

Dr. Benjamin Gott (1706-1751) of Marlborough and Family Members

born: Mar. 13, 1705-06 Wenham VR 41

son of John and Rebecca Gott

died: July 25, 1751 in 46th yr. Marlboro VR 362

(1) mar. Sarah Breck, Jan. 20, 1728
[Feb. 13, 1728/29 – CR]

born Oct. 10, 1711

daughter of Rev. Robert and Elizabeth Breck

died Apr. 11 [10 G.S.], 1740, in 29th yr. Marlboro VR 362

(2) mar. Lydia Ward of Boston, Oct. 8, 1740 Marlboro VR 258

born

daughter of

died Oct. 11, 1745, a 43.

Children:

Sarah, Mar. 21, 1729

mar. Viriah Brigham, July 12, 1750 Marlboro VR 258

Anna, Jan. 8, 1731

mar(1) Dr. Samuel Brigham, Jr., Jan. 9, 1751/2 Marlboro VR 258

Samuel died Feb. 15, 1756

children:

Anna, Oct. 29, 1753 Marlboro VR 35

mar. Isaac Davis, May 21, 1772

mar. (2) Capt. Stephen Maynard of Westborough, Jan. 23, 1759

Rebekah, Dec. 27, 1732

Benjamin, Aug. 29, 1734

Dr. Benjamin Jr., died Dec. 5, 1760, at Brookfield

Elizebeth, Oct. 19, 1736

John, May 4, 1739

died Feb. 13, 1739/40

Martha, Sept. 11, 1741

died June 12, 1756

Isaac Davis mar. widow Anne (Gott) Brigham, May 21, 1772

1728 February 25 (Sunday). Mr. Barrett and presently Dr. Gott, came to see me. Dr. Gott left us this eve.

1728 March 4 (Monday). Dr. Gott here but not a long time.

1736 January 11 (Sunday). *Ebenezer* not very well, but was at meeting p.m. At Eve he was somewhat aguish.

1736 January 12 (Monday). *Ebenezer ill* about Day-break. Continues much indisposed with a Fever and Cough.

1736 January 13 (Tuesday). *Ebenezer* worse with his Fever and Cough....

1736 January 14 (Wednesday). I rode to *Marlborough* to Dr. *Gott's* but he was gone to *Sudbury*.... I rode to Dr. *Matthews* -- but could not git him to go up. I returned finding *Ebenezer coughing* Still. I tended him all night.

1736 January 15 (Thursday). I Sent *David Bavricks* to Dr. *Gott*, early in the morning But he could not come up to us: but sent some Remedys. P.M. Dr. *Matthews* came to see *Ebenezer* who was very bad with both Cough and Fever. N.B. *Preces* and *Lacrymae*-- towards night he was much Easier and better. We began to conceive Hopes. *Deborah* tended him this Night. What a present Help is God in Time of Trouble! What an Hearer of Prayer! etc.

1736 January 16 (Friday). *Ebenezer* continues very ill -- but his Fever is abated although his Cough is still continual.... Dr. *Gott* visited us -- fills us with Hopes. Sister *Hicks* watched.

1736 January 17 (Saturday). *Ebenezer* took Physick and it worked kindly; but made him very Weak and faint.... I Sat up till Twelve, and *Deborah* rose and Sat up the remainder of the Night.

1736 January 18 (Sunday). I preached on Act. 1.7.¹ God grant us the Grace of Humility, Watchfulness and Diligence, of Fervency also and Prayerfulness, that we may be ready for our Lords Summons, since we know not when the Time will be!... *Ebenezer* better still.

1736 January 19 (Monday). Almost all the Family indisposed -- especially *Lucy* -- but *Ebenezer* So lively as to be about the Room currently -- the Glory be to God our Healer!.... *Lucy* was So ill that I got up Several Times in the Night.

1736 January 20 (Tuesday). I rose before Day on Account of little *Lucy* and rode to *Marlborough* but Dr. *Gott* not at home, nor to be seen till noon.... P.M. returned toward Eve. The Child very ill; and my wife also much indisposed.

1736 January 21 (Wednesday). A sick House -- *Lucy* very bad and my Wife taken very ill of a fever. Mr. N. *Stone* visited me. Dr. *Gott* here. My wife took a vomit.

¹Acts 1.7, "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

1736 January 22 (Thursday). Capt. *Eager* with his Team and Neighbour Nathaniel *Oake* and his Team, Neighbour Ephraim *Allen*, Jacob *Rice*, *Caruth*, *Russel*, Jesse *Brigham*, Thomas *Goodenow* and Jonathan *Flagg* here and got me to the Door 19 Load of wood. It was a valuable Kindness nor is it any ways to be thought light of, but it was *at such a Season* of our Illness and Engagedness to tend the ill and sick, that it was a *Considerable Trouble at this Juncture*. I had sister *Hicks* to tend the Sick etc. a.m. and part p.m. and then Mrs. *Hephzibah Maynard* p.m. and Eve and she watched also. My wife very ill and keeps her Bed; but especially *Lucy Thomme* did not get up to Day <word crossed out> his pains in his Ears but little abated -- And he has no Stomach. At Evening *David* to Dr. *Gott*.

1736 January 23 (Friday). A Melancholly House! My Wife has a Strong *burning* -- and particularly *Pluretic* Fever, and *Lucy* very low, in great Danger. Her pluretic Fever Strong, Cough Straining and in general exceeding weak and Distressed -- but *Thomme* a little more Comfortable and got up to Day, though not yesterday. Dr. *Gott* here -- my wife was Blooded. Brother *Hicks's* Family ill also -- *Ruth* especialy -- Doctor Blooded her.... I was very much indisposed at Evening So as that I was not able to watch with my Wife and Child as I had designed but Mrs. *Rogers* coming in and offering kindly, my wife accepted her offer to watch -- but when she was to have returned from her Daughter *Townsend's* her Self, she sent *Rebecca Ward* in her stead, who, being Such a stranger to the Child, made her So exceedingly uneasy that my wife was obliged to take her, which, cooling and worrying her, it prov'd an unspeakable Dammage to her. But I was o'Bed, and knew it not at the time of it.

1736 January 24 (Saturday). My Wife very ill, by means of her being so exceedingly exposed last night with the Child -- Fever upon her very bad -- grows worse -- p.m. sent *David Baverick* to *Cambridge* to inform our Relations <there?>, of my wife's illness and of Brother *Hicks's* Daughter *Ruth's*, who was sick of the Same Fever: and to wait upon sister *Ruth Champney* hither. My Wife was in great Distresses in the Eve and night -- is perswaded she Shall die of this Sickness. She was in many Terrors at the Apprehension of the wrath of God [especially?] in the same night She told me she heard fine singing of Psalm Tunes, and Supposed it to be heavenly Musick. About midnight she was So exceeding bad that I (having no body in the house but *Deborah* to assist us, and She taken up with the Young Child, I) ran to Ensign *Maynards* and requested him to go or Send to *Marlborough* forthwith to bring up Dr. *Gott*. He sent *Jotham*; and Mrs. *Maynard* came up <word crossed out> to my Wife. She fetched her Breath exceeding Short -- and difficultly *worried* out the Night.

1736 January 25 (Sunday). In the Morning Dr. *Gott* came up to see my Wife. She was considerably easier, cooler and better. I could not go to Meeting, a.m. I sent Dr. *Colmans* Parable of the Ten Virgins, and directed to the Sermon on v. 6, which was read. P.M. I was more composed and I went to worship. Repeated a Sermon on Job 22.21.² My wife in a more hopefull way. Mr. *Jonathan Forbush's* wife staid with us. The Doctor does not know but that the Fever is at the height. We undertake to wean the Child.

1736 January 26 (Monday). My Wife grows very restless again; Fever comes on. Ensign *Maynard* to Dr. *Gott*, and brought him up. She grew *very bad*. Sister *Ruth* came up. Mrs.

²Job 22.21, "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

Furbush went home. The Doctor staid all night. Sister *Ruth* and I sat up to Watch. My wife was much put to it to get over the Night, yet through Divine Favour she did, and we were much Comforted with having the Doctor in the House with us. The Doctor was of Opinion that the Fever had not *Intermissions* but *Remissions* only -- thought that it was not at the height before, yet Surely it was at a *Crisis* now; nor would she, he believed have any more Such troublesome nights. The Child Suddenly takes to *Deborah!* I marked *This!*

1736 January 27 (Tuesday). The Doctor went home. My Wife a pritty comfortable Day. Hopes bloom that she will recover, by Divine Favour. Mr. *Cushing* visited us and prayed with us. *Jemima Lee* watched with my wife, and *Deborah* with the Child in the Cradle. Mrs. *Parkman* slept very sound and Seemingly very Comfortable -- the Child also but a little Trouble, and I hope in a good way of Recovery.

1736 January 28 (Wednesday). I can't but be of Opinion that my Wife's Fever has regular Intermissions, for now it comes on again, and with considerable *Force*, but relying upon the Doctor's Judgment I sent to him for Drugs and sent her Water; but did not Send for him to come up, tho' I repented Afterwards that I did not; for her Fever increased extreamly as the Day got up. I Sent by Brother *Hicks*, whose Daughter *Ruth* lies also very ill yet. Capt. *Forbush* very neighbourly and kind, and his wife here p.m. The Doctor Sends word that he can't but hope the worst is over, *but it was far other wise* -- indeed whilst she Saw the Light of the Day, She Said it helped her to bear up under her Distresses; but O when the *Dark* of Night Should come -- how terrible it would be! In Truth, She had reason to fear it, for her Fever increased yet *more* and *more* upon her. *Jotham* Maynard came to assist me ~~<word crossed out>~~ -- and to go for Mrs. *Forbush* (Mr. *Jonathan's* wife). No sooner did the Evening come on, but my Dear spouse grew worse and I ran down to Mrs. (*Hephzibah*) *Maynard* -- though it was stormy -- she came up with me and Mrs. *Forb.* was come -- my wife very low indeed! Said she to me, *My Dear, You Are bereaved!* About 9 o'Clock we applyed a Young Fowl to her Feet -- but about 1/2 after Ten were obliged to take it off -- and Death seemed after a while to be making advances. She could not Swallow, but Spurred out whatever was given her. I asked her whether She was wholly free from those *Terrors* she had on Saturday Night? She answered *not wholly* free from them but She various ways expressed her *Hopes* -- For upon my Saying that I trusted She was rejoicing in *Hope* of the Glory of God; She Replied, *she hoped So.* And when Brother *Hicks* came to see her (about midnight) and her Mouth was ever now and then in a Sort of Convulsive Shaking and quivering, she said to him, I am in the *Jaws* of Death. I asked her whether she said the *Joys* of Death? She told me she hoped *so* likewise. At one Time, after great Stillness, she very solemnly said, *Dust thou art* -- At another Time upon giving her Some Drops and Water to lay her parching Thirst, and my wishing that *she might Drink of the River of the Water* of Life; She answered presently, *I long to be at it* -- She grew a little better again Sometime after midnight took her Medicines, Cordial etc. etc. Swallowed 'em, and fell into a pleasant Nap, in which she slept for a Considerable Time. But when she awaked again her Fever rose exceedingly, insomuch as she burnt inexpressibly. (I had asked her whether she could give her Testimony to the Truth of the Christian Religion and to the Expediency and usefulness of waiting upon Ordinances. Her answer was, that *we could do no better.* And as I was at another time looking upon her in her dying Distresses and Saying "who would not be moved by this to improve *Every Day* and *Every Hour*" -- She answered *Every Moment.* At another Time I asked her to pray for me and the Children *with this dying Breath.* She replied *I do -- God be Mercifull to you, and to*

them, and to you all. Several Times She said earnestly -- Come, Lord Jesus, Come quickly; Why So long a coming? Some of the last Things I heard her Say I think were -- My Dear! -- My Dear Lucy!)

1736 January 29 (Thursday). When the Fever came upon her so violently (as abovesaid) her Breath grew extremely and extraordinary quick, and her heart beat wonderfully -- at length one Breath (through extream quickness) was confounded into another, and that brought on her dying agonys; which were very bitter and dreadfull -- in these she lay till about Six in the Morning; *and then she departed!* Even the wife of my Covenant -- the wife of my Bosom, -- the wife of my youth, and the *Desire of my Eyes*, was taken away *by the stroke of Death!* Mrs. *Forbush* and Mrs. *Maynard* layd her out.

1736 April 24 (Saturday). Deborah went to Dr. Gott's.

1736 April 26 (Monday). Deborah took Physick.

1736 April 27 (Tuesday). Deborah rode to her Fathers, and returned at Night.

1736 May 31 (Monday). Brother Hicks's son *Samuel* broke his Arm. Dr. Gott up to set it. The Doctor Informs that the Sore Throat distresses Mr. Britons Family at Southborough. One Child Dead, Mrs. Briton Dangerous and one or Two Children more sick.

1736 June 18 (Friday). A little before sunseting I rode to Marlborough. I called at the Desolate House of my late worthy, and Eminent Friend, Mr. Breck. Mrs. Hannah Breck there. Thence I went to Dr. Gotts and Spent the rest of the Evening there -- and lodged there.

1736 August 23 (Monday). I rode to Marlborough.... At Dr. *Gotts*. Doctor not at home. Discourse with Mrs. Gott concerning her Sister and the many Reports etc.

1736 September 15 (Wednesday). I rode to Cambridge and dined there; and thence to Marlborough to Dr. Gott's and lodged There.

1736 September 16 (Thursday). Breakfast at the Doctors. N.B. A Poem as [*illegible*]ento the Stone Ring I presented Mrs. H.B. was composed this Morning at Dr. Gotts. N.B. Discourse with Coll. Woods of Mrs. H____'s Circumstances etc. Dined at the Colonel's with the Doctor.

1736 October 7 (Thursday). When we returned we rode together as far as Coll. Wards, where he lodged but I proceeded (by Moon Light, but Cold) to Marlborough to Dr. Gotts, in Expectation of Mr. Breck of Springfield and his Sister. N.B. Dr. Mead (who had heretofore lived with Dr. Gott) here. E're Long Mr. Breck and Mrs. H_____ Came -- But it was Some time before I Saw Mrs. H_____ because of the Company (Neighbours that had occasionally Stepped in) that were with her and with Mrs. Gott. She was very weary and went to Bed early. Mr. *Breck*, the Doctors and I sat up very Late.

1736 October 8 (Friday). Broke fast and Dined at the Doctors. Mr. Breck took leave before Dinner. Coll. *Woods* and Dr. Meads dined with us -- a <very> decent Entertainment.

1736 October 11 (Monday). As Early in the Morning as I could I rode to *Marlborough*.... Conversation but short with Mrs. H_____ at the Doctors, She being in preparation for her Journey, -- and how amiable my Dear Amazon when Compleat in her Riding Habit!

1736 October 12 (Tuesday). P.M. Dr. Gott here....

1736 October 17 (Sunday). At Night Mr. Cushing came home and brought word that *Ebenezer* was taken Sick in the morning -- was taken with vomiting and a Fever followed.

1736 October 18 (Monday). Had not been for my son *Ebenezer's* Sickness Mr. Cushing and I had visited Mr. Prentice of *Grafton* after his Sickness. But David Batherick came up this Morning to Shrewsbury to inform that Ebenezer was grown still worse. I hastened home and found he had a Strong Fever and a Sore Throat. I Desire to Humble my Self under the mighty Hand of God as for the Sins of the Land in General that have brought Divine Judgments upon us So for my own Family's Sins, and my own personal Offences. And God be Mercifull to us for His Name's Sake! David Watched the fore part of the Night and I the latter part. The Child in great Confusion in his understanding and Talk.

1736 October 19 (Tuesday). We hope Ebenezer is a little better.... Dr. Gott came up to Mr. Seth Rice's Son, by which I had advantage for a Visit from him to *Ebenezer*. The Canker rose very visibly upon the inside of his Throat but not Swelled a great Deal nor very troublesome to him -- <but?> his Fever not so high.

1736 October 20 (Wednesday). Ebenezer composed and Easier, and the Fever much lower. Deborah Sat up the former part of the night and I the latter.

1736 October 21 (Thursday). We hope Ebenezer recovers.

1736 October 22 (Friday). [Faint?] We got Ebenezer down into the dining-Room. *Dr. Gott* visited us as he returned from Mr. Thomlins Child, with a Gentleman of the Faculty who was born at *Vienna*: his Name *Alexander Maximilian Thyery*; Practitioner at *Plainfield*. Dr. Gott Shewed me Mr. James Pierponts Letter of the 21, giving the Melancholly News of the Sudden Death of Mr. *Nathaniel Breck* (Madam Pierponts Father) who was drowned the Night before, as he was attempting to pass over the Swing Bridge in *Boston*. A very sorrowful accident!

1736 November 13 (Saturday). Dr. Gott at the Barrs informed me that Mrs. Hannah Brecks illness arose from her taking Cold that Journey from Marlborough. See Oct. 11.

1736 November 25 (Thursday). At Dr. *Gotts* at Eve. N.B. Dr. Alexander Maximilian *Thyery* there.

1737 March 2 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. John Jarvis was returning from his journey to Marlborough, whither he had been to wait upon Mrs. Hannah Breck, who made a visit yesterday to her sister Mrs. Gott in her illness.

1737 March 18 (Friday). Eve at Dr. Gott's. Mrs. Gott had been very ill, but is recovering. Mrs. Hannah Breck with her, but I spent my time with the men, scil. the Doctor, Colonel, and Mr. Daniel Steward.

1737 March 19 (Saturday). A.M. To Dr. Gott's but a short space with Mrs. Hannah.

1737 March 25 (Friday). I rode to Marlborough, din'd with Mr. Hovey at Mm. Madame Fish's. Spent the afternoon at Dr. Gott's -- was at the Colonel's, but returned to Doctor's.... N.B. Mrs. Hannah Breck at the Doctor's still.

1737 March 27 (Sunday). Lydia Cutting not well.

1737 March 28 (Monday). Lydia worse, having a bad Ague in her face and it threw her wholly by; but it was so ordered in Providence, that Deborah Ward came to see us and she served us.

1737 March 29 (Tuesday). Very Rainy. Lydia worse, considerable Fever. Benjamin How with David at his work and din'd with us. Neither of them to be persuaded to go for Dr. Gott for Lydia. Jonathan Rogers came to go, but we did not send.

1737 March 30 (Wednesday). Lydia somewhat better, very fine weather.

1737 April 1 (Friday). At Eve, I was at Dr. Gott's, Mrs. Hannah was thought to be gone up to Mr. Week's or Captain Williams, with design to lodge there, but she returned to the Doctors.

1737 October 21 (Friday). Dr. Gott called in, p.m.

1737 November 7 (Monday). Mr. Stone brought Mrs. Parkman to his House, we dined there, after which I rode to visit old Mrs. Morse at Marlborough, confined by her Broken Bone, and in great distress of mind, whilst Mr. Stone went with my wife up to Dr. Gott's. There we tarried all night.

1738 January 31 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott and his wife and Mr. Timothy Harrington made us a Visit and din'd and spent the Afternoon among us, except what time divers of us were down at Ensign Maynards, where were a Meeting of Houssatunnoc Petitioners for the drawing their Lotts. N.B. Colonel Woods there also. Very Cold Evening but they all returned to Marlborough.

1738 February 9 (Thursday). We rode to Marlborough, our Kinsman in Company, he being accommodated with a Horse by Mr. Aaron Forbush.... After Service we went to Dr. Gott's, where we were refresh'd for we did not dine at Captain Williams's where we call'd before meeting. Divers of us Spent the Eve at the Colonel's. My Spouse and I lodg'd at Dr. Gott's, but my Kinsman with Mr. Bliss.

1738 February 10 (Friday). Visited Mr. David Goodenow of Westborough under Lameness and Confinement at Marlborough. Din'd at the Doctors and then rode up home.

1738 February 17 (Friday). Dr. Gott din'd here.

1738 April 10 (Monday). I rode to Marlborough.... Din'd at Dr. Gotts.

1738 May 14 (Sunday). I preach'd at Marlborough.... At the Doctors at Eve, and lodg'd there.

1738 June 28 (Wednesday). P.M. came Dr. Gott. And after him Dr. Crouch with Two more, from Hadley call'd a while.

1738 June 29 (Thursday). My wife and Brother Samuel Breck rode with me to Marlborough, the weather being cool, cloudy and pleasant, and we din'd at Dr. Gotts.

1738 July 19 (Wednesday). Din'd at Dr. Gotts.

1738 July 24 (Monday). After having been at various places as my Business call'd, I visited Dr. Gott and (with him) Mr. Jonathan How again. N.B. In Time of prayer he had a very violent Convulsion fit. After prayer and a great part of an Hour Spent whilst he was yet Striving in his Convulsion, I return'd to the Doctor's and having din'd with them, I came up home.

1738 July 27 (Thursday). My Wife and I rode down with Neighbour Hezekiah How and his wife to Marlborough to the Funeral of Mr. Jonathan How. At the Doctor's after Funeral. N.B. Mr. Dyer of Boston there trading with the Doctor for his House down in the street.

1738 August 10 (Thursday). Ebenezer being troubl'd with a bad swelling in his Neck went to Marlborough to wait upon Dr. Gott for Advice.

1738 August 16 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode with me to Marlborough to Captain Peter Rice's, to the widow How's who carry'd Ebenezer to Uncle Gott's (with Captain Amsden), to Mr. Phelp's, Mr. Peter Butlers, to Mr. Brown the whitesmith, Colonel Woods's, and to Dr. Gotts. When the Doctor had advis'd respecting the Sore upon Ebenezer's Neck, we return'd home, although it was nigh nine when we set out from Marlborough.

1738 August 23 (Wednesday). I rode to Marlborough, in Company Mr. Stone, Mr. Rogers (preacher at Marlborough) and Captain Amsden. Lodg'd at Dr. Gott's.

1738 August 24 (Thursday). Mr. Rogers and Dr. Gott rode up to our Lecture.

1738 October 9 (Monday). All the officers met together at Ensign Maynards upon the Affair of a Regemental Muster. Mr. Prentice of Grafton, Mr. Cook, preacher at Marlborough, Dr. Gott, etc., were here.

1738 November 25 (Saturday). Dr. Gott here. My Wife has for some time had her Limbs exceedingly swelling insomuch that she can't well go about.

1738 December 14 (Thursday). I rode to Marlborough, Ebenezer with me, to Colonel Woods's (who was gone to Charleston) to Mr. Butlers, Mr. Tainters and Dr. Gotts.

1738 December 16 (Saturday). My wife has not only Swell'd greatly in her Limbs but (besides her pregnancy) in her Body, and is exceeding full of Pain. I sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctor's.

1738 December 18 (Monday). Dr. Gott here. Mrs. Knowlton and Mrs. Williams here to see my wife. She continues Swell'd and full of Pain.

1738 December 19 (Tuesday). Brother Samuel Breck came up from Marlborough and lodg'd here. With him came sister Gott and Mrs. Bulah Bent, and after them came Captain Williams.

1738 December 28 (Thursday). At about 4 in the morning Mrs. Forbush call'd me up with great earnestness to gather some women together. It was very Cold, and I ran on foot to sister Hicks and to old Mrs. Knowlton -- sent to Mrs. Maynard and rode to Mrs. Byles, all which came together by Daybreak. We were in the Article of Distress. About Seven o'Clock my Fourth Daughter was born. An exceeding Small Child and great doubt whether it would continue alive. But my wife in a good State, through the wondrous Goodness and Mercy of God. A Cold Day. Sent Ebenezer Maynard to Dr. Gotts, and to call Mrs. Mary Sherman to Nurse.... Nurse watch'd.

1739 January 2 (Tuesday). I rode to Marlborough round by Mr. Josiah Rice's and Captain Eagers. My Little son Thomas rode with me. Rode to Captain Joseph Hows, Mr. Joseph Tainters where we Din'd, to Mr. Peter Butlers, Colonel Woods's and to Dr. Gotts.

1739 January 3 (Wednesday). Hannah Maynard watch'd, as Lucy Forbush did with Nurse last Night.

1739 January 4 (Thursday). My Wife makes no great Haste in Recovery, but the Child is very weak and feeble yet, and the sore Mouth has been prevailing upon it for some time. Abiel Allen watch'd. Cold Season.

Note: Daughter Elizabeth b. Dec. 28, 1738.

1739 January 5 (Friday). My Wife very faint and weak, fainting in going from the bed to the Table. Ruth Hicks watch'd.

1739 January 6 (Saturday). My Wife feeble. Childs Sore mouth continues Bad. Rebecca watch'd.

1739 January 7 (Sunday). At Eve Rebecca Taynter tarried and watch'd. My wife somewhat more Comfortable. The Child in doubtfull State by its Sore Mouth. N.B. Publick Prayers for the Child.

1739 January 8 (Monday). Old Mrs. Knowlton and Mrs. Maynard here.... Child very bad. Mrs. Maynard watch'd.

1739 January 9 (Tuesday). The Child extreme bad, especially the latter part of the Day.... P.M. and Evening we thought the Child was dying -- took nothing for many Hours, a Ghastly pale overspread the Visage and appear'd choak'd up; sometimes was Seemingly gone for some while together. We pray'd for it p.m. All night distress'd about it and expecting its last Gasp. Nurse and my Daughter Molly sat up with it.

1739 January 10 (Wednesday). Through the Great Mercy of God the Child is alive this morning -- and Continues -- the sore mouth abates -- peels and clears off.

1739 January 11 (Thursday). The Child somewhat better. Martha Maynard Watch'd.

1739 January 12 (Friday). Nurse Watch'd.

1739 January 13 (Saturday). Abiel watch'd.

1739 January 14 (Sunday). A Morning of great Trouble! The Childs soreness of Mouth had return'd for Two or Three Days, but we did not judge it in immediate Danger. There was nothing of this discover'd in the first of the Morning. But about nine o'Clock I was call'd down from my Study with the Alarm that the Child was dying! About 10 She ceas'd to breath! The will of the Lord be done! I preach'd on Rev. 20.12.³ O that we might have a due sense of the Divine Mind Concerning us!

1739 January 15 (Monday). Deacon Newton kindly came and brought Two Bottles of wine and offer'd to go to Marlborough upon what Errands would be Necessary to be done there. Ensign Maynard went to Mr. Cushings. Ebenezer Maynard dugg the Grave. The Snow exceeding Deep, by which means it was very difficult to break away to get wood, for 3 Fires and one so long all night as well as Day, had wasted wood at a very great Rate. Yet we got a Supply.

1739 January 16 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing and his Wife came to the Funeral of my Infant Elizabeth.... The Neighbours in very considerable Numbers, attended. I desire to interr my Dead in the Faith of the new Covenant and of the glorious Privilege of the Resurrection to Eternal Life. N.B. Nurse was bearer. No Friends from Marlborough. N.B. Mr. Cushing and his Wife could not go to the Grave. Jotham cut wood a.m.

1739 January 17 (Wednesday). My wife was exceeding full of pain.... N.B. Dr. Gott here.

1739 January 18 (Thursday). My wife easier this morning, but very weak.

1739 January 19 (Friday). My Wife exceeding full of pain again, weak and distress'd, her lower Limbs grow useless and one of her feet swells again.... Divers Women to visit my Wife.... Mr. James Maynards wife watched.

Rev. 20.12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

1739 January 20 (Saturday). My Wife exceeding full of pain, very faint and weak and low. Granny Forbush watch'd. N.B. Simon Tainter, junior went for the Doctor at almost Eve.

1739 January 21 (Sunday). My Wife in great Extremity. The Doctor was here in the morning.

1739 January 22 (Monday). Sister Gott and Mrs. Bulah Bent here. My Wife very full of Pain yet!

1739 January 23 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here. My Wife's pains do not Cease. Nurse sat up what she could.

1739 January 25 (Thursday). My [wife] has not been easy ever since the 17th Day. Divers Women here.

1739 January 26 (Friday). Dr. Gott and Captain Williams here.

1739 February 3 (Saturday). Nurse return'd from Grafton. Wife's pains increase greatly.

1739 February 4 (Sunday). Sent John Kidney to Marlborough to the Doctor.

1739 February 5 (Monday). My Wife grows worse, her pains being Sharper for the Time than with the former Legg.

1739 February 6 (Tuesday). My Wife had a very distressing Night exceeding full of pain from her Hip to her Toe. The Day was like the Night. No Physic work'd yesterday nor to Day. Her Spirits much depress'd.

1739 February 7 (Wednesday). A great deal of Company here, which together [with] my wife's exceeding low Circumstances made it a Day of perpetual Hurry and Engagement -- for as to my wife, the night was very distressing -- full of Pain and anguish and very faint and Weak. Nurse watch'd last night as well as Sat up the most of the Night before, and my wife was very restless and as if Death could not be very far off.

1739 February 8 (Thursday). My wife very Weak and low last Night, but by the help of her Anodyne slept better than for several Nights. Nurse went to bed about one. Dr. Gott here and left various new prescriptions and Encouragements. Company Daily -- an unspeakable Hindrance to my Studys.

1739 February 9 (Friday). My Wife exceedingly pained at Eve.

1739 February 11 (Sunday). Dr. Gott visited my wife in Meeting Time as he was going to see old Mrs. Tomlin.

1739 February 12 (Monday). Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctors.... My Wife remains in much the Same State, except the very great Extremeity of Pain which is mitigated by her Anodyne.

1739 February 13 (Tuesday). Dr. Convers, by Dr. Gotts message to him as he was at Sudbury, came up to visit my wife. Afterwards came Dr. Gott. They find her very low, her Blood exceeding Weak, her swelling in her Legg increased and advanc'd into her Body, her Urine has been to a great Degree Suppress'd ever since this Second Legg was Seiz'd with the Pain. Her medicines are Chalbiats⁴ mix'd with Castor, and Ocul. Cancror with Sal. Nitr. Her bathing with spirits of wine continued but her Pultis ceases, her Teas of Horse Radish, Fennel and Parseley Roots, and we now lay on a Blister.

1739 February 14 (Wednesday). My Wife somewhat better.

1739 February 20 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here.

1739 February 25 (Sunday). N.B. My Wife walk'd across the room, a thing she has not done these Three weeks, and she din'd with us to Day. G.D.

1739 February 26 (Monday). The Doctor came to see my wife.

1739 March 1 (Thursday). Having been handsomely refresh'd there I pursued my Journey to Hows Tavern, where came Neighbor Townsend but I had his Company but 2 or 3 miles for I came to Dr. Gotts, and made it into Evening, Cold, heavy, Dirty and Weary Home.

1739 March 16 (Friday). I rode to Marlborough. Exceeding bad Travelling. To Mr. Tainters, Phelps, Colonel Woods's, Dr. Gotts at Evening and at Captain Williams late. Yet returned home.

1739 April 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Prentice of Grafton rode with me up to Marlborough.... At the Doctors at Eve.

1739 May 28 (Monday). Through Marlborough and Stopp'd with sister Gott etc., yet got down about 10 o'Clock.

1739 July 3 (Tuesday). Din'd at Dr. Gotts, Mr. Cushing and his wife and Mr. Caleb Rice dining with us. Thence we proceeded to Cambridge.

1739 August 1 (Wednesday). Dr. Gott here.

1739 October 26 (Friday). Not well at Wards, but held up home between 10 and 11 at Night.

1739 October 27 (Saturday). Not well, but yet in my Study. In the Night very ill.

1739 October 28 (Sunday). Grew worse. Not able to go to Meeting. A.M. -- P.M. preach'd on Rev. 2.21 but with much Difficulty, being very ill and feeble.

⁴A chalybeate medicine was impregnated with or flavored with iron.

1739 October 29 (Monday). Abroad in the forenoon, but in pain, chiefly in my left Hip and Groin. Dr. Gott occasionally here. P.M. could not walk. At Eve my pains exceedingly increas'd. Neighbor How came and got my bed down into the lower room, and lifted me on to it. All night in great pain. My Wife got up twice. Took Flower of Brimstone, which purged Me.

1739 October 30 (Tuesday). I grew More helpless.... No Watcher yet.

1739 October 31 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode to Dr. Gott but he came not. He Sent me the Turbith Mineral⁵ which I did not venture to take. Mrs. Maynard and Brother Hicks watch'd.

1739 November 1 (Thursday). Dr. Gott came -- judg'd I am taken with an high Inflammatory Rhumatism. Bled me in the right arm -- insisted upon my taking my Turbith if diminished. N.B. It work'd 5 times up, and 30 or 40 Times downward. Nathan Maynard was Sent for the Doctor but he did not come, but Sent a Plaister, etc. Nathan Maynard and Bekky Hicks watch'd.

1739 November 2 (Friday). The Doctor came and bleeds me again. Gave Something to prevent my purging.... John Rogers and Sister Hicks watch'd. A Bad Night.

1739 November 3 (Saturday). Still remain in a weak, pained State. Worried through the Day. Jotham Maynard and Bekky Hicks watch'd. A bad Night again.

1739 November 4 (Sunday). No Preaching, but few at Meeting. Doctor came. Bleeds again and gave Rubarb which work'd kindly. Deacon Newton and My Niece Eliza watch'd. A dismal Night!

1739 November 5 (Monday). Jedidiah How watch'd. Somewhat easier Night.

1739 November 6 (Tuesday). Doctor came. Found me with a very bad Sore Throat, my Head on the back part great disorder'd -- tottering and pained -- Yet he judg'd I was better, and did not bleed me. Mr. Stone visited me and pray'd with us. Several of my Nei[gh]bours here. My Head grew worse and those Disorders were very troublesome. But I had some good Rest nevertheless. Samuel Baker and Molly Lee watch'd.

1739 November 7 (Wednesday). In the Morning My Fever was much Worse, and p.m. the Use of my Right Hand (which hitherto I have been favor'd with when every other Limb was disenabled) was taken away, but through Gods Mercy to me my Left grew better. About 9 at Night my Stomach grew very full of pain. I lay Striving for Breath all Night. Mr. Whipple watch'd.

1739 November 8 (Thursday). About 4 o'Clock in the Morning my Wife got up by reason of my great Extremity, and desir'd Mr. Whipple to go away for the Doctor which he did. The Doctor came about 10 o'Clock and saw my Distress'd State, bled me again and gave me a portion of Rubarb which work'd kindly and my Breath was better Somewhat. Yet it remained bad.

⁵Turpeth Mineral, a basic mercuric sulphate used as a purgative.

Captain Eager watch'd. A very labouring Breath Still. My Niece Eliza carry'd down by Ensign Maynard.

1739 November 9 (Friday). Mr. Tainter watch'd.

1739 November 10 (Saturday). Somewhat better, through Gods great Goodness. The Doctor Came, but left nothing new. In the Evening My Brother Parkman came to see me, to my great Joy.... Levi Brigham watch'd.

1739 November 11 (Sunday). I was very faint and weak. No preaching -- but a Thin Meeting. Simon Tainter junior watch'd.

1739 November 12 (Monday). Mr. Cushing made me a Visit and pray'd with us. I was very weak and feeble.... At Eve Mr. Frink came to see me.... Mr. David Maynard junior watch'd. I had the best night of any Since I was Sick, and it had been most pleasant to enjoy by Dear Brothers Company. D.G.

1739 November 13 (Tuesday). My kind Brother left us.... I was (through the Divine Goodness) Still better. The Doctor was here. Left the Ethiops Mineral,⁶ etc. Bekky Hicks watch'd and I rested pritty well. D.G.

1739 November 14 (Wednesday). I could walk from my Bed to the Fire. P.M. Mrs. Dorothy Rice here and She watch'd. I did not rest quite so well as before.

1739 November 15 (Thursday). In the Morning very feeble. N.B. The Town Met to provide preaching. My Wife watch'd with me till Two o'Clock, and had no other watcher. Edward[s?] Whipple was to have watch'd but came not.

1739 November 16 (Friday). A purging has attended me and continues, but by the Cold we were prevented sending to the Doctor. Stephen Fay had engaged to watch tonight, but fail'd. My Wife Sat up again till past midnight, after which I did without.

1739 November 17 (Saturday). The Cold Something abated. I Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctor. Mr. William Jenison came up from Waterton to preach here. Ruth Hicks watch'd. I crawl up very Slowly, yet Sit up Considerably. My Joints, my Knees and Ankles especially, weak and feeble.

1739 November 18 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison preach'd.... Mr. Tainter din'd with us. I could take but very Little. Stephen Fay watch'd.

1739 November 19 (Monday). Mr. Jenison, when the Committee (Scil. Ensign Maynard and Mr. Tainter) had been with him for further Service, went away to return to Waterton.... Asa Brigham watch'd.

⁶A name formerly given to certain black or dark-colored compounds of metals.

1739 November 20 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here. Deacon Tomlin's Wife's Funeral. At Eve Mr. Cushing here. I Seem'd to be still growing Somewhat better. D.G.

1739 November 22 (Thursday). Before I got up I was in great Pains in my Bowels. The Day was a very ill Day with me. I had eat Milk the night before with good appetite, and I thought it sat So well upon my stomach that I might eat boil'd milk this Morning, but I was thereupon greatly disordered. Sick, faint, and Vomited Several Times in the Day Casting up whatever I took down.... At Evening, though exceeding ill, I marry'd Timothy Warrin and Rebecca Tainter. Bekky Hicks watch'd.

1739 November 23 (Friday). A.M. I was Still weak and faint, appetite gone. P.M. Somewhat better.

1739 November 24 (Saturday). I was Somewhat Comfortable, though week [*sic*].

1739 November 25 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison on Mat. 8.17, and John 19.34. My Spirits low and Stomach weak at Dinner. But I Still repose my Self on God.

1739 November 26 (Monday). Mr. Jenison and my wife rode away together, the one for Southborough, the other for Marlborough, but return'd after a little Time, my wife having fallen from her Mare and hurt herself so as to incapacitate her for proceeding. Colonel Woods and Mr. Smith (preacher) from Marlborough to see me. They din'd, and tarry'd till Evening. At Evening Mr. Jenison rode with them. I was considerable Comfortable and lively, and had some Considerable Appetite; Slept also comfortably.

1739 November 27 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here, left me Bitters and Crocus Martis,⁷ advis'd me to take the Air by Degrees. My wife feels her hurt of Yesterday much more. Bit [But?] I was better than I had been any Day, and had a good Night, through the great goodness of God.

1739 December 1 (Saturday). Molly Lee continues here yet. My wife Still very much Confin'd and in grievous Smart. Dr. Gott call'd here as he was visiting Several patients. A Bath which he directed to, gave her much Ease.... N.B. I went to the South Door, but did not venture to Step out.

1739 December 2 (Sunday). N.B. Sister Hicks's kindness in coming over to dress my Wife's wound.

1739 December 3 (Monday). Dr. Gott's Young Man, Hemingway, here.

1739 December 18 (Tuesday). Bright and Warm in the Middle of the Day. Dr. Gott here and din'd with us. P.M. I was invited out by the fitness of the Day and I rode to the Barn and round the Field.

⁷Crocus of iron, sesquioxide or peroxide of iron.

1740 February 13 (Wednesday). I rode to Marlborough, the Doctor having Sent for me to visit them, Sister and all the Child being sick, but his little son John of about 9 months old much the worst and lying at the point of Death. Din'd at Colonel Woods with Mr. Aaron Smith. At their earnest request I went to the Funeral of Two of Mr. Joseph Tainters Children -- 4 others of his Children being at the Same Time sick, and one or more of them in a Dangerous state and all of the Throat Distemper. At their Instant Desire I pray'd upon this sorrowful Occasion. Return'd to Brother Gotts. The Rain prevail'd so as to forbid my going Home, besides their Importunity on the Account of the Child which was nigh Expiring. It dy'd about 8 of the Clock in the Eve, the Doctor being exceedingly distressed and impatient. I lodged there with the Doctor.

1740 February 15 (Friday). I rode again to Marlborough to the Funeral of John Gott, and return'd at Eve. David and Samuel again.

1740 February 23 (Saturday). At the Funeral of the Infant Child of Mr. Eliezer Rice. Dr. Gott din'd with us.

1740 March 12 (Wednesday). My Wife and I rode down to Marlborough to the Fast on account of the Sickness in that Town. Dr. Gotts Daughter Betty thought to be Dangerously ill.... My wife and I lodg'd at Dr. Gotts.

1740 April 1 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott was at my House in the mean Time to see my wife, who he judg'd had the Canker in her throat.

1740 April 10 (Thursday). My Daughter Molly Sick of the Meazles. A sorrowful Message by Ezekiel How that sister Gott was taken suddenly about an Hour before sundown yesterday with an Apoplexy, but partly Epileptical also, and was not thought to continue. I preach'd (Repeated) on Ps. 119.5, and after Lecture I rode to Marlborough and found the Sorrowful Case of sister Gott to be as aforesaid! Lucy with the Measles.

1740 April 11 (Friday). About Seven in the morning Sister Gott expir'd. A very Solemn Morning! I rode home when I had dispatch'd various Affairs at Marlborough. P.M. Ebenezer Maynard rode before my Wife to Marlborough who also return'd safe at Evening. My son Thomas and Ebenezer much indispos'd.

1740 April 13 (Sunday). Repeat'd pieces of Sermon on Job 14.2 and Ps. 90.9 on occasion of Sister Gotts sudden Death.

1740 April 14 (Monday). We rode down to the Funeral of Sister Gott.

1740 May 30 (Friday). Late up to Marlborough by means of the Showers.... Lodg'd at Dr. Gotts.

1740 May 31 (Saturday). I accompany'd Dr. Gott to Mr. Benjamin Bailys where lay Sick John Hambleton, son in law to Mr. Gamel. The Doctor judg'd he could not live long, and I acquainted John with it. His distress was very great respecting his Eternal Condition. I did not return home till middle of the Afternoon, by means of his Urgency and Earnestness to have me tarry with him

in his low Condition, to direct and assist him in his Repentance and closing with Christ. He was very humble and broken for sin, full of passionate and repeated Crys to God and Christ, Sent for his Companions to ask their forgiveness, and to call 'em to repentance and to charge 'em to turn from sin to God. He fill'd up his Time with these Exercises -- But I warn'd him of the Danger of trusting to them and how rarely a late Repentance was true, proceeding so much from the present Extremity, which forc'd it.

1740 June 11 (Wednesday). Deacon Fay and Deacon Forbush accompany'd me to Marlborough to the Ordination of Mr. Aaron Smith.... N.B. Dr. Gott no hand in any of the Business of the Church or Council to Day.

1740 August 11 (Monday). My Wife rode with me to Marlborough. I visited Colonel Woods who was much indispos'd by Hydropic and Asthmatic Disorders. I din'd with Mr. Smith, where also din'd Mr. Cushing and Master Loring. We visited the Colonel after Dinner and were also at the Doctors and at Captain Williams.

1740 August 29 (Friday). At Marlborough We found Colonel Woods in a low State of Health. Call'd at Dr. Gott's.

1740 September 10 (Wednesday). My wife rode with me to Marlborough being ask'd by Dr. Gott to meet with a young widow whom he purposed to bring from Boston to his House this Evening. We visited Colonel Woods whose illness So increases that this Day he is got up into his Chamber from which tis fear'd he will never come down. We waited at Evening for the Doctor at his House till we were weary, and then return'd home without seeing him.

1740 September 26 (Friday). We rode to Dr. Roby's and din'd there. From thence to Marlborough to see Colonel Woods who was by this Time reduced to a very low State by the Hydrops Pectoris. In the middst of many Fears respecting his Sincerity, he maintained an humble Hope in God. I pray'd with him and took leave. Call'd at the Doctors and return'd Home (with my Sister Willard with me).

1740 October 10 (Friday). Last Night my Wife had a terrible Convulsion Fitt, But through Gods great mercy it did not continue long. She by Degrees came to her Senses again. Brother Hicks was call'd and sent for Dr. Gott. His young man came, he being himself at Boston, celebrating his own Nuptials. The young man attempted to Bleed my Wife but miss'd the Veins Some Number of Times; but when daily Light came on he succeeded and she bled freely. She was in her pregnancy 4 or 5 Months gone. The bleeding She judg'd was very beneficial to her. Mr. Baines went home.

1740 October 11 (Saturday). Very Cold and Raw. Old Mr. Maynard and his Son Nathan cut and Carted Home Two Load of Wood. Dr. Gott and his young man here.

1740 October 13 (Monday). Dr. Gott and his young man here.

1740 October 14 (Tuesday). Notwithstanding that it was Somewhat rainy My Wife and I rode down to Marlborough to attend upon the preaching of the Reverend Mr. George Whitefield....

In Dr. Gott's Name I asked Mr. Whitefield and his Fellow Travellers to his House and they accordingly went, but could not be persuaded to make any Stay nor to lodge Short of Worcester, even although the weather was rainy. I Supp'd at Mr. Smiths in Company with Mr. Dorr, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Hemingway of Townshend, but I lodg'd at the Doctors. My Sister rode home with Captain Warrin, and Thomme with Mr. Green, but My Wife and Molly Stay'd because of the Rain.

1740 October 16 (Thursday). N.B. Dr. Gott brought home his Wife, but I could not wait upon him.

1740 October 31 (Friday). A.M. I rode to Marlborough to wait upon Mr. Aaron Smith in bringing home his New wife. Lodg'd at Dr. Gott's upon whose new wife I now wished [blank] also.

1740 November 1 (Saturday). I broke fast at Mr. Smiths, brought up Sally Gott to tarry a while at our House....

1740 December 11 (Thursday). Visited Mr. Smith and Dr. Gott, and return'd home in the Evening.

1740 December 16 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here.

1740 December 31 (Wednesday). Dr. Gott's young man, Hall, was my Company to Marlborough to Captain Nathan Brigham who was Still in a Melancholly, disconsolate Condition.

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

1742 February 2 (Tuesday). Rainy morning. Mr. Edwards utterly denyed 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, Mr. Stone, Mr. Smith, Capt. Williams, Dr. Gott and Mr. Daniel Barns, who dined with me. Mr. Edwards preached to a great Congregation on Joh. 12.32.

1742 February 9 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. James Fay came for me to go and see *Isaiah Pratt* 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, 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.

1742 March 17 (Wednesday). Dr. *Gott*, in Concern about his Spiritual State and about the Kingdom of God, made me a Visit.

1742 March 29 (Monday). I rode down with my Daughter Molly to Marlborough, dined and left her at Dr. Gotts.

1742 April 3 (Saturday). At Mr. Williams of Weston where I dined; at Mr. Brintnalls -- and at Dr. Gotts. My Family in safety. D.G.

1742 June 16 (Wednesday). 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.

1742 July 9 (Friday). *Billy* ill most of the week of Fever and Flux.

1742 July 10 (Saturday). Sent Thomme to Dr. Gott; but he came not. Child an ill night.

1742 July 11 (Sunday). Dr. Gott here.

1742 July 19 (Monday). N.B. Dr. Gott at Capt. Warrins. At my Return he was at our House to see Billy; and dined with us.

1742 August 2 (Monday). Was at Dr. Gotts and Mr. Smiths.

1742 September 13 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Daniel Rogers of Ipswich, Dr. Gott and Mr. Dodge came and dined with us.

1742 October 26 (Tuesday). Mr. Seccomb and I lodged at Dr. Gotts.

1742 December 4 (Saturday). An Evening ride Home in [*illegible*] and Dark. Had much pain in the Night.

1742 December 5 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison preached for me..., but I could not go out.

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). 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.

1742 December 10 (Friday). The Doctor here.

1742 December 11 (Saturday). Took another Portion of Physick.

1742 December 12 (Sunday). I engaged Mr. Jenison to preach again.... I could not have the Dinner near me.... 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.... 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.... 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.... 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 midst of the Day. Deacon Newton to see me.... A good, comfortable night. D.G.

1742 December 18 (Saturday). The Doctor here and his Young Man and dined here. Comfortable Day. D.G.

1742 December 19 (Sunday). 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.... Mr. *Barrett* here and prayed with me, Mr. Jenison, Lieutenant Baker, [and?] Seth Rice.

1742 December 21 (Tuesday). Mrs. Eager and Mrs. Barns 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). I was not So well as yesterday, yet ventur'd down to the Kitchen so much as to look about.

1742 December 23 (Thursday). 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.

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, through the wondrous Goodness of God.... O might we all have due Reflections on our frail and dying State! Lord make me know etc.!

1742 December 27 (Monday). 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.

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). Brother Hicks having heard of my Sickness came to see me.

1742 December 31 (Friday). 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.... 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.

1743 January 5 (Wednesday). Jejun. Priv. The New Year. The Late Frown of Heaven in my sickness through which I am much Weaken'd and sett back in my Business. The present Times among us -- call'd for no less.

1743 January 7 (Friday). Cold, yet my Wife and I ventur'd out to Mr. Daniel Stones to see his Wife in her low Condition. This was my first going out among my Nei[gh]bours.

1743 January 13 (Thursday). Dr. Gott and Lieutenant Woods with him here and din'd with us.

1744 March 28 (Wednesday). We were also at Mr. Smiths but were obliged to lodge at Dr. Gotts.

1744 May 1 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott and Brother Samuel Breck came up from Marlborough and din'd with Me. My Wife walk'd with her Brethren to visit Captain Maynard.

1744 September 12 (Wednesday). Visited Captain Forbush but the Doctor being there, and it appearing later than I thought for I did not make any long stay. Brother Samuel Breck was there also with Dr. Gott. Dr. Breck din'd with us.

1744 December 12 (Wednesday). My Wife and I rode to Marlborough.... My wife was blooded by Dr. Gott, and we din'd with him.

1744 December 17 (Monday). Dr. Gott here.

1744 December 26 (Wednesday). At Dr. Gotts at Eve but lodg'd at Mr. Smiths.

1745 January 30 (Wednesday). Dr. Gott and Dr. Breck here whilst I was gone and din'd with my wife.

1745 April 21 (Sunday). My Wife at Meeting again; the Lords Name be prais'd!... N.B. p.m. Dr. Gott came to sermon but went out as Soon as it was over.

1745 May 17 (Friday). Rode into Marlborough to See Sister Breck of Springfield who is ill yet at Dr. Gotts.

1745 May 20 (Monday). Sent Thomme down to Dr. Gott that he might be under his advice and Directions: he rode before his mother who visited her sister Breck to Day and carry'd her Child; and Thomme return'd home with Mrs. Sally Gott instead of his Mother.

1745 May 22 (Wednesday). Immediately return'd back to Mr. Breck who was waiting for my Company to Marlborough. He and his little Daughter rode in his Chair and Mrs. Sally Gott and I in Mr. Tainters Chaise.... We din'd at Dr. Gotts p.m.

1745 June 1 (Saturday). My son Thomme much out of Health So that I sent him to Marlborough to Dr. Gotts that he might get suitable Directions and Druggs of him.

1745 June 20 (Thursday). My Wife ill yet. Sent to Dr. Gott. P.M. the Doctor came. Left divers Medicines both with regard to her Fever and pains in her Limbs, and likewise for her Sore, pained Breast. God grant us to make a good Improvement of his holy Corrections! My Family divers of them continue not well, Several of the Children as well as their Mother. My concern at present great for Thomme yet he is Stirring about a little, but growing no better (I think) in the Main.

1745 July 2 (Tuesday). My Wife rode with me as far as Mr. Amsdens, whom I obtain'd to carry her (and her child) to Marlborough to see Sister Breck who was extreme urgent to have her be with her in her affliction and Confinement. N.B. Mr. Whitefield preach'd at Dr. Gotts and my wife heard him.

1745 July 22 (Monday). I went to Mr. Smiths but he and his wife, old Mr. Loring and Sister Breck were gone down to Mr. Jonathan Lorings, to dine there but I din'd at Dr. Gotts. After Dinner the Doctor and I rode to Mr. Lorings.

1745 October 5 (Saturday). Last Night Mr. Daniel Warrin of our North precinct brought a sad message of Dr. Gotts Wife being at the Point of Death and his Desire to see me. I therefore left my Study and Preparations and rode to Marlborough, where was a sorrowful sight. Mrs. Gott was alive and sometimes seem'd to have some Understanding but was hardly able to Speak a Sentence: and but Rarely so much as a Yes. I stay'd and din'd there, and at the Doctors Desire pray'd with Mrs. Gott, but the Doctor was hurry'd up to Westborough to Mr. George Smiths wife, and to Mr. Jacob Rice -- the last being sick and very bad of the Distemper. N.B. Captain Ward of Worcester at the Doctors Mr. Chandlers wife being very bad of a Nervous Fever.

1745 October 8 (Tuesday). My wife rode to Marlborough p.m. to see Mrs. Gott, who is yet alive.

1745 October 12 (Saturday). N.B. Mrs. Gott dy'd last night.

1745 October 14 (Monday). My Wife and I rode to Mrs. Gotts Funeral. Mr. Smith though at the Funeral, was not well and could not Pray. I was oblig'd (though it was so sudden) to pray. We return'd at Eve.

1745 November 15 (Friday). Dr. Gott here.

1745 November 19 (Tuesday). N.B. Dr. Gott had din'd with me to Day -- he bountifully added £30 (Old Tenor) to what he had before given to my Daughter Sarah.

1745 November 21 (Thursday). Mr. Bowker bury'd a Third Child with the Same Distemper. I attended on the Funeral and visited Captain Eager at Eve. His pains are abated but his Fever weakens him much. Colonel Williams and Dr. Gott etc. there.

1746 January 12 (Sunday). My Wife not well -- could Scarce tarry at Meeting during the forenoon Exercise, but was not able to go to Meeting at all p.m. At Eve Very much of a Fever.

1746 January 13 (Monday). My Wife somewhat better a.m. (having been sweated the Night before).... At my Return home found my Wife was grown Very ill again, the Fever strong upon her. Mrs. Maynard here and took Suse down to their House, her daughter in law being able to suckle.... And Captain Ephraim Williams junior and his Brother Thomas at Captain Maynards. Sent for the Latter to Visit my wife, who accordingly came. He thinks She is going to have the long Fever.

1746 January 14 (Tuesday). Sent Thome to Dr. Gotts and Mr. Britons. Dr. Gott came, but my Wife was better. Thanks to God!

1746 January 29 (Wednesday). Ante Meridiem: Recollections and Humilliations and [*illegible*] But was grievously interrupted by Dr. Gotts Mother (Mrs. Fairfield), Sally Gott and her Brother Benjamin as likewise Dr. Breck, all coming in a stormy Time (Raining hard) to see us, and I could not keep my Retirement. But I remember the wormwood and the Gall this Day Ten Years agoe. But how amazing the Divine Longsuffering towards Me who am most unworthy!

1746 January 30 (Thursday). They all lodg'd here. Dr. Breck to Boston. Mrs. Fairfield and the rest din'd with us, and toward Eve they return'd to Marlborough.

1746 February 7 (Friday). Mr. Goodwin of Worcester here to request me to preach at Worcester. Dr. Gott with him.

1746 March 24 (Monday). Visited Mr. Miller who is sick. Dr. Gott return'd part of the way with me.

1746 March 25 (Tuesday). Left Molly at Marlborough and Bekky Gott came home with me.

1746 April 16 (Wednesday). At Esquire Brighams we borrow'd a Chair, and Lodg'd at Dr. Gotts.

1746 April 24 (Thursday). Brother Hicks Set out from Cambridge with us. We rode to Dr. Gotts, and to Esquire Brighams, where we left our Chair.

1746 August 31 (Sunday). N.B. Ebenezer Maynard went to Dr. Gott for his wife and brought physick for Molly which she took.

1746 December 3 (Wednesday). At Dr. Gotts reckon'd with him and paid all. N.B. Captain Brintnall and Lieutenant Cleveland at the Doctors.

1746 December 16 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here.

1747 January 27 (Tuesday). At Dr. Gotts at Eve.

1747 February 23 (Monday). Dr. Gott here and din'd with me.

1747 March 12 (Thursday). When we parted Mr. Morse for Medfield, Mr. Martyn to go and preach at Shrewsbury first Parish, and I went to Marlborough to Mr. Williams's to see my son Thomas, who seems well contented as yet; to Dr. Gotts where I din'd

1747 March 16 (Monday). Dr. Gott din'd with us.

1747 April 21 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here.

1747 June 8 (Monday). Was at Dr. Gotts and call'd at Mr. Matthias Rices.

1747 August 30 (Sunday). Dr. Gott here and din'd with us, as did Captain Willards wife from Grafton.

1747 August 31 (Monday). I carry'd Molly as far as Esquire Brighams at Marlborough (she having the Toothach) in order to her going to Dr. Gotts.

1747 October 6 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here p.m.

1748 January 6 (Wednesday). Thunder and Lightning. Dr. Gott here after his visiting Goodhue.

1748 February 2 (Tuesday). Mr. Bezaleel Eager brought Mrs. Bekky Gott.

1748 February 6 (Saturday). Mr. Henchman came for Mrs. Bekky Gott and carryed her home.

1748 March 18 (Friday). Was at Cousin John's. N.B. He offered me silver enough for a spoon for my daughter Sarah at £3 Old Tenor an ounce and to give me the making which I accepted of and paid him £4.13.0 for one and on consideration that Dr. Gott had given her about 56/ several years ago, I ordered it to be marked as his gift to my child.

1748 April 4 (Monday). Dr. Gott here. Wrote by him to Mr. Martyn not to come over (as proposed) on Tuesday to visit us, but to come on Thursday, and prepared to preach at the private meeting at Lieutenant Tainter's.

1748 April 30 (Saturday). At Dr. Gott's. There I obtained Mr. Wilson to preach for me tomorrow. Mr. David Warrin shod my Colt. Dr. Gott gave the shoes; Mr. Loring paid for the work and engaged to treat the workman.

1748 June 19 (Sunday). I preach'd at Marlborough on 2 Cor. 3.15. P.M. 10.14.18. N.B. Mr. Jenison and Dr. Gott at meeting a.m. and not p.m.... N.B. Dr. Gotts exceptions (made at his House before Colonel Williams and Mr. Jenison) against the passage in sermon on 10, 15 page 7. "Faith Springs from the Love, Unbelief from the Hatred of God."

1748 June 24 (Friday). My Daughter Mary not return'd from Marlborough till this p.m. Dr. Gotts young man, Breed, and Mrs. Sally Gott rode up with her in Mr. Lorings Chair, but Breed and Sally return'd. N.B. They inform me that Mrs. Smith was lately seiz'd with a Lethargy -- and her Friends from Cape Ann are Sent for.

1748 August 15 (Monday). Call'd at Dr. Gotts.... Call'd at Lieutenant Beemans who is sick. My Neighbour Jacob Amsden with me there -- but he left me and went back to the Doctors having forgot something.

1748 August 30 (Tuesday). Visited Mrs. Thankfull Maynard who is sick. Dr. Gott here.

1748 September 15 (Thursday). N.B. at Dr. Gott's to Day there was brought one John Brigham of 22 Years, whose arm he himself had shot with a Pistol, and tis thought it must be cut off.

1748 October 1 (Saturday). Dr. Gott din'd here.

1748 October 22 (Saturday). Rebecca Gott came to live here on the 20th instant.

1748 November 1 (Tuesday). Visited Mr. John Rogers's daughter Suse who is sick. Dr. Gott etc. here.

1748 November 22 (Tuesday). At Eve Sir Henchman and Mr. John Brigham of Sudbury (whose Arm Dr. Gott cutt off) Supp'd with us. Rebecca Gott to Marlborough.

1748 November 26 (Saturday). Sir Henchman brought up Bekky Gott.

1748 December 3 (Saturday). Molly and Lucy rode together and Bekky Gott rode with me to the Funeral of Mrs. Brigham.

1749 January 13 (Friday). Thomas (and his Sister Molly with Bekky Gott) rode in the Slay to Marlborough.... N.B. Sally Gott instead of Bekky -- in a snow Storm.

1749 January 16 (Monday). Sudden News from Dr. Gott, by Sir Henchman that Sally must go home.... P.M. Sally return'd with Henchman, to our great Disappointment.

1749 January 26 (Thursday). My Wife has somewhat more distinct Travail pains, but desires to consult Dr. Gott. Thomas rode to Marlborough with a Letter to him.... P.M. My Wife desires the Assistance of Neighbouring Women. I tackled up the Slay and went for old Mrs. Whipple and Mrs. Kitty Rice, then for Mrs. How and her Daughter Molly. Old Mrs. Maynard being notify'd came again; and I had the help of Nathan Maynard to bring Captain Forbush's Wife. Thus we were waiting upon the Divine Pleasure this Evening. Thomas in Return from Marlborough has brought a Letter and Druggs from the Doctors, and word from Mr. Williams (of Marlborough) that he will Shortly come and see me.

1749 January 27 (Friday). About 4 this Morning came Captain Forbush's Wife to my Bed Side, and waking me wish'd me Joy with my new Son which was now newly born, a lusty Child and the Mother in great Comfort. The Name of God be glorify'd! for though weeping may endure for a Night, yet Joy comes in the Morning. May this Child (with all my others) graciously given me of God, be the Lords! Devoted to his Service and an Instrument of his Glory! A very fine pleasant Day. Thomas waited on Mrs. Whipple, and Mrs. Eleazer Rice's wife home in the Slay. The Rest went home o'foot. Thus I had very little Trouble in gathering the Women, or waiting on 'em home. Thomas brought the widow Mary Fay to nurse, and she watch'd.

1749 January 29 (Sunday). Tis now 13 Year since my dear wife (Mary) dy'd -- but God has turn'd our Sorrows into Joys. A.M. I read Genesis 19, and gave some brief glances upon it. Preach'd on Neh. 9.6, repeating my old sermon on that Text. It was Seasonable after what we have lately experienc'd. Mr. Upham and Granny Forbush din'd here. P.M. I read and briefly

remark'd upon Matthew 19. Preach'd on 1 Tim. 2.15. N.B. I began it with a very Cautionary Introduction extempore, but I think there was no great need of it. My Twelfth, Eleventh living, Child was publickly dedicated to God and baptiz'd. In Honour of my worthy and Reverend Father in Law and excellent Friend I call'd him Breck. May the Lord graciously accept of him and bless him! and make him a Blessing in his Generation! The Granny and not the Nurse held him up. The Young Widow, Sarah Forbush Stay'd and watch'd. N.B. My Wife has been somewhat faint and weak, but was got up to Day. At Eve, She having endured a great deal of pain in her Hipp (She supposes tis the same flatulent pain which had before been so troublesome in her Side) and nothing past through her since last Thursday, I sent my son Thomas to Dr. Gott, and had Return from him the Same Night.

1749 February 9 (Thursday). When I got up to Dr. Gott's heard that Mr. Stone's Spouse is given over.

1749 March 1 (Wednesday). N.B. Dr. Gott here likewise but return'd not well.

1749 March 28 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott sick at Boston.

1749 April 12 (Wednesday). Stop'd a little with Mrs. Sally Gott to enquire about her Father.

1749 September 15 (Friday). Mrs. Bekky Gott and Mrs. Bekky Williams from Marlborough to visit us, and lodg'd here.

1749 September 16 (Saturday). The Young Ladys return'd.

1750 February 13 (Tuesday). Ebenezer So ill that I sent for Mr. Stephen Maynard to go for Dr. Gott, who accordingly went for him. While my Neighbour was gone the Pain in Ebenezer's Side was very extreme. The Doctor himself came not, but his young man Frink, who blooded my Son. He was Somewhat easier and I walk'd over to the Meeting about my Affairs.

1750 February 14 (Wednesday). As to Ebenezer, the pains are moderated, but he has a Strong Fever. Dr. Gott came and blooded him.... Captain Maynard came to See us in our Affliction. At Eve Ebenezer very restless; has been all along very Thirsty: and his Case throws us into much Concern.

1750 February 15 (Thursday). We watch with Ebenezer ourselves; One setting up the fore-part, another the latter part of the Night. In the Morning he Seem'd to be Somewhat Comfortable, but it was not long before he grew worse. Neighbour Eliezer Rice came kindly to see us: went home and return'd again to cutt Loggs at the Door. But Ebenezer grew so bad, and at Times Somewhat Delirious that I Sent Mr. Rice to Dr. Gott; who came up with him p.m. My son is much distress'd about the State of his Soul. At his Special Request I pray'd with him. N.B. Mr. Pratt kindly Sent Cornelius Cook to cutt wood at the Door.... N.B. Martha Pannells Brother Moses Pannell and her Cousen Abraham Black here to see Martha, but by reason of the Trouble in my House they lodg'd at Captain Maynard's. I Sat up till between 2 and 3 o'Clock with Ebenezer who is very ill.

1750 February 16 (Friday). Sent for the Two Young Men aforesaid who were at Breakfast with me.... Ebenezer very ill yet. Thomas, through divine Goodness, able to tend the Cattle, But is not free of pain and Indisposition. At Eve came Forbush and afterwards Benjamin Tainter, and they by turns watch'd with Ebenezer.

1750 February 17 (Saturday). Ebenezer more Shatter'd and delirious when he wakes up; his Fever somewhat off in the morning but returns very Strong at about 10 a.m. as it did also yesterday. The morning exceeding Cold, So that the Doctor did not come: Sent Master Frink who tells me the Doctor judges it will go hard with my son. The Troubles of my Heart are greatly enlarg'd: O that God would bring me out of my Distresses! My Neighbours kind and ready to assist us. Neighbour Eliezer Williams came p.m. to help us about wood, as Benjamin Tainter assisted a.m. Joshua Winchester came at Night.

1750 February 18 (Sunday). Joshua Winchester having watch'd acquaints us that Ebenezer though very bad in the fore part of the Night, yet slept considerably well the latter, and Seems better this morning. The Glory be to God, who seems to appear for his Help. Dr. Gott came before Meeting. Says he sees no Dangerous Symptoms but hopes there is an imperfect Crisis: only he does not know what to say of his Spitting bloody matter.... Ebenezer's Fit does not come on as fear'd.

1750 February 19 (Monday). Aaron Warrin watch'd last Night with Ebenezer who we hope is through Gods great Mercy a little better. Neighbours Edwards Whipple and Eleazer Williams came and kindly sledded wood.... Ebenezer Spitts bloody matter to a greater Degree. My Son William taken ill, having took Cold Yesterday (most probably) in coming from Meeting.

1750 February 20 (Tuesday). Was Somewhat concern'd about Ebenezers spitting Blood, but this Morning it disappears. Abraham Batchellor had watch'd. Billy seems better in the first of the Morning, but afterwards droops again. Dr. Gott here. He gives Billy a Purge. Lucy complains and is laid by. P.M. Mr. Martyn and his Wife came to see us in our Affliction. He pray'd with us. We have much Reason for Serious Reflection. In this Day of Adversity we Should Consider. May God grant us the Grace needed!

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer considerably better -- blessed be God! Lucy much indispos'd Still, but Billy is at his Lessons again.

1750 February 23 (Friday). Justice Baker here to see us in our Affliction, but my Children are through Mercy better.

1750 April 27 (Friday). Mrs. Sally Gott and her Sister Betty came to See us. Din'd here.

1750 May 7 (Monday). We din'd Dr. Gotts. N.B. the Doctor gives me his Hand in token of reconciliation.

1750 May 14 (Monday). P.M. to Deacon Tainters and Dr. Gotts at Marlborough.

1750 May 31 (Thursday). Mrs. Nanny and Beckky Gott, Mr. Martyn and wife and Mr. Morse and wife here.... N.B. My Wife's Neices lodge here.

1750 June 1 (Friday). Thomas return'd to Concord; and Mrs. Nanny and Beckky Gott with him as far as Marlborough.

1750 June 7 (Thursday). Mr. Smith tarried and din'd with us. Dr. Gott came and accompany'd him.

1750 June 25 (Monday). N.B. William rode to Marlborough with Lucy and brought up Mrs. Sally Gott.

1750 June 28 (Thursday). My Wife and Mrs. Sally Gott came from Worcester to Mr. Martyns after we had din'd, but Seasonably for Lecture.

1750 November 8 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Hutchinson sent his Desire (By Letter last Night) to me to preach his Lecture to Day.... Nor could I well go because of Lame Leg, which was bruised yesterday, and I suppose have got Cold in it.

1750 November 15 (Thursday). My Legg is full of Smart and gives me great Trouble.

1750 November 16 (Friday). With much ado Study at all[?], my Legg So very bad.

1750 November 17 (Saturday). Dr. Gott call'd and dress'd my Legg. Dr. Smith also came here, by Billys Means at Mr. Whipples.

1750 November 18 (Sunday). So bad with my Legg in the Morning that it was with Difficulty I rode to Meeting.

1750 November 21 (Wednesday). My Legg very full of Smart, especially after the dressing; and continues very painful till Night. Fear I have got Cold in it, or else it might be too plentiful use of the precipitate.

1750 November 22 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing came and preach'd my Lecture. I did not go out by reason of my Lameness which is very bad.

1750 November 23 (Friday). My Legg somewhat easier.

1750 November 25 (Sunday). My Leg is Still So Sore that I know not how to go out. But the Consideration of the State of the Congregation if I Should not, and especially of the Church if I Should not administer the Lords Supper on the Day appointed therefor pressing me I resolv'd to do what in me lies, and accordingly under took with dependence on the Goodness of God to carry me through. I omitted the public Reading to Day also, both a. and p.m. Preach'd on 1 Cor. 11.20 latter part. N.B. Before the administration of the Sacred Supper was taken suddenly with Such a Laxness in my Body that I was oblig'd to go out of the Meeting House. When I return'd I proceeded to the administration without admitting Anna Bradish, but my wife came near and

whisper'd it to me -- upon which I stopp'd, and took her into the Church before I pray'd and then went on. My wife and I din'd at Captain Bakers. P.M. preach'd on Zech. 1.4, delivering the Chief of the rest of the Discourse begun last Lords Day p.m. The Day was raw and uncomfortable, but guarded myself what I could against the Cold and hope I have receiv'd no Harm.

1750 November 30 (Friday). Billy as he was cutting Wood at the Door, cut his ankle. The wound was Somewhat Cross-wise, and bled very much. It was in the Forenoon and when his Brothers who were able to do any Thing were gone from home, Ebenezer to work for Mr. Rogers, and Thomas to Mr. Goddards Mill. We try'd Puff Ball to Stopp the Bleeding, but to no purpose. After some Time, the Blood running fresh Still, we took off the Bindings, and fill'd the Sore with Sugar -- but neither did this Succeed. We Sent about Noon for Mrs. Hephzibah Maynard. Both the Captain and his Wife came. It Seem'd to be Stanch'd for a while, but flow'd again. He had now bled So much that we were much Concern'd at the Event. Thomas was groaning with the Tooth Ach and wanted to go to Dr. Smith to get his Tooth drawn out. I therefor hasten'd him, though it was past Evening, to bring the Doctor to Billy. We having also try'd scrapings of Tann'd Leather and Scorch'd Cotton, and still fresh Puddles appear'd. N.B. Several Times when it was open'd, the Blood Spurted out as in Phlebotomy. While Thomas was gone and tarried long, our Fears arose higher, for Billy had lost so great a Quantity of Blood that he began to turn pale and we did not know but that it was still running. I ardently committed him and his Case to God who is a present Help in Time of Trouble. After a while the Blood ceas'd, as we conceiv'd, nor did any more appear throughout the Night. Blessed be God for his Sparing Mercy! Thomas did not come till past Nine o'Clock, and no Doctor with him; but got his own Tooth out, or rather part of it, for it broke in the Jaw. Molly is also in great Anguish with Tooth ach So that with my own Lameness, we have no Small Trouble in the House. But would humbly wait on God. My wife watch'd with Billy.

1750 December 1 (Saturday). Billy Somewhat chearful though we dare not let him Stir for fear of his Bleeding again. We let him lie in the Blood, which we now hope is Stopp'd.... P.M. Ebenezer rode to Dr. Gotts on Billy's Case.

1750 December 2 (Sunday). Dr. Gott being ill, his son Benjamin came and dress'd Billy's Leg, which (through Gods Mercy) was effected without any more bleeding.

1750 December 3 (Monday). Billy bears the Dressing his Leg very well, is Sensible of but very little Pain.

1750 December 5 (Wednesday). Benjamin Gott here and dresses Billy's Legg.

1751 January 30 (Wednesday). My wife and I rode to Marlborough.... We visited Dr. Gott who is in a waste and much confin'd.... We lodg'd at Dr. Gotts.

1751 January 31 (Thursday). I went to Mr. Benjamin Woods but returned and din'd at the Doctors. I wish I could deal more plainly with the Doctor about his intemperate use of Spirituous Liquors -- yet had it over and over with him and gave him what Charge I could that he

should abstain -- but I fear it is all in Vain. Mrs. Rachel Bowker there. Everyones Heart bleeds -
- but we must leave it to God!

1751 April 15 (Monday). In returning home, called at Dr. Gotts and Mr. Smiths -- very Cold Night.

1751 July 6 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas return'd from Commencement. They came from Marlborough this Morning, having lodg'd at Dr. Gotts.

1751 July 8 (Monday). He [Mr. Maryn] informed me also of a Fast which Dr. Gott proposes to have kept at his House next week, by the assistance of Mr. Smith, Mr. Martyn and Mr. Stone.

1751 July 21 (Sunday). I rode to Marlborough to see Dr. Gott who is in a very low State. I lodg'd there. Talk'd plainly to the Doctor -- left him.

1751 July 22 (Monday). Benjamin Gott came up with a Chair and carry'd down his aunt to See his Father.

1751 July 25 (Thursday). I rode over to Mr. Martyns, and borrow'd his Chair, in which I went to Marlborough to Dr. Gotts for my Wife. The Doctor was insensible as in a Dying State. We attempted to come away, but when we were dining at Mr. Smiths, came a Messenger that the Doctor was dying. We return'd and tarry'd till after 4 p.m. and left him Still breathing. Came home in Comfort. To God the Glory!

1751 July 26 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Brigham came in the Morning and told us that the Doctor dy'd yesterday about 3/4 after 5 p.m.

1751 July 27 (Saturday). My Daughter Lucy and I rode down to Marlborough (using by his leave, Mr. Martyns Chair) to the Funeral of Dr. Gott. Mr. Smith Said he was not well, and desir'd me to pray -- but I refus'd. Mr. Martyn and Mr. Stone being there the former of those pray'd. Mr. Smith, when the Corps was carry'd forth, took the other Ministers home to his House. I walk'd with Colonel Williams to the Grave. When we return'd from the Grave I refus'd to tarry to Supper, because the Sabbath was so nigh. We made haste home.

1751 September 16 (Monday). As I went I eat at Deacon Matthias Rice's -- made the Rest of my Dining among Dr. Gotts Children.

1751 October 16 (Wednesday). Mr. Breck went to Marlborough to carry up Cousen Betty Gott to live with him.

1751 November 7 (Thursday). We somewhat expected Mrs. Nanny Gott but she did not come.

1751 November 19 (Tuesday). Near Night came Mrs. Nanny Gott to See us, and lodg'd here.

1751 November 21 (Thursday). Mrs. Rachel Bowker who came into Town with Mrs. Nanny Gott, came to see us a.m. Mrs. Nanny also return'd here.

1752 February 11 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode to Marlborough.... Visited Mr. Smith and Dr. Samuel Brigham who has married our Niece Mrs. Nanny Gott. Mr. Smith and Mr. Stone came to us at the Doctor's in the Eve. We lodged there.

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.

1754 July 25 (Thursday). Our Kinswomen Mrs. Sally Brigham and her sister Mrs. Betty Gott came to See us -- but return'd to Marlborough at Eve.

1756 June 2 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. *Breck* and Cousin *Betty Gott*, going with him to Springfield, came; and lodged here.

1756 June 13 (Sunday). We hear that Mrs. Martha Gott, of Marlborough, dyed somewhat Suddenly on the 12th.

1756 July 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Uriah Brigham here near Night, and informs that Dr. Gott has arrived at Marlborough from the Camp, and that Young Master *Robert Breck of Springfield*, is gone to Boston.

1756 October 28 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. *Stone*, when I returned to his House, in Conformity to one Head in the Discourse (he said), viz. concerning Brotherly Admonition gave me his fraternal Correction, for stopping to Speak with Some Persons near the Meeting House after the Exercise was over, which I gave him an account of -- Scil: that it was to Enquire how my Wife's Nephew, Dr. *Gott*, did; we having heard that he was dangerously sick at Marlborough and my wife was greatly concerned about him, so that She had been endeavoring for some time to go and see him, but she had been prevented by the Sickness of Several of our own Children and Several Other Things that had occurred. This Enquiry was made by me of Mrs. *Susanna Gleson* who had been nursing Dr. Gott and was lately come from him.

1756 October 29 (Friday). My Wife and *Lucy* to Marlborough in the Chair, to See Dr. Gott etc. etc.

1756 December 28 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. *Abijah Gale's*. N.B. Capt. *Thomas Amsden* there. Dr. *Gott* also. The latter is come from Brookfield, and informs me that he is going to Settle in Marlborough.

1757 February 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and I went over to see Mrs. *Spikeman* (who dwells in Dr. Gotts House) news having arrived to her that Capt. Spikeman was killed by the Enemy in a late Encounter, at Lake George or Champlain.

1757 February 15 (Tuesday). And Mr. Uriah Brigham and his Wife, Dr. Gott and Mrs. *Betty Gott* (lately come from Springfield and soon returning there) made us a Visit, dined etc.

1757 June 9 (Thursday). My Daughter *Lucy* left us, and went with her Husband to *Brookfield*. The Company that went from hence with 'em, were, his Father and Mother and uncle Samuel Baldwin, Dr. *Gott* and Miss *Betty Williams* and *Thomas* and *Suse*.

1757 October 4 (Tuesday). Capt. *Witt* and Dr. *Gott* had been to see me a.m.: but [missing?] of me I went to them at Eve.

1758 January 21 (Saturday). At Eve came Dr. *Gott* and William Wood from *Brookfield* who bring me Letters from my Son Ebenezer who tells me he has received the Money which was sent by Joseph Gilbert; that he has bargained for the Gilbert place and received a Deed of it.

1758 August 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbush not being come, Dr. *Gott* and I, and my Son Ebenezer with us, rode up the Road to meet him; but saw nothing of him -- yet heard still of him, that he was coming.

1758 August 10 (Thursday). Am waiting for Mr. Forbush. Dr. *Gott* and Mr. Uriah Gilbert take Horses and resolve to go till they meet him though they Should go to *Springfield*.

1758 September 16 (Saturday). Jejun. and Prec. I perceived Some Company were come to See us. But I did not dare to go down to them lest the work of this important Day Should be obstructed. I afterwards perceived that they were Mrs. My wife's Kinswomen, the widow Brigham and Miss *Betty Gott*.

1759 August 29 (Wednesday). Dr. *Gott* rode with me to *Sturbridge*, where I went to see Mr. *Rice*, who is sick. I found him very low indeed. We dined there -- And by reason of their great Importunity I tarried all Night. N.B. Dr. *Upham* came to see him -- and Dr. *Gott* had his Company to *Brookfield*.

1759 October 6 (Saturday). Dr. *Gott* from Boston. Din'd here. P.M. his Sister here.

1759 October 7 (Sunday). Dr. *Gott* at Meeting but did not dine here.

1760 January 13 (Sunday). N.B. Dr. *Gott* dined with us, as did Silas Biglow.

1760 May 30 (Friday). A Number of Gentlemen and Ladies went out in a Convenient Boat, and invited Me to go with them which I cheerfully complied with. The Chief of the Company were Dr. *Wheat* and his wife, Young Dr. and his Wife, Mr. *Brown* (young Doctors Father in Law) and his wife, Mr. *William Winter*, his wife and Daughter; Mr. *Joshua Winter* and his wife, Mrs. *Gott*, Capt. Baldwin and Lucy; with a Number of younger Persons.

1760 June 26 (Thursday). I hastened home to wait on Dr. *Gott* who is carrying his Wife home. She, her Brother William *Wheat*, and Miss *Katy* were here with him.

1760 July 27 (Sunday). P.M. Miss *Betty Gott* from *Springfield*, at Meeting.

1760 August 11 (Monday). This Morning, having Mr. Nathaniel Balls mare to draw in my Chair, my wife and I sat out upon our Journey to Rutland and Brookfield.

1760 August 14 (Thursday). Broke Fast at Dr. Gotts.

1760 December 3 (Wednesday). We hear Dr. Gott has the Small pox in Brookfield.

1760 December 7 (Sunday). At Eve a Letter to Sarah from her Brother Baldwin at Brookfield, informing that last Thursday night Dr. *Benjamin Gott* dyed of the Small Pox.... How sorrowful this stroke to poor Mrs. Gott! And to that Neighbourhood. But the Lord has done it!

1764 July 20 (Friday). Mrs. P_____ to visit her Kinsman Lt. Larkin Williams at Marlborough who is ill; as is his Wife also. Mrs. Maynard goes with her; and they go to Squire Brigham's; where they dine etc. Mr. Edmund Brighams Wife and Miss Persis Rice make a Visit here. At Eve Mr. Bowman. Little *Gott* here with us, grows ill. *Breck* at Mr. Nurse's.

1764 August 15 (Wednesday). Mrs. P_____ to Capt. Maynards, Miss Betty Gott being come from Springfield, there, and Sent for her.

1764 August 17 (Friday). Our Kinswoman Miss Betty Gott came.

1764 August 20 (Monday). John Kelley, Son of long *Kelley*, of Hopkinton here again, demanding pay for a Shirt which he says he afforded to Capt. McKeen to bury my Son *Thomas* in -- and although I have understood that Capt. McKeen told him, he Should See to it, to pay him for it, and has received all Thomas's Wages, for that End that he might pay all his Debts and funeral Charges, I gave him 3£ old Tenor and made him a present of Mr. *Guthries*'s Trial of a Saving Interest etc. I took no Receipt, but Mr. Aaron Nurse and Miss Betty Gott were present.

1764 August 25 (Saturday). Miss Betty Gott returns, and goes to her sister Maynards. But her sister Brigham and her young Child *Neddy* came from Marlborough with her, and stays with us.

1764 August 28 (Tuesday). Went to Squire Whipples, who took my acknowledgment of a power of Attorney, which I Send to Brother *Breck* of Springfield per Miss Betty Gott.

1764 September 20 (Thursday). Little B. Gott Maynard goes to his Fathers, having been here nigh five Months.

1765 April 12 (Friday). Little B. Gott Maynard came at Eve and stays over Night.

1765 June 28 (Friday). P.M. My Daughters, *Lucy* and *Suse*, ride over to Capt. *Maynards* to See Miss Betty Gott who came there, we hear, last night.

1765 June 30 (Sunday). Miss Betty Gott dined here.

1765 August 4 (Sunday). Mr. Kendal comes to Meeting. He and his wife and Miss Betsy Gott dine here.

1765 August 11 (Sunday). My Cousen Sadler and Miss Betty Gott dined here.

1765 September 1 (Sunday). Mrs. Maynard and little *Gott* dined with us.

1765 September 15 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Miss Betsy Gott dined here.

1765 September 22 (Sunday). Miss Betsy Gott dined here.

1765 October 24 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden and Miss Betty Gott here.

1765 November 10 (Sunday). Miss Betty Gott and Miss Hephzibah Maynard dined with us.

1766 February 9 (Sunday). N.B. Miss *Betty Gott* with us again -- dines here.

1766 February 10 (Monday). Miss *Betty Gott* came with Mr. Fessenden and her sister Maynard p.m. and lodges here.

1766 March 9 (Sunday). Old Mrs. Dunlop and Cousen Betty Gott dine here.

1766 May 11 (Sunday). Mrs. Betty Gott dined here.

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

1766 June 11 (Wednesday). Mrs. Maynard and Miss Betty Gott at Tea.

1766 June 29 (Sunday). Mrs. Betty Gott dined here.

1766 July 8 (Tuesday). P.M. Mrs. Maynard, Miss Betty Gott, *Calebs* sister, Mr. Cushing here.

1766 July 21 (Monday). Miss Betty Gott here, and lodges.

1766 July 24 (Thursday). *Publick Thanksgiving for Repeal of the Stamp Act*. Preached on Ps. 124.6.7.8. Miss Betty Gott dined with us.

1766 July 28 (Monday). Cousen Betty Gott came -- lodges here.

1766 September 21 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter, Miss Betty Gott and Miss Peggy Fessenden dined here.

1766 October 5 (Sunday). Mr. *Onthank* of Southborough (Mr. Stone being gone to the Cape) and Miss Betty Gott, dined with us.

1766 October 14 (Tuesday). Miss Peggy Fessenden and Cousen Betty Gott here. At Tea, Sup and lodge here.

1766 October 15 (Wednesday). Cousen Betty to Mrs. Johnsons.

1766 December 28 (Sunday). Mrs. Betty Gott dined here.

1767 January 18 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Miss Betty Gott dined with us.

1767 June 11 (Thursday). Elias goes to board at Mr. Joseph Harringtons (with Stephen and Gott Maynard) to go to School at Mr. Ebenezer Millers.

1768 September 21 (Wednesday). Miss *Betty Gott* came.

1768 September 22 (Thursday). The Girls are quilting a Bed-Quilt for Suse. Ruth Bellows at noon to Spin.

1768 September 23 (Friday). Miss Betty is detained here by the weather. She and *Hannah Draper* quilting.

1768 October 23 (Sunday). Mrs. Betty Gott dined here and with her a young Gentleman from *Springfield* to wait on her. His Name *Stebbins*. They design to proceed tomorrow.

1769 January 3 (Tuesday). Mrs. Maynard and her son Gott dine here.

1769 February 9 (Thursday). We (with Gott Maynard) make 12 to night.

1769 March 3 (Friday). Ben. Gott Maynard here several Days.

1771 January 13 (Sunday). Capt. *Maynard*, Miss *Nanny Brigham*, *Stephen* and *Gott Maynard* dined here.

1771 May 24 (Friday). Brother *Breck* lodged at Capt. *Maynards* last night. Cousin *Betty Gott* is come with him. He came hither but he did not tarry. Goes on his Journey to *Boston*.

1771 June 2 (Sunday). Cousin Betty Gott dined here.

1771 June 23 (Sunday). Cousin Betsy Gott dined here.

1771 June 27 (Thursday). Cousin *Betty Gott* tarrys and lodges here.

1771 June 28 (Friday). Cousin Betty returned to Capt. *Maynards* and Elias goes with her and lodges there.

1771 October 20 (Sunday). Mrs. Tabitha Hardy, Mrs. Maynard and her son Gott.

1772 April 19 (Sunday). N.B. Cousen Betty Gott dined here.

1772 May 6 (Wednesday). Cousen *Betty Gott* made us a Visit and tarried the night.

1772 May 7 (Thursday). Cousen *Uriah Brigham* and his wife make us a Visit. She tarrys to dine and p.m. Mrs. *Baker* Sent her Chaise for Mrs. P_____ and her two neeces.... Cousen *Brigham* and her Sister [*Betty?*] go to their Sister *Maynards*.

1772 June 8 (Monday). Cousen *Betty Gott* here, and takes leave of us, she being about to go to *Springfield*.

1773 May 21 (Friday). P.M. Cousen *Maynard* came with her sister Miss *Betty Gott*, waited on by Mr. *Daniel Gilbert* of *Brookfield*.

1774 August 26 (Friday). Mrs. P_____ to *Brookfield* with Mrs. *Maynard*, the latter sending a Chaise here by her son *Gott* for her Aunt.

1778 August 3 (Monday). A Number of the young Men who are going to the War, viz. *Jacob Broadus*, *Gott Maynard* and *D [an?] Read* are here at Evening and I gave them my Advice.

1782 June 12 (Wednesday). After Meeting we had, to see us, Cousin *Sally Brigham* and her son in Law, Dr. *John Gott* from *Wenham*.

[1782 October 11 (Friday).] The *Committee* on *Adams's* Affair came here at Evening. Dr. *John Gott* on his Journey back from Connecticut was here: relates the Strange Conduct of the *Shakers* at *Windham*.

1782 November 22 (Friday). P.M. Dr. *Gott* here. N.B. He designs to go to *Cohoss*.