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BOWNE FAMILY PAPERS OF FLUSHING, L.I.

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Deed, Edward Jessop to John Bowne

Date: February 15, 1690 Old Style
(February 25, 1691 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 Whostame People to Whom these presents shall
come Edward Jessopp of Fairfield in Connetquot County
Sends Greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Know you that
I said Edward Jessopp for and in consideration of a certain
Sum of Lawfull money to him in hand paid at and before the
enfeoffing and delivry hereof by John Bowne of the town of
Flushing on Long Island hath given granted bargained sold
confirmed released & quitted claymed and here by doo give grant
bargained sell confirme release and quitted clayme unto I said John
Bowne in his quiett and peaceable Seizen and possession of y
same Now being all that the one Moyetie or equall halfe of
a Sextame peire of Salt meadow ^{as it has ben already long out of} ~~as it has ben already long out of~~
the elder deceased Lying neare the Mill in Forsters neck in Newtown
bounded on y north by y meadow of Edw. Stevenson on the east by
Flushing creek on the South by y Mill Creek on the Southwest
by the Meadows of Jeremiah Burroughs and on the West by
y Island is y hereditaments and appertinances therunto belong-
ing and all y estate right title Interest clayme and demande
what soever which the said Edward Jessopp or his heys was have
or at any time hereafter may have in unto or out of y above
mentioned premises or in unto or out of any part or parcell
hereof To have and to hold y said Moyetie ore equall halfe of
the above said peire of Salt meadow and premises to y appertinances
to y said John Bowne his heys and assignes to y proper use and
 behoofe of him the said John Bowne his heys and assignes for
ever In Testimony whereof the said Edward Jessopp hath here
unto sett his hand and Seale the fiftenth of February. day of
In the yere of our Lord Christ one thousand Six hundred Ninty &
Sealed & delivred in the
presence of

Jonathan Wright
Samuel Bowne
Peter Crocker

This word as it has ben already
laid out & divided: Between y said
two of said was Interlined & set
the signing sealing & delivring

Edward Jessopp



newtowne 24th 1692
Recorded in the towne booke of records in page 441
By me Edward Stowens
Clarke