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United States Courts

Chambers of
Elisha H. Brewster
District Judge

Worthington, Mass.
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Walter L. Stevens Esq.,
Northampton, Mass.

My dear Walter:-

I received your letter with enclosures for which I am greatly indebted. I am sorry you did not treat me as a client and send your bill for it takes time to examine and copy records besides overhead. But I think I can see your point of view and you may be sure I appreciate your help.

The deed from Isaiah Kingman to Elisha H. was what I was looking for and I was also much interested in the deed from Capt. Elisha to his son of one half interest in land in the Kinney Brook section of the town including grantor's homestead. Since the son was the residuary devisee he would succeed to all of his father's holdings and I presume when he came to sell it he obtained a release from his mother by giving the bond and mortgage to which I referred in my last letter. I noted that the date of the deed from Isaiah to Elisha H. was the same as the date of the unrecorded mortgage given by Elisha H. to his mother.

I ran across the original of the deeds to Capt. Elisha from Leonard and from Jonah Brewster. Also another deed from Jonathan Brewster of a part of the grantor's farm. Whether this Jonathan was the grantee's father or brother I am not sure, but it is important anyway. I am satisfied that the Leonard conveyance of Lot 51 of the original layout covered land where the place known in my early days as the Leach Place is located and which is said to be the farm on which my grandfather was born.

I was also interested to read what you had dug up about Samuel Howe. I noticed that one of the deeds to Elisha was witnessed and acknowledged and no doubt drawn by him.

Again thanking you for your letter I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Brewster