

David Darrows Adv.  
With David Sumner.

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David Darrows  
Adv. with David  
Sumner—

David Spinner to David Darrow Debtor

1780	9 Apr. 23	To 2 Shifts	£0	16	6	
		To a Table Cloth	0	4	0	
		To 2 Aprons 13/10 Two Loose Gowns 8/10	1	2	0	
		To Woolen Cloth 12/3 Two Caps 4/	0	16	3	
		To 1 Yard Checks 4/	0	4	0	
		To paid Georg Darrow on Acc. your Daughter Rachel 8/	0	8	0	
		To Woolen Cloth 12/6 One pair Shoes 8/	1	0	6	
		To 3/4 yard Cloth for a Cloak	1	8	0	
		To 2 Shifts 18/ one Short Gown 11/6	1	2	6	
		To 1 Yard Checks 4/6 Two Aprons 13/	0	17	6	
		To one Short Gown & one Cap	0	3	9	
		To Making 4 Caps 2/ One Pair Shoes 8/	0	10	0	
		To Tapping 2 Pair Shoes	0	4	0	
		To 2 Pair Stockings 10/8 A Short Gown 5/9	0	16	5	
		To one Womans Coat and one Short Gown	1	2	6	
		To pair Shoes 8/ one Shift 7/6	0	15	6	
		To one Womans Hat 4/ One Long Gown 32/	1	16	0	
		To 24/ Hard Money	1	4	0	
		To Journey of a Horse to Nesquumie	0	8	0	
		To Cash Spent Money for your Daughter Rachel to Nesquumie	0	4	0	
		To Journey of Horse to Harvard 120 Miles	1	5	0	
		To Carrying your Daughter Rachel to Harvard & back in a Sleigh and finding her Provision	1	5	0	
		To 2 Wasted Gowns 22/8	2	13	4	
		To a Silk Handkerchief & one Check'd Apron 8/	0	16	0	
		To a Check'd Linen <del>of</del>	0	4	0	
		To a Close Chest <sup>of Cherry</sup> with a draw in it <del>of</del>	0	16	0	
		To lost time of your Daughter Rachel when gone twice to Harvard and once to Nesquumie 22 Days	0	14	8	
				<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5</u>

David Spenser To David Darrow Debtor. —

1781	To one Bushel Rye and one of Corn	£ 0 " 7 " 6
Sub.	To 5 yards Cloth	0 " 13 " 4
	To one pair Shoes	0 " 8 " 0
	To finding upper Leather and making	} 0 " 5 " 0
	2 Pair of Childrens Shoes	
	To Weaving 29 1/2 yards Cloth	1 " 0 " 0
	To 4 1/2 Weeks Work of your Daughter Rachel	0 " 18 " 0
	To Weaving 33 1/2 yards Cloth	1 " 2 " 4
		<u>£ 4 " 14 " 2</u>
	Sum Bro. forward	22 " 17 " 5
		<u>£ 27 " 11 " 7</u>

Contra — — — — — £ 0 "

By your Daughter Rachel's Work from the  
 23<sup>d</sup> of April 1780, to the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of April 1782  
 being 19 1/2 Weeks — — — — — at 4/8<sup>d</sup> per Week — } £ 20 " 14 "

David Darrowy Ant. Mills

David Spencer. —

David Spencer to David Darrow Debtor

	£	s	d
1780 Apr. 23 To 2 Shifts 16/6 One Table Cloth 4/	1	0	6
To 2 Aprons 13/10 Two Loose Gowns 8/10	1	2	8
To Woolen Cloth 12/3 Two Caps 4/	0	16	3
To one yard Cheeks	0	4	0
To paid George Darrow on acct. of your Daughter Rachel	0	8	0
To Woolen Cloth 12/6 One pair Shoes 8/	1	0	6
To 3 1/2 yards Cloth for a block	1	8	0
To 2 Shifts 18/ one short Gown 4/6	1	2	6
To one yard Cheeks 4/6 Two Aprons 13/	0	17	6
To one short <sup>Gown</sup> & one Cap	0	3	9
To Making 4 caps 2/ one pair Shoes 8/	0	10	0
To Tapping 2 pair shoes	0	4	0
To 2 pair Stockings	0	10	8
To a short Gown	0	5	9
To one Womens coat and one short <sup>Gown</sup>	1	2	6
To 1 pair Shoes & one Shift 7/6	0	15	6
To one Womens Hat 4/ one long Gown 22/	1	10	0
To 24 in hard Money	1	4	0
To Journey of a Horse to Neskamnia	0	8	0
To 4/ Expens Money for your Daughter Rachel to Neskamnia	0	4	0
To Journey of a Horse to Harvord 120 Miles Road by your Daughter Rachel	1	5	0
All the above Articles delivered to and for the use of your Daughter Rachel Delivered from the 23 of April 1780 to 2 of April 1782.	£	16	9

David Spencer to David Darrow Debtor

	£	s	d
1781 Feb. 27 To one Bush Rye 4/ one W. Corn 3/6	0	7	6
To 5 yards Cloth	0	13	4
To one pair Shoes	0	8	0
To finding upper Leather and making 2 pair Childrens Shoes	0	5	0
To Weaving 29 1/2 yards Cloth	0	19	8
To 1 1/2 Weeks Work of your Daughter Rachel	0	18	0
To Weaving 33 1/2 yards Cloth	1	2	4
The above Articles delivered yourself and Family	£	4	13
Sum bro. forward	16	9	1
	£	21	2
To carrying your Daughter Rachel to Harvord & back in a fligh and finding her Provisions &c.	1	5	0
To lost time of your Daughter Rachel going to Harvord twice and Neskamnia one 22 Working Days	0	14	8
	£	20	7

Contract ----- Credit  
 By your Daughter Rachel's Works from 23 Day of April 1780 to the 2 Day of April 1782 being 101 Weeks ----- £20 7

An Inventory of Israel Chauncys Estate late  
of Mrs Lebanon Deceased Taken After the Death  
Left In Heresiah Hammonds Estate

New York Money  
L 266 13 4

1 Horse	16 0 0
1 Horse	8 0 0
Paid to Rufus Clark In exchange of horses	15 6 8 1/2
2 oldish cows	9 4 0
1 Heifer	2 16 0
7 Hogs	7 0 0
Sett of Horse harness	1 16 0
One Plow & Irons	0 7 0
old Chains	0 10 0
old Hoes	0 6 0
2 Axes	0 8 0
Iron Wedges and battle Axes	0 8 0
Hay	4 0 0
2 Feather Beds and Bedding	8 0 0
2 Feather Beds and Bedding	14 0 0
one Iron Pail	0 0 0
3 rags Gittle	0 10 0
small Iron Pail	0 6 1/4
small Iron Gittles	0 12 0
Gittle	0 8 0
Wit	0 3 0
2 Hammels	0 12 0
1 wire of Tongs & Flat Irons	0 8 0
15 outer Platters	1 4 0
15 Peter Plates	0 2 0
4 old Basons	0 4 0
1 quont Cup	0 2 0
1 Tea Pail	0 4 0
3 Earthen Plates	0 2 0
1 Sett of earthen Tencups	0 2 0
3 Earthen Bowls	0 2 6
3 Mags	0 1 1/4
4 Earthen Porringeres	0 1 1/4
2 Earthen Pails	0 1 6
2 Earthen Platters	0 2 0
12 Large Spoons and 12 Tea spoons	0 2 0



In the Name of God Amen, I David Hammond  
of Peterham in the County of Worcester and State of the  
Massachusetts. Knowing that it is Appointed once  
for all men to die, and being of sound Disposing  
mind and memory, do make and Ordain this to be  
my Last Will and Testament - Firstly I Recommend my  
Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent Christian man-  
ner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named -  
And my Soul to God that gave it hoping through the Mer-  
its of Christ Jesus my Lord to meet with Eternal Salvati-  
on And as to such Earthly Substance as it hath pleased God  
to Bless me With, I give and Dispose of in the Following  
manner (Viz) I Will and Order my Just Debts and Funer-  
al Charges paid by my Executors in a Convenient time  
after my Decease -

Secondly The whole of the Remaining part of my Estate  
both Real and Personal I do Will and Order to be Taken  
into the hands and to the Disposal of my Executors in  
the Following manner (Viz) Firstly to Render unto my  
Wife Mary the Use or Profits of one Third part of the last  
mentioned Remaining part of my Estate so long as she  
Remain my Widow -

Secondly to give to each of my three Eldest Children  
now of Lawfull age (Viz) Thomas Peuth and Martha  
in a Convenient time after my Decease the Sum of  
Ten Pounds Lawfull Money of the Massachusetts -

Thirdly to give to my two younger Children in a Con-  
venient time after they become of age (Viz) Sarah  
and Polly the like Sum of Ten pounds -

Fourthly The whole of the yet Remaining part of my  
Estate both Real and Personal to be Disposed of at the  
Discretion of my Executors for Bringing up of my two  
younger Children Sarah and Polly till they become of  
Lawfull age, and for the Support of the Gospel and the  
Poor of the Church of my Communion -

Thirdly I Constitute and appoint David Meacham  
and Joseph Bennet of New Lebanon in the County of  
Columbia and State of New York Members of the Church  
of my Communion to be my Executors to this my Last  
Will and Testament - In Testimony whereof I do here-  
unto Sett my hand and Seal this Second day of November  
in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Eighty nine - Signed Sealed and Subscribed Pronounced  
and Declared by him to be the D<sup>d</sup> David Hammond  
to be his last will and Testament in the Presence of us



Benjamin Goodrich  
Abiathar Babbit  
William Safford

David Hammond  
and a Seal —

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Copy of  
David Hammond's Mill.

Bills of Property Delivered by  
Thomas Spier John Spier Aaron Hible  
and Elish Smith to their Children  
In Year

Bills of Property  
Delivered Thomas  
& John Spier Aaron  
Hible & Elish Smith

cat. No.  
10/136

This will Certify that I Thomas Spire have this  
5<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1793 Delivered to Zachous Stearns  
one of the Overseers of the Church the following  
Articles for the purposes hereafter mentioned  
Viz one Hundred Pounds Newyork Currency towards  
my Son Richard Spire Samuel Spire and Jane Spire  
Natural Right of inheritance

Canaan 5<sup>th</sup> July 1793 As witness my hand

Thos Spire

at the above mentioned time I Thomas  
put forty pounds Newyork Currency into the poor office

Memorandum  
Thomas Spire  
Delivered property  
for his Children

CAT. NO.  
10/135

This will Certifie that I John Spire have this 5 Day of  
February 1793 and at Different times heretofore Delivered to  
Zaccheus Stevens one of the Overseers of the Church the  
Following artikels for the Purposes Hereafter mentioned

Viz 175 Pounds of Cheese <sup>d/7</sup> £ 5 : 2 : 1	24 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Bushels of wheat and
2 Pounds of Beeswax - 0 : 4 : 0	36 - 90 - of Rye
139 Bushels wheat <sup>d</sup> - 42 : 4 : 0	to the amount of £ 14 : 12 : 6
20 Bushels of Corn - 4 : 0 : 0	In fulfilment of my Promise
226 Pounds of Cheese <sup>d/7</sup> 6 : 11 : 10	to my two Boys for Service
60 Pounds of Butter <sup>d/7</sup> - 3 : 0 : 0	Done me over and above
£ 61 : 1 : 1	their Natural Right

Viz I Give 24 : 8 : 0 of the above Sum to my Son John Spire for  
one of my three Children that are at the Church towards his  
Natural Right of Inheritance, Likewise to my Son Nathan  
Spire the Sum of 24 : 8 : 0 towards his Natural Right of Inheritance  
Likewise to my Daughter Suire Spire the Sum of £ 12 : 4 : 1  
towards her Natural Right of Inheritance

Which makes the whole that I Delivered to sd Zaccheus for  
that Purpose, And Likewise I Give unto my two Sons  
John and Nathan the above Sum of £ 14 : 12 : 6 In fulfilment  
of my Promise to them for Service Service Done me this  
Over and above their Natural Right

Canaan 5 February 1793 as witness my Hand

John Shupley

John Spire

Memorandum  
John Spive Delivered  
Property for  
His Children

Lanaan Decem 17 - 1793

this will Certify that I Aaron Kibby  
have this <sup>Day</sup> and heretofore Delivered to David  
Osborn one of the Overseers of the Chh  
the following Articles for the purpose here  
after mentioned Viz one yoke of oxen valued  
at £15 and in money £68-3-8 £83-3-8  
the Above some I give to my Son as a part  
of his Natural Right of inheritance  
Also give to my Daughter Dorvity Kibby  
in the manner above mentioned the follow  
ing Articles one old Bed to the value of  
five Dollars and ~~£30~~ ~~the~~ ~~money~~ £10-11-10  
as witness my hand Aaron Kibby

Aaron Kibbe  
memorandum of  
property Debit  
for his Children



Canaan November 28 1793

this will Certify that I Elisha Smith  
~~the~~ have this Day and at Different times  
heretofore Delivered to David of born one  
of the over-seers of the Church the follow-  
ing articles for the purpose hereafter mentioned  
~~to wit~~ one ticking and feathers £4=15-0

2 pillows - 4 lb of feathers 1-11-0

10 lb of fleace wool ~~2 lb of~~ wooling Cloath

1 wooling Covered Cloath for 2 shoes

~~the wool~~ <sup>the wool</sup> <sup>pad 21</sup> <sup>per lb</sup> 20/ Covered 32 Shoes 3/ £2=15=0

~~the paper of pins~~ ----- 0=1=2

1 piece of Cap tape ----- 0=1=0

the above articles I give to my Daughter  
prudence as a part of her Natural  
Right of Inheritance witness my hand  
Elisha Smith

Elisha Smith  
memorandum  
of property  
delivered to  
Prudence

Whereas I feeling a Sense of My Duty according to my faith and the Cove<sup>nt</sup>  
which I Entered into in a most Sorrowful Manner with my Brethren and  
Sisters in the presence of God in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven  
Hundred and Eighty Eight to Support one joint ~~and~~ union  
and interest in Church order, as Death is appointed for all Men and  
not knowing when I may end this Life. I Adonijah Jacobs of need  
Sabaron in the County of Columbia in the State of New York feel it  
My Duty being in my Right Mind and having my Rational understand<sup>ing</sup>  
to Leave upon Record this my Last will and testament ~~and~~ this therefore  
is to inform all to whom it may Concern that in Relation to those  
things which I do Leave behind first my Body I recommend to the Earth  
to be Buried at my Decese in a Decent godly manner by my Brethren  
and Sisters in the Lord and as to the temporal <sup>interest</sup> which I possess with  
all my Service I freely hartily and in the most Sorrowful Manner --  
according to my faith gave up to Support one joint interest in the Church  
of God in New Sabaron which Distinguished or known by the testimony  
they hold against all sin and taking up a Cross against the flesh and  
following Christ in regeneration and not in generation I Say this is my  
will faith and Desire that all my Estate both Real and personal  
Should remain in the Church of Christ under the Care of David <sup>and</sup> meach  
Jonathan Walker and David Osborn as long as they Continue in the office  
of Deacons and provided all of them or any one of them Should discontinue  
in that office by Death or any other way it Shall then Deced under the  
Care of those that may Succeed in that office and so Continue in this Line  
of Succession for ever as this is my Last will and testament therefore  
I forbid all my Relations according to nature of making any Demand  
after my Decese for any part of this my freewill offering as it is  
Devoted to a Sacred use for the <sup>Support</sup> of the Gospel and the widow and the  
fatherless and the poor of this world in witness whereof I have hereunto  
Set my hand and Seal this twentieth Day of January <sup>and</sup> in the year  
of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Seven

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Daniel  
Moseley

Adonijah

The Value of the Real & Personal Estate of  
 Elijah Nelson & Articulate in Particular

	L	s	d
Farm of 51 acres and $\frac{3}{4}$ With all the Appurtenances their unto Belonging Estimated at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre	258	15	0
Other piece of Land Called the Pine Hill 9. Acres	30	0	0
Two Cows at Seven Pounds $\frac{1}{2}$ each with Calves	14	0	0
One Two Year old heifer and Calf	5	10	0
Mair 13 <sup>th</sup> Years Old	9	0	0
One Pair of Year old Steers	4	10	0
One Horse	16	10	0
Thirty six Sheep at 5 <sup>s</sup> $\frac{1}{2}$ each	180	0	0
One Hay & Harness	4	16	0
One 7 Gall Iron kittle 22 <sup>s</sup> 6 one 4 Gall D <sup>o</sup> 18 <sup>s</sup> Bake kittle 10 <sup>s</sup>	2	10	6
Spider 3 <sup>s</sup> Iron Pot 4 <sup>s</sup> Dish kittle 5 <sup>s</sup> 2 <sup>s</sup> 5 <sup>s</sup> Millet 2 <sup>s</sup>	0	19	0
Iron Pan 7 <sup>s</sup> Grid Iron 5 <sup>s</sup> flat Iron 7 <sup>s</sup> Iron Morter & Pestel 6 <sup>s</sup>	1	5	0
Pair Hand Irons 16 <sup>s</sup> Slice & Tongue 9 <sup>s</sup> D <sup>o</sup> 7 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> 3 Framils 12 <sup>s</sup>	2	4	6
Pair Sheep shears 1 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> Brass kittle 25 <sup>s</sup> Copper Tea kittle 18 <sup>s</sup> Stillard 6 <sup>s</sup>	2	10	6
2 quart Bason 3 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> Two quart Basons 4 <sup>s</sup> point D <sup>o</sup> 1 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup>	0	9	0
Putter Platter 5 <sup>s</sup> D <sup>o</sup> 4 <sup>s</sup> four Putter Plates 5 <sup>s</sup> Tea Pot 5 <sup>s</sup> D <sup>o</sup> 2 <sup>s</sup>	1	1	0
Quart Cup 3 <sup>s</sup> 4 <sup>s</sup> Spoon 2 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> little D <sup>o</sup> 1 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> Lintion 4 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> 1 <sup>s</sup> 9 <sup>s</sup>	0	11	9
14 Milk Pans 11 <sup>s</sup> 3 Cream Pats 4 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> Tinex Peace 5 <sup>s</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> Chain 20 <sup>s</sup>	4	12	9
Three Pails 6 <sup>s</sup> Churn 6 <sup>s</sup> Gallon Mattle 3 <sup>s</sup> 2 powdering Tubs 9 <sup>s</sup>	1	4	0
Beer Barrie & Brass Cook 4 <sup>s</sup> 3 Melafie bag 2 <sup>s</sup> 4 Gallons & 1 quart M <sup>at</sup>	1	6	10
1/2 Barrie & 7 Gallons Vinegar 12 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>s</sup> Table 10 <sup>s</sup> Stand 6 <sup>s</sup>	1	8	6
Soap Tub 8 <sup>s</sup> 3 26 & 1/2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Toller at 1 <sup>s</sup> 19/10 1/2	1	8	1 1/2
One Cart 5 <sup>s</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> Drag 20 <sup>s</sup> plow & Irons 20 <sup>s</sup>	0	10	0
One Chain 11 <sup>s</sup> 11 <sup>s</sup> D <sup>o</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup> 14 <sup>s</sup> 8 Whippletree Chain 3 <sup>s</sup>	1	5	8
Hay knife 6 <sup>s</sup> Grindstone & Iron Crank 15 <sup>s</sup>	1	1	0
Ten Sackin Baggas at 3 <sup>s</sup> 30 <sup>s</sup> 2 Iron Bars 11 <sup>s</sup> One Sled 12 <sup>s</sup>	2	13	0
four Lean Swine of Waid 440 <sup>s</sup> at 2 <sup>s</sup> 1 <sup>s</sup> 10 <sup>s</sup>	3	13	4
11 ven Bushells Hog Corn at 1 <sup>s</sup> 14/8 3 Bushells Seed Wheat 18 <sup>s</sup>	1	12	8
Sundreys Due from John Talcott	36	8	5 1/2

£427 18 7

Yarns hes had 24 0 0  
 the 2 girls hes had 24 0 0  
 475 18 7

Transactions of Jonathon Wood  
which may be of service as reference

I know all men by these presents,  
that whereas there is a certain Legacy, from  
the estate of the late Aaron Warren,  
of the Town of Westborough County of  
Worcester, and State of Massachusetts,  
due to us, viz Abijah Wood, & Joel Wood,  
as the heirs of Mary Wood deceased, being  
our lawful portion by will or otherwise,  
of the share of the said Mary our nat-  
ural Mother, of the dower of her nat-  
ural Mother Mary Warren, late widow  
of the said Aaron Warren, of the Town,  
County and State aforesaid; which es-  
tate of the said widow is now in the care  
of David Warren, of the aforesaid Town  
County and State. Now know ye,  
that we the said Abijah Wood, and Joel  
Wood, have made, ordained, constituted, and  
appointed, Elisha Wood, & Jonathan Wood,  
both of Newsebaron, County of Columbia,  
& State of New York; our true and lawful  
attornies; for us and in our name, and for our  
own proper use and benefit; to ask demand  
and receive of the said David Warren, or of  
the executors or administrators, of the  
estate aforesaid; our true and lawful  
portion of the said estate of our late  
Grand Mother the said Mary Warren,  
which remained at her decease, and  
which belongs to us either by will or  
by right of inheritance, or to receive

... money in lieu thereof,  
at their discretion: And also to make  
or ordain one other or more attorney,  
or attorneys, with the same full powers  
reposed in them, and to take all other  
lawful means, necessary, for the obtain-  
ing, or recovering of the same. Hereby  
ratifying, confirming, and allowing,  
whatsoever our said attorneys shall lawfully  
do in the premises, as fully and amply,  
as if we ourselves had done it.

In witness whereof we have hereunto  
set our hand and seal, This sixteenth  
day of September in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
Sixteen —

Sealed and Delivered  
in presence of

Abijah Wood

Israel Hammond

Joel Wood

Spencer Manning

State of New York on this sixteenth day of September  
in the year of our Lord 1816, personally appeared  
before me Abijah Wood and Joel Wood, to me  
known as the persons who executed and are  
domiciled in the preceding Instrument and who  
sworally acknowledged to have executed the  
same as and for their act & deed. Finding no  
Fraud or other Alterations that are material I  
allow the same to be Recorded.

Spencer Manning Judge of  
the Court of Common Pleas  
Albany County.



Abijah Wood &  
Sol Wood.  
to  
Elisha & Jonathan  
Wood  
Power of Atty.

white  
down

Cat. No. 95716

To the Honourable Senate & House of  
Representatives of the Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts in General Court assembled  
on the last Wednesday of May 1827  
your petitioners inhabitants of the County of York  
beg leave to shew that in several instances  
where the Heads of families have joined and  
united with the Religious Denomination of  
Christians called Shakers in the town of Alfred  
in said County & in other parts of the District  
of Maine. and when having so united all their  
property both real & personal Estate is considered  
as belonging to said Society (agreeable to their Constitution)  
by which at the Decease of certain persons among  
them the Heirs without (or not belonging to said  
Society) have been wholly deprived of their  
legal right as heirs to their Parents Estate  
Some of which are really poor having left  
the Society for Conscience sake previous to the  
Death of their parents and after the Death  
of their Parents and have often requested  
said Society or Societies to pay what we  
your petitioners believe them justly entitled  
as Heirs but have been denied of any part  
or portion whatever - and as their Constitution  
and Articles of agreement among themselves  
are such that your petitioners are doubtful  
whether the Heirs that are without or not  
belonging to said Society can by virtue of  
any Law now in existence in this State  
obtain what we your petitioners think them  
justly entitled to.

We therefore pray that your Honours would take it into your wise consideration and that an act may be passed similar to that that in the State of Connecticut that all the Heirs that are without or not belonging to said Society may not be deprived of their portion of the Estate of their parents or relations thus deceased among the people called Shakers on account of any agreements or articles of agreement among themselves or that an act may be passed in such a manner as you in your Wisdom may think fit that what we consider so great an Evil may be remedied and as in duty bound will ever pray - Stephen Sanborn & 198 others

Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Senate June 7<sup>th</sup> 1847  
On the Petition aforesaid - Ordered that the Petitioners Cause an attested Copy of their petition with orders thereon to be published three Weeks successively in the Columbian Centinel printed at Boston and the Weekly Visitor printed at Hennebunk the last publication thirty days at least before the first Wednesday of the next Session of the present general Court that persons interested may then appear & shew Cause if any they have why the prayers of said petition should not be granted - Sent Down for concurrence  
John Phillips President

In the House of Representatives (Spoken)  
June 9<sup>th</sup> 1847 read & concurred Timothy Biglow  
True Copy attest S. G. McClary Clerk of the Senate



Copy of a Petition

