

Abraham Hixson, his heirs, executors, or administrators, shall pay unto the said Benjamin Bates, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, the said sum of two hundred eighty seven dollars, in five years, from the date hereof, with interest on said sum, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable annually. Then this deed, as also a certain note of hand bearing even date with these presents, signed by the said Abraham Hixson, whereby he promises to pay to the said Bates, or order, the said sum and interest at the times aforesaid, shall both be absolutely void to all intents and purposes.

In witness whereof, we the said Abraham Hixson, and femina Hixson, wife of said Abraham, in testimony that she voluntarily relinquishes all her right of dower in the afore-granted premises, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred, and forty seven.

Executed, and delivered, {

Abraham Hixson (seal)

in presence of us, {

femina Hixson (seal)

Isaac Davenport } Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Worcester, ss. April 13, 1847. Then personally appeared the above-named Abraham Hixson, acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed - before me, Isaac Davenport, Justice of the Peace. Rec^d. May 21st, 1847 at 5th P. M. Ent^d & Ex^d By Alex. H. Wilder, Reg^l

Pond Lydia, &c.
to
Joseph Bates.

I know all men by these presents, that we, Lydia Pond, of Milford, Widow, Benjamin Bates, & Simon P. Bicknell, both of Mendon, in the County of Worcester, yeomen, &c. all in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of four hundred & thirty dollars, paid us by Joseph Bates, of said Mendon, yeoman, the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge, do hereby grant, sell, and quit-claim unto the said Joseph Bates, his heirs and assigns, all our right, title, claim, and demand, in and unto two certain tracts or parcels of land. The first tract is situated in the easterly part of said Mendon, containing three acres, more or less, with the dwelling house and other buildings thereon. The second tract is wood land, situated in the Southerly part of said Milford, containing ten acres, more or less. Intending and meaning hereby to convey all our right, title, and interest, in the premises, which were set off to Harriet Thurber, widow of Daniel Thurber, late of said Mendon, deceased, as her dower out of his estate, and is the right of reversion of said Dower, after the decease of said Harriet. For a particular description of the premises hereby conveyed, reference is had to the return of the Commissioners setting out said dower, in the Probate Office, in said County.

To have and to hold the same to the said Joseph Bates, his heirs and assigns, to his and their use and behoof forever. And we do covenant to warrant and defend said granted and quit-claimed premises to the said Joseph Bates, his heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons, claiming by or under us or either of us. In witness whereof, we the said Lydia Pond, Benjamin Bates, and Simon P. Bicknell, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this thirteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.