

Recognizing the Enslaved of Westerly

Providing a Face to Their Humanity

A Journey of Discovery
Pete Ogle

When Ellen Asks, You Have to Say Yes!

Objective:

- Provide a Little Background on Slavery In Westerly
- Provide Insight into the Lives of Three Individuals and Families.
- Provide Recognition of Their Service to Westerly

Overview Questions:

- My Research into Slavery Began in:
 - 2018 with the Movie *Traces Of The Trade* about the DeWolf family.
 - 2021 Controversy about the Christopher Columbus Statue in Wilcox Park.
- What was Happening in Westerly During the Colonial Period 1600-1800?
- What Significants did Slaver Play?

Overview of the Period:

- The Pequot War of 1635 and King Philips War of 1675-6 were Major, Bloody Wars and a Stimulus for Enslavement.
- Hundreds of Indian Men, Women and Children were Enslaved Locally or Sold South to the West Indies.
- Little Data Showing Westerly's Involvement, but Some Local Landowners Participated in these Wars and may have Benefitted from these Enslaved Indians .
- Enslavement of Africans Followed to Provide Labor and as Commercial Ventures.
- Laws Governing the Rights Blacks and Indians and Their Enslavement became Restrictive and Complex up through our Revolutionary War. Then Enslavement Rapidly Phased Out.

Rhode Island of Census of 1774 Provides Good Demographic Profile of Westerly

Families	Whites				Indians				Blacks			
	Males		Females		Males		Females		Males		Females	
	Above 16	Under 16	Above 16	Under 16	Above 16	Under 16	Above 16	Under 16	Above 16	Under 16	Above 16	Under 16
Joshua Babcock	3	2	1	1							2	
Stephen Babcock	2		3									
Oliver Babcock	1	4	1	1					1			
John Allen	1		1	1								
Chapman Lapham	1	3	1									
Eliza Thompson	3	3	3	1								
David Clark	1	2	2						1	1	1	1
Joseph Saunders	2	1	2	3								
Samuel Greene	1		1	2								
Jonathan Burdick	2		2									
Robert Burdick	2		3	3								
John Clark	1	2	1	2								
Jeremiah Austin	1		2									
James Grandall	1	3	2	3								
Isaac Clarke	1	1	4									
Daniel Clarke	2	2	3	3								
James Cook	3	1	2	3								
Charles Cook	2	3	4	3								
Abel Richman	2	4	1	2								
Benjamin Rich	3	4	2	1								
Thomas Bull	1	1	1	1							1	
Peter Jun	2	1	2									
James Bliven	1	4	2	1							1	
John Brown	1		3	1								
Theodore Hall	3	1	1	3								
Chapman Wilson	1	2	2	2								
David Lewis	1	1	3	2								
Joseph Lewis	1	1	2	1								
Nathan Burdick	1	2	1	2								
Thomas Ross	2	2	4	2								
James Saunders	3	1	4	2								
Nathan Greenman	1	1	1	3								
James Grandall	2	3	1	3								
Benjamin Burdick			1	1								
Edward Saunders	2	3	2	3								
Joseph Green	2	1	1	4								
Thompson Burdick	1	1	1									
Thos. Cook	2	2	1	5								
Abel Lashin	1	1	1	1								
Total	64	60	76	66								

The following is the Account of the Number of Inhabitants in Rhode-Island, taken between the 4th of May and the 14th of June 1774, ordered to be printed by the Hon. General Assembly, among and Orders.

TOWNS.	FAMILIES.	WHITES.				INDIANS.				BLACKS.				TOTAL.
		MALES.		FEMALES.		MALES.		FEMALES.		MALES.		FEMALES.		
		Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	Above 16.	Under 16.	
NEWPORT.	1590	2100	1538	2624	2635	4	8	31	3	454	204	453	185	9209
Providence.	655	1210	839	1045	812	10	23	39	59	50	89	61	61	4321
Portsmouth.	220	343	341	400	285	8	6	5	40	54	33	17	17	1512
Warwick.	353	569	512	615	462	15	31	25	35	68	35	43	41	2438
Westerly.	257	421	441	443	404	15	17	10	7	11	30	23	23	1812
New-Sherborn.	75	109	119	121	120	5	17	20	34	11	7	20	13	575
North-Kingstown.	361	513	497	595	512	10	21	37	30	68	43	61	34	2472
South-Kingstown.	364	550	554	597	484	6	4	69	51	151	89	113	89	2815
East-Greenwich.	275	410	395	464	318	7	11	11	7	13	10	24	16	1663
Yankee-town.	60	110	99	118	81	3	5	5	3	8	3	21	16	101
Smithfield.	476	742	665	769	638	10	14	14	8	43	33	21	31	2888
Attunet.	304	909	879	931	817	3	4	4	4	15	9	18	9	3601
Gloucester.	525	743	724	740	719	3	5	3	3	13	16	8	8	2943
Charlestown.	307	512	515	510	564	144	140	161	103	18	14	9	11	1821
West-Greenwich.	304	429	395	495	410	0	0	0	0	8	2	4	4	1764
Coxe.	274	474	554	493	470	4	1	4	3	6	5	5	5	2023
East.	219	441	415	478	440	5	0	3	3	23	12	10	10	1864
Middlestown.	123	310	179	259	156	1	5	2	34	11	14	1	1	831
Bristol.	197	272	232	310	256	4	3	2	44	27	31	18	18	1209
Tiverton.	298	418	500	438	434	0	21	21	20	21	29	16	16	1957
Little-Compton.	218	304	254	382	220	1	5	13	6	18	4	19	6	1231
Warren.	108	237	151	251	155	0	0	0	0	5	11	11	11	609
Chamberland.	264	400	408	450	420	0	0	1	2	1	6	3	3	1756
Riverton.	180	286	216	384	297	10	3	0	7	4	6	7	7	1237
Crookton.	340	455	399	517	390	3	4	5	10	13	10	11	11	1834
Hopkinton.	298	421	423	477	415	7	8	4	12	25	15	8	8	1805
Taunton.	167	242	227	254	234	3	3	1	14	18	15	15	15	1031
North-Providence.	138	193	172	230	197	1	3	2	10	1	11	5	5	830
Barrington.	91	142	118	162	120	3	3	5	15	20	11	5	5	601
Total.	9449	14005	12713	15349	12348	286	396	482	320	1286	516	1078	681	59578

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Number of Inhabitants in the Colony of Rhode-Island.

1774. 1780. 1785. 1790. 1795. 1800. 1805. 1810. 1815. 1820. 1825. 1830. 1835. 1840. 1845. 1850. 1855. 1860. 1865. 1870. 1875. 1880. 1885. 1890. 1895. 1900. 1905. 1910. 1915. 1920. 1925. 1930. 1935. 1940. 1945. 1950. 1955. 1960. 1965. 1970. 1975. 1980. 1985. 1990. 1995. 2000. 2005. 2010. 2015. 2020. 2025. 2030. 2035. 2040. 2045. 2050. 2055. 2060. 2065. 2070. 2075. 2080. 2085. 2090. 2095. 2100. 2105. 2110. 2115. 2120. 2125. 2130. 2135. 2140. 2145. 2150. 2155. 2160. 2165. 2170. 2175. 2180. 2185. 2190. 2195. 2200. 2205. 2210. 2215. 2220. 2225. 2230. 2235. 2240. 2245. 2250. 2255. 2260. 2265. 2270. 2275. 2280. 2285. 2290. 2295. 2300. 2305. 2310. 2315. 2320. 2325. 2330. 2335. 2340. 2345. 2350. 2355. 2360. 2365. 2370. 2375. 2380. 2385. 2390. 2395. 2400. 2405. 2410. 2415. 2420. 2425. 2430. 2435. 2440. 2445. 2450. 2455. 2460. 2465. 2470. 2475. 2480. 2485. 2490. 2495. 2500. 2505. 2510. 2515. 2520. 2525. 2530. 2535. 2540. 2545. 2550. 2555. 2560. 2565. 2570. 2575. 2580. 2585. 2590. 2595. 2600. 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Rhode Island of Census of 1774 Provides
Good Demographic Profile of Westerly's 274 Families

| 1774 Census Category | Above
16 | Under
16 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| White Males | 421 | 441 |
| White Females | 443 | 401 |
| Indians Male | 8 | 12 |
| Indian Female | 10 | 7 |
| Blacks Male | 11 | 15 |
| Blacks Female | 20 | 23 |

Population about 95% White
Most Blacks and Indians Recorded in White Households

| Household Last Name | First Name | RI 1774 census
probable slaves | |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| | | Black | Indian |
| Babcock | Ichabod | | 1 |
| Babcock | James | 3 | |
| Babcock | James | 3 | 1 |
| Babcock | Joshua | 2 | |
| Babcock | Joshua | 2 | |
| Babcock | Nathan | 1 | |
| Babcock | Nathaniel | 1 | 1 |
| Babcock | Oliver | 1 | |
| Bliven | William | | 1 |
| Burdick | David | 1 | |
| Champlin | Samuel | 5 | |
| Enos | Benjamin | 1 | |
| Hiscox | William | 1 | |
| Hull | Benjamin | 1 | |
| Lewis | Elias | | 1 |
| Maxson | John | 1 | |
| Mustee | Codandro | 6 | |
| Noyes Col | Joseph | 5 | |
| Noyes | Joseph | 5 | |
| Pendelton | Amos | 2 | |
| Pendelton | John | | 6 |
| Pendelton | William | 1 | |
| Peter | Junius | 1 | |
| Rhodes | James | 3 | 4 |
| Saunders | Stephen | 1 | |
| Scims | Jerusha | 2 | |
| Stetson | Thankful | 1 | 1 |
| Thompson | Elias | 4 | |
| Thompson | Joshua | 2 | 1 |
| Thompson | Samuel | 1 | 5 |
| Thompson | Thomas | 3 | |
| Ward Gov. | Samuel | 5 | |
| Wilcox | Arnold | 2 | |
| Wilcox | Jeremiah | 3 | |
| | | 70 | 22 |

About 20 White Families Enslaved Blacks and Indians.

Most Enslaved 3 Or Less, Probably On Small Farms And As Domestic Servants.

Several Unnamed Black and Indian Households Totaled 14 Individuals.

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| Enslaved & Nonwhite
Westerly 1774 | |
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| Bours | Cato (Sharper) |
| Ward | Cudjo & Peggy |
| Babcock | Asa |
| Babcock | Primus |
| Bent | Prince |
| Gavit | John |
| Primus | Jabez |
| Quaco | James |
| Quaco | Jehue |
| Ray | Thomas & Sarah |
| Saltonstall | Britton |
| Thompson | Joshua |
| West | Timothy |
| Quaico | Sabia |
| Quaico | Sabria |
| Quaico | Sally |
| Palmer | Cathrine |
| Quaico | Pero |
| Codan | Mary |
| Haden | Mary |
| Noyes | John |
| Champlin | Alice |
| Quash | Mary |
| Burdick | Affata |
| Rhodes | Henry |
| | Hannah |
| | Dinah |
| | Jeffery |
| | Mercy |

Identified 30 Blacks and Indians Living in Westerly:

- DAR Forgotten Patriots List!
- Town Records:
 - Probate Inventories,
 - Wills,
 - Manumissions,
- Revolutionary War Pension Records
- Later Census Records

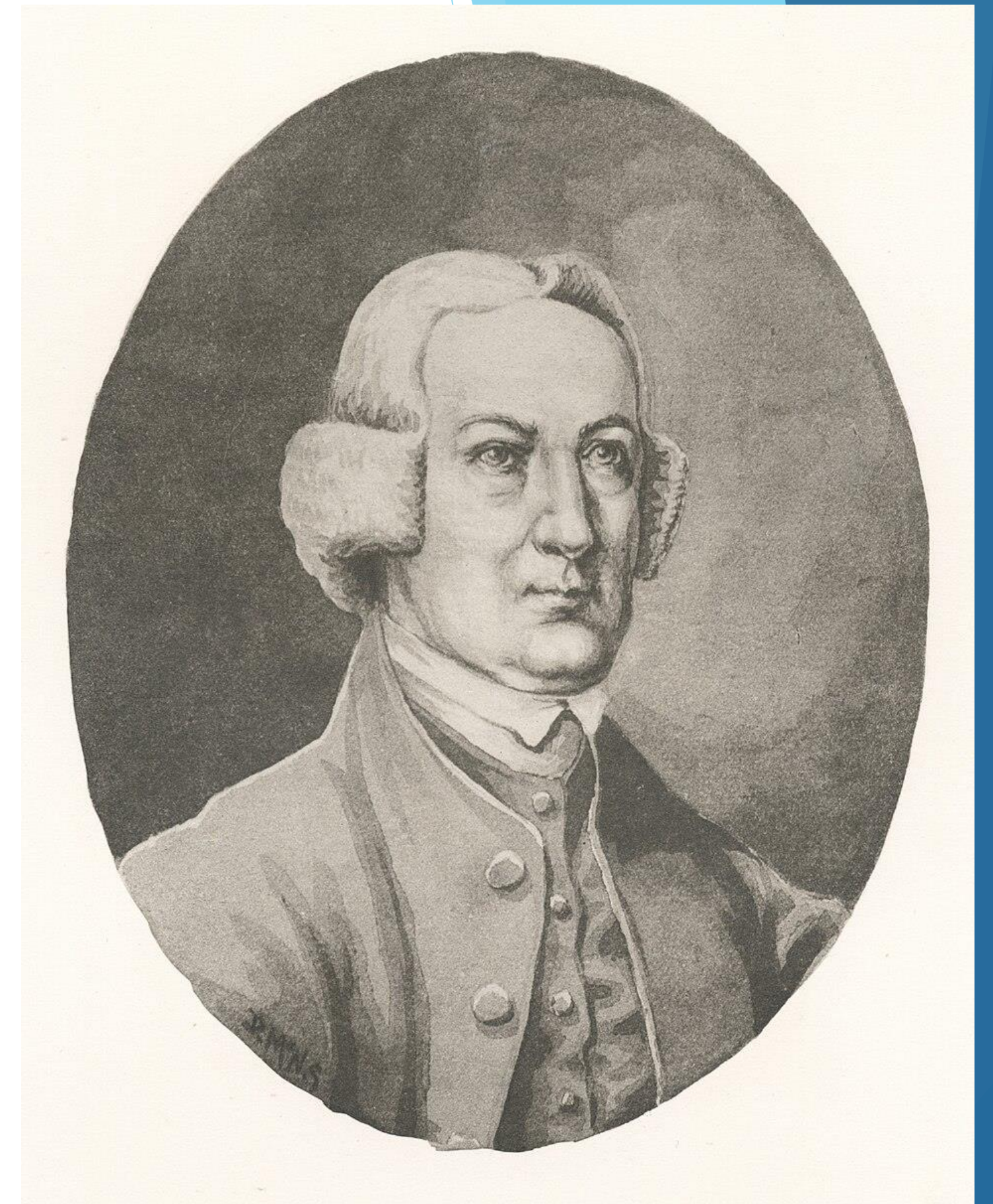
Found Personal Information of Three Individuals and Families

- **Sharper (Cato) Bours:** Found While Researching the History of Land where Wilcox Park is Now Located.
- **Cudjo Ward:** Was A Personal Servant Enslaved by Gov. Samuel Ward.
- **Thomas Ray:** Is Identified in *Westerly And It's Witnesses* As A "Colored Family Of Excellent Repute" Living in Westerly during the Late 1700's through Early 1800's.

Unfortunately, I didn't find any Pictures of these Men.

Cudjo and Peggy Ward

- Cudjo, at Age about 33, was Purchased by Gov. Samuel Ward from his Sister Isabel Marchant of Newport in 1768 .
- Cudjo accompanied Gov. Samuel Ward to Philadelphia in 1775 as his Personal Servant.
- Ward was a Rhode Island Delegate and a leader in the Continental Congress in 1775-6.
- Cudjo was Vaccinated for Smallpox; Ward Dies of Smallpox March 1776.
- Cudjo Returns to Westerly with Ward's Papers.



Gov. Samuel Ward



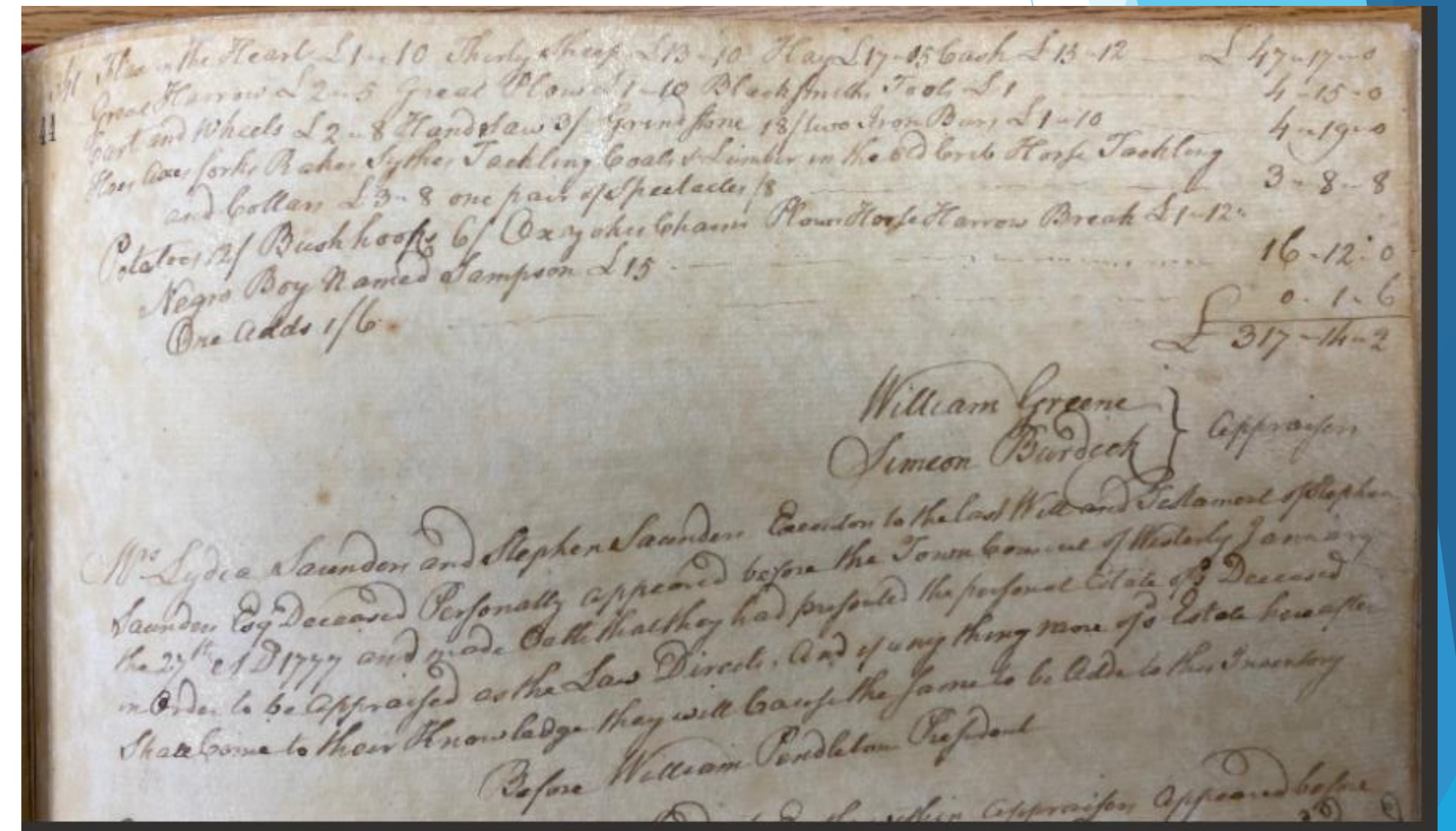
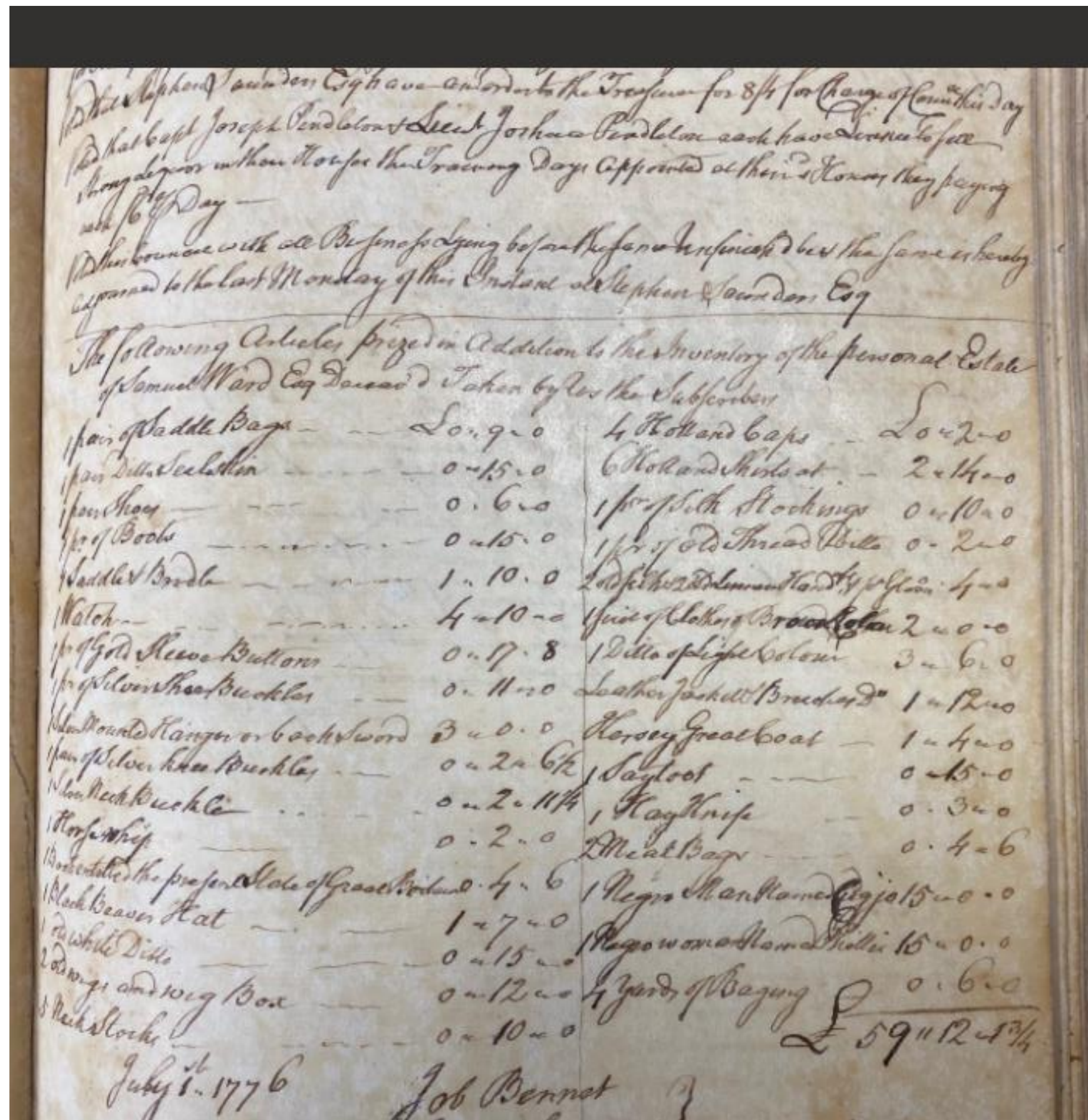
Gov. Samuel Ward Homestead
Near Corner of Langworthy and Shore Road

Cudjo and Peggy Ward

- Gov. Samuel Ward Owned Five Slaves on His Large Farm in Westerly: **Cudjo and Peggy Ward, Philis, and Negro Boys James and Sampson**

Gov. Samuel Ward's Inventory 1776-7

- Negro boy Sampson 12#
- Negro boy James
- One negro man Cudjo 15#
- One negro woman Peggy
- One negro woman Philis 15#



Approximate location of Samuel Ward Homestead and With Cudjo and Peggy Ward

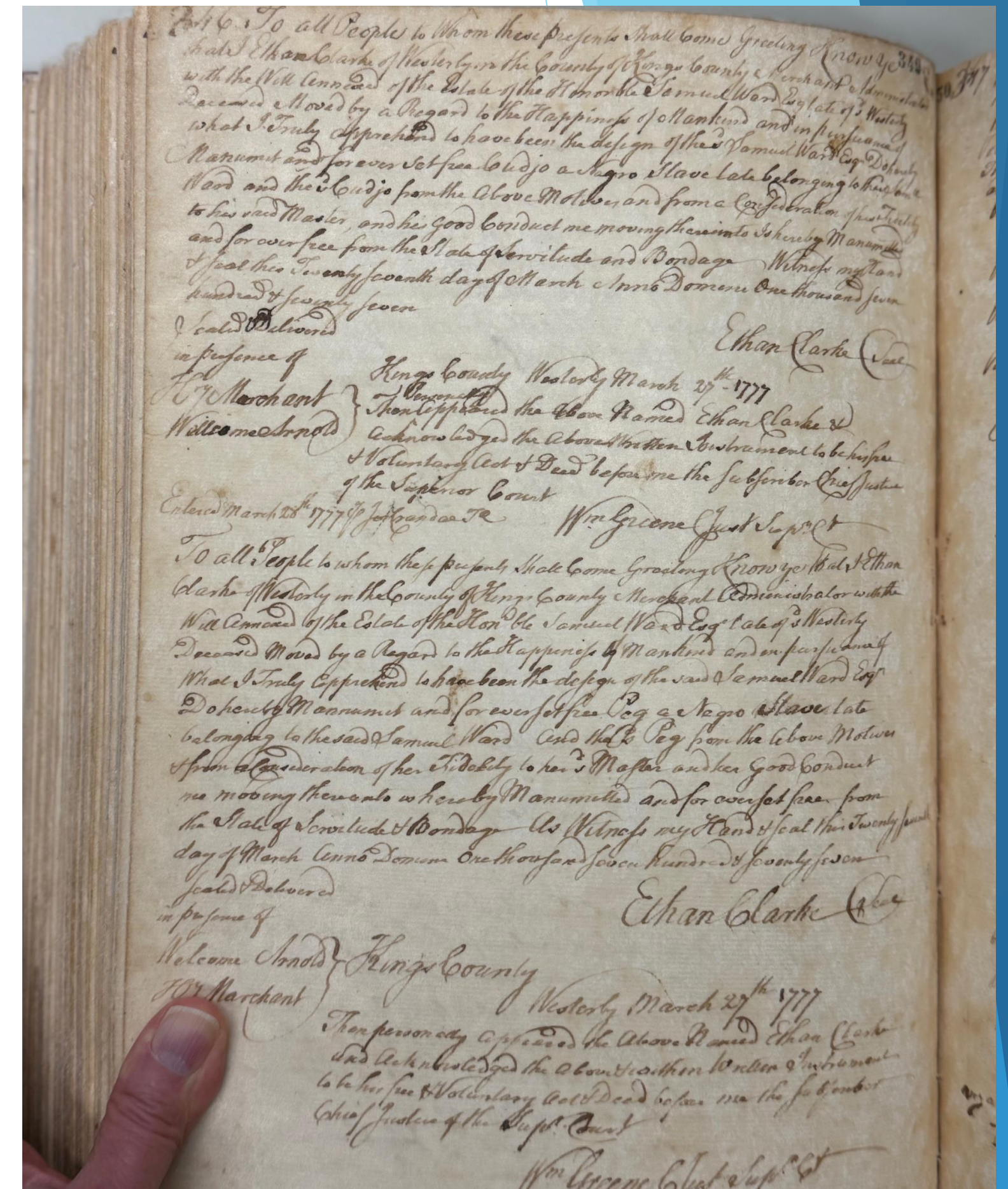


Approximate location of Gov. Samuel Ward homestead

Cudjo and Peggy Ward

Manumission of Cudjo and Peggy Ward after Death of Gov. Samuel Ward

- In 1777 Gov. Ward's Estate is Sold to Pay Off Depts.
- Cudjo And Peggy Manumitted In 1777.
- Ethan Clarke, Son-in-Law and Administrator Of Ward's Estate
- States: Manumitted "As Ward Had Intended"

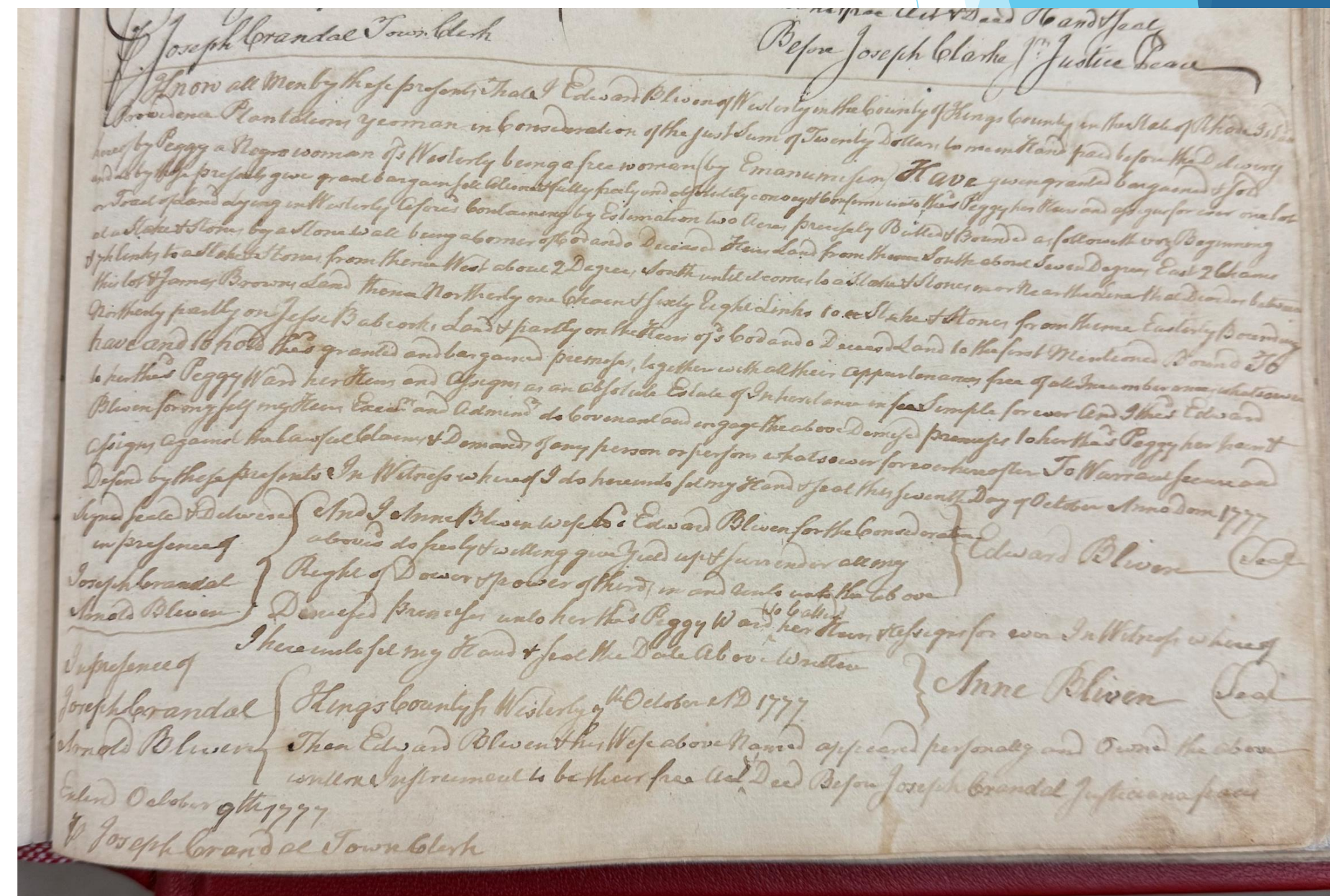


Cudjo and Peggy Ward

Peggy Purchased a Two-acre Lot in Westerly

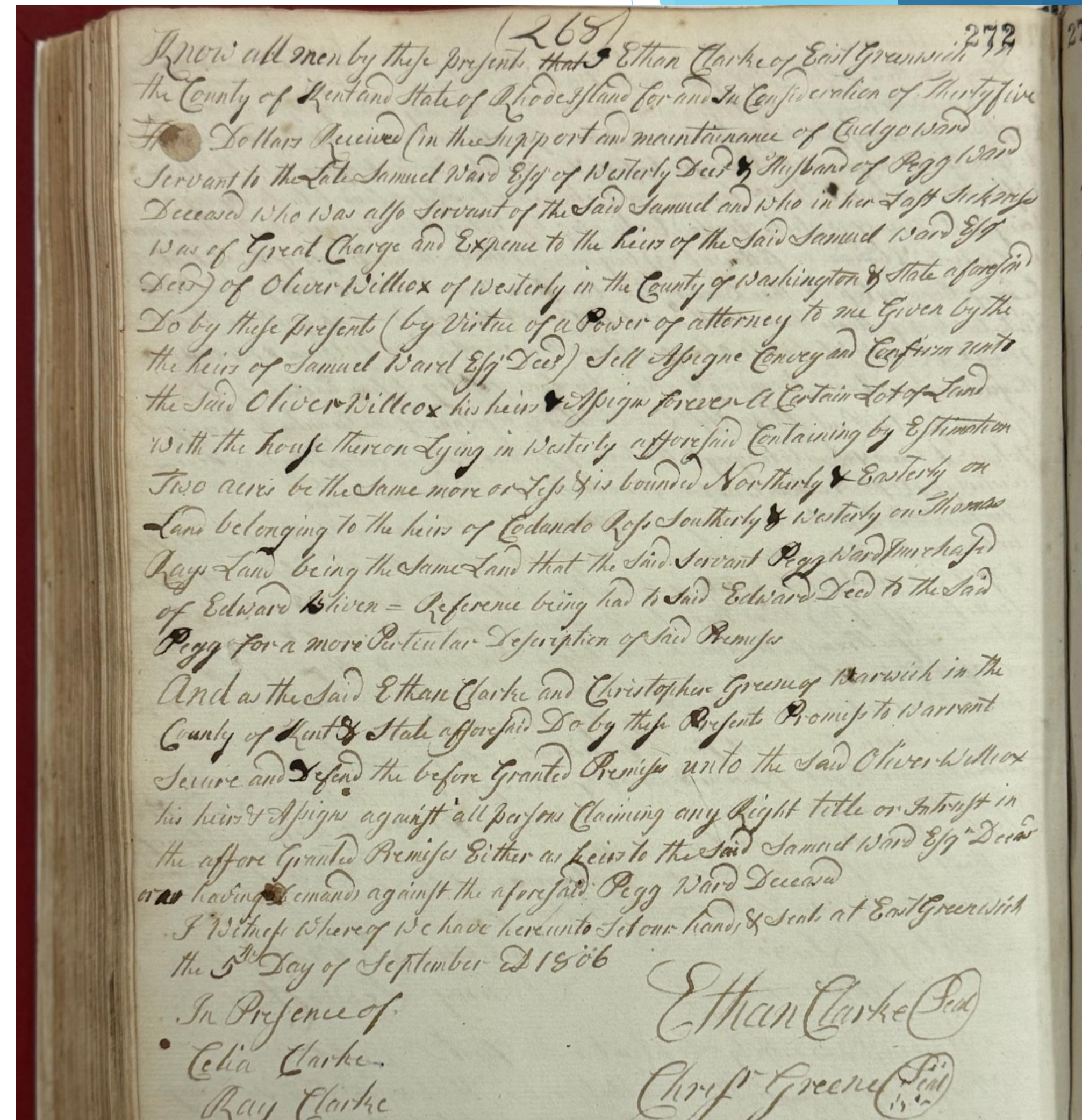
- From Edward Bliven in October 1777 for 20 Dollars.
- Located Adjacent to Land that Thomas Ray Purchases

2 acres 10/9/1777 Edward & Anne Bliven to Peggy Ward free negro; LER vol 10 pp416



Cudjo and Peggy Ward

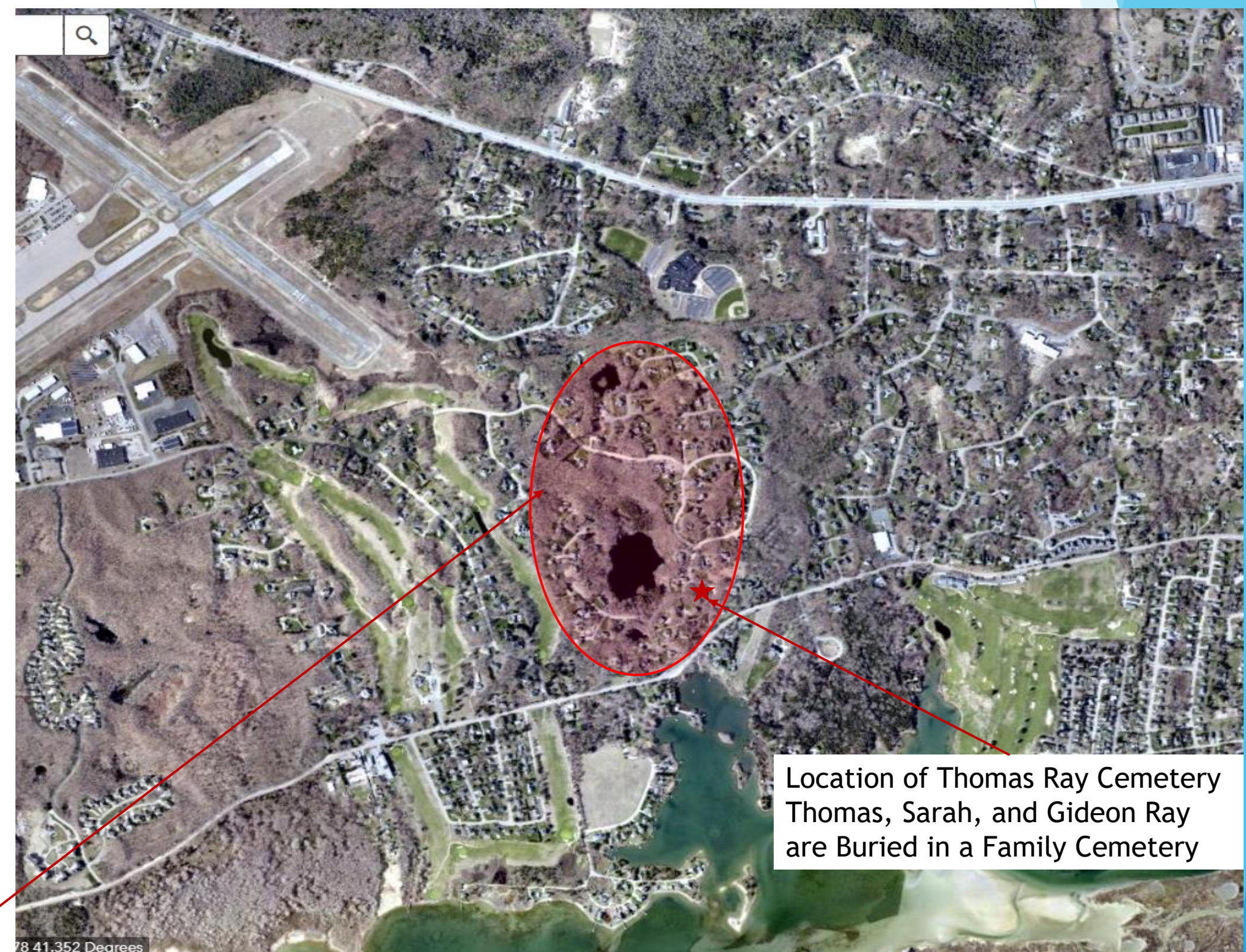
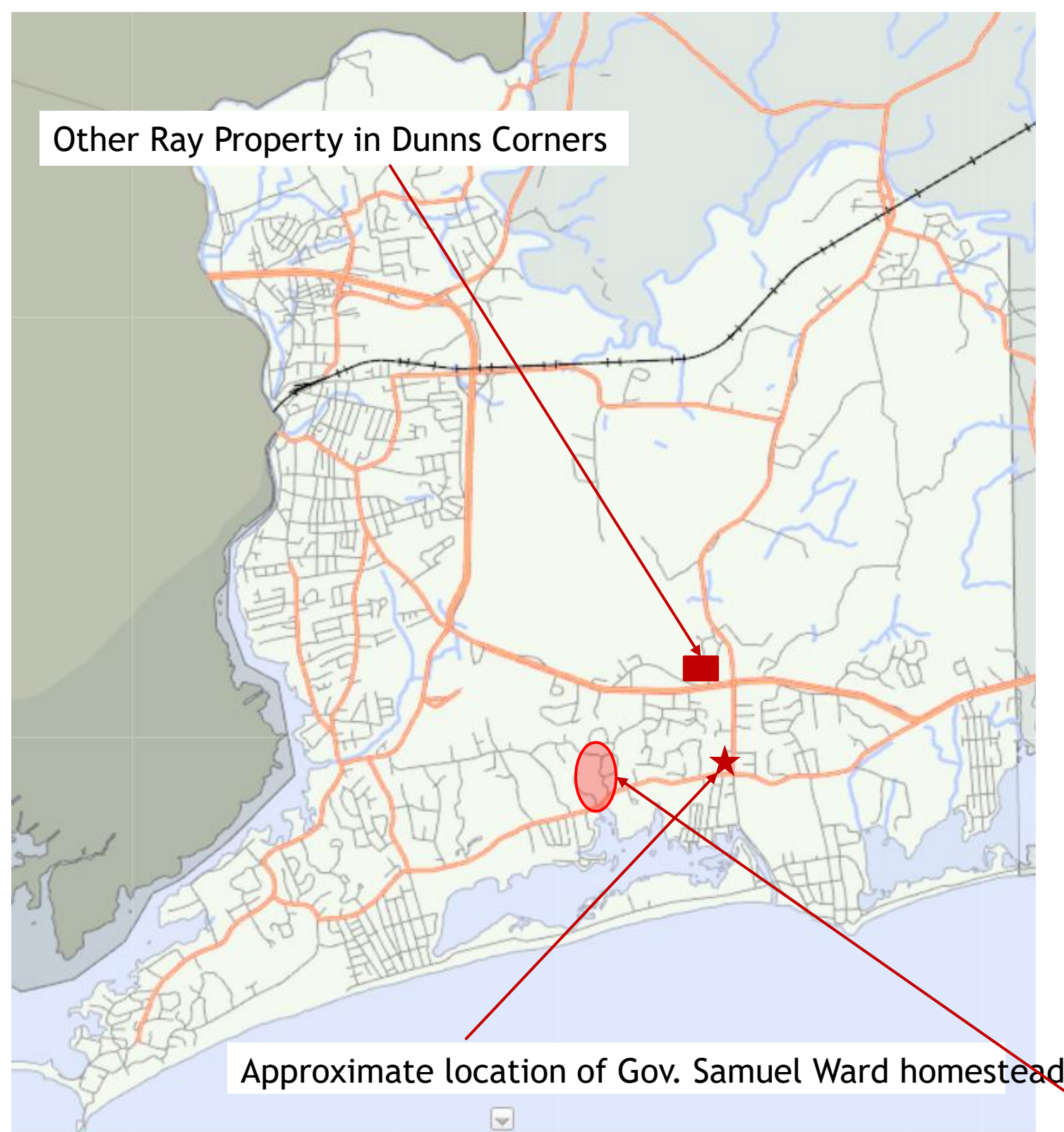
- Cudjo And Peggy Listed in 1790 Census
- Cudjo And Peggy Noted In 1806 Westerly Council Records: “Hath For Some Time Past And Still Remain In Want And Need Some Speedy Support From Governor Ward’s Heirs”.
- Peggy Dies 1806
- Land and House Sold in 1806 to Oliver Wilcox as a Payment Valued at \$35 for the Support and Maintenance of Cudjo.
- 1820 Census still Lists Cudjo as Head of a Household of 2.
- Don’t know where they were buried.



Sale Of Cudjo And Peggy's 2 Acre Lot And Home

Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray Family: 4 Generations

- Thomas Ray Noted In *Witnesses As A “Colored Family Of Excellent Repute”* Living In Westerly in *Guinea Hollow*.
- Thomas Ray Cemetery Located on Rockridge Road in Guinea Hollow; Ray Home Located 30 Rods Northeast.
- Who was Thomas Ray?
 - Free or Enslaved, Indian or Black Man?
 - Is Thomas Ray Related in Some Fashion to Simon Ray a White Man of Block Island?
 - Simon Ray Owned a Large Estates in Westerly and Block Island
 - Gov. Samuel Ward Acquires Westerly Estate when He Married Anna Ray in 1745.



Approximate location of Guinea Hollow

Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- Thomas Ray is First Noted in Westerly Records in 1774.
- Probably the Tom Ray Noted Being Owed 19 Shillings in Gov. Samuels Ward's Probate Documents.
- Revolutionary War Pension Records Key to Ray's History:
 - Thomas Ray: Born on Block Island on October 11, 1752 and Died in Westerly March 21, 1839.

| Name | Date | Amount | Amount |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Demond | 14 | 3.10 1/4 | 07.15.7 3/4 |
| Note | 1.5.77 | 12.15.4 3/4 | 1.15 |
| Ballance | 3.17.4 | 17.11.1/4 | 13.13.1/4 |
| anoder | August 24 | 2.10.0 | 3.17.4 |
| May | 1775 | 15.4.1 | 17.4.6 1/4 |
| Note and Interest | 25 March 1776 | 587.12.0 1/4 | 631.11.5 3/4 |
| Note & Interest | 25 March 1776 | 144.14.0 3/4 | 15.5.6.10 |
| Note Ballance | 25 March 1776 | 231.15.4 | 249.2.2 1/4 |
| Ballance | 0.48.0 | 0.48.0 | |
| Note Ballance | 27 March 1776 | 37.0.9 | 39.15.2 1/4 |
| Ballance | 2.13.8 | 2.13.8 | |
| Ballance | 0.19.0 | 0.19.0 | |
| Ballance | 4.11.11 1/4 | 4.11.11 1/4 | |
| Carried forward | | | 108.297.0 |

Gov. Samuel Ward Inventory 1777

Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

• Revolutionary War Pension Records:

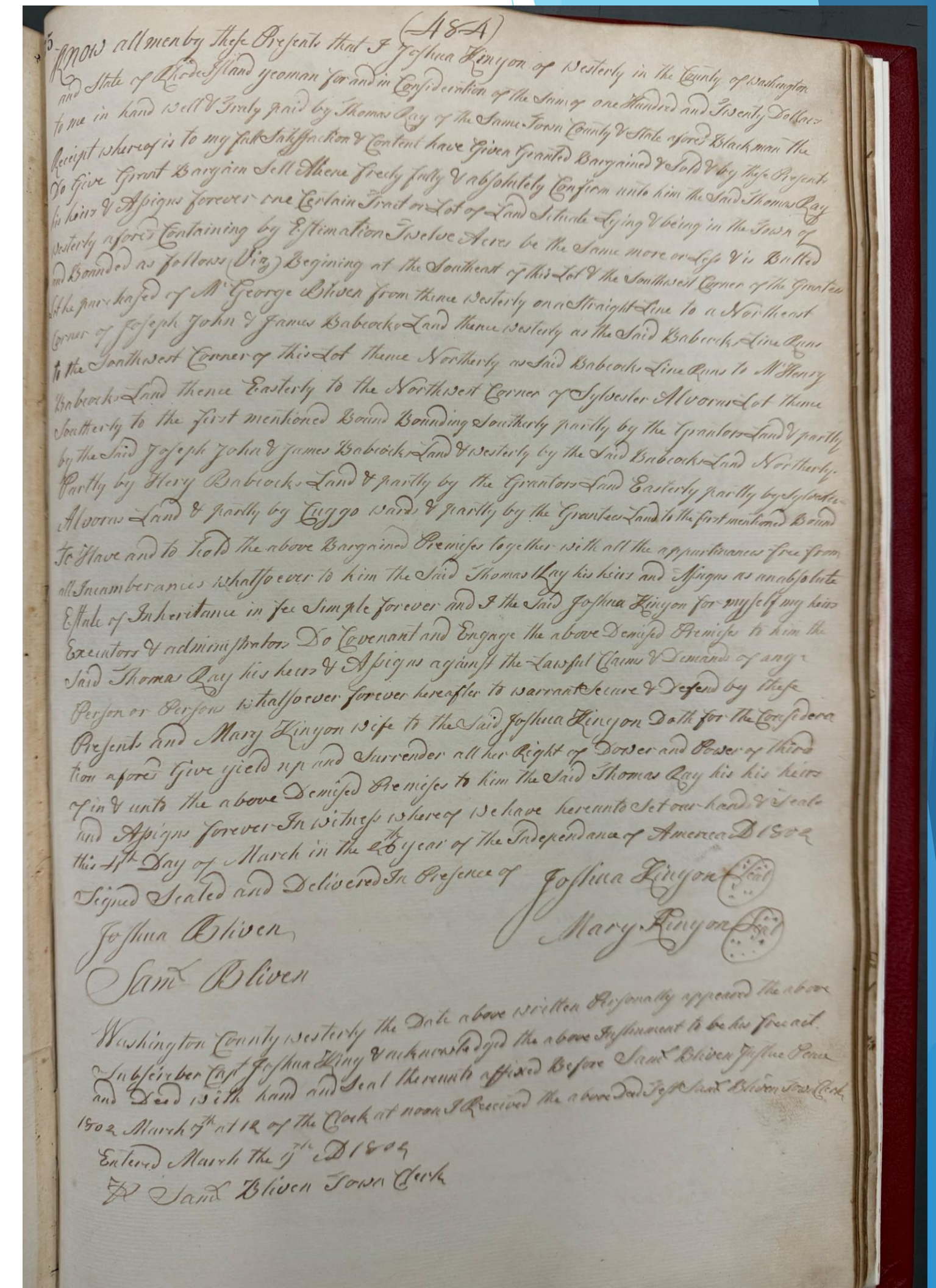
- Married Sarah Bennet In The Winter Of 1776-7. Sarah Was a Black Woman Who Moved with the Job Bennet Family to Westerly In 1776.
- Bennet's were a Prominent Newport Couple with Several Slaves; Moved to Westerly During the British Occupation of Newport.
- The Wedding Procession made **“Quite a Splendid Appearance”** as They were Dressed **“In a Style that was Not Used in the County”**.
- Ray Volunteered for the RI Artillery In 3/1777; Station in Providence, Wickford, Tiverton, and Fort -- During The Period of British Occupation.
- Served His One Year; He was Discharged 3/1778 and Returned to his Wife and First Child.



Thomas Ray Stationed around Narragansett Bay
1777-1778

Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- Rays had Three Sons:
 - **Joseph Aspinwall Ray** b.11/8/1777- 1/28/1846;
 - Gideon b.1/6/1779-1839;
 - **Thomas** b.5/18/1784 -d.1837
- Sons Signed up for Seamen Protection in New London; Documentation They were Free American Citizens.
- 1790 Census:
 - Ray household of 5
 - Nonwhite Families of Prince Bent, Cudjo Ward, and Mary Hedan were Ray's Neighbors in Guinea Hollow Area.
- Thomas Purchased 12-acre Farm in 1802 from Joshua Kinyon.
- Westerly Census of 1790, 1810, 1820, & 1830: Thomas Head of a Household of as Many as 5.
- Thomas Ray Purchased at Least Three Parcels of Land Between 1802 and 1835.
- Thomas Sold his Land to **Gideon** in 1837;
- **Gideon** Purchased Several Other Lots

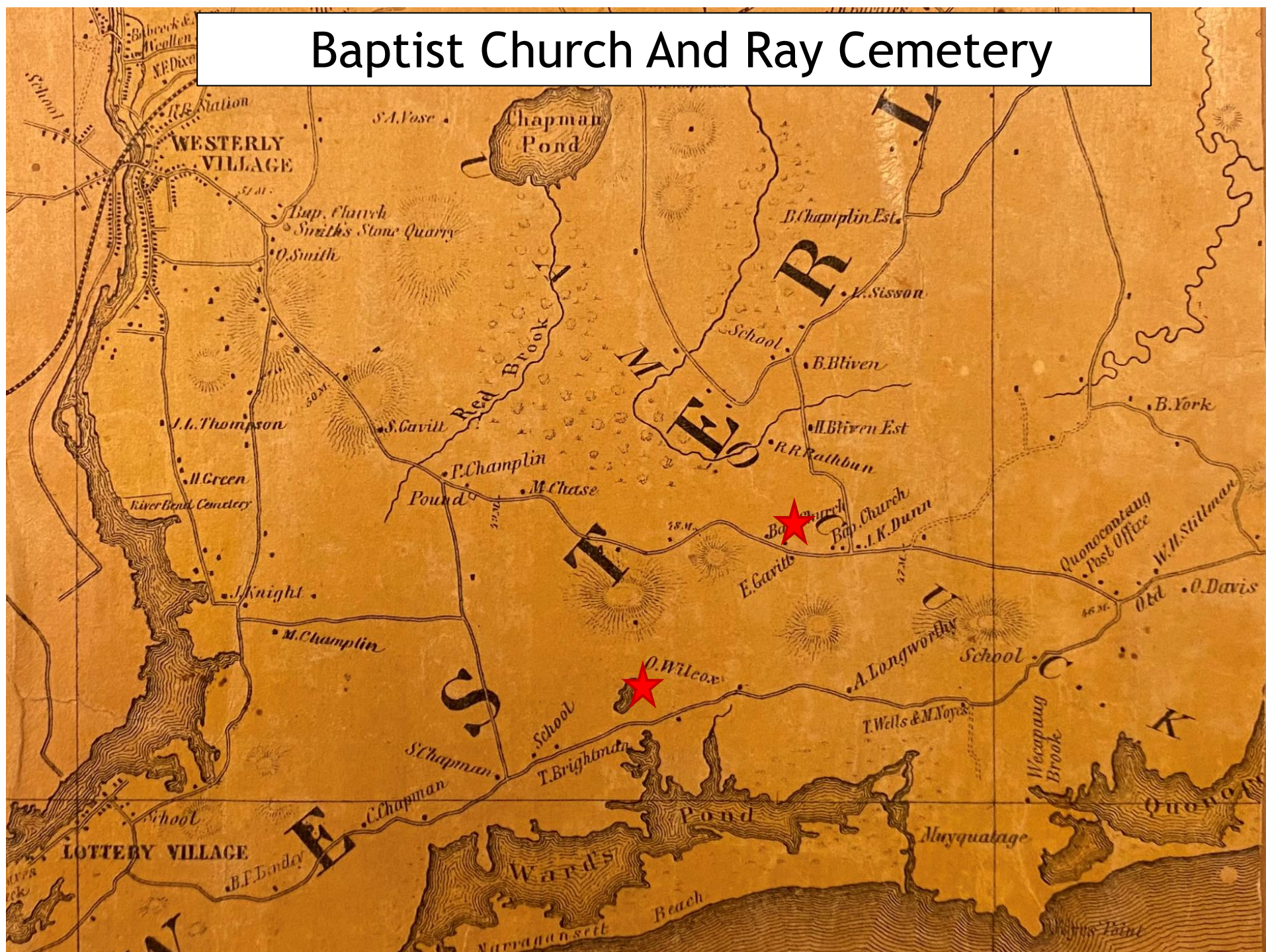


12 acres,; Purchased from Joshua & Mary Kinyon 3/4/1802;

Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- Thomas Ray Petitions for and receives his Revolutionary War Pension in 1831.
- Thomas Died in 1839
- Sarah Ray Receives Pension after Thomas Dies
- **Gideon** Drowns in Worden Pond about 1840;
- Sarah Inherited the Lands and Stays on the Farm; Visited and Cared for by Grandchildren.
- Rays were Members of the 7th Day Baptist Church of Westerly for 40 years. Congregation Built Church in 1840's on Land Ray had Owned in Dunn's Corners.

Baptist Church And Ray Cemetery



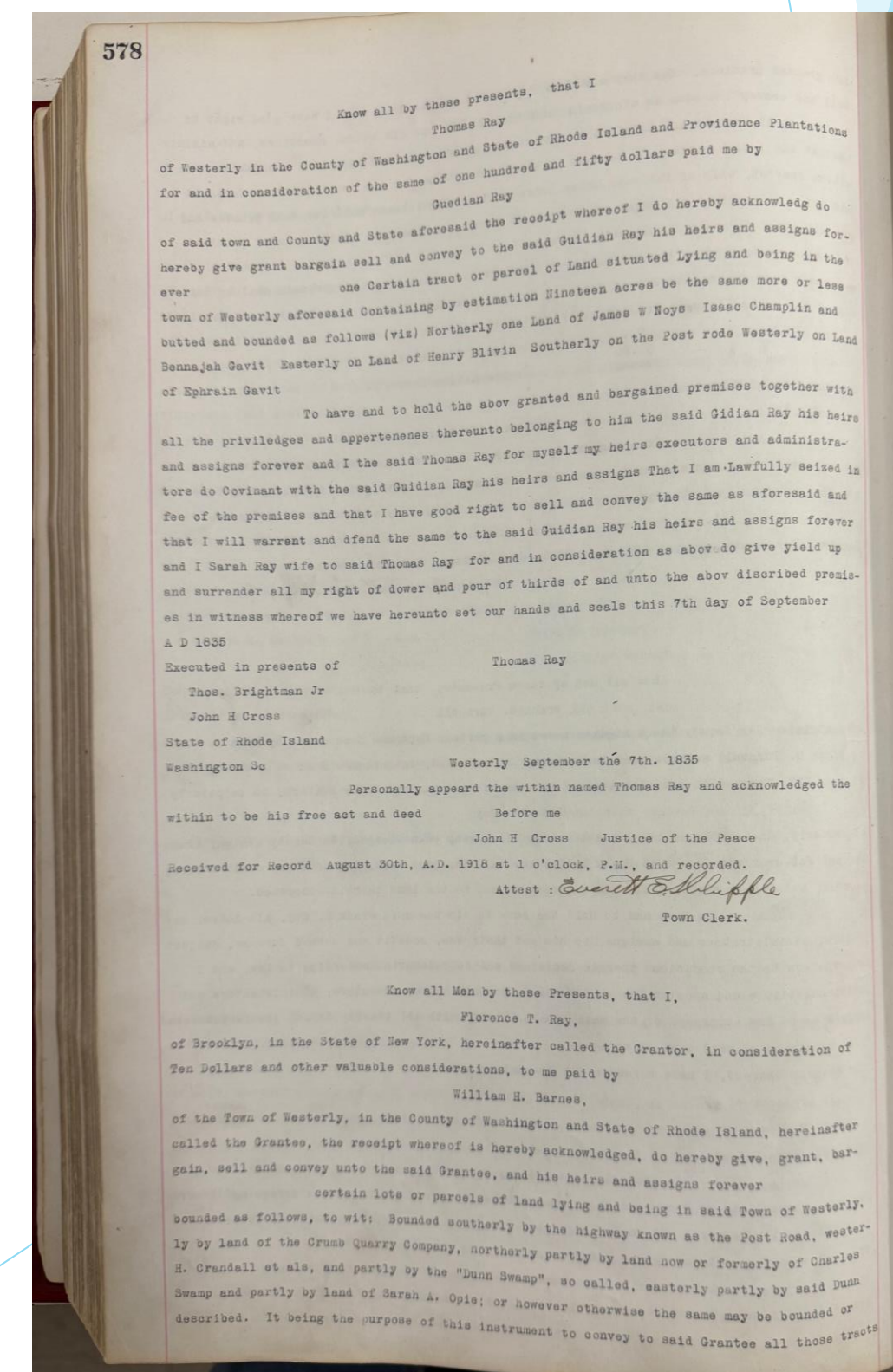
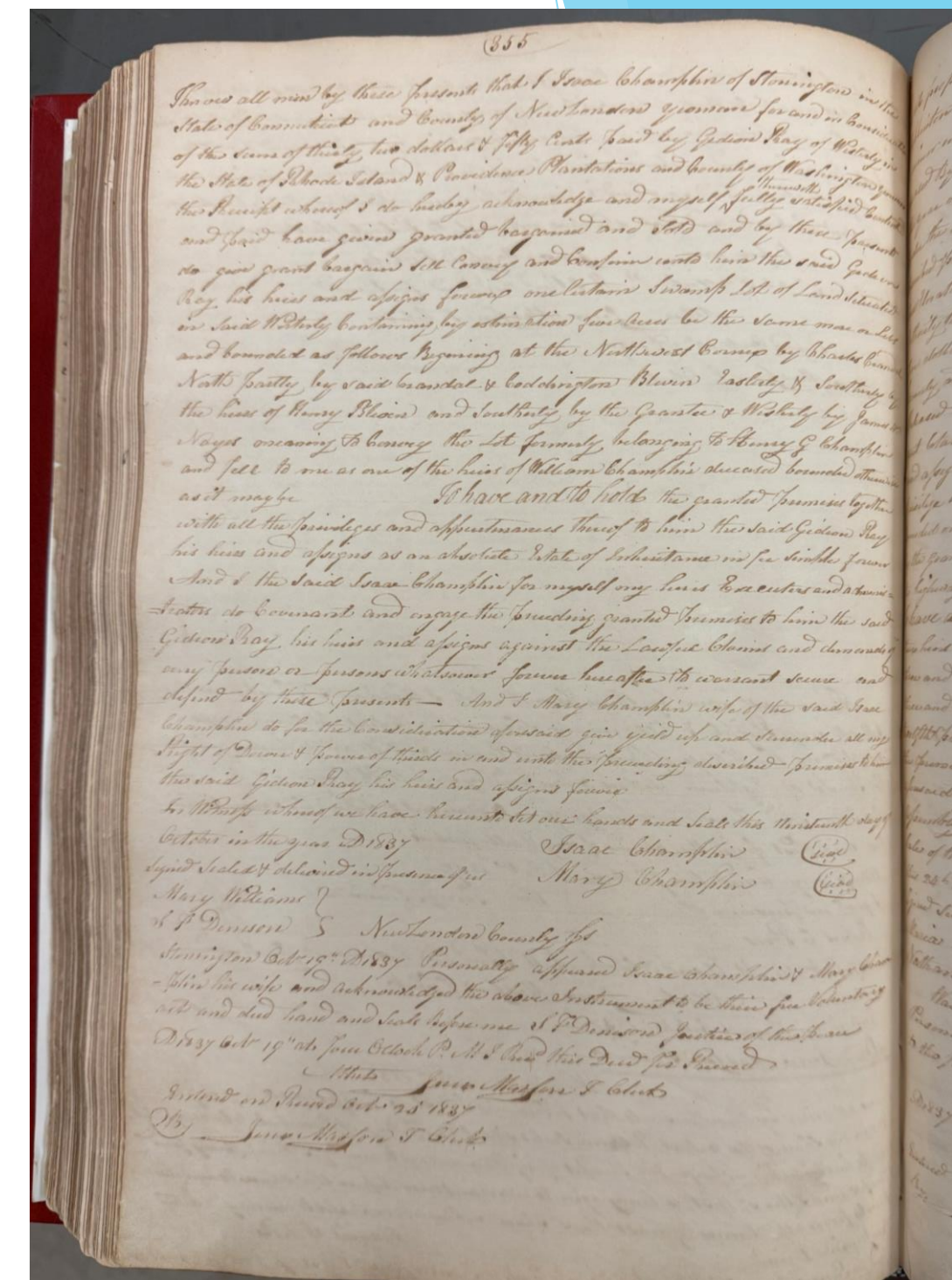
Ray's Signed Statement In Pension Application

State of Rhode Island
County of Washington

On the eleventh day of October
1832, personally appeared in Open Court, being the Supreme
Court of the County of Washington, Thomas
Ray, a resident of Westerly, in the County of Washington, and
State of Rhode Island aged eighty years, who being first
duly sworn according to law with oath and Oath, make the
following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act
of Congress, passed June 4th 1832 viz That he entered the
service of the United States under the following named
Officers and served as herein That he was
October
when he lived until he was twenty two years old, and removed
to Westerly, where he has always since lived - The said applicant
further states that he first enlisted in Providence in the month
of March 1777 as a private in the (Artillery) Company, commanded
by Capt. Ebenezer Adams Lieutenant ~~John~~ in Regiment
about two weeks
making cartridges, afterwards
removed to Pawnee's Neck, and was there stationed, with one
field piece in the Battery, and continued through the Spring
and Summer - He was then ordered in said Company on September
Rhode Island Expedition first marched
to Tiverton and there quartered a short time to wait further
orders thence marched to Conanicut in Little Compton, and
afterwards returned to Tiverton and was stationed in Fort
Barton, and there served until March 1778, when his term
expired making two years service, and he was then hon-
orably discharged but has no written discharge
He hereby relinquishes away claim whatever to a Pension
or Annuity except the present, and declares that his name
is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State
Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid -
In Open Court etc
Matthew
Thomas Ray

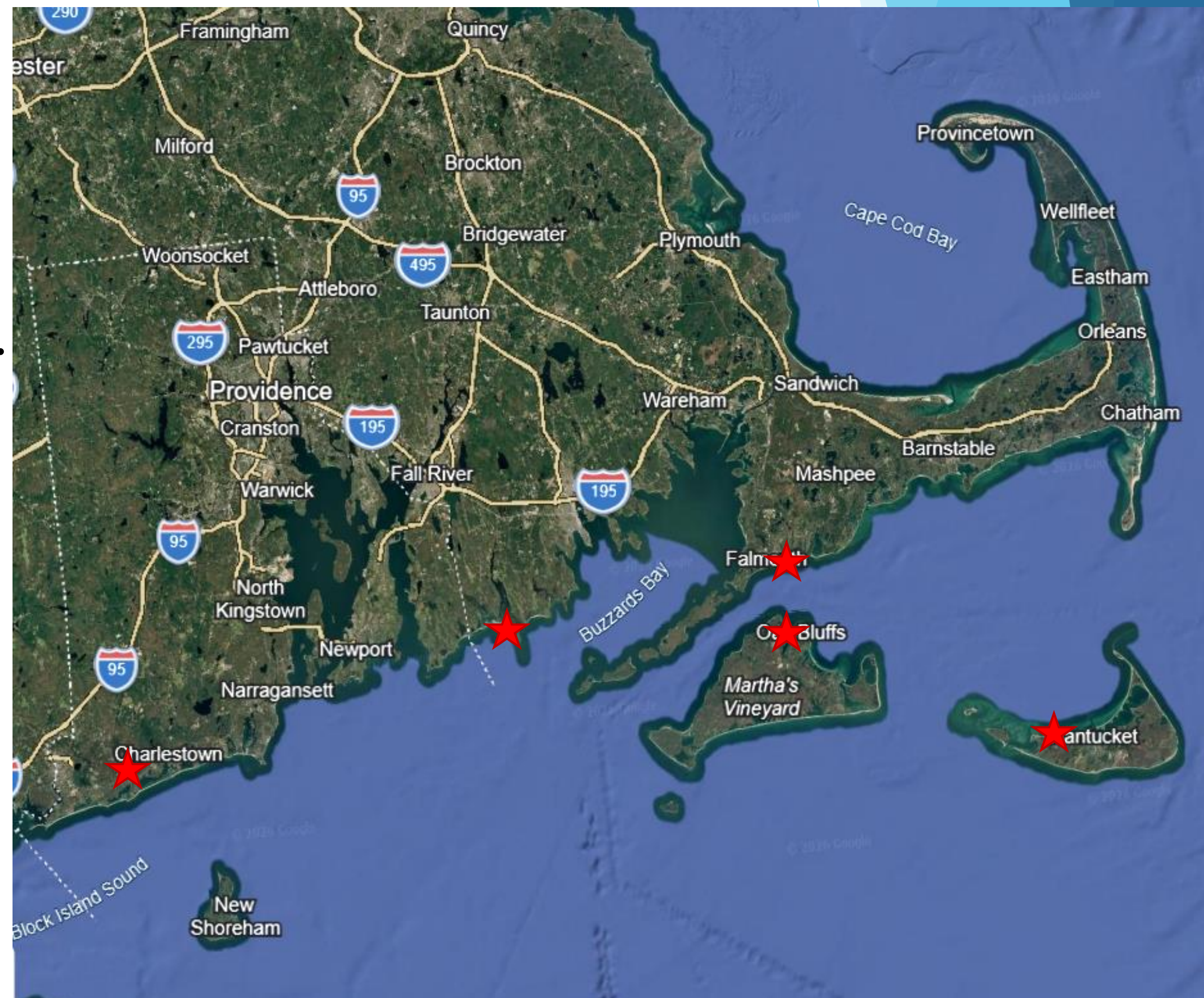
Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- The Ray's Grandchildren Visited the Farm and Sarah Bennet Ray Melvin and Husband John Melvin Cared for Sarah in 1850.
- Sarah Bennet Ray dies 3/18/1852 ; age 97
- Guinea Hollow Land Sold by Ray's Heirs to Albert Langworthy in 1896.
- Ray Heir Florence Ray Sells 19 Acres in Dunns Corners to Barnes in 1918.



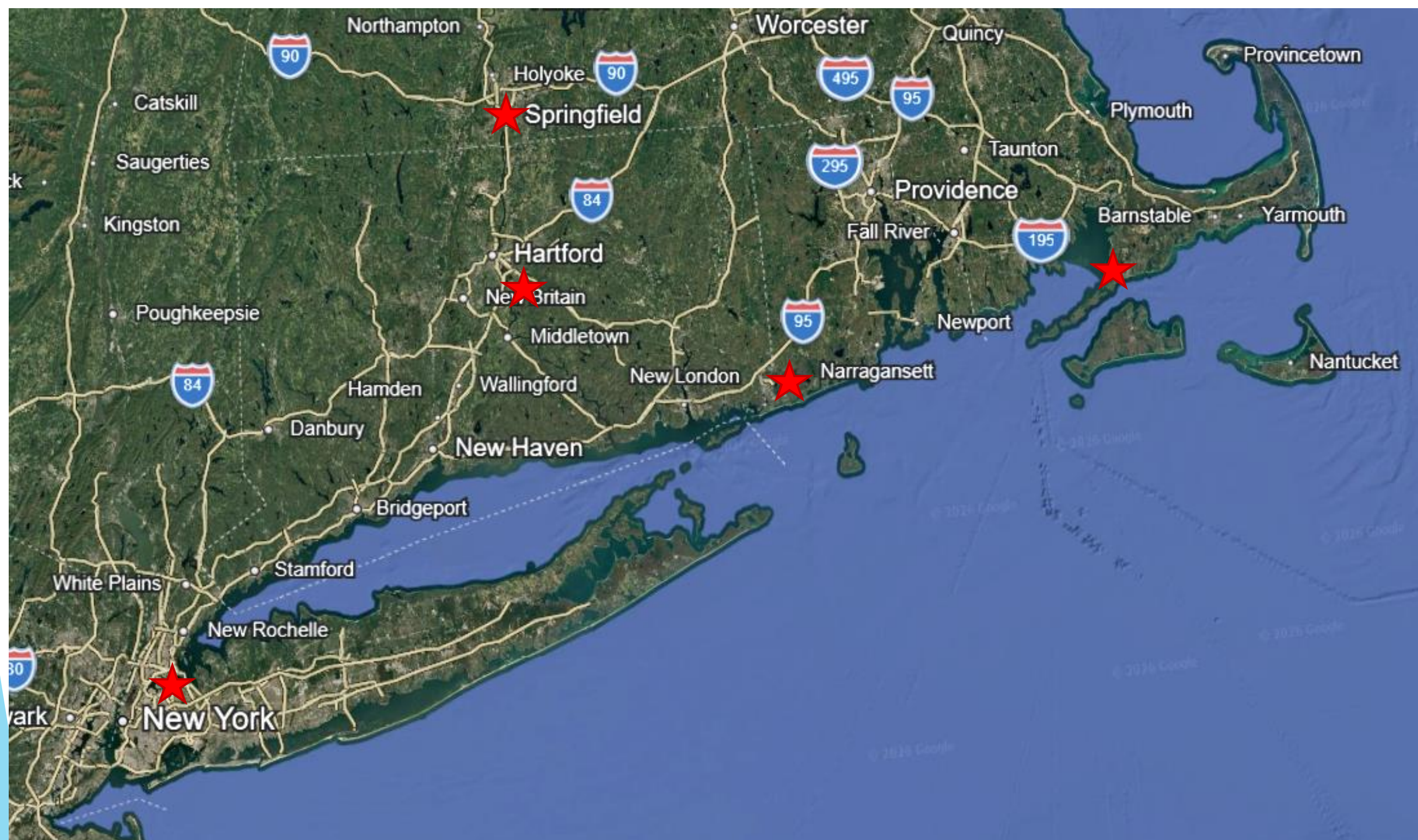
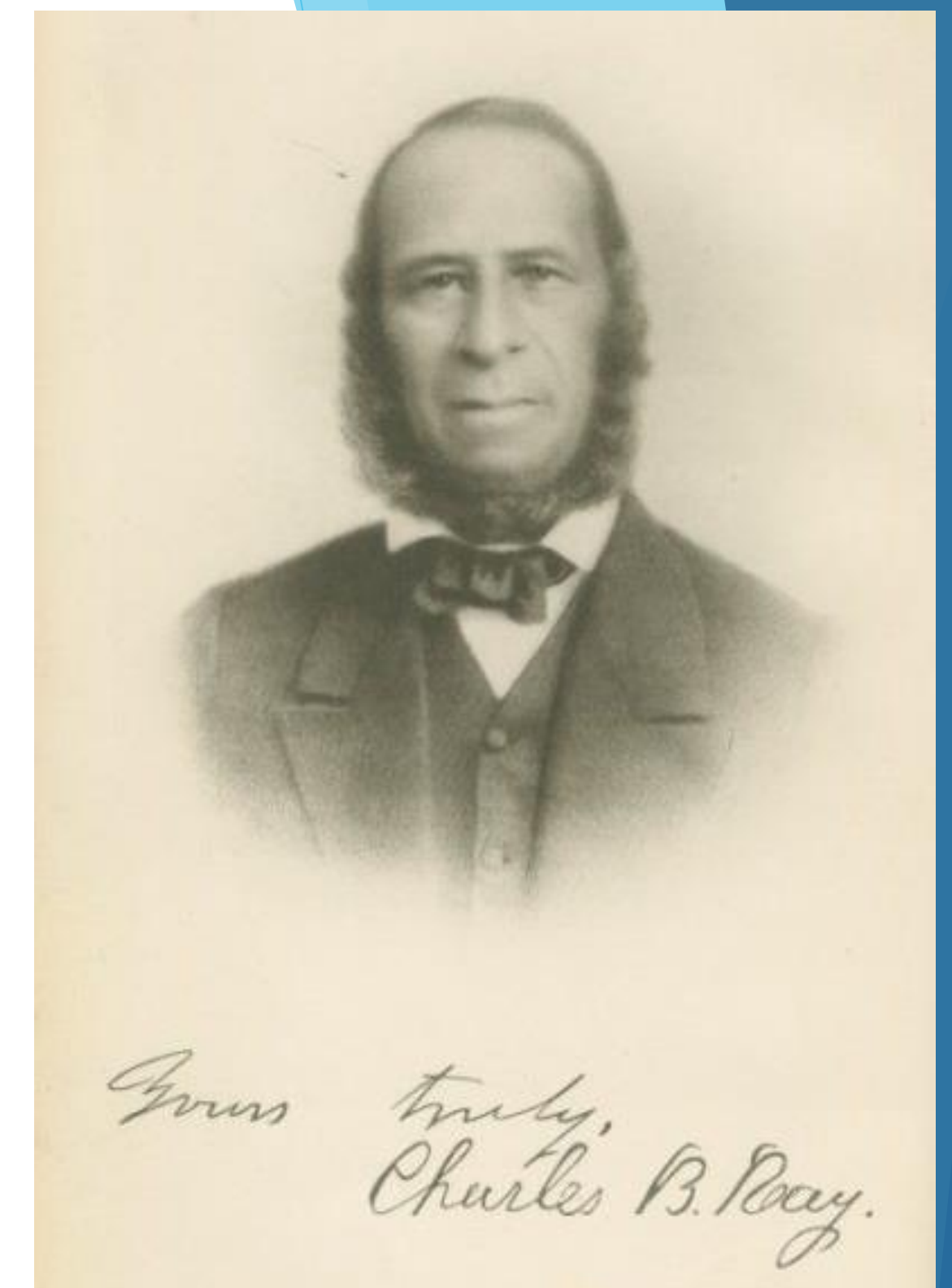
Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- **Joseph Aspinwall Ray**, Thomas Ray's Son,
 - Became a Seaman and Settled in Falmouth MA.
 - Served as the Postman for Falmouth and Delivered Mail to Martha's Vineyard for 28 Years.
- Joseph Marries Annis M Harrington of Falmouth
- Joseph & Annis have 6 Children:
 - Sarah Bennet Ray Melvin,
 - Thomas Ray,
 - **Charles Bennet Ray**,
 - Joseph Ray jr.,
 - **Elizabeth Ray Nahar**,
 - Anna Harrington Ray Bright
- Joseph Dies 1837
- Annis Lives with Daughter Anna Bright in New Bedford.
- Annis is noted as a very avid reader.



Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- **Charles Bennet Ray** (1807-1886) Thomas Ray's Grandson
 - Early Education in Falmouth and Works 5 years on Thomas Ray's Westerly Farm
 - Charles went to Wesleyan Academy in 1830 to Study the Ministry.
 - Briefly Studied at Wesleyan University but was Ostracized by a Largely Southern Student Body
 - Methodist Minister of the Bethesda Congregational Church in NYC.
 - Publisher of the Weekly: *The Colored American* from 1839-1842
 - Leader in the Underground Railroad, Widely Traveled & Lectured



Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- **Charles Bennett Ray** (1807-1886) .

- Charles Married Charlotte Augusta Burroughs; They had Seven Children, Thomas Ray's Great Grandchildren:
 - **Charlotte E Ray:** (1/13/1850-1/4/1911) Graduated from Howard University Law School in 1872, First Woman Admitted to DC Bar and First African-American Woman Attorney in The United States. Marries Daniel Fraim
 - **Henrietta Ray:** Becomes Teacher, gets Her Masters Degree, Speaks four languages, and Becomes Poet in NYC.
 - **Florence Ray:** Becomes a Teacher in NYC.
- Charles, who was Light Skinned, was Quoted as saying that he would need to go back 3 to 4 Generations to find an Ancestor of Unmixed Blood.



Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

- **Elizabeth Ray Nahar**, Charles' sister and Thomas Ray's Granddaughter:
 - Marries Alexander Nahar of Nantucket
 - In 1845 Elizabeth and Alexander Successfully Petition Mass. to Integrate the Nantucket Schools.
 - Adopt **Annie Mattie** who Arrived in Nantucket Through Charles Ray and the Underground Railway.

Thomas and Sarah Bennet Ray

Annie Mattilda Nahar Mangin

- **Annie Nahar, Thomas Rays Great Granddaughter**
 - Graduates from High School and becomes Teacher:
 - Moves with Union Army to New Orleans in 1864-1868 as part of Freeman's Bureau to Teach Black Children.
 - Then to San Antonio and back to New Orleans as Principal of McDonogh School.
 - **Annie** Marries Andrew Finch Mangin of NYC and New Orleans 7/1877 at age 33.
 - Runs a Catering Business in NYC and Develops and Patents a Pastry Fork and Exhibits in 1893 Columbian Expo.
 - Worked with Women's *Loyal Union* that Supported the *Protective Union House for Working Girls*.
 - Worked With with her Aunts Florence T. Ray and Henrietta Ray,
 - In 1902 moves to Brookfield, Ct. with Son Andrew Jr. died 1931.



Sharper (Cato) and Esther Irons Bours

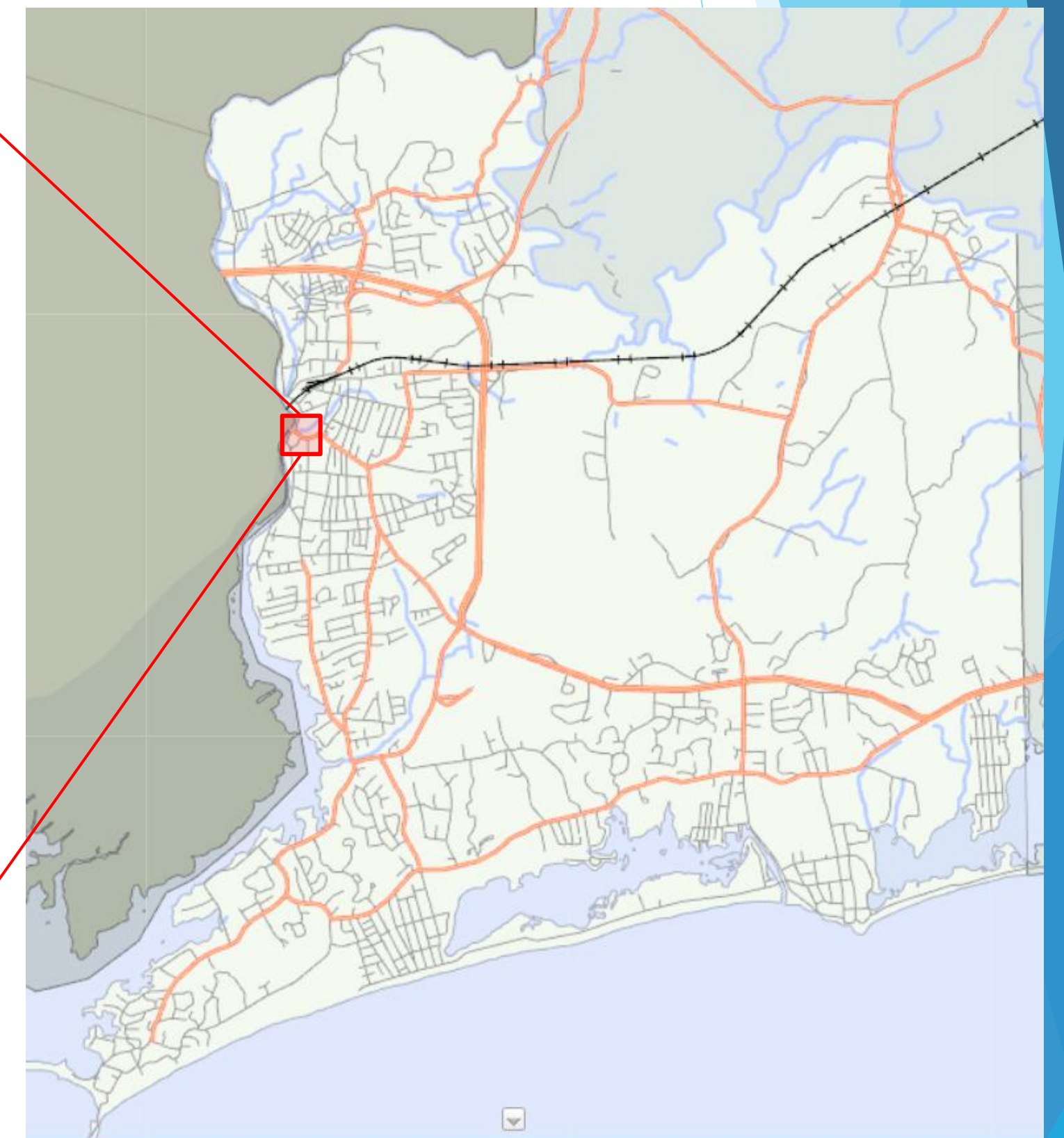
- Sharper was Owned by John Bours of Newport
- John Bours (1734-1815), a Prominent Merchant in Newport Involved in Slave Trade; a Leader in the Episcopal Church; Founding Member of the Redwood Library.
- Bours has Two Slaves in 1774 Census
- Bours Married Dr. Joshua Babcock's Daughter Hannah in 1762.
- Bours Signed an Oath of Fidelity to the Colonies in 1775.

John and Hannah Babcock Bours



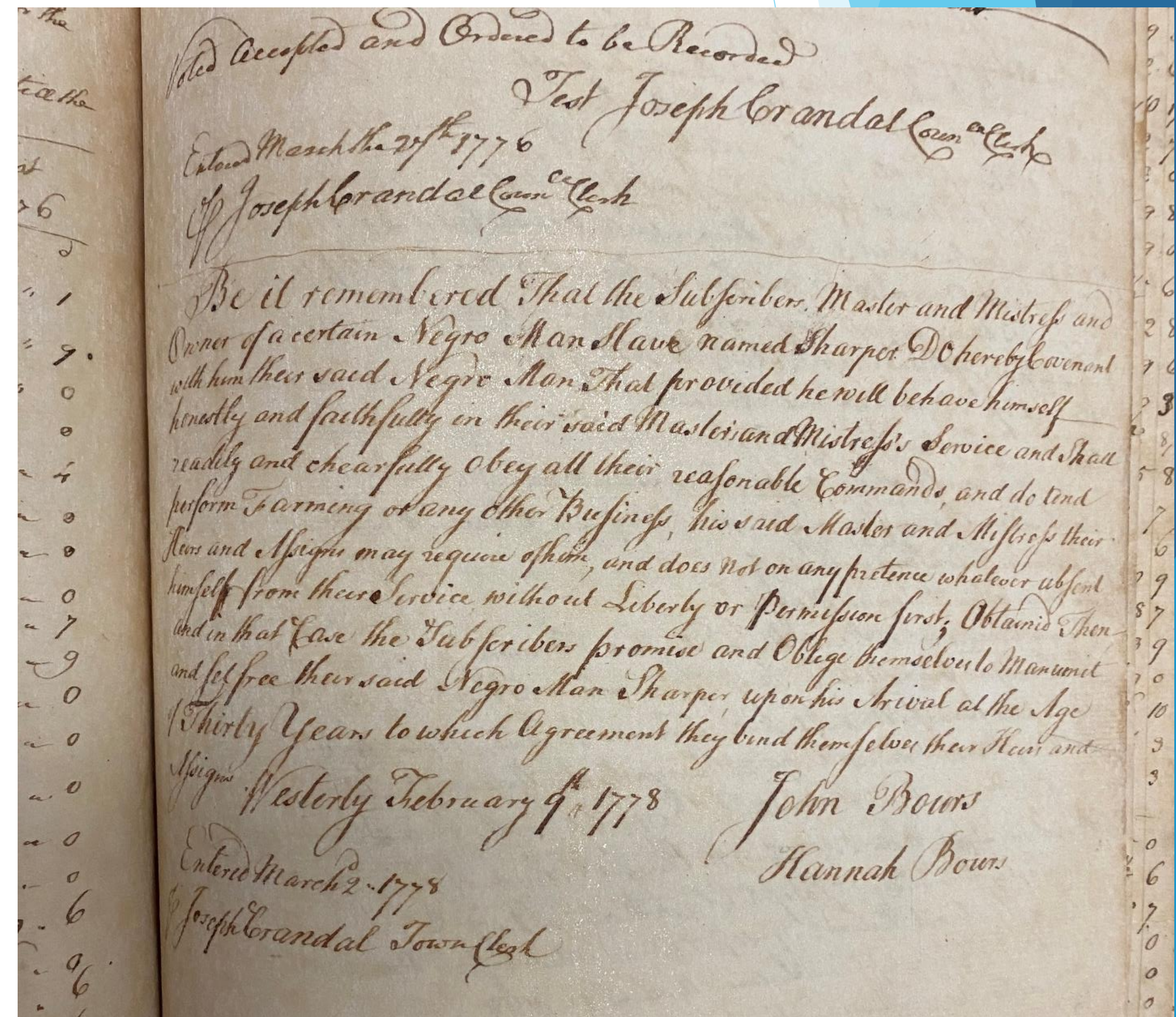
Sharper (Cato) and Esther Irons Bours

- British Occupy Newport Dec.1776.
- John Bours Purchased a 16-18 Acres Parcel with Dwelling House Located in Westerly on Post Road near Pawcatuck Bridge in 3/1777.
- Westerly Library and Wilcox Park Occupy Most of this Site.



Sharper (Cato) and Esther Irons Bours

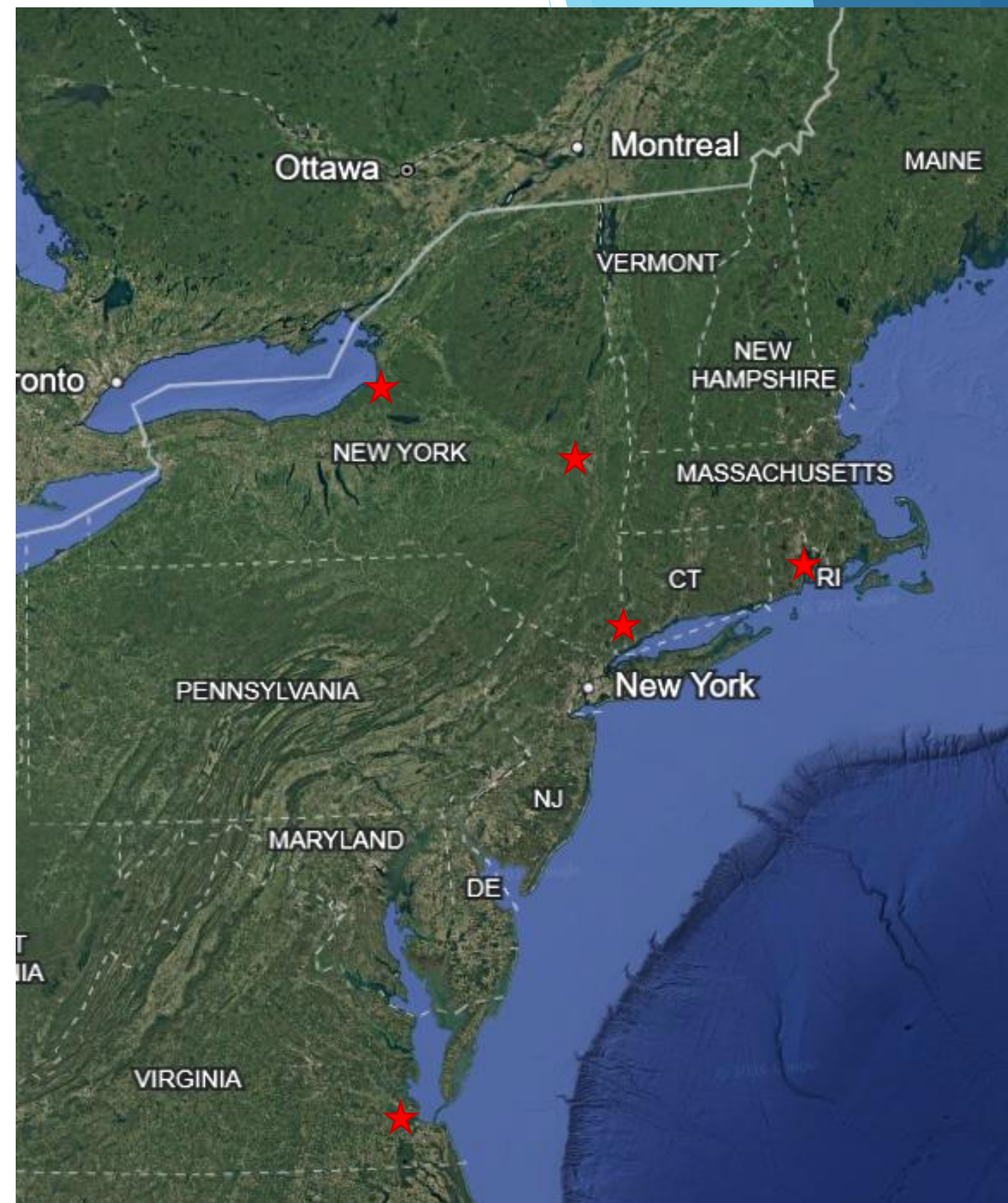
- February, 1778 Bours and his Wife Signed Sharper's Manumission Document:
- Sharper to be Free when He Reaches the Age of 30.
- Sharper was About 19 and had Another 11 Years of Enslavement
- "he will behave himself honestly and faithfully in their said Master and Mistress Service and shall readily and cheerfully obey all reasonable commands to do, tend, perform farming or any other his master and mistress, their heirs or assigns may require of him and does not under any pretense absent himself from their service without liberty or permission first."



Sharper (Cato) and Esther Irons Bours

1st Rhode Island Regiment
Battles and Deployments
1778-1783

- Sharper's Pension Records Tell His Story:
 - Sharper's Enlisted in March of 1778 when the 1st RI "Black" Regiment was Formed by Col. Greene and Major Samuel Ward. John Bours Paid 120#
 - He Served Until the End of the War in 1783 through Battles of Rhode Island and Pines Bridge in White Plains where Col. Christopher Greene was Killed.
 - The RI's Regiments were Combined in 1781 for Long March to Yorktown, VA.
 - The RI Regiment took part in Storming and Capture of British Redout #10 with Lafayette and Hamilton.
 - RI Regiment took part in March to Oswego, NY in Winter of 1783 and was Disbanded in Saratoga NY.



Sharper (Cato) and Esther Irons Bours

- Sharper Settled in South Kingston and Married Esther Irons in 1787
- Married by Rev. William Smith in Narragansett Episcopal Church in a Joint Ceremony with Jack and Patience Stanton.
- Worked on Smith's Farm and Lived at Home of Zebulon Warmesley of South Kingston.
- Sharper and Esther had Four Children:
 - **Margaret Gray** settled in Providence and Worked for Nicholas Brown.
 - **Lucy and Anthony** Settled in South Kingstown.
 - **John** Apparently Died at Sea while in the Employ of Nicholas Brown
- Sharper Dies 1839 and Esther Dies in 1846
- Sharper's Petition for RI Pension of \$7.29/yr from 3/4/1831-1839.
- **Margaret** Receives Pension \$74/year from the Federal Government for Sharper's Revolutionary War Service.



Old Narragansett Church Wickford RI
Then and Now



Summary

Identified Lives of 3 of Westerly’s 90 Blacks and Indians from Revolutionary War Period.

Each Played an Active Role During the Founding of Our Town and Country.

About than 10% of Westerly’s 200+ Patriots were Blacks And Indians and They Served for Long Enlistments.

It is Time Westerly Recognize the Lives and Service of All of Her Patriots, Black, and Indian Families.

Work with Organizations like:

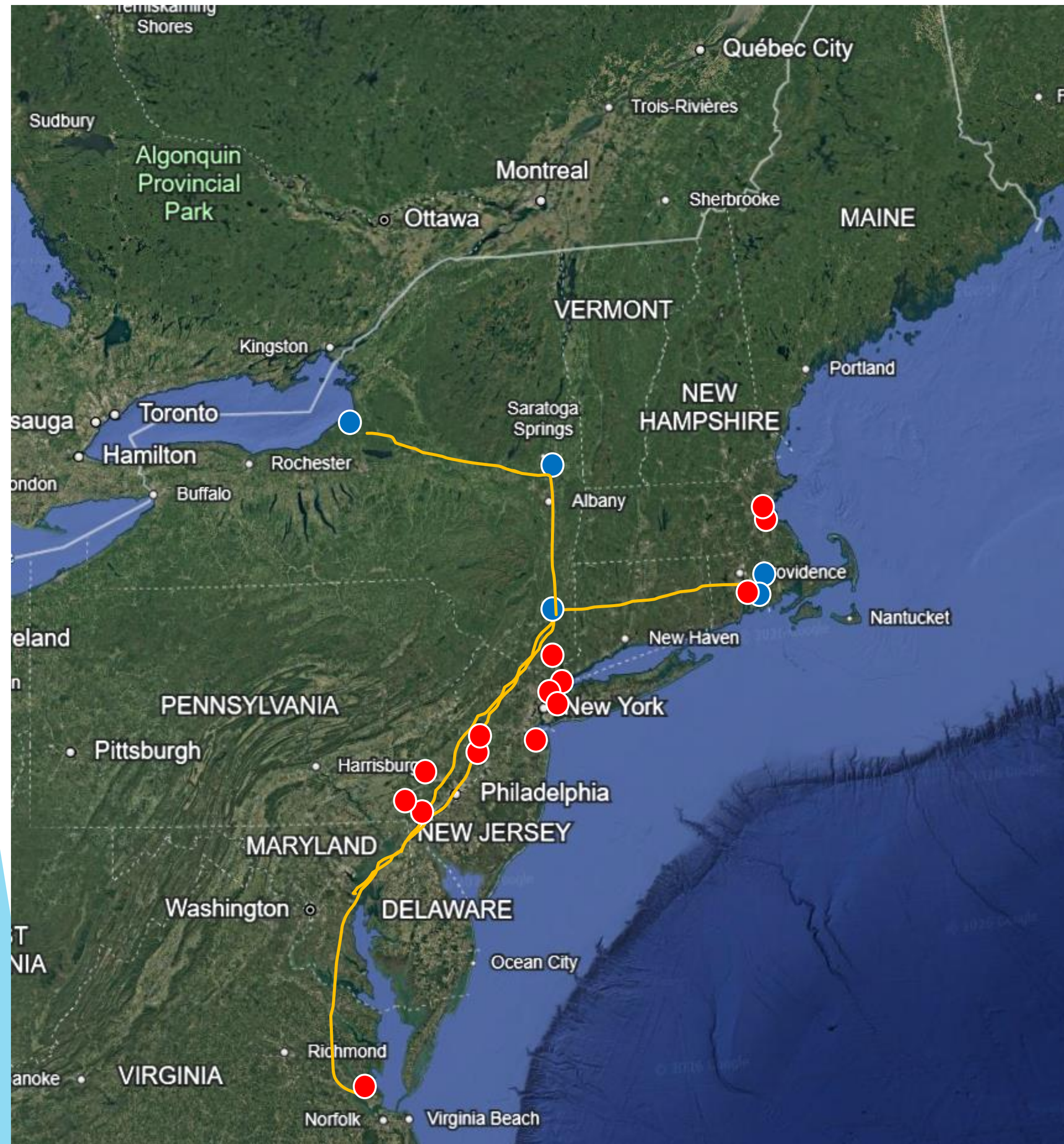
- DAR & SAR
- Rhode Island Slave History Medalion Project
- Witness Stones Project

| Enslaved & Nonwhite of Westerly 1774 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Bours | Sharper & Esther |
| Ward | Cudjo & Peggy |
| Babcock | Asa |
| Babcock | Primus |
| Bent | Prince |
| Gavit | John |
| Primus | Jabez |
| Quaco | James |
| Quaco | Jehue |
| Ray | Thomas & Sarah |
| Saltonstall | Britton |
| Thompson | Joshua |
| West | Timothy |
| Quaico | Sabia |
| Quaico | Sabria |
| Quaico | Sally |
| Palmer | Cathrine |
| Quaico | Pero |
| Codan | Mary |
| Haden | Mary |
| Noyes | John |
| Champlin | Alice |
| Quash | Mary |
| Burdick | Affata |
| Rhodes | Henry |
| | Hannah |
| | Dinah |
| | Jeffery |
| | Mercy |



Rhode Island Regiments During the Revolutionary War

Served In Every Major Battle
In The Northeast And
Yorktown



- **Siege of Boston** (5/1775 to 3/1776)
- **Battle of Bunker Hill** (6/1775)
- **Battle of Long Island** (8/1776)
- **Battle of Harlem Heights** (9/1776)
- **Battle of White Plains** (10/1776)
- **Battle of Trenton** (1/1777)
- **Battle of Princeton** (1/1777)
- **Battle of Red Bank** (10/1777)
- **Siege of Fort Mifflin** (10/1777-11/1777)
- **Valley Forge** (12/1777-6/1778)
- **Battle of Monmouth** (6/1778)
- **Battle of Rhode Island** (8/1778)
- **Stationed at Bristol, RI** (9/1778)
- **Winter Quarters in Warren RI** (12/1778-4/1779)
- **Stationed Aquidneck Island, RI** (10/1779- /1781)
- **Quartered near Newburgh, NY**
- **Battle of Pine's Bridge** (5/14/1781)
- **March from RI to Yorktown** (1781)
- **Siege and Battle of Yorktown** (9/28/1781-10/19/1781)
- **March Yorktown to Newburgh, NY** (1781-1782)
- **Quartered at Newburgh, NY** (1782)
- **Oswego Expedition** (January to February 1783)
- **Disbanded Saratoga Spring, NY** (March 1783)

A Memorial to Westerly's Revolutionary War Patriots

During the years from 1774 to 1783 Westerly had about 274 Households and a population of 1800 with 100 family names.

About 5% of this population was Black or Indian, mostly enslaved and only a fraction are known by name.

Westerly contributed more than 200 men to the Continental Army and the Local Militia. More than 20 of these men were of Black or Indian heritage who served in the Continental Army for extended periods and in major battles.

The Family names of all who served are listed below. The QR Code provides access to a list of all 200 Patriots including the ranks and racial identity where known.