

Rec<sup>d</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1840 at 1<sup>h</sup> 30<sup>m</sup> <sup>515</sup> Me Ent & Ex by J. S. Ward Regt

Staples Welcome to know all men by these presents that I Welcome Staples of 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 acknowledge 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 Gaskill's land thence N 49 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 aforegranted 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 covenant with the said John S Gaskell his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the aforegranted 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 I the said Welcome Staples & I Sukey Staples his wife in testimony of quitting my right of dower in said premises have therunto set our hands and seals this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty —

>Welcome Staples (seal)  
 Sukey Staples (seal)  
 Signed sealed & delivered —  
 in presence of us  
 Worcester March 18<sup>th</sup> 1840

N.B. The erasure of the word "Staples" & the insertion of the word "John S" was made before signing  
 Warren Rawson - Caleb V Allen  
 Then the abovenamed Welcome Staples acknowledged the above