

# BOWNE HOUSE ARCHIVES



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## BOWNE FAMILY PAPERS OF FLUSHING, L.I.

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Deed, Sarah Feake to John Bowne

Date: November 22, 1669 Old Style  
(December 2, 1669 New Style)

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## NOTES ON 17TH- AND 18TH-CENTURY DOCUMENTS

### Dates:

1. Quaker dates: early Quakers used the numbers, not the names, of the months and the days of the week. (Note that the numbering of the months was different in the Old Style calendar—i.e., their "seventh month" is September, not July.)
2. Old Style ("O.S.") vs. New Style (N.S.): Prior to 1752, English people mostly used "Old Style" dating, which followed the Julian calendar and began the New Year on March 25. However, the Dutch and many other European countries followed the "New Style" calendar in use today. By the 17th century, the Old Style calendar had fallen ten days behind the New Style.
3. Dual dating: because the New Style calendar began the year on January 1 and the Old Style began it on March 25, dates that fall in between are sometimes given in a format like 1663/4 or 1663-4.

### Common abbreviations:

y <sup>e</sup> = the or thee	y <sup>m</sup> = them
y <sup>t</sup> = that	w <sup>th</sup> = with
y <sup>n</sup> = than or then	w <sup>ch</sup> = which

Note: words like "ye" are spelled with the Old English character thorn, which looks like the letter "y" but is pronounced "-th."

**Money** is denominated in pounds, shillings, and pence, in columns as follows:    £ : s : d

### Reading 17th- and 18th-century handwriting:

Transcriptions are already available for some of the Colonial-era documents from the Bowne House Archives; transcription of the rest of our collection is an ongoing project. We recommend the following resources for those who would like to learn how to read early modern handwriting for themselves:

Kip Sperry, *Reading Early American Handwriting* (Genealogical Publishing Company, 2009) - book available from Amazon.com and other online retailers

Library of Congress Research Guide: "Paleography: Interpreting Handwriting in Genealogical Research" - <https://guides.loc.gov/paleography/early-american-handwriting>

Online tutorial from Harvard's Beinecke Library: "Quarantine Reading: Learn to Read Secretary Hand" - <https://beinecke.library.yale.edu/article/quarantine-reading-learn-read-secretary-hand>

all People to whom this present writing shall  
 come know ye that Sarah Hekke of Flushing  
 in the North Riding of Yorkshires for good  
 & valuable Considerations to me in hand paid  
 before by Sealing & Delivry hereof by John  
 Bowne of the aforesaid place Whose of & whose  
 I acknowledge my self to be fully Satisfied Contented  
 & paid & their of doe fully & absolutely Exonerate  
 acquitt & discharge the aforesaid John Bowne his  
 heirs Executors Administrators & Assignes And  
 have heard upon Bargaine & sold & doe by these  
 presents fully grant bargain & sell as followeth  
 Certain parcel of Land lying & Situate in the  
 aforesaid Flushing containing about two lugs acres more  
 or less w<sup>th</sup> a thar of fresh meadow <sup>number 5<sup>th</sup></sup> w<sup>th</sup> all the house  
 standing upon the said right acres of the aforesaid  
 Land being bounded Southly by the Land of Robert  
 Derry West & North by the Common path & East  
 in South running up in to the woods the other four  
 sides to be taken either in the Common Land w<sup>th</sup> in fenced  
 or Else where as the town will give Consent fit  
 to my whole accomodation & my late deceased  
 husband Robert Hekke bought of Richard Stockton  
 only the thar of salt meadow Excepted so have  
 & to hold the two lugs acres of Land & thar of fresh meadow  
 so gather w<sup>th</sup> all the houseing & building appurtenances  
 & premises w<sup>th</sup> other in Commons be any way or  
 there unto belonging w<sup>th</sup> all my right & title in the said  
 Land w<sup>th</sup> in fenced & by fencing belonging to the said  
 aforesaid John Bowne his heirs Executors Administrators  
 & assignes from henceforth & for evermore And the  
 aforesaid Sarah Hekke for me my heirs Executors  
 Administrators & Assignes doe In gadge to warrant & defend  
 & keep all the above mentioned premises w<sup>th</sup> appurtenances  
 unto the aforesaid John Bowne his heirs Executors  
 Administrators & Assignes from all Claimes titles  
 troubles or Incumbrances bills bonds Judgments & doo  
 of Gifts or from any ple or p<sup>ro</sup>cess what so ever made or  
 to be made to the premises aforesaid In witness whereof  
 of these parts have subscribed my hand & set to my seal  
 the Twenty second day of November 1667  
 Signed sealed & Delivered in the presence  
 of us Thomas H. Hodger  
 James Clowat Esq  
 Sarah Hekke  
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This was entered in the office of  
the North Riding the 30th January  
1670.

By me Anthony Waterhouse  
Clerk.