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BOWNE FAMILY PAPERS OF FLUSHING, L.I.

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Deed, John Hinchman to John Bowne

Date: May 12, 1671 Old Style
(May 22, 1671 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

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>

To all People to whom this present writing shall
Come. Know ye y^e John Kitchman of Flushing
in y^e North Riding of Yorkshire, Hans Bargaine
& sold 8000 by these presents fully grant bargain
& sell unto John Bownd of y^e aforesaid place his
heirs Executors Administrators & assigns as foll^w
y^e four acres of Land more or les Situated in y^e
aforesaid Flushing being a plot formerly granted by y^e Town
unto the wilkinson. being bounded Southerly by a plot
of Thomas Bownd Westerly fronting to y^e high way
& East & north by y^e Land of y^e aforesaid John Bownd
for & in Consideration of a certain some to me in hand
paid whereof I the aforesaid John Kitchman doo fully
& honorat acquit & discharge the about John Bownd his
heirs Executors Administrators & assigns I have
and do hold the aforesaid four acres of Land according to the
boundes & protest wth all y^e fencing belonging to y^e aforesaid
Land unto y^e aforesaid John Bownd his heirs Executors
Administrators & assigns from hence forth & for ever more
And I the aforesaid John Kitchman for me my heirs
Executors Administrators & assigns doo hereby engage
to warrant defend & keep y^e aforesaid four acres of Land
unto y^e aforesaid John Bownd his heirs Executors Administrators
& assigns from all Claimes titles troubles or
Incumbrances bills Bonds Judgments of Gifts or
from any p^{ar}ty or pretence w^{ch} for ever made or to be
made to y^e Kitchman aforesaid by any person or persons
~~at any time~~ In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my hand & sold to my seal y^e Twelfth day of May
1571

John Kitchman

Signed sealed & delivered
in y^e presence of

W^m James Clement Clerk

At the

This entered in the office of the North Riding
the 24th February 1571 by me Anthony water
Clark