

APPENDIX C

DIVISION OF LAND IN MIDDLEFIELD

MURRAYFIELD. In the Murrayfield Section the First Division lots were laid out in tiers extending north 10 degrees west from the Blandford line to the north line of the township. Most of these lots were rectangular and contained 108 acres each. They were laid out in October and November, 1762. The Second Division lots in this corner of the township were quadrilaterals of various shapes filling in the area between the First Division lots and the township lines as shown on the map. (This part of the map was taken from a plan found in Alfred M. Copeland's book, *A History of Murrayfield Earlier Known as Township No. 9, 1760-83*. Springfield, Massachusetts, 1892.)

BECKET. The plan of Becket lots was found among the Becket Town Records. The lots are arranged in more or less regular tiers running north 6 degrees east. The Third Division lots occupy the extreme northeast corner of the township, lying along the north and east lines, with the Fifth Division lots lying south and west of them extending to the Westfield River. The majority of the lots averaged about 50 acres each. David Mack's home lot No. 5 in the 3rd Division contained 53 acres. Lot No. 37 on the West Hill contained 58 acres. Some lots in the Fifth Division like lot No. 51 contained but 45 acres.

WASHINGTON. The lots in Washington section belong to the Second Division of that town. The plot was obtained through John W. Crane who obtained the data from the town records.

PARTRIDGEFIELD. The land ceded to Middlefield by Partridgefield included one tier of five lots containing about 200 acres each. The data covering the numbers and arrangements of the lots was all obtained by a study of the deeds conveying these lots.

WORTHINGTON. All attempts to find a copy of Nathaniel Dwight's original plan of the lots in Worthington Section ceded to Middlefield having failed, a reconstruction of this por-



LOTS IN SECTIONS FORMING MIDDLEFIELD

Scale $\frac{1}{16}'' = 16$ rods.

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tion of the plan, covering the lots now in Middlefield, was attempted from a study of the deeds on record in Springfield and Northampton. These together with a description of the boundaries of school districts in Middlefield for the year 1833 are a basis for the lay-out shown on the map, which is believed to be in the main correct. The majority of the lots were 100 x 160 rods, containing 100 acres each, and were arranged in tiers running north 2 degrees west. Along the township lines were several wedge-shaped lots like lot No. 207, where Middlefield Center is located, containing 165 acres; lot No. 223, G. E. Cook's farm, lot No. 222, the old Chamberlain farm and the Bissell Lot, 144 acres, and lot No. 129 in the Den, 85 acres. Soon after the purchase of the plantation, Colonel Worthington made the town a donation of 1,200 acres, to defray ministerial and school expenses. Of this area lot No. 223 was leased on December 18, 1780, to Daniel Chapman, for fifty-seven pounds, for a term of 999 years.

PRESCOTT'S GRANT. From a study of the deeds at the various county seats it has been possible to reconstruct Josiah Arnold's original plan of lots in the portion of Prescott's Grant which he bought of William Spencer. This area, supposed to contain 2,600 acres, he divided into four divisions of thirteen lots each. The First Division in the East, so called, bounded east on the west line of Worthington and its south line extended west as far as the Hollow. The Second Division in the East, lying west of the First Division lay partly on the West Hill and partly on the Meadows of Factory Brook and extended northwardly to Dickson Hill. The First Division in the West extended from the house of Mr. Eden to the old Wanzer farm, where Lyman Meacham once lived. The Second Division in the West lay west of this and along the former Washington line.

The early deeds describe the lots as given on page 350 Appendix A.

APPENDIX D

TOWN OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTMEN OF MIDDLEFIELD

- 1783-84 Samuel Jones, David Mack, Job Robbins.
1785 Malachi Loveland, Timothy McElwain, Solomon Ingham.
1786 Malachi Loveland, Timothy McElwain, William Church.
1787-88 Capt. David Mack, Matthew Smith, Bissell Phelps.
1789 Samuel Jones, James Dickson, Daniel Chapman.
1790 Daniel Chapman, Malachi Loveland, Amasa Graves.
1791 Malachi Loveland, Matthew Smith, Amasa Graves.
1792 Matthew Smith, Samuel Woods, Elisha Mack.
1793-95 Matthew Smith, Erastus Ingham, Elisha Mack.
1796-98 Erastus Ingham, Elisha Mack, Thomas Durant.
1799-1800 Matthew Smith, Uriah Church, Solomon Ingham.
1801-03 Matthew Smith, Solomon Ingham, Erastus Ingham.
1804-05 Solomon Ingham, Erastus Ingham, John Smith.
1806 Matthew Smith, John Dickson, Ebenezer Emmons.
1807-10 Uriah Church, John Dickson, Ebenezer Emmons.
1811-14 Erastus Ingham, John Dickson, Daniel Root.
1815-16 John Dickson, Daniel Root, John Metcalf.
1817 Solomon Ingham, Daniel Root, Cyrus Cone.
1818 Daniel Root, Cyrus Cone, Alexander Dickson.
1819-20 Cyrus Cone, Alexander Dickson, Green H. Church.
1821-23 John Dickson, Daniel Root, Matthew Smith, Jr.
1824 Daniel Root, Matthew Smith, Jr., Solomon Root, Jr.
1825-27 Matthew Smith, Jr., Solomon Root, Jr., Gaston Dickson.
1828-29 Solomon Root, Jr., Gaston Dickson, Samuel Smith.
1830 Solomon Root, Samuel Smith, James Church.
1831 Samuel Smith, Erastus J. Ingham, Ambrose Smith.
1832 Erastus J. Ingham, Ambrose Smith, Solomon Root.
1833 Ambrose Smith, Solomon Root, James Cross.
1834 Solomon Root, James Cross, Jonathan McElwain.
1835 Erastus J. Ingham, Samuel Smith, Oliver Smith.
1836-37 Oliver Smith, Jesse Wright, Ambrose Newton.
1838 Samuel Smith, Ambrose Newton, Oliver Smith, 2nd.
1839-40 Samuel Smith, Ebenezer Smith, Amasa G. Loveland.
1841 James Church, Dan Pease, Jr., Horace Pease.
1842 Dan Pease, Jr., Ambrose Newton, Henry Hawes.
1843 Dan Pease, Jr., Samuel Loveland, Harry Meacham.