

EDWARD STEBBINS' proportion in the first division of land, dated January 3, 1639, was "24 Aekers." His home lot in 1639 extended from the Meeting House Square to the street, now known as Front Street. This lot is recorded on page 106 of Hartford land records book of "Distributions," under date of February, 1639, as follows—"One parcell on which his dwelling house now standeth with out house, yards and gardens therein being, Containing by estimation two acres, more or less, abuttinge upon the highway leading to the little river into the North meadow on the East, and upon the highway leading to the meeting house on the south, and the meeting house land on the west, and Timothy Standley's land on the north."

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He was a large land owner; and his name is connected with more than fifty different parcels of land in the said book of distributions. He was not only a very worthy and respected man, but he was in the strict sense of the word a public man and a servant of the community. He was deputy to the General Court, in 1639, 1640, 1641, 1648, 1649, 1650, 1651, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, and 1666. He served as juror in 1639, 1642, 1643, 1645, 1647, 1651, 1655, 1658, and 1662.

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At a town meeting in September, 1639, it was "ordered that EDWARD STEBNE & brother Resen shall vew the pale & take the forfts & demand the trespasses of any man against the former orders Concerning fences gats or hogs," etc.

His name appears in a list of such as have right in the undivided lands, 1639-40.

He was appointed on February 18, 1640, as one of the committee to make the "men that be behind in yr laste towne Rate * * * to work out a sertyne Soom of mony in pipe staves."

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"April the Xth 1640. Forasmuch as many stubborne & refractory Persons are often taken w'thin these libertyes, and no meet place yet pr'pared for the detayneing & keepinge of such to their due & deserved punishment, It is therefore Ordered that there shall be a house of Correction built, of 24 foote long & 16 or 18 foote broad, w'th a Celler, ether of wood or stonne, according as Mr. Talcotte, ED: STEBING, Tho: Ford and James Boosy shall thinke meete, who are chosen by the Courte to lette out the worke, appoynt out the place & to order and directe whatsoever oocations and businesses that may fall out for the compleate finishing the said house, weh is to be done by the next Courte, in September."

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On May 6, 1641, it was recorded that "The acwntes of the owld towne being taeken it then Resteth due to the towne ffrom good man STEBIN. 1. 16. 10."

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The nuncupative will of Thomas Scott of Hartford, which was recorded November, 1643, is mentioned as "yt was spoken by him to EDWARD STEBING" Tymothy Standley who were sent for by him for that end"; and MR. STEBBINS was appointed one of the overseers.

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At a meeting of the General Court, October 25, 1644, "The pr'positions conserneing the mayntenaunce of scollers at Cambridge, made by the said Comissio'rs is confirmed, and It is Ordered that 2 men shalbe appoynted in every Towne w'thin this Jurisdiction, who shall demaund what every family will give, and the same to be gathered and brought into some roome, in