

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BOSTON, <sup>28</sup>February 28 - 1809

THIS CERTIFIES, That *Thomas Wheeler*  
*of the Co<sup>ty</sup> of Massachusetts Reg<sup>t</sup>*

a Soldier in the late American Army who was returned as a part of this State's quota of said Army, enlisted for during the war with *Great-Britain*, served three years after having so enlisted, and was honorably discharged, hath drawn Lot No. *Three* in a Township of Land, called *Mars'-Hill*, located and lotted, in the eastern part of this Commonwealth, agreeably to a Resolve of the General Court, passed March 9, 1804, and that the said Lot contains two hundred acres, bounded *North on lot number four,*

*East, on eastern boundary line of this Commonwealth, South on lot number two, and West on lot number fifteen.*

according to a plan of the survey of said township, called *Mars' Hill*, taken by CHARLES TURNER, jun. Esq. September, 1804, and lodged in the Secretary's office ;—and that on return of this *Certificate* into the said Secretary's office, with satisfactory evidence that the duties required by a Resolve of the fifth of March, 1801, have been performed, within four years from the ninth of March, 1804, the said *Thomas Wheeler* shall be entitled to a deed of the said Lot of Land in fee simple, to be given by the Secretary in behalf of the Commonwealth.

*Wm Tudor* Secretary. of the  
*Commonwealth*

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It appears that the land con-  
tained in this Certificate is  
assigned to Don't Farm 65, there

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Commentary of Augustine

Wheeler to Secombe

Know All Men by these Presents, that I  
Thomas Wheeler of Salem in the County of Essex, mariner  
in consideration of the sum of forty dollars paid me by Eben  
ezer Secombe of Salem aforesaid, merchant, the receipt whereof  
I do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained sold, &  
conveyed, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell, assign and  
convey unto the said Ebenezer Secombe and his heirs  
and assigns forever, a certain lot of land, being lot  
No. Three in a township of land called Mary-Will town  
situated in the eastern part of this Commonwealth,  
appears to a resolve of the General Court passed March  
9th. 1784 the said lot containing two hundred acres,  
bounded North on lot number four, east on the eas-  
tern boundary line of this Commonwealth, south on lot  
No. two west on lot no. fifteen, and all my right, title  
interest and estate in and to the same lot, and all the  
privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging

To Have and to Hold the same to  
the said Ebenezer Secombe his heirs and assigns  
Forever, with all ~~the~~ privileges appurtenances there-  
to belonging, to his & their sole use & benefit.

And I have made, constituted and ap-  
pointed, and do hereby make, constitute & appoint the  
said Ebenezer Secombe my true & lawful attorney therein to  
authorize and empower whenever the duties required by  
a resolve of the fifth of March 1781 have been per-  
formed, or whenever the conditions required by the Legislature  
of this Commonwealth of Massachusetts concerning the



said land shall be performed to ask for, demand and re-  
ceive of and from the Secretary of this Commonwealth  
a deed from the said Secretary in behalf of this Com-  
monwealth, of the said lot of land in the name of him

the said Ebenezer Secombe for his sole use, benefit,  
and do authorize the said Ebenezer to do and perform any and all duties, obligations,  
that I am or may be performing to complete the title of said Ebenezer in said lot.

And I do hereby covenant with the said Ebenezer  
his heirs & assigns  
for that the premises are free of all incumbrances done  
or suffered by me, and that I will warrant and defend the  
same to him & them from against the lawful claims  
of any persons claiming the same from or under me,  
but against the claims of no other persons. And I do  
further covenant and agree to and with the said Ebenezer  
that if it should be deemed necessary for the deed of said lot  
to be given to me the said Thomas in my name, that  
then I will immediately transfer & convey the same lot  
by my deed to the said Ebenezer, and until I shall so give  
my deed, that I will stand seized of the said lot to the  
use of the said Ebenezer Secombe.

And I, ~~Elizabeth~~ <sup>Mary</sup> wife of said Thomas  
in consideration of ten cents paid me by said Ebenezer Secombe  
the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge, do hereby release  
to said Ebenezer all my right to dower in the premises.

In Testimony whereof we the said  
Thomas and ~~Elizabeth~~ <sup>Mary</sup> have hereunto set our hands

& seals this seventh day of May in the year of our Lord  
eighteen hundred & seven -  
in the words "his heirs &  
assigns," being first in her hand.  
Elizabeth Saltmarsh, Leverett Saltmarsh.

Thomas Wheeler  
Mary & Wheeler  
mark

Essex p. Salem May 7th. A. D. 1811.  
Then the said Thomas Wheeler acknowledg-  
ed this instrument to be his free act & deed before me  
Leverett Saltmarsh  
Jus. Pacis.