

Map 6 Text

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Brookfield was surveyed in 1729 by Col. Timothy Dwight and according to him the course of the east line of that town was South $0^{\circ} 30'$ West 8 miles, but in November 1766 this line was run by Captain Holmer of Concord and found to be South $0^{\circ} 30'$ East 30' 9 miles 15,200. The other boundary lines of Brookfield both in its original and present state, the lines between Western and Brookfield, those bound Hardwick except the river, and between New Braintree and Oakham, were surveyed between the years 1766 and 1774, bound to which they are delineated in this plan.

In the year 1660, certain inhabitants of Ipswich obtained from the General Court, a grant six miles square near Quaboag. Brookfield, alias Quaboag, was the home of numerous tribes of Indians whose principal village is noted in the plan. In 1664, Shattoockquis alias Shadookis, in consideration of 800 fathom of wampampeage sell for the use of the English Planters at Quaboag, a tract of land at Quaboag, bound as follows, beginning at a little meadow at the North side of the pond Quaboag called Podunk then to a hill Wellamannuck and from thence Northward or North and be East about three miles and so Westward off to the North end of Wicaboag pond, all the land betwixt as they call Nacommuck and is to the plain to Wickaboag pond and from Nashaway down the river to a brook called Naultaug and so up that brook to the head of it southward, and then from the head of that brook to the verge of a hill called Ashquash and so down southward or southeast to that pond, Quaboag, etc. etc, etc.

In 1673, the inhabitants were incorporated into a township by the name of Brookfield. In 1675, the town was burnt and broke up, but was settled soon afterward and in 1719 the limits extended and fixed agreeable to the original bounds marked in this plan. Since which a part has been set off to make the town of Western, another part to New Braintree and a final tract to Ware leaving Brookfield in the irregular form in which it appears in this plan.

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