

New Light on Jane Austen’s Great-Grandmother: A Complete Transcript of Elizabeth Weller’s *Memorandum* and Account Book and Seven Newly Found Letters: Transcript of Letters and Account Book

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Below are transcripts of Elizabeth’s account book and seven letters to her father. Richard Arthur Austen-Leigh’s transcript in *Austen Papers* omits the detailed figures from the account book, although he alludes to them (11). Again, note that Elizabeth uses monetary units that predate the adoption of decimalization in the U.K. in 1971. The terms employed for these units were Lsd, from the Latin *librae, solidi, and denarii*. A pound (L or l) was made up of twenty shillings (s), and a shilling contained twelve pence (d), meaning that a pound contained two hundred and forty pence.

Letters of Elizabeth Weller from Robert Weller’s *Family Memoranda & Letters* (127–31)

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The following are letters found among her father Weller's papers which relating to this affair I have transcrib'd them.

[Letter 1: No date]

Dear S^r

Broadford, Sunday Evening

I hope this opportunity will convey a line safe to your hand, tho I have no concerns at present depends on your management, yet when time serves I hope the advice of a kind father will ne'er be wanting: my husband continues in his weak condition, no hopes of continueing long in this world, yet I don't think his case will be very soon, you may be sensible of the melancholy house it doth and will create to me, especially when I consider the temper of a person who is the nearest of kin, and might be my best friend in all affairs, but I have no reason to expect favour on my side, when my husbands friends have found it so hard a thing to give a promise for his satisfaction: I think at length privately is promised, time will see all things paid tho' not as yet. I do conjecture all personall estate will be dispos'd of first, for fear of smugling on my side, so that what provision is made by jointure for me I must have and fear no more I shall be much concern'd to see what plate, linnen and other goods, you and my good friends were pleas'd to bestow on me sold without any consideration to me: I am sensible now is not the time to desire any favour for me, but may create [?] more [?]

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more division [?], which is the reason I have desir'd t^t you would not at this time medle with these affairs, it's the advice of one who can do more than any of my relations with this paternal friend, and I am very sure is my good friend. I hope I shall ever continue to perform my duty in all affairs, and pray God to direct me for the best. You see t^t here's nothing of moment to create this long scrole, but I was willing you should know how matters stand and at any time a line of advice will with submission be receiv'd. with my humble Duty I fear that Sisters are not well that I receive no line from them. Your daughter to command
E.A.

[Letter 2: 8 January 1706]

Jane 8: 1706

Sr

My Brothers¹ Letter to me was not express'd in the particulars of our affairs but I had before talkt with 'em, and they said they were willing to assigne all that remain'd in their power to me, if the creditors would then accept of my security, and discharge them, for they were resolv'd to be free of the trouble they had by it: They met with my Brother Osborn whose nephew is chief creditor and they told him the same, then wrote to me as you saw their resolution, and expect I should take care to agree with the creditors to make all easy: I have returned answers by letter and discourse, that I was as willing as they cou'd be to see an end to our business, and was willing to assist, but if the lease houses were not yet sold (as at present they are not like to be) I thought these must be much trouble in the matter to me, as not so capable as they were of business: but the business is mine and I must take the trouble, for they have had it long enough: we concluded the leese houses must be mortgaged for what they were worth, and the remainder household goods must be sold to pay, they thought the houses might be good security for 200 I told them it might do well if they would let so much of Jack's money lye on that security, but that must not be, then I desir'd they would lend me money to pay off the small debts as being the best way I thought to agree with those creditors, and are the debts that make most noise, but my Brothers say they have already paid more than receiv'd, and are not willing to lend more, I desird to see the accounts which I suppose will be done, but they say there is about 240 to pay, if so a considerable part of the household goods must be sold, for I don't suppose the houses will mortgage for more than was agreed on for sale and we know that was but 175, and now the man is off from the bargain it may lessen the purchase. I shall do my endeavours as soon as possible to sell the furniture of my best chamber, that some money may be had to pay off small debts, then I shall look with the better countenance in managing the rest of it; but I will be satisfied how our accounts be, before I pay any one, or accept of the assignment; if I find the houses won't answer the debts, but that the greatest part of my household goods must be sold: I believe I shall sell all, and leave off housekeeping, and so put the children out as what they have will pay for. S' you advice will be kindly accepted [?]
by her who is yours E:A.

¹ The name that follows has been crossed out by RW.

[Letter 3: 9 December 1706]

S^r
Dec 9^t: 1706

As I told you Brother Stringer perus'd the draughts [?] and it was corrected by Mr Lake, and found no fault, but soon went to Tenterden, and at his return I receiv'd the enclos'd letter which shews they continue in the design to oblige me to pay all debts before an assignment, I know it's contrary to your opinion and others of my friends, and also in my own judgement to reason [?], for if they think an assignmt as propos'd is not safe to them nor creditors, I am sure I have much more reason to think my self not safe in payeing debts before such assignment, and might plead want of credit to raise money to do it, but my brothers seem to show some friendship when they offer their security with mine, so that to be sure I need not want money which puts a bar to that plea. I confess I don't understand why such scruples, which

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which may be well design'd, as I am apt to think, but we may be too jealous on each side, I suppose Mr Finch [?] is consulted in all their affairs, and my brothers do own he is more nice than they think he need be in some things, and I must suppose this is one and besides I know Bro Holman has no great opinion of Mr Lake, so may find fault out of prejudice: since I have receivd the letter I have seen Bro Holman and have discours'd the matter with him, who continues the same, then I would know whether some small piece of writing could not be drawn, which the creditors might sign, to give them satisfaction, as if the money was paid, my brother said yes, so drew a forme as you may see in the paper mark'd (pag: 1) soon as read I found it not to my design, and tho' I found fault, they were willing to perswade me it signified much the same, for the note need not be deliver'd till the time of assignment; yet after they left me I consider'd more of it, and imediately wrote as you may see in my letter directed to my brothers, wch I thought might give satisfaction on both sides, I sent my man who return'd with the same papers, and this other mark'd (page 2) which I must take for all the alteration they will allow, and I know it signifies much the same, for I must give security if not pay the money to any who shall sign. S^r I confess I so little like of this proceeding, that I am sorry to trouble you with it, but now you have the opertunity of discoursing Mr Lake, who always advis'd me to comply with my brothers, and I doubt if I don't, we shall never see an end to our business: so that I think I had best make what money I can of those goods may be spar'd as my brothers have allow'd me to do, and pay as it will go, which will bring debts into less hands as said & perhaps may give satisfaction: I may also be willing to accept of their proffer in being security for me: if I should pay more money then I receive, I have the remaining Goods in my

possession, which I think may be some security, I confess I be not easy to know our affairs lye in this posture, which gives ocasion for murmuring on the creditors side and I am willing to do my part in seeing all paid, so that I desire you won't think I shew want of duty Sr to you, in seeming inclinable to comply with my brothers where I know you have advis'd the contrary, as being not safe to her, who is not without trouble, but lessen'd by your kind advice.

Dear Father
Your affectionate daughter to command
E. Austen

[Letter 4: 25th December 1706]

Xmas day
1706

Sr

I find there is no way to do our business but first bringing the debts into [?] hands, as you have heard, so that I must run the hazard, and have told Bro Stringer when Bro Holman comes next, I hope to end our affairs, and shall desire you to meet them, which he seem'd to like well off and said I should have timely notice, or if you please to sett your time as it may best suit your business, I believe they will like of it, and I desire you not to think of returning the same day, our business will take time, for I hope to see it finished, and it may be a proper time of giveing up my accounts, especially when I may have your advice in the matter, I hope before I shew them to my Brothers, we may have ocasion for somebody to write which I may desire Bro Harry to do. with humble duty offerd I am

your daughter E:A.

[Letter 5: 6 January [1707]]

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Sr Bro Stringer says they will appoint some time to meet before Candlemas, & I told him you could not approve of my payeing debts before their assignment, He said there was no ill design in it, and desir'd it might be taken so, I am of your opinion they had rather I sell the goods then they, and it matters not much if they must be sold: Mr Lake has that good opinion of Bro & Sister Stringer, that he would have me fear no ill dealing

and I am willing to oblige my friends, that we may retain friendship on all sides, and a greater reason than all is, the desire to see my husbands debts paid with humble duty offer'd I am
Yours E:A:

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Letter 6—3 February 1707
Feb 3 1706²

Sr Saturday morning we seal'd the assignment, so that now I have taken a trouble on my self I could not well avoid; for I was desirous to see my husbands debts satisfied, so that I hope God will prosper my undertaking the better, I have seal'd two bonds, one of £40 with my Bro^{rs}: joint security, the other £50 to John Osborn on my own security as it was to my husband, so that I have as good as paid off all my husbands debts that appear, I shall take care to keep all accounts clear in this concern, we had some discourse about taking my accounts for the children, which I offer'd to shew them, tho' no money in bank, as I told them, they seem'd indifferent as to the matter, and were willing to let it alone till about midsummer, the time of the year appointed by my husbands will. I hope Sr you get safe home from Broadford tho' bad weather and worse roads, I shall be much concerned if the journey prejudice your health, I return humble thanks for the trouble I give you and own my self as I ought

your oblig'd affectionate & dutyfull

daughter Eliz: Austen

[Letter 7: No Date]

Sr Our affairs with my Brothers are much the same as when I wrote last all discourse we have came to this resolution, that unless I take care to procure money to pay the debts and so discharge them, they will take the proper course of discharging themselves and that speedily, I find they are fully resolv'd not to buy, not to lend any money on the lease houses, nor any other way to me, but often are telling me, my own relations may do it better than they, I suppose they mean my Uncle Weller if he has money spare it's like he may be of their mind, so that truly I be not willing to ask the question, yet am sensible I must borrow somewhere, and I must esteem 'em my friends that will lend me what my brothers deny, tho I think on good security & interest. I don't know but

² This discrepancy in dating occurs because prior to 1752 and the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in Britain, the calendar year began from 25 March and dates prior to this could be considered as falling in either year. For simplicity, I have used the year as per the modern Gregorian calendar (i.e., the later year).

some others here abouts may lend money, & try my interest about it: Mr Lake I believe will be my friend in speaking to those we think may have money, but we have reason to think my Bro^{rs} denying it, may give some scruple to others, tho' I think no reall occasion. Sr if you think my Uncle Weller will be willing to lend me money on the security I may make, you may ask the question for so much as you think the security of the lease houses will answer. I ben't sure I can have money hereabouts, but do as you think best with my Uncle, I think £150 may very well be paid off, and interest from the proffits of the leases houses, or more if we had it, but I don't suppose more will willingly be ventur'd, tho' my Bro^{rs} said it was good for £200, they have show'd me an account of the debts to pay, which is about £230 so that if we allow £150 on the lease, there remains more £80 to pay, which will very much shrink my household goods The furniture of my best chamber, my plate and all the rest of my houshold linnen is priz'd near that sum, so that if so much money be rais'd it must be by them goods, if I think of keeping house at Broadford: I confess it occasions me to be unsettled in my mind, sometimes I have thoughts of selling all, to leave of housekeeping, which may give most ease to our creditors, because it will be the means to raise most ready money, and were it not for my children I should soon fix in that resolution, but I think it will be a great misfortune to them unless by it I could propose of doeing something to their advantage, other times I think if I could any ways propose a tolerable liveing in a town it might be best for the children, and then I might live in some house where I might shift with less goods then at Broadford, or I might make some advantage by Boarders, or some other way of industry what gains I have by liveing at Broadford these times make small, I may say out of pocket unless this year my hop garden make good, at present it looks very well so that

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that my Bro^{rs} can say it may enable me to pay some of those debts my goods are responsible for which would do me a kindness, but it's like my hop garden may not prove so well as talk'd of, but if it doth this year, it may be bad enough another, as it was the last, so that it may not pay charges, but howsoever if I have money spare by it this year, I shall be willing to make use on't in payeing off those debts of my own contracting since my husband died.

yours E:A:

Elizabeth Weller's account book³

Elizabeth was required to keep accounts of her finances in accordance with her husband's will (see Appendix 7), as she notes on page 1. Preserved with the account book is an unnumbered loose leaf.

Loose Leaf 1

This Book is desin'd for my yearly accounts as to my own concerns in all things, how much disbursed, what Rec'd, what debts to pay, & what substance remains in hand & stock my Husband dyed September ye 21st 1704 Michmas day ffollowing ye half years Rents due on ye ffarms my Joynture was all ye money I cou'd Command which was allowing taxes &c: the sum of -----16 19 0 but I could not receive it all till almost the year after it was due I bought stock & other things belonging to the affairs of ye ffarm at Broadford so were necessitated to borrow moneys to command ye ffarm affairs & continue houskeeping with my ffamily, Michmas 1706 I were obliged to discharge my Husbands Executors of their trouble so had all in their power of my deceased husbands estate & were obliged to pay his remaining debts[?]

Loose Leaf 2

The Lease houses in Goudhurst Town & the household goods at Broadford was what was assign'd over to me to pay ye remaining debts of my deceased Husbands a schedule of which is affixed to ye assignment valued & appraised I doubt more then they will sell ffor but it's thus

³ The account book is unpaginated throughout, and certain pages are blank. I have ignored these blank pages in my pagination.

the Houshold Goods &c:	203 02 4
the Lease Houses	150 00 0
	353 02 04

Michmas 1707

debts & expences now pd on ye account of my deceased husband is all ye ready money I have raisd to defray that expence is ffor houshold goods sold the sum off	224 01 6
	46 16 11

more in money & due for stock &c:	06 05 0
money Rec'd by Town Rents 1706	17 00 0
	70 01 11

this money	remains to ballance	
borrowed on	which I am out of pocket	153 19 7
interest		

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Eliz: Austen

This Book contains ye yearly
accounts with my Children
1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709,
1710, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714,
1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719

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Receipts & Disbursments ffor My
Children from Michmas 1704 to Michmas
1705 being ye ffirst year after their
ffather Dyed

these accounts being first entred in
Books I make use off for my weekly
accounts & now entred here ffor publick
satisfaction according to ye intent of My
Husbands Will

all my 7 Children this year my care & charge
 only Jacks board to Mr Richards not so much
 to me, by reason his Grandfather dyed within
 ye year

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Michmas 1705

I have examined ye particulars in my accounts
 for my Children this first year & find I have
 disburst

	l s d
ffor Mourning for their ffather	9 6 1
ffor all Sorts of Cloaths Since	11 8 4
ffor what I have pd for Jack att Mr Richards	2 2 6
ffor Schooling & Books ffor Frank Tom & Will	0 19 10
ffor Physick	0 9 10
Pockett Money	0 4 6
	24 11 1
Betty, Frank, Tom, Will, Robin & Stephen, their board with me 6 Children att £10 each is	60 00 0
total	84 11 1

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	l s d
Michmas Money Rec'd ffor my Children 1704	
Rec'd of Tho: Hunt	2 2 0
Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	17 1 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	5 17 0
	25 00 0
Lady day 1705	
Rec'd of William Smith	6 12 0
Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	8 0 0
	14 12 0

Michmas 1705	Broadford in my own occupation I have disburst this year in repairs about ye House & Barn & Stable & ffence as by bills is made appear	5 2 5
	pd for 4 quarter Queen Taxes	3 1 6
	allowing ye Rent at £30 per annum	8 3 11
	there remains due ffor my Childrens use	21 16 1
25 000 00 ⁴		
14 12 00		
21 16 01	total	61 08 1
61 08 1		

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More due att Michmas 1705 ffrom ye
Tennants

ffor ye Grass in Broadford Mead	2 0 0
ffrom Tho: Hunt	2 15 6
ffrom Will: Smith	4 9 2
ffrom Isaac Cloak about	27 0 0
	36 4 8

l s d

my expences this first year	84 11 1
ye ffull of what I have rec'd is	61 08 1
by this account my Children are indebted to me	23 03 0

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Michmas 1706

Receipts & Disbursments ffor
my Children from Michmas 1705 to
Michmas 1706 being ye second year

⁴ Elizabeth clearly intended 25 00 00 here. On some occasions, it seems, her figures went awry.

after their ffather dyed
viz: for Betty, Frank, Tom, Will:
Robert & Stephen

I have examined ye particulars in my
Books of accounts & find I have

Disburst ffor	
Schooling & Books	03 08 00
ffor Physick	01 03 00
ffor Cloths	
pockett money & all other necessary expenes	08 01 00
these 6 Children's Board	60 00 00
	total 72 12 00

the expence of Cloths ye	
Less by reason ye gift of	ye Last years debt to
Mourning ffor their Grandfather	me
	23 03 00
	total 95 15 00

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Michmas
1706

Rec'd ye Money that was due ffrom ye Tennants Michmas 1705 viz:	
ffor ye Pasture in Broadford Mead	02 00 00
Rec'd of Tho: Hunt	02 15 06
Rec'd of Will: Smith	04 09 02
Rec'd off Isaac Cloak	27 14 03
	36 18 11

Michmas
1706

Rec'd more of Will Smith	02 12 6
all now due for a Whole years	
Rent att Broadford is	27 12 05
Rec' of Tho: Hunt all due for a years Rent	04 04 00
Rec'd of Isaac Cloak part of ye	

whole years Rent	20 00 00
total	91 07 10

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Michmas

Now Broadford Mead is added to the ffarm	
I use [?] ye Rent is valued per annum	36 00 00
I have disburst ffor 4 qrt Queen Taxes	02 00 00
for ye Land in Horsmandon	
ffor ye Land in Goudhurst	01 18 00
ffor Repairs as appears, to Mason	
Carpentor, Bricks & tiles, Lime	04 09 07
Nayls, Smiths work & thatcher	
these disbursments	08 07 07
allowed in ye Rent there	
remains ffor my Childrens use	27 12 05
which is acknowledg'd Rec'd	
More due ffrom ye Tennants	
Michmas 1706 is	
due ffrom Will Smith	02 00 09
due ffrom Isaac Cloak	2 0 13 10
	22 14 7

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Michmas 1706	my disbursments this year	
	& all accounts for my Children	l s d
	amounts with what was due	95 15 00
	to me ye Last year to ye Sum of	
	what I have rec'd for my Childrens	
	use in this years accounts is	91 07 10
Michmas		
1706	So remains due to me to	
	ballance ye account	04 07 02

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Michmas 1707

Receipts & disbursments ffor my Children
ffrom Michmas 1706 to Michmas 1707
being ye third year after their ffather Died
viz: ffor Betty, Frank, Tom, Will: Robin &
Stephen,

I have examined ye particulars in my books
of accounts & find I have disburst in this
year

ffor Scholing & Books	5 00 3
ffor Physick &c:	0 17 0
ffor Clothes of all Sorts, pocket-money & all other necessary expences	14 17 4
these 6 Children's Board	60 00 0

total	80 14 7
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due to me ye Last year	04 07 2
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total	85 01 9
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Michmas 1707

Rec'd ye Money due from ye Tennants
the Last Michmas viz:

ffrom William Smith	2 00 9
ffrom Isaac Cloak	20 13 10

Rec'd more of Rents that come
due in this year viz:

ffrom William Smith	03 00 0
ffor ye whole years Rent due att Broadford	31 02 1
	56 16 7

more due ffrom ye Tennants this
Michmas 1707 is as followeth

due ffrom Isaac Cloak	35 1 0
due ffrom Tho: Hunt	4 4 0
due ffrom Will: Smith	9 2 0
	48 7 0

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Michmas 1707 my disbursments this year & all accounts ffor my Children, with what was due to me ye Last Michmas amounts to ye Sum as appears off	l s d 85 01 9
what I have rec'd ffor my Children in this years accounts amounts to	56 16 7
So remains due to me to ballance the account the Sum of	28 05 2

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1708

Midsummer	An account of ye Disbursments & Receipts I have made ffor my Children ffrom Michmas 1707 to ye 24th of June 1708 being 3 quarters of a year, & ye time I went to Live at Sevenoke which makes me willing now to make up my accounts with my Children viz: ffor Betty, ffrank, Thomas, William, Robert & Stephen. I have examined my Books off accounts & ffind the particulars of my disbursments Since Michmas 1707 to be thus	
	ffor Schooling & Books	4 13 2
	ffor Physick &c:	0 5 6
	ffor Cloaths of all Sorts	16 3 7
	pockett money &c:	
	these Six Children's Board 3 qtr of ye year at 10 pounds per annum each, amounts to	45 0 0
	total	66 02 3

due to me Michmas
 Last to ballance ye
 accounts ye Sum of 28 5 2

total 94 7 5

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June 24th 1708

all ye moneys Rec'd ffor my Children's use
 Since Michmas Last past is thus
 Rec'd ye moneys yt was due ffrom
 ye Tennants Last Michmas viz
 Rec'd of Isaac Cloak 20 1 0
 Rec'd of William Smith 9 2 0
 Rec'd of Tho: Hunt 4 4 0
 allowed Rec'd all due ffor half a years
 Rent due ffor Broadford at Lady-day 14 6 0
 Last past ye sum of
 47 13 0

More due ffrom ye Tennants this
 Midsummer 1708 is as followeth
 due from Isaac Cloak ye remaining
 part of Rent due Michmas last past 15 0 0
 due from Isaac Cloak ye half
 years Rent due Lady-day Last past about 20 0 0
 due from Will: Smith ye half about 6 0 0
 years Rent due Lady-day last past
 due ffrom Tho: Hunt ye half
 years Rent due Lady-day Last past 2 0 0
 43 0 0

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Midsummer 1708 my disbursments
 ffor my Children Since Michmas 1707 l s d
 to this time being three quarters of
 a year with all accounts mention'd 94 7 5
 & what remain'd due to me Michmas
 Last, amounts now appears to ye
 Sum off

What I have Rec'd ffor my Children Since Michmas 1707 amounts to ye Sum off	47 13 0
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So now remains due to me to ballance ye account this 24th of June 1708 ye Sum off	46 14 5
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Receipts & Disbursments for my Children
ffrom Midsummer 1708 to ye 24th of June 1709
being ye first year after we came to Live
at Sen'nock, viz: ffor Betty, Frank, Tom,
Will: Robin & Stephen.

I have examined my Books of accounts & find ye particulars of my disbursments this first year at Sen'nock to be thus viz: ffor Books, Wax-candle School-firing & School Sweeping	0 14 6
ffor Physick &c:	0 3 6
ffor Cloaths of all Sorts & pockett money	16 11 9
ffor Bettys Board	10 0 0
ffor ye 5 boys Board & Schooling	60 0 0
total	87 9 9

remaind due to me ye Last year to ballance ye account	46 14 5
now total	134 4 2

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June ye 24th 1709 all ye Moneys Rec'd ffor my Childrens use Since Midsummer 1708 being in this years account to me is Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	9 0 0
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Rec'd of Tho: Hunt	4 4 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	6 0 0
Rec'd more of Isaac Cloak	20 0 0
Rec'd more of Will: Smith	6 16 10
allowed Rec'd ffor ye half years	
Rent due from me Michmas	16 0 0
Last past all due is	62 0 10
more due ffrom ye Tennants	
this 24th of June is as ffollows	
due of Tho: Yorkton ffor half	12 0 0
a years Rent due at Lady-day	
Last past, Severall things allowed[?]	
due ffrom Isaac Cloack about	40 0 0
due ffrom Tho: Hunt about	4 0 0
due ffrom Will: Smith about	6 0 0
	62 0 0

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June ye 24th 1709, My disbursmens to all other account in this year	
Last past for my Children with what was due to me ye 24th of June 1708 amounts to ye Sum as is made appear off	l s d 134 4 2

what I have Rec'd ffor my Children in this Last years account amounts to ye Sum off	62 0 10
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So remains due to me this 24th of June 1709 to ballance ye account	72 3 4
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Receipts & Disbursments for my Children
from Midsummer 1709, to ye 24th of June
1710, being ye Second year after we came
to Live at Sen'nock, viz: ffor Betty, Frank,
Tom: Will: Robin & Stephen

I have examined my Books of accounts
 & find ye particulars of my disbursments
 this Second year at Sen'nock
 to be thus,

	l s d
ffor Learning to write & Books	1 12 4
ffor Physick &c:	1 1 1
ffor Cloaths & pockett money	22 16 11
total disburst	25 10 4
ffor ye 5 boys Board & Schooling	60 0 0
Betty's Board	10 0 0
total ye whole years	95 10 4
Charge amounts to	
remained to me ye last year	
to ballance ye account	72 3 4

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June ye 24th 1710

All the moneys Rec'd for my Childrens
 use Since ye 24th of June 1709 being in
 this years accounts to me is as follows

	l s d
Rec'd of Isaac Cloke	20 0 0
Rec'd of Tho Yorkton	28 15 0
Rec'd of Tho: Hunt	4 4 0
Rec'd of Will Smith	6 12 0
total	59 11 0

More due from ye Tennants
 this 24th of June is as ffollows

	l s d
ffrom Isaac Cloak about a year & half Rent to account ffor which may be about	65 0 0
ffrom Tho: Yorkton about	12 0 0
ffrom Tho: Hunt about	2 0 0
ffrom Will: Smith about	12 0 0
	91 0 0

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June ye 24th 1710 My Disbursements
all other accounts for my Children
in this year Last past, with what
was due to me ye Last year to
ballance my accounts makes
in all the full sum off

l s d
167 13 8

What I have Rec'd for my Children,
in this Last years accounts is

59 11 0

So now remains due to me this
24th of June 1710 to ballance
the foresaid accounts ye sum

108 2 8

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Receipts & Disbursements for my Children
ffrom ye 24th of June 1710, to ye 24th of
June 1711 being ye 3rd year after we
came to live at Sen'nock viz ffor
Betty, Frank, Tom, Will, Robin & Stephen

I have examined my Books of accounts
& find ye particulars of my disbursements
this 3rd year at Sen'nock to be thus,
viz:

Learning to Write, Paper & Books	1 17 6
ffor Physick & c:	0 19 2
ffor Cloaths & Pockett Money	27 7 6
total disburst	30 4 2

ffor ye 5 boys Board & Schooling	60 0 0
ffor Betty's Board	10 0 0

Total ye whole years Charge amounts to ye Sum of	100 4 2
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remaind to me ye Last year to ballance ye account ye sum	108 2 8
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208 6 10

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June ye 24th 1711

All ye Moneys Rec'd for my Childrens
use Since ye 24th of June 1710, being
in this years accounts to me is as
ffollows viz

Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	56 1 8
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton	25 7 6
Rec'd of ye Ex: of Tho: Hunt	4 4 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	19 5 0
total	104 18 2

More due from ye Tennants
this 24th of June is as ffollows
due ffrom Isaac Cloak about
the Sum of
ffrom Yorkton about ye sum
ffrom Will: Smith about
ffrom Rob: Cox, which was Hunts

50 0 0
12 0 0
8 0 0
2 0 0
72 0 0

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June ye 24th 1711 My disbursments &
all other accounts for my Children
in this year Last past, & what was
due to me ye Last year to ballance
accounts makes in all ye ffull Sum

l s d
208 6 10

What I have Rec'd for my Children,
in this Last years accounts is

104 18 2

Now remains due to me this 24th
of June 1711 to ballance ye aforesaid
account ye Sum of

103 8 8

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Receipts & Disbursements for my Children
from ye 24th of June 1711 to ye 24th of June 1712

being ye fourth year at Sennoke viz
ffor Betty, Frank, Tom, Will: Robin & Stephen

I have examined my Books of accounts &
find ye particulars of my disbursements this
fourth year at Sen'noke to be thus, viz

Learning to write &c: & all	l s d
School-Books &c: for ye Boys	3 7 4
ffor Physick &c:	1 10 9
Cloaths & Pockett money	25 18 4
total disburst	30 16 5
ffor ye 5 Boys Board & Learn- ing Latin at £12 each	60 0 0
ffor Bettys Board	10 0 0
The whole years charges amounts to ye Sum of	100 16 5
Remaind due to me the Last year, to ballance ye account	103 8 8
in all	204 5 1

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June ye 24th 1712

All ye moneys Rec'd for my Childrens
use Since ye 24th of June 1711 being
in this years accounts to me is as
ffollows viz:

Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	59 3 6
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton	29 17 0
Rec'd of Mr Rob: Cox	6 6 0
Rec'd of William Smith	12 16 6
total	108 3 0

More due from ye Tennants
this 24th of June is as ffollows

From Isaac Cloak about the

Sum of 35 0 0

From Tho: Yorkton about	15 0 0
From Will Smith about	6 0 0
From Rob: Cox about	0 0 0
	56 0 0

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June ye 24th 1712 My disbursments & all other accounts for my Chil- dren, in this year last past, & what was due to me the Last year to ballance accounts makes in all the sum of	l s d 204 5 1
What I have rec'd for my Childrens use in this last years accounts is	108 3 0
Now remains due to me, this 24th of June, to ballance ye aforesaid account the Sum of	96 2 1

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Receipts & Disbursments for my Children
from ye 24th of June 1712, to ye 24th of June
1713, being ye 5th Year at Sen'noke, viz
ffor Betty, Frank, Tom, Will: Robin & Stephen,
I have examined my Books, of accounts
& find ye particulars of my Disbursments
this fifth year at Sen'noke to be thus viz

pd to ye Writing Master all charges for my 5 boys	2 14 8
pd for Schoole-Books &c: for Latin & French, ye 5 Boys Latin 3 french	1 19 0
pd all charges Physick &c:	0 10 10
disburst for Cloaths, vis: all wearing apparel for my aforesaid 6 Children	30 19 10
Total disburst	36 4 4
ffor my 5 Boys Board & Learning Latin, & French, at £12	60 0 0
Bettys Board	10 0 0

The whole years charges is	106 4 4
Remain'd due to me ye Last years to ballance ye account	96 2 1
Now in all	202 6 5

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All ye Moneys Rec'd for my Childrens
use in this years accounts, viz from
ye 24th of June 1712, to ye 24th of June 1713
is as ffollows, viz

	l s d
Rec'd from Isaac Cloak	28 19 6
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton	32 7 3
Rec'd of Robert Cox	4 4 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	12 15 0
Total	78 5 9

More due from ye Tennants
this 24th of June 1713, is as follows

viz ffrom Isaac Cloak about	50 0 0
ffrom Tho: Yorkton about	14 0 0
ffrom Ro: Cox	0 0 0
ffrom Will: Smith about	6 0 0
Total due about	70 0 0

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June ye 24th 1713 My disbursments
& all other accounts for my Children
in this year last past, & what was
due to me June 1712, to ballance
accounts makes ye accounts now

What I have Rec'd for my Childrens use in this Last years Accounts appears to be ye Sum of	202 6 5
	78 5 9

So remains due to me to ballance
the aforesaid accounts this 24th of
June 1713 the sum of

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Receipts & disbursements for my Children
from ye 24th of June 1713, to ye 24th of June 1714
being ye 6th year at Sevenoaks, – viz:
ffor Betty, Frank, Tom, Will: Robin & Stephen

I have examined my Books of Accounts
& find ye particulars of this years disbursements
to be thus viz

To ye writing Master his Bill	
ffor my 5 Boys	6 15 0
ffor School-Books &c: ffor Latin	0 10 5
ffor Physicks &c:	0 11 9
ffor Cloaths viz all wearing apparel for my said six Children	33 12 6
Total disburst	41 9 8

ffor my 5 Boys Board & learning Latin at 12 each	60 0 0
Bettys Board	10 0 0
The Whole years Charges is	111 9 8
Remain'd due to me ye last year to Ballance of Account	124 0 8
Now in all	235 10 4

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All ye moneys Rec'd in this years
Accounts for my Children viz from
ye 24th of June 1713, to ye 24th of June 1714
is as follows, viz

	l s d
Rec'd from Isaac Cloak	50 1 0
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton	28 15 7
Rec'd of Rob: Cox	0 0 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	13 18 0
Total	92 14 7

More due from ye Tennants
this 24th June 1714 is as ffollows
viz ffrom Isaac Cloak about

	45 0 0
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ffrom Tho: Yorkton about	16 0 0
ffrom Robert Cox about	4 10 0
ffrom Will: Smith about	7 0 0
Total in all about	72 10 0

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June ye 24th 1714 my disbursments &
all other accounts for my Children
in this year last past, & what
was due to me ye last year to
ballance accounts makes ye
account now to be

l s d
235 10 4

What I have Rec'd for my Childrens
use, in this Last years Accounts
appears to be the sum of

92 14 7

So remains due to me, to Ballance
the aforesaid Accounts, this 24th of
June 1714 the Sum of

142 15 9

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Recipts & disbursments for my Children
from ye 24th of June 1714 to ye 24th of June 1715
being ye seventh year at Sen'noke viz
ffor Betty, Frank, Tom, Will, Rob: & Stephen,

I have examined my books of accounts &
find ye particulars of this years disbursments
to be thus viz

To ye Writing Master	4 7 0
ffor Books &c: for Latin	2 3 9
ffor Physick &c:	1 19 0
ffor all wearing apparel &c:	
ffor 4 Boys vis Tom. Will: Ro: & Step:	12 12 4
ffor Franks Cloaths &c: ye charge of ye Small-pox all in ye first year of his being clerk	29 10 6
Cloaths for Betty &c	8 17 0
Total disburst	59 9 7

l s d
4 7 0
2 3 9
1 19 0
12 12 4
29 10 6
8 17 0
59 9 7

ffor Franks board in ye house one qtr	3 0 0
ffor ye 4 younger Boys one year each & Learning in ye house at £12	48 0 0
ffor Bettys board one year	10 0 0
So yt the whole years charges amounts to	120 9 7
remained due to me ye last year to ballance	142 15 9
Now in all ye sum of	263 5 4

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All the moneys Rec'd in this years accounts
for my Children, vis from ye 24th of June 1714
to ye 24th of June 1715 is as follows vis

	l s d
Rec'd from Isaac Cloke	64 5 11
Rec'd from Tho: Yorkton	32 0 0
Rec'd from Rob: Cox	4 12 0
Rec'd from Will: Smith	13 18 0
Total Rec'd	114 15 11

More due from ye Tennants this
24th of June 1715 is as follows

vis ffrom Isaac Cloak about	30 0 0
ffrom Tho: Yorkton about	16 0 0
ffrom Robert Cox about	4 0 0
ffrom Will: Smith about	7 0 0
Total about	57 0 0

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June ye 24th 1715 My disbursments
&.. all other accounts for my
Children in this year Last past
& what was due to me ye last
year to ballance accounts makes
the account now to be ye Sum of

What I have rec'd for my Childrens

use, in this Last years accounts 114 15 11
appears to be the Sum of

So remains due to me, to ballance ye
aforesaid account this 24th of June 148 9 5
1715 the sum of

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Receipts & Disbursments for my Children
from ye 24th of June 1715 to ye 24th of June 1716
being ye Eighthth year at Sen'noke viz:

ffor Betty, Frank, Tom, Will: Robin: & Stephen

I have examined my Books, where my
particular accounts for them are inserted & find

I have disburst as followeth viz:

	l s d
To the Writing Master	2 15 4
ffor Books &c: for Latin	1 16 10
ffor Physick &c:	11 4 6
ffor all wearing apparell, Pockett money &c: on account of Frank, Tom, Will: Robin & Stephen,—Frank & Tom at London	59 12 0
Wearing Apparel for Betty &c	16 4 3
total disburst	91 12 11

[In the left hand margin next to the above]

Frank

28 18 8

Tom

12 18 6

10 ? 3

17 14 10

59 12 0

For Franks & Toms Board in

my house, both, amounts to half a year 6 0 0

ffor ye 3 younger Boys viz Will

Robin, & Stephen, whole year each 36 0 0

with their learning in ye house

ffor Bettys Board one year	10 0 0
So that ye whole years charges is	143 12 11
due last year to ballance 148 9 5 now in all	292 2 4

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All the Moneys Rec'd in this years Account
ffor my Children, viz, from ye 24th of June 1715,
to the 24th of June 1716, is as follows viz:

	l s d
Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	35 0 0
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton	32 9 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	14 5 0
Rec'd of Rob: Cox	6 18 0
Total Rec'd	88 12 0

More due from ye Tennants
this 24th of June 1716 is as
ffollows viz:

Isaac Cloak about	40 0 0
Tho: Yorkton about	16 0 0
William Smith about	7 0 0
Robert Cox about	2 0 0
Total about	65 0 0

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June ye 24th 1716, my disbursments
& all accounts for my Children in
this year last past, & what was
due to me ye last year to ballance
the accounts, makes ye account
now to be ye Sum of

l s d
292 2 4

What I have Rec'd for my Childrens
Use in this Last Years Account
Appears to be the Sum of

88 12 0

By these accounts there remains

due to me this 24th of June 1716 203 10 4
to ballance ye account ye Sum of

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Receipts & disbursments for my Children
from ye 24th of June 1716 to ye 24th of June 1717.
being ye ninth year at Sen'noke

viz: for Betty. Frank. Tom. Will:
Robin & Stephen.

I have examined my books where my
particular accounts for them are inserted
& find I have disburst as followeth viz:

	l s d
ffor Betty	13 14 0
ffor Frank	18 5 0
ffor Tom	15 1 9
ffor Will: Robin & Stephen	15 18 2
total disburst	62 18 11
ffor Boarding Betty	10 0 0
ffor Boarding Will, Robin & Stephen at 12 each	36 0 0
both accounts are	108 18 11
due ye last year to ballance	203 10 4
now in all	312 9 3

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all the moneys rec'd in this years Account
for my Children viz: from ye 24th of June 1716
to ye 24th of June 1717 is as follows viz:

	l s d
Rec'd from Isaac Cloak	59 11 0
Rec'd from Tho: Yorkton	26 15 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	17 7 9
Rec'd of Rob: Cox	6 10 0
Total Rec'd	110 3 9

more due from ye Tennants
this 24th of June 1717 is as

ffollows viz:

Isaac Cloak about	30 0 0
Tho: Yorkton about	20 0 0
Will: Smith about	0 0 0
Rob: Cox	0 0 0
total about	50 0 0

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June ye 24th 1717 my disbursments
& all accounts for my Children
in this year last past & what
was due to me ye last year to
ballance ye account makes
the account now to be ye sum of

l s d
312 9 3

What I have rec'd for my Childrens
use in this years account is

110 3 9

by these accounts there remains
due to me this 24th of June 1717 to
ballance ye account ye Sum of

202 5 6

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Receipts & disbursments for my younger
Sons viz Frank, Tom, Will, Robin & Stephen
for one quarter, viz: from midsummer to
Michmas 1717 now Betty is of Age to receive
what her Grandfather Left her. I dont reckon
any thing here on her account this qtr

Disburst in this qtr Michmas 1717	l s d
ffor ffrank	8 19 0
ffor Tom	8 7 0
ffor Will: Rob: & Stephen	4 17 6
Writing Master ffor W: R & S	5 11 0
2 years & quarter	

Apothecary those three		0 5 0
	total disburst	27 19 6
ffor Boarding Will: Robin & Stephen one qtr each		9 0 0
	both accounts	36 19 6
due to me ye last qtr to ballance ye account		202 5 6
	Now in all	239 5 0

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All the moneys Rec'd in this qtr, viz from
Midsummer to Michmas 1717 on my Sons
Account is as ffollows

Rec'd of Mr Cloak		17 9 1½
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton		20 0 0
	Total	37 9 1½

More due from the tennants
this Michmas 1717 is as follows

Isaac Cloak about		35 0 0
Tho: Yorkton		7 0 0
Will: Smith about		6 10 0
Rob: Cox about		2 10 0
	total about	51 0 0

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Michmas 1717 my disbursments in this
Last qtr & what was due ye last years
accounts to ballance, makes now
the account to be the sum of
What I have rec'd this qtr is

l s d
239 5 0
37 9 0

by these accounts there remains

due to me this Michmas 1717 to ballance the Account ye sum of	201 16 0
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Receipts & disbursments for my younger sons
viz: Frank, Tom: Will: Robin, & Stephen,
for one whole year, viz from Michmas 1717
to Michmas 1718

	l s d
Disburst ffor Frank	17 4 2
ffor Tom	5 10 9
ffor Will: Robin & Stephen	32 11 6
total disburst	55 6 5

ffor Boarding Will & Stephen a year each at 12	24 0 0
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ffor Boarding Robert 3 quarters of a year	9 0 0
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both accounts are due ye Last year to ballance	88 6 5 201 16 0
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Now in all	290 2 5
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all the moneys rec'd in this year viz
from Michmas 1717, to Michmas 1718
on my sons account is as follows

	l s d
Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	39 8 8
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton	7 0 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	6 17 0
Rec'd of Mr Cox	0 0 0
total Rec'd	53 5 8

More due from the Tennants this Michmas 1718 is as follows viz: from Isaac Cloak about	45 0 0
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ffrom Tho: Yorkton about	30 0 0
ffrom Will: Smith about	13 0 0
ffrom Mr Coxe about	6 0 0
total about	94 0 0

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Michmas 1718 my disbursments in this
 Last Years account: & what was due
 to me to ballance, makes now the account
 to be the sum of

	l s d
	290 2 5

What I have rec'd this
 year is ye sum of

	53 5 8
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By these accounts there
 remains due to me, this
 Michmas 1718, to ballance

	236 16 9
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Receipts & disbursments for my younger sons
 viz Frank, Tom, Will: Robin & Stephen
 for one Whole Year, from Michmas 1718
 to Michmas 1719

	l s d
Disburst for Frank to Lady-day when he was of ye Age of 21	10 0 0
Disburst for Tom	15 14 6
Disburst for Will	19 10 3
Disburst for Robert	7 1 0
Disburst for Stephen	11 9 6
	63 15 3
More allowed in account ffor half a years board ffor Stephen	6 0 0
total both accounts	69 15 3
due ye Last Year to ballance	236 16 9
now in all	306 12 0

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All the moneys rec'd on my Sons account
in this year viz ffrom Michmas 1718
to Michmas 1719 is as ffollows

	l s d
Rec'd of Isaac Cloak	51 10 6
Rec'd of Tho: Yorkton	30 6 0
Rec'd of Will: Smith	13 15 0
Rec'd of Mr Cox	4 8 0
Total Rec'd	99 19 6

More due from ye Tennants
this Michmas 1719 is as follows

viz: from all ye ffarms ye whole years Rent

ffrom Late Cloak, Now Ramsden <u>about</u>	50 0 0
ffrom Broadford abbout	
ffrom Will: Smith about	12 10 0
ffrom Mr Cox about	6 10 0
total about	69 0 0

My Son John desires ye Rent at Broadford
may be allowed to him as an equivoilent for
ye expences he has been at this year on his brothers
account: & repairs, & for his own part in ye Rents

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Michmas 1719

My disbursments in this Last Years account & what was due to me to ballance makes	l s d
now ye account to be ye Sum of	306 12 0
What I have rec'd this whole year is ye Sum of	99 19 6
By these accounts there remains due to me this Michmas 1719, to ballance	206 12 6