

### **Documents Naming Heirs of Moses Gunn of Shaftsbury, Bennington County, VT**

After Moses Gunn died his property in Shaftsbury, Benington County, VT was sold in 1823. The two attached documents were miraculously found among microfilmed copies of recorded deeds for Bennington County, VT in Salt Lake City, UT by Diane Wilson Flynn in 2015, and she also provided a transcription for both documents. The first document was prepared in 1822 to assign power of attorney from six heirs of Moses Gunn to Asa Doty for the purpose of selling Moses Gunn's property in Shaftsbury, since all six heirs had moved away from Vermont to New York. Heirs Daniel Gunn, Aaron Gun, Hiram Gunn and Sally Gunn signed the document in Pembroke, Genesee County, NY. The name Sally Gunn is included in the original document, but it was not included in the transcription. Heirs Charles Gunn and Moses Gunn Jr. signed the document in Onondaga, Onondaga County, New York. The second document describes Moses Gunn's property that Asa Doty proceeded to sell to William House on behalf of the six heirs of Moses Gunn.

William V. Gehrlein  
18 June 2023  
Lewes, DE

Know all men by these presents that we Daniel Gunn Aaron Gunn Hiram Gunn  
 Sully Gunn all of the Town of Benning County of Genesee & State of New York & Charles  
 Gunn & Moses Gunn of the Town & County of Benning <sup>State of Vermont</sup> being heirs to the Estate of Moses  
 Gunn late of the Town of Shaftsbury County of Bennington and State of Vermont do  
 by these presents make ordain constitute and appoint Asa Doty Bennington in  
 said County of Bennington aforesaid our true and Lawfull attorney for us & and  
 our Heirs & for our own proper use & benefit to sell convey & dispose of all the real  
 Estate of said deceased belonging to us the Heirs and to use our Name in any  
 Lawfull way in signing any conveyance of said Estate the same as though we  
 our selves were there and to receive such pay or compensation for said Estate as he  
 the said Asa Doty may think proper hereby satisfying and confining our selves  
 to whatever our said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises in witness whereof  
 we have hereunto our hands & seals at Benning this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1822  
 In presence of: Stephen King.

At Benning in Genesee County and State of New York this sixth day of June 1822 personally appeared the  
 above named Daniel Gunn Aaron Gunn Hiram  
 Gunn Sarah Gunn signers & sealed of the foregoing -  
 Power of Attorney and acknowledged the same to be their free act &  
 deed and also before me - Stephen King Justice Peace.

At Benning County of Bennington State of New York this eighteenth day of  
 July 1822 personally appeared the above named Charles Gunn & Moses Gunn signers &  
 sealed the foregoing power of Attorney & acknowledged the same to be their free act &  
 deed before me - Timothy Bradley J. P.

Daniel Gunn - (Seal)  
 Aaron Gunn - (Seal)  
 Sully Gunn - (Seal)  
 Hiram Gunn - (Seal)  
 Charles Gunn - (Seal)  
 Moses Gunn - (Seal)

Received for Record the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1823  
 and Recorded by me - Joseph Gustafson Clerk

Shaftsbury, Bennington County, Vermont, Deeds, Vol. 8, p. 13 Power of Attorney signed by the Heirs of Moses Gunn,  
 deceased. FHL #28930

Know all men by these presents that we Daniel Gunn Aaron Gunn Hiram Gunn all of the town of Pembroke in the county of Genesee & state of New York & Charles Gunn & Moses Gunn of the Town & county of Onondaga & state aforesaid Being heirs to the Estate of Moses Gunn late of the town of Shaftsbury County of Bennington & state of Vermont do by these present make ordain constitute and appoint Asa Doty Bennington in Said county of Bennington aforesaid our true and Lawfull attorney & for us & our names & for our own proper use & benefit to sell convey & dispose of all the real Estate of Said deceased belonging to us the said heirs & to use our Names in any lawfull way in signing any conveyance of said Estate the same as though we ourselves were there and to receive Said pay or compensation for said Estate as he the said Asa Doty may think proper hereby satisfying and confining ourselves to whatever our said attorney shall lawfully do in the premises In witnefs whereof we have hereunto our hands & seals at Said Pembrok this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1822

In presence of Stephen King

Daniel Gunn ~~~~ (LS)

Aaron Gunn ~~~~ (LS)

Sally Gunn ~~~~ (LS)

Hiram Gunn ~~~~ (LS)

Charles Gunn ~~~~ (LS)

Moses Gunn ~~~~ (LS)

At Pembroke in Genesee county and State of New York

this Sixth day of June 1822 personally appeared the

Above named Daniel Gunn Aaron Gunn Hiram

Gunn Sarah Gunn Signed & Sealed of the foregoing

Power of Attorney and Acknowledged the Same be their

free act and deed before me Stephen King Justice Peace

At Onondaga county of Onondaga & state of New York this Eighteenth day of July 1822 personally

appeared the above named Charles Gunn & Moses Gunn Signed & Sealed the foregoing power of

Attorney & acknowledged the same to be their free act & deed before me

Timothy Barber J.P.

Received for Record the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1823

and Recorded by me

Jacob Galusha Town Clerk



14. Know all men by these presents that I Asa Doty of Bennington in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont for the consideration of one hundred and seventy dollars received to my full satisfaction of William House of Shaftsbury in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont do give grant bargain sell and confirm unto the said William House and to his heirs and assigns forever all my right title and demand I have in and unto a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Shaftsbury aforesaid it being the House and lot formerly owned by Moses Gunn now deceased which lot he held by purchase of Samuel House of said Shaftsbury and is bounded as follows beginning at the North east corner of lands now in possession of John Stephens thence running west eight degrees and thirty minutes North sixty two rods to a stake and stone thence North thirty eight degrees and ten minutes east three rods to a stake and stone thence east ten degrees and fifty minutes North eighteen rods and eight links to a stake and stone thence East eleven degrees South fourteen rods and seven links to a stake and stone thence East eleven degrees and twenty minutes South twelve rods and twenty two links to a stake and stone thence East sixteen degrees South sixteen rods and ten links to a stake and stone thence South 8° and 30 minutes west four rods and twenty three links to a stake and stone at the bounds first mentioned containing two acres and 110 rods of land To have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises with the Appurtenances thereof unto him the said William House and unto his heirs and assigns forever to his and their own proper use benefit and behoof And also I the said Asa Doty do for my self and my heirs Executors and administrators Covenant with the said William House and with his heirs and assigns that at and until the ensuing

of these presents I was well sired of the premises as a good and indefeasible  
 estate in fee simple and have good right right to bargain and sell the same  
 in manner and form as above written And that the same is free of all incum-  
 -brances whatsoever And furthermore I the said Asa Doty do by these presents  
 bind myself and heirs to warrant and defend the above granted and bargained  
 premises to the said William House and to his heirs and assigns against  
 all claims and demands whatsoever In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. Anno Domini 1822  
 Signed sealed and delivered  
 in presence of  
 Lucius H. Gibbs of State of Vermont  
 Francis B. Perkins } Bennington County } Bennington Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1822  
 personally appeared Asa Doty sign and seal of the above written instrument  
 and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed before me  
 Notar for Bennington County of January 1823  
 and Reader of me - Wm Henry Justice of Peace  
 Jacob G. Atusha Town Clerk



Know all men by these present that I Asa Doty of Bennington in the County of Bennington and state of Vermont for the consideration of one hundred and twenty dollars received to my full satisfaction of William House of Shaftsbury in the county of Bennington and State of Vermont do give grant bargain sell and confirm unto the Said William House and to his heirs and Afsigns forever all my right title and demand I have in and unto a certain part or parcel of land lying and being in Shaftsbury aforesaid it being the House and lot formerly owned by Moses Gunn now deceased which lot he held by purchase or demand of Samuel House of Shaftsbury and is bounded<sup>ed</sup> as follows beginning at the North east corner of lands now in pofsefsionof John Stephens thence running West eight degrees and thirty minutes North Sixty two rods to a stake and stones thence North thirty eight degrees and ten minutes east three rods to a stake and stones thence east ten degrees and fifty minutes North eighteen rods and eight links to a stake and stones thence East eleven degrees South fourteen rod and seventeen links to a stake and stones thence East eleven degrees and twenty minutes South twelve rods and twenty two links to a stake and stones thence East sixteen degrees South Sixteen rods and ten links to a stake and stones thence South 8° and 30 minutes west four rods and twenty three links to a stake and stones at the bounds first mentioned containing two acres and 110 rods of land to have and to hold the above granted and bargained premises with the Appurtenances thereof unto him the Said William House and unto his heirs and afsigns forever to his and their own proper Use benefit and behoof And also I the said Asa Doty do for my self and my heirs Executors and administrators covenant with the Said William House and with his heirs and afsigns that at and until the ensealing of these presents I was well sured of the premises as a good and in desirable estate in fee simple and have good right ~~right~~ to bargain and Sell the same in manner and form as above written And that the Same is free of all encumbrances Whatsoever And furthermore I the Said Asa Doty do by these presents bind myself and heirs to warrant and defend the Above granted and bargained premises to the said William House and to his heirs ~~afs~~ and afsigns against all claims and demands whatsoever In witnefs whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>m</sup>. Anno Domini 1922

Signed sealed and delivered

Asa Doty (LS)

in presence of Lucius H. Gibbs of State of Vermont}

Francis Backinning Bennington County } Bennington Nov<sup>m</sup>. 9<sup>th</sup> 1922

personally appeared Asa Doty Signer and Sealer of the Above written Instrument and Acknowleged the same to be his free act and deed before me

Wm Henry Justice of Peace

Received for Recording 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1823

and Recorded by me

Jacob Galusha Town Clerk

*Shaftsbury, Bennington County, Vermont, Deeds, Vol. 8, p. 14 Sale of the House and Lot of Moses Gunn, deceased. FHL #28930*