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RECORDS

—OF—

JOHN GARY,

The first town clerk of

BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,

—FROM—

1656 to 1681.

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*To the numerous family in AMERICA bearing
the honored name of CARY, this record is respectfully
dedicated, by*

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NOTE.

John Cary, or Carew as it was once spelled, the immigrant, came to New England from Somersetshire, England, and settled in Duxbury, Mass., in 1639, being then 25 years old. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Francis Godfrey, in 1644 and by her had in Duxbury, John, 1645; Francis, 1647; Elizabeth, 1649.

He then removed to Braintree, and had James, 1652, and finally settled in Bridgewater where his remaining eight children were born. He was one of the fifty four original proprietors of the town of Bridgewater. He removed from Braintree to Bridgewater in 1654. In 1656 he was chosen Constable, being the first town officer and only one elected that year.

He was the first town clerk, serving until 1681. He lived in what is now West Bridgewater, and about one fourth of a mile ^{east} ~~west~~ of the old church. He died in 1681. His wife died in 1680.

TOWN RECORDS

—OF—

BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

From the Incorporation of the town in 1656.

4*

The children of John Cary;

Eleventh whose name is Sarah was borne the second of August 1667.

The twelfth whose name is Mahitabell was born the twenty-fourth of the last month, 1670. See 10th page for record of 10 first children.

The day and yeare of the Birth of the Children of John Cary Junior heare in the towne of Bridgewater is as followeth. And his marriage was the 7th of December 1670.

Imprimis, his first borne whose name was John was brought forth into the world the first November 1671, and the Lord took hime to himselfe, and was buried the nine and twentieth of Desember '71.

The second whose name is Seth was borne the 28th of January 1672.

The third whose name is John was borne the 9th of Desember 1674.

The fourth whose name is Nathaniel was born the 24th of November 1676.

The fift whose name is Eliazer was born the 27th of September, 1678.

The sixth whose name is James was born the 16th of June 1680.

The marriage of James Cary which was solemnized the 4 day of January in the year of our Lord 1681.

His first born being a daughter who was borne in the sixt of November in 1683 of the same month son whose name [The residue torn off.] to the world

5
Lands laid out for Experience Michell in the towne of Bridgewater, as followeth: seventy six Acres of upland liing between Thomas Heyward seynior butting upon Johns river on the North side, runing in length about South West and North East. m A parcel of meddow land laid out in the Great meddow liing upon the North side of Nunchketatesett River lying between Goodman Browne's lott & George Partridge's lott in the same meddow.

6

It is Ordered and Agreed upon by the Towne, the tenth of July 1660, freely And willingly to give to Mr. Buncker if he shall come Heyther to supply the place of A minister, the sum of twenty pounds & his diet.

It is Inacted by the Towne this 22d. of february 1660, that all cattle that goith upon the Common till a midsummer day, whether it be their own or other folks, are to be rated for.

7

Be it knowne unto all men by these presents that Nathaniel Willis and Lawrence Willis Inhabitants of the Towne of Bridgewater do bind ourselves to free the said town of Bridgewater from any charge or Damage upon said Towne by the keeping their brother Jonathan Willis, and to the which Ingagement we the aboved named Nathaniel Willis and Lawrence Willis have Hereunto sett our hands this eighth day of January 1656.

NATHANIEL WILLIS.
LAWRANCE WILLIS.

It is agreed upon by the Towne of Bridgewater the twelfe of March 1656, that there shall be five woulfe traps made and completely finished, the first tow traps by Goodman Bassett and Goodman Heyward Junior and Good-

man
Goodman Heyward Senior
Goodman Harris & Goodm
Lawrence Willis John
Goodman Lathrope & Goo
finish another and that Goo
Edson and Goodman Foabs
& that Goodman Willis Goodman
Goodman Richmond and Goodman
Ames

finish another, and these traps to be by the last of March Insuing the date if any shall be found defective in not these said traps they are to pay tow for every day they do neglect the work the aforesaid time is expired.

[The residue on the right side is torn.]

8

June the 3 1657. Whereas this Generall Court taking into their serious Consideration the great defect that either is or like to be in severall Townshipes in this jurisdiction for want of an able Godly teaching ministrey, and the great prejudice to the soules of many like to suffer, and being desirous according to our duties that such defects should not be for want of due Incouragement to such as either are or shall be Employed in so good a worke of the Lord, for his honner, and the good of soules, and in consideration that inasmuch as the severall townshipes granted by the Government was that such a Company

might be received as should maintaine the public worshippe and service of God, there doe therefore judge that both church and town are mutually engaged to support the same: and therefore do order and agree, That in whatsoever towne there either is or shall be an Able godly teaching ministrey, which is aproved by this Government, that then fowre men be chosen by the Inhabitants or in case of their neglect, chosen by and three of the mayjisstrats to make an equal and just proportion upon the estates of the Inhabitantes according to their Abylytyes to make up such a convenient maintainance, for his comfortable attendance on his worke, as shall be agreed upon by the church in each townshipp, where any is with the concurrence of the Inhabitants if it may be had, or by the maygesstrates aforesaid in case of their apairante neglect, and that destress according as in other just cases is due be made upon such as shall refuse to pay their proportions, which is in justice due, but in case there be any other way whearby any townshipp Doe or shall agree that may effect the end aforesaid, this law not to be binding to them.

[The above is a transcript of a law of the General Court of New Plymouth Colony, enacted at Plymouth June 3d, 1657.]

by the Towne meet together that those that made the weare at have the fish there for this year made the ware in Towne are to have fish there for this present yeare Aforementioned.

About the holsters bought of Goodman Hill, Goodman Hey Seynior and Goodman Harris having Ingaged for the payment of them being twelve shillings, the town was willing to pay it them again in their rate, in the best of their pay which they shall be amerced to pay out of their rates.

9

LANDS laid out for Goodman Harris
the town of Bridgewater
20 Acares of land upon Johns river

length about South West and North East
 between John Cary's and the highway
 on the river
 acres of land being his house lott butting
 the river Runing in length about North
 And South ling between Goodman
 Brett's house lott and Goodman Willis
 house lott which Goodman Harris
 bought of Goodman Willis, which also
 is six Acares running in length as above
 mentioned.

more A parcel of land graunted to
 Goodman Harris butting upon the river
 ling betweene the said house lott which
 was John Willis & then running
 in length up to the cartway and there
 bounded

m 2 Acares & 1-2 of meddow ling
 between Goodman Gannett's lott of
 meddow and those lots that fell to
 Goodman Godfrey & John Cary butting
 upon the river and Goodman Foard's
 meddow neer to Cutting Cove.

m 2 Acares & 1-2 of meddow be
 it more or less ling between the minis-
 ter's lott & Mr. Willis
 being in the meddow which
 was formerly called
 the name of Goodman Fobes his mead-
 ow.

m 2 rood of land which Goodman
 Harris bought of Goodman Brett ling
 before his Doore between his owne land
 and Godman Brett's house lotts but-
 ting upon the river runing in length
 to the highway.

10

The Day And Birth and year of John
 Cary's Childrens: 1645.

Imprimis, John Cary being his first
 the fourth of November in Duxborough
 the second being Francis was borne
 And place the nineteenth of January
 the third which is Elizabeth was
 Twentieth day of Desember 1649, m
 The fourth whose name is James was
 born at Braintree the eight and twenti-
 eth day of March 1652.

The fift whose name is Mary was born
 at Bridgewater the eighth of July 1654.
 The sixt whose name is Jonathan was
 born at Bridgewater the fourth and
 twentieth day of September 1656.

The seventh whose name is David was
 born at Bridgewater the seven and
 twentieth day of January 1658.

the eighth whose name is Hannah was
 born at Bridgewater the last of April
 1661.

The ninth whose name is Joseph was
 born at Bridgewater the eighteenth of
 Aprill 1633.

The tenth whose name is Rebecka was
 born the thirtieth day of March 1665.

11

The thirteenth of November 16

WHEREAS certain lands graunted
 by the Countrey to the Inhabitants of
 Duxbourrough at Massacquoetuccut
 now being graunted A Townshipp and
 called Bridgewater, these are to informe
 and declare the manner of laying out
 these lands.

Wheras Constant Southworth, Wil-
 liam Paybody and William Brett in the
 Behalfe of the rest of the fefues which
 weare appointed by the Court for the
 Disposing and laying out of these lands:
 they having laid out divers shares of
 lands in the place: now in and upon A
 third division having laid out fifty
 Acares to a share to the number of
 twenty and two lots.

But finding that it will be preditional
 to the town, and it being desired by the
 Inhabitants of Bridgewater to have
 their lands, namely the present division
 of fifty acares to a lott to lay by them-
 selves—

We the above named fefues have
 agreed that the inhabitants of Bridge-
 water shall have their lands ling by
 themselves within themselves, to have
 power to lay out so much lands as shall

In quantitie so much upland
 Laid out to the Inhabitants of Dux-
 bourrough namely twenty acare Lotts
 fiftie acares to a share

That they come no nearer to
 namely the hous lotts then the other
 Acare lotts do which

their being thirty and four lotts
 yet to be made up in whole or in part.

12

In any place within this Government
 under the penalty of forty shillings a
 time for every speaker, and ten shillings

a time for every hearer, and forty shillings a time for the owner of the place that permits them so to meet together. And if they meet together in their silent meetings so called, then every person so meeting together shall pay ten shillings and the owner of the place where they meet shall pay forty shillings A time.

LANDS laid out by Samuel Edson Sey and John Cary sey, for Goodman Alden at his house the 15th of March 98 or 99. 36 pole 1-2 in breadth & 80 pole in length runing North and South for its length or thereabouts.

13

The 15 of October 1658:

It is agreed upon by the towne that every man shall have fourty poule in length at the head of their six Acars lotts, only there must be left a suffitient hieway between the four score poule and the fourty poule now graunted, and that there is liberty graunted if they that are willing may take in a common feild at the head of this six score rods,

It is agreed upon the 14th of October 1658 at a town meeting

Goodman Edson have brought In According to the Court Order his marks of his Cattle with the rest of the towne the twentieth of December 1658.

Im Goodman Edson's marke

It is Inacted by the Towne the 16th of May 16 that Goodman Edson and Goodman Brett have libertie to call a town meeting as they shall see occation for this present year.

14

A CHILD born to John Washburne Sen, the fifteenth of May, one thousand six hundred and seventy tow in Bridgewater, whose name is James.

THE marke of the cattle of John Ames senear, being a slitt in the topp of the right eare, and bookt the first of January 1680.

A CHILD born to John Robbins the 11th of January 1667 In Bridgewater, whose name is Zeduthun or Jeduthun.

THE marks of 2 colts of Goodman Alden's being both of them a bay, the mare being in her 3d yeare having

A peace cutt out of the hind part of her right ear, her left hind foot being somewhat white, with the town mark T. B. on her left fore shoulder: the other being A Breeding in her 4th yeare, with a little spott of white haieres A little within the Inside of her hind left legg with the towne's brand mark T. B. on the left shoulder, with the same marke on the hind part of her right eare as the mare has
this being the mark of Joseph Alden's cattle.

The marks of Joseph Alden's horses & a gilden of a darkish bay couller with a noch in the foreside of his right eare about the middle and branded with T. B. upon his neare shoulder, and another of a darkis bay couller with the same brandmarks as the other.

15

LANDS laid out for of Bridgewater as followeth:

Imprimis, twenty Acares of upland on the south side of Johns river runing in length About North East & By East butting upon the river liing betweene old Mr. Bradfoard's & George Russell's twenty Acare lott.

m fifty acars of upland being next beyond Nathaniel Brewster's butting upon South brooke bevelwayes opposite against George Sols on the East side of the said brooke runing in length About South West & by South.

m tow acares and a halfe of meddow lands or thereabouts liing at the mouth of a Cove, the one end butting upon Goodman Harris meddow neer Cutting Cove, and the other upon John Cary's meddow, being the middle lott of the aforesaid Cove.

m A parcel of meddow which lieth in the great meddow Runing from the river to the wood, liing between John Starre & John Washborne Junior.

JOHN CAREY senior, inhabytant in the town of Bridgewater deceased the the last day of October in the year of our Lord 1680.

And his wife whose name is Elizabeth Deceased the 1 of November 1680.

THE day and year of the birth of the children of Samuel Allen Senior heare in the towne of Bridgewater:

Imprimis, his second borne whose name is Samuel who was borne the 4th of December 1660.

the third a daughter whose name is Essiel who was borne the 1st of March 1662 or 63.

4, a daughter whose name is Meheta-ble who was borne at duxborough 20 of January 1664.

5, a daughter whos name is Sarah who was born in April the 14th day 1667.

6, The sixt a daughter whose name is Bethiah who was born 12 of May 1669.

7, A son whose name is Nathaniel who was borne 10th February 1672.

8, a son whose name is Ebenezer who was born 14 October 1674.

9, a son whose name is Josiah who was borne 21 of April 1676.

10, a son whose name is Elishah who was born 8 february 1678.

11, a son whose name is Nehemiah born 5 January 1680.

16

THE Constable namely John Ames Received the warrant for this present year The fourth of Desember 1662, and the town meeting was upon the 8th day of the same month.

* * * *

samle that fell of lands graunted to Thomas Heyward Junior Adjoyning to his hous lott & land laid out by the towne's appointment by Samuel Edson & John Cary, and then we found it to be poule wide or thereabouts * *

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[N.B. One quarter part of this page is gone at top.]

William Snow

John Heyward Sey
J. Standish*
Mr. Willis
Goodman Lathrop
Guy Bayley
Joseph Bassett

John Heyward Ju
Joseph Alden
Samuel Allen
*James Allen**
John Willis Ju
Goodm Latham
Goodm Birum
Goodin Turner
Nathaniel Heyward
Goodm Whittman
*Goodm Baken**
Goodm Packer
John Carey Sey
*John Robins**
Goodm Leach
Thomas Snell
Samuel Packer Ju
*Goodm Hill**
Isaac Harris
Samuel Edson Junior
William Brett Junior
John Carey Junior
Samuel Lenderson
John Lenderson
John Ames Junior
John Washborne
John feild
Joseph Lappum
Edward foabs
Elkanah Willis
Thomas Washborn
William Foabs
Elisha Hayward

Two more names torn so as to be unintelligible.

*These names printed in italics, were written in the original, and then crossed out.

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[One third of this page torn off at top.]
out hie ways namely Goodman Bassett, Goodman Edson, Goodman Brett, Goodman Tomkins, Goodman J. Willis, John Cary, Goodman Harris, Thomas Heyward Ju. & Goodman Foabs.

AGREED upon in a towne meeting the 16 of february 16 that the meeting house should be sealed & they to Goodman Godfrey £3 as followeth one be paid in wheate and the other thirtie shillings
Indian corne next Michellas follow-
ing

24

It is Ordered & Agreed upon by the towne of Bridgewater, freely & willingly to give unto Mr. Bunker, if he shall come hether to supply our wants in the way of the ministrey, the sum of thirty pounds, or twenty pounds and his Diet.

It is Ordered & Agreed upon by the town that A Leve should be Raised for the sum of fourteen pounds, upon every man's estate, which is the one halfe of the sune which the town promised to Mr. Bunker for his Carriing Along of the Lord's Day's Exercize, & his Diet & also it is Ordered that they that are not willing to be rated, if they want any thing or part of the same to be made up, that they are to make it up. This was concluded upon the eleventh of January 1660.

It is Inacted by the Towne, the 22th of february 1660, that a leve should be made for the sune of five and twenty pounds upon every man's estate, which is what they promised (*promised*) to Mr. Bunker for the Carriing Along of the Lord's day's Exercise and his diet, before his time or his year is fully expyred.

25

The eighth of July 1661. It is Ordered and Agreed upon by the towne that All Hoggs upon complaint having trespassed, must be rung.

It is Agreed upon by the towne at a towne meeting held the five and twentieth of Desember 1661, that those things that are adggitated by the town for the good of the whole, shall be carried on by the major vote, the vote being caled for by the towne Clarke.

The markes of the horse of Francis Carey, being a dunn cullard horse with a flaren maine & taile, he being Docket, having a whight upon his nose & some whight hears in his forehead, having a slite In his left ear and being brand marked with T & B the 15th of April 1675.

26

John Irish, with the free consent of Elezabeth his wife, hath acknowledged the sale of their whole purchase of lands

liing at and in this Town of Bridgewater unto Guydo Bayley, the first of the tenth month. 1659.

pr me, JOHN ALDEN, Assistant.

Lands laid out for Goodman Bayley in this towne of Bridgewater:

Imprimis, tow acres of meddow liing in the flaggy meddow, running in length from one side of the meddow to the other, being betweene Moyses Simons his lott and Williams Tubbs his lott, and his second lott of meddow, being the fourth lot from the point upward in the Great medow, liing betweene Goodman Edsonns & Goodman Lathrope, running in length from the river to the wood.

m in upland laid out Adjoyning to his house, twenty-five Acres runing in length About North & South, being (*beind*) betweene goodman Lathrop's and the flaggy meddow neere Adjoyning.

The markes of the young horse of John Carey Sey., having a crop on the right eare, & a faire starr in his forehead, the crop on the right ear being his mark. 78

27

It is agreed upon at towne meeting held the 15th of Aprill 1664, whome it doe concerne may have a way through the spruce swampe, provided that there be A highway found upon the Common to the said swamp.

It is likewise agreed upon at the same towne meeting, that Goodman Edson & Goodman Brett is to vew every man's land marks, & to bound them for length and breadth.

It is also agreed upon at the same towne meeting, that all meddows that are mowne or shall be mowne this present year, being the 15th of April 1664, shall be rated for if they belong to the town.

28

Be it known unto all men by these presents, that I Lawrence Willis, of Bridgewater, in New England, In the Cullonie of New Plymouth, do acknowledge and confess to have sold unto John Willis Junior, being my couzin, all my right and interest in halfe my purchase of land in the said towne of Bridgewater.

& all my prieviledges & appurtanances belonging to the said halfe purchase, And that to the said John Willis, his heires, executors, Administrators or Assigns, that is to say, that share of meddow which lieth in the great meddow, liing between John Willis Seynior and Goodman Edson, & halfe the upland belonging to the said purchase of the aforesaid Lawrence Willis, only his six acare lott & his twenty acare lott excepted; and to this Bargain of sale I the above named Lawrence Willis have heerunto sett my hand, this seventh of November 1660, And that with the consent of my wife Mary Willis.

29

It is agreed upon by the town meet together, the eighth and twentieth of August 1662, that the town was frely and joyntly willing to give unto Mr. Thacher, according to his desire, tenn acres of upland adjoining to his twenty acres liing upon Johns river, and to allow hime or give him the rest of the lands, liing betweene James Allen & himselfe, to be Deducted out of the next division according to his proportion, and this he is to have provided that there be a hieway left trough the said lands at Johns river, only the town's mind is that Goodman Edson & Goodman Harris is to act in the behalfe of the town to give or take Deeds of Exchange as they shall see good, with the help of Goodman Brett and John Cary, the town having chosen them, Goodman Harris refusing of it.

It is Inacted by the towne mett together the eight and twentieth of August 1662, that those home it doth concerne have agreed to fence their meddows by the last of November Insuing the date hearof, and whosoever he be that shall not finish his part of fence or cause it to be done by the Aforesaid time, must and shall pay for the neglect thereof, twenty shillings for every lott.

42

It is agreed upon by the towne the last of May 1662, that these men heare named, that is to say, Goodman Brett

& Goodman Birum & John Willis seynior & Goodman Edson, are chosen to draw up a petition in the behalf of the towne to the Court, and to draw it up according to their discretion for the towne's good, and to write a letter to Goodman Southworth & Goodman Paybody to be helpfull to them in this respect.

It is agreed upon by the Towne that Goodman Bayly is to make a sufficient ware to catch the Alewives going up and coming down in the river of Bridgewater, and he is to make it upon his own charge, and for his paines he is to have six pence A thousand of every townsman that have them & he is to be paid in Indian Corne; and Goodman Byrum hath undertaken to make the like ware at Satucut river, & he is to have likewise 6/ A thousand for the taking of them; and these said men above named are to keep these aforesaid wares fouer years, & if the towne and they cannot agree in this terme of time, they are to put it to arbytration, & if any shall any way disturbe these men by Breaking the ware or stopping the river, or make any Disturbance, they are to forfeit twenty shillings for in case Any such default to the towne's use, and the ing of towne Doth Ingage to get this fine and those fish two men are to catch these fish for the towne according to orders.

43

It is agreed upon by the towne mett together the eleventh of October 1664, that the towne was freely willing to cover the minister's house the second time, and to glase the windows as soon as they cann, provided they can get glass for boards.

A smale parcel of land granted to Goodman Snow, liing between hime and the river, which he was willing to accept of in the roome of so much common meddow that may fall to his share, this being the 18th of February 1664.

A parcell of common land graunted unto these men here under written for a common feild, liing close to the dead meddow on the North end, and being at the heads of the Garden plotts, at

the other end Southward, I say graunted unto these men, namly Goodman Pecker, John Heyward seynior, Samuel Tomkins, George Turner, John Robbins and John Cary, for the space or terme of time of five or seven years for to plant and make use of, and afterwards to throw it open for the towne's use.

44

An agreement made between the towne and John Willis Seynior and John Ames for the finishing of the chimnies, backs, hearths and oven belonging to the minister's house; and they are to find all and draw all, both clay, sand & 200 bricks for the aforesaid chimnies, backs & oven & hearths, and to do it sufficient-ly, and the towne for their paines are to pay them next harvest twenty bush-ells of good marchandable corne; and the work to be finished before the last of August Insuing the date hereof, be- ing now the thirteenth of May 1664, to be paid when Indian corne is marchan- table.

This record, made the 18th of february 1664, the towne being met together, doth declare and hold forth that the town did resigne and make over to Mr. Keith, the house and grounds be- longing to the minister's lott or pur- chase, according to the tenour of the agreement made betweene Mr. Keith and the towne, and give him free liber- ty to possess it.

45

Lotts lotted heare in the towne of Bridgewater, the ninth of October 1665; and they fell as followeth:—Imprimis, upon boore meddow,

- | | | |
|----|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | John Washburn sey. | 11 |
| 2 | Goodm. Bayley | 1 |
| 3 | Willi. Snow | 1 |
| 4 | Nicholas Byrum | 1111 |
| 5 | Thomas Whitman | 1 at black brook |
| 6 | Thomas Whitman | 1 lott John Hey-
[ward sey. |
| 7 | Thomas Heyward | 2 Mr. Bradfoard
[sey. 11 |
| 8 | Samuell Wadsworth | 3 George Par-
[11 [tridg |
| 9 | Lawrence Willis | 1 — |
| 10 | John Tomkins | 1 Satuccutt Pond |

- | | | | |
|----|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------------|
| 11 | Mr. Willis | 1 | lott Samuell
[Wadsworth |
| 12 | Thomas Heyward | 2 | John Wash-
[burne Ju. |
| 13 | John Willis sey. | 1 | 2 Goodm. Lath-
[rope 1 |
| 14 | Goodm. Edsonn | 1 | 4 Mr. Partridge 1 |
| 15 | Samuel Tomkins | 1 | 5 Solomon Le-
[nersonn 1 |
| 16 | Francis Godfrey | 1 | 6 Goodm. Bassett
[sey. |
| 17 | Goodm. Latham | 1 | 7 Goodm Byrum
John 8 Goodm. Turner 1 |
| 18 | Thomas Whitman | 1 | 1 latham 1 |
| 19 | Goodman Wadsworth | | Snell 1 |
| 20 | Mr. Keith | 1 | — |
| 21 | Goodm. Pecker | 1 | 1 Whitman's hole. |
| 22 | Joseph Bassett | 1 | Goodm Edsonn |
| 23 | Goodm Wadsworth | 1 | 1 2 love Brew
[ster. |
| 24 | John Foabs | 1 | |
| 25 | Goodm. Byrum | | |
| 26 | Goodm. Baken | | |

Joseph Bassett's land with the 2 holes of meddow.

Thomas Heyward sey. neerest to it.

Goodman Byrum at the ridg with a peace of meddow up the river to Goodm. latham's.

John Heyward Juni. at Bayley's farne with a small parcell of meddow neer adjoining to the other end of Bay- leys farm.

Samuel Allen at the further end of Salisbury plaine.

Francis Godfrey at the left hand.

John Robbins at the right hand of Salisbury plaine.

Above West meddow Goodman Savel, Goodm Goodman Leach & John Cary

In dead meddow, Will Paybody, Nath Heyward & Goodm. Pecker.

Byrum's Hole. Goodman Harris and Joseph Alden.

Below the West meddow, Goodman Brett.

46

This record, bearing date the ninth of October, 1665, doe witness that the towne of Bridgewater have frely and fully graunted to Daniell Bakon of the same towne, twenty pole of ground in length and fowrty pole in Breadth upon

the other side of Matfield river, right opposite against his fourty Aears of lands on this side the same river, which was laid out to the same Daniell Bakon by Goodman Edson and Goodman Brett, upon this consideration, that the said Daniell Bakon is to allow for it in his next division of lands.

It is agreed upon at a town meeting, that the lands laid out by Goodman Edson and Goodman Brett & Goodman Byrum & John Cary for Mr. Keith, at the other side of Bull's Hole & upon Satuecut river, that Mr. Keith shall enjoy it against whomsoever shall oppose him, being townsmen; the towne meeting being lawfully warned by the constable the fourth of November 1665 by the governor's warrant, and these men above named had free liberty to lay it out for Mr. Keith, being chosen and appointed by the towne for that end and purpose.

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It is inacted by the towne mett together, the 17th of June 1675, that all the householders in towne, together with all the male children from twenty years old and upwards at or before the present date hereof, who are now found to be sixty fowre in number, are to be full purchasers in the lands at titicut, and they are to pay for the purchase of it by an equal proportion, & what charges may be expended in and about the getting of the said lands, they are all to bare their proportion in an equal way and manner. And it was likewise agreed upon that the aforesaid purchasers should bring in the pay for the purchase of the aforesaid lands by the twenty fift of this present month of June insuing the date hearof, which is to every purchaser five shillings, 2 shillings in silver and a bushell of corne; and they are to carry their pay unto Samuel Edson Sey. by the aforesaid time appointed, or els they are to loose their lands, and if the said lands be not to be had, we are to have our money and our corne back againe, so far forth as the undertakers have theirs, whose names are as followeth: Elder Brett, Samuel Edson Sey., and Nicholas

Byrum Sey., who being at my house together, did agree that each of them would receive their part of the aforesaid payment for the aforesaid purchases according as they are equally ingaged for the payment of it to the Indian, and being disappointed by the trobbles to bring in their pay according to the above mentioned time, the purchasers doe now ingage to carry in their pay according to the above-mentioned payments, by the 25th of February after the date hereof, which is now the 10th of February 1676, and that to Samuell Edson Seynior.

The 9th of March 1676 or 77, the towne being mett together did ingage & promise once more to carry in their pay to Goodman Edson for titicut land as aforesaid, or els to loose it according to their former agreement; and they are to pay alike & to have alike equall proportion in the said lands, & the pay to be made by the 16 of March after the date hearof; and they did agree yt Mr. Keith should have 50 or 60 acars of lands either at the east or west end of the lands.

71

It was agreed upon by the towne mett together, the first of November 1675, that there should be a fortification aboute the meeting house for the safty of the towne in the time of danger, to be made with halfe trees seven foot hie above the ground, 6 rood long and 9 rood wide beside the flankers, every quarter or squaderon to doe each of them a side or an end; and they thad doe the ends must make each of them a doore and each of them a flanker, and this worke to be finished and donn by the 6th of November insuing the date hearof.

It was agreed upon by the towne mett together, the 20 of November 1675, that there should be a gareison made about Mr. Keith's house, and the counsell shall take notice of what was to be donn, and to devide to every squaderon their share.

It was likewise agreed upon at the same towne meeting, that the raters should make a rate of sixe pounds in money for the procuring of powder and bullets for the towne's use, according to court order.

It was ordered and agreed upon by the towne meett together the 10th of Desember 1675, that ther should be a rate made of 12 pounds in money, 7 pounds wearof was to be raised according to warrant from the gouernment, and the other 5 pounds was or is to be raised for those souldiers that shall goe forth of our towne, being prest to the service of the cuntry, and is to be laid out upon such necessaries that they stand in need of, 4 pounds of which money was or is in goodman Edson's hands, formerly to be laid out upon powder & bullets, but now appointed by the towne for the present use or need of the souldiers as above mentioned.

72

The town being mett together by order from the Governer, and warned thereto by the Constable, the 21st of August 1676, I John Cary, Cleark, being cald upon by the Inhabitants to call for a vote, who should have the money that was made of the Indians that was sold last. And the vote passed that the souldiers that took them should have the money: the contrary vote being cald, I se but three men at most, who held up their hands to the contrary.

It was Agreed upon by the Towne mett together the 12th of September 1676, that for Billiting of horses a night and a day, they should have 6*z*, and for a meal for a man, 4*d*.

The same Towne meeting Above named, the Towne chose Deacon Willis & Samuel Edson Sr., the Deputies to goe Downe to October Court, to present A true Estate of the towne, which was required by warrant from the Governor.

At the same Towne meeting, Deacon Willis and John Cary Sen. was chosen to take in the charges of the late warr

since June Court, & of the scouts that went out upon that Employ since or before June Court, and they are to be satisfied for their labor.

The Towne being mett together, being warned thereunto by the Constable, the 4th of Desember 1676, Agreed with Samuel Tomkins to sweep & look to the meeting house A full year after the date hereof, And he was to have 12*s* for his labour or pains.

At the same Towne meeting, Insigne Hayward was chosen & had liberty from the towne to make sale of 600 of boards which dus belong ts part of the Towne for the price of the old meeting house, which was yet in the hands of Marke Lathrope as part of the payment for the old meeting house. And the above said Insigne Hayward has libertie to dispose of part of it for glass for the meeting house wha it was wanting.

73

The towne being mett together the 4th of Desember, 1676, made choyce of John Ames Seynior and John Cary Junior, for this year, to be helpfull to the Constable and the Grand Jury man About their Inspection into such houses that may be thought to harbour Any English or Indians to sell or give any Liquors or sider to make them drunke.

At the same towne meeting, the Inhabitants made choice of Lieutenant Hayward and John Cary Seynior, to look after Mr. Keith's maintenance for this present year Insuing the date above named.

The Towne being mett together the 16th of May 1676 or 77. Did freely Graunt that Samuuell Washborne should have 50 acres of land laid out at the head of his fathers Washborn's land, which lands belongs to the next Division of 50 acars, and given to him by his father.

At the same towne meeting it was agreed upon that John Ames seynior should have 50 Acars of upland land laid out at or about his meddow, liing at the further side of Hullett's plaine.

And at the same Town meeting was graunted A peace of hieway to Deacon Willis, runing by or through his lands to the river.

At the same towne meeting, John Cary Sey, had a graunt of 10 acars of land graunted to him At the head or side of his garden plott range about the length, upon this condition that he is to book all of the 160 Acars of land that is already laid out, with the three lotts of meddow belonging to all the purchasers.

74

The towne being mett together the twentieth of Desember 1677, Did accor & Agree to give frely to Mr. Keith twenty and four pounds to be paid at his house, the one half to be paid in Indian corne, and the other half in bords and Clabbords, by the last of Aprill Insuing the Date hearof, and the said twenty four pounds to be raised by way of rate upon the Inhabitants of the towne, which was given to Mr. Keith towards the building of him A convenient Roome or dwelling house, the boards at 5s a hundred and clabboards shaven at 5s per hundred.

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The towne being mett together the 21th of February 1677, did agree and weare willing to give and exchange and Graunt that Goodman Tomkins should lay Downe 40 Acars of upland liing on the bay path, for 40 Acars of upland liing upon Johns River, beyond Goodman Washburne's Lands & the great pine hill or on the other side of the pine hill to the Southward of it in the noche of land.

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The towne being warned and mett together the 25th of May 1678, did agree and make choyce of Lieutenant Hayward and John Cary Sey. to take an account from Mr. Keith, that it may be knowne what is due to Mr. Keith from the towne, from the time of his beginning here to present date hereof, that so some Course may be taken for the gathering of it in.

The towne being warned and mett together as above sayd, did likewise concur and agree to fenc in their meddows wheare need shall require it. And if there be any upland found within the meddows so fencd in, it was ordered that those men which fencd their meddows any whear belonging to the Towne, should have the said uplands divided amongst them, provided that the rest of the purchasers have the like previledg and quantitie of upland in and aboute their meddows fencing in. And it was agreed and concluded upon that the fence should be a post & 3 railes.

75

The towne being mett together the thirteenth of November 1678, Did jointly Agree and concure together that in consideration of Mr. Keith's weakness and inability for the present to carry on the Lord's day's exercise, they did frely and willingly Chuse Elder Brett to Assist him in the work and worship of god. And in consideration thereof, the lord Inabling him to performance of the work between this and the first of May Insuing the Date hearof, the towne did freely Ingage & so willing to give him tenne pounds in corne, between this and May Day.

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The towne being warned by the Councstable & mett together the 2d of January 1678, in reference to the settlement of the ministree and the buying of Thomas Snell's lands neere the meeting house for that end & purpose, the vote being cald by the towne Clarke, it doth manifestly appeare that the vote was clear. And that the major part of the towne was willing to the aforesaid worke, witness their hands or names to this paper hear adjoining, which was put to or set to in the towne meeting aforesaid.

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The towne being mett together the 14th of february 78, did joyntly agree that if any man did take up any stray horses, and if they were found in their hands, they weare to be rated for them.

The towne being mett together the 9th of May 79, by warrant from the Governor, did joyntly agree that Edward Michell & Joseph Washburne should keep Sattuccut wear for the taking of the fish for the towne's use for this present year, & Edward Foabs & John Cary junior was to keep the ware in towne upon the same account for the towne's use, & Edward Foabs & John Cary is to have A perch and 1-2 of Corne of 2000, & Edward Michell & Joseph Washburne is to have half a perch of Corne 1000, & look wheare they end in delivering of fish this yeare, ther they (they) are to begin the next yeare following.

76

It is agreed upon the towne of Bridgewater, the 17th of May 1680, for the encouragement of Mr. Keith who is called to the worke of the Ministrey, in respect of his annuall maintenance, that two agents be yearly chosen by the towne, and impowred by them to take an account of Mr. Keith with reference to the payment of his just dues according to the agreement of the towne, and in the towne's behalfe to se to the full discharge of the agreement made between them both, jointly and severally, of all persons therein concerned, that he suffer not by the neglect of any that doe not attend their duty in paying of him his just and full due according as our honoured court have made provision, as by their laws inacted for the maintaining the ministrie of the word in their severall plantations doth appeare, and as for the full accomplishment of the present concernment so to inquire into what may be nessesarie in respect of neglect of former duty by the neglect of any that have not discharged their duty therein, the persons annually chosen by the towne having full power by & from the towne to improve all just and legall charges for the recovery of the minister's due, according to the agreement made between the men chosen and impowred, or either of them, for this present year, was Nickolas Byrum Seynior and Insigne Hayward, the towne being called

or warned together by the counstable by vertue of the Governor's Warrant.

It was further agreed upon by the towne mett together the day & yeare above written, that all swine should be rung from a quarter of a yeare ould and upward, by the first of June next insuing the date above said, and whose swine soever was found unrung after the sett time appointed, is to pay sixpence a peece for every one that is not rung, the one halfe to the informer & the other halfe to the towne.

77

The towne of Bridgewater being together the 11th of June 1680, and having received an order from the honoured Court, wherein we are desired to send our agents to give meeting to the agents of Middlebery, in order to the settlement of the line between us and them. We doe therefore, being mett together as aforesaid, chuse & appoint our trusty and welbeloved friends, Samuell Edson Seneor & Decon Willis & Insigne John Hayward, to be agents for the towne aforesaid, & by these presents impower them to act in the settlement of the bounds aforesaid, according to their best wisdom and discretion, and to issue the matter respecting the bounds aforesaid either in publicke or private, as they shall see cause, & We the towne of Bridgewater aforesaid do promise to accept of their utmost indeavours herein, and to acknowledg what they shall faithfully in this particlar as our act & deed.

The day & year abovementioned, Samuel Washburne tooke Titicute Meddowes to cutt for this year for 3s. And John Leonard tooke the commons of meddow that is without or beyond, or to the Northwestward of the lotts in the great meddow or about the pond, for 6s. And Goodm. Leach tooke or hyred Draks Meddow for 1s 6d.

The day & yeare above written, the towne being mett together, did frely agree and consent together yt these tenn men should build & maintaine a

good substantial hors bridg over the river neare whear the three rivers meet in the roadway laid out by jury for Plimouth road leading to Pemkin bridge for their hie way work, and are to be freed from all other hie way making or mending, as long as they doe keep up or maintaine a good horse bridg in that place or road or river as above mentioned, and no longer, for if these tenn men let it fall or goe to decay, & it be not servisable, they must return to their former hieway mending againe, whose names are these as followeth; Marke Lathrop, Joseph Bassett, Samuel Edsonn, Joseph Edsonn, Josia Edson, Edward Michell, John Ames Ju., Samuel Lenderson, Isacke Harris, John Hayward mimi.

78

For as much as the towns men of Taunton have sent their messengers, and by them have desired our lines should forthwith be runn for the prevention of trespasses and preservation of peace, We being also desirous of the same thing for the same end. We the inhabytants of the towne of Bridgewater, being mett together the twentieth of Desember 1680, have chosen and appointed for the worke aforesaid, these persons hereafter mentioned, viz., Samuel Edson Sene., Deacon John Willis, Ensigne John Hayward, Samuel Edson Ju., Edward Foabes and Josia Edson Edson, who are hereby appointed and impowered to run these lines between Taunton & Bridgewater according to their agreement, that the bounds of each towne may be knowne.

The first of February 1680, the purchasers of the towne of Bridgewater being mett together, doe agree to pay twelve pence a peece in part of pay for the settling of bounds of the said townshipp, and for the defraying of other nesarie charges, which shall arise upon the improvement of agents for to make a full agrement with persons concerned in such differences as may betweene the aforesaid towne and other townes, or otherwise to defend their right as they shall se cause.

79

The towne of Bridgewater being mett together the 24th of March 1680 or 81, in reference to an order that came to us from authoritie sometime before we mett together, that we should provide for ourselves a stock of store powder and bullets against a time of need, the towne accordingly did agree together for their present help, that every inhabitante of the towne should disburst the fift p't of his rate which he was rated to in Mr. Keith money rate, which was made the 11th of the 7th month, 1680, which fift part did amount to £4 4s 5d with the Elder's pay.

The towne being mett together the 10th of May 1681, by warrant from authoritie, did agree and covenant with Insigne hayward & Samuell Edson Junior, they both being willing, to finish and maintaine a sufficient weare to take fish or catch them when they come down heare in the towne river, neare to or at the place wheare the fish have beene formerly caught, and that for the towne's use; & they are to have half a pecke of Indian corne a thousand for taking them, of every one that doe receive them from the aforesaid men, which aforesaid men have free libertie from the towne to keep and maintaine the said weare as long as they shall see meet, upon the same tearmes above mentioned, that is, for the towne's use, & for half a pecke corn a thousand, and no man or person is to make any weare in Tauntonn above the said weare, to hinder the fish from coming downe to the said weare.

It is ordered & agreed upon by the major part of the towne, mett together the 25 of August 1681, that they weare willing to raise Mr. Keith maintenance from fourty pounds to fifty pounds, besides his 30 cords of wood which was formerly promised him; twenty pounds of the said fifty to be paid at Bostowne or in money at home, at the end of half the yeare, which is in the month July or August; Thirty pounds to be paid at home in corn & provisions, to be delivered at

his house in february, at the end of the other halfe yeare. And he is to have the 30 cord of wood paid into him according to the season, by the towne's appointment, which was the last of November annually.

*The pages of the original record are indicated by figures in the middle of the line.

[NOTE—Here end the records in the handwriting of John Cary, Clerk of Bridgewater, who died in 1681, and was succeeded in that office by Samuel Allen.]

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