

Diary of Ebenezer Parkman, 1742

Introduction

The American Antiquarian Society acquired Ebenezer Parkman's diaries for 1736 and 1742 in 1985, some two decades after the serial publication of Parkman's diary, through 1755, in the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*. Portions of the diary for 1742 had appeared in Joseph Tracy's *History of the Great Awakening*, but the manuscript remained in private hands for another 143 years. Like Joseph Tracy, readers of the diary for 1742 will find fascinating details about the religious revivals as they affected Parkman and individuals and families in Westborough and neighboring communities. And, of course, there are many more details about the day-to-day life of Parkman's ministry, his family, his farm, and his extended networks of neighbors, parishioners, kin, and ministerial colleagues, all part of the literally hundreds individuals, some identified, others anonymous, whom he mentioned in the course of a year.

This transcription of the diary for 1742 uses the so-called "expanded" editorial method (as described in the *Harvard Guide to American History*).

The following abbreviations have been used for sources cited in the footnotes:

<i>CVR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850</i> (Boston: Wright & Potter, 1915)
<i>DYG</i>	Franklin Bowditch Dexter, <i>Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College with Annals of the College History</i> (6 vols. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1885-1912)
<i>HVR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850</i> (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1911)
<i>LVR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Leicester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i> (Worcester: Franklin P. Rice, 1903)
<i>MVR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Marlborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i> (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1908)
<i>Newbury VR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Newbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i> (Salem, MA: The Essex Institute, 1911)
<i>Northborough VR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Northborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1850</i> (Worcester; Franklin P. Rice, 1901).
<i>RVR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Rutland, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i> (Worcester: Franklin P. Rice, 1905)
<i>Sherborn VR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Sherborn, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850</i> (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1911)
<i>SHG</i>	<i>Sibley's Harvard Graduates</i> , more formally known as John Langdon Sibley and Clifford K. Shipton, <i>Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts</i> (18 vols.; Cambridge, MA, and Boston, 1873-1999). Vol. 18 is by Conrad Edick Wright and Edward W. Hanson.
<i>Shrewsbury VR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i> (Worcester: Franklin P. Rice, 1904)
<i>Southborough VR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Southborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i> (Worcester: Franklin P. Rice, 1903)
<i>WCR</i>	Westborough Church Records (Local History Room, Westborough Public Library)
<i>WVR</i>	<i>Vital Records of Westborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849</i> (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1903)

1742 January 1 (Friday). I may with the utmost reason admire and adore the infinite Patience and Long Suffering of God towards so ungrateful, vile unprofitable Worm! O may I with deep Unfeigned Repentance humble my self for the sins of my Life Past, and especially for the neglects and miscarriages of the year past; and might it please God to enable me to fix my Resolutions, touching my Conduct and future part of my Life; but in peculiar what I may be allowed of this Year! O that God might glorify himself by me; and that He would please to lay out all the Events of this year! All my Times are in his Hand; and, Lord, all my Springs are in Thee!

1742 January 2 (Saturday). Mr. Jenison¹ very ill, yet rode over to the North side to preach there.

1742 January 3 (Sunday). I preached on 1 *Thess.* 1.10. Mrs. Thurston² and Mrs. Lawrence³ dined with me.

1742 January 4 (Monday). Town Meeting. Great Disquietment in Town about Dividing the Town. William Pierce⁴ and Cornelius Biglo⁵ cutt wood for me part of the Day. Snow. Mr. Jenison was was [*sic*] very bad, much Stuffed and choaked up with his Cold.

1742 January 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Jenison went to Watertown.

1742 January 6 (Wednesday). Snowed a little. _ [No note with this mark.]

1742 January 7 (Thursday). Cold Day, but I rode over to the private meeting at Deacon Forb.⁶ and preached on Joh. 3.36. After which I had a brief Exercise of prayer and Exhortation to the society of young women. Tis agreeable to see how readily and gladly many receive the word.

1742 January 8 (Friday). [No entry.]

¹William Jenison (1707-1750), Harvard 1724, former minister of the Second or East Church of Salem, 1728-1736, sometime schoolmaster in Westborough, and occasional preacher in area churches. *SHG*, 7:371-74.

²Probably Dorothy, wife of Joseph Thurston. They were admitted to the Westborough church, Nov. 8, 1741, by dismissal from Marlborough (Dorothy) and from Medfield (Joseph); *WCR*, 61.

³Jane, wife of Benjamin Lawrence. The Lawrences were admitted into the Westborough church by dismissal from Lexington, July 3, 1737, and were dismissed to the church in Bolton, Feb. 16, 1749; *WCR*, 45, 84.

⁴William and Sarah Pierce had owned the covenant in Hopkinton (*WCR*, 32: June 24, 1733). They were admitted to the Westborough church by dismissal from the Southborough church (*WCR*, 66: June 5, 1743).

⁵Cornelius Biglo (or Biglow) was b. Nov. 20, 1710, son of Samuel and Ruth Biglo; *MVR*, 30. He married Mary Greaves, Dec. 27, 1731; *WVR*, 123.

⁶Jonathan Forbush (1709-1756) served as deacon of the Westborough church, 1738-1756.

1742 January 9 (Saturday). Mr. Richard Pattershall⁷ came -- dined with me. Cloudy, Snowy -- but by his extra Importunity I consented to undertake the difficult ride to Marlborough, Mr. Smith⁸ gone to preach at *Holden* for Mr. Varney.⁹ Lodged at Dr. Gotts.¹⁰

1742 January 10 (Sunday). Preached at Indian Land at the House that was the late Mr. Ed. Rice's,¹¹ on 1 Thess. 1.10 a. and p.m. In the Eve I preached at the Meeting House on Ps. 63.8. Lodged with Mr. Varney at Mr. *Smiths*.

1742 January 11 (Monday). Mr. Varney to Worcester. I returned home, but Mr. Pattershall was gone first.

1742 January 12 (Tuesday). A fine Day. My wife¹² rode with me to Mr. Belknaps at whose request I preached there to a considerable assembly on Isa. 55.7. Mr. *T[ilbo?]* lodged with us.

1742 January 13 (Wednesday). Snow. Mr. *[Tatlo?]* to Marlborough. The Snow Deep.

1742 January 14 (Thursday). Snowy morning -- bright p.m.

1742 January 15 (Friday). Bright. N.B. How new leathered my Pump Box.

1742 January 16 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1742 January 17 (Sunday). On Matt. 11. Luk. 19.10. Cold. Mrs. Tainter¹³ and Sarah Stretton¹⁴ dined here.

1742 January 18 (Monday). Snow. Old Mr. Graves came from William *Pierce* praying me to go to See his Child¹⁵ which was Sick but by means of the Storm I could not go. At Eve the young Men came to sing.

1742 January 19 (Tuesday). At Ensigns (I suppose *Mainards*).

⁷Richard Pateshall (1714-1768), Harvard 1735; *SHG*, 9:558-60.

⁸Aaron Smith (1713-1781), Harvard 1735, minister of Marlborough, 1740-1778; *SHG*, 9:575-78.

⁹James Varney (1706-1783), Harvard 1725, minister of Wilmington, 1733-1739; *SHG*, 7:601-02.

¹⁰Dr. Benjamin Gott of Marlborough (1706-1751) had been married to Sarah Breck (1711-1740), whose sister, Hannah, married Ebenezer Parkman, Sept. 1, 1737.

¹¹Edmond Rice died Aug. 15, 1726.

¹²Hannah (Breck) Parkman, Ebenezer Parkman's second wife. Hannah (1716-1801) was the daughter of Rev. Robert and Elizabeth Breck. Breck (1682-1731), Harvard 1700, was minister of the Marlborough church, 1704-1731; *SHG*, 4:515-18

¹³Rebecca (Harrington) Tainter, wife of Simon. They were born in Watertown. Simon was admitted to the Westborough church, Apr. 3, 1726; *WCR*, 3. Rebecca was admitted June 27, 1731, by dismissal from the Watertown church.

¹⁴Sarah Stretton may have been from Watertown (where Rebecca Tainter was born).

¹⁵Possibly William, son of William and Sarah (Whitny) Pierce, b. Dec. 31, 1741, although the Pierces had other children ranging in age up to twelve; *HVR*, 147-49.

1742 January 20 (Wednesday). Very winter like. Deep Snow and Cold Air. Transcribed a M.S. sermon of Mr. Lorings¹⁶ on 1 *Thess.* 5.19.

1742 January 21 (Thursday). [No entry.]

1742 January 22 (Friday). [No entry.]

1742 January 23 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1742 January 24 (Sunday). Luk. 19.42. Luk. 19.10.

1742 January 25 (Monday). To Grafton.

1742 January 26 (Tuesday). Catechetical Exercise to Young Women. At Eve Singing.

1742 January 27 (Wednesday). Ephraim Whitney¹⁷ and Eleazer Williams¹⁸ came and cutt wood for me a.m. but p.m. Rain and they went home.

1742 January 28 (Thursday). There being at *Leicester* very considerable awakenings among some of the people, they Sat apart this Day for Fasting and prayer for the obtaining a plentiful Effusion of the holy Spirit upon them and they having Sent for me to assist on that occasion, I went up. Mr. *Edwards*¹⁹ of Northampton there, and preached a very awakening Sermon on *Rom.* 9.22 -- *Vessels of wrath*. I preached p.m. on *Zech.* 12.10. In the Evening Mr. Hall²⁰ preached on *Isa.* 54.13. N.B. some stirrings. I lodged at Mr. Goddards²¹ with his Father.²²

1742 January 29 (Friday). Mr. Edwards preached on *Joh.* 12.32. A peculiarly moving and Useful sermon. May God bless it to me to draw my Heart Effectually to Jesus Christ by his Love, by his bitter and ignominious Sufferings on the Cross for me! I prevailed with Mr. Edwards before we went out of the pulpit, to come by divine Leave next week to Westborough. I dined at old Mr. *Southgates*.²³ I called at the Jayl to See the poor prisoner *Green*²⁴ in my Return home. Found him penitent, diligently on enquiry, Reading, Waiting on Jesus, respectfull to Ministers, and very gratefull to me for my pains with him.

¹⁶Israel Loring (1682-1772), Harvard 1701, minister of Sudbury, 1706-1772. *SHG* 5:75-83.

¹⁷Ephraim, son of Nathaniel and Mary Whitney, b. July 2, 1722 (*WVR*, 107).

¹⁸Eleazer, son of Samuel and Abigail Williams, b. Jan. 5, 1721; *Sherborn VR*, 95. Samuel and Abigail Williams were admitted to the Westborough church, May 30, 1742; *WCR*, 62.

¹⁹Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758), Yale 1720, minister of Northampton, 1727-1750, Stockbridge, 1751-1758; President of the College of New Jersey, 1758; *DYG*, 1:218-26.

²⁰David Hall (1704-1789), Harvard 1724, minister of Sutton, 1729-1789. *SHG* 7:345-56.

²¹David Goddard (1706-1754), Harvard 1731, minister of Leicester, 1736-1754; *SHG*, 40-43.

²²Edward Goddard of Framingham.

²³Possibly Richard Southgate (d. Apr. 23, 1758, a. 88; *LVR*, 275).

²⁴Jabez Green was later convicted and executed for murder; see Sept. 24 and Oct. 21.

1742 January 30 (Saturday). Cold Winds.

1742 January 31 (Sunday). Probably on Luk. 16.23. (I say probably for I wrote this some while after.) I can't help remarking what a wonderful Time was now appearing. For there are great Movings upon the Hearts of the people of the Country, in one part thereof and another. O that I and mine might be stirred up earnestly and seasonably to put in for a Share! The Lord grant us His Mercy and let us not be left behind!

1742 February 1 (Monday). It was a rainy Day, but I rode to *Grafton* and *Sutton*. Mr. *Prentice*²⁵ though his Child was very ill, yet was gone up to *Sutton*. In going from Deacon Halls²⁶ in Sutton in order to find Brother *Hicks's*²⁷ I wandered fruitlessly; for though I found the House they had dwelt in yet they having removed to their own House lately (which I was not informed of) I missed of them and struck across the woods to the Road up to Town. Mr. Edwards was come from Leicester. Mr. Webb²⁸ of Uxbridge and Mr. John Fairfield²⁹ there. Mr. Edwards to a large Assembly on Ps. 18.35. At Eve in a very rainy, stormy Time I preached to a Considerable Assembly on Ps. 68.8. I lodged at Mr. *Halls*. Religion has been of late very much revived in *Sutton*, and a general Concern about their souls.

1742 February 2 (Tuesday). Rainy morning. Mr. Edwards utterly denied going out in the Storm. I resigned and took Leave. Mr. Edwards coming to the Door and seeing it began to clear up he put on Resolution and came with me to Westborough. Here were Mr. Cushing,³⁰ Mr. Stone,³¹ Mr. Smith, Capt. Williams,³² Dr. Gott and Mr. Daniel Barns,³³ who dined with me. Mr. Edwards preached to a great Congregation on Joh. 12.32. And at Eve at my House on Gen. 19.17. N.B. Mr. James Fay³⁴ was greatly wrought on by the sermon on Joh. 12.32. So were Samuel Allen³⁵ and Ezekiel Dodge,³⁶ who manifested it to me: and doubtless multitudes besides were so, *Deo Opt. Max. Gloria*.

1742 February 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Edwards returned upon his journey. My wife and I accompanied him to *Shrewsbury* to Mr. Cushings, where we parted. I afterwards heard that he

²⁵Solomon Prentice (1705-1773), Harvard 1727, minister of Grafton, 1731-1747, Easton, 1747-1755, and Hull, 1768-1772. *SHG*, 8:248-57.

²⁶Percival Hall of Sutton.

²⁷John Hicks was Parkman's brother-in-law, having mar. Rebecca Champney, sister of Parkman's first wife, Mary (or Molly) Champney, May 8, 1721; *CVR*, 2:71.

²⁸Nathan Webb (1705-1772), Harvard 1725, minister of Uxbridge, 1731-1772; *SHG*, 7:617-19.

²⁹Possibly John Fairfield (1712-c. 1767), Harvard 1732; *SHG*, 9:150.

³⁰Job Cushing (1694-1760), Harvard 1714, minister of Shrewsbury, 1723-1760. *SHG* 6:45-46.

³¹Nathan Stone (1708-1781), Harvard 1726, minister of Southborough, 1730-1781. *SHG* 8:99-105.

³²Abraham Williams (1695-1781) of Marlborough.

³³Daniel Barns of Marlborough.

³⁴James Fay later attended separatist meetings in Grafton. When he sought a dismissal to Hardwick in 1747, he acknowledged his disorderly conduct; *WCR*, 80. (Aug. 17, 1747). On the Fay family, see particularly Douglas L. Winiarski, *Darkness Falls on the Land of Light: Experiencing Religious Awakenings in Eighteenth-Century New England* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina press, 2017), 374-80, 386, 403.

³⁵Samuel, son of Ephraim and Susanna Allen, b. Sept. 7, 1720; *WVR*, 10.

³⁶Ezekiel Dodge (1723-1770), Harvard 1749, minister at Abington, 1750-1770; *SHG*, 12:367-69.

preached at Worcester. We dined at Mr. Cushings and at returning home we called at *Bezaleel Eagers*,³⁷ with whose wife,³⁸ mine was School mate. Fine Day.

1742 February 4 (Thursday). Rain.

1742 February 5 (Friday). High Winds and very Cold.

1742 February 6 (Saturday). Mr. James Fay (who thinks he Sees Things in a New Light and that he is now Converted) was here to see me, and discourse with me.

1742 February 7 (Sunday). On Luk. 19.10 a. and p.m. Hope there was Some good Effect. Deo Laudas! Mrs. *Walker*³⁹ and Mrs. *Joslin*,⁴⁰ Two gracious women dined here. Raw Cold.

1742 February 8 (Monday). A great Storm of Snow -- Winds high and Cold, and we almost wholly out of wood. Ensign Mainard here very kindly Twice to look after us. Could not go to the Exercise publickly appointed to be at Mr. James Fays at 6 o'Clock this Evening.

1742 February 9 (Tuesday). Ensign Team and another Team partly mine partly Neighbour Chamberlains going to Day. Neighbour J. Rogers,⁴¹ Stephen Mainard,⁴² Ebenezer Mainard,⁴³ Noah How,⁴⁴ Samuel Bumpso,⁴⁵ Thomas Winchester⁴⁶ and Moses Pratt⁴⁷ cutting and sledding wood. P.M. came Neighbour *Jedidiah How* and *Seth Rice*.⁴⁸ N.B. Mr. James Fay came for me to go and see *Isaiah Pratt*⁴⁹ who lay in a Strange Condition at his House -- not having Spoke nor been sensible ever since nine o'Clock last night. I went to him and seeing him lye so insensible,

³⁷Bezaleel Eager, born Dec. 2, 1713 (*MVR*, 65); died Oct. 31, 1787 (*Northborough VR*, 133).

³⁸Persis, wife of Bezeleel Eager, d. Oct. 1, 1768 (*ibid.*, 133).

³⁹Mary, wife of Josiah Walker, joined the church, Mar. 26, 1727; *WCR*, 5 (she was then the wife of Isaac Shattuck).

⁴⁰Katharine, wife of Joseph Joslin, joined the Westborough church and her husband owned the covenant, Jan. 29, 1727 (*WCR*, 5).

⁴¹John Rogers owned the covenant, May 25, 1740; *WCR*, 56. His wife Susanna died Apr. 2, 1740 (*WVR*, 252). He died Oct. 11, 1756 (Parkman diary).

⁴²Stephen, son of John Maynard, Jr., was bapt. Nov. 20, 1720 (*MVR* 124).

⁴³Ebenezer, son of David and Hannah Maynard, b. May 18, 1716 (*MVR*, 125).

⁴⁴Noah, son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth How, b. Sept. 8, 1721 (*MVR*, 105).

⁴⁵Samuel Bumpso or Bumso, described by Parkman as "Indian" (Feb. 11, 1736), worked occasionally for Parkman. He died in 1756 or earlier, as his estate was probated in 1756; *Index to the Probate Records of the County of Worcester, Massachusetts, from July 12, 1731, to July 1, 1881, Series A* (Worcester: Oliver B. Wood, 1898), Case 8935. There was a vendue (i.e., auction) to sell thirty-six and a half acres of land in Natick, "late Estate of Samuel Tobumso, late of Westborough, deceased"; *Boston Evening-Post*, Oct., 23, 1758.

⁴⁶Thomas Winchester was the son of Benjamin Winchester and his first wife, Prudence (May). Benjamin Winchester's second wife was Elizabeth Chamberlain, widow of John Chamberlain, daughter of Joseph Champney, and sister of Parkman's first wife, Mary Champney. Thomas Winchester worked for Parkman over several years before marrying Mary Pratt of Grafton (Nov. 24, 1748; *WVR*, 222). He and his wife moved to Hardwick.

⁴⁷Moses, son of Isaac and Eunice Pratt, b. Oct. 7, 1723 (*WVR*, 85).

⁴⁸Seth, son of Edmond and Ruth Rice, b. Oct. 1, 1705 (*MVR*, 105); mar. Dorothy Robinson, Dec. 22, 1727 (*WVR*, 201).

⁴⁹Isaiah, son of John and Bathshebah Pratt, b. Feb. 14, 1723 (*WVR*, 85).

and his pulse *exceeding Slow* I advised them to send for Dr. Gott to bleed him, but sitting by him and rousing him by Degrees he came *to*. Many were present and were astonished. When he regained his senses he Said he had not been to Sleep; had seen Hell and had seen Christ; and said Christ told him his name was in the Book of Life etc. When he had taken some Slender Food he yet further revived and Spake more freely. We gave Thanks and prayed and I gave some Exhortation. N.B. One of the Deacons of the Church was there who took me aside to lament to me his Dullness and backwardness in the Things of God. These Things are now (blessed be God) more frequent which heretofore were very rare. May God increase them and furnish me abundantly for His Work in every part of it!

1742 February 10 (Wednesday). By agreement with Mr. Cushing this Day was kept in a Religious Manner at my House (as a Time of Humiliation and Supplication) but as privately as we could: and I Sent Letters last week to the neighbouring ministers to Join with us in it that we might united implore Divine Direction in such an Extraordinary Day as this is, and that we might obtain the Out pouring of God's Spirit upon us and our respective Charges -- but none came but Mr. Cushing. Mr. Cushing prayed. I read a paper which I had drawn up on this Occasion and read Mr. Reynolds of Zeal⁵⁰ -- and Mr. Lorings sermon on 1 Thess. 5.19.

1742 February 11 (Thursday). Brother Hicks and his son here, upon their Journey to Cambridge. Capt. Goddard⁵¹ also here. Mrs. Pratt with her son were here according to my appointment to acquaint me further with what he had Seen, or apprehended he saw, in the Time of his Trance, or reverie t'other Night. He having informed me of his Seeing (as he thought) the Devil who met him as he seemed to be in the way towards Heaven and told him that there was no room for him there; of his seeing Hell and hearing the most dreadful noise of roaring and crying; his seeing Heaven So wondrously happy a place as nobody could tell but those that were there; and Christ, who looked more pleasant than ever he had seen any man, and who had a great Book before him, and in turning over the Leaves of it told him that his name was there, and shewed it him; and that he had seen a great many more Things which were such Great Things that he could not Speak of them. I told him that these Things were not to be depended upon but that the Apostle *Peter* has cautioned us, saying that we have a more sure word of prophecy to which we should do well to take heed etc. I endeavoured further to instruct, direct and Comfort him and to lay the Charges of God upon him. P.M. I preached at Mr. *James Fay's* on Luk. 19.9 to a great multitude -- and it pleased God to give it some success. As soon as the Exercise was over Deacon Fay⁵² broke forth with a loud noise, with Tears of Joy and blessed God he saw this Day etc.: desiring that I would in due Time have an Exercise at his House -- and bore a Message from his Brother, old Mr. Samuel Fay⁵³ that I would have one at his also --

⁵⁰John Reynolds (1667-1727), *Zeal a virtue: or, A discourse concerning sacred zeal* (London: Printed for John Clark, and sold by Thomas Gittens and John Rogers, 1716).

⁵¹Capt. Edward Goddard of Framingham.

⁵²John Fay (1669-1748) was among the first inhabitants of Westborough whom Parkman listed on the flyleaf of the church records; he was among thirteen men, including Parkman, who signed the church's covenant, Oct, 28, 1724; WCR, 377-79. He was elected deacon, Oct. 12, 1727, and accepted that office on Jan. 7, 1728; WCR, 8, 10.

⁵³Samuel, son of John and Mary Fay, b. Oct. 11, 1673 (*MVR*, 70).

which it was a chearful thing to hear, considering his Temper and Conduct for some years past. The rest of the people Seemed so inclined to religious Matters that they did not freely go away. Many tarried to discourse of the Affairs of their Souls and hear of the Experiences of one another. Ex. gr. Deacon Fays, Mr. *James Fays*, Mr. *Merriams* (of Grafton), Lieut. *Tainters*⁵⁴ etc. At Eve several young men here to be instructed in singing.

1742 February 12 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Stephen Fay⁵⁵ was here in great Distress concerning his Spiritual state fearing that all he had done in Religion was only to still Conscience. I directed him to read what was most awakening still and most Searching; and particularly Mr. Alliens Alarm⁵⁶ and Meads Almost Christian.⁵⁷ Mr. John Fairfield came from Smithfield and lodged here.

1742 February 13 (Saturday). Mr. Fairfield went on his Journey towards Wenham.

1742 February 14 (Sunday). Mat. 11.7 to 11. Eccl. 8.11. Mrs. Thurston and Mrs. Harrington dined here. Snowy Day. N.B. Mr. Jenison preaches again on the Northside.

1742 February 15 (Monday). A great Storm of Snow. Storm very great. Snow very Deep. Town Meeting to divide the Town fell through for want of the North Constables warrant. Mr. Jenison came to lodge again at my House.

1742 February 16 (Tuesday). Somewhat Clear -- Some stirring with Horses and Racketts.⁵⁸

1742 February 17 (Wednesday). School again at Mr. Chamberlains.

1742 February 18 (Thursday). Mr. Dickinsons five Discourses on the Decrees etc.

1742 February 19 (Friday). [No entry.]

1742 February 20 (Saturday). Took a grievous Cold in the Afternoon by Shaving my Head somewhat too high. I know of no other Method whereby I was exposed. Mr. *Jenison* was at great Pains to go over to the North side upon Racketts leaving the School for to Day wholly to my Ebenezer.⁵⁹

⁵⁴Simon Tainter (1694-1767) was admitted to the church, Apr. 3, 1726, and was elected deacon, Jan. 16, 1757; WCR, 3, 106-07.

⁵⁵Stephen, son of John and Elizabeth Fay, b. May 5, 1715 (WVR, 42); mar. Ruth Child, Mar. 7, 1734 (WVR, 150).

⁵⁶Joseph Alleine (1634-1668), *An Alarm to Unconverted Sinners* (Boston, 1703).

⁵⁷Matthew Mead, *The Almost Christian Discovered: or, the False Professor Tryed and Cast* (Boston, 1730; 1742).

⁵⁸Snowshoes.

⁵⁹Ebenezer Parkman, Jr., son of Ebenezer and Mary (Champney) Parkman, b. Aug. 20, 1727.

1742 February 21 (Sunday). It Snowed last night pritty much, and to Day it continued. There came no more to meeting than could very well gather into my House, and chiefly into my Kitchin. I was also so indisposed with my cold, and the stirring in the Snow was so very difficult that I Should not have gone out. I repeated Sermon on Act. 3.19 from Mat. 18.3 and performed all the Exercises in my own House. Benjamin Warrin (who sat the Psalm) dined with me. N.B. Capt. Merrick⁶⁰ of Boston and his Brother⁶¹ of Lambstown⁶² and Mr. Samuel Robinson⁶³ of the same Place were here at Meeting, as they were upon their Journey to Lambstown.

1742 February 22 (Monday). Mr. Jennison returned -- informed that they had no meeting on the North Side, nor did he preach. *Jonathan Green*⁶⁴ here with a Message from Mr. *McAllister*⁶⁵ who lay bad with the Rheumatism that I would go over and see him but my own illness was so great that I could but little more than go about House. The Snow is likewise so very deep that were I well it would be impracticable to get to him unless upon Racketts. No School to Day.

1742 February 23 (Tuesday). Brother Hicks and his son John,⁶⁶ who had been gone almost a fortnight, returned from Cambridge. At Eve Capt. Fay⁶⁷ and Two of his sons, and others were here -- having rid over to break the way and make a Path.

1742 February 24 (Wednesday). Brother Hicks and his Son went home. Pleasant Weather but difficult stirring.

1742 February 25 (Thursday). Cold. Ensign Maynard⁶⁸ to Boston with Several Affairs of mine committed to him because I am so confined my self: my Cold, sore Throat etc. being very bad yet; so that I cannot go to Boston. Particularly sent to Brother William Parkman etc.

1742 February 26 (Friday). Thomas Winchester thrashed Barley. My son Thomas⁶⁹ went to Mr. Johnsons Mill and by his being belated he got no farther back than Mr. Amsdens and lodged there. We not knowing what had befallen him sent Mr. Smith (a Taylor) and Thomas Winchester for him: but they returned without him. We reposed in Gods Providence.

⁶⁰Capt. Merrick of Boston.

⁶¹Possibly Constant Merrick of Hardwick (c. 1701-1792), son of Nathaniel Merrick (1673-1748).

⁶²Hardwick, Massachusetts, was formerly Lambstown plantation.

⁶³Samuel Robinson (1670-1767) was born in Cambridge, moved to Hardwick, and was a founder of Bennington, VT, where he died.

⁶⁴Jonathan Green, possibly a son of Joseph Green (d. Sept. 2, 1758).

⁶⁵John McAllister (also spelled in the records as McCollister) and his first wife Jennet had their son Charles baptized, Nov. 29, 1724 (WCR, 1), with the church records noting "recommended to us from Stow." Although there is no record that he joined the church, he may have been regarded as a half-way member. Thus, when five members of the church asked to be dismissed to join the new church in the north precinct (later Northborough), Parkman noted "the Desire of John McAllister to have a Certificat," May 4, 1746 (WCR, 74-75). Parkman noted McAllister's death in Northborough, Mar. 5, 1769, "Above 90."

⁶⁶John, son of John and Rebecca (Champney) Hicks, b. May 23, 1725 (*Cambridge VR*, 1:349).

⁶⁷Benjamin Fay (1712-1777).

⁶⁸Ensign Stephen Maynard.

⁶⁹Thomas Parkman, son of Ebenezer and Mary Parkman, b. July 3, 1729 (*WVR*, 83).

1742 February 27 (Saturday). Thomme returned and gave us account of his ill Success in returning, but Mr. Amsdens kindness in entertaining him. Thomas Winchester thrashed.

1742 February 28 (Sunday). I was Still So infirm and the Weather So cold that I preached again in my own House. Text Mat. 11.12 a. and p.m. Mr. Winchester⁷⁰ dined here. Some Number of the Members of the Church requested that Considering that it was so Extraordinary a Time of Gods Grace, the Church would observe a Day of Fasting and Humilliation. I therefore laid it before the Brethren present and they universally came into it. N.B. not being able to visit Mr. *McAllister* yet, I prevailed with Mr. Jenison to go after the Exercises on the North side were finished.

1742 March 1 (Monday). I ventured out to pray with the Town at their Annual Meeting. A Sorrowful Striving in the Town for Some Time, till the North and the South overcame the Middle and carried all before them. N.B. Settled with Deacon Newton.⁷¹ Thomas Winchester cleared up Nine Bushels Barley. N.B. Conversation with Lieutenant Holloway⁷² respecting Mr. Bliss's⁷³ preaching at his house.

1742 March 2 (Tuesday). Message from Shrewsbury concerning their Fast. Brother Hicks lodged here. N.B. Mr. James Fays wife⁷⁴ and Cousen Winchester,⁷⁵ distressed in Soul, request my Direction.

1742 March 3 (Wednesday). David Baverick began to make a Press for Goods.

1742 March 4 (Thursday). Mr. Jenison and my wife went with me to private Meeting at Deacon Newtons. I (at the Speciall Request of Two Deacons Forb. and Newton in the Name of Many others made known to me last Monday) repeated the Same sermon which I preached last Sabbath. David worked a.m. Letter from Mr. Oliver Ward⁷⁶ of Coventry touching the work of God there and his hearty Concern for us at Westborough.

⁷⁰Benjamin Winchester.

⁷¹Josiah Newton (1688-1755) joined the Westborough church, Apr. 4, 1725 (WCR, 2). He was elected deacon, Aug. 18, 1737, but declined, Mar. 2, 1738. After another vote, June 8, 1738, he accepted (WCR, 45-46, 47, 49-50).

⁷²Lt. William Holloway (d. Jan. 6, 1760, a. 70 y., 6 m., 21 d.; *NVR*, 139) of the north side (later Northborough) of Westborough.

⁷³Daniel Bliss (1715-1764), Harvard 1732, minister at Concord, 1740-1764; *SHG*, 9:130-38.

⁷⁴Lydia (Child) Fay (1706-1777) and her husband James were admitted to the Westborough church, July 7, 1728 (WCR, 15).

⁷⁵Benjamin Winchester.

⁷⁶Oliver Ward's four daughters, Deborah, Sara, Hannah, and Submit, owned the covenant and were baptized, May 5, 1734 (WCR, 34). Parkman later noted, "N.B. Lieut. *Drury* had been up in to *Connecticut* and cast Mr. *Oliver Ward* into *Windham Goal*" (Oct. 28, 1736).

1742 March 5 (Friday). David at work till Evening. Letter from Mr. Bliss of *Concord* by Thomas Billings.⁷⁷ Settled with the Constable.

1742 March 6 (Saturday). David finished and went off at 3 or 4 p.m. Mr. Jenison to the North side.

1742 March 7 (Sunday). On Phil. 3.8. Deacon Forb. and Mr. Bradish dined here. Mr. Jenison at Night. We both of us publicly notified our respective assemblies of the Fast and of the Communion.

1742 March 8 (Monday). Mr. *Pattershal* here. My wife to Marlborough. N.B. I was to have preached this Eve to young women but the Weather was So cold and I so infirm that I could not go, but Sent 'em word by *Ebenezer*. Young Men Sing at Eve.

1742 March 9 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Pattershall informs me of Mr. *Croswells*⁷⁸ irregular Zeal at Charlestown. Mr. *Pattershall* returned to Cambridge. P.M. Brother Samuel Breck⁷⁹ here from Springfield. N.B. his Message from Brother *Breck*⁸⁰ respecting Mr. *Buel*.⁸¹ He proceeded to Marlborough.

1742 March 10 (Wednesday). Fast at Shrewsbury. A.M. Mr. Hall on Luk. 13.24. P.M. Mr. Prentice⁸² of Lancaster prayed and I preached on Luk. 13.10. Mr. Jenison and I returned at Eve. Mr. James Fay in Company. We called at Mr. Eagers and to see the widow Hannah Rice⁸³ sick at her son *Seths*.

1742 March 11 (Thursday). Fast in this place on account of the Extraordinary Dispensations of God's Grace in the Land, that we might on the one Hand implore the Gift of the holy Spirit and Divine Direction that we be not carryed away by the many Snares, Temptations and Delusions to which we are greatly exposed. Mr. Stone preached a.m. on *Jonah* 1.6. Mr. Cushing prayed p.m. and Mr. Hall on Act. 13.40.41. O may we not go without a special Blessing! May God please to humble us and awaken and Sanctifie both us and our Children!

1742 March 12 (Friday). Mr. Hall returned. The House for the School the remaining two Days being denyed Mr. Jenison taught my Children at my House.

⁷⁷Thomas Billings of the north part of Westborough.

⁷⁸Andrew Crosswell 1709-1785), Harvard 1728, minister of Ledyard, Connecticut (Second Church in Groton), 1736-1746; School Street or Eleventh Congregational Church, Boston, 1748-1785; *SHG*, 8:386-407.

⁷⁹Parkman's brother-in-law, Samuel Breck (1723-1764), Harvard 1742; *SHG*, 11:131-32.

⁸⁰Parkman's brother-in-law, Robert Breck, Jr. (1713-1784), Harvard 1730, minister of Springfield, 1736-1784; *SHG* 8:661-80.

⁸¹Samuel Buell (1716-1798), Yale 1741, ordained as a minister-at-large, 1742; itinerant, 1742-1745; minister at East Hampton, Long Island, 1746-1798; *DYG*, 1:664-69.

⁸²John Prentice (1682-1748), Harvard 1700, minister of Lancaster, 1708-1748. *SHG* 4:529-32.

⁸³Hannah (Brewer) Rice, second wife of Edmond; he died Aug. 15, 1726 (Parkman diary).

1742 March 13 (Saturday). Mr. Jenison left us to go over to the North side for the School as well as preaching.

1742 March 14 (Sunday). On 1 Cor. 11.29, 2 Cor. 6.2. Deacon Fay and Mrs. Mary Steward⁸⁴ dined here.

1742 March 15 (Monday). Very Cold Day. Yet I rode to Mr. Charles Rice's⁸⁵ and preached to the Society of young women, on Ps. 119.59. N.B. Ebenezer went to Board at Lieutenant Holloways.

1742 March 16 (Tuesday). Read Mr. Callenders History of Rhode Island. P.M. Benjamin Warrin, in many Spiritual Conflicts, here with me and Spent Several Hours in agreeable Conference.

1742 March 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Joslin⁸⁶ and Mr. Eliphalet Adams cutting wood for me. Neighbour *Jeduthun Fay*⁸⁷ requests I would preach to his Father. Dr. *Gott*, in Concern about his Spiritual State and about the Kingdom of God, made me a Visit. N.B. Coll. *Prescott* came home lately from *Jamaica*.

1742 March 18 (Thursday). I rode over to the North Side. Visited Mr. McAllister in his Pains. Dined at Mr. Townsends. At Eve Brother Samuel Breck at my House. Neighbour James Fay.

1742 March 19 (Friday). Br. S. went off for Springfield. A Message by Thomas *Winchester* that Mr. *Buel* was to preach this afternoon at Grafton,⁸⁸ but I could not attend it being Friday in which I was strictly Engaged.

1742 March 20 (Saturday). Rainy. Mr. *Buel* and Three young Men with him here. I found him willing to Submitt to any Examinations concerning his Doctrines, or Opinions, or Life; where upon I made several Enquirys to which he made ready Answers and told me he had made up with Mr. Noyes⁸⁹ at New Haven above a month after Commencement and was Examined and licenced by the Ministers of that Association to preach. I urged him to preach, but he said he was under such obligations to preach at Concord that he must proceed thither. After Dinner they all sett off in the Rain and the Roads very bad. N.B. I had received an Excellent as long Letter from Mrs. *Pierpoint*,⁹⁰ by which also I pleaded with him to stay, but in vain.

⁸⁴Mary Stewart, dau. of Allixander and Deborah Stewart [*sic*], b. Feb.13, 1689 (MVR, 172); she died Nov., 6, 1773, "Aetatis 85" (Parkman diary, Nov. 6, 8, 1773)

⁸⁵When Charles Rice died in Brookfield, May 3, 1773, Parkman described him as the oldest male member of the church (Parkman diary, May 7, 1773). Parkman listed him among the "first Inhabitants of Westborough" on the flyleaf of the church records. He and his wife Rachel were admitted to the church on Aug. 24, 1729 (WCR, 20).

⁸⁶Joseph Joslin (d. May 27, 1761) owned the covenant, Jan. 29, 1727, and his wife Katharine was admitted to full communion (WCR, 5.)

⁸⁷Jeduthun Fay (1708-1786), son of Samuel (see Mar. 25).

⁸⁸Solomon Prentice (1705-1773), Harvard 1727, minister of Grafton; *SHG* 8:248-57.

⁸⁹Joseph Noyes (1688-1761), Yale 1709, minister of New Haven, 1715-1761; *DYG*, 1:85-89.

⁹⁰Sarah (Breck) Pierpont, daughter of Nathaniel and Martha Breck and wife of James Pierpont (1699-1776), Yale class of 1718. Ebenezer Parkman and Hannah Breck were married at the Pierponts' home in Boston

1742 March 21 (Sunday). On 2 Cor. 6.2. Mrs. Walker dined with us. I hope there was Some Good success of the word to Day through the Blessing of God. O may it prove an accepted Time and a Day of Salvation to us all!

1742 March 22 (Monday). Catechized Boys a.m. at the Meeting House. P.M. the Girls at my own House. Thomas Winchester trimming my Apple Trees.

1742 March 23 (Tuesday). Thomas Winchester Sledding Stones and trimming Trees. P.M. Catechetical Exercise with the young women. I preached on Joh. 13.17. At Ensign Maynards at Evening to remove his stumbling at my Slippers.

1742 March 24 (Wednesday). Fast at Southborough. Mr. Stone prayed and I preached on Mat. 11.12. P.M. Mr. Barrett⁹¹ prayed and Mr. Loring preached on Rev. 3.20. I returned at Eve though rainy.

1742 March 25 (Thursday). John Mayhew here. I preached at Old Mr. Samuel Fays⁹² on 1 Thess. 1.10. Visited Abner Newton.⁹³ Capt. Eager⁹⁴ here at Eve.

1742 March 26 (Friday). [No entry.]

where Hannah lived after the death of her parents. The Pierponts moved to New Haven, where they became leading New Lights. The Parkman Family Papers at the American Antiquarian Society include "Memoirs of Mrs Sarah Pierpoint" (Box 2). After Sarah's death, James Pierpont (whose sister Sarah married Jonathan Edwards) brought her "private Papers" to Parkman along with a draft of her life and character by the Rev. Jacob Johnson of the second church in Groton CT (Ledyard). He asked Parkman to review the draft and her diaries and, if Parkman thought it would be "for the Divine Glory and for the Service of the Christian World to publish Memories of her, to prepare them accordingly." Parkman accepted the papers, but, as he wrote, "under my present Circumstances, can't give him Encouragement that I will do it" (Oct. 24, 1756). Over the next year Parkman spent many evening reading through Sarah Pierpont's diaries, but there is no indication that he read Johnson's draft or wrote anything of his own despite having been urged to do so by Jonathan Edwards (Oct. 26, 1756). Finally, in mid-1760, Pierpont asked Parkman to return Sarah's diary (May 7, 1760). Thus, the manuscript memoirs of Sarah Pierpont that are attributed to Parkman may be Johnson's draft.

⁹¹Samuel Barrett (1700-1772), Harvard 1721, minister of Hopkinton, 1724-1772. *SHG* 6:428-32.

⁹²Parkman listed Samuel Fay (1673-1761) among the first inhabitants of Westborough (WCR, flyleaf). Fay was a member of the Marlborough church, but declined to attend the Westborough church, which expressed its concern about the "Conduct of Mr. *Samuel Fay* in keeping from our Communion himself, and with holding his Wife therefrom also, altho he had permitted her to bind herself thereto by Solemn Covenant"; WCR, 49 (June 8, 1738). The church accepted his acknowledgment of his offense "in hindering his Wife from coming to our Communion"; WCR, 53 (Dec. 17, 1738). At the same time, it confirmed its earlier and rather ineffectual decision that, lacking "Suitable Satisfaction...respecting his Conduct," Parkman was to bar Fay from communion if Fay were to offer himself; WCR, 52-53 (Oct. 19, 1738).

⁹³Abner Newton (708-1750) and his wife Vashti confessed the sin of fornication and owned the covenant; WCR, 33 (Feb. 3, 1734). Vashti joined the church, Feb. 22, 1736; WCR, 39.

⁹⁴James Eager was b. Sept. 21, 1686, in Marlborough (*Marlborough Vital Records*, 65; d. June 7, 1755, in Northborough (*NVR*, 133).

1742 March 27 (Saturday). Received a Message from Lieutenant Holloways that last Eve Ebenezer Shooting off a little Musket at a Partridge was in utmost Danger by the Gun's bursting. The praise to God for such a Deliverance. Let his Life be to God! N.B. Mr. James Fay and Mr. Francis Whipple⁹⁵ here. P.M. a great Deal of Discourse concerning the Assurance of every new Convert.

1742 March 28 (Sunday). On 2 Cor. 6.2 and repeat Phil. 3.8 to 11.

1742 March 29 (Monday). I rode down with my Daughter Molly⁹⁶ to Marlborough, dined and left her at Dr. Gotts. One Mr. *Love* my Company from the Red Horse. Mr. Prentice of Lancaster rode with us over the New Bridge. I went to Mr. Williams⁹⁷ of Weston. At Waltham I called at Mr. Harringtons for Oats, and there Mr. Warham Williams⁹⁸ was engaged in an Exercise. He preached on Joh. 5.42. Mr. Solomon Prentice was also present. N.B. We lodged at that Tavern. N.B. The world full of Mr. *Buels* preaching at *Concord*. In the Judgment of Some, Great success: In the Judgment of others great Confusion.

1742 March 30 (Tuesday). Broke fast at Mr. Warham Williams. N.B. Mr. Williams going (with Mr. Appleton⁹⁹ and Mr. Peabody¹⁰⁰) to a Fast to Morrow at *Bedford* on account of the Troubles there relating to Mr. Bows's Conduct among them. I proceeded to Cambridge. Dined at F. Champneys.¹⁰¹ Visited Mr. Appleton. N.B. Various Accounts from Ipswich of the State of Religion there: the people greatly enlivened and awakened there. At Evening I was at Charlestown. Mr. *Buel* preached on Gen. 6.3. N.B. Mr. Crowell lyes Sick at Charlestown after Zealous preaching there for some time. At 10 o'Clock I went over (the Boats deeply loaded like Commencement) to Boston. At Kinsman Elias's were Mr. Eleazer Williams's (of Roxbury) wife and Two Daughters greatly enlivened in Religion.

1742 March 31 (Wednesday). Dined at Brother Alexanders.¹⁰² Mr. *Walker*¹⁰³ (his Father in Law) very low and in a dangerous State. At Eve I went over to Charlestown again and heard Mr. *Buel* on Mat. 9.12. Returned in a loaded Boat and Lodged at Brother Parkman's.

⁹⁵Francis Whipple and his wife Abigail joined the Westborough church by dismissal from the Third Church in Ipswich, Jan. 6, 1734 (WCR, 33).

⁹⁶Mary (or Molly), dau. of Ebenezer and Mary (Champney) Parkman, b. on Sept. 14, 1725; *WVR*, 82.

⁹⁷William Williams, Jr. (1688-1760), Harvard 1705, minister of Weston, 1709-1750. *SHG* 5:295-300.

⁹⁸Warham Williams (1699-1751), Harvard 1719, minister at Waltham, 1723-1751; *SHG*, 6:361-64.

⁹⁹Nathaniel Appleton (1693-1784), Harvard 1712, minister of Cambridge, 1717-1784; *SHG* 5:599-609.

¹⁰⁰Oliver Peabody (1698-1752), Harvard 1721, minister at Natick Indian Church, 1721-1729; Natick First Congregational Church, 1729-1752; *SHG*, 6:529-34.

¹⁰¹Samuel Champney was the father of Parkman's first wife, Mary or Molly.

¹⁰²Alexander Parkman (1699-1748).

¹⁰³Father-in-law of Parkman's brother, Alexander

1742 April 1 (Thursday). Mr. Hooper¹⁰⁴ at the public Lecture on 1 John.4.13. Dined at Brother Samuels.¹⁰⁵ N.B. Great Disgust given by Mr. Barnards¹⁰⁶ sermon last Thursday, and now continued among some by Mr. Hooper: as appeared to me at Evening at Mr. Coopers.¹⁰⁷

1742 April 2 (Friday). Dined at Mr. *Quincys*. My Aged, honoured Mother Well to a wonder. May God preserve her a great and late Blessing still. At Eve heard part of Mr. *Buels* sermon at Charlestown as I was upon my Journey up. Spoke to Mr. Buel after his sermon upon his coming up to Westborough. He said it was uncertain, for he was not determined which Road he should ride Home. Mr. Foxcroft¹⁰⁸ of Cambridge in riding to F. Champneys but it was late.

1742 April 3 (Saturday). Returned Home -- calling in at Deacon Sparhawks,¹⁰⁹ who was Sick. At Mr. Williams of Weston where I dined; at Mr. Brintnalls¹¹⁰ -- and at Dr. Gotts. My Family in safety. D.G.

1742 April 4 (Sunday). On Heb. 10.23 and p.m. on Ps. 1.5, repeating some parts of sermon on Eccl. 11.9 on Occasion of Mr. Bezaleel Smiths sons¹¹¹ being killed in a sorrowful Manner by an Horse which he was going to water. The Child aged about 8 Years.

1742 April 5 (Monday). Mr. Smith of Marlborough here. Afterwards Mr. Prentice of Grafton. Both dined with me. N.B. *Thomas Winchester* came to live with me on the 1st Day of this Month -- for 35£ 6 Months.

1742 April 6 (Tuesday). We began to wean *Billy*,¹¹² by *Bekky Hicks*.¹¹³

¹⁰⁴William Hooper (d. 1767), Edinburgh 1723, minister of Boston's West Church, 1737-1746; Trinity Church, Boston, 1747-1767. Frederick Lewis Weis, *The Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England* (Lancaster, MA, 1936), 110.

¹⁰⁵Parkman's brother, Samuel Parkman

¹⁰⁶Either John Barnard (1681-1770), Harvard 1700, assistant minister at the Brattle Street Church, Boston, 1705; chaplain, Annapolis, Canada, 1707, and for the ship *Lusitania*, 1709; in England, 1709-1710; minister at Marblehead, 1715-1770; *SHG*, 4:501-14; or John Barnard (1690-1757), Harvard 1709, minister at Andover, 1718-1757; *SHG*, 5:475-79.

¹⁰⁷William Cooper (1694-1743), Harvard 1712, minister of Boston's Brattle Square Church, 1716-1743. *SHG* 5:624-34.

¹⁰⁸Thomas Foxcroft (1697-1769), Harvard 1714, minister of Boston's First Church, 1717-1769. *SHG* 6:47-58.

¹⁰⁹Samuel Sparhawk was elected deacon of the Cambridge church, Apr. 12, 1734; died Apr. 4, 1774. Stephen Paschall Sharples, ed., *Records of the Church of Christ at Cambridge in New England, 1632-1830, Comprising the Ministerial Records of Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths, Admission to Covenant and Communion, Dismissals and Church Proceedings* (Boston: Eben Putnam, 1906), 287.

¹¹⁰Probably William Brintnall (17?-1745), Yale 1721, candidate at Rutland; schoolmaster at Sudbury, 1722-1726; *DYG*, 1:244-45.

¹¹¹Bezaleel Smith's son

¹¹²William, son of Ebenezer and Hannah Parkman, was born on Feb. 19, 1741.

¹¹³Rebecca Hicks, daughter of John and Rebecca (Champney) Hicks.

1742 April 7 (Wednesday). A Number of hands digging Stones in the South side, viz. Thomas Winchester, Neighbour Chamberlain, Samuel Bumpso and Ben Furbush. Ebenezer returned from Lt. Holloways.

1742 April 8 (Thursday). Public Fast. On Isa. 21.11.12.

1742 April 9 (Friday). Thomas Splitting Hills and sowing Peas. Windy, Cold. Ebenezer and Tomme¹¹⁴ carry Barley to Mr. Terrys at Grafton to be malted. Neighbour Thurston¹¹⁵ here at Evening. N.B. His Experience of Extraordinary Grace the Months past. His Discourse very savoury and very free. Neighbour Beriah Rice¹¹⁶ here to join to the church.

1742 April 10 (Saturday). Thomas [blank]. Mr. *Williams* here p.m. to join to the Church.

1742 April 11 (Sunday). On Isa. 21.11.12. P.M. repeat the remainder of sermon on Heb. 10.23. N.B. began to Day to sing at Noon in the Family. At Eve old Mr. Eleazer *Bellows*¹¹⁷ of *Preston* here and Neighbour James Fay. Account of the State of Religion at *Preston*.

1742 April 12 (Monday). Thomas harrowing and sowing. Sowed wheat by the old House. High winds, the old Barn in Danger. Cracked and wrecked very much. Neighbour James Fay here. At Eve visited Neighbour How -- serious Talk with her -- and with her Daughter Abigail.

1742 April 13 (Tuesday). I carried *Bekky Hicks* to Cambridge on my Mare and My Daughter Molly had Mr. Jeduthun Fays Horse and rode with us. Molly had a Fall from the Horse but through Divine Goodness received no hurt. We dined at Mr. Brintnalls in Framingham. Got to Cambridge in Comfort.

1742 April 14 (Wednesday). Rainy but yet Molly and I rode to Boston and were at the Ordination of the Rev. Mr. Andrew Eliot¹¹⁸ at the New North Church. Dr. Sewall¹¹⁹ prayed, Mr. Eliot preached 1 Cor. 4.2, Mr. Webb the Charge, Mr. Appleton the Right Hand. N.B. a vast Assembly, and a Glorious Time of Gods Grace. I dined at Mr. Webbs. There was entertainment also at Mr. *Owens*. At Eve at Mr. Richard Salters¹²⁰ Chamber. Lodged with my Kinsman Elias.

¹¹⁴Parkman's second son, Thomas, b. July 3, 1729.

¹¹⁵Joseph (1700-1744) and Dorothy Thurston were admitted to the Westborough church by dismissal from Marlborough (Dorothy) and from Medfield (Joseph), Nov. 8, 1741 (WCR, 61)

¹¹⁶Beriah Rice was admitted to the church, May 30, 1742 (WCR, 62). He and his wife Mary were dismissed to Upton, May 26, 1751 (WCR, 89).

¹¹⁷This may have been the Eleazer Bellows who was born in Marlborough, Apr. 13, 1671; *MVR*, 26.

¹¹⁸Andrew Eliot, Jr. (1718-1778), Harvard 1737, minister at Boston's New North Church, 1742-1778; *SHG*, 10:128-61.

¹¹⁹Joseph Sewall (1688-1769), Harvard 1707, minister of Boston's Old South Church, 1713-1769; *SHG*, 5:376-93.

¹²⁰Richard Salter (1721-1789), Harvard 1739, minister of Mansfield, CT, 1744-1787; *SHG* 10:404-409.

1742 April 15 (Thursday). I returned to Cambridge *leaving Molly to live at her Uncle Alex's* to go to School with his Daughter *Esther*. From Cambridge past 2 o'Clock p.m., with *Sarah Sparhawk*¹²¹ on the Horse Molly rode down, I rode up to Westborough and got up after 10.

1742 April 16 (Friday). [No entry.]

1742 April 17 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1742 April 18 (Sunday). On [*blank*] Eph. 5.18.

1742 April 19 (Monday). [No entry.]

1742 April 20 (Tuesday). Catechetical Exercise No. 5 at the Meeting House, above 30 young women (I Suppose) were present. N.B. *Mary Bradish*¹²² with me afterwards, being in some Spiritual Difficultys.

1742 April 21 (Wednesday). Mr. *Samuel Williams*¹²³ here about his Spiritual State and desirous to join to the Church. I took pains in Examining him and hope God is doing a good work in him.

1742 April 22 (Thursday). I had sent to Mr. Stone and to Mr. Cushing fruitlessly, to assist me. I Sent a verbal Message to Mr. Burr¹²⁴ and though it was a rainy Day he came and preached my Lecture: a good usefull Sermon on *Rom. 10*, part of the 14 and 15 verses and the 17th, against Exhorters among the people etc.: with a moving Application. Letter from Rutland read. See Church Records.

1742 April 23 (Friday). I kept my Self much confined to my preparations this week.

1742 April 24 (Saturday). Thomas Winchester and John Rogers with the Cattle broke up the lower part of the Field on the South side.

1742 April 25 (Sunday). Administered the Lords Supper. Repeated on 2 Cor. 11.27.29. P.M. on Eph. 5.14. I was in much fear and trembling but cast my Self on God. I chose to repeat in the forenoon that I might deliver the latter part of that Discourse; and likewise that I might deliver my Sermon in the afternoon more entirely by it self, it not admitting to be divided, but it being

¹²¹Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Sarah Sparhawk, was born Dec. 22, 1700, but died Oct. 9, 1701; *CVR*, 1:658, 2:744; Sarah, the daughter of Deacon Samuel Sparhawk was baptized Nov. 3, 1734; *ibid.*, 657. If that was her approximate date of birth, the Sarah Sparhawk who worked in the Parkman household was not the deacon's daughter.

¹²²Mary Bradish (b. 1715) was the author of the letter that Parkman read to his fellow ministers on June 16. See "A Letter of a young woman after her passing through Some Singular Spiritual Conflicts and Trials," 1742, signed M.B., Ebenezer Parkman, *Commonplace Book* (Massachusetts Historical Society), 92-95.

¹²³Samuel Williams and his wife Abigail were admitted to the church on May 30, 1742 (*WCR*, 62).

¹²⁴Isaac Burr (1697-1751), Yale 1717, minister of Worcester, 1725-1745, Windsor, Conn., 1747-1751. *DYG*, 1:163-65.

the Quantity of Two sermons. I was much above an hour. Some Number of Southborough people at Meeting and Some of Hopkinton. Deacon Fay, Mr. *William Johnson*. Madam *Ward*,¹²⁵ and her son Lieutenant Hezekiah Ward¹²⁶ dined with me. N.B. Very Weary at Night.

1742 April 26 (Monday). Could not go with the Delegates till I had Sent to *Grafton* for my Mare. When my sons were returned I rode to Shrewsbury. Overtook Mr. Frink¹²⁷ riding up from Boston home. Overtook our Delegates in Holden. Reached Rutland at Night. No Minister besides, for some Time. At length Mr. Solomon Prentice. Lodged at Deacon *Stevens's*.

1742 April 27 (Tuesday). *Rutland Fast*. Mr. Burr and Mr. David Goddard, came in the Morning and Mr. Hall in sermon Time. Mr. Prentice and I in the forenoon performed the Devotions of the Fast. I preached on 1 Pet. 5.6. P.M. Mr. Hall prayed and Mr. Burr preached on Rom. 10.14.15.17 verses. O might it be a Day of Atonement etc.! The Church was stayed, and directed to come to us in the Evening. The Council was formed, and matters and Papers were put into our Hands, divers of them for hearing. We read over 1/2 Dozen and referred the Rest till Tomorrow. N.B. *John Kidney*.¹²⁸ Lodged to night at Ensign *Moses Hows* with Mr. Hall of Sutton, but our Residence was at Deacon *Stevens's*.

1742 April 28 (Wednesday). Hard at it in the Council -- reading the papers and hearing their Defence. Mr. Frink also very ready to wait on the Council, though he made a Distinction as he did not join with the Church in calling it. P.M. Mr. Hall preached at the request of the people. It interrupted the Business of the Council and carryed off the Members, So that we did not finish this Evening. N.B. *John Kidney* acquainted me at large with the Methods of Gods Spirit with him in awakening him and, as he hoped, converting him. Asked my pardon and my Familys -- was ready to give it me under his Hand. Several Gentlemen told me that in acquainting them with the wondrous Methods of Gods Grace with him he had made respectful mention of what he had received from me in the Time he lived with me: And he expressed the Same to me himself. And among other Things when he was in Darkness and Distress from Day to Day and not able to find what method to take nor what to do, he was greatly relieved and directed by calling to mind those Lines he was wont to repeat with my Children, at the End of the morning and Evening Hymns, *Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow etc.* He expressed his abhorrence of the Romish Religion -- told me he was baptized at *East Hadley* and admitted into the Church there by Mr. Parsons¹²⁹ -- but notwithstanding the Joys he had experienced about those Times

¹²⁵Probably Jane Ward.

¹²⁶Probably Hezekiah Ward, son of William and Jane Ward, born June 28, 1703 (*MVR*, 187); died Mar. 6 1777 (Parkman diary, Mar. 9, 1777). He and his wife Abigail joined the church, Sept. 7, 1729 (*WCR*, 20-21). She died Mar. 30, 1735 (*Southborough VR*, 184). Hezekiah was dismissed to the Southborough church, Sept. 3, 1741 (*WCR*, 59).

¹²⁷Thomas Frink (1705-1777), Harvard 1722, minister of Rutland, 1727-1740; minister of the Third Church, Plymouth, 1744-1748; minister of Barre, 1753-1766. *SHG* 7:69-75.

¹²⁸John Kidney had served as an indentured servant to Parkman and tried to rape Molly Parkman (June 2, 1739).

¹²⁹David Parsons, Jr. (1712-1781), Harvard 1729, minister at Hadley East or Third Precinct (Amherst), 1739-1781; *SHG*, 8:610-15.

yet that now he was in Darkness again and in great Fear and Trouble. I directed and advised him as I thought his Case required.

1742 April 29 (Thursday). When the Result was read and the Council Dissolved, and we had also waited on Mr. *Frink* we left the Town with Hopes of Peace: for we had the happiness of Satisfying all partys that we were concerned with (But it is far the greatest to please and glorify God). They were full of their grateful Thanks, and even Mr. *Frink* also, notwithstanding he joined not with the Church in calling the Council. Mr. *Buckminster*,¹³⁰ the probationer, accompanied us down the Road. N.B. Several Distressed persons detained me on the Way in *Rutland* and in *Holden*, with their Spiritual Troubles -- viz. Mr. Jonathan Stones wife,¹³¹ Mr. Caldwell,¹³² Mr. James Smith.¹³³ Stopped by the Rain at Shrewsbury at Mr. Allens.¹³⁴ He sett Two Shooes upon my Horse. N.B. his Son James nigh wasted to Death. I warned and directed and prayed with him and his Parents and the Company at the Shop. My wife went to Marlborough. At Home Thomas had ploughed etc.

1742 April 30 (Friday). Mr. Grow here in Spiritual Distress, and Mr. Jesse Brighams wife.

1742 May 1 (Saturday). Stephen Fay here upon Soul accounts. Fowl weather. Thomas gott out Corn.

1742 May 2 (Sunday). On Eph. 5.14. P.M. repeated on Heb. 13.17 to page 19, occasioned by the late Separation of Mr. Frink from his pastoral office. Mrs. *Bathsheba Pratt* here, being greatly distressed for the Hardness of her Heart notwithstanding that She had been a member in full Communion above 20 Years.¹³⁵ N.B. Lieut. Holloway and Mr. Joseph Woods¹³⁶ dined with us. I gave Account to the Church at Eve of our Transactions and success at Rutland.

1742 May 3 (Monday). Rainy still. Thomas about various Things, chiefly the Fences. Had a sow Pigg of Neighbour Chamberlain. One Mr. Green of Leicester here.

1742 May 4 (Tuesday). Catechized at the Meeting House a. and p.m. but had but a slender Number of either Boys or Girls. Little *William* carried to Nurse at Ensign *Mainards*.

¹³⁰Joseph Buckminster (1720-1792), Harvard 1739, minister at Rutland, 1742-1792; *SHG*, 10:348-54.

¹³¹There is no Jonathan Stone in the published Rutland or Holden vital records, but there was a John Stone in Rutland whose wife was Elizabeth. She died May 21, 1751, in her 38th year; he died Oct. 11, 1776; *RVR*, 249.

¹³²This may have been John Caldwell of Rutland, several of whose children were baptized in the 1740s and 1750s; *ibid.*, 25

¹³³This may have been the James Smith whose wife Margaret gave birth to a son, James, Mar. 29, 1722; *ibid.*, 88.

¹³⁴Robert Allen of Shrewsbury, blacksmith

¹³⁵"Bersheba" Pratt, a member of the Marlborough church, was admitted to the Westborough church, July 25, 1725 (WCR, 2).

¹³⁶This may have been the same Joseph Woods who Parkman said was "of Southborough" (Jan. 23, 1738). That Joseph Woods, b. Aug. 20, 1705; mar. Thankful _____; and had one son in Southborough, Seth, b. Oct. 9, 1738 (*Southborough VR*, 85), who lived in Westborough; Ermina Newton Leonard, *Newton Genealogy, Genealogical, Biographical, Historical, Being a Record of the Descendants of Richard Newton...* (De Pere, Wisconsin, 1915), 367 n.

1742 May 5 (Wednesday). *My Wife rode to Cambridge*. I rode with her as far as *Marlborough*, but both of us soaked through with an heavy Shower in the woods between Westborough and Southborough back of Lieutenant Brighams Pond. I attended the fast Exercises at Old Capt. *Brighams*, which were occasioned by the dull, unactive and very insensible state he was fallen into and had been in for more than a Year: I preached on *Mic. 7.7*, Mr. Smith having prayed before sermon. In the latter Exercise I prayed and Mr. Prentice of Grafton preached upon *Ezek. 36.37*. I returned home at Eve.

1742 May 6 (Thursday). *Thomas planted* part of the upper Field. Mr. Paterson¹³⁷ an Irishman from *Stoddard* Town here. N.B. He had been one of those that had fallen into a Strange Fit by the pressure of his Distress at hearing the word preached. P.M. I preached at Capt. *Fays* on *Eph. 5.14*, Sermon ii. Rainy. Mr. Benjamin Fay¹³⁸ came home with me at Eve in the Rain. N.B. I repeated that sermon because of divers people being at a great Loss about the Doctrine held forth therein.

1742 May 7 (Friday). *Thomas planting*. *Mary Bradish* with me on account of her Spiritual Troubles. Cousen *Winchester* also. Fair pleasant a.m., lowery p.m. Ensign Maynard here -- informed that little *William* was not well.

1742 May 8 (Saturday). Finished planting our Fields. Mr. *Deming*¹³⁹ came; at the my Request he stayed with us. Mr. Jenison came in the Eve designing to preach for me if I wanted Help. Providence cast in a fine parcel of Pond Fish, by Jonathan Rogers.

1742 May 9 (Sunday). Mr. Deming a. and p.m. on 2 Cor. 5.17. Both Mr. Deming and Mr. Jenison tarried with me over the Sabbath. A Remarkable Forwardness of the Spring. Frequent Rains etc.

1742 May 10 (Monday). Mr. Deming went to Mr. Beemans. Mr. Jenison to keeping School on the North side of the Town. Mr. Williams with me, and Mr. Beriah Rice also.

1742 May 11 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bliss* here, in his Journey to Grafton and Sutton. I rode Mr. Benjamin Hows Horse to Shrewsbury and preached to the Society of Lads there, on 2 Cor. 6.2. At Eve rode home with Mr. Williams and Mr. Whipple.

1742 May 12 (Wednesday). Mr. *Smith of Marlborough* preached to the Young Men of the first Society on 1 Chr. 28.9, a good usefull sermon. Mr. Cushing and Mr. Jenison were also here. Mr. Smith rode away immediately after Exercise on occasion of his Neighbours setting him up a Barn Frame this afternoon. Hopes of my Wife this Evening blasted. *Thomas getting Posts*.

¹³⁷Not otherwise identified.

¹³⁸Benjamin Fay (1712-1777) and his wife Martha joined the church, July 26, 1741 (WCR, 58).

¹³⁹David Deming (1681-1746), Harvard 1700, minister at Cromwell, Connecticut, 1703-1711; Needham, 1713-1714; Medway, 1715-1722; supply minister, Lyme, Connecticut, 1723-1730, and North Lyme, Connecticut, 1736; *SHG*, 4:518-19.

1742 May 13 (Thursday). I rode Neighbour *Barns's* Horse to Marlborough and preached the Lecture on Eph. 5.14. Rain yet returned at Eve hoping to See my Wife but neither did she return this Night. The Night very rainy -- Thunder, Lightning.

1742 May 14 (Friday). Rainy Morning. Clear p.m. Mrs. Williams here again -- Sarah Bellows¹⁴⁰ - Daniel Stone¹⁴¹ and his wife -- all of them Candidates for the Communion. At Eve my Wife returned, and in safety. Blessed be God! Mr. *John Mead*¹⁴² lodged here.

1742 May 15 (Saturday). Rainy Day. Little work done this week -- so much letting weather etc. Coll. *William Ward*¹⁴³ dined with us.

1742 May 16 (Sunday). A.M. on Eph. 5.14. P.M. on Ps. 16.2. Mr. Thomas Warrin and his wife dined with us.

1742 May 17 (Monday). I rode to Mr. *Jesse Brigham*s. Phinehas Forbush¹⁴⁴ with me upon his Souls Distresses. N.B. News from *Grafton* that Mr. *Philemon Robbins*¹⁴⁵ preached there yesterday and Twenty or More persons fell down with Distress and Anguish. Mr. *Smith*, Taylor, at work here.

1742 May 18 (Tuesday). Exercise to young women on Ps. 73.24. Mrs. Brown¹⁴⁶ of Leicester (Mother of Mrs. Chamberlain) here. Mrs. Edwards¹⁴⁷ from Northampton and *Searl*¹⁴⁸ a Freshman of N.H. College, here; and lodged here.

1742 May 19 (Wednesday). Very rainy Morning. Sweet Converse with Mrs. Edwards, a very eminent Christian. ½ after eleven I left home and rode to Sutton Fast. Preached there on *Eph.* 5.14. After Meeting an elderly Woman, one Mrs. White (whose Husband is a Baptist) So

¹⁴⁰Sarah Bellows, daughter of Eleazer and Sarah Bellows, was admitted to the church, May 30, 1742 (WCR, 62). She married Phinehas Forbush, Jan. 5, 1743 (WVR, 123).

¹⁴¹Daniel and Mary Stone were admitted to the church, May 30, 1742 (WCR, 62), and dismissed to Hardwick, Aug. 17, 1747 (WCR, 80).

¹⁴²When John Mead died, Sept. 28, 1771, Parkman noted, "Tis conjectured in his 82d year. He was Mr. President *Lock's* great Uncle." Samuel Locke (1732-1778), Harvard 1755 (*SHG*, 13:620-27), served as Harvard's president, 1770-1773.

¹⁴³William Ward (1680-1767) of Southborough.

¹⁴⁴Phinehas Forbush (1721-1747) was admitted into the church, July 11, 1742 (WCR, 63).

¹⁴⁵Philemon Robbins (1709-1781), Harvard 1729, minister at Branford, Connecticut, 1733-1781; *SHG*, 8:616-27.

¹⁴⁶Marcy Brown mar. John Chamberlain, Mar. 12, 1741; *LVR*, 129. Two children of John and Mercy Chamberlain were baptized, Apr. 1, 1744. Mercy (or Marcy) had owned the covenant at Leicester (WCR, 69). When their son Samuel was baptized, they were "now of Stockbridge," May 2, 1756 (WCR, 105).

¹⁴⁷Sarah (Pierpont) Edwards, dau. of Rev. James Pierpont (1660-1714), Harvard 1681, minister of New Haven (*SHG*, 3:222-30) and wife of Jonathan Edwards.

¹⁴⁸John Searle (1721-1787), Yale 1745, minister at Sharon, Connecticut, 1748-1754; Stoneham, 1759-1776; Royalton, Vermont, 1783-1787; *DYG*, 2:53-55.

overcome that She was led into Mr. *Halls*. She Seemed to be in great Distress -- but She had much Joy and Love. At Evening Dr. Morss and divers others came in and Sung.

1742 May 20 (Thursday). I had determined to go to Worcester to see the Prisoner, *Green*, whom I had lately writ to on occasion of his turning Quaker. But I could not go from Mr. Halls seasonably enough -- Mr. Hall and his wife¹⁴⁹ went with me to Brother Hicks's, who has got his New place into a very good way. I dined at Grafton. Mrs. Prentice¹⁵⁰ very full of Spiritual Things. I rode home and with my wife went over to Mr. *Lulls*. Preached there on 1 Thess. 1.10. And after that Exercise, I preached in half an Hour (at their Special Request) to the Young society on that side of the Town, on Ps. 119.59. At Evening Solemnized the Marriage of Jonas Child to Sibyl Shattuck and Jonathan Cutting to Sarah Ball. These Nuptial Solemnitys were at Capt. *Eagers*. N.B. Mr. Jenison made the last prayer. N.B. Thomas getting Fencing Stuff.

1742 May 21 (Friday). My wife rode with me to Stephen Fays where I preached on Mat. 3.10. The Assembly Somewhat Considerable being there was a Town Meeting at the Same Time to choose a Representative -- Ensign Maynard chose but refused. Town then concluded not to send. I had a great Cold.

1742 May 22 (Saturday). Mr. Smith the Taylor has been here all this week to make me a Jackett and Thomme a Bannian.

1742 May 23 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison preached here on Joh. 13.13, Dan. 5.12. I preached on the North side on 2 *Cor.* 6.2 and baptized Josiah Bowkers Daughter *Damaris*. N.B. Dined at Capt. *Eagers*. At Eve Called at Ensign Maynards to visit Mrs. Wheeler¹⁵¹ of *Concord* (heretofore Rebecca Lee) who was under a grievous Melancholly and nigh Despair and Destruction. She was with me yesterday by the Endeavour of her sister Mrs. *Jemima Miles*.

1742 May 24 (Monday). Did not go down to Cambridge being under several Disappointments. Mrs. *Wheeler* of Concord here again. Exceeding Fine Weather. Thomas Clearing.

1742 May 25 (Tuesday). Rode away somewhat Early. Dined at Waltham. Rode to Cambridge and Charleston before night. At Boston My Brother Alexander sick of a Fever. As is Cousen John Parkman -- and his sister Elizabeth also languishes in a Consumption. Cousen Benjamin lately come from Pensylvania lame in one arm which is enfeebled and Bound up. Lodged with Cousen *Elias*.

1742 May 26 (Wednesday). At the sale of Capt. *Samuel Greenwood's*¹⁵² Books and bought several. Mr. *Appleton* preached Excellently to the Court from Ps. 72.1.2. I dined at Brother

¹⁴⁹Elizabeth (Prescott) Hall, wife of Rev. David Hall of Sutton.

¹⁵⁰Sarah (Sartell) Prentice, wife of Solomon Prentice, minister of Grafton.

¹⁵¹Rebecca Lee, dau. of Henery and Rebeckah Lee, b. Oct. 31, 1715 (*Concord, Massachusetts Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1635-1850* [Boston: Beacon Press for The Town, 1894], 86), mar. Benjamin Wheeler, Apr. 6, 1737 (*ibid.*, 132).

¹⁵²Samuel Greenwood (1690-1742), Harvard 1709; *SHG*, 5:481-83.

Alexander's where was my Aged, venerable Mother. P.M. when I went to Dr. Sewals there was but a thin Appearance of Ministers upon which I heard Mr. *John Caldwell* at the French Meeting House. The Drift was against False Prophets; and not without Bitterness mixt with his Witt and Sense. I sat very uneasy -- and went out as soon as it was done. Went up to Mr. *Chaunceys*,¹⁵³ the Convention being adjourned. Some Number of ministers there, congratulating him upon his being made *Doctor* of Divinity by the University of Edinborough. Our Conversation was upon Assurance, the Ground of it, the Manner of Obtaining it, and the Special Operation of the Holy Spirit therein. A very usefull Conversation, Mr. Barnard and others having talked very judiciously and piously upon it. Sought Mrs. *Edwards* fruitlessly.

1742 May 27 (Thursday). Mr. *Loring* preached to the Ministers from 2 Cor. 2.16, last Clause. The Contribution (I understood) amounted to 230£. Dined at Mr. *Hubbards*, where were Coll. Lincoln and several other Gentlemen but no Ministers. P.M. I went to Dr. Chauncys where was a very Considerable Number of Ministers in Conversation upon the present State of Things with respect to Religion. At Mr. *Fosters* about my [Plush?] etc. etc.

1742 May 28 (Friday). I rode from Boston to Cambridge and thence home. N.B. Mr. James Thornton (uncle to Mr. *Caldwell*) in Company -- Mr. Caleb Rice -- and part of the way Mr. *Cushing*. N.B. Mr. Morehead and Mr. *Caldwells* Differences at Boston brought before Capt. F. Wells to be decided -- but not issued.

1742 May 29 (Saturday). Thomas had done something of the Weeding. Mrs. *Edwards* and young *Searl* with her in her Journey to Northampton. N.B. Coll. Ward laid out 2 1/4 Acres on the East of my Land.

1742 May 30 (Sunday). On Song 2.16. N.B. Mrs. *Edwards's* Conversation very wonderfull -- her sense of Divine Things.

1742 May 31 (Monday). I rode with Mrs. *Edwards* up to Shrewsbury but could not proceed to Worcester as I had purposed, because my mare was lame without a foreshooe which could not be sett seasonably nor could I go to Marlborough to Proprietors Meeting because I grew much indisposed.

1742 June 1 (Tuesday). Rode to Worcester. Dined at Mr. *Burrs*. Mr. *Campbell*¹⁵⁴ there. We all went to the Jayl to see poor *Green* the prisoner. I went in alone to him in the first place hoping for some free discourse with him. I perceived he was turned over to the principles of Quakerism. Mr. *Campbell* and Mr. *Burr* and a number of other persons came in -- the prisoner grew very bold and Said he had the Spirit and that they that have the Spirit have the holy anointing and need not that any one should teach them for they know all Things. When he depreciated Ordinances as being of no Value, and upon Mr. *Burrs* asking him whether he would

¹⁵³Charles Chauncy (1705-1787), Harvard 1721, minister of Boston's First Church, 1727-1787. *SHG*, 6:439-67.

¹⁵⁴John Campbell (1691-1761) Edinburgh, 1716, minister at Oxford, 1721-1761; *Weis, Colonial Clergy*, 49.

not go out to meeting if he might, had answered that he did not desire it, I insisted upon the Distinction between the Jewish Ordinances and the Institutions of Christ. He insulted me in an ungrateful manner with telling me I would Defend what got me a good living. Seeing him in such a Frame Mr. Campbell was urgent for us to go and would stay no longer with him. N.B. I fear his fret was in some Measure owing to this, that last Saturday Several Quakers came to see him but the sheriff denyed them Entrance to him -- and although Mr. Burr knew nothing of it till last night yet perhaps it was laid to him as the Adviser to it; for which he might be offended both with him and with us as Soon as he Saw us. I returned home at Eve. Mr. Campbell accompanying as far as Mr. Barbers¹⁵⁵ in *Shrewsbury* where Mr. *Morrison*¹⁵⁶ (a Scotch Minister) lay sick.

1742 June 2 (Wednesday). Mr. Chamberlain had my Mare to go to Shrewsbury but went to Leicester.

1742 June 3 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing preached my Lecture on [*blank*]. Mr. Jenison here.

1742 June 4 (Friday). Rode over to See Mrs. *Gamel*¹⁵⁷ who is Sick. Dr. Got rode part of the way back with me.

1742 June 5 (Saturday). Thomas howed for Mr. Chamberlain.

1742 June 6 (Sunday). Sacrament. On Jude v. 21 and on Eph. 5.14. N.B. Mr. Prentice of Grafton absent Some of his people were here. Deacon *Fay* and Capt. *Willard* dined here.

1742 June 7 (Monday). *Thomas* mowed the Garden walks a.m. and went p.m. to Boston with his Hoops.

1742 June 8 (Tuesday). Rain. Brother Hicks here. Mr. Wheeler¹⁵⁸ at Evening opposing my late Doctrine from Eph. 5.14 That the Natural Man can do Nothing but what is sinfull.

1742 June 9 (Wednesday). I Spared Brother Hicks a Barrell of Cyder, but the Rain prevented his going home. He with the Help of Some Neibours rectified the Timber of my Barn, some of which had worked out of place.

¹⁵⁵Possibly Matthew Barber of Western who mar. Mary Blair, Jan. 31, 1727 (*Shrewsbury VR*, 123); the birth of one child, Mar. 9, 1728, is in the *Shrewsbury VR*, 14

¹⁵⁶Probably Evander Morrison, born in Scotland, d. in Hartford, Jan. 30, 1762; Frederick Lewis Weis, "The Colonial Clergy of the Middle Colonies: New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, 1628-1776," *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, n.s., 66 (Oct. 1956), 277. The date of Morrison's death is from the *Diary of Rev. Daniel Wadsworth, Seventh Pastor of the First Church of Christ in Hartford, with Notes by the Fourteenth Pastor* (Hartford: Case, Lockwood, & Brainard, 1894), 41 n. 1.

¹⁵⁷Ann, second wife of Samuel Gamel (m. Mar. 11, 1735; *WVR*, 158). She was the widow of Patrick Hambleton of Hopkinton.

¹⁵⁸Joseph Wheeler (1700-1747), listed by Parkman among the first inhabitants of Westborough (*WCR* flyleaf) and among the men who signed the covenant at the church's founding (*WCR*, 379).

1742 June 10 (Thursday). Brother Hicks went home. Mr. Chamberlain of Newtown and his wife, here. I Catechized at Lieutenant Holloways. N.B. Thunder Storm as soon as I got there. At Eve visited Mr. Billings where lay his Mother Fay very bad of a Rheumatism -- and the widow Rice.¹⁵⁹

1742 June 11 (Friday). [No entry.]

1742 June 12 (Saturday). Thomas returned to work.

1742 June 13 (Sunday). Repeated on Jude v. 21. P.M. on Rom. 8.8.

1742 June 14 (Monday). [*Blank*]. Raising at Capt. Fays a Barn of 70 feet length.

1742 June 15 (Tuesday). Much interrupted in the Morning with Mr. Joseph Wheeler who takes Exception against the Doctrines I deliver one Sabbath after another. I rode to Mr. Loring's of Sudbury, where the Association met. There were Mr. J. Prentice, Mr. Cushing, Mr. N. Stone and Mr. Buckminster. Mr. Buckminster offered himself to be Examined. He was So: and he delivered a sermon on Luke 10.41.42. At Eve I asked advice respecting the Doctrines I had lately delivered from Eph. 5.14 and Rom. 8.8, and on that Question: Are there not some promises made to humble, fervent Strivers that they shall obtain the Grace of God. See Prov. 1.22, Isa. 1.10.17.18, Ch. 55.7, Mat. [*blank*], *Corinth*. [*blank*]. N.B. Council at Concord called by Ezekiel Miles and others, dissatisfied with Mr. *Bliss*.

1742 June 16 (Wednesday). Very useful and profitable Conversations upon several Heads of Divinity, especially referring to the Great Article of Conversion, Comparing Several of Mr. *Stoddard*'s¹⁶⁰ writings. I also read a large Paper of the Experiences of a Young woman, a Member of the Church in Westborough which I had from her in her own MSS. Mr. *Buckminster* preached the Public Lecture on Heb. 11.7, which was to tolerable acceptance; and seeing his Deportment, Humility, Serious Bent etc. he was the More endeared to us, and we drew up and signed a Certificat. Mr. Cushing and I came up into Marlborough. At Dr. Gotts we tarried while the shower went over and made it nigh night. But I came home comfortably. Betty Fay¹⁶¹ the Taylor woman at work here.

1742 June 17 (Thursday). Betty Fay.

1742 June 18 (Friday). [No entry.]

¹⁵⁹Mary, widow of Thomas Rice. She was the daughter of Adam and Hannah Holloway and the widow of Nathaniel Oak. ¹⁶⁰Solomon Stoddard (1643-1729), Harvard 1662, minister at Northampton, 1669-1729 (*SHG*, 2:111-22). Jonathan Edwards, Stoddard's grandson, succeeded him at Northampton.

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¹⁶¹Betty or Elizabeth Fay, b. Oct. 1, 1722, dau. of John, Jr., and Hannah (Child) Fay. Her father died in 1732, and her mother mar. Samuel Liscomb, also spelled Lyscom, Mar, 7, 1734 (*WVR* 148), and was dismissed to the Southborough church, July 27, 1735 (*WCR*, 37-38).

1742 June 19 (Saturday). I rode to Shrewsbury and Mr. Cushing to Westborough.

1742 June 20 (Sunday). I preached at Shrewsbury on Eph. 5.14 a. and p.m. N.B. Mrs. Robins (Mrs. Cushings sister) and Mrs. Abigail Smith¹⁶² (the Doctors sister) dined with us. I understand that Shrewsbury North End are set off by an Act of Court. At Eve Mr. Cushing returned.

1742 June 21 (Monday). Broke fast at Dr. Smiths.¹⁶³ Came home by Mr. Snells¹⁶⁴ by whom my wife sent Two Piggs to Boston. And I sent to the widow Greenwood by Neighbour Jedidiah How what I was indebted for Books lately bought of her -- viz. £4.10.0.

1742 June 22 (Tuesday). Thomas Mowing Day after Day. My 6th Exposition of the Catechism to 38 young women. N.B. Elizabeth Chamberlain and Neighbour Joseph Green¹⁶⁵ upon Soul Affairs.

1742 June 23 (Wednesday). Thomas Mowing. Wife to Marlborough. N.B. Mr. Smith had left his wife at Cape *Ann* for Some Time. N.B. Dr. *Robys wife*¹⁶⁶ (Daughter of Rev. Mr. Swift)¹⁶⁷ dead.

1742 June 24 (Thursday). I rode over to the North of Shrewsbury and preached to a Young Society there on 1 Thess. 1.10. Mr. Cushing returned home, but the Rain prevailed So that I was obliged to lodge with Mr. Morse¹⁶⁸ at Mr. Bushs.¹⁶⁹ N.B. The Request of the North Side of Shrewsbury to the General Court to be Sett off a New Township by them Selves I hear is granted.

1742 June 25 (Friday). Rain -- but yet returned Home. Melancholly Time for Haying.

1742 June 26 (Saturday). So much hindred this week I could prepare but one Sermon.

¹⁶²Abigail Smith, sister of Dr. Joshua Smith of Shrewsbury, b. Dec. 18, 1723, dau. of Benjamin and Hannah Smith of Newbury; *Vital Records of Newbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (Salem, MA: The Essex Institute, 1911), 1:477.

¹⁶³Joshua Smith (1719-1756) of Shrewsbury, b. May 4, 1719, son of Benjamin and Hannah Smith of Newbury (*Newbury VR*, 1:480).

¹⁶⁴Probably John Snell of Hopkinton who d. Feb. 19, 1807, a. 93 (*HVR*, 450). The Hopkinton vital records list the baptism of nine children, 1749-1764, but do not identify his wife or any earlier children.

¹⁶⁵Possibly Joseph Green, Jr., who mar. Mary Wright, Dec. 25, 1740 (*WVR*, 162). Their dau. Lydia was b. Jan. 5 1742. Joseph owned the covenant and Lydia was baptized, July 18, 1742 (*WCR*, 63).

¹⁶⁶Ebenezer Roby (1701-1772), Harvard 1719, physician of Sudbury, mar. Sarah, dau. of Rev. John Swift, June 6, 1729; she d. June 20, 1742; *SHG*, 6:336-39.

¹⁶⁷John Swift (1679-1745), Harvard 1697, minister of Framingham, 1701-1745. *SHG* 4:387-90.

¹⁶⁸Ebenezer Morse (1718-1802), Harvard 1737, minister at Boylston, 1743-1775; *SHG*, 10:211-17.

¹⁶⁹There were several families in Shrewsbury with the surname Bush. Based on the timing of births (*Shrewsbury VR*, 23), Parkman's sole reference Mr. Bush is probably to John, husband of Martha. John Bush d. July 14, 1757 (*Shrewsbury VR*, 246).

1742 June 27 (Sunday). Matt. 11.13.14.15 and p.m. on Gen. 18.19. N.B. Mr. Jenison preaches Still on the North side. Mrs. Tainter and her Daughter Forbush dined with us. Received a Message from Isaac How¹⁷⁰ of Hopkinton who was in a low Consumption, desiring a visit.

1742 June 28 (Monday). Very letting weather so that it is ill tending of Hay. I rode over to *Hopkinton* at the request of *Isaac How* who lay in a low Languishment. His state of mind feared to be very dreadful because of his Insensibility of the amazing wrath of God and being So Comfortable in the Apprehensions of Death notwithstanding his Impenitence. Many had expected me to preach but I received no hint of his Desiring any thing of that -- besides that there was no intimations from Rev. Mr. *Barrett* especially of any Thing of it. Returned home at Eve; marrying Eleazer Williams at his Fathers in my way.

1742 June 29 (Tuesday). Ebenezer chooses to drop his Books and longs for a Scyth. I have now given way to his Mowing. Mrs. *Snell*¹⁷¹ to talk with me about her owning the Covenant as was also Mr. *Jotham Brigham* and his wife.¹⁷² At Eve Mr. *Goddard* of Leicester here and lodged here. Several Load of Hay out and wet -- after bright hot Sunshine.

1742 June 30 (Wednesday). Mr. *Goddard* went away early. Mr. *Breck*, Mr. *Ballantine*¹⁷³ and Mr. *Gay*,¹⁷⁴ from Shrewsbury this morning came and breakfasted with us and went off for Marlborough. P.M. My wife and I rode to Mr. Wheelers and to Mr. James Balls¹⁷⁵ -- visited the rest on the Hill. Married Joshua Johnson to Hannah Ball¹⁷⁶ at her Fathers, where there was a good Entertainment and Considerable Company. A great Shower after fair and hot weather, So that our Hay was drenched again. We got home Comfortably at Eve. At Ensign Maynards (where we left *Billy*) was Mr. Gibbs¹⁷⁷ of Hopkinton waiting to deliver me Mr. *Barretts* and Mr. *Isaac Hows* request that I would preach to said How on the Morrow if he shall be then alive. But Mr. Barrett is then to preach at *Wrentham*.

1742 July 1 (Thursday). A pleasant Day and no Rain. *Thomas* has ploughed among the Corn for Hilling -- the Corn having grown wonderfully, and some Time agoe it was beginning to Spindle

¹⁷⁰Possibly the Isaac How whose sons Joel and Samuel were baptized in Hopkinton, Mar. 31, 1754 and July 8, 1750; or the Isaac How, husband of Hannah, whose son John was b. Aug. 18, 1731 (*HVR*, 111-12). An Isaac How mar. Hannah Howard, Apr., 27, 1727 (Framingham Vital Records, 313).

¹⁷¹The Westborough church records do not indicate that Mrs. Snell owned the covenant. See June 21 (above).

¹⁷²Parkman listed Jotham Brigham among the first inhabitants of Westborough; WCR, flyleaf. He was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Brigham, b. Dec. 23, 1695; *MVR*, 41. He mar. Abigail How in 1719 or 1720; *MVR*, 230. The Westborough church records contain no record that the Brighams owned the covenant.

¹⁷³John Ballantine (1716-1776), Harvard 1735, minister at Westfield, 1741-1776; *SHG*, 9:468-72.

¹⁷⁴Ebenezer Gay (1718-1796), Harvard 1737, minister at Suffield, Connecticut, 1742-1796; *SHG*, 10:171-75.

¹⁷⁵James Ball (1695-1756) was among the original members of the church who signed the covenant, Oct. 28, 1724 (WCR, 379).

¹⁷⁶Hannah, dau. James and Sarah Ball, bapt. June 30, 1723 (*MVR*, 16).

¹⁷⁷There were several men by the name of Gibbs in Hopkinton at this time. Perhaps this was Jacob Gibbs at whose home there was a fast several years later on account of Mrs. Gibbs who was "in a miserable Condition by a Cancer in her Breast" (Sept. 18, 1746).

out. A most remarkably forward Season. I rode over to Hopkinton and Isaac How being yet alive and an assembly gathered (at the House of Mr. *Josiah Rice*),¹⁷⁸ I preached there, on 1 *Tim.* 1.15, followed with a moving and awakening address to the poor dying man; who seemed to take it in Some Suitable Manner to outward appearance but I fear he has not really an apprehension of his astonishing Danger but is in a false Peace. The assembly were very attentive and Some Number affected. N.B. one Nutt a young woman with me after Exercise -- Mr. Gibbs -- and Several others of whom Mr. Benjamin *Burnap*¹⁷⁹ was one and he rode with me some way back. My Folks have now had some success in getting in Hay that had been long out.

1742 July 2 (Friday). Mr. Cornelius Bigloe mowed for me -- Thomas and Ebenezer getting in Hay.

1742 July 3 (Saturday). Mr. Biglo hoeing with Thomas.

1742 July 4 (Sunday). On Mat. XI.16 to 19. P.M. Gen. 18.19.

1742 July 5 (Monday). Mr. Biglo came to work -- to mow with Thomas Winchester. I rode down to *Watertown*. In my Journey I was at Mr. David Hows and dined gratis. Received a Message from Mr. William *Brintnall* that Mr. Swift desired me (as Mr. Loring had before done) to preach to a Society made up of Several Familys in both Framingham and Sudbury. N.B. hindered and belated by showers. N.B. Mr. Seccomb¹⁸⁰ and Mr. Goss¹⁸¹ upon the Road in Sudbury. I called to see my Friend Dr. Ebenezer *Roby* in his sorrowful bereaved State. We called also at Mr. Williams's at *Weston*. At *Watertown* to shelter me from a sudden shower I run in to Capt. *Homans*, with whom I was utterly unacquainted but was treated with great Humanity. Went to Mr. *Jenisons* and lodged there.

1742 July 6 (Tuesday). Rode to F. Champneys where *Molly* has been for several Days, and is out of Health. Rode to Charlestown. Made a Visit to Mr. *Davenport*¹⁸² who kept at Major *Jenners's*. Proceeded to Boston and waited on my honoured aged Mother who through God's great Mercy is yet alive and in Some Comfort. But I first of all (at this Time) visited my Bereaved Brother William who lately buried his dear Daughter *Elizabeth* of above 20 Years of Age -- of any ingenuous Temper and of a pious Disposition. Dyed with a good hope through Grace. I bought Several more Small Books of Mrs. Greenwood. Returned to Cambridge at Night. N.B. *Samme Breck*¹⁸³ much out of Health -- wasted by a bad Cough etc.

¹⁷⁸Josiah Rice (1700-1792) of Westborough.

¹⁷⁹Benjamin Burnap Sr. of Hopkinton was elected deacon of the Hopkinton church, 1725; Harold Field Worthley, *Inventory of the Records of the Particular (Congregational) Churches of Massachusetts Gathered 1620-1805* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1970), 298.

¹⁸⁰John Seccomb (1708-1792), Harvard 1728, minister of Harvard, 1733-1757, Chester, Nova Scotia, 1759-1792. *SHG* 8:481-90.

¹⁸¹Thomas Goss (1716-1780), Harvard 1737, minister at Bolton, 1741-1777; Bolton Second Church, 1771-1780; *SHG*, 10:175-85.

¹⁸²James Davenport (1716-1757), Yale 1732, minister at Southold, Long Island, 1738-1743; New London separatist church, 1743-1744; Hopewell, New Jersey; *DYG*, 1:447-50.

¹⁸³Parkman's brother-in-law, Samuel Breck (1723-1764), Harvard 1742; *SHG*, 11:131-32.

1742 July 7 (Wednesday). Was at Commencement. *Breck* keeps about. Disputed and had his Degree but we are not without some Fears his illness may increase. I dined comfortably in the Hall. P.M. the *presidents Century Oration*. Lodged at F. Champneys. Mrs. *Suse Champney* there last Night from Beverly.

1742 July 8 (Thursday). I rode to Boston. Mr. Hooper's public Lecture on 1 Joh. 5.3. Dined at Brother *Alexanders*. P.M. I was at Dr. *Chauncys* -- where was Mr. Barnard of Marblehead and his Lady. Afterwards came Mr. *Hooper* and Mr. *Malcolm*¹⁸⁴ (Episcopal Minister of Marblehead). The Conversation turned upon Mr. *Davenport*, who is the Subject every where. But few among the wise and worthy but that judge he is touched in his Brain. Mr. *Malcolm* and I walked down to the North End and up Snow Hill to hear him. There had been a Thunder Storm, and there were little Showers in Time of Exercise. His Sermon was from *Rev. 22.17*, a very fervent Exhortation and to unconverted Ministers in Special. Said he was then in the Experience of the Divine Spirits influences. Said he was then ready to drop down dead for the Salvation if but of one Soul etc. After Sermon a Considerable Number of Ministers went to Mr. *Webbs*, who gave us an account of the Disorders in that neighborhood last Night by people's being So late at Mr. *Proctors* (where Mr. D _____ t lodges and which is right over against Mr. *Webbs*) and he also informed us of his Discourse with Mr. D _____ t this Morning, Concerning his Conduct and Actions (in running out into the Street among the Croud and crying out to them in an indecent voice, Gesture etc.) but to no purpose, he Supposing himself to be under the Immediate Impressions and Directions of the Divine Spirit. In a word Mr. *Webb* concludes him to be crazed. I rode to Cambridge after nine o'Clock.

1742 July 9 (Friday). I rode to Framingham, to Mr. *Brintnalls*, where I dined. I preached according to appointment at Mr. *Darlings*; Text Luk. 10.19. People very thankful and Courteous. Mr. Mansfield¹⁸⁵ (Shoemaker at Marlborough) accompanied me part of the way up. Got home safely, through the Great Goodness of God. *Billy* ill most of the week of Fever and Flux. N.B. Mr. Barrett and his sister Barrett, his wifes sister *Everett* and his son came to Mr. Wilsons while I was there.

1742 July 10 (Saturday). Mr. *Biglo* at work Still. Sent Thomme to Dr. Gott; but he came not. Child an ill night.

1742 July 11 (Sunday). Dr. Gott here. Old Mr. Rice and Two strangers, *Rice* and *Nichols* from Southborough dined. Repeated Sermons on Luk. 19.10.

1742 July 12 (Monday). [No entry.]

¹⁸⁴Alexander Malcolm, Rector at St. Michael's Church (Anglican), Marblehead, 1740-1749; Weis, *Colonial Clergy*, 132.

¹⁸⁵Mansfield, shoemaker of Marlborough; this is Parkman's only reference to him in the entire diary. Two births are recorded in the church records but without the parents' first names: Mary, bapt. Feb. 27, 1743, and Hannah, bapt. Feb. 10, 1745; *MVR*, 126.

1742 July 13 (Tuesday). I went down to Mr. Joslins to See his Daughter *Mary*¹⁸⁶ and his little son *Timothy*¹⁸⁷ who were sick of the Throat Distemper.¹⁸⁸ I visited also old Mrs. Forbush who had been ill. <Two lines crossed out.>

1742 July 14 (Wednesday). Mr. Bliss to preach at Hopkinton but by reason of the Childs illness and other Things I could not go over, as Mr. Barrett had requested. Mr. Breck came and lodged. Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlain¹⁸⁹ here in the Evening with great Quantity of Sauce to present us.

1742 July 15 (Thursday). Rode with Mr. Breck to Shrewsbury -- where I preached to Young people on Prov. 7.7.

1742 July 16 (Friday). Mr. Nathan Stone preached my Lecture on Isa. 45.19.

1742 July 17 (Saturday). Finished our Hay at Home (except a Small matter that lay So in the Water and was of little Value that we were forced to Omitt it).

1742 July 18 (Sunday). Cant. 1.4. 1 Thess. 5.19. Deacon Fay dined here. I was very faint at Eve.

1742 July 19 (Monday). Rode down to Capt. Warrins to see Miriam Fisk, their Maid, who was Sick and in much pain: to Mr. Joslins four of whose Children are sick of the Throat Distemper. N.B. Dr. Gott at Capt. Warrins. At my Return he was at our House to see Billy; and dined with us. *Thomas* at the Meadow. *Timothy Joslin* of 5 Years dyed of the Throat Distemper.

1742 July 20 (Tuesday). Timothy Joslyn buryed. Catechetical Exercise. Preached on Rev. 3.1. Mr. Dantforth of Cambridge, Capt. Jones of Hopkinton, and Mr. Bond of Watertown here, also Capt. William Ward, as they were going to Shrewsbury on the Affair of Malden Farm.

1742 July 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer lyes under his Poison in his Feet -- in great Pain and Soreness.

1742 July 22 (Thursday). Catechized the Boys a.m. (of which there was a great Number considering the season) and the Girls p.m., of whom there were few.

1742 July 23 (Friday). [No entry.]

1742 July 24 (Saturday). Silas Pratt¹⁹⁰ worked for me with Thomas at the Meadow, yet got but one Load home, and Stacked Two at the Meadow.

¹⁸⁶Mary, daughter of Joseph and Catharine Joslin, b. Nov. 26, d. July 26, 1742; *WVR*, 66, 245.

¹⁸⁷Timothy, son of Joseph and Catharine Joslin, b. June 30, 1737; d. July 19, 1742; *WVR*, 66, 245.

¹⁸⁸Diphtheria

¹⁸⁹Ebenezer Chamberlain was admitted to the Westborough church, June 3, 1736, having been dismissed from the Newton church; *WCR*, 41.

¹⁹⁰Silas Pratt, son of John and Bathsheba (Fay) Pratt, bapt. Feb. 27, 1721 (*MVR*, 148).

1742 July 25 (Sunday). On 1 Thess. 5.19. 2 Cor. 2.15.16. N.B. Mr. Barretts son¹⁹¹ and his wifes sister (Mrs. Everett) and Lieutenant Whood and his wife at Meeting here and dined with us, Mr. Barrett being gone to Boston to his Mothers Funeral. N.B. Mr. Jacob Amsdens wife came to Meeting, who has never been at the public Worship till now ever since I was first in this Town.

1742 July 26 (Monday). I went with Thomas to the Meadow and got Mr. Forb. to help him with his Oxen and we got home 4 Load of Hay. P.M. I went to Mr. Josiah Rice's.

1742 July 27 (Tuesday). *Thomas* got home one Load with Mr. *Whipples* help. *Mary Joslin*¹⁹² dyed yesterday and her Brother *Isaac*¹⁹³ to Day of the Throat Distemper. They sent for me but I was not at home, neither would my Affairs permitt me to go when I did get home -- my Rye and Wheat upon Spoil I was obliged to look up a Reaper.

1742 July 28 (Wednesday). Brother Hicks was here and dined with us. At the Funeral of Mary and Isaac Joslyn who were buried in one Grave.

1742 July 29 (Thursday). Capt. Goddard called to acquaint me with the Sorrowful News of the Death of the Rev. and worthy Mr. *James Stone*¹⁹⁴ of Holliston, who dyed yesterday and to be buried to day. O that God would make this providence awakening to Me and to all, especially in the Ministry round about! O that we might take Heed to the Ministry which we have received of the Lord to fulfill it! for Blessed is that servant etc.!

1742 July 30 (Friday). Signs of Rain in a dry Time. Mr. *Biglo* and *Pierce* reaping my Rye and *John Rogers* at the Meadow with *Thomas*. They brought home one Load but got mired with the next, broke the Axle tree, and therefore left the Load and raked and Cocked the rest. A Terrible Storm of Thunder and Sharp Lightning, vehement wind and Rain at Evening but God was gracious and almighty to preserve us.

1742 July 31 (Saturday). Heard that a Barn of Mr. Gleson of Sudbury was burnt by the Lightning last Night in which was a good Quantity of English Hay and Grain: and that Four Cattle were killed at Framingham. *Thomas* brought home a Load of Hay from the Meadow and got in our Rye. N.B. The Hay (being the last) at the Meadow all Secured. N.B. Mr. *Helyer*¹⁹⁵ from Boston here, on his Journey to preach at Grafton. N.B. a refreshing Shower to Day also. I rode to Southborough and Mr. Stone to Westborough at Eve.

¹⁹¹Samuel Barrett, son of Rev. Samuel Barrett, minister of Hopkinton, was b. Sept. 10, 1726; *SHG*, 6:432. The minister's wife was Anna Morris of Boston; *ibid.*, 429.

¹⁹²Mary Joslin, b. Nov. 9, 1726, daughter of Joseph and Catharine Joslin; d. July 26, 1742. *WVR*, 66, 245.

¹⁹³Isaac Joslin, bapt. June 21, 1730, daughter of Joseph and Catharine Joslin; d. July 27, 1742; *WVR*, 66, 245.

¹⁹⁴James Stone (1704-1742), Harvard 1724, minister at Holliston, 1728-1742; *SHG*, 7:442-44.

¹⁹⁵Jonathan Helyer (1719-1745), Harvard 1738, minister of the First Congregational Church, Newport, Rhode Island, 1744-1745; *SHG*, 10:294-95.

1742 August 1 (Sunday). Preached at Southborough a.m. on 2 Cor. ii.15.16 on Occasion of the Death of Rev. Mr. Stone of Holliston. P.M. on 1 Thess. 1.10. I would have returned home at Eve but my Mare could not be found in Mr. Stones Pasture. The servant Fears that She has got out, a pair of Barrs being flatt. Mr. Stone came home, and I lodged there.

1742 August 2 (Monday). My Mare not to be found. I rode home on Mr. Brigham's Horse but she was not there. Mr. Helyer came last night and was waiting for me. Took Thomme with me (who rode upon Neighbour Maynard's Horse) and rode to Southborough again -- and to Marlborough but returned without hearing of her. Was at Dr. Gotts and Mr. Smiths. N.B. Mr. Frink at Mr. Smiths. Thomas Winchester got in the last of the Wheat and the last of the Hay in the Meadow Except Two Stacks which we cannot Conveniently Cast yet.

1742 August 3 (Tuesday). Read Sir Richard Bulstrode on Mary Magdalene. Thomas worked for Neighbour Rogers for his work for us. N.B. Thomas went at Evening to his Fathers to work for him the Ensuing Days -- accordingly

1742 August 4 (Wednesday). Thomas at his Fathers. Ebenezer went to Framingham upon Ensign Maynard's mare to enquire after mine. No Certain News.

1742 August 5 (Thursday). At the Funeral of Mr. Joslins eldest son Joseph,¹⁹⁶ the last Surviving Son. A very heavy (yet holy) Stroke of Divine Providence. This is the Fourth in this Family in about a fortnight. It is very awfull and awakening! P.M. I preached at Mr. Grouts¹⁹⁷ on Micah 7.7.

1742 August 6 (Friday). I walked down to Mr. Cooks at Evening to meet Neighbour Stephen Fay and I employed him to make diligent search after my Mare, and to send Mr. John Tainter¹⁹⁸ of Watertown to Lexington after her.

1742 August 7 (Saturday). Mr. Thomas Brown¹⁹⁹ of Newton and his son here. Lieutenant Stone²⁰⁰ of Shrewsbury here in his way from Holliston. He informs me they die in numbers there of the nervous Fever and that Mr. Stones widow²⁰¹ is now Sick. Thomas came home at Evening from his Fathers.

¹⁹⁶Joseph Joslin, son of Joseph and Catharine, d. Aug. 4, 1742; *WVR*, 245.

¹⁹⁷Joseph Grout (1683-1759) and his wife Mary were dismissed from the church in Waltham and admitted to the Westborough church, Apr. 13, 1755 (*WCR*, 101).

¹⁹⁸John, son of Simon and Johannah Tainter, b. Mar. 13, 1699; *Records of Births Deaths and Marriages, Second Book to the End of 1737*, 13, separately paginated supplement to *Watertown Records Comprising the Third Book of the Town Proceedings and the Second Book of Births Marriages and Deaths to the End of 1737 Also Plan and Register of Burials in Arlington Street Burying Ground* (Watertown, MA: Watertown Historical Society, 1900). His brother Simon settled in Westborough.

¹⁹⁹Not identified.

²⁰⁰Walett: Isaac Stone, one of the first selectmen of Shrewsbury. Stone d. Apr. 22, 1776, a. 78 y. 7 m.; *Shrewsbury VR*, 276.

²⁰¹Not identified.

1742 August 8 (Sunday). On 1 Thess. 5.19. Job.1.21.

1742 August 9 (Monday). Early at Mr. Fays. No clear News of my Mare, but Sorrowful News from my Mother, of her illness and danger. Capt. Fay offered to go to Framingham to look for my Mare; but Mr. Williams being more acquainted with those Roads, and being willing to go, I improved him. Capt. Fay also went with him to Southborough. N.B. Thomas carted home the Two Stacks of Hay at the Meadow, Mr. Chamberlain helping him load, and they got it done before dinner. P.M. Thomas Carted home a Load of Hay from Mr. James Fays Swamp, given freely by Mr. Fay. At Evening I was at Capt. Warrins to borrow an Horse to ride to Boston, and succeeded. Was also at Mr. Cooks.

1742 August 10 (Tuesday). Thomas went to work again at his Fathers. I dined at Capt. Warrins and rode his Horse down to Cambridge.

1742 August 11 (Wednesday). Visited my Venerable Parent who was Somewhat revived, but Still remained in a very weak and low state. Dined with Sister Elizabeth where was Cousen Dan. Needham and his Wife and Children going to live at Norwich.

1742 August 12 (Thursday). Doct. Colman²⁰² preached on Luk. 16.25. I dined at Dr. Sewalls. P.M. at Dr. Chauncys, where were also Mr. Barnard of Marblehead, Mr. Turell²⁰³ and Mr. Nathaniel Gardner. Visited Brother Alexander. Molly came yesterday to Boston that She might go to School. Lodged at Brother Parkmans.

1742 August 13 (Friday). My honoured Mother worse again -- but towards Evening revived. I dined at Capt. Allens.²⁰⁴ Waited on Madam Condly to prepare the way for Mollys going to School. Visited Mr. Mather.²⁰⁵ Bought Several more Books of Mrs. Greenwood. My Mother gave leave that I Should go home to keep Sabbath with my people, and then return to her. At Parting I received her Blessing, delivered in very Solemn and most tender Manner. I rode to Cambridge late at night but the people there were o'bed and I was greatly put to it for convenient reposing --

1742 August 14 (Saturday). but I remounted Early in the morning, broke fast at Mr. John Tainters -- and took a Nap at Mr. David Hows and there dined. Called at Mr. Darlings and was very kindly entertained there. Got home in the middle of the afternoon, and found my Family in Comfort; except *Billy*, whose illness remains.

1742 August 15 (Sunday). On John 4.13.14. Old Mrs. Mors of Marlborough dined.

²⁰²Benjamin Colman (1673-1747), Harvard 1691, minister of Boston's Brattle Square Church, 1699-1747. *SHG* 4:120-37.

²⁰³Ebenezer Turrell (1702-1778), Harvard 1721, minister at Medford, 1724-1778); *SHG*, 6:574-82.

²⁰⁴Not identified.

²⁰⁵Samuel Mather (1706-1785), Harvard 1723, minister of Boston's Second Church, 1732-1741, and the Bennet Street Church, 1741-1785. *SHG* 7:216-38.

1742 August 16 (Monday). Mr. *Jenison* (who preached at Marlborough yesterday) began again to keep School and he keeps at Mr. Richard *Barns's*.²⁰⁶ I rode to Cambridge again.

1742 August 17 (Tuesday). To Boston. My Honoured Mother yet alive, but very weak and low and at Times very disconsolate. I told her I was going to write to my wife and I prayed her to tell me what I Should Say. "Say I'm alive yet, as you see, and waiting but know not what a Day may bring forth." I added and have a *Good Hope* through Grace? She Said, "Have *Hope* through Grace." I answered that it was a *Good Hope* if it was accompanied with a Loathing of sin and a Love to God, to the Things, the Law and People of God. She made this Return in a very Solemn manner, *I'm Sure I Can Say that*. This I Sent to my wife. At Eve at Mr. Eliots Lecture on Mark 8.38. Lodged with my Kinsman *Elias*. N.B. Governor Shirley came in from the Eastward Conference.

1742 August 18 (Wednesday). My Mother often in Darkness but hoping in God and Trusting to see the Goodness of the Lord. Wrote again to my wife. Dined with Mr. Gee²⁰⁷ and a Number of Gentlemen at Mr. George Rogers's.²⁰⁸ P.M. at Mr. *Mathers*, and at Eve my Kinsman and I walked as far as to Mr. *Byles's*.²⁰⁹ N.B. his little Son's artfull repeating a Poem on Thunder and another on Goliath: though but 7 Year old. Returned [quite?] to North End, to my Mother, and to my Lodging. [*Marginal notation: An high Training, to wait on the Governor.*]

1742 August 19 (Thursday). Dr. Sewal on Gal. 3.13. Dined at Mr. Hubbards with Dr. Wigglesworth²¹⁰ and Deacon *Crocker* of Ipswich. P.M. at Dr. *Chauncys*. N.B. The great Disturbance last night by Means of Mr. Davenports condemning the Ministers of Boston as unconverted: and Dr. *Colman*, Dr. *Sewall* and Dr. *Chauncy* by name. N.B. My Mother in much the same State.

1742 August 20 (Friday). My Mother in Darkness -- weak and distressed [Still?] but yet humbly declaring her Integrity and Truth, though in every Thing imperfect, and coming short and Condemning her Self bitterly. A Letter from my wife that *Billy* is very ill, and nothing does him any good. Dined at Brother P_____n's and lodged there. I went into the Cold Bath at Mr. Jonathan *Welch's*. Sent a Medicine to Billy by Mr. James Fay. N.B. Mr. *Davenport* condemned by name 9 more of the Ministers. Grand Jury I hear have sat and have found a Bill against him as a Disturber of the peace. I visited Madam Condy to prepare the way for Mollys going to Her School. Visited Mr. *Gray*²¹¹ and Mr. *Cooper*. Spent the Evening with my Mother. Frost to Night.

²⁰⁶Richard, son of Richard and Anna Barns, b. Feb. 12, 1717 (*MVR* 22); d. Sept. 1791 (Breck Parkman diary, Sept. 4, 1791). He and his wife Elizabeth confessed fornication, owned the covenant, and their daughter Anna was baptized, Nov. 22, 1741; *WCR*, 61.

²⁰⁷Joshua Gee (1698-1748), Harvard 1717, minister of Boston's Second Church, 1723-1748. *SHG* 6:175-83.

²⁰⁸Not identified.

²⁰⁹Mather Byles (1707-1788), Harvard 1725, minister of Boston's Hollis Street Church, 1732-1776. *SHG* 7:464-93.

²¹⁰Edward Wigglesworth (1693-1765), Harvard 1710, Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard College, 1722-1765; *SHG*, 5:546-55.

²¹¹Ellis Gray (1715-1753), Harvard 1734, minister of Boston's New Brick Church, 1738-1753; *SHG*, 9:400-04.

1742 August 21 (Saturday). Once More took a Solemn Farewell of my dear and honoured Mother whom I left in some Measure of Comfort both of Mind and Body compared with what she had been; but yet very weak and low still -- looking, panting and full of Earnest Desires after God and the Manifestations of his Grace. Dined at Cambridge. Entertained kindly at Mr. *Darlings* on the Road. Found my Family more Comfortable than I feared. Mr. *Jenison* here. N.B. Cool Night.

1742 August 22 (Sunday). Mr. *Jenison* preached all Day. A.M. on 1 Thess. 4.6. P.M. on 2 Pet. 3.18. While I was resting thus, it looked almost like a Frown of Providence that I was So Much out of Business, having preached neither abroad nor at Home. Billy grows better by Means of the Medicine I sent him by Mr. Fay. *Rhubarb* and *Callomell*.

1742 August 23 (Monday). Clear Days: Cold Nights: and a dry Season.

1742 August 24 (Tuesday). The Association Met at my House. Mr. *Loring*, Mr. *Cushing*, Mr. *Stone* and Mr. *Smith* were all that came to Day. Mr. *Prentice* of Lancaster was to have given us a Concio; but not coming Mr. *Loring* was requested to deliver a Sermon he had with him, and which was upon *Luk. 15.21*. He also read some Collections which he had made from the Life of Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe (who was Mrs. *Singer*) and I read some Collections from Mr. I. Mather²¹² on the Types. N.B. Mr. *Jenison* our schoolmaster present p.m. N.B. Mr. *Gamel*²¹³ building a Wall on the Lower Side of my Front Yard.

1742 August 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* preached the Lecture on *Rom. 3.29*. Mr. *Weld*²¹⁴ of *Attlebury*, Mr. *Hemmingway*²¹⁵ of *Townshend* and Mr. *Moss* of *the North part of Shrewsbury* came. N.B. The Account Mr. *Weld* gave of the remarkable Work of God among them.

1742 August 26 (Thursday). Rain.

1742 August 27 (Friday). Rain.

1742 August 28 (Saturday). Brother *Samuel Breck* came from *Springfield* and brought a Melancholly Letter concerning himself from Brother *Breck*. The Lord grant us Grace suitably to humble our selves under the Frown of his Providence and grant the wisdom that may be profitable to direct in so difficult a Case! Brother went to *Marlborough*.

1742 August 29 (Sunday). Sacrament. Preached on Song 1.4. P.M. repeated on 1 Joh. 1.7. Deacon Fay, Old Mr. Fay and the widow Mary Rice dined with us.

²¹²Increase Mather (1639-1723), minister of Boston's Second Church, 1675-1723; sixth president of Harvard College, 1685-1701; *SHG*, 1:410-70.

²¹³Samuel Gamel.

²¹⁴Habijah Savage Weld (1702-1782), Harvard 1723, minister at Attleborough, 1727-1782; *SHG*, 7:268-72.

²¹⁵Phinehas Hemenway (1707-1760), Harvard 1730, minister at Townsend, 1734-1760; *SHG*, 8:724-26.

1742 August 30 (Monday). Mr. Nathaniel Smith²¹⁶ of Hopkinton here for advice respecting his Son *Nathaniel* who was So oppressed and overcome with Affairs of his Soul and another world that he would not attend to the Necessary Supports of Life. Brother Samuel Breck here, but towards Evening took Leave. Thomas finished Cutting Stalks.

1742 August 31 (Tuesday). My wife under much Indisposition.

1742 September 1 (Wednesday). Dined at Mr. Nathaniel Oakes. Visited Mr. John Caruth and Catechized at Lieut. Holloways. Visited Mrs. *Laurence*. At Eve Supped at Capt. Eagers after his raising the back Part of his House.

1742 September 2 (Thursday). Was to have preached at Mr. *James Fays* if Rain and my wife sickness had not prevented. I Read Mr. Stoddards Preaching of the Gospel to the poor.

1742 September 3 (Friday). My wife rode to Mr. *Thurstons*. My mind greatly impressed respecting the due manner of observing and improving my next Birth Day which approaches. The Lord alone can prepare me therefor!

1742 September 4 (Saturday). The Boys clearing the unfinished part of the House of Lumber etc. to fit it for the Masons. But O how my Life has fled -- so teach me Lord etc.!

1742 September 5 (Sunday). O might this Birth Day be the Day of Gods Power with me and the Day of the Gladness of my Heart! *Vide Natal*. Preached a.m. on 1 Thess. 5.19, and p.m. Gal. 2.20, those words *the Life which I live in the Flesh I live by the Faith of the Son of God*. O that mine might be such I beg of God to make it so! I resolve by his Grace, to Endeavour to make it So. Mrs. *Rachel Bowker* of Marlborough dined with me. N.B. I appointed an Exercise to be at Mr. *Matthias Rice's*²¹⁷ next Tuesday. N.B. A great Frost.

1742 September 6 (Monday). The Masons came to build me a Stack of Chimnys in the East End of my House. They were Lieut. Brigham of Southborough, and Mr. Daniel Forb. of Westborough.

1742 September 7 (Tuesday). Rain a.m. No Masons. At noon Lieutenant came, but not being well he returned home again. I went to Mr. *Matthias Rices* according to appointment and

²¹⁶Nathaniel, Elizabeth, Richard, and Hannah Smith joined the Hopkinton church, Sept. 10, 1731; Nathaniel Smith, Jr., joined, Feb. 7, 1742. *Manual of the First Congregational Church, in Hopkinton, Mass. Organized Sept. 2, 1724. Including the Confession of Faith, Covenant, Standing Rulers, List of Officers and Members, and Historical Sketch* (Boston: Alfred Mudge & Son, 1881), 43, 44. Parkman later noted that "Disturbances in Hopkinton are risen to great Heights and Richard and Nathaniel Smith are sent to Jayl for breaking up the Worship last Sabbath" (Feb. 1, 1744). It was may be the elder Nathaniel Smith who died June 3, 1789, a. 77 (*HVR*, 449)

²¹⁷Matthias Rice was b. Apr. 4, 1706 (Marlborough VR, 159); died Feb. 13, 1764, a. 57 y., 10 m. (Northborough VR, 147). He and his wife Anna were admitted to the Westborough church, Nov. 23, 1740 (WCR, 57) and dismissed to the church in Northborough, May 4, Aug. 17, 1746 (WCR, 74-75, 77).

preached there, on Luk. 19.9. Visited Mr. *Beeman* as I returned. N.B. Ebenezer rode to Grafton to look up some of our young Cattle which had Strayed from Sutton: found but Two out of Five.

1742 September 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Daniel Forbush²¹⁸ worked at the Chimneys and Thomas Winchester tends him, as before. But no Lieutenant to Day, though very bright weather, a brisk wind. Mr. John Rogers upon my Mare rode after the remainder of young Cattle. Found them but did not bring them.

1742 September 9 (Thursday). Mr. Forb. and Thomas at the Chimney. John Hicks brought home my young Cattle from Grafton. N.B. Deacon Langdon of Boston and his Wife, and Dr. John Clark their Neighbour returning from Leicester, called to See me. I rode with them as far as Lt. *Nathan Brigham* of Southborough.

1742 September 10 (Friday). Mr. Forbush at the Chimny and Thomas tending him. Lieutenant Brigham came to See us but could not work. N.B. Mr. *Davenport* at Capt. Fay's, going upward.

1742 September 11 (Saturday). Mr. Forb. at the Chimny and Lt. Brigham came to work. Sam Bumpso came and helped tend the Masons. But Lt. Brigham went with Ensign Maynard to Grindstone Hill to digg Stones, and with Mr. Nurses²¹⁹ Team added to my oxen brought a Load of Excellent Jaum Stones from thence. But these Things proved a great Impediment to my Studys, and preparations for the Sabbath.

1742 September 12 (Sunday). On 1 Thess. 5.19. The Congregation much moved. At noon Molly Garfield²²⁰ of Shrewsbury greatly distressed -- being awakened by the forenoon Sermon, earnestly desired prayers p.m. for her. P.M. on 2 Cor. 13.14.

1742 September 13 (Monday). Ebenezer with a Team to Grindstone Hill, and he and Lieut. Tainter brought each of them a Load of choice Stones. Mr. Forbush at the Chimnys. Lieutenant Brigham came a part of the Day to the Work. N.B. Mr. Daniel Rogers²²¹ of Ipswich, Dr. Gott and Mr. Dodge came and dined with us. Mr. *Rogers* had preached three Times at Marlborough. Catechetical Exercise to young women at which I preached on Rev. 3.1.

1742 September 14 (Tuesday). Thomas went to Mr. Bowmans to Splice Rails for Me. Rode to Rutland in Company of Mr. Cushing and Lieutenant Stone, and Lieutenant Baker and Mr. Livermore. Mr. Swift ill and could not Come. Mr. Prentice of *Lancaster* gone to the Council at Concord.

²¹⁸Daniel, son of Jonathan and Hannah Forbush, b. Oct. 23, 1710 (*MVR*, 73); died, Jan. 12, 1780, "69 years old last October" (Parkman diary). Daniel Forbush was admitted to the Westborough church, Oct. 5, 1735 (*WCR*, 38).

²¹⁹William Nurse (1696-1779). "Attended and prayed at the Funeral of Old Mr. William Nurse. He was 83 sometime in last month." (Parkman diary, Apr. 16, 1779).

²²⁰Perhaps Mary, wife of Daniel Garfield.

²²¹Daniel Rogers (1707-1785), Harvard 1725, tutor at Harvard, 1732-1741; minister at Exeter, New Hampshire (Second Church), 1748-1785; *SHG*, 7:554-60.

1742 September 15 (Wednesday). The Churches that met were the Church in *Weston, Shrewsbury, Grafton* and *Westborough*. Mr. Williams Moderator of the Council which was formed. N.B. we were much impeded by Mr. Buckminster's not having obtained his Dismission from the Church of Framingham. But Considering that it was owing to the providence of God (namely by the Sickness of Rev. Mr. *Swift*) that we were deprived of it, both the Council and the Church were of opinion it was more advisable to proceed without it than to put by the Ordination. Mr. Solomon Prentice prayed before sermon, Mr. Williams preached from 2 Cor. 5.20, and he gave the Charge. Mr. Cushing prayed after the Charge, and I gave the Right Hand. I was So faithful to my old Friendship that I went to see Mr. Frink but his treatment and Conduct was rugged and ungratefull. Mr. Brintnall desired me to preach this Evening but for Several Reasons I declined it.

1742 September 16 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing and Lieutenant Stone, Mr. Livermore and I rode to Worcester to see the prisoner *Green*; who upon the Keepers informing him that I was come said he did not want to see Me. I would not force my self upon him: so we came away without Seeing him. Eat at Mr. Cushings and got home in safety and Season. N.B. Mr. Miller, Mr. D. Forbush and Phinehas Forb. brought each of them a Load of Rails from Mr. Bowmans -- in all 100. N.B. Mr. Benjamin How Carting away my old House which he bought of me.

1742 September 17 (Friday). Lieutenant *Brigham* came to the work of the Chimny but not Mr. Forb. Lieutenant Baker brought a Load of Stones. Mr. Boynes²²² here -- would fain finish the well. Old Mr. Joseph Green here to take Advice respecting his many Scruples. Mr. Jenison here, and Supped with me.

1742 September 18 (Saturday). Mr. Forbush at work but not Lieutenant Brigham. *Rev. Mr. Parsons*²²³ of *Lyme* made me a kind visit; and I perswaded him to Stay and keep Sabbath here, though I had sent to Mr. *Smith* of *Marlborough* to change with me, for I sent down *Thomme* to prevent his coming up. But he returned me a Note full of urgency to go down notwithstanding. I rode down therefore at Evening to *Marlborough*.

1742 September 19 (Sunday). I preached at *Marlborough* on 2 Cor. 6.2. N.B. Judge *Dudley* present. I was very dull and Lifeless p.m. Was too much under the Fear of Man. The Lord humble and pardon *me* for the Lord Jesus Sake! And O that the Blessing might Accompany the work both to the Hearers and to my own soul! I rode up home at Eve. Found Mr. Parsons preaching with great fervency to young people on the gathering Manna in the Morning. It made great Impression. But the most remarkable Signs were immediately after the Blessing

²²²Possibly William Boynes (or Boins) of Marlborough. Several children were born to William and Martha Boynes (Boins), 1740-1745 (*MVR*, 32, 34.)

²²³Jonathan Parsons (1705-1776), Yale 1729, minister of Old Lyme, Connecticut, 1729-1745; Newburyport (First Presbyterian Church), 1746-1776; *DYG*, 1:389-93.

was pronounced. Mr. *Stephen Fays* wife²²⁴ cried out and Cousen Winchester presently upon it both of whom Strove what they could to contain themselves but they burst forth with great Agony of Soul. Sarah Shattuck and Betty Fay discovered also their inward Distress. But Sarah Sparhawk was unbounded and like one deprived of her Reason. A great Tumult ensued. Mr. *Parsons* advised me to compose them and either pray or sing a Psalm. I requested him to direct to a Psalm. After Singing I Spake Strongly to the people, advising and beseeching them to retire to private meditation and prayer. And it had Success and Sarah Sparhawk was brought away Home by some Young Men. A Number of the Distressed and others came to my House -- but went home about Nine o'clock. Sarah *Sparhawk* was however often crying out, and Striving much in her Fitts for an Hour or Two -- then went to Bed and slept well. Mr. *James Fay* earnestly Strove with me to have an Exercise in the Morning and pleaded with Mr. *Parsons* to preach, but he would not yield, having concluded it to be his Duty to prosecute his Journey. I could not give encouragement my Self because of other previous Engagements.

1742 September 20 (Monday). Mr. *Parsons* took leave, with his son *Marshfield*,²²⁵ to go to Springfield. Lieutenant *Brigham* and Mr. *Ephraim Ward*²²⁶ and Mr. *Daniel Forbush* at the work of the Chimneys and *Noah How* assisted Thomas in Tending. Capt. *Warrin* helps cut and hew the Mantletrees: and put in the New Boxes into my Cart. Neighbour *Benjamin How* put in an Axletree. Expected Mr. *Boynes* to go about the Well, but he did not come. Sarah Shattuck and Betty Chamberlain here to take advice upon their Spiritual Concerns, and Sarah Bellows was very helpfull in Family Business instead of Sarah Sparhawk who was Still feeble and pensive and could do little. At Eve Neighbour *Eliezer Rice* and *Abner Newton* -- Brother *Hicks* came, and lodged. The weather Raw Cold, and this with the very different and multiplyed Cares upon my Mind, made me feel weak and feeble.

1742 September 21 (Tuesday). Brother *Hicks* who lodged here, confined by the Storm of Rain. P.M. I preached to a number that gathered together and requested it, but no public Notice had been given. I repeated (as I was desired) my last sermon on 1 Thess. 5.19. N.B. Sarah Sparhawk cried out again and was in much Distress. N.B. Mr. *Dickinsons* Dialogue entitled the Display of Special Grace. N.B. Mr. *Benjamin Warrin Taylor* at Work yesterday and to Day in making Leather Breeches for Ebenezer and Thomme.

1742 September 22 (Wednesday). I preached Mr. *Stones* Lecture at Southborough on Luk. 19.10 and returned at Eve.

1742 September 23 (Thursday). Mr. *Stone* rode with me to the Trial of *Jabez Green* at Worcester Superior Court. His Confidence was very extraordinary. But the Evidences very

²²⁴Ruth (Child) Fay was admitted to the Westborough church, June 3, 1736 (WCR, 41). "P.M. I made a visit to Mr. Stephen Fay and his Wife who are tomorrow to move to Lambs Town [Upton]" (Parkman diary, Apr. 17, 1750).

²²⁵Marshfield, son of Jonathan and Phebe (Griswold) Parsons, b. Feb. 3, 1733. Reuben H. Walworth, *Hyde Genealogy; or the Descendants, in the Female as Well as in the Male Lines, from William Hyde, of Norwich...* (2 vols.; Albany, NY: J. Munsell, 1864), 1:185.

²²⁶Ephraim Ward of Southborough.

strong against him. Mr. *Campbell* (who prayed at the Opening thereof) dined with the Court. Mr. *Frink*, Mr. *Stone*, Mr. *Prentice*, Mr. *Webb* dined at Mr. *Burrs*. I dined at Coll. *Chandlers*, where also dined Coll. *Brattle*²²⁷ (who was Kings Attorney this Court), Mr. *Morse* of Shrewsbury and divers others. P.M. the Jury were not agreed. At Eve the Rain detained us till the Court was adjourned. As soon as the weather permitted, Mr. *Stone* and I rode home, though it was Somewhat late.

1742 September 24 (Friday). [No entry.]

1742 September 25 (Saturday). Heard that Jabez Green was condemned yesterday.

1742 September 26 (Sunday). On Gal. 2.20 and Cant. 1.4.

1742 September 27 (Monday). Lieutenant *Brigham* and Mr. *Forb.* came to the Chimney work and Benjamin *Forb.* help Thomas tend. P.M. I rode to Mr. *Samuel Fay junior*,²²⁸ Mr. *Eliezer Bellows*²²⁹ and visited Mr. *Knowltons*²³⁰ Family several of their Children being sick of the Throat Distemper. I rode to Mr. *Garfields*²³¹ and Mr. *Edward Willsons*²³² and returned home by Mr. *Snells*.

1742 September 28 (Tuesday). Cold, Raw Weather for some Time.

1742 September 29 (Wednesday). Variety of Company here. Mrs. *Whitney* of Watertown, Mr. *Noah Rices wife*²³³ of Sutton and others. Mr. *Jacob Green* of Colchester. Mr. *Jonas Morse*²³⁴ of Marlborough bought a sow and 4 young Piggs of me. Thomas gathering apples. But my mind was much impressed with the Thoughts of Hopkinton Fast tomorrow. I beg I may in a True Manner rely on God and receive Direction and Help from Him.

1742 September 30 (Thursday). My wife rode with me to Hopkinton. Mr. *Moody*²³⁵ of York was to preach a.m. but at 11 o'Clock Mr. *Barrett* came with a Message and the Bible to Me that I must preach. Mr. *Barrett* prayed before sermon. I preached on Eph. 5.14. P.M. Mr. *Stone* prayed and Mr. *Moody* preached on Prov.1.23. At Evening Mr. *Barrett* was requested to Suffer Mr. *Bliss* preach an Evening Lecture but he would not allow of its being publickly in the Meeting

²²⁷William Brattle (1706-1776), Harvard 1722, *SHG*, 7: 10-23.

²²⁸Samuel, son of Samuel and Tabitha Fay, bapt. May 6, 1705 (*MVR*, 70). Samuel and his wife Deliverance joined the Westborough church on July 27, 1728 (*WCR*, 15).

²²⁹Eliezer (or Eleazer) Bellows, b. Aug. 1, 1696, son of Elliazer and Esther Bellows (Marlborough VR, 26). He and his wife Sarah confessed fornication and were admitted to the Westborough church (*WCR*, 11). They were dismissed to Southborough, Sept. 19, 1734 (*WCR*, 36).

²³⁰Either Abraham or Joseph Knowlton of Shrewsbury; both appear frequently in Parkman's diary.

²³¹Possibly Daniel Garfield.

²³²Edward Wilson of Shrewsbury.

²³³Noah Rice was admitted to the church, July 18, 1736 (*WCR*, 43); his wife Hannah, Feb. 29, 1736 (*WCR*, 40); and they were dismissed to the church in Sutton, June 23, 1746 (*WCR*, 73).

²³⁴Jonas, son of Joseph and Grace Mors, b. July 25, 1703 (*MVR*, 132).

²³⁵Samuel Moody (1676-1747), Harvard 1697, minister at York, 1698-1747; *SHG*, 4:356-65.

House; he gave way to its being at a private House. N.B. Mr. Stones opposing Mr. Bliss, on one Side and *Peter How's* opposing Mr. Barrett on the other. I endeavoured to quiet and reconcile each, praying that the Excellent Fruit of the Spirit *Peace*, might appear. The Lord make it a good season! We returned in safety.

1742 October 1 (Friday). We have some Number of Cold frosty Nights, but the last was very Cold -- the air Raw and looked snowy. This Morning very Cold. Corn gathering Yesterday and to Day.

1742 October 2 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1742 October 3 (Sunday). On Mat. 23.37.38.

1742 October 4 (Monday). Message from Boston that my Mother was grown worse. Stephen Fay here and in various religious Disquietments. His Brother *James* here at Evening and while some young women, *Sarah Shattuck*, *Mary Graves* and *Sarah Bellows* were receiving Instructions from me in singing Mr. Fay was in much Spiritual Commotion; but while we were singing the 63 Psalm, he was in a peculiar Manner rapt in Spiritual Delight and panted with the overbearing Joy and admiration of the Divine Greatness and Condescension to us and His Patience towards us; and his Expressions of these Things were very becoming and noticeable. About 16 or 18 Hands husked out my Corn.

1742 October 5 (Tuesday). I sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to Speak with Mr. Boynes concerning the finishing the Well which lyes too long Neglected; and the Waters are yet low.

1742 October 6 (Wednesday). My Mind and Heart much engaged in my *Spiritual* [work?] and on Account of my *Ministerial Work*.

1742 October 7 (Thursday). I expected Mr. *Seccomb* of Harvard but it was so rainy he came not. I preached my self on Ps. 65.4.

1742 October 8, 9 (Friday, Saturday). *Thomas* made the Cyder -- only 4 1/2 Barrells. Noah How making a Cart Gate for the East End of my House both these Days.

1742 October 10 (Sunday). Sacrament. On Gal. 2.20. Some Number of Strangers -- Hopkinton people especially. Mr. Thurston of *Upton* and his wife here, and Mrs. Lambson²³⁶ of Ipswich, Mrs. Whipple,²³⁷ and all dined here besides Deacon Fay. I hope it was a Time of Some Instruction and quickening among God's people.

²³⁶Probably Abigail (Mrs. Thomas) Lamson whose daughter Abigail married Francis Whipple of Westborough (*Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* (2 vols.; Salem, MA: The Essex Institute, 1910), 2:271). The younger Abigail Lamson was b. Feb.15, 1708 (*ibid.*, 1:233).

²³⁷Abigail, wife of Francis Whipple.

1742 October 11 (Monday). Noah How finished the Gate and hung it. School began again, at Ensign Forbushes. *I rode down to Mr. Boynes* -- and visited Capt. Brigham. P.M. Catechetical Exercise -- I preached on Eccl. 11.9, being utterly prevented preparing the Exposition.

1742 October 12 (Tuesday). I rode to Cambridge. In my Journey I had Mr. Samuel Jenisons Company and we called to see Elder *Lyman* who lyes Sick at Mr. Williams's at Weston.

1742 October 13 (Wednesday). To Boston. My aged Mother in much the Same State as for some Time of Late. Sick and low and faint. Oft time so poor and weak that She Seems in immediate Danger of Death: and then revives again. In Spirituals Dark and distressed yet hoping and trusting in God. P.M. at Mr. Condys -- where was Mr. Samuel Coolidge²³⁸ and afterwards came Dr. *Chauncy* and then my Kinsman Parkman. We all visited Mr. Eliot who was newly married to my Kinswoman, Mrs. Elizabeth Langdon, only Daughter of Deacon Josiah Langdon. At Eve at Brother Alexanders where Molly Still resides (dining at Cousen Procters) while She attends School at Madam *Condys*. Lodged at Brother *Samuels*.

1742 October 14 (Thursday). Mr. Lowel preached the public Lecture on Job. 7.17, an excellently well composed and well delivered Sermon; except that the *Life part* was too brief. Dined at Deacon Henschmans with Mr. Gee etc. Bought Dr. Twiss's [Vindicice?] out of old Mr. *Nortons* Library; but was obliged to leave behind a great Collection of the School men -- Aquinas, Scotus, Vasquez, Suarez, Durandus, Estius etc. At Eve Sorrowful Parting with my venerable, aged, tender Mother, whose Blessing she delivered in Solemn and affectionate Manner. Among other Things She prayed that I might have Stedfastness especially now in these Times. To *Cambridge*.

1742 October 15 (Friday). At Deacon Sparhawks to Discourse with them concerning *Sarah*, and apprized them of my unwillingness to keep her. I returned home. Family in Health. D.G.

1742 October 16 (Saturday). At Eve Neighbour Richard Barns was here requesting Baptism for his Twins born last Night or this Morning. I advised him to wave the Matter till I could make search into some Reports which I had heard of him.

1742 October 17 (Sunday). On Mark 3.35 and Philip. 4.5. Neighbour Barns came to Me after Evening Exercise -- and told me he would See and get Me some Letters concerning his Conduct as referred to last Night.

1742 October 18 (Monday). I wrote to Mr. Woolson, inholder at Weston, concerning Neighbour Barns. I rode to Mr. Eliezer Bellows's whose Child²³⁹ lies sick, and to Mr. Daniel Forbushes. Dined at Mr. Tainter's.

²³⁸Samuel Coolidge (1703-1767), Harvard 1724, Harvard librarian, 1734-1735; chaplain at Castle William; occasional schoolmaster at Westborough and Watertown; *SHG*, 7:326-31.

²³⁹Possibly Lucy, the youngest child of Eleazer and Sarah Bellows, bapt. Jan. 21, 1739 (WCR, 54).

1742 October 19 (Tuesday). *Mr. Forb. came to Stone my Well*, though not above 8 Inches of water in it (as we Judge). *Mr. Hall* came at Evening. We expected *Mr. Champney*²⁴⁰ of Beverly but he came not.

1742 October 20 (Wednesday). *Mr. Hall* preached a moving Sermon on *Joh. 5.40*. No crying out in the meeting House, but as I was going home from the Meeting House, *Mrs. Ruth Fay*, in anguish of Spirit, burst out and went into my House. I took her into my Study and gave her what Instructions I could. In the Mean Time *Sarah Sparhawk* was crying and Screaming upon her Bed in another part of the House. Many people were in the House below. *Mr. Edwards* of *North hampton* was come, and both he and *Mr. Hall* assisted me in Ministering to these distressed souls and others that needed. It was an Evening of great Engagement. Sent a Letter to *Jabez Green*.

1742 October 21 (Thursday). *Mr. Hall* and *Mr. Edwards* went, the one to *Sutton* and the other for *Boston*. *Jabez Green* was executed. *Mr. Aldridge* the Quaker having preached at the Jail and *Mr. Burr* at the Meeting House. No prayer at the Gallows -- nor much Warning given, as I was informed (for I went not to *Worcester*) but by *Mr. Aldridge* some sort of Exhortation was given. The Prisoner dyed declaring he was not guilty of Murder, to the Surprize of the Spectators. An extraordinary Cold Night for the Season.

1742 October 22 (Friday). *Mr. Forb.* worked at the well. At Eve *Mr. Barns*, with his uncle *Miller* and *Ensign Forb.* here to consult what to do on *Barns's* Affair. I insisted for the Testimonys of the persons who were with him at the Time when he was thought to be most Culpable: and these they agreed to procure. *Mr. Barns* brought the Testimony of *Messrs. Joseph Stratton* and *John Weeks* of *Marlborough*. I had received also a Letter from *Mr. Woolson*.

1742 October 23 (Saturday). *Mr. Forb.* broke off work at Noon. N.B. I have understood there are various Commotions on religious Accounts among Brethren on the South side of the Town.

1742 October 24 (Sunday). *Mr. Jenison* a.m. on *Jer. 12.1*. P.M. I preached on *Heb. 6.7.8*.

1742 October 25 (Monday). *Mr. Forb.* at the well. *Thomas Winchesters* Time out. *Mr. Seccomb* visited me and lodged here.

1742 October 26 (Tuesday). *Mr. Seccomb* went with me to the Association at *Marlborough*. A considerable Number of ministers and Candidates. The Conversation turned most of all upon the Times. *Mr. Marsh*²⁴¹ of *Wachusett* very full of his storys to the discredit of those who were Zealous in promoting Convictions etc. *Mr. Prentice* of *Lancaster* delivered his Concio on *2 Tim. 1.2*. *Mr. Seccomb* and I lodged at *Dr. Gotts*. N.B. My Mare led down by *Winchester* for *Molly* to come Home.

²⁴⁰Joseph Champney (1704-1773), Harvard 1721, minister at Beverly, 1729-1773; SHG, 6:437-39.

²⁴¹Elisha Marsh (1713-1784), Harvard 1738, minister of Westminster, 1742-1757; SHG, 10:300-06.

1742 October 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Davis²⁴² of Holden preached the Lecture (having been first examined). Text *Eph.* 2.4.5. N.B. Mr. Lorings angry rebuke directed to Me at Dinner for opposing Mr. Marsh. Mr. Forb. finished the Well, at the Mouth.

1742 October 28 (Thursday). We have the utmost Reason to Celebrate the Divine Patience and Longsuffering inasmuch as He has not only waited Three Years upon this Church and upon Me their unworthy Pastor, seeking fruit upon us -- nor only Three Times Three; but this Day it is no less Space than Twice Three times Three Years.²⁴³ O may we be humbled for our manifold Defects and unprofitableness! O might I in peculiar who have the greatest need! And may God of his infinite Mercy grant us grace, and to me in Special that henceforth we may bring Some Fruit to his Glory! Jejun. Priv.

1742 October 29 (Friday). Thomas carted Stones for the Well a.m. to throw in behind the Wall: but p.m. it rained.

1742 October 30 (Saturday). Mr. Jenison to Shrewsbury.

1742 October 31 (Sunday). On Hab. 6.7.8, in which I endeavoured to improve the Divine Admonitions and Instructions to our Quickening and awakening. See the 28th Day.

1742 November 1 (Monday). Town Meeting granted 140£ old Tenor as *Support* in addition to my 80£ Sallery. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Williams were the Committee to acquaint me with it. But they could do nothing with respect to dividing the Town. *Snowed* great part of the Day. 3 wolve's Heads. Many wolves in the Swamps.

1742 November 2 (Tuesday). Sent my Mare again for Molly by Mr. Tainter by whom I sent a Calf to Markett. Was at Mr. Cooks great part of the afternoon. N.B. one Levett and his wife from Albany were at Mr. Cooks. Pleasant Evening. A Number of young Men levelling the Banks about the well.

1742 November 3 (Wednesday). Fine pleasant Day -- yet the Snow goes off but very little. Mr. Grow worked for me in closing up the back part of the House where a passage was made to Carry stones and Mortar in building the Chimney -- and other Small Jobbs in fitting the House for winter. At Eve Brother Hicks here. N.B. a very considerable Company attended John Oake at his Marriage this Evening.

1742 November 4 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter returned with my Mare without Molly, She being not well. I preached at Mr. Tainters on Mic. 7.7. N.B. Many persons gone to Hunt Wolves.

1742 November 5 (Friday). Mr. Mead to see me. Mr. Jenison at Eve.

²⁴²Joseph Davis (1720-1799), Harvard 1740, minister at Holden, 1742-1773; *SHG*, 10:478-81.

²⁴³Parkman was ordained on October 28, 1724.

1742 November 6 (Saturday). Mr. Jenison here at Eve. Lodged here. Wolves heard as if as nigh as in my Hill.

1742 November 7 (Sunday). A.M. I expounded Mat. 11.20 to 24. P.M. Mr. Jenison on Eph. ult. ult. This Sabbath our Intermission was only an Hour according to the Vote of the Town last Munday [*sic*], made at my own Motion.

1742 November 8 (Monday). Neighbour Aaron Hardy here. Troubles in Grafton. Mr. Mead here making a Curb for my Well. At Eve Brother Hicks led an Hogg here which I bought of him at 10d per pound alive. Mr. Mead and Brother Hicks lodged here. Mr. Jenison finished School at Ensign Forb.

1742 November 9 (Tuesday). Snowed last night and to Day. Mr. Mead at work on the Curb. Weighed the Hogg brought yesterday. 164. N.B. No Catechetical Exercise by Reason of the Storm. Tracks of Several wolves but a little way from my Fence in the Hill.

1742 November 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Mead a.m. boarding the Curb. P.M. Mr. Samuel Harrington²⁴⁴ of Grafton and his Wife here, She being in Spiritual Troubles.

1742 November 11 (Thursday). Public Thanksgiving. On Rom. 2.4. Cold Day. Mr. Joseph Green and Mr. John Mead dined with me. At Eve read Mr. How on Rom. 6.13, Yield therefore unto God.

1742 November 12 (Friday). Mr. Mead came to work to prepare a Well Crotch and Sweep. N.B. I paid him for all his work of late, in Books -- *Mornay*, Dr. Neville and St. Ambrose's Christian Offices Chrystall Glass. William *Warland* from Cambridge, here and lodged here.

1742 November 13 (Saturday). William *Warland* returned.

1742 November 14 (Sunday). On Mat. XI. 20 to 24. Phil. 4.5. The forenoon Exercise was Somewhat moving, and I pray may not (especially) go without Divine Blessing.

1742 November 15 (Monday). Mr. David Mainard junior²⁴⁵ and his Brother Ebenezer with Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt came and killed a Cow for Me. N.B. Had a Calf within her, nigh ripe for Birth -- The Cow weighed 18 Score and 11 Pound. Read Some part of Dr. *Clarks Demonstration* of the Being etc. of God.

²⁴⁴Samuel Harrington d. Aug. 8, 1743 (Grafton VR, 342); his widow Mary mar. Thomas Drury, Sept. 26, 1745. For Harrington's deathbed conversion, see "Solomon Prentice's Narrative of the Great Awakening," ed. Ross W. Beales, Jr., *Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society* 83 (1971): 143.

²⁴⁵David, son of David and Hannah Mainord, b. Jan. 20, 1705 (*MVR*, 125).

1742 November 16 (Tuesday). Snow that fell last Night and this Morning -- light yet of some Depth. Mr. *Jonathan Burnap* here. N.B. Mr. Pratt and Ebenezer Mainard cut out and Salted up my Beef for me. N.B. Mr. *Stephen Fay* here and tarried, and dined with me; was with me all the Afternoon and Some part of the Evening. He revealed Several wonderfull Experiences which he had had both last Spring and lately. He told me he had a weighty, pressing Concern for Two Souls. I found he meant his own and mine. I asked him what he had discovered in me that gave him reason to Suspect me. He told me my preaching and Conversation. For that if I had a true sight of Eternal Things he thought I Should be more Zealous and fervent for, for his part, he felt as if he could cry out etc. I confessed my Dulness, yet made some appeal to my Sermons, especially of late deliver'd. I Spake of the different Tempers of Men; the Diversity of Gifts but the Same Spirit. The different Frames which both Speakers and Hearers are in at different Times -- professed however, my great Need of Divine Grace and the Supplys of the Spirit to revive and quicken and furnish and assist me; and of his prayers (and asked them) that I might obtain the presence and Spirit of God with me; and whatever God should afford, Should give *in to me*, I would endeavour to give *out to them*. We parted in great peace and Love. May the Lord sanctifie this admonition to me, and hereby Stir up in me a Spirit of Care, and Jealousy over my own soul; and enliven me with respect to the Souls committed to my Care! O might it please God to impress me deeply with the worth of Immortal souls, and my tremendous Account in the Day of Christ of those of this Flock, and all of my Charge!

1742 November 17 (Wednesday). Very Rainy. Should otherwise have expected Mr. Seccomb to preach my Lecture but he came not. Very few came to meeting, about 25. I preached to them from Joh. 14.21, latter part.

1742 November 18 (Thursday). Rain a.m. Mr. *Cushing* p.m. He came on the Business of *Sarah Sparhawks* living here, that he might write to her Grandfather about her. But she grows So untoward that we drew up determinations to put her away, unless she will reform. Rainy Night.

1742 November 19 (Friday). My Mind very heavy and my work goes on but Slowly. But my Hope is Still in God. I humbly wait for His salvation.

1742 November 20 (Saturday). Found I could not finish my Subject -- So threw it by for the Present.

1742 November 21 (Sunday). Sacrament. On Rev.14.3. Through Grace I was considerably enlarged and moved -- hope it was not a lost Time. Glory to God. P.M. on *Phil.* 4.5. Was much hurried to get done in season.

1742 November 22 (Monday). In the Morning rode to Ensign Daniel *Bartletts*, and Mr. Allens. In my ride was greatly oppressed in sorrowful Thoughts of my Spiritual State, and of my Ministerial work. When I returned found some Comfort in Mr. Shepherds Saints Jewel on 2 Cor. 7.1. And p.m. came Mr. *Samuel Streeter* of Hopkinton and gave me some account of himself and his Spiritual State for Some years past, but especially of his darkness and trouble till the

Fast at Hopkinton last December 29, and (to God the Sole Glory) the Help he received by my sermon on Ps. 63.8. Mr. Wheeler here -- nothing disquieting. Brother Hicks here and lodged.

1742 November 23 (Tuesday). Ensign Mainard and several other Hands raising up my New well Sweep. Brother Hicks rode my Mare down to Boston to bring up Molly. This is the Third Time I have sent down my Mare for her this Fall. Ebenezer has begun to learn to Cypher.

1742 November 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Samuel Fay junior had my Cattle to go to *Boston*.

1742 November 25 (Thursday). Storm of Rain.

1742 November 26 (Friday). Mr. Prentice of Grafton came to see me. I enquired whether he had sought Reconcilement with Mr. *Loring* of Sudbury, as he had engaged at Rutland? He could not say he had. He brought me his Church's Desire and his own, to assist them in a Fast next Thursday come sennight. But I insisted upon his reconcilement with Mr. Loring. N.B. Mr. Hall had told him and his wife that at his late visit to me, I received him but Coldly. At Eve Brother Hicks returned from Cambridge but brought not Molly. She was still confined with illness at Sister Bettys at Boston. Brother Hicks lodged here.

1742 November 27 (Saturday). Snowy. One *Ben Amos* an Hatter from Hartford here, whom I sat to work to dress my Hatts. Stormy Night.

1742 November 28 (Sunday). Snowy and but few at Meeting. On Mat. XI.20 to 24 a. and p.m. Mr. Noah Rice and Mrs. Ruth Fay dined here. The Exercises were very moving -- the Subject very awfull! Alas that I could manage it no better! But O that God would bless what has been offered though in great imperfect[ion] and brokenness!

1742 November 29 (Monday). Bright Day. But No wood but what we could pick up -- and no Cattle came home from Mr. Fays till Eve. At Eve Mr. Fay, Mr. Williams and Ensign Mainard here.

1742 November 30 (Tuesday). Rose early and visited Thomas Goodeno's Daughter²⁴⁶ which had the Iliac Passion, but through God's Mercy grew better. I proceeded on my journey to Boston. Mr. Smith of Marlborough, justice *Allen* and his Daughter Lucy gone along. I overtook 'em at Baldwins and there we all dined. Mother Champney (when I came to Cambridge) I found had been very ill -- and was still confined. Was at College. Proceeded to Boston. My Mother wondrous well and Comfortable. D.G. Was at Mr. *Owen*, the Taylors. Lodged at Sister Bettys. Molly had been long laid up with a Severe ague and Still kept House.

1742 December 1 (Wednesday). Mr. Smith having bought a Chaise Molly had a fine [adv.?] to ride up with him. Several women accompanied her to Charlestown. Dined at Brother

²⁴⁶Thomas and Persis Goodenow (also spelled Goodanow) had three daughters at this time, Persis, b. Jan. 11, 1735; Lucy, b. May 16, 1736; and Elizabeth, b. Sept. 10, 1740 (*WVR*, 54).

Parkmans. Visited Cousen Langdon in her widowhood -- and Cousen Angier in her sickness. At Eve sister Dorcas and I at Mrs. *Bennets*. Lodged at Brother Alexanders.

1742 December 2 (Thursday). Mr. Prince public Lecture on Amos 4.12. Dined at Dr. *Chauncys* -- the Company Mr. *Mather*, Mr. *Condy* and Mr. *Mayhew*²⁴⁷ of College. Finished all my Accounts with Mr. Foster the Clothier. At Eve at Mr. Thomas *Baxters* and supped -- the Company Mr. Andrew Eliot, Mr. Grout and his wife, my Kinsman and Mr. Harb. Dorr. At Brother Samuels afterwards with Brother *Alexander* and his wife.²⁴⁸ Lodged with *Parkman*.

1742 December 3 (Friday). First wore a *Plush Coat of Homespun* which I have been above a 12 Month preparing, and made Yesterday by Mr. Owen. Rode to Cambridge in the Eve and very wet by the Rain. Mother Champney in a poor state.

1742 December 4 (Saturday). Rode Mr. Smiths Mare to Marlborough. My Mare having brought up his Chaise, with *Molly* who was yet ill and so bad that I left her at Mr. Smiths. An Evening ride Home in [*illegible*] and Dark. Had much pain in the Night.

1742 December 5 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison preached for me, on 2 Sam. 23.5, but I could not go out. Mr. James Bradish and Mr. James Fay here at Eve after Meeting.

1742 December 6 (Monday). Felt Something easier. Went to the Door, but not out.

1742 December 7 (Tuesday). Rainy, could not Send for the Doctor, but was in great need of him. Much pained and feverish -- full of fears of the Event.

1742 December 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Morse of North Shrewsbury here. As were also Messrs. John Stone²⁴⁹ of Rutland, and Mr. Howard of *Holden* with a Letter from thence respecting Mr. Davis's ordination. Ebenezer went for the Doctor who also came to me under Symptoms of Rheumatism.

1742 December 9 (Thursday). A Fast at Grafton but I was confined and could not go. I took Physick (Rhubarb etc.) which worked gently and kindly. N.B. Sarah Sparhawk very intolerable in insisting to go to Grafton though there was no Body at home but She to take Care of the Business of the House -- My wife waiting on me. Boys at School and Bekky at Mr. Hows.

1742 December 10 (Friday). The Doctor here.

1742 December 11 (Saturday). Took another Portion of Physick. Sam Bumpso and Stephen Mainard k[indly?] got wood, the latter only p.m.

²⁴⁷Jonathan Mayhew (1720-1766), Harvard 1744, minister of Boston's West Church, 1747-1766; *SHG*, 11:440-72.

²⁴⁸Esther Parkman. She d. Jan. 12, 1746 (Parkman diary, Jan. 19, 1746).

²⁴⁹John Stone of Rutland died Oct. 11, 1776 (*RVR*, 249).

1742 December 12 (Sunday). I engaged Mr. Jenison to preach again. He preached on Ps. 119 ult. and on [blank]. I could not have the Dinner near me. The Bridegroom Green²⁵⁰ and his Brother dined with my Family. At Eve I had a Turn wherein I was nigh Swooning but got to Bed and came to.

1742 December 13 (Monday). Rheumatick pains are gone off. D. Gr. Mr. Mainard killed a Shote for me, weight 108. Mr. Cushing here. Acquainted him with our uneasiness with *Sarah*. I expected the Doctor but he came not. Mr. Bradish prayed with me. I had a very bad, distressing Night. My Fever Strong and my Spirits much Exercised. But the Lord sustained me.

1742 December 14 (Tuesday). Ebenezer went for the Doctor. Brought up *Molly* from Marlborough but no Doctor. Five Shrewsbury Neighbours -- Mr. William Nurse, Bezal. [illegible], Eleazer Pratt, Reuben Mainard and Jotham Mainard came and got wood. N.B. Mr. Harwood and Jonathan Roberts of Grafton here to see me. Not so bad a Night as last; yet feverish.

1742 December 15 (Wednesday). Comfortable morning through God's Mercy. Doctor here. Fever came on p.m. Capt. Fay, and he prayed with me. Much Company at Eve. Mr. Jenison prayed. Had another distressing night. Much Fever, but God sustained my Spirits So that with Comfort in my Mind I bore through. To him be Glory!

1742 December 16 (Thursday). Comfortable Day. D.G. Ensign Forb. and others here. Mr. Daniel Stones wife continues low yet. I wrote to her by her Daughter *Martha*. Not quite so good a Night as Day. My mind is daily Exercised, especially concerning the Souls under my Care. The Lord enable me to acquit myself respecting them!

1742 December 17 (Friday). In fears of the return of my Fever, but it went off in the middst of the Day. Deacon Newton to see me. Mr. Jenison being engaged on the Northside, they talk of Sending to Mr. Minot of Concord. Ensign Mainard here. A good, comfortable night. D.G.

1742 December 18 (Saturday). I had sent a Letter to Mr. Joseph Sparhawk, but no return. The ways heavy but yet Sent Ebenezer with *Sarah* to said Mr. Sparhawk at Sutton. The Doctor here and his Young Man and dined here. Comfortable Day. D.G.

1742 December 19 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison preached on the North side, but no preaching at the Meeting House; they read Mr. Tennents Sermon on the Spiritual Match with Christ. Had turns of feverishness and faintness, both last night and to Day -- but in general not very bad. Deacon Fay and others preached with me at Eve.

1742 December 20 (Monday). A.M. felt variously. P.M. Comfortable, and writ considerable. N.B. Mr. Jno. Bowker and Matthias Rice here, as they were going to a meeting of both sides of

²⁵⁰Jonathan Green mar. Sibyl Wheler, Dec. 8, 1742 (*WVR*, 162).

the Town at Capt. Fays concerning Dividing the [parish?] etc. Mr. *Barrett* here and prayed with me, Mr. Jenison, Lieutenant Baker, [and?] Seth Rice.

1742 December 21 (Tuesday). Very fine moderate Weather. Mrs. Eager and Mrs. Barns²⁵¹ here, and Mr. Smith of Marlborough. He din'd with us and kindly tarried all the afternoon. Through Gods great Goodness I felt the best of any Day Since my Sickness. May God go on and perfect my Recovery!

1742 December 22 (Wednesday). Extraordinary pleasant Moderate Weather like Spring. 'Twas Said it did not so much as freeze last night. I was not So well as yesterday, yet ventur'd down to the Kitchen so much as to look about. Young Mr. Caleb Prentice²⁵² of Cambridge here. Told me of the Religious Commotions last Sabbath and last night at Grafton. Divers Neighbours to see me. Mrs. Dolly Rice, Mrs. Winchester,²⁵³ Mrs. Hephzibah Maynard,²⁵⁴ old Mr. Mainard.²⁵⁵ N.B. Life of Rev. Mr. George Trosse.²⁵⁶

1742 December 23 (Thursday). Very fine Weather Still. Several persons here. I went down below again and took the air of the Door by stepping into the for Yard.

1742 December 24 (Friday). Rainy Weather yet I was wondrous Comfortable and brisk. Read and Writ almost all Day and till nine at Night -- Studying a Sermon on Isa. 33.14. Glory to God!

1742 December 25 (Saturday). Was too well yesterday to hold it. To Day I was dull and feeble and could not study. Mr. J. Mead a.m. and Mr. Jenison and Mr. James Fay p.m.

1742 December 26 (Sunday). A pleasant Day, but I felt feeble and weak; and therefore looked upon the work of the Day with Fear and Concern. The people met at my House. I undertook what I might with God's Help to be able to do. I pray'd 20 Minutes and preach'd 30, on Ps. 90.1. At Noon lay down and refresh'd me and din'd also with Some, though deprav'd, Appetite. P.M. attempted another Exercise and held out 50 minutes in my sermon on the Same Text. Immediately after lay down and after a while was greatly reviv'd, and had a pleasant Eve,

²⁵¹Probably Elizabeth Barns, wife of Richard.

²⁵²This may have been the Caleb Prentice who kept a student rooming house and was father of Caleb Prentiss (1746-1803), Harvard 1765); *SHG*, 16:205.

²⁵³Elizabeth, second wife of Benjamin Winchester.

²⁵⁴Hephzibah Maynard was dismissed from the Marlborough church and admitted to the Westborough church, Apr. 10, 1737 (WCR, 44).

²⁵⁵Probably David Maynard, b. Dec. 21, 1669, son of John and Mary Maynard. He was one of the original members of the church (WCR, 379).

²⁵⁶*The Life of the Reverend Mr. Geo. Trosse, Late Minister of the Gospel in The City of Exon, who Died January 11th, 1712/13. In the Eighty Second Year of his Age, Written by Himself, and Publish'd According to his Order. To which is added, the Sermon Preach'd at his Funeral. By J.H. [Joseph Hallet]. Exon: Printed by Jos. Bliss, for Richard White, Merchant, and sold by him at his House near the Elephant in Northgate-Street, as also by Hen. White, at Mr. Burrigge's, grocer, in Southgate-Street, [1714]. There were at least two other contemporary versions of Trosse's *Life*.*

through the wondrous Goodness of God. Mr. Jenison, from the North Side here in the Evening. O might we all have due Reflections on our frail and dying State! Lord make me know etc.!

1742 December 27 (Monday). Sent by Mr. Tainter to Boston. Mr. Stone here, din'd and Spent the p.m. I was very lively a.m. Went into the Yard -- though a Cold yet a Clear Day. P.M. and Eve not without feverishness and faintness. But Blessed be God I am so far recruited! O may I Spend my Strength to His Glory!

1742 December 28 (Tuesday). Was pritty Comfortable in the Day But was feverish at Eve. N.B. a remarkable meeting at Mr. Harwoods (upon the Borders) last night. Great awakenings there and several Children of Mr. William Nurse and one of Mr. James Fay much wrought on. N.B. An Indian Youth one [blank] Cole, greatly carry'd out at those Meetings. Some of Westborough people that were present greatly question'd their regularity and Soundness, particularly Mr. Eliezer Rice. May the Spirit of Truth lead us and guide us into all Truth for his Name's Sake! Grant us by all Means the Blessing and preserve us from the Evil! Old Mr. Mainard settling his Estate. At Eve Mr. Edward Goddard here. Thomas Winchester thrashing Rye.

1742 December 29 (Wednesday). Thomas Winchester thrashing Rye. I rode out a little way about my Place. Could Study with Some Comfort.

1742 December 30 (Thursday). Thomas clear'd up the Rye. Brother Hicks having heard of my Sickness came to see me. Rain p.m. At Eve Mr. Whipple, Mr. James and Neighbour David Mainard and Mr. Abner Newton (all of them having been at the Meeting at Harwoods last Monday night) came to See me and discourse of those so uncommon Things.

1742 December 31 (Friday). Brother Hicks return'd to Sutton. Bright and pleasant. Through Divine Goodness and Mercy I felt very comfortably and was Chearfull. At Eve Captain Eager and Lieutenant Holloway here, who had not been to see me in all my sickness, and Scarcely any other North Side men, though many had rid by my Door. However I was glad to see 'em at last. Receiv'd a Letter from Brother Breck dated the 27th. He writes that all New Light is almost Extinct -- and God grant that all New Light may be, intirely that the Old the true Gospel Light may Shine forth the more gloriously and victoriously! Now I come to finish the Year, what Shame and Sorrow I had need to be fill'd with for my Ingratitude, unprofitableness and insensibility, when God has been so wondrous patient, So mercifull, So faithfull, So abundant in Goodness towards Me! How graciously he has conducted me through all the Changes of the Year! and in Special, let me never forget his Mercifull and Compassionate Beliefs in my Sickness, So that Neither my Rheumatism, nor my Fever prevail'd upon Me! O that I might know the mind and will of God concerning me! and what shall I render to him for all his Benefits towards Me! The Lord prepare my Heart to render as I ought. But O may my great Redeemer both wash me from my sins in his own Blood, and grant me the gracious and Sanctifying influences of his Blessed Spirit. Without these I can neither be acceptable in his sight, nor offer any Thing to His Glory.