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PLYMOUTH COUNTY REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR NOVEMBER 2021

REAL ESTATE RECORDINGS ARE SLOWING, BUT REMAIN HEALTHY

The numbers confirm a continued, but gradual slow-down in real estate activity from last year in Plymouth County. Plymouth County Register of Deeds John R. Buckley, Jr. said "We have recorded fewer deeds and fewer mortgages during each of the past five (5) months compared to the corresponding months in 2020." Register Buckley also said "I expect that this gradual drop-off will continue through the holidays." Plymouth County recorded 912 deeds in November, 5% fewer than the 957 deeds recorded during November, 2020, but more than the 893 deeds recorded in October, 2021. Overall, Plymouth County has recorded 9,833 deeds through the first eleven (11) months of the year. During the same period last year, the Registry recorded a similar amount of documents 9,537. This represents a 3% increase in sales.

Plymouth County recorded 2,653 mortgages in November. This is less than the 3,161 mortgages recorded last November, but more than the 2,294 mortgages recorded in pre-pandemic November, 2019. Plymouth County has recorded 34,499 mortgages through November, 2021, a 13% increase over the 30,577 mortgages recorded a year ago at this time. 2021 mortgage recordings are also significantly higher than the 20,925 mortgages recorded during the first eleven (11) months of pre-pandemic 2019.

With the end of the foreclosure moratorium, lenders appear to be re-activating their foreclosure departments. The number of foreclosures being recorded still trail the numbers pre-Covid19, but the notices to foreclose filings are returning to pre-Covid19 numbers. Plymouth County recorded eight (8) foreclosure deeds in November, compared to five (5) foreclosures deeds recorded last month. Through November, Plymouth County recorded 63 foreclosure deeds, representing a 60% decrease from the 157 foreclosure deeds that were recorded through this time last year.

Plymouth County recorded 38 notices initiating a new potential foreclosure in November. This number is the highest number of monthly recordings since the beginning of the pandemic in March of 2020. November's filings bring the total recordings for the year to 203. Last year at this time 226 notices had been recorded. This represents an 11% decrease in recordings for the year.

As part of our ongoing effort to share with the public some of America's oldest records, and recognizing the limitations in place due to the coronavirus, we are attaching an exhibit from the collection of our notable Plymouth Colony records. The Colonial Court assessed fines against Pilgrims who failed to comply with the strict Puritan Code of the day. The Treasury Accounts document fines assessed for various and sundry offences. Examples include: Samuell Mathewes was fined "... for sayleing from Yarmouth to Boston, on ye Lords day", Nathaniell Soule was fined for "... being detected for telling seuerall lyes" and "Joseph Ramsden, for being found drunke the second time ..." Treasury Accounts, p. 50, the Fines of June Court, 1671.

When conditions permit we will resume our monthly display of these wonderful and historic documents in the Plymouth Colony Records Reading Room here at the Registry of Deeds. In the meantime, please enjoy the attached records and stay safe and healthy. Call Lorna Green-Baker at (508) 830-9290 for further information. If you would like to receive the monthly report by e-mail, please contact Assistant Register of Deeds Timothy H. White at white@plymouthdeeds.org.

REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021 COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2020

All figures are based on sales or mortgages between \$25,000.00 and \$3,000,000.

2021 sales volume: 9,833
2020 sales volume: 9,537
(3% increase)

2021 total sales value: \$5,379,645,483
2020 total sales value: \$4,635,374,091
(16% increase)

2021 average sales price: \$547,101
2020 average sales price: \$486,041
(13% increase)

2021 mortgage volume: 34,499
2020 mortgage volume: 30,577
(13% increase)

2021 average mortgage amount: \$345,608
2020 average mortgage amount: \$337,514
(2% increase)

2021 foreclosure deeds: 63
2020 foreclosure deeds: 157
(60% decrease)

2021 foreclosure notices: 203
2020 foreclosure notices: 226
(11% decrease)

Foreclosures and Orders of Notice November 2021

Town	Foreclosure Deeds	Orders of Notice
ABINGTON	1	1
BRIDGEWATER	0	5
BROCKTON	2	9
CARVER	0	0
DUXBURY	0	0
EAST BRIDGEWATER	0	0
HALIFAX	0	0
HANOVER	0	0
HANSON	0	1
HINGHAM	0	2
HULL	0	1
KINGSTON	1	0
LAKEVILLE	0	0
MARION	0	0
MARSHFIELD	0	5
MATTAPOISETT	0	0
MIDDLEBORO	1	2
NORWELL	1	0
PEMBROKE	0	1
PLYMOUTH	1	5
PLYMPTON	0	1
ROCHESTER	0	1
ROCKLAND	0	0
SCITUATE	0	0
WAREHAM	1	1
WEST BRIDGEWATER	0	1
WHITMAN	0	2

Fines of the Colonial Court

The Colonial Court assessed fines against Colonists who failed to comply with the strict Code of the day. The Treasury Accounts document the fines assessed for various and sundry offences. Examples include:

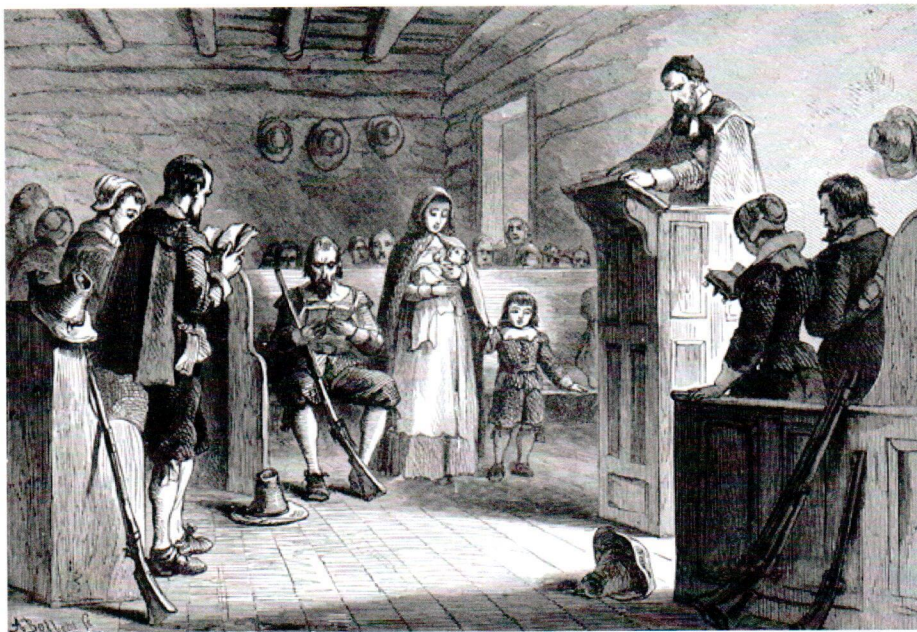
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Nathaniell Soule was fined for "... being detected for telling seuerall lyes";

"Joseph Ramsden, for being found drunke the second time ..."

The fines of June Court 1671

John Gray for swearing & profane lyes	00 05 00
Samuell Mathewes for sayleing from Yarmouth to Boston on ye Lords day	01 10 00
Nathaniell Soule for being detected for telling seuerall lyes	05 00 00
Joseph Ramsden for being found drunke the second time	00 10 00
Joseph Ramsden for being found drunke the second time	00 10 00
William Walker for telling a godd fiend	00 10 00
Walter Winsor for selling liquor to the Indians	01 10 00



John Owen fined for striking of being Drunken the 11th of June
 of 1671 in the opinion of his Justice fined 100 pounds
 Thomas Owen fined for being Drunken and being Drunken
 for not being to aid the said Justice in the opinion
 of his Justice fined 100 pounds
 William Alcock for being at the meeting of those called
 Quakers on the 11th of June and for his wife
 being at the said meeting being fined 100 pounds
 and for assisting of John Casland and another of those
 called Quakers fined 100 pounds
 At the Court held on the 11th of June
 for the Justice of the Peace the first of June 1671
 John Owen fined for being Drunken the wife of
 Thomas Owen fined for being Drunken and his wife John Owen
 and another of those called Quakers the wife of George Owen of Plymouth

Fines were assessed for failing/refusing to take the oath of fidelitie, for being at Quaker meetings, and for failing to attend publicke worship of God.