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Record

of

Layout of Highways, Drifflways & Town Landings

In the

Township of Dartmouth

1705 - 1786.

City of New Bedford:

In Board of Aldermen

April 12<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Ordered,

That a Joint Special Committee be appointed consisting of one Alderman with such as the Common Council shall join, whose duty it shall be to make investigation and report the condition of the Public Records of the original Town of Dartmouth, Town of New Bedford, and City of New Bedford which may be of value to New Bedford with recommendations as to what is necessary to place them in intelligent condition and a proper state of preservation with the probable cost of the same.

Adopted in concurrence April 26<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Committee: Alderman S. A. Brownell.

Councilmen Frederick A. Bradford and

Thomas T. Dexter.

A true copy attest:

City Clerk

The committee to whom was referred the matter of examining the Dartmouth Records to find what might be of interest to New Bedford, have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following Report:

That on the afternoon of Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1888, the Chairman and Secretary visited the Town of Dartmouth and spent several hours examining the records which they found were kept in a large iron safe, and those of particular interest to New Bedford, were, many of them in a very dilapidated condition, those of 1776 to 1779 inclusive appeared to be lost, and the committee found documents evidently in the handwriting of the late James B. Congdon Esq. stating such to be the fact.

The committee find the following to be of special interest to New Bedford, and recommend that they be copied under the direction of the Mayor and City Clerk as the authorities in Dartmouth will want the Records safely kept during the progress of the work.

Two (2) large books bound in raw-hide of four hundred (400) pages each, more or less, containing records dating from 1682, to 1787 are of births and deaths, and the other of Marriage Intentions and Marriages.

Two hundred (200) pages more or less of loose leaves of records from 1679 to 1770.

Fifty (50) pages of layout of highways, drift ways and Town Landings badly dilapidated.

Twenty-five (25) pages of Town Meeting records from 1770 to 1787.

Twenty five pages of carnmarks badly worn from 1700 to 1770.

One page of State Elections from 1782 to 1787. The committee thus find nearly 1200 pages which it will be worth while to preserve.

They desire, in conclusion, to express their thanks to Mr. John H. Cornell for his courtesy and patience he having devoted his whole afternoon to their service.

Stephen A. Brownell

Frank A. Bradford

Thos. D. Dexter

Received and placed on file in concurrence May 24<sup>th</sup> 1888.  
A true copy, Attest:

City Clerk.

City of New Bedford  
In Common Council  
May 24<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Ordered.

That a special appropriation of the sum of \$250.- be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying the expense of copying such portions of the Dartmouth Records as may be of value to New Bedford, in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the special committee on that subject, the same to be done under the direction of the Mayor and City Clerk and the above sum to be raised in such manner as the Committee on Finance may deem to be for the best interests of the city, and that it be included in the tax levy of 1889 unless otherwise provided for.

Adopted in concurrence June 14<sup>th</sup> 1888. L. S. Yeas 20 Nays 1  
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A true copy, Attest:

City Clerk.

City of New Bedford  
City Clerk's Office.

This is to certify that I have examined the following Records of Layout of Highways, Driftways & Town Landings and declare it to be a true copy of the original record now in the possession of the Town of Dartmouth.

City Clerk.

Layouts of Highways

in the  
Town of Dartmouth.

From 1705 to 1786.



### Layouts of Highways.

The following layouts of highways are copied from the old records of the town of Dartmouth, in accordance with an order passed by the City Council of New Bedford, Mass., May 24, 1888.

The old records consisted of about fifty loose sheets, very badly worn and mutilated, and sometimes so faded as to be nearly or quite illegible. These sheets were enclosed in a tattered paper cover marked "Loose Portions of the Dartmouth Records - Laying out of Highways". As far as possible these loose sheets were pieced together and a large number of complete layouts secured, but in some cases only a portion of a layout could be found. In these cases the fragmentary record is copied. Dashes show where the old records were so worn away or so defaced or faded as to be illegible. The spelling and capitalization of the ancient records are reproduced in the copies.

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Copied by Etta F. Martin.

Here followeth an account of the privat wayes of the town of Dartmouth, as they were laid out and stated by Joseph Tripp, Nathaniel Howland and Thomas Taber, Jun., Selectmen:

First at Cushmanit began at the contry road where the neighborhood road comes into the sd contry road near Samuel Gene's, and from thence to go where the lane is now fenced through the land of John Gene and Samuel Sporer, and then as the way now goes till it comes to the southerly side of Jonathan Hathaway's land and from thence to go on a straight line through the lands of John Pinkcum, Mandeseth Kempton, Steven West and William Sporer till it comes to the bound called Dies Brook where the cartway now goes over, and from thence to go as the way now lies along by John Keneys house and so to Capt. Seth Pope's house, and from thence as the way is now along by Leut. Jonathan Deland's house, and so easterly where the way now is till it comes to the easterly side of the township. This way is laid out an open way of four rod wide.

Secondly, laid out a drift way to go through gates and bars to begin twelve rod to the eastward of James Samson's barn, where it now stands, and from thence to go southerly till it comes to the land that was Joseph Allin's; and again from where it begun to go to the meadow belonging to Daniel Howland's children, and again from the place where it begun to go northerly till it comes into the way that goes from sd James Samson's to Isaac Pope's and then along sd way till

it comes to Isaac Pope's house, and then to go where the way is now through the lands of Isaac Pope, John Pinkum, Thomas Taber, William Spooner and Steven West, and so till it comes about the middle of Manaseth Kemton's lands, and from thence on a straight line into the open way on the southerly side of Jonathan Hathaway's land.

Thirdly, laid out a drift way to go through gates or bars, to go out of the open way through the land of Jonathan Delano, where the way is now, unto the creek called Skiping Creek and so along where it may be most convenient to the later and common meadow that is along that shore below sd Delano's land.

Fourthly, laid out a drift way to go down through the lots on the west side of Cushenit river to turn out of the country road a little to the westward of the first brook on the west side of the bridge over Cushenit river where is now and so in the old path till it comes to a marked red oke bush and then to turn out on the west side of the old way, and so to go along in the new path above the new fenced land till it comes to the land of Steven Peckcum, and then to go through his new tilled land and so over the bridge in his pasture and then southwesterly till it comes into the path and thence along the path till it comes into the way that comes from Clerk's Cove. This way to go through gates or bars. Also laid out a drift way from Thomas Taber, where he now dwells,

to turn out of the old way that comes from the lands of James Samson where it crosses the river called the Hering river, and so to go as the way now goeth through the land of John Pinkum, Thomas Taber, Jun. and Capt. Pope till it comes into an open way by sd Capt. Seth Pope's.

Then begun at Braganset, at the parting wayes near the little cedar swamp, to the westward of the lands of Ralph Carl and laid it out as the way now goes till it comes to the land of William Sherman and then to turn out to the right hand in a straight line to fall a little below the black oke tree, marked on four sides, in Judah Smith's line, and then to go in the range between sd Smith's land and the land of Thomas Sherman till it comes even with sd Smith's corner of his fields, and then to go into the old path and so to the causeway at the going into Namquit Neck, and then over the causeway and along by the first great rock as the way now goes till it comes to a corner of the bog on the right hand and then turns out to the left hand to the northward of a black oke tree, marked, and from thence straight over to the way that goes the length of the neck to come into sd way to the northward of a white oke tree marked with the letter R standing by sd way, and from thence it is laid out where it now is till it comes to the land of Dilliverance Smith where he now dwells.

Then begun again at the beach at Clerk's Cove and laid the way along

the length of the beach and from the easterly end of sd beach the way to go easterly where it now is till it meets with the way that comes down the east side of Couchnut river, and from the east end of sd beach the way to be where it now is till it comes over the first brook and then to turn out to the right hand where the new way now is by a white oke tree, marked with a P, and then to keep sd new way till it comes into the old way again; and then the way is laid where it now is along by the dwelling house of Nathaniel Howland and John Sherman unto the landing place at the head of Ponagansett harbour, and from sd. landing place where the way now is till it comes through the land of Phillip Sherman (these wayes are laid open wayes of four rod wide) and so the same width it is to go along between the land of Phillip Sherman and Joseph Carl so far as the land is firm, and then by reason of the badness of the way it is laid out 5 rod wide along the side of Joseph Carl's land, being bounded on the northeasterly side by Sherman's line of his land untill it comes to a black oke tree marked with an E, standing in sd line, and from thence across the land of sd Carl, along by the northerly side of his dwelling house, and from thence along by the northerly side of Ralph Carl's dwelling house and southerly of a swamp till it is past the said hole, and then to turn to the right hand, and is laid out

westerly along by the land of sd Ralph Carl till it comes past his land, and so along as the way now goeth till it comes into the way that goes into Namquit Neck. This to be an open way of 4 rod wide.

Then begun by Nathaniel Howland's house and laid out an open way of 4 rod wide from thence as the way now goeth and so along by James Burril's new dwelling house till it comes to the southeasterly end of the lane, from thence on a strait line to the northerly corner of Abraham Tucker's land, and from thence on a strait line to a red oke tree, marked with AT, in the line between sd Tucker's land and ~~Matthew~~ <sup>Matthew</sup> Allin's land, and from thence across sd Allin's land to a tree, marked with MW, in the line between sd Allin's land and the land of — n Durfie.

Again begun at the great spring near the great cedar swamp and laid out a watering place from a great rock 4 rod down to the head of the spring and down the brook 6 rod, to be 4 rod wide on the southerly side and 8 rod on the northeasterly side, being ten rod in length and 12 rod wide, bounded at the easterly corner with a white oke tree marked on four sides, and from sd tree laid out the way down to the cedar swamp, and from sd tree southeast by south, up to the country road to a black oke tree standing

on a rock, marked with a P, and then westerly along sd road 68 rod to a red oke tree, marked with an R, standing about 8 rod southerly of the road, and from thence on a straight line down the plain till it comes to the north-west corner of Nathaniel Howland's land that is laid out on the east side or end of John Tucker's land where he now dwells and near adjoining, and thence it is laid out to go between the lands of sd Howland and Tucker, and so southerly along the head of Henry Tucker's and Abraham Tucker's land where they now dwell, and then along by Mehetable Russel's land that joins the sd Abraham's land unto a stake with stones about it which is the southeasterly corner bound of sd Russel's land, and here left off and begun again at a black oke tree standing in Nathaniel Howland's range that was one of his old bound trees; from thence measured 4 rod across the road on a north 4 degrees westerly course, and then continued sd course for the westerly side of the way till it meets with Russel's lot aforesd, and then along the side of sd land till it comes to the spring that comes out at sd land where the way is laid out 8 rod wide for a watering place across the swamp, and then it is to go along the side of this lot of Russel's till it comes to the stake with stones, before mentioned. This way is laid out 4 rod wide.

Began again on the westerly side of the bridge by Return Badcock's at the middle of a rock on the south-

erly side of the foot of sd bridge and from the west 21 degrees northerly 4 rod for the width of the way to another rock, and from thence north 21 degrees westerly it is laid out 4 rod wide till it is past sd Badcock's land, and from thence near as the way now goeth up to Puranopit, and from thence along on the east side of the fish meadow, and from thence to extend northerly where it may be most convenient through the Township. This way is laid out 4 rod wide.

Then begun again at the bridge aforesd and laid out the road where the path now is till it comes to John Tucker's lane 4 rod wide, and then along the lane, the wall on each side to be the bound till it comes to the dividing line between sd Tucker's land and the land of Henry Tucker, and then it is to go along sd line 40 foot wide till it is past their meadow land, and from sd meadow land it is laid out 4 rod wide on a straight line across Henry Tucker's land to the land left for a highway, between sd Henry's land and his father Abraham Tucker's land, and then along between ——— 4 rod wide, till it comes into the old way and then the path to be the road till it comes to the head of William Barker's land, and then along the east side of sd land till it comes to the lane near the house, and then along the lane as it is now fenced along sd Barker's land, and then along the old path through Robert Haven's land, and thence along the old way till it comes into the way that is laid out to go into Namquit Neck. This way, from Tucker's, is laid out 4 rod wide.

Begun again and laid out a way to turn out of the way that goes into Namquit Neck between the land of Thomas Briggs and the land of the Shermans, and so to run westerly in their range till it comes to a swamp, and then to turn northerly along the swamp side, so near as may be suitable for a way till it comes into the way that goes from Ponagasset to the meeting house.

Then begun at the road that goes into Namquit Neck near the head of Ralph Earl's land where he now dwells and laid out the way along the old path unto the meeting house, and then along the northerly side of sd house and so along the old path till it comes to a pine tree marked with W, and from thence along the old path till it is past Joseph Russel's mills on the west side of the river till it comes to the herring ware and from sd pine tree marked with W northerly as the way now goeth till it comes to two pine trees, one marked with N and the other with D and so along the old path along by the ——— end of Henry Howland's new dwelling house, and then along sd old path along by the west end of John Calven, Junr. new dwelling house, and from thence along sd old way till it comes over a brook near the east end of the little cedar swamp to a pine tree marked with C, and from thence along by the south end of the fresh pond into the country road; and from sd tree marked with C there is a way laid out along by Phillip ———'s new dwelling house to go between sd house and a swamp on the east side of the

house up into the country road.

Begun again at a black oke tree standing in the range between Judah Smith's land and Peleg Sherman's land and laid out the way along sd range westerly unto a white oke tree marked IS and as it turns to the right hand as the way now goeth into the brook called John Lapham's brook, and so over the brook on the north side of a maple tree marked with P and so westward to a white oke tree marked with L, and from thence on the north side of the hills till it comes to the south end of the Cranberry pond, and then to go as the way now doth till it comes over the river near the north end of Joseph Russell's mill pond, and from thence, as the way now goeth till it is past Samuel Mercho's new dwelling house, and so over the bridg by Valentine Budeletone's fresh meadow, and from thence to the north-westward over the plain till it comes into the way that comes out of the horse neck into the country road.

Begun again in the way between Joseph Russel's mill and the herring ware and laid out a way along by a black oke tree marked with T, westward along by a red oke tree marked on two sides, and so over the brook near Mathew Wing's mill by a tree marked with M, from thence westward to a great white oke tree marked on three sides, standing in the elbow of a swamp, and from thence north-westward till it comes into the horse neck way. Again laid out a way from sd white oke tree in the elbow of a swamp

Southwestward till it comes into sd hors neck way and then along sd hors neck way till it comes to a long stone set in the ground by a flat rock with stones about it, and then turns out as the way now goeth till it comes to Increase Allin's home lot.

Began again at the herring ware below Joseph Russel's mill and laid out the way as the way now goeth southwestwardly till it comes to Teleg Slocum's stone wall near his dwelling house, and then along the west side of sd wall as the way now goeth till it comes to the land of the Souls. These wayes last mentioned are all laid out open wayes of 4 rod wide.

And then laid out a drift way through the Soul's land and Teleg Slocum's land, through gates and bakes in the most convenient place, unto Eleizer Slocum's land where he now dwells, and from thence by barks to the landing place. Again laid out a drift way to turn out of the way that goes into Manquit Neck near Eleizer Smith's dwelling house as the way now goes through gate or bars through the land of John Briggs, Thomas Briggs, unto the great meadow. Again laid out a drift way to go out of the open way in the Manquit Neck unto Meshaum. Again laid out a drift way out of the open way in the Manquit Neck unto the barr at the mouth of Ponaganset River.

Record March the 16th, 17th, 1704 $\frac{1}{2}$

We layed a way of four rod wide from the sd Widow Potter's house where ye old way is to a great white oak tree where a gate formerly changed, and from sd tree westerly where ye old way was over the swamp, and so westerly where ye old way was near to land now in the possession of John Taber and near the sd Taber's southerly line down a hill into the old way againe, and then westerly where the old way now is and from the brook called Capstones brook and over the brook where the way now is and from the brook to sum marsh meadow now in the possession of the sd Widow Potter, and from sd way to the Widow Potter's meadow, a way of four rod wide into the way over the land where John Willcock now liveth, and from the sd Widow Potter's house a way of four rod wide esterly to a river called Nokachuck river and on the east side of sd river, beginning ye way from ye river and to run esterly between two hills near ye river at a place called Carl's stackyard, and from the river esterly the straightest and best way where Valentin Huddleton now liveth, and from sd Huddleton's the best and nearest way into ye way from ye hors neck or Notogancott way, and from that way ye nearest and best way to the grist mill — the sd way to go over the river called Nokachuck was formerly agreed and ordered to be Layed out at ye same place where it is now as we have been informed by the proprietors of sd Dartmouth, there being no other place that we could find so good and convenient for the proprietors in General as it is where it is now layed, nor other place up the river nor down the river, and

we layed out a way of four Rod wide between the land now in the possession of the said Widow Potter and the land now in the possession of Georg Wood, so far as the sd Widow Potter's and Georg Wood's land joyns together, and from thence ye nearest and best way where ye old way is to Thomas Roggers and over Roggers' land where the path now is to Tiberton bounds; and we layed a way of four Rod wide from ye way that is out of the sd Pankachuck, to begin a half mile or thereabouts above where William Macumber Junor, new dwelling house stands and by marked trees west norwest into the way from the sd Widow Potter's near to the land John Taber now liveth on.

Recorded March 9th day,  
1705/6.

p. 73.  
[Note. - The Widow Potter mentioned above is probably, Elizabeth Potter, widow of Nathaniel Potter.]

Whereas the selectmen in the year 1704 did lay out a drift way out of the open way in Namquit Neck unto the bar at the mouth of Ponaganset harbor, and another drift way to turn out of that way that goes into Namquit Neck near Ediger Smith's dwelling house as the way now goes unto the great meadow; and also did lay out an open way to turn out of the way that goes into Namquit Neck between the Lands of Thomas Briggs and the Lands of the Shermans unll it comes into the way that goes from Ponaganset to the meeting house, and the sd ways not being done as they ought to be done the town do order that the laying out of sd ways shall be of none effect; and also whereas the Selectmen of our Town in the year 1705 did lay out several ways which are concluded by the town to be greatly Prejudicial to several persons the town do therefore order that all the ways that the selectmen did lay out in sd year 1705 shall be null'd, and the laying of them out from henceforth to be void and of none effect.

Voted at a lawfull town meeting  
the first day of April, 1706.



Hence followeth an account of the privat ways in the town of Dartmouth as they were laid out and stated by the Selectmen Thomas Gatchell and Joseph Dix, two of the selectmen of the town of Dartmouth for the year of our Lord, 1705 $\frac{1}{6}$ , being under oaths according to Law as well to lay out convenient wayes as to make Rdtes.

Upon the complaint of Ebenezer Allin, one of the proprietors of Dartmouth, that he wanted a convenient way Layed out from his Land where he now liveth to a grist mill and to a meeting house in sd Dartmouth, and there being no way layed out for sd Allin to the mill nor meeting house, we went to the Land now in the possession of the sd Ebenezer Allin and began at a littel gate of the sd Allin's and marked two trees and from sd trees we layed an open way of foure Rods wide where there is now a path near an old path that hath been used by the sd Allin and others to go to the mill and meeting house twenty year or thereabouts, and the said way being the nearest and most convenient way. Near to the house of William Solle we marked two trees on the east side of a brook atop of a hill, and from sd trees over the brook where there is now a bridge over sd brook and on both sides of the sd brook six rods and six rods of the length of the brook for conveniance of watering place for the sd Allin's cattell and others, and from the sd brook by marked trees standing on a littel hill on the west side of sd brook and from sd trees on the

west side of the brook to the sd marked trees on the east side of sd brook upon a straight line to the trees marked on the west side of the brook, and from sd trees on the west side of the brook where there is now a way by marked trees near the west end of Peleg Slocum's stone wall and from the sd marked trees up the plaine into a way that is from Notoguanett into the country Rhode near land now in the possession of Samuell Mott, and from the sd marked trees Ranging with the west corner of said Slocum's wall near a brook where the path now is and hath been twenty year and more, sd Slocum's wall to be the east side of the highway so far as it is near the way where the way now is and from the sd marked trees Ranging with the west corner of sd Slocum's wall, to be six rods wid to the top of the next hill by reason of the badness of the ground and from the top of the hill four Rod wid where the way now is near to a river called Pasakamancet River, a white oak tree, marked, on the side of a hill, to be the norther bound; from said whit oak tree four Rod westerly, to be the breadth of the way Round the hill to a littell Runne of water and over that as the path now is to the foot of another hill, and the way to be on the east side of that hill over another brook, as the path now is, to the mill and meeting house.

Upon the complaint of Success Allin, one of the proprietors of Dartmouth, that he wanted a convenient

way to the grist mill and meeting house we went to the land now in the possession of the sd Increase Allis and layed out an open way of four rod wide where the path now is and hath been used by the sd Increase Allis twenty years and more to the mill and meeting house, that being the nearest and convenient way we could find, near to Peleg Slocum's Land, a great Rock and a crooked tree, marked, to be the west side of the way, and four Rod east to be the breadth of the way, and from that place to the mill and meeting house.

Upon the complaint of some of the proprietors of Dartmouth that they had not an open way into the horse neck layed out according to law, for the want of which the proprietors were damaged, not having egress and regress for themselves and cattell, and to the undivided lands and marsh meadows, we began and layed an open way of four Rod wide at the going on of the horse neck near the Sea at a place called Notoquancet, eastward, westward and northward. Eastward an open way of four Rod wide upon the upland next to the beach to some salt marsh meadows, seig flats and other undivided lands westward into the horse neck an open way to the meadows and other lands there whether divided or undivided, and northward from the sea or beach an open way of four Rod wide on the land now in the possession of the Mosher's, bounded on the west side by a point

of rocks and four Rods eastward from the point of rocks for the breadth of the way, and from the sd point of Rocks south to the beach, and the sd point of Rocks is near to a reede percell of ground at the head of a fresh pond near the beach, and from sd point of Rocks northward to a corner tree of the Land now in the possession of John Koarbe, and from that corner tree four Rods eastward, and from the said Koarbe's corner tree northward upon a straight line to a curled great Rock near the new dwelling house of Nicholas Mosher and four Rods eastward from sd Rock for the breadth of the way, and from four Rods eastward of the sd curled Rock to a tree, marked, on the east side of a brook called Mashtuxet brook, and from sd brook north where there is now a path the nearest and most convenient way up into the Country Rhod or Leuein's highway from Canshet to James Sisson's. The above sd way was ordered to be layed out by the proprietors before there was any land layed out near the sd way and we have been Informed was Layed out in the same place where it now is layed out, but the man that layed out the way is dead and the bounds of the way lost and there being no other Rule left to find where the way was layed out but by information according to the best Information we had we layed the way out the most convenient, straightest and best for the proprietors in generall according to such Rules in our understanding as the way might be found and kept for the future, and they that now have land on both side the way

would have the way crooked and inconvenient for the proprietors in general for these undivided meadows and lands; if the persons that have land on both sides the way have got sum of the way layed out to them and thereby would make the way crooked the Damag is to the proprietors and not to the particular person. Reason tells that no person would lay a way out for themselves crooked and inconvenient except they were bribed, and the proprietors having formerly ordered the way to be four rod wide and there then being no land layed out near the way all Rationall men will conclude the way was to be the most convenient and straight way that could be, and according to the proprietors' order we have stated and bounded the way to the best of our judgment and are willing to stand to the justification of the law of this province or any unbiased men of understanding.

Upon the complaint of William Carl, William Wood, Zachariah Allin and others of the proprietors of Dartmouth to the selectmen, Thomas Gatchell, Joseph Hix, two of the selectmen of Dartmouth for the year of our Lord 1705, being under oath as well to lay out ways as to make Rates, and the proprietors formerly ordering a way to be layed out from Paubachuck, in sd Dartmouth, and it is sayed that there was a way layed out but the bounds being lost and no Rile left where

to finde the way, we went to the said Paubachuck, near Christopher Lifford's fence, where the old way was and marked a bush for the west side of the way and four Rod eastward to a flat Rock for the east side of the way, and from thence southerly to the point to a landing place Reserved by the proprietors for a landing place, and from ye sd Lifford's fence to goe down to ye sd landing place by gates or bars and from the sd Rock and marked bush northerly to a crooked tree, marked, called William corner tree and near to land now in the possession of Joseph Hix, and four rod east from sd crooked tree north and west to the head of a bogey fresh meadow above where William Macumber Junor now liveth and from the head of sd bog northerly up into the country Rhode or Queen's highway, from Cushnet to James Dison's, and we layed out a way of six Rods wide down to the salt water between the land now in the possession of Thomas Macumber and Joseph Hix, and from the salt water into the way from Paubachuck. And upon the complaint of Elizabeth Potter, widow and relict of Nathaniel Potter deceased, we layed a way from her house to the grist mill.

[See page 15]

Whereas the Selectmen of our town of Dartmouth did in the year 1705 lay out a way from the neck or point of land called Prakachuck up to the Queen's road, which by reason of its running over several men's land was greatly prejudicial to them, and we, the present selectmen, the subscribers, being desired to rectify the same, we went to the place on Monday, the 5th of May, in the year 1707, and finding that a better way might be had (as convenient for general use and no wayes hurtful to any man's particular interest, we begun at the entering of sd Prakachuck neck, between the lands laid out to William Macomber and the land laid out to the Wilcocks, and laid out the way along by sd Macomber's land northerly on land that was left for a way in the laying out of the lands on each side, till it comes to Thomas Macomber's land, and then along by Thomas Macomber's land in sd land left for a way till it comes to Joseph Hoix's land, and then along between the lands of sd Hoix and another tract of land laid out to sd Wilcocks and so along on the west side of sd Wilcocks' lot on the land left for a way aforesd till it comes to the land of William Macomber, junr., and then we laid the way along on the west side of sd Macomber's land adjoining thereto on the undivided land till it comes to the northwesterly corner bound of sd Macomber's land, and then from sd Macomber's corner tree 4 rods west to a black oak tree marked with the letter H for the width of the way; from

thence northeasterly to a great white oak tree marked with W, standing by the old path, and then along sd old path till it comes to the northwesterly corner bound of Richard Evers' land and the southwesterly corner bound of Colman's land, it being a walnut tree, and then along the head of sd Colman's land till it comes to the northwesterly corner bound of sd Coleman's land, and from thence in or near the old path where the way may be best till it comes to the northwesterly corner bound of Steven Wilcocks' homsted, and then to go along on the west side of sd bound and then along the old path till it comes over the swamp in Ruben Wait's land and then along on the east side of the swamp as near the swamp as may be so as to go on firm land till it comes to the southwesterly corner bound of James Tripp's homsted and along on the east side of sd bound on sd Tripp's land till the firm land will afford it to go off, and from thence along the head of sd James Tripp's land the head of Joseph Tripp's homsted and along the head of Peleg Tripp's land, and from his northwesterly corner bound till it comes to the land of George Cadman, on a northerly course to a black oak tree, marked with W, and then across sd Cadman's homsted by a range of marked trees to a rock on the north side of his land with stones on it and a walnut tree marked W, and from thence northerly by a range of marked trees till it comes to the old path that goes from James Dison's to \_\_\_\_\_ to two great oaks

marked with Weach, and from thence along sd old path easterly over the brook and up a hill unto two oaks on the north side of the way, each marked W, and from thence northerly by a range of marked trees till it comes to two oaks, each marked with W, standing by the Queen's road. The trees marked with W have stones laid about them, and the way is laid out an open way 4 rod wide all along.

Laid out, stated and marked as above sd on the day aforesd, by us,

Joseph Tripp, } Selectmen of  
Thos. Taber, Jr. } Dartmouth.

Recorded May the 6th, 1707.

Pursuant to an order of the town requiring the selectmen to lay out highways where they were needfull we did in the month of December in the year 1707 lay out a highway to begin on the east side of Lookset River begin at fut of Valentine Hudelestons's land, to begin at the southerly side of the valley where the ferry boat now usaly lands and so along by the side of sd Hudelestons's land as it is now laid out till it comes to the land of Samuel Cornnel, and then easterly between the lands of sd Cornnel and Hudelestons where there was land left for a way till it is past their land, and then along in the most convenient place till it meets the highway that goes from the hors neck to the country road. Joseph Tripp,  
Deliverance Smith

Recorded April, 1708.

Thos. Taber, Junr. Selectmen

[Note - The top of the page, from which the following layout was copied, was very badly mutilated.]

March, 1708.

land of the Souls on the northerly and lands of Josiah Allen on the westerly side and Ebenezer Allen on the southerly side to see whether there could be a convenient highway had there did go to the place of May, 1708, and upon mature deliberation, having thoroughly viewed the place, do conclude that there may be a good and passable way had there and do therefore order and determine that there be an open way laid out between sd lands and so up into the open way that comes from Nootaganset Wing's Mill, and that there be a highway by convenient gates for carts and horkes from the harbour below the land of Ch. Slocom, through his land, the land of Peleg Slocom, Ebenezer Allen, the land of the Souls and Peleg Slocom's homestead, and till it comes to the open way that goes to the meeting-house.

As witness our hands the 11th day of May, 1708. Recorded June 9th, 1708.

Thomas Taber.  
Joseph Tripp.  
Georg Leadman  
Deliverance Smith  
Thos. Taber, Jr.

[ See pages 29 and 30.]

At a town meeting at Dartmouth 30th day of March, in the year 1708, it was voted that the highway that goes from the ferry over Cookset river, between the lands of Samuel Cornel and Valentine Huddleston, up into the way that comes from the horse neck into the country road, be by convenient gates for carts and horse.

Also, whereas some of the inhabitants living on the west side of Tascamanset river do complain that the highways that are laid out near there are in some places not so convenient as they ought to be and in some places prejudicial, the town did at said meeting chuse Thomas Taber, George Cadman and John Akin to go with the selectmen to view sd wayes, and that they, with the selectmen, make such alteration as they shall think convenient, and that the wayes as by them stated shall be esteemed as the Queen's road and so recorded in the town records. They are especially to take a view of the ground between the land of the Soules and the land of Ebenezer Allin and Josiah Allin to see whether there may be a good, passable highway had there or not.

[Note - See preceding page for the layout here ordered.]

[Note - The following is another record of the layout ordered at the town meeting of March 30, 1708.]

Whereas we, whose names are under written, being chosen and appointed by the Town of Dartmouth at a town meeting held in sd Dartmouth the 30 day of March, 1708, to view the ground between the land of the Soules on the northerly and easterly side and the lands of Josiah Allin on the westerly side and the land of Ebenezer Allin on the southerly side to see whether there may be a convenient highway had there did go to the place on Tuesday the 11th of May, 1708, and upon mature deliberation, having thoroughly viewed the place, do conclude that there may be a good and passable way had there, and do therefore order and determine that there be an open way laid out between sd land, and so up into the open way that comes from Nootaguenset to Wing's mill, and that there be a highway by convenient gates for carts and horses from the harbour below the land of Ebenezer Slocum, through his land, the land of Peleg Slocum, Ebenezer Allin, the lands of the Soules and Peleg Slocum's homestead and till it comes to the open way that goes to the meeting house.

As witness our hands this 11th day of May, 1708. Recorded June 9th, 1708.

Thomas Taber.  
Joseph Tripp.  
George Cadman,  
Deliverance Smith.  
Thomas Taber, Jr.

Whereas Peleg Slocum doth complain that the open way that is laid out through his homestead is greatly prejudicial to him, and the committee appointed by the town having ordered other ways to be laid out in the room of sd open way, we, the subscribers, in observance of sd committee's order and to the intent that sd open way might cease to be a way any longer, did go to the place on Tuesday, the 26th of October, 1708, and beginning at Tascamasset harbour's mouth below the lands of Ebenezer Slocum at the point of the Beach, from whence we laid out the way along the height of the Beach till it comes to the upland and then to go off along the side of the hill and on the northerly side of a flag hole, and so along upon the southerly side or brow of the next hill, and from thence along southerly of a small point of marsh and from thence to the creek at the narrowest place of the marsh, and so northwesterly over the creek (where the sd Ebenezer Slocum has engaged himself and his heirs to make and maintain a sufficient cart bridg, forever, or otherwise to let the way go round the pond or creek where there is no need of a bridg) and from sd creek up the rising ground along by the northeasterly side of a great heap of rocks by a small marked white oak tree standing by sd rocks and from thence northwesterly to a marked white oak and then westerly along by the northerly side of a flat

rock with stones on it, northward of sd Ebenezer's house, and from thence along till it comes by the southerly side of a rock by the side of the old path with stones on it, a little southerly of sd Ebenezer's northwesterly corner bound mark, and along sd old way till it comes to the corner of Ebenezer Allio's land and then round the corner of sd Allio's land into the old path again, and then along through the Soule's land between two rocks in sd old path and so along by the westerly side of William Soule's orchard an H. so farther along by the westerly side of a marked living fallen white oak, and so over the brook in sd Soule's land and by the easterly side of a marked maple tree by the brook, and so along by the easterly side of a marked white oak bush standing near the line between the lands of sd William Soule and the land of Peleg Slocum, and so along in sd Slocum's land and over the next brook at the usual going over, and so along the westerly side of the old celer near sd brook, and from thence northerly in sd Peleg's land along an old footpath, and so in sd old footpath till it comes over a small swamp and by a marked black oak tree and from thence by a marked walnut tree and so along through the open place in ye stone wall and from thence in sd Slocum's land till it comes to his northerly wall, to go through sd wall where the old path now is, and then along sd old path till it comes to the path that is now in use, and then northerly along sd way now in use till it is past sd Slocum's land, and from

thence the highway to remain as formerly stated. This way is laid out a highway by bars from the sd harbour's mouth till it comes to Ebenezer Slocum's dwelling house, and from thence a highway by convenient gates for cart and horse till it is past Peleg Slocum's homestead, and is four rod wide. And then we begun again at the aforesd corner of Ebenezer Allin's land and laid out a highway 4 rod wide to be by convenient gates along the northerly side or end of sd Allin's land till it comes to a stake with stones about it which is a bound mark of the land laid out to the Soules, and from thence we laid out an open way of 2 rods wide along on the side of sd Soule's land west 20 degrs, southerly 79 rods, and then to turn off sd Soule's land and to go by the side of Soule's land the same course and width an open way till it comes to Josiah Allin's homestead, and from thence an open way of four rod wide upon the side of Soule's land north 25 degrs. westerly till it is past sd Josiah Allin's land, and then to be an open way of 4 rod wide along on the undivided land and by sd Soule's land and Peleg Slocum's land till it comes to the end of sd course of their land, and from thence an open way 4 rod wide up the plain easterly at a peece of low ground on sd plain till it comes to a walnut tree, marked, standing in the edg of the alders, and from thence till it comes to the way laid out from Notaguanset to the hills.

Deliverance Smith, } Selectmen  
Phos. Taber, Jr. } of  
Dartmouth

Recorded Nov. 8th, 1708.

Know all men by these presents that on the request of a grate part of the inhabitants of Ponaganset village we, the Selectmen of Dartmouth, have layd out and stabled a highway of four rods wide, turning out westerly from the highway that leadeth from Ponaganset harbor up to the country roode turning out at a white oke tree standing on the north side of a swamp by a bridg or coseway. The aforesd white oke tree is marked with a IV on the west side. And so on a strate line to the southwest corner of Edward Wing's lot, and from thence upon a strate line to the westward of a grate rock to the country roode neare ye pound. The aforesd way to ly on the west side of the aforesd mentioned bounds and to be an open way of fore rods wide. The above sd way was layed out the 13th day of May, 1714. by us.

John Tripp.  
Gershom Smith

Selectmen of Dartmouth.



Laid out an open highway from John Tucker's barn — homestead of Teleg Slocum, begun at a stake standing at the southeasterly corner of sd barn on the 5th, 9 mo. 1717, and measured south 30 deg. westerly 10 rod Lacking 2 yards to a heap of stones, thence south 9 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 8 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  foot to a button wood tree marked W, thence south 2 deg. westerly — Rod. and 6 foot to a heap of stones, thence south 30 deg. — terly along the Line 105 rods to a heap of stones, from thence to the last mentioned heap of stones the way is Laid — wide land from thence it is Laid out 4 rod wide, thence from sd last mentioned heap of stones measured south 7 — sterly 35 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones lying 4 rod westerly from a bound mark of Henry Tucker's, thence south 9 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly between the Lands of sd Henry Tucker's and the Land of his father, Abraham Tucker, marked H, thence south 49 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 21 rod to a black oak marked T, another of sd Henry's bounds, thence south 45 deg. westerly 15 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a black oak, a bound between sd Henry's Land and the Land of James Barker, marked E. Thence on the 6th of the 11th mo. 1717/18 measured from sd tree marked E south 1 deg. easterly 11 rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to a heap of stones, thence south 7 deg. easterly along between the Land of sd Barker and Land of Abraham Tucker 59 rod to a stake and thence thro sd Barker's Land south 7 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 59 rod and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to a heap

of stones, thence south 34 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 61 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 10 deg. westerly 33 rod to a walnut bush marked T with stones about it, standing in the Line between sd Barker's Land and Havenses Land, thence south 13 deg. westerly 16 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 33 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 43 rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to a heap of stones, thence south 34 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 49 rod to a heap of stones in the Line between sd Havenses Land and the Land of Ralph Carl, thence south 1 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , easterly 32 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 7 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 32 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 15 deg. easterly 20 rod to a marked Black oak tree, thence south 3 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 24 rod to a heap of stones lying 4 Rod westerly of Ralph Carl's northwesterly corner bound of his Homestead and the southwesterly corner bound of Joseph Carl's homestead and from sd heap of stones south 2 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 52 rod to a stake, thence south — degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 43 rod to a heap of stones in the Line of C. Lieger Smith's Land, thence south 9 degs. westerly 12 rod to a heap of stones, a bound of the way that goes down Namquit, thence west 6 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 32 rod to a stake, thence west 15 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 20 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a white oak bush marked W on the east side of the brook, thence west 3 deg. southerly 9 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a stake, The bounds and ranges from John Tucker's barn to this stake are all on

the Right hand as we measured. Then from the last mentioned stake south 3 deg. —sterly 4 rod across the way to a stake, then along the south side of the way south 62 deg. westerly 12 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a stake, a bound between the Lands of Elezer Smith and John — thence south 46 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 35 rod to

[Note.— This part of the layout was on one sheet. On another sheet in the same hand writing was the following, which is probably the remainder.]

a stake, then measured west 46 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  — the way to a bound mark of William Soul's; then measured north westerly side of the way from sd Soul's bound southwesterly 47 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 49 deg. and 16 Rod to a pine, another of sd Soul's bounds, thence south 54 degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 28 Rod to a stake, thence south 4 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 3 — to a white oak marked A near the River and on the same course 3 Rod into the river, thence east 4 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 4 rods along the way to a white oak marked M near the northeasterly — of the bridge by the meeting house, from thence measured on the Left hand of the way as we measured south 58 deg. and — 16 Rod to a marked pine standing near the black oak — the Meeting House Land. Then on the 7th of the 11th mo. 1717/8 measured from sd pine by the black oak bound west 14 degrees — by 40 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a pine tree, a bound of sd Meeting House land, thence North 76 deg. westerly 18 rod to a stake

between sd Meeting House Land and the Land of Wi — thence west 4 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Northerly 63 rod to a — tree marked W. thence west 2 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Northerly 15 rod to a —, thence west 14 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , southerly 37 rod to a black oak, a bound mark of sd Shearman's, and on the same course along farther to a stake, another of sd Shearman's bounds, thence south 39 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 16 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a small pine marked V on the end of a great Rock, thence south 12 degrees westerly 23 rod and  $\frac{1}{4}$  to a stake, a bound between the lands of — Shearman and Nicolas Howland, thence south 25 deg. — 61 rod to a black oak bush marked D, thence south — degree — ly 48 rod to a black oak bush marked DK, thence south — westerly 24 rod to a black oak bush marked T, thence south — degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 42 rod to a heap of stones over the way to John Russell's crib, thence south 57 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly — to a heap of stones, thence south 50 deg. westerly 3 rod to a white oak bush marked T. Then on the 8th, 11 mo. 1717/8 measured from sd white oak bush marked T south 39 deg. westerly 15 rod to an old — oak, marked E, thence south 25 deg. west-ly 24 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a black oak marked W, thence south 7 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , easterly 13 rod to a heap of stones by the River, thence south 20 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , westerly 12 rod to a great white oak by the bridge by the Herrew brook, marked X, thence South 22 deg. easterly over the brook to a white oak marked R 9 rods and

and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to a white oak marked P, thence — westerly 13 rod to a black oak bush, marked, thence — 3 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 19 Rod to a heap of stones on the south side of the little creek, thence — 63 deg. westerly 16 rod to a black oak marked T, thence south 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 13 rod to a white oak marked A, thence south 33 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 7 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a red oak marked K, thence south 36 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 8 rod to a walnut bush marked F with stones about it, thence south — deg. westerly 18 Rod to a black oak marked E, thence south — degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 28 rod to a heap of stones by the fence.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Tripp } Selectmen  
Nath'l Soul. } of  
Dartmouth.

The 18th 7<sup>mo</sup>, 1718 Begun to Lay out the way that Goes from the northerly corner bound of John Tucker's homestead toward Cushman River, sd Bound is also a bound of the way that comes from Fingavitte along by — lands and to the bridge by Timothy M.

[Note. — This was on one sheet. The following seems to be the remainder.] [No. Pine Hill Road.]  
Land, thence north 16 deg. westerly 136 rod lacking  $\frac{1}{3}$  to a heap of stones lying on the southerly side of the open way that is laid out from the ferry over Cocket river easterly (said heap of stones lies a little west of open way to Volintine Huddleston's Dwelling House). Then from sd Last Named heap of stones measured along the southerly side of sd open highway east 16 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 76 rod to a heap of stones, then measured northerly across the way to a black oak, a Reputed bound of sd Huddleston's Land, and from thence measured along the northerly side of the open way east 32 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Northerly 84 rod to a heap of stones in the Line of sd Huddleston's Land, then left the open way and measured on the westerly side of the way North 1 deg. Easterly 76 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 5 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 288 rod to a white oak marked N, thence north 13 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 38 rod to a black oak marked H, thence north 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{4}$  easterly 160 rod to a great white oak marked A, thence North 25 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Easterly 100 rod to a great Black oak marked W, thence north 40 deg. and  $\frac{2}{3}$  easterly 19 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a black oak marked M, thence North 13 deg. easterly

147 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a — oak marked P and on the same course 24 rod farther to a black oak marked D, thence North 8 deg. westerly. thence 105 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a gray oak marked R by the way that comes from ye Bridge aforesd.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin.	} Selectmen	
Nath'l. Soul.		of
Thos. Taber, Jr.		Dartmouth.

On the — day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month, 1718, begun to lay out an open way of 4 rod wide, to begin at the road that goes from the northeasterly corner of Robert Kirby's homestead up to the town line and to turn out near the northwesterly corner of Giles Slocum's farm that butts on Pascamanset river, beginning at a heap of stones, a bound of sd road, and measured on the northerly and westerly side of the way as follows (viz.) from sd heap of stones north 22 deg. easterly — rod to the sd northwesterly corner of sd Slocum's lot, and from thence, in the line of sd lot of Slocum's east 3 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , southerly 168 rod to a stake, thence east  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree northerly still in the line of sd Slocum's land 193 rod to a gray oak marked V, thence northerly — deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 12 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a stake, thence north 26 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 18 rod to a heap of stones, thence north — deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 12

rod to a heap of stones, and from sd heap of stones laid out a drift way of 4 rod wide measured on the westerly side of the way north 16 deg. westerly unto Ebenezer Allen's land, then from sd heap of stones continued the open way east 6 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , northerly 14 rod to a heap of stones lying about 2 rod from Jonathan Rickitson's dwelling house, and to the southward of it; thence north 36 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly along by the southeasterly — of Rickitson's shop 11 rod 6 foot to a heap of stones near the grist mill, thence south 68 deg. easterly 81 rod over the mill brook to a heap of stones on the side of the hill, thence south 16 deg. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  easterly 28 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 40 deg. easterly 8 rod 4 foot to a walnut tree marked X, thence east  $\frac{1}{4}$  deg. northerly 68 rod to a heap of stones, thence east 15 deg. southerly 9 rod to a bunch of small birches with a heap of stones, thence east 2 deg. and  $\frac{3}{4}$ , southerly 19 rod to a heap of stones by the road that goes from the meeting house down the west side of Pascamanset river and falls into sd way between John Russell's dwelling house and his fulling mill.

Finished the 25<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1718.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin.	} Selectmen	
Nathaniel Soul.		of
Thos. Taber, Jr.		Dartmouth.

The 5th, 6th and 7th of the 9th mouth, 1718, Laid out a way of 4 rod wide, to be by convenient gates for carts and horse, from the bridge over Noka-chuck river, down on the westerly side of the river near the dwelling houses till it comes into the open road near the entering of Pwaka-chuck neck. Begun at a small white oak on the west side of the river and on the north side of the bridge, marked W, a bound of the open way that goes through the town, and measured north 65 degrees westerly 15 rod lacking 3 feet to a heap of stones, from thence south 3 deg. easterly 46 rod to a white oak tree marked K, thence south 170. westerly 52 rod to a white oak tree marked R. Hitherto the bounds and ranges are on the northerly and westerly side of the way. Then from sd oak marked R east 17 deg. southerly 4 rod to a stake for the width of the way, and from thence measured along the easterly side of the way, as follows: from sd stake south 43 deg. westerly 15 rod to the end of a stone wall, thence south 20 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 16 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 56 deg. westerly 40 rod to the northwest corner of James Sisson's dwelling house, thence west 6 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 6 rod and four feet to the northwest corner of sd Sisson's warehouse, thence north 70 deg. westerly 19 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 66 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 43 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 41 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 132 rod to a gray oak marked Z, thence south

15 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 76 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 30 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 20 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones, thence south 30 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 20 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones, thence south 7 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 26 rod to a white oak marked C standing about 4 rod to the east of George Cadman's brook, thence south 50 deg. westerly 34 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones, thence south 24 deg. westerly 180 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 39 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 14 rod to a heap of stones by the northwest corner of Joseph Trippi's orchard, thence south 19 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly to the southwest corner of sd orchard 10 rod. Here the width of the way is \_\_\_\_\_ tend no farther than from this line to the easterly part of sd Trippi's dwelling house, then from sd southwest corner of sd orchard south 24 deg. westerly 52 rod to a heap of stones, then south 74 deg. westerly 18 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a black oak, thence south 32 deg. westerly 30 rod to a grate black oak, marked, thence south 23 deg. westerly 10 rod to a stake 7 foot west from Widow Wait's oven, thence south 24 degrees westerly 6 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 6 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 114 rod to a stake 9 yards southwest from the southwest corner of Stephen Wilcox's dwelling house, thence south 3 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 65 rod to a gray oak marked F, thence south 18 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 65 rod to a black oak marked V, thence south 2 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 68 rod 6 foot to

the open way that comes down to the ferry. Then begun again on the south side of sd open way and measured south 20 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly by the south line of Coleman's lot or that was Coleman's land 55 rod to black oak W, thence south 18 degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 31 rod to a thorn bush marked F, thence southwest 16 rod to a gray oak marked T, thence south 5 deg. westerly 22 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a white oak marked A, thence south 7 deg. easterly 96 rod to a red oak part broken off, marked A; then we went to the open way a little to the northward of the entering of sd Fwackachuck Neck and begun at a heap of stones by sd way and measured east 18 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 23 rod to a black oak marked K by William Wood's wall and a little north of the barn, thence north 60 deg. easterly 11 rod to a white oak marked P, thence east 20 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 80 rod to sd Wood's middle wall, thence north 21 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , easterly 59 rod and  $\frac{1}{4}$ , to a red oak marked W, thence north 32 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , easterly 80 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 5 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 123 rod to a heap of stones in the line between the land of Nathaniel Soul and Nathan Soul; from the heap of stones by the open way near the entering of sd neck to the bound in Soul's line the bounds and ranges are on the westerly side of the way. Then from sd heap of stones in sd Soul's line measured easterly 2 rods to a heap of stones for the width of the way, and from sd last mentioned heap of stones measured north 13

deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 11 rod to a heap of stones. Against this 11-rod line the way is laid out 2 rod wide, then from sd last named heap of stones north 3 deg. westerly 176 rod to a red oak marked I, thence north 15 deg. westerly 34 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a white oak marked V, thence north 12 deg. westerly 187 rod to a white oak marked A, thence north 3 deg. westerly 38 rod to the red oak part broken off aforesd. From the bound in Soul's line aforesd. to this broken tree the bounds and ranges are on the easterly side of the way!

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin.	} Selectmen of Dartmouth.
Math'l Soul.	
Pho. Taber, Jr.	

The 7th of the 9th mo. 1718, laid out a way for carting of hay and other things as occasion may require, to be by bars to be kept and maintained in good repair by those that make use of the way. Begun at a gray oak marked H, standing a little northerly of the brook that runs down near the south side of that lot of land that formerly belonged to Thomas Coleman and from thence laid a way to the water; and again from sd tree

[Note - The following seems to be the remainder of this layout.]

44 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 5 rod to a heap of stones, from thence west 8 degrees southerly 29 rod to a red oak marked X, thence west 2 degs southerly 55 rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to a heap of stones, thence north 17 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 81 rod to a black oak marked T, thence north 6 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 115 rod to a heap of stones by the way that goes down to the ferry and is near the brow of the hill to the west of the long causeway. The bounds and ranges are all on the southerly and westerly side of the way.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin. } Selectmen  
 Nathaniel Soul. } of  
 Thos. Taber, Jr. } Dartmouth.

On the 8th day of the 9th month, 1718, begun to lay out an open way — rod wide, to begin at the road that goes from the north — corner of Robert Kirby's homestead up to the town line — out near the northwesterly corner of Giles Slocum's lot that builds on Paschamauret River, beginning at a heap of stones, a round of sd road, and measured on the northerly and westerly side of the way as follows (viz) from sd heap of stones north 22 degs. easterly 12 rod to the sd northwesterly corner of sd Slocum's lot, and from thence in the line of sd lot of Slocum's east 3 degs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly — rod to a stake, thence east  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly still in the line of sd Slocum's Land 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  rod to a grey oak marked V, thence 21 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 12 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a stake, thence northerly 20 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 18 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 60 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 12 rod to a heap of stones, and from sd heap of stones laid a drift way of 4 rod wide; measured on the westerly side of the way north 16 degs westerly unto Ebenezer Allen's land, then from sd heap of stones continued the open way east 6 degs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 14 rod, lying about two rod from Jonathan Ricketson's dwelling house and to the southward of it, thence north 36 degs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly along by the southeasterly part of sd Ricketson's shop 11 rod and 6 feet to a heap of stones near the Grist mill, thence south 68 degs. easterly 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  rod over the Mill Brook to a heap of stones on the side of the hill, thence south 16 degs and  $\frac{3}{4}$  easterly 28 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 40 degs easterly 8

rod 4 foot to a wallnut tree marked X, thence east  $\frac{1}{4}$  dgr. 68 rod to a heap of stones, thence east 15 dgrs southerly 90 rod to a bunch of small Bunches with a heap of stones, thence east 2 dgr and  $\frac{3}{4}$  southerly 19 rod to a heap of stones by the Road that Goeth from the western house down the west side of Pascamaunt river and falls into sd way between John Russel's dwelling house and his fulling mill. Finished — 9th mo. 1718.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin	} Selectmen of Dartmouth.
Nathaniel Soul.	
Thomas Taber, Jr.	

The 18th 9th mo. 1718, begun to lay out an open way of four rod wide to begin at the northeasterly corner of Robert Kerby's homestead to extend northwily to the head line of our Town; from said corner measured easterly 3 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  across the drift way to the south — corner of William Cornel's homestead and from thence measured — st 21 dgrs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 52 rod along by the wall to a — the wall, thence east 22  $\frac{1}{2}$  dgrs. northerly 43 rod to a stake — st. 22 dgrs. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  northerly 22 rod and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to the south — corner of sd Cornel's homestead, thence north 8 dgrs. and — — rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to said Cornel's northeasterly corner

[Note — The following may be the remainder of this layout; the handwriting on the old records was the same. This second page was very badly mutilated.]

stid and — — to the northeasterly corner of — — ing to John Fish, thence north — to a stake, thence north 4 dgrs. easterly to a heap of stones lying 4 rod westerly from a bound — — Cornes Allen's northwest corner bound, thence — — and  $\frac{3}{4}$  easterly 14 rod to a heap of stones, thence — dgrs. easterly 37 rod 6 foot to a bl — — thence north 14 dgrs. easterly 140 rod — — lying 4 rod westerly from a rock with stones on it, a bound of Peleg Slocum's Land, thence — to a heap of stones that lyeth 4 rods westerly from sd rock with stones on it north 22 dgrs. easterly 64 rod to a Ba — — thence north 6 dgrs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 122 and — — to the southeasterly corner bound of a lot of — — Talman's, thence north 12 dgrs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly — — to a stake in the north line of sd Talman's lot, thence north 19 dgrs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 56 rod to a heap of stones, the — — easterly bound of Thomas Cornel's homestead. The bounds and ranges are all on the westerly side of the way. Then from sd Cornel's sd bound easterly 4 rod across the way to a heap of stones on the east side — — thence north 49  $\frac{1}{2}$  dgrs. westerly 189 rod to a — — thence north 25 dgrs westerly 52 rod to a stake — — dgrs. westerly 49 rod to a heap of stones — — from a rock with stones on it, the — — bound of Daniel Wilcox's homestead, thence — — 14 rod 4 foot to a heap of stones in the swamp and in the head line of Jonathan — — Pecteketuit lot, thence north 13 dgrs easterly — — to a heap of stones, the northeast — — thence east — — to a heap of stones



4 rod eastward of the easterly — Allen's  
and John Allen's land, thence north —  
43 rod to a pine tree marked L,  
thence north — terly 2-4 rod to  
a pine tree marked X, thence north —  
degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 206 rod to a gray  
oak marked H, thence westerly  
130 Rod  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a walnut tree by the Road  
that growth from the Mile Swamp east-  
erly about 100 rod  $\frac{1}{4}$  easterly  
37 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a gray oak marked —  
the 17 dgrs westerly 172 rod to  
a pine marked N, thence —  
westerly 20 rod to a stake and on the  
same cours down — ill and over  
a bogg and up a hill 18 rod to a gray  
oak marked — thence north  $\frac{1}{2}$   
dgrs. westerly 4 rod to a stake against  
the — the way is laid 6  
rod wide. Then continued the last  
course — t to a pine marked A, thence  
north 16 dgrs. westerly to a — tree by  
the River marked W standing on the  
the river a little above the falls  
and over — am Wood's Land, thence  
north 111 dgr. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly — to a  
pine marked W, thence north 19 dgrs.  
and  $\frac{3}{4}$  westerly — to a heap of stones  
on the hight of the place called — m's  
hill, and from thence north 6 dgrs. west-  
erly up to the line of the town. Finished  
the 11th 10th mo. 1718.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin. } Selectmen  
Nathaniel Soul. } of  
Thos. Taber, Jr. } Dartmouth.

[Note. — The following is a fragment of  
a layout.]

— d — celler of —  
above mentioned begun  
side of the way and hat the  
southerly end of sd pond — extend  
4 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  width along by the way  
northerly 6 rod. This way is laid out  
4 rod wide. Finished the 21st 9th  
month, 1718, by us and our order.

John Tripp } Selectmen of Dartmouth  
Nath'l Soul. } for the year 1717.

John Akin } Selectmen of  
Nath'l Soul. } Dartmouth  
Thos. Taber, Jr. } for the year 1718.

The 19th day of the 9th mo. 1718, laid out an open way of 4 rod wide to go out of the way that goes from the northeasterly corner of Robert Keeby's homestead up to the Town Line down the easterly side of Noquechuck River along by the lower Saw-mill on sd river and down to the landing place a little below the Bridge. Begun at a Gray oak marked I, a bound of sd way that goes up to the town line and measured along by sd way south 31 degrs. easterly down a hill over a bog and up a steep hill 18 rod to a stake, another Bound of sd way and the first bound of this way, and from a stake measured along the easterly side and southerly side of sd way as followeth: South 44 degrs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 64 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 74 degrs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 48 rod to a heap of stones west 13 degrs and  $\frac{1}{4}$  northerly 54 rod lacking one yard to a Gray oak marked I, thence south 60 degrs. westerly 12 rod to a heap of stones, thence 148 degrs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 72 rod to a pine marked B, thence south 33 degrs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 116 rod to a Grey oak marked K, thence south 25 degrs. easterly 53 rod to a pine marked H, thence west 15 degrs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 8 rod to a pine, marked, and on the same course 8 foot to the river. Then laid out a landing place bounded easterly and southerly by the above sd way, westerly by sd Noquechuck river, northerly by the Road that goes over the Bridge, being the Road that goes the length of the town.

Finished the 4th of the

10th month, 1718.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin.	} Selectmen of Dartmouth.
Math <sup>l</sup> . Soul,	
Mrs. Tabor, Jr.	

The 24th of the 9th month, 1718, laid out a drift way to be by convenient bars for people to go to the meadows that lay about Allen's pond. Begun at the open way that was laid out along the head of Ebenezer Allen's homestead and at the northwesterly corner bound of sd homestead and laid the way 4 rod wide, and measured along the easterly side of the way from sd bound south 29 degr. easterly along sd Allen's line of sd homestead 48 rod to a stake, thence south 8 deg. easterly 32 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 35 deg. easterly 41 rod to a heap of stones, thence south 20 deg. easterly 25 rod to a walnut tree marked N, thence south 6 deg. westerly 142 rod to a stake, thence south 21 deg. easterly 31 rod to a stake by the landing place, thence south 3 deg. easterly over the pond to the bank on the southerly side, thence south 59 deg. westerly 56 rod, thence west 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 40 rod, thence west 23 deg. southerly 80 rod, thence west 5 deg. southerly 60 rod, thence due west 92 rod, thence south 6

degr westerly along over the westerly  
 end of the water fence rock 34 rod,  
 thence south 33 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , westerly  
 48 rod, being into the way that goes  
 from Nootaguanset into the horse  
 neck. Then laid a way from the  
 southerly side of the wading place as  
 the way now goes easterly quite to the  
 eastermost part of the above sd  
 meadows.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin.	} Selectmen of Dartmouth.
Nath'l Soul.	
Thos. Taber, Jr.	

On the — day began to lay  
 out the way from the way that goes  
Ponaganset down  
 into Namquit Neck, beginning at a  
 heap of stones, a bound of sd meeting  
 house way and measured southwesterly  
 79 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones in  
 the line between the land of Ebenezer  
 Smith and John Briggs of Boston, thence  
 south 6 degs — westerly 103 rod to  
 a heap of stones in or near the dividing  
 line between lands of the Briggses,  
 thence south 26 degs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , westerly  
 59 rod to a white oak marked R, thence  
 south 11 degs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , easterly — and  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 to a white oak marked W, thence  
 measured (the ranges and bounds being  
 hitherto on the westerly side of the way)  
 easterly 4 rod along the way to a white  
 oak bush marked I, and from thence  
 measured — on the easterly side of  
 the way south 6 degs. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  — by 308  
 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  and into the open way that  
 goes from Joseph Russell's Mill into  
 Namquit Neck and to go as sd way  
 is laid out into sd Neck. This is laid  
 out an open way of 4 rod wide.

Finished the 27th of the 9th mo.  
 1718.

Laid out by us and our order.

Nathaniel Soul.	} Selectmen of Dartmouth for the year 1717.
John Tripp	

John Akin	} Selectmen of Dartmouth for the year 1718.
Nath'l Soul.	
Thos. Taber, Jr.	

The 28th of the 9th mo. 1718,  
laid out a drift way from the meadow  
called the grate meadow, that lies  
below the homestead of Thomas Buggs,  
up to the open way that goes into  
Manquit Neck. To begin at sd grate  
meadow and to go along so all that  
have meadow there may have the  
benefit of it, and from thence up  
through sd Briggess homestead where  
it may be most convenient  
with regard to both meadows and  
homesteads. This way is to be by conve-  
nient bars.

Also laid out a way to be by  
convenient bars from Sherman's land  
and meadows and Tucker's meadow  
lying at the place called Sepuntick, to  
go up through Abraham Tucker's land  
and Lapham's land till it comes into  
the way that is laid from the open  
way that goes from Joseph Russell's  
mill to the entering of Manquit  
Neck, to Jonathan Russell's home-  
stead.

Laid out by us and our order,

John Akin. } Selectmen  
Nath'l Soul. } of  
Thos. Taber, Jr. } Dartmouth.

The 3d of the 10th month, 1718,  
laid out an open way of five rod  
wide from the northeasterly corner  
of Benjamin Tripp's homestead on  
the main Road that goes through  
the Length of the Town. Beginning  
at a heap of stones in the line of the  
homestead of Georg Badman, deceased,  
lying 4 Rod easterly from sd Tripp's  
sd corner, and thence north 31 deg  
and  $\frac{3}{4}$ , easterly 199 Rod to a Black  
oak marked — thence north 12  
degrees easterly 198 rod to a heap of  
stones by sd — a Little  
to the west of the Bridge or Causeway  
over — meadow brook. The  
bounds and ranges are on the  
side of the way.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Tripp. } Selectmen  
Nathaniel Soul. } of  
Dartmouth.

The 4th of the 10th month, 1718, laid out a way to go from the northwesterly corner of the Widow Slocum's lot of land that lies at the southerly end of Taskechast swamp, easterly till it comes into the way that is laid over Nokachuck river a little above the falls and so up to the head line of the town. Begun at sd northwesterly corner of sd lot of the Widow Slocum's and laid the way along the northerly side of sd lot of land till it comes to the northeasterly corner of sd lot and then from sd northeasterly corner measured east 3 degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 75 rod and  $\frac{1}{4}$  foot to a black oak marked P for a bound of the way that goes up to the head line of the town, and then keep on the same course 95 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  farther to a gray oak marked R and from thence north 58 degrees, easterly 234 rod to a heap of stones lying on the west side of the sd way that comes from Nokachuck river a little above the falls. The bounds and ranges are all on the southerly side of the way, and the way is laid out an open way of 4 rod wide.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin,	} Selectmen of Dartmouths.
Nath'l. Soul,	
Thos. Taber, Jr.	

On the — day, 10th mo. 1717/18. Laid out the way from Nathaniel Howland's to Clerk's levee. Begun at a heap of stones, a bound of the way that comes from the land of William Gurfie and measured along in the line of John Russell's land east 25 degn northerly 11 rod to a gray oak, a bound mark of sd Russell's, and from thence in sd Russell's line east 13 degn and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 43 rod to a black oak, another of sd Russell's bounds, thence in sd line east 40 degn, southerly 26 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a gray oak, another of his bounds, thence in sd line east 25 degn northerly 16 rod to a white oak, another of his bounds, thence in his line north 38 degn easterly 88 rod to a walnut tree, another of his bounds; thence still in sd John Russell's line east 32 degn northerly 34 rod to a grey oak, the northeasterly corner bound in sd Russell's homsted, thence east 1 degn and  $\frac{1}{4}$  southerly 86 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 61 degn easterly 15 rod and  $\frac{3}{4}$  to a grate snagwood tree marked A, standing by Abraham Tucker's stone wall, thence north 53 degn and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly along sd Tucker's wall 36 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a turn in the wall, thence north 55 degn and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly along the wall to another turn in the wall 16 rod; thence east 15 degn northerly along the wall 4 rod and  $\frac{1}{4}$  foot to a black oak, a bound of sd Tucker's land, near the course. The bounds and ranges hitherto have been all on the southerly side of the way. Then measured northerly 4 rod across the way to a walnut tree, a bound of Ward's land, and measured the rest of the way on the northerly side of the

way from sd walnut tree north 35 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 25 rod to a small walnut tree marked W, thence on the same course 3 rod farther to a heap of stones, thence north 63 deg. easterly 44 rod to a heap of stones on the beach, thence east 12 deg. northerly 38 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , to the heap of stones on the east side of the creek, the first bound of the way that is laid up the west side of Cushman river. This way is laid out an open way of 4 rod wide all along.

[Note - The above seemed to give the whole layout but there were no signatures.]

— 11th mo. 1717 $\frac{1}{8}$  Laid out a way from the way that goes from — chuck river up Wattuippa plain and so up to the head of the town. Begun at a red oak tree, a bound of the way that comes from Stony brook and measured north 3 degrees and  $\frac{3}{4}$  westerly 170 rod and  $\frac{3}{4}$  to a heap of stones lying east 4 rod from the southeasterly corner bound of Henry Brightman's land, thence north 3 deg. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  easterly — rod to a heap of stones, a bound of the way that goes from the Widow Slocom's corner to Wattuippa Pond, thence from sd heap of stones last named north 2 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 48 rod to a heap of stones, and from thence 6 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly up to the town line. This way is laid out an open way of 4 rod wide, and the bounds and margins are all on the easterly side of the way. Laid out by us and our order.

John Tripp } Selectmen  
Nathaniel Soul. } of  
Dartmouth.

29th 11th mo. 1717 $\frac{1}{8}$  laid out a landing place at the head of Ponaganset harbor, begun at a white oak tree standing in Phillip Sherman's fence, marked P, one of the bounds of the way, and measured south 30 deg. easterly 4 rod across the way to a heap of stones, then again from sd tree north 62 deg. easterly 22 rod to a bound mark of Nathaniel Howland's, thence south 5 deg. westerly 17 rod to the water, thence south 64 deg. westerly 7 rod to a stake, thence on a strait line to the heap of stones aforesd.

Then on the 30th of sd 11th month laid out a watering place, lying by the way and on the northerly side of Nathaniel Howland's homestead; begun at a black oak marked W, a bound of the way, and measured along the south side of the way north 67 deg. westerly 6 rod lacking 3 foot to a heap of stones in the highway line, thence north 4 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 13 rod and  $\frac{3}{4}$  to a white oak, marked, thence north 28 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 6 rod to a heap of stones, thence west 7 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly till it comes to the laid out way, then it is bounded by the way till it comes to the heap of stones first mentioned.

Allowed by us, the subscribers, the 8th of May, 1727.

Beriah Goddard. } Selectmen  
Isaac Howland. } of  
Stephen West, Jr. } Dartmouth.

[Note. - The old records do not show why this layout was not approved till 1727.]

The 29 of the 11 mo. 1717/18 begun to lay out an open highway from the land of William Durfy unto the head bound which divides between the land of Ralph Carl and Joseph Carl, being also one of the bounds of the way that goes from John Tucker's to the meeting-house in Ponaganset. Begun at a walnut tree marked MW an ancient bound mark between said Durfy's land and the land now belonging to John Akin; from sd walnut tree run a line north 21 degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly between the land of sd Akin and the land of Feleg Slocum 146 rod to a heap of stones, the northeasterly corner bound of sd Akin's homestead; then run a strait line from a stake standing two rod to the west of sd John Akin's his sd northeasterly corner bound to sd walnut tree marked MW for the westerly side of the way, the way to be 3 rod from sd walnut tree to sd stake standing 2 rod to the west of sd northeasterly corner bound \_\_\_\_\_ still along the westerly side of the way from sd \_\_\_\_\_ the 132 deg westerly 13 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the bound between sd Slocum and John Tucker, thence north 55 degs westerly 65 rod to a black oak tree, the bound between the lands of Abraham Tucker and John Russell, thence north 60 degs westerly 49 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 31 deg. westerly 56 rod to a heap of stones lying 4 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly from John Russell's door, thence north 23 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 98 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones, a bound of the way that goes to Clerk's Cove, thence south 62 rods to a heap of stones over ye way against Nathaniel Howland's shop, thence north

50 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 17 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a turn in the fence, thence north 57 deg. westerly 14 rod to a black oak marked W, thence north 67 deg. westerly 14 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 29 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 13 rod to a black oak marked R, thence north 58 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 10 rod to a heap of stones at the meeting of the lanes and is a bound of the way that goes up to John Howland's into the way that comes from Cushman and from the last mentioned heap of stones south 42 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly in the line of Nathaniel Howland's land 77 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a walnut tree, a bound mark of Howland's. These bounds and ranges are from the stake \_\_\_\_\_ rod to the west of John Akin's northeasterly corner bound to sd Howland's walnut tree bound all on the left hand of the way as we measured, and from sd stake to the meeting of the lanes the way is laid out 4 rod wide, and from thence to sd walnut tree it is laid out 3 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  wide, then from sd walnuts tree measured north westerly 3 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  across the way to a heap of stones by John Sherman's shop, thence south 66 degs. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 38 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones on the east side of the brook by Philip Sherman's, thence south 43 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly to a white oak in sd Phillip Sherman's fence marked P, thence south 67 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 28 rod and 3 foot to a heap of stones by sd fence, thence north 71 degs westerly 21 rod 4 foot to an elbo in sd Philip's wall, thence in the line of sd Philip Sherman's land north 60 degs westerly 44 rod to a black oak marked E and on the corner

4 rod farther to a heap in sd line, thence south 62 deg. westerly 53 rod to a heap of stones, thence west 2 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 12 rod to a heap of stones, thence west 20 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 44 rod to a heap of stones, thence west 6 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 20 rod to a heap of stones in the line between the land of the two Carls, thence in the line afore sd west 17 deg. southerly 69 rod to a heap of stones in sd line, thence west 3 deg. southerly 12 rod to a red oak bush marked R, thence west 27 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly — rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to a stake, the head bound between the lands of Ralph Carl and Joseph Carl and a bound of the way that goes from John Tucker's to the meeting house. These bounds and ranges from John Sherman's shop to sd way that comes from sd Tucker's are all on the right hand of the way as we measured, and the way ~~is~~ laid out from sd shop — and  $\frac{1}{2}$  wide and all the rest of the way 4 rod wide.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Tripp	} Selectmen of Dartmouth.
Nathaniel Soul	

A way is laid up by the homestead of John Howland to the way from Leckmit to Maxfield's. 1717/8, 30th 11 mo. laid out the way from <sup>11</sup>/<sub>8</sub> the meeting of the lanes between Nathaniel Howland and John Sherman's; begun at a heap of stones at the meeting of sd lanes, a bound of the way that comes from the land of William — and, measured north 44 degrees westerly 4 rod across the lane to a heap of stones, a bound of John Sherman's land, thence measured along the westerly side of the way north 12 deg. westerly 29 rod to a heap of stones lying 4 rod west from Joshua Sherman's chimney, thence north 3 deg. westerly 47 rod to a heap of stones lying 4 rod westerly from a heap of stones, a bound of sd Joshua Sherman's, north 50 deg. westerly 36 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 30 deg. — sterly 6 rod and 7 foot to a black oak, the southeasterly corner bound of a farm of John Russell's, thence in the line of sd Russell's land north — degs westerly 91 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to two blackoaks; another of sd Russell's bounds, thence north 42 deg. easterly 64 rods to a heap of stones in sd Russell's line, the southeasterly corner bound of the same lot, being on the p — north 15 degs. westerly in sd Russell's line 65 rod to a bound between the lands of sd Russell and Abraham Tucker, thence north 14 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly in the line of sd Tucker's land 24 rod to a bound of sd Tucker's, thence north 12 deg. westerly still in sd line 58 rod to a heap of stones. Hetherto the bounds and ranges have been on the left hand as we measured.



Then from the last mentioned heap of stones measured east 12 deg. northerly 4 rod across the way to a gray oak, a bound mark between lands belonging to sd Tucker and thence ——— and from sd gray oak measured along easterly side of the way north 11 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly — rod and 4 foot to the south-westerly corner bound of John Howland's homestead, thence on the same course in the line of Howland's land 85 rod to a stake standing 6 foot to the west of sd Howland's, thence still in sd line north 8 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  204 rod to the northerly corner bound of sd Howland's land, thence north 16 deg. west — rod to a swamp oak marked W. from Ward's grey oak. Hitherto the bounds and ranges are on the easterly side of the way. From sd swamp oak measured westerly 4 rod across the John Tucker land, from thence in the line of sd John Tucker's land ——— degrees westerly 121 rod to a heap of stones, a bound of sd Tucker's land, thence still in his line north 27 deg. westerly 30 rod to a heap of stones, another of sd John Tucker's bounds and is for a bound of the way that goes to Cushnit, thence west 39 degrees ———terly 32 rod to a heap of stones, a bound mark between the land of sd Tucker and Timothy Maxfield, from whence we measured over the way to said Tucker's land, to this bound between Tucker and Maxfield lands. Bounds and ranges are on the left hand as we measured. Then from sd bounds between Tucker and Maxfield measured northerly 4 rod across the way to a

heap of stones, then on the ———terly side of the way south 49 deg. westerly 28 rod to a heap of stones on the brow of the hill; thence south 48 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 15 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones, a bound mark between the lands of Henry ——— and Edmund Sherman, thence south 70 deg. westerly 8 rod to a white oak marked D, thence west 9 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly ——— to a stake, a bound mark of sd Edmund's lot, thence in the line of sd Edmund's land south 47 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 40 rod to a black oak, on the same course 14 foot and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a black oak, another of sd Edmund Sherman's bounds, thence on the same course 14 foot and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a white oak bush, marked, thence west 3 deg. southerly 29 rod to a stake by the way that comes from John Tucker's barn to the bridge by Maxfield's, from sd stake 4 rod across sd way to the red oak marked X within Maxfield's fence, a bound of the sd way that comes from John Tucker's; from the bound between John Tucker's and Maxfield's land where we crossed the way to the stake last mentioned the bounds and ranges are on the northerly side of the way. This way is laid out an open way of 4 rod wide all along.

John Tripp. }  
Nathaniel Soul } Selectmen of  
Dartmouth.

[Note - The following is only part of a layout, the opening part of which is missing.]

Measured from said bound on the southerly side of the way north 42 degrees easterly 68 Rods to a walnut tree marked T, thence north 60 degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 72 Rods to a walnut tree marked W, thence due east 26 Rods to a walnut tree marked E, thence north 61 degrees and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 63 rods and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the northwesterly corner bound of Edward Wing's five acre Lot. On the 28th 12 mo. 1718<sup>9</sup> continued sd way from sd Wing's sd bound north 51 deg and  $\frac{3}{4}$ , east 25 Rods and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the west peak of the great Rock on the brow of the Hill, thence north 57 deg and  $\frac{3}{4}$  easterly 55 Rods and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a bound Mark Between the Land of Teleg Slocum and Thomas Hammond and Daniel Shepard. Thence north 54 Degrees easterly 75 Rod to a walnut tree with stakes about it by the Long Road, thence east  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a deg northerly 24 Rods and 2 yds to a black oak marked A, thence north 60 deg easterly 20 Rod and 2 yds to a birch marked W on the west side of the short bridge, Rocky Swamp. Against this line the way is laid 6 Rod wide. Then from sd birch easterly 44 degrees northerly 16 Rod to John Hathaway's northwest corner bound, being a Rock with stones on it. Thence east - degrees and  $\frac{1}{4}$  northerly 22 Rod to a great black oak marked H, thence north 73 deg easterly 97 Rod to a heap of

stones, thence west 73 deg northerly 4 Rod across the way to Increase Allen's southeasterly corner bound. Thence north 69 deg and  $\frac{3}{4}$  easterly 88 Rod to a walnut tree marked V. east of the East Rocky Swamp, thence north 47 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 41 Rod to a Black oak marked T, thence north 21 deg easterly 34 Rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a gray oak marked A, thence north 1 deg and  $\frac{3}{4}$  westerly 117 Rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the east part of Howard's Rock, thence north  $\frac{1}{2}$  degree easterly 128 Rod to a stake and heap of stones. Then on the 13th 9 mo. 1719 continued sd way from sd stake north 17 deg and  $\frac{3}{4}$  easterly 66 Rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to a pine marked A, thence north 60 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 88 Rod to a stake on the east side of the Long bridge Swamp, thence north 64 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 108 Rod to a heap of stones in John Hathaway's sd line southerly line and to the foot of the Tourkell Hill, thence in Hathaway's sd line south 70 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 68 Rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to a heap of stones, an old bound of sd Hathaway's Lot, thence still in his line - at 2 deg southerly 32 Rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a black - a bould between sd Hathaway's sd line and the homestead of Samuel Hunt. Thence in the line of sd homestead east 3 deg and  $\frac{1}{4}$  southerly 49 Rod to a walnut tree, another of sd Hunt's bounds, thence still in his line east 1 deg southerly 5 rod to a heap of stones in the line of sd Hunt's homestead, thence south 67 deg easterly 54 Rod to a black oak birch marked W, thence south 66 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 24 Rod to a heap

of stones on the hill that comes from the Mills, thence east 4 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  southerly 17 rod and  $\frac{1}{4}$  to a heap of stones, thence east 10 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 6 Rod to the east end of the great Long Stone, that lies on the north side of the way by the Bridge over Lushuit river.

This way is laid 4 rod wide and from sd Allen's bound the lines are in the north and west sides.

Laid out by us and our order.

John Akin, } Selectmen of  
Thomas Taber, jr. } Dartmouth.

[Note - The following is a fragment of a layout.]

The 26th of the 9th mo. 1718. Laid out an open highway of 4 rod wide from the way that goes from the meeting house in Pochaganset down the west side of Pascamanset River along by Joseph Russell's Mills and to the causeway at the entry of Namiquit Neck with an open way of 4 Rod wide down to a landing place on the east side of sd River, also a drift way down to sd landing place for carting only, also a drift way to be by convenient gates for use for cart and horse to the homestead of Jonathan Russel, and laid a way of 4 Rod wide begun at a heap of stones by sd way that goes down the west side of sd River and measured along the southerly side of the way, east 4 deg and

$\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 12 Rod to a heap of stones, from thence south 26 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 8 Rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the northerly end of part of a high rock by the river, a little below the grist mill, thence south 27 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly over the river 12 Rod to a heap of stones, thence 12 Rod to a heap of stones, thence south 27 deg easterly 54 rod and  $\frac{1}{3}$  to a heap of stones, thence south 71 deg and  $\frac{1}{4}$  easterly 25 Rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones in the line between the Lands of Joseph Russell and John Lapham, thence in sd line south 3 deg easterly 37 rod to a gray oak tree marked I, a bound between the Land of sd Russell and sd Lapham, thence south 25 deg easterly in the line between their said Lands 34 Rod and  $\frac{3}{4}$  to a gray oak, which is another of their bounds, thence south 48 deg easterly

On the - day of the 12 mo.  
 1711/18 Laid out a way from the way  
 that goes from Stony brook to - kat  
 chuck up the east side of the two  
 Wattuppa ceder swamps and from  
 the northeasterly corner of the Widow  
 Slocom's land that is laid  
 partly against the southerly end of  
 Paskehaast ceder swamp, and  
 from thence to Watuppa Pond. Be-  
 gun at a heap of stones, a bound  
 of sd road that comes from Stony  
 brook, sd heap of stones lying in  
 a direct line between George Gad-  
 man's corner of his land and a  
 corner of Nathan Soule's land, and  
 measured north 9 degs easterly 275  
 rod to a white oak marked K,  
 thence due north 142 rod and  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 to a little low - pine, marked  
 T, thence north 4 deg and  $\frac{1}{2}$  west-  
 erly 33 rod and - foot to sd widow  
 Slocom's.

[Note. - The above seems to be a whole  
 lay-out, or one that was never finished,  
 as considerable of the page was left  
 blank in the old record.]

The 13th of the 12th month,  
 1711/18. Then renewed the open way  
 that goeth into the horsneck in  
 Dartmouth, and from said open way  
 Laid out a drift way through said  
 neck to the harbour's mouth. Begun at  
 the northeasterly corner of Richard Curby's  
 homestead and measured south 3 degs and  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 181 rod to sd Curby's southeasterly  
 corner and then on the same course 93  
 rod to a heap of stones, Lying 4 rod west-  
 erly of the southwesterly corner bound  
 off Nicolas Mosher's homestead, thence  
 south 5 degs and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 43 rod to a  
 walnut bush, a bound mark of John  
 Fisher's Land, thence south 36 degs easterly  
 3 rod to the westerly side of the end  
 of Almie's Lane, thence south 19  
 degs easterly 201 rod along the Lane, the  
 wall on each side as they now stand to  
 be the bounds of the way as far as the  
 walls are made on both sides and  
 are 4 rod wide. The bounds and  
 ranges from the northerly end of this  
 Lane to the sd corner where we begun  
 are all on the westerly side of the way  
 and then Laid out 4 rod wide; then  
 from the end of 201 rod measured east  
 19 degs northerly 4 rod across the way  
 to the wall or bedg of stones, from thence  
 measured on the easterly side of the way  
 south 19 degs easterly 19 rod to the water. The  
 way to be 4 rod wide and then by reason  
 that they might alter we did not set down  
 the precise points of compass but Laid  
 the way just about high water to the har-  
 bour's mouth. By the appointment of

Nathaniel Soule } Selectmen of  
 John Tripp } Dartmouth.

13th, 12 mo. 1717/18 Laid out a landing place at Prakachuck; begun at a rock with stones on it, a bound of the way that goes from sd point up the west side of Cokset river and measured south 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 2 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the water and from said rock with stones on it north 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 2 rod to a heap of stones, the northwesterly corner bound of sd landing place, thence 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  northerly 4 rod to a heap of stones, and from thence south 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly to the water and thence to go by the water till it meets with the first line, this to be for a landing place only.

Laid out by our order.

John Tripp. } Selectmen of  
Nath'l Soul. } Dartmouth.

13th 12 mo. 1717/18 Laid out a way from Prakachuck Point through Christopher Gifford's land, to be by convenient gates for cart and horse. Begun at the northwesterly corner bound of the landing place and measured south 12 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  easterly 4 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the water and from said bound of the landing place north 12 deg. westerly 158 rod to a black oak bush, marked, thence north - deg. westerly 6 rod to the southwestly corner bound of William Wood's land. The way is laid out 4 rod wide, and the bounds and ranges are all on the easterly side of the way. Then on the 14th of the 12 mo. begun

to lay out an open way from the northerly end of the way up to the northeasterly corner of Benjamin Tripp's homestead. Begun at William Wood's sd southwesterly corner bound and measured north 3 deg. westerly 40 rod to a tree with a heap of stones about it, another of sd Wood's bounds, thence 17 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 40 rod to a heap of stones, another of sd Wood's bounds, thence north 14 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 47 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a black oak, a bound between the lands of the sd William Wood and William Soul, thence on the same course 30 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 30 deg. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  westerly 91 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones lying 4 rod easterly from the ancient walnut tree, a bound between the lands formerly belonging to William Macomber and Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ thence north 13 deg. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  westerly 93 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones, a bound mark between the lands of Nathaniel Soul and the Widow Manchester, thence north 14 deg. and  $\frac{1}{2}$  westerly 62 rod to a heap of stones, thence north 20 deg. easterly 8 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the middle of a rock, thence due north 26 rod and  $\frac{1}{4}$  to a stake, a bound between the lands of sd Widow Manchester and William Macomber, thence north 27 deg. westerly in the line of sd Macomber's land 141 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones, a bound of sd Macomber's land, thence north 17 deg. westerly 6 rod and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to a heap of stones in sd Macomber's line lying 4 rod easterly of a heap of stones, the last bound of the way by gates that is laid out down the