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PREFACE

This study is, in a sense, the horse that came after the cart. Work on the John Neilson House, including research and restoration, was well underway by the time the following study was undertaken. Thus, as might be rightfully expected, the present study builds on the research that has already been completed on the Neilson House: John Luzader's *Historic Structure Report, Bemis Heights* (1973) and *Preliminary Documentary Report on Benedict Arnold at Saratoga* (1958); Frederik C. Gjessing's *Historic Structure Report, The John Neilson House* (1958); and, most importantly for this particular report, Agnes M. Downey's *Furnishing Plan, The John Neilson House* (1960). Downey's study is the "cart" that preceded the "horse" of the following pages.

No documentation for historical furnishings of the Neilson House for the period in question (i.e., September-October 1777) has been found.¹ Hence, this furnishings study must rely on comparative evidence. This evidence is comprised of extant inventories of possessions of the Neilson's peers of that time in the Hudson River Valley (cf. the Appendix) and of information regarding historic furnishings from the many excellent secondary sources available. Downey's original research covered the former category thoroughly and thus obviated the need for plowing this fertile field. The latter category of resources, those found in secondary works, has been expanded and used extensively due to the appearance of numerous new publications in the field since Downey did her furnishings plan. In addition, insights into the military paraphernalia of the period were gathered in an interview with Col. Fred P. Todd, Ret., former Director of the West Point Museum and of the New Windsor Cantonment, New York. Overall guidance and specific suggestions for the report were offered by John Luzader, Chief, Historic Preservation Division of the National Park Service's Denver Service Center, whose thorough knowledge of this historic period has aided this writer on many occasions.

1. Cf. Agnes M. Downey, "Furnishing Plan, The John Neilson House, Parts I & II, Saratoga National Historical Park" (Stillwater, N. Y.: National Park Service, Saratoga NHP, unpubl. MS, 1960), Foreword (hereafter cited as "Furnishing Plan, Neilson House").

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INTRODUCTION

The John Neilson House at Saratoga National Historical Park is a farm dwelling of the late 18th century. It was built in 1775 by the 24-year-old transplanted farmer from New Jersey, John Neilson, as his first home in the Hudson Valley. Modest though it was, the accidents of military movements in the Revolutionary War placed this house in the center of the epochal struggle between Britain and the American Colonies. The engagement of Saratoga in September-October 1777, between British and American armies, used Neilson's and other nearby farms and forests for waging war, and John Neilson's house became the field quarters for the then glorious, later infamous, Major General Benedict Arnold. The two battles of Saratoga fought near Neilson's house (September 19, Freeman's Farm; October 7, Bemis Heights) rank as watershed occurrences in the American Colonies' struggle for independence, and as major battles in the history of nations. Thus, the John Neilson House became an eyewitness to a major American event and assumes, derivatively, proportionate importance.

I. JOHN NEILSON AND HIS HOUSE

In 1772, nineteen-year-old John Neilson wandered up the still sparsely settled Hudson River Valley from his home in New Jersey in order to make a future for himself on the frontier of upper New York State. He came across Abner Quitterfield just south of the small hamlet of Saratoga, near Stillwater on the Hudson, and settled there to work for this tavernkeeper, who, besides his tavern, owned farmlands near Bemis Heights that young Neilson tended. Some time later, in 1775, Neilson not only was prosperous enough to lease lands near Bemis Heights and establish his own farm but also to marry his landlord's stepdaughter. Among those lands that John Neilson leased was a lot on Bemis Heights, where he and his wife built a temporary log structure to live in while building their permanent dwelling, the present John Neilson House at Saratoga NHP. Sometime between 1775 and the summer of 1777 the Neilson House was completed. In that year it was drawn into the center of a pivotal Revolutionary War battle hardly envisioned in 1775 by the yeoman farmer John Neilson. The Neilson House now remains the only Revolutionary War structure on the grounds of Saratoga NHP.

In 1958-59 architectural, historical, and archaeological studies carried out by the National Park Service established the original site and appearance of the Neilson House. In 1960 the house was moved to its original site and restored to its original appearance.

While historical, architectural, and archeological investigation provides us with most of our knowledge of the Neilson House, there are only a few, scant contemporary references to the Neilson buildings. During the Battle of Saratoga, for instance, a German chaplain visiting wounded prisoners in the American camp described the Neilson buildings as being ". . . a small house, two log farm buildings and a log barn with a belfry." At the same time, the German General von Riedesel and his wife both kept journals that identified a "school house" or "belfry" at the American position on Bemis Heights, both of which references probably had in mind the Neilson barn, which had a belfry, although to the Baroness it seemed from a distance to be a schoolhouse.¹

"As a building it is a now rare representative of the early frontier in the upper Hudson Valley," is the assessment of the historical architect who studied the Neilson House.² It is a one-story, one-room, wood-frame structure

1. Quoted in John Luzader, *Historic Structure Report, Bemis Heights, September 12 to October 8, 1777, Saratoga National Historical Park, New York* (Denver: National Park Service, 1973), pp. 9, 37 (hereafter cited as *Bemis Heights*).

2. Frederik C. Gjessing, "Historic Structure Report, The John Neilson House, Architectural Data, Saratoga National Historical Park" (Stillwater, N. Y.: National Park Service, Saratoga NHP, unpubl. MS, 1958), p. 1 (hereafter cited as "John Neilson House").

on a stone foundation, nogged with burned and sundried brick. Its dimensions are ca. 18-1/2' x 17-1/2'. The exterior walls are of clapboard and it has a shingled gable roof. There is a lean-to on the north (back) side ca. 6-1/2' x 13' with access from the interior of the house. It faces south and has a seven-foot-wide porch across the front wall with a door and a window on that wall. There is one window in the rear (north) wall, three in the north wall, and one in the east wall. This wall also has a six-foot-wide fieldstone fireplace. Presumably a ladder gave access to an attic, whose floorboards formed the ceiling to the main room and whose walls were plastered and whitewashed. The baseboard and trim for the doors and windows inside were painted barn-red. The exterior of the Neilson House was either unpainted or a barn-red color.³

3. Gjessing, "John Neilson House," pp. 14-15.

II. THE BATTLE OF SARATOGA AND THE NEILSON HOUSE

The Neilson House, along with Bemis Heights, became quite accidentally the center of military actions during the American Revolution. The clash in the north between the British and American armies might have come at any of several points up and down the Hudson Valley: from as far north, say, as Ft. Ticonderoga, to as far south as Albany. In any event, it was inevitable that a major battle would take place, for the stakes were high by this second year of the American revolt and both sides placed great strategic importance in 1777 on the outcome of military activities in the north. How the Neilson House came to be at the very center of this decisive battle in the north follows in brief outline.

By the end of 1776, British accomplishments toward subduing the American revolt were not unimpressive. Large armies had been assembled in England, brought across the water, and maintained in America. The rebels had been expelled from Canada. New York City was now secure in British hands. And Clinton and Cornwallis were launched on apparently successful drives across New Jersey and Rhode Island, respectively, as the year drew to a close.¹

But the campaign to crush the rebellion, though off to a good start, still needed one decisive victory over a main contingent of the rebel forces. After such a major defeat, the rebels might then be willing to enter into a peace settlement. And Britain needed such a settlement in view of the European situation. France, Britain's traditional rival, was inching toward intervention on the side of the Colonies and was already supplying covert aid to the Americans. At the first sign of American military success, France was prepared to openly espouse the American cause. Hence England had to settle its American affair quickly in order to be prepared to ward off her old rival.²

General Sir William Howe's plans for 1777 underwent basic changes between November 1776 and the spring of 1777 that helped produce the decisive defeat of Britain at Saratoga. Instead of a major thrust against New England, involving the clearing of the Champlain-Hudson line, followed by an advance against Pennsylvania and the Southern Colonies, he eventually recommended that Philadelphia, the American capital, be his objective. The northern campaign would be, for all practical purposes, a secondary, almost independent undertaking.

The northern campaign was a renewal of Sir Guy Carleton's 1776 plan with modifications authored by Lt. Gen. John Burgoyne. Its objective was to gain control of the strategic Champlain-Hudson route, opening communications between Montreal and New York City, and making a second army available to the

1. Piers Mackesy, *The War for America, 1775-1783* (Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, 1965), p. 103 (hereafter cited as *War for America*).

2. *Ibid.*

commander-in-chief, Howe. After some deliberation, Burgoyne was appointed to command the campaign. His immediate objective was Albany, where he came under Howe's command. There was "full understanding" that, though Howe would cooperate with Burgoyne by acting on the lower Hudson, he could not support the latter's advance to Albany.³

Lord George Germain, the British Colonial Secretary, had sanctioned a strategy that lacked coordination. The three scattered British forces--under Howe, Clinton, and Burgoyne--were to operate practically independently. The danger of a concentrated American effort against one of these forces seemed remote to Germain. The result, predicted in some British quarters (e.g. by Clinton), was the disastrous defeat of a major British force at Saratoga.⁴

The campaign that Burgoyne proposed and that ended at Saratoga called for a force of some 8,000 British and German troops to advance from Canada through Lake Champlain. Another secondary force would work its way south by way of Oswego and the Mohawk Valley, meeting up with Burgoyne's main force at the junction of the two rivers north of Albany. From this point the two forces were to move on to Albany together and somehow join forces with Howe's army, which was simultaneously operating in the Middle Colonies against Washington's army.

Stopping this British assault from the north was the task of the American Northern Department. In the early stages, Burgoyne's campaign was weakened by a lack of manpower and the rivalry for its leadership between Generals Gates and Schuyler. Congress had contributed to this situation the previous year by appointing both generals to the North without, however, adequately defining their respective commands. Like most general officers of the day, including Washington, both Gates and Schuyler appeared as assiduous in courting Congressional favor as in repelling the enemy.⁵ In June 1777 Congress declared for Schuyler over Gates, only to reverse itself in September when Gates proved more acceptable to the many New Englanders than did Schuyler.

The 8,000 troops under Burgoyne left Canada in mid-June via Lake Champlain. The expeditionary force of 900 men under St. Leger left at the same time, via Lake Ontario, for the Mohawk Valley and eventual reunion with Burgoyne's forces on the Hudson. Ft. Ticonderoga easily fell to the British July 5, buoying Burgoyne's hopes for rapid movement toward Albany. But Washington agreed with General Nathaniel Greene that Burgoyne's "little advantages" at Ticonderoga might bait his vanity and "lead him on to his final overthrow."⁶

3. This and the above paragraph reflect Historian John Luzader's views; from conversations with the author.

4. Don Higginbotham, *The War of American Independence. Military Attitudes, Policies and Practice, 1763-1789* (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1971), p. 175 (hereafter cited as *War of American Independence*).

5. *Ibid.*, p. 189.

6. *Ibid.*

To describe the ensuing three months of Burgoyne's campaign, up to his capitulation to Gates in October, is to see Washington's prediction come true. After his early success at Ticonderoga in July, Burgoyne's difficulties began to mount, his advance slowed, and his military reverses increased. St. Leger's column of 900 men was stopped by the garrison of Continental soldiers at Ft. Stanwix and had to return to Montreal. The slowness of Burgoyne's march down the Hudson, through rough countryside made even slower by trees felled before the advancing British column, gave the New England and New York militias time to organize and join the rebel army. By September the American Army, now under the command of Gates, had swollen to some 15,000 men. These were mostly short-term militiamen who were ready to oppose the foreign threat to their hearth and home. Reports of Indian massacres also helped to inflame tempers against the British. Gates wisely decided to dig in on Bemis Heights and let Burgoyne wear himself down on the superior American forces.

The battles of Saratoga (September 19, Freeman's Farm; October 7, Bemis Heights) were Burgoyne's last futile attempts to break through the military impasse that had developed around him. In retrospect, they may be seen as the final resolution of forces that had been shaping up since British strategic planning went awry in late 1776. The action of September 19 at Freeman's Farm, while inconclusive tactically, was in effect a serious defeat for the British. There was not only a two-to-one casualty ratio in favor of the Americans, but more importantly, the British losses, unlike the American, were irreplaceable now that their supply lines to Canada had been cut and while the route to Albany was still closed.

The seventeen-day interval between this first engagement and the climax at Freeman's Farm found the British troops continually harassed by the Americans. Burgoyne, now completely bereft of his original optimism, increasingly looked to Clinton in New York City for aid to save him from defeat. No coward in battle, Burgoyne, nevertheless, was now attempting to evade the onus of responsibility for his command (and thus for the looming disaster) by placing it in Clinton's lap. Clinton, with icy dispatch, rejected the offer, although he did make an abortive diversionary feint up the Hudson in order to draw off American pressure from Burgoyne's army.⁷

Meanwhile, the American commander, General Gates, was not without his own problems in his relations with his staff. The fiery-tempered Gen. Benedict Arnold was deeply insulted by Gates's failure to mention Arnold's role in the fighting at Freeman's Farm. Arnold requested a pass to join Washington's army, Gates granted it, and Arnold, psychologically outmaneuvered, refused to use it. Thereupon, Gates relieved him of his command. Gates had now on his hands a frustrated and vindictive Arnold, sulking around the American headquarters, offering unwanted advice, and adding his malcontentment to that of the Schuyler clique in Gates's camp.

By October 5 it became obvious to Burgoyne that he must undertake some sort of action. Some of his staff, Generals Fraser and von Riedesel for

7. Mackesy, *War for America*, pp. 138-39.

instance, urged him to make an orderly retreat up the Hudson and attempt to re-establish communications with Canada. Burgoyne, however, exhibited foolhardy optimism. He decided to force his way on to Albany. This required dislodging the numerically superior and well-entrenched Americans from their lines on Bemis Heights. Gates assessed his adversary correctly, knowing that the "old gamester," as he called Burgoyne, would "escape to the front."

The second engagement of the Battle of Saratoga on October 7 displayed valiant fighting by the heavily outmanned British troops, but the Americans' victory was foreordained by their numerical superiority. At one point in the battle, General Arnold, behaving like a madman, could no longer restrain himself from action. He rushed into battle, directed a costly and futile charge against the major British fortification, and joined an attack on the German redoubt that constituted the right anchor of the British fortified line.⁸ Arnold's horse was shot from under him and he was wounded in the leg.

Continually harassed and fired upon, Burgoyne's troops slowly moved back up the Hudson after October 8. Burgoyne still hoped for a miraculous rescue by Clinton from New York City and even threatened to break off the peace negotiations he had entered into with Gates when he got first reports of Clinton's short-lived thrust up the Hudson. But on October 17 Burgoyne realized his situation was hopeless and signed the Convention of Saratoga. By the generous terms of the accord, Burgoyne and his army of 5,700 were to capitulate in honor and return to England on the condition that they not return to America to fight. As it turned out, the American Congress reneged on the terms. The army of Burgoyne remained interned until the end of the war, by which time a number of the prisoners had fled into the American countryside to remain as permanent settlers.

"Saratoga was the sign for which France had waited; and the Great Powers began to enter the arena."⁹ Thus one historian summed up what has come to be the consensus of all: that the British defeat in the fall of 1777 was the turning point of British fortunes in America. Gage's campaign in 1775, and now Burgoyne's, helped America to become the "graveyard for British reputations."¹⁰ Would the Revolution have folded if Burgoyne had fought his way through to Albany? Probably not. In a narrower sense, even if Burgoyne had cut through to Albany, total interdiction of communication between New England and the rest of her sister colonies would have been impossible. Moreover, other rebel colonies would probably not have stood idly by had Burgoyne reached Albany and been able to open communication with Howe's forces.¹¹

8. Willard M. Wallace, *Traitorous Hero. The Life and Fortunes of Benedict Arnold* (New York: Harper and Bros., Publishers, 1954), p. 156 (hereafter cited as *Traitorous Hero*).

9. Mackesy, *War for America*, p. 141.

10. Higginbotham, *War of American Independence*, p. 197.

11. *Ibid.*, p. 177.

In a larger sense, no matter what British military efforts might have achieved on a short-term basis, all the operative forces, political and economic, probably pointed toward eventual American independence from Britain. But the inevitability of American independence, even if granted, does not diminish the importance of the battles of Saratoga. Whether inevitable or not, Freeman's Farm and Bemis Heights *were* the military turning points in the struggle, after which Britain could no longer retrieve her losses.

III. BENEDICT ARNOLD, THE NEILSON HOUSE, AND THE BATTLES OF SARATOGA

"I am sorry Arnold escaped; I think he had shown himself the most enterprising man among the rebels."¹ Lord George Germain's assessment of Arnold the dashing soldier, expressed after Arnold's assault on Montreal, was shared in varying degrees by most of Arnold's contemporaries, friend and foe alike. The great naval historian Alfred T. Mahan had like praise for Arnold. Mahan saw the British capitulation at Saratoga in 1777 as a direct result of the year's delay provided in 1776 when the "indomitable energy" and "indomitable spirit" of Arnold held up the British push southwards on Lake Champlain.² Judged solely on his military accomplishments, Benedict Arnold probably ranks among the ablest tactical generals in American history.³

Benedict Arnold's actions at Saratoga helped to create this reputation. In August 1777, just before rejoining the northern army at Bemis Heights, Arnold had been instrumental in raising St. Leger's siege of Ft. Stanwix in the upper Mohawk Valley, thus frustrating St. Leger's plan to join up with Burgoyne's main forces on the Hudson. After repulsing St. Leger's forces, Arnold returned to the headquarters of the northern army in Albany where Gen. Horatio Gates had replaced General Schuyler. Relations between Arnold and Gates during preparation for the encounter with Burgoyne remained amicable, although they were to deteriorate rapidly after the battle of Freeman's Farm. As mentioned above, Gates's omission of Arnold's name in his report to Congress about the battle precipitated the controversy between the two.

There is still disagreement regarding Arnold's role in the fighting at Freeman's Farm. Conflicting reports and indecisive evidence make it impossible to say with assurance how much Arnold was actually involved in the combat in the lines. One investigation of all the available evidence suggests that Arnold, though directing the battle, was not actively engaged in the battle lines; but the question nevertheless remains open.⁴ In any event, Arnold's subsequent anger at Gates merely reflects his own self-esteem and cannot be taken as a gauge of his participation in the fight.

Some unsubstantiated reports held that his dismissal caused unrest among many of the troops and that General Poor distributed a petition among the officers begging Arnold to return as their leader. Whether this story was

1. Quoted in Wallace, *Traitorous Hero*, p. 99.

2. *Ibid.*, p. 119.

3. *Ibid.*, chap. 30, *passim*.

4. John Luzader, *Preliminary Documentary Report on Benedict Arnold at Saratoga* (Stillwater, N. Y.: National Park Service, Saratoga NHP, unpubl. MS, 1958), pp. 42-44 (hereafter cited as *Arnold at Saratoga*).

apocryphal or not, Arnold did feel buoyed enough to vent his petulance in a letter to Gates, advising him indiscreetly on military strategy. Gates was now angered sufficiently to dismiss Arnold immediately from his staff. Gates turned over the right wing to Gen. Benjamin Lincoln and assumed personal control over Arnold's division (September 25).⁵

The next two weeks or so before the final battle of the Saratoga Campaign (Bemis Heights, October 7) found Arnold, as noted earlier, grumbling about the American headquarters, an undesired "guest" officer without official attachment to Gates's staff. He probably spent much time with his aides in the Neilson House, disconsolate and conspiring against Gates. On the day of the final battle it is well reported how Arnold rushed into the lines like a madman, fought with abandon, and suffered a serious wound in the assault on the Breyman redoubt. But even his role here as the deciding factor in the battle remains enshrouded in doubt.⁶ As with many aspects of his life, a clear delineation of Arnold's activity at Saratoga, one that holds true to documentary evidence and resists hearsay and legend, is impossible to attain.

5. *Ibid.*, p. 36.

6. *Ibid.*, p. 54.

IV. HISTORICAL FURNISHINGS OF THE NEILSON HOUSE

The historical furnishings of the Neilson House for the period of the battles of Saratoga in October 1777 must reflect two basically different sets of conditions: (1) the furnishings belonging to yeoman farmers (John and Lydia Neilson); and (2) the temporary furnishings used by a general officer of the Continental Army (Benedict Arnold) during a campaign in the field.

The Neilsons undoubtedly vacated their house before the northern army moved into Bemis Heights and established fortifications. The Neilsons would have taken their more valuable, movable possessions out of the house or stored them in the lean-to during the time of the army's tenancy.

The assumption that Benedict Arnold was the officer using these quarters is based, to be sure, on meager data. Lacking evidence to the contrary, however, one can assume that a letter of Richard Varick, former aide to General Schuyler then serving General Arnold, is correct in indicating the Neilson House as Arnold's quarters. While describing the American encampment to Schuyler, Varick pointed out that "Gen'l Arnold is on the highest part of the Hill at the house on the Road about North from Head Qurs as also Genl Poor's. . . ." ¹ This description could only refer to the Neilson structures. ² And of the Neilson structures, i.e. his house, barn, and the two smaller log structures, the ranking officer (Arnold) and perhaps his aides would most likely have requisitioned John Neilson's modest house, while Poor probably had to be content with the barn for his quarters. ³

The historical furnishings of the John Neilson House, based primarily on comparative data, will be presented for the following rooms: (1) porch, (2) common (main) room, (3) lean-to, and (4) attic.

1. Quoted in Luzader, *Bemis Heights*, p. 43.

2. *Ibid.*

3. Some have interpreted the Varick letter to mean both Arnold and Poor were in the same (Neilson) house. It seems to this writer that the intent of Varick's grammar--unclear as his style may be--is to put the word "Poor's" in apposition to "Arnold" (in the phrase ". . . at the house on the Road . . ."). Thus his intent is to say: "Arnold's house is on the hill," etc., "as is Poor's [house]"; not: "Arnold is in the house on the hill as is Poor," as is usually interpreted. Supporting this interpretation is the known mutual hostility between the two men stemming from a conflict they had had the previous year. It is unlikely that Arnold and Poor would have endured one another under the same roof.

A. Porch

The porch is 18'9" long (i.e., approximately the length of the house), 6'9" wide, and 6'10" high.⁴ No documentation for the original Neilson furnishings for the porch has been found.⁵ Porch furniture of this period would probably have consisted of only two pine benches, a water keg, and a gourd dipper hung on the wall.⁶ Benches from that region and time could have been (1) 39" long, 9" wide, and 15" high, or (2) 54" long, 9" wide, and 15" high.⁷ A contemporary keg for drinking water on the porch would measure ca. 26" high and 18" in diameter (Downey, p. 8). Above the water keg would hang a water gourd (ca. 15" long). Split firewood might have been piled against the wall.

B. Common (Main) Room

The common room had exposed ceiling joists and plaster walls. The walls and ceiling were whitewashed, though slightly yellow. The baseboard, window trim, and doors were painted the same red as the exterior of the house. The fireplace's exact appearance is conjectural, according to the architectural report. It was located roughly in the center of the south wall. Most probably it was constructed of fieldstone and had a brick chimney. The floor was pine. The common room's size was 16'3" long, 17'5" wide, and 7'1-1/2" high (to the bottom of the ceiling joists).⁸

The furnishings of the house during these weeks in September-October 1777 reflected the mixture of its civilian origins coupled with its temporary military use. This combination of military and nonmilitary items that might have been found in the Neilson House will follow in an attempt at rough categorization of these items.

1. Tables

a) A period "turn up" table of local wood (probably pine) would have stood along a wall. The specimen in the Saratoga NHP collection has dimensions of 4'9" in length, 3'1" in width, and 2'4-1/2" in height (Downey, App. A,

4. Gjessing, "John Neilson House."

5. Downey, "Furnishing Plan, Neilson House," p. 5.

6. *Ibid.*, p. 8.

7. *Ibid.*, p. 28; also, cf. Russell Hawes Kettell, *The Pine Furniture of Early New England* (New York: Dover Publications, Inc., 1929), pp. 63-64 (hereafter cited as *Pine Furniture*). From this point on in the text, works referred to for the illustration of furnishings objects for the Neilson House will appear in parentheses in the text, except for the original citations, which will continue to appear as a footnote. This format should facilitate reference to illustrations.

8. Gjessing, "John Neilson House," pp. 10-12.

Plates 18, 19). A stuffed straw seat mat, 3' x 1-1/2', might have been placed on the sitting surface.

b) A plain pine sawbuck table, ca. 6' x 3', might have stood in the middle of the room as an all-purpose working and eating surface.⁹

c) A small pine stand or table, ca. 2-1/2' square and about 29" high, could have stood next to another wall, perhaps at the head or foot of a bed (Kettell, Plate 98).

2. Chairs

a) The "turn-up" table mentioned above would be used as a sitting surface when turned up. Because of the cramped conditions while the house was used as a military headquarters, the table might also have been turned up and used as a "catch-all" for any of a variety of things (papers, spyglass, weapons) that Arnold or his aides may have dropped there.

b) A relatively comfortable sitting chair typical of such frontier homes as the Neilsons' would probably have stood near the fireplace (Downey, App. A, Plate 30; Nutting, Plate 1886).¹⁰ Such a wooden chair with a rush seat had three or four back slats. It stood ca. 3'6" high, was 1'9" wide, and possibly had "mushroom" knobs on the front of the arms.

c) One or two Windsor chairs of the period might also have been in the Neilson home at this time (Downey, App. 3, Neilson Inventory of 1818). These would probably have been the most elegant pieces of furniture in the modest Neilson farmhouse (Downey, App. A, Plate 12; Nutting, Plates 2522, 2610). Ranging from 3' to 3'6" in height, this chair could have been any of a number of Windsor chair types that proliferated in the colonies in the 18th century, but it was probably one of the simpler types.

d) Two or three stools of simple design and construction were undoubtedly in the Neilson House. These might have been 12" to 24" wide, 7" deep, and 8" high. The material was most likely pine (*Pine Furniture*, Plate 53; Downey, App. A, Plate 30).

3. Cupboards and Trunks

a) A large, three-sided corner cabinet probably stood in one of the corners next to the fireplace. It was probably of pine and stood 6-1/2' to 7' high; the face exposed to the interior of the room would have been ca. 44" to 48" wide (Kettell, Plate 145). Less elegant pine cabinets were used in kitchens or in more modest homes like the Neilsons' for storing pewter or ordinary ware.

9. Thomas H. Ormsbee, *Field Guide to Early American Furniture* (Boston: Little, Brown & Company, 1951), pp. 112, 117 (hereafter cited as *Field Guide*).

10. Wallace Nutting, *Furniture Treasury*, 3 vols. (New York: Macmillan Company, 1948-49).

Linens might have been stored in the lower closed compartment (Nutting, Plate 553). The pine was probably unpainted and unfinished.

b) A firewood storage box might have been situated close to the hearth. If so, it would have been of crude pine construction, measuring perhaps 1-1/2' x 3' and 1'3" high (Downey, Plate 91, p. 20).

c) General Arnold most likely owned a number of small boxes and chests that would have been in the Neilson House. Included among them might have been the following:

(1) An army trunk, 2' or 3' long, and 15" wide and deep. This may have been either rounded and of wood, or rectangular and wood covered with leather (Downey, App. A, Plates 29, 37; Peterson, p. 160).¹¹

(2) Another type of army camp chest that Arnold may have had at the Neilson House came complete with dishes, vessels, knives, forks, spoons, cooking pots, condiment vessels, and a liquor bottle section (Downey, App. A, Plate 44).

(3) A third type of chest possibly found in the Arnold quarters is a liquor case. This was about 1' x 1-1/2' x 13" high and had approximately one dozen compartments for large and small decanters of various spirits. The case could have been made solely of pine or oak, or of a combination of the two woods (Downey, App. A, Plate 47).

4. Beds

a) It is quite possible that Arnold used the bed in the common room left by the Neilsons. This would have been a maple frame with, at the most, short simply cut or turned posts. The treasured parts of a bed for people such as the Neilsons at that time were the sewn mattresses, covers, pillows, etc., rather than the simple maple bedstead itself.¹²

b) There might have been a military camp bed as well in the Neilson House, used either by Arnold, if he did not use the Neilsons' bed, or by one of his aides. Arnold's own camp bed, which, as a prosperous and fastidious merchant, he probably had with him in the field, could have resembled that of George Washington. This mahogany bed was cleverly constructed with hinges so that it collapsed into a small unit for transport. It even had supports for canopies and curtains to keep warmth in and bugs out (Downey, App. A, Plate 41; Peterson, p. 158).

c) The camp bed may have been of a simpler kind. A type common at the time consisted of what amounts to three canvas folding chairs fastened together, with two sideboards running the length and one at the head (Downey, App. A, Plate 43).

11. Harold L. Peterson, *The Book of the Continental Soldier* (Harrisburg, Pa.: The Stackpole Company, 1968).

12. Nutting, *Furniture Treasury*, 3:237.

5. Fireplace Utensils

As in a modern kitchen, there was a large array of cooking, eating, and fireplace utensils. The same utensils sufficed for both cooking and fireplace use at this time since all cooking in a house such as the Neilsons' was done over an open fire in the fireplace. The following items, starting with fireplace equipment in the strict sense, then cooking utensils, and finally eating ware, would probably have been found in the Neilson House:

a) A fireplace crane made of wrought iron would hang on one side of the firebox (Gould, *Wooden Ware*, Plate 14, p. 51).¹³ It was made so that it could be swung from the fire into the room. Its dimensions were ca. 24" high with an arm extending perhaps 36".

b) Fireplace pothooks of various lengths from 8" to 18", made of wrought iron, were used to hang pots over the fire (*Colonial Living*, p. 38).

c) A trammel, a cleverly notched device made of wrought iron that allowed the length to be adjusted, was another type of hook or hanging device used in fireplaces. When not in use in the fireplace, it hung on the hearth to store pots. Its unextended length was 12"-24" (Downey, App. A, Plate 15; *Colonial Living*, p. 38).

d) One pair of simple hand-wrought andirons, ca. 2' high and 2-1/2'-3' in depth, would have been in the fireplace (Downey, App. A, Plates 21, 35; Nutting, vol. 2, Plates 3957-65).

e) A fireplace scoop, or shovel, 3' to 4' long, of simple design (Nutting, vol. 2, Plates 3967-81, 4020-28).

f) Fireplace tongs, wrought iron, ca. 2' long (Downey, App. A, Plate 21; Nutting, vol. 2, plates 3853-64).

g) A tinder box of tin, ca. 4"-5" in circumference and perhaps 3" high, would have been near the fireplace. Most people tried to keep fires going all the time, winter and summer, because using the tinder box to strike up a fire was a time-consuming task (*Colonial Living*, p. 41; *Antique T&T*, p. 111).¹⁴

h) A fire scoop, or ember carrier, might have been at the Neilson fireplace. Used to carry hot embers from one place to another in order to avoid using the tinder box, it could have been of tin and measured ca. 8" x 12" with a handle 12" to 18" long (Downey, App. A, Plate 22; *Antique T&T*, Plates 21, 22; *Colonial Living*, p. 41; Nutting, vol. 2, Plate 4094).

13. Mary Earle Gould, *Early American Wooden Ware and Other Kitchen Utensils* (Rutland, Vt.: Charles E. Tuttle Co., Inc., 1962) (hereafter cited as *Wooden Ware*).

14. Mary Earle Gould, *Antique Tin and Tole Ware* (Rutland, Vt.: Charles E. Tuttle Co., 1958) (hereafter cited as *Antique T&T*).

i) A bellows for the fireplace would have been ca. 12"-15" long by 11" wide (Downey, App. A, Plate 20).

6. Cooking Utensils

a) Tin Kettle, ca. 12" in diameter (Nutting, Plates 3845-47).

b) A tin teapot, 8"-10" tall and 6"-8" in diameter (*Antique T&T*, Plate 15, p. 12; *Colonial Living*, p. 139).

c) Dutch oven, of heavy iron, ca. 12" in diameter, standing on three legs ca. 8" high (*Colonial Living*, p. 38). (The more appropriate historical name for the Dutch Oven was "bake kettle"; the stone oven in the hearth and the "roasting kitchen" were also loosely termed "Dutch Oven" (*Colonial Living*, p. 37; *Antique T&T*, Plates 3 and 4, pp. 11-12).

d) A roasting kitchen (tin kitchen) might also have been in the Neilson House. This half-cylindrical roaster made of tin was designed for skewering the meat over coals in its bottom. Ca. 24" x 13-1/2" x 11" (Downey, App. A, Plate 20; *Antique T&T*, Plates 3 and 4, p. 12; *Colonial Living*, p. 137).

e) A dripping pan was used in conjunction with the above for catching the juices from the roasting meat. It was made of tin, ca. 8" x 12" (*Antique T&T*, Plate 5, p. 13).

f) A tin coffee pot, approximately 15" high and 8" in diameter, was undoubtedly in use while Arnold stayed in the Neilson House (*Antique T&T*, Plate 113, p. 63; Plate 228, p. 115).

g) A large iron pot for cooking, ca. 18" high and 12" in diameter (Downey, App. A, Plate 20; *Colonial Living*, p. 38).

h) Iron broiler, ca. 12" in diameter (Downey, App. A, Plate 21; *Colonial Living*, p. 139; Nutting, Plate 4009).

i) Iron frying pan, 12"-18" in diameter (Downey, App. A, Plate 22; *Colonial Living*, p. 139).

j) An iron spider (frying pan with legs) with a handle ca. 4' long (Downey, App. A, Plate 20; *Colonial Living*, p. 38).

k) A wrought-iron toaster; the handle ca. 3' long (Downey, App. A, Plate 20).

l) One or two smaller iron pots, aside from the large one listed above, would have been needed in the Neilson House; ca. 6" to 12" in diameter and 6" high (Downey, App. A, Plate 22; Nutting, vol. 2, Plate 3846).

m) A wooden salt box with a sloped top lid, might have been ca. 6" wide, 6"-8" high, 3"-4" deep (*Pine Furniture*, Plate 3; Nutting, vol. 1, Plate 193).

n) A coffee mill was most likely in use in the Neilson House, either as a possession of the Neilsons' or as a part of Arnold's camp equipment. Resting on a wooden base with a drawer for catching the ground coffee, the mill was made of brass, approximately 10" high (cf. *Antique T&T*, Plate 25).

o) A wooden mortar and pestle would have served to grind the coffee beans, as well as other beans, etc., in preparation of foods. This could have been any of various sizes and shapes, from low and squat to tall and thin (*Wooden Ware*, Plates 75, 76).

p) Various types of wooden bowls could possibly have been in the Neilson House, ranging from 4" to 12" in diameter (*Wooden Ware*, Plate 69; Downey, App. A, Plate 34).

q) A tin chopping knife, any of various styles (Downey, App. A, Plate 32; *Antique T&T*, Plates 73, 74).

r) Tin spatula (*Antique T&T*, Plate 97).

s) Tin skimmer (*Antique T&T*, Plate 97; *Colonial Living*, p. 38).

t) A wrought-iron meat fork, 12"-18" long (Nutting, vol. 2, Plates 4000-4004; *Colonial Living*, p. 38).

u) An iron ladle, ca. 12"-18" long (cf. Nutting, Plate 3868) and/or wooden cooking spoons (*Wooden Ware*, Plates 53-55).

7. Tableware

a) Tin drinking cups, 3"-4" high and 2"-3" in diameter (*Antique T&T*, Plate 111), could well have been part of the Neilson furnishings.

b) Finer drinking vessels probably comprised part of Arnold's equipment. This might have been an English brown stoneware mug (Hume, Fig. 32),¹⁵ or perhaps a gray German stoneware mug from the Rhineland (cf. Hume, Fig. 92), or even a humbler wooden tankard or noggin (cf. *Colonial Living*, p. 40).

c) Eating plates, perhaps a half dozen, would have been on the table or in the corner cabinet. Those belonging to the Neilsons might well have been simple wooden plates, ranging from 6" to 12" in diameter (*Wooden Ware*, Plate 73), or simpler wooden trenchers, which were hollowed-out oblong pieces of wood (*Colonial Living*, p. 39). Finer pewter plates may also have been on hand. Pewterware was used extensively in the 18th century, but it was also taken for bullets during the Revolutionary War (*Antique T&T*, p. 126). If pewter was there, it probably consisted of one or two larger serving plates, ca. 12" in diameter, and a few smaller eating plates. (*Colonial Living*, p. 39; Nutting, vol. 1, Plate 576).

15. Ivor Noël Hume, *A Guide to Artifacts of Colonial America* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1974) (hereafter cited as *Artifacts of Colonial America*).

8. Linens, Towels, Other Cloth Materials

a) Bed ticking, a heavy woven material filled probably with corn shucks or straw or wood shavings, served as the "mattress."¹⁶

b) One or two wool blankets.

c) Perhaps a two-seamed coverlet (Christensen, Plate 218).¹⁷

d) One linen bolster. In the 18th century, one slept in a semisupine position, reclining on the bolster and on -

e) One or two goose feather pillows (*Colonial Living*, p. 35).

f) Linen sheets might also have been on the bed. For the table, very little in the way of linen finery would have been owned by the Neilsons. At the most, the following items may have been stored in the corner cabinet:

a) One diapered tablecloth.

b) Several diapered towels and/or napkins, the latter in common use at this time because of the prevalent custom of eating with one's fingers (*Colonial Living*, p. 39).

The following "toilet" articles probably were in use by Arnold and his staff:

a) Washbasin and water pitcher. The wash basin could well have been of wood (*Wooden Ware*, Plate 69), the pitcher perhaps of tin (*Antique T&T*, Plate 139).

b) A chamber pot, or slop pail, was a ubiquitous item of the period (*Antique T&T*, Plate 143).

9. Miscellaneous Items

a) Flatirons, two, and perhaps a flatiron holder (*Antique T&T*, Plate 85).

b) Musket, perhaps hanging over the door (Peterson, p. 27).

c) Powder horn, hanging over the fireplace (Peterson, pp. 70-71).

d) Candle boxes, probably of pine, ca. 15" wide, 8" high, and 3"-4" deep (*Pine Furniture*, Plates 1, 2).

16. J. C. Furnas, *The Americans. A Social History of the United States, 1587-1914* (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1969), p. 137 (hereafter cited as *The Americans*).

17. Erwin O. Christensen, *The Index of American Design* (New York: The Macmillan Company, 1950), Plate 218 (hereafter cited as *American Design*).

e) Several tin candlesticks, ca. 6" high (*Antique T&T*, Plate 182).

f) A lantern, 12" high and 5" square (Downey, App. A, Plate 31; *Colonial Living*, p. 59).

g) A Betty lamp, of tin, ca. 5" long (*Antique T&T*, Plate 163; *Colonial Living*, p. 42).

h) Candle snuffer, of tin, 2"-3" high (*Antique T&T*, Plate 186).

i) Besides the furnishings so far enumerated, other items would have been present lending a more vital appearance to the Neilson House. For instance fruits, vegetables, and herbs of the fall season might be seen. Hung on a beam, perhaps might have been such items as lavender, peppers, Indian corn, rice, rosemary, apples, and grapes.

Moreover, fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms might have been in a bowl on the sawbuck table at which Arnold and his aides sat.

10. Temporary Military Items

Due to the temporary use of the Neilson House by Arnold and his staff, the following articles could have been in the house:

a) One razor case, 4-1/2" x 7" x 3-1/4", perhaps similar to the mahogany one belonging to George Washington (Downey, App. A, Plate 36).

b) One set of camp knives and forks (Downey, App. A, Plate 45).

c) One toilet set, consisting of silver-handled toothbrush, one silver tongue-scraper, and a silver case divided into two compartments, probably for tooth powder; all of the above in a tooled, red leather case, 5" x 3/4" x 1/2" (Downey, App. A, Plate 46).

d) An inkwell on the sawbuck table, 3"-5" in diameter (Downey, App. A, Plates 5, 34; *Colonial Living*, p. 61).

e) One or two quills (*Colonial Living*, p. 61; Downey, App. A, Plate 5).

f) A leather dispatch case, ca. 13" x 18" (Downey, App. A, Plate 48), or a leather saddlebag, ca. 12" x 15" (Peterson, p. 214).

g) Ore sander, ca. 4" x 2-1/2" (Downey, App. A, Plate 38; *Colonial Living*, p. 61).

h) Paper and ink (*Colonial Living*, p. 61).

i) Sealing wax (*Colonial Living*, p. 61).

j) One or two orderly books, lying on the table.¹⁸

k) A "letters-in" and a "letters-out" box.

l) A wooden file box for correspondence.

m) A portable field desk.

n) Reproduction of a contemporary map of the area used in the campaign (e.g., cf. map of upper New York State dating from 1760 to 1775 in the Thomas A. Emmet Collection, New York Public Library; a copy of the original in the British Publications Records Office).

The following items, belonging in a stricter sense to the category of wearing apparel and outfitting of a general officer such as Arnold, could be expected to be lying about the Neilson House somewhat in disarray during Arnold's rather hectic occupation of the house:

a) Pistols and holster (Peterson, pp. 49-53; Downey, App. A, Plates 39, 40).

b) Spurs, brass or silver for Arnold, not the iron of the common soldier (Peterson, pp. 215-16).

c) Sword belt, or sash (Peterson, p. 93).

d) Sword (Peterson, pp. 92-97).

e) Telescope (Downey, App. A, Plate 41).

f) Looking glass, possible in view of Arnold's vanity (*Pine Furniture*, p. 177).

Any or all of the following items typical of an officer's uniform might have been found in the Neilson House during Arnold's occupancy:

a) A cocked hat, probably dark brown, with cockade and feathers, the latter denoting officer rank (Peterson, Fig. 14, pp. 224-25).

b) Boots, brown leather, knee-high (Peterson, portraits facing p. 128).

c) A linen (or silk) shirt with a lace fall at the neck (portrait of Arnold made in July 1777; reproduced in Higginbotham between pp. 238-39; also, *Colonial Living*, p. 140; Peterson, portraits facing p. 128).

18. Items "j" through "n" were suggested in an interview between the author and Col. Fred P. Todd, Ret.; Member, N.Y. State Bi-Centennial Commission; former Director, West Point Museum; and former Director, New Windsor Cantonment.

d) A brown wool coat, the cuffs, collar, and lapels faced in buff (Peterson, p. 224; *ibid.*, portrait of General Greene facing p. 128).

e) One pair of buff-colored breeches, probably woolen (Peterson, p. 227; *ibid.*, portraits facing p. 128).

f) Vest, or waistcoat, also probably of wool, buff-colored, single-breasted, with flaps covering the pockets (Peterson, p. 227; *ibid.*, portraits facing p. 128).

g) One pair of brown leather shoes (Peterson, p. 2380).

h) One pair stockings, knitted wool or perhaps silk (Peterson, p. 229).

C. Lean-To

A doorway from the common room on the north side led into the lean-to. This storage room measured 12' x 6' and had beaded sheathing walls with one small window in the east wall. The Neilsons would have used this room for storage of some of their more valuable possessions during the military occupancy as well as for storing tools, foodstuffs, etc. The following items might have been in the lean-to:

a) One wool wheel, 5'1" x 6'1" x 1-1/2" (Downey, App. A, Plate 24).

b) One flax wheel, 3'3" x 2'9" x 1-1/4" (Downey, App. A, Plate 25).

c) Clock reel, 3-1/2' x 2' x 1-1/2' (Downey, App. A, Plate 23).

d) Free shelving, pine, ca. 6' x 5' x 9" (*Pine Furniture*, p. 126; Nutting, vol. 1, Plate 476).

e) One lantern, ca. 9" high (Downey, App. A, Plate 31).

f) One hammer, head ca. 5" long (Park Collection, Saratoga NHP).

g) One hatchet, head ca. 4-1/2" (Downey, App. A, Plate 26).

h) Raw flax.

i) One broad axe, ca. 18" x 10" (Downey, App. A, Plate 33).

j) One adz, handle 3' long, head 1' long (*Colonial Living*, p. 30).

k) Several wood cards, ca. 9" x 5" (Downey, App. A, Plate 20; *Colonial Living*, p. 46).

l) One flax hatchet, ca. 3' x 8' (*Colonial Living*, p. 49; *Antique T&T*, Plate 124).

m) One birch broom, ca. 5' (*Pine Furniture*, p. 30; *Colonial Living*, p. 68).

- n) One milk pan of tin, ca. 2' in diameter, 10" deep (*Antique T&T*, Plate 86).
- o) One candle mold, of tin (*Antique T&T*, Plate 194).
- p) One cake of tallow (animal fat used for making soap and candles).
- q) One wooden funnel, ca. 4" high (*Wooden Ware*, Plate 63).
- r) One washtub, wooden, with metal support rings, ca. 18" high and 2-1/2' in diameter (*Antique T&T*, Plate 135).
- s) One churn, wooden, ca. 2-1/2' high (*Colonial Living*, p. 45; *Wooden Ware*, Plate 103).
- t) Several wooden barrels of various sizes, ranging perhaps from 1 quart to 50 gallons (*Wooden Ware*, Plates 93-94, pp. 177-78).
- u) One meal tub, of wood (*Wooden Ware*, Plate 85; *Pine Furniture*, bottom shelf, p. 126).
- v) Mortars and pestles, several of wood (Downey, App. A, Plate 34).
- w) Wooden cup, butter paddles, wooden bucket (Downey, App. A, Plate 34).
- x) Various tools, such as grass knives, bed yoke, wrench, chopping knife, drills, hammer, hand saw, rake (Downey, App. A, Plates 32-33).

D. Attic

The attic, 16'7" long x 17'5" wide, was sparsely finished with pine floorboards, pine sheathing on the walls, and no windows. During the military occupancy of the Neilson House, it was probably used by Arnold's aides as sleeping quarters, if at all, and contained only the sleeping equipment of those men. The attic might have contained the following items:

- a) One or two straw-filled mattresses.
- b) Several wool blankets.

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Many valuable secondary sources for furnishings of the period have appeared since Downey completed her study. These works have been consulted and mentioned in the text so that the reader can readily refer to them for illustrations of the objects discussed. Illustrations of the myriad objects that would have been in the Neilson House might be found scattered through a large number of sources. For ease of reference for the reader, the number of illustrations referred to has been restricted. Thus, five or six of the illustrated secondary sources will provide the vast majority of furnishings illustrations referred to in the text.

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APPENDIX

Selected New York Estate Inventories Taken Between 1773 and 1788

These inventories are filed in the Albany County Surrogate Court records, which are at present stored in the basement of the New Court House in Albany, New York. Over 2,000 of the inventories filed here, from letters "F" through "Z", were examined. "A" through "E" were not studied. The inventories selected for reproduction were chosen on the basis of date, geographical location, and content of information concerning furnishings that might be of comparative value in refurnishing the Neilson House. Only two inventories from Stillwater, New York, were located. Although Abner Quitterfield died ca. 1777, papers on the administration of his estate were not filed by his widow until 1784. No inventory for his estate was located among the papers filed in Albany. At the time of the Battle of Saratoga, Stillwater was located in Albany County. It may be that some of the papers pertaining to the Quitterfields and Neilsons, such as estate inventories, are now filed in the county clerk's office for Saratoga County. Mr. John Neilson, Sr.'s, will and inventory would be of assistance in ascertaining more about the taste of the people who lived in this interesting small three-room house. Mr. Neilson died in 1834; at that time Stillwater was in Saratoga County. A check of the court records of Saratoga County might turn up a legal case involving the estate of Abner Quitterfield that could include an inventory of his possessions as of 1777. The name of Ashbal More, who married the widow Ester Quitterfield sometime between 1777 and 1784, might be checked through these records. He died in 1790. No inventory or will was found for him or his wife in the Albany County Records. If examined, the legal case involving John Neilson, Jr., in 1818-21 would make his inventory more meaningful.

Few inventories for the 1775-80 period were filed among the Albany County Records examined. Very few of those located were from the Stillwater area. Those selected were photostated and used as a basis for selecting items included on the suggested lists for furnishings in this plan. Because they are so rich in information and evidence concerning possessions in New York at this period, they are attached for further study.

List of Inventories Included:

<u>Goods and Chattel of:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Jacob Hinderer	March 8, 1773	Livingston's Manor, Albany City, N. Y.
2. Elbert Haring	December 14 and 15, 1773	New York City, N. Y.
3. Michael Hopkins	February 1, 1774	Amenia Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y.
4. John Rider	March 26, 1774	South East Precinct, Dutchess County, N. Y.
5. John O'Farrel	June 7, 1774	Stillwater, N. Y.
6. Thomas Rockwell	March 15, 1775	Salem, The County of Westchester, N. Y.
7. Joseph Purdy	February 3, 1777	New York
8. Joseph Harris	June 19, 1777	New York
9. Thomas Haviland	March 17, 1787	East Chester, N. Y.
10. James McCobb	November 12, 1774	Precinct of Hanooe, County of Ulster, N. Y.
11. Thomas Horton, Capt.	June 12, 1778	New York
12. Noah Grindley	September 21, 1779	Kings District, Albany County, N. Y.
13. Thomas Fowler	August 22, 1780	New York
14. Samuel Hallock	April 7, 1783	Ulster County, N. Y.
15. Jesse Hubbel	October 11, 1788	Stillwater, Saratoga Patent, Albany County, N. Y.
16. John Neilson, Jr.	June 19, 1818	Stillwater, N. Y.

NAME: Elbert Haring, Yeoman

DATE: 14th and 15th December 1773

VICINITY: New York City, N. Y.

AMOUNT: Value of Goods and Chattle
703 Pounds, 10 Shillings, 3 Pence

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Dutch

PROFESSION: Probably farming

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County
Albany, N. Y.

Elbert Hare

Inventory of the
Estate of Elbert
Hare, Dec. 1877.

Filed the 26th day of
June 1887.

1 Old Bed, 1 Bolster, 1 Pillow and 3 Rugs	£ 3 = 10 = 0
2 Quilted Linen and 1 pair	0 = 5 = 0
3 Old Panels and 1 Trunk	0 = 1 = 0
3 Buckles and 2 Ladders	0 = 2 = 0
4 Doren quart Bottles, 1 Snuff Bottle and 1 Oil Batty	0 = 16 = 0
1 Pair Taylor Shears and 1 Apple Roster	0 = 3 = 0
1 Pair Sheep Shears	0 = 0 = 9
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 New York Dec 14th 1773

Errors excepted

David Albert
John
approved

1 Glass Caneister, 1 Sugar Caneister and 1 Wooden Bowl - - - - - £0 = 4 = 0

In the Entry

1 Lantern - - - - - 1 = 0 = 0
 6 Old Chairs - - - - - 0 = 9 = 0
 3 large earthen Bowls - - - - - 0 = 5 = 0
 1 Pair Wall Caddis, 1 Picture and 2 Cushes - - - - - 0 = 6 = 0
 1 Cupboard - - - - - 1 = 10 = 0
 1 Small Chest of Draw - - - - - 1 = 10 = 0

In the back Bed Room

1 Bedstead and Curtains, 1 Quilt, 2 Blankets and 2 Pillows - - - - - 5 = 0 = 0
 6 Chairs Black Walnut - - - - - 1 = 16 = 0
 1 dressing Glass - - - - - 1 = 10 = 0
 1 small Bed Carpet - - - - - 0 = 3 = 0
 2 Pewee Chamber Stools - - - - - 0 = 2 = 0
 6 Pine Baskets with some Pipes - - - - - 0 = 3 = 0
 2 Stone Chamber Stools - - - - - 0 = 1 = 0

In the Garret

0 Pictures - - - - - 0 = 0 = 0
 1 Chest and 1 Trunk - - - - - 0 = 0 = 0
 1 Basket - - - - - 0 = 2 = 0
 1 Couch and 2 Cushings - - - - - 0 = 10 = 0
 1 Bag with some Feathers in it - - - - - 0 = 15 = 0
 1 Bedstead and 1 Quilt - - - - - 0 = 12 = 0
 1 Pair scabs, Beam, and some Brights - - - - - 2 = 0 = 0
 2 Demi Johns - - - - - 0 = 12 = 0
 1 Old cupboard - - - - - 0 = 3 = 0

£10 17 0

Credits

Money paid in the House at the time of the Testator's Death - - - £ 15 = 12 = 6
 Rent due from Peter Low at the time of the Testator's death - - - 5 = 15 = 0
 Do from Cornel Sands - do - - - - - 18 = 0 = 0
 Do from Mr. Hutchins - do - - - - - 5 = 0 = 0
 Do from Luke Hindsted - do - - - - - 5 = 15 = 0
 Do from Richard Libby - do - - - - - 3 = 0 = 0
 Do from Joseph Fairly - do - - - - - 2 = 15 = 0
 Do from William Normand do. But he has an Account against it - - - 2 = 0 = 0
 Money due from Leonard Lisperard for 20 Bushels Bush. sold him }
 by the Testator - - - - - 4 = 10 = 0
 Do from Timothy Hurst for Straw do. - - - - - 0 = 11 = 0
 A Receipt from Thomas Russell to the Testator dated the 20 Nov: 1770 }
 for a set of Bills of Exchange, and promising to pay £ 73 = 2 = 0 } 73 = 2 = 0
 New York Money when the Bills are paid - - - - -

The sum of the Personal Estate being given to the Widow the whole is kept in
 her Possession

Elizabeth Herring

Peter Bogerts

the preceding allowed to by Samuel
 Jones and John Haring this 26th
 day of June 1777 - Peter Ogilvie -

Samuel Jones

John Haring

John Haring

4. Old Linen and 1 Spoon in the Linen
 Some Green and silvered
 6 old pictures 0 = 2 = 0
 1 small looking glass somewhat broken & 1 small Egl. Tab 0 = 1 = 0
 1 Old Hanger 0 = 1 = 0
 1 Trivet and 1 brass Skimmer 0 = 3 = 0

In the Little Bed Room,

1 Bed, ^{1 new Bed} 1 Bolster, 2 pillows, 1 Rug, 1 Coverlid and 1 Bedstead 7 = 0 = 0
 1 Chest stool 1 = 0 = 0
 1 Rug, 1 Coverlid, 1 Bolster, 2 Pillows and 1 Bedstead & 1 new Bed 2 = 0 = 0
 1 Old Bed and 1 Blanket, intended for the bench, 0 = 0 = 0
 1 Pewee Chamber Pot 0 = 1 = 0

In the Common Room

1 Bed, 1 Bolster 2 pillows, 1 quilt, 1 Bedstead Curtains & floor Bed 10 = 0 = 0
 1 Clock 10 = 0 = 0
 1 easy Chair 2 = 0 = 0
 1 Elbow and 12 other leather Chairs 4 = 0 = 0
 2 Pair window Curtains and 1 small one 1 = 15 = 0
 12 Pictures 3 = 15 = 0
 1 looking glass 4 = 0 = 0
 1 Pair hand Irons and Hooks 0 = 16 = 0
 1 Tea Box and 3 Canteens belonging to it 0 = 6 = 0
 1 Carpet 0 = 12 = 0
 1 large Dutch Bible 1 = 5 = 0
 2 Bunches, hair Pillows and 8 screens 0 = 0 = 0
 6 barrel of Old Books 0 = 10 = 0
 7 earthen Dishes some of them Cracked 0 = 3 = 0
 11 China soup Plates 0 = 12 = 0
 Some earthen Chocolate Bowls and saucers 0 = 3 = 0
 251 5 0

1 Earthen Jug
 1 large earthen bowl add 1 small earthen bowl
 1 Table

Plat. given to the Widow

2 Tankards 7/3 brass	91 = 8 = 6
1 Tea Pot	0 = 2 = 0
1 Mug	4 = 0 = 0
1 Milk Pot	5 = 19 = 0
1 Tilt	9 = 12 = 0
1 Tilt	1 = 16 = 0
1 Sugar Dish	4 = 10 = 0
1 Soup Spoon	3 = 16 = 6
2 Salts	1 = 14 = 0
1 Pepper Box	0 = 13 = 6
1 Punch Glass	0 = 9 = 0
1 Punch Ladle	0 = 10 = 0
12 Table spoons	7 = 13 = 0
10 Tea spoons and 1 Tea skimmer	2 = 5 = 0
1 Ringed	4 = 6 = 0

In the Parlor

1 China Soup Dish	0 = 10 = 0
4 Earthen Dishes	0 = 6 = 6
4 Biscuit-China Dishes	0 = 14 = 0
1 set of Glasses	0 = 10 = 0
7 Drinking Glasses, 5 Tumblers and 1 Mustard Pot	0 = 6 = 6
3 Decanters	0 = 6 = 0
2 Old Earthen Bowls with some powder blue	0 = 3 = 0
2 Coff. Mills	0 = 10 = 0

$\overline{05} \quad 6 \quad 0$

1 Tin Box with some starch in it	2 = 6
6 Butter Plates	2 = 6
4 Earthen Soup Plates	1 = 6
8 China Plates	5 = 0
11 Earthen Cups and saucers	16 = 0
5 Tin Canisters and 1 Silver Sugar Dish	3 = 0
1 China Bowl and 6 Tea Cups and saucers	9 = 0
1 China Bowl, 2 earthen Tea pots, and a parcel of bird cups and saucers	0 = 0
1 Silver and plated	2 = 0
2 bird small plates and four spoons	4 = 0
1 Tobacco Box and 2 Tea Coffers	1 = 0
1 Cupboard	10 = 0
1 Looking Glass and a Table under it	0 = 0
1 large round Table	10 = 0
1 Stool	10 = 0
1 Tea Table	5 = 0
1 Stool and 1 Tea Board and 8 Cups and saucers	2 = 0
12 Pictures	12 = 0
3 Pair of Window Curtains	15 = 0
6 Chinese Lathes Sticks	0 = 0
1 Green China Bowl	0 = 0
4 Burnt China Bowls	12 = 0
2 Glass Mirrors	5 = 0
1 Scotch Carpet	0 = 0
1 Tin Trunk	2 = 0
1 Small Trunk	3 = 0
1 Linen	0 = 0
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	37 10 6

25 Sheets	£ 10 = 0 = 0
5 Bolster Cases	1 = 0 = 0
10 Pillow Cases	1 = 16 = 0
2 Remnants of quilting and some Thread	0 = 0 = 0
2 old Flannel Blankets	0 = 3 = 0
6 Table Cloths and 4 Breakfast Cloths	1 = 15 = 0
11 Towels and 5 Napkins	0 = 16 = 0
Wearing, Lippard and silver Buckles, Glaces and Buttons	20 = 0 = 0
1 Tin Box and 1 small Red Leather Trunk	3 = 6 = 0
1 small case with 6 Bottles in it	0 = 3 = 0
4 Table Cloths	1 = 10 = 0
6 Napkins	0 = 10 = 0
10 Pillow Cases	1 = 0 = 0
1 Tin Box with Cannisters	2 = 12 = 0
3 Sheets	1 = 0 = 0
6 Chairs	2 = 0 = 0
1 Knife Case	0 = 6 = 0
1 Tea Kettle	0 = 12 = 0
4 smoothing Irons	0 = 5 = 0
1 Flowered Table Cloth	0 = 6 = 0
1 Pair Brass Candlesticks	0 = 6 = 0
1 Brass Kettle	0 = 16 = 0
2 Rustic Dishes	0 = 7 = 0
10 Pillow Cases	1 = 0 = 0
1 Table Cloth	1 = 10 = 0
6 Napkins	0 = 9 = 0
1 Pair Spectacles	0 = 2 = 0

£ 49 6 0

A True and perfect Inventory of All the Goods, Chattels and Credits whatsoever that were of Robert Haring late of the City of New York, German, Deceased, which have come to the hands, possession or knowledge of the acting Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said Robert Haring; Taken the Fourteenth and Fifteenth days of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy three. By Peter both Haring, Petrus Bogart, Samuel Jones, John de Bopstus Junior and John Haring the acting Executors of the said last Will and Testament (Nicholas Haring the other Executor named therein not having qualified as an Executor, being now dead at the time of the Testator's Death and ever since absent on a Voyage at sea) In the presence of several of the Witnesses Death and ever since absent on a Voyage at sea) In the presence of several of the Witnesses named in the said Will; which said Goods and Chattels are appraised by Benjamin Blagge and David Abel sworn Appraisers in the City of New York.

Negros

1 Negro man slave called Tage	£ 60 = 00 = 00
1 Negro woman slave called Bess	50 = 00 = 00
1 ditto ditto called Dinah	50 = 00 = 00

Stock of Horses and Cattle

1 Brown Horse	20 = 00 = 00
1 Small Horse	20 = 00 = 00
1 Bay Horse	14 = 00 = 00
1 Large Bull	4 = 00 = 00
1 Young ditto	2 = 00 = 00
7 Cows	30 = 10 = 00
1 Lamb	2 = 00 = 00
4 Pigs	16 = 00 = 00
2 Calves	3 = 00 = 00
1 Bear	3 = 00 = 00

Farming Implements &c.

1 Baggen and Tackling	10 = 00 = 00
1 plowman's sled	4 = 00 = 00
1 old ditto	1 = 5 = 00
1 Mill for Cleaning Corn	2 = 10 = 00
1 Corn Fan	0 = 1 = 6
2 Horse carts and Harness for each	20 = 00 = 00
1 Plow	1 = 10 = 00

£ 321 " 16 " 6

1 Harrow with Iron Teeth	£00 = 12 = 00
1 body of a Wagon & 8 small Wagon Wheels	3 = 00 = 00
1 Wheel Barrow	0 = 16 = 00
4 old Frames of Bolting Sieves	0 = 6 = 00
1 Pitch Fork	0 = 2 = 00
2 Long Forks	0 = 3 = 00
8 Rakes	0 = 6 = 00
1 Garden Rake	0 = 6 = 00
2 Thrashing Flails and 1 Broom	0 = 2 = 00
1 Half Bushel	0 = 2 = 00
1 Wooden scrop, shovel, 1 old Iron shovel & 1 good one	0 = 5 = 00
1 scythe and Tackling, 1 Old scythe, 1 Briar hock & 1 sickle	0 = 4 = 0
2 Hoes	0 = 1 = 6
3 Spades	0 = 10 = 0
2 Augers	0 = 4 = 0
1 Old barrel with some Horse Feed in it, in the New Barn	0 = 1 = 0
Hay, Barley, straw and Corn Stalks in the new Barn	20 = 0 = 0
21 Boards in the new Barn	1 = 1 = 0
1 Riding Chair and Harness	12 = 0 = 0
Hay and Rushes in the Old Barn	10 = 0 = 0
1 Old Wood Sticks	0 = 15 = 0
1 Old Grind-stone	0 = 5 = 0
1 Tub with some Horse Feed and 2 Bins, in the Old Barn	0 = 3 = 0
1 Ox Yoke	0 = 0 = 0
3 old Barrels with Turnips	0 = 0 = 0
1 ladder and a parcel of Old boards in the Old Barn	0 = 0 = 0
1 Old 4 Wheel Chaise and some Harness belonging to it	6 = 0 = 0
1 Old Riding Chair and some Harness	4 = 0 = 0
2 Old Saddles and Bridles & 1 Old Chain Whip & many Emb	10 = 0 = 0
1 Tin Bucket, 1 Tub of Taw & 1 Old empty Barrel	0 = 3 = 6
2 Sifts, 2 Mat-hooks, 1 scythe-Nib	0 = 5 = 0
6 parcel of Old gear 2 Horse Yokes and leading lines	0 = 15 = 0
6 parcel of Old Iron	0 = 15 = 0
4 Axes	0 = 12 = 0

£65 " 9 " 0

1 Copper Kettle	20 = 3 = 00
1 Hatlock	0 = 3 = 00
3 Hammers	0 = 2 = 6
1 Saddle and 4 Iron Bedsteads	0 = 5 = 0
1 Copper Cistern	0 = 5 = 0
1 grind stone	0 = 10 = 0
1 sack of wheat	0 = 0 = 0
Indian Corn in the Crib	2 = 0 = 0
Turnips in Tubs under the ground	1 = 5 = 0
Potatoes in the Cellar	1 = 5 = 0
Grain in the granary	14 = 10 = 0
Grain in the ground	6 = 0 = 0
Cabbages in the garden	1 = 5 = 0
11 Hung Wild Fowls	0 = 0 = 0
13 Ducks	1 = 0 = 0

Stitchen Furniture etc.

1 xpe Tub, 1 bail, 3 old barrels and 1 old Tub	0 = 1 = 6
1 Lime Hiddle	0 = 1 = 0
4 Iron hooped, 1 bail, 2 Cedar Tubs and 2 Oak d ^o	8 = 5 = 0
1 Copper Kettle	1 = 0 = 0
1 Dille	0 = 8 = 0
1 D ^o with a Cover	1 = 0 = 0
2 Iron Kettles and 1 old one without a handle	1 = 0 = 0
6 Iron P ^l ts	2 = 5 = 0
2 small Brass Kettles	0 = 16 = 0
1 Old Dille - and 1 old Kettle	0 = 1 = 0
1 Dipping Pan	0 = 6 = 0
5 Hammels	1 = 5 = 0
1 pair Old Red-Irons	0 = 10 = 0
1 Lapple Iron, 2 Grid-Irons & some Iron Skewers	1 = 0 = 0
	<u>£40 0 0</u>

1 Barning Pan £0 = 0 = 0
 0 sad Irons, 1 smoothing Iron and part of another 1 = 0 = 0
 17 Candle Moulds & stand for d^r. 1 = 10 = 0
 3 Tea Kettles 2 = 0 = 0
 2 Old puffing pans 0 = 5 = 0
 3 Chopping Dishes 0 = 8 = 0
 2 Copper Mugs & 1 Sauce Pan 0 = 3 = 0
 4 Brass Candle-sticks, 1 Blanket & 1 brass Pepper Box 0 = 15 = 0
 2 Iron Candle-sticks, 1 pair saucers & 1 Candle box 0 = 2 = 6
 4 parcel Tin Ware 0 = 12 = 0
 1 Iron Gridle 0 = 0 = 0
 1 Knife Box with Knives and Forks 0 = 8 = 0
 2 Tormentors 0 = 3 = 0
 Pewter 3 = 0 = 0
 1 old empty Bottle Case & 1 Market Basket 0 = 1 = 0
 1 stone pot with Rice 0 = 5 = 0
 1 Old Gun 0 = 10 = 0
 1 Brass Mortar and Pestle 0 = 10 = 0
 1 pair hind-Irons, 1 Tongs & shovel, in the Kitchen, 0 = 0 = 0
 3 Copper Cooky plates, ^{1 brass Gridle} 1 pair-Iron, 2 frying pans & 1 brass
 Tadle, in the Kitchen } 3 = 15 = 0
 1 Camp Kettle and 1 fish shovel 0 = 1 = 0
 4 Old Chairs and 3 Old Tables, in the Kitchen, 0 = 3 = 0
 4 parcel of Old Casks, some squashes and 2 Troughs in y^e cellar 0 = 1 = 0
 Some sea Cals 0 = 2 = 0
 2 Brass Casks, 1 Dumb Dolly, 4 Tins & 3 Milk pails 1 = 0 = 0
 3 Chairs 0 = 7 = 0
 4 Butter Tins one with some Butter in it 0 = 2 = 0
 1 Tin with some left Yeast Powder in it 0 = 6 = 0
 1 old dipping pan, 1 old Gun, 1 Bench, 1 Barrel, } 0 = 3 = 0
 1 Pewter Dish and an earthen Plate }
 1 Tin Pan 1 = 0 = 0

NAME: Jacob Hinderer

DATE: 8 March 1773

VICINITY: Livingston's Manor,
Albany City, N. Y.

AMOUNT: Unknown

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Unknown, possibly
Dutch

PROFESSION: Possibly shoemaking

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County
Albany, N. Y.

Account brought over.

at Livingston's Manor containing Acres
 with about Six Acres of Wheat sowed thereon
 2 Bedsteads - 1 Sawdank - 2 Empty Hogsheads
 1 Table - 6 Chairs 3 Knives & forks, 4 Pewter pans
 1 small Iron Pot, - 2 small tin Pails - 1 Sythe
 1 Straw Bench - 1 Cask & full Pickled Cabbage
 1 Lot Shoemakers Tools including Lasts &c.
 1 Writing Desk & 1 small Pine Table and 1 Chest &
 2 Pails.

The foregoing Account & Inventory was Sworn to, agreeable
 to the Oath prescribed in a certain Act of the Governor & the Council
 of the General Assembly of this Colony Entitled "An Act for the Relief of
 Insolvent Debtors within this Colony with Respect to their Impri-
 sonment of their Persons" made & Pass'd the 8th Day of March
 last. by Jacob Schneider (alias) Jacob Lindeser. this
 Day of August 1773.
 Before us {

16th July 1773

Jacob Schneider

20th Oct. 1773

NAME: Michael Hopkins

DATE: 1 February 1774

VICINITY: Amenia Precinct,
Dutchess County, N. Y.

AMOUNT: Undetermined

NATIONAL ORIGIN: English

PROFESSION: Unknown

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County
Albany, N. Y.

Inventory to Richard
Stephen Platt
File 41500 pp.

A True and Exact Inventory of all and singular Goods Chattels & Effects of Michael Hopkins late of America Precinct in Dutchess County and Province of New York Deceased Taken and Appraised the first Day of February A.D. 1774 by us Zibulon Rind and William Barker two of the Neighbouring freeholders at the Request and in the Presence of Roswell Hopkins Administrator to said Michael Hopkins Family

Brought up from the Right Hand £21-5-8		1 Silver pint Can	£5-1-3
1 Lanthorn	0-2-0	6 Do Common Spoons	4-10-
2 pair old Shovel & tongs	0-3-6	6 Do old tea Spoons	15-
2 Small baskets	0-0-9	1 Do pepper Caster	1-10-
1 Seal & Ring & Chain & Diph	0-5-	1 Do Sugar Tongs	8-5-
1 old brass Kettle	0-12-0	1 Do Soup Spoon	2-8-9
1 tin Scooper & 2 or 36	0-3-10	1 old Japan Silver	3-
1 old black mirror	6-	1 Do other Sugar Diph	3
1 brace & 2 or 3 or 4	0-14-6	1 old picture	10-
1 pair old tongs	0-0-	1 old tea Canister	2-
1 old iron Ladle	0-16-	3 old tea Canisters	6-
1 old iron Ladle	0-8-	1 Small Sugg	2-6
1 old iron Ladle	5-	1 old pewter quart Cup	1-2-6
1 pair old tongs	5-	4 platters	2-6
1 old tin oven & 1 old Pillow	0-2-	1 old pewter tea pot	2-6
1 table of 3 or 4	0-11-	7 old knives & 4 or 5 forks	3-6
1 old pair of 13 or 14 old Cap	0-1-9	2 old towels	1-0
1 small chest without a lid	0-1-6	2 old Iron Candlesticks	1-6
1 old plan of Europe	0-2-	2 old brass Do	4-
1 old picture	0-0-6	2 old half pint Cups	1-
1 pair old black limit branches	0-10-	4 old Small basins	3-10
1 pair of Stript branches	0-5-	6 old pewter Spoons	9
1 pair old black limit branches	0-3-	12 old pewter plates	13-9
2 pair Savanah branches	0-5-	3 old patty pans	9
1 pair black in do	0-18-	1 pair old Shovel fill w/ cotton	0-10-0
1 old 4 old 1 old	10-	1 pair old Pillow do	0-10-0
1 old 2 old 7 old	10-	1 pair old Pillow do	0-0-3
1 old green 7 old	5-	2 tea Cops & 1 Sancer	1-0-0
1 Stript Coat	8-	1 Case with with knives & fork	0-0-4
1 Coat 12 old 12 old	1-7-	1 Gallie pot & Caster	0-5-0
1 Sogather do	18-	3 Smoothing Irons	0-5-
1 Stript Silk 1 old	12-	1 Chest	0-1-6
1 Stript Coat	18-	1 Case	0-10-
1 large lock 12 old	12-	2 pair Iron Stockings	0-0-6
1 old Calicoe do	5-	1 pillow Case	0-1-6
1 old 7 old	19-	2 towels	0-4-
1 old 12 old 1 old	8-	1 pair Scales Gold & weight	0-0-4
1 old 12 old	2-	1 pair of 12 old	21-5-8
Carried over the Right £42-3-0		Carried up to the Left Hand	

[illegible]

Carrie Jones \$5.74.9

- 1 Note against Jesse Alger for £6 on Interest Dated Oct. 27 1772 Endorsed on it 21/6
 1 Note against Moses Lilly for £7.1.9 on Interest Dated June 29 1772
 1 Do against Patrick Dream for 32/ on Interest Dated Nov 16 1770 -
 1 Do against Stephen Ray for 20/0 Dated Dec 23
 1 Do against Samuel Spicer for 40/ Interest after Sept 1 1770 Endorsed 6/8
 1 Do against Ichabod Rogers for 41/6 Interest Dated Aug 17 1770 -
 1 Do against Benja Wood for £3 on Interest Dated Sept 26 1771
 1 Do against Job Cook for £12.1.9 Interest after 1 Feb 1773 -
 1 Execution against Lidah Alger for £1-9-6
 1 Note against Ralph Adams for 133 1/2 Gall Rum to be Delivered at New Haven.

Zebulon Budd

William Barker

City of New York. Be it remembered that on the twenty second day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy three personally came and appeared before me Cary Ludlow Esquire Her Majesty's duty authorized Richard Hopkins Administrator of Michael Hopkins deceased and being duly sworn on his oath that and that the foregoing writing signed by Zebulon Budd & William Barker contains a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits which went of the said Michael Hopkins as far as had come to his hands possession or knowledge or to the hands possession of any person or persons in trust for him to his knowledge

(Cary Ludlow)

NAME: John Rider

DATE: 26 March 1774

VICINITY: South East Precinct,
Dutchess County, N. Y.

AMOUNT:

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Possibly English

PROFESSION: Probably farmer

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

Present in the
 of New York (1790)

Two Coats and Two vests -			
One Hat -			
One Great Coat -			
Two Working Shirts -			
One Lining Shirt -			
One vest -			
Two Pair of Stockings -			
Two Pair of Leather Braces -			
One Pair of Silver Shoe Buckles -			
Cash -			
Silver and Brass Vells -	50	0	0
One Barrel of Pork -	45	0	0
One Barrel of Pork -	3	15	0
One Barrel Part full of Beef -	3	11	0
One Tub of Soap -	0	15	6
One Beer cask -	0	16	0
One Hy-Tee -	0	2	0
One Tub of Soap Green -	0	3	0
One Tub of Pickels -	0	7	0
One Barrel -	0	1	6
One old Taster Tub -	0	1	0
One Tub of fat -	0	2	0
One Tait Box -	0	3	0
One Barrel -	0	0	6
Two Tider Barrels -	0	1	0
One Barrel -	0	3	6
One Barrel of Tider -	0	3	0
One Hopsack part full of Tider -	0	12	0
One Hopsack of Tider -	0	18	0
Two Small Cask -	1	10	0
One old Hopsack -	0	2	0
Two old Tider Barrels -	0	6	0
Two old Barrels -	0	2	6
One Box of Ashes -	0	1	0

Sundry Iron and Two heaters -	1	4	
one Glass Bottle and Earthen pot -	0	3	2
one Iron Plowplates and Shells	0	1	0
one Mare	0	16	0
Sundry - Swine -	12	0	0
one Horse	9	0	0
one Cow and calf	11	0	0
one heaffer and calf	5	10	0
one heaffer and calf	4	10	0
one Mare	5	0	0
one Twoyear old Colt -	10	0	0
one yoke of Oxen	6	10	0
one Cow	16	0	0
one Cow	5	12	0
one heffer	5	10	0
one heffer	4	8	0
five Twoyear old Cattle	11	5	0
Two year old Cattle	13	0	0
Two Oxen and Two hay forks	3	0	0
one Cart	0	10	0
a Pair of horses (harness and harness)	4	10	0
a Pair of horses (harness and one Iron wag)	0	9	0
Two Ox chains	0	9	6
Wheat growing on the ground	1	0	0
Warping Bars	49	0	0
Two Plows and Plow Irons -	0	4	0
one Postle ox and Cattle	1	16	0
Part of a hatchet	0	2	6
one spade	0	5	0
Lanes Buildings and Mills	0	6	0
	1388	0	0

Prized by us
This 26th of March 1774

James B. B. B.

Benj. Higgins
Tho. Higgins

Inventory of the Estate of
Ben. B. B. B.

1774 April 1775

one Pair of Longs and a Peal

one Pair of Hand Irons

one Pair of Stetgards

one Iron Loghead

Sundry Blocks

one Looking Glass

one Gun

four Old Baskets

one Knife

Razors

one Head Head and Cord

one Chest

one Head Head and Cord

one feather Head and under Head

one Head Head Cord and Chaff Head

one Head Head Cord and feather Head

Seven Coverles and Blankets

one feather Head and under Head

C under Head

Two Great wheels

one Covered Head

one Saddle

one Pillion

one Loom

one Barrel and a Bushel of Salt

one Barrel with some vinegar

Three Bushels of Hay Seed

flax Seed

one Old Basket

Two Bee hives and a Basket of Beans

Sixteen Pounds of flax

Three Old Casks

Two Old Sythes

one Old Basket

flax in the Sheaf

one Hide

one Corn fan and Riddle

Nine Geese

one Iron South Plow

one plow

Three hides

1	10	0
0	10	0
0	6	0
0	0	6
1	10	0
0	1	0
0	16	0
0	1	6
0	0	6
0	2	0
0	5	0
0	4	0
0	5	0
1	10	0
0	8	0
1	10	0
1	2	0
2	0	0
0	2	0
0	14	0
0	3	0
1	10	0
0	2	0
1	0	6
0	5	6
0	2	6
0	4	0
1	1	0
0	2	0
0	8	0
0	10	0
0	2	0
0	3	0
0	1	0
0	12	0
1	0	0
0	3	0
0	18	0
1	4	0
2	0	0

Four Boards	0	2	0
One Bread Tray	0	0	6
one fire	0	0	6
one Chest	0	2	0
A Basket and Two Table Cloths	0	12	0
and three Pillow Cases	1	10	0
one Wapp	4	1	0
one Bedstead for Bed and Bedding	1	5	0
Three Shab	0	2	0
One Table	0	5	9
one Barrel	0	2	0
one Heat	0	5	0
one Iron Cattle	0	3	0
one Iron Cattle	1	4	0
one Iron Cattle	0	1	0
A Tub, Pail and Tin Quart Dish	0	13	0
Cane and Strawmats	0	3	0
one Brass Kettle	0	4	0
one Garden	0	2	0
one Copper Dish	0	2	6
one Frying pan	0	0	6
one Old Pail Basket and frying pan	0	7	0
Two Sacks of fat	0	10	0
Seven Bundles of Straws	1	14	0
Three Pewter Dishes three Pint Basins	0	3	6
Seven Plates and Eight Spoons	0	6	6
Seven Knives and Forks	0	1	0
one Pewter Dishes and Basins	0	1	6
one Larders and Candlesticks	0	1	6
one Earthen pot and Suet	0	1	6
Two wooden Bales and one Earthen Milk pail	0	1	0
one Fine Pot	0	1	0
one Copper Sauce pan	0	0	6
one Chair	0	5	0
one Earthen Jug	0	1	0
one Kaskille	0	1	0
Four wooden plates	0	18	0
one Kettle and three Candlesticks	1	14	0
fourteen Bales Earthen Tins and Soap vessels	0	16	0
one Round Table	0	12	0
one Desk			
one Spinning wheel			

NAME: John O'Farrel

DATE: 7 June 1774

VICINITY: Stillwater, N. Y.

AMOUNT: Value of Goods and Chattle
Undetermined

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Probably Irish

PROFESSION: Tenant farmer

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Insolvent Debtor's

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County
Albany, N. Y.

and Account of all the Goods
both in and out of the Store in Possession of the
O'Farrell an agent of the Store, the Necessary Wearing Apparel
his wife and family, immediately under his Care & Control.
A Term at the Late Lease from the Proprietors of the
Patent for 6 Years to come, which Joseph Grinnow has
to Mr. John Vernon with my Improvements therein
been in fact at his Suit.

In the hands of Dirk Swart Esq. two Old Clocks, one
in the hands of Mr. Van der Meer, one in the hands of
Stone Kings Bone Snuff Box. Pledg'd to him for about
At Archibald M. Niels three China Dishes & six China
Tables.
At Comfort Store's One Mahogany Chest, one Clock & three
Tables.

John O'Connell do hereby certify that
the accounts by me filed in the Office of the
of the Supreme Court, and in the Office of the
Clerk of the County of Albany are true and
accounts of all my Creditors and the Monies con-
ing to them respectively by me to the said Clerk
I do hereby acknowledge and that the Inven-
and accounts by me filed in the said Clerk's
ces are just and true accounts of all my Estate Real
and Personal both in Law and Equity either in Posses-
sion, Reversion or Remainder (the necessary wearing
apparel of myself and Wife and Children and
Family immediately under my Care excepted)
and I have directly or indirectly sold leased assigned
or otherwise disposed of, or made over, either in Trust
for myself or otherwise except as set forth in the
same Accounts and Inventories any Part of my Estate
Real or Personal for my future Benefit, or in Order to
defraud my Creditors; and that none of my Creditors
Reside in Great Britain, So help me God.

Sworn this 7 Day of June 1774

Before me Jacob B. Van Dyke one of the
Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the
County of Albany

NAME: Thomas Rockwell

DATE: 15 March 1775

VICINITY: Salem, The County of Westchester,
New York

AMOUNT: 217 Pounds, 17 Shillings, 11 Pence

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Probably English

PROFESSION: Farmer

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:

Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County
Albany, N. Y.

In Inventory of the Goods of the late
 John [unclear] of the County of [unclear]
 the County of [unclear] Dec'd taken
 the 10th day of [unclear] 18[unclear]

1 Iron	1	6
1 [unclear]	3	—
1 [unclear]	6	11
1 [unclear]	7	0
1 [unclear]	5	3
1 [unclear]	3	3
2 tub	4	3
to Shingles	16	—
1 Tub	1	11
1 [unclear]	4	7
1 Cornfan	16	2
1 Wheat Riddle	1	6
1 Tray	1	—
1 [unclear]	3	4
1 Suggs	4	2
1 [unclear] & pieces of Iron	1	3
Some tobacco	3	—
1 Sword	12	3
1 Iron Dog	2	1
2 Bikes	1	1
1 Cortouch Box	1	6
1 Gimblel	—	9
1 Iron Dog	2	1
1 Hoe	2	1
1 Stub Sythe	5	0
1 Riddle	2	7
1 [unclear]	1	—
1 Ba Chain	14	—
1 Barrel	2	—
1 Sovel	4	7
1 Crow bar	13	2
1 pair of Horse gears	10	4
1 Colter	4	—
1 plow Shear & Bolt	7	3
1 Colves	8	3-1
	17	15-5

Brought Over -	17	15	5
1 pair of Steers	12	1	
1 Steifer	5	10	1
1 Cow	7	1	
1 Mare	10	10	6
3 Swine	1	12	5
1 ax		3	5
1 Shaving Knife		3	1
1 Auger		3	
2 Barrels		5	2
1 pair of Hains		3	
1 Glop Box			3
1 Ryder Barrel		2	6
1 fat tub		1	0
Some Boards		6	7
1 Auger		3	
1 Gun	1	13	
1 Cradle		1	
1 Sugg			6
1 Auger			10
1 Chisel			10
1 Gimlet			7
1 Side of Leather		10	7
1 Sickle		1	0
Some Bulbs		1	6
1 Sythe and tawking		5	5
1 tobacco Box & Jar			10
2 Buckhoals		8	3
1 pair of Stocking		3	2
1 Stab	1	9	5
1 Svine		9	0
1 pair of Steers			
Yoke & Irons	19		
1 pair of Steers	14		
Cash	3	6	
Bonds and Notes	40	15	
Durian Book	2		
12 1/2 Acres of Wheat and Oye	16	14	
Sundry Articles of Coasting	9	5	3
	167	11	1

Brought Over -		1908	3	7
2 Glass and 14 pewster plates			9	
2 Yellow Linen pans			1	6
3 new Linen plates			4	
3 Basons 3 sporingers and Spoon			7	
1 tea caddy, Callender & Motherlin			3	
3 Glass bottles			1	
2 pewster pots			2	
Some Earthenware Spoon & Scooper			3	
1 Linen Spinning wheel & reeb			5	
1 Table and 1 Stand			4	
19 Chairs		5	10	
1 Looking Glass			4	
(Left and Drains)		1		
Cup and Bottles		0	8	
5 Hooks & Hammer			3	6
6 Knives and Forks			3	
Tea and Biscuits			7	
1 Warming pan and 1 Chaff			11	6
1 pair of Sheels w/ 2 of cloths	3	6		
1 pair of pillar Copes			7	
10 Napkins & 4 table cloths			9	10
1 Inkstand and 1 pocket Book			1	
1 Candle			10	
1 Shirt Cloth and 1 Shirt			10	6
1 Blank & 3 yards of Flannel			16	
1 pair of Stockings			2	6

and note of hand $\$ 210-14-11$
 $\underline{\quad 4 \quad}$
 $214 \quad 14 \quad 11$

We whose names are here unto
Subscribed Do Certify that ~~the~~
within is a True and perfect
Inventory of the Goods (Rights and
Credits of the above Said Thomas -
Rockwell Deceased Witness our
Hand this 15 Day of March 1772
Rudamiah Rockwell Administrator
Elijah Gilbert Administrator

it being thus said I remembered that on the twentieth day of January in the year
current one thousand seven hundred and eighty three personally came and appeared
before Thomas Bedwell Judge of the Court of Probates of the State of New York, Joseph Smith
of the County of Orleans, State of New York, and being duly sworn he has solemnly declared
that he is not by any means the person who has taken and perfect Amalgam of said and singular
proofs, and is not the author of the said work, and which was come to his hands possession or knowledge or
the use of his name or knowledge of another person or persons in trust for him to his knowledge
Thomas Bedwell Judge of Probates

NAME: Joseph Purdy

DATE: 3 February 1777

VICINITY: New York

AMOUNT: 454 Pounds, 19 Shillings, 10 Pence

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Unknown

PROFESSION: Possibly farmer

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:

Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County
Albany, N. Y.

NAME: Joseph Harris

DATE: 19 June 1777

VICINITY: Unknown (New York)

AMOUNT: Undetermined

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Probably English

PROFESSION: Perhaps a blacksmith

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

An Inventory of the Movable Estate of

Deceased Taken the 19 Day of June 1777 By Jⁿ Isaac Smith &
 Mr. Ezra Thompson

One Bed and Bedding	5. 10. 0	5. 10. 0
One Bed and Bedding	6. 0. 0	6. 0. 0
One Bundle Bed and Bedding	3. 10. 0	3. 10. 0
One Bed and Bedding	6. 10. 0	6. 10. 0
One Bed and Bedding	4. 0. 0	4. 0. 0
One Bed Bush and Bedding	3. 10. 0	3. 10. 0
One Bed and Bedding	3. 10. 0	3. 10. 0
Two Blankets	at 12/-	1. 0. 0
Two Sheets	at 16/-	0. 16. 0
One covered and Five Sheets and Blankets	48/-	2. 8. 0
One Old Chest	4/-	0. 4. 0
One W ^o with one Drawer	at 6/-	0. 6. 0
One large Metal Chest	6/-	0. 6. 0
Four small Foot Wheels	at 40/-	2. 0. 0
One Pin & Wheel	at 4/-	0. 4. 0
Two great Wheels	at 11/-	0. 11. 0
One Loom and Tackling belonging thereto	at	3. 0. 0
One Trunk	at 6/-	0. 6. 0
Three Old and one Barrel	at 7/-	0. 7. 0
One Blanket 3/- Four Sheets 32/-		1. 15. 0
One Bed with one Drawer	10/-	0. 10. 0
Two Saddles 5. 0. 0 one Bridle 6/-		5. 6. 0
One pair small Helyards	8/-	0. 8. 0
Two Milk Trays	at 9/-	0. 9. 0
One Cream Tub 4/- one small Chest 8/-		0. 12. 0
One Chest of Drawers 12/-		0. 12. 0
One Rack 6. 0. 0		6. 0. 0
Two Dishes 20/- Three plates 8/-		1. 8. 0
Two Spoons 2/- One Tea Kettle 6/-		0. 6. 0
		6. 1. 7. 0

Two Brass Kettles at 3. 0. 0	3. 0. 0
Two Iron pots at 20/	1. 0. 0
Two Hammels 10/	0. 10. 0
One pair Andersons 20/ one Half D. 1/	1. 11. 0
One pair Something Irons 5/	0. 5. 0
Two Iron Shovels at 10/	0. 10. 0
Ten Chains 25/	1. 5. 0
One Kettle at 2/ one Hammer at 1/	0. 1. 0
One Washing Tub 6/ one Bucket at 3/	0. 9. 0
The whole of the Old Iron in the Works 4. 0. 0	4. 0. 0
1. 10. 1 1/2 Bar Iron 70 Split 1/2	
Forty & two Pounds one Quarter finished	
One hundred & thirty five Laths ready to length	
Eight D. Three fourths finished	
Sixty one D ready to grind on a wheel of Red Steel	6. 2.
One Hundred and fifty two D. 1/2 for sale	7. 0.
Seven Hundred and one pounds of Common Steel	7. 0.
Two Drags New Axes ready for Ammunition	
Four Shovel Heads at 15/	0. 15. 0
Two Pickaxes 15/	0. 15. 0
An Iron Pickaxe at 12/ one large Iron pickaxe 16/	1. 0. 0
Seven Hammers and Six Hammels 3. 10. 0	3. 10. 0
Thirty six Black Smiths Lamps 4. 15. 0	2. 5. 0
Four Anvils 30. 0. 0	30. 0. 0
One pair Smiths Shears 2/	0. 2. 0
Three Pair Bunches at 20. 0. 0	20. 0. 0
One large vice and four small ones 30/	1. 10. 0
One Pick Iron 21/	1. 1. 0
One Pair 1/2 Iron Clogs 2/	0. 3. 0
One and one Shaving Knife one Square 16/	0. 16. 0
Three & three	
One Lath and Riddle 12/	1. 7. 0
One Lath and Tackling 12/	0. 12. 0

Two Iron Shovel ad 10/-	0..10..0
Eighteen and Half pounds of old Tobacco	1..0..0
One pair Waggon 171/-	3..10..0
One grind Stone and Crank ad 3..0..0	3..0..0
One Iron Tooth Hammer Rate 1/6	0..1..6
One set of Boxes 10/- Hoops 5/- Iron 30/-	2..0..0
One Iron Rod 1/2 ad 3..0..0	3..0..0
Two Wood Heds 16/-	0..16..0
One Iron Rod 9/- 3..10..0	3..10..0
One Tanning Mill 5..0..0	5..0..0
Seven Old Hogsheads 16/-	0..16..0
One O ^r with Flax Seed in 16/-	0..16..0
A Quantity of Flax undressed 3..0..0	3..0..0
One Half Knife 10/-	0..10..0
One Dining Book and a piece 3/-	0..5..0
One Drake 1/2 Two pulch ^r Turkes 1/4	0..8..0
One Harrow 16/-	0..16..0
One Cart 2/6	0..2..6
Thirty nine Sheep ad 10..10..0	19..10..0
Seventy eight Sheep Bounds of Wool 7..16..0	7..16..0
Twenty Nine pounds of Butter 2..8..6	2..8..6
One John ad 12/-	0..12..0
One Grey Horse 15..0..0	15..0..0
One Barred Horse 16..0..0	16..0..0
One Brown Mare 15..0..0	15..0..0
One Gold White Mare 5..0..0	5..0..0
One pair of Red Hens 12..0..0	12..0..0
Two Yearling Heifers 11..0..0	11..0..0
One Black Bull 2..15..0	2..15..0
Six pigs 31..0..0	31..0..0
Two Iron Hogs 16..0..0	16..0..0
Two Heifers 9..0..0	9..0..0

NAME: Thomas Haviland

DATE: 16 March 1787

VICINITY: East Chester, N. Y.

AMOUNT: c. 230 Pounds, 16 Shillings, 4 Pence

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Perhaps English

PROFESSION: Shopkeeper

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:

Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

Inventary of Tho.
Rawland -

Filed the 4 day of
June 1787 -

Inventory of the Goods & Chattels of Thomas
Hoskins deceased taken & valued by us
the Subscribers this 26 day of 3rd Month called
March 1721

3 Cows	15		
1 Mare Horse	4		
1 Old bay horse	2		
2 Mare Cotts	5		
3 two Inch planks	4		
In the barn Chamber			
5 Bush & Sheld Corn & Oats	15		
6 bush Corn in years	9		
12 bush Oats	14		
Oats in Sheave	8		
2 broken Pitch fork & frail	4		
In the Pork House			
3 large Hagsheads	15		
1 Ht. 3/4 full fine Salt	12		
1 Three Hags	1		
1 barrel & Mennant Flaxseed	1		
4/3 lb fine Salt	3		
3 Cts with some salt & Three Sand	5		
1 Scale Beam & scales & fifty six 7 th w th	4		
Mennant Salt in a Bin	10		
1 Tubb with some pork	1	10	
1 D ^c with some Beef	1	5	
1 Plover	1		
137 Fryd Tallow	5	14	2
7 Bottles	1	6	
Meat Bench	4		
2 Iron Shovels	8		
out Doors			
2 Ht. with Vinegar in	16		
1 Crackle	3		
fire Wood	16		
1 Wagon	4		
1 grind Stone	8		
29 fowls	1	9	
10 Geese	1		
3 Hens & 1 Pigg	3		
Carried over		3	0

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Brought Forward & Continued	£ 25
1 Wier - - - - -	1
1 Newter Bason 2/ - - - - -	1
3 Pair Pillow Cases - - - - -	15
10 Napkins - - - - -	2
1 Tubb of Poark - - - - -	15
1 Hegg with Methiglin - - - - -	4
Potatoes & Beets - - - - -	16
Empty Casks & some Soap & 1 W ^x Ashes -	6
Black Girl Esthers Time about 4 1/2 years -	1
Barley on the Ground - - - - -	2
1 Chasing Dish 2/ - - - - -	110
1 Bond from Joseph Strang	
Dated the 27 of June 1775 Principal	
Josiah Quinby	
Charles Guion.	

Willet Boone Administrator

City of New York ss. Be it remembered that on the fourth Day of June 1797 Personally came and appeared before me Peter Ogilvie Esquire Judge of the Court of Probates of the State of New York Willett Boone Administrator of Thomas Howland Deceased & did solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm that the within Writing signed by him the Deponent contains a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits which were of the said Thomas Howland as far as had come to his hands possession or Knowledge or into the hands or possession of any Person or Persons on trial for him to his Knowledge

Peter Ogilvie

Inventory of the Goods & Chattells of
Thomas Naviland Deceased of East Chester
Taken & Valued by us the Subscribers this 16th
Day of the Third Month Called March 1707

Brought from Sheet Number 1 - - -	155	14	6
In the Shopp 2 Milk Panns 0 Cream Tea Potts 4 English China Tea Potts 39 Cream Table Plates 4 Shaving Boxes 50 Small Baking Plates - - -	2	7	-
9 Felt Hats - - - - -	2	5	-
3 Vinegar Cruetts 1 Water Goblett 2 pint tumblen 2 half pint D ^o 1 Doz glass Salt Sellers 3 Setts Cream Cups & Saucers 0 pepper Castors 3 Earthen Salt Sellers 2 Mustard Potts 2 Setts Blue Cups & Saucers 1 Sugar Dish 5 Twiflers 2 Doz Black 2 Doz 2 Doz Black Quart Bowls 4 Doz D ^o Pint D ^o 4 Cream D ^o 1 Water Bottler 1 2 ^d Decanter 1 Wine Glafs 33 Black Cups 19 2 ^d Mugs 14 Pint D ^o - - -	1	6	-
0 Chamber Potts 13 Jugs 15 Butter Potts 6 Earthen Panns 14 Case Bottles - - - - -	1	0	6
5 1/2 yd White Gauze - - - - -	2	-	-
1 Remnant D ^o - - - - -	-	15	-
0 yd Black Gauze - - - - -	-	1	6
3 Remnants of Ribben - - - - -	-	16	-
3 p ^r Binding - - - - -	-	6	-
7 Razors 2 1/2 3 p ^r Shoe Buckels 3/8 7 Ink Stands 1/-	-	3	-
2 p ^r Brass Shoe Buckels 2/8 2 p ^r Knee Buckels 1/-	-	6	4
2 p ^r Tape 1/4 403 White Thread 5/6 2 1/2 groce Slues 9/-	-	3	-
1 Doz Barle Penknives 12/ Ten pen knives 3/4 - - -	-	9	6
11 Crooked Combs 0/3 48 D ^o 4/8 Brown Thread 1/6 - - -	-	15	4
7 papers Large Pinnas 3/6 49 Papers Small D ^o 3/4 7 papers	-	13	9
Ink Powder 3/4 23 Sticks Mohair 4/0 1 fink line Sheet 6/-	-	11	-
2 1/2 yd Black & Groce W ^r 3 1/2 yd Black & Groce W ^r 2/6 - - -	-	-	-
2 fink Lines 1/ Remnant tape 6 Thimbles & Buttons 2/-	-	3	-
12 3/4 yd Blue Tabbey - - - - -	1	5	-
1 3/4 yd Tammy 2/4 17 yd Shalloon 3/4 6 p ^r Cheap Lacey	3	-	-
2 Remnants of Cambrick 4/8 1 Plate 1/-	-	5	-
1 p ^r Buckram 25/4 26 yd Shalloon 53/-	2	10	-
Carried Forward - - -	179	0	-

Brought Forward & Continued					
5 pair Cotton Hoes	-	-	9	10	110
2 1/2 yd Calico 10/8 19 1/2 yd Green Moreene 40/	-	-	2	4	0
2 2/3 yd 410 Table Spoons 5/8 9 1/2 yd Linnen 19/	-	-	1	10	5
9 1/2 yd Holland 40/8 19 1/2 yd Camblest 30/	-	-	3	5	4
1/2 Doz Crooked Combs 2/ Remnant Corddury 3/	-	-	1	4	-
7 1/2 yd Red Flannel 10/8 3 1/2 yd homespun Linnen 6/	-	-	1	17	0
4 1/2 yd Broad Cloth 26/8 1/2 yd Cloth 1/8 4 p Docted Hoes 10/	-	-	1	0	6
2 1/2 yd Janes 6/4 2 1/2 Doz Mistle Buttons 2/6	-	-	-	0	1
4 Tobacco Boxes 2/ Shoe Buckels Remnant of Buttons	-	-	-	10	1
2 1/2 Setts knives & forks 10/6 4 5/2 White Thread 7/6	-	-	-	2	100
Remnant Colour Thread 2/6 1 Small Comb 2/4	-	-	-	10	6
Pensils 1/8 4 Inkstands 9 & 3 of Sewing Silk 9/	-	-	-	5	0
Remnant Needles 2/4 11 Small Locks 3/6	-	-	-	2	0
Wrapping paper & Bonnett Paper 2/0	-	-	-	8	6
2 1/2 Womens Shoes & 5 Mens Shoes	-	-	-	14	1
2 Empty Cases 2/6 Box Long pipes 3/2 Case Bottles 3/	-	-	-	0	6
Remnant Brimstone 5/ Remnant Tea 9/	-	-	-	6	6
6 1/2 Womens Gloves 3 1/2 Mens D°	-	-	-	2	4
1 Small Trunk 5/8 1 powder Canister 1/6	-	-	-	1	10
1 Brl with Biskett 4/8 1 Brl with Sugar 40/	-	-	-	15	-
1 Keg with Indigo 4/8 1 Bundle Flax 16/	-	-	-	1	15
1 Keg with about 5 gal Wine 20/8 1 Box Candles 10/	-	-	-	1	17
2 Trunks Wearing apparel	-	-	-	-	13
3 1/2 Scales & Weights 30/8 4 Tunnells 4/ 2 Quils 1/6	-	-	-	-	2
14 Musk Linnas 7/8 5 Loaves Sugar 30/	-	-	-	-	15
2 Sythes 8/ Remnant Struff 4/ Remnant Sho 1/6	-	-	-	-	3
Brunding Iron 1 hammer 1 Gimblett & 2 1/2 Scissors	-	-	-	-	2
1 Writing Desk 10/8 2 1/2 Mittens 1/8 0 lb Starch 4/	-	-	-	-	1
1 Slate 1/8 1 Box Thimbles 1/8 1 Box Wafers 1/	-	-	-	-	2
1 hand Saw 3/8 9 1/2 lb Beeswax 15/8 22 lb Candles 22/	-	-	-	-	1
1 Barrell with Dryd. Meat 25/	-	-	-	-	9
2 Basketts 3/8 1 hogthead Molasses 90 gal 100/	-	-	-	-	6
2 Measures 3/8 1 Bagg Buckwheat 3/	-	-	-	-	1
1 Brl Flaxseed 20/8 2 Brl with Salt in 6/	-	-	-	-	1
1 Mans Saddle & 3 Bridles 32/8 3 Whips 4/	-	-	-	-	1
7 Brooms 3 Shovells 1 Iron Tynann & some tobacco	-	-	-	-	1
Carried Over £			230	16	4

<i>Inventory of Goods</i>		
<i>In the Kitchen</i>		
1 Beef		10
1 Chicken		10
1 Coffee pot Tea pot & Sugar bowl		1
2 Old Cans		6
1 Hand basket		2
4 Wooden Bowls		2
<i>In the Milk Room</i>		
13 Milk pails		18
3 Baking Dishes		3
1 fisher with fatt in		1
2 Tubs & 1 pot Butter		1
1 fisher & 1 pot - do		10
1 Cake Tallow		2
1 Bread Trough		3
1 Pitcher with Currant Yellow		6
1 Tub scrape & 2 pots soap & fatt		2
1 Iron Round Tray & Earthen pot		2
1 Bag		1
<i>In the Bed Room</i>		
3 Chairs & 1 Stool		5
1 Milk pail		1
1 Empty Case		2
1 Piller Case with Timothy Seed		1
1 Tray & Glass Case		1
1 Glass Case		3
1 Glass Case		
1 Coat		4
1 P. Boots 2 P. Shoes		1
4 Calico Bed Quilt 1 Covered & 1 Blanket		2
10 Piller Cases		15
7 Dinner Table Cloths		2
2 Covers		3
11 Sheets		
<i>In the Common Room</i>		
Bed Bedstead & Furniture		8
1 Trundle Bed & Bedding with 1 bedstead Piller		2
1 Desk & Wash Case		4
1 Black Walnut Dining Table		6
1 Mahogany Tea Table		1
Carried over		115 12 5

1 Silver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Paper money	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Piece	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Silver Watch	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Table Spoons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 do Tea Spoons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Gold Sleeve Buttons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Silver Shoe Buckles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Odd Shoe Do Silver	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Silver Shoe Buckles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Stock Buckles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 Razors, 1 hone, Shaving box, &c	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz China Cups & Saucers 1 doz	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Cream Table plates	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 Cream Bowls & sundry small articles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Crochery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Coffee Mills, knife Box & knives & forks	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Pewter Table spoons & sundry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Crochery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2/2 Smoothing Irons	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1/2 doz Bellows	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Hat Brush	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 Stand	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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NAME: James McCobb

DATE: 12 November 1774

VICINITY: Precinct of Hanooe
County of Ulster, N. Y.

AMOUNT: 837 Pounds, 2 Shillings, 47 Pence

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Possibly Scotch

PROFESSION: Merchant

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

(1)
 An Inventory of the Goods and Chattels and other the
 Estate of James M. Esq. late of the County of Warren
 in the County of Middlesex Merchant deceased taken by James
 M. Esq. and James M. Esq. and George M. Esq. and
 of the last Will and Testament in that behalf made and
 of the same and of the same two and three times
 of and partly the 10th Day of November Anno Domini
 1774.

	Value of each Article	
One Negro Man named Craver	75	
One Negro Woman named Nenee his C.	35	
One Negro Woman named Nenee	50	
One Bay Gelding	15	
One brown Gelding	10	
One brown Gelding	13	
One brown Horse bought from McKenny	11	
One Dark Brown Gelding	20	
One young Brown Mare	12	
One young brown horse with		
One pair of black Carriage of a set of 4	12	4
One aged Cow	4	
One black Pig	3	10
One black Pig	5	
One Ditto Ditto	4	
One Ditto - Ditto With white in her face	5	
One Ditto - Ditto	4	
One Ditto - Ditto With a young calf	10	
One red Ditto With a white face	4	
One aged Ditto		
One Dark Brown Ditto		
One Black Ditto	3	
One black Ditto With a white face		

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Amount Brought Over from the Other Side	518. 11
One Bille	16
Mead on the plague	2
One psalm Book	1
One small Book	1
One gun	1 10
One Bille	18

Goods on the shop valued agreeable to the
Original Bills of Purcell worth.

Eleven yards of white gray Coatings	4. 8
Fourteen yds. Ditto	11
Ten & an Half yds. Green Napl. Cloath	3 5 7 1/2
Twenty & an Half yds. Blue Coating	5 12 9
Seven yards Gray Napl. Cloath	2 3 9
Two & a Quarter yds. Gray	10 7 1/2
Two & an Half yds. Gray Coating	16 3
Two & three quarters yds. Red Ditto	13 9
Three & three quarters yds. Green Napl. Cloath	1 7 1/2
Five & an Half yds. Blue Broad Cloath	4 8
Three & an Half yds. Ditto	2 12 6
Seven yds. mixed Red & Blue Ditto	5 12
Six & an Half yds. Scarlet	5 10 6
One yard Red & White Broad Cloath	16
Seventeen & a Quarter yds. Wilting	5 7 9
Five & an Half yds. Ditto	1 14 11
Fourteen & an Half yds. Red Flaming	2 3 6
Six & an Half yds. Flowered	16 3
Twenty four & an Half yds. Blue together	5 9
Five & an Half yds. Saddle Cloath	1 11

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		Value	
		Articles	
Amount Brought Over from y ^e Other Side		581	8 9
One Saddle Cloth			5 6
Nine yd ^s White flannel		1	7
Four & an Half yd ^s Narrow Napt Cloth			18
Two yd ^s Gray Broad Cloth		1	
Nine pair full Stockings		2	2
Thirteen & three Quarter yd ^s Spotted flannel		2	1
Twenty yd ^s Wooling Cloth		3	5
Thirteen yd ^s Fine Buckram			17
Sixteen & an Half yd ^s Course Lint		1	7 1/2
Twenty five yd ^s Drilling		2	16 3
Twenty three & an Half yd ^s Crost bar. Comb. cloth		2	3 4
Twenty four yd ^s Green		2	14
Nine yd ^s Stuff		1	14
Three yd ^s Green Spotted Stuff			10 6
Four & an Half yd ^s Brown Lint			15 9
Ten & an Half yd ^s Black Drawboy		1	16 9
Forty five & an Half yd ^s Brown Challone		4	5 9 1/2
One piece Dark Brown		3	15
One piece White		3	12
Three Quarters of a yd ^s Red Durants			1 6
One & an Half yd ^s Striped Silk			8 3
Two yd ^s Black Velvet		1	17 6
Two & three Quarters yd ^s Yellow Lint		2	3
Three & a Quarter yd ^s Silk		3	18
Eighteen yd ^s Black (percent)		2	2
Two & three Quarters yd ^s Flowered flannel			15 11 1/2
Six yd ^s Black Taffety		2	5
Three yd ^s Blue Pique		1	5 6
One flowered Laced Apron			5 6
Carried Over		632	50 1

Amount Brought from the other Side		£	32	16	1
One & an Half pound Indain	—	—	2	5	2
One & three Quarter pounds Pewee's	—	—	1	12	3
Thirteen yd. Blue Challone	—	—	1	11	5
Five & a Quarter yd. Pale Blue Ditto	—	—	—	12	8 1/2
Thirty & a Quarter yd. Black Cottonet	—	—	5	—	1
Twenty four & a Half yd. Black Challone	—	—	2	17	2 1/2
Nineteen yd. Dark Blue	—	—	2	5	11
Two & an Half yd. Ditto	—	—	—	6	1/2
One & three Quarter yd. Black Cottonet	—	—	—	3	9 1/2
Fifteen yd. Blue	—	—	1	7	6
One yd. Blue Durant	—	—	—	1	10
Two & an Half yd. Blue Challone	—	—	—	6	1/2
Eight yd. Black Bumbazine	—	—	1	14	—
Twelve yd. White Alack	—	—	3	—	—
Sixteen & a Quarter yd. Blue Ditto	—	—	3	17	2 1/2
Fourteen & three Quarter yd. Turkey Stripes	—	—	2	17	—
Three yd. Rusting	—	—	—	6	—
Ten & an Half yd. Queens Reg	—	—	1	5	9
Six yd. Strip Holan	—	—	—	12	—
Thirty two & an Half yd. Deep Blue Corded	—	—	4	2	1 1/2
Twenty & an Half yd. Dark Blue	—	—	—	6	1 1/2
One & a Quarter yd. Ditto	—	—	—	2	7 1/2
Nine ten & an Half yd. Brown	—	—	1	17	—
Twenty four & three Quarter yd. Brown	—	—	3	1	—
Two yd. Rusting	—	—	—	8	1/2
Sixteen yd. Dark Blue	—	—	3	2	—
Twenty four yd. Dark Blue	—	—	3	1	1 1/2
Three & a Quarter yd. Dark Blue	—	—	—	1	16
Total		£	68	17	1 1/2

Amount brought from the other side	£84	19	11 1/2
Eighteen yd. Lining	@ 2/4	2	6 6
Seven yd. Ditto	@ 2/4	14	7
Twenty three & an half yd. Ditto	@ 4/6	5	5 9
Four & three quarter yd. Ditto	@ 4/6	1	1 4 1/2
Two yd. Lawn	@ 9/1	18	
Two & three quarter yd. Ditto	@ 4/6	12	10 1/2
Seven & a quarter yd. Cambricks	@ 10/1	3	12 6
Four & a quarter yd. Ditto	@ 4/6	1	2 1/2
One & three quarter yd. Ditto	@ 7/1	12	3
Seven Cotton Handkerchiefs	@ 2/6	47	5
Eight Check Lining Ditto	@ 10/1	6	8
Two Ditto Ditto	@ 2/4	10	
One Ditto Ditto		2	
Fourteen Check Silks	@ 4/6	3	3
Nine Lawn	@ 7/1	1	7
Two Cotton Cms	@ 4/6	12	6
Thirteen yd. Yellow popling	@ 2/4	1	7 1
Twenty six yd. Blue Ditto	@ 2/4	2	10 2
Four Flowered Muslin jackets	@ 2/6	10	
Six plain	@ 1/10	11	
One small Ditto		1	6
Nine new quarter Quilt pots	@ 3/6	1	11 1/2
Six New fashioned new quarter Quilt pots	@ 5/1	1	10
One Old jacket	Ditto	5	
Three new quarter Quilt pots	@ 1/6	3	9
One Burn of Writing paper	@	1	
Seven Confessions of faith	@ 4/6	1	11 6
Six Pocket Bibles	@ 4/6	1	19
Cashed over		421	6 7 1/2

Monkeys Brought from the other Side		£ 24	
Nine Spelling Books	50 p		
Two Books Intitl'd the Young mans Companion	7		
Three Psalm Books	50 p		
Two Books Intitl'd the best Plomation of a Man	2		
Two Books Intitl'd the Travel of True Gallies	5		
Warthen Ware	1	17	2
Tin Ware			6
Thirty three Shatt of Sillr Forks	50 p	14	7
Three English Bunches of Tea	50 p	3	12
Sixen Wood	2	11	
Two Axes Whips	6 p		12
Twenty pounds Lath Nails	1		10
Caperage		3	4
Allum		4	4
Chack		2	
Half Cty Small Shott	1	11	
Quoder	2	6	3
Sixen pair of Cards	50 p	17	6
Brown Case		1	
Apple		2	
Pepper		13	
Indico		2	18 6
Port of a Box of pipes	7	2	
Sixteen & an half Shillings of Tobacco	1	4	9
Sixty three Pounds of Sugar	1	3	1
and Beer		7	9 4

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Value
Article

Trunks Brought from the other side	£ 59	4	10
Two & three Do & four ten pounds Brown Sags	£ 8	1	..
Two Curb Bridges	£ 1	1	8
Two Snaffle Ditts	£ 3 1/2	..	15 10
Two Hand saws	£ 4 1/4	..	5 8
Four Gythe Boys make	£ 6	1	4
Fourteen Ditts make	£ 6	4	4
Six English Ditts	£ 3	..	18
Two Curry Combs	£ 1 1/6	..	3 ..
One Frying pan	..	3	4
Part of ten Balls ribband	£ 3 1/2	1	10
Snuff Boxes	..	3	..
Pins	..	5	7
One Green Rug	..	1	8
Two Spotted Ditts	£ 1 1/2	1	4
Two Cravats	£ 4 1/4	1	1 8
One pound & one ounce Silks	2	11	..
Seven fans	£ 1 1/8	..	11 8
Part of fifty two Bags Buttons	£ 2 1/6	6	10
Part of Fourteen Doyl Buckets	£ 2	2	..
Three Ditts of Gas firing	£ 4	7	7
Bindings	..	14	..
Forty Nine Bush Silks	£ 4 1/2	4	7 8
Thirty six & an Half pound Cotton	£ 4 2	4	2 11
Five & two Do & two pounds Tobacco	£ 11	..	5
One Hundred & Sixty one pound Nails	£ 5	7	4
Carried Over	820	7	11

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Article

Amount Brought from the Other Side	£ 820 7 6 1/2
Seven fine Combs	1 1/2
Eight Course Dittos	2
Twelve pounds Redwood	2 8 1/2
Two pr. Leather gloves	1 8
Two & 1/2 Quarter of 1st best of the M	6 1/2
Two 1/2 of 1st best of Wine	9
One pr. Shoes	8
Two Bed-cords	6
one Common Bible	3 9
One Purbeck Stone Church	6
Eighteen Sittels	1 2 6
Twelve pounds of Tea	3
Forty five pounds of Sugar	5 7 1/2
Two & 1/2 Half pr. White flannel	8 1/2
One Testament	1 9

Double Due by Bank to Henry Bayly & Co	
from the State of Common Cattle & Horses	6 1/2
from Daniel & Co	2 3
from John W. Hester	1 3 2
from Thomas Hill	7
from Henry Brann	18 1
from Joseph Brown	7 6
from Richard Brown	7 6
from James Hill, Doctors brother	17 8
from Samuel Hill	1
from Henry Brann	15 11
from Richard Brown	3 8
	837 2 1/2

NAME: Thomas Horton, Capt.

DATE: 12 June 1778

VICINITY: New York

AMOUNT: 708 Pounds, 12 Shillings, 6 Pence
(\$386.00 = 154 Pounds, 8 Shillings,
0 Pence)

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Unknown

PROFESSION: Perhaps a tradesman

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

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1. *Phragmites*
 2. *Scirpus*
 3. *Spartina*
 4. *Distichlis*
 5. *Eleocharis*
 6. *Cyperus*
 7. *Eleusine*
 8. *Pennisetum*
 9. *Setaria*
 10. *Tripsacum*
 11. *Chenopodium*
 12. *Amaranthus*
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Juan de Herrera

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The foregoing is a true and perfect list
of all and singular the Goods Chattels and
Credits which were of Thomas Hodgkinson
as far as have come into my hands
or knowledge or into the hands possession
of any person or persons in trust for me
April 8th 1782

Lucas H. H.

2 Smoothed Irons 1 hour	00	14	0
1 Drawing Knife 1 Adg 2 hawks	00	12	0
1 Hand Saw 2 Crosses 1 and Shaw	00	11	6
2 Axes 1 Stubbing Iron 1 Broad Hoe	1	02	6
3 file Barrels 1/2 to Drift	1	5	0
1 Syth and Hackles 1 pitch fork 3 hatches	0	2	0
1 Carth with flax seed 1 with oats 1 Bridle	0	12	0
3 Ground and sum skins	2	10	0
7 Earthen potters 1 punch Boot	0	9	0
1 Looking Glass	1	15	0
2 his wearing apparel	5	0	0
7 Ox Sled	1	0	0
2 pairs of Thick brooding Cloths	3	12	
2 Churn in the house	12	0	0
5 Pilcher spoons	30	18	0
60 Wheat on the ground and dry	21	0	0
60 Apparel of Boats	03	10	0
60 Apparel of 1/2 in Boats	03	00	0
1000 feet of Oak Boards	2	0	0

1 Old Chest	2	0	0
10 1 gamon and 1 barrel with pork in	00	00	0
2 small barrels	00	00	0
1 Barrel with tobacco in	0	0	0
5 old Barrels in the kitchen	1	10	0
10 6 Good puter plates	0	5	0
5 puter plates	0	18	0
1 Large iron Cella	2	0	0
1 Large pot + iron Cella	3	0	0
2 Small Cella	1	8	0
1 tea Cella 1 warming pan	1	14	0
2 Chambers 1 frying pan	1	6	0
1 pair of hand grons + grid iron	1	8	0
1 pair of tongs & fire shovel	1	12	0
1 Box of Old Iron	0	8	0
1 Chest of Drawers	1	0	0
1 Other Chest	7	0	0
1 Label & Three Dartsen plates	0	10	0
1 Spade, Poling ax and Shovel	1	2	6
1 Trunk Bed & Bed sled cord and Blankets	1	8	0
3 Old Chairs and 2 Braff Candelsticks	1	0	0
	0	12	0

1 Brass Kettle & 10 cups	7	0	
1 all metal & 10 cups & 10 cups	8	0	
12 Spoons to pretty pans	0	7	0
11 Old Wagon wheels 3 Dardley plates	0	18	0
2 Hinges Old shoes	16	0	0
3 Hinges & 10 cups	21	0	0
1 Cow	0	0	0
1 pack of Oxen	6	0	0
Black horse	4	0	0
Gray mare	2	0	0
Bay mare	3	5	0
5 Sheep & 10 cows	17	10	0
5 hogs and 11 pigs	4	0	0
Indian Corn in the field	0	1	0
Cart	1	0	0
Low 1 Cow	3	0	0
2 Horses & 10 cups & 10 cups	2	5	0
10 Horses & 10 cups & 10 cups	0	16	0

June the 22^d 1778 An inventory of the goods

And Effects of Cap^t Thomas Norton Deceased

by Silas Norton and George Thompson

1 feather Bed bolster pillows 1 Cover Leads & Bed
1 feather Bed with the Bed cloths

2 Dipar Table Cloth

7 Dipar towels

3 Sheets

2 Cover Leads

38 yards of tow Cloth at the Measure

28 pounds of Lining Yarn at 5th pound

15 pound of tow at 5th pound

1 feather Bed & bolster 3 old blankets 1 Bed
1 Chaff Bed 3 Bedsteads, blanketed

1 Mans Saddle

20 an mans old Saddle and amans

20 bushels of Wheat in the Chamber

Buck Wheel in a barrel in the Chamber

2 Old Cask 1 Table

5 Bags 1 Litter wheel

1 Half Bush 28 0th of Quarts

1 Horse 1 Cask 1 Barrel 1 Box

1 Cask 1 Barrel 1 Box

	£	s	d
	10	0	0
	2	0	0
	2	0	0
	1	15	
	0	17	
	0	6	0
	1	1	8
	0	5	15
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	2	0	0
	1	1	0
	0	0	10
	0	1	7
	0	1	0
	0	0	0

NAME: Noah Grindley

DATE: 21 September 1779

VICINITY: Kings District,
Albany County, N. Y.
Farmington, Conn.

AMOUNT: 461 Pounds, 12 Shillings, 2 Pence

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Possibly Dutch

PROFESSION: Farmer

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

In Re
Noah Gridley

The Inventory and Appraisal of the Real and
 Personal estate of Noah Gridley Deceased. Taken by
 Matthew Adgate Executor to said Estate and appraised
 by Cap^t. Elijah Bostwick and Zebulon Andrews upon their
 Oath. Done the 21st Day of September 1779

1 farm containing by estimation Eight Acres & Prized at with a small Dwelling house & Lot upon thereon lying in King, District in N. H. County	£100. 0. 0
one Yoake Oxen	17. 0. 0
one Brown Cow	4. 15. 0
one hind back Red Cow	4. 10. 0
one do do do	4. 10. 0
one Red White faced do	4. 15. 0
one small Brown Cow	3. 15. 0
one Yoake of Hears	6. 0. 0
four Calfs	1. 15. 0
one small 2 Year old Bull	2. 12. 0
one Red 2 Year old Heffer	2. 15. 0
one White do do	2. 6. 0
one Brindle do do	2. 6. 0

Carried forward 236. 19. 0

Brought Forward

£340.. 5.. 10

one pair Boots & Straps	1.. 0.. 0
2° Salt Water	0.. 1.. 0
2° Dr Leather Breeches	1.. 0.. 0
2° Old Beaver Hat	0.. 16.. 0
2° White Fustian Jacket	0.. 13.. 0
2° Dr Worsted Cape Breeches	0.. 15.. 4
2° Worsted Jacket	0.. 6.. 0
2° Manchester Velvet 2°	1.. 10.. 0
2° Flannel 2°	0.. 14.. 0
2° Light Bodied Coat	0.. 16.. 0
2° " " " " " " " " " "	0.. 15.. 0
2° Dr Hair Gloves	0.. 6.. 0
2° Dr " " " " " " " " " "	0.. 2.. 0
2° Dr Leather Gloves	0.. 4.. 0
2° Dr Worsted Stocking	0.. 0.. 0
2° Dr Hair 2°	0.. 3.. 0
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2° Dr " " " " " " " " " "	0.. 4.. 0
2° Dr " " " " " " " " " "	0.. 16.. 0

Carried Forward £353.. 13.. 0

Brought Forward		£23.. 7.. 1
one Flat Iron	-	on 4.. 0
2 ^o Old Sythe	-	on 1.. 0
2 ^o P ^r small St. Lynd	-	0.. 8.. 0
2 ^o Furze	-	2.. 18.. 0
3/4 lb Powder	-	0.. 4.. 6
Three Powder Horns	-	0.. 6.. 0
one Bullet Pouch	-	0.. 1.. 0
3 rd Bullet	-	0.. 2.. 0
one Shot Bag	-	0.. 1.. 0
2 ^o Hanger & Bolt	-	0.. 14.. 0
2 ^o Brass Kettle	-	2.. 0.. 0
2 ^o small Iron Kettle	-	0.. 6.. 0
2 ^o Iron Basin	-	0.. 5.. 0
2 ^o 2 ^o Pot	-	0.. 12.. 0
2 ^o Copper Kettle	-	0.. 9.. 0
2 ^o Brass Skimmer & fish fork	-	0.. 1.. 0
2 ^o small Iron Kettle	-	0.. 1.. 6
Two Water Pails	-	0.. 5.. 0
one 2 ^o	-	0.. 2.. 6
2 ^o 2 ^o	-	0.. 1.. 0
2 ^o Churn	-	0.. 2.. 6
2 ^o Hand Pail	-	0.. 2.. 0
Carried Forward		£332.. 16.. 1

Judge of Probate in the County of [unclear] State of [unclear]
do hereby certify that the within and the original copy
of the foregoing contents of the said paper inventory of all
and singular the goods chattels and credits which were of
the said Noah Grimes as far as had come to his hands
possession or knowledge or into the hands or possession
of any person or persons in trust for him to his knowledge

Thomas Frederick Judge of Probate

Brought		£307. 9. 6
one half Bushell measure - - - - -		0 .. 2. 0
one glass Brick - - - - -		0 .. 2. 0
the Flax of this year's growth - - - - -		0 .. 5. 0
one Ox Cart & Ladders - - - - -		3 .. 10. 0
three Hundred fifty Eight feet of fine Roped.		0 .. 11. 0
Two Axes - - - - -		0 .. 12. 0
one Draught Chain W ^t 12 lb & 1/2		0 .. 12. 6
one D ^o - - - - - D ^o 16 lb & 1/2		0 .. 16. 6
one Lay Knife - - - - -		0 .. 8. 0
one Bark hook - - - - -		0 .. 4. 0
one Hoe - - - - -		0 .. 3. 0
one D ^o - - - - -		0 .. 2. 0
one Dying fork - - - - -		0 .. 3. 2
one Pair Iron fetters - - - - -		0 .. 6. 0
one Whipple Tree Chain W ^t 2 lb & 1/2		0 .. 2. 6
one Draw Knife - - - - -		0 .. 7. 0
one hand saw - - - - -		0 .. 6. 0
one Inch Auger - - - - -		0 .. 5. 0
one Broad Chisel - - - - -		0 .. 2. 0
one Gauge - - - - -		0 .. 1. 0
one Rammer (kil) - - - - -		0 .. 1. 6

Carried Forward £316. 15. 4

Brought

\$316.. 15.. 4.

one Pin Knife	0.. 2.. 0
one Iron Bat 10" x 4"	0.. 14.. 6
2° Dr. Hammer	0.. 1.. 6
2° Carpenter's square	0.. 6.. 0
2° Bullet, Wound	0.. 4.. 0
2° Nail Hammer	0.. 2.. 0
1/2 No. 10 & 1/2 No. 12	0.. 19.. 9
one Carry Bomb	0.. 0.. 9
2° Dr. Compass	0.. 2.. 0
2° Large Chisel & Pin	0.. 3.. 6
2° Small 2°	0.. 1.. 6
2° Dr. Bridle Bit	0.. 1.. 0
2° Fire Shovel	0.. 0.. 0
2° Dr. Fire Tong	0.. 6.. 0
2° Lost Iron	0.. 3.. 0
2° Burning Iron	0.. 1.. 0
2° Frying Pan	0.. 0.. 0
2° Frammed Hook	0.. 0.. 0
2° Dr. Hand Irons	1.. 0.. 0
two Iron Wages	0.. 6.. 6
one Dr. Nail	0.. 1.. 3
2° Small Iron Spoon	0.. 6.. 6

Carried Forward 323 17 11

Benjamin Franklin

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one Promissory Note of hand against Job Gridley
of Farmington in Continents for fifty pounds
Leesfall money

one Promissory Note of hand against Ebenezer
Gridley of Farmington in Continents for fifty
pounds Leesfall money

Debts due to Dr. Patrick Hamblinton?
Continental money - - - - - £ 9.. 12.. 0

Do to Simon Darning Continental money - 8.. 0.. 0

Do to M^{rs} Abigail Puffer good money as?
it went in year 1775 2.. 0.. 0

Do to Samuel Puffer good money as Do - 0.. 10.. 0

Do to John Puffer Continental money - 6.. 0.. 0

Do to Stephen Mills Continental Do - 6.. 0.. 0

Do to Do - Do in good money as it was
in the year 1775 6.. 0.. 0

Do to Daniel Carter good money as Do - 0.. 5.. 0

Do to Elijah Bortwinke good money - 1.. 10.. 0

Do to W^m Warner Collector of Taxes Continental money 24.. 0.. 0

Do to Do - Do - Do - 1.. 16.. 0

Do to Do - Do - Do in 1775 - 0.. 4.. 0

Do to Amos Toler good money as it went in 1775 - 2.. 3.. 0

Do to Nathan Baldwin good money as Do - 0.. 16.. 6

Do to David Wright good money - - - - -

Met. Adgate Receiver

one Looking Glass - - - - -	Brought Forward	£ 12. 4.
2 ^o - Large Bitch - - - - -		0. 16. 0
2 ^o - Small 2 ^o - - - - -		1. 10. 0
2 ^o - 1 st of Clark's Sermons - - - - -		0. 7. 0
2 ^o - Service Book - - - - -		2. 15. 0
2 ^o - Mittons. Pinedie lost - - - - -		0. 10. 0
2 ^o - Young. Night thoughts - - - - -		0. 7. 0
2 ^o - small Dictionary - - - - -		0. 8. 0
2 ^o - Razor - - - - -		0. 3. 6
2 ^o - Square Table - - - - -		0. 4. 6
2 ^o - Chair - - - - -		0. 15. 0
2 ^o - Common 2 ^o - - - - -		0. 6. 0
2 ^o - Ice Covered Jar - - - - -		0. 10. 0
3 ^o 3/4 Wooden 2 ^o - - - - -		0. 6. 0
17 th Fallow - - - - -		0. 9. 0
Wine Dress. 2 ^o - - - - -		0. 12. 0
25 th Cheese - - - - -		1. 6. 0
one Basket - - - - -		0. 12. 0
3 ^o - 2 ^o - - - - -		0. 3. 0
2 ^o in Continental money - - - - -		0. 2. 0
2 ^o in Silver - - - - -		62. 16. 0
one wooden Gallon Bottle - - - - -		0. 10. 0
x one side Lath - - - - -		0. 2. 0
Total		£ 15. 16. 0

Lebanon 17th 17th
 Elijah, Boston

Brought

£236. 10

one Yeak Yearling Stear	3. 10. 0
two Yearling Heifers	2. 10. 0
one Yearling Colt	6. 0. 0
one young Colt	2. 0. 0
Ten Sheep	4. 0. 0
Four young Swine	1. 2. 0
one Swine	1. 13. 0
one Black Cow white face sett off to Mary	
one Mare sett off to Noah	
Sixty Bushell of Potatoes by estimation in the ground	3. 10. 0
Corn and Stalks in the field	4. 17. 0
Bush wheat in the field	0. 13. 9
Rye on the ground	2. 0. 0
Twenty Bushells & half Bushell of Rye in the Barn ^{at 2/6 per bush}	4. 12. 3
Twenty five Bales in the Barn at 2/ of P ^r Bushell	2. 10. 0
Twelve Tones of Hay	24. 0. 0
one Ox Shd	0. 12. 0
Three Bushell three Pecks & Wheat at 4/ P ^r Bushell	1. 2. 6
Two Pitch forks	0. 6. 0
Two Ox Yokes & Irons	0. 12. 0

Carried forward

£307. 9. 6

		Brought Forward	£362.18.2
Costs for Bed -	-		0.16.0
Rollans for Bed -	-		0.4.0
one Lining Sheet			0.10.0
do do			0.13.0
do do			0.3.6
do do			0.7.6
do Pillow Case Laid			0.3.0
do do			0.3.0
do do			0.2.6
do do			0.2.6
do do			0.3.0
do do			0.1.0
do Table Cloth			0.1.0
do do			0.3.9
do do			0.3.9
do Lining Sheet			0.1.0
do do			0.4.6
do do			0.2.6
do Towel			0.3.6
do do			0.2.6
do do			0.2.6
do do			0.1.6

Carried Forward £367.13.2

Brought Forward		July 13.2
Three Old Towels		0. 1. 0
one Flannel Sheet		0. 7. 0
20 20 20		0. 12. 0
20 20 20		0. 6. 0
20 Black & Red Covered		12. 16. 0
20 Blue Black & Red 20		0. 16. 0
20 20 20 Quilt		0. 2. 0
20 20 Rug		0. 4. 0
20 Two Blanket		0. 4. 0
20 Old Dutch Blanket		0. 1. 0
20 Frondie Bedstead & Cord		0. 12. 0
20 under Bed Tick for 20		0. 6. 0
20 Feather Bed Bolster & Pillow for 20		1. 4. 0
20 Bedstead & Cord		0. 12. 0
20 under Bed Tick		0. 13. 6.
20 Feather Bed w th 2 2 2 Bolster & Pillow		3. 13. 8
20 Bedstead & Cord		0. 12. 0
20 under Bed Tick		0. 9. 8.
20 Feather Bed Bolster & Pillow		3. 13. 0
20 Saddle & Bridle		3. 0. 0
20 Cart		0. 7. 0
20 20		0. 12. 0
20 20		0. 12. 0

Carried Forward \$984. 12. 4

Brought Forward -		353. 13. 0
one 12 th Spring Working		0. 2. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 12. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 16. 0
1 st 12 th Spring		0. 3. 0
Hops		0. 2. 0
one 12 th Spring		1. 0. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 4. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 1. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 11. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 4. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 2. 6
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 4. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 12. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 4. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 3. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 1. 6
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 3. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 8. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 6. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 2. 0
2 nd 12 th Spring		0. 1. 6
2 nd 12 th Spring		2. 12. 0
one Large 12 th Spring		0. 10. 0
Carried Forward		362. 10. 2

Brought Forward

£392.6.1

one Iron Candle Stick	0.1.6
2 ^d 1.4 Lignin Sackling	0.3.0
two Haler	0.6.0
one 2 ^d	0.2.0
six Wooden Bowls	0.12.0
one Bread Tray	0.4.0
2 ^d Sugar Box	0.2.6
one ^{Flap} Bottle	0.4.6
four half Pint Glass Bottle	0.4.0
one Earthen Pott	0.1.0
two 2 ^d Eggs	0.2.0
one 2 ^d Plate	0.0.4
one Sea Linen	0.4.0
2 ^d Pepper Box & Grater	0.1.0
2 ^d Glass	0.1.0
2 ^d Tin Funnel	0.1.0
six Glass Vials	0.2.0
one Iron St	9.7.6
2 ^d Barch	0.0.9
2 ^d Tub	0.6.0
2 ^d	3.2.0
2 ^d	3.2.0
2 ^d	

Carried Forward

£92.2.1

£985.12.1

		Brought Forward £335.12.2	
one Tub			0.3.0
2 ^o Dye Tub			0.2.6
2 ^o Mect Barrel			0.6.8
2 ^o " "			0.3.0
2 ^o Bear Barrel			0.4.0
2 ^o Cheese Drip Hoop			0.4.0
2 ^o Iron Line			0.14.0
2 ^o Wall Paper & Paper			0.7.0
2 ^o Coarse Hatched Drip Box			0.2.0
2 ^o small " "			0.1.0
2 ^o D. Wood Lard			0.3.0
one water Pails			0.7.6
one Green Pint Glass Barrel			0.3.0
2 ^o Quat	2 ^o	2 ^o	0.2.6
2 ^o Pint	2 ^o	2 ^o	0.1.0
2 ^o Drip Box			0.3.0
one 2 ^o Quat Cup			0.3.0
2 ^o Tea Pot			0.2.0
2 ^o 2 ^o Drip			0.1.0
2 ^o Drip			0.1.0
2 ^o " "			0.5.6
2 ^o " "			0.3.0
2 ^o " "			0.6.0
Carried Forward			£340.5.10

NAME: Thomas Fowler

DATE: 22 August 1780

VICINITY: New York

AMOUNT: Undetermined

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Unknown

PROFESSION: Farmer

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:

Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

of the present
decrease as the articles sold at auction —

One Red Bull	130	Dollars
One Red Heifer	311	
One Heifer	206	
One Dun Steer	173	
One Red Steer	85	
One Cow	311	
One pair of Stags	933	
One Yoke of Oxen	1540	
One Colt	1	
One Colt	342	
One pyd Mare	364	
One Mare	428	
One Bread Trough		
One Chair	1.10.0	
Two Plates	7	Dollars
One Tea Pot	3	
One Platter	10 & 1/2	
One painted Platter	55 & 1/2	
One Wheel	3 & 1/2	
One pair of Slogs	10 & 1/2	
One Wheel	17	
One Bowl	8	
Trenchers	1.11.0	
One Churn	4 Dollars & 1/2	
One Pot	16 Dollars	
One Pot	41	
One Kettle	2.0.0	
One Tray	5 Dollars & one Shilling	

One Tray	6 Dollars
One Tray	7 1/2
One Chair	5 1/2
One Chair	2 1/2
One Iron pot	50
One Platter and Basin	40
One Bed coverlid & Blanket	100
Two Chairs	11
One Hammock	20 and 2 Shillings
One Hammock	21 and 1 Shilling
One Side Saddle	180
One Loom	23
One Table	16
One Pan	30
One Coverlid	31
One Bed	105
One Hammock	3
One Hsop	1 1/2
Hinges	5 1/2
One Knife	1
Two Chairs	10
One Bell	3
One Bell	15 Shillings
Baskets	7 Dollars and 1/2
One Bell	2 1/2
One Hsop	6 1/2
One Hsop	3-17-4

The following ~~was sold~~ as they were appraised and sold
at public sale — — — Dollars.

One Loom — — — 250

One Iron	200	Wells
One Cart	2	
One Stack	87 1/2	
One Share	3	
One Chain	30	
One Coffer	15	
One Piece	5	
One and a half	3 and 6/16	
One Head	6/16	
One Horn	6/16	
One Stack of Hay	£3000	
One Note of Hand Old Way	20	
Three Calves 2-8-6 Old Way		

This is a true Inventory of all and singular the Goods chattels
and credits of Thomas Fowler deceased to the best of my
Knowledge - - - Josiah Brown

State of New York ss: Be it Remembered that on the twenty second day of August
one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven personally came and appeared
before me Thomas Fredwell Judge of the Court of Probates of the said State
Josiah Brown Administrator of Thomas Fowler deceased and being
duly sworn on his oath declared that the preceding writing signed by
him the deponent contains a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular
the goods chattels and credits which were of the said Thomas Fowler
as far as had come to his hands possession or knowledge or into the hands
or possession of any person or persons in trust for him to his knowledge
Thomas Fredwell Judge of Probates

Recd of Thomas Brown
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One Ox Chain	15
Pulch Fork	2 1/2
Yoke Irons	10
Basket	1 & 5/8 shillings
Wood Head	12 1/2
One Spade	3 & 6/8 shillings
Wood Head and Cord	15
Chert	12 1/2
Wood Irons	27 1/2
Plough Share	30
Half Bushel	7 1/2
Four Sheep	120 Dollars
Stone Sugg	7 1/2
Stone Sugg	7 1/2
Hand Saw	60
Crash Scythe	10
Crash Scythe	10
Best Anchor Barrel	7 1/2
Machine of Hay	48
2000 Wt of Hay	120
Three Geese	15
1/2 lb of Wool	29 Dollars and six pence
6 lb of Wool	30
12 Bush of Wheat	240
Woolf Sheep	13
6 lb of Wool	32 1/2
One Saddle	100
One Bow	168.0.0
A Sheep	164.0.0
20 Sheep	208.0.0
2 Bush of Hay	96.0.0
8 Bush of Hay	28.16.0
2 Bush of Wheat	16.0.0
50 Wt of Wheat	50.0.0

NAME: Samuel Hallock

DATE: 7 April 1783

VICINITY: Ulster County, N. Y.

AMOUNT: Undetermined

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Possibly Dutch

PROFESSION: Perhaps a farmer and
boatman

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:

Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.

Westerly
County

It is remembered that on the Thirtieth Day of October
one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, personally
came and appeared before me Joseph Lawrence Surrogate
of the County aforesaid, Sarah Hallock, Executrix of Samuel
Hallock deceased, and being duly sworn, on her affirmation,
declared, that the within writing signed by her the Deponent
contains a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular
the Goods, Chattels and Credits which were of the Said Samuel
Hallock, in far as had come to her Hands, possession or
Knowledge, or into the Hands, or possession of any person
or persons in trust for her, to her Knowledge —

Joseph Lawrence Surrogate
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Inventory of the
Estate of Samuel
Hallock
Exhibited A.D. 1783
Recorded

Amount brought forward				
To 1. Litch Fish		12		
To 1. large Wash Tub		8		
To 1. pair of Little Rings 1 iron wedge 1 Post Ace		6		
To 1 Bull Hide and one Hairs Hide		13		
To 2 iron, Harning Teeth		1		
To Indian Corn	3	0		
To Pine Shingles		12	6	
To 1 Shovel		6		
To 1. wheat Fan		4		
To 2 Calves Horns & One year old skin		8		
To 2 Table Cloths and 2 Towels		14		
To 1 Spray Boat	30	0		
To 1. Carrod		1	0	
To 1. Note against Joseph Gidney	27	0		
To 1. Note against Samuel Massey of Bedford	10	16	8	
To 1. d. of Jeremiah Search	5	11	9	
To 1. d. of Thomas Parale Principal Clerk of Court	3	11	6	
To 1. d. of John Lyman (one on it)		5	6	
To 1. d. of John Oliver	11	5	9	
To 1. d. of Samuel Montross	2	6	4	
To 1. d. of Caleb Townsend	7	11	5	
To 1. d. of Benjamin Smith Jun.	10	0		
To 1. d. of Capt Richard East Caleb Townsend & Abalom East	10	0		
To 1. d. of Joshua Trust	1	15		
To 1. d. of David Montross	6	17	3	
To 1. d. of William Glad	18	13		
To 1. d. of James Thier	1	12		
To 1. d. of Caleb Powell	30			
To 1. d. of John Green	4	16		
To 1. d. of Jefferson Fowler	27	8		
To 1. d. of Caleb Sitten	19	60	3	
To 1. d. of William Annin	48	2		
To 1. d. of Benjamin Hero	1	8	7	
To 1. d. of Peter Caverly	5	10		
To 1. d. of Joseph Wells	23	15		
To 1. d. of William Mogen	10	5		
To 1. d. of Benjamin Worth	3	11		
To 1. d. of Nathaniel Conkley	45	0		
To 1. Bond against Solomon Powell	150	0		
To 1. Note against William & John Parent	8	10	2	
To 1. d. of Belyea				
To 1. d. of Abraham L. Leland Liffert	10	16		
To 1. d. of Saml. Pease & John Adams	2			
To 1. d. of Jehabed Ogden	6			
To 1. Bond against John Williams	70			
To 1. Note against Chasiah Palmer				
To 1. d. of Alexander Young				
To 1. d. of Peter Montross				
To 1. d. of Jehabed Ogden				
To 1. d. of Ralph Wells				
To 1. d. of United States				
To 1. d. of Levi Quimby				

*An Inventory of the Goods and Chattels of Samuel Hallack.
 ased taken by Leonard Smith and Eliy Ransom this Seventh Day of
 the Twelfth month called April. 1783*

To 1 Sow and nine pigs	2	5	0
To 1 old brown Horse	3	0	0
To 1 old brown Horse	14	0	0
To 1 old Sorrel Mare	3	0	0
To 1 old Sorrel Mare	10	0	0
To 1 bay mare (old year old)	3	0	0
To 1 " " " "	2	10	0
To 1 two year old Stear	2	0	0
To 28 Sheep @ 9/ each	12	12	0
To 1 old plow	0	6	0
To 1 English plow & chains	0	14	0
To 1 dutch " " "	1	0	0
To 1 " " " "	1	0	0
To 2 Pair iron hoes	0	12	0
To 1 Dutch wood shed	1	4	0
To 1 Pair Red Oxen	16	00	0
To 1 Pair of four year old Stears	12	0	0
To 1 Pair of Three year old Stears	8	0	0
To 1 Red black Cow	4	0	0
To 1 Red white faced Cow	4	0	0
To 1 Cow	4	0	0
To 2 Heifers & 1 calf	7	10	0
To 1 black pure Heifer	2	10	0
To 1 black white faced Heifer	2	10	0
To 2 Heifers	5	0	0
To 1 Red Heifer 2 years old	3	0	0
To 7 year old Calves	7	0	0
To 1 Cart	6	0	0
To 1 Ox Yoke	1	0	0
To 1 Plow	1	0	0
To 1 Ox Chain	1	0	0
To 1 Horse Chain & Dog	1	0	0
To Wheat and Rye on the Ground	11	8	1
To 1 old Ox and 1 old Hoe	7	0	0
To 2 Bag Hoes and 2 broad Hoes	1	0	0
To Carpenter Tools	1	0	0
To 2 Bush Hooks	1	0	0
To 3 old Axes	1	0	0
To 1 Iron Bar & 2 pieces of old Iron	1	0	0
To 1 Iron fledge	1	0	0
To 2 Pairs of Iron Traces & 1 Double fished Tree	1	0	0
To 1 Iron Gravel & Rasp	1	0	0
To 1 Iron Fork	1	0	0

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Unrecorded Case					
To 1 Bond against Justice Sherris & Sherris					
To 1 Note against John Bond					
To 1 D. D. Jacob Sherry					
To 1 D. D. Thos. Wagstaff					
To 1 D. D. Gilbert Sherry					
To 1 D. D. Daniel Miller					
To 1 D. D. Silas Warrenton					
To 1 D. D. John Tagin					
To 1 D. D. Daniel O'Le					
To 1 D. D. John M'Keel					
To 1 Bond D. John Rice & Atah Williams					
To 1 Note D. John Baker					
To 1 D. D. Henry Banfield					
To 1 D. D. Daniel Engerson					
To 1 D. D. Samuel Thorne					
To 1 D. D. Jonathan Archer					
To 1 D. D. Benjamin Sherry					
To 1 D. D. John Pugsley					
To 1 D. D. Daniel Talton					
To 1 D. D. Jacob Constant					
To 1 D. D. John Jager					
To 1 D. D. Henry Grant					
To 1 D. D. Charles Hubbs					
To 1 D. D. Thebe Hunt					
To 1 D. D. Alice Jones					
To 1 D. D. Richard Garrison					
To 1 D. D. Richard Barker					
To 1 D. D. Richard Smith					
To 1 D. D. Jonathan Norton					
To 1 D. D. Saml. Harris					
To 1 D. D. John Sherry					
To 1 flower at aning Smiths Mills					
To 1 Bond Book out valued at					
We whose Names are above written as Prizers of the					
Articles have prized them to the best of our Understanding					
as Witnesses our hands					
Leonard Louie					
John Hampton					
The above is a just Inventory of the Goods &c.					
and Credit of Samuel Halsey deceased					
J. H. Halsey					

To forward on			
To 1/2 Trailing of iron			00
To 1/2 Tursny			00
To 1/2 Cider mill		3	00
To 1/2 set of harness		1	10
To 1/2 Cider iron		1	10
To 1/2 three out sicks two nob		1	10
To 1/2 piece of cloth		2	6
To 1/2 wheat in cash		3	00
To 1/2 wene lusk of ry		1	10
To 1/2 potatoes			00
To 1/2 cash of als			00
To 1/2 Great wheel		1	10
To 1/2 Cal. Saddle and Sadd bags		2	00
To 1/2 pair of scales & fifty staves & 2 weights of 2 lb each		3	00
To 2 Tubs			14
To 2 Bags of Feathers			16
To 1/2 pair of Cards			30
To 1/2 pair of Androns			30
To 1/2 Trunk			30
To 1/2 Chest			80
To 2 Coverlets 1 Blanket and sheet 2 Pillows 1 Broulter		16	00
1 Feather Bed and straw Bed 1 Bedstead and 1 Bed		1	12
To 1/2 Bed Tick with Feathers in it			12
To 4 old Chairs			11
To 1/2 Bedstead & Bed Chord		16	60
To 1/2 Bed completely furnished			00
To 2 Coverlets 2 Blankets and 1 sheet 2 Pillows 1 Broulter		9	00
1 Feather Bed 2 straw Beds 1 Bedstead & Chord			00
To 2 Pillows and 1 Broulter		2	15
To 1 Cupboard			10
To 1 Chest			50
To 1 writing Desk			12
To 4 old Chairs		1	40
To 6 Tin milk pans		18	10
To 18 Linen sheets		1	70
To 8 Towels		1	10
To 14 Pillow cases		5	50
To 6 flannel Blankets			10
To 1 table cloth			00
To 1/2 sheet			00
To 2 pieces of lining			00
To 2 pieces of 100 cloth			00

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To 1 Cook in a pot small Ham	13	
To 2 French and 2 pair of English Linen	13	
To 1 Churn	3	
To 1 Black Bench		
To 6 Vials	1	
To 1 square Table	6	
To 1 large iron Cider Press	1	5
To 1 Pair of Axes		8
To 1 Pair of Axes		8
To 1 Pair of small Axes		
To 1 black Cider		
To 1 great iron Kettle		
To 1 small Kettle	1	0
To 1 Tin of Oil	1	0
To 2 iron bound water Pails	1	3
To 1 black Tin with Hat	1	
To 1 small Keg	3	6
To 1 brass bathing Trough & Chopping Knife	6	
To 2 iron Pans	1	
To 1 iron Kettle	4	0
To 1 Rod & Bridgehead	2	
To 1 Pair of Axes	3	
To 1 Grid Iron	8	
To 1 iron Dish Kettle	4	
To 1 Pair of Axes	1	0
To 2 old brass Kettles	12	
To 1 Pair small Axes and 1 pair of Axes	8	
To 1 Gallon Pot and 1 Cumber	1	3
To 1 small Tub	2	
To 1 Pigeon or Tray	2	
To 1 Tub with 10 little Tubs in it	1	0
To 1 Churn	1	0
To 1 Water Pail	1	6
To 1 Pair ironing Irons	2	6
To 1 barrel with boiled Cider in it	1	0
To 1 old barrel	3	
To 3 old Cider Barrels	15	
To 1 barrel partly full of meat	2	4
To 1 Keg of the Keggin	10	
To 1 barrel Cider	1	3
To 1 Churn	4	
To 3 earthen stone Pots	6	
To 1 two barrel Cask	3	
To 1 half Hoghead Tub	1	6
To 1 Keg	2	
To 2 old Chairs	10	
To 1 Grinding Stone	10	
To 1 Keg of Nails		

NAME: Jesse Hubbel

DATE: 11 October 1788

VICINITY: Stillwater, Saratoga Patent,
Albany County, N. Y.

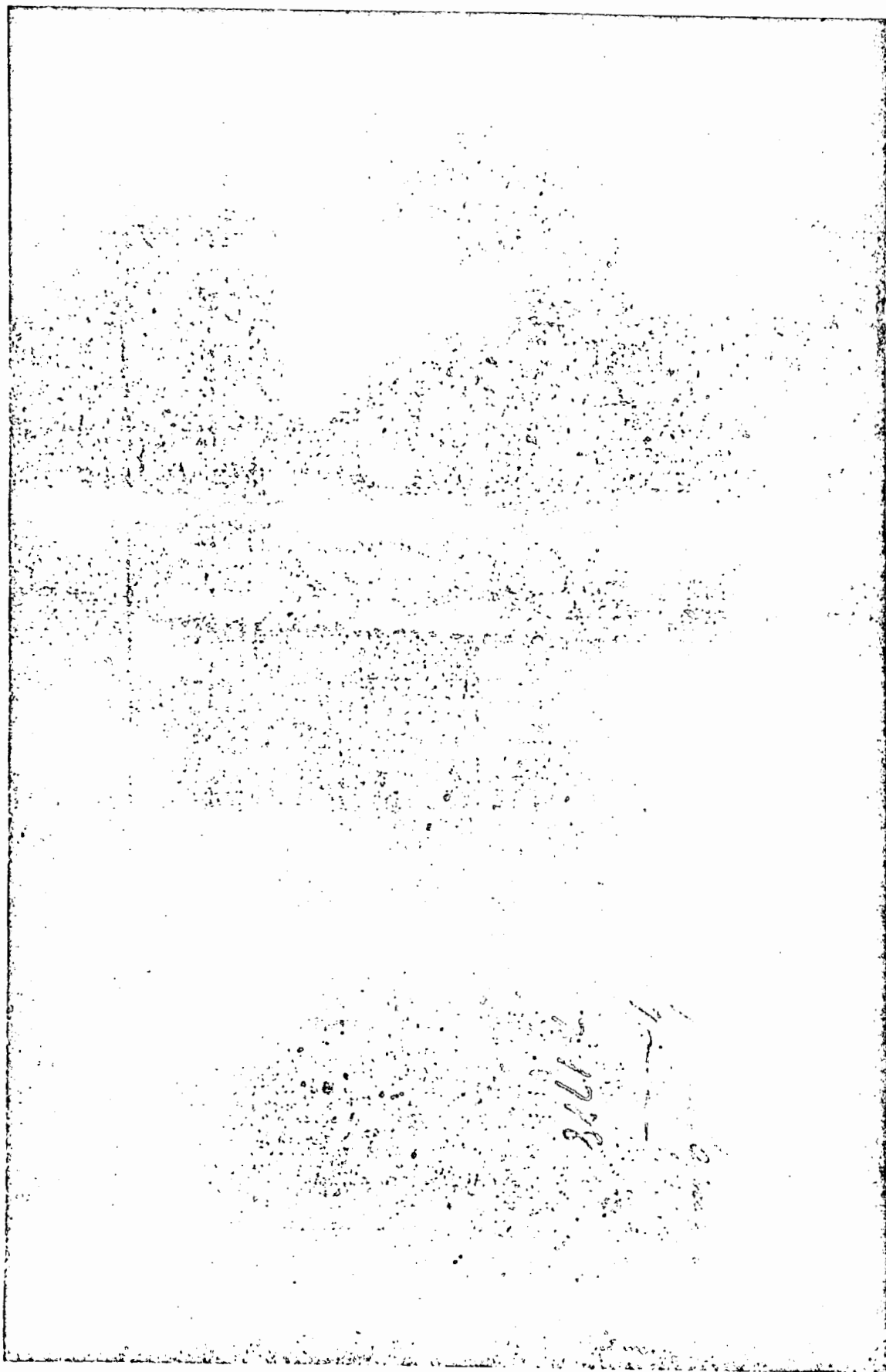
AMOUNT: c. 192 Pounds, 14 Shillings,
3 3/4 Pence

NATIONAL ORIGIN: Possibly Dutch

PROFESSION: Merchant

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Death

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Surrogate Court Papers, Albany County,
Albany, N. Y.



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Samuel Dickson	10. 0
Samuel Stearns	5. 3
Mr. Crozier	4. 3
Alexander Reid. {band debt}	4. 6
Anthony Mills	6
Alexander Duff	3. 6
Ephraim Roberts {band debt}	7. 6

We the subscribers do hereby
 certify that the preceding
 is a just and true statement
 of the balance which remains
 due from the persons
 above named, to the deceased
 taken from the Books and
 papers of the deceased
 as above at the request of
 General Patrick Administrator
 on 4th

17th Dec. 1797

John Thompson
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City and County

of Albany — On the third Day of April in the

before me and made oath that the preceding

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Charles Good			
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Doct. William Lewis	1.	1.	1/2
Joshua Lovell	7.	1.	1/2
George Good	1.	1.	3
James Moley	1.	17.	15
Jacob Valentine	7.	2.	
Samuel S.	1.	13.	9 1/2
Thomas Arnold	6.	2.	
Eliza Johnston	7.	3.	
Frederick Goodrich	9.		
Anna Tompkins	13.	3.	
Hermandine Cook			
Arthur Skinner	13.	6.	
James Lyons	1.	13.	1 1/2
David Nelson	0.	11.	
Mary Johnson	7.	1.	
William Smith	1.	10.	
Abel Smith	1.	0.	0
William Smith	11.		
Frederick	1.	0.	5
James	4.	0.	10
George H. Smith	10.	6.	
Frederick	6.	0.	
Frederick	10.	1.	
Frederick	1.	4.	1
Robert A.	10.	9.	

Inventory wrote on these two sheets of paper
is just and true -

© *Am. Lansing* Surrogate
of the County of Albany.

NAME: John Neilson, Jr.

DATE: June 19, 1818

VICINITY: Stillwater, New York

AMOUNT: Not specified

NATIONAL ORIGIN: English
(Quitterfield and Neilson)

PROFESSION: Tavernkeeper

TYPE OF INVENTORY: Debt

LOCATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENT:
Neilson Family Papers
Saratoga National Historical Park

This inventory is believed to be a copy of an inventory of the goods and chattle of John Neilson Jr. made June 19, 1818 and entered as Exhibit F. S. when a suit, apparently for debt was entered in the courts. This inventory was found among the Neilson Papers at Saratoga National Historical Park by Historian John Luzader in April, 1960.

Since it refers to goods and chattle of John Neilson, Jr. living in the town of Stillwater (1818), this is probably the son of John Neilson who came to Stillwater from New Jersey and married Lydia Quitterfield and built the Neilson House in c. 1775. John Neilson, Sr. was the son of Samuel Neilson of England and Elizabeth, New Jersey.

From this inventory it is possible to glean a little information concerning the taste of the Neilson family. It is wise to keep in mind the fact that this inventory is one generation removed from the family that lived in the Neilson house just prior to the battle of Saratoga. The taste represented in this inventory may be interpreted with value against the taste represented in inventories of the neighborhood at an earlier date. The knowledge of the increasing economic well being of the family reflected in later additions to the original three room house and this list of family possessions is an important factor to be used, in proper evaluation of this document to discern its meaning in terms of furnishings of the original Neilson House of 1775.

Exempl. 2. E. a. 1818

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- 1 large Taster
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