

## Dr. Samuel Crosby (1732-1814)

Note: File contains all Parkman's references to persons named Crosby, Crosbie

### Dr. Samuel Crosby

b. Feb. 2, 1732, son of Samuel and Dorothy (Brown) Crosby of Shrewsbury  
m. Azubah, dau. of James Howe of Westborough, 1753  
d. Dec. 11, 1814 in Montpelier, VT

Moved to Winchendon, 1781; then to Montpelier, 1811.

Children included:

Samuel, b. Sept. 12, 1756; Harvard 1777

Otis, b. Jan. 15, 1766; Dartmouth 1791

### Rev. Aaron Crosby

b. 1764, son of Samuel and Dorothy (Brown) Crosby of Shrewsbury  
Harvard 1770  
m. Mary Taylor of Grafton, Aug. 22, 1774  
Missionary to Indians; settled as minister of Dummerston, VT  
d. 1824, aged 80

1748 October 23 (Sunday). Mr. Samuel Crosby and Mrs. Tainter din'd here.

1748 November 3 (Thursday). Visited Mr. D. Warrin and his wife again -- and Mr. Samuel Crosbys son, and din'd there.

1748 December 28 (Wednesday). I was also at Mr. Eleazer Bellows's, at Mr. Daniel Warrins in Shrewsbury; and at Mr. Crosbys; Deacon Miles's, and din'd there.

1749 January 24 (Tuesday). Heard there that Mr. Samuel Crosby dy'd last night, a considerable Loss!

1749 March 29 (Wednesday). P.M. to widow Crosby's to buy a Cow, but did not succeed.

1754 October 2 (Wednesday). N.B. Received a Letter from Brother William Parkman dated July 10 last: brought by Dr. Crosby.

1756 March 9 (Tuesday). N.B. Dr. Crosby here to confer about the late Dr. Smiths Account.

1756 July 6 (Tuesday). Dr. Crosby here. Rev. Fish visits me, p.m. I feel but weak and low yet: especially my appetite much depraved; and am Soon overcome with a little attention.

1756 August 15 (Sunday). Mr. Fish preached on Rom. 8.8 a. and p.m. Mr. Gardner and Dr. Crosby dined here.... My sore Throat continues.

1756 August 19 (Thursday). Pains in my Right Hand and in some other Limbs, still; but I hope growing better.

1756 August 20 (Friday). Dr. Crosby came here with Mrs. Upham, Wife of Dr. Upham of Brookfield.... I was not So well to day as Yesterday, my Limbs being much pained yet.

1756 August 21 (Saturday). My Pains and Weakness in my Limbs continue much the Same.

1756 August 22 (Sunday). Mr. *Asaph Rice* preached all Day, on *Ps.* 41.4. I went to meeting both parts of the Day, and prayed after p.m. sermon.

1756 September 27 (Monday). In the morning Lt. Maynard came in haste to desire me to visit his Father who grows worse. I Soon went; and found, alas! that he was in a very low Condition, and it was very doubtful whether he would Recover. He had his Reason in a Considerable Measure while I was there, and freely and bitterly lamented his Neglect of attending on the Lords Table: He Said if it Should please God to recover him, he would by no means neglect it any longer. He desired me to pray to God for him, that in a Special Manner He would please to forgive that Sin. I left him for a while, and visited Mr. *Noah* Hows and a Daughter of Mr. *Warrin* over the River who were sick also, and prayed with them, after which I returned to *Capt. Maynards*. Doctor Crosby being with me and we both of us dined there. I perceived that the Captain was altered, but, having his Reason, I conversed with him again. The Doctor Said that for his part, he thought he was irrecoverable and that Death had seized him; I therefore went to him again and acquainted him with what the Doctor judged etc. He said it did not strike him with so great Fear as might be thought, for he [*torn*] apprehensive of it and looking for it. He desired me to offer up a short prayer before I left him. We prayed and I took my final Leave of this old, and generous, Bountifull Friend. I then went to see his Aged Uncle, who is grown weak and low; having prayed with him I returned home.

1756 October 14 (Thursday). John's illness increases upon him. May God fit him and us for the divine Will! This Day was observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer on the Account of the Sickness.... Dr. Crosby here.

1756 October 15 (Friday). John grows Worse.

1756 October 16 (Saturday). My little John a little better. *Dr. Crosby* here both Yesterday and to Day.

1756 October 20 (Wednesday). Little *John* grows Still better. D.G. *Dr. Crosby* here.

1757 March 1 (Tuesday). Dr. Crosby and Mr. John Martyn junior dined with me.

1757 March 3 (Thursday). Dr. Crosby here and brought me a Cap he had bought for me at Boston.

1757 May 31 (Tuesday). I also visited old Mr. *Maynard* to read his Will to him again; it being his earnest Desire to hear it. He Said upon it, that it was all in every part, as he would have it to

be. This I told Mr. Nathan Maynards Wife, and Miss Hannah Maynard, in the hearing of Dr. *Crosby*. P.M. I visited Mr. Joseph Greens Daughter Mary who is sick and at Dr. Crosby's Desire, went to the raising of his House.

1757 June 1 (Wednesday). Dr. *Crosby* here informs me that this morning poor Mr. *Wilson* of *Shrewsbury* escaped his House and Watchers, and is not found, though many are in Search for him.

1757 June 4 (Saturday). N.B. My Daughter Lucy not well.

1757 June 7 (Tuesday). Dr. Crosby here to see Lucy who was very ill in the morning.

1757 July 8 (Friday). Dr. Crosby here.

1758 February 1 (Wednesday). My Wife has had so very ill a Night I was up with her till one -- got up again between 3 and 4 to wait on Mrs. Maynard who then returned from Mrs. *Hitty* Brigham. It was the more tedious to me as it was So Severe a Season. But we would Humbly put our Trust in God. I returned to my Bed about 4 and rose at Sunrise -- my Wife being Still in much the Same kind of pains, but they are both more smart and She is much more worn out and dispirited by means of them. But Mrs. Maynard being here. *She* (the Granny) will have some women brought to her help. Accordingly Capt. *Wood* kindly brings his Wife; the widow Newton also being requested, comes. They dine here. And there is no great Difference with my Wife all Day. We are waiting for thy Salvation, O Lord! Women go home again at night except Mrs. Maynard.

1758 February 2 (Thursday). Mrs. Maynard returns home by the Help of Capt. Wood and his Slay; but comes back again at Eve. My Wife was so comfortable that with her Consent I went to the private meeting at Deacon *Bonds* and preached on Ps. 51.11. When I came home at Eve Capt. Wood and Neighbour Pratt had gathered women together there being hopeful prospect that all would soon be over. But throughout the whole Night there was nothing further. The Company were (besides Granny Maynard) Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Anna and Abigail Rice, widow Newton, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Beeton and Widow Thankful Rogers.

1758 February 3 (Friday). The women still with us without Effect: except Mrs. Rogers, who went away: and Capt. *Wood* brought his Wife: and then went with a message to Dr. *Crosby* for Advice and Medicines. But yet no Effect nor success as to Travail Pains. After Supper several women went home, viz. Mrs. *Beeton* -- Capt. Wood carryed home his wife and widow Newton. The rest tarried. Inexpressible Distraction in my studys, in the middst of so much Company; together with the Difficultys of the Storm.

1758 February 4 (Saturday). The Company chiefly goes off early in the morning, my Wife remaining as She was. At 9 or 10 a.m. Mrs. *Maynard* also rides home in Mr. Nurse's Whirry: Mrs. *Hammond* only stays and helps us, and dines with us.

1758 February 5 (Sunday). Mrs. Maynard having Returned last Eve and lodged here, is with us over the Sabbath. My Wife so distressed with Pain desires continuance of publick Prayers for

her. Omitted public Reading a. and p.m. Preached a.m. on Rom. 8.28. P.M. delivered part of Sermon on Rev. 22.16 -- the Bright and Morning Star. Mrs. Hannah Maynard dined here. After meeting Dr. Crosby (having been desired) came in to see my Wife. In the Eve Mr. Edwards Whipple came to bring Some Medicines from the Doctor. Mrs. Maynard Still lodges here.

1758 February 6 (Monday). Mrs. Maynard with us. My Wife's Pains dont leave her. At Eve my son Ebenezer and his Wife came to us from Brookfield.

1758 February 7 (Tuesday). My Wife Still lingering. Mrs. Maynard goes home. P.M. Mrs. *Harrington* here. Her Conversation Serious and spiritual. At Eve came Deacon Tainter, his wife and Daughter in Law. They Supped here.

1758 February 8 (Wednesday). The Weather is much more moderate and pleasant. But my poor Wife in great Pain and Distress. P.M. She thinks greater than ever. She seems almost discouraged: they are Still of Cramp kind. But at Eve especially they were extremely great. She knows not what to do with her Self, her anguishes so great. Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Abigail Forb. (my Neighbour Zebuluns Wife) here. In the Eve Capt. Fay. I was in deep Concern for my dear Wife whose sufferings are inexpressible. We prayed with some Fervency, resigning the sorrowfull Case to our most mercifull, Covenant God in Jesus Christ our Lord. N.B. she told me a while after that her pains were altered, and She had Travail Pains upon her. About midnight I sent Thomas for Mrs. Maynard again and a few Nighest Neighbours. Mrs. Newton, Beeton, two Rice's, Mrs. Baker, there being good Road to them.

1758 February 9 (Thursday). Time of prayer. About forty minutes after two o'Clock a large fat Child was born! Glory to God who appeared for her Help! She is now in a comfortable State as is the Child also. May we never forget the divine Benefits! Inst. after Day all the women went off Home; except Mrs. Maynard and my Daughter Elizabeth who is happily here with us. In the morning Exercise, we read Ps. 116 and Sung part of 139, v. 14 etc. in Tate and Brady's version. Mrs. Maynard went home a.m., my son Thomas waiting upon her with Capt. Woods Horse. We had also Benefit by a Colt which *Ebenezer* rode from Brookfield. At Eve Mr. *Hammond* brought our Nurse, Miss *Martha Dunlop*.

1758 February 10 (Friday). My Wife very Comfortable; Thanks be to God and the Child flourishing.... Deacon Tainter goes to Boston and carries the Genealogical Account of our Family (contains the Account of my fifteenth child, *Hannah*) to my eldest Brother.

1758 April 7 (Friday). Granny Maynard being sick and prayed for Yesterday, I went to See her - - found her very ill. Doctors Greenleaf and Crosby there.

1758 May 1 (Monday). Visited Sarah Smith junior (Daughter of the widow Sarah Smith) who is sick of a Fever. There I dined. Visited at Mr. Gershom Brighams -- Joseph Knowltons, where was Dr. *Crosby*, who acquainted me with the Frolick which a Number of young People had at *Baldwins* Tavern in Shrewsbury last Thursday Night and that he himself wrote a Letter to Mr. Baldwin the preceding afternoon, which was the means of breaking it up.

1758 July 23 (Sunday). Capt. Foster, Dr. Crosby and old Mrs. How dine with us.

1759 January 10 (Wednesday). I visited at Mr. *Gleasons*, but he was not at home -- rode to Lt. Rice's to make them a visit. Capt. Wood and his Wife, and Dr. Crosby and his Wife there.

1759 February 19 (Monday). The Boys all go to school, though tis very muddy and rainy. Dr. Crosby here and tells me that Capt. Maynard is in high Salivation. He had 'ointed for the Itch with an Ointment from Dr. Gardner of Boston -- and using it too freely was thus affected. He had also gone into the Cedar swamp wading in the Water and to *Marlborough* and taken Cold and was in an ill state.

1759 April 1 (Sunday). My Wife is So ill She can't dine with us.

1759 April 2 (Monday). My Wife is still worse. A great Cold, Head Ach and Fever. My little *Hannah* first goes across the Room.

1759 April 3 (Tuesday). My Wife no better. Send for the Doctor but in vain.... My Wife still worse.

1759 April 4 (Wednesday). The Fever increases upon my Wife. She keeps her Bed. Sarah goes with little *Hannah* to Mrs. *Joanna Forbush's* to wean the Child. Molly Pratt here to help us -- washing etc.... Lois Wood here and watches. Dr. Chase here to see my Wife.

1759 April 5 (Thursday). My Wife keeps her Bed. Patty *Dunlop* comes to help us. Sarah returns, but goes back to Mrs. Forbush's at Night. Dr. Dexter was called in to see my Wife. Dr. Chase also had been here.

1759 April 7 (Saturday). My Wife so ill and Dr. *Chase* not coming as he had promised, I Sent to Dr. Crosby, who came. P.M. Mr. *Stone* came and desires me to change with him; but when he saw our Affliction, he goes to Mr. Martyn.... But the Time was so taken up with these Several men, and the Circumstances of my Wife's Illness, that I could not prepare new sermons for the Sabbath. I wrote a few pages but did not complete the Discourse for One Exercise. My Heart has often wrought greatly on Such Occasions.

1759 April 8 (Sunday). In the morning my Wife was cool and calm as if She would Soon get Well again; made grateful mention of it in the public Devotions.... Dr. *Crosby* here. Dr. *Prentice* who came to see Mr. Nurse came likewise. An Alteration arose in my Wife at, or before noon: She had an Ague Fit, Succeeded by a burning Fever. The Doctors, old Mrs. *Dunlop*, Mrs. *Foster* and [blank] dined here. When I returned and the Doctors with me after meeting, She was in a great Inflammation and Sweat.

1759 April 9 (Monday). The Widow *Newton* watched with my Wife last night. She takes *Sophy* home with her; and little *Hannah* is at Deacon *Tainters*. By reason of *Patty Dunlops* uneasiness to go home, I rode to Lt. *Brighams* at *Southborough* to get Mrs. *Suse Gleason* to be in her Room, but in Vain.... Dr. *Crosby* here. My Wife low, but her fit is gone off all this Day. At Night the Doctor here again in his Return from *Marlborough*, where multitudes have gone, it being the

Day of the Mustering of the Soldiers, who are going to *Canada*.... *Nabby Rice*, Mr. *Zebulun's* Daughter, watches to night.

1759 April 10 (Tuesday). I rode out again for a Maid or Nurse to be in *Pattys* Stead -- obtain *Persis Rice*, who comes in the afternoon. My Wife was calm and cool in the Morning. At length She had a strong Ague Fitt, was sick and reached to Vomit; then came on Fever [*blot*]ness and Faintness; She can't part with *Patty* though *Persis* is here. Dr. Crosby -- and a great Variety of Company.... Dr. *Asaph Rice* from Berwick here.... At Eve Mrs. *Pratt* (wife of Neighbour Hezekiah) and she tarrys to Watch. The Doctor concludes my Wife's illness will turn to Fever and Ague. *Samme* is also ill. It Seems to be Fever and Ague. My Tryals are at this Time very various. May God sustain me! N.B. John Dunlop came with an Horse whilst I was in my Chamber writing the above, and carried off his sister without either of them saying one word to me.

1759 April 11 (Wednesday). My wife more Comfortable again. Sitts up longer than any Day since She was confined. *Billy* came home. Came from Brookfield yesterday, and from Worcester to Day. He coughs as one that has the Meazles and thinks he took the Distemper at his Brother *Parkmans*, he having been there several Times while the Children were coughing and ill of it.... *Persis Rice* who lives here, watches and my Sarah with her.

1759 April 12 (Thursday). My Wife Very bad -- her Ague Fit stronger than Ordinary -- And her Fever Fit brings her into great Distress -- So that She is perhaps lower than at any time yet. *Billys* Meazles come out thick. He keeps Chiefly on the Bed, but went out twice. Dr. Crosby here and looks on him as well as my wife. *Samme* has his Fit of Fever and Ague likewise.... *Suse Newton* comes to watch. I have a very poor Night my Self, with Care and Concern, tending *Billy*, yet have good help of *Persis Rice* and *Suse Newton*. I could not lye till Morning *but*

1759 April 13 (Friday). rose at ½ after 3 (though I took a Nap below). My Wife was expected to have a Well Day -- but it proved otherwise, for though She was got up, yet was She very ill. At 3 and ½ p.m. she is aguish and it holds her to half after 5, and then comes on a Fever which continues into Night, to my great Distressing.... *Billy* has the Meazles full -- and keep[s] his Bed all Day. All Things work kindly with *him*. *Samme* also is so well as to run abroad. Deacon *Tainter* from *Boston* -- brought my Wife a Bottle of *Madera*.... Capt. *Wood* also -- who offers to go or send to Dr. *Wilson*. [I am?] writing to Dr. *Crosby* of it, to night, to be sent early tomorrow morning to him; I consented. And now O that God would be pleased to Sanctifie these sorrowful providences to me! Would He be pleased to extend His gracious Pity to His poor Hand-Maid, and grant her Relief to soul and Body for His Name's sake! *Priscilla Rice* and *Lydia Newton* watch.

1759 April 14 (Saturday). Thomas goes with my Letter to Dr. Crosby, while Captain Woods goes to Dr. Willson. And they both came. They dine with me, and retire to consult together. Dr. *Willson* much inclines to give her a Vomit, yet She is So very weak it looks as if She could not Survive it: they conclude upon it and that Dr. Crosby come here to Meeting tomorrow, and in the morning administer it, and tarry to see it work.... My Wife has her Fit, both of Ague and Fever very strong; and she is extremely weak. *Billy* gets up and walks -- but keeps the Chamber. A great and noticeable Favour that he has the Distemper so moderately. But *Samme* is poorly -- So

checkered is our State! May the Lord look upon us and be mercifull to us as He uses to do to them that fear His Name! Mrs. Bond watches.

1759 April 15 (Sunday). My Wife is exceeding Weak and low. It looks as if she would not survive it. She tells me in the morning She thinks it will be too hard for her. This sabbath morning is therefore very gloomy and sorrowful. My interruptions, Cares etc. have prevented my preparing any more than one sermon. Dr. Crosby came. Administered the vomit. It worked as many times again as the Doctor talked of -- a matter of Sixteens times.... The Doctor dines here.... *Patty Dunlop watches.*

1759 April 16 (Monday). *Persis Rice* so indisposed, She goes home. *Jemima Maynard* is in her stead to help my Daughter *Sarah*. Her Mother has a fit every Day; and is in a low state. *Billy* rides to Mr. Dunlops to carry *Patty*.... *Widow [Woods?]* watches. *Jemima Maynard* comes to work here.

1759 April 17 (Tuesday). My Wife has her Fitts of Ague and Fever -- but I hope She is not so bad as heretofore. *Samme* has the Fever and Ague.

1759 April 18 (Wednesday). My Wife though somewhat feverish, yet escaped her Fit. *Widow Newton* watched last night again. Dr. Crosby here late at night.

1759 April 21 (Saturday). My Wife will not be perswaded but that She goes down Hill yet. Dr. *Crosby* called in here.... *Sarah* watched last night.

1759 April 22 (Sunday). My wife I hope is somewhat better, though she is yet very weak, and sits up but very little. She has had no fit for several Days; And *Sarah* tended upon her in the Night. And now this Night *Thomas* waits on her.

1759 April 23 (Monday). Abroad after a Maid again. Went to *Monsieur Blanc's* for *Magdalene* but in Vain. P.M. Mr. *Cushing* and his Wife here to see us. The *Widow Forbush* brought little *Hannah* to see us.

1759 April 25 (Wednesday). Though I sent to Mr. *Hutchinson* to come and preach my Lecture to Day he came not. N.B. He rode by the Door; and (notwithstanding Mrs. *P\_\_\_\_\_*'s Sickness) did not call; but according to his Custom, Sent me his Message from the Shop, that he was pre-engaged.... *Cousin Maynard* and *Persis Crosby* also at Tea, after Lecture.... *Widow Betty Rogers* helps us.

1759 April 29 (Sunday). Dr. *Crosby*, *Cousen Maynard*, Mrs. *Taynter*, *Widow Forbush* dined here.

1759 June 15 (Friday). Dr. *Crosby* acquaints me that Mr. *Tainters* Child has the Quinzy and desires me to go and see it.

1759 June 24 (Sunday). *John* broke out with the Meazles yesterday; to Day is pritty full -- has a Fever. Is confined to the Chamber and bears it patiently. I desire to committ this matter to God

relying upon His infinite Goodness and mercy to my Children who are exposed to be exercised with the Distemper.

1759 June 25 (Monday). John keeps his bed -- the Meazles being all over him and a Fever attending -- but no bad symptoms.

1759 June 26 (Tuesday). John so much better that I carried him down below. Dr. Crosby dined here. I can't but regret all interruption to Day.

1759 July 11 (Wednesday). Having been repeatedly requested, I made a Visit to Mr. *Joseph Miles*, who remains in a poor, weak, dark distressed Condition. I conversed with him, but he would speak but rarely. His Wife was very full and manifested great Concern for him. Dr. Crosby came. We prayed together. I returned to dine at Home.

1759 September 9 (Sunday). Administered the Lord's Supper. Dr. Crosby and his wife at the Communion. The Doctor, Mr. Fessenden, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Betty Johnson, dined here.

1760 January 3 (Thursday). Dr. Crosby here, and brings a piece of Beef. He acquaints me with their Disputes in Shrewsbury about altering their Church Covenant.

1760 January 7 (Monday). Ride with Dr. Crosby in his whirrey to see Mrs. Hannah Forb. (wife of Lt. Thomas).

1760 January 16 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter came with his Whirrey and two Horses to wait on my Wife and me in Visiting the West Neighbourhood and part of Shrewsbury. We first went to Mr. Samuel Fay's junior where we dined and Spent some Time. But no Word of the Difference. Thence to Mr. Gleasons, then to Lt. Eli'zer Rice, Dr. Crosbys, where we stayed to Tea, and left the Contribution Money for Mr. Jonathan Morse -- then to both the Knowltons; to Mr. Gershom Brighams and Mr. Francis Whipples.

1760 January 20 (Sunday). The Widow of the late Mr. Noah Rice of Sutton and Dr. Crosbys Wife dined here.

1760 January 22 (Tuesday). At Dr. Crosbys Request, I drew a Petition for him and Mr. Simon Maynard of Shrewsbury to present to the General Court.

1760 January 23 (Wednesday). Dr. *Crosby* receives the Petition I drew yesterday.

1760 February 3 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby dined here.

1760 February 21 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter returns from Boston with a Team. His Horses took a start in Framingham and he is wounded sorely in both his Leggs, by the Horses kicking him with their Corks.

1760 February 25 (Monday). Visited Deacon Tainter and Saw his wounds dressed by Dr. Crosby. Dined there.



1760 March 11 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode in my Sleigh to see Deacon Tainter who, tis to be hoped, is in an healing Way. Dr. Crosby and Dr. Ball were there, and we saw both Leggs Dressed.

1760 March 22 (Saturday). A.M. Capt. Wood sent for me to go up and See him; he having unhappily broke his Leg. He fell off from a Load of Wood, and was cast down under the Cart Wheel which went over his Leg; and he was wonderfully preserved from its going over his Body. I went up to See him -- but returned home to Dinner. But (agreeable to my Engagement to him) when Mrs. *Parker* came, to Set the Bones, I went back to him again. We prayed previous to the Operation. Dr. Crosby there.

1760 March 28 (Friday). Paid Mr. Beeton the full of his Demands to this Day by a note to the Collector Mr. Ebenezer Maynard. Dr. Crosby and Mr. Peter Butler here.

1760 April 1 (Tuesday). Neighbour Williams here to desire me to visit his Son Eleazar who is very ill of a Pleuretic Fever. I went and found he was in a Dangerous State. Prayed with him -- admonished and warned him.

1760 April 2 (Wednesday). In the Morning visited Mr. Williams again. He grows worse. I prayed with him. Dr. Crosby there. He blooded him yesterday -- took another Pint this morning. Thinks his Case extremely hazzardous. I am deeply concerned for him -- he is partly delirious. May God most gracious extend Mercy and Compassion! Last Night was twelve Months his only sister, Mrs. Dorothy Maynard dyed.

1760 April 4 (Friday). Dr. Crosby came and delivered me £200 old Tenor which I have hired of Rev. *Cushing*.

1760 May 10 (Saturday). Dr. Crosby visits my Wife, having a Lame Leg. Dr. [John] Wright to Rutland.

1760 July 9 (Wednesday). I visited at Mr. Solomon Bakers; but he had carried his lame Leg to the Doctors so that I missed of him, though his wife was at home, and she Shewed me what She had prepared by way of *Relation*.

1760 July 13 (Sunday). N.B. Dr. Crosbie dined here.

1760 September 11 (Thursday). N.B. Sorrowful Account from Dr. Crosby of my Neighbour Williams's Hand, which he slightly hurt in getting Wood; but it has festered greatly.

1760 September 12 (Friday). Visit and pray with Mr. Williams. His Hand looks terribly.

1760 September 15 (Monday). I visited Mr. Williams under his terrible Sore.... Dr. Morse of Sutton, Dr. Willson and Dr. Crosby there together in Consultation; and conclude his Case next to Desperate.

1760 September 19 (Friday). I returned home -- and the more earnestly to see my poor Neighbour Williams (if he be yet alive) -- till I met Dr. Crosby, who told me he was grown better, and his Hand in an hopefull Way.... Visited and prayed with Mr. Williams before I went home.

1760 September 23 (Tuesday). Dr. *Crosby* and Deacon Barretts Son Samuel (in his Return from New-Haven) dined here.

1760 September 24 (Wednesday). A.M. at Dr. Crosbys Desire I attended his Dressing Mr. Williams Sore Hand; and his Opening another in the Elbow of the Same Limb. Prayed there -- but was very faint in Time of Prayer.

1760 November 17 (Monday). *Roger Bruce* here at Daniel Forb.'s Desire to give me Opportunity to discourse with him about the Affair of Jonathan *How*, who, as they affirm had Spread an Evil Report of the Said Forbushs Wife, when She was Persis Crosby.

1760 December 14 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden and Dr. Crosby dined here.

1760 December 31 (Wednesday). Dr. Crosby here. Says that not much more may be expected from Mr. Samuel Fay.

1761 January 15 (Thursday). P.M. Dr. Crosby visits my wife, troubled with Hemorrhoids and but faint. [Mrs. Parkman gave birth on January 6.] Dr. Wilson comes (from his visit to Abner Warrin) to See us.

1761 January 23 (Friday). *Roger Bruce* came to desire me to go See Amariah Thurston. I was engaged in my preparations. It was very Cold and tedious for me to go out so far, but he got me an Horse and I went. Found Amariah very delirious, and could have no success in Conversing with him. Prayed with the Family and Neighbours that were there. Dr. Crosby also there. I returned in the Evening.

1761 January 26 (Monday). Dr. Crosby and I rode down to Mr. Bradish's, and we dined there. P.M. we rode to visit Amariah Thurston, who I find is Still very delirious; and the Doctor thinks is near his End. Prayed with the Family.

1761 February 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Mrs. *Crosby* here.

1761 February 13 (Friday). My Wife's right Breast been for sometime sore. Dr. Crosby was sent for and came to take Care of it.

1761 February 14 (Saturday). Went to Shrewsbury to the Funeral of Mr. John Brighams Wife. But in my way visited Mr. *Joseph Miles* (taking Dr. Crosby with me) and dined and prayed there.

1761 February 15 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby dined here. He opened my Wife's Breast.

1761 March 1 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby and the Widow Perminton dined here.

1761 March 23 (Monday). Dr. Crosby here. Informs me that Mr. Samuel Fay is become milder, and more Sensible he has erred in being So dissatisfyed with me.

1761 May 12 (Tuesday). I rode to Dr. Crosby and gave him 6£ old Tenor to deliver to Mrs. Cushing.

1764 July 11 (Wednesday). After Lecture Mr. Bowman, Dr. Crosby, Mrs. Maynard, Mrs. Tainter, Mrs. Hannah Rice, drink Tea -- many Visitants to the Currants.

1764 September 19 (Wednesday). Dr. Crosby here.

1765 January 27 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby here after Exercise.

1765 February 15 (Friday). Attended the Funeral of John Pratt.... Dr. Crosby here after the burying.

1765 February 17 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mrs. Crosby (Doctor's Wife) dined here.

1766 May 13 (Tuesday). By Virtue of a Letter from Dr. *Crosby* I was induced to go to Shrewsbury, who raised their Meeting-House.

1766 June 1 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby and Miss Betty Gott dined with us.

1766 August 29 (Friday). Dr. Crosby here p.m. We look into the Acts of the Synod of Dort, for some Time.

1766 December 10 (Wednesday). *John* not being yet returned from Oxford, I borrowed Capt. Woods Horse and carried my Wife to Squire *Whipples* (he having come to us on Monday Eve last, and invited us to his House, to come before 12). There we dined handsomely and Plentifully. Mr. Cushing who lodges there, and Dr. *Crosby* and his Wife also, with us.

1767 February 15 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby and his Wife dined with us.

1767 March 11 (Wednesday). Dr. Crosby here about Mr. Samuel Fay and his Daughter in Law - - but I did not care to meddle in that Affair.

1767 March 18 (Wednesday). I visited Deacon Miles and his wife. Prayed with them. Went to the Widow Miles's. Found her still in Trouble. Called at Dr. Crosbys when I came back.

1767 June 11 (Thursday). Rode to Shrewsbury. Dined at Dr. Crosbys. At the Funeral of Mr. *Moses Hastings*, and prayed.

1768 June 8 (Wednesday). Dr. *Crosby* here. He invites me and my Wife, to his House next Tuesday, before noon, to meet Mr. Sumner and his Wife there.

1768 June 14 (Tuesday). Though it rained in the Morn, yet Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I rode (as we had been invited) to Dr. Crosbys. Mr. Sumner and his Wife were there; and we dined [plentifully there?].

1768 September 24 (Saturday). Received a Letter from Dr. Crosby by Desire of Mr. *Sumner* to assist at a Fast at Shrewsbury next Thursday, which I consent to.

1768 October 31 (Monday). Dined with the Artillery Company at Dr. Crosbys.

1769 February 17 (Friday). *Breck* goes to Dr. *Crosby* for Some Remedy against a breaking out that he is troubled with.

1769 August 23 (Wednesday). My Son Samuel having left his Request relative to his keeping Mr. *Barns's* Store, I rode down to Marlborough. Breakfast at Mr. *Barns's*, conferred with him on the Business and wrote to *Samuel* by Dr. Crosby, that if the way was clear with respect to Mr. *Capon*, and it Should appear to be for his Benefit (or to Such purpose) I was willing.

1769 August 25 (Friday). Mr. *Sumner* and Dr. Crosby from Boston.... Dr. Crosby brought from my Son *Samuel* Letters relative to his going into Mr. *Barns's* Employ. He brings also a Letter from my Brother, which respects the Settlement made with us the [Heirs?] etc. last Commencement Time. He likewise brings me a pair of black Leather Breeches from Mr. *Freeman*.

1770 May 17 (Thursday). Dr. *Crosby* here and brings his Transcript of *Sarah Greens* Case -- which he Signs -- and which *Squire Whipple* and I are to Sign.

1770 May 25 (Friday). *Squire Whipple* here and Signs the Transcript which Dr. *Crosby* left with me of *Sarah Greens* Case.

1770 July 16 (Monday). Visit Mr. *Gleasons* Child, *Betty*, ill of the Throat Distemper -- dangerously bad -- prayed there. Dined at Dr. Crosbys.

1770 July 19 (Thursday). Broke fast at Mr. *Adams's* at Roxbury and prayed with the Family there -- went to Boston. Delivered the Case of *Sarah Green*, Signed by Justice *Whipple*, Dr. *Crosby*, and by me, to Dr. *Stiles*.<sup>1</sup>

1770 September 17 (Monday). Returned to my Daughter *Forbes* and lodged there. Sir *Crosby*, School master, lodged there also.

Aaron, son of Dr. Samuel Harvard 1770.

1770 November 8 (Thursday). Dr. Crosby came to see me -- acquaints me that Capt. *Nathaniel Allen* of *Shrewsbury* is dead: and was buried last Saturday.<sup>2</sup> May God be gracious to the poor

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<sup>1</sup> See Franklin Bowditch Dexter, ed., *The Literary Diary of Ezra Stiles, D.D., LL.D., President of Yale College* (3 vols.; New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1901), 1:75-76.

Widow! Dr. Crosbys Wife also came. N.B. The Doctor carryed away 3 Volumes of Dr. *Smellie*, belonging to Dr. *Joslin*.

1771 February 5 (Tuesday). Mr. *Sumner* came to see me. Dined here. His Wife came as far as Dr. *Crosby's* in her way here; but it was too severe Weather to come any further.

1771 February 11 (Monday). When it was late at night came *Sophy* from *Brookfield*, accompanied accompanied by Mr. *Aaron Crosby*, who lodged here.

1771 February 12 (Tuesday). I delivered the 100 Dollars (which I received of Capt. Maynard) to Mr. *Aaron Crosby*, of which he gave me a Receipt, to be delivered to my son *Alexander* at *Leicester*. After dinner he left us.

1771 April 18 (Thursday). Messrs. Samuel Barrett junior and Aaron Crosby from Brookfield here. N.B. Breck has a very bad sore on one of his Fingers, which proves very troublesome to him.

1771 April 21 (Sunday). I Preached at Shrewsbury a. and p.m. on Gal. 1.15.16.... I returned at Eve -- part of the way Dr. Crosby.

1771 April 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forbes* and Sir *Crosby* from Brookfield. The Former lodges here, the other goes to his Classmate Taylors.

1771 April 25 (Thursday). Mr. Forbes and Crosby Sat out in the morning for *Boston*, in their way to *Beverly* Ordination (of Mr. *Hitchcock*).

1771 June 30 (Sunday). Preached a. and p.m. (at *Shrewsbury*).... In returning home, Stopped a little at Dr. *Crosbys*, where also Mr. *Sumner* came.

1771 July 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Taylor* is returned from Brookfield. Mr. *Crosby* from Brookfield also, calls here. Mr. Forbes in great Trouble.

1771 August 12 (Monday). At Evening came Mr. Forbes from *Brookfield* and Mr. *Aaron Crosby* with him. The latter does not lodge here.

1771 August 13 (Tuesday). William Crosby came here. Mr. *Forbes* is going to Cambridge to present him to Examination.

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<sup>2</sup>“On Thursday the first of this Instant departed this Life, Capt. NATHANIEL ALLEN, of this Place: a noted Merchant of the City of London, was formerly a noted Merchant in the Town of Boston, but spent the last thirteen Years of his Life in this Town, where he was universally respected for his Integrity and Uprightness in his Dealings, as well as for his Charity and Benevolence, especially to the Poor and Distressed. His Remains were interred this Day with the greatest Decency.” *Boston Post-Boy*, Nov. 3, 1770, Issue 687, p. [1], with a byline of Shrewsbury, Nov. 3, 1770.

1771 August 21 (Wednesday). Dr. Crosby, and Mr. Aaron Crosby, who is going a Missionary to Onohoquage, met Mr. Forbes here. They go to Dr. *Crosby's*, to lodge.

1772 January 1 (Wednesday). Dr. Crosby made me a Visit.

1772 August 10 (Monday). Dr. *Crosby* and his Brother.

1772 October 1 (Thursday). Rode to *Shrewsbury* Lecture.... Returning had Dr. Crosby's Company. N.B. He says Coll. *Whitcomb* speaking to him of great Genius's becoming crazy, he said, "there is our Deacon *Baker*, the sensiblest man we have, is sometimes so out, that he can't follow his Business"; and this the Doctor also confirmed.

1772 October 24 (Saturday). Dr. *Crosby* came in kindly to inform me of what had been done at *Holden*, and *Shew* me the Result. He was one of the Delegates and took a Copy of it. This also he is Obliging enough to give me. He informs of a Court held to day at Squire *Whipple* on Account of a Number of rude Fellows at *Shrewsbury* who there abused a poor Woman said to be one *Widow Goff*.

1773 January 11 (Monday). I made a Visit to the widow *Jemima Miles*. Mr. *Sumner* accompanied me part of the way. I called to see deacon Miles and prayed with him. Dined and prayed with the widow *Miles*, who is very low. Her bodily State weak and grievously afflicted, but her mind dark. I gave here what Counsel I could. May God bless it to her and to my Self also! Called at Dr. *Crosbys*. N.B. James *Maynard* [senior?] and Mr. *Edm. Rice* were there. N.B. I inveighed against Idleness and Laziness.

1773 January 27 (Wednesday). Mrs. *Crosby* (Doctor's Wife) was here, with the Rye which the Doctor pays in the name of Mr. James Maynard. Her son Samuel with her. They drink Tea with us.

1774 February 17 (Thursday). At Eve Doctor Crosby and his Wife here. Sup with us.

1774 July 8 (Friday). *Sophy* to Dr. *Crosby's*.

1774 August 8 (Monday). Dr. Crosby here at Evening.

1774 August 9 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. and I having the Doctors Chaise and Deacons Horse rode to Concord.

1774 August 26 (Friday). The Rev. Mr. *Aaron Crosby* and his New-married spouse visit us and lodge here.

1774 August 27 (Saturday). Mr. *Crosby* and Lady go to *Shrewsbury*.

1774 September 4 (Sunday). Expected Mr. *Taylor* to preach for me for he said he would or Send his Brother if he did not go his Journey with his Brother *Crosby*, on Wednesday, but heard they were not going on Thursday. But he did not come....

1774 October 31 (Monday). At Eve 3 young Schollars sup here with Elias, viz. *Crosby*, *Jonathan Fay* and *Moses Brigham*.

1775 May 7 (Sunday). Mrs. *Maynard* dines here, as does *Crosby* (from College).

1775 June 3 (Saturday). Came home in safety. Thanks to God who has protected and preserved both me and mine! But Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ has been poorly and had a fever. *Hannah* also is laid by with the like Disorder.

1775 June 5 (Monday). As my Wife and Daughter were confined with sickness and had the Doctor with them Yesterday, so the like to day.

1775 June 7 (Wednesday). But I Sat out for Shrewsbury a.m. on a visit to good Deacon *Miles*. I dined at Mr. Solomon Bakers and rode his Horse. Found the poor Deacon in his Cage -- he was free of Speech -- spoke many Sensible, becoming and religious Things. Dr. *Crosby* was with me, who ventured to let the Deacon out, and I prayed with him. I discoursed with his Children; Saw some of the Tokens of his Mischievousness: and plainly discerned Deliriousness. He went quietly into his Confinement again. O the Value of Reasoning Powers! Praise to God for mine! May God grant the Grace to improve what I am indulged with! Called to See Mrs. Knowlton -- Mr. Gershom Brighams Family: and would have seen Mr. *Samuel Fay* if he had been at home, or near the House, and took Dr. *Crosby* with me; but neither Mr. *Fay*, nor Wife, nor any body else, there.

1775 December 20 (Wednesday). Dr. *Crosby* here and dines with us. He bears a message from Mr. *Sumner* and his Wife, requesting me to make them a visit, *She* being in a wasting and dangerous Condition. He informs me also of the State of Mr. *Morse's* Parish, and the Sad Contests which Subsist between him and them.

1776 March 25 (Monday). Master Samuel Crosby dines here.

1776 July 10 (Wednesday). I borrowed Mr. *Jonathan Maynards* Mare to go to New *Braintry*. Sat out after Dinner and got to *Leicester*. In my way called at Dr. *Crosbys*, Mr. *Sumners* and Mr. *Maccartys*.

1776 August 26 (Monday). *Crosby* of College here. I lent his Mother for a fortnight Dr. C. *Mathers Magnalia*.

1776 September 9 (Monday). P.M. Sir *Stone* of *Shrewsbury* (a new Graduate) and *Crosby* of College, were here. The latter returns my *Magnalia* from his Mother.

1776 October 28 (Monday). Was at Mr. *Nathan Banisters* -- at Dr. *Crosbys*, at Mr. *Joseph Knowltons*, and at Mr. *Gershom Brighams*. Neither were all these all the places I went to this short day.

1776 October 29 (Tuesday). *Simon Crosby*, going to *Cambridge* calls for Linnen and Letter to *Elias*.

1776 November 2 (Saturday). Master *Stone* of *Shrewsbury* and *Crosby*, from College, here also.

1776 December 1 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby and Master Hall, Miss *Suse Brigham* dined here.

1776 December 10 (Tuesday). Dr. *Crosby* goes to Cambridge for his son. I sent by him *Twelve Dollars* to young *Prince* at College which *Elias* borrowed of him to pay the Charges of his Inoculation, and 2 Dollars for *Hastings* for a Load of Wood. N.B. Sent my Son Cushing Dr. *Prideaux* [Connection?] Vol. 1 by Mr. [here a line cut off at bottom of page].

1776 December 11 (Wednesday). Dr. Crosby and son.

1776 December 15 (Sunday). Read a Letter from Dr. *Crosby* desiring the People to prepare Rags and [Herbs?] for the Soldiers.

1777 January 9 (Thursday). None of my Children from New *Braintry*, etc. are come though Sent to. Messrs. *Hall*, *Stone*, and *Crosby* come a.m. They, with my Daughters accompany *Breck* (who is better) to Col. *Brighams*. I went with them. Mr. *Whitney* of *Northborough* there ready. We dined sumptuously. P.M. Mr. *Whitney* prayed and administered the marriage Covenant to *Breck* and *Suse*.

1777 January 12 (Sunday). Messrs. Hall, Stone and Crosby, also Miss Molly *Pratt* and [blank] *Brigham* (from Coll. *Brighams*) dined here. P.M. with Some regard to my son *Breck's* new Circumstances I preached on *Prov.* 2.1 to 5.

1777 January 19 (Sunday). N.B. At dinner, besides our own Family, and [torn] *Suse* and *Billy Spring*, had *Winslow* and *Mindwell Brigham*, Miss [May? illegible]; also Master Hall and Dr. *Crosby's* Wife. Sixteen in all.

1777 April 5 (Saturday). The Girls take Physick, but none of us go to 'em, but Mrs. *Crosby* who having had the Small Pox, waits upon 'em.

1777 April 14 (Monday). N.B. Dr. *Crosby* here in his Way to *Cambridge* and *Boston*. He kindly offers to assist *Elias* in his coming home.

1777 April 23 (Wednesday). Master *Crosby* brings me from his Mother, Secretary *Moretons* Memorial, to read.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Nathaniel Morton (1613-1685), *New-England's memorial: or, A brief relation of the most memorable and remarkable passages of the providence of God, manifested to the planters of New-England in America; with special reference to the first colony thereof, called New-Plymouth. As also a nomination of divers of the most eminent instruments deceased, both of church and common wealth, improved in the first beginning and after progress of sundry of the respective jurisdictions in those parts: in reference unto sundry exemplary passages of their lives, and the time of their death. Published for the use and benefit of present and future generations* (Newport: S. Southwick., 1772; Evans 12469). Two earlier American editions appeared in 1721.



1777 June 21 (Saturday). Wrote to Mr. *Quincy* by Mr. *James Wilder*. Master *Crosby* and his sister came from *Cambridge* and drank Tea here.

1777 June 25 (Wednesday). P.M. Messrs. *Stone*, *Crosby* and *How*, with *Crosby's* two Sisters, *Sally* and *Dolly*, visit here.

1777 June 30 (Monday). *Hannah* through the great Goodness of God has rested comfortably, but *Lucy* had a poor morning: Riding being usefull, I rode with her in her Chaise to Mr. *Gleasons*. I went also to Dr. *Crosby's*. The Doctor is at *Providence* in the Army. His son being at home I agree with him to go with my Daughters in a designed Journey to *Concord*.

1777 July 1 (Tuesday). Mr. *Crosby* came. The Girls prepared and Mounted in Mrs. *Baldwin's* Chaise, and Drawn by *Brecks* Mare, and Mr. *Crosby* rode the *Baldwin* Horse, to ride as far as they could towards *Boston* via *Concord*. Mrs. *Baldwin* is too poorly (as she thinks) to venture; and therefore tarrys here with Me. Before noon came my Son *William* waiting upon his Mother, who met the Girls and an increased Company (Master *Joseph Hall* of *Sutton* etc.) going to *Concord*.

1777 July 6 (Sunday). *Simon Crosby* came to enquire after his Brother (who went with *Sophy* and *Hannah*, but is not returned), and he dined here.

1777 July 7 (Monday). N.B. My Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah* return from *Concord*, *Boston*, *Cambridge* etc. Sir *Crosby* accompanys them throughout their Journey. *Hannah* has born the Ride pritty well: but we can't tell yet, the Effect of it. My Daughter *Baldwin* has been much exercised with her Disorders.

1777 July 17 (Thursday). *Alexander* came to see us -- dines here: as does Mr. *Aaron Crosby* from *Onohoquaghe* and Miss *Zeruiah Rice* of *Brookfield* who brings three Letters from *Betsy Baldwin*, which are, two of them from her Father, to her, and to *Isaac*; the 3d from her to her Mother. I Committ all of them to the Care of Mr. *Crosby* who is going to *Boston*. N.B. I inclose them [blot] a Letter to Mr. *Forbes* at *Gloucester*.

1777 September 28 (Sunday). At Eve Dr. *Crosby* came to see *Hannah*, and pursues the Directions of Dr. *Plummer*.

1777 October 1 (Wednesday). Master *Samuel Crosby* dined with us, as did Dr. *Stimpson* and Mrs. *Cotton*, who are returning from *Pomfret*.

1777 October 8 (Wednesday). We are apprehensive that *Hannah* can continue but a little longer. Almost every Day Shews a Difference. Her mind is more calm: yet not without Disquietment. In Every Prayer I would remember both her, and our own share in her sufferings! May the Lord graciously and almightily appear for both her and us! We are too unfit to meet our God in these ways of Severity (yet Righteousness) with us! P.M. I attended the Funeral of the late Capt.

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*Benjamin Fay*, and prayed. N.B. Mr. *Sumner* and Dr. *Crosby* were with me. Sister *Cushing* came with those Gentlemen to see *Hannah*. At the House of Mourning nothing was more remarkable than the Strange Alteration of the Corps -- Swelled enormously, discoloured, purple etc., fermenting and turning apace to putrification -- exceeding offensive, and the general Desire was to have the Coffin nailed up. N.B. An urgent Message to me, while yet in their Yard, but presently after prayer to go up into one of the Chambers where was a young Woman, ill in Body and distressed in Mind. Mr. *Sumner* also was requested to go up to her. We complied -- discoursed with her. I desired Mr. *Sumner* to pray with her; which he did. He also came with Dr. *Crosby*, to my House, discoursed and prayed with *Hannah*, and is very sympathetic. May God graciously reward Him and extend Compassion to his own tender, weak spouse! But especially reward him in spirituals!

1777 October 22 (Wednesday). Dr. *Crosby* came to See our Invalids -- among which Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ is to be reckoned, she being much out of Health.

1778 February 13 (Friday). Master *Samuel Crosby* here.

1778 February 19 (Thursday). Mrs. *Crosby* (Doctors Wife) made us a Visit -- dined and toward Eve at Coffee, and the Doctor also came. At Eve they leave us.

1778 March 22 (Sunday). N.B. Lt. *Townsend*, now of *Fitz William* with us and dined here; Cousen *Maynard*, her son *Samuel* and Daughter *Betty Brigham*, Master *Samuel Crosby* and two sisters, and *Molly Pratt*, dined here also.

1778 May 29 (Friday). Master *Samuel Crosby* was here, and received his *Guthrys* Geography.

1778 July 1 (Wednesday). P.M. came Mr. *Aaron Crosby* (now preacher at *Blandford*) from Boston and *Cape Ann*.... Mr. *Crosby* (after Tea) went to *Grafton*.

1778 September 3 (Thursday). Mrs. *Crosby*, Mrs. *Baker* etc. made a Visit here to See Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ who is (through divine Goodness) grown better.

1778 October 3 (Saturday). Dr. *Crosby*, who belongs to the Army now at *Danbury*, made me a visit and dined here.

1778 October 6 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at the Widow, Mrs. *Mehitabel Brighams* on Rev. 2.10, latter part. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ rode there with me. Mrs. *Bowker* also attended: so did a Number of Young Gentlemen. Besides Sir *Brigham* There were Sir *Stone*, *Crosby*, *Fay*, and Master *Abr. Holland*, with us.

1778 November 15 (Sunday). Sr. *Brigham* (Elijah) dined here. He delivers me a letter from Dr. *Crosby* who is in the Army, at *Woodbury*.

1779 February 4 (Thursday). At eve a number of other Gentlemen here, viz. Dr. *Crosby*, Master *Benj. Stone* of *Shrewsbury*, Masters *Brigham* (Elijah and Moses) and *Fisk*.

1779 April 2 (Friday). Mr. Fish wrote a Letter to me to desire me to forward a Subscription for his Reply to Mr. Foster of Leicester, concerning Infant Baptism. I headed a paper, subscribed and set it agoing. Several Young Gentlemen being present, viz. Sr. Crosby, Elijah Brigham and Abraham Holland.

1779 April 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Whitney and I rode to Mr. Benj. Baily's in Bolton, where the Pastors and Churches of Westborough, the first in Shrewsbury, Northborough and Stow met.

1779 April 7 (Wednesday). At Mr. Benj. Baily's, to whose son I find Sally Crosby is married and lives there.

1779 August 29 (Sunday). Elmer Cushing and [blank] Crosby dined here.

1779 September 30 (Thursday). Rode to Shrewsbury Lecture -- had Deacon Wood's Horse. I dined at Mr. Sumner's. Mr. Whitney there, also several young Students, Stone and Crosby.

1779 November 2 (Tuesday). Mr. Aaron Crosby of Blandford here, in his way to Boston.

1779 November 4 (Thursday). A Day of Humiliation and Prayer with Thanksgiving.... I had expected Mr. Crosby to help me, but he came not till near the Close of the Exercises. He was with us at eve and then went to his Brother Samuel's.

1780 March 27 (Monday). Dr. Crosby came in to see me. He is about selling part of his place in Shrewsbury, viz, His Buildings, and about 60 acres of his Land, to old Mr. Rider.

1780 May 11 (Thursday). N.B. Send my Letter to Mr. Moore by Master Crosby, going to Boston, to be left at Gill's Office for conveyance.

1780 June 16 (Friday). Mr. Abraham Holland and Miss Crosby visit here.

1780 August 2 (Wednesday). Rode to Shrewsbury. Mr. Fairbank came here and was my Company to Mr. Sumner's: where I dined. Preached his Lecture to an extremely thin Auditory. Text Rev. 14.6-7.... I lodged at Dr. Crosby's.

1780 August 8 (Tuesday). Mr. Samuel Crosby (young preacher) dined here.

1780 September 16 (Saturday). Mrs. P. being very much out of Health rode to Dr. Crosby's.

1780 September 17 (Sunday). Neither my Wife nor Daughter Cushing were well enough to go to Meeting, either part of the Day.

1780 September 18 (Monday). Wrote to Dr. Crosby, by his son John. My Wife being no better.

1780 September 19 (Tuesday). Dr. Crosby here to see Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ p.m. She grows very sick, but it may be owing to some Pills which the Doctor gave her. At even, she continues ill and goes to bed.

1780 September 22 (Friday). Dr. Crosby to see Mrs. P.

1780 September 24 (Sunday). At Dinner were Doct. Crosby, and Mrs. Maynard.

1780 September 28 (Thursday). Dr. Crosby came to desire me to befriend Mr. David Brigham of Shrewsbury, and attend the Funeral of his little son David who dyed suddenly of Worms AEs. 3. I went with the Doctor and dined at his House. P.M. to Mr. Brigham's and prayed and discoursed with the Assembly: but I went not up to the Interment.... N.B. The Doctor brought me No's 1 to 4 of the Rise and Progress of the American War.

1780 October 15 (Sunday). I preached at Shrewsbury.... Young Mr. Crosby prayed publicly.

1780 October 20 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Crosby preached my Lecture on Luke 2.11.12.

1780 October 30 (Monday). I took some time in viewing Mr. Barrett's Books, dined at home and Mr. Sam Crosby with me.

1780 November 2 (Thursday). N.B. Sent Hunter's Reflections on Lord Chesterfield's Letters to Dr. Crosby per Mr. Cushing.

1781 May 5 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. *Samuel Crosby*, going to preach at *Marlborough* tomorrow, Calls here.

1781 June 10 (Sunday). Dr. *Crosby* came in after public Exercises and attended another private: but he returned to Deacon *Woods*.

1781 June 13 (Wednesday). After Meeting Squire *Crosby*, Deacon *Wood* and old Mr. *Batheric* were here.

1781 July 4 (Wednesday). Dr. Crosby made me a Visit, and dined here.

1781 October 8 (Monday). I was Sent for by the Widow *Brigham* -- I went -- her Throat is much Sweld: prayed with her. Dr. *Ball* and her Nephew Grout, attend on her. When I came home, found Mr. *Aaron Crosby* of *New Glasco* here, going to *Cape Ann*; and he lodged here.

1781 October 9 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter by Mr. Crosby to Mr. *Forbes*.

1781 October 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Fuller* and his Wife left us to return home through *Billerica*. Messrs. *Benjamin Stone* and *Samuel Crosby* came, dined here.... I wrote to Rev. *Appleton* by Mr. *Crosby*, concerning Mr. *Enoch Rice* and his Wife, their penitance and Confession.

1781 October 13 (Saturday). Mr. *Aaron Crosby* from *Cape Ann*. He was at Coffins, but not at Mr. *Forbes*'.

1781 November 30 (Friday). Master S. Crosby lodged here.

1781 December 1 (Saturday). Mr. *Crosby* here -- dined with us. P.M. He went to Shrewsbury.

1782 January 14 (Monday). Mr. *Crosby* (the young preacher) was here also.

1782 January 17 (Thursday). Mr. P. Whitney and Mr. David Monro -- also Dr. Crosby.... Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ very much exercised with pain in her Back and Hip; especially in the Nights.

1782 January 18 (Friday). She takes Physick, by advice of Dr. *Crosby*.

1782 February 7 (Thursday). Messrs. *Benjamin Stone* and *Samuel Crosby* junior came in to see me. They inform me that Rev. Mr. *Messenger* of *Ashford* is dead. May God graciously prepare me for my own Turn! Mr. *Crosby* says he'll come and keep the next sabbath with me.

1782 February 9 (Saturday). At Even came Mr. *Crosby* and lodges here.

1782 February 10 (Sunday). Mr. Crosby both prayed and preached a. and p.m. Text a.m. was Heb. 12.1, last Clause. The Text p.m. was *Prov.* 3.16.17. Mrs. *Maynard* dined here. At Eve Mr. Crosby repeated and Mr. *Brigham* prayed.

1782 February 11 (Monday). Dr. *Crosby* here a.m. looks of my Eye. He [likes?] me not to meddle with it. Young Mr. Crosby dines here. N.B. I committ to him a Spanish Dollar to be delivered to the Widow of the late Mr. *Josiah Swan* of Leominster.

1782 March 1 (Friday). Mr. Crosby came and lodged here. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ has taken Physic, and we hope is somewhat better, but is much confined yet.

1782 March 2 (Saturday). Mr. *Crosby* is with us. Cousin *Maynard* visits her Aunt. They both dine here. P.M. leave us. The former goes to *Northborough* to preach there.

1782 March 6 (Wednesday). Young Mr. *Crosby* comes -- lodges. At night old Mr. *Rider*, of *Shrewsbury*, fell from his Horse, and the though long calling for Help, none came for a great While. He was got up to Deacon *Woods*.

1782 March 7 (Thursday). I visit Mr. *Rider* at Deacon *Woods*. Mr. *Crosby* leaves us. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ still poorly -- takes physic of Dr. *Hawes*.

1782 June 21 (Friday). A.M. came Mr. *Johnson* of *Lime* and his Lady from *Boston*, and dine here; as do Mr. *Aaron Crosby* and his Lady also, from [blank].

1782 August 21 (Wednesday). Messrs. *Stone* and *Crosby* dined here.