

acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed. Before me. Lloyd H. Cook Justice of the Peace.
Rec'd Oct. 16th 1871 at 11^h 10^m A.M. Cont. Ex. By Alex. H. Wilder, Reg.

To
William S. Hastings & Massachusetts
Stamp
#2.05
(Cancelled)

I, Amariah A. Taft know all men by these presents that I Amariah A. Taft of Milford in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts in consideration of two thousand dollars paid by William Soden Hastings of Mendon in said County & Commonwealth the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby give grant bargain sell and convey unto the said William Soden Hastings his heirs and assigns a certain tract of land situated upon the Westerly side of the road leading from Mendon to Worcester with all the buildings thereon and bounded as follows. viz: Beginning at a stake and stone at grantor's other land thence Southerly by and with the road aforesaid eleven rods and fourteen links to land of A. H. Reed thence turning and running Westerly as the fence and wall now stand bounded Southerly by land of said Reed to a corner at land of Aaron C. Cook thence turning and running Northerly as the wall and fence now stand bounded Westerly on land of said Cook eleven rods and fourteen links to a stake and stone beside the fence at grantor's other land thence turning and running Easterly in a straight line to the first mentioned bound at the place of beginning. To have and to hold the above granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said William Soden Hastings his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof forever. And I the said Amariah A. Taft for myself and my heirs executors and administrators do covenant with the said William Soden Hastings his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforegranted premises that they are free from all incumbrances that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said William Soden Hastings his heirs and assigns forever as aforesaid and that I will and my heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the said William Soden Hastings his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof I the said Amariah A. Taft and Thankful S. Taft wife of the said Amariah A. Taft in token of her release of all right and title of or to both dower and homestead in the granted premises have hereunto set their hands and seals this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred