

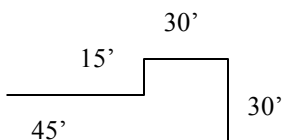
**Base Map: 1880 County Atlas of Barnstable County; inset for North Brewster.**

*Note: Hazard & Hazzard & Hassard are all forms of spelling for the same family, a not uncommon practice until the 1900s. The tombstones in Brewster Cemetery use the spelling as Hassard. One county registry of deeds' index uses Hagan, owing to a mis-deciphering of the old handwritten deed.*

**Deed Book 123-74 (1872):** Benjamin Freeman, nephew of Solomon Freeman, sold for \$50 to John Hazard one acre of "tillage land" and the Hazard's dwelling and outbuildings where it "now stands" on Lobster Lane.

Perhaps the Hassards worked for the Freemans on the large farm and were given permission to build a home on Freeman farmland for the young Hassard family, whose first child Mary was born in 1869 in Brewster. This suggests the Hassard house was in place ("now stands") by 1869-72. By 1872, there were three Hassard children and the Freemans must have decided to grant the Hassards a deed to their established house and land.

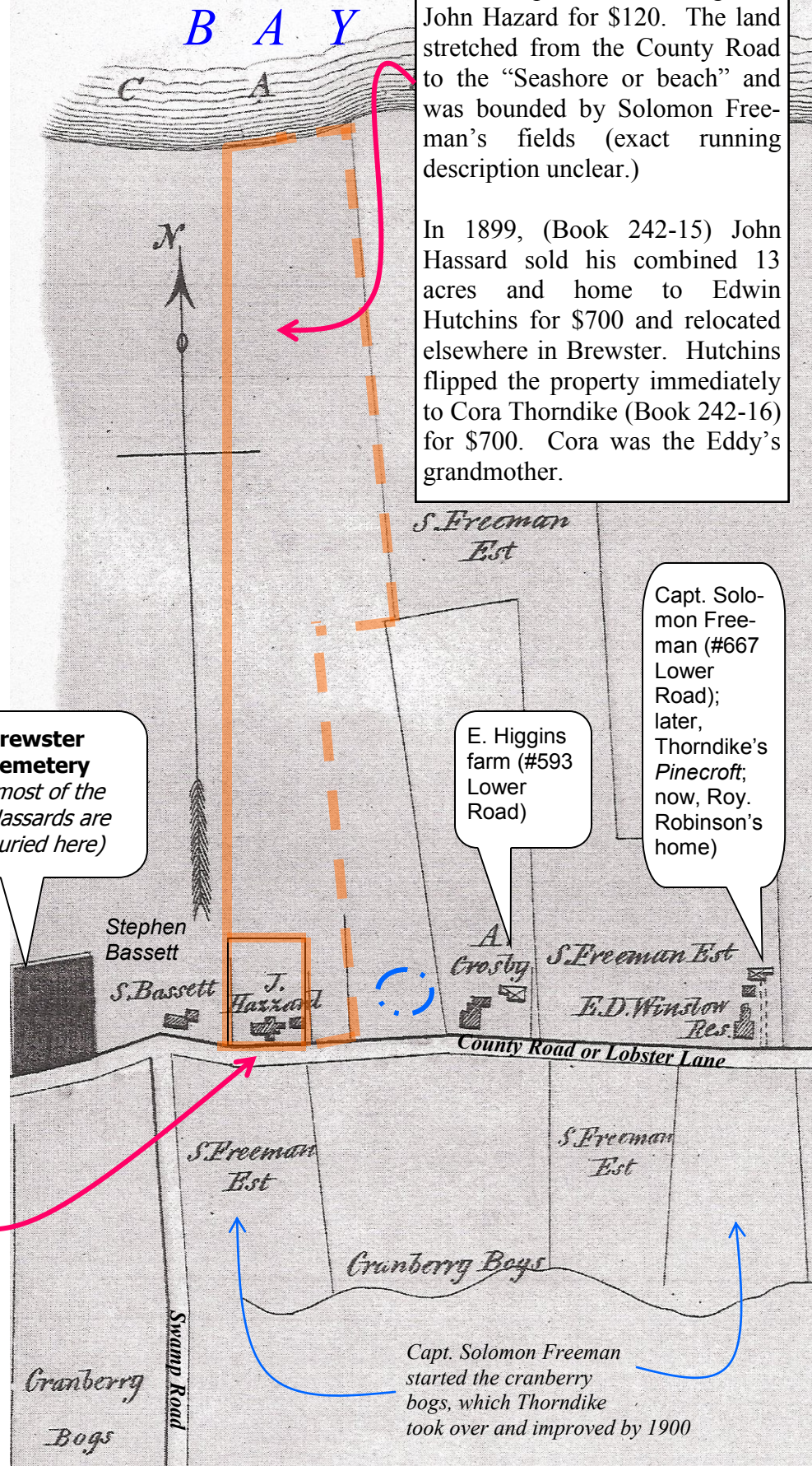
The loose-mortared foundation stones for the rear wall of the Hassard home still exist on the site, set into a 4-foot high bank located 75 feet back from the road, with a jog in the foundation that matches this angle of the house shown in 1880:



The old apple tree east of the foundation and holly grove behind it are more suggestive of a house yard than part of a farm.

— M.H. Robinson, 2013.

# 1880 Atlas



**Deed Book 123-75 (1875):** Susan Higgins, whose family owned what shows here as the A. Crosby home at #593 Lower Road (later Eddy, and now, Moran), sold 12 acres of "pasture and tillage" to John Hazard for \$120. The land stretched from the County Road to the "Seashore or beach" and was bounded by Solomon Freeman's fields (exact running description unclear.)

In 1899, (Book 242-15) John Hassard sold his combined 13 acres and home to Edwin Hutchins for \$700 and relocated elsewhere in Brewster. Hutchins flipped the property immediately to Cora Thorndike (Book 242-16) for \$700. Cora was the Eddy's grandmother.

**Brewster Cemetery**  
(most of the Hassards are buried here)

E. Higgins farm (#593 Lower Road)

Capt. Solomon Freeman (#667 Lower Road); later, Thorndike's *Pinecroft*; now, Roy. Robinson's home)

Capt. Solomon Freeman started the cranberry bogs, which Thorndike took over and improved by 1900

1868

Base Map: 1868 US Coast and Geodetic Survey for East Dennis and Brewster MA.

About one acre of tilled land, just east of Stephen Bassett; note no house yet

#667 Lower Road

#593 Lower Road

Cemetery

Swamp Road

County Road or Lobster Lane

