

## Chocolate

1738 September 20 (Wednesday). In the Morning Mr. Ellerys little sons was Scall'd with hot Chocolat, which as it put every one into great affliction it much retarded us and prevent'd our journeying Early.

1739 February 24 (Saturday). Ensign Maynard brought up a Present from Brother Elias containing a considerable Variety. Scil. Chocolat, Flower, Raisins, Currants, Spices, Limes and Several sorts of Bisketts.

1744 March 10 (Saturday). I rose very Early and Committing my Case to God I went (as I was able) in his Fear and trusting in his goodness to Phinehas Hardys of Grafton and thence to Deacon Miriams, He being one of the witnesses etc. as above. He and his wife treated me with great Civility and Courteousness and generousness, of their own accord providing an Handsome Breakfast of Chocolat etc. etc. for me....

1745 April 25 (Thursday). Mr. Stone preach'd a Lecture to our Young Men from 1 Sam. 2.26. After Meeting came a Messenger from Framingham (one of the Hemingways) with the Sorrowfull Tidings of the Death of the Reverend and Worthy Mr. [John] Swift of Framingham, Who is March last finish'd his 66th Year. A man of good Abilitys, natural and acquir'd -- of a Sprightly Genius and delighting in Learning; a Valuable Pastor and an entertaining preacher, of great Goodness, affability and Courtesy and therefore Easy of access and pleasant to Converse with, was very Hospitable to all and none more affectionate to his Friends. He nevertheless met with much ill treatment among some of his ungrateful people, rigid Sticklers for the Church Discipline of Lay Elders, and disorderly New Lights, the Latter of which had even set up a Meeting House on purpose for Itineracy. The Troubles he was Exercis'd with in both his Flock and Family (of very different kinds indeed) might justly be conceiv'd to have given great advantage to his bodily Disorders which had prevail'd ever since he had an Apoplectick Shock a few Years past. Yesterday Morning When his End approach'd he had unusual appetite and would fain have some Cheese for his Breakfast, but that was conceiv'd hurtfull, and therefore they perswaded him to accept of Chocolat and a Toast. Whilst they were feeding with These he dy'd away at once, and reviv'd no more. Help Lord the Godly Man Ceaseth! The Righteous fall from among the Children of Men! When Such Usefull Men are taken away alas how weak are we! We have lost much of our Strength and our Glory when any of the Pillars Fall, the Fabrick shakes. Yet with God is the residue of the Spirit. May he grant us his almighty Influences that We may dispatch our Work and get ready for our own Summons, and raise up Successors and give Pastors after his own Heart!

1745 July 5 (Friday). It was Somewhat misty, but Molly and Mr. John Sparhawk in Company we rode as far as Mrs. Bekky Walkers in Waltham, when Molly being indispos'd we Lit and stay'd the making and Eating of Chocolat. We got up so seasonably to Westborough that I preach'd my Lecture at the usual Time in the afternoon, on John 4.24.

1748 February 12 (Friday). Mr. Ebenezer Maynard brought up a variety of Things for us -- Sugar, Molasses, Chocolate and a Box from Brother Samuel Parkman's containing 3 volumes of Synopsis Criticorum and a Black Coat which Brother offers to sale for 10£.

1749 June 18 (Sunday). Extreme Hot Day. (So that Cakes of Chocolate melted on the Shelves though they lay Single. It was So both at my House and at Mr. Martyns.)

1750 March 9 (Friday). Mr. Chamberlin return'd last night from Boston. N.B. he paid 6£ old Tenor to Mr. S. Procter for Cheese for me -- also 14 shillings for Chocolat and 6 shillings for Rice.

1757 June 18 (Saturday). One Mr. John *Bish* from Providence here. Sells *Thomme* Sugar and Chocolat.

1770 December 17 (Monday). Mr. Zephaniah Briggs going to preach at Great Barrington, calls and dines here. Tells me Mr. Bradshaw did not come because his Grandfather was not well -- feared numb Palsie. He has Sent me from my Son *Samuel* a Gown of Plad and chocolate coloured Calamanco.

1774 July 27 (Wednesday). Dr. Hawes and his Wife p.m. -- drink Chocolat (instead of Tea).

1777 September 19 (Friday). Mr. Jonathan *Grouts* Wife makes us a Visit p.m. and drinks Chocolate.