



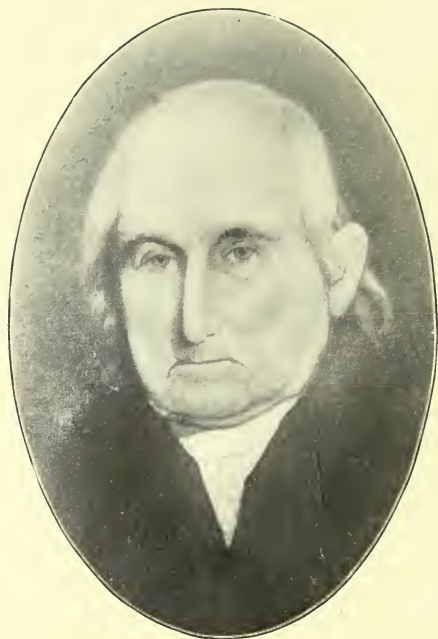


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## THE NEWBURYPORT AND BOSTON TURNPIKE.

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At the beginning of the 19th century, commerce was making rapid strides in Massachusetts. Better communication between the inland towns was needed, and the first step towards a closer relation was the building of toll bridges over the large rivers, thus doing away with the slow, dangerous, and expensive system of ferries. Soon after came the demand for better roads. As the towns were not able to expend the large amounts of capital required to construct such roads, and as the cost was greater than any single individual cared to assume, a corporation for each enterprise was created by legislative authority. Frequently the "turnpikes" proved themselves to be poor investments for capital, and to the promoters and to those who contributed funds and labor, must be given credit for a great deal of courage, a large degree of public spirit, or a misplaced confidence in the soundness of their investments. Without doubt, however, some of the earlier turnpikes turned out to be paying investments, as they opened up a large part of the country not before in direct communication with the centres of trade. This probably accounts for the increase of road-building, for in less than ten years after the first turnpike was chartered (1796) forty-two companies were created and empowered to build roads in Massachusetts proper, or in Maine, then a part of the State. The construction of these roads and the ease of communication over them were such an improvement over the old "town ways," that the people not only willingly paid toll to be allowed travelling privileges, but in a great many instances

gave assistance by grants of land and by requiring the United States mail to be carried over them.

The first turnpike corporation in Massachusetts was chartered in 1796 and was formed for the purpose of building a road from the town of Western, now Warren, to Palmer. The Act sets forth that no good highway existed and that the towns could not afford to build a proper road. The company was given the right to charge travellers, in exchange for performing a work which was apparently regarded as a public necessity. On the State records, the first seventeen turnpikes are known only by numbers, first, second, third, etc. Afterwards they were given names indicating the localities through which they passed. The books of these corporations were at all times open to the inspection of the Governor and Council, and the Legislature. The Legislature could dissolve any corporation, so formed, after twenty years, if it was shown that the income of the road had compensated the corporation for its expenditures together with twelve per cent interest. It is very doubtful if there was case where this power was exercised. The usual width of the roads was four rods or sixty-six feet. It is interesting to note that the subject of wide tires, as road improvers, was then considered, and tolls were only half as great for vehicles having tires six inches or more wide, while with tires three and one-half inches wide and carrying a load of forty-five hundred pounds a toll three times the regular sum was demanded.

In general, the phraseology of all the petitions for turnpike roads was the same, namely, the great expense of keeping ordinary roads in good repair, and the relief it would be to taxation if those who wished better roads should themselves pay the cost of building and maintaining them. But when Micajah Sawyer, William Coombs, Nicholas Pike, Arnold Welles, William Bartlett, John Pettingill, William Smith, John Codman, and James Prince petitioned the "Great and General Court" for a turnpike road to be laid out between Newburyport and Chelsea Bridge, said company to be known as the Newburyport Turnpike Corporation, they based their claim upon an entirely different reason—"the advantage of connecting our own town with

the capital of the state by an "air line"—the shortest possible route. As a matter of fact none of this road was laid out in Newburyport, but was built in the town of Newbury, but now a part of Newburyport. While the plans for its construction did not assume definite form until 1800, the subject of such a road was agitated some time before. March 8, 1803, Caleb Strong, then Governor of Massachusetts, approved the charter of the corporation. This was the first road of its kind to be chartered in eastern Massachusetts. The Salem turnpike, chartered about the same time, was the first to be opened. The critics maintained that it was a much wiser plan, to build the road from Newburyport to Salem, thus connecting with the turnpike which was to be built from there to Boston. The proposed road was to start from the head of State street, in what is now Newburyport, and run in as nearly a straight line as possible, to Chelsea Bridge. We may all agree with the words of the corporation's first president after being told of the proposed route, when he said,—“A herculean undertaking.” The engineer was instructed to point the telescope of his transit South  $24^{\circ}$  West, and to follow that course as directly as possible to Chelsea Bridge. As the road stands today, in the distance of thirty-two miles it deviates only eighty-three feet from a straight line, and most of this deviation is at the ledges in Saugus, near the Lynnfield woods, where a great deal of heavy blasting was necessitated, in order to get through at all. The cost of the road was nearly half a million dollars; far greater than any public improvement in New England up to that time. It surely was a wonderful piece of work,—“a monument,” says Caleb Cushing, “of the enterprise and perseverance of its projectors.” Even at the time when this road was in process of construction, successful experiments were being made with locomotives. Possibly the builders of railroads, one hundred years from now, when they are superseded by airships, may be looked upon in much the same way that we now look upon the promoters of the old turnpikes.

The stock of the corporation consisted of one thousand shares, more than half of which, or five hundred and ninety-

eight shares, was held in Boston. Newburyport men held two hundred and ten shares, James Prince having ninety-eight and Captain Israel Young, thirty shares while Nicolas Pike, William Bartlett, Jonathan Gage, and Micajah Sawyer held ten shares each. "Lord" Timothy Dexter, "the Wonder of the East," strange to say was not interested in this enterprise. Perhaps his holdings in the Essex Merrimack Bridge, which was more than one-half of the original number of shares, satisfied his desires in this line of public improvement. One hundred and forty shares of the turnpike stock were held in Gloucester, nine in Danvers, seven in Cambridge, and five in York, Me. With the exception of Danvers, the citizens living in the towns through which the road was to pass took no stock in the road, either actually or metaphorically. The first meeting of the corporation was held in Boston, April 14, 1803, notification of the meeting appearing in the New England Palladium, a paper published in Boston, and also in the Newburyport Herald. On April 20, 1803, the directors met and chose the following officers:— "Judge" William Tudor, of Boston, President; Gorham Parsons and James Prince, Vice Presidents, and Enoch Sawyer, Treasurer, all of Newburyport. During the summer, the directors, with their engineer, travelled on foot three times over the entire distance. "Rocky heights, bogs, briars, thickets, and all the unpleasant obstacles of an unfrequented tract of country, rendered these pedestrian journeys slow and fatiguing." The survey required three week's time, the expense being about two hundred and fifty dollars, including five dollars paid Michael Hodge for making a plan of the road. Theophilus Parsons was paid two hundred and fifty dollars for legal services, such as drafting the papers, looking after the legislators, and influencing the Justices of the Court. The settlement of the land damages was not an easy matter for those who derided the scheme were not averse to plundering its promoters. Very few there were, whose lands they were compelled to intersect, but expressed their vexatious submission to the law which they could not control, and all demanded a triple compensation for the land they were compelled to

part with." In seventeen cases the owners of the land refused to accept the price fixed by the commissioners and appealed to a jury who awarded them twenty per cent more.

Work on the turnpike was begun August 23, 1803, on High street in Newburyport. Messrs. Prince and Young, two Newburyport men, had charge of the building of the first eleven miles, reaching from the head of State street to Peabody's mills in Topsfield. They received \$18,850. for their part of the road. Capt. Jonathan Ingersoll had charge of the next nine miles to Malden, and Gorham Parsons superintended the construction of the bridge over the Parker river. The building of the roadbed was in general given to contractors, who, in many cases, hired men from each locality for the work in their vicinity and often times these men furnished their own wheelbarrow, cart, or pick and shovel, as the case might be. Peleg Slocum of Lynn, built three and one half miles of road from Peabody's mills to Joseph Chaplin's house in Rowley, for eight thousand dollars and a hogshead of rum. The grade was not to exceed one foot in twenty and the road was to be covered with gravel ten inches deep. For building another part of the road, Richard and Ebenezer Kimball, both of Lebanon, N. H., agreed to furnish sixty men, blacksmiths, five yoke of oxen, and ten horses. They were to work as many days on the road as the Directors thought necessary, until July 1, 1805. Each man was to receive one dollar a day and board, and half a pint of West India rum. The Company itself was to furnish "two or three ox carts, and so many horse carts and wheelbarrows as are necessary." Those men not working under contract received \$1.25 per day, for ditching; a laborer with pick and shovel received 5 or 6 shillings, and \$1.57 was paid for a man, cart and oxen. Masons, carpenters and painters, employed in constructing the toll-houses, hotels and bridges, received an average of nine shillings per day. These days of course were reckoned from "sun to sun."

At one place near the Newburyport end, the road was made twenty feet high and twenty-five rods long, far above the mud of the swamp through which the road

passed. The workmen at the close of the last day's labor, on this part of the road, looked with a sigh of relief on the well finished roadbed, but to their surprise on the following morning when arriving at the scene of their previous day's labor, a great embankment was not to be seen but an enormous hole thirty-six feet deep and twelve rods in length. The slippery mud of the meadow had allowed the heavy mass of gravel piled upon its surface to settle until its downward course was stopped either by the hardpan of clay or by the rocky crust of the earth. The accident however turned out better than was anticipated, for the big hole furnished an excellent depository for the vast amount of dirt and rocks removed from the neighboring hills which otherwise would have been difficult to dispose of, finally making an excellent and solid foundation for the road across the swamp. The construction of bridges over the rivers and brooks was an item of great expense in building the road. Sixty-two bridges were built by Prince and Young over the first dozen miles between High street in Newburyport and Peabody's mills in Topsfield, and sixty-nine other bridges were necessary in the remaining distance. A large number of these so called bridges were nothing more than culverts, three or four feet wide, but several expensive bridges were built over the rivers which the road crossed. At Little river in Newbury, a bridge of timber thirty feet in length was required, built upon stone abutments ten feet high with wings of stone one hundred and thirty feet long and six feet high. Another expensive bridge was erected over the Parker river. The construction of this bridge entailed an expense of seven thousand dollars. The bridge over the Ipswich river, with a span of seventy feet, was built at a great cost, owing to the hill on the south and the long marsh on the north, and three hundred feet of abutments were constructed. The only entry in the Topsfield town records concerning the turnpike appears under date of Apr. 1, 1805 when it was voted, "To grant liberty to the Newburyport Turnpike Corporation to erect a dry bridge across the road near Joseph Andrews, provided it is done to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectmen and Sylvanus Wildes, Isaac



Averill and Joseph Andrews and all persons immediately concerned or the major part of them.”

Work on the turnpike began Aug. 23, 1803, and was continued until November of that year. Four miles of road had been built during this time. In the spring of 1804 it was deemed advisable to push the work ahead with rapidity and accordingly five hundred men with oxen and horses, were employed. The most expensive as well as the most difficult part of the road was from Peabody's mills to Malden. This section of the road was under the direction of Capt. Jonathan Ingersoll, one of the Directors. In this section sixty-nine stone culverts, and six wooden bridges, from eight to seventy feet in span, were built. Nine hills were cut down varying depths from twelve to twenty-five feet, and many smaller hills from six to twelve feet. Eighteen causeways from four to twenty-five feet in height, and with a total length of two hundred and fifteen feet, were required to fill up the deep depressions on the road bed. For blasting the rocks and ledges used for culverts, bridge abutments, etc., three hundred pounds of gunpowder were used, while fifty casks were required for the same purpose on other parts of the road. To complete this section three hundred men, eighty yoke of oxen and twenty horses were employed for seven months, through the summer and autumn of 1804. Accidents were frequent on this section of the road, two fatalities occurring on River hill in Topsfield. In the Salem Gazette under date of July 19, 1804, it is recorded that Jonathan Hoyt, aged twenty, of Concord, N. H., was instantly killed by the falling of earth. Again under date of July 26, 1805, it is reported that "Francis Skerry, aged fifty, was killed by the falling of a large quantity of earth from the bank at Topsfield hill while at work upon the turnpike road." The account goes on to say that "Another man was much hurt at the same time so as to be obliged to have a leg amputated. One man was killed and two wounded, at the same place, and in the same manner last summer." At the close of 1804 the road was completed to Malden and early in the next year the work was extended to a mass of rock in Malden, called in good reason, as the turnpike men thought, Tophet ledge.

While the charter of the Company called for a road to Chelsea Bridge, the damages seemingly were to be so excessive that some other means of reaching Boston was sought. The first plan, which was strongly contested and at last rejected by the Legislature, was to construct a bridge across the Charles river to Barton's point. Then another petition was presented whereby the Newburyport Turnpike Corporation were to join with the proprietors of the Middlesex Canal and build a bridge over the Charles river, the last named Company to use the bridge as a tow path. This also was refused. But February 2, 1805, an Act was passed allowing the corporation to build to Jenkin's Corner, so called, in Malden, from Malden Bridge, instead of to Chelsea Bridge.

Not only were men employed upon the roadbed, but a large number were employed in other work connected with the turnpike, which progressed rapidly as the roadbed was completed. Three toll houses were constructed, with large gates which swung across the way, as reminders to the traveller that he must help pay for the road. The first house was in Newbury, and is still standing. Another was erected in Topsfield, and a third one in Chelsea. February 2, 1805, by a special Act of the Legislature, the proprietors were given the right to collect toll on parts of the road already completed. According to the requirements of first charter they were not allowed to collect tolls until the road was finished, but as a part of the road then was being used they thought it their right to collect. In Lynnfield, fifty-three acres of land were purchased, and a large hotel constructed at a cost of \$19,347.00. Ice houses, stables, a blacksmith shop, and other out-buildings necessary for an establishment of this nature were built in addition. The Company also furnished the hotel. The Topsfield Hotel was built at a cost of \$22,296.00. The lot on which it was located contained four and one-half acres of land, and buildings similar to those at Lynnfield were built in connection with the hotel. Mention of some of the famous gatherings at this Topsfield Hotel may not be out of place. In 1808 a great Caucus was held to denounce the Embargo. In 1829, the County Convention

which established Lyceums met there. The Essex Agricultural Society was organized there in 1818, as were the annual meetings of the Society for the years 1820, '22, '23, '24, '25, '37 and '38. The Essex County Natural History Society was formed there in 1834, and its parlors were frequently the scene of County Conventions and similar gatherings.

The turnpike having been completed to Malden, was opened for public travel on February 11, 1805. At this time, the cost of the road, with its fences, bridges, three toll gates, tools, etc., was \$282,936.38. Another item of expense was the cost of constructing a road from the hotel in Topsfield to the meeting-house, a further outlay of \$1,878.00, and also \$560.00 expended for five acres of additional land in Topsfield. The furniture for the hotel cost \$713.00, not an extravagant sum and the buildings were rented at the rate of \$400.00 per annum. The Legislature by a special grant, allowed the corporation to lay the road only three rods wide at Malden, thereby saving the expense of moving walls.

The first man to collect toll at the Newbury gate was Peter Flood. He was succeeded by James Merrill, and he in turn by a Mr. Page. Moses Pillsbury was the first man at Topsfield, and was followed by Leonard Cross and Moody Morse. At the Chelsea gate David Williams was the first man. He was succeeded by Daniel Collins and Cornelius Conway Felton. A half-gate, where only half-toll was taken, was erected at Ipswich where John Brown collected toll. Another half-gate was erected in Rowley, and still another at Trotter's bridge in Newbury. Peter Flood was allowed \$240.00 a year and house rent and Moses Pillsbury was given the same. David Williams received \$200.00 a year, but was not allowed house rent. These toll collectors were each required to furnish bonds at one thousand dollars. After it was discovered that the road would not pay large dividends, the toll collector's salaries were reduced to \$100.00 a year. The toll rates for each person passing over the turnpike were one and sixpence, or twenty-five cents, for a carriage with four wheels and drawn by four horses. Carts and wagons with

two horses paid half this amount, or nine pence. A one horse chaise paid ten cents ; a man on horseback five cents ; neat cattle, one cent and sheep and swine, three cents a dozen. According to the general turnpike laws no toll could be collected from a passenger on foot. At the time of the "Irish famine," a great many Irish immigrated to this country, and in order to save the charge of immigration, which was so much a head, they shipped to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ; crossed the line into Maine and then made their way to Newburyport. As the turnpike was the direct way to Boston, parties of ten or twelve, men, women and children, passed over it, stopping at the farm houses along the way wherever night overtook them, in this way avoiding the entrance fee into the country. No toll could be collected from anyone going to or from public worship within the limits of any town, nor from any person passing to his daily labor or upon the ordinary business of family concerns, nor from a person passing on military duty. This law gave the people in any town the right to travel anywhere within the limits of the town free of charge. These privileges were surely very liberal when the amount of money expended in building the road is considered. Without doubt both corporation and public evaded the law. The town of Danvers, feeling aggrieved at the excessive tolls that were demanded, held a special town-meeting and appointed a committee of three to wait upon the Directors of the road, with a complaint that the proceedings of the toll gatherer at the Danvers gate had been such that " they had been injured in their rights, not even the minister being permitted to visit his people when they were sick without paying toll ; also others are required to pay toll while engaged in their common ordinary business or domestic affairs."

There were three full gates between Newburyport and Malden, and the owner of a four-horse carriage, when travelling the entire distance, paid " four and six " or seventy-five cents, and the one-horse chaise even with the deacon in it, paid " two and three-pence " or thirty-seven and one-half cents. Human nature was the same then as now, and the people of that day were not adverse to

cheating the corporation whenever the chance presented itself. Owing to the thirty-eight public roads which the turnpike crossed, it was not very difficult to avoid toll and to stop this leak the half-gates were erected. The fine for evading a toll was from ten to fifty dollars. Occasionally a man was caught evading the law, but the case was usually settled outside of court, as the culprit was generally "a respectable citizen," in his own opinion at least. In 1808, "a respectable citizen" of Ipswich, passing on horseback, attempted to avoid toll in order to save the sum of five cents. Being detected he tried to pacify the toll collector by the offer of two dollars, but Peter Flood was not to be bribed, whereupon the offender wrote a pathetic appeal to the President of the corporation, in which, after offering many excuses, he begged for mercy. After some little difficulty he succeeded in getting off, no doubt at the last satisfied that it did not pay to be "penny-wise and pound foolish."

Unfortunately, the happy day never came to the stockholders of the turnpike, when the tenth section of their charter should endanger the reaping of the profits from the road. This section provided that when the company had received toll sufficient to cover the cost of the road together with twelve per cent interest, this road should become the property of the Commonwealth. However, it is said, that the Salem turnpike paid the principal in full. From a financial point of view the turnpike was doomed from the start. This was largely due to the excessive demands for land damages and also to the unexpected difficulties encountered which made the final cost far exceed the original estimate. The funds for constructing the road were obtained by twenty-six assessments upon the shareholders. The first assessment was made on April 20, 1803 and was \$5,000.00. Those that followed were for \$10,000.00 ; \$15,000.00 ; and \$20,000.00 ; the last one being levied in October 1806. The total amount raised by the assessments was \$439,000.00. This sum paid for only twenty-eight miles of the road ; that part which was constructed in Malden cost about \$35,000.00 in addition. Other expenses necessary for its completion brought the total cost

of the road well up to half a million dollars. The total amount of capital stock was one thousand shares, and each share represented an outlay of about five hundred dollars. In order to pay six per cent on this great cost, a gross income of more than thirty thousand dollars a year would have been required, while to pay the twelve per cent net profit, allowed by section ten of the charter, together with the first cost, would have demanded a steady stream of travel, day and night.

The hotel at Topsfield was twelve miles from Newburyport and being a very convenient building was considered the best tavern on the "Eastern" roads. It was expected that this hotel would be rented at eight hundred dollars per year. The Lynnfield hotel was only ten miles from Charles River bridge and being a roomy house and well situated it was expected to attract large numbers of people from Boston and Salem, more especially during the summer months. This hotel was to be rented at four hundred dollars a year. Neither of these hotels were a source of profit. The rent of each was reduced from time to time to a low figure and finally they were sold for a fraction of their cost.

The first toll was taken at the Newbury gate, now Newburyport, on Feb. 11, 1805. The amount taken at all the gates during the first twelve months was \$2,485.00. The second year it was \$3,150.00, and the gross amount received for toll from the time of the opening of the road until 1818, was \$51,612.00. The care and maintenance of the road cost from two thousand to three thousand dollars each year, so that the net income for the first fifteen years was only about four hundred dollars a year. For six months in 1805, the toll taken at Newbury amounted to \$2,909.00; at Topsfield it was \$251.00; and at Chelsea, \$420.00. For six months in 1819, the gate at Newbury paid \$518.00; the Ipswich half-gate, \$560.00; the Danvers half-gate, \$320.00; and the Chelsea gate, \$680.00. In 1829 the Newbury gate paid five dollars a week; the Rowley gate, seven dollars and a half; the Topsfield gate, five dollars; and the Chelsea gate, three dollars and a quarter. In 1830, Ipswich half-gate paid \$237.00; in 1840 it paid

\$131.00 ; and in 1841, only \$86.00. With receipts coming in at this rate the prospects for the owners of the road were not exceptionally good. It is the general impression that dividends were never paid by the corporation, but this is erroneous. The first dividend was paid January 6, 1806, upon the earnings for nine months, and was at the rate of \$2.25 per share, less than half of one per cent. The second years' dividend of \$2.00 a share was declared July 17, 1806. The third dividend, of \$2.70 a share, was declared January 5, 1807 and was the largest of any paid. In 1819 the nineteenth dividend was declared for the amount of \$2.50 a share and in 1820 the twenty-second dividend of fifty cents a share was declared. In July, 1823, the hotels were sold and five dollars a share was returned to each shareholder. The Lynnfield hotel brought \$2,550.00, and Cyrus Cummings of Topsfield paid \$3,035.00 for the hotel in that town.\* There were very few transfers of stock and they were mostly forced sales made necessary by the settlement of estates. In 1814, two shares sold for \$63.00 each ; in 1831, fifty shares brought \$525.00, that is, \$10.50 a share ; and in 1841, seven shares sold for fifty-seven cents a share.

The stage coaches which ran over the turnpike were not owned by the corporation and great difficulty would have been experienced in paying the running expenses had it not been for the tolls collected from "The Eastern Stage Company." The old line of mail stages started by Ezra Lunt in 1774 was succeeded in 1794 by Jacob Hale's four-horse coach, which was run until the Eastern Stage Company was incorporated in June, 1818. Starting from Newburyport the stage line followed the old post road which wound about from one post office to another, forty-three miles to Boston, and required eight hours to pass over its devious route. Later the time was shortened to six hours. The owners of the turnpike saw that the carrying of mail over their road would be an item of income so

\*The Topsfield hotel was kept by Mr. Cummings for a number of years. In 1844 it was taken down and removed to the beach at Clifton, where it was rebuilt substantially as before. It was rented as a summer resort, and during the season a steamboat made regular trips to and from Boston, landing the passengers in boats. The venture was not a financial success and on January 1, 1846, the building was totally destroyed by fire.

in 1817, Nicholas Pike and others sent a petition to the Postmaster General, stating that the Newburyport Turnpike Corporation had built a turnpike from Newburyport to Boston, at a cost of nearly half a million dollars, "generally supposed to be the best in the United States, by which they had shortened the distance between these towns about eight miles. By the present mail route six hours are required for the passage of mail, by the Turnpike it can be done in four," said the petitioners. Another appeal to Congress was made in 1818, setting forth that the road was a great public convenience, but that the cost of building had been so large that the owners had suffered great loss from the investment and asking assistance from the general government. It was a great question, which for many years was a bone of contention between political parties, whether Congress had the right to spend any part of the revenue of the country upon "internal improvements," such is canals, roads, bridges, etc.. It was within the power of Congress to help, however, to the extent of ordering the United States mail to be carried over this turnpike, which was finally done. This was brought about by the organization of the Eastern Stage Company of which Dr. Nehemiah Cleveland of Topsfield was the first President. The toll paid by the Company for the privilege of passing the Newbury gate was \$365.00 a year, which gave the use of the road as far as Topsfield where the stage turned off at "the half-way house" in order to collect mail in other towns. As the business of the stage coach increased the toll paid for the use of the road also increased. In 1824 the Company paid \$800.00; in 1830, the sum of \$900.00; and in 1834, the charges were increased to \$1000. a year. But this included the privilege to run all stages, carriages, post chaises, and wagons, over the entire length of the road. The great ridges at Topsfield were very trying to the strength of weary horses, as well as dangerous to passengers. Accidents were not uncommon and some of the best stage drivers refused to drive coaches over the turnpike. Some of the best known drivers, over this route, were Ackerman, Barnabee and Forbes. The stage that carried "the great eastern mail," at first turned off



at the "half-way house" in Topsfield, thence going to Danvers and to Salem, but afterwards it followed the "air line" to Boston. This coach ran light. In the ordinary coach there was always room for one more; in the mail stage only four passengers were allowed to be carried. The fare from Boston to Newburyport was two dollars by the ordinary stage, but by the mail stage it was two dollars and fifty cents. The stage company carried the mail from Portsmouth to Boston and a passenger travelling between these points paid four dollars for his transportation. Drivers of the old stage coaches, to be accommodating, sometimes carried express parcels, but after some owners had tried to obtain damages from the Company for parcels which had been lost it was voted at a meeting of the Directors that "drivers are expressly prohibited from carrying any money or packages not accounted for to the company's agent," and at a later meeting it appeared that a "committee is considering the subject of drivers carrying provisions from sundry places to Boston for sale, contrary to a vote of the directors." In April 1819 the following was recorded: "the company do not consider themselves accountable for the loss of any baggage, bundles or packages whatever, committed to the care of the drivers, or otherwise put into their stages." The Eastern Stage Company was very prosperous and paid good dividends on its stock, which in 1834 was worth over two hundred per cent. In 1825 the company owned two hundred and eighty-seven horses, thirty-five coaches and twelve chaises. The stables and workshops were located in Newburyport and covered a large area. The Wolfe Tavern, at Newburyport, was purchased by the Company in 1828 and became the head quarters and starting point and also the home station of the coaches of the Company. The Eastern Stage Company flourished for about twenty years. After the advent of the railroad the coaches became few in number and at last, "Major" Samuel Shaw put on a coach with the fare at one dollar and fifty cents to Boston, and the stage company ran a coach in opposition with the fare at one dollar.

The necessity for the turnpike having passed away, be-

fore long it seemed desirable that portions of it should become public highways and therefore in 1850 the County of Essex paid to Richard Stone, the last treasurer of the corporation, the sum of one thousand dollars and in 1851, twelve hundred dollars was also paid for a portion of the turnpike which was laid out as a county road. That part of the road extending from Rowley to Lynnfield, was accepted as a County road on May 10, 1849. The toll houses were sold prior to 1851 and probably no toll was taken after 1847.

THE WILDES FAMILY OF ESSEX COUNTY,  
MASSACHUSETTS.

BY WALTER DAVIS, JR.

**1 William Wild** is first mentioned in connection with the New World on the passenger list of the ship "Elizabeth," of London, which sailed for New England in the spring of 1635. With him came Alice Wild, aged forty years, whose relationship to him is uncertain, and his brother, John Wild, aged seventeen. This list of passengers, which is among the records of the London Custom House, shows that he was thirty years of age in 1635, from which the year of his birth may be approximated as 1605. William Wild settled in Ipswich before 1638, when his name first appears on the records of the town in a grant of land to Henry Wilkinson, dated July 25, 1638.

"Granted to Henry Wilkinson by the company of freeman 1635 three acres of planting ground on the south syde the Towne River. Also hee is possessed of three acres adjoining unto the same, the which latter three acres hee bought of Robert Hayes, and was granted unto y<sup>e</sup> sayde Robert Hayes at the same tyme the whole six acres, having a planting lott of Robert Cross on the East, and a house lott of John Dayne's on the West, also on the same syde a planting lott of William Wildes, buting upon the North end upon the river. Also three acres of planting ground lying upon Sogamore Hill, having Andrew Story's lott on the Southeast, and Michaell Williamson's lott on the Northeast."

No record of grants of land to William Wild in Ipswich can be found, but from a deed made by his nieces in 1685, the following is learned concerning his Ipswich property. "One dwelling house w<sup>ch</sup> said William Dec<sup>d</sup> out of with all buildings Edifices y<sup>r</sup> upon & Rights of Comons y<sup>r</sup> unto belonging y<sup>e</sup> said house lott being one acre more or les with all y<sup>e</sup> trees & fences appertaining & belonging also five acres or six acres or thereabout being more or less

bounded by the land of Aaron Pengry So-west & Goodwife Quilters & Henry Osburnes also Bounded No-west by Moses Pengry land Northerly by Thomas Medcalfs land No: East by land in possession of Caleb Kimball which is Scituate in ye comon feild upon y<sup>e</sup> north side of Ipswich river." (Essex Deeds, Vol. 15, leaf 119.)

In 1643, the town records of Rowley show that a house lot on "Bradford streete," was granted to William Wild, "containing an Acree and an halfe bounded on the South side by Thomas Palmers house Lott: part of it lying on the West side and part of it on the East side of the streete." In the same year he received grants of forty-eight acres of pasture land, marsh and upland in Rowley. He accumulated a large estate in Rowley as the following deeds show.

William Wild of Rowley, carpenter, sold to James Barker, tailor, "five acres of land . . . in Bradford streete lotts . . . bounded by y<sup>e</sup> land of William Jackson toward the north and the land of Thomas Palmer toward the South having the highwaye on the east & the common on the west." April 16, 1652. (Ipswich Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 126.)

William Wild of Ipswich, sold to George Hadley of Rowley, all the "accomodations granted unto him by the towne of Rowley at Merrimack river nere Haverill, viz: all his house and barne & fifteen acres of land about it, lying & being by Merrimack river, having the land of Robert Hazeltine toward the east & the town pasture toward the west: alsoe twenty eight acres, be it more or less, lying at the end of the aforesaid land . . . alsoe two hundred acres, be it more or less, having the land of Robert Hasseltine toward the east, Rowley comon toward the west & the land last mentioned toward the north & Rowley comon toward the south." Dec. 17, 1655. (Ipswich Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 182.)

William Wild of Ipswich, sold to Robert Andrews "a parcell of land being part of the village land of Rowley conteining seaventy acres . . . as it lyeth bounded by other land of the Said Robert Andrews wch he purchased of John Lambert toward the southeast & Southwest, the land of Abel Langley toward the norwest shooteing down to

Pye brook toward the northeast." July 26, 1661. (Ipswich Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 49.)

William Wild of Ipswich, sold to William Boynton of Rowley "all my land lying upon Merrimack river, with the priviledges thereof as it lyeth bounded, the vilage land eastward, the land of Thomas Palmer southward, Merrimack river westward and the land of William Jackson northward." Oct. 26, 1661. (Ipswich Deeds, Vol. 2, p. 90.)

William Wyld of Rowley was made a freeman, January 31, 1646.

The above records show that Wild returned to Ipswich about 1655, where he practiced his trade of carpentering. It is recorded in January, 1656, that the selectmen determined to build a wharf for the use of the town, and "for the oversight and caring on of the cappenters worke. have named and apoynted Henry Pindar and William Wild." William Wyld was also appointed a fence viewer in 1658. He died in Ipswich between May 6 and Sept. 30, 1662, leaving his estate to his widow Elizabeth. Al, though he was not among the wealthiest men in the colony, he had a large estate for the times. His will and inventory-both on file in Salem, follow :

"I william wild of Ipswich in the county of Effex in New England being at present Sicke and weake of body but through Gods mercye Inioyeing my vnderstanding and memory doe make & ordaine this my last will and Testament first I giue my soule into the hands of Jefus christ my Redeemer my Body to be defently buried And for my outward estate which the Lord hath beene pleased to giue I difpose of as followeth After my debts & funerall expences are discharged I doe giue and bequeath vnto my beloued wife Elizabeth wild my dwelling house and all my land for the toorme of her natural Life and after her deceafe I giue all my sayd house and Land I doe giue vnto John wild the sonn of John wild of Toppsfield my Kinfman Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto my Kinfman John wild Senior of Toppsfield tenn pounds w<sup>ch</sup> he the sayd John wild hath in his hands of myne & doe order the bond I haue of him for it to be rendered up vnto him after my deceafe Item I doe giue vnto Robert Ames the sum of five pounds

to be payd by my executrix within one yeare after my death Alfoe I giue vnto marke warner the Summ of five pound Alfoe I giue vnto Hanah Lampfon the summ of ten pounds to be payd by my executrix as my Overffeers shall apoynt and the rest of my estate I leave vnto my beloued wife Elizabeth wild whom I make sole executrix of this my last will and testament And I doe desire my Loueing friends Theophilus willfon william white & Robert Lord senior to be my overffeers to see that this my last will be pformed according to the true intent & meaneing thereof And it is my will and mynd that If my Kinfman John wild Junior depart this life before he come to age or before the sayd house & Land comes into his poffesion that then it be devided among the children of John wild senior vnleff the Sayd John leaue heires then to be vnto them In wittnes that this is my last will & testament I haue heervnto sett my hand the Sixt day of may in the yeare one thousand Six hundred sixty two 1662

william wild did

subscribe this & declare

it to be his last will

William Wild

in the prefence of vs

Theophilus wilfon

William White

Robert Lord

proved in court held at Ipfwich the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1662 by the oath of Theophilus willfon & Robert Lord to be the last will and testament of william wilde to the best of there knowledge

p me Robert Lord cleric

An Inventory of the estate of william wyld of Ipfwich lately deceafed taken the 26 of June 1662

Imprimus the dwelling house orchyard

ground about it & 6 acre planting lott	46 - 0 - 0
Itt a mare and three colts	31 - 0 - 0
It. two cowes & 2 yearlings	11 - 0 - 0
It. three oxen	18 - 0 - 0
It. 6 hoggs & 3 piggs	04 - 10 - 0
It. in the hall 2 little tables	0 - 6 - 0

It. 3 chaires 2 formes & a stoole	0 - 7 - 6
It. a Cubberd 2 chests & a box	1 - 4 - 0
It a kneading trough one tub two keelirs 5 trays 2 beere veffels & pails	0 - 12 - 0
It one poudering [torn] & od wooden things	0 - 6 - 0
It. In earthern ware	0 - 5 - 0
It. one chamber pott & other pewter	0 - 13 - 0
It. a braf kettell skillett & warming pan	1 - 4 - 0
It. 2 Iron potts & other Iron things	1 - 4 - 0
It. 6 old axes 3 old fickles 3 wedges one broad how 2 beetell rings & a hammer	1 - 2 - 0
It. In weareing apparrell one cloake Jackett Breeches & hatt	6 - 14 - 4
It. a fearge sute	1 - 10 - 0
It a cloth coat & fute & other old apparrell	1 - 10 - 0
It 2 paire of shoes & 4 paire of stockens	1 - 00 - 0
It one yard & halfe of woollen cloath	0 - 4 - 6
It 7 yards of cotton & wooleing cloaths	1 - 1 - 0
It a payr of sheets & table cloaths [torn]	5 - 0 - 0
It half a dozen of Napkins	0 - 9 - 0
It 7 shirts	1 - 15 - 0
It three cuffons	0 - 5 - 0
It one bedsted	1 - 0 - 0
It. for curtaines & valance	1 - 15 - 0
It. a fether bed boulster & three pillows	4 - 10 - 0
It. a blankett coverlet & Rug	3 - 0 - 0
It. one bedsted strawbed flock boul- ster blankett & coverlett	1 - 15 - 0
It. in drest hempe	0 - 10 - 0
It. barke tubs	0 - 05 - 0
It. in sheepe woole	0 - 5 - 0
It. coslett pike and sword	1 - 4 - 0
It. a tub with 4 bushells of wheate	1 - 1 - 0
It. one ewe lamb	- 10 - 0
It. fowling peece	0 - 18 - 0
It. a crofe cut Saw	0 - 05 - 0
It. by debts owing to the estate	71 - 10 - 6
Summa Tottalis	225 - 14 - 6
debt oweing from the estate about	5 - 00 - 0

Theophilus wilson  
Robert Lord Jnior

Alice Wild, whose name was on the passenger list of the Elizabeth, is not mentioned on New England records, so far as yet discovered. It seems probable, however, that she may have been the first wife of William and that she died soon after their arrival. Elizabeth Wild is first mentioned as the wife of William Wild, in 1652, when she consents to a transfer of land (Ipswich Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 126.) After her husband's death in 1662, she married Richard Moore of Lynn, on November 6, 1662. Her agreement with Moore concerning her estate is recorded in Ipswich Deeds, Vol. 2, leaf 224, as follows:—

“Know all men by these presents that there being a marriage intended between Richard Moore of Lynn and Elizabeth Wild of Ipswich . . . the said Richard Moore shall have the estate of the said Elizabeth to make use of and improve during the time that it shall please the Lord they continue to gether but the said Elizabeth still shall have power (of what estate she brings) to dispose of as she shall think best at the time of her death: and in case the sayd Richard Moore depart this life before the sayd Elizabeth, that then the sayd Richard Moore doth by these presents engage himself to give unto her the said Elizabeth the summ of forty pounds (besides her own estate she brings to him).” October 30, 1662.

The will of her second husband, Richard Moore, mentions his widow, their contract before marriage, and his three sons, Thomas, John, and Samuel Moore. This will was made November 29, 1688, and probated September 24, 1689. The date of her death is unknown.

**2 John Wild** was born in England in 1618 and settled with his brother at Ipswich. In 1637 the new settlers were plunged into war with the Pequot Indians and John Wild was among the men of Ipswich who served, receiving 3s. for this service in 1639. His name was also in the list of soldiers to whom it was “agreed that each soldier for their service to the Indians shall be allowed 12s. a day.” December 4, 1643. The date of his removal to New Meadows or Topsfield, as it became in 1648, is unknown, but it probably occurred about 1645 at



the time of his marriage to Priscilla, daughter of Zaccheus Gould, one of the earliest settlers and most prominent men of the town.

The first record found after his settlement in Topsfield is a deed of sale, dated July 15, 1654, from John Wilds, carpenter, to Robert Andrews, for twenty acres of upland "Lying between y<sup>e</sup> upland of John Willds towards the South West & Daniel Clark toward y<sup>e</sup> North & northeast Abutting upon a Comon Way towards the Southeast & ground of y<sup>e</sup> sd Daniel Clarks toward y<sup>e</sup> north West." On July 5, 1660 he purchased of Richard Swaine of Hampton one hundred acres of upland "bounded with the comon land in Topsfield toward y<sup>e</sup> northwest, land of the said John Wild toward the northeast, land of Thomas Perkins & Robert Andrews towards the Southwest, and land of John Readdington towards the Southeast." Between 1663 and 1686 he sold ninety-four acres of land in Topsfield at various times to William Acie of Rowley, John French, Thomas Perkins, William Perkins, and Robert Andrews of Topsfield.

The town records of Topsfield contain the following items relating to John Wild:—

John Wiles shared in the common land in 1661.

Minister's rate, 1664, John Wiles, 01-12-10.

County rate, 1668, John Wilds, 13-3-0.

"John Wiles and danil borman are Chosen to vew fences this yeare insuing." March, 1677/8.

John Wiles took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity in 1677 and 1678.

He served on committees to lay out land or to run bounds, eleven times between 1663 and 1686.

"John willes is Chosen Juriman of trials for this naxt Court to be at Ipswich." March 2, 1679/80.

"John willes and John how a[re] Chosen to looke that men Ring thare swine acording to towne order." May 10, 1680.

He was a member of a committee to confer with Mr. Danforth "for his Continuing with vs at topcefeld, in the worke of the ministri" in 1680.

"Lliut pebody Deckon perkins Sargt Redington James

How senr Mr. Tho : Baker John Gould Sargt peobody  
Samuell Busell senr John Wilds John How Iacke estey  
Clarke are Chosen a Commity to discorse with Mr. Capen  
to stay and preach here with vs at Topsfeild a while.”  
July 29, 1681.

His rating was eighteenth in the minister's rate in 1681,  
with one hundred and five men taxed.

“The Towne has Lefte it to ye selectmen adding Will :  
Aurey & Isacke Estey & John Wilds to ye selectmen for  
ye seateing of pepall in our meeting house.” Nov. 21, 1682.

“John Wilds is chosen a tieingman and his presinkes is  
from Samuel Howlett & all ye ffaimelies there about by  
Deckon perkins & all about Daniell Clarke.” March 18,  
1682/3.

“John Wilds & Elisha perkins are Chosen seueruoyes  
for hie Wayes & ffences for this yeare ” March 6, 1682.

In 1684 John Wilds and his wife were members in full  
communion of the Topsfield Church. Priscilla (Gould) —  
Wilds had died in 1662 and he had married Sarah Averill,  
November 23, 1663.

During the long dispute which the colonies had with  
the government of Charles II. concerning the validity of  
their charter, the town of Topsfield took action as fol-  
lows :—“Wee doe hereby declare yt wee are Vtterly  
Vnwillling to yeeld ether to a Rasignation of the Charter  
or to anything yt shall be equeualent there Vnto Whereby  
ye foundation there of should be rased. Wee Whoes  
Names are Vnder Wrighteen doe hereby declare that Wee  
are desierous yt all humbell applection be made to his  
Maiesty yt Wee may still inioy or priuileges acording to  
charter

John How  
William perkins  
John Robinson  
John Wilds  
John Townes”

It is difficult to reconcile John Wild's sentiments as  
expressed in this record to the fact that he was one of the  
chief witnesses against his brother-in-law, Lieut. John  
Gould, who was charged with treason on August 5, 1686,

for expressing the same sentiments in a more forcible and indiscrete manner. It would seem that the relations between the Wild and Gould families became strained after the death of Priscilla (Gould) Wild, and John Wild's second marriage. The fact that John Wild, Jr.'s will was made in 1676, in order "that my father may com to no trobell by any claims of my onkel Gould," is further evidence toward this conclusion. The part which the family of Wild's first wife played in the trial of his second wife for witchcraft, in 1692, will be shown later.

When the terrible Witchcraft delusion swept over Essex county, the Wild family were among the greatest sufferers. The wife, two daughters, and a son-in-law of John Wild, were all imprisoned, but all escaped except his wife, Sarah Wild, who was convicted and executed.

On April 9, 1690, John Wilds, carpenter, transferred to his son Ephraim Wilds "in Confideration of y<sup>e</sup> Natural affection I beare to my Son" and "in Confideration of Seuen yeares Seruice that I had of him when he might have been for himselfe . . . all my housing lands & meadows together with all my stork of Cattol Sheep Swine Carts ploughs household Stuffe of all Sorts & kinds whatfoever." The farm was bounded as follows: "with lands of John ffranches on y<sup>e</sup> west and lands of Mr. William Perkins towards y<sup>e</sup> South & with lands formerly John Reddingtons towards y<sup>e</sup> east and with lands formerly Robert Andrews and Mr. Baker towards y<sup>e</sup> north." The old Wildes homestead, which remained standing until 1835, was situated in what is now a pear orchard at the forks of the road coming from Mile Brook bridge. On June 26, 1693, John Wild married for his third wife, Mary Jacobs of Salem. During the latter years of his life he is referred to in the town records as "old father Wildes." He died in Topsfield, May 14, 1705, at the age of eighty-five years.

Priscilla Gould, daughter of Zaccheus and Phoebe (Deacon) Gould, the first wife of John Wild, was probably born during her father's residence at Great Missenden, England, about 1625, but it cannot be stated with certainty as the records of Great Missenden have been destroyed

by fire. Zaccheus Gould, whose ancestry has been traced through many generations of English yeomen, came to New England with his family about 1639. He lived at Weymouth and Lynn and finally settled at Topsfield in 1644 where he became one of the most prominent men and the greatest land-owner in the locality leaving an estate of three thousand acres at the time of his death. Priscilla (Gould) Wild died in Topsfield, April 16, 1663. Her share in the estate of her father was paid to her children by her brother Lieut. John Gould.

Sarah Averill was probably the daughter of William Averill who was an inhabitant of Ipswich as early as 1639. It is certain that she was a sister of William Averill of Topsfield. She married John Wild, November 23, 1663. The marriage of John Wild and Sarah Averill within a year of the death of Priscilla (Gould) Wild, seems to have caused trouble between Wild and two relatives of his first wife, Lieut. John Gould, her brother, and Mary, wife of John Reddington, her sister, who lived on an adjoining farm. The first intimation of this state of affairs, appears in the statement John Wild, Jr., made in his will, regarding his Gould inheritance, in order that his father might not be troubled by any claims of his uncle Gould. In 1686 the breach was widened by the testimony of John Wild against John Gould on the charge of treason. Shortly after this episode, Mary Reddington began to spread witchcraft stories about Sarah Wild through the town and it is to her authority that most of the evidence against Sarah Wild may be traced. When John Wild threatened to sue her husband for slander, she denied her previous statements, but evil had already been wrought. Now the Goulds were related to the Putnam family of Salem Village, in whose home the delusion originated and who were the chief accusers in the trials to come and it is probable that the accusations brought against Sarah Wild by their Topsfield connections, were brought to the willing ears of the afflicted girls of the Putnam family and proved the immediate cause of her arrest. On April 21, 1692, the following warrant was issued, casting terrible affliction upon several Topsfield homes,

none more so than that of John Wild, for the warrant named not only his wife but his daughter and son-in-law, Edward and Sarah Bishop of Salem Village.

“Salem Aprill the 21<sup>th</sup> 1692.

“There being Complaint this day made (before vs) by Thomas Putnam and John Buxton of Salem Village Yeomen, in behalfe of their Majes<sup>ties</sup>, for themselves and also for severall of their neighbours Against William Hobs husbandman Deliv<sup>o</sup> his wife, Nehemiah Abot junior weaver, Mary Easty, the wife of Isaac Easty and Sarah Wilds the wife of John Wilds, all of the Towne of Topsfield or Ipswitch and Edward Bishop husbandman and Sarah his wife of Salem Village and Mary Black A negro of Leut. Nath Putnams of Salem Village also. And Mary English the wife of Philip English Merchant in Salem for high Suspition of Sundry acts of witchcraft donne or Committed by them Lately vpon the Bodys of Anna putnam and Marcy Lewis belonging to the famyly of y<sup>o</sup> abouesd Thomas Putnam complain<sup>t</sup> and Mary Walcot y<sup>o</sup> daughter of Capt Jonath<sup>n</sup> Walcot of sd Salem Village and others, whereby great hurt and dammage hath beene donne to y<sup>o</sup> bodys of said persons abouenamed therefore craued Justice.

“You are therefore in their Majes<sup>ties</sup> names here by Comrequired [*sic*] to Apprehend and bring before vs William Hobs husbandman and — his wife Nehemian Abot Jun<sup>r</sup> weaver Mary Easty and all the rest abouenamed tomorrow aboute ten of the clocke in the forenoon at the house of Lieut Nath<sup>n</sup> Ingersalls in Salem Village in order to their examination Relaiting to the premises abouesayd and here of you are not to faile.

Dated Salem Aprill 21<sup>th</sup> 1692

John Hathorne  
Jonathan Corwin

Assists.

“To George Herrick Marshall of Essex: and or all of y<sup>o</sup> Constables in Salem or Topsfield or any other Towne.”

On the next morning marshal Herrick arrived at the Wild home in Topsfield. By the irony of fate, Ephraim Wild, the only son of John and Sarah, was the constable of

Topsfield that year, and the marshal brought the warrant to him. What a tragedy is laid bare in these old and musty records—the young man finding his mother's name upon the warrant, witnessing her arrest and sad departure from her home and family, never to return and then slowly turning to his duty—the arrest of the remaining victims. His first petition for the release of his mother gives some details of the scene at the house of William Hobbs:—"the woman did show a ueriy bad spirit when I seized: on might almost se revenge in har face she looked so malishosly on mee." At her examination, which apparently occurred before that of Sarah Wild, Deliverance Hobbs confessed herself a witch, and "to be revenged of mee" as Ephraim Wild says, accused his mother of tormenting her. She declared that the shape of Mrs. Wild tore her nearly to pieces, and passed her the Devil's book to sign, bribing her with promises of new clothes. The account of the examination of Sarah Wild is still preserved:

The examination of Sarah Wilds at a Court held at Salem village 1692. by the wop=John Hathorn & Jonathan Corwin

The Suffers were seized with sou [fits as soon as] the accused came into the Court

Hath this woman hurt you

Oh she is vpon the beam

Goody Bibber that never saw her before says she saw her now vppon the beam & then said Bibber fell into a fit

What say you to this are you guilty or not?

I am not guilty. Sir.

Is this ye woman? speaking to the afflicted.

They all or most said yes, and then fell into fits.

What do you say are you guilty

I thank God, I am free.

Here is clear evidence that you have been not only a Tormenter but that you have caused done (some) to signe the book the night before last. What you say to this?

I never saw the book in my life and I never saw these persons before.

Some of the afflicted fell into fits.

Do you deny this thing that is?

All fell into fits and confirmed that the accused hurt them.

Did you never consent that these should be hurt?

Never in my life

She was charged by some with hurting John Herrick's mother.

The accused denied it.

Capt. How gave in a relation and conformation of the charge made.

She was ordered to be taken away and they all cried out that she was on the beam and fell into fits.

The evidence of the witnesses that appeared against her has been lost, but from other papers the names of some of them may be learned. "John Herrick's mother," mentioned in the examination, was probably Mary Reddington, whose daughter Mary had married John Herrick. This same Mary Reddington, whose hatred seems to have been insatiable, was responsible for the testimony of the wife of Samuel Simonds of Topsfield, with whose daughter Ephraim Wild had made a marriage engagement which had been broken when the girl's mother believed the gossip circulated by Mary Redington. "And now she will reward me" the heart-broken son says in a petition. The only other witness, of whom there is any record, is the little daughter of Martha Carrier, one of the accused. She tells the story of a witches' meeting, held at night in Mr. Parris's field, at which Sarah Wild and many others were present, pledging the Devil in wine cups filled with blood, a story which received full credit from the most learned and serious men of the time.

Mrs. Wild was taken to Boston gaol on May 13. In the interval of over two months which elapsed before her execution, her husband and son did everything in their power to prove the evidence against her false and save her from death. Three of their petitions are preserved and are as follows:

"John Wiells testifieth that he did hear y<sup>t</sup> Mary the wife of Jno Reddington did raise a report y<sup>t</sup> my wife had bewitched her and I went to y<sup>e</sup> saide Jno Reddington and told him I would arest him for his wife: defaming of my

wife but y<sup>e</sup> said Reddington desired me not to do it for it would but waste his estate and y<sup>t</sup> his wife would a done w<sup>th</sup> it in tyme and y<sup>t</sup> he knew nothing she had against mye wife— after this I got my brother Averill to goe to y<sup>e</sup> said Sarah Reddington and my sd Bro<sup>r</sup> told me y<sup>t</sup> he told y<sup>e</sup> said Sarah Reddington y<sup>t</sup> if she had anything ag<sup>st</sup> my wife y<sup>t</sup> he would be a means and would help her to bring my wife out: and y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Sarah Reddington replied y<sup>t</sup> she new no harm mye wife had done her.

“The testimony of Ephraim Willdes aged about 27 or therabouts testifieth and saith that about fouer yers agoe there was som likly hode of my hauing one of Goody Simonds dafter and as the maid towld me hur mother and father were ueriy willing I should haue her but after some time I had a hint that Goodeey Simonds had formerly said she beleud my mother had done her wrong and I went to hare and toch Marke how that is now dead who dyed at the Eastward: along with me and before both of us she denied that euer she had eney grounds to think any halme of my mother only from what Goodiey Redington had saide and afterwards I left the house and went no more and euer since she (has) bene ueriy angriey with me and now she will reward mee.

Ephraim Willdes”

“This may inform this Honered Court That I Ephraim Wildes being constabell for topsfield this yere and the Marshall of Sallem coming to fetch away my mother he then showed me a warrant from authority directed to the constabel of topsfelld wherein was William Hobbs and Deliverence his wife with many others and the Marshall did then require me forthwith to gow and aprehend the bodies of William hobs and his wife which acordingly I did and I have had sereous thoughts many times sence whether my sezing of them might not be some case of here thus a cusing my mother thereby in some mesure to be revenged of me the woman did show a ueriy bad spirit when I sezed: on might allmost se revenge in har face she looked so malishosly on me as fore my mother I neuer saw any harm by har upon aniey such acout neither in word nor action as she is now acused for she hath awlwais in-



structed me well in the christian religion and the ways of God ever since I was able to take instructions and so I leave at all to this honored Court to consider of it

Ephraim Wildes”

All the efforts of the family were in vain, however, and Sarah Wild was executed on July 19, with Sarah Good, Rebecca Nourse, Elizabeth How and Susannah Martin. Edward and Sarah Bishop managed to make their escape from prison, and Phoebe (Wild) Day, the other daughter of John Wild, who was imprisoned on the same charge at Ipswich, was apparently never tried.

On June 26, 1693, John Wild married Mary Jacobs of Salem. No further record of her can be found. George Jacobs who also was executed as a wizard, left a widow, Mary Jacobs, who possibly may have been the one who married John Wild.

Children by first wife :—

3. JOHN.
4. JONATHAN.
5. SARAH.
6. ELIZABETH.
7. PHOEBE.
8. PRISCILLA, b. April 6, 1658.
9. MARTHA, b. May 13, 1660.
10. NATHAN, b. Dec. 14, 1662; d. March 17, 1662-3.

Child by second wife:

11. EPHRAIM, b. 12th month, 1665.

**3 John Wild** is first mentioned in the will of his uncle, William Wild of Ipswich, of whom he was the principal heir. He was probably born about 1643, as his father was first called John Wild, Sr. in 1664. He sold his inherited estate in Ipswich to John Harris, locksmith, describing it as follows—dwelling house, orchard, and home lot in Ipswich bounded on the south-west by the common highway on the north side of the river on the street commonly called Long Street; on the south-east by the highway that goes into the north field; on the north-east by the land of Thomas Lovell; and on the north-west by the

land of John Edwards. (Ipswich Deeds, Vol. 3, p. 306). John Wild served in King Philip's War, and was under Capt. Poole, June 24, 1676, when 9 pounds, 5s. 8d. was due to him. On August 24, of the same year, 6 pounds, 11s. 6d. was paid to "John Wilde" of Topsfield. He died between June and September, 1677, unmarried. His will follows:—

This may satisfy whome it may conserne : that I John Wiles Juner have resaiued of my ffather that Land which he promised to my brother Johnnathan : and was ingaged to him and to mysalfe by our Grandfather Gould or fifty pounds to be paied and then my father Receiued his land againe and I doe herby declar that my ffather hath Satisfied and paied me both what was promised or ingaged to my Brother Johnathan and to my salfe to my full satisfaction and the intant of this is that my father may com to no trobell by any claims of my onkel gould : the fifty pounds that was ingaged to me and my brother Johnnathan is paied to me by my father to my full contant in part of that land whilh formerly was good man dormans And now I being prast to go to the war being desierous to satell things before I goo: not knowing how god may daell with me in respect of Retarning againe : If I doe not Return againe : than I doe dispose of what god hath given me as foloweth : I have five sistors and one Brother Sarah : Elizabeth : Phabe : Pracelah : Martha : and Ephrem and my will is that my land at Hauerill and at topsffeld and my mouabells be aqualy deuided amongst all the aboue named sistors and brother : and lat the lands be prised and thos that haue y<sup>r</sup> lands Shall paye to the other that which is there proporshon : and I doe herby apint my Honrad : ffather and louing onkell John Radington to be admenitrators of this estate : and to paye all my debts out of the estate before it be deuided : and this my last will and teftement in wetnas whar of I have sat too my hand this too and twantieth day of october one thousan six hundred Savanty and six : y<sup>e</sup> 22 : of october 1676 :

wetnasis

John How :

marah how

John Wild Juner :

This is to declare that I John Wild of topffeald do purpos and intend that my formor will written in october : before my going to the Eastward fshall stand good : provided it be the will of god I retur[n] not again

written the: 22. of June 77.

witn||e||ff our hands

John Wild

John Herrick

her

Sarah bithop

mark

In court held at Ipswich the 25 of Sept: 1677 this will proued by the oaths of John How and marah How to be the last will of John wild to the best of their knowledge as attest Robert Lord cler.

This is A trew Inuenty of the goods and Eftate of John wilde : Junier : deceafed

It. a percell of upland and medow which hee does by writing under his hand acknowledged to haue Receiued of his father in lieu of fifty pounds	50 - 00 - 00
It a peece of Indian :   corn   on the ground prifed at fix bufhells	00 - 18 - 00
It four sheep at thirty shillings	01 - 10 - 00
It three ould woollin garments at fourteen shillings	00 - 14 - 00
It a farge weftcote and fom ould linin att four fhill	00 - 04 - 00
It an Iron pott feuen fhillings	00 - 07 - 00
It an ould faddle three fhillings	00 - 03 - 00
It three faws at fixteen Shillings	00 - 16 - 00
It two ould axes five shillings	00 - 05 - 00
It two Iron wedges three fhillings	00 - 03 - 00
It two chizills one fhillings fix pance	00 - 01 - 06
It one augre one fhillings six pance	00 - 01 - 06
It a pair of beetle Rings one fhilling six pance	00 - 01 - 06
It fom Sheep wooll not appearing how much Refts onprised	
It debts due to him one pound one fhillings eight pance	01 - 01 - 08

It the debts he oweth : the crediters  
 not hauing giuen in their  
 accounts : Remain uncertn in  
 the purticulars of goods aboue  
 mentioned shall waue  
 aprised foe done by us whofe  
 names are under written this  
 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1677

Thomas Perkins  
 William Auerall

This Inventory deliuered in court held at Ipswich the  
 25 Sept. — as A true Inventory of John wildes jun his  
 estate as attest Robert Lord cleric

**4 Jonathan Wild** was a soldier in King Philip's War, as is proved by the fact that his nephew, John Wildes, claimed a share in Narragansett No. 3, a township granted to soldiers in King Philip's War, in 1728, in the right of Johnathan Wild. His inventory was presented and administration granted to his father 30 : 4 mo. 1676, the year of the war, so it seems probable that he died in the service.

“Jonathan Wild: An Invintory of Jonathan Wilds estate

“A mare & old saddle : 2 : a fmale gun : 15<sup>s</sup> 3 : Saws : 18<sup>s</sup> :  
 a Book 5<sup>s</sup> : a broad ax : 5<sup>s</sup> : a square 2<sup>s</sup> : 6 d : a mortis  
 Auger : 2<sup>s</sup> : old iron 12<sup>d</sup> : an old axe 2<sup>s</sup> : an inch auger  
 There is a . . . of land aboat 15 acres which was to  
 be Jonathans after his fathers deceafe this to be confidered  
 whether to be in the inventory or not

“These things were aprised by us : which are aboue men-  
 tioned Saueing only the land : dated 28 : June : 1676

John How  
 Wm Averell”

**5 Sarah Wild** married Edward Bishop of Salem and Beverly. In 1681 they were residents of Topsfield as it appears that “Edman bishup” was taxed in the minister's rate for that year. On May 25, 1690, Sarah Bishop was received into Salem Village church from Topsfield. In 1692 Edward Bishop and his wife were accused of witchcraft and a warrant was issued for their arrest on April

22. They were confined in Salem goal and examined but no records of their examinations remain. They were taken to Boston goal on May 13 of the same year from whence they were able to make their escape before October 7. During their imprisonment much of their estate was confiscated leaving their large family practically homeless. After their escape they moved to Rehoboth. Sarah Bishop was dismissed from the church at Salem Village to the Rehoboth church on August 31, 1705. She was still living in 1711.

Edward Bishop, son of Edward and Hannah Bishop of Beverly, was bapt. Feb. 23, 1648. He was in Capt. Poole's Company in King Philip's War. His father deeded to him his homestead on condition that he should care for his parents. The circumstances of his arrest for witchcraft are best understood by the following extracts from Calef's "More Wonders of the Invisible World."

"The occasion of Bishop's being cried out of, was, he being at an examination in Salem, when at the inn an afflicted Indian was very unruly, whom he undertook, and so managed him that he was very orderly; after which in riding home, in company of him and other accusers, the Indian fell into a fit, and clapping hold with his teeth on the back of the man that rode before him, thereby held himself upon the horse; but said Bishop striking him with his stick, the Indian soon recovered, and promised that he would do so no more: to which Bishop replied, that he doubted not but that he could cure them all, with more to the same effect. Immediately after he was parted from them he was cried out of, etc."

"Edward Bishop and his wife having made their escape out of prison, this day Mr. Corwin, the sheriff came and seized his goods and chattels, and had it not been for his second son (who borrowed ten pound and gave it him) they had been wholly lost."

"Received, this 7th day of October, 1692, of Samuel Bishop, of the town of Salem, of the county of Essex in New-England, cordwainer, in full satisfaction, a valuable sum of money, for the goods and chattles of Edward Bishop, senior, of the town and county aforesaid, husbandman;

which goods and chattles being seized, for that the said Edward Bishop, and Sarah his wife, having been committed for witchcraft and felony, have made their escape; and their goods and chattles were forfeited unto their majesties, and now being in the possession of the said Samuel Bishop; and in behalf of their majesties, I do hereby discharge the said goods and chattles, the day and year above written, as witness my hand,

George Corwin, Sheriff."

"Edward Bishop Aged Aboute 44 yeares, Sarah Bishop Aged About 41 yeares, And Mary Eastey Aged About 56 yeares, all Testifie and say that Aboute three weekes Agoe, to say, when wee was in Salem Goale then and there we heard Mary Warrin seuerall times say that the Magistrates might as well examine Keysar's Daughter that had Bin Distracted Many Yeares. And Take noatice of what shee said: as well as any of the Afflicted prsons, for said Mary Warrin when I was Afflicted I thought I saw the Apparitions of a hundred persons: for shee said hir Head was Distempered and that shee could not tell what shee said. And the said Mary Tould us that when shee was well againe she could not say that shee saw any of the Apparitions at the time aforesaid

Edward Bishop, Sarah Bishop, & Mary Eastey."

At the arrest of Edward Bishop, household goods valued by the sheriff at ten pounds were taken from his farm, also 6 cows, 24 swine, and 46 sheep. The imprisonment of himself and his wife aggregated 37 weeks, and ten shillings a week for board and other charges and prison fees amounting to ten pounds were assessed on the estate.

In Rehoboth, Edward Bishop kept an inn. He died May 12, 1711. His will leaves his estate to his wife and eight living children.

Children:—

12. EDWARD, m. Susannah Putnam. Calef gives the following in relation to the trial of his father and mother. "But this the said Bishop's eldest son having married into the family of the Putnams who were chief prosecutors in this business, he holding a cow to be branded lest it should be

seized, and having a boil upon his thigh, with his straining it broke; this is that that was pretended to be burnt with the said brand." In 1711 he moved to Ipswich and in 1727 to Newbury. Susannah (Putnam) Bishop was the daughter of Capt. John and Rebecca (Prince Putnam, and was b. Sept. 4, 1670.

Children:—

JOSIAH, bapt. Aug. 13, 1699.  
 SUSANNAH, bapt. Aug. 13, 1699.  
 JAMES, bapt. Aug. 13, 1699.  
 ENOS, bapt. Dec. 24, 1699.  
 HANNAH, bapt. Dec. 19, 1703.  
 DANIEL, bapt. Dec. 3, 1704.  
 LYDIA, bapt. June 23, 1705.  
 BENJAMIN, bapt. March 9, 1711.

13. SAMUEL, m. Mary Jones, May 13, 1695. He lived in Salem until 1712, when he moved to Attleborough.

Children:—

SAMUEL, bapt. Jan. 9, 1697-8, in Beverly.  
 MEHITABLE, bapt. Jan. 9, 1697-8, in Beverly.  
 MARY, bapt. June 25, 1699, in Beverly.  
 SARAH, bapt. Nov. 1, 1702, in Beverly.  
 JOSEPH, bapt. Jan. 5, 1706-7, in Beverly.  
 BENJAMIN, b. May 10, 1709, in Rehoboth.  
 EDWARD, b. Jan. 28, 1710-11, in Rehoboth.

14. WILLIAM, m. Dorothy Hooper of Beverly, Oct. 15, 1700. They moved to Attleborough about 1703. Dorothy Bishop was dismissed from Salem Village church to Middleborough, Sept. 17, 1704. William Bishop, m. second, Tabitha Hadley, in 1718.

Children:—

EDWARD, bapt. Sept. 12, 1703.  
 ELIZABETH, bapt. Sept. 12, 1703.  
 WILLIAM, Martha, Rebecca, Bailey, Martha, John.

15. JONATHAN, m. Abigail Averill of Topsfield (pub. July 6, 1699), and lived in Beverly until about 1708, when he moved he moved to Rehoboth. He was a sadler. He d. in Rehoboth in February, 1752.

Children:—

GOULD, b. Nov. 13, 1703, in Beverly.  
 ELIZABETH, bapt. May 26, 1706, in Beverly.  
 d. 1708, in Rehoboth.

16. PRISCILLA, bapt. Aug. 14, 1681, in Beverly. She m. Samuel Day of Gloucester, Aug. 19, 1702. They lived in Rehoboth and Attleborough. She was ~~dead in 1711. He m. second, Mary Weeks, Apr. 22, 1714.~~ *outlived her husband who died Nov. 11, 1729.*

Children:—

EDWARD, b. June 9, 1705.

JOHN, b. Sept. 29, 1708.

PRISCILLA (bapt.?), Nov. 22, 1711.

17. JOSEPH, bapt. April 8, 1683. Living in 1711.  
 18. SARAH, bapt. May 24, 1685. She m. James Jordon of Rehoboth, Jan. 31, 1705-6, and was living in 1711.  
 19. BENJAMIN, bapt. July 17, 1687; d. before 1711.  
 20. JOHN, bapt. Nov. 27, 1689. He moved to Rehoboth with his parents, and m. Mary Read there, Sept. 13, 1711. She d. Sept. 5, 1712, and he m. second, Martha Read, Oct. 22, 1713. He d. Sept. 1, 1748, and Martha Bishop d. his widow, Nov. 7, 1752.

Children:—

JOHN, b. Aug. 12, 1712.

MARY, b. Oct. 19, 1714; d. 1714-15.

ANNA, b. Jan. 14, 1715-16.

MARTHA, b. March 5, 1718.

EPHRAIM, b. May 23, 1720; d. July 14, 1720.

NOAH, b. July 22, 1722; d. Aug. 8, 1722.

21. DAVID, living in 1711.  
 22. EBENEZER, bapt. May 12, 1695. He m. Mary ———, who d. Sept. 24, 1726. He m. second, Mary Twichell of Rehoboth, Dec. 21, 1726.

Children: b. in Rehoboth:—

JOSIAH, b. Dec. 9, 1711.

HANNAH, b. June 18, 1714; d. young.

HANNAH, b. June 18, 1715.

PRISCILLA, b. Feb. 1, 1716-17.

MARY, b. April 22, 1719; d. July 15, 1723.

RACHEL, b. July 7, 1723; d. Oct. 24, 1724.

EBENEZER, b. Sept. 9, 1726.

**6 Elizabeth Wild**, married Benjamin Jones of Gloucester on January 22, 1678. They lived in Gloucester until about 1687, when they moved to Connecticut and settled in Enfield. She was living in 1718. Benjamin Jones, son of Thomas and Mary (North) Jones, was



born in Gloucester in 1651. He served in King Philip's War in Capt. Brocklebank's company, which was stationed at Marlborough, and received one pound, four shillings for this service on August 24, 1676. In 1685 he became the first settler of that part of the town of Enfield which was afterward known as Somers. The family lived on their farm during the summers, but returned to Enfield, which was more thickly settled, in the winter. He owned about 200 acres of land in the town in 1703. His house lot was described as follows:— "Next to Tho Hayward ju<sup>r</sup> southerly lies the house lot or home lot of Benjamin Jones 12 rods in breadth and running from the street on the west back Eastward in length 160 rods." He served several times as town officer and died June 25, 1718. Administration of his estate was granted to his son Thomas Jones of Enfield, July 6, 1718. The settlement to the heirs states "This agreement does not intend any land that belongs to the estate of the deceased that is at Gloucester."

Children, b. in Gloucester ;—

23. THOMAS, b. March 13, 1680. He m. Mary Meacham of Enfield, April 24, 1708. He was a very prominent citizen of Enfield, and is mentioned in the records as Lieut. Thomas Jones, gentleman. He was the first representative of the town to the General Assembly of Connecticut after its separation from Massachusetts. He was a Lieutenant of the Ninth Mass. Regiment at the siege of Louisburg in 1745. His son, Isaac Jones, was the first descendant of John Wild to graduate from a college. He died Nov. 4, 1763. His wife died Nov. 8, 1744. Their gravestones are still standing. The settlement of his estate mentions his children, Israel Jones (eldest); Rev. Mr. Isaac Jones of Weston; Mary, wife of Abraham Whipple; Jerusha Spencer, deceased; Bathsheba, wife of John Rees; and Elizabeth, wife of David Kellog.

Children:—

MARY, b. April 2, 1709.

JERUSHA, b. April 8, 1711.

THOMAS, b. March 15, 1712-3; d. before 1763.

BATHSHEBA, d. May 12, 1715.

ISRAEL, b. March 18, 1715-16.

ISAAC, b. Jan. 28, 1717-18.

BATHSHEBA, b. Feb. 25, 1719-20.

ELIZABETH.

SAMUEL, b. Oct. 29, 1725; d. Sept. 19, 1743.

24. PRISCILLA, b. June 10, 1681. She m. John Howard, June 13, 1704. They moved to Stafford.

Children: b. in Enfield:—

PRISCILLA, b. Sept. 20, 1705.

JOHN, b. May 24, 1719.

25. BENJAMIN. He lived in Somers, and had a wife, Anna, or Ann. He d. Feb. 5, 1754.

Children:—

JOSEPH, b. Jan. 3, 1711-2.

ANNE, b. Sept. 9, 1714.

LEVI, b. Nov. 9, 1716.

ABI, b. March 15, 1718-19.

NAOMI, b. March 28, 1721.

IRENE, b. March 30, 1730.

LUCRETIA, b. March 15, 1733.

26. EBENEZER, b. April 17, 1684. He m. first, his cousin, Priscilla (Lake) Smith, May 22, 1712. He m., second, Mehitable ———, and, third, Elizabeth ———.

Children by first wife:—

ELIZABETH, b. May 11, 1713.

EBENEZER, b. Jan. 12, 1714-15.

GERSHAM, b. April 7, 1717.

Children by second wife:—

EBENEZER, b. Jan. 26, 1723-4.

MEHITABLE, b. June 4, 1725.

Children by third wife:—

EPHRAIM, b. Aug. 9, 1727.

PRISCILLA, b. March 10, 1731-2.

NORTH, b. April 18, 1731.

ZERVIAH, b. March 28, 1734.

ABIGAIL, b. Jan. 4, 1735.

THOMAS, b. Aug. 30, 1741.

MIRIAM, b. August 8, 1747.

27. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 26, 1686; m. Isaac Osborn of Windsor, Sept. 8, 1715.
28. EPHRAIM, b. July, 1688, in Enfield; d. Sept. 3, 1688.
29. SAMUEL, b. Sept. 22, 1690; d. about Nov. 4, 1691.

30. ELEAZIER, b. April 12, 1693, in Enfield; m. Mehitable Gary, Dec. 10, 1719, and lived in Somers. He d. April 20, 1755.

Children:—

A child, b. May 26, 1721; d. June 26, 1721.

ELEAZER, b. Jan. 26, 1723.

BENJAMIN, b. May 8, 1730.

ELEZIER, b. Feb. 18, 1736.

**7 Phoebe Wild** married Timothy Day of Gloucester, July 24, 1679. Her husband's receipt for her legacy from her grandfather Gould's estate is as follows:—

“ This ma sartefi to houm it ma consern that I Timothy Day have reseued the full and iust sum of my wife house name was Phoebe Wylds part of ye wish in riten bond of my unkel John Gould.”

In 1692 she was accused of witchcraft and was taken to Ipswich gaol where she remained until September 24, of the same year, when she was released on bonds for her reappearance, together with Mary Rowe and Widow Rachel Vinson. These three Gloucester witches were accused of bewitching the sister of Lieut. Stephens, and the story is also related that when the three women were crossing Ipswich bridge on their way to the gaol, an old woman who met them was immediately thrown into convulsions. The fact that she was taken to Ipswich instead of to Salem, where the trials were being held, may have saved her life, for there were so many victims in Salem that all others were forgotten. She died April 8, 1723, aged seventy.

Timothy Day, son of Anthony and Susannah Day of Gloucester, lived on the westerly side of the Squam River. He was a member of the First Church of Gloucester. In 1730, he deeded his Gloucester property to his son John for care and affection in his old age.

## Children:—

32. TIMOTHY, b. in Topsfield, Jan. 19, 1679-80; m. Jean —, and lived in York and Gloucester. He d. Sept. 16, 1757.

## Children:—

- PHOEBE, b. Oct. 11, 1706, at York.  
 ZEBULON, b. April 14, 1709, at Gloucester.  
 ELIPHALET, b. Dec. 17, 1711.  
 JUDITH, b. April 2, 1714.  
 ABNER, b. Aug. 12, 1716.  
 TABITHA, b. Jan. 29, 1719.  
 BETHULA, b. Apr. 2, 1722.
33. JOHN, b. Jan. 21, 1681; d. Jan. 22, 1681.
34. ANTHONY, b. Dec. 20, 1681-2; m. Penelope —. He died Jan. 12, 1712.

## Children:—

- MARY, b. March 20, 1709; d. April 11, 1709.  
 CHARITY, b. April 25, 1711.  
 PENELOPE, b. May 22, 1712; d. May 24, 1712.
35. JOHN, b. Feb. 1, 1684; m. Dorothy —. Lived in Gloucester on his father's homestead. He died in 1747.

## Children:—

- DOROTHY, b. July 28, 1707.  
 MERCY, b. Oct. 28, 1709.  
 ANNE, b. Aug. 31, 1711.  
 JONATHAN, b. April 29, 1716; d. Oct. 2, 1716.  
 PHOEBE, b. March 12, 1718.  
 JEMIMA, b. Aug. 20, 1720.  
 ZEBEDEE, b. June 17, 1722.  
 EUNICE, b. Oct. 28, 1724.  
 EPHRAIM, b. Feb. 13, 1727.  
 MOSES, b. April 2, 1731.  
 LYDIA, b. April 26, 1734.
36. JONATHAN, b. Nov. 8, 1685-6; m. Sarah Ingersoll of Gloucester, Dec. 3, 1730. He died before 1732.

## Children:—

- JONATHAN, b. Oct. 6, 1731.  
 DAVID, b. Feb. 1, 1732, posthumous.
37. JOSEPH, m. Patience —.

## Children:—

- DORCAS, b. May 3, 1713, at York.  
 HANNAH, b. Aug. 8, 1714.  
 PATIENCE, b. Dec. 6, 1715.
38. SUSANNAH, b. April 11, 1688; m. David Ring of Gloucester, as his second wife, about 1717. She died, at childbirth, June 19, 1720.

Child:—

SUSANNAH, b. Dec. 27, 1718.

39. PRISCILLA, b. May 25, 1689; d. June 8, 1689.  
 40. ELIZABETH, b. May 23, 1690; d. same day.  
 41. BENJAMIN, b. Dec. 5, 1695; d. July 23, 1697.  
 42. EBENEZER, b. Nov. 14, 1697; m. Hannah Downing, Dec. 3, 1719. "Old widow Ebenezer Day" died April 1, 1771, in Gloucester.

Children:—

JONATHAN, b. Feb. 28, 1721.

LUCY, b. Oct. 15, 1722.

HANNAH, b. Nov. 14, 1726.

JOB, b. April 30, 1731.

JERUSAH, b. Oct. 25, 1735.

DAVID, b. Jan. 26, 1737.

JAMES, b. Dec. 16, 1738.

**8 Priscilla Wild** was born in Topsfield, Apr. 6, 1658. She married, May 9, 1681, Henry Lake who founded the family of that name in Topsfield, and died March 23, 1688. Henry Lake was a weaver and lived first in Salem and then in Topsfield. The cellar of his home may still be seen. He died May 22, 1733. His will, made in 1724, mentions his two sons and two daughters, and twelve grandchildren, to whom he left a large estate. His legacy to his grandson, Eliezer Lake, was "to be paid toward his bringing up to Larning."

Children, born in Topsfield:—

43. GERSHOM, was living in Rehoboth in 1706. He m. Elizabeth Millerd, Oct. 30, 1706. She d. Nov. 11, 1707, and he m. second, Prudence Chaffee of Medfield (int. Dec. 8, 1708). Widow Prudence Lake d. March 18, 1759.

Children:—

HENRY, b. Nov. 8, 1707; d. April 5, 1708.

JOSEPH, b. Nov. 18, 1709.

ELIZABETH, b. April 28, 1711.

PRUDENCE, b. May 14, 1713; d. Nov. 13, 1713.

PRUDENCE, b. May 15, 1714; d. Feb. 2, 1714-15.

HENRY, b. March 25, 1716; d. Jan. 1, 1718-19.

HANNAH, b. May 13, 1717.

PRISCILLA, b. Sept. 19, 1718.

GERSHOM (?). A Gershom Lake, d. 1719.

44. PRISCILLA, b. Sept. 5, 1684; m. Ebenezer Smith of Rehoboth, Dec. 6, 1706. He was the son of Ens. Ebenezer Smith and Elizabeth (Cooper), and was b. in Rehoboth, July 23, 1660. He d. Feb. 12, 1710-11. She m. her cousin Ebenezer Jones of Enfield as her second husband (int. April 19, 1712). See 26.

Children, b. in Rehoboth :—

ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 6, 1707.

PRISCILLA, b. Sept. 13, 1709.

45. ELIEZER, b. July 9, 1686; m. Lydia Forde, daughter of Matthew and Lydia (Ela) Forde, Dec. 7, 1708. He received from his father "my mansion dwelling house and Land," and became one of the prominent citizens of Topsfield. Lydia (Forde) Lake, d. May 29, 1743. He d. April 29, 1771, "an aged man."

Children, b. in Topsfield :—

LYDIA, b. Nov. 4, 1709.

PRISCILLA, b. Oct. 11, 1715.

ABIGAIL, b. Aug. 14, 1719.

ELIEZER, b. Sept. 12, 1724.

Daniel, b. June 22, 1726.

46. MARTHA, b. February 23, 1687-8; m. Elisha Peck of Rehoboth, Feb. 23, 1703-4. He was a son of Nicholas Peck and was b. April 4, 1683.

Children, b. in Rehoboth :—

MARTHA, b. Oct. 13, 1705; d. May 2, 1706.

JOEL, b. June 1, 1707.

JERUSA, b. June 11, 1708.

EUNICE, b. March 12, 1710-11.

INSPERSON, b. Feb. 22, 1712-13.

CONSTANTINE, b. May 26, 1715.

MARTHA, b. April 8, 1717.

NICHOLAS, b. April 30, 1719, in Attleborough.

MARY, b. Aug. 31, 1724, in Attleborough.

**9 Martha Wild** born in Topsfield, May 13, 1660, was living in 1676, when her brother John made his will, but the only other mention of Martha Wild is contained in a deed disposing of his property, which his brother-in-law, Edward Bishop, signed "for his own share & Interest in said lands & y<sup>e</sup> share Interest & claim of Martha Wild which was y<sup>e</sup> right he bought of her" (December 14, 1685). From this record, it would appear that she was living, unmarried, in 1685.

**11 Ephraim Wild** was born in Topsfield, in December, 1665. He married Mary Howlett, March 18, 1689-9. In 1689, he was one of the selectmen of Topsfield and in 1692 he became town treasurer and constable. The story of his connection with the Witchcraft Delusion has already been told in the biography of his mother—a story which shows him to have been a man of truly noble character. He lived in the family homestead in Topsfield which his father deeded to him in 1690, and occupied a prominent position in the affairs of the town. He is several times dignified with the titles, Mr. and Quartermaster in the town and county records. The following story is obtained from the town records and illustrates the duties imposed upon him during his term of office as constable. When the minister's rate for 1692 was being collected, Constable Wild had trouble in obtaining this tax from an Irishman, Nealand by name, who lived on the boundary line between Topsfield and Ipswich. Whenever the constable called, Nealand was sure to be found in the Ipswich side of his house. Finally the constable, with several other Topsfield men, visited the pig pen of the delinquent, and the minister received his rate in pork. Soon after this incident, the town sued Goodwife Nealand for defaming the whole town of Topsfield. In the latter part of his life, he served as selectman in 1714, 1720, and 1722. Tradition states that before his death, which occurred on April 2, 1725, he saw his thirteen living children gathered about his fireside. His will follows:—

Knowing that it is appointed for all Men to Dye and being under Infirmity and Weakness of Body and sensible of my own Mortality Do make this My Last Will Confirming this and none other. First I give and bequeath My Soul to Almighty God who first gave itt being, and my body to be Deceantly buried att the Direction of my Executors hereafter named nothing Doubting but I Shall receive again att the Resurrection and as for what Worldly estate itt hath Pleased God to bless me with all I Dispose off itt in manner following.

Item. I Do give and bequeath to My Well beloved Wife Mary Willds all my household goods and two Cows

for her own use and to dispose of as Shee Shall See Most Convenient Amongst my Children and also I give to my beloved Wife the Liberty of one End of my Dwelling house together with the Improvement of one third Part of all My land So long as Shee Shall Remain my Widow, but in case Shee Shall See cause to marry again that then Shee Shall have Twenty pounds Paid to her by my Executors, hereafter named and my will is that then Shee Shall Resigne up all her Right of Dower or Power of third in my Real Estate to My Sons John and Ephraim whom I Do appoint and Constitute to be My Sole Executors to this My last Will and Testament.

Item. I Do give to my Son John and to my Son Ephraim all my buildings and all my lands both Meadow and Upland with all the priviledges and Appertances thereunto belonging together with My Rights of Land in Common and also I Do give to My Sons John and Ephraim all my Stock of Cattle (Excepting the two Cows before given) and all my Sheep and Horses (Excepting the black Colt which I Do give to my Son Elijah) and also I Do give to My Sons John and Ephraim all my utensils of husbandry they Paying all My Just Debts and Such Legacies as I shall order them to Pay in this my Last Will.

Item I Do Give to My Son Johnathan Sixty Pounds to be Paid by my Executors within two years after my Decease which is for his portion out of My Estate.

Item I Do Give to My Son Jacob Sixty Pounds to be Paid by My Executors within two years after My Decease which is for his portion out of My Estate.

Item I Do Give to My Son Samuel Sixty Pounds, to be paid by My Executors when he Shall come to the age of Twenty one years itt Being for his Portion

Item I Do Give to My Son Nathan Sixty Pounds, to be paid by My Executors when he Shall come to the age of Twenty one years itt Being for his Portion

Item I Do Give to My Son Amos Sixty Pounds, to be paid by My Executors when he Shall come to the age of Twenty one years itt Being for his Portion

Item I Do Give to My Son Elijah Sixty Pounds, to be paid by My Executors when he Shall come to the age of Twenty one years itt being for his portion



Item I Do Give to My Daughter Mary Perkins Twenty Pounds besides what Shee hath already had to be paid by My Executors: in four years after My Decease which is for her portion.

Item I Do Give to My Daughter Susannah Town Twenty Pounds beside what Shee hath already had to be paid by My Executors: in four years after My Decease which is for her portion.

Item I Do Give to My Daughter Dorothy Perkins Twenty Pounds besides what Shee hath already had to be paid by My Executors: in four years after My Decease itt being for her Portion.

Item I Do Give to My Daughter Priscilla Twenty Pounds to be Paid by My Executors when Shee Shall come to the Age of Twenty one years or the Day of her Marriage.

Item I Do Give to My Daughter Hannah Thirty Pounds to be paid when Shee Shall come to the age of Twenty one years or att her Marriage If Shee be married Sooner. But in case any of My children that are under age Should Dye before they come of age to Receive their Portion that then my Will is that what Should have been Paid to them Shall be Divided amongst the Surviving brothers and Sisters and also my Will is that If any of My Children that are of age Should Dye before the time Sett for payment of there Portion that then itt shall be Paid to thir Heires, and itt is to be Noted that notwithstanding, all My buildings and Lands are given to My Son John & My Son Ephraim itt is to be understood that they are not to Debar or hinder their Mother of any Privilidges given to her in My home or Land. In Confirmation of all that is before Written in this Will I have hereunto affixed My hand and Seal this Second Day of April one thousand Seven hundred and Twenty five.

Signed Sealed and Delivered In Ephraim Wildes  
the Presence of John Howlett  
Joseph Andrews Jacob Peabody

Mary Howlett, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Clark) Howlett, was born in Topsfield February 17, 1671. Samuel Howlett was a son of Ensign Thomas Howlett, one of

the earliest and most prominent settlers of Ipswich and Topsfield. Mrs. Sarah (Clark) Howlett was a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Newbury) Clark, and a granddaughter of Mr. Thomas Newbury. At the death of her father in 1720, Mary (Howlett) Wilds inherited a portion of his books. She died May 17, 1758. Her will, made April 28, 1758, mentions her son Ephraim, to whom she left her "old loom and the cubbard and the great table in consideration that he has ever found me with flax and wood," sons Jonathan and Nathan, daughters Priscilla Averill and Hannah Averill, and son-in-law Jacob Averill.

Children, born in Topsfield :—

47. JOHN, b. June 25, 1690.
48. MARY, bp. March 13, 1691-2.
49. EPHRAIM, bp. Sept. 3, 1693.
50. JONATHAN, b. Oct. 21, 1695.
51. SUSANNAH, b. Oct. 20, 1697.
52. SARAH, b. March 27, 1699.
53. DOROTHY, b. Dec. 15, 1700.
54. JACOB, b. Aug. 31, 1702.
55. PRISCILLA, b. Aug. 12, 1704; d. Aug. 3, 1705.
56. PRISCILLA, b. March 3, 1706.
57. SAMUEL, b. March 2, 1708.
58. HANNAH, b. Oct. 8, 1709.
59. AMOS, b. June 28, 1711; d. July 25, 1726.
60. NATHAN, b. Aug. 5, 1713.
61. JULEEENA, b. Feb. 21, 1716; d. March 21, 1716-17.
62. ELIJAH, b. Jan. 4, 1717-18.

**47 Capt. John Wildes** born in Topsfield, June 25, 1690, was prominent in town affairs, and served as selectman in 1730, '31, '33, '37, '39, '41, and 1745-50. He was a carpenter by trade and on the town records for December 27, 1720, the following statement appears: "alowed to John Willds for makeing the Towns Stooock and for finding y<sup>e</sup> Iorns and Lock and bringing them to the meeting house and for seeting up sd stooocks £1 4s." In 1725 he was executor of his father's estate, and guardian of his brothers Amos and Elijah. His house was situated on Meeting-house Lane, and is described in the direct tax of 1798, as two stories high, covering 1280 square feet, and

having 17 windows. The house was destroyed in 1864. John Wildes, "Gentleman," died September 27, 1750. His will leaves all his property in Topsfield, Ipswich, and Boxford to his son Elisha, with the exception of the land bought of the Averills, and five acres on Great Hill and in Bradstreet's meadow, which went to his son John. His armor was willed to Elisha Wildes. His estate was valued at £1045. 3. 8.

"Widow Pheebe Wildes an aged woman" died September 30, 1765. No record has been found of their marriage. Daughters named Phoebe, of whom no further record of marriage or death remains, were born about 1690 in the Redington, French, Smith, and Bixby families.

Children, born in Topsfield:

63. JOHN, b. Nov. 1, 1715.
64. CATHERINE, b. Jan. 27, 1716-17; d. Oct. 12, 1800. The following obituary appeared in the Salem Gazette on Oct. 24, 1800. "Died. At Topsfield, Oct. 12. Miss Catherine Wildes, aged 84 . . . Whose amiable and benevolent deportment through life secured her the esteem and affection of her acquaintance, and entitled her to the honorable appellation of 'a mother in Israel,' although she had neither husband nor children."
65. ZEBULON, b. Dec. 19, 1718.
66. ELISHA, b. Sept. 23, 1720.
67. EZRA, b. May 23, 1722; d. June 11, 1722.
68. SARAH, b. May 5, 1723; m. George Start, May 15, 1744. George, son of William and Mercy (Figg) Start, was born in Ipswich, Aug. 23, 1719. He settled in Boxford, but moved to Topsfield in 1750, where he was taxed for two years. He then returned to Boxford where he lived until 1758, when he moved to New Ipswich, N. H. He died in New Ipswich, about 1800.

Children, born in Boxford:—

- SARAH, b. July 4, 1745.
- WILLIAM, b. March 24, 1747.
- GEORGE, b. Dec. 16, 1748.
- JOHN, b. Feb. 12, 1751, in Topsfield.
69. EPHRAIM, b. Aug. 25, 1725; d. Nov. 25, 1736. His death and that of his sister Mary were probably caused by the throat distemper, which proved fatal to hundreds of Essex County children in that year.

70. AMOS, b. Jan. 27, 1727-8.

71. MARY, b. July 24, 1729; d. Nov. 5, 1736.

**48 Mary Wildes** baptized in Topsfield, March 3, 1691-2, married Thomas Perkins, November 26, 1719. They removed to Arundel, now Kennebunkport, Maine. She returned to her old home about 1721, as the births of her first two children were recorded there. The French and Indian hostilities would give sufficient cause for retiring to a more thickly settled region. She died in Arundel, April 1, 1742. Her gravestone is still standing.

Thomas Perkins, son of Elisha and Katherine (Towne) Perkins, was born in Topsfield, October 15, 1681. His house in Arundel was a garrison. He died in 1761.

Children :—

72. JUDITH, bp. May, 1721; m. Benjamin Durrell.

73. THOMAS, bp. June 28, 1724; m. Susannah Hovey.

74. MARY, b. in 1728; m. Eliphalet Perkins, son of Capt. Thomas Perkins; d. Sept. 14, 1802.

75. SARAH, m. Israel Stone.

76. JOHN, d. young.

77. EPHRAIM, d. young.

**49 Ephraim Wildes** was baptised in Topsfield, September 3, 1692-3. He is said to have been a member of the third, and only successful expedition against the French and Indians at Norridgewock. If he settled in Arundel with his brothers, as the tradition states, he soon returned to his native town, for after 1730 his name appears frequently on the Topsfield records. He occupied the old Wildes homestead built by his grandfather. There seems to have been a boundary dispute between the Wildes and Daniel Redington families, for in 1731 Ephraim Wildes signed an agreement "to end strife" and to let the boundary remain as their forefathers had established it. On January 31, 1730-1, he married Hepsibah Peabody of Topsfield. He died April 3, 1767. The will of Ephraim Wildes, yeoman, made December 23, 1762, and probated April 28, 1767, left all his land, houses, cattle, horses, sheep, farming utensils, and armor to his sons Thomas and Moses. His estate was valued at £704.5.10. Among

the interesting items mentioned in his inventory is "an hour glass."

Hepsibah Peabody, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Estes?) Peabody, was born in Topsfield, May 25, 1709. She died of consumption, December 23, 1783.

Children, born in Topsfield:

- 78. THOMAS, b. May 20, 1732; d. Dec. 21, 1736.
- 79. JACOB, b. Nov. 6, 1733.
- 80. DOROTHY, b. April 28, 1736. She m. Joseph Andrews, April 10, 1759, and d., his widow, Feb. 15, 1813. Her gravestone is standing in Pine Grove Cemetery. Joseph Andrews was a son of Joseph and Hepzibah (Porter) Andrews and was b. Oct. 14, 1717. He lived on his father's homestead in the ancient French house, which was built in 1675, and is still standing near the Dry Bridge. He d. Oct. 16, 1785.

Children, b. in Topsfield:—

HEPSIBAH, b. Jan. 10, 1760.

JOSEPH, b. May 27, 1763.

SALOME, b. Oct. 20, 1765.

EPHRAIM, b. April 7, 1772.

- 81. THOMAS, b. March 9, 1737-8.
- 82. MOSES, b. July 30, 1740.
- 83. EPHRAIM (twin), b. June 23, 1743; d. July 3, 1743.
- 84. ELIJAH (twin), b. June 23, 1743; d. July 6, 1743.
- 85. MARY, b. June 23, 1744; m. Zebulon Perkins, Sept. 22, 1767, and d. March 23, 1839. Zebulon, son of Jacob and Hannah (Borman) Perkins, was b. Jan. 15, 1740. He died Sept. 22, 1810.

Children:—

MARY, b. July 19, 1768.

EPHRAIM, b. Feb. 5, 1770.

ABEL, b. Sept. 15, 1771.

EUNICE, b. July 6, 1773; d. Sept. 23, 1777.

ZEBULON, b. June 3, 1775; d. Sept. 21, 1777.

SARAH, b. May 3, 1777.

HANNAH, b. Oct. 5, 1778.

ELISHA, b. Jan. 3, 1781.

JACOB, b. Feb. 24, 1783.

ANNA, b. Feb. 1, 1786.

ELIJAH, b. May 11, 1791.

- 86. HEPSIBAH, b. Nov. 28, 1746; m. Lot Conant of Ipswich, June 4, 1786. The Conant Genealogy gives the date as March 19, 1768, and says that Hepzibah Wildes was the mother

of six children of Lot Conant. There seems to be no reason to doubt the Topsfield record, however, especially as two of the children given in the Conant Genealogy are stated to have been children of Lot and *Eunice* Conant in their death records. Lot, son of Joshua and Jerusha (Cummings) Conant, was b. in Ipswich, Dec. 21, 1746. He was in Capt. Brown's Company at Providence, R. I., Jan. 1, 1779. (Mass. Archives, Muster Rolls, Vol. 41, p. 92.)

87. HANNAH, b. May 10, 1749; m. Nathaniel Averill, her cousin, (pub. Sept. 8, 1776), and survived him, dying Oct. 28, 1816. Nathaniel, son of Capt. Nathaniel and Hannah (Wildes) Averill, was b. April 27, 1749. He was a yeoman and a wheelwright, and lived in Topsfield. His first wife was Dorothy Perkins, whom he m. Dec. 16, 1766 and who d. May 6, 1767, aged 17 y. He d. in 1811.

Children, b. in Topsfield :—

AZARIAH, b. Feb. 11, 1778.

AMMI, b. Aug. 17, 1779.

LYDIA, b. March 3, 1782.

DOROTHY, bp. April 2, 1784.

MOSES, b. June 5, 1786.

**50 Jonathan Wildes** was born in Topsfield, October 21, 1695. Tradition states that he was at the capture of Norridgewock, in 1724, with three of his brothers. He settled in Arundel, Me. about 1730, and kept an inn there, although his occupation at Topsfield had been that of a carpenter. In 1733, he sold seventeen acres of land in Topsfield to his brother John for three hundred pounds. His wife was named Elizabeth.

Child, born in Topsfield :

- 88 NATHANIEL, b. April 23, 1727.

**51 Susannah Wildes** born in Topsfield, October 20, 1697, m. Benjamin Towne, April 12, 1722. A few months before her death, which occurred July 5, 1736, she gave birth to three healthy boys, all of whom lived to be men. Benjamin Towne, son of Joseph and Amy (Smith) Towne, was born in Topsfield, May 10, 1691. His first wife was Katherine, daughter of Jacob Towne, Jr. After the death of his second wife, Susannah Wildes, he married Mary Perkins, May 2, 1738, and fourth, Mrs. Mary Clark, April 15, 1761. He acquired a large estate, and became

prominent in the politics of the town, holding the offices of town clerk, selectmen, etc. He died February 11, 1772.

Children, born in Topsfield :

80. BENJAMIN, b. May 12, 1723.
90. EPHRAIM, b. July 10, 1725.
91. JACOB (twin), b. March 7, 1727-8.
92. JOSEPH (twin), b. March 7, 1727-8.
93. ELI, b. March 3, 1730-31.
94. SUSANNAH, b. Sept. 6, 1733.
95. EDMUND (triplet), b. April 30, 1736.
96. EZRA (triplet), b. April 30, 1736.
97. ELIJAH (triplet), b. April 30, 1736.

**52 Sarah Wildes** born in Topsfield, March 27, 1699 ; m. Jonathan Perkins, January 2, 1718-19. Either before her marriage, or very soon afterward, she lived with Mary (Perkins), widow of William Howlett, who mentioned on her will her "cousin Sarah Wildes now Perkins" who had lived with her, and bequeathed to her a brass kettle, an iron kettle, and one half of her estate that she had not already disposed of. Sarah never received her legacy, for her cousin outlived her many years. Jonathan Perkins, son of Timothy and Hannah Perkins, was born in Topsfield, January 29, 1692-3. He married second, Elizabeth Potter (Porter?) of Salem, December 11, 1722. He died June 2, 1749. The gravestone in Pine Grove Cemetery bearing the following inscription, is undoubtedly that of Sarah (Wildes) Perkins. "Hear Laes the Body of Sarah Perkins who Departed This Life January y<sup>e</sup> 21 Day 1719-20 Aged 20 Years & 9 Months & 24 Days."

**53 Dorothy Wildes** born in Topsfield, December 15, 1700 ; married John Perkins about 1725 ; and died before 1736. John Perkins, son of Timothy and Abigail Perkins, was born in Topsfield, June 2, 1700. He married for his second wife Widow Martha Robinson, June 18, 1736. She died August 16, 1736. He married Jemima Averill, February 14, 1737-8, and she died March 2, 1749. He died February 7, 1780.

Child, born in Topsfield :

98. STEPHEN, b. March 7, 1725-6. He was very prominent at the time of the Revolution, and was a member of the committee of three appointed to draft instructions for the town's representative at the outbreak of the war. He commanded a company, with the rank of Captain. In town politics he held the offices of constable, juryman, tythingman, selectman, clerk and representative. He died Oct. 23, 1790.

**54 Jacob Wildes** born in Topsfield, August 31, 1702, married Ruth Foster of Ipswich, and moved to Arundel, Me. Tradition states that he was a member of the expedition which was sent to destroy the Indian settlement at Norridgewock and to capture Father Rasle, the Jesuit priest, who for many years had incited the savages to attack and slaughter the English settlers. The New England force of one hundred men, many of them from Arundel, attacked the Indian village in August, 1724, and plundered it, after killing Father Rasle. After this battle, the danger from the Indians gradually abated, although for many years murders were committed and homes pillaged on the borders of the Maine towns. In 1728, Jacob Wildes was one of the proprietors of Arundel. He was a member of the committee to settle the dividing line between Arundel and Saco, March 29, 1732.

The following entries are found in the town book:—

“Jacob Willdes Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing & Sworn,” 1734.

Jacob Willdes chosen selectman, 1735.

“At a Lawfull Town Meeting feb<sup>r</sup> ye 10<sup>th</sup> 1735/6 voted to Jacob Willds fifty Six Shillings for his going to York Court Jan<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1735/6.

Jacob Willds chosen selectman 1735/6.

Jacob Willds chosen “Survair of High ways,” 1738.

Jacob Willds chosen selectman, 1741.

“Jacob Willds, John Burbank was chosen to Prosecute the breakers of the Law Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Preserving of y<sup>e</sup> Deer & Sworn, 1741.”

Jacob Willds chosen selectman, 1743.

His original estate in Arundel seems to have been one-half of the four hundred and fifty acres sold by James



Mussey to Joseph Averill and Jacob Wildes, January 16, 1727/8. Three quarters of a sawmill was also included in the sale. (York Deeds, Vol. 12, p. 251.) He is called millman until 1733, when he sold one-half of the mill to Thomas Perkins. (York Deeds, Vol. 16, p. 105.) In 1734 and 1735, he purchased in company with Moses Foster, four hundred acres of land in Arundel from Joseph and Benjamin Jeffrey of Lynn. (York Deeds, Vol. 17, pp. 78 & 153.) In these deeds he is called coaster, and husbandman. He died about 1774, and the administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Ruth Wildes, and his son Jacob Wildes, mariner, October 10, 1774.

Ruth Foster, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Borman) Foster, was born in Ipswich, January 23, 1709/10.

Children :

99. JACOB.
100. JOHN.
101. EPHRAIM.
102. MARY, m. Ebenezer Emmons.
103. RUTH, m. Jacob, son of Miles and Mary (Huff) Rhodes of Kennebunkport. Children:—Alice, Louisa, Sally, Jacob, Moses, Polly, Lydia, John, Olive.
104. DOROTHY, m. Gideon, son of Abel and Mary (Harding) Merrill of Arundel. Children:—Abel, Ruth, Jemima, Jacob.

**56 Priscilla Wildes** born in Topsfield, March 3, 1706, married Jacob Averill, her cousin, about 1728. She is mentioned in the will of her mother in 1758. She died May 17, 1799 (May 22, Church Record). Jacob Averill, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Howlett) Averill, was born in Topsfield, August 17, 1702. He was a yeoman and lived in Topsfield, where he died June 15, 1791.

Children, born in Topsfield :

105. JACOB, b. March 18, 1728-9.
106. DANIEL, b. Dec. 3, 1730.
107. DOROTHY, b. Feb. 24, 1731-2.
108. LYDIA, b. July 2, 1735.
109. MARY, b. Aug. 1, 1739.
110. PRISCILLA, b. July 1, 1742; d. March 29, 1781.
111. AMOS, b. Mar. 25, 1747.

**57 Samuel Wildes** was born in Topsfield, March 2, 1708. He is said to have been at the capture of Norridgewock with two of his brothers. He settled in Arundel, Me. where there was a large Topsfield colony, and was for several years employed as schoolmaster. (Bradbury's History of Kennebunkport.) In 1735 he was called carpenter, and in 1748, husbandman. He purchased one hundred acres of land in Arundel from Jonathan Philbrook, December 1, 1728. (York Deeds, Vol. 15, p. 211.) His will, made March 6, 1760, probated July 7, 1760, mentions his wife, Elizabeth, sons Samuel and John (minors), daughters Mary, Hannah, and Sarah (minors), daughter Elizabeth Deshon, and granddaughter, Susannah Weeks.

Children :

112. **SUSANNAH**, m. Nicholas Weeks of Kittery. They lived in Arundel. She d. in 1757. He m. second, Phoebe Averill. Child:—Susannah, m. George Ayer.
113. **ELIZABETH**, m. James Deshon before 1760. He was a son of James and Chasey (Perkins) Deshon. James Deshon, Sr. was a Frenchman, who came to Arundel about 1730. Children:—Daniel, Susannah, John, Thomas, Samuel, James, Elizabeth.
114. **SAMUEL**.
115. **JOHN**, died, unm., on board a Salem privateer during the Revolutionary war.
116. **SARAH**, m. — Pitts. (Bradbury.)
117. **HANNAH**, m. Peter Deshon, son of James and Chasey (Perkins) Deshon, a brother of James Deshon, who m. her sister Elizabeth. Children:—Samuel, Hannah, Joseph, Benjamin, Stephen, David, Jonathan, Lydia.
118. **MARY**, m. Dagger Mitchell, an Irishman, about 1769. This family moved from Arundel. Children:—Richard, John, Mary.

**58 Hannah Wildes** was born in Topsfield, October 8, 1709. She was apparently her father's favorite daughter, as she received a larger legacy than the others in his will. She married Nathaniel Averill, November 24, 1734, and died his widow May 22, 1790. Capt. Nathaniel Averill son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Howlett) Averill, was born in Topsfield, September 6, 1700. He was a housewright, and lived in Topsfield, where he died August 17, 1751.

Children born in Topsfield :

119. NATHANIEL, b. April 27, 1747.

120. HANNAH, b. Aug. 17, 1750.

**60 Nathan Wildes** was born in Topsfield, August 5, 1713. December 11, 1738, he bought of Thomas Averill for one hundred and four pounds, a tract of meadow and upland in Topsfield. In his sixty-ninth year, he was adjudged *non compos mentis*, and Samuel Smith appointed as his guardian. His near relatives Elisha, Moses, and Ephraim Wildes, and Nathaniel Averill are mentioned. He died July 10, 1783, "of a complication of disorders." An inventory, amounting to £165, mentions many cooper's tools.

**62 Elijah Wilds** was born in Topsfield, January 4, 1717/18. He married Anna Hovey May 15, 1744, and moved to Shirley, a part of Groton. When the Shaker religion was introduced into America by Ann Lee, this family, among others in Shirley, was converted to the new faith, and the Shaker Village has been built on his estate. A tradition remains that he settled his estate on his sons Ivory and Elijah, and lived with the latter, who occupied the family mansion. (Chandler's History of Shirley.) He died April 6, 1791. In this branch of the family the name is commonly spelled Wilds. Anna Hovey, daughter of Capt. Ivory and Anne (Pingree) Hovey, was born September 21, 1720. She died March 16, 1806.

Children :

121. ELIJAH, b. Nov. 10, 1745; d. Dec. 27, 1745.

122. ELIJAH, b. Nov. 9, 1746.

123. ANNA, b. Feb. 15, 1749; m. Elijah Wheelock of Lancaster, July 14, 1774. She died Sept. 28, 1838, a Shaker. Child:—Olive Wilds, b. June 25, 1775; d. Sept. 21, 1841, a Shaker.

124. IVORY, b. Nov. 27, 1751.

125. MOLLY, b. Dec. 27, 1754; m. Samuel Randall of Stowe, in 1774. Children:—Ivory, Eunice, Samuel.

126. OLIVE, b. Apr. 7, 1757; d. June 2, 1775.

127. PHEBE, b. Feb. 15, 1761. She m. Levi, son of John and Prudence (Wheelock) Warner of Lancaster, who was b. May 22, 1761. They had one child when they joined the Shakers. He died June 27, 1825. After her husband's death, Mrs. Warner left the sect, and died Dec. 7, 1837. Child:—Elijah, b. Mar 20, —; d. July 14, 1814, a Shaker.

**63 John Wildes** born in Topsfield, Nov. 1, 1715, married Sarah Rogers, Sept. 29, 1742. On March 5, 1738, he bought of John Averill a two-story house on Ridge Street in Topsfield, which Averill had built in 1730. The house, which is still standing, remained in the Wildes family until 1833. He died October 28, 1760. The administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Sarah Wildes, Dec. 15, 1760. Among the interesting items in his inventory, dated Jan. 2, 1761, are "Books," "a Pew in the Meeting House," and "War Armes." Sarah (Rogers) Wildes died April 23, 1810, aged 89 years. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lydia Wildes was appointed administratrix of her estate September 7, 1812.

Children :

128. SARAH (?). A Sarah Wildes m. Nathaniel Dorman July 2, 1765. Nathaniel, son of Joseph and Abigail (Porter) Dorman, was b. Mar. 31, 1740. He died Oct. 13, 1776. No children are recorded.
129. EPHRAIM, b. 1745; m. June 6, 1810, Lydia, widow of John Wright; d. Mar. 28, 1812, aged 67 y. No children. She m. (int. Jan. 9, 1820) Dea. John Platts of Rowley.
130. PHOEBE (?), b. 1747. A Phoebe Wilds m. Jacob Kimball in Jan., 1795. Jacob, son of Jacob and Sarah (Hale) Kimball, was b. in Andover in 1731. He m. first, Priscilla Smith, July 15, 1756. Jan. 5, 1765, Jacob Kimball "chosen to set ye Psalms, to sit in ye elders seat." He was a soldier in the Revolution. He d. Nov. 8, 1810. Phoebe (Wildes) Kimball, d. July 18, 1808, aged 62 y. (aged 60 y. gravestone.) She had no children.

**65. Zebulon Wildes** born in Topsfield, December 19, 1718, married Margaret Hazen, August 18, 1743. He was a witness to the will of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Wildes in 1758. He lived in Topsfield and Boxford, where he owned a house. He died in Topsfield, October 14, 1804. Margaret Hazen, daughter of John and Marcy (Bradstreet) Hazen, was born July 16, 1716.

Children :

131. MOLLY, b. Sept. 5, 1745, in Boxford; d. unm., Feb. 4, 1830, "at the Almshouse" in Topsfield.
132. PEGGY, bp. July 12, 1747; d. unm. Feb. 8, 1832, "at the Almshouse."

133. ZEBULON, b. May 19, 1750, in Boxford; d. Sept. 14, 1751, in Boxford.  
 134. MERCY, b. Oct. 7, 1753, in Topsfield; d. unm., June 6, 1830, in Topsfield.  
 135. JOHN, b. Apr. 14, 1756, in Topsfield.  
 136. EZRA, b. Feb. 24, 1758, in Topsfield.

**66 Elisha Wildes** was born in Topsfield, September 23, 1720. He inherited from his father the family homestead, built by Capt. John Wildes, and lived there until his death, June 26, 1787. He married Mary Bradstreet, February 27, 1754. He served as selectman, 1768-9. Mary Bradstreet, daughter of Simon and Elizabeth (Capen) Bradstreet, was born in Topsfield, May 10, 1731.

She was a granddaughter of Rev. Joseph Capen, and a descendant of Governors Dudley, and Bradstreet. She died November 14, 1810.

Children, born in Topsfield :

137. SYLVANUS, b. May 6, 1754.  
 138. MEHITABLE, b. Nov. 30, 1756; d. unm., March 9, 1840.  
 139. SARAH, b. Feb. 10, 1761; d. unm., April 1, 1840.

**70 Amos Wildes** born in Topsfield, January 27, 1727-8, married Hannah Perkins, February 5, 1750-1. He lived in Topsfield, and died there May 24, 1779 of smallpox. His son, Dudley Wildes, was appointed administrator of his estate December 6, 1779. His property was valued at £34,528.12. Hannah Perkins, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Porter?) Perkins, was born in Topsfield, January 16, 1727/8. December 20, 1779, "Hannah Wildes relict widow of Amos Wildes, departed this life in a sudden & surprising manner, by means of her own using." She committed suicide by hanging.

Children, born in Topsfield :

140. MARY, b. February 7, 1752; m. Moses Conant of Ipswich, June 29, 1779. He was b. in Ipswich about 1749. He served in the battle of Lexington under Capt. How.

Children:—

- LOIS, bp. July 16, 1780, in Topsfield.  
 MATILDA, bp. May 5, 1782.  
 WILLIAM, bp. Oct. 16, 1785.  
 ASA WILDES, b. about 1788.

- 141. LOIS, bp. July 22, 1753; d. June 7, 1779, of smallpox.
- 142. AMOS, bp. Feb. 16, 1755.
- 143. ASA, bp. July 31, 1757.
- 144. DUDLEY, bp. Jan. 7, 1759.
- 145. "TAMME," bp. April 11, 1762; m. Bethiah Harris; d. April 17, 1776.

**79 Jacob Wildes**, born in Topsfield, November 6, 1733, married Mrs. Martha Day of Ipswich (int. June 5, 1755). He died July 14, 1757, "at Fort Edward" apparently while serving in the army during the French War. His widow, Martha Wildes, married Thomas Perkins, Jr., January 24, 1760.

Child:

- 146. LYDIA, b. Sept. 14, 1756. She was mentioned in the will of her grandfather, Ephraim Wildes. She m. Archaleus Perkins, at Boxford, June 18, 1778. They moved to Dunbarton, N. H. He was born April 4, 1756, and d. Feb. 13, 1825. Children:—Archelaus, Lydia, Hannah, Daniel, Thomas, Sally, Jacob, David.

**81 Thomas Wildes**, born in Topsfield, March 9, 1737/8, married Anna Batchelder, at Wenham, May 12, 1761. He died November 15, 1781, "of a lethargy." The administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Anna Wildes, March 4, 1782. His property was valued at £443.19.10. Books and armor figure in his inventory. Anna Batchelder, daughter of Ebenezer and Jerusha (Kimball) Batchelder, was born in Wenham, May 14, 1740/1.

Children, born in Topsfield:

- 147. JACOB, b. June 20, 1762.
- 148. DANIEL, bp. Aug. 11, 1765.
- 149. HULDAH, bp. June 28, 1767; m. Jacob Peabody of Topsfield, Nov. 15, 1785. Jacob, son of Jacob and Sarah (Potter) Peabody, was b. May 10, 1764. He was a miller. He d. Oct. 6, 1845. She d. June 30, 1811. 11 children.

**82 Moses Wildes**, born in Topsfield, July 30, 1740, married December 12, 1775, at Linebrook Parish, Mrs. Susannah Deering of Ipswich; yeoman. He owned and occupied the original Wildes homestead, built by his great-grandfather, John Wild, and died July 24, 1810. Susan-

nah (Deering) Wildes died February 20, 1837, aged 85 years, 6 months.

Children, born in Topsfield :

- 150. MOSES (twin), b. Aug. 4, 1777.
- 151. HUMPHREY (twin), b. Aug. 4, 1777.
- 152. EPHRAIM, b. March 4, 1782.
- 153. SUSANNAH, b. Feb. 20, 1785; m. Cyrus Cummings of Topsfield, May 25, 1809, and d. Jan. 7, 1852. Cyrus Cummings, son of Joseph and Anna (Gove) Cummings, was b. July 30, 1782. He kept the famous Topsfield Hotel, and was prominent in town affairs, holding all the offices within the gift of the town. He d. April 26, 1827.

Children:—

SUSAN, b. Aug. 20, 1810; m. Rev. Martin Moore of Boston.

MARY ANN, b. May 16, 1813.

CYRUS, b. Nov. 24, 1816.

CATHERINE, b. April 21, 1819; d. Feb. 20, 1820.

HUMPHREY, b. Feb. 27, 1822.

- 154. SOLOMON, b. May 1, 1791.

**88 Nathaniel Wildes** was born in Topsfield, April 23, 1727. He moved with his father to Arundel, Maine, and kept a tavern there. He married Lydia Griffin in Topsfield, Nov. 1, 1749. He was called "tailor" in 1752. January 3, 1764, he was appointed guardian of his cousin John, son of Samuel Wildes. The date of his death is unknown. His widow Lydia Wildes was appointed administratrix of his estate, April 11, 1768. His property amounted to £239. 1. 6. Among the items of the inventory were the following: "2 pr silver buckles," "1 great Bible," "one small Bible and other old Books." His widow married Thomas Dempsey.

Children, born at Arundel:

- 155. MARY, b. Feb. 21, 1752; m. John Davis, Oct. 6, 1776.
- 156. ELIZABETH, b. June 10, 1756; m. Stephen Seavey, Sept. 1, 1774. He was a son of Nicholas and Hannah (Leach) Seavey of Arundel.
- 157. LYDIA, b. Feb. 14, 1758; m. Josiah Hutchings, May 25, 1784.
- 158. BENJAMIN, b. May 14, 1762; m. Sarah Davis.

**99 Jacob Wildes** born about 1728, was a mariner and lived in Arundel, where his father conveyed to him a house and fifty acres of land on Miller's brook, on April 18, 1755. He married, first, Abigail Stevens, and, second, Lydia Banks of Saco, July 8, 1772. He was Representative from the town in 1777, and from 1792 to 1796. In his will, made April 21, 1803, he mentions his sons Joseph and William, his daughters Sarah Gillpatrick, Lucy Durrell, and his granddaughters Susannah, Elizabeth, and Abigail Wildes. Abigail Stevens was a daughter of Moses and Lucy (Wheelwright) Stevens.

Children :

159. SARAH, m. Christopher Gillpatrick, son of William and Martha (Thompson) Gillpatrick. He was b. in 1751.
160. JACOB, d. young.
161. JACOB. He was in Col. Furney's regiment at Lake Champlain in 1776. He afterwards was commander of the privateer schooner Greyhound, 8 guns; the privateer Hawk, 6 guns; and the ship General Greene; 16 guns. He was lost at sea in 1785, between Martha's Vineyard and Boston.
162. LUCY, m. Jacob Durrell, son of Benjamin and Judith (Perkins) Durrell, Dec. 30, 1783.
163. ISRAEL.
164. WILLIAM.
165. JOSEPH.
166. A child who d. young.

**100 John Wildes** was a mariner, and lived in Arundel. He married Jane Stone. The administration of his estate was granted to his widow, Jane Wildes, on October 11, 1773. The amount of his inventory was £157. 4. 4. Among the items were "Delph Ware," "Hat & Wigg," "Quadrant & Sea Books." Jane Stone was a daughter of Dixey and Mary (Curtis) Stone of Arundel.

Children :

167. JOHN, d. young.
168. LYDIA, m. Alexander, son of Benjamin and Eunice (Lord) Thompson, April 8, 1784.
169. THOMAS.
170. DIXEY.



**101 Ephraim Wildes** lived in Arundel, and married Temperance Downing. Serg. Ephraim Wildes saw active service in the Revolutionary War, and died in Arundel about 1833. Temperance Downing was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Fabyans) Downing.

Children :

171. EPHRAIM, d. young.
172. MARY, m. Elidicom, son of John and Elizabeth (Deering) Emmons, July 30, 1790.
173. ELIZABETH, m. Thomas Lee of Biddeford, Feb. 9, 1797.
174. LYDIA, d. young.
175. RUTH, m. Cleopas Smith of Biddeford, Feb. 12, 1804.
176. PHEBE, m. James Taylor, Jr., July 13, 1813.
177. JOHN.
178. JACOB.

**114 Samuel Wildes** married Olive Deshon, and lived in Arundel. Owing to the almost total lack of town records in Arundel, it is difficult to obtain much definite information concerning this branch of the family. He served in the Revolution, being drafted in October, 1776.

Children :

179. MEHITABLE, pub. to Daniel Hazen, Aug. 27, 1796.
180. SAMUEL.
181. EPHRAIM.
182. JOHN.
183. PERSIS, m. John Rhodes, Jr., Aug. 18, 1796.
184. JACOB.
185. ISAAC.
186. SARA. A Sarah Wildes m. Benjamin Adams, Jr., Dec. 18, 1794.
187. MARY.

**122 Elijah Wilds** born in Shirley, November 9, 1746, married Eunice Safford of Harvard, July 4, 1771. He joined the Shaker Society, and was appointed an elder at its organization in Shirley. He held this office until his death, March 14, 1829. His death was deeply felt by the members of the order, who had been under his teaching and supervision for many years. His funeral address is printed in Chandler's History of Shirley. Eunice (Safford) Wilds died November 11, 1819.

## Children, born in Shirley :

188. EUNICE, b. Oct. 11, 1772; d. May 29, 1855, a Shaker. "
189. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 1, 1774; m. Benjamin Willard of Harvard. She d. Oct. 12, 1848. Child:— Jerome Willard, b. Oct. 28, 1818.
190. OLIVE, b. Aug. 15, 1776. She left the Shakers, and m. Phineas Ames, who had also been a Shaker. She d. in Cambridge, Aug. 10, 1872. Child:—Mary Ames.
191. ANNA, b. Feb. 15, 1779; m. Flavel Coolidge, in 1806. They lived in Cambridge, and she d. there June 28, 1854. Children:—Herrick Coolidge, b. Oct. 8, 1806; Helen Coolidge; Martha Coolidge, b. Jan. 19, 1814.
192. MARTHA, b. Dec. 20, 1781; d. Jan. 23, 1827, unm.

**124 Ivory Wilds** born in Shirley, November 25, 1751, married Hannah Estabrook of Lancaster, April 3, 1777. He was converted to the Shaker faith, and was made a deacon of the sect. He died September 13, 1817.

## Children, born in Shirley :

193. NATHAN, b. April 14, 1778.
194. LEVI, b. June 9, 1782.

**136 Ezra Wildes** born in Topsfield, Feb. 24, 1758, married, first, July 12, 1785 in Boxford, Mary (Polly) Wright of Methuen; married, second, at Rowley, Dec. 4, 1800, Sally Phillips who died at Georgetown, Sept. 7, 1844, aged 75 years. He died Dec. 17, 1824 at Rowley, of consumption. Popularly known as "fiddler Wildes." Lived in Boxford and New Rowley, now Georgetown. Soldier in the Revolution.

## Children :

195. JAMES, b. April 2, 1790, at Rowley; m. Hannah Lefavour, int. Jan. 21, 1816 (Topsfield). He was then of Portsmouth, N. H.
- 195a. SARAH, m. — Spiller. Lived in New Hampshire.
196. EPHRAIM, b. March 20, 1801, at Rowley.
197. ASA, d. in infancy.
198. GREENE, b. July 21, 1806.
- 198a. ASA, b. about 1808. Probably died of yellow fever in 1838, in Charleston, S. C.
199. GEORGE, b. Nov., 1811.
200. CHARLES, b. Nov., 1814.
201. IRA, d. June 3, 1843, in Newbury, aged 26 years.

**137 Sylvanus Wildes** born in Topsfield, May 6, 1754, married (int. Feb. 11, 1781), Rebecca, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wade) Baker. She died Jan. 15, 1837, aged 83 years and 11 months. He died Nov. 19, 1829. Graduated at Harvard College in 1777. Lawyer. Lived in Topsfield in the two-story house that stood, until it was taken down in 1863-4, beside the narrow way now known as Meeting House Lane.

Children born in Topsfield :

202. CHARLES, b. Mar. 2, 1782; d. unm. Nov. 9, 1826.
203. JOHN, b. Feb. 9, 1784; d. unm. Feb. 4, 1849.
204. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 11, 1787; m. Dec. 24, 1809, William Waitt.  
He was drowned at sea, Sept. 22, 1817. She d. Mar. 16, 1853.
205. SOPHIA, b. Mar. 16, 1789; m. Apr. 23, 1809, Jacob Towne, 3d.
206. CLARISSA, b. May 24, 1791; d. unm. Jan. 27, 1875.
207. ELISHA, b. Mar. 18, 1796; d. J 24, 1799.

**144 Dudley Wildes** born in Topsfield, Jan. 7, 1759, married May 1, 1782 (1781. Church Rd.), Bethia Harris. He died Jan. 21, 1820, and she died Feb. 25, 1833, aged 85 years. Yeoman and lived on what is now Wildes street, in the northeastern part of Topsfield near the Ipswich line.

Children born in Topsfield :

208. AMOS, b. May 5, 1782; m. July 8, 1819, Sally Burnham, children, born in Topsfield; Arethusa, b. Jan. 17, 1820, m. June 28, 1846, Joseph W. Legro of Danvers; Lydia Ann, b. June 18, 1821.
209. DUDLEY (twin), b. May, 1786.
210. ASA WALDO (twin), b. May, 1786.
211. ELIZABETH (Betsey); m. Jan. 21, 1835, David Hobbs, jr.
212. A child, d. bet. Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 1793, Topsfield.

**148 Daniel Wildes** baptized in Topsfield, Aug. 11, 1765, married, Oct. 12, 1797, Eunice, daughter of Lot and Eunice Conant, of Ipswich. He died "suddenly," July 5, 1811, and she remained his widow for 53 years, dying in Boxford, Sept. 19, 1864, aged 94 years.

Children born in Topsfield :

213. JOSHUA, b. July 13, 1798, farmer; d. May 15, 1862.
214. SALLY, b. Dec. 17, 1799; d. unm. Sept. 12, 1820, consumption.
215. THOMAS, b. Mar. 2, 1802.
216. ISRAEL, b. Nov. 23, 1805.

217. MEHITABLE, b. July 7, 1807; m. May 9, 1826, Amos Andrews.

218. MOSES, b. Nov. 4, 1810.

**150 Moses Wildes** born in Topsfield, Aug. 4, 1777, married, June 22, 1802, Esther Dwinell, daughter of John and Esther. He died Jan. 2, 1838, and she died Sept. 23, 1858, aged 79 years, 10 months. Yeoman.

Children, born in Topsfield :

219. ESTHER, b. Apr. 14, 1803; m. Feb. 28, 1828, Jeremiah Stone, M. D., and d. Feb. 16, 1876. Children: Esther Wildes, b. Dec. 16, 1828, m. Urban P. Hutchings, 3 children; Susan Alzea, b. Feb. 23, 1834, m. Mar. 26, 1865, George S. Mann, 2 children.

220. SUSAN, b. Oct. 28, 1804; d. unm. June 1, 1884.

221. JOSEPH, b. May 2, 1807; d. unm. Mar. 10, 1862.

222. MOSES, b. June 11, 1809; d. unm. in Topsfield, Nov. 5, 1889. In 1828 he removed to Boston and became associated with his uncle Solomon Wildes in the management of Wildes' Hotel, on Elm street, a widely-known resort for stages. He retired from active business in 1850 but kept up his Boston associations and was a well-known figure in State street. He was highly respected for his integrity and was very popular as a landlord. At his death bequests of considerable amount were made to local institutions and Boston charities.

223. THOMAS MEADY, b. April 7, 1812; d. April 17, 1812.

**151 Humphrey Wildes** born in Topsfield, Aug. 4, 1779, married (int. April 8, 1804) Nabby Peabody, daughter of John and Lydia. She died Nov. 18, 1857, aged 76 years, 5 months, and he died Feb. 19, 1862. Farmer.

Children, born in Topsfield :

224. NABBY (bapt. Abigail), b. Nov. 7, 1806; m. July 1, 1833, John Wright; d. Oct. 19, 1851.

225. LUCINDA, b. Mar. 14, 1809; m. Dec. 11, 1849, John Todd.

226. HUMPHREY, b. May 11, 1814.

**152 Col. Ephraim Wildes** born in Topsfield, Mar. 4, 1782, married, Apr. 8, 1807, Rachel Towne, daughter of Jacob and Rachel. He died Jan. 31, 1829, in Boston. His widow was insane at the last of her life, and committed suicide by hanging, April 15, 1830.

He was for many years proprietor of the Eastern Stage House on Ann street (now North street), Boston.

## Children, born in Topsfield :

227. WILLIAM, b. Apr. 17, 1808; m. Mary Ann Willis of Cambridge. He d. in Cambridge, Aug. 20, 1865. Children: George, Charles, Louisa, Alice.
228. EPHRAIM, b. Mar. 11, 1810; d. unm., Jan. 22, 1873.
229. LUCY ANN, b. Jan. 4, 1817; m. Thomas Gilbert Thornton of Saco, Me. She d. in Boston, April 7, 1883, *s. p.*
230. MOSES, b. Nov. 9, 1818; m. Caroline Willis of Boston; d. in Boston, Oct. 29, 1887, *s. p.* Engaged in the hotel business in Boston.
231. RACHEL, b. Mar. 30, 1823; m. Jan. 28, 1841, George W. Lewis of Boston. Children: George, b. Nov. 1, 1841; Charles, b. May 26, 1846.

**154 Solomon Wildes** born May 1, 1791, married, first, Oct. 4, 1818, Phebe Bradstreet, daughter of Moses and Lydia. She died Apr. 25, 1824, aged 26 years, and he married, second, Jan. 29, 1826, Ruth Bradstreet. She died in Boston, Jan. 7, 1874. He died in Boston, Oct. 22, 1867. For many years he was associated with his brother Ephraim in the hotel business in Boston.

## Child by first wife:

232. MOSES BRADSTREET, b. July 8, 1819, in Topsfield.

## Children by second wife, born in Boston :

233. PHEBE BRADSTREET, b. April 23, 1827; d. unm. Oct 28, 1868, in Boston.
234. CATHERINE, b. Mar. 9, 1829; m. William B. Richmond of Memphis, Tenn. She d. July 14, 1860.
235. HARRIET AMELIA, b. Feb. 19, 1837; m. John M. Welsh of Scotland. She d. Nov. 5, 1901.
236. RUTH ADELAIDE, b. April 2, 1840; m. Dec. 28, 1869, Herbert Beach of England.

**196 Ephraim Wildes** born in Rowley, Mar. 20, 1801, married at Boxford, June 6, 1822, Huldah Emerson of Boxford. He died in Georgetown, Aug. 4, 1838, and she married, second, June 13, 1842, William Tenney of Rowley.

## Children :

237. ELBRIDGE GERRY, b. Nov. 23, 1822 at Topsfield; m. Feb. 28, 1842, at Georgetown, Mary L. Rogers. He d. July 12, 1854, at Georgetown. She d. Apr. 10, 1857, at Rowley. Children: Lucretia, b. Aug. 14, 1848; Ira William, b. May 14, 1852.

238. GREENE, b. 1825-6.  
 239. A daughter, d. Dec. 28, 1826, at Rowley, æt. 2 years.  
 240. SAMUEL P., b. 1831.  
 241. MARY E., b. 1833 in Rowley; m. Nov. 24, 1849, at Topsfield,  
 Timothy W. Spiller, shoemaker.  
 242. LUTHER SHAW, b. in Ipswich.

**198 Greene Wildes** born July 21, 1806, married Oct. 10, 1831, at Rowley, Mary B., daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Barker) Jewett of Rowley. He died in Georgetown, Aug. 24, 1874. She died in Georgetown, Feb. 13, 1882, aged 74 years.

Children :

243. EDWARD PAYSON, b. Aug. 27, 1832, in Rowley; d. May 4, 1898, in Georgetown; m. April 16, 1857, Martha J. Dorman of Georgetown. Child: Charles Edward, b. May 11, 1858, who m. Nov. 12, 1881, Emma H. Rollins of Natick, and lives in Haverhill. Private in 50th Mass. Vols. in Civil War.  
 244. JEREMIAH JEWETT, b. May 21, 1834, in Rowley.  
 245. SARAH BARKER, b. Oct. 3, 1836, in Rowley; m. June, 1866, D. E. N. Carleton, of West Newbury; d. Mar. 1900. Children: Josephine, b. July 7, 1869, d. Sept. 2, 1871; Herbert Newton, b. Dec. 27, 1872; Ethel Blanche, b. Dec. 23, 1877.  
 246. JAMES BIRNEY, b. May 25, 1840, in Rowley; m. July 24, 1865, Caroline Augusta, daughter of Nathaniel and Caroline Plumer. Private in 50th Mass. Vols. in Civil War. Lives in Boston. Children: Charles Cushing Paine, b. Jan. 21, 1867; d. Sept. 15, 1867; George Thurlow, b. Mar. 25, 1869; d. Aug. 25, 1869; John Carpenter, b. Nov. 23, 1874.  
 247. EBENEZER JACKMAN, b. Nov. 4, 1843, in Georgetown; d. young.  
 248. EBEN JACKMAN, b. Oct. 12, 1845, in Georgetown; m. June 27, 1888, Tena S. Beckett of Haverhill. Lives in Haverhill.  
 249. ELIZA MOORE, b. Sept. 27, 1848, in Newbury; m. Nov. 29, 1884, Samuel P. Batchelder of Georgetown. Children; John Quincy, b. Sept. 6, 1885; Fred Wildes, b. Apr. 8, 1888; Florence, b. Sept. 4, 1890.  
 250. IRA GREENE, b. Oct. 24, 1851; m. Jan. 10, 1878, Louise, daughter of A. J. Huntress of Groveland. Lives in Haverhill. Children: Ada May, b. Jan. 10, 1882, d. Oct. 2, 1882; Howard Greene, b. Feb. 2, 1884; Bertha Garland, b. June 22, 1886.

**199 George Wildes** born Nov., 1811, married June 19, 1832, Abigail P. Chase. They were both then living in

Rowley. He died in Georgetown, Aug. 15, 1855, aged 43 years, 10 months.

Children, born in Rowley :

251. SARAH PICKARD, b. July 10, 1832; d. Sept. 5, 1833.  
 252. GEORGE THURLOW, b. June 25, 1833; m. June 2, 1856, Mary T., daughter of Benjamin and Abigail McLaughlin of Georgetown. He d. April 20, 1863, at New Orleans, La. Private in 20th Mass. Vols. in Civil War.  
 253. JOHN LOWELL b. Aug. 26, 1835; Private in 19th Mass. Vols. in the Civil War, and d. in Virginia.  
 253a. SARAH PICKARD, b. 1836-7; m. Charles E. Rogers of Byfield.

**200 Charles Wildes** born Nov. 1814, married Dec. 12, 1842, Maria (Mary. m. rd.) E., daughter of John and Maria Glines of Newbury. He died in Georgetown, Mar. 19, 1875, aet. 63 y. 5 m. She died in Georgetown, Feb. 16, 1878, aet. 56 y. 6 m.

Children :

- 253b. SARAH MARIA, b. Nov. 15, 1843 in Rowley; m. Oct. 4, 1865, George Woodbury. Lives in Georgetown. Children: Anson E., b. Apr. 19, 1868; Arthur W., b. Mar. 8, 1870; Sarah E., b. Feb. 1, 1882; Ella M., b. May 5, 1886.  
 254. JOHN MILTON, b. Oct. 27, 1844, in Georgetown.  
 255. CHARLES E., b. Dec. 1, 1855, in Georgetown. d. March 4, 1860, in Georgetown.

**209 Capt. Dudley Wildes** born in Topsfield, May, 1786; married, Feb. 13, 1812, Abigail, daughter of Samuel and Matta (Foster) Bradstreet. She died in Lynn, Dec. 2, 1869, aged 83 years, 11 months. He died Jan. 11, 1820, aged 33 years, 7 months.

Children, born in Topsfield :

256. ASAHEL HUNTINGTON, b. Apr. 22, 1813.  
 257. ABIGAIL BRADSTREET, b. May 17, 1815; m. Aug. 9, 1835, at Newbury, Levi Pearson of Methuen.  
 258. Twin sons, b. and d. Sept. 8, 1817.  
 259. ELIZABETH HARRIS, b. June 12, 1819; m. Oct. 6, 1840, Joseph W. Rust.

**210 Asa Waldo Wildes** born in Topsfield, May, 1786, married, June 7, 1818, at Newburyport, Eliza Ann, daughter of Capt. Abel and Phoebe (Tilton) Lunt of Newburyport. He was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1809, and

*d. June 1, 1857 at Somerville, aged 60 y.*

for a time taught school in Newburyport and Washington. He was admitted to the bar in 1820 and began the practice of law in Newburyport, which he continued until 1826 when a Commission, now known as the County Commissioners, was created and Mr. Wildes was appointed its chairman. He continued a member of the Commission, by appointment and election, until 1856, with the exception of one term, 1842 to 1845. Mr. Wildes was peculiarly fitted for the office he so long occupied, and his long incumbency was as creditable to the people of Essex County, as to himself. He served on the Board of Selectmen of Newburyport from 1825 to 1827.

He died Dec. 4, 1857, aged 71 years, 7 mos., at Newburyport.

Children, born in Newburyport:

260. GEORGE DUDLEY, b. June 19, 1819.
261. MARY HOWARD, b. Mar. 5, 1820; m. Nov. 18, 1841, Francis Chase of Hampton Falls, N. H. *s. p.*
262. ASA WALDO, b. Aug. 2, 1822; m. first, Jane Merrill Patten; m. 2d, Fanny Gray of Skowhegan, Maine. Colonel of 16th Maine Vols. and R. R. Commissioner in Maine for many years. Children: George L.; William H.; Annie W.; May Howard.
263. CAROLINE, b. Aug. 27, 1824; d. March 13, 1826.
264. JOSEPH HENRY (Col.), b. May 31, 1828, m. June 17, 1857, Alice, daughter of Hon. Otis L. Bridge, of Newburyport. Children: Francis L.; Alice B. Removed to California.
265. CAROLINE HUNTINGTON, b. Jan. 29, 1828; m. in Salem, 1858, Henry Perkins Stanwood, of Hopkinton, N. H. *s. p.*
266. ANNIE TILTON, b. March 7, 1835; m. Oct. 7, 1856, George T. Brown of Haverhill. Children: Emily A.; Caroline Wildes; Frank Q.; Annie Wildes; George Kimball; Henry Stanwood.
267. FRANCIS A., unm.; Captain in the Civil War. Lived in California and Portland, Me.

**215 Thomas Wildes** born in Topsfield, Mar. 2, 1802; married at Ipswich, Aug. 19, 1824, Eunice, daughter of Corp. John Foster. She died Aug. 1, 1894, aged 91 years, at Weathersfield, Conn. He died Jan. 26, 1871, at Ipswich.

Children, born in Ipswich:

268. SOLOMON, b. Feb. 16, 1825.



269. ELIZABETH A., b. Sept. 23, 1827; m. Aug. 6, 1848, Leonard, Bailey of Ipswich. Removed to Weathersfield, Conn.
270. LUCY, b. Nov. 8, 1829; d. April 23, 1904.
271. SARAH, b. July 3, 1834; d. Dec. 27, 1834.
272. MARY FRANCES, b. April 12, 1844; m. Jan. 23, 1868, John G. Foss, of Ipswich.

**216 Israel Wildes** born in Topsfield, Nov. 23, 1805; married, in Ipswich, April 22, 1840, Lydia Ann, daughter of Luke and Sally Averill. She died Sept. 25, 1847, in Linebrook, and he died Dec. 4, 1880 in Topsfield. Farmer.

Children, born in Ipswich :

273. OTIS ALMOND, b. Sept. 26, 1843; d. Sept. 26, 1847, in Linebrook, Ipswich.
274. EUGENE LAMONT, b. Oct. 29, 1845.

**217 Moses Wildes** born in Topsfield, Nov. 4, 1810; married, first, in Ipswich, June 1, 1840, Sarah Ann, daughter of Capt. John Adams. She died July 15, 1853, at Ipswich, aged 36 years, and he married, second, Oct. 8, 1856, Sarah J., daughter of Enoch and Abia Lombard of Otisfield, Me. He died Mar. 5, 1895. Farmer and shoemaker. Lived in Topsfield.

Children by first wife, born in Topsfield :

275. SARAH FRANCES, b. Jan. 30, 1843; m. Dec. 13, 1866, Charles L. Wildes of Topsfield.
276. HAYWARD LOREN, b. Oct. 24, 1845; d. Sept. 1, 1865.
277. LYDIA ADAMS, b. Dec. 24, 1848, in Ipswich; m. Jan. 23, 1872, Alden P. Peabody of Topsfield.
278. SUSAN ELLA, b. June 14, 1853, in Ipswich. When 9 months old, her mother having died, she was given to John Chapman of Ipswich and her name was changed to Edna Chapman. She m. Fred Wilcomb of Ipswich. No children.

Children by second wife, born in Topsfield :

279. ALMOND OTIS, b. Oct. 22, 1857; d. Dec. 13, 1857.
280. SERVETUS LOMBARD, b. Dec. 7, 1858; shoemaker; d. unkm. Feb. 23, 1889.
281. LUCY ELLA, b. Mar. 21, 1861; d. unkm. April 18, 1878 in Topsfield.
282. HENRY WALTER, b. Jan. 22, 1863; watchmaker; d. unkm. May 7, 1892 in Topsfield.
283. EFFIE MAY, b. Feb. 11, 1866; m. Feb. 19, 1887, Walter Eldron Milbury of Middleton.

**225 Humphrey Wildes** born in Topsfield, May 11, 1814, married, Mar. 8, 1835, Olive Brown Perkins, daughter of Amos, jr. and Betsey. She died Mar. 25, 1862, aged 43 years. and he died Dec. 9, 1883. Bootmaker.

Children, born in Topsfield :

284. LUCY ANN, b. June 11, 1837; m. Apr. 20, 1855, Benjamin C. Dodd of Topsfield.  
 285. ABBY ELIZABETH, b. July 31, 1839; d. Apr. 20, 1841.  
 286. LEWIS HUMPHREY, b. July 10, 1842.  
 287. WILLIAM HERBERT, b. Oct. 13, 1843.  
 288. CHARLES LORING, b. Sept. 14, 1845; m. Dec. 13, 1866, Sarah Frances Wildes, dau. of Moses and Sarah Ann. Shoemaker. He d. May 26, 1873, in Topsfield. Child: Hayward Harland, b. Oct. 6, 1870.  
 289. ALVIN T., b. Oct., 1847; d. Feb. 14, 1853.  
 290. AUSTIN PERKINS, b. Nov. 13, 1849; d. Nov. 6, 1853.  
 291. JOHN T., b. Nov. 8, 1851; d. Feb. 15, 1853.  
 292. GEORGE ALVIN, b. Oct. 10, 1854.

**232 Moses Bradstreet Wildes** born in Topsfield, July 8, 1819, married, at Boston, Emeline Augusta, daughter of Jonathan Heath. In the early part of his life he was engaged with his father in the hotel business in Elm street, Boston, and afterwards embarked in the dry goods trade and subsequently became interested in the shipping trade with California and the East Indies. After the death of his father the management of the family estate occupied his time. He died in Boston on May 6, 1890. She died Oct. 25, 1868, aged 44 years, 6 months.

Children, born in Boston :

293. FRANK WALDO, b. Oct. 17, 1843.  
 294. FREDERICK BRADSTREET, b. Aug. 29, 1847; d. unm. July 13, 1905.  
 295. EMMA GERTRUDE, b. Sept. 26, 1848; unm.  
 296. MARION RICHMOND, b. Dec. 2, 1854; m. May 6, 1893, George H. Adams of Boston; d. Feb. 23, 1896.  
 297. ANNA HEATH, b. July 16, 1857; m. Edward Cramer of Milwaukee.  
 298. KATHERINE RICHMOND, b. Sept. 28, 1864; unm.

**238 Greene Wildes** born 1825-6; married (int. Sept. 5, 1846, in Georgetown.) Mary B. daughter of John and Mehitable Bailey) Davis. She died in Georgetown, Dec.

8, 1904, aged 77 years, 6 months. He died about 1860 in Sacramento, California.

Children, born in Georgetown :

299. ABBY J., b. May 15, 1846; d. Nov. 25, 1862 at Georgetown.

300. ROWENA, b. Mar. 15, 1847.

300a. LYMAN G., b. Aug. 4, 1849; d. Sept. 22, 1888; m. Hattie J. Perkins, who d. June 26, 1876. Child: George Arthur, b. June 14, 1873; m. May 12, 1900, Addie T. Grundy of Georgetown.

**240 Samuel P. Wildes** born in 1831, married Sept. 1, 1853, Sarah R., daughter of William and Sarah (Thomas) Risk of Rowley. He was then living in Georgetown. She died in Rowley, Sept. 12, 1864, aged 36 years. He died in Rowley, Dec. 14, 1855, aged 24 years.

Child, born in Rowley :

301. EDNAH JANE, b. June 16, 1855; d. Nov. 16, 1856 at Rowley.

**242 Luther Shaw Wildes** born in Ipswich, married (int. Georgetown, June 7, 1855.) Caroline Barber, daughter of Eben and Lois Floyd of Georgetown. He died Feb. 24, 1876 at Newburyport. She married, second, Sept. 10, 1881, at Newburyport, Henry Hewitt.

Children, born in Georgetown :

302. WALTER LEE, b. Apr. 4, 1858; m. Dec. 25, 1880, Laura E. Hitchcock of Georgetown. Children: Luther, b. Dec. 1, 1882 in Newburyport; Ruth Collum, b. Jan. 28, 1890 in Georgetown; Ralph and Raymond (twins), b. Jan. 26, 1891, in Georgetown.

303. A daughter, b. Sept. 11, 1860.

304. CARRIE F. (twin), b. July 26, 1862.

305. CLARA E. (twin), b. July 26, 1862.

306. LEONA J., m. Sept. 10, 1880, Edward E. Collum, at Newburyport.

307. HENRY HUDSON, b. Oct. 7, 1874, at Newburyport.

**244 Jeremiah Jewett Wildes** born in Rowley, May 21, 1834, married Oct. 19, 1865, Sarah E., daughter of John and Hannah (Wadleigh) Tarleton of West Newbury. Lives in Georgetown.

Children, born in Georgetown :

308. ANNA TABLETON, b. Oct. 2, 1869; m. Mar. 7, 1896, Leopold I. DeQuoy of Boston. Child: Stanley Wildes, b. Feb. 14, 1898.

309. HATTIE GREENE, b. May 22, 1871. School teacher.  
 310. ALICE AUGUSTA, b. Mar. 28, 1873; m. Apr. 9, 1891, Charles A. Stetson of Boxford. Children: Mary Arnold, b. Jan. 19, 1892; Elizabeth Jewett, b. April 29, 1893; Harriet Endicott, b. Dec. 9, 1894; Eleanor, b. Sept. 7, 1896; Satira Tarleton, b. Mar. 27, 1898; William Chester, b. July 19, 1900; Charles Hazen, b. Aug. 14, 1902; Clifford Wildes, b. Sept. 11, 1905.  
 311. ELLWOOD THURSTON, b. May 7, 1877; sole-leather cutter.

**254 John Milton Wildes** born in Georgetown, Oct. 27, 1844, married at Newburyport, Oct. 10, 1865, Catherine (Kate. m. rd.) Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Furbush of Georgetown. Private in 2d Mass. Heavy Art. in the Civil War. Lives in Haverhill.

Children, born in Georgetown:

312. CHARLES MILTON, b. June 28, 1866; d. Dec. 10, 1867.  
 313. FRANK HENRY, b. July 14, 1868, m. Sept. 7, 1898, Susie E. Brown.  
 314. LIZZIE FLORA, b. Sept. 3, 1869; m. May 11, 1893, Charles R. Grover.  
 315. SADIE MILTON, b. Dec. 21, 1872; d. May 13, 1878.  
 316. CHARLES MILTON, b. Jan. 25, 1874, m. Jan. 28, 1900, Maud Blake.  
 317. WINNIFRED, b. Nov. 30, 1878; m. Dec. 28, 1904, Mildred M. Hodgdon.

**256 Asahel Huntington Wildes** born in Topsfield, April 22, 1813, married at Ipswich, Dec. 7, 1843, Wilhelmina Dodge. She died Feb. 27, 1892, aged 72 years. He died Mar. 4, 1879 in Ipswich.

Children, born in Ipswich:

318. A daughter, still born, June 21, 1845.  
 319. EDWARD BRADSTREET, b. Aug. 7, 1846.  
 320. GEORGE D., b. June 11, 1849; m. Blanche H. Dodge. Children: Blanche, b. Apr. 6, 1880; Margery, b. Aug. 25, 1883.  
 321. FRANCES, b. Nov. 11, 1852; d. Nov. 28, 1852.

**260 George Dudley Wildes** born in Newburyport, June 19, 1819, married Nov. 5, 1846, Harriette, daughter of Benjamin Howard of Boston. He fitted for Harvard and was graduated at the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria and ordained deacon in 1846 at New Bedford, Mass., at the same time being invited to the professorship of mathematics at Shelby College, Ky. After holding several charges, he became assistant at St. Paul's,

Boston. He afterwards was at Brookline. In 1859 he became the first rector of Grace church, Salem, where he remained until 1867. While at Salem he became a member of the State Board of Education. At the outset of the Civil War, he was instrumental in raising the 19th and 23d Massachusetts regiments, forming also the field hospital corps and being commissioned its chaplain. In 1867 he became rector of Christ church, Riverdale, New York. Author of numerous sermons and addresses, and editor and translator of several volumes. He died at Riverdale, N. Y., June 3, 1898. She died at Riverdale, Dec. 11, 1901.

Children :

322. GRACE HOWARD, b. Mar. 6, 1848; m. June 7, 1877, Thomas Butler Meeker. 3 children.  
 323. ALICE HOWARD, b. Mar. 3, 1852; unm.  
 324. CLARENCE HOWARD, b. Jan. 15, 1856; m. Oct. 13, 1888, Florence, daughter of J. Hobart Herrick of New York City.

**268 Solomon Wildes** born in Ipswich, Feb. 16, 1825, married, first, Ellen Althea ———, who died at Chelsea, June 12, 1849, aged 26 years, 9 mos. He married, second, ———, and, third, Anna W. Harding of Bath, Me. He died in Boston, Feb. 22, 1895.

Children :

325. LUCY ELLEN, b. Oct. 17, 1848, at Ipswich; d. Sept. 22, 1849, at Chelsea.  
 326. FRED A.  
 327. HENRY.  
 328. FRANK.  
 329. LUCY ELLEN.  
 330. ALICE.  
 331. FRANK H., b. Oct., 1867, at Newtonville; d. Dec. 6, 1868, at Boston.

**274 Eugene Lamont Wildes** born in Ipswich, Oct. 29, 1845, married Dec. 8, 1868, Alatheia Orietta, daughter of Josiah B. and Angelina Lamson. Farmer; lives in Topsfield.

Children :

332. ELTON EUGENE, b. Nov. 8, 1869, in Ipswich; m. Oct. 23, 1901, Carrie Baker Kimball of Ipswich. Child: Priscilla, b. in Malden, Aug. 9, 1905.

333. FLORENCE LAMSON, b. Dec. 15, 1872, in Topsfield; m. Jan. 20, 1898, Samuel McL. Hill of Wenham. Children born in Wenham: Marjorie Alatheia, b. Oct. 4, 1898; Louise Huntington, b. Feb. 15, 1904.
334. MILDRED FERN, b. Dec. 8, 1890, in Topsfield.

**286 Lewis Humphrey Wildes** born in Topsfield, July 10, 1842; married, May 11, 1864, Anna Jane, daughter of Amos S. and Eliza A. (Perkins) Chapman. Shoemaker. Lives in Topsfield.

Children, born in Topsfield:

335. GEORGE WALTER, b. Sept. 27, 1865; m. Mary Mayon of Boston. Children: Walter Proctor, George W. (d. July 15, 1896); George Raymond; Nellie Frances (died); Lewis Timothy (d. Sept. 1, 1893); Florence May; Leo.
336. ELMER PERKINS, b. Jan. 22, 1867; m. Thirza Davis; Children: Ruth Haskell; Muriel May.
337. LENNIE MAY, b. Aug. 3, 1869; m. April 7, 1889, Everett C. Chapman of Wenham.
338. LYMAN WILBUR, b. May 4, 1874; m. Dec. 24, 1895, Mary R., daughter of Frank and Sophie E. (Ernst) Crouse of Lower Branch, N. S. Children: Wilbur Leighton, b. July 13, 1896; Ralph Winthrop, b. Nov. 25, 1899.

**287 William Herbert Wildes** born Oct. 13, 1843, married Nov. 5, 1865, Eunice Helen, daughter of Jason and Emily A. Richardson of Middleton. Shoemaker. Lives in Topsfield.

Children:

339. HAZEN ROGERS, b. May 29, 1866; m. Oct. 27, 1897, Mary E., daughter of James and Hannah (Carroll) Dieckhoff. Carpenter. Lives in Topsfield. Child: James William, b. April 20, 1898.
340. MABEL OLIVE, b. June 23, 1879; m. Sept. 24, 1895, James Munroe Bray of Topsfield; d. Jan. 3, 1896.

**292 George Alvin Wildes** born in Topsfield, Oct. 10, 1854, married June 1, 1882, Lottie Perley, daughter of Isaac and Charlotte (Burleigh) Frye, of Andover. Shoemaker. Lives in Beverly.

Children:

341. GEORGE ERNEST, b. July 8, 1883, in Topsfield.
342. FANNY ELLEN, b. Jan. 16, 1885, in Topsfield; m. June 22, 1905, William H. Workman of Beverly.

343. SUSIE FRYE, b. Aug. 9, 1887, in Topsfield.  
 344. RAYMOND PERKINS, b. Aug. 6, 1889, in Topsfield.  
 345. FREDERICK, b. June 6, 1891, in Beverly.  
 346. PERCIVAL, b. Sept. 25, 1895, in Beverly.

**293 Frank Waldo Wildes** born in Boston, Oct. 17, 1843, married, first, April 22, 1869, Helen Delia, daughter of Maurice and Delia A. (Sistare) Hilger of New York City. She died Nov. 10, 1885, and he married, second, Dec. 11, 1886, Mrs. Frances Elizabeth (Hilger) Ball, sister of his first wife. Harvard, 1864. Resides in Boston.

Children, born in Boston: Maurice Hilger, Harvard, 1891; Frederick, Harvard, 1894; Robert Waldo; Frances Elizabeth; Theodore Bradstreet.

**319 Edward Bradstreet Wildes** born in Ipswich, Aug. 7, 1846; married May 21, 1870, Harriet M., daughter of Willard B. and Harriet (Manning) Kinsman of Ipswich. He died Jan. 31, 1899, at Ipswich.

Children:

347. ANNA (Annie K.), b. April 21, 1873; d. Nov. 25, 1878.  
 348. HENRY HAMMATT (twin), b. Aug. 29, 1876; d. Nov. 9, 1896.  
 349. WILHELMINA (twin), b. Aug. 29, 1876.  
 350. MADELINE, b. Jan. 18, 1882.

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LETTER FROM DR. NEHEMIAH CLEAVELAND  
 TO COL. TIMOTHY PICKERING.

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TOPSFIELD, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan., 1815.

Dear Sir:—Your very interesting favour of the 2<sup>d</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup> and the receipt for Mr. Cummings was duly received and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the packets you sent me containing the dispatches from our Ministers at Ghent, for all which please to accept my best thanks. Your pertinent remarks on the various subjects in your letter were very instructive. I perfectly coincide in your view of the conscription plans which have been before Congress, all of which seem now to be abandoned; it is very certain in my mind, that conscription in its mildest form could not be carried into full operation in New England and

I have no doubt your Troups, Eppes, and Gileses are of the same opinion by this time. As to the national treasury, it seems very clear, that the present administration cannot replenish it, nothing can be more evident than that notes, without an ability, in those who promise to pay must depreciate, nor is it easy to see in what manner the bank, sh'd it be established as it has recently passed the House of Rep<sup>vs</sup> (and which is incomparably preferable to any former project), can aid the Government very considerably at present. Congress have granted a heavy load of taxes, but I think it is not hazarding much to predict that these taxes will not be paid very promptly, especially the six millions direct tax, even sh'd the State Legislatures fail to interpose a general opinion with the farmers in that it will not do to pay any more money to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Govern<sup>t</sup> to be squander'd. How much longer are we to suffer such a state of things as now exists? Is there any prospect of doing any better? What is said at Washington either by the friends or the enemies of New England, respecting the doings of the Hartford Convention? It would be very interesting to me to have some of your thoughts upon the subject. That is, what N. England can do, what they ought to do and what they must do to save themselves from irremediable ruin.

I have been detained from going to Salem since I received your letter by indisposition. I hope to go soon when I will pay your Son the money you paid for Mr. Cummings.

I am, with high esteem, your very humble servant

N. CLEVELAND.

*Timothy Pickering MSS., Vol. 30, p. 360, Mass. Hist. Society.*

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#### ESSEX REGISTRY OF DEEDS AT TOPSFIELD.

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To Colo. Pickering (Registor of deeds for the County of Essex)—Sir, The Committee for said County, have taken in to Consideration the propriety of holding your office in the Town of Salem agreeable to a Resolve of the provincial Congress, and have thought best that said office



should be removed into the Town of Topsfield untill further Order. It is likely you may be Accommodated at the House of M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Porters, or at any other House in s<sup>d</sup> Topsfield that you shall think more proper. And we would informe you that the return of the Committee of Correspondence for Salem doth not mention how much money is still due from the town of Salem, to the Province. Therefore we desire s<sup>d</sup> Committee to informe some one of the County Committee respecting the Same, as soon as may be. Sign<sup>d</sup> in the name & by Order of said Committee.

Ipswich, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1775, Sam. Holten jun<sup>r</sup>  
*Timothy Pickering MSS., Vol. 39, p. 114, Mass. Hist. Society.*

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LETTER OF REV. JEREMIAH HOBART TO  
 REV. INCREASE MATHER.

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To the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Encreas Mather Minister in Boston. These p<sup>r</sup>sent, p<sup>r</sup> amicu Q. D. C.

Reuerend S<sup>r</sup>—After due salutations to yo<sup>r</sup>selfe & wife, wisheing you acumulation of divine blessings, & all other prosperousness in health & weal of body, etc.

These are to p<sup>r</sup>sent my owne & wife's hearty respects to yourself & all your's, withall intimating, that not any want of loue & goodwill hath stopped my pen since I saw your face, from aduising you in this kind; but S<sup>r</sup> I consid<sup>r</sup> my owne tenuity & inconsiderableness amongst men in riseing times, haue been the rather willing to submit to a poor low degree, & bear divine indignation therein.

S<sup>r</sup> I am glad to hear of your prosperity, & that God carries you on in His great work, & that you have vacancy to read, study, write, not impeded by the vrgent & emergent necessary cares of providing for your family.

It is not so with us. We labo<sup>r</sup> & study what we may, but our encouragement is small. God is trying & exercising us with laxness in all orders civile. We had good agreem<sup>t</sup>s, & some good lawes, but our Don: appearing *omnia in possum iere*; & our justices of the peace & und<sup>r</sup> officers *sunt ejusdem farinae*.

Worthy S<sup>r</sup> I write not to complayne, but as I haue a Sympathy as to your mutations, so hope you are not without bowells as to ours. The truth is, its a day of Jacob's fears & troubles. The passio[n]s of the Gospell are great, the Churches billows high, our fears are come upon us, & it is the howre of tentation. God Almighty grant we may keep, & that N. E. may keep the word of hir patience, that will proue our safest conduct.

Dear S<sup>r</sup> I hope you will accept my short and poor lines, haueing by reason of the shortness of the opportunity no leisure to study adorne. I haue a child (my son & all the sons I haue), in Boston; I should rejoyce you would show him some respect, & giue him counsell. Hee is now a freeman. I pray God he may be the Lord's freeman. I hear well of him, & hope you may take an occasion in loue to aduise him.

Sir, here is a young man, one Elkana Pembroke, the bearer hereof, a persecuted Stranger who I veryly hope is godly, & respected much by christians both here and at Huntington. You may do well to show respect to him. He is by trad a weauer, & is willing to lab<sup>r</sup> & work. I hope you may kindly aduise him.

Thus, Reverend S<sup>r</sup> craueing excuse for my impertinencys in anything mentioned, & begging earnestly your remembrances at the throne of grace, for me & mine, for diuine blessings in Christ Jesus. I comend you to God & the word of His grace, praying the Lord to blesse & water all your holy Labours, to the glory of His name, & the good of His church, & your good account. I take leaue, euer remaineing,

Sir. Your's in the Chief Shepheard,

Jer: Hobart.\*

Hempst<sup>d</sup>, Long-Island, Aug. 23, 1686.

I pray S<sup>r</sup>, let my most kind loue be giuen to your good Son, my Couzin Cotton Mather, *Deus benedicat ei*.

*From The Mather Papers. Mass. Hist. Colls., 4th series, Vol. VIII, p. 661.*

\*Rev. Jeremiah Hobart (H. C. 1650), son of Rev. Peter Hobart, of Hingham, was first ordained at Topsfield, Oct. 2, 1672; dismissed in 1680, he went to Hempstead, L. I., was settled there in 1682; and again dismissed, went to Haddam, and was installed Nov. 14, 1700. Savage's Geneal. Dict.

## LOCALITIES AND PLACE NAMES IN TOPSFIELD.

BY J. PORTER GOULD.

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**ABRAM'S ISLAND.** On either side of the railroad track and about equidistant between Summer street and the Turnpike, until about 1890, stood a fine grove of hardwood trees. The land at an earlier date belonged to Abram Balch. The grove, nearly circular in form, stood on ground bounded on two sides by brooks and the familiar name no doubt originated from the location, the shape of the grove, and the name of the former owner. Similar clumps of trees are often-times called islands. About forty years ago a train of cars was stalled here for three days, in snow banks that reached to the roofs of the cars.

**ACADEMY HILL.** The small elevation between Main street and High Street on which the Topsfield Academy building, now Centre School House, was erected in 1828.

**AGRICULTURAL FARM.** The farm at the junction of Main street and Boston street. In 1857 it was bequeathed by Dr. John H. Treadwell of Salem to the Essex Agricultural Society to be used as a farm at which experiments in agriculture should be conducted.

**ALARM POST HILL.** The first elevation on the left after leaving Perkins street in passing to the Bickford sawmill site. This spot was used as a rendezvous in 1774 by Capt. Thomas Perkins' company of minutemen.

**ANNIE'S POND.** Near the corner of Central and Summer streets were two small ponds. The name originated in their ownership by Annie Perkins, an elderly maiden lady who lived in the house now owned by Mrs. Ephraim Peabody.

**ANN'S HILL.** The hill above Israel's hill, on Hill street, so named because near it lived "Ann" Wallis, a local "character" who died in 1793.

**ASBURY STREET,** begins at Ipswich street and ends at the Hamilton line. It leads to the Asbury Grove Camp Ground, hence its name.

**AVERY'S ISLAND.** An old-time corruption of the name Averill, a family that owned most of the land for over two hundred years. It contains about 78 acres and is located in the northeasterly part of the town a little below the Hassocky meadows. The Ipswich river and low meadows entirely surround it.

**BAKER'S HILL.** The small descent on Ipswich street about 600 feet east of Pine street, taking its name from the farm at the left which was in the possession of the Baker family before 1715.

**BAKER'S POND.** An early name for Hood's Pond. Applied before 1662.

**BARE HILL.** Westerly from Haverhill street having an elevation of 140 feet. The Pine Grove Cemetery is laid out on its southern slope. The name "Bare hill" was applied as early as 1661.

**BILLINGSGATE HILL.** This name was applied to what is now known as Price's hill, as early as 1674.

**BIRCH ISLAND.** Rising land south of Perkins street, bordering on the river, at the southeasterly end of the Bunker meadows, and formerly owned by Dudley Q. Perkins. Also known as Barn island.

**BIRD SWAMP.** The swamp beside Ipswich street and east of North street, a short distance from the house of Fred Smerage. A favorite resort for many kinds of birds.

**BIXBY'S CORNER.** The corner where Rowley street leaves Haverhill street and deriving its name from the Bixby family which lived a quarter of a mile away on Rowley street, on the farm long in the possession of the Dorman family and now (1905) owned by Connolly Brothers.

**BLIND HOLE.** A name applied before Oct. 14, 1651 to the territory extending from what is now the Peterson farm in the southern part of the Town, to Putnamville in Danvers. Cleaveland in his Bicentennial Address states that this originated in the dense growth of trees which shrouded the early way leading through this territory.

**BONNEY'S FEATHERBED.** The locality on the easterly side of Perkins street lying east of Mile Brook bridge. The name appears in a deed dated June 7, 1711 and is said to have originated in the incident of an ox named "Bonney" or "Boney," which was accustomed to select a rocky place in this locality, as a desirable spot on which to lie down. Another story relates that a traveller named Bonny once slept here with a stone for a pillow, having only a feather and imagination with which to soften its hardness.

**BOSTON STREET,** the Boston and Newburyport Turnpike, extends from the Danvers line to the Ipswich line.

**BOXFORD STREET,** begins at Washington street and ends at the Boxford line.

**BUNKER MEADOWS.** The meadows lying on both sides of the Ipswich river, easterly from the Dudley Q. Perkins farm, now owned by Thomas E. Proctor. The name originated in an early ownership by George Bunker who settled in Topsfield and was drowned in 1658.

**BURNHAM'S HILL.** Located between Hood's pond and North street. The Topsfield-Ipswich boundary line passes over this hill.

**BUSHY HILL.** The hill lying west from the junction of Perkins street and Ridge street. The name appears in deeds as early as June, 1663.

**CAPEN HOUSE.** The time-weathered dwelling house with overhanging second story which stands near the easterly corner of the Common, was erected about 1686 for the Rev. Joseph Capen and from him takes its name.

**CAT ISLAND.** A grove of trees on rising ground east of Salem street between the Dwinell and Putnam farms. A wild cat is said to have been killed at this spot, hence the origin of the name.

**CENTRAL STREET,** formerly Mutton lane, and later Mechanic's court, begins at Main street and ends at the junction of High street and Perkins street. The name probably originated from the location of the street about half way between Main street and High street, both principal thoroughfares.

**THE CITY.** The cluster of houses on Ipswich street near where it crosses Howlett's brook. Before the Revolution nearly all the houses in this locality were owned and occupied by members of the Hobbs family and the hamlet grew to be known as "Hobbs' City." In time, all of the Hobbs name died or removed and the word "City" alone has been retained.

See Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. III, p. 165.

**CLAY PITS.** In early times clay pits were dug in various parts of the town. They are mentioned in 1709 as existing near the Wenham Causeway.

**COLD SPRING.** Located in low ground about 800 feet northeasterly from Mile Brook bridge and about 300 feet from the bed of Mile brook. In 1850 the Spring was about 25 feet in diameter. The water is very cold. Mentioned in a deed dated June 7, 1711, and also at later dates.

**COLERAIN.** The level area in the northerly part of the town lying west of the B. & M. R. R. tracks and south of the land of the late Arthur W. Phillips. No sufficient evidence has as yet been discovered showing the origin of this name which appears as early as 1797 in a deed of Simon Gould covering land in this locality.

**THE COLLEGES.** The locality lying easterly of the Bonney's Feather-bed road, now known as Perkins street, and for over two centuries owned by the Averill family, but now in the possession of Thomas E. Proctor. The name is said to have originated from the circumstance that the several members of the Averill family, who had houses in this locality, were among the more intelligent people of the town,—prominent in town affairs, cabinet makers and owners of a saw-mill, and above all, subscribers to one of the three newspapers received in Topsfield.

See *Topsfield Historical Collections*, Vol. II, p. 84; Vol. VIII, p. 49.

**THE COMMON.** An area containing about 7 acres, lying on either side of Main street, and upon which stands the Town Hall and the Congregational Church. The Methodist Church faces the Common at its easterly corner. This area has remained common or undivided land since the settlement of the town. In former times it was used as a training field, but latterly it has been devoted to public sports and recently efforts have been made to improve its appearance along park lines.

**COPPER MINE LOT.** The lot at the corner of Rowley Bridge street and Copper Mine road, taking its name from the supposed copper mine opened here as early as 1650 by Governor John Endecott. The pit may yet be seen.

See *Topsfield Historical Collections*, Vol. II, p. 73.

**COPPER MINE ROAD,** begins at Rowley Bridge street and ends at the Middleton line.

**COW PEN BROOK.** The small brook that flows under Perkins street near the road leading to the late residence of Dudley Q. Bradstreet, now owned by Thomas E. Proctor. The name was in use as early as 1694.

**CROSS STREET,** extends from Rowley Bridge street to Hill street.

**DONATION FARM.** The farm now owned by J. Morris Meredith. The name originated in the bequest of the property to the town in 1825, by Deacon George Bixby, the income to be used for the support of preaching the Calvinis-

tic doctrines and the farm to be known as "The donation farm for the support of the gospel."

**DRY BRIDGE.** There are two dry bridges in town. One, where Howlett street passes under the Newburyport and Boston turnpike; the other, where West street ("the ridge road") passes under the railroad track. The name is more generally applied to the first. The bridge was built in 1804 when the turnpike was constructed. A steep descent furnishes passage, from the turnpike to Howlett street so that a carriage may be driven *over* the bridge and then *under*.

**EAST END.** A name formerly applied to the locality east of the Turnpike and lying between the Colleges and what is now High street.

**EAST STREET,** begins at Ipswich street and ends at the Ipswich line.

**FALLS BRIDGE.** This name was applied in 1714 to the bridge over Mile brook near the entrance to what is now the I. B. Young house on North street. Of late years it has been called Symonds' bridge.

**FISH BROOK.** Flows into the Ipswich river and is a boundary line between Topsfield and Boxford. Called "Fishing brook," as early as 1652.

**FORT FIELD.** The field on the top of the hill behind the George F. Averell house on the westerly side of Hill street has long been locally known as "the fort field." In 1894 Mr. Averell found, some eighteen inches below the surface, in a corner of this field, a fine spring of water surrounded by a retaining wall of stone work. In the centre of the field he removed four large flat stones located in the form of a square which suggested a foundation for some former structure.

**FORT, OLD.** According to tradition repeated by Enos Estey in 1845 and also shown on a plan of the Agricultural Farm drawn by Samuel S. McKenzie in 1858, a fort for protection against the Indians, formerly stood in the Agricultural Farm field east of the pine grove beside the Turnpike and near the brook.



**FOX ISLAND.** A small elevation covered with trees, in the meadow beside the Ipswich river, lying nearly in a range between the end of the glacial ridge or esker near the Bradstreet-Proctor house, and the ford across the river near Vineyard hill, Hamilton. So named as early as 1725.

**FRANK'S LANE.** The narrow way leading from Main street to the Lower Cemetery and across the Turnpike to Central street. For nearly half its length it has a fine row of maple trees on either side from which its present name, Maple street, is derived. This way was laid out before Oct. 26, 1699.

**GALLUP'S BROOK.** The outlet for Lowe's pond, Boxford, and Hood's pond, Topsfield. As early as 1650 it was known as Pye brook, a name that is yet applied in Boxford. The name "Gallup's brook" has only been in use during the past seventy-five years and originated from the Gallup family who formerly lived near the bridge across the brook on Haverhill street. Near the Frank C. Frame house, the brook divides into two parts—Mile brook and Howlett's brook—both flowing into the Ipswich river.

**GARDEN STREET,** connects Hill street and Boston street. The name originated from the fact that the street was laid out through the garden of Benjamin W. Crowninshield.

**GRASS HILL.** The very steep hill on Wenham street having an elevation of 200 feet. The roadway as it ascended this hill formerly was overgrown with grass no doubt due to the fact that this road was but little travelled, although the way was laid out and in use before 1658, it being the direct road to Wenham passing over "the Causeway."

**GRAVELLY BROOK.** The brook which for a short distance forms the eastern boundary between Topsfield and Ipswich. In early days it was known as Winthrop's brook.

**GREAT HILL.** The hill east of the village, having an elevation of 240 feet, and so called before 1671.

**HARDSCRABBLE.** The locality about the junction of Ipswich street and the Newburyport and Boston turnpike. It

is now more generally known as "Springville." The name "Hardscrabble" is said to have originated with Capt. John Adams, who when calling at the small shoe shops formerly located near each house, would joke with the workmen and remark that they were "scrabbling hard to make a living." The phrase was habitual and soon became a byword applied to the neighborhood.

**THE HARTLANDS.** The meadowy ground on the south side of the river about half-way between the stone bridge, and Towne's bridge, takes its name from a former owner, the Rev. Daniel Breck, pastor of the Topsfield church, who removed to Hartland, Vermont, in 1788.

**HASSOCKY MEADOW.** A river meadow comprising about 75 acres lying east of "the Colleges" and now owned by Thomas E. Proctor. The name is derived from the hassocky bunches of grass with which the meadow is covered, and was applied before 1647. Until recently this meadow was mowed for its hay.

**HAVERHILL STREET,** begins at the junction of Main and Ipswich streets and ends at the Boxford line. It is the road to Haverhill.

**HIGH BANKS.** A name recently applied to the left bank of the Ipswich river just below the "Stone Bridge," long resorted to as a bathing place.

**HIGH STREET,** begins at the junction of Main and Washington streets and ends at the Wenham line.

**HILL STREET,** connects Salem street and Rowley Bridge street. A very hilly street.

**HOOD'S POND.** The pond located about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of the village. It has an area of 68 acres and takes its present name from the family of Hood, who have lived at its northern extremity for nearly two centuries. At earlier times it has been known as Pritchett's pond, and Baker's pond.

**HORSE ISLAND.** Low ground on the south side of the Ipswich river nearly opposite the house of the late Albert Webster.

**HOVEY'S PLAIN.** A somewhat sandy plain on Haverhill street beyond Gallup's brook. In the open field towards the west may have been seen the cellar of the Hovey house from which family the plain derives its name. In early times it was known as Pine plain.

**HOWLETT STREET,** "the old road," begins at "the Common" and ends at Perkins street. It takes its name from Samuel Howlett, the early blacksmith, who lived by this road.

**HOWLETT'S BROOK.** That portion of Gallup's brook (or Pye brook), which divides near the Frank C. Frame house and flows easterly to Donaldson's grist-mill and the Ipswich river. Named for the Howlett family which long owned the grist-mill.

**IPSWICH RIVER.** Rises in Burlington, Mass., and flows into Ipswich Bay, in its course dividing the town of Topsfield into two parts and also serving as a boundary line. In the earliest times it was known as "the river Agawam."

**IPSWICH STREET,** begins at the junction of Main and Haverhill streets and ends at the Ipswich line.

**ISRAEL'S HILL.** The first hill on Hill street beyond the Salem street corner. It was named for Israel Towne who lived in the vicinity. The ascents of the hill are respectively called the "upper Israel" and the "lower Israel."

**KLONDIKE.** A name applied at the time of the Klondike gold fever to the newly filled and graded land owned by Otto E. Lake, on Washington street opposite Grove street. At one time used as a public dump.

**LAKE VILLAGE.** The locality about the junction of Prospect street and River street. Henry Lake, weaver, built his house here about 1675 and his descendants have lived in the vicinity until the present day.

**LAMSON'S BRIDGE.** The bridge over the Ipswich river, crossed by Asbury street and taking its name from the Lamson family who lived nearby for over 250 years.

**LANG'S HILL.** The hill now known as Price's hill and at an early date as "Billingsgate," became known after 1850, as Lang's hill, deriving its name from Charles Lang who lived in a house that formerly stood about half-way up the hill beyond the Andrew Gould house.

**LONG LANE.** That portion of Washington street situated between Mill street and River street, formerly was a narrow, straight way, and before it was widened was locally known as Long lane.

**LOWER OR BOSTON STREET CEMETERY.** Situated on the Turnpike, now Boston street, having Maple street on the south. It was purchased by the Town for burial purposes in 1828.

See Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. VII, p. 107.

**MAIN STREET,** begins at the junction of Ipswich and Haverhill streets and ends at Boston street. That portion between the railroad track and Boston street is sometimes called South Main street.

**MAPLE STREET,** connects Main street and Central street. The rows of maple trees on either side suggested the name. Formerly it was known as Frank's lane.

**MECHANIC'S COURT.** A name formerly applied to Central street when it was only a narrow lane terminating at what is now Summer street.

**MEETING-HOUSE LANE.** The narrow way connecting Howlett street with Perkins street. The earliest meeting-house is said to have stood beside this way, which formerly was a part of "the old road."

**MILE BROOK.** That portion of Gallup's brook (or Pye brook), which divides near the Frank C. Frame house and flows south-easterly to the Peabody grist mill and the Ipswich river. The name is derived from the fact that the distance is about a mile from the division in the brook to its junction with the river and was in use before 1653.

**MILL STREET,** begins at Washington street and ends at the Boxford line. It formerly led to the Boxford ironworks

and afterwards to the saw-mill lately known as Frame's mill.

**MISERY.** The poor, sandy land south of Washington street and near Fish brook.

**MUDDY SPRING.** Located near the base of Great hill beside Howlett street and mentioned as a bound as early as 1690.

**MUTTON LANE.** A name applied to Central street when it was only a narrow lane terminating at what is now Summer street. The slaughter-house of Munday and later of Woodbury and Ward, located on this lane, suggested its name. It was also known as Mechanic's court.

**NAVY YARD.** A name applied to Topsfield or some portion of it, and in use in Salem and vicinity since before 1840. Its origin and application is obscure.

**NEW MEADOWS.** The first name applied by the settlers to this town and finding its origin in the broad meadows beside the river.

**NICHOLS' BROOK.** Flows into the Ipswich river in the south-western part of the town and forms a portion of the boundary line between Topsfield and Middleton. The name is derived from the Nichols family, which settled near this brook in 1651.

**NORTH STREET,** begins at Ipswich street, a short distance east of Baker's hill, and running in a northerly direction ends at the Ipswich line.

**OAK TREE.** The oldest tree in the town stands in a small pasture on the south side of Hill street belonging to the Agricultural Farm. It probably is about 300 years old.

See Topsfield Historical Collections, Vol. VII, p. 105.

**OLD ROAD.** The road leading from Perkins street, under the dry bridge, to the Common and now known as Howlett street, takes its name from the fact that Samuel Howlett came from Ipswich in 1668 and set up his trade of blacksmithing beside this street. His house was also located on this street. The road is one of the oldest in the town.

**OLIVERS.** The farm of 500 acres granted to Samuel Symonds by the town of Ipswich in 1637, having for its south-westerly bounds, Pye brook, and south-easterly bounds on Paine's hill. The name originated in Symonds' former estate in Toppesfield Parish, England, which also was known as "Olivers" and retains the name to the present day.

**PAINES HILL.** The hill on the northerly side of Ipswich street near Asbury street, taking its name from William Paine, the merchant of Ipswich and Boston, who was an original proprietor at the settlement of the town. The name appears in deeds as early as 1683.

**PARK STREET,** formerly Railroad avenue, connects Main street and Summer street.

**PARSONAGE LOT.** The hilly and swampy pasture, now overgrown by trees and bushes, located in the rear of the Albert A. Conant property on Main street. The first parsonage was built here in 1663, and the cellar hole may yet be seen about one hundred feet in the rear of the Conant stable. The land remained the property of the town and parish for nearly two hundred years.

**PERKINS' ISLAND.** Elevated land near the Ipswich river in the southeasterly part of the town. A bound stone marking the line between Topsfield and Wenham is on this island.

**PERKINS' ROW.** A name formerly applied to that portion of Perkins street between Howlett street and High street, for the reason that nearly every family on the street was of the Perkins name.

**PERKINS STREET,** begins at the junction of Central and High streets and ends at Ipswich street, at "the City." It is a very crooked road. Part of it formerly was known as "Perkins Row." That part extending from Meeting House lane to Ipswich street has long been known as the "Bonney's Featherbed road."

**PINE GROVE CEMETERY.** Located on Haverhill street, it takes its name from the fine grove of 140 pine trees on the higher part of the ground. The first interments in this

ground were probably made about 1663 when the meeting-house was located here. Three enlargements have been made to the original area.

**PINE HILL.** A hill lying south-west of the Peterson farm on the south side of the Ipswich river, mentioned in a deed of Averill to Averill in Sept., 1709.

**PINE ISLAND.** An island in the meadow east of the ridge which lies east of the Dudley Bradstreet house now owned by Thomas E. Proctor. The name was in use before 1718.

**PINE PLAIN.** The level ground lying on either side of Haverhill street, north of Gallup's brook. Of late years known as Hovey's plain. The name appears in deeds as early as 1657.

**PINE STREET,** connects Ipswich street and Haverhill street. A small grove of pine trees suggested the name.

**POKER BRIDGE.** The small bridge crossed by Maple street near the railroad track. Tradition relates that the Devil in the form of a hog, formerly haunted this bridge, hence the name "Porker" or "Poker" bridge. In 1699 it was called Foster's bridge, in the laying out of a road.

**POND STREET,** begins at Haverhill street and following the northern shore of Hood's pond, ends at the Ipswich line.

**THE POUND.** The pound in which are kept domestic animals that have strayed from their owner's keeping, is located (1905) in a portion of the "Town pasture," beyond Pine Grove Cemetery. Previous to about 1885, it was located for many years on Washington street, in the rear of the Congregational church, in a corner of the pasture, known as the "Parsonage lot," it having been removed to this site in 1844 from where the Town hall now stands, to accommodate the school house built at that time.

**POWDER HOUSE HILL.** On the knoll nearest the swamp at the Washington street end of the "Parsonage lot" formerly stood a small building in which was stored the town's stock

of gunpowder. The building was removed shortly before 1850.

**PRICE'S HILL.** The hill lies south of the village and has an elevation of 160 feet. Prospect street runs over it. The early settlers applied the name "Billingsgate" to this hill. For a number of years following 1850 it was known as Lang's hill. The present name is derived from the Richard Price estate located on the top of the hill.

**PRITCHETT'S POND.** An early name for Hood's pond.

**PROSPECT STREET,** connects Main street with River street, passing over "Billingsgate hill" and affording a fine view of the village.

**PYE BROOK.** The outlet for Lowe's pond, Boxford, and Hood's pond, Topsfield. The name was applied before 1645. During the past seventy-five years the lower portion of the brook has been known as "Gallup's brook."

**THE RAPIDS.** A shallow, rocky place in the Ipswich river, about half way between the Stone bridge and Towne's Bridge, and near the locality known as "The Hartlands."

**RIDGE STREET,** begins at Ipswich street, crosses the Turnpike, and ends at Perkins street. For a part of the distance it is built on top of a glacial ridge or terminal moraine.

**RIVER HILL.** The hill south of the Stone bridge. Also called "Turnpike hill."

**RIVER STREET,** begins at Salem street, near the river, which it follows for some distance, and crossing Washington street it ends at the Boxford line or Fish Brook bridge.

**ROWLEY BRIDGE.** The bridge over the Ipswich river nearest the Middleton and Boxford line. It was built conjointly by Topsfield and Rowley and may have locally acquired its name from this fact. The name appears in a deed dated Jan. 1, 1695.

**ROWLEY BRIDGE STREET,** begins at River street, passes over "Rowley bridge," and ends at the Danvers line where it becomes North street.



ROWLEY STREET, begins at Haverhill street and ends at the Ipswich line near the southern end of Hood's pond.

SALEM STREET, formerly the main road to Danvers and Salem, begins at Main street, opposite the Agricultural farm, crosses the Turnpike at the top of River hill, and ends at the Danvers line where it becomes Locust street.

SCHOOL AVENUE, extends from Main street to the school grounds.

SHENEWEMEDY. The Indian name applied to Topsfield in the earliest times, perhaps meaning—"the pleasant place by the running water."

SKUNK ISLAND. Elevated ground in Slough brook, a short distance north of River street.

SLOUGH BROOK. Flows into the Ipswich river and is crossed by River street at a point about halfway between Prospect street and Rowley Bridge street.

SNOOK'S DAM, or Snook's Hole. The small brook which passes under Perkins street near Meeting House lane flows into Mile brook. A few rods from Mile brook, the smaller stream at some earlier time was dammed and the locality as early as June, 1663, was known as "Sknookes hole." In a deed dated Jan. 18, 1674, this locality is called "Snake hole."

SOUTH SIDE. The territory lying on the south side of the Ipswich river.

SOUTH SIDE CEMETERY. Located on Rowley Bridge street near the Copper Mine lot. Half of its area was set aside for burial purposes and given by Joseph Herrick in 1740. The other half was given by David Cummins in 1814.

SPRINGVILLE. The locality about the junction of Ipswich street and the Newburyport and Boston turnpike. Also known as "Hardscrabble." It received its name "Springville," in 1870, from William Locke, who erected two guideboards bearing that name. It originated in the numerous excellent springs in the vicinity.

**STICKEY MEADOWS.** The meadows on the south side of the Ipswich river in the rear of the Pike and Peterson farms. They were laid out in the second division of common lands, having a width of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  rods. The name appears in deeds as early as 1670. For many years they were controlled by a corporation composed of the various owners and known as the Proprietors of the Stickey Meadows. The origin of the name is unknown unless from the tenacious quality of the mucky soil.

**STONE BRIDGE, or Arch Bridge.** The bridge across the Ipswich river, over which the Turnpike runs. It was built in 1854, then replacing a wooden bridge.

**STONE HOUSE.** A dwelling-house built of stone brought from Crooked pond, Boxford, that formerly stood on the easterly side of Salem street about half-way between the Turnpike and Wenham street. It was built in 1836 and taken down in 1885.

**SUGAR-LOAF HILLS.** In various parts of the town, but notably in and near the village, are several small conical elevations which have long been known as "sugar-loaf hills." One formerly existed on the present site of the Congregational church and was leveled in 1703 when the second meeting-house was built. Another, may be seen occupying a triangular space at the junction of Washington street and Grove street. The name was early applied to the hillock on the southerly side of Grove street, about the steep sides of which gathered the people when the Bi-Centennial of the incorporation of the town was celebrated in 1850. The rock formation is reddish and disintegrates upon being exposed to the action of frost. It is a decomposed form of granite, geologically known as arkose.

**SUMMER STREET,** connects Main street and High street.

**SWEENEYVILLE.** The collection of houses near the southern end of Main street. Named for Miles Sweeney who lived there for a number of years beginning with 1851.

**SYMONDS' PLAIN.** The sandy level north of Mile brook on either side of North street. This plain was owned by the Symonds family for nearly 175 years.

**SYMONDS' WOODS.** A name formerly applied to a stretch of wood land near Rowley bridge, now small in extent.

**THICK WOODS.** A name applied as early as 1647 to the locality lying easterly from the Lamson farm and originating in the dense growth of forest trees covering that part of the town.

**TOAD ISLAND.** A triangular area at Springville bounded by the Turnpike, Ipswich street, and the brook,—a favorite haunt for toads.

**TOLL HOUSE.** The house at the corner of Salem street and the Newburyport and Boston turnpike and built for the keeper of the turnpike gate who collected tolls at this point.

**TOWN PASTURE.** The pasture lying westerly from Pine Grove Cemetery and occupying the larger part of Bare hill. The land belongs to the town and primarily was purchased for the purpose of enlarging the limits of the cemetery.

**TOWNE'S BRIDGE.** The bridge crossing the river next below the stone bridge, and near the railroad bridge. It derives its popular name from the fact that all those living beyond the bridge, on the south side of the river, belonged to the Towne family.

**THE TURNPIKE.** The Boston and Newburyport Turnpike was built through Topsfield in 1804. The road runs in a nearly straight line from Newburyport to Boston.

**TODD'S CORNER.** The corner at the junction of Haverhill street and Ipswich street, so named for the owner of the house at the corner—Samuel Todd.

**UTICA.** The one-story building north of the J. B. Poor house on Grove street, formerly a shoe shop and of late years occupied by elderly men who have lived alone. It was removed to this location in 1872 by John Janes, who was the first to live in it and who removed to Utica, N. Y., hence the name.

**THE VALLEY.** The valley, or glen, south of the residence of Arthur A. Clarke and extending from the Turnpike to the rear of the Hodges house. Sometimes called "Perk. Towne's Valley," from the former owner—Perkins Towne.

**VALLEY ROAD.** The highway built in 1900 in part with money apportioned by the State Highway Commission. Beginning at High street near Towne's bridge it skirts the hillside, crosses the swamp beyond the Wenham and Danvers boundary stone, and enters Locust street in Danvers near the Sears farm. For nearly a century various routes had been discussed and even surveyed, by which the village of Topsfield might be reached without passing over River hill, and the present road takes its name from a previous plan of a proposed road through the valley between River hill and Towne's hill.

**WASHINGTON STREET,** begins at the junction of Main and High streets and passes through "the West End," crossing River street, and ends at the Boxford line.

**WENHAM CAUSEWAY.** Wenham street after it passes the Wenham boundary line is built over swampy land and has been known as the "causeway" or "cassey" since before 1659 when first mentioned in the Topsfield records.

**WENHAM STREET,** connects Salem street and High street, passing down "Grass hill" and leading to the "Wenham causeway."

**WEST END.** The territory lying on either side of Washington street, about a mile west of the village.

**WHEEL BROOK.** The brook which crosses Salem street a short distance south of the Dwinell farm. The name appears in deeds as early as 1670 and local tradition preserves the story of a man who attempted to cross this brook with his team and becoming mired, lost a wheel from his cart.

**WIGWAM HILL.** Two small elevations in a field south of River street, now belonging to Mrs. Sarah H. Garrett, said to have formerly been frequented by the Indians.

**WILD GOOSE POND.** The small pond between the Capen house, and the Holmes-Emery house.

**WILDES STREET,** begins at Boston street, crosses East street and ends at the Ipswich line, passing the old Dudley Wildes house.

**WILLOW TREE.** In the rear of the Albert W. Pace house, on High street, is a willow tree set out by Philander Anderson, surveyor, in 1836, to mark the geographical center of Essex County.

**WINTHROP'S BROOK.** The brook now known as Gravelly brook, which for a short distance forms the boundary line between Topsfield and Ipswich. The name appears as early as 1664.

**WINTHROP'S HILL.** A hill lying between Howlett's brook and Paine's hill. Mentioned as early as 1673. Without doubt named for John Winthrop.

**WITCH HILL.** The hill now owned by Thomas W. Pierce, and having an elevation 280 feet. The present mansion house is erected on the site of the house where lived Isaac Esty, son of Mary Esty who was executed as a witch in 1692. Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninshield, secretary of the Navy, was living here in 1825 and is said to have first applied the popular name.

**WOODEN BRIDGE.** There are four wooden bridges crossing the Ipswich river in Topsfield, but the bridge near Walsh's and Balch's and sometimes known by these names is generally spoken of as "the wooden bridge." It is also called "the river bridge." A bridge was built at this point before 1653, by Walter Roper, a carpenter from Ipswich.

CAPT. JOHN GOULD'S PETITION IN 1694.

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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> William Stoughton Esq. lieu<sup>t</sup> Govern<sup>r</sup> of their Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay & the rest of the Honor<sup>ble</sup> Council now sitting in Boston Nov<sup>r</sup> 22, 1694.

The Humble Petition of John Gold of Topsfield. Whereas your Petion<sup>r</sup> received an Order from Maj.<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Saltonstall in May 1684 to take a survey of y<sup>e</sup> estate and Condition of the Military Company in Topsfield, then and now under his Command, and among other things to provide a new flight of Colours & Drum, in obedience thereto y<sup>r</sup> Petitioner did lay out his owne money and procured them for the Company, and yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>rs</sup> Son Served the Company as Drumer ever since for all which for Colours and drum there is due four pounds five shillings and his Service as drumer about eight pounds, and the Clerkes that were then and since being dead and several changes since so that there are no fines sufficient to defray the aforesd charge of twelve pounds.

your Petition<sup>r</sup> doth therefore humbly request that favour that your Hon<sup>r</sup> would direct to Some Course how he may be Satisfyed and if by the Towne of Topsfield, that then yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> would please to pass an Order to y<sup>e</sup> Select men or assessors of the Towne to rate the Inhabitants, or however else yo<sup>r</sup> Honors shall please to direct, that so yo<sup>r</sup> Petitioner may be reimbursed for the money he hath lay<sup>d</sup> out for y<sup>e</sup> Company Service, and yo<sup>r</sup> Petition<sup>r</sup> shall as in duty bound ever pray ec<sup>a</sup>

JOHN GOLD.

THE  
EARLY RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF  
TOPSFIELD, MASS.

TRANSCRIBED BY H. FOLLANSBEE LONG.

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[102] At a lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1699 in answer to an order from wenham for perambulation on ye line betwene Wenham and Topsfield. Capt. John How and Elisha Pirkins and Thomas Towne are Chosen to Joyne with Wenham gentlemen to renew as abouesaid. voted

Att a meeting of ye Selectmen may ye 2<sup>d</sup> 1699 then agreed y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> line be perambulated and ye bounds renewed betwene our Towne and Topsfield: on tuesday ye 23<sup>d</sup> day of this instant may at about ten of ye clock in ye forenoone to meet at ye northwardly end of wenham Causway if faire weather if not then ye next faire day: and Sarg<sup>t</sup>. James freind and William fairfield too of y<sup>e</sup> preasont Selectmen: and John Batcheler iun<sup>r</sup> John Gott and John Moulton or any three of them or so many of them as shall apeere are apointed for said seruis to Joyne with such gentlemen of Topsfield as shall apere apointed for said seruis—copia vera as it stands entered in Wenham Towne Book exam<sup>d</sup>.

Pr. John Newman Towne Clark.

Copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne clarke for Topsfield.

Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed being meet together in behalfe of our seauerall Townes Wenham and Topsfield to perambulate ye line and renew ye bounds betweene our said Townes we haue acordingly renewed said bounds as they haue bene formerly stated and settled by agreement made betweene our Towns as witnes our hands this 23 day of May 1699.

James frind  
William fairfield  
John Batcheller  
for Wenham

Copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting ye 19<sup>th</sup> of September 1699 of ye freeholders and others alowed by law of Topsfield Cap<sup>t</sup> How and Thomas Pirkins are Chosen to sarve on ye Jury of Tualls at ye next Nubary Court. uoted

Boston april 27: 1699. Reseued of Mr. Joseph Borman Constable of Topsfield: 34 pounds in parte of a worrent for forty three pounds fittene shillings. Reseued for Mr. James Tailler Treasurer.

Pr. Jea<sup>r</sup> Allin.

Copia vera atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston Sept. ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1699. Reseued of Mr. Joseph Borman Constable of Topsfield nine pounds fittene shilings in full of a worrent for fforty three pounds fittene shilings: Reseued for Mr. James Tailler Treasurer.

Pr. Jeremiah Allen.

Copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

16 of January 1699 or [1] 700 at a lawfull Towne meeting ye Towne did alow of Ephraim Dormans bill of charge—uoted quarter master Pirkins his bill of charg was alowed. uoted

The Towne hath giueen quartermaster Pirkins full power



to chuse a man to asist him in ye behalfe of ye Towne in that case to be tried at ye generall Court depending betwene Topsfield and Boxford. uoted

[103] Elisha Pirkins is allowed fiftene shilings silver for sweeping ye meeting house. uoted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Town of Topsfield the 5 day march 1699-1700 Lieut. Ephraim Dorman is Chosen Towne Clarke for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing.

Ens. Samuuell Howlet and Capt. John How and quarter-master Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Jacob Towne inu<sup>r</sup> are chosen Selectmen to order ye prudensiall afaires of ye Towne for ye yeare ensewing thay weare chosen according to our usiall maner uoted and confermed by a maier uote. uoted

Ephraim Dormand and Isaac Easty iunr are chosen to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next court to be houlden at ipswich. uoted

and Sarg<sup>t</sup> Isaac Easty is chosen graniuryman for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

John Comings is Chosen Constable for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

John Robbi[son] senr and Thomas Pearly and Phillip Knite are chosen serueyers for highways for ye yeare ensewing and Nathaniell Auerill is chosen serueyer of highwayes allso for ye yere ensewing. uoted

Ephraim Wilds and Beniamen Bigsbey are chosen fence vewers for ye yeare insewing. uoted

Sargt. John Houey and Mr. Timmothy Pirkins and William Towne are chosen Tithingmen for ye yeare ensewing. uoted

whareas Sargt. Thomas Dorman did mosion ye Towne that thay would alow him twenty shillings of what Edward Nearland was Rated and ye said Dorman was to gather: and ye said Dorman would loose twenty rather than contend at law with him the wholl being forty shilling: ye Towne did uote that thay would alow constable Dorman twenty shilings in siluer in ye next Towne Rate on that a count. uoted

at ye request of Jobe Auerill and sum others y<sup>t</sup> thay might raise ye hinder seat in ye back sid of ye meeting hous under ye gallery the Towne gaue them leue so to bee prouided thay fill it with Towns men. uoted

Ens Town desents as to this uote.

The Towne haue renewed the former order about wood and timber as was made on ye tenth of march 1696 or 7. uoted

Boston december 5<sup>th</sup> 1699: Reseued of mr. John Curtious Constable of Topsfield seauentene pounds in parte of a worrent for twenty four pounds Reseued for Mr. James Tailer Treasurers' by Jer: allen.

£17-copia vera Compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

Boston fabruary 23<sup>r</sup> 1699-Reseued of Mr. John Curtious Constable of Topsfield seauen pounds in full of a worrent for twenty four pounds Received for Mr. James Tayler Treasurer. Pr. Jer Allen.

£7-copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

The persons under writen are sworne to thare ofice march ye 7<sup>th</sup> 1699 or 1700-Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke John Comings Constable and John Robison sen<sup>r</sup> and Nathaniell Auerill serueyers Ephraim Wilds and Benjamin Bigsbye fence uewers sargent Houey and Mr. Timmothy pirkins Tithingmen sworne before coll Appleton. atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

att a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of august 1703 then went and laid out a Country Road from our Meeting Hous to the Towne Bridg over ye River and so on as the Road now gose through our Town to Salem Line.

John Gould Junr  
John Cummings, Ebenezer Averell  
Samuel Stanley, Thomas Perley

Selectmen of Topsfield.

[104] At a lawfull Towne meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 2 day of aprill 1700.

whare as Salem haue a greed and impowered men to agree aboute a further settlement of a diuisionall line betwene Salem and Topsfield and haue sent to Topsfield that thay might apoint men for that end in answer thare unto Topsfield haue chosen Cap<sup>t</sup>. John How quartermaster Tobijiah Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Joseph Towne Jun<sup>r</sup> and Ephraim Dorman and Impowered them to agree with Salem to confirme ye six miles exstent spasified in ye Generall Court did in 1643 and also for a firther confirmation of ye line all ready settelled in march ye 25<sup>th</sup> 1659 as it is thare spasified.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 15 of march 1699 or 1700 John How and Ephraim Dorman and Isaac Pabody are chosen and apointed to run ye bounds with ye gentlemen of Ipswich apointed for y<sup>t</sup> end in perambulation and to renew ye bounds agreed.

copia vera Compared and entered  
at est Ephraim Dorman Towne  
Clarke for Topsfield.

Samuell Howlet in  
ye name and by order  
of ye Selectmen of  
Topsfield at st  
Ephraim Dorman  
Towne Clarke for  
Topsfield.

at a meeting of ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 5<sup>th</sup> of april 1700 in answer to ye Selectmen of Ipswich we haue chosen and appointed men to atend y<sup>t</sup> seruis thare names are as foloweth Ephraim Dorman Ens Samuell Howlet Isaac Pabody and John How to run and setle ye Bounds.

copia vera compared at est  
Ephraim Dorman Towne  
Clarke for Topsfield

John How by order in ye  
name of ye Selectmen of  
Topsfield.

We whose names are Subscribed being apointed by ye Townes of Ipswich and Topsfield Respecttiuely to run ye line between said Ipswich and Topsfield haue renewed ye bounds all ready stated: from ye apple tree in Leiut Thomas Parlyes field to a read oake marked with stones at it

betwixt mr. Bakers pond and said apple tree: on a straight line from said apple tree to said read oake and from said red oake to a white oake marked upon a hill a few rods from said pond: an y<sup>n</sup> as ye pond runs to a markt tree at ye end and next fosters and y<sup>n</sup> by ye former markt trees till it comes to m<sup>r</sup> Simonds farme so called and by said farme till it comes to ye stake by or nere a spring nere mr Winthrops corner in ye meadow: and from sd stake haue setled ye bounds on a straight line about two rods and a halfe westerly of Edward Nearlands now dwelling house to a stake and heape of stones: upon ye side of a hill called pains hill: and from said stake and stones westwardly to a heape of stones and stake nere ye brook and so to ye brook yt runs to Corpll Howlets and y<sup>n</sup> said brook runs into Ipswich Riuer: in testimony here of we haue set to our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of aprill anno: dom scauenteene hundred.

John How  
Ephraim Dorman  
Samuell Howlet  
Isaac Peabody

John Appleton  
John Wipple  
Abraham How  
William Howlet  
John Pingry

copia vera compared and entered pr me Ephraim Dorman  
Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

at a lawfull meeting of ye Selectmen this 19 of aprill 1700 we have apointed quortermaster Pirkins and Ens Samuell Howlet and cap<sup>t</sup> iohn How or ye maior part of them to goe on perrambulation with Salem gentlemen apointed for yt end: and to meet at mr Joseph Porters on ye last tuesday of this instant aprill at ten of ye clocke by order of ye Selectmen of Topsfield.

Isaac Pabody.

copia vera compared and entered Pr me Ephraim Dorman  
Towne clarke.

[105] at a meeting of ye Selectmen of Salem aprill 2-1700 Ordered that capt Thomas fflint mr Joseph Putnam mr Samuell Gedney mr John Trask or ye maior part of them or any two of them doe meet on ye Last tuesday of this instant aprill at ten of ye clock in ye morning at mr Joseph Porters with such as Topsfield shall apoint to perambulate bounds;

Pr. order of ye Selectmen.

Daniell Epes Town Clark.

copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Town Clarke for Topsfield.

We whose names are underwritten have met with Topsfield men as aboue said and renewed the bounds to Crumwells rock from a white oake tree with stone[s] at it nere Wenham Causway this 30 of aprill 1700.

John Trask  
Joseph Putnam  
Samuell Gidney

copia vera Compared and entred Pr me atest Ephraim Dorman, Towne Clarke.

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 7<sup>th</sup> of May 1700 quartermaster Tobiih Pirkins is chosen Representitiue for to sarue at ye grate and Genarall court to be houlden at Boston on ye 29 of this instant. voted

Whare as it doth apere that Salem hath giuen full power to thare Selectmen: to agree with Topsfield or men chosen in our Towns behalfe for a full settlement and conformasion of ye diuisionall Line betwene Salem and Topsfield: in ansuer thare unto Topsfield hath chosen capt John How and quortermaster Tobiih Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Joseph Towne iunr and Ephraim Dorman and hath giuen them full power to agree with Salem Gentlemen about lands and to conferme and establish the diuisionall Line and what the maior parte of them shall agree upon the Towne will stand by as vallued. uoted

We whose names are under witen being apointed by ye Selectmen: to lay out a highway to goe with carts and hosis: from Thomas Pirkins in to ye way below En<sup>s</sup> Towns haue dun it: beginning at Thomas Pirkins a fence being on ye South Side: till we com behind his barne and a walnut tree marked on ye north side: and a black oak tree marked on ye south side: and ye plaine beten path all ye way to land formerly Thomas Brownings to two heapes of stones: one on ye south side and one on ye north side and

then ye old beaten path all ye way with trees marked on both sides till we com ouer ffosters bridg: and then ye path that goeth to Elisha Pirkinis: till we come to a little oake tree marked and through his field to ye causeway that goeth ouer ye meadow and brook and then the plaine path till we com to Sargt. Easties pasture and then his pasture fence the bounds on the south side till we com in to ye Cuntry Rode. dat ye 26<sup>th</sup> of october 1699.

Samuell Howlet  
Elisha Pirkins

copia vera compared and entered atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke.

at a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield ye Second Day of March 1702 the Town agreed that there should be no Trees cut down upon our Town Common untill furdre order on ye penalty of Twenty Shilling Pr Tree. voted

This is a true Copy as it stands on our Town Book attested by me Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield.

allowed at a General Sessions of ye Peace holden at Ipswich march 30<sup>th</sup> 1703 the above order: or by Law: is Read Considered & allowed: and Entred with the County Records: accordingly.

attests Stephen Sewall Cler.

copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield.

[106] Whare as thare hath arisen sauarall difaransis betwene ye Towne of Salem and ye Towne of Topsfield about ye bounds betwene ye said Townes and ye lands which ware formerly granted by Salem to sauerall persons without ther six miles extant: by uertue of y<sup>e</sup> grant of y<sup>e</sup> Generall Court in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1639 uontil y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> october 1658: at which time y<sup>e</sup> said Genarall courte did determen that what lands said Towne of Salem had granted before said 19 october 1658 the propriete thare of should belong to ye persens to whome thay ware granted by Salem: and ye Towneship of said lands should belong unto ye Towne of Topsfield—now for ye preuenting any firther deferences betwene ye said Townes for ye future we whose names are here unto sub-

scribed: being apointed and impowered by ye said Townes of Salem and Topsfield: to consider of agree and determen about ye said deferences: we doe agree and determen as followeth viz.—y<sup>t</sup> ye bounds betwene ye said Townes shall be and remaine to be on ye circomference Line: from Wenham Causway to Ipswich Riuer on Cromwells neck to three trees marked nere a rock on said neck as ye bounds haue bene stated and perrambulated this many yeares and no firther any pretence to ye contrary not with standing: and y<sup>t</sup> what so euer land weare formerly granted by y<sup>e</sup> towne of Salem to any person or persons befor ye 19<sup>th</sup> october 1658 which may fall without Salem Circomference Line before mentioned shall be hild and inioyed quietly and peaceably by ye said persons unto whom ye grants weare made and to thare heires and assigns for euer a cording to thare respectiue grants and bounds: allways prouided that if any parte or parsell of such lands shall fall within Salem Circomference line before mentioned that then ye Towne of Topsfield is only to compleate and make up ye remainder of ye complymnt to ye full of such grante and grantes as they haue bene laid out and bounded: and firther that all ye land and meadow which lieth betwene Ipswich Riuer and ye afore said Circomference Line granted to Salem in September 1639: and after ward by an explanasion of said act in ye yeare 1643 ye same land was granted to Topsfield we say and agree that ye Towneship of ye said land shall be and remaine to Topsfield for euer: thay makeing good the grants to pertick-quiller persons as a fore said: and this to be and remaine and continew a finall end issue and determinasion of all contreueries and difERENCE betwixt said Townes or of any cause of diferences: In Testimony whare of we ye said parties haue here unto afixed our hands and seales: this 14<sup>th</sup> day of may 1700 signed seled and dd in preasence of

	John How	Israell Porter
John Higinson iun <sup>r</sup>	Ephraim Dorman	Samuell Gardner
Daniell Epes	Tobiiiah Pirkins	Stephen Sewell
	Joseph Towne	Samuell Browne
		John Trask
		Joseph Putnam

Copia vera compred with ye origenall as it is here entered atest Ephraim Dorman—Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

At a lawfull meeting of ye proprietors and Commoners of ye Towne of Topsfield: ye 10<sup>th</sup> march 1696 or 7 it was ordered y<sup>t</sup> no wood shall be fallen on y<sup>e</sup> south side of ye Riuer on ye Common for fire wood: and no trees shall be fallen on ye north side of ye Riuer on Topsfield Common for fire wood under a foot and halfe ouer except in birch maple and popler on both sides of ye Riuer: and no timber to be falen on either sids of ye Riuer with out leaue from y<sup>e</sup> maior parte of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen and who soeuer shall fall wood or timber contrary to ye orders abouesaid shall pay ye sum of ten shillings per tree to be recouered by ye Selectmen and euery one are to take notis if any falls trees contrary to ye orders abouesaid and thay are to informe ye Selectmen: and ye informers shall haue halfe ye fine for thare paines: and ye other halfe of ye fine as abouesaid to be disposed of as ye Towne shall giue order: and firther who euer haue liberty as aboue said for falling timber shall be in ioyned to take ye wholl top away in two months on the pennalty for falling trees as aboue said to be recouered as aboue said and those orders shall continew inforse till ye proprietors shall pass firther orders on ye same acount uoted

copia uera compared as it stands on Topsfield Towne Records atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield.

at a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day march 1699 or 1700 The Towne haue renewed y<sup>e</sup> former orders about wood [107] and Timber as was made ye 10<sup>th</sup>, march 1696 or 7

copia vera taken out of Topsfield Towne Records atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield

At a Generall Seasions of ye Peace houlden at Ipswich march 27<sup>th</sup><sup>d</sup>: 1700 ye aboue By laws weare read considered and a lowed atest Steuen Sewill Clarke

Copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield



At a lawfull Towne meting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye  
28 day of august 1700 Sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuell Standly is Chosen a  
school master as ye law directs voted

The Towne haue giuen full power to ye Selectmen to call  
all ye Cunstable to an account as are defectiue and haue not  
clered with m<sup>r</sup> Capen upon ye a count of the Rate as ware  
Committed to ym to gather and pay to m<sup>r</sup> Capen voted

The Towne haue ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Towne orderes in ye old  
Towne Book as giues power to Rate wast land: shall be  
transcribed in to ye new Towne Book voted

The Towne haue Chosen Cap<sup>t</sup> Gould and Leiu<sup>t</sup> Thomas  
Baker and Ephraim Dorman to meet ye gentlemen apointed  
by ye Honered genarall Courte to com and vew ye farmes  
as Boxford Claimes and to act in ye Towns behalfe on y<sup>t</sup> a-  
count voted

Capt John Gould and Isaac Pabody are Chosen to sarue  
on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Trialls at ye next County Court to behoulden  
at Newbury on ye last tuesday of next September voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 17<sup>th</sup> of december 1700  
Ephraim Dorman being imphyed in ye Townes behalfe con-  
serving Ipswich Salem and Boxford in time and righting the  
Towne alows fiftene shillings voted

and quortermaster Pirkins his bill of charge of seauen  
pound eightene shilings and eight pence is a lowed voted

and Cap<sup>t</sup> Gould is allowed for his Time with ye gentlemen  
as came from ye Genarall Court a bout Boxfords petesion a  
bout m<sup>r</sup> Endicuts farme and Cap<sup>t</sup> Goulds farm and also for  
wrightings twelue shilings voted

and Leiu<sup>t</sup> Baker is allowed six shilings for his time aboue  
said voted

and Capt Hows Bill of charge about publick bisnes is a  
lowed which is one pound fiftene shillings and eight  
pence voted

and Corp<sup>l</sup> Joseph is a lowed two shilings voted

and Ens Howlet is a lowed fower shilings voted

The Towne hath freed James Waters from all Rate as long  
as he liues voted

The Towne haue agreed to reparaire ye meeting house for  
our preasent conueniance voted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 14<sup>th</sup> of  
January 1700 or 1701 ye maior part of ye Towne declared  
that thay ware for haueing the new meeting house plased on  
ye plaine by mr Capens voted

and the Towne did agree to build a new meeting house by  
a maior part voted

[108] Leiut Thomas Baker and Cap<sup>t</sup> John How and quor-  
termaster Pirkins are chosen to goe to Ipswich to see if thay  
can preuaile with Ipswich to fauer thare inhabitence in thare  
Rates as are constent partakers of ye worship of God in our  
Towne that thay may be in corridged to be helpfull to us as  
to ye minisetry voted

ye Towne haue agreed to buld ye new meeting house two  
and forty foot wide and four and forty foot long voted

The Towne haue chosen Leiut Baker and quartermaster  
Pirkins and Sarg<sup>t</sup> Ridingtun a commity to agree with a car-  
pender a bute bulding a new meeting house voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 10<sup>th</sup> of fabruary 1700 or  
1701 it was agreed to giue full power to a Commity to agree  
with ye Indians as lays claime to our lands voted

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould and Leiut Thomas Baker and Capt John  
How and Ens Samuell Howlet and Isaac Pabody are Chosen  
and haue full power in ye behalfe of ye Towne to agree with  
the Indians as lays Claime to our Lands voted

Leiut Thomas Baker is Chosen and fully impowered in ye  
behalfe of ye Towne to demande and Reseiuue ye mony as was  
contrebuted for ye redemtion of John Heard and neuer was im-  
proued for y<sup>t</sup> eand and y<sup>e</sup> mony remaining in Leiut John  
Pabodys hand and ye said Baker is to reseue ye said mony  
for ye Towns use voted

At a lawfull Towne meting the 4 of march 1700 or 1701  
Lef<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman is chosen Towne clark for the yere  
insuing voted

Ebneser Auerill is chosen Constable for ye yeare in sew-  
ing voted

Capt John How and sargent Samuell Standly and Elisha  
Pirkins and Jacob Towne iun<sup>r</sup> and Ephraim Dorman Sen<sup>r</sup> are  
chosen Selectmen for ye yeare enewing to order ye pruden-  
siall affairs of ye Towne voted

The Towne haue agreed y<sup>t</sup> all wast land in ye Towne shall  
be Rated to Towne Rates and minnisters Rates and it is to  
be ualewed at four pounds pir score voted

The Towne haue agreed y<sup>t</sup> quortermaster Pirkins Repre-  
sentatiue is to haue two pounds siluer as is in Leiut Bakers  
hand as he reseued of ye Leiut Pabody for ye Townes use and  
ye said mony is to be disconted with ye Representatiue for  
his saruse at court voted

The Towne hath ordered Leiut Baker to diliuer forty  
shilings of ye Townes mony as is in his hand to Quarter-  
master Pirkins voted

Sargt John Auerill and Daniell Clark and John Houey  
iun<sup>r</sup> are chosen Tithing men for ye yeare enewing voted

Samuell Towne and Timmothy Pirkins iun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph  
Towne ye third are chosen sirueyers for high ways for ye  
yeare enewing voted

and Ephraim Wilds is chosen Sirueyor with ye other  
named voted

Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould and William Smith are chosen fence  
uwers for ye yeare enewing voted

Sargt John Houey and Sarg<sup>t</sup> Daniell Ridington are Chosen  
to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at next County Court to be  
houlden at Ipswich voted

Sargt Thomas Dorman is chosen gran Jury man for ye  
yere enewing voted

The Towne haue declared by uote y<sup>t</sup> Quartermaster Pirkins shall procure of ye Honored Generall Winthrop a copy of ye deed as ye Honored Gouvernor Winthrop had of ye Saggemore of agowam voted

The Towne haue agreed to pay all in mony for what ye Comity shall agree with a carpender or carpenders for bulding a new meeting hous for our Towne as was formerly uoted ye first third is to be payd next mickell muss: and the next third ye next mikell mus com twelue month and ye last third ye next mikell mus com two yeare from ye dat here of all to be paide in current mony of new England voted

[109] The Towne hath made choyce of Sargent Houey and Ephraim Dorman sen<sup>r</sup> to exchange a small parsell of land with Jacob foster y<sup>t</sup> is common land of our Towne for so much of his land voted

Boston July 11<sup>th</sup> 1700 Reseued of m<sup>r</sup> John Comings Constable of Topsfield by ye hand of Mr Daniell Clarke Twenty two pounds ninetene shillings in parte of a warrent for twenty four pounds: Reseued for m<sup>r</sup> James Tayler Treasurer 22:19  
Jer: alline

copia vera compared and entred by me Ephraim Dormon Towne Clarke for Topsfield

Boston Sept-16<sup>th</sup> 1700 Reseiued of m<sup>r</sup> John Comings Constable of Topsfield twenty one shilling in full of ye worrent for twenty four pounds by ye hand of m<sup>r</sup> Daniell Clarke: for m<sup>r</sup> James Tayler Treasurer  
per Dauid Jenner

copia vera compared and entred per me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke for Topsfield

Boston Janu-ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1700 Reseued of mr John comings Constable of Topsfield forty eight pounds by ye hand of mr Daniell Clarke: being in full of a worrent for ye like sum for mr James Tayler Treusurer—  
per Jer: allen

copia vere compared and entered per me Ephraim Dorman Towne clarke for Topsfield

Ephraim Dorman being chosen Towne Clarke was sworne to ye faithfull discharg of y<sup>t</sup> place before ye Honered Co<sup>ll</sup> Wanright ye 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1700 or 1701 Sargt John Auerill and Daniell Clarke and John Houey iun took y<sup>e</sup> oath of Tithingmen: and Ephraim Wilds and Samuell Towne and Joseph Towne y<sup>e</sup> third took ye oath of sirueyers of highways: and Sargt John Gould and William Smith took ye oath of fence uewers those ware sworne by ye Selectmen of Topsfield ye 17<sup>th</sup> of march 1700—1701

at alawfull Towne meeting ye 24 march 1700 or 1701 Corp<sup>ll</sup> John Curtious and Joseph Towne sen<sup>r</sup> are chosen to see y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> order for ye preseruasion of wood and timber be kept on ye south side of Reuer and Sargt John Auerill and Thomas Dorman iunr are chosen to see y<sup>t</sup> ye order for ye preseruasion of wood and timber be kept on ye north side of ye Reuer

voted

Sargt John Houey is Chosen to prefer ye Towne order for Rateing wast land to haue it Confirmed at ye Honered Courte to be houlden at Ipswich which is ye next inferyor Court of pleas

voted

and the Towne haue agreed y<sup>t</sup> ye Selectmen shall dispose of ye parsonage house all or any parte of it for ye use of ye Towne

voted

Leiut Baker and Ephraim Dorman are Chosen to vew land as John Houey iun<sup>r</sup> desirous to exchang with ye Towne and to make report of ye same to ye Towne

voted

may ye 2: 1701 acording to ye Towne order we haue exchanged a bout an aker of Topsfield common for an aker of Jacob ffoster his land that now his land by his house is bounded by Topsfield Common begining at a read oake tree marked with stones at it: on ye north side of ye ford by Thomas Pearlyes house: so on a straight line westwardly to a white oake marked with stons at it: from thence norwestwardly to an other whit oake marked with stones at it: and so on a line to a stake with stones at it: and on a line north-eastwardly to a stake with stones at it: standing in Ipswich

Line

Ephraim Dorman sen<sup>r</sup>John Houey sen<sup>r</sup>

I am fully satisfied with what you haue dun as witnes my  
hand Jacob ffoster

copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman Towne Clarke  
for Topsfield

[110] At a lawfull meeting ye 5<sup>th</sup> of may 1701 as ye law  
directs Quartermaster Pirkins is Chosen Representatiue to  
sarue at ye next Genarall Court to be houlden at Boston  
voted

Capt Gould and Quor<sup>r</sup> Tobiihah Pirkins and sargt John  
Houey and sargt Daniell Redington and Ephraim Dorman are  
chosen a commity and haue full power giuen them to agree  
with Boxford or men in thare Towns behalfe to put a finall  
issue to all deferences about land in contreuersy and to set-  
tle bounds betwene said Towns voted

ye Towne haue agreed y<sup>t</sup> in case ye commityes of Tops-  
field and Boxford doe not agree about lands in contreuersy:  
then Topsfield commity are to procure an artis to run ye  
lines a cording to Court Grants and to draugh a drft for a  
plaine explainasion thare of to informe ye Honered Court of  
ye same voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting ye 24<sup>th</sup> of June 1701 the  
Towne did agree that y<sup>t</sup> ye charge as did arise about a gree-  
ing with ye indians a bout ye lands of our Towne of Tops-  
field shall be raised on ye lands in our Towne only voted

At a lawfull meeting of ye Towne of Topsfield ye 19<sup>th</sup> of  
Sept 1701 Capt John Gould and Capt John How are chosen  
to sarue on ye Jury of trialls at ye next County Court to be  
houlden at Nubary voted

Sargent Samuell Standly being chosen schoole master for-  
merly and now confermed by uote in ye p<sup>l</sup>ce: and also for  
ye better incorridgment of him in ye place The Towne  
haue agreed to giue him fife pounds in siluer for this next  
yeare ensweing besides euery one allowing for thare childrens  
learning voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting y<sup>e</sup> 31 of october 1701 capt John How is chosen to sarue on ye Jury of Tryalls at ye next superyor Court at Salem voted

m<sup>r</sup> Timmothy Pirkins is chosen a Grand Jury man to sarue at ye next Suprior Court at Salem voted

At a lawful Towne meeting ye 2 day of december 1701 it was agreed upon that ye Towne doth leue it with ye Selectmen to raise ye Meeting house Rate acording to thare best descreasion haueing respect to ye law conserning heads and incum in a espeesiall maner voted

know all cristian people by thes preasents that whareas I Samuuell English Indian Heir to Musquanomenit Sagamore of Agawom for and in considerasion of three pounds in mony in hand payd to my full sattisfaction doe absolutly quit claime to y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Topsfield of all my right: that I haue had or euer might haue had: within ye bounds or limmits of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Topsfield: as it hath bene by Genarell Court established and to which land by vertue of my aforesaid heirship I doe look upon my selfe as the rightfull owner of: also I doe hereby oblidge my selfe Heirs Executers: &c: to ye Towne of Topsfield to defend them in thare posestion and in Joyment of ye aforesaid said premises for euer and to bare them harmless and in damnifye from any other persons whatsoeuer whether English or Indian that shall lay anny claime to ye premisis or any part thare of that hather to bene improued or posed by ye Towne aforesaid: by vertue of any Indian title or conueyence I y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Samuuell English doe a gaine declare that in considerasion of three pounds corrent mony in hand paid by a committy apointe by y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Topsfield to agree with mee in behalfe of said Towne: doe for my selfe and Heirse &c: renounce and Relinguish: all my reall or soped Right with in y<sup>e</sup> limmits aforesaid: and doe hereby confirme to y<sup>e</sup> committy aforesaid: in behalfe of said Towne and to thare Heirs &c: for euer: (ye names of y<sup>e</sup> comity being Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould Leiu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Baker Cap<sup>t</sup> John How En<sup>s</sup> Samuuell Howlet and Isaac Pabody) ye afore said premises: and y<sup>t</sup> it shall be lawfull to and for ye said Towne for euer here after to haue hould

quietly and peaceably in Joy ye [111] ye premises thay thare heirs Executors Administrators and assigns foreuer in testimony whare of I ye said Samuell English haue here vnto set my hand and seale: this twenty eight day of march anno doming one thousand seuen hundred and one: and in y<sup>e</sup> thirteenth yeare of his maiastie's Reigne William the third of England &c

signed sealed and diliuered  
in ye preasence of witnesses

Joseph Capen

John Pricherd

Nathaniell Pearly

ye mark of **S** English

Ipswich may y<sup>e</sup> fortenth day 1701 then y<sup>e</sup> a boue said Samuell English personally apered and acknowledged this instrement to be his free act and deede be for mee

John Appleton: Justis of ye peace

copia vera compared and entred per me Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark for Topsfield

At a Genarell Court held at Boston 13<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> first month 1638 Maschannomet the Sagamore of aggawam acknowledged that hee had reseiued twenty pounds of M<sup>r</sup> John Winthrop iun<sup>r</sup> for all his lands in Ipswich for which he acknowledged himselfe fully satisfied as in the courte Book of Reacord at that time doth apere first Book page 240 as atest Edwerd Rawson Seacretary

At a Genarell Court held at Boston on y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> day of fabruary 1682 capt Waite Winthrop son of John Winthrop aboue mentioned and one of his Exer<sup>ers</sup> presented y<sup>e</sup> Originall bill of sale to his late father from said Maschannomet his hand to the Gouverner and maiastrets then in Court desireing it might be recorded which being granted by ye Court is as foloweth—

I mascannomet Sagamore of aggawam doe by these presents acknowledg to haue reseiued of m<sup>r</sup> John Winthrop the sum of twenty pounds in full satisfaction of all y<sup>e</sup> right property and claime I haue or ought to haue vnto all y<sup>e</sup> land lying and being in ye Bay of Aggawam alias Ipswich being



so called now by y<sup>e</sup> English: as well all such land as I formerly reseued unto my owne vse at chibacko as also all other land belonging unto me in those partes: m<sup>r</sup> Dumers farme exepted only: and I here by relinguish all y<sup>e</sup> right and interest I haue unto all ye hauens Riuers cricks Ilands huntings and fishings with all y<sup>e</sup> woods swamps timber and whatsoever else is or may be in or upon y<sup>e</sup> said ground to me belonging: and I doe hereby acknowldg to haue reseueed full satisfaction from y<sup>e</sup> said John Winthrope for all former agreements touching y<sup>e</sup> premies or any parte of them and I doe hereby binde myselfe to make good y<sup>e</sup> fore said bargaine and sale unto ye said John Winthrop his heirs and asigns foreuer and to secure him against the title and claime of all other Indians and natines what so euer witnes my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> June 1638

Mascannomet

witnes hereunto

John Joyliffe Thomas Coytimore

James Dowing Robart Harding

his **S** mark

This Deed aboue written so signed and witnessed: being compared with y<sup>e</sup> originall word for word stands here thus entred and recorded at y<sup>e</sup> request of s<sup>d</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Waite Winthrop this 15<sup>th</sup> day of fabruary 1682 as atest Edward Rausen seacretary

A true Copy as a peres in y<sup>e</sup> Records of y<sup>e</sup> Genarall Court  
—Exammoned

per Isaac Addington seacretary

copia vera compared atest Ephraim Dorman

Towne Clarke for Topsfield

[112] At a lawfull Towne meeting y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1701 or 2 it was a greed upon y<sup>t</sup> ye Pulpit shall be placed on ye north side of ye new meeting house voted

and y<sup>e</sup> Towne did agree y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> seats shall be plased after y<sup>e</sup> maner as thay be placed in Rowly meeting house and y<sup>e</sup> fue seates before y<sup>e</sup> Pulpit is to be sixtene foot long voted

and m<sup>r</sup> capens pue is to be placed next the pulpit stairs voted

At a lawfull Towne meeting y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> of march 1701 or 2  
 sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuell Standly is chosen Towne Clarke for ye yeare  
 ensewing voted

John Robison sen<sup>r</sup> is chosen constable for ye yeare ensew-  
 ing voted

corp<sup>ll</sup> Joseph Towne and Sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuell Standly and m<sup>r</sup>  
 Timmothy Pirkins and Isaac Pabody and Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould  
 are Chosen Selectmen for ye yeare insewing voted

Daniell clarke is chosen gran Juryman for y<sup>e</sup> yere ensew-  
 ing voted

Elisha Pirkins and Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Auerill are chosen to sarue  
 on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trialls of y<sup>e</sup> next Court to behoulden at Ips-  
 wich voted

beniamen Easty and John Borman and Thomas Gould and  
 John Nickalls and Timmothy Pirkins junier are chosen seru-  
 eiers for y<sup>e</sup> yere ensewing voted

Thomas Pirkins and corp<sup>ll</sup> Jacob Towne and Joseph Bor-  
 man are chosen Tithingmen for ye yere ensewing voted

John Houey iun<sup>r</sup> and Thomas Robison and John ffrench  
 Juner are Chosen fence uewers for ye yere ensewing voted

The Towne haue left it to ye Selectmen to make orders  
 aboute ye Rames voted

May: 16: 1701 then or before I had resiued y<sup>e</sup> full of  
 what was due to mee: on rate acount in pay and mony for  
 y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1691 which was committed to constable clarke for  
 said yere together I say resiued y<sup>e</sup> full per mee Joseph Capen

Topsfield May y<sup>e</sup> 16 1701 Copia vera compared atest  
 Ephraim Dorman Towne Clark for Topsfield

Samuel Stanley being chosen Towne Clark was Sworn to  
 the faithful discharge of that place before y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>d</sup> Colo<sup>ll</sup>  
 Apleton: ye 5<sup>th</sup> day of march 1701 or 2

Benjemen Esty and Thomas Gould and John Nichols and  
 John Borman and Timothy Perkins took the oath of sur-

veyers of high wayes and Thomas Perkins and Corp<sup>n</sup> Jacob Town and Joseph Borman took the oath of tything men, and John Hovey Jun<sup>r</sup> and John french Jun<sup>r</sup> took the oath of fence veiwers, and Thomas Robinson took y<sup>e</sup> oath of a fence veiwer these were Sworn before the Selectmen of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> tenth day of march: 1702 atest Samuel Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield march the 17<sup>th</sup> 1702 Nathaniel Avirill was Chosen then Constable for the Town of Topsfield for the year Insueing and sworn by Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerk voted

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield march y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1702 Thomas Town and Mickill Dwanill were chosen to see that no timber be tooke off of the Common next to wenham bounds voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of ye Town of Topsfield the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of March: 170<sup>3</sup> The Town agreed that no Man in the Town shall cut down any Trees upon our Town Common untill further order, on y<sup>e</sup> penalty of Twenty Shillings per Tree voted

[113] At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and others of Topsfield allowed by law the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1702 Lieut Ephrim Dorman is chosen Representitive to serve at y<sup>e</sup> General Court to be holden at Boston one ye 27<sup>th</sup> day of may Instant voted

Ensyne Samuel Howlet, and Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Hovey are chosen to serve one the gran Jury at the Superiour court to be held at Ipswich one ye 18<sup>th</sup> of may Instant: and Lieut Thomas Baker, and Thomas Perly are Chosen to serve one y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trials at y<sup>e</sup> Same Court voted

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Topsfield May 6 1702 haue apointed and Impowered M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Pebody, Elisha Perkins and Thomas Town to goe one parambulation with such of wenham as are apointed for that End one the bounds between wenham and Topsfield and to meet one y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of may Ins<sup>t</sup> at ten of the clok in fore-noon at the west End of wenham Casway

Copia vera atest Samuel Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield Samuel Stanley in y<sup>e</sup> name of y<sup>e</sup> rest of y<sup>e</sup> selectmen of Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield may 18<sup>th</sup> 1702 Quar<sup>t</sup> mas<sup>tr</sup> Perkins Lieut Ephrim Dorman and Isaac Pebody and Nathaniel Avirill & Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould; are Chosen a committie to meet with boxford Commitie to settle the bounds between our Towns according to General Court Grant voted

The Town agreed to prefere a petition to the General Court provided the commities doe not agree voted

The Town have agreed to and Impowered Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman and y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to prefer a petition to the Hon<sup>d</sup> General Court in behalfe of ye town for a further hearing of ye case between Boxford and Topsfield voted

Nathaniel Avirell & Corp<sup>l</sup> Daniel Clark & Ens<sup>n</sup> Jacob Town and Ephrim Willd and Isaac Pebody are Chosen to rune the Line and renew the bounds between the Cowe Common and the Lots voted

The Selectmen are to see after Incroachments upon the Common voted

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Wenham Aprill 25 1702 they then apointed that our Town bounds between our Town & Topsfield be perambulated & renewed one the 18<sup>th</sup> day may next Insuing at ten of y<sup>e</sup> klok in y<sup>e</sup> fore-noon if it be fair wether but if it be fowle wether then one y<sup>e</sup> next faire day at the Same hour of the day and to meet at the west end of wenham Causway and Joseph Herick and Theophelos Rix and Samuel ffiske or any two of them are appointed to meet with such of Topsfield as shall be sent to performe said work by order of ye Selectmen Tho<sup>s</sup> ffiske Clark

Copia vera atest Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield

We whose names are under writen being appointed to meet with such of Topsfield as were appointed for to renew y<sup>e</sup> bounds betwixt each Town and have renewed the bounds

as have bin Renewed according to agreement the 18<sup>th</sup> of  
May 1705

Isaac Peabody  
Elisha Perkins  
Thomas Town

Samuel ffiske  
Joseph Herick  
Theophelous Rix

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Recorder for Topsfield

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Topsfield June ye: 3:  
1702 did then appoint Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould and Samuel Stan-  
ley Sen<sup>r</sup> to lay out a way from y<sup>e</sup> new meeting House to  
M<sup>r</sup> Capens Causway which accordingly we have done. John  
Gould: Samuel Stanley

Attests Samuel Stanley Towne Clark

At a lawful meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield June y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>  
1702 the Town then agreed that y<sup>e</sup> new Meeting House  
should be set upone y<sup>e</sup> hill which is Leveled for that End,  
which is one the plane by M<sup>r</sup> Capens voted

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 170<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> then I Received of Joseph Borman Cun-  
stable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1698 what was due to me one Rate ac-  
count for y<sup>e</sup> said year and was committed to him by y<sup>e</sup> Select  
of Topsfield for said year, to gather I say then or before  
Received the full of what was due to me one Rate account  
by me Joseph Capen

Copia vera attes<sup>t</sup> Samll Stanley Town Clark for Topsfield

[114] At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup>  
Town of Topsfield July 31 1702 the Town then agreed and  
gave Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephrim Dorman full power to Employ an  
attorney or attorneys as may be needful for managing the  
Case between Boxford and Topsfield: and also the Town  
Impowered the Selectmen to allow such money as they shall  
think needful for y<sup>e</sup> carying one of the same voted

the Town agreed that four front: seats in the New Meet-  
ing-House should be made about twelve foot Long voted

At a Lawfull town meeting Septem<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1702 John Pric-  
hit is chosen to serue one Jury of trials at Newbery Court  
voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield Novem<sup>r</sup>  
18<sup>th</sup> 1702 the Town then agreed to Rate M<sup>r</sup> Endicotts farme  
as formerly voted

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould is allowed one pound & foure shillings for  
a Gun which he bought to send Nerland out with: which Gun  
is now apart of y<sup>e</sup> Town s[t]ock voted

wee whos Names are under writen being sworn to aprise  
a Hors taken up by John Borman: he is a dark cullered  
Hors Branded on the near Shoulder: and hath two whit  
saddle spots: and a half peney cut out of the right Ear he is  
thought to be an olde Hors: we doe aprise him at thirty  
Shillings in money Datd the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Desem<sup>r</sup> 1702

John<sup>r</sup> How  
Timothy Perkins

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Tops-  
field

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> of  
February 1702 or 3 Capt John Gould is chosen Represente-  
tive to attend at the Hon<sup>'d</sup> General Court to be holden at  
Boston on the Tenth Day of March next Insuing y<sup>e</sup> Dat here  
of voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield the 2 day  
march 170<sup>2</sup> Sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuel Standly was Chosen Towne Clarke  
for ye yeare in sewing voted

Phillip Knight is chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing  
voted

Deacon Thomas Dorman; Jacob Town; Elisha Perkins;  
Isaac Estey Jun<sup>r</sup> and Samuel Stanley are Chosen Selectmen  
for the year Insuing voted

Michill Dwaniell Jun<sup>r</sup> and Zecheus Gould; Amos Dorman  
and Steben Cumings are Chosen Surveyors of high-wayes for  
the year Insuing voted

Ephrim Wild and Joseph Town Sen<sup>r</sup> John Robisson Sen<sup>r</sup>  
and Thomas Robisson are Chosen Tithing-men for the year  
Insuing voted

Thomas Perley and Thomas Dorman Jun<sup>r</sup> are Chosen  
fence viewers for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

Lieut Tobijah Perkins is chosen grand Jury-man for the  
year Isuing voted

Lieut Ephrim Dorman and Ebenezer Averell are Chosen  
to Serve on the Jury of Trials at y<sup>e</sup> next Court to be holden  
at Ipswich voted

Samuel Smith & Thomas Dwaniel; John Robisson Jun<sup>r</sup>  
are Chosen Hawards for the year Insuing voted: Michill  
Dwaniell & John Town are chosen hogringers voted

the Town agreed that noeman in y<sup>e</sup> Town shall cut down  
any Trees upon the Common (on Ether Side of y<sup>e</sup> River)  
untill furdur order on y<sup>e</sup> pennalty of twenty shillings and y<sup>e</sup>  
one halfe of y<sup>e</sup> fine is to goe to y<sup>e</sup> informer & the other half  
to y<sup>e</sup> Towns vse voted

the Town agreed that Every man that hath Timber Cut  
down on y<sup>e</sup> Comon In a fortnight after y<sup>e</sup> date hereof shall  
take it a way or Else it shall be forfeited. voted

cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould; Jacob Town; Isaac Estey; Ephrim  
Wilde and Daniel Clarke are chosen to look after y<sup>e</sup> timber  
on y<sup>e</sup> common both sides of ye River to see that no more  
Timber may be cut down on the Town common: untill fur-  
der order voted

The Surveyors of highwayes fence viewers, & tithing-men  
chose on the second day of March 170<sup>3</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing  
were Sworn to the faithfull discharg of their Respective duties  
by the Selectmen on y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> day March 170<sup>3</sup>

attests Samuel Stanley Town Clarke for Topsfield

[115] The 6<sup>th</sup> Day of March 170<sup>3</sup> the selectmen chosen  
for that year took the Assessor oath before me Samuel Stan-  
ley Town Clarke: attested by me Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town  
Clerke

We whos Names are under written being Chosen by y<sup>e</sup>  
Town of Topsfield to runn the Line between y<sup>e</sup> Cowe Com-

mon and the Lots: we begun at a great white oak tree near y<sup>e</sup> River which is y<sup>e</sup> olde bound tree; and from thence about sixteen Rod to a heap of stons with a stake; and from thence to a Red oak tree which is the olde bound tree: standing about twenty Rods Esteward from Michill Dwaniell Jun<sup>r</sup> house; making a bounds at Every forty Rods End; this being the Line Eastwardly then: begining at y<sup>e</sup> above said red oak tree to a heap of stons & a stake about twenty six Rods from y<sup>e</sup> said Red oak tree: and from thence to a heap of Rokes being the Reputed bounds between the Common and y<sup>e</sup> Lots; making a bou[n]ds at Every forty Rods End: and from thence to a black oak tree standing on y<sup>e</sup> Ridge between John Curtisis house and his sons house; making abou[n]ds at Every forty Rods End; betwixt y<sup>e</sup> said heap of Rocks and the oak tree; and from the above-said black oak tree by the same Rule; we finde that John Curtis Sen<sup>r</sup> his orchard is a littel of it in the Common; and to run upon a straight Line to Endicotts Line we finde that y<sup>e</sup> above said Courtis hath taken in a conciderable deale of the Common; we finde y<sup>t</sup> John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> hath taken in a Slipe of Land; we finde that Jacob Town Jun<sup>r</sup> hath taken in a Slipe of Land; we finde that John Perkins hath taken in a Slipe of Land; we finde that Michill Dwaniell and his son hath taken in a conciderable parcell of Land which we Judge is common and young Dwaniells house is as we Judg upon the common; and we find that Thomas Town hath taken in a Slipe of Land: Dated y<sup>e</sup> Second day of Desember 1702

Jac[o]b Town  
Daniel Clarke  
Ephraim Willdes

This is a true Copy compared and Entred by me Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull meeting of the Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of March 170<sup>3</sup> the Town Chose Samuel Stanley to be School-master for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing and left it to the Select-men to provide a School-House as soon as they could Conveniently  
voted



Ephraim Willd tooke y<sup>e</sup> oath as Tithingman before y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of March 170<sup>3</sup> attest Samuel Standley Town clerk

At a lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield 23 apr<sup>ll</sup> 1703 Lieut Thomas Baker is Chosen Commissioner to Joyn with the Selectmen in takeing an account of the Towns Estate and to carry it in to the Shere Town voted

Chosen to Parambulate Topsfield Line M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Putnam M<sup>r</sup> James Lendall M<sup>r</sup> Benjemin Putnam M<sup>r</sup> John Pickering or any two of them to Meet at y<sup>e</sup> House of Deac<sup>n</sup> Edward Putnam with Topsfield men on tusday Aprill y<sup>e</sup> 20 1703 at eight of the Clock in the morning; Daniel Epes T. Clerk

copia vera attests Samuel Stanley clerk for Topsfield

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of Topsfield April 16<sup>th</sup> 1703 then appointed and Impowered Deac Thomas Dorman and Elisha Perkins & Jacob Town to goe on Parambulation with such of Salem as are appointed for that end on the bounds between our Townes and to meet at the House of Deac Edward Putnams—by order of the Selectmen Samuel Stanley Town clerk

We whose names are under writen being chosen by y<sup>e</sup> Town of Salem and the Town of Topsfield to Perambulat on y<sup>e</sup> Line between Salem & Topsfield have accordingly mett, and in behalfe of each Town owned and renewed a Red oake Tree with a heap of Stones at it: Commonly Called Cromwells Rock neare the River, from thence to a heap of Stones between three white oake Trees by a great Ash Swamp then to a heap of Stones near Nickoleses Brook, then to a Dead Tree with a heap of stones at it near the head of Smiths Medow; then to a crooked black oake Tree [116] near wheel Brook and then to a white oake Tree with Stones at it near Wenham Causway—Dat 23 Apr<sup>ll</sup> 1703

Deac Thomas Dorman  
Elisha Perkins  
Jacob Towne

Jonathan Putnam  
John Pickering  
Benjemin Putnam

copia vera attest Samuel Stanley Town Clerk

At a Lawfull Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified as y<sup>e</sup> Law directs Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman is Chosen Representative to attend at y<sup>e</sup> General Court for ye year Insuing  
voted

cap<sup>t</sup> John How & Ephraim Willd is chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials, and corp<sup>ll</sup> John Curtis to Serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury at Ipswich Court to be held on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> tuesday of May 1703  
voted

At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> selectmen of Ipswich Aprill 20-1703 it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> bounds between our Town and Topsfield be renewed as the Law directs: the persons chosen to act therein are as followeth: Sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuel Hart Sarg<sup>t</sup> Robart Lord, M<sup>r</sup> Phillip fowler & Edward Nealand and that speedy notice be Given to ye Selectmen of Topsfield in order, to their appointing of persons to Meet and to act therein, and y<sup>e</sup> Day appointed to Perform Said work is on y<sup>e</sup> Eleveth Day of May next at on of y<sup>e</sup> clock of said Day The place appointed to Meet at is at the Hous of L<sup>r</sup> Perleys, Aprill 20 1703 attests Daniel Rogers Clerk for Ipswich

We whose Names are under writen being appointed and Impowred by y<sup>e</sup> Select-men of Ipswich and Topsfield to Renew y<sup>e</sup> Bounds between Said Towns; accordingly mett and renewed y<sup>e</sup> Bounds as followeth; begining at an Apple Tree in Lieu<sup>t</sup> Perleys field and so to an oak with stones at it; accordingly to a white oake on a hill near m<sup>r</sup> Bakers Pond the Pond being the Bounds and a Tree marked at the end of y<sup>e</sup> Pond next fosters with stones at it; and so by the marked Trees till it comes to m<sup>r</sup> Symonsses farme; and by Said farme till it comes to a stake by or near m<sup>r</sup> Winthrops Corner in the Meadow, and from said stake to a stake on the side of an hill Called Pains hill and from thence westwardly to a stake with stones at it: near the Brook; and so to the Brook and as the Brook runs by Corp<sup>ll</sup> William Howlets to Ipswich River this 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1703

Ipswich

Sarg<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hart  
Phillip fowler

Topsfield

Thomas Dorman  
Elisha Perkins

Robert Lord  
John Pangry

Ephraim Dorman

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler, for Top

At a Lawfull meeting of The Town of Topsfield June y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1703 The Town agreed to Chuse a Commitie to Treat with a Comitie of Boxford Concerning Setteling a Duiding Line between Boxford and Topsfield voted

[117] Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody Clark Elisha Perkins and Corp<sup>l</sup> Jacob Town and Nathaniel Averell; are chosen a commitie according To the Advise of The General Court and the Towne of Topsfield doth Give full Power To our Comitie to Agree w<sup>th</sup> a commitie of Boxford in behalf of Topsfield and Boxford To Determin the Diffierence between the Said Towns if They Can In Settelling a Divisional Line between said Towns. If not to Chuse Three Able Men of the Council To Determin The Case; and our Comitie Shall Enter into Sufficient Bond In the behalf of our Town to Stand to the Determination of Those Gent<sup>l</sup> Men as above said: Provided Boxford Comitie will doe accordingly; and then the Town will Stand to what Comities doth Therein voted

the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1703 Deac Thomas Dorman Elisha Perkins Corp<sup>l</sup> Jacob Town Isaac Estey and Samuel Stanley took y<sup>e</sup> oath of an Assesors for y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield before me Samuel Stanley Town clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> of october 1703 the Town agreed that the new Meeting House should be Seated after the maner as Ipswich new meeting House is seated leavening no room for Puese except Mr Capens Pue voted

the Town Granted Liberty to People of the Town to set up Stables for there Horses on the back Side of y<sup>e</sup> New Meeting House provided they set them as near the Swamp as they can voted

the Town agreed that the Surveyers Should Cut Timber on the Common to mend Bridges with all voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield the 5<sup>th</sup> of November 1703, the Town agreed and Chose Deac<sup>n</sup> Samuel Howlet and Lieu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Baker and Lieu<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins; and Sarg<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington; and Corp<sup>l</sup> Joseph Town to be a Commitie to Seat people in the New Meeting House  
voted

the Town agreed that M<sup>r</sup> Tillton should take down the Pulpit  
voted

the Town agreed that M<sup>r</sup> Tillton should have 7 or 8 of the pla[n]ck of ye wimens seats in the olde meeting House for his charge of taking down the Pulpit excepting proprieties  
voted

the Town agreed that the former return of laying out y<sup>e</sup> highway from the Bridg ouer the River up in to the Town; Should be Recorded in y<sup>e</sup> Town Book  
voted

the Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Should Join with Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman to draw up apetition to send to the General court: that a Surveyor may be sent to veiw the Lands in contryversy between Boxford and Topsfield  
voted

The Town agreed to Adjorn the Meeting down to the New Meeting House  
voted

The Town agreed to pass acts then in the new meeting House  
voted

The Town agreed that the vacant room on both Sides of y<sup>e</sup> Pulpit should be for Puese reserving the Right of y<sup>e</sup> Room to the Town  
voted

the Town agreed; that M<sup>r</sup> Baker should have Liberty to set up a Pue behinde Mrs Capens Pue the Town reserving their Right in y<sup>e</sup> room  
voted

the Town agreed that M<sup>r</sup> Brodstreet and Lieu<sup>t</sup> Perkins and M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody Should have Liberty to Set up three Puese on the west Side of the Pulpit; the Town reserving their Right in the Room  
voted

at a lawfull Town meeting 3 of December 1703 the Town

granted Liberty for Pues to be set up at each end of the  
pu[1]pit voted

[118] The Town granted Liberty to Mr Baker to set  
up a Pue behinde Mr<sup>s</sup> capens Pue for his wife and familie  
the Town reserving their Right in the room voted

the Town Granted Liberty to M<sup>r</sup> Brodstreet to set up a  
Pue at the west end of the Pulpit and himself to sit with his  
wife in the Pue; and the Town Reserving their Right in the  
Room voted

[118] the Town Granted Liberty to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Perkins to set  
up a Pue next M<sup>rs</sup> Brodstreets Pue and himself to sit with  
his wife in the Pue: and the Town reserving their Right In the  
Room voted

At a Lawfull Town meeting 28 of December 1703 the  
Comitie chosen to seat People in the New meeting House  
made their return of seating People: and the Town did not  
accept of it

Instructions for the Comitie to Seat People by agreed up-  
on by the Town; first men from Sixty years & upwards to  
be Respected for their age before money in younger men  
the meeting House Rate that was made in y<sup>e</sup> year 1702 and  
the Country Rate that was made in y<sup>e</sup> year 1703 to be the  
Rul<sup>s</sup> to seat the rest of the People by

the Town agreed that the Instructions aboue written should  
be the Instructions for the Comitie to seat People by voted

the Town agreed and Chose Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould and Corp<sup>l</sup>  
Jacob Town & Ebenezer Averell to be a Comitie to Joyn  
with the former Comitie in Seating people voted

at a Lawfull Towne meeting ye 7 of march 170<sup>3</sup> of ye In-  
habitant of Topsfield it being their Generall Town meeting  
Sargant Standly was Chosen Towne Clarke for y<sup>e</sup> yeare in-  
sueing voted

Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould, Thomas Perley, John Cumings, Eben-  
ezer Averell and Samuel Stanley are Chosen Selectmen for  
the year Insuing voted

Thomas Howlet is Chosen Constable for the year Insuing  
voted

John Curtis, John Prichit, sarg<sup>t</sup> John Averell and John Dwaniel are Chosen Surveyers of high wayes for the year Insuing  
voted

Benjemen Bixby sen<sup>r</sup> and William Smith are chosen fence viewers for the year Insuing  
voted

Thomas Perkins sen<sup>r</sup> and Corp<sup>l</sup> John Curtis and William Town are Chosen Titheing men for the year Insuing  
voted

Ephraim and, Thomas Dwaniel are Chosen Hawards or field driuers for y<sup>e</sup> year Insueing  
voted

Sarj<sup>t</sup> John Havey is Chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trials for march Court  
voted

Sarj<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington is Chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury-Grand at Ipswich Court next  
voted

The Town Granted to Daniel Waters the Parsonige House : the Town confirmed their former Instructions for Seating People  
voted

the Town agreed that there should be away lay'd out from y<sup>e</sup> Meeting-House to M<sup>r</sup> Capens Casway  
voted

L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Bakers, Ensine Jacob Town and m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody are Chosen to renew and Settel Bounds with m<sup>r</sup> Zorobabel Endicott on the South Side of y<sup>e</sup> River between our Town Common and Endcotts medow and between y<sup>e</sup> Cow Common and the Lots  
voted

the Town agreed that those which have Cut Trees contrary to the Town order should be fined according to y<sup>e</sup> Town order  
voted

the Town agreed y<sup>t</sup> those that have broke y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Town order in Cuting Trees contrary there to shall be prosecuted by the Selectmen according to Law  
voted

the Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen should make orders for ringing of Hogs and restraining of Rames  
voted

the Town agreed that the Town order or By Law: Shall Still Stand in force for y<sup>e</sup> prohibition of cutting down any Trees upon our Town Common until furdur order voted

[119] The Town agreed to defend the Constables in all their Legal Actions with M<sup>r</sup> Zorobabel Endicott and John Keney for y<sup>e</sup> recovery of their Rates to y<sup>e</sup> Town voted

the Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Select-men should send to our Neighbors of Boxford concerning what they are behinde in their Rates with M<sup>r</sup> Capen voted

the Town agreed y<sup>t</sup> all y<sup>t</sup> have Peticuler Rights; as to Seats in y<sup>e</sup> old Meeting House shall have liberty to take them away voted

The Town agreed to sell y<sup>e</sup> olde Meeting-House to Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould for five Pounds in money voted

The Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Select-men should lay out y<sup>e</sup> High-way from the Meeting House to y<sup>e</sup> Town Bridge over y<sup>e</sup> River: and so to Salem Line voted

The Town officers sworne for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing to the faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices by Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 170<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub>

Samuel Stanley being Chosen Town Clerke for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing was sworn to faithfull discharg of that office before the Select-men of Topsfield March 20<sup>th</sup> 170<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub>

March 20<sup>th</sup> the Select-men for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing was Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their places before me Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Select-men March 20<sup>th</sup> 170<sup>3</sup><sub>4</sub> Then appointed Cap<sup>t</sup> John How and Samuel Stanley to Renew y<sup>e</sup> Bounds between y<sup>e</sup> Land of Zacheus Perkins and y<sup>e</sup> Town Common Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk

We whose Names are underwriton being appointed by y<sup>e</sup> Select-men to Perambulate and Renew the Bounds between y<sup>e</sup> Land of Zacheus Perkins and y<sup>e</sup> Town Common: and

accordingly we have renewed y<sup>e</sup> Bounds as we finde them Recorded in our Town Book: only y<sup>e</sup> Bounds near to Berzillah Barkers Cornner Seemes to be demolisht but y<sup>e</sup> Tree that was marked there we finde lying upon y<sup>e</sup> fence as we think

John How

Dated 21 March 170<sup>3</sup>

Samuel Stanley

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Topsfield Town Clerke.

Boston November 18<sup>th</sup> 1701 Received of Mr Ebenezer Averell Constable of Topsfield Two Pounds in full of a warrant for Forty Six Pounds Sixteen Shillings Received for Mr James Taylor Treasurar per Jeremiah Allene

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> Twelveth Day of May 1704 Cap<sup>t</sup> John How is chosen to serve on ye Grand-Jury at Ipswich Court next, and Sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuel Howlett and clarke Elisha Perkins are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials

voted

Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Hovey is chosen to Represent y<sup>e</sup> Town at y<sup>e</sup> General Court to be kept at Boston for this year Insuing

voted

the Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen should lay out a highway through the Land of Zacheus Perkins to M<sup>r</sup> Capens Causway

voted

At a Lawfull meeting y<sup>e</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) of 5<sup>th</sup> month; 1656 it is herby ordered and Granted that there shall be a way of foure Rod wide from the forde nigh to the House of William Towne: Through the Lands of the s<sup>d</sup> William Towns, William Howard, Jacob Town, Edmund Towne and George Buncker as it is layd out by Francis Pebody, John Redington, Edmun Town, and William Howard: at the Request of the sd. Town

voted

Received of Ebenezer Averell of Topsfield former Constable y<sup>e</sup> Sum of Eight Pounds six shillings & six pence: for y<sup>e</sup> year 1701 upon y<sup>e</sup> account of y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex there being so much Comitted to him to Colect: by y<sup>e</sup> Select-men



of Topsfield for said County. Ipswich June y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1704:  
per me John Apleton County Tresurer

Copia vera attest Samuel Stanley Towne Clerke for Tops-  
field

[120] At a Leagal Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>  
of June 1704 Sarg<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington is Chosen Represent-  
itive for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> of  
June 1704 the Town then agreed and did chuse Lieve<sup>t</sup> Eph-  
raim Dorman Deac Samuel Howlett, Cle<sup>r</sup> Elisha Perkins,  
Ephraim Willd and Nathaniel Averell to be a commitie to  
Joine with a commitie of Boxford, to Settle a Divisional Line  
between Boxford and Topsfield; and our Town have given  
our commitie full Power to Joine with Boxford commitie:  
and to settle a Divisional Line between y<sup>e</sup> Said Towns; If y<sup>e</sup>  
said commities Therein can agree voted

Wee whose Names are under writen being appointed by  
y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to lay out a high-way from y<sup>e</sup> Meeting-House  
upon y<sup>e</sup> common and through the Land of Zacheus Perkins  
to M<sup>r</sup> Capens Causwey; which accordingly wee have done;  
and lay'd out said way where y<sup>e</sup> olde way before went to y<sup>e</sup>  
west end of M<sup>r</sup> Capen causey

Samuel Standley  
John Gould

Dat 26 of June 1704

Copia vera attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley clerke

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield 22 Septem-  
ber 1704 Cap<sup>t</sup> John How and Benjemen Estey are Chosen  
to Serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Trials at Newbery Court to be holden  
on y<sup>e</sup> last TuesDay of this Inst<sup>t</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> voted

the Town agreed to leave y<sup>e</sup> mater concerning M<sup>r</sup> Page to  
y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen voted

the Town agreed that the Stone wall which is about y<sup>e</sup> old  
Meeting-House shall not be medled with without leave from  
y<sup>e</sup> Town voted

Boston Desember 2<sup>d</sup> 1704 Received of M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Knight Constable of Topsfield Thirty Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings; in part; Received for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas.

per me Jer Allene

Boston Aprill 18<sup>th</sup> 1704 Received of M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Knight Constable of Topsfield forty Nine Pounds Seventeene Shillings & Six pence in part: Received for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasurer

per Jer Allene

Boston July 3; 1704 Received of M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Knight Constable of Topsfield ffifty-one Pounds Ten Shillings in part Rec<sup>d</sup> for my father James Taylor Treasurer

per James Taylor

Boston September 5<sup>th</sup> 1704 Received of Phillip Knight Constable of Topsfield Twenty four Pounds three Shillings & 4 pence in pt Received for my father James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup>

per James Taylor

Boston November 13<sup>th</sup> 1704 Received of Phillip Knight Constable of Topsfield Sixteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings & two pence in full Received for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasurer.

per Jer Allene

Ipswich Feb 3<sup>d</sup> 170<sup>4</sup> Received of Phillip Knight Constable of Tops<sup>d</sup> the sum of six: Pounds ffourteen Shillings &: Six pence which is in full of ye sum he was to pay for y<sup>e</sup> Country Essex

per John Appleton County Tres<sup>r</sup>

The Six Copyes last above entred are true Copyes as attests Samuel Stanley Recorder for Topsfield

[121] At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1704 the Town agreed to allow Constable Knight one Pound Sixteen Shillings and two pence his Countrey Rate being so much too short

voted

the Town agreed and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould and Deac: Samuel Howlett to be a Committee, and gave them full Power to act and vse the best methods they can for the recovering

of the Arears of M<sup>r</sup> Capens Rates Due to him from Boxford  
voted

the Town Granted liberty to Joseph Andrew to get the  
Pue finished which is in y<sup>e</sup> North west Corner of our Meet-  
ing House and he paying for ye making of s<sup>d</sup> Pue; hath  
liberty to Improve it so long as he is a Constant hearer of  
y<sup>e</sup> word of God with us, and doth yearly pay to M<sup>r</sup> Capens  
Sallery pay Ten Shillings as hath promise<sup>d</sup> and that when  
ever y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Andrew doth leave our Town, the said Pue is to  
remain to be disposed of by the Town  
voted

The Town agreed to allow Elisha Perkins twent[y] one  
Shillings for Sweeping the Meeting House from the time he  
first began to sweep y<sup>e</sup> new Meeting House, unto next March  
Meeting  
voted

Whereas his Excelency our present Governer hath ordered  
M<sup>r</sup> Page to our Town and hath by his perticuler order to  
the selectmen; ordered them to finde him a House and Land  
to Improve at a Reasonable Rent; Pursuant hereunto wee  
the Selectmen of Topsfield have lay'd out unto M<sup>r</sup>. Page Ten  
Acres of Land or there abouts; out of that Land lying  
Joyning to Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Perkinses Lot; on the South side of Ips-  
wich River: Bounded with an Assh Tree standing near the  
Clay Pits: and so Cross that Land to an Heap of Stones  
in or near Lieu<sup>t</sup>. Perkinsis Line. The conditions with M<sup>r</sup>.  
Page are as followeth: If the Town will be pleased to Ex-  
change Land with Zacheus Perkins: viz: that Land above  
saiaid: for that Land of his that lyeth to M<sup>r</sup>. Capens Causey  
and Joyning to the Common: Acre for Acre; or as out  
Townsmen; Shall Judge; to be chosen by the Town and  
Zacheus Perkins: Respecting Quallity; Then Zacheus Per-  
kins doth by These Presents—Binde himselfe to clear the  
Town from the above said order: by finding him a place to  
live in; as the Governer hath ordered. or Elce wee the Se-  
lectmen of Topsfield Do Binde our-Selves In behalf of the  
Town: to Pay to M<sup>r</sup>. Page, so much as he Shall Expend in  
Building and ffencing (not exceeding five Pounds) upon  
that Land: If the Town will not Exchang the Land above

said; or if he should be called away by Authority or otherwise Dat<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of Decem<sup>r</sup>. 1704

his  
Zacheus *W* Perkins  
mark

Samuel Stanley  
John Gould  
Thomas Perley  
John Cummings  
Ebenezer Averell

Select Men of Topsfield

Copia vera as Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for  
Topsfield

We whose Names are underwritten being Chosen by y<sup>e</sup> Town to settle the Bounds between y<sup>e</sup> Town Common and the Lots have settled the Bounds between Corp<sup>l</sup> John Curtis and the Common: We have agreed as followeth; that the Bounds Shall run from a Black oake Tree which is Reputed to be the Bounds of our Common, upon a straight Line to a Black oake marked, with a heap of Stones at it: and on a strait Line to M<sup>r</sup> Endicotts Line.

Dated 22<sup>d</sup> of March 1704

Thomas Baker  
Jacob Town  
Isaac Peabody

Copia vera as Attests Samuel Stanley  
Town Clerk for Tops

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield: 29 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1704 the Town allowed five Pounds towards paying for y<sup>e</sup> Watch-House to be Pay'd in money, or Corn as it passeth for money from man to man in y<sup>e</sup> Town voted

the Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen should call y<sup>e</sup> Constables to account that are behind with Mr Capens Rates here in y<sup>e</sup> Town: and Town Rates allso to see that they gather up these Rates & Clear with M<sup>r</sup> Capen, and with the Town both voted

the Town agreed ether to Pay M<sup>r</sup> Page what he doth Expend in building & ffencing, not Exceeding five Pounds upon the Land which the Selectmen have lay'd out to him; or to Exchang the Said Land with Zechus Perkins voted

the Town agreed that Sargent John Gould Should have the Glass which did belong to the old meeting House voted

This may certifie whome it may concern that I received of corp<sup>l</sup> Curtis, what he was ordered to pay to me when he was Constable as was Due to me from ye Town, I say received by me Ephraim Dorman: Dated 21 feb: 170<sup>4</sup>

This may certifie whom it may concern that in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1699 Corp<sup>l</sup> John Courtis Payd to me that Money which was ordered to me by the Selectmen for what the Town was Indebeted to me: Received by me Tobijah Perkins

This may certifie whom it may concern that I have Received sixteen pence of Constable Courtis; which was Due in a Town Rate to me, which he was to gather; Received by me John How

Received of Corp<sup>l</sup> Curtis when he was Constable all that he was ordered to pay to me out of the Town Rate committed to him to gather up: I say Received by me Elisha Perkins; Dat. ffeb 21: 170<sup>4</sup>

[122] Received of Corp<sup>l</sup> John Courtis Constable for Topsfield for ye Year 1699 the full of the Minesters Rate for said Town committed to him to colect: I say Received of him in full for s<sup>d</sup> Rate by me Joseph Capen Dated: ffeb; 13<sup>th</sup> 170<sup>4</sup>

The five Receipts here last entered: are enterd true copenes as attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Topsfield

Received of Ephraim Willds as Constable for topsfield for y<sup>e</sup> year 1692 the full of y<sup>e</sup> Rate for y<sup>e</sup> Ministry for said Town and year. I say received the full  
per me Joseph Capen: ffeb: 27: 170<sup>4</sup>

Received of John Commings Constable for Topsfield for y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1700 the full of the Rate for the use of the Ministry

for said Town and year. I say received in full  
per me Joseph Capen: ffeb 27: 170<sup>4</sup>

Compared & entred per me Samuel Stanley Town Clerke

At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Topsfield it being  
there Generall Towne meeting apon y<sup>e</sup> 6: day of march  
170<sup>4</sup> Sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuel Standly was Chosen Towne Clarke for y<sup>e</sup>  
yeare insueing. voted

Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould and Corp<sup>l</sup> Jacob Town are Chosen  
Constables for the year Insuing for Topsfield voted

Ebenezer Averell, Thomas Perley, Sargt Daniel Reding-  
ton: Clerke Elisha Perkins; and Corp<sup>l</sup> Joseph Town, are  
Chosen Selectmen for the year Insuing voted

Thomas Dwaniell, Ephraim Willd, William Hobs, and Jo-  
seph Gould are Chosen Surveyers of highwayes for the year  
Insuing voted

Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Hovey, Isaac Estey and Thomas Perkins are  
Chosen Tithing men for the year Insuing voted

Zacheus Gould and John ffrench Jun<sup>r</sup> are Chosen ffence  
viewers for the Year Insuing voted

John Town and Michill Dwaniell Jun<sup>r</sup> are Chosen Hawards  
for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

Nathaniel Wood and Stebbens Commings are chosen to  
see that People do yoke and Ring their Hogs voted

L<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman is Chosen Grand-Jury-man for y<sup>e</sup>  
year Insuing voted

Joseph Borman and Thomas Dorman are Chosen to Serve  
on the Jury-of Trialls at Ipswich Court to be holden on y<sup>e</sup>  
last Tues-Day of this Instant voted

The Town Granted Liberty to Abraham Howard Jacob  
ffoster and Daniel ffoster and Caleb ffoster to set up a Stable  
to Shellter their Horses in upon our Common near our meet-  
ing House voted

the Town agreed that the order or By Law which was considered and allowed at a General Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> Peace holden at Ipswich March 30<sup>th</sup> 1703 concerning y<sup>e</sup> Prohibition of falling wood or timber on our Town Common Shall Still Continue till the Town See Cause to Repeal it voted

the Town Granted to those that are Seated in y<sup>e</sup> ffront Gallery; Liberty to raise y<sup>e</sup> ffront of that Seat according to their mindes voted

The 9<sup>th</sup> of march, 170<sup>4</sup> The Town Officers chosen for the Year Insuing were Sworn to the faithfull discharge of their Respective Offices by the Selectmen

The 9<sup>th</sup> of March 170<sup>4</sup> Samuel Stanley being chosen Town Clerke for the Year Insuing was Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithful discharge of that Office by the Selectmen and y<sup>e</sup> Select Men wear sworn as Assessors to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull discharge of their officies by y<sup>e</sup> Town Clerke: as attes[t] Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Clerk

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield, May 8<sup>th</sup>: 1705 Elisha Perkins was Chosen Representative to Represent the Town at y<sup>e</sup> Great and General Court or Assemble for the year Insuing voted

[123] Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley is Chosen to Serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury at y<sup>e</sup> Superiour Court to be held at Ipswich the fiftenth of May Instant voted

Lieut Thomas Baker and M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Trials att the same court voted

The Town agreed to give the Select-men full Power to Call the Constables to an account for not gathering y<sup>e</sup> Arears of the Meeting-House Rates and y<sup>e</sup> said Select-men are appointed to receive the Said Arears for the use of the Town, viz: the use which y<sup>e</sup> said Rates wear made for, and to be delivered to the Committee that Pay'd M<sup>r</sup> Tillton: viz: Lieut Baker Lieut Perkins and Sarj<sup>t</sup> Redington: and y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Select-men are Impowered to prosecute against the s<sup>d</sup> Constable, for not gathering and bringing in the s<sup>d</sup> arears; and The Town will beare them out in all their Lawfull proceedings voted

the Town forgave M<sup>r</sup> Capen for what wood he had cut upon y<sup>e</sup> Common contrary to the Town order voted

the Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Select-men should prosecut those that have cut down Wood and Timber upon y<sup>e</sup> Town Common contrary to y<sup>e</sup> Town order M<sup>r</sup> Capen excepted voted

the Town agreed y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody should git so much Timber upon Wintrops Hills as is needful to mend his Bridge over his medow voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Select-men of Wenham May y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>: 1705 William fairfield John Gott & Thomas Kimball are appointed with full Power to Perambulate y<sup>e</sup> Line & Renew y<sup>e</sup> Bounds, between Wenham and Topsfield: on the 24: Day of May Currant at Ten of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoone and to meet at y<sup>e</sup> West End of Wenham Casweye if faire wether: but if foull wether; then ye next fair Day per order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

Thomas ffiske Cler

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1705 We whose Names are under Writen being met to gather to Perambulate and renew y<sup>e</sup> Bounds, according to the orders of our Towns: and accordingly here Renewed the Heaps of Stones at ye West End of Wenham Causway and the rest of the Bounds as they Stand Entred in our Town Reccords to the River, as Witness our Hands

Thomas Kimball  
William ffairfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>: of July: 1705 the Town doth by vote declare that they order M<sup>r</sup> Page to go on in his work: on that Ten Acres of Land which the Selectmen lay'd out to him on y<sup>e</sup> South Side of the River in the year 1704 the Clay Ground there in reserved by the Town: and a way to come at said Clay: and the Town doth Ingage to Satisfie M<sup>r</sup> Page for what he shall Expent in order to his Settlement on said Land. If the Town do not See good to Exchange the said Land with Zacheus Perkins, at the General Town Meeting next March Insuing voted



Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould is Chosen to Cary a Petition to his Ex-  
celency the Governer for y<sup>e</sup> Releasment of three souldirs  
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Topsfield Sep-  
tem: 21: 1705 Thomas Dorman Jun<sup>r</sup> is chosen to serve on  
y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trialls at Newbury Court next Insuing voted

Boston Septem<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1705 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Howlett  
Constable of Topsfield fifteen Pounds one Shilling & pence  
in full Rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Tresu<sup>r</sup>  
per Jer Allen

Att a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield Novem<sup>r</sup> 21  
1705 in answer to Boxford Selectmens notification to our  
selectmen for Perambulation on the Bounds between our  
Towns the Town though it not proper to Perambulate where  
never Bounds were yet settled voted

The Town agreed to allow M<sup>r</sup> Capen; one Pound & 6  
shillings for varnishing the Pulpit voted

[124] Rec<sup>d</sup> of John Gould Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Town of  
Topsfield the Sum of Three Pounds Eight Shillings & 4:  
pence it being in full for y<sup>e</sup> County of Essex: for y<sup>e</sup> last  
Assessment;

per John Apleton County Treasurer

Ipswich Decem<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>: 1705

Copia vera as attests Samuell Stanley Town Clerk Top<sup>d</sup>

Boston Nouem<sup>r</sup> 29 1705 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Gould Consta-  
ble of Topsfield by y<sup>e</sup> Hands of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Howlett Thirty  
Two Pounds Eight Shillings & four pence in part rec<sup>d</sup> for  
James Taylor Treasurer:

per Jer Allene

Topia vera attests Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Tops-  
field

Boston Janu<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1705 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Gould Consta. of  
Topsfield Thirty six pounds Eighteen Shillings in part rec<sup>d</sup>  
for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup>

per Jer Allene

Copia vera as Attests Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley

Boston June 20<sup>th</sup> 1706 Recd. of M<sup>r</sup> John Gould Consta. of  
Topsfield Twenty one Pounds five shillings & nine pence in  
part rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup>

per Jer Allene

Boston Septem<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1706 Rec<sup>d</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> John Gould Consta.  
of Topsfield Twenty one Pounds Thirteen shillings in part  
rec<sup>d</sup> for m<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Tresur<sup>r</sup>

per Jer Allene

Boston Janna. 9<sup>th</sup> 1706-7 Rec<sup>d</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> John Gould Consta-  
ble of Topsfield Twenty Pounds fouer shillings & Eleven  
pence rec<sup>d</sup> in full for m<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup>

per Jer Allene

The Copyes above Entred are true Copyes as Attests Sam-  
uel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Ebenezer Averell Constable of Topsfield the Just  
Sum of Ninty Seven Pounds fourteen Shillings on the ac-  
count of ye first Payment of y<sup>e</sup> meeting-House Rate: I say  
Received by me Abraham Tilton Dat<sup>d</sup> march y<sup>e</sup> 21 1704.

Copia vera Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Tops-  
field

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Nathaniell Averell Constable of Topsfield Seventy  
Nine Pounds in money on the account of y<sup>e</sup> Second Pay-  
ment of ye meeting House Rate I say received by me Abra-  
ham Tilton: Dated march y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1704

Copia vera attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Tops-  
field

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Const<sup>ble</sup> Nathaniel Averell of Topsfield upon y<sup>e</sup>  
account of y<sup>e</sup> meeting House Rate which was committed to  
him to gather; the Just sum of 21 Pounds in Silver money  
at y<sup>e</sup> Seventeen peny weight: I say received by me Tobijah  
Perkins in behalf of the commitie; Dated y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> April 1706

Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerk for Tops<sup>d</sup>

At a Lawfull Towne meeting y<sup>e</sup> fift. Day of march 170<sup>5</sup>  
Lieut. Ephraim Dorman is Chosen moderator for the Day  
voted

At a lawfull Town meeting ye 5<sup>th</sup> of march 170<sup>8</sup> Sarg<sup>t</sup> Samuell Standly is Chosen Town Clark for this yere enswearing  
voted

John Nicholls is chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Town on y<sup>e</sup> South Side ye River  
voted

Thomas Perley is chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Town on y<sup>e</sup> North Side y<sup>e</sup> River  
voted

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman, Sarj<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington, Elisha Perkins, Sarg<sup>t</sup> Hovey and Corp<sup>l</sup> John Curtis are Chosen Selectmen for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing  
voted

the Town agreed y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen shall draw up a List of all that are Quallified as ye Law directs for voting in choice of Town Officers between this and next march meeting  
voted

m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Perkins is chosen Grand-Jury man for y<sup>e</sup> year insuing  
voted

Ephraim Willds is chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Trials next court to be held at Ipswich on y<sup>e</sup> last Tusday of this Ins<sup>t</sup> March  
voted

Isaac Burton, John ffrench Jun<sup>r</sup>; John Hovey Jun<sup>r</sup> John Cummings are Chosen Surveyers of high wayes for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing  
voted

Benjamin Bixby, Isaac Estey and Nathaniel Averell are chosen Tithing-men for the year Insuing  
voted

[125] William Town and Zacheus Gould are chosen ffence viewer for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing  
voted

The Town agreed y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Select-men shall Lay out a Way for Beverley men to fetch away their Hay in so as may be convenient for them; and the least prejeditiall to the Proprietors in Topsfield Bounds  
voted

The Town agreed that Beverley men shall have Rocks and gravill and old Timber as is all ready down taking it upon y<sup>e</sup> Common to make a Casway to bring out their Hay out of their medow near Thomas Towns medow  
voted

The Town agreed that Beverley men shall have Rocks to fence their medow that is in our Town Bounds, taking y<sup>e</sup> Rocks upon our Town Common voted

The Town agreed y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Present Selectmen shall call all y<sup>e</sup> Constables to an account: that are behinde in any of all the Rates, that have bin comited to them to gather up voted

The Town Adjorned The present meeting unto the next Munday following voted

At a General meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield begun and held the fift Day of march 170<sup>2</sup> and Adjorned unto y<sup>e</sup> next Munday following and then met, and agreed to chuse a commitie and to give them full power to Joyn with Boxford Commitie in Settling a Line between Topsfield and Boxford: and if they cannot agree; to make report to the Town voted

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman, m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody; Lieu<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins are chosen a commitee and have full power to Joyn with a Commitie of Boxford to settle a Divisional Line between Topsfield and Boxford: if they can agree: but if they cannot agree to make report to the the Town voted

The Town agreed to exchang y<sup>e</sup> ten acres of Land or there abouts as y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen lay<sup>d</sup> out to m<sup>r</sup> Page: with Zacheus Perkins; for so much Land (as may be Judg'd by Indifferent men Chosen by the Town and Zacheus Perkins) Joyning to the Town Common and to m<sup>r</sup> Capens Causey; also the s<sup>d</sup> Zacheus Perkins doth Binde over the aforsaid Ten acres of Land or there abouts lying near Lieu<sup>t</sup> Perkinses Lot to the Town or Proprietors for Secuerity and Indamnifeing of them in the Possession of that Land which they do exchange for; Lying by m<sup>r</sup> Capens Causey and Joyning to the Town Common voted

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould Lieu<sup>t</sup> Baker Lieu<sup>t</sup> Perkins and Ephraim Willds Entred ther contrary Decent and John Robinson Entered his contrary Decent to the vote last above writen

Thomas Dorman Jun<sup>r</sup> is chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing for y<sup>e</sup> North of the River: for the Town of Topsfield voted

The Town agreed and gave Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould and Deac<sup>n</sup> Samuel Howlett full Power to proceed according to Law for the recovery of the arears of m<sup>r</sup> Capens Rates due to him: from any of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of Boxford voted

The Town agreed to exchang about an acre of Land with m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Perkins lying on y<sup>e</sup> South side of his field in the Swamp: for so much land as shall be Judg'd by Indifferent men to be Equevolent to it: laying it to the common voted

m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody Deac<sup>n</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Howlett and Elisha Perkins are Chosen a Comitie to lay out the said Land for m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Perkins; and y<sup>e</sup> Town voted

the said Perkins Paying all the charge voted

Daniel Waters is chosen a surveyer of highwayes for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

The Town agreed to free all y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants on y<sup>e</sup> Southwest Side of Nicholls Brook from highway worke on ye North East Side of said Brook for this year provided they Maintain the Bridge over s<sup>d</sup> Nichollses Brook: and the rest of the highwayes and Bridges on that side of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Nichollses Brook voted

The Town agreed to ffence in y<sup>e</sup> Burying-Place with a Stone-Wall voted

The Town agreed that y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen lay out what Ground maybe Convenient for the Burying Place voted

The Town agreed to exchange about half an acre of Land with Michall Dwaniell for so much of his Land; as shall be equevolent thereto: and the same comitie chosen to lay out about an Acre of Land for m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Perkins & the Town upon Exchange are a like appointed to lay out the half Acre upon Exchang with sd. Michaell Dwaniell and the Town voted

The Town agreed y<sup>e</sup> Town order or By-law which was considered & allowed at a general sessions of ye peace March y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1703 holden at Ipswich, shall still continue; untill the Town see cause to Repeal it  
voted

John Hovey Jun<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody, Daniel Clarke, Daniel Waters, Joseph Town sen<sup>r</sup>; Deac. Thomas Dorman Thomas Doman Jun<sup>r</sup> entered their contrary Desents

[126] Samuel Stanley being Chosen clerke for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing was sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull discharge of that office by y<sup>e</sup> Honr<sup>ble</sup>; Major Wainwright y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup>: day of march 170<sup>o</sup>

Lieut. Ephraim Dorman Sarg<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington Clerk Elisha Perkins sarj<sup>t</sup> John Hovey and Corp<sup>ll</sup>. John Curtis being Selectmen for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing were sworn as: assessors to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull discharge of y<sup>t</sup> office by me Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley Town Clerke Isaac Burton, John ffrench Jun<sup>r</sup>; John Hovey Jun<sup>r</sup>. and Daniel Waters being chosen Surveyers of high-ways for the year Insuing were sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull discharge of that office by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen

John Nicholls being chosen Constable for ye year Insuing was sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull discharge of that office by the selectmen Thomas Dorman Jun<sup>r</sup> being chosen constable for ye year Insuing was sworn to ye faithfull discharg of that office by ye Selectmen the Eleaventh Day of Mar<sup>h</sup> 170<sup>o</sup>; Benjemen Bixby & Nathaniel Averell being chosen Tithing-men for y<sup>e</sup> Year Insuing wear sworn to ye faithfull discharge of y<sup>t</sup> office by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Zacheus Gould being chosen ffence viewer for ye year Insuing was sworn to y<sup>o</sup> faithfull discharge of that office by y<sup>e</sup> selectmen the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Mar<sup>h</sup> 170<sup>o</sup>; John Cummings being Chosen Surveyer for ye year Insuing was Sworn to the faithfull Discharg of that office by the Selectmen on y<sup>e</sup>: 18; of March: 170<sup>o</sup> as attests Samuel Stanley Towne Clerke for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of ye Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1706 Elisha Perkins is Chosen Representitive for the Town: for this year Insuing  
voted

Lieut Perkins Sarj Daniel Redington and Thomas Howlett are Chosen to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at y<sup>e</sup> Superiour Court to be held at Ipswich on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Tuesday of May Inst<sup>t</sup> and Deac<sup>n</sup> Samuel Howlett is chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand jury at said Court voted

We whose Names are under writen being appointed by the Town to stake out the Buring place accordingly have; and Bounded it begining at m<sup>r</sup> Perkins his Ston Wall at y<sup>e</sup> South-East Side of his place agoing into his field; Bounded with a Ston by his Wall Side; and from thence to a Great Ston lying near the West Gate of y<sup>e</sup> Old meeting-House ffortt: and then to two Stons lying between the White Oak Tree and the Old ffortt: and then to two Stons lying on the Plain: and then to a Stump at the South-East End of the Burying Place: and then to m<sup>r</sup> Perkinses ffence. Dated 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1706

Ephraim Dorman

John Hovey

John Curtis

Elisha Perkins

Daniel Redington

Selectmen of Topsfield

Copia vera as attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clarke for Topsfield

Boston December 1694: Rec<sup>d</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Estey Constable of Topsfield Six Pounds Three Shillings and Nine pence, in full of a Warrant Dated 13<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup>; 1694 amounting to Twenty Two Pounds three Shillings and Nine pence I say Rec<sup>d</sup> for m<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasu<sup>r</sup>

per Jer: Allene

Boston April 30<sup>th</sup> 1695: Rec<sup>d</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Estey Constable of Topsfield: by the hand of m<sup>r</sup> John Gould ffifty Eight Pounds Eleven shillings & Three pence in full of a Warrant for ffifty Eight pounds Eleven shillings & three pence I say rec<sup>d</sup> for m<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasu<sup>r</sup>

per Jer Allene

Wee whose Names are under writen being Chosen by y<sup>e</sup>

Town of Salem & y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield: to Perambulate & Renew the Line between Salem and Topsfield; Wee have accordingly met and in behalf of Each Town owned Renewed a Red Oak Tree with a Heap of Stones at it; commonly called crumwells Rock near y<sup>e</sup> River: from thence to a Heap of Stones between three White Oak Trees: by a great Assh Swamp; then to a Heap of Stones near Nichollses Brook; then to Dry Tree [127] marked With a Heap of Stones at it near the Head of Smiths medow; then to a Crooked Black Oak Tree near Wheell Brook; and then to a White oak Tree with stones at it near Wenham Causey

Dat<sup>d</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> of April 1706

for Topsfield

Ephraim Dorman sen<sup>r</sup>

John Curtis

Elisha Perkins

for Salem

Edward Putnam

John Putnam Jun<sup>r</sup>

Daniel Andrews

Copia vera as attests Samuel Stanley Topsfield Town Clerke

We whose Names are under writen being Chosen by our respective Towns to Perambulate on y<sup>e</sup> Bounds between our Towns; Have accordingly met and owned & renewed the Bounds between Ipswich & Topsfield; begining at a Aple Tree in L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Perleys field with an Heap of Stones about it & so to a Black oak Tree marked with Stones about it; and from thence to a white Oak Tree marked with Stones about it upon an Hill some Rods from the Pond commonly called M<sup>r</sup> Bakers Pond; and then as y<sup>e</sup> Pond runs to a Marked Tree a white oak with an Heap of Stones about it; at y<sup>e</sup> South-East corner of y<sup>e</sup> said Pond next Daniel ffosters: and then by y<sup>e</sup> former marked Trees with Heaps of Stones about them till it comes to m<sup>r</sup> Symo[n]dses farm so-called: and then by said farm till it comes to a Stak by or near a Spring near M<sup>r</sup> Winthrops Corner in y<sup>e</sup> medow; & from s<sup>d</sup> stake on a Straight Line about two Rods & on half off of Edward Nealands House to a stake with an Heap of Stones about it on the side of an Hill; called Pains Hill; and from s<sup>d</sup> Stake and Stones Westerly; to a stake and Heap of stones about it near the Brook that runns to Corp<sup>l</sup> Howletts House: and then as the s<sup>d</sup> Brook runns into Ipswich River



for Topsfield  
 John Hovey  
 Samuel Stanley  
 John Gould J<sup>r</sup>

for Ipswich  
 Robart Lord  
 William Howlett  
 Nathaniel Hart  
 John Pengry

Dat<sup>d</sup> May 29<sup>th</sup> 1706 Copia vera Attests Samuel Stanley  
 Clerke for Topsfield

We whose Names are under written being Chosen by y<sup>e</sup> Town to lay out to Mr Timothy Perkins about an Acre of Land lying on y<sup>e</sup> South Side of his Land commonly called y<sup>e</sup> meeting House Lot. Bounded as followeth on a Straight [line] from y<sup>e</sup> corner of his fence to a stake in y<sup>e</sup> side of y<sup>e</sup> Swamp by y<sup>e</sup> Hillside; the Breadth is Eight Rod; and from the Corner Stake upon a Straight line Northwest Thurty five Rods: to a White Oak Stump Standing in his own fence: and the above said M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Perkins hath lay'd down out of Zacheus Perkinses Land; and by his order; the Bounds as followeth: begining at y<sup>e</sup> North corner Bounded with two Popler Trees with a Stake between them: and from thence Southerly Six Rod to a Stake and Heap of Stones: and from thence South and by East to a Wallnut Tree the length of y<sup>e</sup> Line Sixty-three Rod.

Isaac Peabody  
 Elisha Perkins  
 Samuel Howlett

Dat<sup>d</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> March: 1706 Copia vera Attested by Sam<sup>l</sup>  
 Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Att a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield 16<sup>th</sup> of Septem<sup>r</sup> 1706 John Cummings is chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of Trials at Newbury court to be holden on ye last Tuesday of this Instant Sep<sup>r</sup> 1706  
voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Day of October, 1706 the Town agreed to Stand by our Town Constables in recovering of y<sup>e</sup> Rates of the Dwellers upon M<sup>r</sup> Endicotts farm  
voted

At a Lawfull meeting of ye Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1706 the Town agreed to chuse a comitie to Draw

up a petition to send to the General Court to End the Differences between Topsfield and Boxford  
voted

Lieut. Thomas Baker; Capt. John Gould, Lieut Tobijah Perkins and Lieut Ephraim Dorman are chosen the committee to draw up the Petition afore<sup>sd</sup>  
voted

[128] At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield ye 25<sup>th</sup> of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1706 the Town agreed and chose abraham How of Ipswich to Joyn with a man as Zacheus Perkins shall chuse to Lay out the Land as the Town have agreed to Exchange with y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Zacheus Perkins and if those two Men cannot agree s<sup>d</sup> two men are to chuse a third man  
voted

The Town ag[r]eed & chose Daniel Clarke there agent to go to Salem Court to answer the writ Lay<sup>d</sup> upon the Selectmen by the committee viz: Lt: Thomas Baker; Lt. Tobijah Perkins & Daniel Redington  
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield the Tenth Day of January 1706-7; Mr Isaac Peabody is chosen Moderator for the Meeting  
voted

The Town agreed to chuse a committee to discour y<sup>e</sup> committee concerned with y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House Rate and to make report to ye Town of what Termes they will agree upon  
voted

Lieut Ephraim Dorman Deac<sup>n</sup> Samuel Howlett, and Elisha Perkins are chosen to be the committee above said  
voted

The Town agreed that ye Selectmen shall prosecute the constables for not doing their Duty in gathering the Rates committed to them to gather  
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield 21<sup>st</sup> of Janu<sup>r</sup> 170<sup>6</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody is chosen Moderator for that meeting  
voted

the Town agreed to allow the Meeting House committee viz—M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Baker Lieut Tobijah Perkins and Sarg<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington Eleaven Pounds and Eight shillings & six pence which is in full of what they wear to have for building

the New Meeting House and Court Charges and the said Eleaven pounds Eight Shillings and six pence is to be Levvyed in a Rate to Defray Town charge voted

At a Lawfull and Generall meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield on y<sup>e</sup> fourth Day of March 1706-7 Lieut Tobijah Perkins is chosen Moderator for ye Day voted

Samuel Stanley is chosen Town Clerke for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

Thomas Perley and Micheal Dwaniel are Chosen Constables for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

Deac: Samuel Howlett, Ebenezer Averill Thomas Howlett corp<sup>n</sup> Joseph Town and Samuel Stanley are chosen Select-men for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

John Hovey Jun<sup>r</sup> is chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> grand-Jury at Ipswich court next Insuing & for the year voted

John ffrench is Chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trials at ye said court voted

Daniel Clarke, Nathaniel Borman and Thomas Town are chosen Surveyers of Highwayes for the year Insuing voted

Mr Thomas Baker Sarj<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington & Thomas Gould & Isaac Estey are chosen tything-men for the year Insuing voted

Sarj<sup>t</sup> John Averel, Joseph Borman & Amos Dorman are Chosen ffence viewers for the year Insuing voted

The Town granted unto William Averell half an acre of Land some where where a commitie shall be ordered by y<sup>e</sup> Town to lay it out for him y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Averill Duering his and his Wifes life time: and y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> William Averell is hereby oblidge to Sweep ye Meeting-House and to dige Graves to be pay<sup>d</sup> for his work voted

The Meeting is Adjorned to y<sup>e</sup> Day following next voted

At a Lawfull General Town Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield by adjorment from y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of March

1706-7 to y<sup>e</sup> Day Instant then met and agreed y<sup>t</sup> William Averell shall have half an Acre of Land lay<sup>d</sup> out to him upon y<sup>e</sup> common some where near among the Hills to y<sup>e</sup> Norwest of y<sup>e</sup> Meeting-House where a committee chosen to lay it out shall [129] think convenient, for him the said Averell & his Wife duering their Life time voted

The Town agreed that Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould & Sargt. John Hovey shall be y<sup>e</sup> committee to lay out the above mentioned Land for William Averell voted

the Town doth agree that William Averell shall have the benefit of y<sup>e</sup> frute of y<sup>e</sup> parsonage orchard till the Town have occasion for it and y<sup>e</sup> said Averell is not to fence the said orchard voted

The Town agreed and chosen Samuel Stanley to be School Master for the Town for the year Insuing voted

The Town agreed to clame cap<sup>t</sup> Goulds farm of Three Hundred [acres] according to the true Bounds of it as it was lay<sup>d</sup> out by the lot layers as Township to Topsfield voted

and the Town agreed and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody; William Town and Sarg<sup>t</sup> John Gould to be a committee to renew and Settle Bounds between the common and y<sup>e</sup> lots on both sids of the River voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen Ensign Sam<sup>l</sup> Howlett and Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley are chosen to lay out a way through the Land of Zacheus Perkins for Zacheus Gould and Eliezer Lake and Nathaniel Wood

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Selectmen on y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & on y<sup>e</sup> fifth Day of March 1706-7 all the Town officers chosen for the year Insuing Except Baker were sworn to the faithfull discharg of Every one his Respective office by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen and Town Clerke as Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

We whose Names are under writen being appointed & Impowered by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to lay out a way through the land of Zacheus perkins accordingly we have don it; and have

lay'd out a way from y<sup>e</sup> lift in y<sup>e</sup> fence between Zach-  
 eus Perkinses land & Henry Lakes Land as y<sup>e</sup> path now  
 gose till it comes to s<sup>d</sup> Perkinses fence & then straight as y<sup>e</sup>  
 fence & stone wall gose to y<sup>e</sup> Brook and so straight over y<sup>e</sup>  
 Brook to y<sup>e</sup> lift where Zacheus Perkins goes out of his own  
 Land

Samuel Howlett  
 Samuel Stanley

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Isaac Estey as constable for Topsfield and to col-  
 lect of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants said Town: what was coming to me on  
 account of Rates for y<sup>e</sup> year 1694 I say Rec<sup>d</sup> or Excepted  
 as if actually received; the full of what was comited to him  
 to colect as aforesaid—per me Joseph Capen this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 May or before 1706

January 10<sup>th</sup> 1706<sup>g</sup>: I had then received of Ebenezer Aver-  
 ell as constable of Topsfield for y<sup>e</sup> year 1701 & appointed to  
 colect the Rates for y<sup>e</sup> ministry for said year I say received  
 then or before: the full of what was coming to me from  
 said Town & for y<sup>e</sup> year aforesaid—per me Joseph Capen

Whose Names are under writen being chosen by y<sup>e</sup> Town  
 to lay out to Micheal Dwaniell about halfe an Acre of land  
 out of y<sup>e</sup> Town Common by way of Exchang accordingly we  
 have don it: Bounds are as followeth; the Bounds of y<sup>e</sup>  
 Land to Micheal Dwaniell from y<sup>e</sup> old ancient Bounds seven  
 Rods in breadth and Eleaven Rods and Six foot in length  
 with four stakes at each corner with Stones at them. the  
 Bounds of y<sup>e</sup> land which we had of Micheal Dwaniell are as  
 followeth from y<sup>e</sup> white oak Southward Seven Rods & three  
 foot to a stake by y<sup>e</sup> fence side: and Eastwardly Rods  
 Eleven; and Northerly Eleven Rods and an half to a stake  
 with stones about it; and westerly to a White Oak Tree Nine  
 Rods and an half

Dat<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of March 1706

Samuel Howlett  
 Elisha Perkins  
 Isaac Peabody

The three Copyes last above entred are true copyes as At-  
 tests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Clerke for Topsfield

Boston Decem<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1705 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y<sup>e</sup> hand of M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Perkins Twelve Pounds & Ten Shillings in part rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup> per Jer Allene

Boston Janu<sup>y</sup> 23 1705 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y<sup>e</sup> hand of M<sup>r</sup> John Gould six pounds sixteen shillings & six pence in part rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup> per Jer Allene

The two last Copyes above Entred are true Copyes as Attests: Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

[130] Boston June 11<sup>th</sup> 1706 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y<sup>e</sup> hands of M<sup>r</sup> Elisha [Perkins] ffourteen Pounds two shillings & nine part rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup>. per Jer Allene

Boston Decem<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1706 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Mr Jacob Town Constable of Topsfield by y<sup>e</sup> hands of M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Town Seven Pounds Seven Shillings in part rec<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup>. per Jer Allene

The two Copyes above entred are true Copyes as Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerk Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield 22 of April 1707 the Town agreed and chose M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Baker M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody to go to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>d</sup> General Court; to manage the Towns Petition for the settelling of our Town Bounds Between Topsfield & Boxford voted

Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gould is chosen to Joyn with y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> Baker & Peabody to manage the afores<sup>d</sup> Petition voted

Whereas y<sup>e</sup> selectmen did on y<sup>e</sup> fifth Day of March 1706 or 7: order a way to be lay<sup>d</sup> out through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Zacheus Perkins; which way was accordingly lay<sup>d</sup> out, but Zacheus Perkins being very obstinate in the matter; and y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen not willing to do that which would bring great Charge upon y<sup>e</sup> Town; Have lay<sup>d</sup> the above mentioned Way in another place; viz: where Zacheus Perk[i]ns was not only ffree that it should be; but did promise to make the causey

upon his own cost from the side of y<sup>e</sup> Brook to y<sup>e</sup> upland on y<sup>e</sup> West side of said Brook. The way is lay'd out as followeth; begining at y<sup>e</sup> Road where the Line runs between Zacheus Perkinses Land & John Robinsons Land: and their as the sd. Line doth run; have lay'd out the afore mentioned way upon Zacheus Perkinses Land till it comes up y<sup>e</sup> Hill about five or six Rods and then turns of to y<sup>e</sup> right as it is staked out to Zacheus Perkinses ffence: and when throu s<sup>d</sup> Perkinses ffence; doth turn of to y<sup>e</sup> right; upon y<sup>e</sup> Land of Widow Hannah Clarke and Henry Lake as it is staked out to y<sup>e</sup> way whic[h] comes down Billins-gate Hill from Henry Lakes to Zacheus Perkinses ffence

Dat<sup>d</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Apri<sup>ll</sup> 1707

Samuel Howlett  
Joseph Town Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Ebenezer Averell  
Thomas Howlett  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley  
Selectmen of Topsfield

Copia vera as attests Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield.

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1707 M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody is chosen Representitive for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing  
voted

The Town have chosen Lieu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Baker & M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabod[y] to be Attorneys in behalfe of our Town; with full Power to manage our late Petition to y<sup>e</sup> Hon<sup>d</sup> General Court for a Rehearing of the case Depending between Boxford and Topsfield; and allso to desier and chuse an Attorney or Attorneys to assist them if they see cause and the Town will Bear their charge  
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of May 1707 Thomas Perkins & John Robinson are chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury at y<sup>e</sup> Superiour Court to be held at Ipswich on May y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Inst.<sup>t</sup> and Daniel Clarke; Timothy Perkins: and John Averill are Chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of tryals at y<sup>e</sup> Same Court  
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield: 1: Day of

July 1707. The Town agreed & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> John How; L<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins; Nathaniel Averel; Ebenezer Averell and Jacob Town to Joyn with our comitee allready chose to manage our Towns case with Boxford: before y<sup>e</sup> comitee Chosen by the Hon<sup>d</sup> General Court; to come to Topsfield and Boxford: to take a view of the Lines between the said Towns voted

[131] The Town agreed that Cap<sup>t</sup> John How shall provide Entertainment for the comitee chosen by y<sup>e</sup> General Court for y<sup>e</sup> purpose aforesaid voted

To the Selectmen of Topsfield Gentlemen

We do unanimously agree that in case Daniel Waters will take care of his Mother Waters and maintain her suteably as she is his mother; and according to his fathers agreement in providing for her: then we y<sup>e</sup> subscribers do Ingage that duering the time & terme of her life provided y<sup>t</sup> he y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Waters provides for his mother as a boves<sup>d</sup> we will free him from being Imprest into Her maj<sup>ties</sup> service provided the said Waters frees the town from all or any charge improviding for her

Dat<sup>d</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Octo: 1707  
 Sign<sup>d</sup> sealed & delivered  
 in presence of us  
 Daniel Redington  
 William Smith  
                   his  
 Zacheus Z Perkins  
                   mark

John Gould Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 Ephraim Dorman Lieut<sup>t</sup>  
 Samuel Howlett Ensign

Copia vera as Attests Samuel Standley Town Clerke for  
 Topsfield

Know all men that I Daniel Waters of Topsfield in y<sup>e</sup> county of Essex do oblige my selfe & all my Estate to y<sup>e</sup> selectmen of Topsfield: to take my mother in Law Waters into my care & keeping: and to clear the Town from any furdur charg or trouble about her: duering her life; upon those conditions that I received of the Selectmen

Dat<sup>d</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Octo 1707 Daniel Waters  
 Sign<sup>d</sup> Sealed & delivered in presence of us



Daniel Redington  
 William Smith  
 his  
 Zacheus Z Perkins  
 mark

Copy vera as Attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for  
 Topsfield

Boston Decem<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1706 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Nickolls Con-  
 sta: of Topsfield Seventeen Pounds in part received for M<sup>r</sup>  
 James Taylor Treasurer per John Wheelwright

Boston ffeb<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1706 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Nickolls Consta.  
 of Topsfield by M<sup>r</sup> Elisha Perkins Six Pounds Eight & Six  
 pence in part rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas<sup>r</sup> per Jer Al-  
 lene

Boston June 11<sup>th</sup> 1707 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Nickolls Consta:  
 of Topsfield fifteen Pounds six shillings and six pence in  
 part rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasurer per Jer Allene

Boston Nove<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1707 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Nickolls Consta.  
 of Topsfield seven Pounds & five shillings in full rec<sup>d</sup> for  
 M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasurer per John Wheelwright

The four Copyes last above Entred are true Copyes as  
 Attests Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley Clerk

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield December  
 17<sup>th</sup> 1707 Capt John Hows Bill of charge for Entertaining y<sup>e</sup>  
 Commity was allowed: which was one Pound one shilling  
 voted

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Baker was allowed nine shillings for three Dayes at  
 Boston as the Townes attorney against Boxford voted

Elisha Perkins his Bill of charg was allowed w<sup>ch</sup> was one  
 Pound one shilling for Sweeping y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House & for  
 taking out a Reccord at Boston & for making Hasps for y<sup>e</sup>  
 meeting House Windows voted

Corp<sup>ll</sup> Jacob Town was allowed Six Shillings; which he  
 could not recouer of weaver John Putnams Rate when He was  
 Constable voted

Samuel Perley sen<sup>r</sup> had liberty granted him to make a fire in our watch House on Saboth Dayes at noontime so long as y<sup>e</sup> Town sees cause voted

[132] Boston Octo<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1707 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Perley Consta: of Topsfield five Pounds fourteen shillings and one penney in full rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasu<sup>r</sup> per Jer. Al-lene

Copia vera attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1707 or 8 L<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins is chosen commissioner to cary in y<sup>e</sup> Towns Estate to the Shire Town voted

The Town chose y<sup>e</sup> present Selectmen to be Trustees to Joyn with the afore s<sup>d</sup> commissioner to assess the Towns Es-tate voted

the Town agreed to give m<sup>r</sup> Capen two Contributions in a year for his Incouragement to Preach Lectures, the con-tributions to be on Saboth Dayes voted

At a Lawfull & General Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on the second Day of March 1707 or 8 Deac. Samuel Howlett is chosen Moderator for s<sup>d</sup> Day voted

Samuel Stanley is chosen Town Clerke for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

John ffrench and Amos Dorman are chosen constables for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

L<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins; Corp<sup>l</sup> Jacob Town; Ebenezer Aver-ell; Isaac Estey and Samuel Stanley are chosen Selectmen for the year Insuing voted

Thomas Perkins; Thomas Robinson and John Averell are chosen Surveyers of highwayes for the year Insuing voted

Cap<sup>t</sup> John How and Clerk Elisha Perkins are ffence viewers for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

Joseph Borman; John Cummings & Job Averell are tith-ing[men] for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

the Town agreed to leave it to y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to give Ips-  
which farms men an answer to there petition concerning Seats  
in y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House voted

the Town agreed to sell John Prichitt Jun<sup>r</sup> half an Acre of  
Land on y<sup>e</sup> North Side of Ipswhich Road a littell above his  
shop voted

the Town agreed & chose L<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman & Sarj<sup>t</sup>  
John Hovey to lay out y<sup>e</sup> above mentioned land voted

the Town agreed to adjourn the meeting to ye next frie  
Day comsevenight voted

We whose Names are under Writon being appointed by  
the Selectmen to measur the Land which the Town is to  
have of Zacheus Perkins; in lue of so much Land on the  
South Side of the River as Shall be Judged aquivalent; the  
Town and Zacheus Perkins having made an Exchang; have  
Measured the Said Land and the Bounds of it are as follow-  
eth; begining at a Wallnut Tree at the Sout[h] East Cor-  
ner of y<sup>e</sup> said Land and so running Westwardly to a heap of  
Stons in Daniel Clarkes Line; and so by Daniel Clarkes  
Line to a popler Tree Standing in a gutter in the fence;  
and from thence by the Town Common to the Wallnut Tree  
f[i]rst mentioned the which by Measur Eleaven Acres and  
Twenty two Rods

Joseph Town  
Samuel Stanley

We whose Names are under Writon being Mutaly Chosen  
by the Town of Topsfield and Zachus Perkins; that is to say  
Abraham How for Topsfield and Henry Wilkins for Zacheus  
Perkins to view & Determin the difference between the above  
mentioned piece of Land which the Said Perkins has lay'd  
Down to the Town: and the Land which the Town gives to  
y<sup>e</sup> said Perkins in lue of it on the South Side of y<sup>e</sup> River  
Joyning to Lieu<sup>t</sup> Perkinses Lot and Wenham Meadows  
which accordingly on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of feb<sup>r</sup> 1707 or 8 have met  
and viewed and valued both pieces of Land above mention-  
ed; and have Determined that the said Perkins shall have  
Thirteen Acres of the said Land on the South Side of y<sup>e</sup>

River for the Land he has lay<sup>d</sup> down to the Town on the North Side of y<sup>e</sup> River provided that the way to come at the Clay ground may be at the South End of y<sup>e</sup> Said Clay ground and so to the Common and this is our award and Determination as witness our Hands

Abraham How

his

Henry **H** Wilkins  
mark

A true copy Attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield by adjournment from y<sup>e</sup> second Day of March 1707 or 8 to twelveth Day Currant, and then met chose Cap<sup>t</sup> John How and L<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman to Serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trials at Ipswich Court next Insuing and Elisha Perkins to be Grand Jury Man for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

the Town agreed that a Cartway shall be left between wenham medow and Thomas Townses medow; and that Land which Zacheus Perkins hath of the Town upon exchange on y<sup>e</sup> South side of y<sup>e</sup> River voted

the Town granted Liberty to some young Women in y<sup>e</sup> Town to make a hinde seat in ye East Gallerie; the town reserving their right in y<sup>e</sup> Meeting Hous voted

the Town granted and agreed that persons belonging to the Town shall have liberty to fall wood and Timber according as they need it; provided they carry away the Tops of what they fall as well as the Bodies voted

the Town agreed that no man in the Town shall sell or cary out of Town any Wood or Timber or Bark taking it upon our Town Common on the penalty of five Pounds per load voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> selectmen 12<sup>th</sup> Day of March 170<sup>8</sup>; Thomas Perkins; Thomas Robinson & John Averell toke y<sup>e</sup> oath of surveyers of highways: and Capt John How & Elisha Perkins took y<sup>e</sup> oath of f fence viewers and John french and Amos Dorman took y<sup>e</sup> Oath of Constables

all Sworn by and before the Selectmen and Town Clerke;  
Entred by order of ye selectmen

Samuel Stanley Clerke

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of  
May 1708 Deac. Thomas Dorman & L<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins are  
Chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury at y<sup>e</sup> Superiour Court to  
be holden at Ipswich on the Eighteenth Day of May Insta<sup>t</sup>  
and Lt Thomas Baker M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Perkins & Corp<sup>l</sup> Ephraim  
Willds are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at y<sup>e</sup> Court  
afore<sup>s<sup>d</sup></sup> voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of  
May 1708. Lieu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Baker is Chosen Representitive  
for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

the Town granted M<sup>r</sup> Capen liberty to Improve y<sup>e</sup> Watch  
House so far as the Town hath Intrest in it voted

secondly the Town granted M<sup>r</sup> Capen liberty to make a  
place in y<sup>e</sup> Watch to let in more Light for his conveniency to  
work by voted

[133] Wee whose Names are under writen being appoint-  
ed by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen to lay out a highway from the Bridg  
over y<sup>e</sup> River by Edward Putnams to John Nickolsis and  
from thence to Thomas Robinsons; accordingly we have  
lay'd out y<sup>e</sup> said way from: Thomas Robinsons as the Cart  
way now goes to John Nickolsis house; and from John  
Nickolsis House as y<sup>e</sup> way now goes along by John Burtons  
House; and so along as the Cartway now goes; half the  
way to be vpon the Land of M<sup>r</sup> Cheeversis: and halfe s<sup>d</sup>  
way upon y<sup>e</sup> Land of Thomas Robinsons till it comes so far  
as the way goes upon their Land: and so along as the way  
now goes to Phillip Knights House; and so on as the Cart-  
way now goes till it comes to y<sup>e</sup> River by or beyond Edward  
Putnams House

Samuel Stanley  
Joseph Town

Dat 3 May 1707 or 8

Copia vera as attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Sarj<sup>t</sup> John Gould y<sup>e</sup> full sum committed to him to

colect for my vse & for the year 1705. it being 39 Pounds pay: and 15 pounds 10 shillings money: I say recei<sup>d</sup> the full Sum above said per me Joseph Capen

A true Copy as Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Cler.

Dat<sup>d</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> July 1708

Boston January 9<sup>th</sup> 1706 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Town Consta: of Topsfield by M<sup>r</sup> John Gould Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & Nine pence in full rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasurer per Jer Allene

A true Copy as Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Cler. for Topsfield

Boston Septem<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1708 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Perley Consta: of Topsfield Nine Pounds sixteen shillings & three pence in full received for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasu<sup>r</sup> per Jer Allene

Copia vera as Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Cler. for Topsfield

Boston 3<sup>d</sup> 1708 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Michael Dwaniell Consta. of Topsfield Three Pounds and Ten Shillings in full rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasurer per Jer Allene

Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Perley Constable of Topsfield for y<sup>e</sup> year 1706 the full of y<sup>e</sup> Rate in pay and money; that is that part of y<sup>e</sup> Rate Committed to him to gather for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> ministry in Topsfield for s<sup>d</sup> year. I say rec<sup>d</sup> by me Joseph Capen

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Topsfield on the first Day of March 170<sup>8</sup> being there General Meeting Lieu<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins is Chosen Moderator for y<sup>e</sup> Day voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerk for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

John Hovey Jun<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Town Tersus are Chosen Constables for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

L<sup>t</sup> Tobijah Perkins; Corp<sup>l</sup> Joseph Town; Lt. Ephraim

Dorman: Thomas Howlett and Samuel Stanley are chosen  
Selectmen for the year Insuing voted

Joshua Town: Nathaniel Porter and Jesse Dorman are  
chosen Surveyers of highways for the year Insuing voted

Sarj<sup>t</sup> John Averell and Corp<sup>l</sup> Ephraim Willds are Chosen  
ffence viewers for the year Insuing voted

Sarj<sup>t</sup> John Gould; Timothy Perkins Jun<sup>r</sup> and John Curtis  
Jun<sup>r</sup> are chosen Tithing men for the year Insuing voted

William Town is chosen Grand Jury man for y<sup>e</sup> year Insu-  
ing voted

Sarj<sup>t</sup> John Hovey and Michael Dwaniel Jun<sup>r</sup> are chosen to  
serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich Court next Insuing  
voted

Samuel Stanley sen<sup>r</sup> is Chosen School Master for the year  
Insuing voted

Benjemen Bixby is Chosen to Dig Graves in y<sup>e</sup> Town &  
to have three shillings and six pence per Grave for all above  
four foot long: and two shillings for all under four foot long  
voted

Thomas Dwaniel and William Hobs are Chosen Hawards  
or field drivers for the year Insuing voted

the Town agreed to lay a restriction upon Cuting of wood  
and timber upon our Tewn Common voted

[134] and the restriction is as followeth: viz that no Tree  
or Pole under a foot over shall be Cut down upon our Town  
Common on penalty of Ten Shillings per Tree or Pole: and  
also that no Tree or Trees above a foot over shall be cut  
d[own] upon said Common under the penalty of Twenty  
Shillings per Tree voted

M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Peabody; Corp<sup>l</sup> Daniel Clarke; Phillip Knight  
and Isaac Eastey Jun<sup>r</sup> Enter there Contryrary desent

y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1708-9 Sarj<sup>t</sup> Gould; Timothy Per-  
kins Jun<sup>r</sup> & John Curtis Jun<sup>r</sup> being chosen tithing-men for

the year Insuing were Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull discharg of that office by y<sup>e</sup> Town Clarke & y<sup>e</sup> SelectMen on y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> Day as Attests Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Tops<sup>d</sup> and John Hovey Jun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph Town Tersus being chosen Constables for y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing were sworn to the faithfull discharge of that Office on y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> day of March by y<sup>e</sup> Town Clerke & SelectMen as Attests Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Tops<sup>d</sup> and Nathaniel Porter; Jesse Dorman and Joshua Town being chosen surveyers of high Wayes were sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull discharg of that office by the Select Men. Entred per me Sam<sup>ll</sup> Stanley Town Clerke and John Averel and Corp<sup>ll</sup> Ephraim Willds took y<sup>e</sup> oath of fence viewers Entered per me Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Tops<sup>d</sup>

At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield on y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> Day of April 1709 L<sup>t</sup> Tobij[a]h Perkins is Representitive Chosen for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing  
voted

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield on the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of May 1709 Thomas Perkins sen<sup>r</sup> and Elisha Perkins are Chosen to serve on the Grand-Jury at Ipswich Superiour Court to be held on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> tuesDay of May Instant.  
voted

and Deac. Samuel Howlett, Sarj<sup>t</sup> Daniel Redington & Ebenezer Averell are Chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Court  
voted

At a Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen May: 9<sup>th</sup> 1709: Sarj<sup>t</sup> John Batchelder & Sam<sup>ll</sup> ffisk Jun<sup>r</sup> and William Rogers or any two of them are Chosen & appointed & Impowered to Meet with such as shall be appointed by the Selectmen of Topsfield to perambulate the Bound line between our Towns of Topsfield and Wenham: and to meet at the westerly End of Causway on y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> day of may Instant at: 9; of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning by order of the Selectmen of Wenham

William fairfield Town Clerke

We whose Names are under written being appointed & Impowerd to renew bounds between Wenham and Topsfield being met and have renewed the Bounds



may the 9<sup>th</sup> 1709

John Batchelder  
William Rogers

Copia vera as Attests Sam<sup>n</sup> Stanley Town Cler.

At a lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield it being their General Town Meeting on y<sup>e</sup> first Day of march 1708-9: the Town agreed to lay a restriction upon y<sup>e</sup> Cuting of Wood and Timber upon our Town Common  
voted

the restriction is as followeth: viz: that no Tree or Pole under a foot over shall be cut down upon our Town Common under y<sup>e</sup> penalty of Ten Shillings per Tree or Pole: and also that no Tree or Trees above a foot over shall be Cut down upon said Common under the penalty of Twente Shillings per Tree  
voted

this is a true Copy as it stands Entred in Topsfield Records as Attests Sam<sup>n</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Essex. fs. Att a General Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> peace holden at Ipswich march 29, 1709 the above By-Laws were Read Considered allowe[d] and confirmed

Attest Stephen Sewall Cler.

We whose Names are under written Being Chosen by y<sup>e</sup> Towne of Salem & Topsfield to perambulate y<sup>e</sup> Bounds between s<sup>d</sup> Towns have accordingly owned and renewed them unto a red oak Tree with a heap of Stones at it commonly called or known to be by crumwells Rock and from thence to a heap of stons between three white oke Trees by a great Ash Swamp; then to a heap of stons near Nickolsis Brook then to a dry Tree fallen down with a heap of stons near Nickolsis Brook then to a dry Tree fallen down with a heap of stons at it; near the head of Smiths medow; then to a crotched Black Oak Tree Near [135] Wheell Brook and thence to a white oak Tree with Stons at it near Wenham highway.

Dated April Eighteenth Day 1709

for Topsfield

John How  
Ephraim [                    ]  
Tobijah Perkins

for Salem

Peter Osgood

Copia vera attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

Wee whose Names are hereunto Subscribed; being appointed by Ipswich and Topsfield for Perambulation on y<sup>e</sup> Bounds between said towns Respectively; have mett the twenty fifth of this Instant & have Renewed y<sup>e</sup> Bounds as followeth; beginning att the Apple Tree in L<sup>t</sup> Thomas Perleys field; thence to a Black Oak Tree with Stons at it thence to a whitt oak Tree marked with Stons at it; near y<sup>e</sup> Pond called M<sup>r</sup> Bakers Pond so on a straight Line to y<sup>e</sup> Pond; thence as y<sup>e</sup> Pond runs to a White oak Tree marked with Stons at it; at y<sup>e</sup> South East corner of s<sup>d</sup> pond next ffosters; thence to a Black oak-Tree w<sup>th</sup> Stons at it; nex[t] to a wallnutt Tree w<sup>th</sup> Stons at it; thence to Crotched Red oak tree w<sup>th</sup> Stons in y<sup>e</sup> crotch; next to a Red oak tree w<sup>th</sup> Stones at it; next to an olde white oak tree in Jacob ffosters field; and so on a Straight Line to M<sup>r</sup> Symon- sis farm so called; and then s<sup>d</sup> farme to be y<sup>e</sup> Bound till it coms to a stake by or near a Spring near y<sup>e</sup> corner of M<sup>r</sup> Winthrops farme in a Meadow from thence to a stake & stons at it; on y<sup>e</sup> Side of M<sup>r</sup> Pains Hill so called: then from s<sup>d</sup> Stake westwardly to a Stake & Heap of Stons; and so on a line to y<sup>e</sup> Brook that runs to William Howletts Hous then as y<sup>e</sup> Brook Runs into Ipswich River.

Ipswich Men

William Howlett

Nathaniel Hart

Phillip ffowler

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1709

Topsfield Men

Samuel Howlett

Thomas Perley

Copia vera as Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

This 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1709 we whose Names are Subscribed; have according as we were Impowered by y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen; lay'd out a highway for our Town to y<sup>e</sup> Clay Pites: and allso for Beverley and Wenham Men to cary ther Hay according to our Town order; begining at the Medow by Thomas Townses so by the fence on y<sup>e</sup> left hand and a white oak on the right hand Marked: and so on between the fence & a Black oak marked and so on between Thomas Townses fence on y<sup>e</sup> left



to y<sup>e</sup> great Hill; and then y<sup>e</sup> plain path till it comes to Wenham Land; with Trees marked all the way.

this is a true copy Entred	John Curtis
per Sam <sup>ll</sup> Stanley Town	Daniel Redington
Cler.	Elisha Perkins

Dat<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1709

[136] Rec<sup>d</sup> of Consta<sup>ble</sup> Perkins; Consta: Timothy Perkins; who was Constable for the year 1695 I say Received of him this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> mon<sup>th</sup> 1709 M<sup>r</sup> Endicotts Rates; in pay & money for y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> year, which was 16 shillings pay and 5 shillings money I owing said Perkins for Bricks; he accepting so much as Payed by me Joseph Capen

Accepted of Consta<sup>ble</sup> Nathaniel Averell the full of whot he was to colect as Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1702 there being about Twenty shillings behinde to be colected by him; which on his word to see it done to my Satisfaction I have accepted it as allready done; I say accepted it as in full for that year this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> mon<sup>th</sup> 1709 by me Joseph Capen

Boston Novem<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1709 Rec<sup>d</sup> of John ffrench Consta. of Topsfield Eighteen pounds five shillings & Tenn pence in full rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treasurer per Jn<sup>o</sup> Whellwright

may 14<sup>th</sup> 1709 then or before Received of Constable Thomas Howlett the full of what was Committed to him to gather for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> ministry in Topsfield for y<sup>e</sup> Year 1704 I say received by me then or before the full both in pay or money per me Joseph Capen

A true Copy as Attests Samuel Stanley Town Cler.

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Corp<sup>ll</sup> Joseph Town as constable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1697 ye full of Rates wear committed to him to colect for my use I say rec<sup>d</sup> in full this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1707-8 [*sic*] then or before me Joseph Capen

Copia vera Attests Sam<sup>ll</sup> Slanley Town Clerke

Att a Lawfull & General meeting of the Town of Tops-

field on ye seventh Day of march one Thousand Seven Hundred and Nine or Ten Deac: Samuel Howlett is chosen moderator for ye Day voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerke for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

Thomas Robinson & Zacheus Gould are chosen Contables for the year Insuing voted

Clerke Elisha Perk[i]ns Jacob Town Ebenezer Averell John Curtis and Samuel Stanley are chosen Select men for ye year Insuing voted

John Prichitt; John Burton and Jacob Robinson are chosen Surveyers of high-ways for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing; voted

Jacob Estey and John Town are chosen fence-viewers for the year Insuing voted

Lieu<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Dorman: Thomas Howlett and John french are chosen Tything[men] for the year Insuing voted

Zacheus Perkin[s] and John Dwaniel are chosen field Drivers for y<sup>e</sup> year Insuing voted

Isaac Estey is chosen to serue on y<sup>e</sup> Grand Jury for ye year Insuing voted

Corp<sup>l</sup> Joseph Town and Joseph Gould are chosen to Serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trials at next Cour[t] to be holden at Ipswich next after y<sup>e</sup> date hereof

The above named Town Officers wear all sworn to ye fathfull discharge thier respective offices by the Select men on y<sup>e</sup> above s<sup>d</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Day of march 1709 or 10 as attests Samuel Stanley Town Clerke for Topsfield

At a Lawfull Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield on y<sup>e</sup> Ninth Day may 1710 Capt John How and Dec<sup>n</sup> Thomas Dorman are Chosen to serve on the Grand Jury at the next Superiour Court to be holden at Ipswich on y<sup>e</sup> third TuesDay of May Ins<sup>t</sup> voted

And Sarj<sup>t</sup> Daniel Clarke, Thomas Howlett and Nathaniel

Averell are chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of trials at y<sup>e</sup> above  
s<sup>d</sup> Court voted

At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield on y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>  
of Septem<sup>r</sup> 1710 Phillip Knight is chosen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury  
of trials at Newbury Court voted

Rec<sup>d</sup> of John Hovey former Constable ye sum of foure  
Pounds and one shilling of y<sup>e</sup> accou<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> county Rate for  
y<sup>e</sup> Town of Topsfield it being in full for their proportion  
per John Appleton County Treas

Ipswh Sep<sup>t</sup> 7, 1710

Copia vera Attests Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerk for Tops

[137] Boston Novem<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1710 Rec<sup>d</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Hovey  
Consta<sup>l</sup> of Topsfield Sixteen Pounds seven shillings & five  
pence in full rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas per John Wheel-  
wright

Copia vera Attest Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Town Clerke for Tops-  
field.

Boston Novem<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1710 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Mr Zacheus Gould  
consta of Topsfield Twenty Eight Pounds Seven shillings in  
Part rec<sup>d</sup> for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Treas per Jer. allene

Copia vera Attests, Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanley Cler.

At a Lawfull meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of  
Topsfield Janua<sup>r</sup>y 3<sup>d</sup> 1710-11 Zacheus Gould is chosen to  
prosecute any that have or shall cut down Wood or Timber  
upon our Town Common Contrary to y<sup>e</sup> Town order voted

Boston September 20<sup>th</sup> 1710 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Consta Joseph Town  
of Topsfield thirteen Pounds and three shillings in full: rec<sup>d</sup>  
for M<sup>r</sup> James Taylor Tresr. per Jer. Allene

At a Lawfull Meeting of the Town of Topsfield it being  
there General Town Meeting on the Sixth Day of March  
1910-11 Leivt. Tobijah Perkins is chosen Moderator for  
the Day voted

Samuel Stanley is Chosen Town Clerke for y<sup>e</sup> year In-  
suing voted

*(To be continued.)*

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF  
NEHEMIAH KNEELAND,  
PIONEER OF TOPSFIELD, MAINE.

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Died, in Topsfield, Maine, suddenly, of heart disease, on June 28th, 1869, Mr. Nehemiah Kneeland. He was the son of Aaron and Hannah (Ramsdell) Kneeland and was born in Topsfield, in our county of Essex, May 5th, 1789, and being one of a large family of children, which increased in numbers beyond the capacity of the paternal mansion, it became necessary that the older boys should step out to give place to those who were coming after, and Nehemiah, having grown to the stature of a man, with a will and courage proportionate to a good share of physical strength, about 1808 started off to make his own fortune. As the then district of Maine was comparatively a wilderness, and the current of emigration had not at that time began its flow towards the West, he directed his course towards the East, and made his first stopping place in the (then) little town of Harrison, Me., which at that time had but comparatively a handful of inhabitants. There he remained about ten years, when the population became so thick,—the houses getting within some half mile of each other, and having left his father's house to find room, Harrison soon lost its charms for him, and he determined to penetrate the wilderness still farther, and from Harrison he moved northwardly to the "rural district" of Lincoln, which was then a small township with few inhabitants.

There he stayed eight years, when he began to feel the same annoyances which caused him to leave Harrison, the population becoming too dense, the neighbors getting within a mile or so towards him, with a young family of his own, and that (like his father's) still expanding, he formed another determination to make one more move, and as a large portion of Maine was an unbroken wilderness he determined to penetrate its trackless forests far beyond the haunts of civilized man, and with no other guide or assistant than the man who drove his team of oxen thither, he directed his attention and packed on his sled his household effects and farming implements, topping his load with his wife (she was Mary Goodhue of Salem) and seven children, (5 boys and 2 daughters), and started in February, 1832, through a pathless wilderness and untrodden snow of two or three feet deep—with no shelter to protect them from the severity of the storms and weather. None but a man of determined will and undaunted courage would hazard the undertaking, but he was a man just adapted to the task, to qualify him for a successful pioneer. With axe in hand, felling trees and clearing away the underbrush to make a path for the patient oxen as they drew all of this earth most dear to him, patiently and perseveringly he cut his way for thirteen wearisome days and nights; and on the morning of the fourteenth day he made a final stop, unpacked his load and sent back his man. His first business was to cut and prepare logs and build a snug, warm cabin and then to commence clearing a patch for the cultivation of a crop the coming summer, and to learn the geographical location of his whereabouts. He found himself located in what was set down on the chart of the "District of Maine" as "No. 8." The new and rich soil gave him a bountiful harvest; the streams were abundant in trout; wild game, such as moose, deer, and bear, were as plenty as might be desired and easily captured.

As his five sons and two daughters grew up, one after another found their way into the outer world and took to themselves partners to share the responsibilities of life in Section No. 8. As building materials were abundant, with a fine stream of water and good mill privilege, they built mills for sawing their logs into lumber and built them houses. And



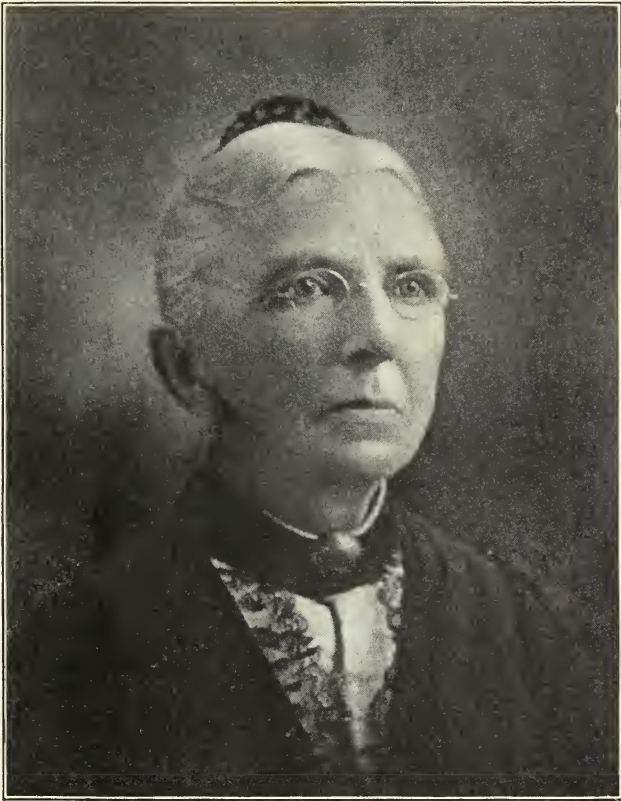
as the romance of the father wore away, and seeing the necessity of a more dense population which would create a market for the lumber which the saw was turning out, as well as the introduction of social and moral advantages which his family needed, inducements were held out for settlers to come in. As "No. 8" implied nothing but a wilderness, it was thought proper to incorporate it into a town with a name and in 1838 Mr. Kneeland applied to the Legislature, and by his own request had it incorporated as the town of Topsfield, naming it after the place of his nativity in Massachusetts. Emigration soon commenced to set towards Topsfield. Its rich alluvial soil invited the farmer; the vast extent of the mighty forest, with excellent water privileges for converting its timber into lumber by building saw mills, the lumber men and mechanics of different trades. Soon the rough log houses gave way to pretty cottages, after a New England model. With this steady increase both by birth and emigration it has now attained to a population that supports a post office, two religious societies, and several school houses. Instead of the ox-cart and sled, the horse and buggy in summer, and the sleigh in winter are used. All this took place under the observation of Mr. Kneeland, who in his own day saw the "wilderness bud and blossom like the rose," and become one of the most thriving towns in Washington County. Mr. Kneeland always maintained an integrity of character which he inherited from his father ("Elder Kneeland," as he was called), and enjoyed the confidence and respect which was due to him who first planted the standard of civilization on the soil trodden before him by none other than the savage and the wild beast. Like a patriarch of old he looked upon the inhabitants as his children and in return was looked up to with the reverence due to him; and at his death was "gathered," not "with his fathers," but beneath the soil of his adoption; and though dead, his name will be as perpetual as that of the town.

## MRS. ELLEN AUGUSTA (HOOD) WELCH.

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Mrs. Ellen Augusta (Hood) Welch, who died in Topsfield, March 13, 1906, was the youngest daughter of John Gould and Sarah Brown Hood, and was born in Topsfield, August 22, 1839, being of the sixth generation from Richard Hood, the immigrant, who settled in Lynn, Mass., about 1650. She was in her younger days a student of the then famous Topsfield Academy, instituted June 12, 1828, and was a member of the committee in charge of the Reunion of the Teachers and Students of the Academy, held August 12, 1897. She was a charter member of the Topsfield Historical Society. February 6, 1861, she was married at Ipswich, by Rev. Daniel Fitz, to William Welch of Newburyport, who, together with three sons, William Brown, of Plymouth, Justin Hood, and Leone Parker of Topsfield, survive her.

Mrs. Welch was a woman of a bright, keen intellect, fair minded to a degree, and when once her friendship had been won, it was a friendship unswerving to the end. Her interests included the Congregational church, anything appertaining to the welfare of the town, and current events, to each of which she was ever ready to lend her aid, although of a most retiring disposition, never putting herself forward or in any way making herself conspicuous. To those of her friends less fortunate than herself, she was ever kind and sympathetic. Above all else Mrs. Welch was a "home woman." To her, the love of home, husband, and children was paramount. Her first idea of duty seemed to be that of ministering to their needs, to create a happy home life, in short—to be a wife and mother in the fullest, deepest sense of the term. She was a great lover of the truth, and during many years of personal friendship, the writer never heard her speak ill of any one or take part in petty gossip, choosing for herself higher ideals. Her "going home" has been a great loss to her family and those chosen friends who knew her best.



MRS. ELLEN A. (HOOD) WELCH.



## ALBERT WEBSTER.

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Albert Webster, long one of Boston's prominent business men, died at his home in Topsfield, November 8, 1902. He was the son of Jonathan P. and Susan (Knight) Chapman and was born in Ipswich, March 16, 1824. At the age of seven he was bound out in Topsfield where he remained until he was fourteen when he ran away and at last found employment in a bakery at Lowell. About this time he changed his name to Webster. He soon made his way to Boston where he found work in a candy store at 3 Brattle street and where, at the age of twenty, he went into business for himself, continuing there until 1861, when he established on Washington street the first exclusively confectioner's establishment in Boston. Here, under the old Marlboro Hotel, he sold candy until the building was demolished in 1876, and Webster's candy was the acknowledged standard of excellence. Later he was in business on Temple place and on Tremont street. He had been a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company since 1846 and his splendid figure always attracted attention among the Ancients, where he was noted for his dignified and noble bearing. He was also a 32d degree Mason of the Massachusetts Consistory, and a charter member of the Topsfield Historical Society. Advancing years and new methods of business caused his retirement in 1890 since when he had lived at his country place in Topsfield. Mr. Webster had three daughters and one son by his first wife, Catherine Falvey. Later he married Mary F. Loring, a member of the Choate family. His son was betrothed to Una Hawthorne, daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne, the celebrated Romancer, but he died before the marriage while on a voyage to Honolulu.

## HARRIET E. TODD.

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On the 8th of April, 1905, occurred the death of Miss Harriett E. Todd. She was one of the charter members of the Historical Society and always felt a deep interest in its welfare. For the three years previous to her death she held the office of curator.

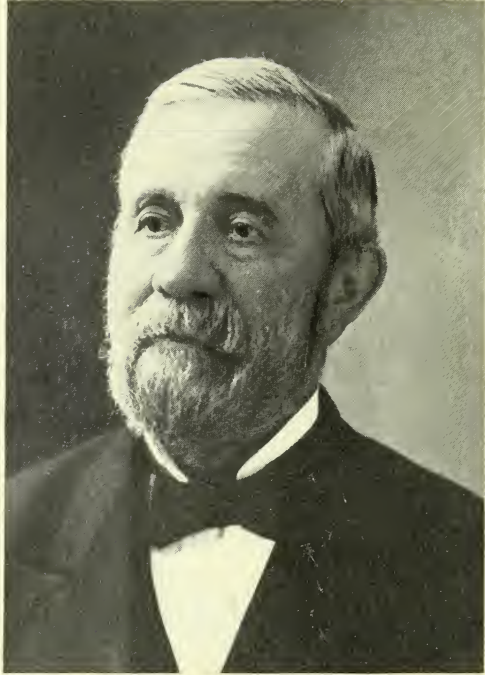
Miss Todd was born in Topsfield on October 31st, 1843, and was the daughter of Samuel and Harriett (Chase) Todd. The greater part of her life was spent in her native town, where she was loved and respected by all who knew her. In her character was blended the fearless integrity of her New England forefathers with a gentle and unselfish disposition of her own. On March 3rd, 1895, she joined the Congregational church and was always a ready and willing worker for its interest and gave liberally for its support. She was an active member of the Women's Missionary Society and many a struggling missionary has felt her interest and support. In the Ladies' Society and Sunday School she was an untiring worker.

#### IRA PERLEY LONG.

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Ira Perley Long, the son of Henry and Catherine (Perley) Long, was born at Topsfield, Mass., February 20, 1857, and died there on December 30, 1903. He married, July 29, 1877, Harriet Lake Follansbee, daughter of Moses C. and Martha (Wayland) Follansbee, who died October 1, 1893. Five children were born to them; Ethel Catherine and Ruth Alice, who died Sept. 1, 1893; Henry Follansbee, and William Chester, and Perley Lamont who died May 9, 1888. December 14, 1898, he married Laura Anna Cummings, daughter of Alfred and Salome M. (Welch) Cummings. He began to learn the trade of blacksmithing, in the shop founded by his father, but then carried on by the firm of Hurd and McLane. After staying a year with them, he moved to Danvers, where he was employed by Michael Buckley, who ran a shop at the "Port." Finishing his apprenticeship, he returned to Topsfield, and in 1877, bought J. B. McLane's share of the business, where he began his apprenticeship. After a few years of partnership with D. E. Hurd he purchased the part owned by Mr. Hurd, and carried on the business under his own name until his death. He was one of the best known men in the vicinity, and respected and loved by all who knew him. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was a charter member of the Topsfield Historical Society.





JOHN AVERELL GOULD



## JOHN AVERELL GOULD.

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John Averell Gould died at his home, 18 Sutherland Road, Boston, January 30, 1906. He was elected a member of the Topsfield Historical Society, October 2, 1896. He was born in Topsfield, Mass., March 6, 1819, and was the son of John and Mary (Averell) Gould, and a direct descendant from Zaccheus Gould who was one of the founders of the town. At one time he and his son, Capt. John Gould, were the largest land owners in the region of Topsfield. Among his ancestors will be found many of the best-known Essex County family names, including those of Peabody, Appleton, Dudley, Bradstreet, Foster, Capen, Emerson, Robinson and Baker.

Mr. Gould graduated at the Topsfield Academy, and taught school in Beverly, North Reading, and Manchester, settling in Woburn in 1850, and was identified with musical matters in that town, being organist of the Congregational Church, and composing a number of pieces of music which were favorably received. He moved to Chelsea in 1863 and was a prominent member of the old Chestnut St. Congregational Church in that city, and served on the Chelsea school committee several years, and also was a member of the Common Council. While teaching school in Manchester he married, October 5, 1845, Elizabeth Cheever Leach, daughter of Capt. Benjamin Leach, of that town. After the death of his wife, in 1893, he moved to Boston, where he resided until his death. After teaching school for several years, he entered the law office of Gardiner G. Hubbard—one of the earliest owners in the American Bell Telephone Company, and whose daughter became the wife of Alexander Graham Bell. Later, Mr. Gould associated himself in business with his uncle, Dr. John Porter, of Wenham, under the firm name of John Porter & Company, who were pioneers in the manufacture of Porter's Patent Burning Fluid—so extensively used before petroleum was discovered. Later, he was associated with his son, under the name of Gould & Co., in the paint and oil business, and since 1889 had been a Director in the Gould & Cutler Corporation, of which his son, George L. Gould, is President. Mr. Gould had thus been identified with the oil and paint business of Boston for fifty-three years,

and his record during all this time was that of a high-minded, old-fashioned, respected merchant. He was always interested in matters pertaining to Essex County and particularly his birthplace, Topsfield, where his son has built a modern residence, the estate now being known as "Pinelands." He left six children—one son and five daughters, among the latter being Elizabeth Porter Gould, the well known literary woman and authoress. He was buried at the family lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Topsfield, February 2, 1906.

### SARAH PERKINS DWINELL.

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Sarah Perkins, daughter of John and Louisa Richards Dwinell, was born in Topsfield, Nov. 22, 1822. Her early education was acquired at the district school in the southern part of the town. After completing her studies at the Topsfield Academy she was offered the position of teacher in the village school, but declined the offer, partly on account of her health, which was never robust, and also because she thought she was needed at home. She was a woman of a broad mind and of a keen intellect. She possessed a retentive memory and could furnish information in regard to affairs of the church and town nearly to the last. She was an ardent genealogist, and assisted Dr. Dannel of New York City in the preparation of the Dannel—Dwinell Genealogy which was published in 1852. She was an artist of considerable ability, and not only could draw from nature but could produce very life-like portraits. The portrait of the Rev. Anson McLoud which she drew, she prized very highly. It was pronounced by Mrs. McLoud to be the best picture of her husband she had ever seen. She was a constant reader, especially of the Bible, which she read through every year, and was always ready to give an answer to any question referred to her which might be found therein. She was a charter member of the Topsfield Historical Society, and died July 18, 1905.

# VITAL STATISTICS OF TOPSFIELD, MASS.

FOR THE YEAR 1905.

## BIRTHS.

1905.

- Jan. 8. Donald Elbridge, son of Wm. H. and Margaret Lena (Cullinane) Walsh.  
Feb. 20. Claudine, dau. of Melvin White and Bessie Evelyn (Welch) Smerage.  
Mar. 18. Harry Warren, son of Timothy Jesse and Edith Alma (Smith) Fuller.  
Apr. 11. Ellen, dau. of James Francis and Mary Agnes (Sheehan) Creedon.  
Apr. 16. Robert Russell, son of Herbert and Alice B. (Johnson) Lewis.  
Apr. 26. Gertrude Genevieve, dau. of Thomas F. and Fannie (O'Dea) Cass.  
May 20. Vivian May, dau. of Willie Albert and Grace Edith (Pierce) Fuller.  
May 21. Ruth Esther, dau. of Frederick Maxamillian and Cora Pearl (Kneeland) Williams.  
July 15. Bernard, son of Albert Herman and Josie (Tinkham) Davison.  
July 27. Frank E., son of Charles Augustus and Phoebe Anne (Ingalls) Brown.  
Aug. 4. Alice Katherine, dau. of John and Annie (Roche) Fitzgibbons.  
Aug. 14. Annie L., dau. of Hiram Leslie and Mary Louise (Murphy) Clay.  
Aug. 20. Florence Lillian, dau. of Joseph Howard and Delia Rose (Baker) Burnett.  
Aug. 26. Katherine, dau. of Oliver and Susie May (Alden) Thayer.  
Dec. 10. Irene, dau. of Samuel and Agnes (Caswell) Nicol.  
Dec. 30. Charles Hobart, son of Charles Hobart and Mary Elizabeth (Collins) Lake.

## MARRIAGES.

1905.

- Jan. 11. { William P. Elwell (Danvers), son of Andrew and Abbie (Foster) Elwell.  
Ada L. Welch (Topsfield), dau. of C. Frank and Emma (Wallace) Welch.  
Feb. 22. { James W. Goldthwait (Topsfield), son of Dennison W. and Adeline (Johnson) Goldthwait.  
Julia S. Hill (Lynn) dau. of Reuben and Roxana (Weymouth) Hill.

## MARRIAGES (Continued).

June	20.	{ Thomas F. Kane (Peabody), son Henry H. and Mary I. (Cabene) Kane. Mary Belle Taylor (Topsfield), dau. of Wm. B. and Annie E. (Millard) Taylor.
June	21.	{ LeRoy Lynwood Smerage (Topsfield), son of Fred and Ella A. (Chapman) Smerage. Annie Maude Mellish (Melrose), dau. of I. Murray and Elizabeth Anne (Holman) Mellish.
Oct.	18.	{ John Willard Dwinell (Topsfield), son of Willard A. and Ruth A. (Stickney) Dwinell. Susie Marian Kelley (Winthrop), dau. of Wm. E. and Annie E. (Cole) Kelley.
Oct.	18.	{ John Robinson Gould (Topsfield), son of Samuel and Betsey (Scudder) Gould. Marion Elizabeth Averill (Topsfield), dau. of C. Austin and Margaret Y. (Sweeney) Averill.
Nov.	26.	{ George Manning Tilton (Topsfield), son of Albert F. and Emily D. (Manning) Tilton. Elsie Belle Frame (Topsfield), dau. of Francis C. and Elizabeth (Boardman) Frame.
Nov.	26.	{ Warren Thaxter Tilton (Topsfield) son of Albert F. and Emily D. (Manning) Tilton. Grace Adelaide Frame (Topsfield), dau. of Francis C. and Elizabeth (Boardman) Frame.

## DEATHS.

1905.

- Jan. 14. Thomas F. Cass, son of Thomas and Margaret (Riley) Cass, aged 50 yrs. 2 mos. 25 dys.
- Jan. 20. Eliza Ann, widow of Amos Smith Chapman, and dau. of Elisha and Dolly (Perkins) Perkins, aged 86 yrs. 8 mos. 17 dys.
- Apr. 7. Mary Jane, widow of Horace Jones Blanchard, and dau. of John and Merriam (Sargent) Able, aged 65 yrs.
- Apr. 8. Harriet Elizabeth Todd, dau. of Samuel and Harriet L. (Chase) Todd, aged, 61 yrs. 5 mos. 8 dys.
- May 20. Catherine Elizabeth Webster, dau. of Albert and Catherine E. (Falvy) Webster, aged 53 yrs. 2 mos.
- May 21. Vivian May Fuller, dau. of Willie A. and Grace E. (Pierce) Fuller, aged 12 hours.
- May 28. Charles William Stark, son of Joachim and Frederika (Stark) Stark, aged 25 yrs. 10 mos. 28 dys.
- June 19. Lucy Abbott, wife of Wm. S. Bell, and dau. of Christian Sleppy, aged 66 yrs. 6 mos. 16 days.

## DEATHS (Continued).

- July 18. Sarah Perkins Dwinell, dau. of John and Louisa (Richards) Dwinell, aged 82 yrs. 8 mos. 1 dy.
- Aug. 2. Charles H. Lake, son of Eben H. and Susan S. (Whitiker) Lake, aged 48 yrs. 1 mo. 2 dys.
- Aug. 3. Amos Fuller, son of Benjamin and Eliza M. (Foster) Fuller, aged 31 yrs. 4 mos. 9 dys.
- Aug. 9. Robert Preston Williams, son of Ezra P. and Lydia P. (Ober) Williams, aged 29 yrs. 9 mos. 13 dys.
- Aug. 11. Bernard Davison, son of Albert H. and Josie (Tinkham) Davison, aged 27 dys.
- Aug. 20. Florence Lillian Burnett, dau. of Joseph H. and Delia Rose (Baker), Burnett, aged 2 hours.
- Aug. 26. Bertha A., wife of Thos. F. McKeague and dau. of Neil and Mary (McDonald) McDonald, aged 25 yrs.
- Sept. 24. Mildred Gardner Kneeland, dau. of Cyrus A. S. and Annie (Latter) Kneeland, aged, 10 yrs. 2 mos.
- Sept. 30. Emily A. Dodge, dau. of Pyam and Lucy (Langdell) Dodge, aged 77 yrs. 9 mos.
- Nov. 12. Ruth Hannah, widow of John Thurston, and dau. of Wm. Bridges aged 73 yrs. 5 mos. 21 dys.
- Nov. 13. Minnie, wife of Thomas F. Farrell, and dau. of John and Mary (Kinne) Mullaney, aged 38 yrs. 7 mos. 26 days. (Died in Salem).
- Nov. 16. Benjamin Colburn Dodd, son of Benj. C. and Elizabeth (Goodell) Dodd, aged 62 yrs. 5 mos. 16 dys.

## Deaths in other places, Interment in Topsfield.

1905.

- Jan. 9. Harrison P. Bradstreet, died at Boston, Mass., aged 68 yrs. 9 mos. 9 dys.
- Feb. 25. Willian Perkins Towne, died at Boston, Mass., aged 62 yrs.
- Apr. 4. Elijah Benton Wallace, died at Wenham, Mass., aged 65 yrs. 8 dys.
- Apr. 25. Benj. W. Fuller, died at Boxford, Mass., aged 39 yrs. 29 dys.
- May 13. Juliette Preignan, died at Boston, Mass., aged 34 yrs.
- Aug. 10. John N. Towne, died at Danvers, Mass., aged 52 yrs. 2 mos. 10 dys.
- Oct. 24. Julia Rowena Towne, died at Evanston, Ill., aged 88 yrs. 28 dys.
- Nov. 5. Erastus Kenney Clarke, died at Lynn, Mass., aged 77 yrs. 2 mos. 15 dys.
- Nov. 25. Annie L. Heath, died at Beverly, Mass., aged 2 mos. 12 dys.
- Dec. 14. Anstis P. Downes, died at Melrose, Mass., aged 93 yrs. 3 mos. 27 dys.

## CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN TOPSFIELD IN 1905.

- March 15. House of T. Jesse Fuller damaged by fire.
- April. Rev. Herbert S. Dow of Shelburne Falls, Mass., appointed pastor of the Methodist Church.
- April. Very dry weather with numerous forest fires.
- June 15. Two additional passenger trains stopping at Topsfield, provided by the B. & M. Railroad.
- September. Thomas E. Proctor purchases the Dr. H. F. Sears estate.
- September. Charles Ross elected principal of the High School.
- Oct. 9. Two more passenger trains stopping at Topsfield provided by the B. & M. Railroad.
- October. The Robinson-Perkins-Donaldson property in the east part of the town sold to J. F. Lawrence of Boston.
- Oct.-Dec. Epidemic of scarlet fever.

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 BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE YEAR 1905.

- Bradley B. Palmer, Asbury street; dwelling house, garage, and ice house.
- Gilbert B. Balch; barn on Howlett street.
- George Francis Dow, Main street; addition to dwelling house.
- Mrs. Anna A. Clerk, Main street; addition to dwelling house and stable; hen house formerly on the Pemberton-Jackman place moved and remodelled into a dove-cote.
- Thomas W. Pierce, Boston street; garage, at the "Ray" farm.
- Mrs. Edward S. Thayer, Boston street; store house.
- Thomas E. Proctor, Perkins street; carriage house.
- Charles V. Jackman, Central street; blacksmith shop.
- E. B. Woodbury & Co. Summer street; coal and hay shed.









