

SMITH FARM Photos & Maps



James H. Smith Farmhouse in 1957 before demolition.





Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

Summer, 1991

Box P-17, South Dartmouth, MA 02748

Dartmouth Map of 1871, showing
farmhouse of Capt. A. Smith.



THE SMITH FARM

Containing saltmarsh, extensive freshwater wetlands, rare plant and animal species, scenic farmland, and recreational value, the Smith Farm is a unique parcel. In 1982, 83 acres of the Smith Farm were donated to the DNRT. The adjacent 54 acres of the original farm are now for sale and face strong development pressure. The DNRT intends to acquire this remaining acreage and reunite the Smith Farm into a protected whole with the potential for agricultural use. DNRT has a six-month option to purchase the 54 acres for \$235,000. This is a last-chance opportunity to preserve this coastal property.

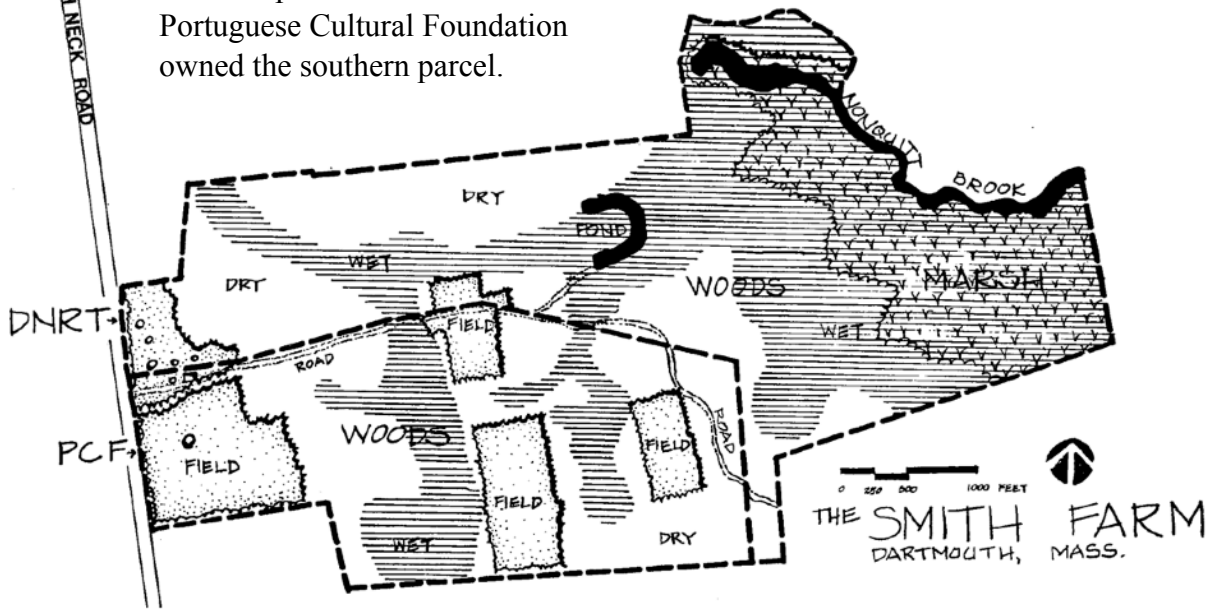
To quote William Jennings Bryan, "Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."

We need your support.

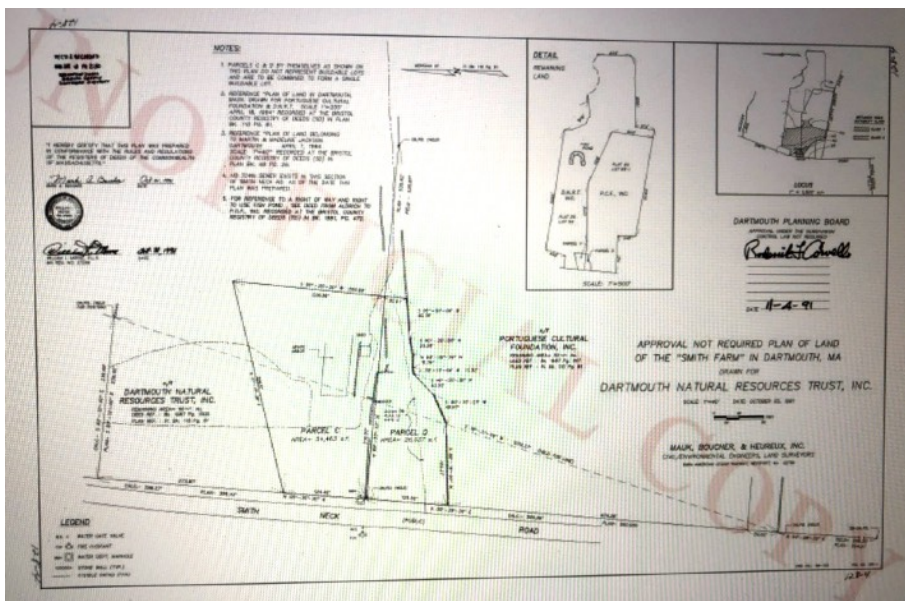
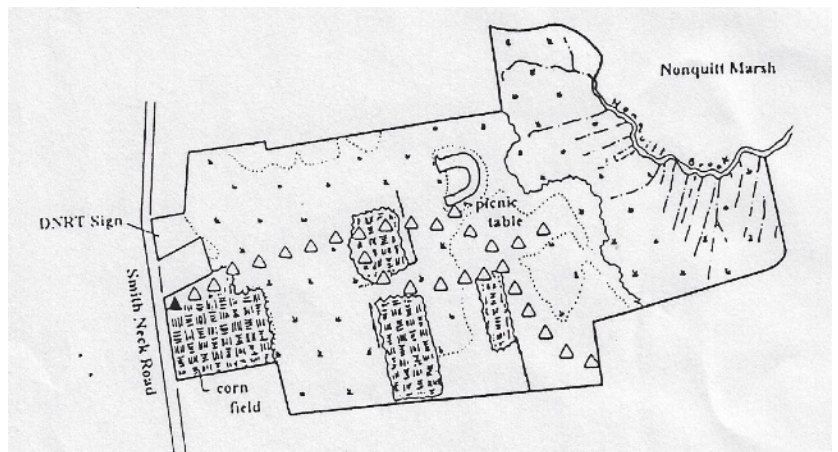


DNRT Newsletter, Summer 1991, asking for
support to buy the rest of the Smith Farm.

1991 Map when DNRT owned the northern parcel of Smith Farm and Portuguese Cultural Foundation owned the southern parcel.



1992 Map when DNRT owned all of Smith Farm except for 2 acre cut-out on Smith Neck Road.



1991 Recorded Plan (Plan Bk. 128, p.4) showing carve-out of Parcels C and D of the Smith Farm not acquired by DNRT.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I Humphrey Anthony,
 of Dartmouth, in the County of Bristol, and Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, in consideration of five thousand Dollars to me,
 paid by Abner Smith, of said Dartmouth, the receipt whereof I
 do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto
 the said Smith, my Homestead Farm, whereon I now live, with the
 Buildings thereon standing, situated in said Dartmouth, and is
 bounded northerly by Andrew Smiths land; Easterly by Benjⁿ Antho-
 nys land; Southerly by Heirs of Joseph Herland land; Westerly
 by the East line of the Highway; containing one hundred, and
 thirty-five acres, soil marsh included, more or less, and is the
 same Farm that was bequeathed to me by the will of my late Father
 Mr. Anthony; and for more particular Description, reference may
 be had to a Plan of the same. To Have and to hold the afore-
 granted premises to the said Smith, his Heirs and assigns to their
 use and behoof forever. And I the said Anthony, for myself, my
 Heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said
 Smith, his Heirs and assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of
 the afore-granted premises; that they are free of all incumbrances,
 that I have good right to sell and convey the same to the said
 Smith; and that I will warrant and defend the same premises
 to the said Smith, his Heirs and assigns forever, against the law-
 ful claims and demands of all persons. In witness whereof
 I the said Humphrey Anthony have hereunto set my hand and
 seal, this twenty-fourth day of the Month of November, in the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight
 Signed, sealed and delivered
 in the presence of us,
 Francis S. Bartlett. Barnet Beard.

Humphrey Anthony

Bristol Co. Nov. 8. 1848. Then the above named Humphrey Anthony
 acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed,
 before me, Francis S. Bartlett, Justice of the Peace.

September 14. 1849. Then received and recorded
 Benj. T. Congdon, Register.

1848 deed from Humphrey Anthony to [Capt.]
 Abner Smith of Anthony homestead farm.