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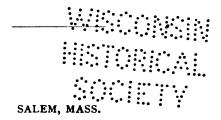
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in one foot of the wall. We then found our tenth with stones to which we added a stake at 40 poles, & our eleventh on the Hill in view of the Mills at 40 poles, leaving the Mills at 52 poles distance our line passing to the eastward of the Mills. We then ranged from the point eastward of the Mills to the Elm Tree standing in Boston road, crossed the road at right angles to the South side. Continued as it was said on the south side till we passed the Plains & descended to the Bridge & Brook, passed the Brook, Strong Water, continuing on the south side of the Road about 4 rods & turning in after passing the first House in the direction of old Boston road in a right line, till the old Road comes into the present road at an angle in the wall, 4 rods short of the road leading to Salem called Then continuing on the same side of the road to Boston till we reached the Brook, Butts, then between the bridges passed to the north & westerly sides of the road & continued 4 miles & half to a Mill stone laid near the wall at Lynn bounds, on the south side & on the opposite side to a flag stone laid again[st] the inner side of the wall. We leave Brown pond, alias Long pond in Danvers.

We left Salem in Newhall's Coach, Mr Ward, Saunderson. Waldo & Norris, Selectmen, to perambulate the bounds between Salem & Marblehead. We met Col. Lee, & two Hoopers at General Glover's, & passed to the Cove, where our Bounds begun. could find no stones that were clearly defined to have been laid as landmarks, from the want of stakes, but as we agreed on the ground, piled the stones on the north side of the inlet, for there is little winding of the shore, & only a place over which the sea breaks into the meadows & down which the waters of the meadow pass as in a hollow. We had no other landmark till we came to the General's, about a mile, at an apple Tree in his Orchard several feet beyond his house near the stone wall within, as the wall now stands but which he intends soon shall be without the wall from a new line in which he intends it shall run. The line from the corner of the house is about N. W. We found the course from the cove nearly W. to the stump which is all that remains, which was marked M. As the Lynn Committee did not attend we observe that their line began about 4 poles S. W. from the Marblehead The gore must be determined at the next survey. From the apple tree stump we returned on a N. E. line to stones on the north side of the way, about a rod & 1-2 from the wall, & then continued in the same course to stones not far from the cross road leading to Forest river, near Silver hole so called on the S. E. side of Legge's hill. We then in the same direction crossed the road to a steep rock and stones on the N. Side near the rock, over the wall, & thence a Line N. 7 degrees W. to Forrest river gave the bounds. We ascertained the stump by the Testimony of Gen. Glover, & Mr Venning who have been at repeated perambulations, particularly the

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From painting in possession of Mrs. Henry E. Waite.

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last person, & the General was on the last in 1788. & lived near. What we received respecting Lynn bounds, the survey of which is put off till next week is, that running from Boston road, where our Survey ended at the Mill stone, they pass over a branch of Spring Pond to stones at the brink of the Hill. N. E. of Lynn Spring, so called, to a Large Rock partly in the Line on to a second Large Rock in the divisional wall to a Maple Tree, marked, S. L. in a Swamp with stones around it 2 rods south of the wall, on to the Country road from Marblehead to Lynn, across the road to stones near the wall on the side of a Hill to stones on the Hill, to a heap of stones in a pasture, to stones within 6 feet of the old house formerly Blaney's to the sea side, 4 poles W. of mouth of the Brook in the Cove, near Fowle's on a nole opposite the House, about half way up the N. side. We were told by the resident Farmer, who had long been there, that Lynn Line ran over the chimney of Blanev's house over the spot where we then were, passing eastward of the eastermost outhouse at Fowle's in a line with the South point of Ram Island. I was astonished to find not one admeasurement, course or distance in the whole reports. Vinning confirmed these declarations. The gore made from Glover's Tree Stump to the Cove & thence to Blaney's house, & from Stump to House deserves to be measured.

The general received us with Great Hospitality, & he communicated a projection of his own which assisted my knowledge of this part of the country. He projects a Canal leading from Forrest River into the Cove belonging to Salem, at which our reckoning begins. He proposes it in the following manner, & shewed the course to me. A 1/4 of a mile from Forrest River is Coy's Pond, which now communicates with the river, this at the distance of about 1/6 of a mile communicates with deep pond, which is in the form of one of the Hollows called dungeons, not of great circumference & regular descent to the center, where it is 28 feet deep by his admeasurement. This is near the Road over which & several rods on each side there is some elevation, but not great, irregular or rocky, or obstructed. Then there is a small pond near his house, seldom dry, which communicates with the meadows, & when full conveys its waters through the Orchard, east of Blaney's House into Salem Cove, which we have surveyed, making a Course short of two miles. General Glover seemed to think his house without Salem Line in Marblehead. But there was no scruple in my mind, as the observations then stood. We rode to Lynn, & enquired the reasons of their neglect. Found means to communicate our opinions, & rode round to Boston road, down to Frye's where we dined yesterday, & arrived at 3 o'clock at dinner. then rode home, hoping to provide stakes and stones, courses & distances, to make our survey at least at the next time more satisfactory. We learn the procession from our returning friends at the Governor's funeral last Monday. They were unabled to keep the body & privately interred it on Saturday morning. The bells tolled at sunrise, the Shops were shut at noon. The curiosity of the inhabitants was so great that few were in any other character than Spectators. Three Companies of horse preceded in the Procession, followed by the Artillery, then two Battallions of infantry, then by the Major Generals of the three divisions & their officers, & then by the officers of the State. The Pall was supported by six Councellors, the relations followed, attended by the Court, Members of Congress, Foreign Ministers, Literary Professors, Clergy, & Citizens, & the antient & honorable Artillery company & closed with the Carriages. Minute Guns were fired at the Castle, & answered from Beacon Hill by the Artillery. The whole was generally approved. & pronounced the most solemn, regular, splendid & numerous procession ever seen in Boston. A Monument is proposed.

17. It is presumed that the gust of wind has done damage in the Bay last Tuesday night. Particulars not yet known. From the appearances evil is apprehended to our Coasters with lumber. Mr F.* has appeared against Morse's Geography, & the cause is contested with great party zeal. They who will admit the justice of Mr F's remarks, will not so readily agree to justify the manner of them. All love to see pride debased, but confess the Taste difficult to ingenuous virtue. Mr Pickering who wrote with so much confidence in the success of Rush's Method, has had occasion to alter his language having since lost a young son by the Fever.

18. Having proposed an exchange with Mr Bancroft† of Worcester, I left Salem this Morning in the Salem Stage for Boston. In the evening I attended the Lecture of Mr Eliot, & for the convenience of my journey in the Worcester Stage next morning, I lodged at the sign of the White Horse, southend. There are three stages which run this distance, but only one on Saturday. The Mail has for a passage 16 °/ & takes only four passengers. There is a dispute between Peese of Boston & Patch of Worcester for the Common Stage, & the first asks 12°/ & the last 9°/. We had a cheap conveyance, but the Horses were not of the first quality.

19. We left Boston after 6, & reached Flagg's in Weston for Breakfast at 9 o'clock. We shifted horses in East Sudbury beyond the Causeway, & dined at Munro's in Northborough. At five we reached Worcester, before sundown. We had agreable company. We saw the long Worcester pond, which is narrow in our view from the road, but widens beyond, & is 5 miles long, extending to Sutton & Grafton, & near the Bridge, Worcester & Shrewsbury part. The Parish of Shrewsbury back from the road, is now incorporated by the name of Boylston.

*Rev. James Freeman of Boston. †Rev. Aaron Bancroft, D. D., father of George Bancroft, the historian. sons. I made an immediate circulation of all such as came to hand, to lessen the wounds of that pride which had nearly sold the bear before he was caught.

29. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Lambert & Wife, His safe return, d. of eldest son abroad. Elizabeth Bartlet & children, d. of her husband, pr. for son long absent & g. child sick. Robert Bartlet & wife, d. of his father, pr. for absent brother. Mary Millet, her delivery,

pr. for husband & friends at Sea.

30. We have news of the d. of General Glover, who lives upon Salem Gore, Marblehead side. He was very useful in the Army & in the representation of the Town of Marblehead. He conducted Burgoyne to Cambridge. Mr Mead was escorted into Danvers by his parish & an act of obliteration of past offence has passed. We have news of our friends. One is captured & another detained & all terrified. The English panic was scarce over when we became subject to the insolence of the French Privateers.

Feb. 2. [1797] The noted Dr Perkins has made a good interest in Lands by his points. An advertisement to a large amount has been made. So successful was the opinion, if not the imposition.

4. Mr. C[arlton] has delivered his proposals to the public for the printing of Calef on Witchcraft. This work is out of print. It was published at the time of this melancholy event & will deserve

to be transmitted to posterity.

5. Sunday. Notes. Deborah Sage, delivery, pr. husband at Sea. This day for the first time our Communion table was furnished with its own riches. Two pair of silver cups have been provided. New handles to the old. The neglect has been unexampled in our old town & has been occasioned by a division of the public bounty.

Several arrivals by which we hear of our friends & receive some of them again. Gibaut has reached Guadeloupe & Dunlap is

yet living. Another Class of Gloucester Lottery is out.

9. The Council to be convened on the affairs of Upper Beverly are to sit in the latter end of this month, upon the affairs of Mr. Daniel Oliver. The Hopkinsian opinions are distinguished, not so much by their intrinsic character as by the opposition of the Clergy, & the divisions in all the societies consequent upon that opposition, encouraged or patronised. A young man settled in this manner & embittered by constant opposition & even abuse, has not the chance which other candidates have of a more complying temper. Upon a fair estimate they are not beneath their brethren. If they lack anything, it is a general acquaintance with the history of opinions.

11. News that Capt. B. Dean has suffered much on his passage to Europe & has put into the West Indies, having lost several of his hands, some of which belong to our society, & deprived of fathers,

young & rising families.

12. Sunday. Notes. Robert Hiller, &c. for her delivery, pr.

