

I am writing in support of the effort to stop the sale of land on Little Neck, Ipswich, MA, willed by William Paine in 1660 to be used to benefit Ipswich public schools. In his will, Paine specified that the land should never be sold. My interest in this effort stems from the fact that I am a direct descendant of William Payne, as shown below:

William Paine: b. abt. 1598 in Nowton, Suffolk, England, d. 1660, in Boston MA,
m. Anna (surname not found).→
Hannah Paine: b. 1629 in Ipswich MA, d. 1656 in Boston MA,
m. Samuel Appleton: b. 1624 in Little Waldingsfield, Suffolk, England MA,
d. 1696 in Ipswich, MA.
Judith Appleton: b. 1653 in Ipswich MA, d. 1740 in Wethersfield, CT,
m. Samuel Wolcott: b. 1656 in Windsor CT, d. 1695 in Wethersfield CT.→
Sarah Wolcott: b. 1686 in Wethersfield CT, d. 1776 in Wethersfield CT,
m. Robert Welles: b. 1684 in Wethersfield CT, d. 1738 in Wethersfield CT.→
Sarah Welles: b. 1708 in Wethersfield CT, d. 1776 in Wethersfield CT,
m. Jonathan Robbins: b. 1694 in Wethersfield CT, d. 1777 in Wethersfield CT→
Hopeful Robbins: b. 1735 in Wethersfield CT, d. 1826 in Wethersfield CT,
m. Joseph Moseley: b. 1735 in Glastonbury CT, d. 1806 in Glastonbury CT.→
Hopeful Moseley: b. 1764 in Glastonbury CT, d. 1852 in Glastonbury CT,
m. George Hale: b. 1759 in Glastonbury CT, d. 1803 in Catskill, NY.→
Sophia Hale: b. 1789 in New Britain CT, d. 1866 in Sackets Harbor, NY,
m. Elisha Camp: b. 1786 in Sackets Harbor, NY, d. 1866 in Sackets Harbor, NY.→
George Hale Camp: b. 1817 in Sackets Harbor, NY, d. 1883 in Sackets Harbor, NY,
m. Mary Smith: b. 1819 in Watertown, NY, d. 1900 in Fort Wadsworth, NY.
Sophia Hale Camp: b. 1851 in Sackets Harbor, NY, d. 1915 in Minneapolis, MN.
m. Charles Fisher: b. 1841 in Schenectady, NY, d. 1924 in St. Paul, MN.→
Tully Fisher: b. 1892 in St. Paul, MN, d. 1944 in Superior WI,
m. Ione Brown, b. 1901 in Little Falls MN, d. 1940 in Rochester, MN.→
Gordon Fisher: b. 1925 in St. Paul, MN.

Genealogical research done by me and my daughter shows that William Paine was one of my great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfathers. I now live in Westchester County, NY, having moved there several years ago from Virginia to be near one of my daughters. I have never been in Ipswich, MA, and I have no personal connection with any matters in Ipswich, other than my descent as shown. Paine died 352 years ago. I have little information about him in my genealogical database. Why then do I write in support of the movement to halt the sale of the land deeded by Paine so long ago?

I have been asked if I would be willing to talk to a reporter in connection with legal proceedings taking place intended to stop sale of the land in question. I demurred on grounds of infirmities of age – I am 86 years old. However, I offered to give my support in writing.

I am doing this in the interest of justice. From the website Ipswichtrust.org, I have read Kathleen Brill's history of Paine's bequest and about an appraisal of the land bequeathed, and also an article from the Boston *Globe* about the legal situation. In Paine's will he specifies that the land in Little Neck "is to be and remain to the benefit of the said school of Ipswich forever and therefore the said land not to be sold nor wasted." (from Brill's history). It appears to be unequivocal that the land is not to be sold, and that any profits from the land should be used by or on behalf of the public schools of Ipswich "forever".

As a descendant of William Paine and as a person who wants justice to be done and people's verified requests to be honored, I am pleading on behalf of stopping the sale of the land in Little Neck, and on behalf of its profits continuing to be used to benefit Ipswich's public schools.

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