

Very Dear & Respected Friends — Journal 7th Feb^r 1799

I herewith send & Transmit to you
a copy of a Statement agreed on at Capt.
Brown's Relative to the Estate of Nicholas Anna
& Henry Bennett in Cheshire —

also a Mem^o & Statement of the Heirs of
Joseph Bennett Esq^r viz, of such undivided part
as is in my Hands — of which I think we
made a small ^{mistake} when I was with you at W^{est} Lebanon

I think we then called the Balance in my
Hands £66¹³/₄, which on a Recalculation I
made but £62⁴/₇ — which may be easily Ratified
and ascertained by my Minutes, with those
I left in your Hands. — I had some considerable
discourse with Capt. D. Brown, after I left you, I
found them all very Much, and in my opinion
very wrongfully prejudiced. — And that he had
contrary to my expectation determined to
Dispute the Legality of Brother Joseph Bennetts
Will. — It is surprizing how Prejudice
once imbib'd, will operate, it will as the saying
is, swell Molehills into Mountains —

I Requested him to take ^{time} & opportunity for a
Mow

More free Intercourse & Communication
with you on the subject, for either he
or I were greatly Mistaken with regard
to you, - he promised Me ^{he} would, and
that he would not do any thing Rashly in
the matter. — I am Measurably sensible
that you are under no apprehension of their
Effecting any thing in the matter, - But the
disagreeableness of having to litigate such
Matters is ever wish'd to be avoided. —

I Remain with sincere Respects for yourself
and all your Connection, Your Poor
unworthy but sincere Friend —
— Abiathar Angel

E. D. David Meacham.

For Eld^r David Mearns

New Lebanon -

~~John for~~
~~Mearns~~

Very Respected Friends — Dowry 11, Feb. 1800

Inclosed I send you a short Statement of the Accts of the Heirs, as they betruſted in your Hands. — But from the beſt of My Recollection with the Memorandums I have of the ſame, I believe there ſhould be £12000⁰ Lawful, which was paid out of the undivided Eſtate of the Heirs of Joſeph Bennet Eſq. in the Year 1792, towards the purchaſe of an addition to the Eſtate of Niſhed, Anna, & Henry Bennet in that then Townſhip of Winſor ~~paid~~ Refunded from them to the other Heirs. — I depended much at that time on Joſeph Bennets keeping a Regular Acct. & Reſolution of them matters, by which I was not ſo correct as I might otherwiſe have been. — Which if true, the above ſaid Sum, with the Interſt would now amt. to upwards of 60 Dollars, which you ought to take from the income of their Eſtate, & be paid & divided equally to them & the reſt of the Heirs. —

N.B. while writing this your Slays are come for the Corn, therefore conclude with ſincere Reſpects to you all —

Nathan Angel

Mr. David Meachum —

turn over

Abiathar Angel in his private Act. with David Machum

Co^o

1799	1 pr Shoe Buckles - 2/10	Do ^o	20 ^o 20/10
Feb 5	2 woollen whetstones		2 ^o 0
	2 Linnen Clo ^s , 24/		2 ^o 8
	1 pr wool Cards for Mrs Bishop		0 ^o 4
	1 pr half Boots for Boy ^s ^{was very poor}		0 ^o
		^{did but little service}	

Some Articles left here unsold, which
I can Act^o for when I come down,
which I shall Endeavor to do, in the
fore part of the week ensuing

A Angel

Mr David Meachum

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Cheshier April 12 1800 memorandum of the a Governmt made between
David Osborn of Canaan County of Columbia & State of Newyork and
Peter Dodge of the town of Water Vliet County of Albany and State of New
york of the first part and John Bennet of Cheshier County of Barshier &
Common Weith of Massachusetts of the second part Witnesseth that the sd David
and Peter being Duly authorized by Nicholas Anne & Henry Bennet Chil-
dren and Heirs of the Estate of Joseph Bennet Sin^r Deceased by a power of -
Attourney to act and settle all their business relative to their estate
And where as the sd John Bennet hath a greed to take their farm
At Cheshier and ~~where~~ there is on the farm twenty four cows -
one yoke of oxen and some hogs which the sd Bennet is to improve
for the term of one year with or on sd farm returning one
Half of the profits of the whole and at the years end is to
Deliver up the possession as witness our hands.

N^b if sd Bennet Gets new rails and makes new fence he is
to be allowed

Be it Remembered that when sd Bennet took the farm in
the year 1790 there was a number of hogs put on the place
Which is to be ascertained from Daniel Cross and others the same
As to quantity and quality is to be left when he leaves it

John Shapley

John Bennet
David Osborn

John Bennett
Settlement