

13, 1737, with Edward Lewis, and Ebenezer Silliman he was appointed to sell rights of western lands at the court house in Fairfield.

Col. Burr was probably one of the largest land holders in the State.

May 12, 1720, "the Assembly gave, granted, bargained, sold, and confirmed to Roger Wolcott Esq. of Windsor, Major John Burr of Fairfield, John Riggs of Derby, Samuel Gunn, and George Clark the third of that name, both of Milford, John Stone of Stanford, Ebenezer Fitch of Windsor aforesaid, and Peter Pratt of Hartford, being all of this Colony, one certain piece, or parcel of land bounded south on Mansfield bounds as stated in the patent to that town dated October the 20th. 1708, west upon Willamantick River, north upon Stafford, east upon Ashford, by a line drawn from Ashford nine mile and half tree, standing in Mansfield line, southerly of a house set up by Obadiah Abbey, then to run from that tree north, nine degrees easterly to Stafford bounds," the whole parcel being in estimation about 16,000 acres, be it more or less, it being in consideration of the sum of five hundred and ten pounds in current money, by instruments well executed in the law, secured to be paid to the publick treasury of this Colony by said grantees; to have and to hold the same to them, in equal parts or proportions, saving all grants by this assembly already made of said lands, and regularly laid out and returned; and this assembly further order and enact, that a patent at the request of said grantees under the seal of this Colony, signed by the Governor and Secretary, be made of the aforesaid land to the said Roger Wolcott, John Burr, John Riggs, Samuel Gunn, George Clark, John Stone, Ebenezer Fitch, and Peter Pratt for the firm holding the premises to them, and their heirs forever." Besides this grant he had a large farm surrounding his residence (which stood on what is now Fairfield Avenue in the City of Bridgeport) which he bought of the Indian Sagamores, also a "long lot," \* and several other large grants from the town of Fairfield; to this should be added a large inheritance from his father.

Col. Burr was one of the principal founders of the old North

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\* His long lot was the 58th counting west from the Stratford line; his father's the 49th having been laid out first. The former lay between Cornelius Hull's and Henry Rowlands, and was 83 rods, 12 links in width; the latter between John Banks and Obadiah Gilbert, and was 34 rods, 5 links in width. The long lots were granted by the town, and were of uniform length, running back through the wilderness to the Danbury line, a distance of about 14 miles, and in amount were laid out in direct ratio to the taxes paid by the grantee.