

Indian Land Sales in Plymouth Colony, 1641-1657

Drawn from Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, *Indian Deeds: Land Transactions in Plymouth Colony, 1620-1691*

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Sachem involved

Woman involved

Year and land description	Seller	Buyer	Rights reserved?	Price	Source
Deeds 1-27				Deeds 1-27 appear to assume Native gift. They record Plymouth's grants of land to different groups, with no mention of payment to Native owners.	Bangs, 227-249
17 June 1641 Bounds of Yarmouth and Barnstable, described by landmarks, one line not 'above eight miles.'	Nepaiton [Nepoyetum] & Twacommacus	Inhabitants of Barnstable	A section, marked by trees and ocean, reserved to Massatanpaine the sachem. Plain lands bordering upon the sea are reserved to Nepaiton, and liberty to get wood for fences or firewood from woods, and harvest this year's corn, "and in winter to	"besides what the said Nepaiton hath already," inhabitants are to build him "one dwelling house, with a chamber flored with bords, with a chimney and an oven therein."	Bangs, #28. See also #45.

			live where he pleaseth.”		
1641 8 miles square on east and west side of Palmer’s river at Sequnk alias Rehoboth Confirmation 30 March 1668	Osamequen 30 March 1668, Phillip acknowledges that Osamequin “Received full satisfaction” for the 8 mile square and 100 acres of marsh.	John Browne and Edward Winslow, for use of townsmen of Sequnke alias Rehoboth		“for good and valluable Considerations” John Hassell swears, 1 Nov. 1642, “that Ussamequine chose out X fathome of beads at Mr Williams, and put them in a baskett, and affirmed that he was fully satisfied therewith for his lands at Seacunck, but he stood upon it that he would have a coat more, & left the beads with Mr Williams, & willed him to keep them untill Mr Hubberd came up.” [ID #33]	Bangs, #29 Bangs, #33 Confirmation [Year?]: Bangs, #208
2 June 1644 Purchase of land called Namskekitt [Nausett, alias Eastham] from Mattaquason, uplands and meadows from Gorge the	Mattaquason the sachem, Gorge the Sachem	Thomas Prence and others	A neck of land from land purchased of Gorge the sachem “which necke of land, the English were to ffence, for the Indians to plant Corn upon.” Liberty to get shellfish from the cove, blubber from	Payment made, amount not mentioned	Bangs, #36

<p>Sachem</p> <p>English ask who laid claim to land called Billingsgate “understood to be all the land in that Bay, from the land that was purchased of Gorge aforesaid, The answere was there was not any owned it, then said the English that land is ours; the Indians answered, it was.”</p> <p>Later, Indian named Lieftenant lays claim to land at Billingsgate. Prence and others purchase it from him,</p>			<p>any whales driven ashore.</p> <p>Later, finding it “inconvenient for us to have the Indians att both ends of our Towne,” they exchange the land on the neck at the harbor’s mouth for “a peec of land att Gesquoquasett and payed them a valluable sume for to ffence it themselves, and soe by mutuall agreement were freed from that Ingagement” [sounds like the neck was never fenced by English] (ID, 253-54)</p> <p>Pockett Iland also reserved “by the Sachem for the Indians to plant upon”; later purchased.</p> <p>Lieftenant (Indian) reserves right to plant on land he sells at Billingsgate</p>		
<p>26 Aug. 1644</p> <p>All Serunk’s land lying between bounds of Sandwich and lands belonging to Prexit</p>	<p>Serunk Indian</p>	<p>Town of Barnstable</p>		<p>4 coats and 3 axes</p>	<p>Bangs, #38</p>

March 1647	Nepoyetum	Thomas Dimocke & Isaac Robinson in behalf of Barnstable		For Nepoyetum to “Rest himself fully satisfied for ye Sd Land” and “in Consideration of their making him three score Rod of fence in ye Range of ye General fence” and “two Coats & one Days plowing in breaking up of ground already In hand paid”	Bangs, #45; see also #28
8 May 1648 Part of his land starting at Merry Meeting Cove down the Maine River to Winslow’s Rock, plus hunting, fowling, fishing privileges	Ramegin, alias Robin Hood, Sagamore of Negusett	James Smith		Smith et al to “pay unto mee yearely unto my heires one peck of Indian Corn the first day of November [tribute]	Bangs, #46
17 May 1648 Lands between Barnstable upon the sea (commonly called the South Sea) and lands of Janno and to Nepoyetum and Seaqunneks land northward	Paupmunnuck, with brother’s consent and assoc.	Capt. Myles Standish for inhabitants of Barnstable	30 acres reserved for Paupmunnuck, brother, and assoc. Free liberty to hunt in sold lands, if they give notice before setting any traps	2 brass kettles and 1 bushel Indian corn, plus one half part of as much fence as will fence in 30 acres	Bangs, #47; see also #50
8 August 1648	Monquine alias Natahanada,	William Bradford,		2 hogsheads of provision, one of bread and one of	Bangs, #48, #49 [additional

All lands on Kennebeck river from Ousenoke to Weserumskicke	son of old Natawarmett Sagamore of Kennebecke River	Edward Winslow, Thomas Prence, Thomas Willitt, William Paddy		pease, 2 coats of cloth, 2 gallons wine, 1 bottle of strong waters	consent]
28 March 1649/50 Land called Saquatucket, extending from weir at Satucket 7 miles due east, west, north, south [7 miles square], with all timber, woods, rivers, etc.	Woosamequin [Osamequin], sachem of Pokanoket	Miles Standish of Duxborough, Samuel Nash and Constant Southworth of Duxborough in behalf of town of Duxborough		7 coats a yard and 1/2 each, 9 hatchets, 8 hoes, 20 knives, 4 mooseskins, 16 1/2 yards cotton	Bangs, #51
1 and 7 June 1650 Testimony of the bounds of land owned by Chickatawbutt “Mr Hatherley and others with him have bought so much of the land above mensioned of the said Josiah Wampatuke as concerned them to buy.”					Bangs, #52
29 Nov. 1652 Tract of land 3 miles east of River called Cusheningg to a harbor called Acoaksett, etc.	Wosamequen and Wamsutta	William Broadford, Capt. Standish, Thomas Southworth,		30 yards of cloth, 8 moose skins, 15 axes, 15 hoes, 15 pair of breeches, 8 blankets, 2 kettles, a cloak 2 [yd?] in wampum, 8 pr	Bangs, #57

“to goe soe high that the English may not bee annoyed by the hunting of the Indians in any sort of their Cattle.”		John Winslow, John Cooke and assoc.		stockings, 8 pr shoes, iron pot, ten shillings worth of another commodity	
2 Dec. 1652 Punkateesett	Eketabacke [Chickatabut?]	John Winslow, Thomas Southworth, John Cooke, Myles Standish		None stated	Bangs, #58
3 March 1652/3 Miles Standish ordered to satisfy Indian for small tract of land at Manomett granted to Thomas Burgis of Sandwich	Josiah, dwelling at Nawsett	Miles Standish, for Thoams Burgis		none stated	Bangs, #59
29 March 1653 several parcels and necks of upland, swamp, and meadow on south side of Seaconk alias Rehoboth bounds; promise that “whensever the Indians shall remove from ye Neck that then and from thence forth . . . [buyers] shall enter upon the same.”	Ousamequin and Wamsitto “his eldest son”	Thomas Prence, Thomas Willett, Myles Standish, Josiah Winslow, in behalf of inhabitants of Plymouth		35 pounds	Bangs, #63

<p>15 April 1653</p> <p>Dispute over quituite</p> <p>Conclusion: Indians granted 26 acres of upland out of sold lands, rights to wood throughout Quituite. Indians to build fence at own charge.</p>	<p>Sachem of Manomett, represented by Miles Standish and John Alden Sr.</p>	<p>Town of Sandwidge [Sandwich]</p>			<p>Bangs, #64</p>
<p>24 June 1653</p> <p>Tract of land upon Mamomyst and Maamskekett, part of Satuckett land</p>	<p>Wono and Sachimus, sachems of Satuckett</p>	<p>Thomas Prence, William Bradford, and partners</p>		<p>15 L</p>	<p>Bangs, #65</p>
<p>10 Sept. 1653</p> <p>Conflict over Baggedussett's sale of land to Mr. Lake, which belonged to Essemenosque and Natchogoe's wife</p>	<p>Essemenosque, one of the right owners of Taconett</p>	<p>Mr Lake, others</p>			<p>Bangs, #68</p>
<p>1653</p> <p>Two miles southerly, one mile to east</p>	<p>Josia Wampatuck</p>	<p>Timothy Hatherley, James Cudworth, Joseph Tilden, Humphry Turner, William</p>		<p>14 L</p>	<p>Bangs, #70</p>

		Hatch, John Hoare, James Torrey, for inhabitants of Scituate			
1653	Mattaquason	William Chase			Bangs, #70; see also #376
7 Feb. 1653/54 Iland called Chseawanocke, or Hog Iland	Wamsetts, son of Ossamequen Ussamequen gives his consent, 21 Sept. 1657	Richard Smith Jr. of Portsmouth, RI		in consideration of full satisfaction	Bangs, #71
20 April 1654 One Island near Wood's Hole [wood his hole], called Cataymuck	Seayk, sachem of Monument	Thomas Mayhew of Martins Vineyard		gift	Bangs, #72
1654 "or sometime before" 5 Feb 1679 Land on Cape Cod, from House Point to Lowell's Creek	Sampson, Indian of Pottonumacutt, Peter Indian of Paomett, Joshua Indian of Paomet	Thomas Prince Capt. John Freeman of Eastham, New Plymouth, for Plymouth		2 brass kettles, 6 coates, 12 hoes, 12 axes, 12 knives, 1 box	Bangs, #74; see #354
1655 Agawam	Ackanootus Attaquanpacke and Awanpocke	Thomas Willett, Gorge Watson, Nathaniell	One half of small neck reserved, plus a small point of land	"Fully paid"	Bangs, #76; see also #77

	<p>of Acquetnett or Scauton neck in “the liberties of Sandwich”</p> <p>31 March 1659, Safewnanett alias Peter, with consent of his father Homream, claimed right to “small point of land” and sold it to George Watson and Nathaneell Warren for town of Plymouth</p>	Warren for town of New Plymouth			
<p>3 June 1656</p> <p>Dispute over William Nicarson’s illegal purchase of land from Indians</p>					Bangs, #78
<p>5 March 1656-57</p> <p>Warrant concerning complaint of Janna, Indian sachem, re lands purchased from him by Anthony</p>					Bangs, #82

Thatcher of Yarmouth, “unpaid for”					
4 May 1657 Complaint over land Janno, sachem , said he never sold. Committee to treat with Indian about the same ID #89: 14 May 1658 notes that town thought lands had been purchased by committee, “but through some neglect of theirs in not paying of the Indian for the said lands, have bine of late deneyed by him to bee sould, and the possessors molested.”				See resolution #89, payment and costs born by committee and town	Bangs, #83
8 May 1657 Stony Cove to Stony Brook and Saquatucket harbor	Mashantampai ne, sagamore	William Bradford, paid by Antony Thacher, John Crow, Thomas Howes		“all . . . I was to have”	Bangs, #84
3 June 1657 Dispute with Indians over land					Bangs, #85
10 Aug. 1657	Quaquaquymey gat sachem	Thomas Mayhew		two [?] in full satisfaction	Bangs, #86

Nawsewen, or Caytaymunk “the great iland of Elysabethen Ilands”				Something re Quaqua bought it of Seayicke the Monument sachem, had deed of gift, later paid him 16 L	
24 Dec. 1657 Wamsutta treated with committee “to buy a persell of land which they say is graunted by the Court of Plymouth unto themselves with some others and I Wamsutta am not willinge att present to sell all they doe desire yett of this at present.” He agrees to sell them all upland and meadow from Quequetham unto Assonett neck, 4 miles from river into woods Wamsutta “doe Covenant promise and graunt agree not to sell remaining land to any but them	Wamsutta	Capt. James Cudworth, Josias Winslow, Constant Southworth, John Barnes	“Except the land that Sabadecauson hath in present use” and all meadow on west of river from Taunton	20 coats, 2 rugs, 2 iron pots, 2 kettles, 1 little kettle, 8 pr shoes, 6 pr stockings, 12 hoes, 12 hatchets, 2 yds broadcloth, “and to satisfy unto John Barnes for those thinges I the said Wamsutta tooke up of him”	Bangs, #88; see #105

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