

Worship Down to Day 1877

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Selection of the Gov of New York  
 Geo. Thompson and petitioner respectfully Claiming  
 that he owns a small Government town and  
 piece of Land situated described & bounded  
 as is the draft & plan before you up on  
 what is call<sup>d</sup> Sylvia's Lane and has been  
 Occupied for about 80 years first by the old  
 Kieffer and Sylvia who occupied it and a  
 blacksmith shop attached thereto who occupy<sup>d</sup>  
 it many years after them it fell to David & Nancy  
 Ruggles who occupy the premises for many  
 years & brought from child to man and woman  
 had 6 Male & 3 female children of David  
 and Nancy Ruggles

and what old up town don't know Nancy  
 Ruggles for 50 years up as there a wedding  
 party funeral or a child's birth or a tea  
 party Nancy must come and make the cake  
 and pass it round & she was always there  
 after them the premises was occupied by  
 Deborah Parkhurst & Sylvia a sister  
 of Nancy after them it fell to Governor  
 David Grainger Ruggles the only survivors  
 of all the Ruggles family they now live out  
 at service in the City of New York Governor is  
 the widow of Mrs Parkhurst who died Cali  
 fornia a respectable member the Mason  
 Lodge she keeps house some years for  
 Mr J. M. Harris of New London

after old Aunt Sylvia died the House  
left empty and you took me by did you  
buy the old house which had made you so much  
trouble & vexation. I remember you I recollect  
first I felt under obligations to Mary  
Rogers and her family for the long kind  
& faithful service she had rendered my  
family & wanted that I was the only rightfull  
owner should have something <sup>upon</sup> them  
Mother sawdily I did not want any family  
in there so near my premises & they there  
is no water on the triangular spot of land  
between the two roads and 5 houses & Bars

that well all can be dug it is solid rock  
I have a well of running water in my  
Bars Yard & my intention to put up  
a side to it a ~~reservoir~~ <sup>reservoir</sup> I take  
the water from my well not being away  
in consequence of Saffers go on with it I gave  
the house to Mr. Edmund Murphy  
a Thompsons son Doctor who after the death of  
his Father and Mother became dishearted  
and discouraged at Long there appeared  
a conspiracy against the old House and  
its Tenant and myself you all know  
the result the House was burnt by its con-  
spirators and all its contents Bedding, clothing,  
household furniture by on all destroyed  
and I soon after being persecuted and  
cast down poor I died after all this  
The conspirators come on to the premises and  
carry off ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> any note - and seized upon  
The premises I am down the New Break