

Clue 1: Family Genealogy

This information is taken from the "Genealogical Register of Lexington Families," in the *History of the Town of Lexington* by Charles Hudson (1863). Hudson was a respected 19<sup>th</sup> c. historian who reliably gathered records from town, church, military, and other primary sources.

THE FISKE FAMILY.	
5-12-	<p>“There was,” says Bond, in his history of Watertown, “a considerable number of early immigrants of the name of <i>Fiske</i>, who settled in Massachusetts; and there is good reason to believe that they were all descendants of Robert and Sibil (Gold) Fiske, who lived at Broad Gates, Loxfield, near Framingham, county Suffolk, Eng.”</p> <p>Robert Fiske m. May 27, 1718, Mary Stimpson, of Reading. In 1711, he was a subscriber for the purchase of the Common. He was ad. to the ch. 1736. His residence was on Hancock st. at or near the spot where Joseph F. Simonds now resides. Here his father David lived before him; and hence this must have been one of the first settled places in the township. The present, which is probably the second house on this spot, was erected in 1792. Robert Fiske was a physician, and probably the first of the profession in the place.</p>
12-36-	<p>Joseph Fiske m. Dec. 13, 1751, Hepzibah Raymond. He d. Jan. 8, 1808, aged 81. She d. Oct. 9, 1820, at the advanced age of 91. He was a physician, and successor to his father, who d. about the time he commenced practice. He administered upon his father's estate, and resided in the same house. He probably had other children besides those named below, as the imperfect records speak of the death of at least one of his infant children.</p>
36-55-56-57	<p>Joseph, b. Dec. 25, 1752; d. Sept. 25, 1837, aged 85.          Ruth, b. April 20, 1758; m. May 7, 1795, John ———.          Hepzibah, b. June 22, 1765; m. John Le Baron and went to Lit.</p>
96-55-	<p>Joseph Fiske m. July 31, 1791, Elizabeth Stone, b. Nov. 13, 1770. She d. Mar. 6, 1842. He was a surgeon in the continental service during almost the entire Revolution—was at the capture of Burgoyne, the surrender of Yorktown, and many of the intermediate battles. Dr. Fiske was one of the original members of the Society of Cincinnati, formed by the officers at the close of the war in 1784,—a society whose benefactions have gladdened the heart of many a widow and orphan. His son, Joseph, had in his possession the certificate of membership, with the sign manual of George Washington, president, and Gen. Knox, secretary. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He d. May 4, 1860, aged 63.</p>
65-70	<p>Elizabeth, b. June 15, 1795; m. Dec. 5, 1819, Richard Fisher of Camb.</p>
71	<p>Joseph, b. Feb. 9, 1797; m. Nov. 12, 1829, Mary Gardner Kennard of Eliot, Mo. Their children are Joseph Alexander, b. Mar. 8, 1830, and m. Love Langdon Dodge of Methuen, and lives at Lawrence; Timothy Kennard, b. Aug. 5, 1833, and m. Dec. 25, 1857, Barbara Peters.</p>
72	<p>Jonas Stone, b. May 9, 1799; m. May 8, 1823, Pamela Brown, dau. of James Brown. They had two children, Mary Elizabeth, b. June 2, 1824, and James Francis, b. Dec. 31, 1825. They reside in West Camb. Jonas Stone Fiske d. Mar. 23, 1828.</p>
73	<p>Sarah, b. May 18, 1802; d. Dec. 27, 1825, unm.</p>
74	<p>Franklin, b. Oct. 16, 1804; m. Oct. 3, 1839, Hannah Peters of Newport, N. H. They have two children, Charles A., b. Dec. 25, 1842; he was in the army and was severely wounded; Joseph H. R., b. Sept. 8, 1843.</p>
75	<p>Almira, b. June 21, 1808; m. Mar. 5, 1828, Zadoc Harrington. She d. Jan. 22, 1834.</p>

## A. Evidence for Dr. Joseph Fiske's Household

### Clue 2: Lexington Town Clerk's Record Book

#### **Warning Out and Poor Records, 1759 and 1761:**

1759: "Dr. Jos. Fisk informed [the selectmen] that on Jan. 1 of 1759 one Elizabeth Blanchard came to his house to reside there and her last place of abode was at Lincoln and that she was under poor circumstances as to health."

Explanation: In colonial Massachusetts, each town had to pay for the support of its own poor, but only of *it own poor*, that is, people who had been born or had established tax-paying residence in a town. Thus, if a person came to live in the town who was dependent upon someone else (i.e., an apprentice, a servant, or anyone who did not have a means of livelihood), the head of the household where the immigrant lived was required to report his/her presence to the selectmen. The selectmen then recorded the arrival of the poor person and the town from which he came. The person was "warned out" – that is, notified that should he become poor, he would be sent back to the town from which he came for their support.

1761: "Dr Joseph Fisk will keep Mary Blodget." [Mary Blodget was an impoverished native of Lexington. That same year, the town paid Dr. Fiske for "Doctoring Thomas Blodget's wife and his daughter Mary Blodget and for his boarding said Mary."

Explanation: People in colonial Massachusetts who could not support themselves were put up to auction (to the lowest bidder) to be supported by another family in the town. The town reimbursed the care-provider for expenses of room, board, clothing, and doctoring. Fiske may have taken in Mary because she was ill and needed his care, or he may have taken her because his family was small and he saw boarding extra poor residents as a source of income.

### Clue 3: Lexington Tax Assessment 1774

Explanation: In the tax rates, those who own property of any sort (real or personal) are assessed and taxed based the value of their property. We can compare the relative economic status of the taxpaying people of Lexington by listing all taxpayers accorded to their assessed tax, and then dividing the ranked list into ten sections. Each section is a decile. The first decile represents the wealthiest 10% of taxpayers; the 10<sup>th</sup> decile represents the poorest 10% of tax payers.

1774 Tax decile for Dr. Joseph Fiske was 4 (1=high)

Look at the transcription of the first page of the 1774 Lexington Tax Assessment attached. The actual tax assessment includes only the residents names and the tax assessed in shillings and pence. As the historian, I have ranked taxpayers and assigned their deciles for tax purposes. Also, because wealth customarily varied over life cycle, peaking at mid-life after one's father had died and before one's sons needed their inheritances, I have included information on the taxpayer's age and the the birth/death dates of his father, where known.

See a transcription of part of the 1774 Lexington Tax Assessment on Real and Personal Property attached.

A. Evidence for Dr. Joseph Fiske's Household

Partial Transcription of the Lexington Tax Assessment on Real and Personal Property

Name	Shillings	Pence	Decile	Age	Father
Adams, George	0	5	8	41	John-1688-1774
Adams, Samson	3	3	5	45	John-1688-1774
Adams, Wid. Mary	0	6	8		
Bell, James	0	0	10		
Blodgett, Isaac	2	4	6	31	Samuel-1702-1773
Blodgett, Josiah	0	0	10	37	Samuel-1702-1773
Blodgett, Simeon	1	8	7	45	Samuel-1702-1773
Blodgett, Thos.	0	0	10	57	Thomas-1686-1754
Blodgett, Tim.	2	3	6	34	Samuel-1702-1773
Bowman, Capt. Thad.	8	7	1	62	Joseph-1674-1762
Bowman, Isaac	14	4	1	81	Francis- 1662-1744
Bridge, John	5	2	3	74	Matthew-1650-1738
Bridge, Joseph	3	6	5	76	Matthew-1650-1738
Bridge, Joseph, Jr.	3	11	4	43	Joseph-1698-1778
Bridge, Samuel	9	7	1	69	Matthew-1650-1738
Bridges, John, Jr.	9	9	1	37	John-1700-1776
Bridges, Mary	6	2	3		
Bridges, Walter?	0	3	9		
Brown, Benjamin	11	4	1	54	Joseph-1677-1764
Brown, Francis	8	9	1	36	James-1713-1768
Brown, Thad.	0	5	8	29	Benj.-1720-1802
Buckman, John	7	5	2	29	John-1717-1768
Burdoo, Aaron [seg.]	0	0	9	62	Philip- d 1752
Burdoo, Pihil [seg.]	0	4	8	65	Philip- d 1752
Celine?, Ezekil	0	0	10		
Chambers, Will'm	0	2	9		
Chandler, John	6	11	2	43	
Chester, Prince	0	2	9		
Childs, Abijah	3	8	4	64	
Christy?, Michael	0	2	9		
Comee, Joseph	0	0	10	21	Joseph-moved away
Coolidge, Moses	0	0	10		
Cutler, Benjamin	3	3	5	77	Thomas-1648-1722
Cutler, Thom	9	9	1	32	David-1705-1760
Danforth, Benj.	3	3	5		
Estabrook, Benj.	12	7	1	45	Dea.Jos.-1690-1740
Estabrook, Neha	1	11	7	37	John-1694-1742
Farinton?, Matthew	0	2	9		
Farmer, Nath'l	1	0	8	49	
Fessenden, Nathan	3	11	4	28	Thomas-1709-1768
Fessenden, Thom	10	1	1	33	Thomas-1709-1768
Fisk, Benj.	3	0	5	32	Ebenezer-1692-1775
Fisk, Dr. David	1	5	7	24	Robert-1721-1764
Fisk, Dr. Jos. (Sr)	4	2	4	48	Dr. Robt-1680-1752
Fisk, Lt. Ebenezer	7	4	2	82	David-1650-1729

B. Evidence for Dr. Joseph Fiske's House and Household Good

Clue: Probate Inventory of Dr. Robert Fiske, Sr., father of Dr. Joseph Fiske, who died in 1752 and left his son the homestead and its possessions.

Edited: modernized spelling, capitalization

Middlesex County Probate Record # 7652

Jan. 14, 1753

Item: To Household Stuff

**[West Room]**

To a case of drawers <i>in the west room</i>	15=0=0
To a round table 15/, To bed and bolster 9=2=0, counterpane 8=10=0	18=7=0
rug 60/, two sheets 65/, bedstead and cord 25/	7=10=0
frying pan 28/, two meal sieves 15/, one sheet 20/	3=3=0

**[Cellar]**

To cask <i>in the celler</i> , eight hogsheds 80/, powdering tubs 25	5=5=0
cider barrels . . . three 10/	2=0=0

**[East Room]**

spectacles 17/, razor 2/, tobacco box 5	1=4=0
To chairs eleven new ones 10=6=0, twenty old chairs 5=0=0	15=6=0
two linen wheels, one 40/, one 25/	3=5=0
two woolen wheels, one 30/, one 6/	1=16=0
a chest with drawers 20/, round table 20/, great Cupboard 40/	4=0=0
stone jars 20, vials, and bottles in the cupbord 10/	3=0=0
boxes in the cupboard for medicine 20/ glass bottkes on the shelf 8/	1=8=0
two boxes on top of the cupboard 8/6, six wooden bottles 35/	2=3=6
small beer keg 8/, oil bottle 1/6, ink stand 1/	0=10=6

**[Kitchen]**

<i>In the Kitchen</i> one pair of andirons 60/, two trammels 40/	5=0=0
bread peal and tongs 12/, steelyards 30/ mortar and pestle 30	3=12=0
porridge pot 25, dish kettle 15/, brass kettle 9L	11=0=0
iron and heaters 35/, iron skillet 15	1=10=0
To six pewter dishes 7L, eight plates 35/, old pewter 42/, two basins 4/	11=1=0
bread chest 15/, kitchen table 6/, to earthen ware 16/	1=17=0
To two cans & two pidgens 15/, two pair of pinchers and hammers 16/	1=11=0
To one loom, quill wheel and warping bars 60/	3=0=0
two pair of snow shoes 30/, cart rope 40/, grain chest 8	3=18=0

**[East Chamber – upstairs]**

<i>In the east Chamber</i> , bed, bedding and bedstead and cord 100/	5=0=0
Fifteen pounds of sole leather at 5/6 per pound	2=2=0
meal chest 10/, three tubs 9/, tobacco, table and knife 18/	1=17=0
old brass 40/, powdering tubb 4/, shoemakers seat, half bushel and an old table 12/, pigeon net 25/	4=1=0

## B. Evidence for Dr. Joseph Fiske's House and Household Good

### [West Chamber – upstairs]

*In the west Chamber* bed, bedding, bedstead and cord 14=10=0

### [Little Bedroom - likely downstairs off the kitchen]

*In the little bedroom,* bed, bedding, bedstead and cord 15=7=0

chest with drawers 50/, old chest 6/, tea table 3/ warming pan 10 3=9=0

To eight knives and forks 20/, bell metal pestle 30/ 2=10=0

The English Physician 10/, ... 0=15=0

### [Books]

To Books, General Practice of Physick 30/, English Dispensatory 40/ 3=10=0

Synopsis Medicine 30/, The Structure and Condition of the Bones 15 2=5=0

One Bible 25/ Testament 4/ Sundry Small Books on Divinity 8/ 1=17=0

Spelling Book 8/, Husbandman's Guide 1/6, ... 0=13=6

### [Clothing]

Item: To Apparel - coat 20L, great coat 10L 30=0=0

woolen jacket 3, leather britches 45/, blue coat 60/ 8=5=0

old coat and jacket 10/, hat and wig 100/, silk hankerchief 6 5=6=0

boot and spurs 40. pair of shoes 25/, jockey cap 20/ 4=5=0

### [Cash]

Item: To cash 90=0=0

### [Arms and Ammunition]

Item: To Arms, yellow stock gun 8=10, little gun 5, curbine 50/ 16=2=0

brass pistol 50/, ... rapier and belt 12/, ... 6=2=0

### [Livestock]

Item: To a horse 30, two oxen 60, five cows 88, one bull 14 192=0=0

one heifer 14, two steers 12, three calves 1:10 30=10=0

Three old swine 30, four pigs 8 38=0=0

### [Farm Tools]

To husbandry utensils, cart and wheels 20L, ox yoke 8/ 20=8=0

span shackle 20/, sled 40/, cider mill and press 10 13=0=0

grindstone and crank 4=10=0, three falling axes and ... ax 80/ 8=10=0

horse traces, collar and hames[?] 50/ plow chain 14, ... 6=14=0

Three ... hoes 5, iron harrow 70/, breaking up hoe 8/ 4=3=0

flax brake 10/, seed plow irons 12/6, pitchfork 12/ wooden shovel 3/6 1=18=0

shod shovel 15/, cart boxes 25/, hoops 45/, beetle rings and wedge 6/8 4=11=6

hand saw and file 5, shave 10/ three augers, gouge and chisels 17/ 1=12=0

old broad ax 5/, three old sycthes 10/ tackling 4/, old spade 7 1=1=0

B. Evidence for Dr. Joseph Fiske's House and Household Good

Clue 2: Comparison of the Tableware of Robert Fiske (d.1752) and Joseph Fiske (d. 1804)  
From the probate inventory listings of father Robert Fiske and son Joseph Fiske.

Robert Fiske (d 1752)

Six pewter dishes  
Eight pewter plates  
Old pewter  
Earthenware  
Eight knives and forks

Joseph Fiske (d. 1804)

Lot of crockery  
Lot of china & server  
Nine pewter plates  
Four pewter plates  
Two pewter teaspoons  
Two pewter porringers  
Four pewter platters  
Two silver tablespoons  
Three silver teaspoons  
Jug  
Coffee pot  
One pair brass candlesticks  
One pair tin candlesticks

C. Evidence For Dr. Fiske's Farm

Clue: Massachusetts Tax Valuation List, 1771

Explanation: Approximately every seven years, the provincial government of Massachusetts required towns to gather data on the quantity and type of land, buildings, livestock, and farm products owned by each farmer. This allows us to reconstruct their farm holdings and assess their general ability to provide for their family. The general categories tracked were tillage, pasture, meadow, and sometimes woodlot; horses, oxen, cattle, sheep, and swine. Dr. Joseph Fiske's holdings are show in the transcription below.

*The Massachusetts Tax Valuation List of 1771*

TOWN ID	INDIVIDUAL ID	NAME	TITLE	STATUS	FOLLS RATEABLE	FOLLS NOT RATEABLE	HOUSES AND SHOPS	ADJOINING	SHOPS ADJOINING	VALUE OF MONEY LENT AT INTEREST	HORSES	OXEN	CATTLE	COATS AND SHEEP	SWINE	ACRES OF PASTURE	NUMBER OF COWS	PASTURE WILL KILL	ACRES OF TILLAGE	BUSHELS OF GRAIN PRODUCE PER YEAR	ACRES OF UPLAND MOWING LANE	ACRES OF ENGLISH AND UPLAND HAY PER YEAR	ACRES OF FRESH MEADOW	TONS OF FRESH MEADOW HAY PER YEAR	NO
0321		LEXINGTON																							
0321	0101	BOUTAN, ISAAC				2.00					2	4	11.0			20.0	8.00	80	20						
0321	0102	HIRIAN, SAM'L				1.00					1	2	3.0	3.0		11.0	3.0	8.00	100	12					
0321	0103	MERIAN, JONAS + WILL'M				1.00					1	2	3.0			20.0	5.0	5.00	70	24					
0321	0104	MARRETT, MOSES				1.00					1	2	3.0			10.0	7.00	120	35						
0321	0105	FISK, EBEN'R + BENJ'A				1.00					2	2	4.0			11.0	8.0	11.00	174	35					
0321	0106	REED, MOSES																							
0321	0107	NELSON, TABITHA				1.00				26	13	4													
0321	0108	SIMONS, JOSEPH				1.00																			
0321	0109	TRASK, ANNA			14						1	2	4.0			5.0	3	26.0	10.0	5.00	108	30			
0321	0110	GLEASON, JONAS				1.00					1	2	4.0			1.0	1	31.0	11.0	11.00	135	20			
0321	0111	TRASK, MARY								160															
0321	0112	LAWRENCE, JONATHAN-BERZ'LL				1.00					2	2	7.0			10.0	5	22.0	9.0	13.50	145	28			
0321	0113	WYMAN, JAMES				1.00					2	2	3.0			3.0	3	4.0	3.0	1.50	18	4			
0321	0114	BURDOD, PHILIP			14																				
0321	0115	MUZZY, JOHN + ISAAC				1.00					2	2	5.0			4	20.0	10.0	10.00	160	25				
0321	0116	REED, WILL'M III								12															
0321	0117	CUTLER, THOMAS				1.00					1	4	3.0			3	15.0	6.0	7.00	80	20				
0321	0118	STONE, WIDOW			14																				
0321	0119	MUNROE, EBEN'R				1.00					2	2	5.0			3.0	2	14.0	8.0	8.00	160	40			
0321	0120	WICKS, ISAAC				1.00					1	1	2.0			1.0	1.5	1.0	3.00	50	10				
0321	0121	MUNROE, MARY									1	1	2.0												
0321	0122	REED, ROBERT				1.00					1	1	2.0												
0321	0123	FOX, THOMAS				1.00																			
0321	0124	REED, HAPPHOD				1.00					1	4	10.0			3	30.0	10.0	8.00	100	12				
0321	0125	FISK, JOSEPH				1.00				100	2	2	3.0			2	10.0	3.0	2.50	25	3				
0321	0126	LOCK, JOSEPH + STEPHEN				1.00					1	1	4.0			2	15.0	7.0	7.00	100	14				
0321	0127	MUNROE, WILL'M				1.00				1.00	1	2	2.0			2	5.0	2.0	3.00	50	4				
0321	0128	MERIAN, BENJ'A+BENJ'A JR				1.00					1	2	5.0			2	15.0	6.0	8.00	100	10				
0321	0129	RAYMOND, JOHN				1.00																			
0321	0130	MASON, JOHN				1.00					1	1	1.0			10.0	3.0	9.00	60	20					
0321	0131	ESTABROOK, BENJ'A				1.00					1	1	1.0			9.0	3.0	4.00	40	20					
0321	0132	BROWN, DAVID				1.00					1	1	2.0			23.0	7.0	8.00	110	14					
0321	0133	EATON, JOSEPH				1.00					1	2	3.0			1.5	1.0	4.00	35	12					
0321	0201	PARKER, THADDEUS			14						1	4	4.0			2	9.0	2.0	4.00	45	14				
0321	0202	LOCK, JOSEPH JR				1.00																			
0321	0203	WOOD, ROBERT				1.00					1	2	3.0			2	15.0	5.0	6.00	80	25				
0321	0204	HERRINGTON, DAN'L				1.00					1	2	1.0			1	4.0	2.0	1.00	15	4				
0321	0205	HARRINGTON, WID				1.00																			
0321	0206	VILES, JOEL				1.00					4	6	4												
0321	0207	MUNROE, HARRITT + NATHAN				1.00					1	1	5.0			2	7.0	4.0	5.00	60	20				
0321	0208	MUNROE, REBEKAH				1.00										1	3.0	2.0							
0321	0209	BRIJGE, MARY				1.00					1	1	2.0			1.0	1.0	1.00	8						
0321	0210	CUTLER, SOLOMON				1.00					1	1	4.0			2	12.0	6.0	6.00	70	12				
0321	0211	MULLIKEN, WID				1.00																			
0321	0212	BRIDGE, JOHN + JOHN JR				1.00					1	4	1.0			5	13.0	8.0	9.00	190	14				
0321	0213	BRIDGE, JOSEPH+JOSEPH JR				1.00					1	4	8.0			3	12.0	6.0	7.00	120	20				
0321	0214	SMITH, JONATHAN JR				1.00					1	1	1.0			1	2.5	1.0	2.50	34	3				
0321	0215	WHITE, JOSEPH + EBENEZER				1.00					2	2	8.0			9.0	3	14.0	7.0	6.00	80	12			
0321	0216	PIEPCE, JONAS + SOLOMON				1.00					2	2	5.0			4.0	2	24.0	8.0	7.00	80	20			
0321	0217	SMITH, JONATHAN				1.00					1	1	2.0			3	10.0	8.0	7.00	80	20				
0321	0218	ADAMS, JOHN + GORGE				1.00					1	1	4.0			2	12.0	4.0	4.00	60	20				
0321	0219	STEARNS, BENJ'A				1.00					1	1	2.0			4	6.0	3.0	5.00	100	40				
0321	0220	SMITH, WILL'M				1.00					1	1	4.0			3	22.0	7.0	5.00	54	24				
0321	0221	WINDWOOD, JOSEPH			14						1	1	2.0			1	4.0	3.0	4.00	40	20				
0321	0222	SMITH, EBENEZER+EBENEZER JR				1.00					1	2	7.0			9.0	2	20.0	8.0	6.00	100	14			
0321	0223	SMITH, JOSEPH				1.00																			
0321	0224	MILLINGTON, BENJ'A				1.00					1	1	5.0			2	12.0	5.0	6.00	70	25				
0321	0225	MILLINGTON, TIMOTHY				1.00					1	2	5.0			1	14.0	7.0	5.00	70	30				
0321	0226	HASTINGS, SAM'L + WID				1.00					1	2	7.0			2	12.0	7.0	5.00	100	20				
0321	0227	PARKER, THOMAS				1.00					1	2	7.0			2	18.0	7.0	7.00	100	40				
0321	0228	SOBHAM, THAD'E				1.00					1	2	7.0			14.0	2	20.0	9.0	8.00	100	4			
0321	0229	BUCKMAN, JOHN				1.00					1	2	5.0			2	7.0	4.0	6.00	80	15				
0321	0230	STIGEL, DAVID				1.00																			
0321	0231	SMITH, JOSIAH				1.00					1	1	3.0			1	9.0	3.0	4.00	60	6				

## C. Evidence For Dr. Fiske's Farm

### **"Widow's Portion"**

Annul living allowances that husbands specified their heir must provide for their widow by the terms of their will.

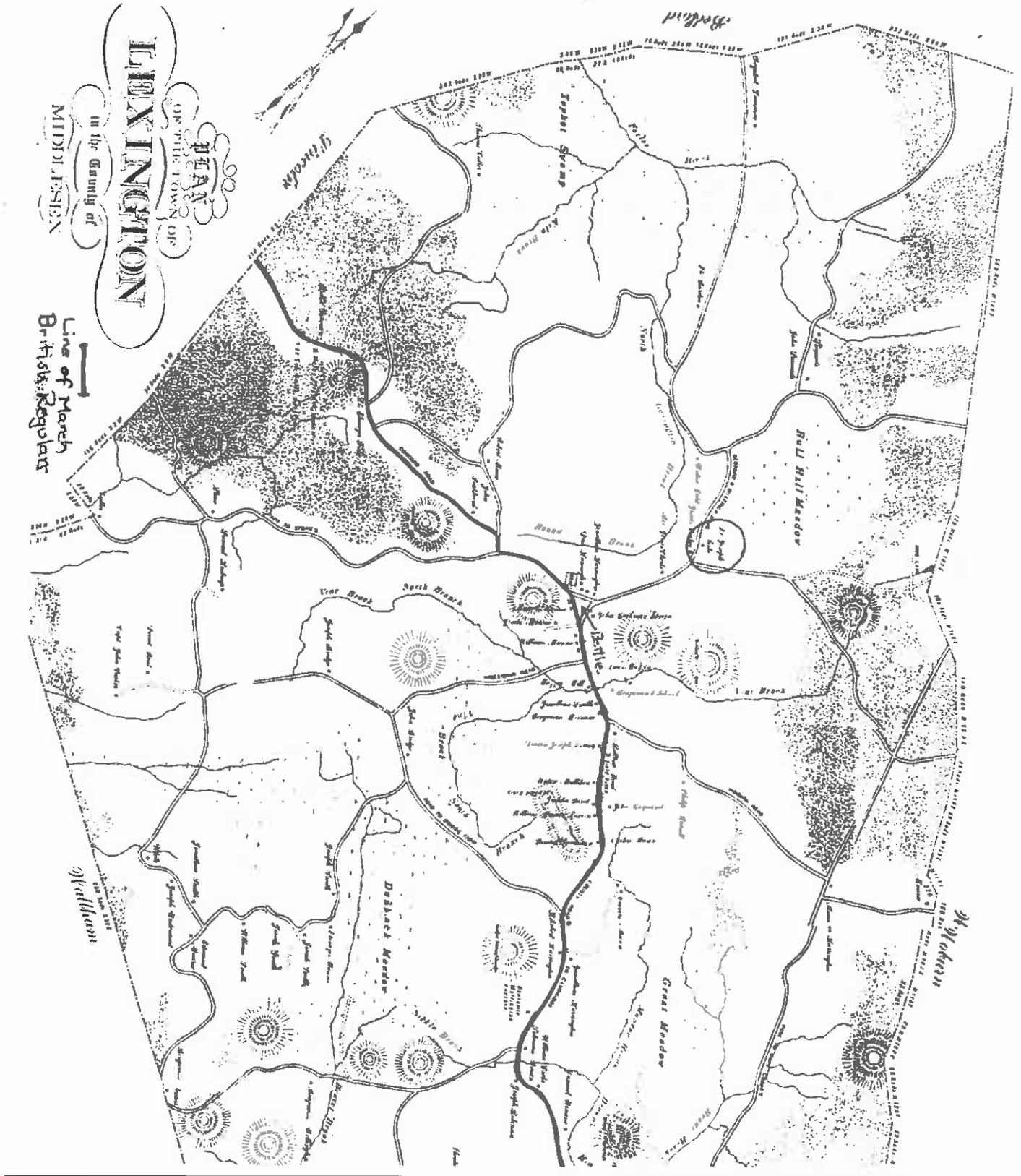
#### **Fiske Allowance - 1804**

6 bu. Indian meal  
3 bu rye  
100 lbs pork  
80 lbs of beef  
30 lbs butter  
80 lbs cheese  
2 barrels cider  
wood for one fire brought to the door  
6 lbs flax  
2 lbs wool  
6 lbs hogs fat  
\$15 for buying other necessities

Not specified here are products that the widow would be expected to produce herself: vegetables from the garden, dung hill poultry with their meat, eggs, and feathers, herbs for medicines and dyes, etc.

D. Evidence for Fiske Activity on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775

Clue 1: Map with Location of Fiske House in Lexington



D. Evidence for Fiske Activity on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775

Clue 2: Roster of Those Members of Capt. Parker's Company Who Served in Combat, April 19

Names of the Seventy-Seven Men of Captain John Parker's Company  
who were in the early morning engagement on Lexington Common, April 19, 1775

OFFICERS

CAPTAIN JOHN PARKER  
LIEUTENANT WILLIAM TIDD  
ENSIGN ROBERT MUNROE, *killed*  
ENSIGN JOSEPH SIMONDS  
CLERK DANIEL HARRINGTON  
ORDERLY SERGT. WILLIAM MUNROE

CORPORAL JOEL VILES  
CORPORAL SAMUEL SANDERSON  
CORPORAL JOHN MUNROE  
CORPORAL EBENEZER PARKER  
DRUMMER WILLIAM DIAMOND  
FIFER JONATHAN HARRINGTON

PRIVATEs

EBENEZER BOWMAN  
JOHN BRIDGE, JR.  
JAMES BROWN  
JOHN BROWN, *killed*  
SOLOMON BROWN  
JOHN CHANDLER  
JOHN CHANDLER, JR.  
JOSEPH COMEE, *wounded*  
ROBERT DOUGLASS, of Captain Belknap's  
Woburn Company, enlisted in Captain  
Parker's company, April 19  
ISAAC DURANT  
PRINCE ESTABROOK, colored, *wounded*  
NATHANIEL FARMER, *wounded*  
ISAAC GREEN  
WILLIAM GRIMES  
CATER HARRINGTON, *killed*  
JOHN HARRINGTON  
JONATHAN HARRINGTON, "Ir" *killed* (son  
of Henry, but known as a "Junior" at  
that time)  
MOSES HARRINGTON, 3RD  
MOSES HARRINGTON, JR.  
THADDEUS HARRINGTON  
THOMAS HARRINGTON  
ISAAC HASTINGS  
SAMUEL HASTINGS  
SAMUEL HADLEY, *killed*  
THOMAS HADLEY, JR.  
JOHN HOSMER  
MIRIAM HAGAR  
AMOS LOCK  
BENJAMIN LOCK  
EBENEZER LOCK  
REUBEN LOCK  
ABNER MEAD  
EBENEZER MUNROE, JR. (son of Jonas,  
but known as a "Junior" at that time),  
*wounded*

JEDEDIAH MUNROE, *wounded*  
JOHN MUNROE, JR.  
NATHAN MUNROE  
WILLIAM MUNROE, 3RD  
NATHANIEL MULLIKEN  
ISAAC MUZZY, *killed*  
JOHN MUZZY  
JONAS PARKER, *killed*  
JONAS PARKER, JR.  
Nathaniel Parkhurst  
SOLOMON PIERCE, *wounded*  
ASAHEL PORTER, *killed*. Unarmed (had  
been taken prisoner, released but shot  
as he was running away)  
JOSHUA REED  
JOSHUA REED, JR.  
NATHAN REED  
JOHN ROBBINS, *wounded*  
PHILLIP RUSSELL  
BENJAMIN SAMPSON  
JOSHUA SIMONDS  
JOHN SMITH  
PHINEAS SMITH  
SIMEON SNOW  
PHINIAS STEARNS  
JONAS STONE, JR.  
JOHN TIDD, *wounded*  
SAMUEL TIDD  
JOSEPH UNDERWOOD  
BENJAMIN WELLINGTON  
ENOCH WELLINGTON  
JOHN WINSHIP  
THOMAS WINSHIP, *wounded*  
SYLVANUS WOOD, of Captain Walker's  
Woburn Company, enlisted in Captain  
Parker's company, April 19  
JAMES WYMAN  
77 in all not counting Porter, who was  
not in line.

The foregoing list was compiled by Mr. Frank Warren Coburn of Lexington, Mass., as given in his book, "The Battle of April 19, 1775," published in 1922 by the LEXINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

## D. Evidence for Fiske Activity on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775

### Clue 3: Reports on Medical Kits and Supplies Available for Massachusetts Provincial Militia, 1774-85 From Journals of the Committee of Safety and Committee of Supply of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, 1774-75

**Dec. 20, 1774:** *Voted*, unanimously, that Doct. Warren, Doct. Church, and the Hon. John Hancock, Esq., be a committee to inspect the commissaries' stores, in Boston, and report what surgeon's stores and stores of other kind are there.

**Feb. 14, 1775:** At a meeting of the committee of safety, and the committee of supplies

- *Voted*, That the committee of supplies procure the following articles, and send the same to Concord, viz. : . . . **1500 yards Russia linen** ; also 2 barrels Lisbon oil; **6 casks of Malaga wine, and 9 casks of Lisbon wine**, to be lodged at **Stow**.
- *Voted*, That Doct. Warren, Doct. Church, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Cheever, Col. Orne and Mr. Devens, make inquiry where **fifteen doctor's chests can be got**, and on what terms, and report at the next meeting.

**March 7, 1775:** At a meeting of the committee of safety, and the committee of supplies, at the house of Capt. Stedman of Cambridge, on Tuesday, the 7th of March, 1775 :

- *Voted*, That the committee of supplies be directed to make a draft on Henry Gardner, Esq., the receiver general, in favor of Doct. Joseph Warren and Doct. Benjamin Church, for five hundred pounds, lawful money, to enable them to purchase such articles for the provincial chests of medicine as cannot be got on credit . . .

**April 17, 1775**

- *Voted*, That two medicinal chests still remain at **Concord**, at two different parts of the town; three of said chests at **Sudbury**, in different parts of the town ; six do. at **Groton, Mendon, and Stow**, two in each town, and in different places; two ditto in **Worcester**, one in each part of the town ; and, two in **Lancaster**, ditto; that sixteen hundred yards of Russia linen be deposited in seven parts, with the doctor's chests; that the eleven hundred tents be deposited in equal parts in Worcester, Lancaster, Groton, Stow, Mendon, Leicester, and Sudbury.

#### Explanation of Supplies in a Typical Medical Chest and Surgeon's kit

1. To **relieve pain** – alcohol; opium and laudanum, camphor
2. Emetics to induce **bowel movements**, & calomel, Epsom's Salts, Tartar Emetic, Jalap, Senna
4. **Laxatives** – Rubharb
5. To induce **vomiting** – Ipecac
6. Clips, pins, sutures, shears, forceps, lancets, scalpels, syringes, catheter, tourniquets
7. Lint & linen for bandages, adhesive plasters, splints

The major wounds at Lexington were gunshots, bayonet slashes and stabs, broken bones

