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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 ^e = the or thee	y ^m = them
y ^t = that	w th = with
y ⁿ = than or then	w ^{ch} = 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

Transcription Notations:

Text in ROUND PARENTHESES: () is in parentheses in the original document

Text in BRACKETS or SQUARE PARENTHESES: [] indicates missing or hard-to-read words supplied from context, or from an alternative source.

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[...] indicates missing text (page torn, ink faded, or letters blotted out)

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Deed - Sarah Feake [Feke] to John Bowne, November 22, 1669 (Old Style)

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To all People to whome this p'sent {*present*} writing shall come, Know yee y^t I Sarah Feke¹ of Flushing in y^e North Rideing of Yorkeshire² for good and valuable Considerations to me in hand paid before y^e Sealing and Delivery hereof By John Bowne of y^e aforesaid place whereof & where[upon] I acknowledge my self to be fully satisfied content[ed] & paid & theirow doe {*do*} fully & absolutly exonerate acquitt & discharge y^e aforesaid John Bowne, his heires, Executors Administrators, & Assignes, And have heareupon Bargained & Sold & doe by these presents fully grant bargaine & sell as foll.--

A certaine parcell of Land Lying & Scituated in y^e aforesaid Flush. contanying about twelve acres more [e]ore {*or*} Less wth a share of fresh meadow number 55, wth all y^e housing standing upon y^e land, eight acres of y^e aforesaid Land being bounded Southerly by y^e Land of Robert Terry, West & North to the Common path & Easterly in Lenth runing up in to y^e woods, the other foure acres to be taken up either in y^e Common Land wth in fence ore Elsewhere as the towne will give Consent it being y^e whole accommodation y^t my Late deseased husband Robert Feke bought of Richard Stockton only y^e share of Salt meadow³ Excepted to have & to hold y^e twelve acres of Land & share of fresh medo[w] to go therwth all y^e housing fencing appurtenances

¹ Sarah Feake was the widow of Robert Feake (1642–1669), brother of John Bowne's wife Hannah (Feake) Bowne.

² "Yorkshire" in the British colonial Province of New York comprised present-day New York City, Long Island, and Westchester County. The North Riding consisted of Manhattan, most of modern-day Queens, Nassau Co. and Westchester.

³ *salt meadow*: coastal meadow subject to saltwater flooding, used for livestock forage and harvest of "salt hay"

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and priviledges either in Commons ore any wayes
thereunto belonging wth all my right & title in y^e Com[mon]
Land wthin fence & y^e fencing belonging too it unto
y^e aforsd. John Bowne, his heires, Executors, Administr[ators]
& assignes from hencforth & for Evermore And I the
aforsd. Sarah Feke for me my heires, Executors
Administrators & Assignes doe Ingadge {*engage*} to warrant defend
& keep all y^e abovementioned premises wth y^e appurtenances
unto y^e aforsaid John Bowne his heires Executors
Administrations & Assignes, from all Claymes titles
troubles and Incumbrances bills bonds Judgments deed
of Gifts ore from any ple {*plea*} ore plene {*plan?*} whatsoever made ore
to be made to y^e premises aforesaid in wittness where
of I have heare unto subscribed my hand & set to my seale
y^e ~~and~~ Twenty second day of november 1669.

Signed sealed & delivered in y^e presence

of us Thomas (his mark) Hedger Sarah (her mark) Feke

Testes James Clement, Clrs.⁴

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This was entered in the office of
the North Riding on the 30th January

1670

By me Anthony Waters
Clarke

⁴ James Clement (c.1643–c.1724) of County Durham, England came to Flushing as John Bowne's indentured servant in 1663 (see BFP 2018.1.01.16) and later served as the town clerk for decades.