THE LAND BANK MORTGAGES IN WORCESTER COUNTY.

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THE articles of the Land Bank, recorded in Suffolk Deeds, Vol. 60, Fol. 21, bear date September 8, 1740. The bills then emitted bore date September 9, 1740, and the mortgages then prepared for execution by those who should become borrowers of the company bills upon real security were dated September 9. Setting aside consideration of the records in other counties and turning to Worcester County alone, we find that the first Land Bank mortgage was executed September 27th, and lodged for record on the same day. Two were lodged for record on the 29th; two on the 30th, and forty-six during the month of October. November saw sixty-two of them deposited for record with the Register of Deeds, while in December, the number lodged for record fell off to fifty-four. The shrinkage continued during the months of January, February and March, 1741, the number of mortgages left for record during these months being respectively, 20, 13 and 82, at which point my own knowledge of the matter ceases, and presumably also the active operations of the company as a lender of bills ceased about that time. We know from various sources that the violent opposition of the government seriously affected the affairs of the company, even before the news arrived of the passage by Parliament of the act for restraining and preventing several unwarrantable schemes in his Majesty's colonies and plantations in America.

It must not be forgotten, however, that the business transacted in October, November and December represented the response of Worcester County under the pressure of an enthusiastic welcome to a supposed relief for an alleged want of a circulating medium, and that the field in which the company could work was very much reduced after securing the one hundred and sixty-seven mortgages issued prior to January 1, 1741.

The activity of the government in opposition became pronounced in December, 1740, when orders were issued to Registers of Deeds to report to the council the names of mortgagors to the company, and proclamations were issued by the governor to the civil and military officers of the Province, forbidding them to deal with the company or to receive or pass the manufactory bills. It is through the letters of John Chandler, Register of Deeds, in response to the above order, that we are furnished with the particulars concerning the mortgages above given, for so far as can now be ascertained none of these mortgages was re-They were entitled upon their face to record and elsewhere the Registers of Deeds recorded them. rate the Land Bank mortgages were recorded in the Suffolk Registry and in the Essex Registry, where I have examined them. In the Worcester Registry I personally made an unsuccessful search for mortgages to the Land Bank. while prosecuting my researches as to that company in a general way. Not finding anything, I attributed my failure to the inadequacy of my notes and resolved to try again at a later day. Baffled again, I ultimately inquired of the Register of Deeds if there were any books or indexes other than those where I had made my search. I explained that these mortgages had been reported as left for record, and that no search that I could make, grantor or grantee, revealed any of them. He said that so far as he knew no book was missing from the Registry, and that my search had covered the proper ground. Further, he

volunteered, if I would furnish him with a list of names, to institute a search himself. In response to this I furnished a list of grantors, and gave the various titles under which the Land Bank or Manufactory Scheme might have been entered in a grantee index. I also furnished a list of the Directors, whose names might perhaps have been entered as grantees in an index. His letter, which I submit herewith, shows that if the Register of Deeds ever recorded these Land Bank mortgages, the book in which they were recorded has disappeared. For this reason the list of the Worcester County mortgagors, made up from the records in the archives, has a value which probably would not attach to one prepared with reference to any other County.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. County of Worcester.

Oct. 31, 1899.

A. McF. Davis, Esq.; Dear Sir:-

In relation to the matter of mortgages to the Land Bank, I find but three instruments running to the Land Bank Commissioners, and these were recorded in 1752. They are from Solomon Wood, Jr., Josiah Robinson and Perley Howe, and are Warrants of Discress. They are recorded in Book 29, Pages 483, 485 and 486. The Manufactory Company is also grantee in above-named instruments, and I find nothing

else running to the Manufactory Company. I find but two instruments running to Robert Auchmuty; these are mortgages; one from David Baldwin, Jr., recorded in 1767, Book 56, Page 379; the other from Aaron Willard, recorded in 1771, Book 66, Page 168.

I find but two instruments running to Samuel Adams between 1731 and 1783; these are deeds; one from Seth Aldrich, recorded in 1732, Book 3, Page 184; the other from David Batchellor, recorded in 1735, Book 6, Page 187.

I find but one mortgage running to Peter Chardon; that

is from Andrew Harper, recorded in 1742, Book 15, Page 218.

I find but one instrument running to Samuel Watts; that is a deed from the States Committee, recorded in 1753, Book

There is but one instrument running to George Leonard,

recorded between 1731 and 1785; that is an execution against Edward Aldrich, recorded in 1785, in Book 93, Page 139.

I find nothing running to John Choate, Thomas Cheever, William Stoddard or Robert Hale between 1731 and 1800.

I believe the above list embraces the names of all the gran-

tees you sent me.

By referring to the History of Worcester County, I find John Chandler was Register of Deeds from 1731 to 1762, and died in 1763.

I enclose herewith the list you sent me.

Yours truly,
HARVEY B. WILDER.

List of those who mortgaged real property in Worcester County to the Land Bank of 1740, made up from the reports of the Register of Deeds to the Council, to which the names of certain other residents of the County are added, who from evidence derived from other sources were subscribers to the Bank or borrowers of its bills:-

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Abbott, Jonathan,	Andover.	Chapin, Ebenezer.	Mendon.
Adams, Josiah,	Mendon.	Chapin, John,	Mendon.
Aldrich, Edward,	Uxbridge.	Chase, Philip.	Sutton.
Aldrich, Jacob,	Uxbridge.	Child, Ebenezer,	Woodstock.
Aldrich, Seth,	Uxbridge.	Child, Jonathan,	Grafton.
Aspinwall, Nathaniel,	Woodstock.	Child, Joshua.	Worcester.
Bailey, Josiah,	Lunenburg.	Clark, Robert,	Uxbridge.
Baldwin, David,	Leicester.	Commins, Jacob,	Oxford.
Baldwin, Samuel,	Leicester.	Conant, Benjamin.	Dudley.
Barber, Robert,	Worcester.	Corbin, Eli,	Woodstock.
Batchelder, David,	Grafton.	Corbin, Jabez.	Woodstock.
Batchelder, Joseph,	Wenham.	Damon, John,	Uxbridge.
Benson, Benoni,	Mendon.	Damon, Joseph,	Uxbridge.
Bigelow, Daniel,	Worcester.	Darling, John,	Mendon.
Bolster, Isaac,	Uxbridge.	Davidson, John,	Dudley.
Bosworth, Henry,	Mendon.	Davis, Barnabas,	Littleton.
Boyce, Benjamin, Jr.,	Mendon.	Davis, Ebenezer,	Harvard.
Boyce, David,	Mendon.	Davis, Joseph.	Worcester.
Boyden, Daniel,	Worcester.	Davis, Joshua,	Woodstock.
Boyden, John,	Worcester.	Deming, Joseph, Jr.,	Woodstock.
Brown, John,	Leicester.	Drew, Thomas,	Grafton.
Brown, Luke,	Worcester.	Drury, Thomas,	Grafton.
Brown, Samuel,	Leicester.	Dudley, Samuel,	Sutton.
Brown, William,	Leicester.	Eager, Benjamin,	Shrewsbury.
Brown, Zachariah,	Leicester.	Edmonds, Ebenezer,	Dudley.
Buss or Bass, John,	Lancaster.	Emerson, Nathaniel,	Mendon.
Call, Samuel,	Oxford.	Esty, Isaac,	Sutton.
Capen, Samuel,	Leicester.	Farnsworth, Benjamin,	Groton.
Chaffe, Joel,	Woodstock.	Farnsworth, Isaac.	Groton.
Chaffe, Joseph,	Woodstock.	Farnsworth, Jonathan,	Harvard.

Farnsworth, Jonathan, Jr., Farnum, John, Jr., Faye, Moses, Fish, Stephen, Gaskell, Jonathan. Goodrich, Benjamin, Gould, Benjamin, Gould, David, Goulding, Palmer, Graton, John, Grout, John Hall, David. Hall, Zacheus. Hall, Zecharia, Harback, Thomas, Hardy, Aaron, Harper, Andrew, Harwood, Benjamin, Harwood, John, Hazeltine, Daniel, Hazeltine, John, Hedge, Elisha, Heywood, Eleazer, Hicks, John, Holbrook, John, Holden, James, Holden, Samuel, Holman, Solomon, Howe, James, Howe, Moses, Howe, Perley, Howe, Samuel. Jackson, James, Jepperson, Thomas, Johnson, Benjamin, Johnson, William. Jones, William, Keith, George, Keith, Gershom, Keith, Isaac, Keith, Israel, Keith, Job, Keith, Simon, Keyes, Solomon, Kinney, Daniel, Learned, Isaac, Jr., Lee, Henry, Leland, Benjamin, Leland, James, Leland, Samuel, Leonard, Isaac, Makepeace, Gershom, Marsh, Benjamin, Marsh, Joseph, Mathews, John, McComb, John, Merritt, Ichabod, Moffat, Joseph,

Harvard. Moffat, William, Uxbridge. Moore, James, Southborough. Morse, Benjamin, Uxbridge. Morse, Edmund, Mendon. Morse, Edward, Morse, Samuel, Lunenburg. Lunenburg. Nelson, Jonathan, Groton. Nelson, Nathaniel, Worcester. Newton, Aaron, Newton Isaac. Leicester. Nichols, Jonathan Lunenburg. Sutton. Nichols, Joshua, Sutton. Nichols, Joshua, Norcross, Jeremiah, Sutton. Sutton. Page, Christopher, Grafton. Page, David, Harvard. Paine, Ebenezer, Grafton. Parks, Nathan, Uxbridge. Perry, John, Mendon. Platt, Abel, Upton. Plummer, David. Worcester. Potter, John, Worcester. Potter, Nathaniel, Sutton or Westboro. Pratt, Phineas, Grafton. Prentice, Solomon, Worcester. Proctor, Jonathan, Worcester. Putnam, Elisha, Sutton. Putnam, Isaac, Worcester. Read, Ebenezer, Rutland. Read, John, Dudley. Read, Samuel, Worcester. Reed, Samuel, Leicester. Rice, Eliakim, New Sherburne. Rice, Gershom, Rice, Gershom, Jr., Leicester. \mathbf{W} orcester. Rice, Jotham, Lunenburg. Rice, Mathias, Mendon. Rice, Moses, Uxbridge. Rice, Perez, Uxbridge. Rice, Phineas, Uxbridge. Rice, Thomas, Rich, Thomas, Mendon. Richardson, William, Mendon. Brookfield. Robbins, Eleazer, New Sherburne. Robinson, Josiah, Oxford, Robinson, Samuel. Sabin, David. Worcester. Grafton. Sawyer, John, Sawyer, Jonathan, Grafton. Grafton. Scott, Samuel, Oxford. Severy, Joseph, Brookfield. Shaw, John, Sutton. Shaw, Joseph, New Sherburne. Smith, Ebenezer, Southborough. Stearns, John, Brookfield. Stearns, Thomas, Leicester. Stearry, John, Lunenburg. Stephens, Israel

Lunenburg. Worcester. Sutton. Mendon. Mendon. Mendon. Upton. Mendon. Shrewsbury. Southborough. Sutton. Brookfield. Leicester. Lunenburg. Hardwick. Lunenburg. Woodstock. Uxbridge. Grafton. Lunenburg. Lunenburg. Leicester. Leicester. Worcester. Grafton. Harvard. Sutton. Sutton. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Lunenburg. Uxbridge. Worcester. Worcester. Worcester. Worcester. Worcester. Rutland. Sutton. Stow. Uxbridge. Brookfield. Lancaster. Harvard. Leicester. Hardwick. Hardwick. Harvard. Harvard. Oxford. Sutton. Harvard. Harvard. Woodstock. Worcester. Worcester. Worcester. Grafton.

Stephens, Phineas, Stockwell, David, Stockwell, John, Stone, Simon, Stone, Uriah, Taft, Benjamin, Taft, John, Taft, Josiah, Taft, Mijamin, Taft, Robert, Taft, Samuel, Taft, Stephen. Terry, John, Thayer, Benjamin, Thayer, David, Thayer, David, Jr., Thayer, John, Thayer, Uriah, Upham, Jabez, Waite, Nathaniel, Walcott, Nathaniel, Wallis, William, Ward, Daniel. Watson, James, Watson, Oliver, Watson, William, Webb, Nathan, Weld, Thomas,

Sutton. Sutton. Harvard. Leicester. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Mendon. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Grafton. Mendon. Mendon. Mendon. Mendon. Mendon. Brookfield. Leicester. Brookfield. Lunenburg. Worcester. Leicester. Leicester. Leicester. Uxbridge. Upton.

Rutland. Wetherbee, Ephraim, Wetherbee, John, Wheelock, Daniel, Whipple, Jacob Whipple, Joseph, Whitcomb, Benjamin, Whitcomb, Hezekiah, Whitcomb, Jonathan, Whitcomb, Joseph, White, Aaron, White, John, White, Joseph, White, Josiah, White, Thomas White, William, Whitney, Jonathan, Whittemore, John, Wilson, James, Wilson, Samuel, Wood, Ezekiel, Wood, James, Wood, Obadiah, Wood, Solomon, Wood, Solomon, Jr., Woodbury, Benjamin, Wright, James, Wright, Samuel,

Lunenburg. Harvard. Uxbridge. Grafton. Grafton. Leominster. Lancaster. Bolton. Lancaster. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Sutton. Uxbridge. Mendon. Lunenburg. Leicester. Leicester. Woodstock. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Uxbridge. Sutton. Rutland.

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