

JOHN LANGDON'S UNUSUAL CENSUS OF
"MECHANICAL LABOR": THE 1820 ARTISANS
OF WISCASSET, JEFFERSON, ALNA, EDGECOMB,
AND WHITEFIELD, MAINE

The manuscript returns of the United States Census of Manufactures for 1820 contain an odd document, printed here for the first time, that holds special interest for historians of Maine.¹ Unlike other manufacturing census returns, which detail only the numbers, owners, and capital invested in places of industry, these returns also give information about common artisans in five Lincoln County towns.

When Congress ordered a general population census in 1820, it also called for a new census of the country's manufactories. U. S. marshals and their assistants, under direction from the secretary of state, were to take this manufacturing census simultaneously with the population enumeration. Secretary of State John Quincy Adams drafted their instructions in June. The census was to begin on the first Monday in August 1820 and to be completed within six months. Section 10 of the law (3 Stat. 552) specifically excluded "household manufactures" from the listing. After several marshals found the instructions unclear, Adams sent a letter of "elucidations," pointing out that the census was to include only those persons whose principal occupation was manufacturing. This letter specifically excluded all persons of the "mechanical professions or handicrafts." It defined household manufactures as products of mechanics or artisans who made "works of handicraft" and excluded them from the census. John Langdon, the Lincoln County marshal's assistant for the Fifth District, ignored his instructions. Writing his census lists on the backs of the printed forms or on extra sheets, Langdon decided to attempt a compilation of all "mechanical labor" in the towns of Wiscasset, Jefferson, Whitefield, Alna, and Edgecomb, Maine. In this way he included everyone earning some part of his livelihood as a mechanic.



Early Wiscasset: Brayson House, the Meeting House, and the Court House. (Chase, *Wiscasset in Pownalborough* [1941])

The general population census for these five towns provides the larger context for the mechanics and artisans listed below. Wiscasset, the shire town, was both the largest and had the largest number of “manufacturers and mechanics” (108) as well as the most substantial commercial class (132). Alna was the most agricultural, with over 300 farmers, only 16 mechanics, and a single person earning a living from commerce. Between these extremes, the population aggregates (figure 1) of the district seem to reflect the diversity of coastal Maine during this era.

Langdon’s specialized census lists all 108 “manufacturers and mechanics” in Wiscasset, counting all the apprentices, “lads,” or boys indicated in his text. In the other towns he did even better than the general enumeration. His listing for Whitefield found 29 men and a girl practicing some form of mechanical labor, in Jefferson 37 men, in Alna 39, and in

Edgecomb 25. The increased numbers of mechanics may be those listed as farmers who also ran a sawmill or practiced a part-time trade.

It is clear from Langdon's postscript to his mechanics' census that his intent was not merely confusion over the printed instructions or ignorance of the August "elucidation." Nor was it merely the lack of factories in the fifth district. Rather, he was attempting, by being definitive and all-inclusive, to be noticed. "Now a few words about myself" he writes at the end of the return for Jefferson:

Respectfully I tender my service for an Under Clerk or in an office at the Disposal of some of the Heads of the Dept. of State. My Political Principles are well known to be Republican—for other requisite qualifications refer to Mark L. Hill, Esqr now at Washington.

He apparently interpreted the opportunity for census-taking as a chance to find a federal government job. Perhaps he hoped for a clerkship in Washington or in a foreign consular office! Maybe he succeeded; his own name does not appear in the general 1820 population census for Maine.

According to Secretary Adams, the marshal was to give "some person principally concerned in the manufacturing establishment [sic]" a printed form of questions to be answered. Once the forms were completed, the census-taker was to compile an abstract and forward both the returns and abstracts to the department of state. Langdon's abstracts are also of special interest. He looked at both the lumber each community produced for export and the amount and type of firewood consumed in each town. His Jeffersonian "Republican" principals are clear. He welcomed the stripping of trees from the coast and the resulting death of the lumber industry because it promoted agriculture, which he believed was a more solid and temperate occupation. He felt the government ought to support the introduction of sheep and tax the export of wool as a means of promoting agriculture in Maine.

Unwanted in their own day, these lists and their summary statistics are today a welcome index of the labor force and economic organization in those communities during the year of Maine's statehood. While the myth of the totally "self-sufficient" pioneer Maine farmer of the colonial and federal eras has been laid to rest by other research, we have only spotty evidence of how much income men and women actually earned in trades or in the kinds of occupations which supplemented their farming. Langdon's statistics offer an untapped source for closer examination of the economic history of the Maine coast.

Historians have not identified the Maine craftsmen who built ships, raised and finished houses, made furniture, threw pottery, fashioned silver spoons, or sewed clothes. The published histories of these towns tend to focus on the wealthy and most literate members of local society. Silversmith and watchmaker Asa Wilkins appears in brief biographical sketches of these crafts in two works. John Safford II appears in the major study of Maine potters with only passing reference to his time in Jefferson, since most of his work is documented to a Monmouth pottery.² The others listed in this document remain among the least noticed members of their communities. Of the seven housewrights listed in Wiscasset, Andrew Shortel (or Shortell) can be identified as being an English immigrant, the only one in town. His name appears on a list of enemy aliens compiled during the War of 1812, at which point he had lived in the United States eight of his twenty-nine years. As one of the three men listed after Silas Chick in Langdon's 1820 enumeration, he may have been employed and lived with Chick, as he had no family when his name was listed during the war.³ Perhaps publication of this list will spark further interest in the lives and work of mechanics and craftsmen in early nineteenth-century Maine.

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NOTES

¹National Archives Microfilm Publication #279, Records of the U. S. Census of Manufactures, roll 1, Maine and New Hampshire.

²Fannie S. Chase, *Wiscasset in Pownalborough*, Wiscasset, 1941, p. 429; Henry N. Flynt and Martha Gandy Fales, *The Heritage Foundation Collection of Silver*, Deerfield, MA: Heritage Foundation, 1968, p. 359; M. Lelyn Branin, *The Early Potters and Potteries of Maine*, Augusta: Maine State Museum, 1978, p. 149. I wish to thank Edwin A. Churchill, Curator of Decorative Arts at the Maine State Museum for his help in identifying the published sketches of these two craftsmen. He also notes Joshua Damon (or Dammon) appearing in Wiscasset in the 1850 census, age sixty-six, still calling himself a cabinetmaker. Francis Chapman, another cabinetmaker, appears in the 1855 *Maine Register* in Liberty, Maine, although it is unclear if this is the same person listed in Langdon's text.

³National Archives Microfilm Publication #588, "War of 1812 Papers," Department of State 1789-1815, Roll 2, U. S. Marshals' Returns of Enemy Aliens and Prisoners of War, 1812-1815, (Part 1).



Figure 1

1820 U. S. Census General Population Aggregates

Livelihoods	Alna	Whitefield	Jefferson	Edgecomb	Wiscasset
Agriculturalist	183	324	336	301	199
Commercial*	14	1	3	62	132
Manufacturers & Mechanics	33	16	31	16	108
Total town pop.	978	1429	1577	1629	2138

*including merchants, seamen, fishermen, and traders

STATE OF MAINE Return of the Manufactures and Mechanical Labor in the fifth Division of the County of Lincoln made by John Langdon, Assistant

Fire Wood Consumed

Jefferson	243 Families at 20 Cords each	1860 Cords @ \$1.25	\$6075
Edgecomb	254 Families at 13 Cords each	3302 Cords @ \$1.35	\$4457
Whitefield	228 Families at 16 Cords each	3648 Cords @ \$1.25	\$4560
Alna	156 Families at 14 Cords each	2184 Cords @ \$1.50	\$3276
Wiscasset	366 Families at 11 Cords each	4026 Cords @ \$2.00	\$8052
Those who Burn Spruce Hemlock & Pine Consume Double ye quantity.			

Wiscasset Mechanic ¹ Labor		Wm. F. Stenson Agricultst & Saw Mill	
Sam ¹ Farnham Tanner		Cuts 200m at \$6	[\$] 1200
Tanns 60 Hides @ 3.50 [each]	\$210	Logs Cost 3\$ pm	600
200 Calf skins @ .92 each	184	2 persons 6 Months	600
12 Cords Bark \$30 Sundis 15\$	45		
value Dressed \$870	439		[column total] \$5390
One person 12 Months Increasing	[\$]439	[column 2] Wiscasset Mechanic ¹ Labor	\$5390
Ezra Porter Brick Makr & Setter		John Maguire Esqr Tide Mill	
4 Kilns Pottery value	[\$] 240	Cuts 800m Lumber	\$1400
150m Bricks at [\$]5.50	825	Logs Cost \$5.27 pm	4216
	[\$]1065		2184
Deduct Wood & Stock	100	Wages \$800 Contingt Exp [\$] 300	
3 persons 6 Months	965	4 Persons 10 Months Logs Cost	
Dudley Smith Tailoring	100	more at Tide Mill than other Mills	
Sargent Bolden Cordwainer		John Young Agricultst	
9 Months Labor Exclusive Stock	220	Tide Mill Cuts 130m @ 8\$	1040
Sam ¹ Fallows Blksmith		Logs Cost 4\$ pm	520
1 person Labor 9 Months	234	2 persons 6 Months	520
John Taylor Soap & Candlemaker		Jotham Chase Clothier	
6 Mos Labor 1 person Exclusive Stock	180	Dresses & Fulls 6000 yds Woolen	
Manner Pearson Painter & Glazier		Average value 1\$	\$6000
9 Mos Labr Exclusive Stock	270	Average Price Dressg & 22 100	1320
Dan ¹ Savage House joiner		Stock for Dying Vats	120
Labor P[er] Ann[um]	300	4 persons 8 Months	1200
Willm Elmes Painter & Glazr		Nymphas Stacey Tanner	
1 person Labor Exclusive Stock	350	Amot Stock finished for Sale	\$2350
Ignatius Harridon Cordwainer		Hides Cost 1205	
Labor P Ann 1 person	180	Skins Do 100	1380
Edmon Dana Barber		Bark & Oil 75	
1 person P Ann \$500 Reduced half	500	3 Persons 9 Mos In averaging	970
Rufus Hilton Trunk Harness & Sadler		Joseph Lowell jun. Agrist & Tanner	
Stock & Labor	\$850	value Stock wrought	\$850
Deduct stock	300	100 hides at 3.25	325
	550	100 skins @ 90	90
Repairing work	150	Bark &c	30
Labor 1 person P Ann	700	1 person 6 months	400
Isaac Decker Caulker & Agricultural Mechanic:		Joseph Lowell Tide Mill	
Labor 150 Reduced 3/4 ths	150	Saws 60m Lumber at 8\$	480
Joseph Lowell Tide Mill		Darius Wilder Blksmith	
Saws 60m Lumber @ 8 \$	[\$] 480	Works 7 Tons Iron Costs	
Logs Cost 4.50 P[er]m	270	\$110 P Ton	\$770
1 person occasionally	210	Coals	50
		Value wrought \$1550	\$830
		2 persons 11 Months	720

Willm Smith Blacksmith			Silas Chick Housewright		
Amot Labor P[er] Ann			Labor P Ann 1 Person	\$275	
Exclusive Stock	1200		Andrew Shortel ye Same	275	
2 persons 12 Months			Robert Herssey ye Same	280	990
Robert Trivet Shipwright			Walter Madigan ye Same	160	
Amot Labor @ 2 persons			Henry Dow Agricultst & Caulker		
occasionally	600		Labor Occassionally	140	
Nath. ^l Robertson Housewright &			Joseph Dow ye Same	140	280
Agricultl			About 4 Mos in a Year		
Mechanl Labor occasionally	300		Arthur Blunt Boatbuilder		
1 person			Self & 1 Boy P Ann Reduced 2/3ds	200	
[page total] \$13492			Seth Hammon Joiner Labor	120	
[page 3] Wiscasset Mechanic ^l Labor			John Edmonds Shoe & Boot Maker		
\$13492			Stock 250 Labor 250	250	
Willm Gray ye 2d Housewright			[column total] \$18762		
Labor P Ann Exclusive Stock	500		3d [page, second column]		
Henry Weed Chairmaker			Wiscasset Mechan.l Labor	18762	
Stock \$110 Labor 340	340		Ezek.l Cutter Sailmaker		
Lemuel Jordan Mast & Spar Maker			Works 400 Bolts Duck at \$2.50	100	
1 Person Labor not half Employd	200		Repairing Old Sails	250	350
Nath. ^l Ficket Shipwright			Master & 2 Prentices 4 M.os		
1 Person Labor not half Employd	200		Reduced 2 3ds		
James Gibbs Blockmaker			Seth Hobart Baker		
1 Person Annual Labor Do	300		Bakes 400 Blls flour P Ann	\$2300	
Asa Wilkins Silversmith [&] Watch Cleaner			Price for Baking 3\$ P Bll	1200	
Stock wrought	[\$] 500		Wood Cost	100	
Cost of Stock	250		it is probable the profits		1100
	250		are much greater as he Bakes		
Amot other Labor \$400 Man & BOy	650		very little by ye Barrel 3 Persons		
Zebediah Thayer Taylor			David Owen Cabinet Maker		
Yearly Amot Labor	710		Stock & Labor	\$300	
Wages paid	271		Stock of Wood 40\$ 1 Person	40	
	439			260	
Alexr Thomson Cordwainer P[er] Ann	91		Saml B. Dana Printer		
E. J. Taylor Shoe & Boot Maker			Labor & Stock P Ann	750	
Stock & Labor	1100		Stock Cost 200\$ 2 Persons	200	
Cost of Stock	500			550	
Master & Prentice 10 M.os	600		Daniel Carr Cabinet Maker		
Willm Greenleaf Hatter			Amot Stock & Work	500	
Stock & Labor 1 person	\$200		Stock Cost 100\$ 4 Persons	100	
Cost of Stock	70			400	
this manufac.y Reduced 5 6	110		W.m Bragdon House Joiner		
Caused by Importations from Boston			Labor 1 Person Excluv Stock	400	

John B. Mange Rope Line & twine Maker		
Labor & Stock	1000	
Stock Cost 450\$	<u>450</u>	
2 & 3 Persons 9 Months		550
Reduced One half --		
Sam'l Hubbard Tin Plate Workes		
Stock & Labor	400	
Deduct Stock	<u>200</u>	
1 Person 9 Months		200
John M. Brookings Boat Builder & Caulker		
Ye Amo't Labor P Ann		140
W.m Vincent Cordwainer		
Stock & Labor	260	
Stock 130\$ 1 Person 5 Mo.s	<u>130</u>	
		130
John Elliot Blockmaker		
Stock & Labor	100	
Stock 100\$ 2 Persons half employed	<u>100</u>	
		300
John Hunsey Calker 8 Months	<u>250</u>	
		[page total] \$23392

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Wiscasset Labor \$23392

Nath'l Roberts Cordwainer		
Stock & Labor P Ann	\$1500	
Costs 750\$ 3 Persons P Ann	<u>750</u>	
		750

Swett Page & Others Cordwainers		
Amo't Stock & Work	\$1500	
Deduct Stock \$750	<u>750</u>	
3 Persons 8 Months		750

Joshua Damon Cabinet Maker		
Stock & Labor	700	
Stock Cost 200. Master &	<u>200</u>	
2 Prentices 12 M.os Reduced half		500

Nehemiah James Bricklayer or Mason		
Self & 3 Boyes 7 Months		550

John Warren Blksmith		
Labor Exclusive Stock 8 M.os		150
Chan.dlr Daminon the Same 7 M.os		170
Will.m Bradley Cordwainer		
Labor 6 Months \$200 Stock \$200		200
James Harraman Butcher & Truckman.		
Master and 2 Lads		
Labor P Ann Exclusive Stock		624
Benjam Rackliff jun. Housewrt		
Labor P Ann Exclusive Stock		300
1 person		
Robert Harriden Cordwainer		
Mechanical Labor 9 Months		210
John White ye Same 7 M.os		150
Getchal & McHenry's Tide Mill		
Cuts 100m Lumber @ \$7	700	
Logs Cost 350 1 Person 9 M.os	<u>350</u>	
		350
Wiscasset		[Total] \$28096

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Wiscasset

Cord Wood for Fires of Birch		
Beach & Maple 500 Cords Exported		
Coastwise at \$2		[\$] 1000
500 Cords Hemlock Bark @ \$3 1 2		1750
10 feet in length of Ranging		
Timber at 2\$ P[er] 100 feet		200
100m Laths at 1\$ Hemlock		<u>100</u>
		\$3050

The major part of the above are bought from the Neighboring Towns of Woolwich, Dresden & Alna --

Shingles 200 average 1.25		250
Hemlock Bolts none as		
as the demand for Exportation has ceased.		3300
Pine & other Ton Timber for Exportation There is a Total cessation of Labor for these articles in my district. Thus it Appears Wiscasset has Little or no Export.		

Nature has been bountiful to make it a place of Safety for Fleets in Peace or War[.] it is 20 Miles from the Sea (on now Sheepscot [.] formerly by the natives Shipsaw River [.] noted then by them for Waterfowl at all Seasons) [.] Deep Water to the Town in no place more than One Mile & three Quarters Wide. in several Places three, four & five Miles below ye Town less than One Third of a Mile Wide. high Rocky & Bold shore [.] Navigation not impeded by the Ice. The Produce of Kennebec & its Branches is brought to Wiscasset through a passage ten Miles long & ten Miles from the Sea between Arrowsick Parkers & Jeremy Squam Islands & the Main. This Beautiful Safe Harbour can be made Impregnable at a Trifling Expence.

The manufacture of Cloth, Woolen & Leather is increasing [.] The Lumbering Business in Alna & Edgecomb is at an End and is fast decreasing in Whitfield and Jefferson [.] It is happy for the Inhabitants [.] They are Compelled to pursue that Business which is Most beneficial to the Country And Profitable to themselves. The Agriculturing Business is fast increasing, and is generally Acknowledged by those who have been Compelled to quit Lumbering and attend to their farms they are less in Debt, more Temperate & Independent and live better in their families --

Alna. Lumber for Exportation Viz. Staves 12m @6\$	\$ 72
Shingles 350m @ 1.25 +37\$ Cordwood 140 Cords @ 2\$ \$280	717
Hemlock Bark 50 Cords @ 3.50 \$175 Ranging & other timber \$225	400
	<u>\$1189</u>

Fire Wood Consumed in Alna 14 Cords P Ann to a Family
156 Families at 14 Cords 2184 Cords at 1.50 -- \$3276

Those who burn soft Wood Viz. Pine Spruce & Hemlock Consume double the Quantity and half in value [.] many near the Tide Water are compelled to it as they have Striped their lots for Rum Tea & Tobacco

The Mechanical Labor in Whitfield.

Jesse Crowel's Machine worked by a Girl 4 months in a year Spins 3 Lb Wool P day into 7. Seven knotted skeins P Lb is 21 Skeins at 4 Cents P Skein for Warp & 3 Cts for filling Average 3 1 2 C.ts P Skein is 73 1 2 C.ts P day. 16 Weeks 96 days at 73 1 2 is \$70.56.

100	
deduct Boardg at 1.33 is 21.33, leaves 51 & 23	
	100
P day ... 49.23 Machine Cash at 24\$	[\$] 49.23

Jewetts Sawmill Cuts 400m at	
5 1 2 \$ P.m	2200
Logs Cost 1100\$ 4 Persons employed	
9 Months	<u>1100</u>
	1100

James Gray & others Sawmill Cutts	
200m at 5\$	1000
Logs Cost \$500 - 2 persons 8 Months	<u>500</u>

Leonard Coopers Mill	
saws 350m Lumber @ 5\$ at	
ye Mill	1705
Logs Cost \$2.25 P.m 787.\$	
4 persons 8 Months	<u>787</u>
	963

Kings Sawmill Cuts 150m Lumber	
@ 5 1 2 \$ P.m	\$825
Logs Cost \$2.75 P.m is 412\$	
2 persons 7 Months	<u>412</u>
	413

Jared Bates Blksmith & Agricult.st	
Labor 8 Mos Exclusive Stock	250

Ben Chaney Calker & Agricult.rst Mechanl	
Labor 6 Months	150

John Chaney the Same Co	150
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Richard Coomes Tanner & Agricult.st Mechanl	
Labor 7 Mos	190

Nathanl Colby Joiner &c 8 Mos Labor	
Exclusive of Stock	200

Jerah Dow Worker in Wood & Agriculture Labor Exclu of Stock. 6 Mos	180
Joseph Fowle Cordwainer Mechanl Labor 8 Mos	100
Mark Gray Blksmith & Agricults 8 Mos Mechanl Labor	250
Marcus How Blksmith & Agricult.st 6 Mos Mechanl Labor	160
Frederick Lewis Joiner & Agricult 7 Mos Labor Exclu Stock	170
Barney Tobey Cordwainer & Agricult.rst Labor 7 Mos exclu Stock	180
Benjam Tobey ditto ditto 7 Mos ditto	230
Ezekl Totten Blksmith & Agricult.st 6 Mos Mechanl Labor	190
Will.m Avery Blksmith ditto ditto	180
Simeon Wheeler House Carpenter & Agricult. Labor 8 M.o Excluv Stock	300
Everett Ware ditto 8 M.os Mechal Labor	290
Mechanical Labor of Whitfield. Aggregate	\$6195:23

The above Mechanics are Owners of Land & Work
at the Mechanical Bussiness Occassionally.
Lumber Exported Viz.t
Shingles Made at Whitfield 500m at 8
or \$1.33 1/3 \$666 \$666
Staves 80m at 6\$. \$480 Hemlock Bark
100 Cords at \$3.50 \$350 830
Cordwood for fires 250 Cords @ 2\$
\$500 Logs 400 @ \$1 \$400 900
Ranging Timber 8m feet in length @ 2\$ P \$160
Masts & other Lumber \$300 460
\$2856

If it is expected a Return should be made of the
firewood Consumed in the five towns of My Dist-
rict it may be Said Whitfield Consumes 16 Cords
to a family 228 families 3648 Cords at \$1.25 --
4560 \$ P Ann \$4560

The Mechanical Labor in Alna

Eben.r Kimball Blksmith & Agricultur.st 6 Mos Labor Excluv of Stock	\$225
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Jeremiah Parson Esq. Sawmill Cuts 250m Lumber @ 6 1 2\$ at Mill \$1625 Logs Cost \$3.50 Pm is 875 875 3 persons 8 Month 750	
Snow Baker Millwright &c 8 Months Labor Self & Prentice Exclusive Stock 360	
James Smith Cordwainer Tanner &c 10 Months Mechanl Labor Exclu Stock 300	
John Hodgekins Tailor & Agri. - 9 Months Exclusive Stock 240	
Charles Runlet Blksmith &c Stock & Labor \$1000 Stock \$270 2 persons 11 M.os 730	
Jo Channey Calker & Agricult.st Mechanical Labor 140	
Ralph Chaney jun ditto ditto Ditto 160	
David Pottle Tanner &c 70 hides Tanned worth \$6 each 420 60 Skms tanned valued \$1.50 each \$90 90 \$510 Stock Cost 284 226	

W.m Ayer Blksmith & Agricult.st Labor 5 M.os 1 person 150	
Otis How Blksmith &c 6 M.os Mechanical Labor 160	

John Harr Tanner & Cordwainer tanning Exclusive Stock 250 2 persons Shoemaking 6 Months Exclusive Stock 312 570	
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Isaac & Tho.s Hilton Agricultur.st Saw Mill Cuts 45m Lumber @ 8\$ 360 Logs Cost 180 2 Persons 2 1 2 Mo.s 180 180	
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Jona.n Carleton Agricult.st Mill Cuts 50.m Lumber @ 6 1 2 325 Logs Cost 162 \$ 1 Person 4 Months 162 163	
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Ezekiel Averell Agricult.st Mill		Harvey Yeaton Housewright 10	
Saws 40.m P Ann @ 5 2\$	220	Mos Labor	\$150
Logs Cost	<u>110</u>	Nat Morse Do & Agri.st	200
	110		650
John Perkins Agricultst & Blksmith		Joseph West & Son Painter & Glazier	
Mechal Labor 5 M.os	130	8 M.os Labor	410
Daniel Howard Housewright Labor 12 M.os		Jotham Dunnel Agricult.st & Shipwright	
exclusive Stock	350	8 Mos Mechanl Labor	320
James Stevens & others Saw Tide Mill		Moses Plumer Housewright & Agricult.st	
Cuts 250m at \$7 1 2 P.m	\$1750	8 M.os Mechan Labor	<u>300</u>
Logs Cost 4\$ P.m \$1000 2 persons		Aggregate of the Mechanical	
10 Months	<u>1000</u>	Labor of Alna	\$9320
	750		
Daniel Carleton Clothier			
Full'd Cloth 5205 Y.ds value		Mechanical Labor in Edgecomb	
\$1.25	6506	Stephen Parsons Esq.r Clothing & Fulling Mill &	
Flannel 800 Y.ds value 56 100 P Yd		Agricul.	
\$448.		Fulls & Dresses 6000 Y.ds of all sorts	
755 Yd thin Pressed Cloth 50 100		average price 6 P yd	\$6000
\$377	<u>825</u>	Average price for fulling &	
	\$7331	Dressing	20
Average Price Dying fulling &		Cts P Yd. 3 Persons 4 1 2 M.os	1200
Dressg ye full'd		Wool Carded 6000 lb at 6 Cts.	
Cloth 20 C.ts	1041	360\$ value of	
Ditto Dressing Pressg & Dying		Wool 40 Cts lb \$2400	
Ye thin Cloth		2 persons employed 5 M.os	360
10 C.ts P Yd	<u>155</u>	Tide Sawmill cuts 150m Lumber	
	1196	at 8 1 2\$	1275
5 Persons employed 4 M.os @ 27\$		Logs Cost 5\$ pm 750\$	
Board included		1 person 9 Mos	<u>750</u>
Wool Carding Machine Cards 1220			525
lb in 6 weeks			
value 42 Cts	504	Azariah Baker Tanner &c Value	
1 Person 6 Weeks 7 Cts P lb for		Stock Tanned	1250
Carding	84	Skms, Hides & Bark Cost \$650	
Saw Mill Cuts		1 person 12 months	<u>650</u>
100m Pine Lumber at 7 1 2\$			600
30m Hemlock at 6\$	930	Levi Shattuck Tide Sawmill Saws	
Logs Cost \$465. 2 Persons		200m @ 8\$	1600
5 Mos.	<u>465</u>	Logs Cost 4.50 P.m 900\$	
	465	2 persons 10 Months Age	<u>900</u>
Simeon Somes Cordwainer			700
8 Mos Labor	\$190	Thomas Hodgedon Tide Mill Cuts	
Abr.m Walker Mason 5 Mos L[abor]	140	10m Lumber 9\$	360
	330	Logs Cost 4.50 P.m 180	
Dennis Weymouth Blksmith 8 M.os		1 person Occasionally	<u>180</u>
Labor	\$260		180
Jno Runlet Cordwa.r Do 6 Mos	120		
	380		

Saml Hutchins Cordwainer 10 M.os Labor Exclusive Stock	190	2100 Shingles Average 8 for 1:33 1 3 P.m \$2800
Joses Jennes Agricult.st & Taylor 9 Mos Labor Mechanical	230	Cordwood for fires 100 Cords at 2\$ \$800 Exported 800 Hemlock Bark 100 Cords at \$3.50 <u>Do</u> 350
John Cowley Agricult.st & Joiner Stock & Labor 8 M.os	175	3950
Eben Perkins Agricult.st & Blksmith Mechanl Labor Occasiony	150	Wood Consumed in Edgecomb 13 Cords to a family 254 Families at 13 Cord 3302 Cord at 1.35 \$1457 P Ann NB. The above Shingles are made of Logs from Kennebeck River & Cost \$700 --
Ichabod Crooker Ditto & Shipwright Mechanl Labor	200	Mechanical Labor Jefferson
Benja.n Brown Stone Cutter & Mechanl Labor 8 Mos	240	Sam.l Jackson at the head of Damarascotta pond. Fulling & Cardg. Cloth fulled & dressed 262 yds average price for fullg & Dressing 20 Cents P Yd. 525
Jordan Tarbox Boatbuilder &c Mechanl Labor 6 M.os	250	Average value of Cloth 90 100\$2365 2 persons Employed 5 Months ---
Sam Tarbox Joiner 9 M.os Mechanl Labor	235	400 Lbs Wool Carded @ 8 C.ts 320 1 person 5 M.os
Moses Wilson Blksmith &c 7 Months Mechanl Labor	170	Value of Wools Carded 12 100\$1680 Lumber Sawed 150m ?? 900 Logs Cost 3 \$ pm 450
Henry Dodge Joiner & Agricult.st 5 Mos Mechan Do	130	2 persons 6 Months 450
Dan Oaks Cordwainer 8 Months Mechanl Labor	240	Dummer Trask Fulling Mill & Carding Machine at ye outlet of Dyers Pond on Dyers River Branch of Sheepscot Viz --
John Dodge Mason & Agricult.st 6 M.os Mechanl Labor	156	4500 Lb Wool Carded @ 6 100 270 ve Carded Wool worth 42 100 1890\$
Silvester Dodge Mason & Do 6 Month Mechanl Labor	150	1 person 6 Months 2300 yds Cloth fulled & Dressed or pressed average 18 C.ts or 450 2 persons 7 Months
Samuel Dunnel Joiner &c 7 Month Do Do	170	John Safford Potter at the end of Damarcota Pond Amo.t of Pottery made 1000 in 6 Months Exclusive of Stock 1 person
Thomas Brooks Joiner &c Mechanl Labor 8 Months	200	Thomas Weeks junr Tanner & Agricults Tanns 60 hides value Tann'd 6\$ each 360 60 Skins Dr 100
Moses Greenough Blksmith 9 M.os Labor	220	160
Sam.l G. Wilson Housewright Self & Prentice 9 Months	450	Stock Cost 230
Caleb Hodgedon Boatbuilder &c Mechanl Labor 8 M.os	280	1 person 6 Months 230
One Vessel building by Stephen Parsons of about 90 tons		
One ditto by the Hodgedons Ye		
Same --	\$7401	
With the Exception of 4 or 5 of the Above Mechanics they Possess from 20 to 100 Acres of Land each and work Occassionally at the Mechan- ical Business -- Lumber Exported Vizt		

Wm Burbank Joiner & Agriculturist		Isaac Noyes Cordwainer	
Mechanical Labor 9 Mos		Occasionally	130
Exclusive Stock	<u>470</u>	Nathan Pillsbury Blksmith	
	\$3520	12 Mos Labor Exclusive Stock	500
[page 3 second column] Jefferson		Joseph Ross Tailor & Agric	
Mechanical Labor	\$3520	6 Months Labor Mechanical	180
Trasks Sawmill		Ebenr Sterns Cooper	
Cuts 120m Lumber at 5.50 at		6 Months Labor	160
Mill	660	Edwin Smith Cabinetmaker	
Logs Cost 330	<u>330</u>	Labor Exclusive Stock 12 Mos	350
1 person 7 Months	330	Josiah Wright Blksmith	
Wm Forbes Tanner & Cordwainer		1 person 7 Months	250
Labor and Tanning Excluy Stock	300	Thomas Weeks ye 2d Blksmith	
Labor Shoe Making ditto D.o	150	Occasionally	150
2 persons 8 Months		Joshua Trask Cordwainer ye Same	130
Francis Chapman Cabinet Maker		Thomas Trask ye Same	80
1 person Labor Exclusive Stock		Levi Russell ye Same	<u>150</u>
9 Mos	250		[Jefferson total] \$9833
Daniel Berry Cordwainer Occasionaly	100	Mechanical Labor of Edgecomb	\$7401
Stephen Chapman Hatter 4 Mos	100	Ditto of Alna	9820
Jn:n Chisim Agric. & Joiner		Ditto Whitfield	6195
7 Months Mechanl Labor	200	Ditto Wiscasset	<u>20096</u>
John Catland Blksmith			[aggregate total] \$61354
5 Months Labor Excluy Stock	130	Lumber made in Jefferson in addition to that	
Sam:l Avery ye Same 7 Mos	200	Sawed	
Benja Day Cordwainer Occasionaly	150	35m Staves at 6\$	\$210
David Fasset ye Same	130	Shingles 400m average \$ 1 3	533
John Furlong Tanner &c		250 Cords Wood @ 2 \$	500
Tanns 60 hides valued	\$360	Hemlock Bark 100 Cords	<u>300</u>
100 Skins \$ 166	<u>166</u>		1543
Stock Cost 263	<u>526</u>	Firewood Consumed in 243 families 20 Cords each	
1 person 6 Months	263	1860 Cords at 1.25	\$6075
Henry Fulsom Joiner		Edgecomb in addition to the Sawed	
8 Months Labor Excluy Stock	200	Lumber	\$ 3950
Lemuel Hussey ye Same 9 Mos	195	ditto Whitfield	2856
Bedfield Hopkins ye Same	240	ditto Alna	1189
Michael Joice Cooper P Ann	250	ditto Wiscasset	<u>3300</u>
Wm Linscott Joiner 10 Mos Labor	275		[aggregate including other lumber] \$74162
Elijah Linscott ye Same &c	280	fire Wood Consumed vizt	
Jeremiah Linscott ye Same &c	290	Jefferson	1860 Cords \$6075
John Noyes ye Same 9 Mos	200	Alna	2184 1.50 3276
		Whitfield	3688 1.25 4560
		Edgecomb	3302 1.35 4457
		Wiscasset	4026 2\$ 8052
		Cords	18820 26420\$

Jefferson

The Lumber of every description hauled into Jefferson at the head of Damarascotta Pond and the produce of the Neighboring Towns are not included in ye foregoing Account these Towns being out of My District --

As it Respects ye said Lumber [.] Pine Trees that will make Merchantable Boards are Scarce within ten Miles of Tide Waters it takes 4 Logs to make a thousand of Boards [.] One Tree makes Two Logs. 2 Trees to a thousand of Boards -- The price of Logs vary in proportion to the distance they are Cut from the Mill -- The price for the Saw is One Quarter [.] the Sawyer One Quarter & the Owner of the Logs half. The price of Merchantable Boards are from 5 to 8 Dollars a thousand according to the distance they are from the Tide Water -- This price is about One fifth less than the highest price they ever sold for for Cash in hand -- The less Encouragement there is to this unprofitable Business the more Assiduous will the Landholder be to improve the soil to the best advantage. Teams that were hauling Logs Six 7 or Eight Miles to a Mill that did not pay them for the Labor of hauling are now employed at the Drag & plowing ye new Lands making durable Stone fences &c. -- Agriculture & Domestic Manufactures will Soon be the Principal Objects

Objects of Pursuit in the fifth Division of this County and much increased in the neighbouring Towns as Lumber is Encumbered. With pleasure I saw in this Town on the Farm of Nathl Bryant Esqr One hundred young Cattle under four years of Age in addition to other Stock. The number of Sheep Usually Wintered in this Town by those who depend principally on Agriculture will average twenty to a Family [.] a less number than was kept in the late War. In other towns in this District fifteen Sheep Winter over to a family may be the average. -- Should the Constitution be so Altered as to Permit a General export Duty it might be applied in part as a Bounty for raising this very Usefull & profitable Animal. The export Duty on the Raw material Sheep & Lambs Wool may in Time remunerate Government for the Bounty first Bestowed.

I have now compleated my Return of the Manufacturing and Mechanical Labor. the few Manufacturers in this district are pleased with this present Business & future prospect some handicrafts excepted Vizt the Hatters, Shipwright and those Usually employed in Building [sic] & finishing a Ship--- This part of my Duty was attended with some difficulty as these Individuals generally suspected it was preparatory to Taxation. Tis impression if Removed as it Respected the General Government still the fear remained of its operating against them in the Minds of the Town Assessors and caused much prevarication--

Now a few words about myself Vizt - Respectfully I tender my service for an Under Clerk or in an office at the Disposal of some of the Heads of the Deptmt of State. My Political Principals are well known to be Republican -- for other requisite qualifications refer to Mark L. Hill, Esqr now at Washington.

This solicitation is earnestly made. any attention it may meet with will be gratefully Acknowledged By
John Langdon

