

**John Hamerton of Newnham, papermaker, 1743**

**Ref: TNA PROB 31/238/589**

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Philpott against Hammerton  
John Hamerton decd  
inventory and account  
brought in 29<sup>th</sup> July 1743

A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of John Hamerton late of the parish of Newnham in the county of Southampton deceased, which since his death have come to the hands, possession or knowledge of Elizabeth Hamerton widow, the relict and administratrix of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased taken, valued and appraised on the second day of June in the year of our Lord 1741 by William Kinge and Gid. Elliott follows to wit:

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**In the kitchen**

one jack and weights, one pair of bellows, two pairs of hand irons, fire shovel and tongs, two cotterells, one gridiron, one pestle and mortar, one brass candle box, four brass candlesticks, two copper coffee pots, one coffee mill, fifteen pewter dishes, two dozen of pewter plates, one bacon rack, one gun, one table and form, one fire screen, one joined stool, one child's chair and seven other chairs

6   3   6

**In the little parlour**

One clock and case, one bureau, an escritoire, one corner cupboard, six earthen plates, one table one looking glass, a grate and fender

3   10   6

**In the best parlour**

One pair of hand irons, one table, seven chairs, six china plates, tea pot and six dishes and saucers, two glass decanters, four glasses and other odd china

1   3   6

**In the milk house**

A salting trough, a powdering tub, a safe and other earthen ware

0   7   6

**In the cellar**

Two barrels, a stand, a hanging shelf, a wooden bowl and funnels, a still and limbeck, glass bottles and other odd things

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**In the small beer cellar**

A backing cover, two stands, six barrels, a frying

pan and other lumber	1	0	0
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**In the washhouse**

Two coppers, one brass kettle, two copper boilers, one iron pot, two mashing tubs, three wash covers, two brass skillets, a firepan and dripping pan, two pails, a hand bowl and other earthen ware	6	5	0
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**In the chamber over the best parlour**

One bed and bedstead, curtains and valance, one quilt, two blankets, one bolster and pillows, one dressing table, five chairs, six small pictures and two pairs of hand irons	4	10	0
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**In the chambers over the kitchen**

Two beds and bedsteads, two quilts, four blankets, curtains, bolsters and pillows, a dressing box and looking glass, one chest of drawers and stand, one dressing table, three chairs, one truckle bed and bedstead and furniture and a cloth press	5	15	0
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**In the chamber over the brewhouse**

Two beds, bolsters and bedsteads, a malt mill and a flour bin	3	2	6
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**In the chamber over the cellar**

Two beds and bedsteads, bolsters and blankets and rugs, a large chest for linen, sheets, table linen and towels and other lumber	4	7	6
Wearing apparel and cash	2	0	0

Total of the household  
goods, wearing apparel  
and cash

39	6	0
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**Plates**

One tobacco box	1	10	0
One porringer	1	10	0
Two salts	0	18	0
One pepper box	0	16	0
One cream pot	0	16	0
One pint mug	3	0	0
One punch ladle	0	10	0
Two spoons	1	0	0
Nine tea spoons	0	18	0
One pair of tea tongs	0	5	0
One pap spoon	0	4	0
Two corals	0	6	0
A pair of silver spurs	1	1	0
Three dozen of plate buttons	2	14	0
A pair of men's shoe and knee buckles	0	10	0

A woman's girdle buckle and a pair of woman's shoe  
buckles

0 10 0

Total of the plate

16 18 0

The following stock and implements in trade were taken, valued and appraised by  
John Bates and Barth. Revells on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1741 to wit:

A parcel of middle hand paper

6 0 0

A parcel of demy ditto

22 0 0

A parcel of post ditto

1 4 0

One hundred and a half of white rags

1 11 6

Three quarters of a hundred of blue ditto

0 6 0

One hundred of hand stuff

0 6 0

Total of the stock in trade

31 7 6

Implements in trade and which were in partnership between the said deceased and  
Robert Parker who after was declared a bankrupt

A pair of foolscap moulds

1 11 6

Cartridge moulds

0 15 0

Pot moulds and thirteen pairs of old moulds

1 9 0

Double crown moulds

1 10 0

Demy moulds

1 1 0

Single pound

0 8 0

A post of double foolscap felts

2 2 0

A post of double crown ditto

3 10 0

A post of black felts and odd white felts

0 15 0

Four couch planks and thirty boards

0 10 0

A copper and four tubs

1 10 0

Scales, beams and weights

2 5 0

Baskets and lettice

0 5 0

Total of the implements  
in trade

17 11 6

Two old mares and colts in the common

4 0 0

A moiety of two acres of beans and meadow grass

1 15 0

Debts due and owing to the said deceased at the time of his death from the several  
persons following which have since been received by this Exhibitant follows to wit:

Received of James Brooke Esqr

7 0 0

Received of Paulet St John Esqr

0 7 0

Received of a man at Newbury whose name this Exhibitant  
cannot set forth

0 5 0

Received of Mr Wm Eyres a printer at Winchester in part  
of a debt of £20

1 14 0

Received of Mr Jones of Basingstoke

0 11 0

Received of a man at Reading whose name this Exhibitant  
cannot set forth

0 13 0

Received of Mrs Mary Oliver

0 12 0

Received of Mr Matthews

0 17 0

Received of Mr Lyford	0	8	6
Received of a man at Blandford whose name this Exhibitant cannot set forth	0	10	0
Received of Mr Shipton	0	2	0
Total of debts received	22	19	6

One gold ring with six small diamond sparks and a green stone in the middle, one small mourning ring with one small diamond spark, one small gold ring with a small yellow stone in it and two plain gold rings, all of which this Exhibitant believes to be worth the sum of four guineas and not more

4 4 0

Sum total of the inventory 138 1 6

**Also this** Exhibitant declares that the said deceased at the time of his death held by lease from the late Lord Craven deceased and which after his death descended to the Lord Castlemain, who is now the proprietor thereof, the messuage or tenement wherein the deceased died together with the mills, lands and premises thereto belonging, a moiety of the interest in which lease was assigned by the said deceased in his lifetime to the said Robert Parker, which lease as this Exhibitant has been informed and believes is in the custody of Thomas Wacket who refuses to show or deliver the same to this Exhibitant. **Therefore** this Exhibitant cannot set forth the date of the said lease, the number of years which are yet to come and unoccupied therein or the value of the said lease. **Also this** Exhibitant declares that there was due and owing to the said deceased at the time of his death from Wm Ayres of Winchester the sum of twenty pounds or thereabouts, but the particular sum this Exhibitant knows not nor can set forth, in part of which this Exhibitant received sundry goods in return, which goods the Exhibitant sold for the sum of one pound fourteen shillings and not more (as this Exhibitant best remembers and believes), which sum is set forth in this Exhibitant's foregoing inventory. **That this** Exhibitant believes that the remaining part of the said debt due from the said Wm Ayres to the said deceased to be desperate therefore protests against charging herself therewith or any part thereof.

**Also this** Exhibitant declares that the said Robert Parker some short time before the said deceased's death sent down from London a parcel of rags which were after the said deceased's death valued and appraised at the sum of fifty three pounds two shillings and a half penny. **That the** assignees of the Common of Bankruptcy against the said Robert Parker claim the same as the sole property of the said bankrupt and threaten to bring an action against this Exhibitant for the same therefore, this Exhibitant protests against charging herself therewith or any part thereof until the property to the said rags is ascertained.

**Lastly** this Exhibitant declares that she has not in her power or custody, nor does she know of any other goods, chattels or credits belonging to, or being part of the personal estate of the said deceased, other than those particularly mentioned and set forth in this her inventory, but declares that if at any time hereafter any other goods, chattels or credits of the said deceased should at any time hereafter be

received by her that she will set forth the same and charge herself therewith when thereto legally called.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1743

The said Elizabeth Hamerton  
was duly sworn to the truth to  
this inventory before me

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Henry Edmunds  
Surrogate  
John Prouly NP

A claim true, just, perfect and particular account of all and singular the goods, chattels, credits of John Hamerton late of the parish of Newnham in the county of Southampton deceased, which since his death have been received by Elizabeth Hamerton widow the relict and administratrix of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased follows to wit:

**The charges**

**First** this Accountant charges herself with the sum of one hundred and thirty eight pounds one shilling and six pence being the sum total of the inventory hereunto annexed

	138	1	6
Sum total of the charge	138	1	6

**First** this Accountant craves an allowance of the sum of six pounds seven pence paid by this Exhibitant for the deceased's funeral expenses

6	0	7
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**Also** this Accountant craves an allowance of the sum of two pounds and five shilling paid by her for the charges of the Letter of Administration of the goods, chattels and credits of the said deceased

2	5	0
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**Also** this Accountant craves an allowance of the sum of two pounds and two shillings which this Exhibitant necessarily paid, laid out and expended in her journey to London to take out the said Administration and expenses whilst in town occasioned thereby

2	2	0
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**Also** this Accountant declares the Robert Butler having an execution of the said deceased's effects at the time of his decease, she was obliged (in order to prevent the same being executed), to execute a Warrant of Attorney and to confess a judgment to the said Robert Butler who has since entered the said judgment for the sum of one hundred and seventeen pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence debt and three pounds Costs of Suit wherefore this Accountant prays that she may

retain in her hands in order to satisfy the said judgment and costs the sum of

120 17 8

**Also** this Accountant craves an allowance of the sum of forty three pounds and fifteen shillings paid by her to the Lord Castlemain aforesaid for one year and a quarter rent due at the time of the deceased's death

43 15 0

**Also** this Accountant craves an allowance of the sum of ten pounds paid to her by Thomas Othen in full of principal and interest due by bond from the deceased to Thomas Polter and assigned by the said Thomas Polter to the said Thomas Othen

10 0 0

**Also** this Accountant declares that the Implements in trade mentioned in the inventory hereto annexed and valued and appraised at the sum of seventeen pounds eleven shillings and six pence were the property of the said deceased and the aforesaid Robert Parker in Co-partnership, and that the assignees of the said Robert Parker's estate and effects claim a moiety of the said implements as belonging thereto, wherefore this Accountant, in order to satisfy the said claim, prays that she may be allowed to retain in her hands a moiety of the said sum being

8 17 9

**Also** this Accountant craves an allowance of the sum of four pounds six shillings and eight pence paid by this Accountant to Mr Sandfoord Nevile her Proctor for drawing, copying and engrossing this inventory and account and other incident charges relating thereto as etc. bills and receipts

4 6 8

Sum total of the discharge

198 4 8

**Lastly** this Accountant craves an allowance of all such further and other sum and sums of money which this Accountant has already necessarily paid laid out expended or been put unto, or which she may at any time hereafter necessarily pay, layout, expend or be put unto as Administratrix of the goods, chattels and credits of the said John Hamerton deceased, and that she may also be allowed all such sum and sums of money as she has already or may hereafter be put unto in this or in any other cause or court, or which this Accountant as Administratrix to the said deceased may be advised to bring in this or in any other Court.

29<sup>th</sup> July 1743

The said Elizabeth Hamerton was duly sworn to the truth of the foregoing account before me

Henry Edmunds

John Hamerton of Newnham, 1743

Surrogate  
John Prouley NP