

Ralph Smith – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Ralph Smith arrived in Boston along with others from Hingham, England in 1633 at age 23. The group came to find a place for the whole congregation of the Church back in Hingham. They founded Hingham in Plymouth Colony in 1633.

Ralph Smith moved to Eastham about 1654. Ralph and his eldest son Samuel had a successful merchant business in Eastham. He was elected Constable in 1660 and held that position for several years. Ralph Smith died in Eastham in 1685. In 1946 the Association of Descendants of Ralph Smith erected a monument to him in Eastham Cove Burying Ground.

1657

Granted to Ralph Smith fourteen acres of upland above Stage Neck on Pochet on the easterly side of Richard Sparrow's land. PDF P6.

1659

Granted to Ralph Smith one acre of meadow at Billingsgate now lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins and next to land belonging to Thomas Williams. PDF A114.

Granted to Ralph Smith three and one-half acres of upland for a house lot. The land was lawfully possessed by John Freeman. PDF A136, M191.

Three and one-half acres of upland lawfully possessed by Ralph Smith granted to John Yates for a house lot. The land was between land of Joseph Rogers and Giles Hopkins. PDF A156, M220.

A reference to Ralph Smith owning meadow on the north side of Little Namskaket next to meadow of Giles Hopkins and Nathaniel Mayo. PDF A154.

Three acres of meadow at Little Namskaket lawfully possessed by Ralph Smith granted to John Yates. The land ran towards the harbor's mouth and was next to land of Thomas Williams. PDF A156, M221.

One and one-half acres of meadow on the south side of the harbor's mouth lawfully possessed by Ralph Smith granted to Josiah Cooke. The land ran towards the harbor mouth and was next to land of Henry Atkins. PDF A156, M220.

Granted to Ralph Smith two acres of meadow at Great Namskaket. The land was between land of Nathaniel Mayo and Robert Wixon. PDF A156, M220.

Granted to Ralph Smith on acre of meadow at Billingsgate lawfully possessed by Richard Higgins and next to land of Thomas Williams. PDF M202, S20.

Granted to Ralph Smith six acres of upland at Pochet. The property was near the house of Edward Bangs. PDF A156, M220, S23.

Granted to Ralph Smith fourteen acres on Pochet above the Stage Neck lawfully possessed by Edward Bangs. The land was next to land of Richard Sparrow. PDF A183, M88, S5.

1660

One and one-half acres of meadow on the south side of Rock Harbor which Ralph Smith purchased from Henry Atkins in 1659 were granted to John Mayo. PDF A156, M221.

1661

Granted to Ralph Smith two acres of meadow at Great Namskaket between land of Nathaniel Mayo and Robert Wixon. PDF A155, S29.

Ralph Smith sold to John Freeman for the sum of three pounds two acres of meadow at Great Namskaket between land of Nathaniel Mayo and Robert Wixon. PDF A136, A155, M192, S29.

1666

Ralph Smith purchased from Steven Atwood one-half acre of meadow at Billingsgate Meadow. The land was next to meadows of George Crisp and John Young. PDF A156, S32.

1667

Ralph Smith purchased from Richard Bishop one and one-half acres of meadow at Little Billingsgate. The meadow was next to meadows of John Mayo and Moses Snow. PDF A156, A181, S32.

1669

Ralph Smith purchased from John Young one-half acre of meadow at Billingsgate Meadow next to meadow of George Crisp. PDF M99, S9.

1703

Granted to the heirs of Ralph Smith, Daniel Cole and William Myrick , all deceased, a parcel of meadow on the Town Flats on the backside near the beach. The parcel was about eleven acres. PDF A181, M86, S41.

1711

Granted to Ralph Smith or his heirs a wood lot of about eight acres on the north side of First Brook next to Micaiah Snow's wood lot. PDF T160.

Granted to heirs of Ralph Smith a plain lot of about four acres on the easterly side of the way that goes from Town to Indian Brook. PDF T160.

1715

The sixty-fourth land grant in a series of plain lot grants was to the heirs of Ralph Smith. The grant was four parcels of land near the former Ralph Smith dwelling house. Based on the dimensions given in the records, the parcels were about one-half acre, two acres, two and one-half acres and six acres. PDF T221.

The 125th wood lot grant in a series of 156 wood lot grants was to the heirs of Ralph Smith. The wood lot was on the east side of the way that went from Stumpy Meadow to Herring Brook. Dimensions of the wood lot indicate it was about forty-eight acres. PDF T293.

The land owned by Ralph Smith described in these records amounts to about 125 acres including grants to his heirs after his death. By 1745 twenty-five more Smiths received Eastham land grants.