

instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me: Nahum Morse, Justice of the Peace.
Rec^d Feb. 25th 1857 at 10:35, A. M. Ent^d & Ex^d By Mel. H. Wilder Reg^r

Taft Thomas

to

Sullivan H. Taft

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Taft of Mendon County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Yoman in consideration of twenty dollars paid by Sullivan H. Taft of Mendon County and Commonwealth above written the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby give grant sell and convey unto the said Sullivan H. Taft his heirs and assigns a certain piece of land situated in said Mendon it being a piece of my home farm on which the said Sullivan H. Taft house and barn now stand containing about one half acre be the same more or less bounded as follows viz: Beginning at a butternut tree on the Westerly side of the road leading from grantor's dwelling house to grantee's house: thence South 57° W. 12 rods & links to corner of walls: thence North 42° W. 6 rods 20 links to heap of stones on wall: thence North 51° E. 13 rods: thence South 37° E. 8 rods by road to first mentioned bounds. The grantor forever reserving to himself the right to purchase the above premises whenever said grantee shall wish to sell provided he will pay as much as any other

To have and to hold the afore granted premises to the said Sullivan H. Taft his heirs and assigns to his use and behoof forever. And I do for myself my heirs executors and administrators covenant with the said Sullivan H. Taft his heirs and assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premises: that they are free of all incumbrances: that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Sullivan H. Taft and that I will warrant and defend the same premises to the said Sullivan H. Taft his heirs and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

In witness whereof I the said Thomas Taft and Mercy Taft wife of said Thomas Taft in token of the relinquishment of her right to dower have hereunto set our hands and seals this — day of — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

Signed sealed and delivered

Thomas Taft. seal

Mercy Taft. seal

in presents of us. } Worcester ss March 9th 1854, Then
Stephen Taft. Arnold Taft. } the above named Thomas Taft
acknowledged the above instrument to be his free act and deed