

## First Purchase, 1653

Anno Dni one thousand Six hundred & fifety th[ree] This writing witnesseth yt  
Asiapum alias Mohenes hause sold vnto Peter wright, Samuell Maio, William  
Leuerich, Their heyr Executors administrators & assignes all his Land Lyeing &  
Scituate upon Oyster Bay & is bounded by oyster River to ye east side, &  
Papaquatunk river on ye west side with all ye woods, riuers marshes uplands, ponds &  
all other the appurtenances lying betweene the bounds afore named, w<sup>th</sup> All ye Islands  
Lying to ye Sea ward excepting one Island Comonly Called Hog Island & bounded  
neere Southward by a point of trees called Canteaiug. In Consideration of w<sup>ch</sup>  
bargaine & sale he is to receaue as full satisfaction six Indian Coates, sixe Ketles, sixe  
fathom of wampum, sixe Hoes, sixe Hatchetts; three pairs of stocking[s] thirty Auln-  
blades or Muxes<heads for eel spears>, twenty Kniues, three shirts, & as much peage  
black wampum as will amount to ffoure pounds sterlינג In witness whereof he hath  
set to his marke in ye p'resence of

William Washborne

Asiapum or

Anthony Wright

Mohenes X his

Robert Williams

mark

We within named Sam: Maio. Peter wright, & William Leuerich, doe accept of as ioynt  
purchasers with o'relves ye persons under specified to the like right Pvileidgs as we  
have o'relves in ye Lands purchased of Asiopum & Pticularly mentioned in ye  
writeing made & subscribed by himself & other Indians respectively interessed & in  
the names of such as were absent acted by him & yem all: witness o'r hands:

William Leuerich

Samuell: Mayo

Joint purchasers w<sup>th</sup> vs

M<sup>r</sup> Washbourne

Tho: Armitage

Dan: whitehead

Anth: wright

Rob: williams

Joh: washbourne

Ric: Holbrooke.

Recorded in Oysterbay in Lib<sup>r</sup> B: page: 57: & Examined by me John Newman  
Recorder.

## Commonage Rights, 1663

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1663 nicklas Wright ffrances Weeks and henry Townsend are chosen and Appoynted by the Towne to lay out to evry Townes man that have a lot and right in commoning 20 Eakers of land in the commone according to the order of the Towne as may be seene in the 42<sup>th</sup> pag of the Towne book

Wee layd out to ffrances Weekes on the north of of saggamor hile neare Matinicuck Crick a peace of land 66 pole long and 26 pole and ahalf brood

By the South end of the said ffrances Weeks his land abovesaid Nicklas Simkens have 7 acres and 32 pole : 48 long and 24 pole brood.

Next to the South side of the Above said Saggomore hill is a high way runing northeast ward betweene the hils and west South west wards to the South sid of a little hassakie swamp on the South side of the said Nicklas Simkens his land and from thencse the high way is to rune between the north west end of the next swamp one the South side of the same high way. And soe it runs down to the mars and along by it

And next to the South side of the abov said high way begens Henry Townsends land it is 92 pole long and 40 pole brod in consideration of the swamp was the more land alowed for tweenty eakers

Next to the South side of The abovesaid Henry Townsends Land abovsaid his Brother John Townsend had teen eakers it was lay out 40 pole square

More southward Anthony Wright had Teene Eakers layd out 40 pole square

One to the south of saggomor hill henry Townsend have 20 eakers with allowance ecoumpt of the swamp his right is 92 pole long and 40 pol brod

We layd out for Als Crab on the west side of the Mile River two teen eakers lots about 40 pole square each lot both the said lots ar neare ajoyning to that is cald the owld plantingfield but the two lots doe not Joyn togather.

wee laid out to Joseph sutten 20 eakres on the south of the mile river hollow to wards the head of the river It is 62 pole long and 55 pole brod

and next to the said Joseph suttens estward sid Thomas armitag have 10 eakers It lyeth 48 pole long nex to the said Josep Sutten and 38 pole brood

Beniemine hubard have 13 Eakers it is on the west ward sid of Joseph suttens it is 46 pole in breath and neare to the mil river streme it lis about 64 longe & there was much bad l[and] and therfor alowance was given

Mathias harvie have 20 eakers laid out in the estend of the runs that neare the begining of the mile river streeme betweene the runs and it reacheth neare the highway that goeth to hemsteed It is abought 60 pols long and 54 pole brod

ffrances weeks have a teen eaker lot at huckelberie poynt it lyeth 48 pole long and 34 pole brod

James Cok have a teene eaker on the south side of ffrances weeks his lot abovesaid it lieth 48 pole long and 35 pole brod

John Townsend Junior have a peace of land on the south sid of the way to bever swamp neare the ould feedl it is 64 long and 40 pole brod

wee laid out for robard furman at first 68 long & 24 pole brod and as much mor in breath or langht as he see cause to tak it as wil be 20 eakers it is by the could spring bay soe that by himsif and Moyses wee did conklud was 20 eakers on the 11 of ye 10 mo 1664

And then wee layd out to Jonas halsted on oacke neck 20 eakers 107 pole long and 30 pole brod

John Undrell have 10 eakers between Nicklas wrights land by the way to hemsteed and the high w[ay] it is 80 pole long and 20 pole brod

## Andros Patent, 1677

TO all of whom these presents shall come, sendeth Greeting. WHEREAS there is a certaine Towne in the North Riding of Yorkshire upon Long Island, commonly called & knowne by the name of OYSTERBAY, Scituate, lying, and being on the North side of the said Island towards the Sound, having a certaine Tract of Land thereunto belonging. The East bounds whereof begin at the head of the COLD SPRING and so to range upon the Southward line from the SOUND or NORTH SEA to the SOUTH SEA cross the Island to the South East bounds of their South Meadows att a certaine River called by Indyans WARRASKETUCK, thence running along the Sea Cost Westerly to another certaine River called ARRASQUAUNG; then northerly to the Eastermost extent of the Great Playnes where the line divides Hempstead and Robert Williams bounds from thence stretching Westerly along the middle of the said Playnes till it bears south from the said Robert Williams markt tree at the Point of Trees called CANTIAGGE, thence on a North line to the said MarktTree, and then on a North North West line Somewhat Westerly to the head of Hempstead Harbour, on ye East side so to the Sound, and from thence Easterly Along the Sound to the aforemenconed North and South line which runs cross the Island by the COLD SPRING aforesaid, Bounded on the North by the Sound, on the East by Huntington Limmits on the South part by the sea and part by Hempstead Limmits, and on the West by the Bounds of Hemspeatd aforesaid: Including all the Necks of Land and Islands within the afore<sup>sd</sup> described Bounds and Limmits. KNOW YEE that by virtue of his Ma<sup>tis</sup> Letters Patents, and the Commission and Authority unto mee given by his Royall Highness, I have ratiefied, Conferred and graunted, and bythese presents do hereby ratefy, confirme and graunt unto Henry Townsend, Sen<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Wright, Thomas Townsend, Gedeon Wright, Richard Harcker, Joseph Carpenter and Joseph Lating, as patentees for & on the behalf of themselves and their Associates, the Freeholders and the Inhabetants of the said town, their Heyres, Successors and Assignes, all the aforementioned Tract of Land within the said bounds with the Islands and Necksof Land as aforesaid, Together with all the Woodland, Playnes, Meadows, pastures, Quarrys, Marshes, water, Lakes, Rivers, Fishing, Hawking, Hunting and fowling, and all other proffetts, commoditys, Emoluments & Hereditaments to the said Towne Tract of Land and premises within the limits & bounds aforementioned described, belonging or in any way appertaining: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all & singular the said Lands, Hereditaments & premises, with their and every of their appurtenances & every part & parcel thereof to the said Patentees & their Associates, their heyres, Success<sup>rs</sup> and Assignes, to the proper use and beheofe of them the said Patentees and their Associates, their heyres, Successors and Assignes for ever. The tenur of the said Land nd premeses to bee according to the Custome of the Manourof East Greenwich in the County of Kent in Englaand in free and

Common Soccage and by fealty onely provided alwaies notwithstanding that y<sup>e</sup> extent of y<sup>e</sup> Bounds before recited do no way prejudice or infringe the particular Propriety of any person or persons who have right by patent or other Lwful Claime to any part or parcel, of Land or Tenements within the Limmitts aforesaid. Only that all y<sup>e</sup> lands & Plantacons within the said Limmitts or bounds shall have Relacon to the Towne in Gener all for the Well Government thereof. And if itt shall so happen that any part or parcel of the said Land wityhin the bounds and limits aforescribed, be nott already purchased of the Indyans, itt may be purchased, (as occasion) according to law. I do hereby likewise confirm and graunt unto y<sup>e</sup> said Patentees & their Associates, their heyers, Succes<sup>rs</sup> & Assigns, all the Privelledges & immunitys belonging to a Township within this Government, & that y<sup>e</sup> place of their present habitation & abode shall continue & retaine the name of OYSTERBAY by which name and Stile itt shall bee distinguist & known in all bargaines & Sales, Deeds, records & writings. They making improvement thereon according to Law, And Yielding & paying therefor yearly & every year unto his Royal High<sup>ns</sup> as a QUITT RENT one good fatt Lambe on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, unto such officer or Officers as shall be empowered to receve the same.

Given under my hand and seale of the Province in New York this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the 29<sup>th</sup> year of his Ma<sup>jes</sup> Reign, Annoq Domino 1677.

E. ANDROS.

Examined by mee,  
Matthias Nicolls, Secty.

## Petition to Erect a Seminary of Learning, 1801

To the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Township of Oysterbay at their Annual Town Meeting 1801

Friends and fellow Townsmen

We the Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Major part of the Proprietors of a proposed Seminary of Learning to be Erected and Established in the Town Spot of Oyster Bay — Beg leave to [ ] to this Mee[ting]

That Whereas this Town did at an Annual Town Meeting; formerly, lay out a Plot of Ground, Situated in the Town Commons, now knownen by the Name of Church hill in the Town Spot of Oysterbay, for a Town house, and, which at this Time [ ] Dormant; the [ ] of which Grant we now lay before this Meeting [ ] and the rest of the Share holders; having an Ardent Desire to Encourage So Laudable an Institution — Pray — The Concurance of the Town to Grant the Spot above alluded to, for the purpose of Erecting the Said Seminary upon — being the most Eligible for the purpose; — And your Petitioners will be in Duty Bound, ever to pray —

Signed for and in Behalf of the Proprietors

James Farley

John Fleet

Thomas Youngs

a Committee

apointed for the

Purpose

Oysterbay 6<sup>th</sup> April

1801

## Grant to Petitioners, 1801

At an Annual Town Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Oyster Bay held at the House of Cornelius Suydam's in said Town on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1801 A Petition of the proprietors of a proposed Seminary of Learning—to be Erected and Established in the Town Spot of Oyster Bay was laid before the Town praying a Grant for a piece of Ground Situate on Church Hill to Erect the Seminary upon. When it was unanimously Voted to Grant the said petitioners their Request, to locate the Spot of Ground formerly laid out for a Town House in the said Town for that purpose Agreeable to the principles of the[i]r Institution and to Accommodate them with the Yard formerly Laid for a Church Yard until the former Grantees shall Require it for the purpose mentioned in their Grant

Jacobus Monfoort Town Clerk

## Town Constable, 1821 Bond

Know all men by these presents that we Daniel Albertson and John J Cromwell both of the Town of Oysterbay in Queens County and State of New York are held and firmly bound unto Jacobus Montfoort Town Clerk of the town of Oysterbay and to his Successor in office in the just and full sum of five hundred Dollars to be paid unto the said Jacobus Montfoort town Clerk or to his Successor in office in and for the which payment well and truly to be made we do hereby bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators and each and every of them jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September one thousand and eight hundred and twenty one 1821

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Daniel Albertson Constable of the Town of Oysterbay shall well and truly perform the duties required of him as Constable ~~of the town of Oysterbay~~ by collecting such sums as shall be required of him ~~and~~ by Executions or other papers to him directed as Constable and paying out the same agreeable to Law and in all things will faithfully and honestly perform the trust reposed in him as Constable that then the above obligation to be laid otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Sealed Signed and delivered  
In the presence of

Pamela Albertson

Nelly Montfort

John J Cromwell

## George Townsend, 1805 Bond

Know all men by these presents that I George Townsend of Norwich and Township of Oysterbay Queens County and State of New York is held and firmly bound unto William Townsend Supervisor of the Town of Oysterbay and to his successors in that office in that just and full sum two Hundred and said William Townsend or to his Ninety Seven Dolars and sixty one Cents - - - lawful money of the state before said to be paid to the said William Townsend or to his successor in that office or to his or their certain attorney but for the sole use and benefit of the freeholders and inhabitants of said town for the which payment well and truly to be made and Done I bind myself my heirs this thirtieth day of ninth month Eighteen & five Whereas the above said George Townsend hath Received from the Freeholders and inhabitants of the above said town of Oysterbay through the medi[ ] of their Supervisor William Townsend aforesaid the full Sum one hundred Nineteen Pounds one Shillings \_\_\_\_ in Consideration of his granting with others Concerned therein a Certain tract of Beach marsh Islands and meadow Land Situate on the South of the Said Town of Oysterbay to Said Supervisor for the use of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Said Town of Oysterbay Bounded as followeth begining at the North End of a Certain Creek Called Jones's Creek Running thence Northwestardly by the most Northerly Point of Lines's Island so called thence by the North side of the said Island until it comes to the North west point thereof thence westerly through a Creek Called Jones's Run until it comes to Hempstead Town Line thence Southerly by Said Line as it Runs between the town of Hempstead and the meadows Called the Gore until it Comes to the Sea or main Ocean on the South Side of the Beach to Low water mark thence East until it Comes to or meets with a Line of Devision made and Settled between Thomas Jones Esq of Oysterbay of the one part and John Jackson Esq Richard Jackson Jun<sup>r</sup> and Samuel Jackson all of the Town of Hempstead of the Other Part in the year one thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Nine thence North by Said Line to Jones's Creek above said thence Northerly through Said Creek to the Place of begining Agreeable to Said line of Devision as by a Deed of Sale under the hands and Seals of George Townsend and others Concerned therein bearing even Date with the Date of these Presents may more fully appear

Now the Condition of the above obligation is such that should the above Premises or a Part thereof within the Described boundaries Be wrested or taken by the Lawfull Suit of an Person or Persons Claiming the Same so as to be Lost from said Town of Oysterbay that then the said George Townsend his Executors or Administrators or some of them [do] well and fully Refund and Pay back to the Supervisor of the Said Town of Oysterbay for [ ] Delay Such Sum or Sums or Money as may be Proportionate to Such Part or Parts of the Pre[mises] So Lost and if all be Lost in Like manner to Pay Back the above [ ] to be Void and of None Effect otherwise [ ]

Sealed and Delivered  
In the Presence of  
Micah Jackson  
Richard Townsend

George Townsend

## Jones Beach, 1806 Indenture

This Indenture Made the Third Day of Fifth Month one thousand Eight Hundred and Six between John Jackson, Townsend Jackson, William Jones, John Jones, and Walter Jones of the Township of Oysterbay, Queens County, and Hallett Jones of the County of Suffolk, and all of the State of New York, of the one Part, and William Townsend Supervisor of the Town of Oysterbay of the other Part, Witnesseth that they the Said John Jackson and others as above named Parties of the first Part, For and in Consideration of the Just & full Sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Six Dollars and Thirty one Cents to them in Hand Paid by the Said William Townsend Supervisor as aforesaid, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and themselves therewith Severally Contented and Paid Have given granted bargained and Sold, and by these Presents Do Give Grant Bargain and Sell Unto the Said William Townsend Supervisor of the Town of Oysterbay and to his successors in that office All the Right Title, Intrest, Property, Claim, and Demand whatsoever, of them the said John Jackson and others above named Parties of the first Part, of in and to, a certain Tract of Beach Marshes Island and meadow Lands, Situate on the South Side of Nassau Island, opposite to the Township of Oysterbay aforesaid. — Bounded as Follows {that is to Say}on the East by a Line of Division made and Settled between Thomas Jones Esqr of Oysterbay of the one Part and John Jackson Esqr, Richard Jackson Junr, and Samuel Jackson all of the Township of Hampstead of the other part, in the year One thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine, at a Creek known by the name of Jones's Creek, and on the west by Hampstead Pattent Line, on the South by the Sea or main Ocean, on the South Side of the Beach to Low water mark and on the North by the bay that Parts the beach from the meadows, Together with all the beaches, Marshes, Islands, Creeks, meadows, waters, Fishing, Fowling, Profits, Emoluments, Hereditments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining as also, all the Rights, Title, Intrest, Property, Claims and Demand whatsoever of the Said John Jackson and others above named Parties of the first Part, of, in and to the above Described and bounded Premises, with every of their appurtenances, To Have and to Hold. All and singular, the above granted Premises, with the appurtenances, Unto the above said William Townsend, Supervisor as above said, and his Successors in that office, Forever To be held in trust by him and them for the use of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the aforesaid Town of Oysterbay, Agreeable to the Direction of the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, in that Case made and Provided

In Witness Whereof They the Said between John Jackson, Townsend Jackson, William Jones, John Jones, and Walter Jones, and Hallett Jones have hereunto Set their hands and Seals The Day and year above Written

## Mill Grant, 1661 [1745]

Oyster Bay ye 16<sup>th</sup> of September 1661

Bee it knownen unto all men, by these p'sents, yt wee ye Inhabiters of ye Towne of Oyster Bay, on Long Island In America whose names are underwritten, wee doe by these p'sents, feremly Covenant & Ingaige, unto Hennery Townesand, now in ye Said Towne on ye Condishtion ye Sd Hennery Townesand , doe Build such a Mill, as at Norwake on the Maine; or an English Mill, on our Streame called by us ye Mill Revir, at ye west end of our Towne, then do we geive & Conferem, Such Lands to him his heires, & assignes for Ever without Molestation or Condishtion: as Namely, all ye Mill lott, bounded with Hennery Desborowes lott on ye East side ye Solte Medo on ye North end and Anthony Wrights, Medo lott, on ye West, & ye highway on ye South ye Sd Anthony Wright Medo lott, is given also to ye said Hennery Townsand, yt joynes to ye forsaid Mill, lott on ye East, & Lattings Solte Medo on ye North End, & a high way, on ye west Side, of two pole Broade, between said Streame, & Mill lott, and ye highway on ye South, & wee give him also all ye Solte Medo and upland, on ye west side of ye Sd Mill Streame to a littell Streame of watter, on ye West side of it, & ye sea is ye North Bounds, & a highway on ye South of Six pole Broad Joyning to ye Swampe: and wee doe heerby geive and grante, unto ye Sd Hennery Townsend, ye Sd mill Streame, to build a Mill or Mills on it, as hee shall see Cause, & to remaine ferem, to him, his heires & Assignes soe they or hee doe keepe a Mill on it as afore Sd, but if ye Mill Cease for halfe a Yeare, after it is built, & noe preparation, is made, to Repare ye Mill againe, yt then ye Towne may Lawfully enter on ye River againe, as there one, & Improve it, as ye shall see nessearey, but if ye said Hennery Townsend, his heires or assignes, doe make prepration to repare soe yt it be finished for Servis, after a Yeares deacay: yt then ye Sd Streame Shall still Cuntinnew his or theirs, on Condishtion a Mill be kept or Elce ye Streame, to Returne to ye Towne as above Sd, & thearefore wee give him bythis full power, to trench & dame & to take what timber hee hath need of for his use, & to have Comoning for his Cattell, and on our Charges, we Ingaige to trench & make ye dame: for ye Mill, as hee shall geive Direcytion, when he calls to have it dunn, & we allow him the tenth parte for grinding, but if in process of time, ye toledoeth increase, yt less may bee Suffishtient, to uphold ye Mill soe yt the Miller be not discoridg, he is to have less: as understanding men in ye case Chosen by him & us: shall Judge and his tole dish, is to be made true & to be Struckt, in takeing ye tole, & wee Ingaige no other [ ] then what is before mentioned, shall be made to Joyne ye for mentioned Lands, we have given to ye sd Henry Townsend and wee are Cuntent yt the Mill do app[oint one day] In A Weeke—[for] to Grind our Coren, & yt Sd Hennery Townesand doe fence in ye bove Sd Land, yt Such as have upland, or Medo, Joyning to ye bove Sd, shall Joyne in fenceing with him there halfe according to our English custome & hee is to have it all Rate & taxe free for Ever: & to enter, in

p<sup>r</sup>sent posession on ye Streame and Lands, and to ye true dew, & faithfull performance, of all & Every of ye above mentioned Ingaigements, & promises, we bind us our heires & assignes to perforem, unto ye Sd Hennery Townesend, his heires & assignes as wittnes our hands, ye day & yeare above written, upon Condishtion hee builds a Mill, as above Sd Servisable to ye Towne of Oyster Bay in ye Condishtion, yt the Towne noew is in, as ye Mill, at Norwake, is Servisable to there Towne:

Nicholas Simkings	ffrancis Weeke	Matthew Bridgeman
John Bates	Rob: ffurman	Towne Clearke
Benj: Hubard	Rich: Harcott	John Townesand Seny
Henry Disbrow	John Richbell	John Digeson
Rich: Latting	John Townesand Ju:	Jonas Holstead
John ffinch	Anthony Wright	Thomas Armintage
	Nicholas Wright	