

A record of the division of the land at Cape Cod, belonging to ye Proprietors of Truro from the Province Land upon said Cape to the beach (Called Eastern Harbor Great Beach) as it was laid out by order of the Proprietors thereof and letted for; the 14th day of June 1715.

The FIRST and westernmost lot fell to Hezekiah Purrinton, Samuel Eldred and Joseph Davis, that is to say, said Purrinton hath one half of it and Eldred and Davis have the other half of it equally between them.

This lot lieth on the Easterly side of the Province Land and it is bounded beginning at a pine tree marked (with P in the Westerly side and I on the Easterly side) standing in or near the range or line between the Province Land and the Proprietors of Truro, and from thence ranging Northerly along said range to a stake standing on a hill nigh ye back side, which stake is ye Northerly bound between ye said Province Land and ye said Proprietors of Truro, and from thence ranging Southerly to a pine tree marked, nigh the Cape harbour, and from thence running Westerly 40 peles to ye bound first mentioned.

The SECOND lot fell to Thomas Paine; this lot beginning at a pine tree marked, which is the Southeasterly corner bound of ye first lot, and from thence ranging Northerly along by the Easterly side of the Easterly range of ye first lot to a stake nigh ye back side, which is the Northeast corner bound of ye first lot, and from thence running East Southerly 40 peles to another stake standing near ye back side, and from thence ranging Southerly to a pine tree marked, nigh ye harbour, and from thence ranging Westerly seven and forty peles to the first bound mentioned.

The THIRD lot fell to Jehn Snow, Josiah Ceeke, Nathaniel Atkins, Thomas Mulford and Nathaniel Harding, that is to say, Jehn Snow hath one third, Josiah Ceeke, one third and Nathaniel Atkins half a third and said Mulford and Harding have half a third between them.

This lot lyeth on the Easterly side of the Second lot and it is bounded, beginning at a pine tree marked, which is the Southeast corner bound of ye Second lot, and from thence ranging Northerly along by ye Easterly range of ye second lot and from thence ranging Northerly along by ye Easterly range of ye Second lot to a stake nigh ye back side, which stake is ye Northeast corner bound of ye Second lot, and from thence ranging East Southerly 5 and 40 peles to an oak bush marked, nigh ye back side and from thence ranging Southerly to a red oak sapling, marked, nigh ye harbour and from thence ranging Westerly 7 and 40 peles to the bound first mentioned.

The FOURTH lot fell to Constant Freeman, Richard Rich, Joseph Young, James Young and Thomas Smith, that is to say, Freeman hath half, Rich one quarter and Joseph Young, James Young and Thomas Smith have the other one quarter between them.

This lot lyeth on the Easterly side of the Third lot and it is bounded beginning at a red oak sapling marked, which is the Southeast corner bound of ye Third lot and from thence ranging Northerly along by the Easterly range of the Third lot to an oak bush marked, which is ye Northeast corner bound of ye Third lot, and from thence ranging ^{EAST} Southerly ^{50 PELES TO A STAKE NIGH YE BACK SIDE AND FROM} to a red oak sapling, marked, standing nigh ye harbour, and from thence ranging Westerly 7 and 40 peles to ye bound first mentioned.

The FIFTH lot fell to Nathaniel Atkins, Dean Smith and Jedidiah Lumbert, Thomas Lumbert, Thomas Turner, that is to say, Atkins hath one third, Smith one third and the said Lumberts and Turner and his wife have the other one third amongst them.

This lot lyeth on ye Easterly side of ye Fourth lot and it is bounded beginning at a red oak sapling, marked, (nigh ye harbour) which is ye Southeast corner bound of ye Fourth lot and from thence ranging Northerly along by ye Easterly range of ye Fourth lot to a stake nigh ye back side which is ye Northeast corner bound of ye Fourth lot, and from thence ranging East Southerly 5 and 50 peles to a red oak bush marked, nigh ye harbour and from thence running Westerly 5 and 50 peles to ye bound first mentioned.

the SIXTH lot fell to William Dyer, Thomas Rogers, Francis Smalle and Jenathan Dyer and Samuel Smalle, that is to say, Dyer hath one third, Rogers one third and Francis Smalle half a third and Jenathan Dyer and Samuel Smalle have the other half third between them.

The lot lyeth on the Easterly side of the Fifth lot and from thence ranging Northerly along by the Easterly side of the Fifth lot to a red oak bush marked (nigh ye back side) which is the Northeast corner bound of the Fifth lot, and from thence running East Southerly along the back side 100 peles to a white burtch stake, marked and from thence ranging Southerly to a white oak tree, marked on the cliff (nigh ye harbour) to ye Westward of Larkins his point and from thence ranging Westerly along ye shore to ye bound first mentioned.

The SEVENTH lot fell to Capt. Jonathan Bangs and his son Edward Bangs in equal partnership.

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This lot lyeth on the Easterly side of the Sixth let and it is bounded beginning at a white oak tree, marked on the cliff (nigh ye harbour) which is the Southeast corner bound of ye Sixth let and from thence running Easterly along ye shere until it cometh to ye Westerly side of ye arm of meadow (that runneth from ye mouth of ye Eastern Harbour up into ye Cape) and from thence running up Northerly along by the Westerly side of ye aforesaid meadow until it comes to ye head of it to a white oak tree, marked, there, and from thence ranging still Northerly 13 poles to a pine tree, marked, and so running on ye same range with them two marked trees to the back side and then running along the back side Westerly until it comes to a white burtch stake which is the Northeast corner bound of ye Sixth let, then ranging Southerly along by the Easterly range of the Sixth let to ye bound first mentioned.

The EIGHTH let fell to Caleb Hopkins.

This let lyeth partly on the Easterly side of ye Seventh let and partly on ye Easterly side of ye arm of meadow that runneth from ye mouth of Eastern Harbour up into ye Cape and it is bounded beginning at a white oak tree, marked, at the head of said meadow, which tree is one of the ranging bounds of ye Seventh let and from thence ranging South/easterly along by ye Easterly side of ye aforesaid meadow until it cometh to the Northerly side of the aforesaid Eastern Harbour and then ranging East over to the Great Beach and then running Northwesterly along ye beach by ye backside until it cometh to ye Easterly range of ye Seventh let and then ranging down Southerly along the Easterly side of the Seventh let to ye bound first mentioned.

It is to be understood that although many of ye bounds of ye Southerly end of ye aforesaid lets in the Cape divition stand some distance from the water side yet notwithstanding all said lets are to run to the bound by the water or harbour.
Recorded by: The. Paine, Clerk of Said Proprietors.

NOTES :

This division was practically a triangle ^{PIECE} of land, the Easterly side about a mile long, was the division line between the Province Land and Truro; the southerly side of the triangle lies along the harbour front up to the mouth of Eastern Harbour and was about a mile long, possibly a little more; the Northeast side of the triangle extending from the mouth of Eastern Harbour or near it ran to the stake on the hill which was the Northerly boundary stake between Province Land and lands of the Proprietors of Truro. The Northeasterly line of the triangle was bounded its entire length by Eastern Harbor Great Beach which is often mentioned in the Proprietor's records as the "Back Side".

Eastern Harbor Great Beach at the stake on the hill and Northerly bound stake between Province Land and Truro Proprietors was at least $3/4$ mile wide from the ocean and widened out as it approached the mouth of Eastern Harbour.

A map of Truro made 1795 by Benj. Dyer, original with Archives, State House, shews, I think, this triangle of land which was divided in 1715, inasmuch as the map marks the dividing line between the letted land of the 1715 division and Eastern Harbor Great Beach - the "Back Side."

(Notes prepared by S.D. Hannah)

TRURO RECORDS

THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN PROVINCE LANDS AND TRURO
WAS ESTABLISHED 1714 (Province Laws Vol. 21; Page 852)

Page 67 (Records Proprietors of Truro)

"Division of land at Cape Cod belonging to ye Proprietors of
Truro from Province Lands upon said Cape to the Beach (called
Eastern Harbour Great Beach) 8 lots 1715.

Page 136:

Copy of records.

NOTES:-

Provincetown incorporated 1727 - June 14th.

Annexations from TRURO

1st:- Lot #1 1813 Sea to Sea
2nd:- Lot 2 & 3 1829 " " "
3rd:- Lot 4-5-6-7 1836 " " "

Easterly line of Lot 7 as laid out.

Pages 15 & 16:

Division of all remaining common lands - April 26, 1715

NOTE:- TRURO WAS INCORPORATED IN 1709
From Province Land to Eastham
Sea to Sea

Pages 18-19 & 20 - Sept. 9, 1716:

Laying out all meadows N.E. Eastern Harbour as common
meadow. (Probably beginning of the Eastern Harbor Meadows
and Beaches Proprietorship.

NOTES:-

In the original Province Lands there was a stream or creek just back
of the beach line, separating the shore from the Province Land.
"Race Run" was probably the name of the creek, which processes of
accretion and dune movement undoubtedly resulted in its disappearance.

There are Truro Town Records referring to all divisions of the
Proprietor's lands which were originally assembled for use in
litigation between the Proprietors of Eastern Harbor Meadows and
Beaches and the Town of Truro over the point of the beach- which
is the area where the highway and the R.R. formerly ran.

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TRURO RECORDS

Page 21- July 30, 1716:

Laying out undivided land about Eastern Harbour - 8 shares.

Page 24 - April 3, 1722:

First mention in these records of Proprietors of Eastern Harbour Meadows and Beaches.

Page 48 - July 20, 1740:

"At the same meeting of the Proprietors of Eastern Harbor Meadows and Beaches and the land adjoining to Provincetown, etc.

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At the time - the Provincetown Line between Truro was the same as in 1714.

NOTE:- DEED OF CONVEYANCE:

Eastern Harbour Meadows and Beaches conveyed to Phillips, the Westerly bound being the "present line as established between Provincetown and Truro" At that time the line was Easterly line Lot Seven as originally laid out by the Proprietors of Truro.

(Notes:- abstracted by S.D. Hannah
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SKETCH OF 1795 DYER MAP

O C E A N

..... ALL THIS IS BEACH.....
(Same as 's called EASTERN HARBOUR
GREAT BEACH

TERRITORY
PROVINCE LAND

E. HARBOUR RUN

EAST HARBOR

CREEK

This triangle
divided 1715

Easterly line of Province Land
established by Province Assembly
by resolve - 1714.

Northerly boundary stake was
jawbone of a whale on top of hill
high back side.

EASTERN HARBOUR BEACH
(Not Great Beach)

POND

Probably what is
called East-rn
Harber
Pond

In Council Octo^r. 25th 1714

The Report of the Committee for running the line
between Truro & the province Land at Cape Cod viz
pursuant to an order of the great & general Court or assembly
begun & held at Boston the 26th day of May 1714. we the
subscribers being appointed a Committee have made
search & Enquiry for the true bounds, or line of divi-
sion, between the lands belonging to the proprietors of
the town of Truro & the province Land at Cape Cod &
with the assistance of the select Men of said Truro, have
fixed & settled the said line as followeth. viz^t Beginning at
easterly end of a Cliff near the cape harbour called by the Indians
Hea-magot & by the English Cormorant Hill at a jaw bone of a
Whale set in the ground there by the side of a Red oak stump
& thence running by a marked range of trees near on a north
by west line, about half a point more westerly to a marked
pine tree standing by a weedy pond called by the Indians
wooknotchigisset & from thence by marked range of trees
to a high hill on the back side near the north sea with a Red
cedar post set in the said hill. & thence to run in the same line
to the sea, & running back on the contrary line to the harbour
Thomas Paine Esq^r & Tedekeah Lumbart agents for said prop-
rietors were present & consenting thereto - as witness our hands
hereto set. The 24th day of Sep^r Anno Domini 1714.

Thomas Mulford - Tho^s Paine - Joseph Doane - John Otis
Nex: Purrington - Led. Lumbart, Sam^l. Knowls - Will^m Bradford
Read & accepted - - - - - consented by the Representatives

consented to by J Dudley

A True copy taken by me Solo. Freeman

REBECCA
~~REBECCA~~ F. PAINE

TO

ENOS NICKERSON

Book 59 Page 244

Locus:

All of one half part parcel of land owned in common with Rebecca F. Paine & Enos Nickerson situated in Provincetown as follows: Beginning at a stake the south side of the County Road by Enos Nickerson's land and running Northeasterly by said road six hundred forty two feet more or less to a stake at Edgar Paine's land and extending across the Cape in parallel lines six hundred forty two feet more or less from the harbour on the Southeast side to the cranberry meadow on the Northwest side of the Cape. Said cranberry meadow is called the RUN. These parallel lines run across the Cape NORTH 14 degrees WEST and said piece of land is 642 feet wide from the harbor to the cranberry meadow on RUN so called

Signed: Rebecca F. Paine

Dated: July 28th, 1866

Recorded: July 31st, 1866

EDGAR PAINE

TO

JOHN YOUNG

Book 84 Page 321

Locus:

A certain Cranberry Let in the RUN (so called) on the North side of the seventh lot of land, in the Easterly part of Provincetown bounded as follows. Commencing at the South east corner of Enos Nickerson's cranberry Let and running North $21\frac{1}{2}$ degrees , twenty-one and a half degrees West to the sea shore or back side (so called) thence Easterly by said shore thirty four rods, thence South $21\frac{1}{2}$ degrees, twenty-one and a half degrees east to a stake on Elkanah Paine's land, thence Southwesterly thirty-four rods along the south side of said Let to the first mentioned bound or corner. Also the house and fence on said land.

Signed: Edgar Paine
Mary Paine

Dated: April 25th, 1864

Recorded: April 29th, 1864

HENRY WILLARD

to

ENOS NICKERSON

Locus:

Conveys one half undivided interest to:

The Westerly sixth part of the sixth lot of land situated in Provincetown (but was formerly Truro) said sixth is owned in common with the heirs of Simeon Conant late of Provincetown, deceased, said lands is the same that was divided and set off to us the said Simeon Conant and Henry Willard, by James T. Cook, Thomas Hilliard and Nathan Freeman 2nd and according to their report made to the Court held at Barnstable in the April term of 1843 bounded and described as follows, viz: on the Westerly the heirs of Charles A. Brown on the North by the sea On the East by the lands of persons unknown, on the South by the Harbour or sea shore. Said tract of lands is sixteen rods and sixteen links in width and extends across the cape from shore to shore.

Signed: : Henry Willard

Dated: April 9, 1851

Recorded: May 21st, 1851

CALEB & BATHSHEBA NICKERSON, HENRY & ANN NICKERSON, CHARLES & ELEANOR
NICKERSON, ARTEMAS & LUCY NICKERSON, JAMES C. & PHEBE PAINE & OLIVE N &
CHARLES A. HANNUM

- T O -

JOHN YOUNG

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TOCUS:

Situate in the Eastern part of Provincetown and known as the SIXTH LOT
in the so called allotted land bounded and described in a deed con-
veying a part of the same from Henry Willard to Enos Nickerson, dated
A.D. 1850 April 9th and recorded at Barnstable in the Registry of
Deeds, Book 50, 171 & 172 pages thereof on the 21st day of May A.D.
1851, in a deed conveying a part of said SIXTH lot from Henry
Paine 2nd given October 29th A.D. 1853 in Book 49 and on Page 365,
and in a deed conveying the residue of the same from Rebecca T. Paine
to said Enos Nickerson given July 27th A.D. 1866 & recorded in the
Registry of Deeds at Barnstable in Book 89 on Page 244.

Signed: By the above

Dated: January 13th, 1869

Recorded: January 14th, 1869