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Serious Business Of Yesteryear

Romantic Story of the Building of Greenwich as Told
By Minutes of Old Town Meetings

The Press today begins the publication in serial form of the record of town meetings in Greenwich beginning with 1640. The old record is to be found in the office of the Town Clerk, although now scarcely legible because of age. In 1857 the record was copied and that record too is to be found in the Town Clerk's office. It is this record which will be presented in serial form in these columns.

At a Town Meeting held at the Town House in Greenwich on Monday the 5th day of October 1857

"Resolved,

That the Town Clerk be authorized to copy the old record books known as 'Common Place Book B F.' & 'Common Place Book from 1671 to 1754.

"Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer to pay for copying said Records—"

The above and foregoing is a true and attested copy of the original Record.

Wee Amogeron Sachem of Asamock aRamahtthoe Nawhorone Sachem of Tatamnek, Amssettheetone with his Brother Orverroke sachems of asamnek have sould unto Robert Feacks & Daniell Patrick all their rights and interest in all ye severall lands betwene afamnek river and Tatamnek which Tatamnek is a littill River which Divideth ye Bounds betwene Cap Turner's Purchase & this except ye neck of land by ye Indians Cauled Monakawoge by us Elizabeth Neck which Neck is ye Perticaler purchas of Elizabeth Feaks ye sol Robert Feacks his Wiffe to bee hers & her heaires or assignes for ever or else to bee at ye Disposing of ye forementioned purchasers for ever to them & their heaires Executors or assignes: & theye are to Injoye all rivers, Iselands and ye severall naturall adjuncts of all ye forementioned places neyther shall ye Indians fish within a mille of any English Ware nor Invite or permitt any other Indians to sett downe in ye forementioned Bounds: In consideration of which land ye forementioned Purchasers are to give unto ye above Named sachems twentie five Coats whereof Thaye have Reserved Eleven in part of payment to wittnes all Which thaye have hereunto sett their hands this 18 of July 1640

Witness

Robert Hensted

Andrue + his mark Messenger

Maso abitt his mark +

Saponas + his mark

Whawhoron his + mark

Panhowas + his mark

Powiatoh his mark +

Keofram hath sould all his Right in ye above sd Necks unto Jeffere Ferris as wittnes under written Testifieth

Amogeron + his mark

Whowhoron + his mark

Akerogne + his mark

Ampsettheetone + his mark

Kefferam His mark +

Witness or Sephonores to ye last named

Richard Williams

Angell Hensted his A H mark

This above written bill of Sale was entered in ye yeare 1686 pr Sam ll Peck recorder

Wee Underwritten have Meutually Agreed that thee deviding line betwene both our Plantations of Granwich & Wethersfeeld Mens Plantation Shall begin at Pahtommog brook where thee path at present cuts it & run on a streight line to ye West ends of a line drawne from ye Fales of Weethersfields mens Plantation River which Runs by their towne plott to bee Drawne on a Due West Point to wards grenwich Bounds a neat mile & from ye West end of thee sd line to run due North up into ye Contrie aboute twentie miles. These lines to bee run on ye Meridian Compass: Neither will anye of us or shall anye for us Object against this Agreement upon ye account of Indians or although wee Should at anye time here after Conclude a mistake in Respect of what each Bought: Yett this to stand Unalterable without a Mutual Consent on Both sides: To testifie which wee have each for our owne Townes sett to our hands this 2 day November 1640

Daniell Patrick

Robert Fekes

Andreu Warde

Robert Coe

Richard Gildersleve

The 4 daye of ye 7 month 1677

The Testimonie of Richerd Gilobersleve eaged aboute 77 yeares this deponant testifies yt hee & Andrue Ward & Robert Coe were chosen & apointed by ye towne yt now is cauled Stanford to make an agreement with Daniil Patrick & Robert Fekes for ye selling ye Bounds betwene Stanford & Greenwich & a cordingly an agreement was made by them & upon my sight & knowledge I saye this above written agreement is thee Agreement which was made by us it was made by us it was our act & deade by a Meutual Consent and as to ye Fales of ye River from whence a West line was to bee Drawne thay are ye fales of ye River Neare ye place where ye mill was sett which wee had Respect unto & was Intended when this above written Covnant was made & accordingly I saye ye line was Drawne & further Sayth not. Richard Gildersleve

This Deponant Sworn before mee ye Cunstabile of Hemstead.

I Robert Coe Testiffie ye same upon oath yt to ye above Written This Testimony taken before us

John Ouldfield Constable

John Smith overseer

Both Officers of

Jemeca

John ± his mark Oldfield

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Anno 1686 Februare ye 4 At a towne metting itt is voted and fully granted unto Joseph Ferris an adition of land at ye North End of ye Land which he bought of Joseph Mead Senior ye said Joseph's Land to run from a birchen tree now marked unto ye Western Corner of William Russell's Swamp Lott so cauled

Witness these presents yt whereas wee to witt Howard Conusso & Kourcko & Querricqsis & Jessup principals we do all own and declare ourselves to be ye true proprietors of all ye land or lands which lyeth or yt is betwene Mianos River & Byram River to run to New Yorke Linc to mett yt line which is for ye deviding New York Collonys bound & Connecticut Colonies Bounds Respecting Lands now wee ye proprietors of ye above sd lands as is above mentioned wee do all a each of us do freely acknowledge to have sould all our right title & interest in ye in ye above sd land or lands unto Leftenant Jonathan Lockwood & Sergeant John Bowers John Renalds senior & John Marshall & Joseph Mead senior & John Hubbe senior & John Meade senior which are ye Townds Commette to act & do what is don which is to be in ye Towns behalvs & now wee ye above Named to witt Koward Conufso & Kourcko & Querricqsis wee do freely & firmly resigne up & pass over all our Right title & Enterest in ye above sd land or lands unto ye above sd Leftenant Lockwood & Sergeant John Bowers John Renalds Senior and John Marshall & Joseph Mead senior & John Hubbe senior & John Meade senior for them and their heires Exequetors & administrators & asignes quietly to posses & Enjoye as their own forever promising to free ye sd sale from all former bergains clames morgages or Encumbrances of what nature or Kinds so ever also do freely acknowledge yt for & in Consideration of ye above sd land wee have received full satisfaction in land to witt planting land the which land is fenced in at Cos Cob neck ye lower point which is below ye lower point which is below ye ye sellar ye Quantitie of ye planting land is by estimation about thirtie acres ye medow land in all excepted & excluded & ye above said land to witt ye planting land yt is fenced in at Cos cob is to abid ours for our use during our lives and ye lives of our pappouses & then to cease & returne to ye towne for ye Towne to make use of & improve as their oun propriete in Reference to ye four pap—it is to bee understood yt three of ye fouer are each of them ten years olde & ye fourth paupoose is now a year olde & Pabercho is ye mother of Gegerle which is ten years olde and ye mother of ye seconde being a childe is a boye ten years olde ye sd boyes mother name is Orun & ye third being a boy ten years old his mothers name is Wettorum & Kowakcorisso is gran mother younge childe is about a year old a boye & these fouer children as mentioned are ye fouer pappouses who are to enjoye ye above mentioned planting ground during their lives and then at their decease or end of their lives ye land afor sd is to bee as full satisfaction for ye land bought and sould as afore sd which is to be for use and benefit of Kowakcorisso and Koucko Pappessurus Pakechoro & Querricqsis & Peattum deuring their lives and the lives of their children being in number fouer & then to be returned to ye towne for their Emprovement as their are one propriete ye Towne to take possession & to be repossessed of ye afore sd land without molestation or any disturbance for ye true performance and making good ye premises in Respecting what is here contained in every particular yt is here mentioned

Wee do sett to our hand as our hand as our one Free act & deed in greenwich Februare ye: I : 1686

Witness

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The Mark of vi cr
pakechoro

The mark of Rowaconufsoo
The mark of Querricqsis

(To Be Continued Next Week)