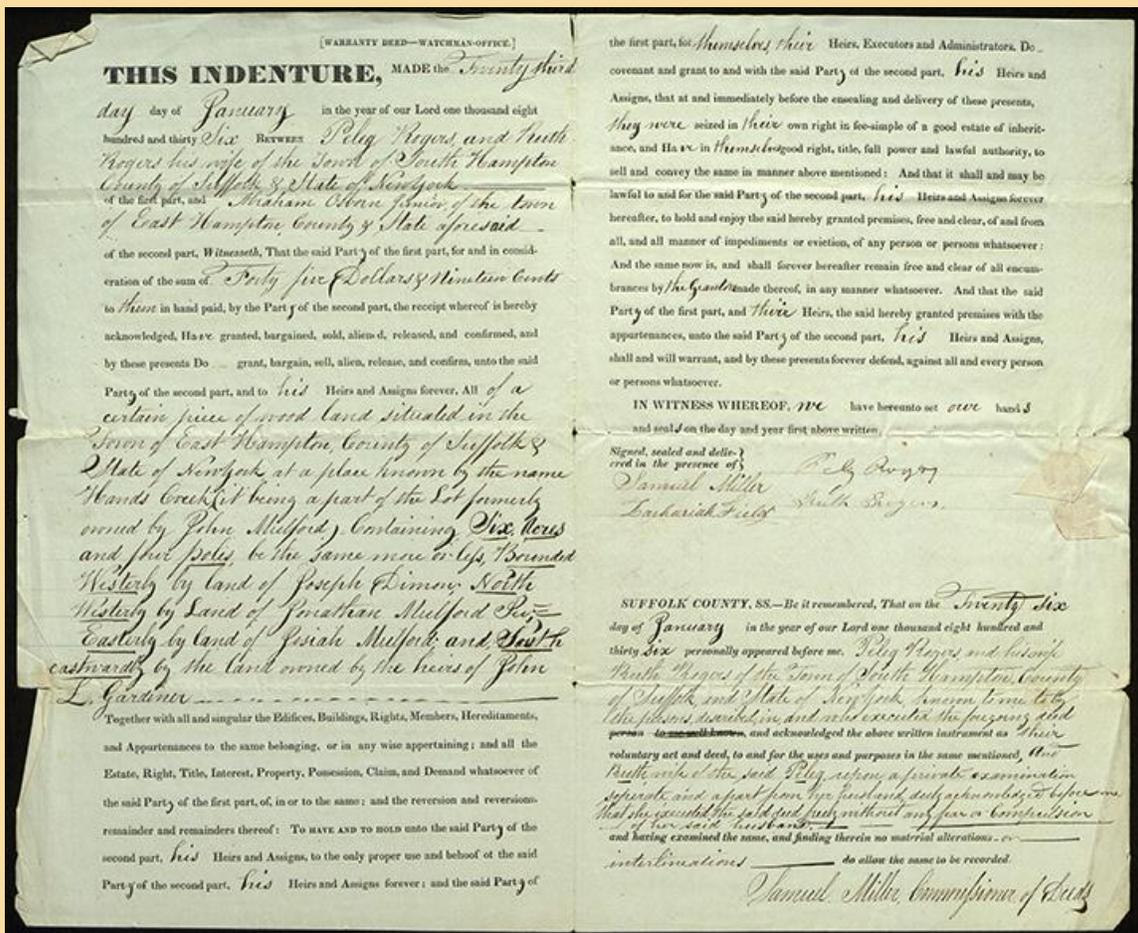




# Item of the Week from the Long Island Collection

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## Deed from Peleg Rogers to Ruth Rogers, East Hampton, N.Y., 1836

The Long Island Collection doesn't have any village-level maps showing individual homeowners and property lines prior to 1858 or even 1873 for most of the East End, which can be tricky when asked to identify where someone used to live. However, there are many deeds and wills available in the collection, which frequently describe both the property being transferred and the name of the adjoining property owners.

The deed above, from January 23, 1836, transfers land in East Hampton from Southampton residents Peleg and Ruth Rogers to Aaron Osborn Jr., an East

Hampton resident. While we don't know exactly which lot this was, the deed provides a general description of the property's location, along with a list of property owners. The land is described as a six-acre "woodland" lot "at Hands Creek." Hands Creek lies to the west side of Three Mile Harbor, placing this land somewhere in what is now known as Northwest Woods. The property lines are bound "westerly by land of Joseph Dimon, northwesterly by land of Jonathan Mulford, Jr., easterly by lands of Josiah Mulford, and southeastwardly by the land owned by the heirs of John L. Gardiner."

Within forty years of the time this deed was written, published atlas pages would begin to name property owners and mark where homes stood for the residents of East Hampton's Northwest Woods. The deed itself hints at the advances in printing technology and the gradual transitions to modern records. Large portions of the text of the deed are pre-printed, such as the itemized list of property rights a seller relinquishes. The pre-printed text is paired with blank lines for the unique details, such as the property description and the owners' names. Even the date was printed, leaving space for the day, month, and the last digit of the year.

## EXPLORE MORE

**The Digital Long Island Collection** is part of New York Heritage Digital Collections. Included are searchable scans of deeds, drawings, etchings, inventories, letters, maps, paintings, pardons, patents, photographs, plans, postcards, prints, sculptures, sketches, textiles, tiles, yearbooks and more to come.

**The East Hampton Star Archive** is a fully searchable, online digital archive of our local weekly newspaper, that features each complete issue of the paper from 1918-1968, exactly as it appeared in print. Visit the archive online, for a tour of our Town's history that will fascinate both the amateur and professional historian!

**The Karl Grossman Research Archive** is an extensive collection of materials digitized from the personal archive of Karl Grossman, an investigative reporter, columnist, author, and current professor of journalism at SUNY Old Westbury. The archive brings together a decades long career in reporting and journalism with topics ranging from the economy and pollution to fishing and East Hampton Town. Patrons are capable of searching this 9,500+ item collection by collection name, year, title, or keyword search.

**The Local Artist Research Archive** is a collection of over 19,000 items digitized from Guild Hall, containing materials including personal letters, photographs, news clippings, and art catalogs concerning artists of the East End. Patrons are capable of searching this archive by collection, title, or keyword search.



### **Welcome to the Long Island Collection's "Item of the Week."**

We are an archive dedicated to the history and people of Long Island, with a special interest in all things East Hampton and East End. Unlike some small local history rooms in other public libraries, we have over 100,000 items including, but not limited to, rare books, maps, photographs, deeds, postcards, letters, newspapers, and whaling logs. We also have a dedicated and hardworking staff ready to help you with any questions you may have. Unable to make it to the library? No problem! We upload images from the collection to Digital Long Island on a weekly basis, so there's always something new and interesting to behold.

Please visit us at the Library, make use of our extensive online digital resources, or contact us for assistance. Public hours are: Mon. - Tues. and Thurs. - Sat., 1:00-4:30 p.m.

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