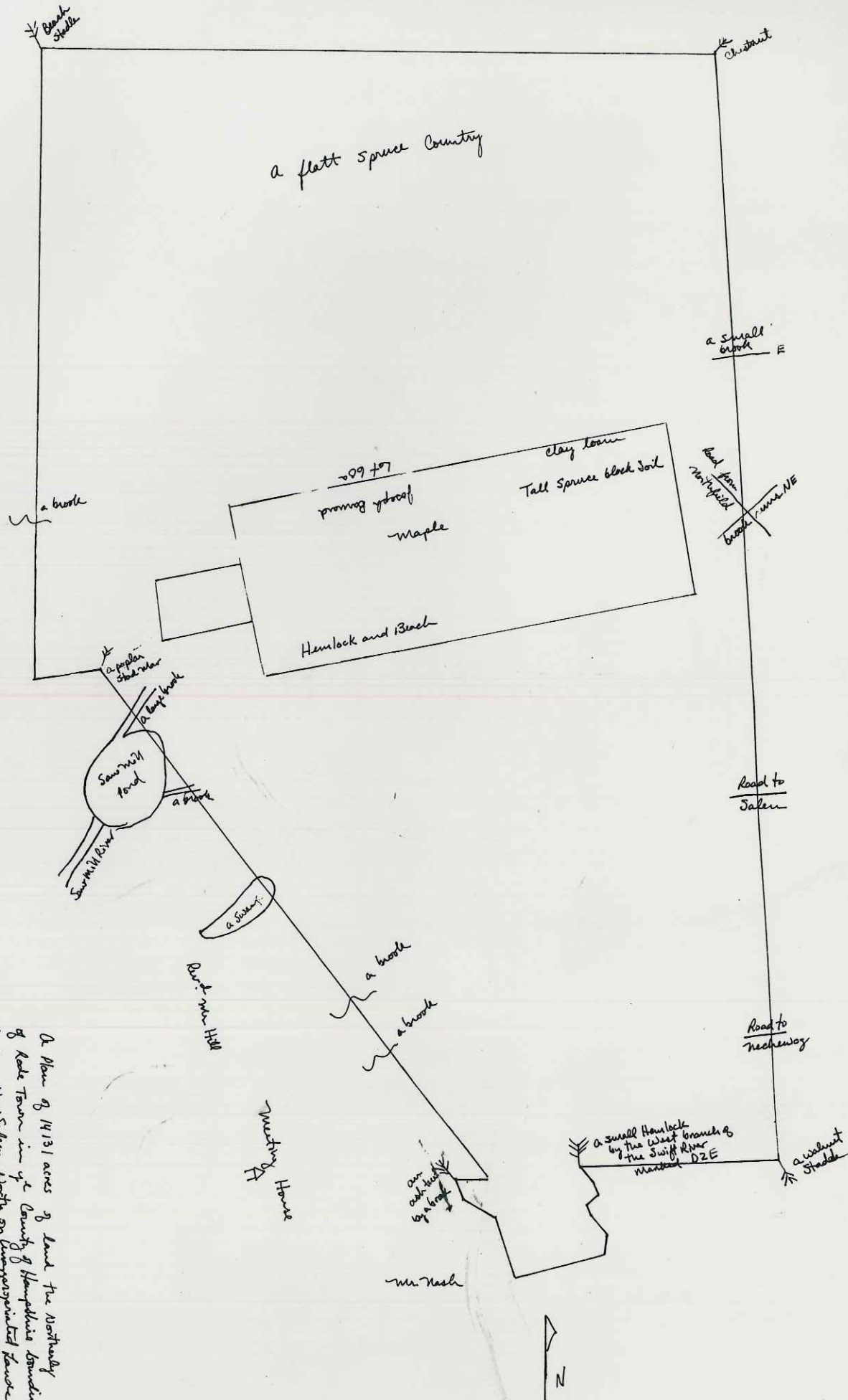
The first indicated for each lot on the plan of Shutesbury. The trees come from the corresponding entry in the proprietors records

Saxifrage State 1

67	1	whit oak 1	Red oak 1	Chest 1
70	1	beech 1		
85	3	Blk oak	stake	pine 1
15	1	whit oak		
21	1	walnut 1		
26	1	walnut 1		
29	1	Chest 1	walnut 1	
30	1	walnut 1	Blk oak 1	
31	1	blk oak		
32	1	blk oak 1	Red oak 1	
17	2	Chest 1	oak 1	
41	2	ash 1	Blk oak 1	Red oak
		walnut 1	whit oak 1	

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tally	#	%
whit oak	12	15
Blk oak	15	19
Red oak	6	8
oak	4	5
Chest	14	18
walnut	5	6
birch	2	3
Spine	9	12
pitch pine	1	1
whit pine	2	3
beech	2	3
whit ash	1	1
ash	3	4
Red ash	1	1
Blk Birch	1	1



A Plan of 14131 acres of land the Northernly  
 of Kade Town in the County of Hampshire bounded  
 East on New Salem, North on Unappropriated lands  
 West partly on Sunderland and partly on land in  
 Kade Town Southwardly partly on Fallow and partly  
 on Kade Town. South Divid<sup>t</sup> 1751

intended

1750-1760

Sunderland (w/o Montague + Leverett)

- ✓ Bk oak    ###
- ✓ pine    ##### II
- ✓ birch    II
- ✓ Red Oak    ## |
- ✓ white oak    ### ## ### III
- ✓ Oak    II
- ✓ Chestnut    ## |
- ✓ Red ash    II
- ✓ Walnut    II
- ✓ Hemlock    III
- ✓ ash    II
- ✓ beech    |
- ✓ maple    |

Bull Hill, Hadley line (Bare hill of Toby mentioned by Toby)

Toby, Sagwoked land, Dragon H. N, Mohawk Pt in, Russells H. N, Elizabeth H. Kellogg's H. N, Willards Brook, Plum trees, Hatchet Brook?, Russells Hill

- ✓ white oak    ###    ##    ###    ##
- ✓ Red oak    III
- ✓ Pine    ### III
- ✓ maple    III
- ✓ poplar    |
- ✓ Chestnut    |
- ✓ Walnut    IIII
- ✓ Sycamore    |
- ✓ Bk oak    III
- ✓ elm    |
- ✓ Mountain oak    |
- ✓ White ash    |



enclosed

very faded Plot map on wall.

Shedrack

# Proprietors Records, Town of Townsend

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1731, 1732,

1739, 1747

1734

Seco<sup>d</sup> division

Third  
Fourth, fift<sup>e</sup>

1720 ✓ pine IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII 39  
✓ maple IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII 126

✓ ash II 2

✓ Beech IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII 129

✓ pitch pine IIII 16

✓ Red ash II 2

✓ Chestnut IIII 8

✓ Hemlock IIII IIII 9

✓ wht. pine IIII IIII IIII IIII 18

✓ Black Oak IIII IIII 8

✓ oak IIII 4

✓ wht ash II 2

✓ wht oak IIII IIII IIII IIII IIII 23

✓ Red oak IIII IIII IIII 14

✓ Blk B. oak IIII IIII IIII 14

✓ spruce I

✓ poplar II

✓ alder II

✓ white Hazel II

✓ wht Birch II

✓ Basswood II

✓ Horn beam (witch pine) I

Boundary descriptions begin p. 101-184

Sagunocook River

Hatsum's plain

Ashswamp

Swamp

pine land 1765+

pitch pine IIII

Chestnut III

Surveyors

John Storer (original)

Dayton Weyman

Samuel Jones

Warwick

with list of Warwick inhabitants from Charles Morse  
went to Registry of Deeds, keeping track of lots & divisions,  
I recorded trees for as many entries as had them.

Blk oak 1

whit oak 1

Red oak 11

Chestnut ~~tttt~~ 111

Pine 1111

ash 1

Blk Birch 11

Birch 11

maple ~~ttt~~ 11

Hemlock ~~ttt~~ ~~ttt~~ 11

Beech ~~ttt~~ ~~ttt~~ 111

Early Warwick  
Settlers

Wagoner's purchase  
under lease in deed

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3/24/1785 Grantor William Willet & Rebecca First B4 P82

2/5/1785 Grantor Adamo Hamilton David Redford B1 P514  
66 acres along  
to 60175

2/15/1784 Grantor John Adams Norman Mays  
John Smith & John  
175 acres along  
to 1841100000

3/31/1770 " " Norman Mays  
2 - 273  
lot 7/1D

6/6/1764 " " James Ball  
2 - 253  
lot 49/1D

3/13/1766 " " Stephen Thayer  
2 - 404 Westport lots 13D  
Swamp of Town

10/26/1770 " " Jacob Packard  
2 - 203

6/16/1767 John Perkins  
2 - 126

5/25/1770 " " Thomas Bennett  
2 - 290

9/24/1770 " " William Bradley

Peter Poppenwell

John Bennett →

12/1757 Thomas Bennett  
2 - 442  
4511D 2112D

3/25/1761 " " Jacob Mays  
1 - 513  
Hathorn Grants  
lot 60/2D

11/17/1761 " " John Kampman  
2 - 506  
160 acres  
lot 1/1D

11/16/1762 " " Angus Little  
2 - 348  
lot 64/2D

11/12/1765 " " Stephen Mays  
2 - 20  
150 acres  
lot 5/4000

3/10/1765 " " Joseph Mays  
1 - 514  
Nelson Farm  
lot 27/1000

7/2/3/1767 " " Medad Conroy  
2 - 66  
500  
36/3D 750000

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Vol + page	Notes
-11-1771	Bradley William	Thomas May	1-324	100 acres 98 Rod N <sub>2</sub> to P <sub>1</sub> omico Riv E 1/2 S 220 Rod S 50 Rod W 218 Rod
at 30 1751	Broune David	Mosh Gale	3-265	
by 17 1759	Backman Mrs	Ephraim <del>Perre</del> <sup>Roxe</sup>	1-449	lot 11/1D + 51/2D
by 28 1776	Burnet Andrew	Samuel Pitts	3-247	
13, 1774	Archibald	Sarah Metcalf	3-312	
	Henry	Solomon Johnson Jr	4-253	Orange 50 acres East Lot 14/2D
130 1774	Burton Benjamin	Reuben Petty	3-51	Req at SE cor David Gal land, Wly 76 rods N Mill Bk. S by on R <sub>1</sub> to lot 19 S line then Ely to E line lot 19 30A
Nov 11 1782		Ezra Leonard	4-105	50 acres east of Gale Brook N of lot 19 + melrose lot 19
Nov 24 1772	Reith et al	Benjamin Burton	2-396	108 acres Nly part Lot 12/2D
127 1769	Samuel	Ezra Leonard	2-297	
by 16 1770		Benjamin Burton	2-351	Lot 19/2D
24 1772	et al	same	2-396	120 acres Lot 12/2D
28 1774		Reuben Petty	3-31	Nly part of lot
by 3 1767	Butler Joseph	Samuel Burton	2-297	52 acres Lot 19/2D West of Gale Brook 150 acres Lot 12/2D
Nov 9 1763	Chamberlain Edward	David Weld	1-527	10/1D + 30 25
Nov 16 1772	Chandler Theophilus	Nathan Kenny	3-174	
by 11 1779	Chase Caleb	Abraham Abbott	4-37	50 acres Lot 16/1D
1329 1750	Cheney Ebenezer	Charles Wilder	3-280	
Nov 11 1782	John	Nathaniel G. Stevens	4-40	66 acres Lot 24/4D
18 1773	Childs Caleb	Caleb Davis	2-455	
12/10 1774	et al	Solomon Child	4-263	140 acres Lot 23/2D
"	Phineas et al	"	4-265	
Nov 14 1776	Cole David	Peter Pannum	4-97	186 acres Lot 30/1D, 31/1D, 47A part Lot 53/5D + Blady Lot 16/4D + Lot 10/5D
Nov 20 1777		Joseph Beance	4-280	on NW cor of Lot 56
1783		Samuel Shepley	4-209	
by 13 1784	ashford	Joseph Bass	4-15	216/4D + 60/5D
		Samuel Jennings	4-14	216/4D 210/5D

Grantees

Grantees

Year	Grantee Name	Volume	Page	Description
1761	Davis Ebenezer	Jonathan Bullard	1-477	Lot 43/2D 150 acres
"	"	Andrew Blunt	1-476	Lot 23/1D
"	"	Joseph Williams	1-515	635.4000 <sup>2D</sup> Hatters Grant
1762	"	Daniel Cook	2-47	Lot 28/1D E+W on Common Land Bound S on Hedge Non Barrett
1763	"	Joshua Williams	2-6	45/3D
"	"	Ebenezer Hammond	2-271	
1767	"	William Temple	2-244	Lot 30/1D + 30000 of lot 53 adj SW cor of lot 30
1768	"	John W. Lee	2-204	Lot 53/3D
1772	Jonathan	Josiah Whedock	3-297	255 A on lots <sup>150</sup> 25/2D Lot 60/3D lot 59/4D lot 58/5D
1761	Dexter Joseph	Amos March	1-502	lot 24/1D
64	"	Solomon Chapin	2-193	lots 18+19/1D + 25 acres of Nord lot of 60 acres adj 18 of 5 acres 3D belong by 18
1764	"	Ephraim Simett	2-174	Lot 60/1D
68	"	Thomas Leonard	2-466	
1770	Dodge Joseph	Gail Ebenezer	2-330	
1762	Dorville Amzi	Mathew Goodland	2-194	lot 9/1D
62	"	Moses Evans	2-278	East 1/2 Lot 37/1D
64	"	Samuel Bennett	2-205	30 acres N part lot 40/1D
64	"	Moses Evans	2-278	50 acres east part lot 50/4D 71 acres beg at SE cor of lot 44
68	"	James Bell	2-294	run W by lot 43, 160 Rod. S by 4 W by 800 ft, N by 32 Rod. E by 175 ft S by 510 ft E by 130 ft + 5 1/2 23 ft
71	"	Wilder Stephens	4-94	55 acres Lot 46/1D
84	Dudley Paul	William Emery	7-78	150 acres gate meadow?
86	Linnam J	Samuel Scott	1-475	Lot 42+43/1D 28/2D
1766	Duncan John	Henry Chase	2-274	
1775	Dunsmore Joseph	Nicholas Watts	3-45*	
1783	Eager Solomon	Joseph Garfield	4-49*	
1774	Caton Robert	John Dean	4-67	50 acres S part lot 59/3D Bd N on T Gould Won Lake Rich

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Grantee

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1773	Calh	Josiah	Peter Ripley	3-235	
25-1750			Manuel Temple	4-293	30 acre N side Lot 5/3D
18/1770	Conant	Abraham	Ezra Conant Adm	2-402	
		Abraham	same		
12-1765		Benjamin	Benj Jr	2-100	100 acre Lot 54/1 Div
14-1768		Wm	James Ball	2-294	
8-1770		Wm	Ezra Conant Adm	2-402	Acres of Benj Conant to Ezra ad part in state Lot 55/3 Div
11-1773			Samuel Dance	3-248	Lot 5+6 in 1 Div Lot 16/1 Div and after sale of lot 6 1/2 Div
16-1770		Ezra	Abraham Conant	2-332	
27-1774		Titus	Joseph Mayo	3-169	50 acre Ministry Lot 32/1 Div 50 acre part Lot 55/3D
18-1780		John	John Wilson	4	85 south of Ministry Cot.
8-1770		Josiah et al	Ezra Conant Adm	2-402	
11-1773		Mary et al	Samuel Dance	3-248	Lot 32/1 Div 50 acres Ministry Note plus 11 acres
27-1774	Congregation of Soc	Joseph	Joseph Mayo	3-169	
14-1762	Corbin	Ephraim	Benj Conant	2-100	Lot 6/1D Lot 30/2D 34/1D 11/2D 29/3D 31/4D
12-1763	lights	Ebenezer et al	Joseph Mayo	1-514	
19-1771	Cocker	Zachary	Francis Moore	2-466	
9-1768	Arthro	Ebenezer et al	John White	2-266	
29-1773	Dana	Daniel	Oliver Kneebuck	3-71	
6-1757	"	Calh Cambridge	Moses Leonard Jr	2-187	Lot 52/1D
1758	"	et al	"	2-466	
13-1780		Daniel	Joseph Dance	3-309	1/2 of 206 acre Bled Bay at NW Corner Ministry Lot 32/1D N on N Leonard + Paul Egan Thos Rich + Slangey Son D Gale 50 - Part of 55/8 Div
4-1774		Samuel	Ezra Conant Jr	3-248	see description
19-1782			James Dance	3-297	
1773	Dana	Calh	Josiah White	3-296	
	Dana	James son of Calh	Samuel Barton	2-331	Lot 19/2D

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1770	Eldy Abel	Ezra Conant (bhm)	2-402	
72	Levi	Mark Moor	2-445	
1762	Evens Moses	Nathem Goddard	2-194	lot 5 + 42 / 1D rubs to hundreded lands lot
62		David "	2-281	lot 5 / 1D
63		Benjamin Conant	2-100	40 / 3D except 1/2 acres in Ely side
64		Samuel Hedge	2-306	
		Joseph Mayo	2-46	lot 41, 42, 43 / 1D plus 100 acres adjoining above.
65		Joshua Burley	2-200	
65		* Josiah <sup>Mouthfield</sup> Conway	2-83	100 acres part lot 66 / 2D 3000 NE cor 58 / 3D
65		* David Gale	2-176	lot 20 / 2D Gale Mills Road Now C of M. (1975) Lot 41, 42, 43 / 1D also 1200.
69		Andrew Babymple	2-226	400 acres west of Richards Pond Lot 12 / 1D
1765	Farrar John	Richard Hunt	2-183	
77	Fay Eliza	Elyah Kendrick	4-172	
1770	Fay John	Eliza Fay	3-71	
1770	Fellows Gustavus	Caleb Davis	2-343	
1772	Feltton Nathaniel	Samuel Langley	3-56	
1766	Field Reuben	Asaph Butler	2-336	
1969	" "	Nathan Ball	2-269	
1780	Fisher Abigail	Josiah Smith	4-336	50 acres lot 25 / 1D *
1780	" Hannah	" "		17 / 1D
1757	" Samuel	Moss, Timothy	1-427	
68	Fisk Henry	Ebenzer Winslow	2-265	
1775	Fisk Peter	Joseph Mayo	3-168	
1783	" "	Caleb "	4-79	22 acres 45 Rod
1764	Felagg Benj <sup>Samuel</sup>	David Goddard	2-195	3.00 + 4.00 acres lots below
1761	Fryzel James	David Barrett <sup>relating</sup>	1-466	to Lot 26 / 1D 36 / 1D
63	" "	Joseph Mayo	1-527	35 / 3D
69	" "	Theophilus Chandler	2-497	

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73 Gail Dawel  
 12-13-68 Goodell John  
 1-25-79 " Joseph  
 6-14-64 Goss Phillip  
 9-30-65 Gould Eli  
 5-4-67 Grandy John  
 11-4-63 Gudley Abigail's heirs  
 1-3-64 Gugg Mathew  
 5-25-70 Groat Hilscrah adm  
 9-24-70 Est John G. King of Wm King  
 6-1-56 Hammond Ebenezer  
 8-2-59  
 9-21-63  
 9-17-72  
 12-16-73  
 2-18-74  
 9-27-74  
 6-8-43 Elazar  
 8-16-54 James  
 11-9-72 Jonas  
 11-11-74  
 8-8-54 Harris John  
 11-2-59 Hartshorn Thomas  
 7-13-74 Harvey Ebenezer  
 3-1-59 Harwood James  
 7-11-68 Hastings Daniel  
 12-7-69 " Jacob  
 3-1-85 Haven James  
 5-12-86

Sanj. Court  
 Jonathan Gail  
 Hannoniah Temple  
 Moses Evans  
 Joseph Moses  
 David Allen  
 Joseph Barber  
 Gresham Sharp  
 " "  
 Ebenezer Bancroft  
 William Bradley  
 Samuel Scott  
 David Allen  
 Samuel Hunt  
 Peter Ripley  
 Nathaniel Rich  
 Benoni Hemmings  
 John Moor  
 Thomas Apemwall  
 Silas Town  
 Mark Moor  
 David Dunbar  
 Samuel Scott  
 Timothy Ners  
 Amos Marsh  
 Ebenezer Davis  
 John Sprague  
 Owen Dunham  
 Pelatiah Metcalf  
 Phelanau Parker

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 1-462  
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 4-384

100 acres S part of Lot 66/SD  
 Lot 26/SD  
 Lot 49/20 150A.  
 Underwood Farm 2970' E +  
 61 1/2 acres 829' N + S  
 100 acres met to NH  
 line E 218' N 57' W 220'  
 S 98' Roads  
 Lot 48/1D  
 Lot 46/1D  
 Lot 11/3D  
 65 acre lot formerly  
 25/4D  
 4 acres at SE cor lot 4/4D  
 N 35' Rod W 32' rods  
 Lot 5/4D 60 acres  
 Lot 60/1D + 27  
 Lot 59/1D  
 Lot 5/4D 60 acres  
 Lot 44/1D  
 24/1D 67/2D  
 Lot 30/1D  
 150 acres extra part of  
 Surran & Grant  
 50 acres  
 } mortgage  
 } home chest

# Grantors

# Grantees

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Grantors	Grantees	Val + page
6/3/77 <del>Heath</del> Joseph Becking	Elijah Kinbuck <sup>Warwick</sup>	H-171 16 acs N part lot 20/4D
1-1-68 " Pelag	Medad Pomeroy	2-938 75A lot 41-3D IV
2-23-54 " Samuel	John Fay Jr <sup>southborough</sup>	2-98 lot 21/1D lot 20/4D
5-23-57 " "	Joshua Bailey	1-477 lot 12/1D
1-12-63 " " at al	Joseph Mayo	1-514 635 acs Halthorn Farm
3-8-64 " + William "	John Fay	2-95
6-20-65 Hodge Elisha	Peter Proctor	2-254 240± 402A a/c 2nd Div. lots 52, 46, 47, 24, 47, 60
2-24-67 " Lemuel	Medad Pomeroy	2-333 30± lot 40/3D low 12A 10A set lot 40 to highway
8-3-72 " "	Ruben Petty	3-31 37± 37 acs of lot 35/1D W on highway S on lot 34 E on highway
1773 Hill John	Elijah Ball ✓	3-312 N on lot 52 E on Pomeroy's
2-8-73 " "	Ebenzer Cheney	3-279
12-24-77 Houghton William	John Moore	3-88
7-10-81 " "	Charles Wilbur	3-240
12-16-68 Hunt Richard	Ebenzer Perry	2-266
7-23-64 " Samuel	Nathan Goddard	2-199 lot 2/3D
5-27-77 " Simon	Ebenzer Davis	2-242 lot 53/3D
5-18-71 Hutchinson Aaron at al	David Brown	3-79
4-8-61 Johnson Edward <sup>Woodstock Comp</sup>	Joseph Rawson <sup>graston</sup>	2-359
5-23-60 " John <sup>Keene NH</sup>	James Ball	2-57
4-16-68 " William	David Ayres	1-462 5/11D
3-23-65 Keem Joseph <sup>Pembroke</sup>	Jonas Leonard <sup>Pembroke</sup>	2-254
3-16-82 Kendrick Elijah <sup>War</sup>	John Brown <sup>Pembroke</sup>	2-203 720 acs Sand in Wndhatch P Warren
5-13-77 " Oliver	Elisha Hunt <sup>Wald</sup>	4-170 E on John Moor 77R W 108R 50 acs Bld W on Nfld Line
6-6-83 " "	Elijah Kinbuck	3-71
4-17-77 Kenney Nathan	Mark Moor	4-39 lot 23/4D 66 acs
6-5-76 Kent Isaac <sup>War</sup>	Timothy Woods	3-173 90 acs 1st part lot 50
7-9-82 Kingsley Pelag	Francis Woods <sup>Pittsford</sup>	4-80
3-27-63 Koombal John	Ebenzer Pierce	4-37 37 acs W on 49R N on 120R E on 49R S on 121R 75± lot 48/3D
11-17-61 Lamson Wa	David Allen	2-402 15 acs part of lot 60/3D
	Joseph Williams	1-514

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12-19-63	Jamson, Asa	Nathan Ball	2-57	lot 60/2D 50 acres on N end of lot
3-25-76	Langley Samuel et ux	Calib Mayo	3-55	
9-21-62	Saurance Ebenezer	Moses Whitebank	2-366	
8-20-70	" Joseph	Tram as Nurse	2-446	
6-26-66	Lie Zebulon	Salaman Cager	2-504*	150 acres 64/2D
11-19-64	Leland Moses et al	Jasiah Rawson	2-400	lot 64/2D 150 acres
"	" <sup>Sutton</sup> Phineas et al	"	"	
10-31-65	Leonard, Moses Jr	Samuel Leonard	2-466	
12-24-62	Sock, Ebenezer	Israel Amstard	2-276	50 acre part lot 29/3D
3-24-63	" "	Joseph Mayo	1-517	
2-9-79	Sove Robert	Savel Metcalf	3-310	
5-20-71	Lucas John et ux	Elijah Whitney	2-361	
5-16-54	Marcum William Jr	Samuel Scott	2-242	50 acres west of Saurance grant
11-7-61	" "	Benjamin Tlogg	1-457	
5-17-63	Marsh, Amos	<del>Nathaniel Killogg</del>	1-	
"	"	Daniel Bartlett	1-518	100A lot 45/2D
3-2-1767	"	Assisted Charles Wood	2-404	
2-13-69	"	Sith Lewis	2-280*	
4-17-81	"	Jonathan Blake	4-40	
4-28-79	Mayo Benjamin	Ebenezer Perry	4-140	
3-12-78	" Calib	John Moore	4-39	
4-12-85	" Elizabeth et al	Frederick Temple	" "	
Oct 18 - 66	" John et ux et al	Jesse Burnett	4-388	
4-11-67	" "	Thomas Mayo	2-272	
Oct 26 - 68	" "	John Weeks		
5-2-69	" " et ux	Thomas Mayo	2-288	
2-13-54	" Joseph Com et al	Ebenezer Hammond	1-474	45/1D 41/2D
2-10-62	" "	Silas Town	2-403	lot 59/1D in lot 58/1D
1-17-63	" "	Joseph Williams	2-52	635 acres of Nathans Farm
4-23-68				

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May 22 1764	Mingo Joseph et al	2-309	
March 22 1768	" "	2-359	389 acres Lot 8
May 10 1769	" "	2-278	629 acres 3 part Haltoms Gr.
June 29 1771	" " Com et al	<del>3-59</del>	
"	" "	3-59	
4-12-85	" Moses et al		
5-26-88	Mills James <sup>Wren</sup>	4-40	750 lot 61/50
12-24-77	" William et al	3-83	
6-21-79	Merick Barnabas	3-234	
10-21-62	Mores Richard Jr <sup>Oxford</sup>	2-22	Lat 53/10
12-16-62	" "	2-194	55/10 & 224/20
1-25-86	" Samuel	4-387	
3-11-73	Morris Edward <sup>Dunley</sup>	2-505	Lot 31/30
5-26-62	Mores Eli <sup>Shuburn</sup>	2-67	35/10 51/20
4-14-64	" Jeduthun et al	2-56	Lat 38/30
4-18-64	" "	2-67	Lat 2 and 12/30
"	" "	2-105	Lat 39+40/10
9-19-68	Morton Benjamin	2-269	+ 13 acres off 8 and 48/10 + 50 acres off 50/40 No. 8
11-17-70	" "	3-45	
12-3-83	" Daniel		
	Morse Joel + Town of W	2-101	Lot 99/20
Jan 10 1769	Nurse Francis	2-508	
11-6-72	" "	2-411	150 ac. beach lot 67?
1-12-73	" "	2-472	
4-25-74	" "	3-247	
11-10-59	" <sup>Rutland</sup> Timothy	2-209	lot 29/10
11-13-61	" "	2+193	Lot 17/10
2-25-64	" "	2-14	46/40
3-23-68	" "	2-244	
6-23-68	" "	2-254	No 38

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73 71	Rawson & Rawson Josiah	Timothy Nurse Nathaniel Zellan	2-7	2488 27401 10acr 10064 143acr. Beech 2A
3-30-63	Rumball John	Jonathan Perry	2-7	lot 15/1D
11-28-70	Russell Barnabus	Nathan Goodland	2-345	lot 59/1D 14000 + 31006
2-18-57	Scott Samuel	Abraham Scott	1-406	lots 44 + 45 in 1D in 100A (L 46 2D) 100A
2-28-57	" "	James Scott	1-407	lot 42 - 1D & all alter. rite
5-30-57	" "	Joshua Bailey	1-478	50A lot 24 - 1D
1-10-58	" "	John Wait	1-427	26/1D 45/1D
1-12-58	" "	Benj Wood	1-487	61 & 62/1D
7-20-58	" "	Phillip Goss	1-462	66/2D
7-29-58	" "	David Page	1-430	48/1D
8-11-58	" "	Samuel Hunt	1-429	47/2D 56/1D
11-14-59	" "	James Scott	1-432	43/1D Wind Lot 37, 38 + 39/1D
5-18-59	" "	David Barret	1-454	27/1D
9-27-59	" "	Anzin Doolittle	1-450	lots 37, 38, 39 in lot Div. + 70 Acres of 40
10-16-59	" "	David Barret	1-454	50000 of 4D to 1D 35
2-25-60	" "	Moore Evans	1-462	Saw mill on Black Brook & all inter.
5-29-54	Seaver Andrew	Jonas Hammond	3-55	Elmenger Jr 4-24 - 1755 all inter to lot 56/1D
5-19-60	" Nathaniel	Joshua Bailey	1-477	inception 50 acres
5-1-1756	Severance Joseph	Martin Severance	2-30	Severance Grant 200 acres
5-2-60	" Martin	Jacob Hastings	2-103	" " " "
6-22-61	" "	Caleb Allen	"	" " " "
1-3-64	Sharpe Benj	Gershom Sharpe	2-2	lot 11/1D Lot 50/2D
"	" Eliz at ad Sharpe & Perry	" "	"	"/1D 51/2D
10-29-62	Gershom Conn.	Samuel Ball	2-130	100 acres 1/3 of tract east of Monmouth
5-3-54	Sheldon, Elengur	Samuel Hunt	1-482	Benoni Moore grant 1756
7-26-79	Simons Benj at us	Benj Jr.	4-36	lot 53 + 54/1D in 100 acres
5-27-65	Smith Aaron	Hannuiah Temple	2-194	lot 40/2D
10-18-60	" Elizabeth	Abner Claffon	1-517	57/1D
5-3-65	" Ephraim	Stephm Smith	2-173	lot 6/3D + 20 acres Nears lot 7/3D
7-23-67	" "	Aaron Smith	2-196	75000 lot 6/1D + 25000 of

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1-28-71	Smith Ephraim	Hannah Temple	2-354
7-22-67	" Stephen	Ephraim Smith	2-196 <sup>lot 6/4D + 20 acres</sup> <sub>of lot 7/4D</sub>
2-2-71	" "	" "	2-354
6-25-78	Sparhawk <del>Timothy</del> <sup>Atty</sup>	Raham Bancroft	4-91 <sup>lot 24/4D 660 acres</sup>
5-21-81	Stearns, William	John Cheney	4-336
5-7-82	Stevens Abraham	Lyman Barnes	4-41
5-11-64	" Nathaniel	Benj. Stowell <sup>Warrenton</sup>	2-24 <sup>lot 25/1D</sup>
3-14-68	" "	William Burnett	2-222 <sup>lot 15/1D</sup>
4-20-71	" " et ux	John Williams <sup>Boston</sup>	2-359 <sup>26/1D</sup>
1-12-63	" Samuel et al <sup>Roxbury</sup>	Joseph Mayo <sup>Boston</sup>	1-514 <sup>635 acres &amp; Halthorn farm</sup>
10-4-65	" "	Joseph Warren	2-273 <sup>lot 1/1D 6/2D 50/3D</sup> <sub>27/4D 341 acres &amp; fall</sub>
1-3-64	Stone John et ux et al	Gershom Sharp	2-2 <sup>a 1/3 share of township</sup> <sub>lot 64/2D</sub>
1-26-64	Stow, John	Samuel Stow	2-20
11-19-64	" Samuel et al <sup>Warrenton</sup>	Josiah Rawson	2-400 <sup>lot 26/1D</sup>
5-13-67	Stowell Benj.	Nathaniel Stevens	2-217 <sup>all; NE cor Severance lot</sup>
3-18-69	Temple Hananiah	Daniel Goddard	3-45
5-24-69	" William et ux <sup>Spencer</sup>	David Cobb	2-334 <sup>100 acres 2D</sup>
9-9-71	Thayer, Asa	Josiah White <sup>Spencer</sup>	2-375 <sup>lot 22/3D</sup>
3-12-71	" Ezekiel <sup>Madison</sup>	Peter Wheelock	3-50 <sup>plus 39 acres Wind 57/2D</sup>
12-11-73	" Stephen	Robert Eaton <sup>Shelbott</sup>	2-504 <sup>*waa</sup> <sub>50 acres lot 13/3D</sub>
11-21-67	Thurber Jonathan	John Cole	2-506 <sup>lots 22, 5K and all after right</sup>
5-11-72	Town Silas	Samuel Mellon <sup>New Bremen</sup>	2-403 <sup>22 + 54/1D</sup>
3-1-59	Turner Hezekiah <sup>Roxbury</sup>	David Ayers	1-450 <sup>26/1D 45/2D</sup>
6-26-60	Wait John	Ebenzer Prescott <sup>Brimfield</sup>	1-499 <sup>lot 15/1D</sup>
5-4-62	Wallis David <sup>Brimfield</sup>	John Rumball	2-5
11-15-68	" "	Thomas Wallis	2-447 <sup>lot 62/1D lot 45/2D</sup>
6-15-57	Ward Isaac	Samuel Scott	2-194 <sup>lot 62/1D</sup>
"	" "	Jonathan Perry <sup>Roxbury</sup>	2-6 <sup>143A lot 64/2D</sup>
5-18-71	Warren Silas et al	Josiah Rawson	2-359

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1753	William Joseph	Joseph Mayo	3-169		
5-27-1779	William Samuel Trust	Ephraim Town	3-308		
6-22-79	" " "	Samuel Moor	4-123		
2-22-85	Wilson John	Jeremiah Dean	4-334		
1-25-86	" "	William Wapen wall	2-448		
1-1-73	Winchester, Charles	Benjamin Thayer	3-26		
12-23-71	" Isaac Est	Asaph Butler	3-297		
8-30-63	Winslow Joshua	Isaac Ball Jr.	3-10		
8-28-69	" Samuel	Joshua Dean	4-68		
11-7-83	Wood, Francis	Joseph Mayo	4-79		
8-10-84	" "	<del>Benjamin</del> Thresher	2-331		
10-29-68	" Jedidah	Thomas Stow	3-173		88 Acres + 60 Pkts Lot on Royalton line W 115 R N 10 W 116 Rd E 115
12-9-68	" Timothy	Benj Marton	2-369		
9-19-68	Woodward Joseph & Wm	Jonathan Woodward	2-267		
10-10-68	" "				
1790	James Ball	Medad Pomeroy	3-362		Wly part lot 42/3D 48 acres
	Joseph Mayo	" "	3-360		78 acres lot 52/3D + 39 acres
	Samuel Warren <sup>lot of Joseph</sup>	" "	3-361		lot 50/3D
	Joseph Mayo	" "	4-299		150 acres lot 53/2D
April 17 1765	Proprietors sold delinquent	Samuel Ball			Vol 1 Municipal Town meeting
"	Lot at Kennebec	Amey Coolidge			55/4D
"		Timothy Nurse			46/4D
"		Timothy Nurse			10/1D
"		Deborah Dexter			4/2D
May 22 1765		Samuel Blood			7-9 in part Halketts Farm
"		Silas Town			57/1D
"		Samuel Blood - Steven Gould			50/4D
July 13 1765		Samuel Blood			3/4D
"		David Goddard			55/3D 56/2D

Winchendon Proprietor Records

"Plantation of Ipswich Canada" 1735-1794

Copied in 1900 by town clerk, in great condition + very legible  
Plans copied in book also w/ lot #s

both minutes + boundary descriptions  
6 miles sq. 1735 licent Abraham Tilton

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Nathan Hayward  
Surveys  
Thomas Barry 1739

- Elme 1
- Maple 11
- Hemlock 1
- Black Birch 1
- 1762, lots laid out
- Spruce III 6
- Hemlock III III III III III III III 36
- Beech III III III III III III 31
- Maple III III III III 19
- Black Birch 1
- Pitch pine III 4
- Pine III III III III II 22
- Beech III 3
- hemlock III 3
- whit pine III III II 12
- cherry 1
- wildcherry 1
- ash 1

mentioned  
pine land  
beech land  
most beech are "little beech"  
moose horn pine timber  
a bad place to find pine timber (no lot)  
Spruce swamp (no 172)  
heap of windfalls

then it seems the plots were re-surveyed,  
in same area so it won't repeat.  
Some names given, no date

Also, there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> division map of lots  
and boundaries descriptions, but at center  
where it is in relation to already tallied trees.