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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)

This transcription retains the spelling and punctuation of the original document.
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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

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

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Deed - Edward Jessop to John Bowne - February 15, 1690 (Old Style)

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To all Christaine People to Whom these p'sents¹ shall come Edward Jessopp² of Fairfield in Conecticott Colony Sends Greeting in our Lord God everlasting: Know yee that y^e said Edward Jessopp for an in consideracion of a Certaine sum of lawfull money to him in hand paid at and befor the ensealing and delivery hereof by John Bowne of the town of Flushing on Long island hath given granted bargained sold confirmed released & quitt claymed and hereby doe {do} give grant bargaine sell confirme release and quitt clayme unto the said John Bowne in his quiett and peaceable Seizen³ and possession of y^e same. Now being all the one Moyetie⁴ or equall halfe of

<as it has ben already layed out & divided>

a Certain peice of salt meadow⁵ Λ Late belonging to Edward Jessopp the elder deseased Lying neare the Mill in Forsters Neck in Newtown⁶ bounded on the north by the meadow of Edw^d: Stevenson on the east by Flushing Creek on the south by the Mill Creek on the Southwest by the Meadows of Jerimiah Burroughs and on the West by upland wth y^e heridittaments and appertenances thereunto belong =ing and all y^e estate right title Interest clayme and demande whatsoever which the said Edward Jessopp or his heysr was [to] have or at any time hereafter may have in unto or out of y^e above mentioned premises or in unto or out of any part or parcell thereof. To have and to hold the y^e said moyetie ore {or} equall halfe of the abovesaid peice of salt meadow and premises wt^h y^e appertenances

¹ *these presents*: a formal term for legal documents or instruments

² Edward Jessup (1663–1732): son of Edward Jessup, Sr. of West Farms, the Bronx, formerly of Newtown, Long Island.

³ *Seizen*: an old property law term meaning ownership of a freehold estate

⁴ *moiety*: one of two portions; here, a half share in real estate

⁵ *salt meadow*: coastal meadow subject to saltwater flooding, used for livestock forage and harvest of "salt hay"

⁶ Newtown was a settlement across the Flushing Creek from the town of Flushing, in the area of present-day Forest Hills and Corona. Edward Jessup, Sr. was one of the original settlers, purchasing a share of land from the Indians for four pounds (at a rate of one shilling per acre, with 20 shillings to a pound) in 1656.

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to ye said John Bowne, his heys and assignes for the 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 fifteenth day of February.

In the yere of our Lord Christ one thousand six hundred ninety -

one. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

Jonathan Wright

Samuell Bowne⁷

Peter Chocke

The word[s] :as it has ben alredey Layed out & devided: between ye eleventh & twelf Line was Interlined before the signing sealing & delivery

Edward Jessup

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Newtowne — Aprell y^e 4th 1692

Recorded in the towne booke of records in pagge, 441
by me Edward Stevenso[n]
Clarke

⁷ Samuel Bowne (1667–1745) was the son of John and Hannah (Feake) Bowne and heir to the Bowne House.