

Dr. Samuel Brigham (1724-1756) of Marlborough

Samuel, son of Samuel and Abigail, born Mar. 3, 1724 (Marlborough VR 45)

Dr. Samuel Brigham Jr. mar. Anna Gott, Jan. 9, 1752 (Marlborough VR 232)

Anna, dau. of Dr. Benjamin and Sarah Gott, b. Jan. 8, 1731 (Marlborough VR 83)
died Feb. 15, 1756 (Marlborough VR)

Samuel, son of Samuel and widow Anna, b. Aug. 28, 1756 (Marlborough VR 45)
Anna (Gott) Brigham mar. Capt. Stephen Maynard, Jan. 23, 1759. Marlborough VR 228

1752 February 11 (Tuesday). Visited Mr. Smith and Dr. Samuel Brigham who has married our Niece Mrs. Nanny Gott.

1752 February 12 (Wednesday). We dined at Esquire Brigham's, the Doctor and his wife and his Brother Uriah and his wife being there also.

1752 June 12 (Friday). Dr. Samuel Brigham and his Wife here, and din'd with us, as did Mr. John Green of Boston, printer.

1752 October 6 (Friday). Thence I went to Marlborough. Settled with Mr. Jacob Felton, paying him the Money which I took up of him last Year to pay Mr. Richard Barns for 4 acres of Land which I bought of him, adjoining to my old Place. Din'd at Colonel Williams's. Was at Mr. Smiths and Dr. Brighams. Return'd at Eve.

1752 October 27 (Friday). Breck's Leg no better: from the Discoverys I could make no Bone is broke, or put out of Joint, but I conceive the Tendons are strain'd, and perhaps the Ligaments at the Ankle. Mr. Grout, and old Mrs. Maynard at my Desire, came to See Breck, being feverish and not able to stir his Leg. I Sent by Mr. William Nurse for Dr. Brigham, who came, and I hope his anointing and bathing him was beneficial. Sent Billy to Mr. Joseph Goodale at Grafton for a pair of Chair Wheels, the time Sett being more than up. At Eve he returns, but without 'em.

1752 November 2 (Thursday). N.B. Dr. Brigham came to see Brecks Leg, which he can't yet go upon.

1754 April 25 (Thursday). Mr. Barrett preach'd my Lecture of Ps. 24.8. N.B. Captain Wood came with him, who also, and Dr. Brigham of Marlborough din'd with us.

1754 September 12 (Thursday). General Muster of Colonel Williams Regiment. 5 Southern Companys at Mendon with Grafton Troop: 8 Companys of Foot and one Troop at Westborough. I pray'd with Captain Bakers Company at the Meeting House. Had Captain Baker's Horse to ride over to the Field which was in Captain Maynards Pasture. Dr. Perkins and Mr. Coolidge rode with me. We proceeded to Captain Maynards -- my Sons House was taken up by Dr. Brigham for twenty Marlborough men.

1754 November 19 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Jonah Warrin being in great Distress for his Daughter Sarah, came for me. And I went. She had attempted Several Times to destroy her Self; but now

was Somewhat calm and conversible. Dr. Brigham here. I pray'd with them. The Doctor in returning din'd with us.

1755 April 7 (Monday). Lucy much out of order -- breaks out in her Face.

1755 April 8 (Tuesday). Lucy and I ride to Marlborough to consult Dr. Brigham about her. She is blooded -- we din'd there.

1755 April 18 (Friday). My Wife to Marlborough on Ebezers Mare, and tarrys over Night.

1755 April 19 (Saturday). My Wife does not return a.m. by reason of the Rain: but it Clearing away p.m. She came in Safety. N.B. her Kinswoman, Dr. Brighams Wife, a third Child, the oldest not 3 years old till next August.

1755 December 18 (Thursday). Dr. Brigham (who has been Doctor of Colonel Browns Regiment of Recruits to Lake George) din'd here.

1755 December 22 (Monday). Rode Mr. Nurse's Mare to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins to see his son who is dangerously Ill. I din'd there. Dr. Brigham also.

1756 January 15 (Thursday). Through Divine Favour I am Somewhat better as to my Rheumatic Disorder. I had put on a Blister, which working well, gave me much Relief. To Gods Name be Glory! As to my sore Leg, I found it Necessary to consult Some Surgeon upon it; and therefore Sent for Dr. *Brigham*: but he could not come to Day.

1756 January 16 (Friday). Dr. *Brigham* visits me -- finds, by probing a little, that my Leg is Somewhat hollow. He carrys on a pulticing with *pond Lilly* roots and *Flax-seed*; anointing it with Ointment of *Marsh mallows* -- the pledget is of *Basilicon*. He tells me that Mr. *Frink* will keep sabbath this way and not return home: I therefore write to him and committ it to the Doctors Care.

1756 January 17 (Saturday). Had an ill night of the last. Had little sleep; and very little Comfort or Refreshment when I did sleep. I was feverish, very faint and weak, as well as my Leg troublesome: my Hip also, although I hope the Rheumatism is stopped, yet continues very sore. Upon the Whole, am in deep Affliction -- Yet may the Lord look upon me and graciously afford me some Relief!... Dr. *Brigham* here and dressed my Leg. He thinks it in a good way, and that he shall cure it in a little Time; but I find it very smartfull, and difficult to endure. The Doctor also shav'd me, though I some what feared the Consequence being so weak and feverish.

1756 January 18 (Sunday). There was a Meeting at the Meeting House, of a few people only. I being still under the holy Frown of Gods providence by Lameness, Mr. *Whitney* prayed. Lt. Tainter read -- and concluded, a.m. P.M. Lieutenant prayed and read. What they read was *Mr. Cotton's* sermon. N.B. I sat at Table at Dinner. Mr. Solomon Woods wife dined with us. But O how gloomy these Sabbaths are! May God grant me a proper Sense hereof!

1756 January 19 (Monday). Dr. *Brigham* dressed my Wound, and he thinks it in the way of Healing.... N.B. I walked more on my Leg to Day, than any time Yet.

1756 February 5 (Thursday). We hear the Doctors *Willson* and *Brigham* are Sick. Dr. *Chase* also complains much of Fever and Canker.

1756 February 16 (Monday). Heard that Dr. Brigham dyed yesterday.

1756 February 19 (Thursday). I rode to Marlborough to the Funeral of *Dr. Samuel Brigham*. Neighbour *Pratt* favored me with his Horse -- visited the widow of the late Mr. *Elisha Ward*. Dined at Mr. *Smiths*, where was also Mr. *Stone*. I prayed before the Corps were carryed out. This Death is much lamented. May God Support the Relatives under the Sore Bereavement especially our dear Kinswoman.

1756 March 6 (Saturday). Mr. Daniel Warrin informs that our Kinswoman, *Dr. Brigham's* Widow, is So very ill that it is doubted whether She will live. P.M. I rode to *Marlborough*; and, Mr. *Smith* having Several times expressed his readiness to *change*, I now desired to, and he complied. Whilst he rode to Westborough I visited Mrs. *Brigham* -- found her bad, but her Case not desperate. She talked freely and with strength.

1756 March 9 (Tuesday). Billy waits on his Mother in the Chair to Marlborough to see her Neece, the *widow of Dr. Brigham*: and return safely at Eve.

1756 September 17 (Friday). Dined at Esq. *Brighams* -- and then Visited the late Doctors Widow who has but newly lain in. We returned safe at Eve.