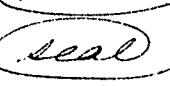


The 2^d Aug^t 15th 1840 at 1^o 30^m P.M. Recd & Ex^d by A. S. Ward Regt. B

Staples Welcome Ye now all men by these presents that I Welcome Staples of
 to Mendon in the County of Worcester & Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts yeoman in consideration of three hundred
 and eighty one dollars paid by John S Gaskell of the same
 Mendon yeoman the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowl-
 edge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said
 John S Gaskell his heirs and assigns a certain tract of
 wood and pasture land situated in said Mendon on
 the Northerly side of the old Turnpike road containing
 twenty nine acres & seven rods be the same more or less
 bounded & described as follows to wit Beginning on said
 road at Samuel Gaskell's land thence N $49\frac{1}{4}$ - E 68 rods
 & 15 links to a stake & stones at the eight rod road &
 bounding Northerly on said Samuel's land thence turning
 & running Southerly and bounding Easterly on said eight
 rod road 123 rods to said old Turnpike road then turning
 and running Northwesterly by & with said old Turnpike
 road 123 rods to the place of beginning —

To have and to hold the aforesigned
 premises to the said John S Gaskell his heirs and
 assigns to his & their use and behoof forever And I do
 for myself my heirs executors and administrators cove-
 nant with the said John S Gaskell his heirs and
 assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforesigned
 premises that they are free of all incumbrances that
 I have good right to sell and convey the same to the
 said John S Gaskell and that I will warrant and
 defend the same premises to the said John S Gaskell his
 heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and
 demands of all persons —

In witness whereof the said Welcome
 Staples & I Sukey Staples his wife in testimony of quitting
 my right of dower in said premises have hereunto
 set our hands and seals this eighteenth day of March
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and forty —

Welcome Staples 
 Signed sealed & delivered — Sukey Staples 
 in presence of us

A. B. The erasure of the word "Adam" &
 insertion of the word "John S" was made before signing

Then the abovenamed
 Warren Rawson - Caleb V Allen

Judged the above