

Hastings, b. & c. &c. Know all men by these presents that we
 to Charles C. Hastings and Mary M. H. Hastings both
 Amariah A. Taft of Mendon in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth
^{Stamp}
^{\$1.00}
~~(Cancelled)~~ wealth of Massachusetts in consideration of seven
 hundred dollars paid by Amariah A. Taft of Mil-
 ford in the County & Commonwealth aforesaid the
 receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby
 give grant bargain sell and convey unto the said
 Amariah A. Taft his heirs and assigns one undivided
 half of a certain tract of land with all the buildings
 thereon situated in Mendon Centre - being the home-
 stead of our Father the late Charles C. Hastings -
 Esq. and bounded as follows - viz - beginning at a
 point on the Westerly side of the road leading from
 Providence R.R. to Worcester at the Northeast corner
 of said tract at land of Andrew H. Reed - thence
 Westerly as the wall now stands bounded Northerly by
 land of said Reed to a corner - thence turning and
 running Southerly as the wall and fence now stands
 with a straight line between ^{the wall} and the fence bounded
 Westerly by the land of said Reed and land of John
 G. Metcalf to the road leading from Uppbridge to Mil-
 ford by the house of said Metcalf - thence turning
 and running Easterly by and with said last men-
 tioned road to the road first mentioned - thence
 turning and running Northerly by and with said
 first mentioned road to the bound first mentioned.

To have and to hold the above granted
 premises with all the privileges and appurtenances
 thereto belonging to the said Amariah A. Taft - his heirs
 and assigns to his & their use and behoof forever.
 And we the said C. C. Hastings and Mary M. H. Hastings for
 ourselves and our heirs executors and administrators
 do covenant with the said Amariah A. Taft - his heirs
 and assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee sim-
 ple of the afore granted premises - that they are free
 from all incumbrances - that we have good right to
 sell and convey the same to the said Amariah A.
 Taft - his heirs and assigns forever as aforesaid and
 that we will and our heirs executors and administra-
 tors shall warrant and defend the same to the