The following is a true copy of the original deed of a large portion of the Coos county from King Philip, an Indian who once controlled the northern lands, to Tomas Eames of Northumberland (NH). John Bradly and Jonathan Eastman of Concord (NH) and Nathan Hoit of Moultonboro (NH). The Ammonoosuck River referred to is probably the one known as the upper Ammonusuc which joins the Connecticut at Northumberland (NH).

King Philip’s Deed

To all persons whom these presents shall, come, greeting Know ye all that I, Philip, an Indian, a native of America, now resident in Upper Coos and chief thereof, for and in consideration of the sum hereinafter named, for which I have received security to my full satisfaction of Thomas Eames of Northumberland in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire and his associates, namely, John Bradly and Jonathan Eastman of Concord, county of Rockingham, and Nathan Hoit of Moultonboro in the county of Strafford all in the State of New Hampshire, esquires, all my peculiar friends, I have this day given, bargained, sold, released, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do give, bargain, sell, release, convey and confirm to them the said Thomas, John, Jonathan and Nathan, their heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land and water, situated within the following boundaries, viz: Being on the pond to the carrying place, then across the carrying place to a small pond on the head of the Plumpetussuck, or Dead river, then down said river to Andrewscoogin river to lake Umbagog, including all waters of said lake and island; from said lake to the outlet of Mosseluckmegantick, including all the waters and islands thereof: then across the carrying place Qwasuktemick (Cupsuptic), thence down river til it empties into Awsisgawassuck river, then up the said river to Palmachinabogg lake, including all the water and islands thereof, thence up said river to Skessawennock (Lac Magog) lake, thence up and Masssheecowoangwuall (Clyde) river to the head thereof (Island Pond); then across the carrying place to Walhegawmuck (Nulhegan), then down said river, including the waters and islands thereof, from thence up Ammonoosuc river, the place begun at, agreeably to a plan I have this day given to them, their heirs and assigns forever, with the following conditions and reservations, viz.--that I reserve free liberty to hunt all sorts of wild game on any of the foregoing territories, and taking fish in any of the waters thereof for myself, my heirs and successors and all Indian tribes forever. Also liberty of planting four bushels of corn and beans. And this, my trusty friend Thomas, having given me security to furnish me and my squaw with provision and suitable clothing which I have accepted in full. I have for myself and in behalf of all Indians, who hunted on or inhabited any of the foregoing lands or waters forever quit, claimed and sold as aforesaid to them, the said Thomas, John, Jonathan and Nathan, their heirs and assigns forever against the claims of all or any persons whatsoever.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal and signature this twenty-eighth day of June, 1796.

his Philip, x Indian Chief.
mark

her Molly, x Messel.
mark

his Moosekit, x Sussop.
mark

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
Jere. Eames.
Ely Buck.
Source: History of Stratford, Jeannette Thompson, Coos and Grafton County Land Records and others.