# Richard Thomas: Notes on Deeds Relevant to the Mills and Properties at South Haven, Suffolk County, NY During the 18<sup>th</sup> Century

Researched and compiled during 2011

• Records of the Town of Brookhaven.

Mordecai Homan Jr., Richard Floyd, and Nicoll Floyd *to* John Havens *10 Apr 1745* 

The following are deeds on file with the Suffolk County Clerk

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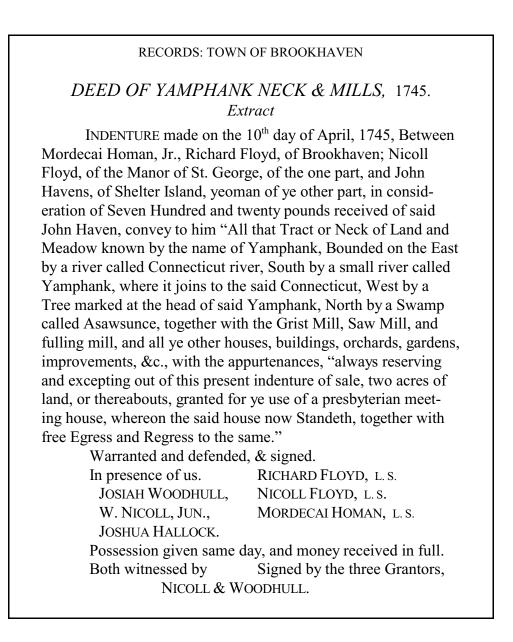
George Beale to Samuel Carman 04 April 1781

• Liber "C," Page 275. Ebenezer and Eunice Homan to Samuel Carman 24 April 1781

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10 Apr 1745 720 pounds



John Havens died about 1750. In his will he left his South Haven property to his sons Jonathan and Benjamin:

"I leave to my sons Jonathan and Benjamin all my neck of land that I have now in possession in Brookhaven, with all buildings. My son Benjamin is to have the east part, bounded east by Connecticut river, or Seponack river, with all the houses and mills, and he shall pay all the money I owe towards this neck. My son Jonathan is to have the west part and a yoke of oxen, chains, etc."

Benjamin Havens sold all of his interest in the mills to Mordecai Homan on 16 Jan 1750.

Then, fourteen years later, Mordecai Homan sold the property to Jeremiah Homan and Ebenezer Homan for 500 pounds. To give an idea of the value of 500 pounds, it is noted that in 1802 the Trustees of the Parish of South Haven (Nicoll Floyd, Daniel Robert, John Rose, and Oliver Smith) agreed to pay their new minister, Rev. Herman Dagget, an annual salary of 70 pounds 0 shillings 0 pence.

Mordecai Homan had added two parcels to the mill property, one piece was north of the original parcel and located at the northwest corner. He had purchased that parcel on 16 Nov 1760 from Robert Hawkins.

Mordecai Homan had also secured a warrantee deed from Richard Floyd, Esq., on 02 Dec 1762 for rights to the East Connecticut River itself from the "going over" to the point where the Yamphank Line, when extended northwardly, strikes the river. By obtaining rights to the river, others where prevented from erecting a dam anywhere upstream as far as the intersection with the Yamphank Line.

He had even obtained a release from William Smith of the Manor of St. George on 15 March 1760 that allowed the owner of the mills to repair the dam by taking earth from the east side of the river, so that repairs might be done using earth from the mill property itself at the west end or with earth from William Smith's land at the east end of the dam.

Mordecai Homan had also obtained a two-thirds interest in Lots 1 and 2 of the Great Division (or a one-third part interest in each of the lots—the wording is ambiguous). (Lot 1 is immediately west of the Yamphank Line.) His interest in the two lots is also conveyed to Jeremiah Homan and Ebenezer Homan.

Liber "B," Page 424. ("226" written at top right of page in a darker and different ink) Mordecai Homan to Jeremiah Homan and Ebenezer Homan 05 December 1764 500 pounds

[The words on each line are the same as in the recorded deed in the Suffolk County Historical Documents vault in Riverhead, NY. The deed was inspected and copied on 01 Jul 2011. Question marks are inserted to indicate words that may have been incorrectly deciphered or were undecipherable.]

To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that I Mordecai Homan of Southaven in the Township of Brookhaven in the County of Suffolk and province of New York Joyner for and in Consideration of the Sum of Five hundred pounds good and lawful money of the province aforesaid to me in hand paid before the ensealing and delivery hereof by Jeremiah Homan and Ebenezer Homan of the same placie [sic.] the receipt whereof I hereby acknowledge and myself therewith fully satisfied contented and paid Have given granted bargained and sold and by these presents do freely and fully give grant bargain and sell convey and confirm unto them the said Jeremiah Homan and Ebenezer Homan their heirs and assigns for to be equally shared and shared alike all that parcel of Land at Connecticut River at South beginning at the Northwest Corner of the great Flew of the Mill and runn -ing west twelve rods, and then South till it shall contain thefor [sic.] a quantity of three acres of land adjoyning the said River together with the Saw Mill Grist Mill and Fulling Mill and all the Houses and Buildings improvements hereditaments and appurtenances whatsever [sic.] thereon and thereunto belonging with All his Right Title Interest Claim and demands to the same being what I purchased of Benjamin Havens as may more fully appear by his Deed bearing date the sixteenth day

of January one thousand seven hundred and fifty as also another peice [sic.] of Land adjoyning thereto bounded as follows, easterly by the northwest Corner of the old Mill flew and running northwardly by the said River to a marked red oak, tree from thence Southwardly as the same now runs till it meet a west Line from the aforesaid Northwest Corner of the old Mill flew which Land I purchased of Robert Hawkins as may more fully appear by his Warrantee deed of Sale bearing Date November sixteenth one thousand seven hundred and sixty. And also the privilege of making the Mill Dam, as it now stands to dig earth to make or repair the same on the east side of the said River as they shall think and Judge Convenient, which privilege I purchased of William Smith Manor of St. George as may more fully appear by his release to me bear--ing Date the fifteenth Day of March one thousand seven hundred and sixty two and also a certain River or Stream of Water known by the name of east Connecticut that is to say such part of the River or Stream as is formed between the going over the said River below the Mills where the said Homan now lives and where the Line running North from the head of Yamphank strikes upon the said River which River or Stream of Water I purchased of Richard Floyd Esq. as may more fully appear by his Warrantee deed of sale bearing Date December second Day one thousand seven hundred and sixty two. And also two equal thid [sic.] parts of two Lots of Land Number one and Number two [start of interlineation above line]

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[end of interlineation]

on? the? Rights? of John? Rogers? [or Wood?]

[the end of the line is indecipherable, but appears to have something to do with the Great Division, where Lot Number One was drawn by "Henery Rogers, I. W." and Lot Number Two was drawn by William Poole.]

and William Poole as may more fully appear by the Town Records of

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Brookhaven To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and bargained premises unto them the said Jeremiah Homan and Ebenezer Homan and to their heirs and assigns for ever to them and their only proper use Benefit and Behoof for ever, and the said Mordecai Homan doth covenant bind and oblige himself his heirs Executors and Administrators to warrant and defend the promises unto the same Jeremiah and Ebenezer Homan their Heirs and Assigns only for and against him the said Mordecai Homan and his heirs and assigns or any person claiming under them or any of them and the said Mordecai Homan do further covenant and bind myself my heirs executors and administrators to warrant and defend all the above mentioned and bargained premises for which I have Warrantee deeds against the Just and lawful Claim of any person or persons whatsoever In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of December annoque Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty four. Mordecai Homan L.S. Signed Sealed and Delivered, the interlining between the third and fourth lines from the bottom being first made in

presence of Isaac Woodruff Nath." Landon

Recorded this 15th Day of September Anno Domini 1765

Memorandum?that on the 7th day of June anno Dominy 1765 personally appeared before me Richard Floyd Esqr one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for Suffolk County Mordicay Homan the within named Grantor and did acknowledge the within written Instrument to be his own free voluntary act deed and I having examined the said deed do find the word as interlined betwix the third and fourth Line from the botom, to warrant and defend all the abovementio -ned & bargained promises and do allow the same to be recorded Recorded this 11 day of Septem.<sup>br</sup> Anno Dom. 1765 in the Richard Floyd record thereof on Feb. 1?7?24. the words (over) adjoyning to Yamphank line aforesd as also the equal part of the enlargment there unto belonging and draw) are interlined

W. Nicoll Turner Clk.

On 04 Apr 1781, Samuel Carman Sr. acquired a one-quarter interest in the mill property. In this deed, George Beale "of South Haven" is described as a Miller and Samuel Carman as a "Yeoman." Samuel Carman must have become the Miller upon the execution of this deed, since in the deed for a half interest in the property executed twenty days later, Carman is described as "Miller."

Even though he was not yet the Miller, this deed does indicate that Samuel Carman was already living in South Haven in the Spring of 1781 ("*Samuel Carmon of the same place*").

George Beale's quarter-interest must derive from Jeremiah Homan's half-interest.

George Beale does, however, have a *three-quarter interest* in the Mill Dam itself, but he sells only a quarter-interest to Samuel Carman ("*and also the one Quarter or fourth Part of my three Quarters of the Mill dam*"). Literally, this might mean 3/16ths of the Mill Dam, but the language seems to have meant instead that one of three quarters of the dam owned by George Beale is being conveyed.

We know from the later Homan deed that Ebenezer Homan had a three-quarter interest in the Mill Dam on 24 Apr 1781, of which he sold only half to Samuel Carman ("*and also one half of my three Quarters of the Mill dam*"). Finally, Thomas Ellison sold a quarter interest in the Mill Dam to Samuel Carman on 02 May 1785.

On 04 Apr 1781, George Beale owned a quarter interest in the Saw Mill, Grist Mill, and Bolting Mill. He had no interest in the Fulling Mill which appears to have been owned entirely by Ebenezer Homan, along with a Clothier Shop, Dye House, and Tainter Barn. The Homan deed implies that although Homan owned all of these structures in their entirety, they were situated on the one-quarter part of the dam owned by Thomas Ellison, the Hatter.

## Liber "C," Page 288. George Beale to Samuel Carman 04 April 1781 550 pounds

One-Fourth Part of the Mills and Land at South Haven George Beale of South Haven to Samuel Carman of South Haven

To all Christian People to whom these Presents Shall come greeting know ye that

I George Beal of South Haven in the Township of Brook Haven County of Suffolk and Province of New York Miller for and in Consideration of the Sum of Five hundred and fifty pounds Current money of the Province aforesaid to me in hand paid before the Ensealing and Delivery hereof by Samuel Carmon [sic.] of the Same Place Yeoman the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and myself therewith fully Satisfyed contented and paid have given granted Bargained and sold and I do by these presents fully freely and absolutely give grant Bargain Sell convey and Confirm unto him the Said Samuel Carman and to his Heirs and assigns forever the Equal Quarter or fourth Part of all that Tract or peice [sic.] of land where I now live at South Haven and butted and bounded as follows Beginning at the north west Corner of the old mill flew and running west twelve Rods to a Cedar Stake and then South till it Shall Contain the full Quantity of three acres of Upland and Swamp adjoining to Connecticut River together with the one Quarter or fourth Part of the Saw Mill Grist Mill and Bolting Mill with their Tackling and Furniture thereunto Belonging and also one Quarter or fourth part of the Dwelling House and other out Houses thereunto Belonging on the aforementioned Land; as also the one Quarter or fourth part of the Stream on which the Said Mill now Stands that is to say one Quarter of Such part of it as is to be found between the going over below the Mills and where a north line from the head of Yamphank: Strikes the Said River; and also the one Quarter or fourth Part of my three Quarters of the Mill dam and the privilege of Diging Earth from both Sides as much as shall be necessary for keeping the dam in good repair To have and to hold all and Singular the above Mentioned and Bargained Premises unto him the Said Samuel Carman his heirs and assigns and to his and their only Property [sic.] Benefit and behoof forever; and I the said George Beal do Covenant bind and oblige myself my heirs Executors and administrators to warrant and Defend all and Singular the above mentioned Granted and Bargained premises unto him the abovesaid Samuel Carman his heirs and assigns against the Just and lawfull Claims or

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Demand of any Person or Persons whatsoever In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this fourth Day of April Anno Domini One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one and in the twenty first year of his Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God &c &c. George Beale {LS} Signed Sealed and Delivered in Presence of Francis P. LeRoy Nathanail Hawkins William Terry Suffolk County } Be it remembered that on the 29th day of April Anno Domini 1794 before me Isaac Thompson Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for Said County personally came and appeared William Terry a Subscribing witness to the within Instrument of writing who being duly Sworn upon his Oath Saith that he Saw the within named George Beale Execute the Said Instrument as his Voluntary Act and Deed for the purposes therein mentioned and that he at the Same time saw Frances P. LeRay and Nathanail Hwakins Subscribe their names also as witnesses thereto and I having examined the Same finding therein no Razures or Interlineation do allow the same to be recorded Isaac Thompson Recorded 18th Day of December 1795 frs.? Ezra L'Hommedieu Clk.

Twenty days after Samuel Carman obtained a deed for a one-quarter interest in the mill property from George Beale, he obtained Ebenezer Homan's one-half interest in the property. [It is known that by 20 Feb 1792, Ebenezer Homan had constructed a new mill dam and erected a new fulling mill further upstream, at Millville, since on that date, for three pounds twelve shillings, he purchased the Town's right to the Connecticut River north of his new fulling mill.]

The deed indicates that Samuel Carman was already living in South Haven in the Spring of 1781 ("*Samuel Carman of the same place*").

It appears that the Fulling Mill, Clothier Shop, Dye House with kettles, and "tainter barn" plus a onequarter part of the Mill Dam itself made up a separate single parcel by this date. Ebenezer Homan, a clothier, owned these in full, while he had only a half-interest in the remaining three-quarters of the dam. He also had only a half-interest in the three acres of land and a half interest in the Saw Mill and the Bolting Mill (for separating flour from the bran), the Dwelling House, and other out houses all of which he conveyed to Samuel Carman on 24 Apr 1781 along with Homan's half-interest in the river from "the going over below the dam" to the point where the river was intersected by the Yamphank Line. (This intersection point is located just south of the Long Island Expressway, north of the main line of the L.I.R.R..)

Thomas Ellison already owned property at the mills, since the deed indicates that part of Ebenezer Homan's clothing business was situated on Thomas Ellison's land.

## Liber "C," Page 275. Ebenezer and Eunice Homan *to* Samuel Carman

24 April 1781 1,337 pounds and 10 shillings

## One-Half Part of the Mills and Land at South Haven Ebenezer and Eunice Homan of Southaven to Samuel Carman

To all Christian People to whom these Presents come Greeting

Know ye that I Ebenezer Homan of Southaven in the Township of Brookhaven County of Suffolk and <del>State</del> Province of New York Clothier for and in consideration of the full Sum of One Thousand three Hundred and thirty seven Pounds ten Shillings to me in hand paid by Samuel Carman of the same place before the Ensealing and Delivery hereof the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and myself therewith fully Satisfied Contented and paid Have given Granted Bargained and Sold and I do by these Presents fully freely and absolutely give grant Bargain Sell alien Convey and Confirm unto him the said Samuel Carmen and to his Heirs and assigns forever the one Equal Half of all that tract or piece of Land where I now live at South Haven and butted and bounded as follows Beginning at Northwest Corner of the old Mill flue and Running west twelve rods to a Cedar Stake and then South till it Should Contain The full Quantity of three acres of Upland and Swamp adjoining Connecticut River together with one half of the Saw Mill and bolting Mill with the Tackling and furniture thereunto Belonging and also one half of the Dwelling House and other out Houses thereunto thereunto [sic.] belonging on the aforementioned: as also the one half of the Stream on which the Mills now Stands that is to say the one half of such part of it as is to be found between the going over Below the said Mills and where a North line from the Head of Yamphank Strikes upon the said River and also one half of my three Quarters of the Mill dam and the privilege of diging [sic.] Earth from both Sides as much as is Necessary for keeping the dam in good Repare [sic.] also a fulling Mill with one Quarter of the dam with the Privileges Belonging to it Standing on said Dam with a Cloatheir Shop [sic., "Clothier" has been mis-corrected with a caret and an inserted "a" to "Cloathier"] with the tools and dye House and Kettles and tainter? Barn? Standing on Thomas Elisons Land also three Quarters of a Tract of Land Bounded as follows in Yamphank Neck Northerly by the South road Eastwardly

by the land formerly Belonging to William Hallock and Southwardly and Westwardly by the land of Nathan Woodruff all which contains ten acres

To Have and to hold all and singular the abovementioned and bargained Premises unto him the above named Samuel Carman and to his Heirs and assigns and to his and their only proper Use Benefit and behoof forever and I the said Ebenezer Homan do further covenant and bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators to warrant and Defend all and Singular the above Mentioned granted and Bargained Premises unto him the above named Samuel Carman his heirs and assigns against the Just and lawful Claims or Demands of any person or persons whatsoever

Eunice Homan wife to me the said Ebenezer Homan doth by these presents freely Willingly and voluntarily give Yield up and Surrender all her Right of Dowry and power of thirds of in and unto all the aforesaid described Premises to him the said Samuel Carman and to his Heirs and assigns forever

in witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals this twenty fourth April anno Domin [sic.] One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty One and in the twenty first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God &c.

Ebenezer Homan{L. S.}Signed and Sealed and DeliveredEunice HomanIn presence of Francis P. LeRoyEunice Homan

William Terry, Nathaniel Hawkins

Suffolk County } Ss Be it remembered that on the eighth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety four before me Isaac Thompson Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for said County personally came and appeared the within named Ebenezer Homan and Eunice his wife who severally acknowledged that they executed the within Deed as their and each of their voluntary act and Deed to and for the purpose therein Mentioned and the said Eunice being by me Examined Separate and apart from her said Husband acknowledges that she Executed the Same freely without any Fear or Compulsion of her husband to Induce her So to do and I having inspected the same

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Isaac Thompson

The Thomas Ellison deed was examined and copied on 30 Jun 2011.

While Ebenezer Homan had a half-interest in the mill property, Thomas Ellison had acquired a quarterinterest, apparently from the half-interest that was at one time owned by Jeremiah Homan.

Samuel Carman was already living on the land (of which he already owned a half-interest) and was purchasing an additional quarter-interest. He was also running some sort of shop there, but the kind of shop can not be deciphered. It appears to be a "porss Shop"

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The deed also mentions the "Meeting House Land."

The recorder of this deed used a "y" for the "thorn" symbol (the "th" sound), so instead of spelling out the word "the" he sometimes writes  $y^{e}$ , but not consistently.

This deed mentions a saw mill, grist mill and bolting mill (Sam Carman would already have owned the fulling mill). The Ebenezer Homan deed didn't mention the grist mill.

## Liber "C," Page 266. **Thomas and Leticia Ellison** *to* **Samuel Carman** 02 May 1785 375 pounds

## One-Fourth Part of the Mills and Land at South Haven Thomas Ellison of South Haven to Samuel Carman of South Haven

This indenture made the second day of May in the year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-Five between Thomas Ellison of South Haven in the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County and in the State of New York Hatter of the one part and Samuel Carman of the Town County Island and State aforesaid Miller on the other Part Witnesseth that the said Thomas Ellison for and in consideration of the part and full sum of Three Hundred and Seventy five pounds good Currant and Lawful money of y<sup>e</sup> State of New York aforesaid to him in Hand well and truly paid by the said Samuel Carman the receipt whereof he doth acknowledge and himself to be therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and from every part and parcel thereof do Exonerate acquit and fully Discharge him the said Samuel Carman his heirs Executors and administrators and each and every of them forever by these presents Hath Given Granted Bargained and Sold and by these presents do fully freely clearly and Absolutely Give Grant Bargain and Sell unto him the said Samuel Carman and to his heirs and assigns all that of the one equal Quarter or fourth part of all that Tract or piece of Land where y<sup>e</sup> said Samuel Carman now liveth at South Haven aforesaid Butted and Bounded as follows

Beginning at the North West Corner of the old Mill Flue and running west twelve rods to a Cedar Stake and then Southerly untill it comes to the Southwest corner of Carmans porss Shop from thence to a Certain Stone Buried in the Ground a little Northeasterly from the House that said Ellison Bought of Mr. Brewster from thence running Southerly to the Meeting House Land thence by said Land to Connecticut River Containing three acres of Upland and Swamp

Together with one Quarter or Fourth part of the Saw Mill Grist Mill and Bolting Mill and all the Utensils and Furniture thereunto belonging,

and also the one Quarter or fourth Part of the Dwelling House Barn and Other Out houses thereunto belonging on the aforementioned Land

as also the One Quarter or fourth part of the Stream on which Said Mills now Standeth That is to say the One Quarter of Such part of it as is to be found between  $y^e$  going over below  $y^e$  Mills and a line Running North from  $y^e$  Head of Yamphank untill it Strikes  $y^e$  Said River commonly called Smiths Line

and also  $y^e$  one Quarter or fourth part of  $y^e$  Mill Dam and  $y^e$  privilege of Diging earth from both Sides as much as Shall be Necessary for keeping  $y^e$  Dam in good Repair

To Have and to hold all and Singular  $y^e$  above mentioned Bargained premises unto him  $y^e$  Said Samuel Carman his Heirs and Assigns and to his and their only proper Use Benefit and behoof forever and the Said Thomas Ellison do further Covenant and Bind himself his Heirs Executors and administrators to warrant and Defend all and Singular  $y^e$  abovementioned Granted and Bargained premises unto him  $y^e$  Said Samuel Carman and to his Heirs and Assigns againt  $y^e$  Just and Lawful Claims and Demands of all persons whomsoever and Leticia Ellison wife of  $y^e$  said Thomas Ellison do by these presents fully willingly and Voluntarily Give Yield up and Surrender all her Right of Dower or thirds of in and unto All the abovementioned Granted and Bargained premises unto him  $y^e$  Said Samuel Carman and to his Heirs and assigns forever

In witness whereof  $y^{e}$  Said Thomas Ellison and Leticia his wife have hereunto Set their hands and Seals  $y^{e}$  Day and Year first above Written.

	Thomas Ellison	$\{L.S.\}$
Sealed and Delivered In the presence	her	
of Richard Ellison Richard Ellison Jun <sup>r</sup>	Leticia $\mathbf{X}$ Ellison	$\{L.S.\}$
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Suffolk County} Be it Remembered that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March Anno Domini 1794 before me Isaac Thompson Esquire one of the Judges of the Common Pleas for Said County personally and appeared the within named Thomas Ellison and Leticia his wife who Severally acknowledged that The [sic.] Executed the written Deed as their and each of their voluntary Act and Deed to and for the purpose therein mentioned and the Said Leticia being by me examined Separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged that she executed the same fully without any fear or Compulsion of her husband to Induce her so to do, and I having examined the same finding therein no Rasures or Interlineation do allow the Same to be Recorded

Isaac Thomson

Recorded 25<sup>th</sup> day of Apirl 1794 for Ezra L Hommediue Clk,