

Hunt Collection

Extraction of Land Records with maps, 1651-1800+, compiled by Malcolm P. Hunt

Sketch maps on the envelope for each section, keyed to a 1952 map of Norwalk (framed, displayed on wall) delineate home lots or blocks included. Parts of New Canaan, Wilton and Westport noted below were included in the colonial town of Norwalk.

Each envelope contains extractions by Mr. Hunt from original deeds, showing transfers of ownership from first proprietors (where found) until at least 1800, with additional transfers to about 1900 for some plots. Mr. Hunt (1924-2011) was a title searcher and genealogist.

Norwalk – key maps
Norwalk - 1952 map

Home lots – 1-60 [26, 55]
Sheep Pen (29 plots)

Norwalk – block 1-31 [5, 7, 17, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29]

South Norwalk – block 1-15 [1]
East Norwalk – block 1-32 [16, 17, 29] – includes portions now in Westport

West Norwalk – block 1-13 [1, 5, 7, 8, 12]
Rowayton – block 1-28 [3, 27]
Rowayton – deeds, maps (11 envelopes)
New Canaan – block 1-6

Wilton – block 1-38 [4, 5, 9, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36]

Numbered blocks in brackets are not included in envelopes – some may be of areas sparsely settled or areas later assigned to neighboring town/neighborhoods

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Map links

are to Hunt's sketch maps of portion of the original town of Norwalk, each divided into numbered "blocks," representing areas within which Mr. Hunt grouped his extractions of land deeds from the colonial settlement to about 1800 or in many instances later.

Subsequent links, by block number,

show names found either as grantor and grantee in the deeds, alphabetized, for the given block. Each block is numbered, as well as each sheet in the envelope for that block. On each sheet are extracts from one deed, including the volume and page number by which a

searcher can locate the deed at the Town Clerks' office. Also included is the year the deed was recorded (or dated, if recording date is not shown) to aid identification, as well as the residence place of each party, if not Norwalk.

Personal names are spelled as given on the document while place names are modernized if known. Places are in Connecticut unless specified by 2-digit state abbreviations. Deeds are from Norwalk town records unless specified by an asterisk. Deed volumes are in whole numbers except for vol. 2 & 3 (abbreviated as 2+), and P1 and PB for Proprietors' books.

Envelopes of block extraction sheets may also include additional detailed sketch maps showing some property boundaries, as well as portions of early land grants and wills.

It appears that blocks listed as missing by number or on the maps may not have been completed by Mr. Hunt, possibly due to sparse settlement in the years before 1800 or deeds not recorded. Some may be included in adjacent towns. Maps may show these block numbers omitted or crossed out.

“Home Lotts,”

represent the original properties distributed to the first settlers of the town in what is now a part of East Norwalk, roughly as listed (and mapped on p. 39) in Selleck's history, “Norwalk” (1896). Since each of these plots is treated separately, the transactions are few in most instances. Therefore I have grouped them by number of entries in two alphabetical sequences: 1-42 and 43-60, including the Sheep Pen in the latter group. The sketch map will be reproduced twice so as to include boundaries for each group.