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brothers of ye sd Samuell viz: John & Isaac Sothwick when they come to age, in the mean time & ever after during ye time of ye naturall life of aforesd wife alsoe title, priviledge & interest in & unto ye halfe of the estate in lands, the halfe barne which will be due unto John Sothwick & Isaac Sothwick his brother when they come of age at present in Thomas' possession provided & agreed upon that Thomas Cooper aforesd shall have to his owne use the estward end of ye dwelling house aforesd & also shal have liberty to take of from the land aforesd firewood necessary & convenient for his own particular use & likewise aforesd Samuell Sothwick nor any one else by his order or allowance shall not make stay or wast of any of the wood or timber on yt pt of ye land which belongs to sd brother John & Isaac Sothwick, the firewood aforesd ye sd Thomas Cooper is to have only during ye space of two years from the date heareof & like wise ye eastward end of ye sd house for the same time beginning from ye date hearof but in case Thomas Cooper did not live in ye sd house himselfe nor his wife, if in case he should remove to any other place or dy before, Thomas Cooper shall not let out sd house to rent to any one elce but Samuel Sothwick shall have it. **Signed:** Thomas Cooper; Sarah Cooper [mark]. **Date:** 15 March 1679:80. **Witnesses:** Thomas Preston; Richard Croad; Thomas Fuller, guardian of John Sothwick. **Acknowledged:** 25:1:80 by Tho. Cooper & Sarah wife. **Recorded:** 12 April 1679.

JEREMIAH MEACHUM senior to GEORGE HACKER & BETHIAH HACKER – (5:344) Jeremiah Meachum senior (fuller) of Salem for good will & natural affection he bore unto him gave to his son in law George Hacker and wife Bethiah his daughter of Salem a certain parcel of land containing fouerteene pole or rod of ground lying at the townes end, neere the bridg or casewaye without the fortification upon which sd land ye said George Hacker have late built a smale dwelling house bounded on the north river with a highwaye northwesterly, by ye land of his northeast & alsoe southeast & highwaye or street southwest. **Signed:** Jeremiah Meachum [mark]; Margaret Meachum [mark]. **Date:** 4 March 1679:80. **Witnesses:** William Gill; William Pensent. **Acknowledged:** 16:2mo:1680. **Recorded:** 16 April:79.

ROBERT BRETT to HENRY BARTHOLMEW – (5:346) Robert Brett (planter) of Salem in consideration of 7 pounds 10 shillings sold to Henry Bartholmew of Salem the one halfe of ye two acres of land that ye sd Robert Brett bought of William Lord of Salem being sometime ye land of Mr. Webb of Linden, scituate between ye land of Nathanyel Pitnam on ye west & of William Golt & John Miller on ye east, butting upon ye burying place & thence up to the streete, the said halfe part being that halfe part on ye westerly side running from ye streete down to ye burying place, next

unto ye land of ye sd Henry Bartholmew & Nathanyell Pitnam. *Signed:* Robert Brett. *Date:* 9th day of ye sixth month 1655. *Witnesses:* John Browne; John Fiske. *Acknowledged:* 22 July 1680. *Recorded:* 22 July 1680.

Nathanell Putnam senior made oathe yt neere about ye time of ye date of the above written yt he did by order of Mr. Robert Britt measured out & delivered unto Mr. Henry Bartholmew the land above exsprest in the deed 21:July.

John Browne & John Fisk made oath as witnesses 22 Jul 1680 entered as a caution.

HENRY WEST to JOHN MARSTON Junior – (5:347) Henry West (sadler) of Salem for a valuable consideration paid in hand sold to John Marston, Junior (carpenter) of Salem a certain parcel of ground lately given him by ye towne of Salem with a dwelling house standing upon it, ground containing two or three pole as it was bounded out by the towne & scittuate in Salem neere the meeting house & bounded on ye west with ye land of Ralph Fogg, on ye north & east with ye common land or streete, on ye south with some land either common land or appertaining to Thomas Tuck lately. *Signed:* Henry West; Elizabeth West [mark]. *Date:* 16 August 1671. *Witnesses:* Hilliard Veren, senior; William Dounton; Hilliard Veren junior; John Price. *Acknowledged:* 20 Aprill:1680 by Henry West & his wife Elizabeth. *Recorded:* 20 Aprill 1680.

JOHN RUCK senior to JOHN MARSTON Junior – (5:349) John Ruck senior (merchant) of Salem in consideration of 10 pounds sold to John Marston Junior (carpenter) of Salem one half acre of land scituat in ye towne of Salem & is part of that field yt did belong to sd John Ruck & adjoining to his dwelling house bounded with a lane or highwaye that runs from a cove yt comes out of ye south river to the common, commonly called Lawes hill on ye north & also with a little cove coming out of another place of ye south river south & some land of Mathew Woodwell to ye east and some land of Eleazer Gedney to the west. *Signed:* John Ruck; Elizabeth Ruck. *Date:* 19 Aprill 1680. *Witnesses:* Hilliard Veren senior; Thomas Andrew; Benjamin Marston with seizin & possession given. *Acknowledged:* 20th of Aprill:1680. *Recorded:* 20:Aprill:1680.

THOMAS ROOTES senior & CATHERINE ROOTE with GEORGE HODGES – (5:351) Thomas Rootes senior & wife made agreement with George Hodges that whereas Thomas Rootes & wife by reason of age & weakness of body are not able by their labour to provide for there comfortable livelihood as formerly do therefore covenant & agree with George Hodges to keep & maintain them ye sd Thomas Rootes & his wife

in which she now lives & the ground it stands on, with cow lease belonging to said house & also a cow house that stands next the street facings Mr. Legg's house or cow house, & to have the ground from ye south west or west part of said Michael Coe's own house down along by the stone wale by Capt George Corwin's fence to the orchard, & also all her orchards & gardens & from westerly end of the cow house above said to goe right over to a rock that is opposite John Stacy's house, & so strait down to a stone wall of the orchard, all that ground up to his house. After her decease it is all to come into their possession, but as long as she lives & is able to keep in her possession only she has given and granted to her son & daughter abovesaid in her lifetime that they shall have the ground from the corner post of his meadow next to her door, to run down to a pare tree that is in her orchard, just to Mr. Lattamore's fence & about four feet beyond the pare tree toward ye northward, as also the fruit of five or six trees that stands in there part of the orchard, & after her death all the house she now lives in with all the ground, cowhouse, cow lease, orchard garden & all above said is to be valued by men what it may be worth, & if it doth amount to 45 pounds in money, then said Coes or heirs shall pay to her son Mark Stacy 5 pounds in money, but if it is valued at more than 45 pounds they shall not exceed the 5 pounds to her son Marke, if valued less than 45 pounds to give what is above the forty pounds to her son Mark Stacy. And if he be dead before then all to reman to said Coes & his wife Grace & to their children & heires forever. *Signed:* Ellenor Stacy [mark]. *Date:* 16 November 1680. *Witnesses:* Thomas Dixy; Edw Humphrey's. *Acknowledged:* 16:9:1680. *Recorded:* 16:9:1680.

WILLIAM DICKSEY to GEORGE STANLY – (5:442) William Dicksey of Beverly for consideration of 40 pounds sterling sold to George Stanly of Beverly 26 acres of land more or less lying in Beverly at the place called Bald Hill. The S. East bounds a smale ash, the S. West bounds a red oake the N West bounds a red oake, on the side of Bald Hill the noreast bounds a smale walnut, the land bounding on the south side of Thomas Patch's ground. *Signed:* William Dicksey [mark]; Anna Dicksie [mark]. *Release of dower:* wife does freely yield all her rights, title, dower & interest. *Date:* 8 January 1671. *Witnesses:* Joseph Gardner; Nathaniell Felton. *Acknowledged:* 8:11:72 & Anna, wife, yielded thirds. *Recorded:* 16:9:1680.

JOHN BROWNE to Mr. JOHN PILGRIM – (5:444) John Browne (marrenor) of Salem for valuable sum paid sold to Mr. John Pilgrim (marchant) of Salem certain parcel of ground containing 35 foot in breadth against ye south river at the barging point so called in Salem & to run ye same breadth backward so far as conveniently for the building of a

warehouse, it being a town grant to said John Browne formerly fore a ware house, to have all interest in town grant, as it appears in the town records, provided said parcell having formerly granted by him to son James Browne deceased & since conveyed to John Marstone & by him conveyed to said John Pilgrim & there not appearing any legal instrument of conveyance of the same doe by these presents give assurance of same. *Signed:* John Browne. *Date:* 26 November 1680. *Witnesses:* Hillard Veren; Thomas Maule. *Acknowledged:* 27:9:1680. *Recorded:* 27:9:1680.

EZEKIEL FOGG – (5:446) Indenture made 20th day of March in 30th year of reign of Charles Second in the year 1677 between Ezekiell Fogg citizen & skinner of London late of New England, merchant, of ye one part and Hezekiah Usher of Boston, merchant for & in behalf of Charles Gasfright of London, merchant, whose atorney he is, on ye other pt. witnesseth, yet whereas ye said Ezekiell Fogg standeth justly indebted to said Charles Gasfright, in the full & entire sum of one hundred thirty-eight pounds & five shillings & six pence half penny of New England money in which said sum being sued, he was condemned to pay the same by a court at Boston, together with 29 shillings six pence half penny, the cost of sute, the which being certified not to be performed, then ye said Ezekiell Fogg was again sued & cast in said sum at the general court of Assizes, held in New York on the 3rd day of October last past, with costs of that court also & as Ezekiell Fogg stands possest in his own right of $\frac{1}{4}$ part of a certain iron worke with 400 acres of land, together with eddifices, houses, & buildings lying between the towns of Linn & Redding being held by said Ezekiell Fogg together with Sir Richard Combs Knight, John Williams of Bristoll, merchant, & John Gifford of New England & several others in company which was known as the “silver worke,” as by record of deeds in the town records of Salem, valued in England at 2000 pounds sterling, & is now in tenure of John Gifford on company’s account for discharge of debt by Ezekiel Fogg by a special mortgage bound over & assigned unto Hezekiah Usher attorney unto Charles Gasfright $\frac{1}{4}$ of iron works, land, buildings, & $\frac{1}{4}$ part of stocks, profits, provided that if Ezekiell Fogg shall within space of 2 years after 20 March 1679 the sum of 138 pounds 5 shillings six pence half penny with costs in Boston then this mortgage shall be void but in case of failure of payment it shall be lawful for Hezekiah Usher on behalf of Charles Gasfright to dispose of $\frac{1}{4}$ of ironworkes till whole debt is discharged. *Signed:* Ezekiell Fogg. *Witnesses:* John Robson; John Juxson. Entered in the office of records att New York 22 of March 1677/8 in lib. & [?] B:fol57&Ct Matthias Nichols Secr. [on margin] Ezekiel Fogg acknowledged July 16:1678.

The testimony within taken upon oath 16:February 1680 before William Browne & Bartholmew Gedney, Assistants. *Recorded:* 16:12mo:1680.

THOMAS ROBBINS to PHILLIP CROMWELL – (5:500) Thomas Robbins (carpenter) of Salem for consideration of 6 pounds 8 sh. in pay long since received sold to Phillip Cromwell (slautherer) of Salem a piece of land in Salem as fenced in 2 acres bounded: on the comon lane towards Bass river ferry sotherly, easterly by lane ranging towards said ferry, upon the front against the north river, bounding upon the comon roade going towards the ferry, aforesd ags't the north river, westerly on land of Jeffery Massy in possession of John Massey. *Signed:* Thomas Robbins. *Date:* 18 Aprill 1680. *Witnesses:* John Massy; Richard Croade. *Acknowledged:* 19:2mo:1680. *Recorded:* 21:12mo:1680.

ANNA ROOTEN to HUGH ALLEY – (5:503) Anna Rooten widow and relict of Richard Rooten, late of Linn, husbandman deceased, in consideration of love and affection she bore well beloved friend Hugh Alley, who lived with her several years, and also divers other good causes and especially that Hugh Alley had undertaken to maintain her during her natural life as by bond bearing date of these presents gave Hugh Alley all her housing lands meadow or marsh ground with all gardens, orchards within township of Linn. *Signed:* Ann Rooten [mark]. *Date:* 20 December 1680. *Witnesses:* Samuell Johnson; Daniell Johnson. *Acknowledged:* March 5:1680:1 Anna Rooten and witnesses. *Recorded:* 15:2mo:1680.

ABRAHAM COLE to TOWNE of SALEM – (5:505) Abraham Cole of Salem, taylor, having mortgaged his dwelling house for payment of 196 pounds 8 shillings and 7 pence for which he stood indebted to town of Salem upon balance of accounts and being constable and there being paid since by the order of Selectmen of Salem in part of said sum 98 pounds 7 shillings and 5 pence and there being yet due 98 pounds 1 shilling 2 pence and the former mortgage being null and void, in consideration of said collateral sum of 98 pounds 1 shilling 2 pence still remaining due to towne of Salem, sold to Selectmen of Salem in behalf of the towne and for said town's use all his dwelling house with shop and all appurtenances with being parted from ground or yard belonging to the old house by a fence a little distance to the southward of the old house which said house and ground now sold is bounded with the broad street southerly the lane westerly the said old house and ground lately his now Jo: Swasy's northerly, the land of Edward Gaskin easterly, provided if Abraham Cole pay the Selectmen of town of Salem the sum of 98 pounds 1 shilling and 2 pence at or before 25 day of March 1682 in pay according as the rates in

that yeare he was constable was to be paid or sooner if the county treasurer do require it of towne then to be paid, if not, then at said 25th of March aforesaid, which payment being made the sale to be void, provided if said house and ground shall be seized for want of payment and sold for more than the sum of 98 pounds 1 shilling 2 pence with just damages, the overplus to be repaid to said Abraham Cole. *Signed:* Abraham Cole. *Date:* 28 February 1680. *Witnesses:* Wm. Browne Junior; Jonathan Corwin; John Corwin; John Hathorne. *Acknowledged:* 11th of March 1680:1. *Recorded:* 16:March:1680:1.

NATHANIEL FELTON to JOHN FREIND – (5:508) Nathaniel Felton of Salem in consideration of 4 pounds in hand paid sold to Jon. Freind of Salem 20 acres of land next to land of John Bachelier formerly of John Scudder and on the comon upon Ryall's side. *Signed:* Nathaniell Felton. *Date:* 7th of 18th[sic] month 1658. *Witnesses:* Phillip Cromwell; John Gedney. *Acknowledged:* 7:10mo:58. *Recorded:* 28:March:1681.

SAMUELL FREIND to LAURANCE LEACH – (5:509) Samuell Freind of Manchester gave bill witnessing that he had sold to Laurance Leach of Salem now deceased the mill and mill house standing in Bass river with all appurtenances together with 2 acres of land adjoining and 20 acres a little distance of all on Royalls neck side and there being no bill of sale made he confirmed sale to John Leach son to Laurance Leach aforesaid and bound himself to making good thereof. *Signed:* Samuel Freind. *Date:* 7:7mo:65. *Witnesses:* Roger Conant; William Walton. *Acknowledged:* 28th March 1681. *Recorded:* 28 March 1681. The 15:March:81: Samuell Freind acknowledged he subscribed this bill of sale and took pay for land. *Witnesses:* Zachariah Herick; Phillip Fowler.

JOHN GOLD to JOSEPH ESTY – (5:510) John Gold (husbandman) of Topsfeild with consent of wife Sarah in consideration of 40 pounds in hand paid by bills sold Joseph Esty (weaver) of Topsfeild parcel of upland and swamp, 30 acres, within bounds of Topsfeild at red oak by land of said Gold running east as trees are marked to white oak then running south or southeast to red oak standing upon the brow of hill called Bellingate and from that tree west or southwest down to heap of stones by Samuell Stanlies fence, running along by said Stanlyes fence north or northeast up to tree first mentioned bounded on every side with land of aforesaid Gold and Samuell Stanlies land. John Gold granted to Joseph Esty liberty that he had in farmer Stanlyes fence by Joseph Estys land as appeared by deed under Mathew Stanly's hand which was to be maintained, a sufficient 5 raile fence, and also granted a way to Joseph Esty to come from his land all along by Samuell Stanlies fence to the said Goold his way by Mathew

Stanly's land and as the highway ran or over the foard by said Stanlyes so he may doe as little damage to said Stanly as he could and also Joseph Esty had liberty to come over said Goolds land toward Topsfeild to come to mill and meeting said Esty always in time of the year set up fences of Goold as he is to come through or pull down to go in or out at, Esty also had liberty to drive his cattle to the comon over said Goold's land and if Goold fenced in his land so as he cannot come to the common, with going throu the said Goolds fence. *Signed:* John Goold, sen'r; Sarah Goold. *Date:* 17 December 1680. *Witnesses:* John How; Isaack Esty, sen'r. *Acknowledged:* 11th March 1680. *Recorded:* 30 March 1681.

SAMUELL PRINCE to JOHN RUCK – (5:513) Samuell Prince (taylor) of Salem in consideration of 5 pounds 5 shillings sold to John Ruck, sen'r (merchant) of Salem parcel of salt marsh or meadow ground, ½ acre and ½ of ¼ acre which was bequeathed to him by will of his father Richard Prince deceased situated in bounds of Salem on south side of said towne near southfeild and bounded with some marsh formerly of Thomas Browning's deceased to south, and some marsh formerly of William Flint's deceased north, upland formerly of Elias Stileman east and some land formerly of widow Spooner's west. *Signed:* Samuell Prince. *Date:* 21 March 1680:81. *Witnesses:* William Dounton; Hilliard Veren. *Acknowledged:* 21 March 1680:81. *Recorded:* 30:March:1681.

JOHN NORMAN to ROB'T KNIGHTS – (5:515) John Norman of Manchester for valuable consideration sold to Rob't Knights of Marblehead parcel of land near the meeting house of Marblehead that was formerly fenced in by John Peach and formerly belonged to said John Peach, Jun'r and bought by John Norman. *Signed:* John Norman. *Date:* 28:September:1651. *Witnesses:* Frances Johnson; Edward Wharton. *Acknowledged:* by witness 22 February 1680. *Recorded:* 5 April:1681.

WILLIAM LORD to ELEAZER GILES – (5:516) William Lord (planter) of Salem in consideration of 12 pounds 12 shillings sold to Eleazer Giles (husbandman) of same towne parcel of meadow, 2 acres, in limits of Salem and in farm of Samuell Verry by Leader pond being 2 acres excepted and reserved out of said farm formerly by Mr. Phillip Veren and at the north end of greate meddow on westward side of brook that runs down through meadow and is bounded northerly and westerly with upland of said Samuel Verry, easterly with brook, and sotherly with meadow of said Verry. *Signed:* William Lord. *Witnesses:* Hillard Veren sen'r; Henry Coleburne. *Acknowledged:* no date. *Recorded:* 1:Apr 1681.

JOSHUA REA to JEREMIAH WATTS – (5:517) Joseph Rea (yeoman) of Salem in consideration of 10 pounds sold to Jeremiah Watts (dish turner) of same towne parcel of land 10 acres being part of ground belonging to his farme where he lived & a part of land lately bought of town of Salem bounded easterly partly with land of Edward Bishop & corner bound is walnut tree & partly on the easter side with some land of Joseph Herrick & sotherly with contry roade where at corner bounds is smale oak tree marked next ye roade westerly & northerly bounded with his own land where two northerly bounds is at the corners a heape of stones laid about a stake at each corner. *Signed:* Joshua Rea. *Date:* 18 March 1677:8. *Witnesses:* John Hathorne; Israell Porter. *Acknowledged:* 21:2mo:1680. *Recorded:* 6:2mo:1681.

SAMUELL BRABROOK to JEREMIAH WATTS – (5:520) Samuell Brabrook in consideration of 50 shillings in silver and a cotton rug about 40 shillings price sold to his father in law Jeremiah Watts the acre of land which he bought of father in law Jeremiah Watts which is joining to Edward Bishop's land eastward and southward to contry roade & upward joining to said Jeremiah Watt's own land. *Signed:* Samuell Brabrook; Mary Brabrook [mark]. *Date:* 19 March 1680. *Witnesses:* Edward Bishop; Joseph Herrick. *Acknowledged:* 6 Aprill 1681. *Recorded:* 6:2mo:1681. *Dower:* Mary delivered up right of dower.

JOHN GEDNEY Sen'r to SAMUELL SHATTOCK Sen'r – (5:521) John Gedney Sen'r (vintner) of Salem for consideration of 2 pounds 10 shillings sold to Samuell Shattock Sen'r (felt maker) of same place his part of a warehouse that he held in part ownership with Mr. Samuell Gardner sen'r, his part being that end from the partition to north which said warehouse stands at east side of cove neere land of Nathaniell Pickman & is over against Mr. Elias Stilemans warehouse that stands on westerne side of said cove alsoe all his right in ground said north end of said warehouse stands upon. *Signed:* John Gedney [mark]. *Date:* 11 Aprill 1681. *Witnesses:* Nathaniell Beadle; Susanah Gedney. *Acknowledged:* 11:April:81. *Recorded:* 14:2mo:1681.

THOMAS ROBBINS to WILLIAM PINSON & REBECKA PINSON – (5:523) Thomas Robbins of Salem in consideration of naturall affection he bore kinsman William Pinson & his wife Rebecca (who is his sister's daughter) as other good causes more especially that said William Pinson hath engaged himself as by bond bearing date of these presents will appeere well & sufficiently to provide for him and his wife Mary both in sickness & in health during his naturall life, gave all his good chattels lands housing cattell money plate dues debts rings household stuff brass pewter & all