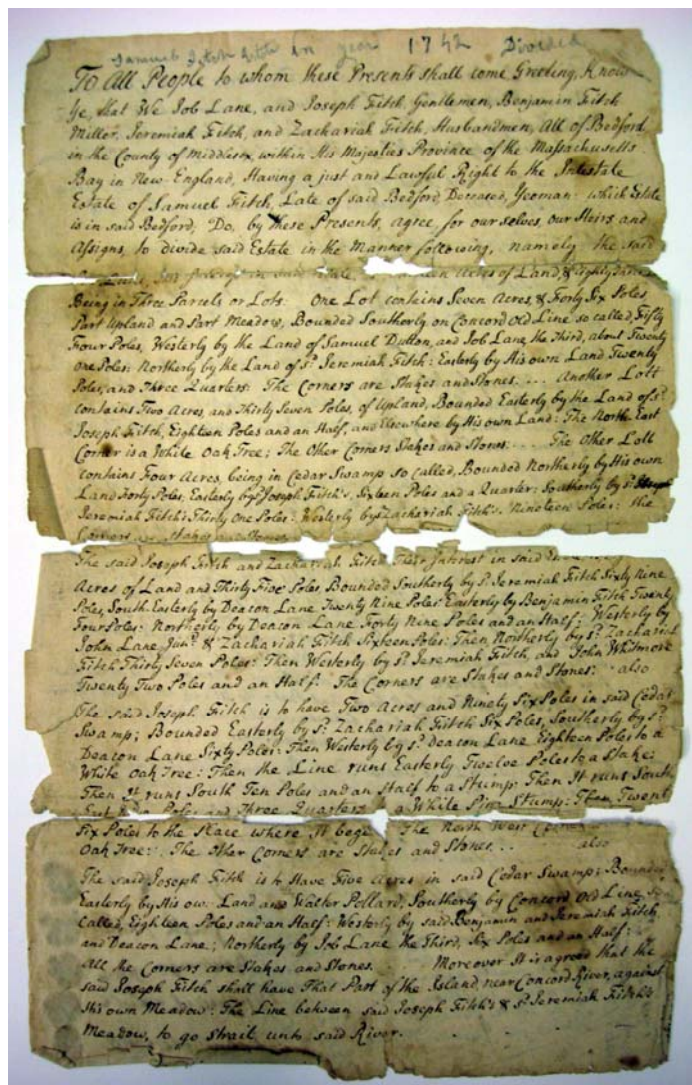


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Division of Samuel Fitch's property among Job Lane and Samuel's sons Joseph, Benjamin, Jeremiah and Zachariah Fitch



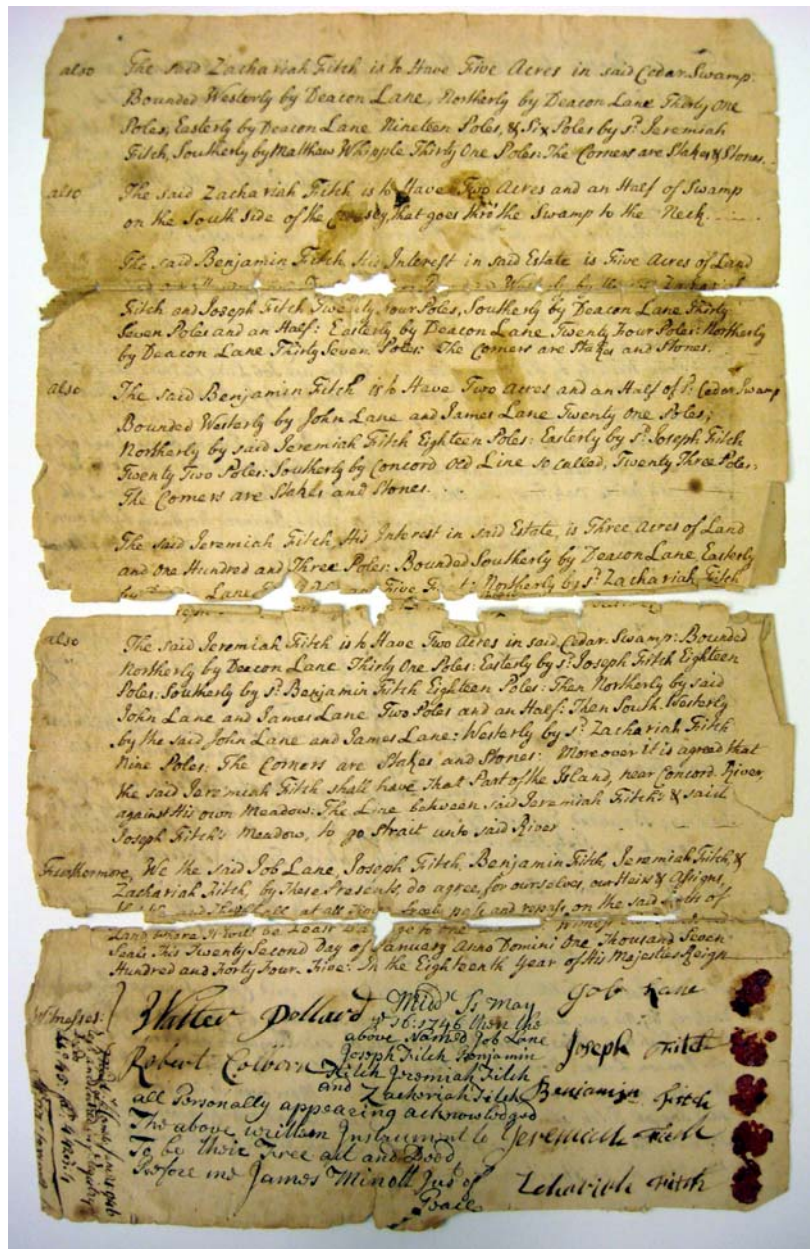
To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting, Know Ye, that We Job Lane, and Joseph Fitch, Gentlemen, Benjamin Fitch Miller, Jeremiah Fitch, and Zachariah Fitch, Husbandmen, All of Bedford in the County of Middlesex, within his Majesties Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, Having a just and Lawful Right to the Intestate Estate of Samuel Fitch, Late of said Bedford, Deceased, Yeoman: which Estate is in said Bedford; Do by these Presents, agree, for ourselves, our Heirs and Assigns, to divide said Estate in the Manner following, namely, the said [?paper ripped? Job Lane, his Interest in said Estate, ???teen acres of Land and Eighty Three So?]

Being in Three Parcels or Lots: One Lot containd Seven Acres, & Forty Six Poles, Part Upland and Part Meadow, Bounded Southerly on Concord Old Line so called, Fifty Four Poles, Westerly by the Land of Samuel Dutton, and Job Lane, the third, about Twenty one Poles: Northerly by the Land of s^d Jeremiah Fitch: Easterly by His own Land Twenty Poles, and Three Quarters: The corners are stakes and stones... Another Lott contains Two Acres, and Thirty Seven Poles, of Upland, Bounded Easterly by the Land of s^d Joseph Fitch, Eighteen Poles and an Half, and Elsewhere by His own Land: The North East Corner is a White Oak Treel The Other Corners Stakes and Stones.... The Other Lott contains Four Acres, being in Cedar Swamp so called, Bounded Northerly by His own Land Forty Poles: Easterly by s^d Joseph Fitch's Sixteen Poles and a Quarter: Southerly by s^d Jeremiah Fitch's Thirty One Poles: Westerly by s^d Zachariah Fitch's Nineteen Poles: the Corners are stakes and Stones (the rest is missing due to rip in paper)

The said Joseph Fitch and Zachariah Fitch Their Interest in said Estate (missing due to rip) Acres of Land and Thirty Five Poles, Bounded Southerly by s^d Jeremiah Fitch sixty nine Poles, South Easterly by Deacon

Lane Twenty Nine Poles, Easterly by Benjamin Fitch Twenty four Poles, Northerly by Deacon Lane Forty Nine Poles and an Half: Westerly by John Lane Jun^f & Zachariah Fitch Sixteen Poles: Then Northerly by s^dZachariah Fitch Thirty Seven Poles: Then Westerly by s^d Jeremiah Fitch, and John Whitmore Twenty Two Poles and an Half. The Corners are Stakes and Stones: also The said Joseph Fitch is to have Two acres and Ninety Six Poles in said Cedar Swamp; Bounded Easterly by s^d Zachariah Fitch Six Poles, Southerly by s^d Deacon Lane Sixty Poles: Then Westerly by s^d Deacon Lane Eighteen Poles to a White Oak Tree: then the Line runs Easterly Twelve Poles to a stake: Then It runs South Ten Poles and a Half to a stump: Then It runs South East (*Another rip...*) ?Nine? Poles and Three Quarters to a white pine stump Then Twenty Six Poles to the Place where it began ?? The North West Corner ??? Oak Tree: the other corners are stakes and stones... also

The said Joseph Fitch is to Have Five Acres in said Cedar Swamp: Bounded Easterly by His own Land and Walter Pollard, Southerly by Concord Old Line, so called, Eighteen Poles and an Half: Westerly by said Benjamin and Jeremiah Fitch and Deacon Land: Northerly by Job Lane the Third, Six Poles and an Half: all the corners are Stakes and Stones.... Moreover It is agreed that the said Joseph Fitch shall have That Part of the Island, near Concord River, against his own meadow, to go strait unto said River...



also The said Zachariah Fitch is to Have five Acres in said Cedar Swamp: Bounded Westerly by Deacon Lane, Northerly by Deacon Lane Thirty one Poles: Easterly by Deacon Lane Nineteen Poles, & six Poles by s^d Jeremiah Fitch, Southerly by Matther Whipple Thirty One Poles: The Corners are Stakes & Stones.

also The said Zachariah Fitch is to Have Two Acres and an Half of Swamp on the South Side of the [?Causly] that goes thro the swamp to the Neck....

The said Benjamin Fitch, His Interests in said Estate is Five Acres of Land (another tear/worn spot) ??One Hundred ??? Westerly by the said Zachariah Fitch and Joseph Fitch Twenty Four Poles, Southerly by Deacon Lane Thirty Seven Poles and an Hald: Easterly by Deacon Lane Twenty Four Poles: Northerly by Deacon Lane Thirty Seven Poles: The Corners are Stakes and Stones...

also The Said Benjamin Fitch is to Have Two Acres and an Hald for s^d Cedar Swamp Bounded Westerly by John Lane and James Lane Twenty One Poles; Northerly by said Jeremiah Fitch Eighteen Poles: Easterly by s^d Joseph Fitch Twenty Two Poles: Southerly by Concord Old Line so called, Twenty Three Poles; The Corners are Stakes and Stones...

The said Jeremiah Fitch His Interest in said Estate, is Three Acres of Land and One Hundred and Three PolesL Bounded Southerly by Deacon Lane Easterly by Deacon Lane (another rip)E???... Five ?Feet? Northerly by s^d Zachariah Fitch ???seph Fitch ??????????....

also The said Jeremiah Fitch is to Have Two Acres in said Cedar Swamp: Bounded northerly by Deacon Lane Thirty One Poles: Easterly by s^d Joseph Fitch Eighteen Poles: Southerly by s^d Benjamin Fitch Eighteen Poles: Then Northerly by said John Lane and James Lane: Westerly by s^d Zachariah Fitch nine Poles: The corners are Stakes and Stones: Moreover it is agreed that the said Jeremiah Fitch shall have that Part of the Island near Concord

that the said Jeremiah Fitch shall have that Part of the Island, near Concord River, against his own Meadow: The Line between said Jeremiah Fitch & said Joseph Fitch's meadow, to go strait unto said River....

Furthermore, We the said Job Lane, Joseph Fitch, Benjamin Fitch, Jeremiah Fitch & Zachariah Fitch, by these presents do agree for ourselves, our Heirs & assigns (*another rip*) ??that we and they shall ?? at all times freely pass and repass on the said Lotts of Land where it will be least damage[?] to one another : ?With these hands and seals??? This Twenty Second day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Four~Five: In the Eighteenth Year of His Majesties Reign

Job Lane
Joseph Fitch
Benjamin Fitch
Jeremiah Fitch
Zachariah Fitch

Witnesses:
Walter Pollard
Robert Colborn

Midd^x Ss May y^e 16: 1746 then the above named Job Lane, Joseph Fitch, Benjamin Fitch, Jeremiah Fitch, and Zachariah Fitch all personally appearing acknowledged The above written instrument to be their Free act and deed Before me
James Minott Jus^t of Peace