

Isaac Orsborn's Land Transactions in Mayfield, New York

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Mayfield was in Montgomery County until 18 April 1838 when Fulton County was formed.

Many of the property descriptions refer to the Kingsborough Patent, which was a 20,000 acre tract of land awarded by the Colonial Government in 1753 to Arent Stevens and others. It included parts of the present day towns of Mayfield, Johnstown and Ephratah. [1]

Some of these properties came with what appears to be a perpetual lease with fixed rents which had to be paid forever and other conditions. The leases did not have a fixed term and did not appear to provide any means by which the lessor could change the rent or conditions. The lessee appeared sell the land as though it was his, as the buyer paid cash to the seller, but the buyer also assumed responsibility for meeting the terms of the lease.

All of these land transactions, with the exception of the first, can be found in New York land records, 1630-1975 at familysearch.org. URLs for images of the original documents are given with each transaction.

1817

Isaac traded his home in Halfmoon for a house with a blacksmith shop and 2 acres in Mayfield. See his letter to his parents and brother. This transaction apparently was not recorded by Montgomery County.

Image of letter: http://rootdigger.org/documents/1817October18-Ltr_IsaacOrsbornJr_to_parents.pdf

Transcription of letter: http://rootdigger.org/documents/OrsbornLetters_transcription.pdf

28 Jul 1823

Isaac and Mille Orsborn of Mayfield sold to Aaron N. Peake for \$50 one-half acre of land in Mayfield in lot 16 of a patent granted by Cadwader Colden to John Glen and 44 others 14 Aug 1770. This land came with a lease which required the yearly rent of 9 cents and payment of all taxes on the land. The lease included reservations respecting mines, minerals, mills and mill dams.

Recorded 2 Jun 1827, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 23, p. 234.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1951-32680-2612-94?cc=2078654&wc=M7H5-P2S:358136301,358344701>

Note: This parcel and the next may have been parts of the land originally obtained in Isaac's land swap of 1817.

30 Apr 1825

Isaac Orsborn and Mille his wife of Mayfield sold to Henry Armington of Malta in Saratoga County for \$550 one acre of land being a part of lot 16 in a patent granted to John Glen and 44 others. This land came with a lease which required an annual payment of 17 and ½ cents per acre.

Recorded 20 July 1832, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 31, p. 414.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1951-32679-17121-31?cc=2078654&wc=M7HR-9NB:358136301,358389901>

2 May 1825

Isaac Osborn of Mayfield bought from Isaac Bemis of Mayfield for \$325 fifty acres of lot 241 in the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent in Mayfield. The land was bounded on the south by the lands of the heirs of Benjamin Foster, on the west by Thomas Stevens, on the north by Solomon Knap [sic], and the east by Solomon Knap [sic] Jr. and Martin Sil[?].

Recorded 29 Mar 1826, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 21, p. 309.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32683-7261-33?cc=2078654&wc=M7H5-LNL:358136301,358335201>

18 Jul 1828

James G. Hollis of Mayfield sold to Isaac Osborn for \$20 one acre of lot 246 in the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent in Mayfield. Solomon Knapp's land was mentioned as being one of the borders of the property.

Recorded 14 Jul 1828, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 25, p. 124.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32680-19031-39?cc=2078654&wc=M7H5-RM7:358136301,358355101>

6 May 1829

Jacob Gurnee and Catherine his wife of Mayfield sold to Isaac Osborn for \$100 nine acres and 9 and an half tenths of an acre of lot 246 of the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent in Mayfield.

Recorded 6 May 1829, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 26, p. 231.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32679-4913-3?cc=2078654&wc=M7H5-5TT:358136301,358365601>

3 Nov 1829

Isaac and Mille Orsborn of Mayfield sold to Solomon Knapp Junior for \$175 "and being subject to the original liens" 24 acres of lot 241 in the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent in Mayfield. (Adjacent lands belong to Solomon Knapp and Thomas Stevens.)

Recorded 14 Dec 1837, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 42, p. 432.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32680-6802-48?cc=2078654&wc=M7HR-W6J:358136301,358409401>

5 Feb 1834

Elisha Cady and Orilla his wife and Valentine Brown and Eliza Ann his wife of Saratoga County sold to Isaac Osborn of Mayfield for \$800 eighty acres of lot 246 in the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent in Mayfield.

Recorded 11 Mar 1834, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 34, p. 210.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32680-6802-48?cc=2078654&wc=M7HR-W6J:358136301,358409401>

13 Apr 1837

Isaac Orsborn and Mille his wife sold to John Miller for \$70 ten acres of lot 241 of the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough patent in Mayfield. Miller agreed to pay annually the heirs and assigns of lease to James Caldwell original leasor and keep all covenants of the lease. Property description mentioned land lately owned and occupied by Solomon Knapp.

Recorded 19 Apr 1837, Montgomery County Deeds, Book 40, p. 606.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1961-32681-5372-76?cc=2078654&wc=M7HR-6TL:358136301,358440901>

13 Aug 1840

Isaac and Mille Orsborn sold to David B. Knapp 1 acre of land in Lot 246 in of the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent for \$800.

Recorded 13 Aug 1842, Fulton County Deeds, Book 3, p. 523.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32682-13292-40?cc=2078654&wc=M7HT-32S:358134701,358542502>

12 Aug 1846

Isaac Orsborn and Mille his wife of Mayfield sold to Reubin Wooster and James Steel of Johnstown for \$1500 eighty-nine acres and one perch of lot 246 of the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent in Mayfield.

Recorded 13 Aug 1846, Fulton County Deeds, Book 7, p. 180.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32682-14708-35?cc=2078654&wc=M7HR-B2S:358134701,358519301>

27 May 1846

Isaac Orsborn and Mille his wife of Mayfield sold to Charles H. Van Olinda of Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, New York for \$250 ten acres of lot 246 in the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent in Mayfield.

Recorded 7 Nov 1846, Fulton County Deeds, Book 7, p. 275.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1971-32682-14597-26?cc=2078654&wc=M7HR-B2S:358134701,358519301>

17 May 1846

Isaac Orsborn of Mayfield sold to Aaron Van Dyck for \$80 fifteen acres in lot 241 of the eastern allotment of the Kingsborough Patent. Sealed and delivered in the presence of David B. Knapp. This deed involved a lease on the land.

Recorded 18 May 1847, Fulton County Deeds, Book 8, p. 124.

<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.3.1/TH-1951-32684-2060-80?cc=2078654&wc=M7HR-RNG:358134701,358487801>

Note: With this sale Isaac and Mille apparently had sold all their property in New York. 1846 was the year in which Peter Althouse Keeler returned from Michigan to marry Selina Orsborn. Since David B. Knapp witnessed the sale of Isaac's last property, it appears that David and Hannah also returned to New York from Michigan. Isaac apparently moved to Michigan that year after Selina's marriage.

1. History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, N.Y., F. W. Beers and Co. New York (1878), p 73.