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in presence of Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 S. H. Vaughan to F. W. B. Worcester es. December 3, 1884. Then personally appeared the above-named F. W. Blackmer and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, Before me S. H. Vaughan Justice of the Peace
Dec 2^d Rec Dec. 4th 1884 at 9:30 A.M. Ent^g by Haney B. Milder Reg'

Mellen John P. & C. } Know all men by these presents that I John G. Mellen of Mendon County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars paid by William S. Howard of Boston County of Suffolk in said Commonwealth the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said William S. Howard, a certain tract or parcel of land containing one acre and four rods more or less with buildings thereon, situated in the Northerly part of said Mendon on the Easterly side of the road leading from Mendon to Upton and bounded as follows viz: Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises at said road at land of John G. Davenport, thence Easterly on said Davenport's land 24 rods 2 links to land of William W. Nelson, thence Southwesterly on said Nelson's land about 2 rods 2 links to said road, thence Northerly on said road to the point of beginning. It being all the premises conveyed by Haney B. and William W. Nelson to my father John G. Mellen now deceased by deed dated Nov. 2^d 1877 and recorded with Worcester Dist. Deeds, Book 1018, Page 412. My title to the same being by descent as the sole heir of said John G. Mellen. To have and to hold the above granted premises with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said grantee his heirs and assigns, to their use and behoof forever. And the said grantor for myself and my heirs, executors and administrators do covenant with the said grantee his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee simple of the aforesaid premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said grantee 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 grantee his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of