

GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

LANES COVE TO SANDY BAY LAND GRANTS

1687/8

COMPILED FROM
FIRST VOLUME OF TOWN RECORDS



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At a towne meeting held in glocester the 27th february 1687/88, being a general towne meeting leagally warned:

The Inhabitanst then voited that every housholder and younge men upward of one and twenty years of age that was born in the town and liveing in town bearing charges to town and country shall have six acres of land the town and harbor is to have it laid out upon the Cape begining, Att flat stone cove and runing a longe till every man hath his six acres of land laid out runing so high in the woods from flat ston cove as may take in holybut point upon condistions never to sell it unles they sell what they have and leave the towne. As also none of the proprieters of said land or any other than shall Improve the said land by or under them are not to hunt or hound Cattell or swin under forfeiture of there land to the town and likwis thos that doe Inioy the said land is to make sufficent fences and to bear al damage that come either by cattell horse or mare and swin)...

Likewise Those that live upon the wester sid of the Cute or that Inoij any of this land that is now to be laid out according to this grant hav it given them upon the same condistions as is above exsp[ress]ed only they ar not to cut any wood upon the said land to be sold out of towne directly or Inderectly upon the penalty of formar Town acts. Conserving cuting of Cordwood upon prohibbit ground as also non of the said Propreitors is not to hinder any of the town dwelers from cuting of wood for ther own burning upon any of the said land given at the said meetting nor to hinder any of the town dwelers from halling any thing they have accation for down to the watter side through the said land. (First Volume of Town Records Commencing in 1642 page 139 transcribed by Sarah Dunlap 1995.)

On the 27th February, 1688, the town voted, that every household and young man, upwards of twenty-one years of age, that was born in town, and was then living in town, and bearing charges to town and county, should have six acres of land. Among the conditions annexed were one, that the inhabitants should be permitted to cut wood upon these lots for their own use; and another, securing to the people a free passage through them for certain purposes to the water-side. In accordance with this vote, eighty-two lots, all numbered, -- beginning at Flat-stone Cove and terminating at Back Beach, Sandy Bay, -- were laid out to persons living on the easterly side of the Cut. The inhabitants on the westerly side of the Cut had their lots where they chose to select them in their part of Town. (History of the town of Gloucester, Cape Ann by John J. Babson 1860 pages 207-208)

The following list of Town of Gloucester land grants to early settlers was compiled from an 1850 transcript of the First Volume of Town Records. Included are lot numbers, names of grantees, names of later land owners, and page numbers where the information is located in both the transcript and the original volume. Other Cape land transactions are included at the end of the list. The Cape location includes land from Flat Stone (Lane's) Cove to Sandy Bay and on to Starknaught Harbor near Little good Harbor (Good Harbor Beach).

Photocopies of the transcript can be seen at the Gloucester Archives and at the Sawyer Free Library. The original volume First Volume of Gloucester Town Records Commencing in 1642 and the transcript of it can be viewed on microfiche at the Gloucester City Clerk's office and at Sawyer Free Library. Microfilm of both volumes can also be seen at the Library.

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Compiled from 1st volume Gloucester Town Records

* Land grant

LOT #			TRANSCRIPT PAGE #	ORIGINAL PAGE #
FLAT STONE COVE NORTH EAST SIDE/LANES COVE				
1	1687/8*	Row Jr, John deceased	165, 211, 216	148
	1687/8*to	Row, James brother	211	
2	1687/8*	Allen, Joseph	110, 165, 211, 216	116
	1693/4 to	Row, John	216	
3	1687/8*	Sargent Sr, William	110, 165	81
	1692 to	Allen, Joseph	110, 216	
	1693/4 to	Row, John	216	
FLAT STONE COVE EAST SIDE/LANES COVE				
4	1687/8	Elwell Sr, Isaac	62, 110, 216	41, 81
FLAT STONE COVE/LANES COVE TO GALLOPS FOLLY COVE				
5	1687/8*	Day, Anthony	62, 74	41
6	1687/8*	Duncan, Mr Peter	62, 74, 146, 154	53
7	1687/8*	Witham, Thomas	74, 146, 154, 169	124
	1693 to	Joslin, Henry	154	
8	1687/8*	Riggs Sr, Thomas	62, 146, 154, 169	120
9	1687/8*	Millet Sr, Thomas	62, 129, 169	42
10	1687/8	Emerson Sr, John	62, 129	
11	1687/8*	Judkin, Thomas	63, 110, 121, 129, 143	81
	1694 to	son in law Sargent, John	110, 121, 129, 143	89
	1696/7 to	Stan[i]wood, John	110, 143	93
NEAR SAW MILL				
12	1687/8*	Millet Sr, Thomas	63, 129, 130	42
13	1687/8*	Row, James	63, 104, 130	93
14	1687/8*	Somes, Nathaniel	42, 104, 130	77
		Somes, Nathaniel deceased	237	
	1694 to	Somes, John of Boston	237	
	1694 to	Allen, Joseph	237	
15	1687/8*	Prince Sr, Thomas	42, 104, 108, 152	
		by will		
	1692? to	grandson Abraham Row	152	
16	1687/8*	Prince Jr, Thomas	42, 108, 152, 163	80
	1692 to	Row, Hugh	152	
17	1687/8*	Norwood Jr, Francis	108, 120, 152, 159, 163	115

GALLOPS FOLLY COVE WEST SIDE

18	1687/8* 1690/1 to	Elwell Sr, Samuel Day, John	120, 159	144,	158,	163	88
?	1687/8	Collins, John	120				
19	1687/8*	Millet, John	144,	159,	160		102
20	1687/8*	Hodgkins, Samuel	144,	160			114
21	1687/8*	COMMON LAND next to Babson Babson, Richard	214 61,	160,	214		150
2 FOLLIES							
22	1687/8* 1687/8*	Glover, Steven deceased Sargent, Nathaniel	61, 214	214,	229		40 150
23	1687/8 1687/8 to	Pearce, John Somes Jr, Timothy	61, 229	195,	229		160 160
24	1687/8*	Hadley, John	144,	195,	229		136

GALLOPS FOLLY COVE EAST SIDE

25	1687/8*	Elwell Jr, Isaac	59,	144,	195		102
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HALIBUT POINT WEST END

26	1687/8*	Stevens, deacon James	59,	77,	144		38
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HALIBUT POINT

27	1687/8* 1687/8 to	Harraden, widow Sarah son Harraden, Benjamin	59, 59,	77, 77	139,	140	
28	1687/8* 1694/5 1694/5 to	Cook, John Cook, Mary relect of John Cook Day, Samuel	77, 140	139,	206		
29	1687/8*	Harradan, John	139,	140,	165,	206,	269
30	1687/8* 1698/9 to	Smith, Moris James, Charles	123,	165,	206,	222,	269 116
31	1687/8* 1695 to	Parsons, Jeffery Row Sr, John	123,	165,	210,	222,	269 90
32	1687/8* 1691 to	Elwell, Robert Row, John	118,	123,	210,	218,	222 148
33	1687/8*	Row Sr, John	118,	126,	210,	220	86
34	1687/8* 1687/8 to 1694or5to	Row, Hugh Norwood Sr, Francis Row, John	109, 109, 220,	110, 118,	117, 126	126	81 190
SEA ON 3 SIDES OUTSIDE LOT							
35	1687/8* 1689/90 to	Doliver, William Row Sr, John	110, 117,	117,	126,	156	81

HOOP POLE COVE ON OR BY HALIBUT POINT

36	1687/8*	Skamp, Robert	105,	156,	272		110
	1697	Giddings, George	272				

HOOP POLE COVE TO PIGEON COVE

37	1687/8*	Somes Sr, Timothy	105,	156			78
	1697 to	Row, John	272				
38	1687*	Hamman, John	105,	108,	223		80
	1687 to	Norwood Sr, Francis	108				
	1687 to	Somes, Timothy	108,	272			
	1697 to	Row, John	272				
39	1687/8	Gardner, James	120				
	1695	Gardner, Joseph	272,	223			
	1695 to	Row, John	223				
40	1687/8*	Stevens, Samuel	120,	155,	223		88
41	1687/8*	Josline Sr, Henry	120,	122,	155		110
42	1687/8*	Sargent 2nd, William	122,	155,	215,	221	49, 151
	1694 to	Row, John	215				
43	1687/8*	Fitch, John	63,	122,	221		68
	1687/8 to	son in law Coit, Nathaniel	221				68?
44	1687/8*	Millet Sr, Thomas	63,	179,	219,	221	42

PIGEON COVE NORTH SIDE

45	1687/8*	Bray, John	63,	179,	187,	216,	219	125
	1687/8 to	Row, John	179,	216,	219			125
46	1687/8*	William Stevens	126,	179,	187,	219		130
47	1687/8*	Harraden, Edward	126,	147,	151,	187,	221	
	1689/90 to	Row, Hugh	126,	151,	147			
48	1687/8*	Coite, Job deceased	126,	221				68
	1687/8	Card, Hannah relects of Coit, Job	221					
	1687/8	to brother Coit, Nathaniel	221					68
49	1687/8	Sargent Jr, William	118,	119,	221,	275		
50	1687/8*	Riggs Jr, Thomas	118,	119,	212,	215		86
	1689/90	to Row Sr, John	118,	215				
	1694 to	Norwood Sr, Francis	215,	275				

PIGEON COVE

51	1687/8*	Collins, Ezekial	108,	118,	119,	212,	217	149
	1691 to	Row, John	212,	217,	218,	275		149
	1694 to	Norwood Sr, Francis	218,	275				
52	1687/8*	Norwood Sr, Francis	108,	212,	275			80
53	1687/8*	Elwell, Jacob	108,	109,	149			80
	1687/8 to	Norwood, Francis	108					
54	1687/8*	Day, Ezekial	84,	109,	149			80, 109
	1687/8 to	Norwood Sr, Francis	109					
55	1687/8*	Foster, Bartholomew	84,	104,	109,	149		62
	1700 to?	Sawyer, Thomas & Hannah						62

SANDY BAY NORTH SIDE

79	1687/8*	Clark, Joseph	85, 104, 107, 273	
80	1687/8*	Vinson, William	107, 211, 273	79
	1695	Vinson, Rachal releck to Vinson, William	107	
	1695 to	son in law Elwell, Jacob	107	

OUTSIDE LOT

81	1687/8*	Babson, Ebenezer	23, 107, 211, 232, 233	148
	1691 to	Row, John	211	148

SANDY BAY POINT CALLED DAVIDSONS NECK

82	1692/3*	Emerson Jr, John	23, 92, 232, 233	
	1694/5	Emerson Jr, John given more land to above lot	232, 233	
	1696/7	Emerson Jr, John given 6 acres west end of land he bought of Low, Thomas	233	

LOTS ABUTTING #82:

	1694/5	Low, Thomas given 6 acres across Mr John Emerson Jrs land & Thomas Withams path	230, 232	
?abutter	1696/7?	Emerson Jr, John bought of Thomas Low	233	
	1703/4	John Pool (formerly Mr John Emerson) John Pool given 3 acres between run of water & highway & down to the sea	263	
?abutter		John Pool (formerly Mr John Emerson)		

-----OTHER CAPE LAND TRANSACTIONS-----

1668	Hugh Row to James Gardner...head of cape upland....	93
1685	Jeffry Parsons given 1 acre upland... leaving highway that leads to cape	123
1687/8	John Davis given common right & 3 acres upland at Hodgkins Cove for 6 acres at cape which fell to him 68th Lot?	176
1708*	John Elwell Sr, granted 6 acres at Cape near head of Whirle pool swamp	92

CAPE POND between Rows farm & great pond

1658	James Babson given 20 acres upland between fresh meadow & rows farme and 20 acres upland between that upland & great ponde	213
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?abutter 1692/3	John Row or Thomas Withams cellar Ebenezer Babson son of James Babson injoying land, abutters complain & bounds settled	213	
?abutter	John Row or Thomas Withams cellar		
??? 1692	?		161
?abutter 1695	Son in law Thomas Witham & Abigail Elinor Babson widow of James babson to son Richard farne 20 acres upland by house next to comon [near Cape Pond]	254	
?abutter 1698/9?	Son in law Thomas Witham & Abigail [Babson p107 Charles James exchanged acres to Moris Smith for lot at cape]	245	
CAPE STRAITSMOUTH COVE			
1698/9	John Babson to Towne 6 acres att cape by straits mouth point next to common	273	
CAPE DAVIDSONS RUN			
1701	Richard Tarr given 6 acres att Sandy Bay on south side of Davidsons run & next to sea	185	

