Branford Deed dated March 15, 1686

So, all to whom these presents shall come whereas divers bargains, purchases, writings or deeds of sale have been made and granted by predecessors of us whose names are under written unto us, English inhabitants of Branford (formerly called Totoket) but not so formal as should be respecting boundaries of \_\_\_?\_\_\_ said land although the above English have had a quick (?) possession for many years, as also neglects in our predecessors in not reserving such liberties for us, their successors, for hunting and fishing etc; as should be – Now know yea, that we Wampom, ye present Sachem and Nawattokis (alias Richard) Sibbon Johnson, Geoffrey and Mannapollet (alias Richard) Indians, native proprietors of Totoket in the Township of Branford in ye county of New Haven in ye colony of Connecticut in New England for and in consideration of ye sum of 10 pounds in goods current pay with \_\_\_?\_\_\_ March \_\_\_?\_\_ to us before \_\_\_?\_\_\_ ensealing and delivery hereof well and truly in hand paid and satisfied in full payment of all demands whatsoever by Mr. Will Rosewell, Mr. Ed Barker, Ensign Thomas Harrison, William Hoadly, Eleazor Stent, John Frisibee of ye Town County and colony aforesaid, \_\_\_?\_\_\_ given, granted, bargained, sold, alienated, entered, conveyed, continued and made over and by these presents do fully clearly and absolutely give, grant bargain, sell, alien, enforce, convey, continue and make over unto the said Mr. Will Rosewell, Mr. Ed Barker, Ensign Thomas Harrison, William Hoadly, Eleazer Stent, and John Frisibee and other inhabitants English proprietors of ye aforementioned Town and Township of Branford to each of them in such proportion as they have already agreed upon for use (?) division of ye same all the lands whatsoever both meadows and upland lying and being in ye Township of Branford as it is bounded on ye westward by ye westernmost outlet of ye River commonly called Stony river unto the sea, thence ye said Stony River is ye bounds to a small river called Tappan Shashack, and that River ye bounds to ye Great Pond called ye Furnace Pond and that pond ye bounds to ye head of it, and thence bounded northerly by a straight line to a hill to a hill lying on a boar plain called ye boar plain hill and from thence by a straight line to a hill commonly called Totoket Hill so that part of ye Hill which is very stoney and pines growing upon ye hill over that Stony place, and thence ye said hill to be the bounds till it comes to ye place where a straight line from Ross’s meadow to Pistabuag Pond shall cut over ye Hill and thence bounded Easterly by that line to Rose’s Meadow – where there is a heap of stones and from thence a straight line to the sea? Called ye \_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_? Where there is a heap of stones by a brook at ye foot of \_\_\_\_\_? Hill from thence a line to a heap of stones at a white oak tree which is marked by ye sea near a meadow commonly called Lawrence’s Meadow bounded southerly by the sea. Excepting and always reserving a parcel of upland lying on ye neck called Indian Neck, and on ye west end of ye Neck adjoining to the land ye English last purchased of us Indians above mentioned, only ye English are to have a highway to cart their hay from the meadow their as also liberty for us and our successors? For hunting and fishing and fowling and getting oysters and clams, we nor they doing damage to ye English nor their successors, to have and to hold, the above lands as above bounded being all ye land that we say – claim unto within the township of Branford aforesaid to them ye said Mr. Will Rosewell, Mr. Ed Barker, Ensign Thomas Harrison, Mr. William Hoadly, Eleazer Stent, and John Frisibee and other inhabitants English proprietors of ye said Township of Branford their heirs and assigns from henceforth forever without trouble hinderance, eviction, ejection, \_\_?\_\_, molestation, or disturbance of us ye above named Indians our heirs or assigns or any from by or and or us or them, and do hereby engage to warrant and defend ye same from all claims whatsoever unto all or any part or parcel thereof whither upland, meadows, rivers, islands, or adjoining to ye said land ye appurtenances thereof, in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands or marks and seals this 15th day of March in ye year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and eighty six and in ye third year of ye reign of our sovereign Lord James the Second of England Scotland France and Ireland King defender of ye Faith.

Signed, sealed and delivered

In ye presence of Wampom

John Rosewell Nawattakis

John Geave Sibbon Johnson

Geoffrey

Manapollet

Wampom, Nawattakis, Sibbon Johnson, Geoffrey, and Manapollet the Indians hereunto setting their marks apprised this 22 of March 1686 at New Haven and acknowledged the above written to be their act odf deed and owned that ye said marks were by them subscribers according to law

Before me Jones Bishop Dep. Governor

July 13th 1719 entered and compared with ye original by John Russell Clark