

Excerpts of Richard Thomas's Research Memorandum on the "Azal Hawkins Cemetery," Brookhaven Hamlet, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, 23 July 2014.

(His memorandum also included research on other sites; his notes for these sites are posted with those sites.)

The Azel Hawkins cemetery has Site ID Br34. Addition information may be found here:
<http://brookhavensouthhaven.org/history/HNDistrictsInventoryForm.aspx?InventoryCode=Br34>

Subject: Azel Hawkins cemetery deeded away during Azel Hawkins lifetime

I was at the County Center in Riverhead yesterday and copied a deed by which Azel Hawkins conveyed property to his son Daniel H. Hawkins.

The date of the conveyance was "the Twentieth day of September in the year of Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Thirty-Two." [12 September 1832]

The property was the west part of the parcel owned by Azel Hawkins. Azel Hawkins had already erected a north-south fence that divided the south part of his parcel.

From the road [now Beaver Dam road], the boundary for the parcel being conveyed went north 231 feet, then east 99 feet, then north, presumably to the northeast corner of the burying ground, then (south) westerly on the boundary line along the burying ground's north side and continuing to the Timothy Rose property, then south to the road and back to the beginning.

The deed mentions the burying ground.

In 1832, there were only two people buried there.

For unknown reasons, the deed makes a reference to one of the two graves, the grave of Eliza Hawkins, the daughter of Selah Hawkins and the wife of Daniel H. Hawkins.

The grave of the wife of Selah Hawkins, Rachel Rose, who died 13 May 1825 at age 44, is not mentioned.

Eliza had died only six months before, while Rachel had died seven years earlier.

(Daniel H. Hawkins married his first cousin, the daughter of the brother of his father -- Azel's brother Selah.)

The South Haven congregation had not yet elected Daniel Hawkins as their Elder and Deacon, so he wasn't yet Deacon Daniel Hawkins.

Daniel Hawkins was elected and "set apart" to the joint offices of deacon and elder at a congregational meeting in October 1836.

A Hawkins from the other line, Samuel Hawkins, was "set apart" at the same time. (There were, however, people named "Samuel Hawkins" in both lines.)

In fact, Daniel Hawkins wasn't even a member of the congregation in Sep 1832. He was examined and received as a member of the church on 18 Nov 1832. (He joined the church the same day as Harriet

Barto and Sophia Tooker.)

In Sep 1832, William Rose owned the property to the north. I'm not sure which William Rose this was, but it may have been the brother of Rachel Rose, who had married Selah Hawkins.

Unlike the [David Hawkins burying ground](#), this burying ground was "reserved" in the deed --- not "excepted," so the soil was conveyed to Daniel H. Hawkins but the right of use was reserved for the families of Azel Hawkins and Selah Hawkins --- for those families to use as a burying ground.

Azel Hawkins to Daniel H. Hawkins, his son

20 Sep 1832

~2 acres north of Beaver Dam Rd, including burying ground. \$60

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This Indenture made by and between Azel Hawkins of the town of Brookhaven County of Suffolk and State of New York of the first part &

Daniel H. Hawkins his son of the same Town County and State the second part

Witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty Dollars paid him in hand by the said party of the second part the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said part of the first part hath given granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain sell convey confirm unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns a certain piece or parcel of Land situate and lying in said Town of Brookhaven on the north side of the Fire place Road

Bounded Eastwardly by the land of said party of the first part Running Northwardly with the fence from the Road Fourteen Rods then Eastwardly Six Rods to the hedge then Northwardly with the hedge to the land of William Rose then westwardly by said William Rose's land to land belonging to the estate of Timothy Rose decd then southwardly with the fence by the land aforesaid to the Road then Eastwardly by the Road to the place of Beginning supposed to be about Two acres be the same more or less

Reserving however in said land a place for a burying ground for the family of the party of the first part and also for the family of Selah Hawkins near where Eliza Hawkins daughter of Selah Hawkins and wife of said Daniel H. Hawkins was Buried

To have to hold all and singular the premises aforesaid with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining to the sole and only proper use benefit and behoof of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever And the said party of the first for himself his heirs executors and administrators Doth covenant and agree with the said party of the second part his heirs & assigns that at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents he is lawfully seized in fee of the premises above described that the same is free and clear of all manner of incumbrance that he has good and lawful Right to sell and convey the same in manner aforesaid & he doth by these presents firmly bind himself his heirs Executors & administrators to Warrant & forever Defend the same unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims & demands of all and every person or persons whomsoever.

In witness whereof the said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal the Twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Thirty Two Sealed and delivers

*In presence of us witnesses } Azel Hawkins LS
David Brown William Clark }*

Suffolk County State of New York ss On the 21st day of September 1832 before me came Azel Hawkins known to me to be the Individual described in and who executed the within conveyance who acknowledged that he executed the same

*David Brown
Commisn of Deeds*

*Recorded this 30th of }
Jany 1836 at 11 Am }*

Attest Joseph R. Huntting Clk