

First Presbyterian Church, Cranbury, N.J.

DEEDS AND DECLARATIONS IN TRUST, 1739-70

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# This Indenture

made the ninth day of July in the third year of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lord King of the Grace of God of Great Brittain James the first a portion of the Tenth year And in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty nine. Between James Rockwood

of the County of Middlesex one of the parties and William Rockwood of the County of Middlesex of the other part Witnesseth that the said James Rockwood for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred pound current money of the province aforesaid to him in hand paid before the writing hereof

the said James Rockwood hath sold unto the said William Rockwood all that certain messuages tenements and houses with their appurtenances which he hath by right and title lawfully acquired and lawfully purchased and lawfully

begun and now doth lawfully possess and enjoy in and unto the said James Rockwood all that certain messuages tenements and houses with their appurtenances which he hath by right and title lawfully acquired and lawfully purchased and lawfully

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Witnessed at London the said day and year first above written  
James Rockwood  
James Noble

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Memorandum  
 Be it remembered that on this day  
 James McKnight one of the Subjects  
 his Witnesses to the within said person  
 ally came and appeared before me James  
 Huda one of his Majesty's Council for  
 the Province of New Jersey the Being  
 duly sworn on his oath he did declare  
 that he was present and saw James  
 McKnight sign to the within said Sign  
 that and as his own free voluntary act  
 and did deliver the within Instrument  
 for the Uses there in Mentioned

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 Council for the Province of New Jersey

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**To All Christian People To whom these Presents Shall Come.** We Lord van Borghuy and Thomas Story of the Corporation of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex & Province of New Jersey Yeomen, Send Greeting Whereas by Indenture bearing Date the Nineteenth Day of July the thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King did in the said Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Thirty three Make BEECOMEN James Rochford of the City of New York Gentleman of One Part And us the said Lord van Borghuy and Thomas Story of the Corporation of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex Yeomen of the other Part witness That betwixt the said James Rochford for Divers good Causes and Considerations And Also for the sum of Three hundred current mony of the said Rochford to him in hand paid before the enfearing & Delivery thereof by them the said Lord van Borghuy & Thomas Story the said James Rochford doth hereby Acknowledge & himself to be therewith fully Satisfied Contented & paid & thereof & of and from every part & parcel thereof absolutely freely & clearly acquit Discharged and Discharge us the said Lord van Borghuy & Thomas Story Our heirs Executors & Assignments in the same Writing That given Granted Bargained Sold, Aliened Enfeoffed Released Conveyed & Confirmed and much and more Expressly contained therein and well known unto us the said Lord van Borghuy & Thomas Story Our heirs and Assignments and a certain certain certain Lands situated lying & being on the south side of Cranbery Brook Butler & bounded as follows Viz: **Beginning** at James Garb's southern Corner & thence along the Road Three Chains and a half as the Road burneth from thence Thirty Eight Degrees wife Three Chains and a half yeards westerly Three Chains and a half to the said James Garb's Land and thence along the said Land three Chains and one half to the said James Garb's Land & thence westerly upon the Road westerly and northerly on James Rochford of Together with all and singular Warrants Warrants Waters Springs, Emoluments and Hereditaments whatsoever, to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining together with Interest possession, properties, Claims and Demand of him, the said James Rochford his heirs Executors and Assignments of us in and to the said Lot of Land and Grants Premises with the Reveren and Remains Remains & Reminders of the same then in us held & **Have and to Hold** the same Lot of Land with its Rights Members and Appurtenances unto the only sole possession of the said Lord van Borghuy and Thomas Story Our heirs and Assigns forever as by the same Indenture Relation bearing Date the said day of July 13th shall more fully appear And Whereas the said Conveyance was made to us the said Lord van Borghuy & Thomas Story and we the said Lord van Borghuy & Thomas Story We and our heirs shall be seized of the Premises with their Appurtenances To and for such Uses and Purposes as shall from time to time be Limited and appointed by the Elders and Deacons of the Presbyterian Church of Cranbery in the County of Middlesex & Province of New Jersey and no other Notwithstanding **Therefore** **It now Ye** by these Presents That We the said Lord van Borghuy and Thomas Story do hereby Decline and release what we and our heirs will from henceforth Stand Seized of and Interfered in the above Granted and Bargained Premises in Fault to and for said Nicholas Stevens Peter Perrine the Present Elders of the said Church John Brown

Loc r A  
 J. Voorhees

Thomas Story

And, William Mager the Present Deacons of the Same Church and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs of such Survivor To and for the proper use benefite and behoof of the Said Nicholas Stevens Peter Perrine John Brown and William Mager and the Heirs & the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs of such Survivor for ever. **AND WE** the Said Kort van Dorhuys and Thomas Story for ourselves Peter Perrine and Our Respective Heirs Executors & Administrators Do Covenant Promise and Agree to and with the Said Nicholas Stevens Peter Perrine John Brown and William Mager and the Survivors and Survivor of them and the Heirs of such Survivor That We the Said Kort van Dorhuys and Thomas Story and Our Respective Heirs at the proper Costs and Charges in the Law and upon the Reasonable Request and Demand of the Said Nicholas Stevens Peter Perrine John Brown & William Mager and the Survivors & Survivor of them and the Heirs of such Survivor Grant and Convey in Due form of Law the above Mentioned Lots of Land and premises with the Appurtenances and every part and parcel of to such Person or Persons to and for such Uses and purposes either for years for Life or in Fee Simple or in any other manner as the Said Nicholas Stevens Peter Perrine John Brown and William Mager or the Major Part of them or the Major Part of such Survivors or the Survivor of them or the Heir of such Survivor shall by Writing under their Hands or Hand subscribed in the Presence of two Witnesses Nominate and Appoint **AND** the Said Kort van Dorhuys and Thomas Story for themselves respectively and their Respective Heirs Do Further Covenant Promise and Agree To and with the Said Nicholas Stevens Peter Perrine John Brown and William Mager and the Survivors of them and the Heirs of such Survivor that they the Said Kort van Dorhuys and Thomas Story or either of them have not Done or Suffered to be done nor will they Do or suffer to be done any Act Matter or thing whereby the above Mentioned Premises may be Charged Incumbered or Coveted whereby the trust hereby Declined may be Annoyed Impaired or made void without the Consent of the Said Nicholas Stevens Peter Perrine John Brown and William Mager or the Survivor of them or the Major part of such Survivors or the Survivor of them or the Heir of such Survivor Signified by Writing under their Hands respectively subscribed in the Presence of two Witnesses as aforesaid **IN TESTIMONY** whereof the Said Kort van Dorhuys and Thomas Story HAVE hereunto Set their Hands and seals the

Seventh Day of March in the Nineteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five &c 1745

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*Allegation in Court*  
*Not from sources and*  
*from William Henry ...*  
*from ...*  
*March 1st 1842*



Sealed and Delivered  
in the Presence of us

Gilbert Barton

Samuel Bayles George Warne

1745

Declaration in Trust  
for Cranberry

The said John Van Borsum and Thomas Offery Shave Recorders etc have sworn  
several Day of March  
in the nineteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord  
George the second by the Grace of God Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.  
Amesbury in the County of Devon Hundred and Twenty four 1745

This Indenture made the tenth Day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy Betwixt John Tomson of the County of Middlesex and Leasford Haughwout of the County of New London both in the Province of New Jersey Yeomen of the one part and Charles Barclay Joseph Clayton and Arthur Wilkoff all of the City of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex aforesaid Yeomen of the other Part Witnesseth that the said John Tomson & Leasford Haughwout for and in Consideration of the sum of five Shillings lawful money of the province aforesaid to them in hand paid the Receipt whereof is heretofore acknowledged and discharged the said Charles Barclay Joseph Clayton and Arthur Wilkoff thereof for ever by these Presents Have granted bargained sold released conveyed and confirmed and by these Presents Doth grant bargain sell release in feoff and confirm unto the said Charles Barclay Joseph Clayton and Arthur Wilkoff and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever All That Lot or Tract of Land situate at Cranberry in the Corporation of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex and province of New Jersey afores. which John Stevens and the said John Tomson and Leasford Haughwout purchased of George Job by Deed of Bargain and Sale bearing Date the twenty sixth Day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine By By Relation thereto being had may more fully appear Beginning at the Southeast Corner of a Tract or Lot of Land lately belonging to Henry Swinler which Corner is in a Line Run and marked by James Guellog thence running to the said Line Runs North Eighty Degrees east Thirty eight Chains and Eighty Links or thereabouts to the Post Road thence along the Road as it runs to the Meeting House Lot thence along the line of the meeting House Lot to Cranberry Brook thence down the said Brook as it runs to the Land formerly Henry Swinler's now in Possession of Joseph Clayton thence along the line of the said Land South ten Degrees forty five minutes West forty five Chains or thereabouts to the beginning in containing One hundred and fifty Acres and a half be it more or less (excepting out of the said Tract of Land a Lot of one Acre lying at the South east Corner adjoining the post Road) Together with the Profits Hereditaments and Appurtenances And all the Estate Title and Interest in Law or Equity of the said John Tomson and Leasford Haughwout in and to the above granted Land and Premises and every part thereof To have and to hold the said Land and Premises with the Appurtenances to the said Charles Barclay Joseph Clayton and Arthur Wilkoff their Heirs and Assigns To the only proper Use Benefit and behoof of them the said Charles Barclay Joseph Clayton and Arthur Wilkoff their Heirs and Assigns for ever And the said John Tomson and Leasford Haughwout for themselves their Heirs Executors and Administrators Doth Covenant with the said Charles Barclay Joseph Clayton and Arthur Wilkoff their Heirs and Assigns That they have in themselves an absolute Estate in fee simple in the above granted Land and Premises and have full Power to grant the same in manner and form aforesaid In Witness whereof the said John Tomson and Leasford Haughwout have hereunto set their Hands and Seals the Day & Year first above written

Signed Sealed & delivered  
in the Presence of

Stephen Bayburn  
Cornelius Owen  
Mathias Vankirk  
John Vankirk

present when Tomson sign  
present when Haughwout sign

John Tomson

Leasford Haughwout



Recd. Church from  
Rev. Mr. Thomas  
of the Baptist Church  
Boston  
Jan 10 1770

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Received of the Church

of the Baptist Church  
Boston

To all Christian Peoples to Whome These Presents Shall Come We Charles Barclay Aunt Whiff and Joseph Clayton all of the Corporation of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex and Province of New Jersey German Land Granting Whereas John Comen and Landred Roughawort Surviving Copartners in The Purchase of a certain farm plantation or tract of Land here after Disclosed by a certain Deed of Bargain and Sale or Instrument of Conveyance bearing Equal Dates with these presents did Convey Confirm or Quit Claim to Charles Barclay Aunt Whiff and Joseph Clayton all that certain farm plantation or tract of Land situate lying and being in the Corporation of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex and Province aforesaid at a place called Cranbury Beginning at the South East Corner of about or Little of Lots of Land belonging formerly to Henry Swinler which Corner is a Line Run and Marked by James Lane Esqr. thence passing as the said Line Runs North Eighty Degrees East thirty Eight Chains and Eighty Links or thereabouts to the East said thence along the Road as it bears to the meeting place of the thence following the line of the Meeting house lot to Cranbury brook thence down the said brook as it bears to the said formerly Henry Swinlers the said Joseph Claytons thence along the line of said tract both ten Degrees forty five Minutes East forty five Chains or thereabouts to the beginning containing one hundred and fifty acres and a half be it more or less which said farm or tract of Land was some time since purchased of George Hobbs for five hundred and sixty seven pounds at 5/6 of a penny and the money raised by the said Swinlerian Congregation at and about Cranbury aforesaid **THEY ARE** now known as that is the said Charles Barclay Aunt Whiff and Joseph Clayton by Virtue of the said Deed of Bargain and Sale have an Estate in the said farm or plantation to us our heirs and assigns for ever which we do hereby Declare was made to us by the Appointment of a Court of Chancery in full trust and confidence that we and the survivors of us and our heirs should take and except the Annuities and profits thereof and dispose of and lay out the same from time to time for such uses and purposes as the said Congregation should order and appoint and not otherwise and also that we the said Charles Barclay Aunt Whiff and Joseph Clayton and the survivors of us and our heirs shall never ask Conveyances in fee simple and lease or leases for the said farm or plantation or any part thereof as the said People shall order and appoint and not the worse and further that we and the survivors or survivors if we and our heirs shall and will immediately as soon as Conveniently may be done if we are ordered by the People aforesaid Convey the said land in trust to any any other person or persons that they shall appoint for the true and faithful Performance of the trusts proposed in us by the people aforesaid we do by this and severally Grant and Covenant to perform the same according to the best of our Ability in Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this

in the year of our Lords one thousand seven hundred and seventy — 1770

Charles Barclay

Art. Wicket

Joseph Clayton

Know ye that one acre is excepted in the above tract of Land in former Conveyance before sealing and delivery hereof lying at the South East Corner of the said tract

Signed Seal and Delivered in the presence of

Cornelius arven  
D. Dain. Kewell

Declaration in  
Charles Ba  
Arthur Witt  
Joseph Clay  
M<sup>r</sup> Witt Pa  
Augmentation of  
1778

Chas. Ba

This Indenture Made the twenty sixth Day of may in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty Nine Between George Job of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex and Province of New Jersey Heoman of the one Part, and John Steevens of the County of Monmouth and John Tomson and Leaford Haughawout of the County of Middlesex and Province aforesaid of the other Part Witnesseth that the said George Job for and in Consideration of the Sum of four hundred and twenty five Pounds Current money of New Jersey at Eight Shillings per quare, to his use in hand paid whereof he Acknowledgeth the Receipt and Discharge the said John Steevens John Tomson and Leaford Haughawout, thereof for ever By these Presents Shall Granted Bargained Sold Released Enfeoffed and Confirmed, and by these Presents Doth Grant Bargain Sell Release Enfeoff and Confirm unto the said John Steevens John Tomson and Leaford Haughawout and to their heirs and Assigns for Ever All that Lot or Part of Land Situate at Cranbury in the Corporation of New Brunswick in the County of Middlesex and Province of New Jersey which the said George Job Purchased of Andrew Home by Thomas Bartow his Attorney by Deed of Bargain and Sale Baring Date the twenty first Day of may one thousand seven hundred and fifty two Relation thereunto being had may fully Appear Beginning at the South East Corner of a tract or Lot of Land Belonging to Henry Swinler which Corner is in a Line Run and Markit by James Lyne of thence Running as the said Line Runs North Eighty Degrees East thirty eight Chains and Eighty Links or thereabouts to the Post Road thence along the Road as it Runs to the meeting house Lot thence along the Line of the Meetinghouse Lot to Cranbury Brook thence Down the said Brook as it Runs to the Land formerly Henry Swinlers was in possession of Joseph Clayton thence along the Line of said tract South ten Degrees forty five minutes West forty five Chains or thereabouts to the Beginning containing one hundred and fifty Acres and altho be it more or less TOGETHER with the Profits Hereditaments and Appurtenances All all the Estate Title and Interest in Land or Equity of the said George Job in and to the above Granted Land and Premises and Every part thereof TO HAVE AND TO HOLD The said Land Premises with the Appurtenances to the said John Steevens John Tomson and Leaford Haughawout their heirs and Assigns to the only proper Use Benefit and behoof of them the said John Steevens John Tomson and Leaford Haughawout their heirs and Assigns for Ever, and the said George Job for him self his heirs Executor and Administrators With Covenant with the said John Steevens John Tomson and Leaford Haughawout Their heirs and Assigns that he hath in him self an Absolute Estate in fee Simple in the above Granted Land Premises and hath full Power to Grant the same, And the said Tract of Land and Premises unto the said John Steevens John Tomson and Leaford Haughawout their heirs and Assigns Against all and all manners of Persons Lawfully Claiming or here after to Claim any Estate Title or Title there to with for Ever Warrent and Defend By these Presents It Witnesseth Whereof he the said George Job hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the Day and Year first above Written At the City of New Brunswick

Signed Sealed and Delivered (The words printed in Italics between the  
for the Presents of - - - - - Sealings and delivery hereof

Andrew Gibson  
John Gaston  
Gilbert Bartow

Be it Remembred that one hereof had is Executed  
in the above Sale Signing the parts Read and  
sent to Daniel Rogers

George Job

It is remembered That on the 11th of May 1767  
Died viz. Samuel North, of one of the Trustees of the  
Trustees of the Province of New Jersey, and  
Whose to the within Indenture, who being the only survivor in the  
to see the within named George Job and others, the said Indenture  
at his voluntary and sole Costs for the best Service rendered.

Samuel North

Deed from  
George Job. to John  
Stevenson John Tomson  
and Joseph Hougham  
May 28, 1767.

4252  
(8 rolls of paper)

Christie Jones

To all Christian People To Whome these Presents & County of Warrmouth and Colony of New Jersey, and John To ap's German Do land Granting, Whose as George Job of the Sales Buying equal Date with these Presents, did Come Leaford Haughawout, all that contain from Plantation or in the County of Middlesex ap's at a certain place called Henry Swinlers, which Corner is to Live Run and Market by James Lyons Esq. Thence bearing as the said Line runs East thirty eight Chains and eighty Links or thereabouts to the said Road thence a long the Road as it runs to the East North East, thence a long the Line of the Meeting house East to Conbury Brook, thence down the said Brook as it runs to the East Henry Swinlers Had in Possession of Joseph Clayton, thence along the Line of said Tract South ten Degrees forty five Minutes West forty five Chains or thereabouts to the Beginning, containing one hundred and fifty Acres and a half be it more or less, which said piece or Tract of Land was Purchased of the Congregation of four hundred and twenty five persons at 4<sup>d</sup> 12<sup>d</sup> and 10<sup>d</sup> Money raised by the said Congregation at and about Conbury ap's. That We do hereby Declare that when the said John Thomas John Tompson and Leaford Haughawout, by Vertue of the said Deed of bargain and sale here and State in the said piece or Plantation to us our heirs and assigns for ever, which we do hereby Declare was made to us by the appointment of the People ap's in special trust and confidence, we and the survivors of us and our heirs, should take and accept the Brechts Issues and Profits thereof, and dispose of and lay out the same from time to time for such uses and purposes, as the said Congregation shall order and appoint and not otherwise, and also that we the said John Thomas John Tompson and Leaford Haughawout, and the survivors of us and our heirs, shall make such Conveyances in fee simple and Lease or Leases, for the said piece or plantation or any Part thereof, as the ap's People shall order and appoint and not otherwise, and further, that we and the survivors or survivor of us and our heirs, shall and will immediately, or as soon as conveniently may be Done if we are dead by the People ap's Convey the said Land in Trust to any other Person or Persons that they shall appoint, For the true and faithful Performance of the Trust as aforesaid in us by the People ap's. We do hereby, and severally Promise and Covenant to perform the same according to the Best of our Ability in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the twenty sixth Day of may, in the year of our said one thousand seven hundred and fifty three. Know ye that one Acre is excepted in the above tract of Land in the Deed above recited and in this Letter, of trust before bearing and Delivery hereof

Lying at the South East Corner of the said tract

W<sup>m</sup> Charles Mason  
Jonathan Combs

when John Tompson signed

Joseph Clayton  
John Tompson

when Leaford Haughawout signed

John Tompson

Leaford Haughawout

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