

Gideon Hawley of Launceston age testifies & saith  
That Mary the widow of Joseph Sunbushin was by  
said Joseph in possession of a valuable neck  
of Land called Cannamunt, (as her right of dower)  
situate within the Limits of Marjorie Plantation  
where her late husband had built an house & liv-  
ed & died.

Which Cannamunt was fully sufficient for D. Ma-  
ry's support in time of health in the judgement of  
the people at large as the soil was very productive  
owing to its being newly cleared and for Carewell  
land very good by nature.

That the said Mary had no lengthy & tedious  
sickness as he the deponent can recollect.

That Ebenezer Crocker of Barnstable Reg<sup>s</sup> for a number  
of years after 1780 & until Mary's death did improve  
under her the said Cannamunt both for pasturage  
& planting at proper seasons.

That the said Mary after a few ~~Days~~ <sup>Days</sup> ~~Sickness~~  
on the 17th 1790, deceased - Her last sickness was  
of but little expense to any one. That the said  
Ebenezer Crocker was nevertheless at the expense of  
a coffin &c at her burial, being then in possession  
of said Cannamunt which he continued to  
improve, after her decease with the consent of the  
Overseers of said Plantation, till the <sup>combination of the</sup> year 1797, the  
year 1794 only excepted, when Josiah Sanborn of the  
town of Barnstable improved it as a pasture, and  
paid the rents thereof into the Treasury of said O-  
verseers.

And the D. Gideon testifies & saith that he has  
seen an authentic & attested Copy of a Deed ali-  
noting to said Ebenezer not only the D. Cannam-  
unt Neck (~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~owner~~ <sup>of</sup> said Neck) but also the  
Land adjacent to the Southward & eastward  
of the Neck above named (as it is bounded & describ-  
ed in said Deed) to the amount of an hundred  
Acres of Land more or less, never possessed by D.  
Mary (but by David Sunbushin & his Widow till their  
decease which was afterwards improved by the

The document has been about forty years, at Mar-  
ble and such an instance of singular alienation of pro-  
perty here, never was till now. For he could find  
instance of such alienation in the annals of Mar-  
ble or the public records of the County of Burn-  
table, which he has consulted upon the occasion  
and he considers this as a precedent for the giv-  
ing away or alienation of this whole Indian ter-  
ritory for a title, the the said document bearing  
before him a Deed dated in 1782 signed by many  
Indian Proprietors giving away "for Love & good will"  
a considerable portion of this Territory, and he is  
assured from good authority that there are several  
other Deeds, <sup>and being</sup> to the amount of seven thousand ac-  
res of the Marblee Lands, only waiting for a  
similar confirmation, which Venezer (written  
aforesaid hath obtained for his Deed, and his  
then the document saith ad-

Gideon Hawley.

Marblee, 22 May, 1797.

Solomon Francis, Hannah Babcock & Sarah Theates  
 Indians of Lawfull age testifeth (and say) that they  
 heard Mary Sunkason an Indian woman of Marshpee  
 say after she recover'd from a fit of Sickness in which time  
 she was told she must a Deed to Ebenezer Crocker Esq<sup>r</sup> of  
 the Land call'd Carrawomut in Marshpee - that she did  
 not know at that time what she did and was very sorry  
 for the making said Deed, said Hannah Babcock & Sarah Theates  
 further say they visited said Sunkason several times in  
 her Sickness and that at times she was bereav'd of her  
 senses - and further sayeth not

Sandwich May 22<sup>d</sup> 1797

Solomon Francis

The  
 Mark of + Hannah  
 Babcock  
 The  
 Mark of X Sarah  
 Theates

She was  
 told she made  
 a deed  
 Claim a long sickness

Barnstable at Sandwich May 22<sup>d</sup> 1797

Then Solomon Francis, Hannah Babcock, & Sarah Theates personally  
 appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the  
 County of Barnstable and being carefully examined and duly questioned  
 to declare the whole truth made Solomon both that the above Disposition  
 by them subscribed is the truth and nothing but the truth Taken at the  
 Request of M<sup>r</sup> Walter Spomer Esq<sup>r</sup> Justice of the Peace and of the Indian  
 Spoken in my part of the Overseer of the ~~plantation~~ of the Indian  
 Plantation in Marshpee to be made use of at the Grant and General Court  
 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at their next Sessions to  
 support the Petition of said Overseer praying that the said Grant  
 lately made - to Ebenezer Crocker Esq<sup>r</sup> of a Place call'd Carrawomut  
 on said Plantation may be restored to the Indian inhabitants thereof  
 Ebenezer Crocker Esq<sup>r</sup> was notified and present

Sworn before

David Hooper Justice Peace