DOLLIVER/MOORE PAPERS

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Biographical Note

For the most part, the earlier transactions involve the extended Dolliver family while the later transactions revolve around Joseph Moore.

The earliest document in 1652 was the purchase of land by Samuel Dolliver in Fresh Water Cove. By 1700, his herd of 10 cows will be the largest on Cape Ann. The Dolliver sons added land in Magnolia by being granted public land lots; William Dolliver in 1688 (his wife Ann will be accused of witchcraft but is not brought to trial) and Richard Dolliver in 1707 and again in 1723. Paul Dolliver also settled in Fresh Water Cove in 1700. It was Richard Dolliver who managed to eventually control the family holdings. His daughter, Hannah, married Josiah Grover in 1719. The Grover family in turn will sell most of the Dolliver holdings to Master Joseph Moore.
Scope and Content of the Collection

The documents and letters concern real estate transactions and lease arrangements from 1652 (sawmill at Fresh Water Cove) to 1891. The land centered on both sides of Norman’s Woe brook and included Mussel Point, Dolliver’s Neck and Fresh Water Cove, up to what is now Western Avenue. Some of the documents are original while others are copies taken from the Essex County Registry of Deeds.

Series Description

While the documents and letters all concern the same land areas, the information is divided between the two families.

Series I: Dolliver family.
Series II: Moore family.

Container List

Series I, Folder 1

1. October 26, 1865: Sale of land for nonpayment of taxes.
2. May 23, 1747: Description of land – Richard Dolliver (Norman’s Woe)
3. 1680: Mill privilege – Norman’s Woe Brook
4. May 22, 1744: (Copy) Will of Richard Dolliver
5. June 9, 1747: (Copy) Court order to settle estate of Richard Doliver; (Copy) Division of estate (May 23, 1747)
6. March 16, 1746: (Copy) Appraisal of Dolliver Estate
8. February 24, 1737: (Copy) Grant of land from R. Doliver to Joseph Grover [son in law]
9. April 12, 1846: Sale of cemetery lot (High Street Cemetery) from estate of William
Collins to Joseph Moore.
12. 1849: Letter continuing dispute
13. 1849: Letter continuing dispute

Series II, Folder 2

1. February 19, 1813: Payment receipt – Joseph Grover to Joseph Moore
2. March 22, 1809: (Copy) Petition granted to Josiah Grover his claim of 9/70 [“nine seventieths”] of original Doliver estate
3. May 7, 1751: (Copy) Land sale Josiah Grover to William Moore for two pounds.
11. Notes pertaining to deed searches.

Series II, Folder 3

1. Letter to Curtis C. Cressy, including map of Manchester, Gloucester and Norman’s Woe Roads – with owners’ plots listed. Repurchase of Moore estate minus the old Homestead. 10-19-1872.
2. Appraisal of land of Moore Estate, with hand drawn map.
7. Property known as the Knoll – sold to C. C. Cressy by all seven Moore heirs for $500. 10-17-1872.
9. More notes on estate of Rebecca Coward, 6-5-1790.

Series II, Folder 4

12. Richard Dolliver to Joseph Grover and his wife Hannah (Dolliver), January 17, 1738, June 12, 1736.
15. A. B. C. Land 19 acres near Norman’s Woe.
16. John Millet to Joseph Coward 9-7-1742, Box 87, Page 261 and 265, Land near Norman’s Woe.
17. Inventories Knowlton Property 1808 – 1815.
18. Joseph Coward to Jacob Hooper for L 56 13s 4d. 5-6-1759, Book 137 P. 47.

Series II Folder 5

21. J. Moore (teacher) to William Pew (Mariner). Land near Fresh Water Cove. 11-12-1844. called the “Old Orchard.”
23. Levi Merrill (yeoman) of Orange, Grafton Co. NH. 1/9 part of property at Fresh Water Cove to Joseph Moore. 1804 & 1806.
29. Quit claim Cleeves, Knowlton, Morrill etc. land Norman’s Woe Pasture. 4-27-1840.

Series II Folder 6

31. Moore heirs – permission to City of Gloucester to take land to widen road from Fresh Water Cove to Magnolia for $4000.
32. More information on same.
34. John Grover of Hallowell, Co. of Kennebunk to Joseph Moore, right in estate of Joseph Grover. 10-8-1804.
40. Notes regarding saw mill at Fresh Water Cove 1652, Jeffrey Parsons, and other misc. historical and genealogical notes.

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42. Notes – Coward transfers.
43. Estate of Rebecca Coward – 8-25-1791. (Solomon Parsons Adm.) to J. Grover. Johnathan Knowlton’s land then was Daniel Rogers’.
46. Notes re: Grover property.
47. More notes of same.

Series II Folder 8

52. Eunice Millet, widow of John Millet to Richard Grover and Wm. Moore (12 acres) 2-1-1814.
56. Letter re: Mrs. Driver’s rights to estate of Benjamin Raymond from Wm. Sykes.
   More of same, 4 pieces.
59. Misc. notes and questions re: Moor and Grover, other property in Fresh Water Cove.

Series II Folder 9

3. Letter: March 31, 1860 – Sale by Israel Friend of his portion of land owned by family (siblings.)
7. Letter: January 8, 1891 – Herve Friend (California) power of attorney to George Todd (Gloucester) to represent him in estate of Eliza Norwood.

Series II Folder 10

Account Book: Joseph Moore, 1805-1830.