

**Ephraim Fuller of Newton, Province of Massachusetts Bay, New England  
Probate Court Appoint Administrator, 23 March 1773**

Middlesex County Probate Court

Reference: Case Number 8736

**Final Probate, 22 June 1774**, Middlesex County,  
Province of Massachusetts Bay, New England

(Born 31 Dec 1725 - Died 19 Nov 1772)  
(*Ephraim<sup>4</sup>, Caleb<sup>3</sup>, John Jr<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup> of Newton*)

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[**Note: Ephraim Fuller 1726-1772**, died intestate (without a Will) and below are his Probate Court Records (transcribed) which reveal much about this family starting with the death of Ephraim Fuller, who, like his father was a weaver.

**Wife** was Esther Warren 1727-1784

**Children:**

Lucy, 1747 –

Esther, 1749 –

Anna, 1751 – 1813

Elizabeth, 1752 – , married 1778 Thomas Bogle

Ebenezer Warren, 1769 – 1841, married 1791 to Betsy Wheeler

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**23 March 1773 —Bond/Appointment of Administrator**

**KNOW all Men by these Presents**, That we *Easter Fuller Widow & Jonas Stone Gentleman both of Newton in the County of Middlesex and John Hoar of Lincoln in the same County Husbandman, all*

within His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto *Samuel Danforth* Esq[ui]re Judge of the Probate of Wills, and granting Administrations within the County of *Middlesex* in the full and just Sum of *two hundred* Pounds, in Lawful Money of said Province, to be paid unto the said *Samuel Danforth* his Successors in the said Office or Assigns:

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, for the whole and in the whole, firmly by these Presents.

Sealed with our Seals. Dated the *twenty third* Day of *March* Anno Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and seventy *three* Annoque Regni Regis *decimo tertio* [Translation: and in the thirteenth year of the reign of the king]

**THE Condition of this Present Obligation is such,** That if the above-bounden *Esther Fuller this day admitted administratrix of the Estate of Ephraim Fuller late of s[ai]d Newton Weaver deceased Intestate* do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said Deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of *her* the said *Esther* or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for *her* and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the said County of *Middlesex* at or before the *twenty third* Day of *June* next ensuing; and the same Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, and all other the Goods, 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 *Esther* or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for *her* do well and truly Administer according to

Law: And further do make or cause to be made a just and true Accompt of *her* said Administration upon Oath, at or before the *twenty third* Day of *March* which will be in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and *seventy four*

And all the Rest and Residue of the said Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administratrix's Accompt, (the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the time being of Probate of Wills and granting Administrations within the County of *Middlesex* aforesaid) and shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively, as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to Law shall limit and appoint:

And if is shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the Court of Probate for the said County of *Middlesex* making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly: if the said *Esther 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 to be Void and of none Effect, or else to abide and remain in full Force and Virtue.

*Esther ^ Fuller*

*her mark*

Sealed and Delivered  
in Presence of  
*Benj[amin] Goodwin*  
*W[illia]m Kneeland*

*Jonas Stone*  
*John Hoar*

**23 March 1773 – Warrant/Court Appoints Inventory Committee**

Province of the ) Middlesex  
Massachusetts-Bay )

To M[iste]r [deleted: William] Noah [inserted] Hide, M[iste]r Joseph Hide & M[iste]r Jonas Stone all of Newton

in the County aforesaid, Greeting.

YOU are hereby appointed and impowered to take an Inventory of, and (according to your best Skill and Judgment) truly and justly to apprise (in Lawful Money of this Province) all the Estate whereof M[iste]r Ephraim Fuller late of said Town died seized, in the aforesaid County; and you are to make Return of this

Warrant, with your Doings thereon, unto the Probate Office, in the same County, as soon as conveniently may be

Given under my Hand this *twenty third* Day of *March* A.D 1773

*all sworn* S: Danforth J. prob[ate]

[manuscript annotation applied to the dorse of above printed document]

*April 6 1773 I hereby represent the Estate of my late Husband*

*M[iste]r Eph[raim] Fuller late of Newton Dec[eas]ed, to be involent*

*her*

*Esther ^ Fuller*

*mark*

**6 April 1773 - Inventory - Presented to the Court**

To the Honorabel Samuel Danforth Esq[ui]e in observance of a warent we the Subscribers have received from your honor, we have apprized the Estate of M[iste]r Ephraim Fuller Late of Newton Des[eased] as followeth Vi[delicet]:

one Cow and a Calfe	04.13.04
to another Cow 86/8 to a heffer 48/-	06.14.08
to haye in the barn	02.00.00

to one swine 30/- to two forks & a rake 1/4	01.11.04
to waireing appariel	02.09.02
to the biggest bed and beding	02.14.00
to a bed and beding in the Chamber	02.00.00
to a Small Bead	01.04.00
to five Small towels & a tabel Cloth	00.04.00
to two puter dishes 4/- to five puter plates 3/-	00.07.00
to other puter 5/8 to a warming pan 3/-	00.08.08
to a Brass kittel 16/- to Iron waier 10/-	01.06.00
to andirons 3/- flat Irons 4/-	00.07.00
to a fire Shovel & tongues	00.06.08
to other Iron wair 6/8 to earthen waier 2/8	00.09.04
to wooden & glass waier 6/10 Sundry Books 4/-	00.10.00
to knives & forks 1/4 to a Shovel & an axe 1/8	00.03.00
to a lucking glass 4/- to flax & toe 24/-	01.08.00
to Lining and Cotten yarn	01.00.08
to two Squaire tabels 7/4 to two Chests 7/8	00.15.00
[page 1 total] .....	30.11.10
to two Spining wheals and Cards	00.09.00
to Sundry Chaiers 12/- to two meal Sacks 4/-	00.16.00
to one real and a Chese press	00.01.06
to a weavers Loom and Sundry Slayes belonging there to	03.07.10
to Sider & Sundry Cooks in the Seller	00.12.00
to Sundry tubs 5/- to a Churn 1/4	00.06.04
to about thirty pound of poark	00.14.00
to old Iron 4/- to Sundry other tubs 5/-	00.09.00
to graine 8/10 to a Corn Basket 1/-	00.09.10
to two fifth parts of a Right in a Dwelling house	04.05.04
to two fifth parts of 2 acres and $\frac{3}{4}$ of Land near adjoining	11.00.00

to two fifth Parts about Eight acres of Swamp att a Distance 03.00.00  
[Total] 56.02.08

Noah Hide ) Aprisers  
Joseph Hide ) all Sworn  
Jonas Stone )

**Middlesex ss:** April 6, 1773

M[ist]r[es]s Esther Fuller the administ[ratri]x exhibited the foregoing Inventory on oath

[signed] S. Danforth J. Prob[ate]

**27 March, 1773 – Court Commission to List the Creditor Claims against the Estate**

**Middlesex** March 27 1773

To Abraham Fuller Esq[ui]e[r] & D[octo]r Jonas Stone both of Newton in said County Greeting.

**Whereas** the Estate of M[iste]r Ephraim Fuller late of said Town Weaver Dece[ase]d hath been represented to Me as insolvent: You are therefore hereby appointed & authorized to be Commissioners for receiving & examining the Claims of the Several Creditors to said Estate & how they are made out: and six months Time is hereby allow[e]d them to bring in their Claims & prove their Debts: and you are to give previous Notice to the said Creditors of the Times & Place of your Sitting, in Time & manner as the Law in such case doth direct. At the Expiration of said six months you are to make Report to me of your Proceedings, to the End that said Estate may be distributed among the Creditors agreeable to Law.

Given under my Hand & Seal of Office the Day & Year above written.

S: Danforth J. Prob[ate]

**14 Dec 1773 – Administratrix Presents the Court with the Account (of the money)**

An Acco[un]t of Esther Fuller Widow & administratrix of the Estste of Ephraim Fuller late of Newton in the County of Middlesex Dece[ase]d Intestate.

The said accountant charges her Self with the Personal Estate of the said Dece[ase]d specified in the Inventory having exhibited into the Probate Office for the said County, on the sixth Day of April A.D. 1773 amounting to £56. 02. 08

Inventory of Personal Estate	56.02.08
Gain on sale of sundries	1.00.02
Cash received	0.06.04
[subtotal]	(57.09.02)
Cash paid out	
To the Widow for provisions & other needs & care of young child	25.00.00
Other	9.02.05 1/2
[subtotal]	(34.02.05 1/2)
Balance	23.06.08 1/2

I allow the Widow of the within named Dece[ase]d for Provisions to care for the youngest Child & necessaries for upholding of Life £25.0.0

[signed] S. Danforth J. prob.

**Middlesex** December 14, 1773

I Allow of this Acco[un]t [signed] S. Danforth J. prob.

**14 Dec 1773 – Commission Submits to the Court List of Creditors to the Estate**

**Middlesex ss:**

To the Hon[orabl]e Samuel Danforth Esq[ui]e[r] Judge of the Probate &c for the County of Middlesex Pursuant to a Commission from your s[ai]d Honor bearing Date the 27th Day of March 1773 directing us the Subscribers to receive & examine the Claims of the Several Creditors to the Estate of M[iste]r Ephraim Fuller late of Newton Weaver Deceased represent Insolvent.

We have notified said Creditors according to Law, and have attended that service, we find there is due from the Estate of the said Deceased to the persons herein named the Several Sums respectively Affixed to their names Vi[delice]t

D[octo]r John King

£6.14.06

Wido[w] Elizabeth Dewing	5.04.04
Elisha Hide	6.13.04
Jonathan Jones	
	0.12.02
[p2] Jeremiah Richardson	0.06.08
Nehemiah Fuller	12.07.09
Charles Pelham Esq[ui]e[r]	0.19.10
[Total]	£32.18.04

Newton Dec[embe]r 14th 1773

Abr[aham] Fuller ) Commissio[ne]rs  
Jonas Stone ) both Sworn

## 22 June 1774 – Court Order to Pay Creditors of the Estate

Middlesex June 22 1774

Whereas it appears by the Registry of Probate for the County aforesaid that the Estate of Ephraim Fuller late of Newton in said County Dece[ase]d Intestate is indebted to divers Persons to the amount of £32 - 18 - 4 For Payment whereof there remains (upon Ballance of the Account of the administ[rato]res thereof) no more than £23 - 6 - 8 1/2:

I do therefore hereby order that the said administ[rato]res do pay & distribute the said Ballance to & among the Creditors to said Estate as follows Vi[delicet]

To Doctor John King £4-15-3 1/2 . To the widow Elizabeth Dewing £3-13-11. To Elisha Hide £4-14-3 1/2. To Jonathan Jones 8/8d. Jerimiah Richardson 4/9d. Nehemiah Fuller £8-15-0. Charles Pelham Esq[ui]e[r] 13/9d

[signed] S: Danforth J. Prob[ate]

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