

# Probate Papers of Gad Elmer

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GAD ELMER.

Gad Elmer  
Inventory  
Jan. 26. 1820

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At a Court of Probate, holden at Leicester,  
said county of Franklin, on the twenty sixth day of January,  
A. D. 1820.  
Gad Elmer deceased, personally appeared  
and made oath, that the foregoing is a true and perfect inventory of all the estate of  
the said deceased that hath come to his hands and knowledge; and that if he  
shall hereafter be possessed of any thing further, he will give it into the Probate Office  
to be of record herewith.  
Judge of Probate.

One pair of cotton shirts	1.50
One pair of linen shirts	00.69
One pair of calfskin boots	00.84
One pair of horse boots	1.50
One pair of linen shoes	00.83
Five pairs of woolen socks	00.50
One pair hat	00.50
Shawl & 1/2 hat	00.50
One chip hat	1.00
<b>Brought over</b>	<b>26.780 50</b>

Brought over		2678 05
One pair of cotton shirts	_____	1 50
One pair of linen shirts	_____	00 69
One pair of calfskin boots	_____	0 00
One pair of thick boots	_____	1 50
One pair of thin shoes	_____	00 83
Two pairs of woolen socks	_____	00 60
One fur hat	_____	2 00
Three felt hats	_____	1 00
One whip hat	_____	

FRANKLIN, SS.

At a Court of Probate, holden at *Leominster* within and for the  
said county of Franklin, on the *twenty sixth* day of *January*  
A. D. 18*20*.

*Adolphus Elmer* administrator on the estate

of the above named *Geod Elmer* deceased, personally appeared  
and made oath, that the foregoing is a true and perfect inventory of all the estate of  
the said deceased that hath come to *his* hands and knowledge; and that if he  
shall hereafter be possessed of any thing further, he will give it into the Probate Office  
to be of record herewith.

*J. J. Hewitt* Judge of Probate.

*Geod Elmer*  
*Inventory*  
*Jan. 26. 1820*



Brought over 2678 50

One pair of cotton shirts	1 50
One pair of linen shirts	00 69
One pair of calfskin boots	0 00
One pair of buck boots	1 50
One pair of thin shoes	00 73
Two pairs of woolen socks	00 50
One fur hat	2 00
Three felt hats	1 00
One chip hat	
One striped pair of cotton pantaloons	00 50
One silk handkerchief	00 50
One razor and hone	00 50
Two pairs of spectacles	00 40
Twelve chairs	1 83
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Thomas White

Timothy Ellis

David Lyon

} Appraisers

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Examined  
Inventory  
Jan. 26. 1820

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, ss. To *Thomas White Esq. Demick Ellis and David Lyons* all of *Ashfield* in said County

GREETING.

YOU are hereby appointed and empowered to take an inventory of all the estate whereof *Gad Elmer* late of *Ashfield* in the County aforesaid, died seized in said County, and according to your best skill and judgment, truly and justly appraise the same in dollars and cents, according to the present value thereof, being first sworn to the faithful discharge of that trust: And when you shall have completed the said inventory, you are to deliver the same, together with this warrant, to *the administrator on the estate* of the said deceased, *hereafter to be appointed* who is to return the same into the Probate Office of the said County, within three months from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal of office this *thirtieth* day of *November* A. D. 1819 *J. Bennett* Judge of Probate.

OATH.

FRANKLIN, ss. *Peor first* A. D. 1819 The above named *Thomas White* personally appeared and made oath that they would faithfully discharge the trust to which they are appointed by the above warrant.

Before me, *Elijah Paine* Justice of the Peace.

One fat hog	27 00
One pair of Oxen three years old	60 00
One Barrow Sheat	2 00
One cow	13 00
One small cow	13 00
One Steer two years old	90 00
Fifteen tons of hay at 13 00	20 00
Forty bushels of Corn in the ear	21 67
One hundred and thirty bushels of Potatoes	12 00
Pork in the barrel	18 20
One hundred and thirty pounds of butter at 14 cts	13 33
Twelve barrels of cider	35 00
One waggon and harness	10 00
One cart	2 00
One Hundred lb. of old Iron	8 00
One Bellows	7 00
One old anvil	1 88
One old Vice	1 05
One old hammer sledge and other tools	0 54
Five pounds steel	1 00
Two old scythes and smashes	1 00
One grind stone	2 38
Two old chains - 17 pounds	1 00
One horse chain and whipple tree chain	2399 03
Carried over	

Good Elmer  
Went of appointment

An Inventory of the estate of Good Elmer late  
of Wyckoff in the County of Franklin deceased, a special  
-ed upon & by us the Subscribers, duly appointed to  
and sworn by the Hon. Justice, Court City, Judge of the  
County of York, in the County aforesaid.

Wm. B. Baker  
A Household containing 27 cows by them with 10  
Pigs, and a stable with 10 sheep, standing upon  
with, Charles Baker, head gardener, one half the value  
of the

1382 00

127 00

60 00

58 00

16 00

17 00

14 00

10 00

21 00

60 00

1 00

13 00

12 00

91 00

21 00

12 00

15 20

13 00

33 00

11 00

4 00

One out 27 cows

One horse

One pair two years old cows

One brindle cow

One red cow

One yellow cow

Three yearlings

Three calves

One fat hog

One pair of Oxen three years old

One sound brood

One steer

One sound cow

One Heifer two years old

By them two of hay a ton

Two bushels of corn in the ear

One hundred and thirty pounds of Potatoes

Stack on the parcel

One hundred and thirty pounds of butter at 16 cts

Twelve barrels of Oil

One wagon and harness

One cart

One hundred lb of old iron

One barrel

One old barrel

One old tin

One old hammer steady and safe

Five barrels stone

Two old stoves

One grind stone

Two lbs

to Ebenezer  
List of appraisement  
1797

An Inventory of the estate of Gad Stone late  
of Ashfield in the County of Franklin deceased, apprais-  
ed upon Oath by us the Subscribers, duly appointed to  
that service by the Hon. Jonathan Leavitt Esq. Judge of the  
Probate of Wills for the County aforesaid.

Real Estate

A Homestead containing 60 acres together with all the  
buildings and a Blacksmiths Shop standing upon  
the Ebenezer Amed Land comprising in half the Cider  
Hill

1385 00

One out Lot 26 acres

445 00

Personal Estate

One Horse	60 00
One pair two years old steers	58 00
One brindled cow	16 00
One red cow	17 00
One yellow cow	14 00
Three yearlings	40 00
Three colts	15 00
One fat hog	20 00
One pair of Oxen three years old	60 00
One barrel sheet	4 00
One steer	4 00
One small cow	13 00
One Steifer two years old	18 00
Fifteen loads of hay at 600	90 00
Forty bushels of corn in the ear	20 00
One hundred and thirty bushels of Potatoes	21 67
Pork in the barrel	12 00
One hundred and thirty pounds of butter at 14 ct.	18 20
Twelve barrels of Vicer	13 83
One wagon and Harness	35 00
One Cart	10 00
One Hundred lb. of old Iron	2 00
One Hollow	8 00
One old Anvil	7 00
One old Vice	1 88
One old Hammer Sledge and other tools	4 88
Five pounds Steel	0 54
Two old Scythes and Smalls	1 00
One grind Stone	4 00
Two old chains - 17 pounds	2 38
One horse chain and whipple tree chain	1 00

2399 03

Carried over

One pair of fetters — *4. brought over* 2399 00  
 One shaver — 00 50  
 One pair of beetle wings and wedges — 00 00  
 Three old hoes — 00 75  
 Twenty sap tubs at 12 1/2 cts — 2 50  
 One saw — 1 00  
 One old saddle — 3 00  
 One old horse collar — 00 25  
 Seven old drag teeth — 1 20  
 One iron pin — 1 80  
 One old plow — 1 75  
 One old ox yoke — 00 85  
 Three old rakes — 00 90  
 Two pitch forks — 00 10  
 One half of an old spinning mill — 2 25  
 One old eye — 00 04  
 Five old baskets — 1 50  
 One old post ice — 00 17  
 One tin pair kettle — 3 00  
 Two small dish kettles — 1 33  
 One spider — 00 55  
 Two old tea kettles — 00 60  
 Two skillets — 00 25  
 One old pot — 00 33  
 One old frying pan — 00 25  
 Three good pitch — 1 25  
 Three old pairs — 00 30  
 One chise press — 1 83  
 Three old barrels — —  
 One half bushel — 00 25  
 One old brass kettle — 1 50  
 One quill wheel and swift — 00 93  
 One bread trough — 00 25  
 One auger — 00 12  
 One old table — 00 25  
 One old churn — 00 20  
 Two tin pairs — 00 95  
 One hatchet — 2 00  
 Four hollow tubs — 2 00  
 Eighteen old barrels — 1 30  
 One old hatchet — 1 00  
 Two meat barrels — 1 50  
 Fifteen iron barrels — 5 00  
 Five hog heads — 3 00  
 Two keys — 1 00

Carried over 2453 67

One butter tub — *brought over* 2453 67  
 One 1/2 bushel of flaxseed — 00 95  
 One bushel of peas — 1 00  
 One half bushel of beans — 00 80  
 Four old axes — 1 00  
 One old cup board — 1 50  
 One pair of steel gards — 00 25  
 One breast collar — 00 50  
 Ten bushels of coal — 00 50  
 One breast bit — 1 45  
 Tatum tin milk pans — 1 00  
 Ten old tin pans — 00 10  
 Six tin dishes — 00 12  
 One large tin slipper — 1  
 One tin toast pan — 00 06  
 One tin hammer — 00 15  
 Two tin platters — 00 13  
 One small tin plate — 00 15  
 One tin candlestick — 00 25  
 One small tin pail — 00 14  
 One tin skimmer — 00 11  
 One grater — 00 33  
 Four old pewter plates — 00 20  
 Two old coffee pots — 00 33  
 One pair flat irons — 00 42  
 Six table spoons — 00 18  
 Six tea spoons — 00 25  
 One old black tin tea pot — 00 33  
 Three iron candlesticks — 00 07  
 Five brown earthen plates — 00 50  
 One pewter platter — 00 33  
 One quart pewter cup — 00 16  
 One tin canister — 00 07  
 One pint mug — 00 20  
 Two saucers — 00 03  
 One large pewter basin — 00 13  
 One pint basin — 00 20  
 Two glass salt cellars — 1 10  
 One fifteen handled knives and forks — 00 50  
 One set of white handled knives and forks — 00 06  
 One glass tumbler — 00 03  
 One tin tumbler — 00 17  
 Eight small earthen plates — 00 21  
 Seven Earthen plates — —

Carried over 2474 57





Geod Elmer  
Affidavit

Jan. 26. 1820

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed

*Administrator on the estate of Isaac Elmer*

late of *Ashfield* in the county of Franklin, deceased, and has taken  
upon *himself* that trust by giving bond as the law directs. And all persons,  
having demands upon the estate of the said deceased, are required to exhibit the same;  
and all persons, indebted to the said estate, are called upon to make payment to

*Dec. 28. 1814*

*Adolphus Elmer*

N. B. This paper must be returned to the Probate Office within seven months.

the Subscriber on oath testifies and declares that agreeably to the order of the  
Hon. JONATHAN LEAVITT, Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Franklin, dated  
the *28th* day of *Decr* last he did, within three months  
from the said date, post up a notification, whereof the foregoing is a copy, in each of the follow-  
ing public places in *Ashfield* in said County, viz. *at the house of Charles W. W.*  
*Living at the Court House at Northampton* and did also cause the same to be  
published in the newspaper mentioned in said order.

*Adolphus Elmer*

FRANKLIN, ss.

At a Court of Probate held at *Northampton* in and for said County of Franklin,  
on the *26th* day of *July* A. D. 18*20*

Personally appeared *Adolphus Elmer*  
aforenamed, and made solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing affidavit by him subscribed,  
before me,

*J. Leavitt* Judge of Probate.

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Gad Elmer  
Personal  
Jan 7. 26. 1826

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FRANKLIN, ss. To *Adolphus Elmer, Administrator in the*  
*estate* last Will and Testament of *Gov. Elmer* Executor of the  
*County* deceased. late of *Ashefield* in *the*

**I**T appearing to me, that it will be most for the benefit of those who are concerned in the estate of said deceased, that the

personal estate of said deceased

should be disposed of: You are therefore hereby directed to sell the same at Public Auction, and account with me for the proceeds thereof. Given under my hand this *24<sup>th</sup>* day of *June* A. D. 18*20*

*J. Bennett* Judge of Probate.

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Gad Elmer  
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Choir of Gunda  
July. 20. 1820

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Know all men by these presents that we Cleon Elmer and Horace Elmer of Ashfield in the County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts both minors above the age of fourteen years and sons of Gad Elmer late of <sup>said</sup> Ashfield deceased have chosen and ordained and constituted and do by these presents choose ordain and constitute Ebenezer Elmer of said Ashfield Yeoman with full power and authority for us and in our names and for our use to ask demand ~~and~~ sue for recover receive and take into possession and custody all and singular such part and portion of the estate of us the said Cleon and Horace as has accrued or may hereafter accrue to us as heirs to the estate of our said father or which may otherwise appertain or belong to us and to manage employ and use the same for our best advantage and profit during our minority and to do all other lawful acts and things whatsoever concerning the premises as fully and effectually in every respect as we each of us might or could do personally if we were of full age

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty

Signed Sealed and delivered  
in presence of

Cleon Elmer

Japhet Chapin Jr

Horace Elmer

Orlando Chasmer

Franklin & Berkshire January 25<sup>th</sup> 1820  
To the Honourable Jonathan Leavitt Esq: Judge of Probate within and for the said County  
This is to certify that the above named Cleon Elmer and Horace Elmer subscribers to the above instrument living more than ten miles distance from your Honours dwelling house personally appeared and made choice of the said Ebenezer Elmer to be their guardian as in and by the same instrument appears before me

Franklin Jr

Japhet Chapin Justice of the peace  
leavitt of Probate Berkshire January 26<sup>th</sup> 1820  
I allow of the Guardian chosen above  
leavitt Judge of Probate

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Gaa Elmer  
Quana Bond

July 26. 1820

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**KNOW ALL MEN** by these Presents, That we

*Ebenezer Emes of Ashfield in the County of Franklin  
as principal, & Caleb Sherman & Ira Sturges both  
of the County of Franklin, as Sureties,*

within the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto *Jonathan Leavitt*

Judge of Probate of Wills, and granting Administration, within the County of *Franklin* in the full and just Sum of *Five Hundred*

to be paid to the said *Jonathan Leavitt* and his Successors in said Office: — To the true Payment whereof, we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our Heirs, Executors and Administrators, jointly and severally, by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated the *twenty sixth* Day of *January* in the Year of our Lord, *One thousand eight hundred and twenty*

THE CONDITION of this OBLIGATION is such, That if the above-bounden *Ebenezer Emes* who is nominated and allowed to be Guardian unto *Oliver Elmer and Horace Elmer*

Minors, above the age of fourteen years children of *Gad Elmer*,

late of *Ashfield* in the County of *Franklin* deceased, shall return into the Probate Office of the said County of *Franklin* a true and perfect Inventory of said Minor's real Estate, Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits at or before the *twenty sixth* day of *January* next ensuing, and also, shall and do well and truly perform and discharge the trust and office of Guardian unto the said Minors, and that in and by all things according to law; and shall render a plain and true account of *his* said Guardianship upon oath, and all and singular such estate as shall come to *his* hand and possession by virtue hereof, and of the profits and improvements of the same, so far as the Law will charge *him* therewith, (when *he* shall be thereunto lawfully required) and shall pay and deliver what and so much of the said estate as shall be found remaining upon *his* account, (the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges, for the time being, of the Probate of Wills, &c. within the County of *Franklin* aforesaid) unto the said Minors, when *they* shall arrive at full age; or otherwise, as the said Judge or Judges, by his or their decree or sentence, pursuant to Law, shall limit and appoint; then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force.

Signed, sealed and delivered,  
in presence of us,

*Probate Office*

*Ebenezer Emes  
Caleb Sherman  
Ira Sturges*

I, PROBATE OFFICE. I have examined and do approve of the foregoing bond, and order the same to be filed in the Probate Office.

*Jonathan Leavitt* J. Prob.

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Gen Elmer

War<sup>t</sup> to divide

Returned

Jan<sup>y</sup>. 16. 1821

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN II.

The Hon. *James H. Sewall* Esq. Judge of the Probate of  
Wills, &c. in said county. *Franklin*

To *James H. Sewall, Esq., Henry B. Smith, Esq., & Dimick  
Edis, all of the County of Franklin, all sufficient freeholders,* *Oliver Condrives of  
Woburn* — GREETING.

PURSUANT to the power and authority to me given, in and by the laws of  
the Commonwealth aforesaid, I do hereby appoint and authorize you a committee  
to appraise all the real estate whereof the said *Goddard* *estate*  
*last aforesaid*

died seized and possessed in said Commonwealth (excepting the widow's dower,  
and what may have been legally sold for the payment of the just debts of said de-  
ceased) each piece and parcel by itself, at the present true value thereof, in lawful  
money, all in words at length; and if said estate, or any part thereof, lie in com-  
mon or undivided with the real estate of any other person, you are first to sever  
and divide the estate of said intestate, from the estate with which it lies in com-  
mon as aforesaid, giving timely notice to all persons interested, to be present, if  
they see cause.

When you have perfected your inventory, you are faithfully and impartially  
to divide and make partition of the estate therein appraised among the children  
or heirs of said deceased, as the law respecting the descent of intestate estates di-  
rects, observing that if any of the children or grandchildren of said deceased have  
had portions assigned or delivered them by him in his life-time, to take such por-  
tions into consideration, and deduct the same from their shares in such partition  
respectively.

Moreover, if it shall appear that any messuage, tract of land, or other tenement,  
shall be of greater value than either party's part or share in said estate, and can-  
not be subdivided, or part thereof assigned to one and part to another, without  
great inconvenience; you may settle or assign the same to one of the parties, and  
award that the party to whom you shall assign the same, pay such sum or sums of  
money to the other party or parties, as by means thereof may have less than their  
share.

When you go about your work, let all parties concerned have notice; and if  
any dispute arise about the quantity of any parcel of land, you may procure an  
artist for the survey thereof; and if all parties be satisfied with your proceedings,  
let them signify the same by countersigning.

You are to be under oath faithfully to perform the said service, and when it is  
completed, you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, in-  
to the Probate office for the county aforesaid, as soon as may be.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at *Cambridge*  
in said county, this *twenty sixth* day of *February*  
A. D. 1820.

*J. Sewall*

OATH.  
FRANKLIN II. *April 17 - 1820*  
The above-named *Henry B. Smith*

personally appeared and made oath that ~~they~~ <sup>he</sup> would faithfully perform the ser-  
vices assigned ~~them~~ by the foregoing warrant.  
Before me,

*Olijah Baird Justice of the Peace*

*Franklin Co. April the 17th 1820. The above named Dimick  
Edis and Ois. [unclear] personally appeared and made oath that  
they would faithfully perform the services assigned them by the  
foregoing warrant before me Henry B. Smith, Justice of the Peace.*

Gad Elmer  
Dove returned  
Jan. 16, 1824 -

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN ss.

By the Hon. *Jonathan Leavitt*  
~~SOLOMON SWEAD~~, Esq. Judge  
of Probate for said County.

To *Thomas White, Henry Bassett and  
Demick Ellis* all of *Ashfield* in said  
County, *Olis Andrews* of *Ashfield*,

and all Freeholders in said County,

GREETING.

Pursuant to the power and authority to me given, in and by the laws of the Commonwealth aforesaid, I do hereby appoint and authorize you a committee to appraise all the real estate whereof *Wm. Elmer* late of *Ashfield* in said County, deceased, died seized and possessed in said Commonwealth, each piece and parcel by itself, at the present true value thereof, all in words at length. And if said estate or any part thereof, lie in common with the real estate of any other person, you are first to sever and divide it therefrom, giving timely notice to all parties interested, to be present if they see cause.

When you have perfected your inventory, you are to set off, by plain and lasting metes and bounds, one third part of all said real estate to *Alice Elmer* the widow of the said deceased (so as may be convenient for her) as her dower, for her use during her natural life.

You are to be under oath faithfully to perform the services herein assigned you, and when you have completed them, you are to make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, into the Probate Office for the County aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this *eighth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *twenty*

*J. Leavitt*

FRANKLIN ss.  
The above named

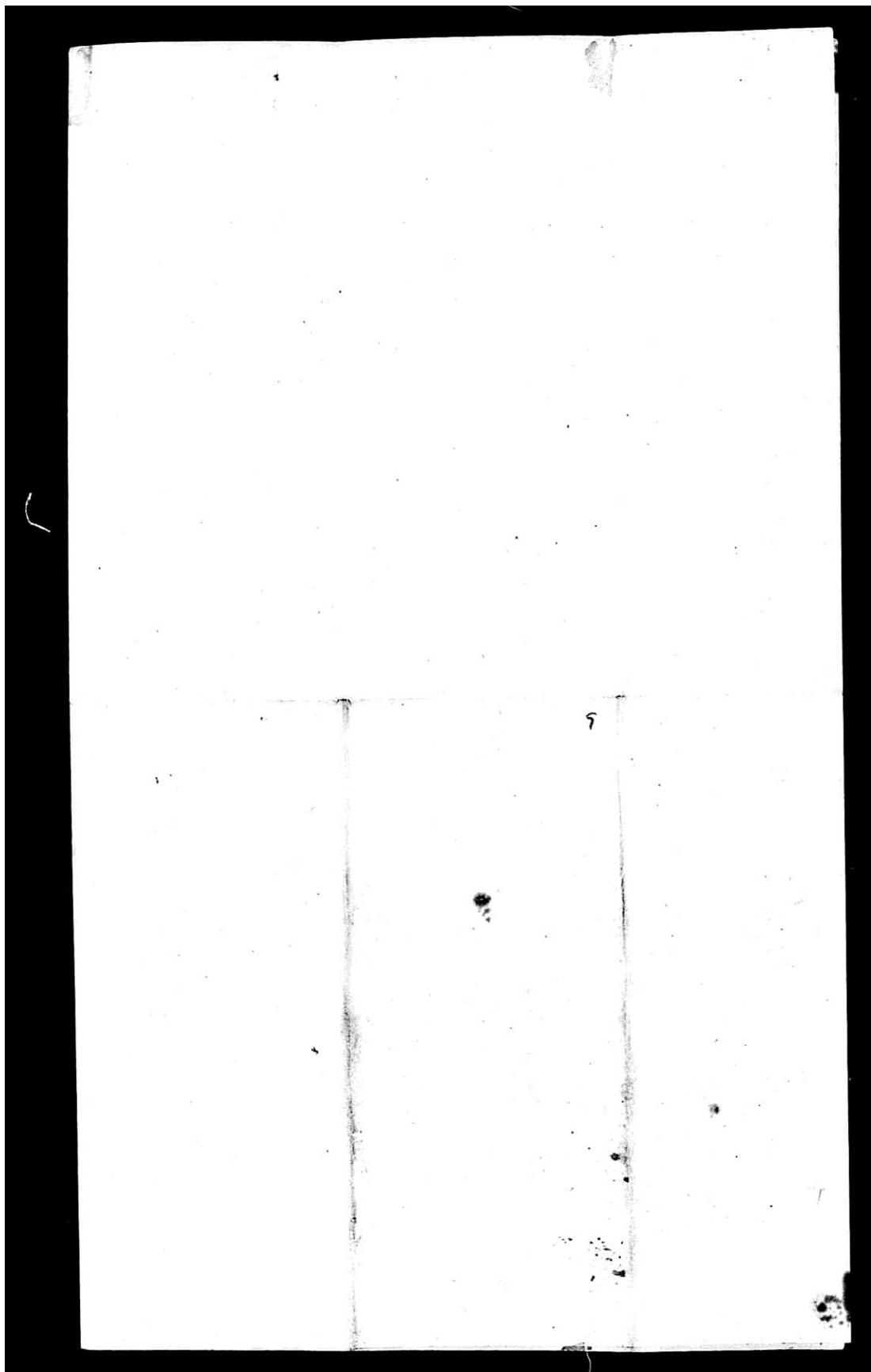
*April 17* A. D. 1820  
*Henry Bassett*

*Henry Bassett* personally  
appeared and made oath that ~~they~~ *he* would faithfully perform the services assigned  
by the foregoing warrant, before me

*Elijah Quine* Justice of the Peace.

*Franklin ss. April 17<sup>th</sup> 1820 The above named Demick Ellis  
and Olis Andrews personally appeared and made oath that they  
would faithfully perform the services assigned them by the  
foregoing warrant before me*

*Henry Bassett; Justice of the Peace.*



We the Subscribers having been appointed by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jonathan Leavitt Esq<sup>r</sup>. Judge of Probate for the County of Franklin a committee to appraise all the real estate wherof Gad Elmer late of Ashfield in said County died seized; and to set off to Alice Elmer widow of the said Gad one third part of said estate for her right of dower; having been sworn to the faithful performance of the business of said appointment, did then appraise the real estate of the said Gad in the manner following, that is to say, we appraised a certain tract of land lying in Ashfield aforesaid wheron the said Gad last lived, and containing by estimation sixty acres together with the buildings standing thereon at the sum of one thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars

\$1334<sup>00</sup>

and we appraised a <sup>Blagstone</sup> ~~Blagstone~~ <sup>stone</sup> ~~stone~~ standing on the land of ~~Thomas~~ <sup>James</sup> Elmer in said Ashfield at

12<sup>00</sup>

and we appraised another tract of land lying in said Ashfield and joining on <sup>Duchland</sup> ~~Duchland~~ line at the sum of four hundred and forty two dollars

442<sup>00</sup>

amounting in the whole to the sum of one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight dollars, and we set off to Alice Elmer widow of said Gad as her right of dower certain parts of said estate bounded as follows, that is

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say, a part of lot No. forty in the first division of lands in Ashfield and is bounded as follows, viz. beginning at the south east corner of said lot thence runs north twenty degrees east one hundred and twenty eight rods to a stake and stones, thence west seventeen degrees north twenty one rods and five links to a stake and stones. - thence south twenty degrees west thirteen rods to a stake and stones. - thence west seventeen degrees north four rods and twenty links. - thence south eighteen degrees west one hundred and fifteen rods to a stake and stones by the road

thence east twenty degrees south to the first mentioned bound and contains twenty acres by the same more or less.

We likewise set off to the said Alice Elmer a certain piece of land bounded as follows, that is to say, begins at the south east corner of and the said Gad bought of Nathan Smith runs north twenty three degrees east eight rods to a stake and stones on the south side of the highway, thence north twenty four degrees west fifteen rods to a stake and stones, thence north fourteen degrees west eight rods to a stake and stones, thence north thirty two degrees west ten rods to a stake and stones, thence south thirty nine degrees west fourteen rods to a stake and stones, thence south fifteen degrees west eight rods and an half to the north end of a stone wall, thence southerly as the stone wall now stands fifteen rods and an half to Chiles Smith's land, thence easterly by said Smith's land thirty five rods and an half to the first mentioned bound and contains five acres, one quarter and twenty rods, and we set off to the said Alice Elmer the fifteen and an half rods of stone wall on the west end of the above described piece of land. And we likewise set off to the said Alice Elmer one third part of all the buildings standing on the homestead farm in the manner following, that is to say, the south front room in the dwelling house, with the cellar under the same and the chamber over the same with a right of passing through the other parts of the house to and from her rooms and also a right to bake in the oven; and likewise one third part of the wood house and shed and a right to draw water out of the well; and the stable in the south east corner of the barn and the wharf of the west scaffold in said barn and one half of the threshing floor and one third of the shed adjoining the barn with one third part of the cow yard before the house and sheds, and one third part of the barn yard, the above described land <sup>and</sup> buildings we appraised at the sum of five hundred and ninety six dollars and set off the same

to the before mentioned Alice Elmer as her dower in the estate of the said Gad Elmer (it being one third part of the first described real estate).

Ashfield May the 5. 1820

Henry B. Bigsall

Dimick Ellis

Otis Andrews

Franklin's Court of Probate, Conway, January 16. A.D. 1821

The foregoing report of the assignment to Alice Elmer widow of Gad Elmer late of Ashfield in said County deceased of her dower in the real estate whereof the said deceased died seized being presented: I do thereupon decree that the same be accepted and recorded.

J. Lewis

Judge of Probate

We the subscribers having been appointed by the Court Jonathan Leavitt Esq. judge of probate for the County of Franklin a committee to appraise all the real estate whereof Gad Elmer late of Ashfield in said county had seized and to divide the same among his children (excepting the widow's dower) have appraised the farm whereon the said Gad lived with the buildings standing thereon containing by estimation sixty acres (excepting the widow's dower) at one thousand and seventy, six dollars - \$1076.00

we appraised six acres of wood land a part of lot No. forty first division at one hundred and four dollars - 104.00

We also appraised a blacksmith's shop standing on the land of Ebenezer Barnes at twelve dollars - 12.00 making in the whole the sum of one thousand one hundred and ninety two dollars - 1192.00

We then set off to Philo Elmer son of the said Gad one eleventh part of said estate for his share of the same being a certain tract of land bounded as follows begins on the east side of the highway on the south line of Silvester Andrews land thence runs southerly by the road sixteen rods to a stake and stones - thence east seventeen degrees south parallel with Buckland <sup>line</sup> to the east line of the lot, thence northerly by said line sixteen rods to Buckland line, thence westerly by said line to the first mentioned bound and contains five acres and thirty two rods, and one <sup>undivided</sup> eleventh part of two thirds of the house and barn and out houses and the barn yard and door yard the other third being set off to the widow, said land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty ~~three~~ three cents.

We set off to Gad Elmer's son said Gad one eleventh part of said estate for his share of the same being a certain tract of land bounded as follows beginning at the south west corner of the said Philo's land thence runs east seventeen degrees south to the east line of the lot - thence southerly by this line of the lot thirty six rods to a stake and stones - thence west eighteen degrees north to the road, thence northerly by <sup>the</sup> road to the first mentioned bound and contains eleven acres, two quarters and six rods, and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds of the house, barn and out houses and of the door yard and barn yard, which land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.



We set off to Kerace Elmer a son of the said Gad one eleventh part of said estate for his share of the same consisting of a tract of land bounded as follows, begins at the south west corner of the last described piece of land, thence runs east eighteen degrees south by said land to the east line of the lot, thence southerly by the line of the lot fifteen rods to a stake and stones, - thence west seventeen degrees north to a stake and stones by the road, thence northerly by the road to the first mentioned corner, and contains five acres and twenty six rods, - and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds of the dwelling house, barn and out houses near the same end of the door yard and barn yard, the other third part being set off to the widow, the above described land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.

We set off to Daniel Elmer a son of the said Gad one eleventh part of said estate for his share of the same consisting of a tract of land bounded as follows, begins at the south west corner of Kerace Elmer's share, thence runs southerly by the road twelve rods to a stake and stones, - thence runs east seventeen degrees south to a stake and stones in the east line of the lot, thence northerly by said ten twelve rods to Kerace Elmer's land thence westerly by said land to the first mentioned bound and contains three acres, three quarters and twenty four rods and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds of all the buildings standing thereon, the other third part being set off to the widow, excepting the <sup>line</sup> of so much about the buildings as shall be necessary for the widow, the Elmer and the other part of the said Gad (one sixth only to occupy their part of said buildings) the above described land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.

We set off to Luther Elmer a son of the said Gad one eleventh part of said estate for his share in the same consisting of a tract of land bounded as follows, begins at the south west corner of Daniel Elmer's share, thence runs southerly by the road fifteen rods to a stake and stones, thence east seventeen degrees south to a stake and stones in the east line of the lot, thence northerly by said line fifteen rods to Daniel Elmer's share, thence by the same boundary to the first mentioned bound and contains four acres and three quarters and twenty rods, and half of the acre, mill standing on the same, and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds of the dwelling house, barn and out houses standing near the same, and of the barn yard and house door yard and the above described land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.

We set off to Elson Elmer a son of the said Gad one eleventh part of said estate for his share of the same consisting of a tract of land bounded as follows, begins at the south west corner of Luther Elmer's land, thence runs southerly by the road ten rods and an half to a corner, thence easterly by the road fifty two rods to the east line of the lot, thence northerly by said line twenty rods to Luther Elmer's land and thence westerly by said land to

the first mentioned bound, and contains four acres two quarters and thirty four rods, and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds parts of the dwelling house, barn and out houses standing near the same end of the house door yard and barn yard, the above described land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.

We set off to Debra Johnson daughter of the said Gad Elmer and wife of Josiah Johnson for one eleventh part of said estate for her share of the same consisting of a certain tract of land bounded as follows, begins at a stake and stones on the south side of the road which is the south west corner of land set off to the widow's share, thence runs westerly by the road twenty four rods to a stone wall on the line of lot, thence runs southerly on the line of the lot forty nine rods to Chelab Smith's land, thence easterly by said Chelab's land sixteen rods and an half to a stone wall, thence northerly as the stone wall runs stands to the north end of said wall, - thence north fifteen degrees east eight rods and an half to a stake and stones, thence north thirty nine degrees east four rods to the first mentioned bound and contains four acres and an half and twenty rods and one half of the before mentioned Chelab Smith's shop, and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds parts of the dwelling house, barn and out houses standing near the same end of the house door yard and barn yard, the above described land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.

We set off to Almira Deed daughter of the before mentioned Gad Elmer and wife of Micajah Deed one eleventh part of the before described real estate for her share of the same consisting of a certain tract bounded as follows, begins at the north west corner of Debra Johnson's share, thence runs southerly by the line of the lot forty nine rods to Chelab Smith's land, thence westerly by said land twenty four rods and an half to a stake and stones, thence north eighteen degrees east to the road, thence easterly by the road twenty rods and an half to the first mentioned bound and contains seven acres and an half and thirty eight rods, - and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds parts of the dwelling house, barn and out houses standing near the same, and of the house door yard and barn yard, the above described land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.

We set off to Ephrus Elmer son of Gad Elmer one eleventh part of the before described real estate for his share of the same consisting of a certain tract of land bounded as follows, begins at the north west corner of Almira Deed's land, thence runs southerly eighteen degrees as west fifty four rods to Chelab Smith's land, thence westerly by said Smith's land twenty one rods and an half to a stake and stones, thence north eighteen degrees east to a stake and stones by the road, thence easterly by the road twenty one rods and an half to the first mentioned bound and contains seven acres two quarters and nineteen rods, and one undivided eleventh part of two thirds parts of the dwelling house, barn and out houses standing near the same, and of the house door yard and barn, the above described land and buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.



We likewise set off to Anne Johnson daughter of Gad Elmer and wife of  
Othaniel Johnson one eleventh part of the before described real estate for  
his share of the same consisting of a certain tract of land bounded as follows  
that is to say, begins at the north west corner of Stephen Elmer's land, thence  
westerly by the road five rods to a corner. thence southerly by the road  
to Childs Smith's land, thence easterly by said land twenty rods to Stephen  
Elmer's land. thence north eight and a half degrees east by said Stephen's land  
fifty eight rods to the first mentioned bound and contains five acres be-  
the same more or less. and of a certain piece of wood land bounded as follows,  
begins at the north west corner of land set off to Adolphus Elmer, thence runs  
west seventeen degrees north seven rods to a corner. thence runs south  
nineteen degrees west thirty two rods to a corner. thence east seventeen  
degrees south seven rods to Adolphus Elmer's land and by said Adolphus  
north nineteen degrees east to the first mentioned bound and contains one  
acre one quarter and twenty four rods and one half of the before mentioned  
blacksmith's shop, and of one undivided eleventh part of two third parts  
the dwelling house, barn and out houses standing near the same and  
of the house door yard and barn yard, the above described land and  
buildings we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty  
three cents.

We likewise set off to Adolphus Elmer son of Gad Elmer one eleventh part  
of the before described real estate for his share of the same consisting of a  
certain piece of wood land bounded as follows, begins at the north east  
corner of lot No. forty in the first division of lands in Ashfield thence  
runs south nineteen degrees west thirty two rods to a stake and stones.  
thence west seventeen degrees north twenty five rods to a stake and stones.  
thence north nineteen degrees east thirty two rods to a stake and stones, thence  
east seventeen degrees south twenty five rods to the first mentioned bound  
and contains five acres, and of one undivided eleventh part of two third  
parts of the dwelling house, barn and out houses standing near the same  
and of the house door yard and barn yard, the other third of the same  
being set off to the widow for her dowry, the <sup>above</sup> described land and buildings  
we appraised at one hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents.

Ashfield May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1820

Henry Bassett

Dimick Ellis

Otis Andrews

Franklin J. Court of Probate Conway January 12 A.D. 1821

The foregoing report of the assignment of the assets of division  
of the real estate of Gad Elmer late of Ashfield in said County deceased  
made upon oath by the above named Henry Bassett & others to that service  
duly appointed, being presented to me. I do therefore decree that the  
same be and it is hereby accepted and ordered to be put on record  
J. Bennett Judge of Probate

Yad Elmer

Account

Aug. 28. 1821

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The account of ~~Alphus~~ Elmer Administrator on the estate of Gad Elmer late of Ashfield in the County of Franklin deceased

1	The said accountant charges himself with the Personal estate of the said deceased amounting as per inventory to the sum of _____	862.88
2	Cash on hand - - - - -	7.50
3	Notes due to the deceased from the following persons	
	Timothy Rice - 13.00 - Jonathan Maulsby 6.00 - 19.00	
	Noah Willis - 2.50 - Mr McClintock - 8.38 - 10.88	
	Chiel Drake - 5.25 - Nathan Bachelor 2.79 - 8.04	
	Chelias Smith Jr. - 11.80 - John Perry - 2.50 - 14.30	
4	Accounts against the following persons viz	
	Roger Brownson - 4.84 - John Perry - 4.44 - 9.28	
	Elden Enos Smith 1.09 - Spencer Woodward 2.00 - 3.09	
	Michael Ware - 5.74 - Roswell Ward - 1.17 - 7.11	
	Haywood Edson - 4.00 - Salvador Andrews 2.00 - 6.00	
	John Sprague - 3.60 - James Ware 5.80 - 9.40	
	Samuel Brown 0.85 - Joseph Paine 1.00 - 1.85	
	David Edson - 0.67 - - - - -	.67
		\$ 960.00

And pray allowance for the following charges and payments viz

The expense of a journey of myself Hordern to Greenfield to take administration - - - - - 6.00

The expense of advertising in Franklin Herald - - - - - 1.00

The expense of taking an inventory of the estate — 10.50  
 The expense of appraising the down & dividing real estate 9.40  
 Paying the taxes for 1819 & 1820 — — — — — 22.50  
 The expense of recording & deeds — — — — — 2.97  
 The expense of a journey to Greenfield for warrant — 1.50  
 One days attendance at Court of Probate at Conway 1.50  
 9 Days service dividing furniture, settling accounts &c 9.00  
 Provisions included in the inventory consumed by  
 the family of the deceased — — — — — } 125.25  
 15 Tons of Hay included in the inventory and  
 consumed by the stock — — — — — } 90.00  
 Probate fees heretofore paid — — — — — 16.55  
 Cash paid to the creditors of the deceased in  
 satisfaction of their several debts viz.  
 to John Williams & Co this account 16.58 - Capt Stow 2.30 — 19.18  
 Timothy Galtin 1.17 - Liba Smith 0.75 — — — — — 1.91  
 Mirum Mallory 1.55 - Saphet Chapin 3.50 — — — — — 5.35  
 Alfred Jones 2.66 - Charles Williams 16.50 — — — — — 19.26  
 Govt Joseph Allen 1/2 16 - David Lyon 2.00 - Gen. Putnam 2.44 — 13.50  
 To attending Probate Court Sept 28, 1821 — — — — — 1.50  
 To attending 10 day at Conway when the Court  
 did not sit — — — — — } 1.00  
 To Probate fees — Sept 28 - 1821 — — — — — 3.50  
~~401.37~~  
 Adolphus Elmer 401.37

This is to certify that we the subscribers have  
 examined the above account - being allowed  
 Adolphus Elmer  
 Ebenezer Emes

Franklin ss. At a Court of Probate holden at Greenfield in  
 and for the County of Franklin on the twenty eighth day of  
 August A.D. 1821.

The above named Adolphus Elmer, administrator  
 on the estate of the above named Gad Elmer deceased per-  
 -sonally appeared and made oath to the truth of the  
 foregoing account of his administration on the said estate  
 the same being first examined by me the subscriber  
~~me of the~~ Judge of Probate for said County. Whereupon  
 I do decree that the same be and it is hereby allowed  
 and ordered to be recorded

R. B. Newcomb. J. Probate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin's At a Court of Probate holden at  
Greenfield within and for the County of  
Franklin on the twenty eighth day of  
August A.D. 1821

It appearing that there remains in the  
hands and possession of Josephus Elmer admini-  
strator on the estate of Gad Elmer late of  
Ashfield in said County deceased, after the  
payments of the debts which the said deceased  
owed at the time of his death the sum of five  
hundred and fifty eight dollars <sup>and</sup> thirty three  
cents which is to be distributed among <sup>the widow &</sup> the child  
born ~~and~~ of the said deceased - Ordered that  
the said Administrator distribute the same  
accordingly as follows viz.

To Miss Elmer widow of the said deceased the  
sum of one hundred and eighty six dollars  
and twenty one cents.

To remain to his own use he being a son of the  
deceased the sum of thirty three dollars and  
eighty five cents & six mills.

And to pay to each of the other children

Gad Elmer

Order of distribution

Aug. 28. 1821

R.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Franklin In a Court of Probate holden at  
Greenfield within and for the County of  
Franklin on the twenty eighth day of  
August A.D. 1821

It appearing that there remains in the  
hands and possession of Asaphus Elmer admin-  
istrator on the estate of Gad Elmer late of  
Ashfield in said County deceased, after the  
payments of the debts which the said deceased  
owed at the time of his death the sum of five  
hundred and fifty eight dollars sixty three  
cents which is to be distributed among <sup>widow &</sup> the chil-  
dren ~~and~~ of the said deceased - ordered that  
the said administrator distribute the same  
accordingly as follows viz.

To Abis Elmer widow of the said deceased the  
sum of one hundred and eighty six dollars  
and twenty one cents.

To retain to his own use he being a son of the  
deceased the sum of thirty three dollars and  
eighty five cents & six mills.

And to pay to each of the other children

Asaph Elmer  
Admin of said deceased  
Aug. 28. 1821

on their <sup>representative</sup> or <sup>guardians</sup>  
the said deceased viz Asaphus Elmer, Daniel  
Elmer, Philo Elmer, Gad Elmer, Luther Elmer,  
Cleon Elmer, Horace Elmer, Anne Johnson  
Patsy Johnson, Almira Leeds, the sum of thirty  
three dollars & eighty five cents <sup>of said</sup> ~~of said~~ <sup>of said</sup> ~~of said~~

R. B. Newcomb Judge of Probate

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GAD ELMER, Jr.

Spä. Elmer  
Administration

July 18. 1823

Record



Franklin's. Commonwealth of Massachusetts

At a Court of Probate holden at Greenfield  
in & for the County aforesaid on the eighteenth day  
of February A. D. 1823 —

It being made to appear to me that  
Gaa Elmer late of <sup>Ashfield</sup> ~~Buckland~~ in said County  
lately died intestate, and that at the time of  
his ~~death~~ decease he was an inhabitant of said  
~~Buckland~~ <sup>Ashfield</sup>; I do thereupon ~~decree that~~ ~~at~~ the  
recommendation of Adolphus Elmer & Luther  
Elmer, heirs at law of the said deceased, decree  
that administration of the goods and estate  
of the said deceased be and the same is com-  
mitted unto Othnie Johnson of Buckland in  
said County, he giving bond, as the law directs,  
with sufficient sureties in the sum of one  
thousand dollars for the faithful performance  
of the said trust

R. E. Newcomb J. Prob

*Gua & Co*

*Adm. Bond*

*July 18. 1823*

Know all men by these Presents, That we,  
*Othniel Johnson as principal and Nathan Bachelor &  
 Japhet Chapin as sureties all of Bucklands*

in the County of Franklin, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the Honourable *Richard E. Newcomb*, Esq. Judge of Probate of Wills and for granting Administration, within the County of Franklin, in the full and just sum of *one thousand* dollars, to be paid to the said *Richard E. Newcomb* ~~JONATHAN LEAVITT~~, and his successors in said office: To the true payment whereof, we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Sealed with our seals. Dated the *eighteenth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *twenty three*

The condition of this obligation is such, That if the above bounden *Othniel* Administrator of all and singular the goods and estate of *Edo* late of *Ashfield* in the said County of Franklin, deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the real estate, goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of *him* the said *Othniel*

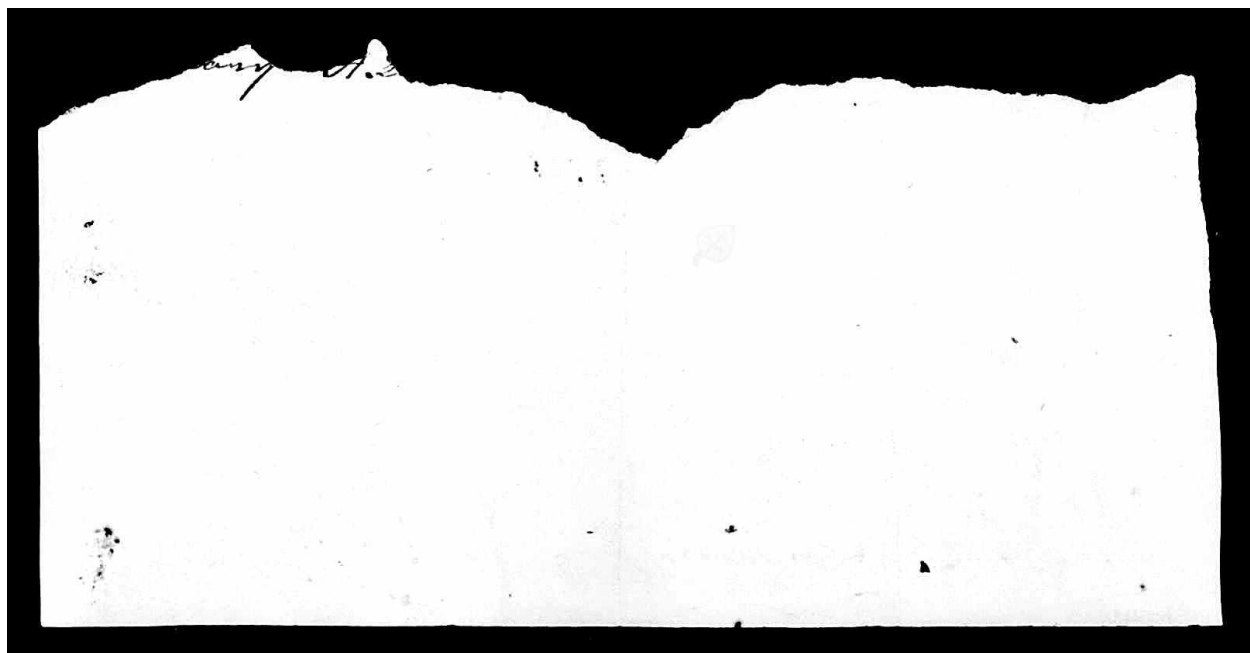
or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for *him* and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the Registry of the Court of Probate of the said County of Franklin, at or before the *eighteenth* day of *May* next ensuing; and the same goods and chattels, rights and credits, and all other the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of the said deceased, at the time of *his* death, which at any time after, shall come to the hands and possession of the said *Othniel* or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for the said *Othniel* do well and truly administer according to law: And further do make or cause to be made, a just and true account of *his* said administration upon oath, on or before the *eighteenth* day of *February* which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *twenty three* and all the rest, residue and remainder of the said goods and chattels, rights and credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said administration account (the same being first examined and allowed by the Judge for the time being of Probate of Wills and for granting Administrations within the County of Franklin aforesaid) shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, as the said Judge by his decree or sentence pursuant to law shall limit and appoint: And if it shall hereafter appear, that any last Will and Testament was made by said deceased, and the executor or executors therein named, do exhibit the same into the Court of Probate of the said County of Franklin, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly; if the said *Othniel* above bounden, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said letter of administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made) into the said Court: Then the before written obligation shall be void and of none effect, or else shall abide and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered }  
 in presence of us }  
*E. Alvord*

*Othniel Johnson*  
*Nathan Bachelor*  
*Japhet Chapin*

FRANKLIN, ss. *Feb. 18.* A. D. 1823.

I have examined and do approve of the foregoing bond and order the same to be recorded in the Probate Office.  
*R. E. Newcomb* Judge of Probate.



To the Hon. Richard C. Hemenway Judge of probate  
for the county of Franklin this certifies that we  
the subscribers recommend Capt. Orin Johnson to  
be appointed Administrator on the estate of Geo. E. Hemenway  
late of Applefield deceased.

Applefield Feb. 11 1893

Adolphus Hemenway  
Father E. Hemenway

Geo Elmer

Affidavit

May 13. 1823.

Sherrill

N. B. This paper must be returned to the Probate Office within seven months.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator on the estate of *Yea Colmer*

late of *Ashfield*, in the County of Franklin, deceased, and has taken upon *himself* that trust by giving bond as the law directs. And all persons having demands upon the estate of the said deceased, are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to the said estate, are called upon to make payment to

*Feb. 18. 1823*

*Othnie Johnson*

THE Subscriber on oath testif and declares that agreeably to the order of the Hon. R. E. NEWCOMB, Esq. Judge of Probate for the County of Franklin, dated the *eighteenth* day of *February* last he did, within three months from the said date, post up a notification, whereof the foregoing is a copy, in each of the following public places in *Ashfield* in said County, viz. *North Baptist Meeting house & John Williams' Tavern* and did also cause the same to be published in the Newspaper mentioned in said order.

*Othnie Johnson*

FRANKLIN, ss.

At a Court of Probate held at *Greenfield* in and for said County of Franklin, on the *nineteenth* day of *May* A. D. 1823

Personally appeared *Othnie Johnson* aforenamed, and made solemn oath to the truth of the foregoing affidavit, by subscribed, before me, *R. E. Newcomb* Judge of Probate.

Forwelling March 17th 1823 then the within named  
Isaiah Brackett and John Smith personally appeared and  
made oath that they would faithfully and impartially  
discharge the trust deposited in them agreeable to the  
within warrant

Before me Joseph Chapin Justice of the Peace

Gad Elmer  
Warrant  
Inventory  
May 13. 1823  
Recorded

Franklin's March 17th 1823 then the within named  
Sathan Bachelor and John Porter personally appeared and  
made oath that they would faithfully and impartially  
discharge the trust deposited in them agreeable to the  
within warrant

Before me Joseph Chapin Justice of the Peace

Geo Elmer

Warrant

Inventory

May 13. 1823

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.  
FRANKLIN, ss. To *Nathan Bucklow, Saphu Chapin &  
John Porter* all of *Bucklands*  
in said County.

GREETING.

YOU are hereby appointed and empowered to take an inventory of all the estate whereof *Yad Elmer* late of *Dashfield* in said County of Franklin, died siezed and possessed in the County of *Franklin*; and according to your best skill and judgment, truly and justly to appraise the same, as soon as may be, in dollars and cents, according to the present value thereof, being first sworn to the faithful discharge of that trust; and when you shall have completed the said inventory as aforesaid, you are to deliver the same, TOGETHER WITH THIS WARRANT, to *Samuel Johnson, Administrator of the estate* of the said deceased, who *is* hereby accordingly directed to return the same on oath into the Probate Office of said County of Franklin, within three months from the date hereof.

Given under my hand and seal of office this *eighteenth* day of *February* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty *three*  
*R. C. Nuneau* Judge of Probate.

FRANKLIN, ss. *Feb 7 18* A. D. 1823 . Then the above named *Saphu Chapin* personally appeared and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the trust reposed in them by the foregoing warrant, before me,

*R. C. Nuneau* Justice of the Peace.