

## John Carman

Good people of Sandwich, I am John Carman. Like my friend of long ago, Mr. Almy, it has been a long time since I was last in Sandwich. Like Mr. Almy I lived here for only a very short time.

In the year 1631 I received money from an estate. I left England for the Massachusetts Bay Colony that year on the ship, *Lion*. In 1635 I had the honor of representing the area now called Lynn in the General Court. But in 1637 I joined nine other men in removing from Saugus for the freer lands of Cape Cod. We had been granted land here by the Plymouth Colony. I fared well in Sandwich, acquiring a decent amount of land: my house and about fifteen acres in the Scusset area,

another sixteen areas of meadow just east of the village, eight acres of meadow at Town Neck near the beach, ten acres of upland in the area called Ploughed Neck, and ninety acres of woodland on the plains near the woodlands of Mr. Dexter and Mr. Dillingham.

In 1640 I was selected to serve on a committee with authority reallocate the town's meadowlands. Yet, despite my material prosperity and my good repute in the community, like Mr. Almy, I felt the call to move west. I was no longer in Sandwich by 1643.