#### AS A CONVENIENT ALTERNATIVE TO TAKING A TRIP TO THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS

#### THIS POWERPOINT SLIDE SHOW WILL SHOW A STEP BY STEP PROCESS TO FINDING AND DOWNLOADING DEEDS

#### WE WILL UTILIZE "SCREEN SHOTS" TO SHOW THE USER EXACTLY WHAT WILL BE ENCOUNTERED ALONG THE WAY.

#### FURTHER: WE HAVE SUPPLEMENTED WHAT THE "FAMILYSEARCH" WEBSITE PROVIDES SO YOU CAN AVOID SOME ONEROUS STUMBLING BLOCKS

#### WE WILL BE ADDING ADDITIONAL

#### **GUIDES AS TIME GOES BY IN ORDER**

#### **TO FURTHER SIMPLIFY THIS PROCESS**

#### FOR THE USERS, CHECK THIS

#### **TUTORIAL REGULARLY FOR UPDATES**

#### "FAMILYSEARCH" IS A FREE WEBSITE WHICH WE WILL BE USING. IT CAN BE ACCESSED VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK: https://www.familysearch.org/

YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER YOURSELF SINCE YOU WILL BE UTILIZING THESE FACILITIES AS YOU DO YOUR DEED RESEARCH

ONCE REGISTERED YOU NEED TO GET TO THE "MASSACHUSETTS LAND RECORDS 1620-1986 DATABASE" THE LINK:

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Note that to begin, you will be looking for either buyers (Grantees) or sellers (Grantors) and you need to find them by last name in either a "*Grantee Index*" or a "*Grantor Index*" which are organized by spans of years and letters of the alphabet (last names).

#### **ONE OBSTACLE WE HAVE BREACHED:**

#### <u>FAMILYSEARCH</u> LEAVES USERS TO GUESS WHICH OF MULTIPLE INDEXES REFER TO THE OLD TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

### THE GRANTEE AND GRANTOR INDEXES ARE NOT ALL EQUALLY RELEVANT TO SEARCHERS FOR THE TOWNS OF "OLD

ANY INDEX IMAGE SET <u>COULD</u> HAVE REFERENCES TO THE TOWNS OF "OLD DARTMOUTH" BUT SOME ARE VIRTUALLY 100% THOSE TOWNS AND OTHERS A MUCH LOWER %.

#### THOSE THAT ARE ESSENTIALLY 100% HAVE BEEN FLAGGED BELOW WITH AN ARROW

ALL OTHERS COULD HAVE RELEVANT **REFERENCES AND WOULD NEED TO BE** SEARCHED FOR BY LAST NAME OF EITHER GRANTEE OR GRANTOR FOR THE APPROPRIATE TIME PERIOD IF YOU DO NOT FIND WHAT YOU WANT IN THE PREDOMINATELY OLD DARTMOUTH INDEXES.

ANOTHER STUMBLING BLOCK: WHEN THE INDEX IMAGE COLLECTION CONTAINS MORE THAN 1 "VOLUME" THE "IMAGE NUMBER" IS SEQUENTIAL FROM "1" THROUGH THE TOTAL IMAGES IN THE SET BUT THE ALPHABETICAL LISTINGS OF NAMES BEGINS AGAIN AT "A" AFTER THE END OF THE FIRST OR SUBSEQUENT "VOLUMES" IN THE IMAGE SET.

#### THIS ONLY HAPPENS WHEN AN IMAGE SET CONTAINS ONE OR MORE VOLUMES NOT OTHERWISE.

WE WILL PROVIDE, FOR THOSE IMAGE SETS, THE IMAGE NUMBERS WHICH BEGIN EACH SUBSEQUENT VOLUME IN THE SET; (AT A LATER DATE)

#### BASIC DECISIONS: NEED LAST NAME OF EITHER BUYER OR SELLER AND APPROXIMATE YEAR FOR THE TRANSACTION.

#### THIS WILL LEAD TO THE CHOICE OF WHICH INDEX BOOK TO LOOK INTO

- THE INDEX BOOK WILL LEAD YOU TO THE VOLUME NUMBER AND PAGE NUMBER WHERE THE IMAGE OF THE DEED MAY BE FOUND.
- IN THE DEEDS ONE MUST BE CAREFUL SINCE SOMETIMES A SINGLE REEL OF IMAGES MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE VOLUME OF DEEDS

- WHEN THIS IS TRUE, THE PAGE NUMBERING OF THE DEEDS RESUMES AT "1" FOR THE VOLUME WITHIN THE REEL OF IMAGES
- I USUALLY ASSUME THAT IF A REEL HAS TWO VOLUMES THAT THE 2ND OF THE TWO IS APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY THROUGH.

ON THE WEBSITE, THE IMAGES ON A REEL ARE NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY AND WHEN YOU ACTUALLY SEE THE IMAGE OF THE DEED, ITS PAGE NUMBER IS WRITTEN IN EITHER THE UPPER RIGHT HAND OR UPPER LEFT HAND CORNER OF THE IMAGE.

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#### NOTE THAT EACH <u>IMAGE</u> IN THE DEED VOLUMES NORMALLY SHOWS <u>TWO</u> PAGES

#### IT IS USEFUL TO REMEMBER THIS FACT WHEN ESTIMATING WHERE TO FIND A GIVEN PAGE NUMBER IN AN IMAGE SET.

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#### SELLERS (GRANTORS) & BUYERS (GRANTEES) INDEXES ARE SELECTIVE

#### NOT ALL GRANTEE AND GRANTOR INDEXES REFER TO **OLD DARTMOUTH TOWNS** THOSE THAT DO:

GRANTEE INDEXES: 1686-1837 VOL 2,4,6,8,10,12 1686-1840 VOL 3-5 1837-1885 A-M 1837-1885 M-Z 1886-1895 A-Z

1896-1902 A-Z

**GRANTOR INDEXES:** 1686-1829 VOL 1,3,5,7-SEE NOTE IN RE IMAGE NUMBERING & ALPHA SEQUENCES

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ALL OTHERS ARE FOR OTHER TOWNS OF BRISTOL COUNTY BUT MAY HAVE SOME OLD DARTMOUTH

#### NOTE IN RE IMAGE NUMBERS AND ALPHA SEQUENCES OF MULTIPLE VOLUMES IN AN IMAGE SET

**IMAGE SET:** "DEED INDEX (GRANTORS) 1686-1829 VOL 1,3,5,7"

THIS IMAGE SET HAS 645 IMAGES, WITH 2 PAGES PER IMAGE, THIS IS ABOUT 1,300 PAGES OF GRANTORS INDEX; EACH IMAGE IS NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY FROM 1 TO 645.

HOWEVER, EACH SUCCESSIVE VOLUME BEGINS WITH THE LETTER "A" AT THE FOLLOWING IMAGE NUMBERS: VOL 1-IMAGE 7, VOL 3-IMAGE 164, VOL 5-IMAGE 360, & VOL 7-IMAGE 488

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THIS IN MIND WHEN NAVIGATING THROUGH THIS IMAGE SET LOOKING FOR ANY GIVEN NAME OF A GRANTOR

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OLD DARTMOUTH DEEDS, VOL 1 & 2

#### LOOKING IN GRANTEE INDEX FOR JEREMIAH DAVOLL FROM NICHOLAS HOWLAND

DID NOT FIND A REFERENCE IN THE GRANTEE INDEX FOR THIS TRANSACTION

HENCE, I LOOKED IN THE GRANTOR INDEX

AND FOUND A HIT, NICHOLAS HOWLAND TO JEREMIAH **DANIEL** (OBVIOUSLY A TRANSCRIPTION ERROR)

# **GRANTOR INDEX**



# THIS LEADS TO A YEAR, BOOK & PAGE FOR THE DEED

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# NEXT STEP IS TO FIND THE REEL WITH THE DEED

#### IN THIS CASE, WE WANT THE REEL FOR 1731 AND VOLUME 30.

#### **ONCE WE FIND THAT, WE WANT PAGE 230**

# KEY IS TO FIND WHICH REEL HAS VOLUME 30

GOING TO THE CORRECT IMAGE NUMBER IS BASICALLY AN EDUCATED GUESS: IF THE VOLUME IS THE 1ST ON THE REEL, SINCE THERE ARE TWO PAGES OF THE DEEDS PER IMAGE, GO TO AN IMAGE NUMBER ABOUT HALF OF THE PAGE NUMBER: THEN PAGE OVER TO THE ONE YOU WANT. IN THIS CASE 230/2 = 115 AND I PAGED OVER



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WATCH THE **DARTMOUTHAS.ORG** WEBSITE FOR NOTICES WHEN WE AMEND THE PROCESS