

## Dr. James Hawes (1739-1821) of Westborough

Born: Jan. 14, 1739 (Wrentham VR, 1:117)  
son of Benjamin and Abigail

Died: April 14, 1821, a. 82

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Married: Hannah Thompson, Nov. 25, 1762  
Born: birth not in Wrentham VR  
daughter of  
Died: Jan. 20, 1809

### Children:

James, Jan. 30, 1770

Apr. 22, 1778: James and Hannah Hawes were admitted to the church.

May 24, 1778: James, Jr., was baptized.

James Hawes held the following positions in Westborough:

Town Clerk, 1776, 1777, 1783, 1784  
Selectman, 1775-77, 1782, 1783, 1786  
Moderator, 1782  
Treasurer, 1797, 1798  
Representative, 1778-80

Elected Deacon of the church, Sept. 3, 1780.

According to Allen, *On the Beaten Path*, 40, Hawes came to Westborough from Wrentham in 1764 at the age of 25. He and his family were among the founders of the Baptist Church in the 1790s.

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1764 December 25 (Tuesday). I visit Joseph Joslin -- and Dr. Hawes.

1765 February 19 (Tuesday). P.M. at home here were Dr. *Haws* and his Wife to visit -- but *Sarah* and *Suse* had walk [*sic*] to Capt. *Maynards*.

1765 March 9 (Saturday). Dr. *Hawes*, having visited Neighbour *Adam Rice*, who has grievously cut his Foot with an Ax, dines here.

1765 April 22 (Monday). My wife visits Mrs. *Haws*.

1765 May 20 (Monday). Hired Dr. *Haws* Chair, and Put my Mare to draw. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ with me, undertook a Journey to Boston.

1765 June 14 (Friday). Lucy has had a very poor Night and is very low this Morning. Vomits very much. I send for Dr. *Hawes*, who comes. He determines to consult Dr. *Wilson* to Day upon her Case; for he is to meet him at Ensign *Snows*.

1765 June 15 (Saturday). Lucy was Somewhat better yesterday p.m. and Slept pritty well the last Night, till about Break of Day -- but then grew very ill again; Vomits frequently this morning. Dr. *Hawes* again -- and She ceases to Vomit -- is revived when She gets up.

1765 June 17 (Monday). Dr. *Hawes* has my Mare to go to *Wrentham*.... N.B. Lucy did not vomit this morning.

1765 July 12 (Friday). P.M. Billy returns and goes to work a while on the corn Barn, but is called off and goes with Dr. *Hawes* to help move his Barn,

1765 October 8 (Tuesday). My Son John sick and takes Physic of Dr. *Hawes*.

1765 October 9 (Wednesday). John lyes by.... Daughters *Sarah* and *Suse*, having Dr. *Haws* Chair, go to Mr. *Morse's* at *Shrewsbury*.

1765 October 29 (Tuesday). I went to Mr. *Ebenezer Forbush's* and carryed the London Magazine for October 1764, having an Account of the *Asthma*. Dr. *Hawes* with me.

1766 March 10 (Monday). Mr. *Silas Hill* has my Mare to go in a Chair to *Wrentham*. Dr. *Haws* and wife go like wise.

1766 March 20 (Thursday). My Mare being still at *Medway*, I borrowed Dr. *Hawes's* and rode to Mr. *Jonas Bradish* to talk with him, and do so.

1766 July 12 (Saturday). Deacon *Tainter* kills a Calf for me. Dr. *Hawes*, Mrs. *Nurse* and Mrs. *Johnson*, each a Quarter.

1766 June 27 (Friday). Mrs. *Haws*, in her Feebleness rides in their Chair here.... Mrs. *Hills* here to see her sister *Haws*.

1766 September 8 (Monday). Had Dr. *Hawes* Chair and carryed *Sarah* to *Hopkinton*.

1766 October 13 (Monday). Visit Mrs. Haws -- run away with by their wild Mare, Scared, thrown out of the Chair and hurt. Prayed with her.

1766 November 21 (Friday). I borrow Dr. Haws Chair for my Daughters to ride to Southborough.

1767 March 16 (Monday). Mr. Timothy Warrin here, all in Dissatisfaction. At Eve he is here again to ask me whether I Shall be at home tomorrow Evening and to inform me that a Number of Brethren (if I please) will be here then. I sent by Dr. Hawes (whose wife makes us a good Visit) to Squire Whipple, Mr. David Maynard and Mr. Gale, to come tomorrow p.m. sun [one?] Hour high. This affair exercises my Mind. But I desire to wait the Will of God!

1767 March 26 (Thursday). Dr. Haws visits John and he takes Physic, which works but once upward but many times downward.

1767 June 13 (Saturday). P.M. Dr. Hawes carries me to Mr. *Andrews's*. I went upon supposition that She designed, by vertue of the late vote of the Church, to come to the Communion. But when she came to understand what the Church had done about her by my Reading the Vote of the Church, etc. She would not accept of it; nor did She give any Reason to suppose She would come tomorrow. Copys of the Vote of the Church in appointing a Committee and of the Report of that Committee were given them. But She did not appear willing to come to Communion tomorrow notwithstanding all I did to mollifie and Compose her. I told her I was come to make her a Visit as a Pastor would to a Communicant before the supper; and as I had told the Church that I would take a Time (if I could) to examine into her Knowledge and soundness in the Faith, so this was my present Errand, and would have her take it in good Part. This Conduct of theirs I fear will give me new Trouble, as I doubt not those who are prejudiced against me, and deeply engaged in their Defence, will lay even this also to me, as if I were the Cause of her not coming. But tis well I had Some Body (Dr. *Hawes*) with me, to bear Witness of what was said.

1767 June 24 (Wednesday). I have heard so much of Mr. and Mrs. *Andrews's* representing my Visit at their House on the 13th instant as being opposed to the Churchs proceedings, and as the Prevention of her Coming to the Communion although it was so remote from it, that I went down to Dr. Hawes, to talk with him about it; and he readily declared, that he saw not nor heard any Thing, of that Nature there.

1767 June 30 (Tuesday). An heavy Rain stopped me at Mr. *Haskills* and at Dr. *Hawes's*. Blessed be God who so abundantly favours us!

1767 July 1 (Wednesday). Mrs. *Hawes* made us a Visit.

1767 July 13 (Monday). Mrs. P. So indisposed I went to Dr. *Hawes* for her. P.M. he visits her and She goes to bed to Sweat.

1767 July 18 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing takes Dr. *Hawes* Chair and goes to *Shrewsbury* for *Suse*.

1767 August 25 (Tuesday). P.M. visit old Capt. *Forbes* and pray with him. Call at Dr. Hawes.

1767 September 1 (Tuesday). *John* waits on his sister *Sarah* in Dr. Haws' Chair to Hopkinton.

1767 September 28 (Monday). Get Dr. Hawes Chair for *Sarah* and *Suse* who p.m. ride over to *Northborough* to pay a *Martynian* a Visit.

1767 October 12 (Monday). N.B. I rode Dr. *Hawes* Horse, he having mine to go to *Ashburnham*.

1767 December 10 (Thursday). Mrs. Mor[se?] sends for me to visit her Child that is Sick of the Throat Distemper. Went -- dined there -- the Doctors, *Wilson* and *Hawes* there. We prayed together, the Child being very ill. The Father is gone to *Marblehead*. No body moves for a *Fast*. I therefore spent the chief part of the Day in Exercises of Humiliation and supplication since we are under such awful Tokens of the divine Displeasure, both by the Mortal sickness and the grievous Dissentions among us. O that we might have some proper Awakening sense of our sins and of Gods holy Judgment!

1767 December 18 (Friday). At Eve Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ having visited at Dr. Hawes', I walked there.

1767 December 24 (Thursday). Call at Dr. Hawes -- where Mr. *Stockwell* is at Work as a shoe-Maker.

1768 January [??] (Monday). Walked to Dr. Hawes', where Mr. *B. How* is building a sleigh, to get him to rebuild mine.

1768 June 16 (Thursday). The proposal had been that *Lucy* Should go to *Nantucket* for the recovery of her Health; that Mr. Roger Bruce should go to take Care of her, but Mr. Baldwin goes himself. They have Dr. Hawes's Chaise. I wrote by them to *Caleb Bunker* Esq.

1768 July 1 (Friday). Dr. Hawes brings me the Compliments of the Medical society at their late Meeting at Hopkinton and desire my Company at their Next Meeting, which is appointed to be at Lt. Martyns, Northborough, Sept. 2d, Tuesday.

1768 July 5 (Tuesday). Dr. Hawes and his Wife visit us p.m.: and return at Eve.

1768 July 6 (Wednesday). *My Daughter Baldwin* leaves us. *Sarah* goes with her. They have my Mare and Dr. Hawes Chaise.

1768 August 16 (Tuesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and *Sophy* to *Marlborough*. They had the Doctors Chaise: they return safe at Evening.

1768 August 30 (Tuesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ had the Doctors Chaise and my old Mare; at Sunrise sat out to go to *Boston*.

1768 September 28 (Wednesday). *Sarah* and *Suse* in Dr. Hawes Chaise, and Lt. Bakers Horse, Set out for *Boston*.

1768 October 19 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore* and *Suse* having the Doctors Chaise and my Mare, set out p.m. for Oxford.

1768 October 25 (Tuesday). At Noon, having received Invitation by Dr. Hawes, from the Medical society now a second Time, I rode to Col. Williams's and dined with them. Mr. *Smith* was Sent for and dined with them also.

1768 November 16 (Wednesday). The Company leave us. The Team with Goods -- Mr. *Moore* in a Chaise with span of Horses. My *Suse* leaves me! May God go with her! *Sarah* also, upon my Mare: and I have obtained Dr. Hawes' Horse for *John* who joins them.

1768 December 5 (Monday). P.M. Dr. Hawes and his wife make us a Visit.

1768 December 27 (Tuesday). P.M. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I ride in the Sleigh to See Capt. *Jonas Brigham*, and his Wife and Family: but Captain was not at Home. Dr. *Hawes* and his Wife there.

1769 January 13 (Friday). Dr. *Hawes* and his Wife here p.m. and into Evening.

1769 January 26 (Thursday). Call at Dr. Haws's. *She* is poorly and on the bed.

1769 March 7 (Tuesday). I visit Rebekah Hardy again. Rode with the Doctor in his Sleigh. At first sight of me *She* said, *She was just gone*. I talked closely with her, having desired the people all to go out. Had some Discourse with Mr. Gale about her. Prayed with her.

1769 March 11 (Saturday). Rebecca is yet alive. Wants to see me again. I went to her, though through much Difficulty. The Weather very Tedious, Cold, windy. Dr. *Hawes* there. Conversed with her again upon the like subject as before. Some Confession of peculiar sin. Mr. *Gale* and his Wife there. Praid with her, and that she might be forgiven.

1769 March 13 (Monday). Visit Rebecca Hardy once more. Dr. Hawes and his Wife there. *Rebecca* not Capable of saying much. What she says is very broken, much of it unintelligible: most of her Time either sleeps, or cries out. Her Legs dressed, her feet appear partly dead ahead[y], some part of her Toes are mortified, as the Doctor judges, and the Ends are already black. Her right Hand, he says, he could not perceive any Pulse in for many Dayes, though there is in her left. I committ her to [sic] hardly thinking I shall see her alive any more. I returned home. Met Mr. Gale who had dined at our House. At Eve hear *Rebecca is Dead*.

1769 April 5 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer Maynard* is cutt in his Ankle by Johns Ax flying out of his Hands, as he was driving a Post, and glanc'd with great force to *Ebbe* on t'other side the Fence. It happened about 11 o 'Clock a.m.

1769 April 6 (Thursday). Dr. *Hawes* dressed *Ebbe's* wound yesterday p.m. and to Day a.m.

1769 April 7 (Friday). The Doctor dresses it again.

1769 April 8 (Saturday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ dresses Eb's Leg.

1769 April 21 (Friday). Mrs. Maynard here.... Ebenezer Maynard rides to the Doctor's.

1769 April 23 (Sunday). N.B. Mrs. Maynard dined here. The Doctor in dressing *Ebbe* Leg, is *damped*.

1769 April 24 (Monday). *Eb.*'s Leg is bad. The Doctor is much discouraged. Yet *Eb.* rode to his House. Mr. Maynard Sends an Horse for his Son, and he goes home before noon.

1769 April 28 (Friday). Dr. *Hawes* dresses *Ebe*'s wound. There is no likelihood of his doing any work, of a great while.

1769 April 29 (Saturday). The Doctor Daily Visits *Eb.* Maynard to dress his Sore.

1769 May 10 (Wednesday). Dr. Hawes and I make some Division of our Fence at the Cook Island.

1769 May 12 (Friday). Mrs. Hawes here.

1769 May 24 (Wednesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I rode to Mr. *Stones*; had Dr. *Hawes*' Chaise.

1769 August 11 (Friday). My Daughter *Sarah*, who is So much my Comfort, and Guide of the House now her Mother is gone, grows ill; goes to bed before Dark. She is Worse. After I was got to Bed, She wants to see me. She has been so sick as to Vomit some Number of Times. I call *John* to go to the Doctor. Temple readily offers to go -- and the Doctor Came, leaves various Things, besides an Anodyne. It is nigh 11 in the Night when he leaves us.

1769 August 12 (Saturday). *Sarah* not much better. Has Vomited Several Times. I gave her Sal *Absynthii*. May God be grac[torn] for her! I went to the Doctors for *Sarah*, but she does not vomit sin[torn] of womwood [sic].

1769 August 16 (Wednesday). Dr. Hawes and Wife visi[torn]r.

1769 August 29 (Tuesday). Mr. Whitney buys Dr. Hawes Chaise 106£ old Tenor.

1769 September 4 (Monday). Mrs. Maynard and her Sister [Davis?] visit us, and drink Tea. Mrs. Hawes here also.

1769 September 5 (Tuesday). Dined at Mr. Timothy Haws's in Wrentham.

1770 January 30 (Tuesday). Before Day Dr. Hawes comes for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and carries her in his sleigh to his Wife who is in Travail.... Mrs. Hawes has a fine son.

1770 February 1 (Thursday). I visited Mrs. *Hawes*. She is weak and low. Prayed and gave Thanks to God.... *Ruth* and *Sophy* go to Dr. *Hawes's* at Evening and tarried all night.

1770 February 5 (Monday). I visit and pray with Dr. *Haws's* Wife, who is still very low.

1770 February 21 (Wednesday). Call at the Doctors to see his Wife.

1770 February 28 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* brought home my Sleigh, partly new built, from Mr. *Whipples*. I rode in it to Mr. *Timothy Warrins* junior to have him compleat it and strengthen it. Called at Dr. *Hawes*, where Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ was visiting.

1770 March 2 (Friday). Dr. *Hawes* brought home *my Sleigh* from Mr. *Warrins*, strengthened, but the new work not Painted.

1770 March 6 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes* accommodates me and Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ with his Sleigh (my own not coloured in the new work, yet that would not have hindered using it, but he rode hither in his and it was ready tackled) and his Horse, for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ was afraid either to ride with mine in the sleigh or on the Doctors single; the Doctor therefore rode mine, to the Family Meeting at Mr. *Daniel Forbes's*....

1770 March 14 (Wednesday). Mr. *Whitney* came -- dined -- preached the Lecture.... Dr. *Hawes*, Mr. *Tainter* and his wife here after Meeting.

1770 March 28 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* here with his Account which I pay by a Note to the Constable.

1770 May 15 (Tuesday). P.M. I visited Mr. *Ithamar Bellows* and his Wife, both of them lame and confined. Dr. *Hawes* accompanied me. Called at widow *Bellows*, *William Johnsons*, and made some Stay at *Ensign Snows* where we were refreshed. Called also at Mr. *Andrews's*, where I was accommodated with peculiar Seed Corn.

1770 July 10 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes*, his Wife and Child are on their Journey home.

1770 July 23 (Monday). P.M. Dr. *Hawes*, his Wife, Child and neece here on a Visit.

1770 August 6 (Monday). Was at Dr. *Hawes*.

1770 September 6 (Thursday). My Wife is poorly, is much pained.

1770 September 7 (Friday). My Wife is no better -- but is rather worse.

1770 September 8 (Saturday). At my Wife's Desire I went to Dr. *Haws* for her, being no easier. And he came. Administers Physick to her.

1770 September 9 (Sunday). My Wife is confined with Pain and Illness. Dr. Hawes visited her in the Morning and at Evening. May the Lord Shew Compassion and Prepare us for His holy Will!

1770 September 11 (Tuesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ is better, but yet is confined, and the Doctor daily visits her.

1770 October 30 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter by Dr. Hawes to Mr. Thomas Adams.

1770 November 7 (Wednesday). But *Sophy* was confined by her illness. Dr. *Hawes* came in to see her. Says she has some Canker. The Doctor brought me from Mr. *Thomas Adams* of *Medfield*, Court Miscellanys in which an Account of Mrs. *Macaulay*, Lord *Bolingbroke* etc.

1770 November 9 (Friday). *Sophia* remains poorly. Dr. *Hawes* sent for and comes.

1770 November 22 (Thursday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I undertake a Journey to *Concord* to see *William* and his Family in his New situation. Went in Dr. *Hawes's* Chaise drawn by my Horse.

1770 December 18 (Tuesday). In the Eve Dr. Hawes and Wife here.

1770 December 19 (Wednesday). Rode to Mr. *Ithamar Bellows* to See him and his Wife in their Lameness and Confinement. Find her very bad with her Leg. Doctors *Wilson* and *Hawes* there. We all dined there.

1771 February 2 (Saturday). Attend the Funeral of the late Mr. *Jabez Snow* junior. Dr. *Hawes* carried me in his Chaise.... The Doctor carried me also to See Mrs. *Gale*.

1771 February 8 (Friday). Attended the Funeral of Mr. *Biglow* and prayed there. Dr. *Hawes* brought his Wife to Visit Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ (who could not go to the burial). They agree together to ride in a sleigh to *Ashburnham*.

1771 February 14 (Thursday). Dr. *Hawes* having provided Horses and a Sleigh, took Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ in along with his Wife and her Child and Kinswoman, attempting to go to *Ashburnham*. They sat out between 8 and 9 a.m.

1771 February 19 (Tuesday). At nine o'clock Dr. *Hawes* brought home my wife and Daughter *Hannah*. They came round by the way of *Marlborough* and made it so late by Calling at many places.

1771 April 24 (Wednesday). At home Dr. *Hawes* and his Wife here.

1771 July 1 (Monday). I rode to Mr. *Snow's* to see his Wife who is very low -- being in great Distress with her Throat -- scarce able to swallow the thinnest Liquid. Prayed with them. Dr. *Wilson*, *Hawes*, *Joslin* came, and they expect Dr. *Flynt*.



1771 July 6 (Saturday). Rode with Dr. Hawes in his Chaise, to See Mrs. *Snow* [*torn*]se grows more and more desperate. Discoursed with [*torn*]isted her what I could -- prayed with her. [*Torn*] of Friends present. In returning dined at the Doctors.

1771 August 31 (Saturday). My ague and Tooth-ake so much disrested me that p.m. I went to Dr. Hawes, and got a principally Troublesome Tooth pulled out.

1771 September 5 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. *Abby* of *Hopkinton* and her sister make me a Visit and drink Tea. Dr. *Hawes* also.

1771 October 14 (Monday). The Chaise *Sophy* rode up in must be returned tomorrow, but I know not how. It causes me some perplexity. Went to Dr. *Hawes* on that account.

1771 November 4 (Monday). Dr. *Haws* here at Tea with us.

1771 December 30 (Monday). Mrs. *Springs* Mother, Mrs. *Whitmore* returns to Boston. Mr. *Spring*, Dr. *Hawes* and Mr. *Hananiah Parker* go in the Same sleigh.

1772 February 14 (Friday). Mr. *Adams* here with me and Spends the Day here; which does exceedingly interrupt my Studys.... At Eve he goes to Dr. *Hawes*.

1772 March 10 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes* and his Wife made us a Visit and drank Tea here.

1772 March 17 (Tuesday). The Snow So deep I had Mr. *Isaac Johnson* and Mr. *Ezra Baker* to accompany Me as far as Mr. *Timothy Warrins*, but when I came to the Corner of Mr. *Nurse's* Bridge, the Bank of Snow filled the Road: was forced to go back to Dr. *Hawes* to ask Help. After dining there, the Doctor and *Solomon Batherick* went with Shovels and assisted Me -- so that I arrived here in Safety. D.G.

1772 April 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *Sumner* has writ to me to preach his Lecture to Day. Dr. *Hawes* was So good as to find me an Horse: and as he was going to Worcester I had his Company to Mr. *Sumners* -- where we dined; and Mr. *Bradshaw* went with me also.

1772 May 20 (Wednesday). Mrs. *Wood* made us a Visit, as did Mrs. *Hawes* -- and drank Tea.

1772 May 31 (Sunday). Mr. *Bradshaw* a feverish Day. Dr. *Hawes* attends upon him.

1772 June 8 (Monday). Mr. *Taylor* came and took Mr. *Bradshaw* into a Chaise, and rode to the Doctors.

1772 June 25 (Thursday). My Kinsman poorly yet -- under Dr. *Hawes's* Care and Administrations. He sleeps much -- Several Hours in the Day time. Our Kinsman *Larkin Williams* and his Wife made us a Visit and drank Tea here. Dr. *Joseph Wood* here also. *Elias* complains of pain in his Temple.

1772 July 9 (Thursday). Several Persons assist my Daughters in Quilting an handsome Callico Bed-Quilt, viz. Mrs. Hawes, Zilpah Bruce.

1772 July 29 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* and *Sophy* went in the Doctor's Chaise to *Concord*.

1772 October 6 (Tuesday). At Eve Capt. Brigham and Dr. *Hawes* came in and acquaint me with the Desire of many persons that if there shall be a Contribution for Mr. Samuel Fay, it may be delivered to the Care of some fit Person or Persons. The Deacons were named etc. etc.

1772 October 9 (Friday). Mrs. *Hawes* brought her aged Mother to see us. They drink Tea with us.

1772 October 14 (Wednesday). Mr. Stone delivers me Nine Books of F. *Lorings Diary*. In returning home, it being cold, we called at Dr. *Hawes's*. N.B. The Doctor, having took Licence, has begun to Retail.

1772 December 29 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. rode with me to Capt. *Jonas Brighams* (in compliance with his repeated Request). Dined there. P.M. Captain rode with me to See old Mrs. Beeman who is confined. Prayed with her. Returned with the Captain to his House. Drank Tea there, and he got his Horse and accompnayed us in the way home, out to the Road by Dr. Haws -- so respectful and courteous was he.

1773 May 20 (Thursday). Cousen *Maynard*, Dr. *Hawes* and his Wife were here after the Burying.

1773 June 30 (Wednesday). At Night three Lads (I know not who they were) probably from Mr. *Amasa Maynards*, brought me a present of a large Turtle.

1773 July 1 (Thursday). Dr. Haws came at my request in the Morning and dressed the large *Turtle*, which was brought last Night. He dined with us.

1773 July 9 (Friday). Dr. Hawes and Wife here, but I was not well able to wait on them. Was forced to lie down.

1773 August 1 (Sunday). N.B. Benjamin *Tainter* junior was seized with a Fit, to the great Disturbance of many of the Congregation, it being in the Time of divine service.... Mrs. *Kelly* is recovering, but my Daughter *Baldwin* is in a weak, low and distressed Condition. Frequently vomiting. Dr. *Hawes* visits her and administers to her Such Physick as may clear her Stomack.

1773 August 23 (Monday). My Daughter *Hannah* very poorly. Dr. Hawes with her. Mrs. *Bass's* Maid (one Betty Thomas) came to help *Sophy*.

1773 August 26 (Thursday). Both *Hannah* and *Elias* not well. The Doctor visits and administers but *Hannah* is no better.

1773 August 27 (Friday). *Elias* as well as *Hannah* Still laid by.

1773 August 28 (Saturday). My Family are much indisposed. My Wife poorly; *Hannah* is ill; the Jaundice appears evidently; her stomach much disordered. The Doctor has given her a Vomit, which works as expected. *Elias* is exercised very much with Pain -- is capable of very little.

1773 August 31 (Tuesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_n very poorly -- lyes by....

1773 September 1 (Wednesday). My Wife is Still worse; the Doctor visits her. *Hannah* is, through divine Compassion, better. So is *Elias*; but does very little at his Books.

1773 October 5 (Tuesday). P.M. I rode with Dr. *Hawes* to Mr. *Artemas Bruce's* to see his Sick Child, and prayed there. In returning took Opportunity to talk with the Doctor about his and his Wife's joining with the Church.

1773 October 14 (Thursday). Dr. *Joslyn* and Mrs. *Cotton* here, but the Doctor went with Dr. *Haws* to lodge.

1773 October 15 (Friday). Dr. *Joslyn* tarries at Dr. *Hawes*, Settling difficult matters between them till after Dinner. P.M. he came and waited upon Mrs. *Cotton* home.

1774 January 24 (Monday). Was at Mr. *Bass's* (in returning) where was Mr. *Hutchinson* of *Grafton*; and Dr. *Hawes* likewise.

1774 February 22 (Tuesday). They that went for wood yesterday, So broke the way, and made it fit to Sled in; and the Cutters cut So much more than was brought home; that therefore Lieut. *Baker* in his generousness sent his Team and Man again to Day, also to sled Wood for me; and Neighbour *Newton* in his Goodness likewise, sent his Team and Man to sled up, what was left and what another Number of Cutters cut.... To the Teams, add my own of 3 Cattle, and p.m. Dr. *Hawes's* Steers instead of the Mare, and my son *John* drove.

1774 February 24 (Thursday). P.M. Breck p.m. goes to *Lancaster*; and we have added to my oxen (instead of Brecks mare), Dr. *Hawes's* steers, and his young man to drive. Mr. *Joseph Bond* sleds to Day likewise. They brought home, in all, to day, Six Load.

1774 March 14 (Monday). In the morning Mr. *Levi Warrin* came for Dr. *Hawes* in all haste, who went with greatest speed to Mr. *Seth Morse's* wife and then came for me to go to her, being in a despairing condition and had taken some *Coperas*. She says what was delivered in the sermon yesterday, was directly to her. She had now no Business to stay here any longer -- no Desires of Good etc. I discoursed and prayed with her -- but she was little altered.

1774 April 3 (Sunday). But what a Surprise were we thrown into by hasty Riding, etc. for the Doctors, for me etc. *Mrs. Morse* unhappy Woman! has cutt her own Throat with a Razor! about 1/2 an hour before meeting was done. I hastened to the House of Distress. Saw the horrid wound -- about 2 inches long. Dr. *Hawes* tells me the Wind-pipe is cut about half through. She is alive and to appearance Sensible. Sits pretty still while the Doctor Sews up the Gashes. But I

say very little to her, as she under the Operation least it should Set her a Bleeding. Dr. *Ball* came to Assistance. Many people were gathered in to behold the Sorrowful Spectacle. Mr. *Morse* requested me to pray. I found she was not against it “with respect to Mr. *Morse* and the Children, but it could do her no good,” as she expressed it. I prayed, when they had done what was necessary in the Sewing and Dressing. The Doctors tarry all night, as well as several to watch her. But I returned to my Family. May the holy, Sovereign God sanctifie this very awful Dispensation! Guard and restrain the Miserable tempted, frantic woman; Support and direct my poor Sorrowful Neighbour. Pity the Aged Father (Mr. *Warrin*) and the Surprized astonished Children; and grant us all the peculiar Grace necessary for us rightly to improve so remarkable and distressing a Providence!

1774 April 6 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* here about Mr. *Hills* affair (who has moved away), but does not undertake in it. The Doctor dines here.

1774 April 11 (Monday). Lt. Baker came to me with an earnest Message from Neighbour Seth *Morse* in his great Distress for his Wife, who is not like to live but a little longer: for now he requests there might be a Fast kept on her Account and that it be without Delay -- that it be tomorrow, notwithstanding the public Fast on next Thursday. I said what I conceived proper with respect to the necessary preparations. He would Send for the Neighbouring Ministers. And particularly the 4 nearest. Mr. *Sumner* and Mr. *Fish* I objected against Mr. *Fisk* -- and let him know, it would give me inexpressible Disquietment. But he Said he knew they would peculiarly insist for Him; and entreated that in So extraordinary a Case, for the poor womans sake I would not refuse, that if we have any Mercy, and at Such an extraordinary Juncture etc. etc. The other Gentlemen named were Rev. *Stone* and *Fitch*; against whom I made no Objection -- but as to all of us it would be very difficult, to be interrupted in our preparations for the general Fast. In fine I consented to attend, and Mr. *Morse* requesting that I would write to the Ministers I agreed with Lt. Baker to send to Mr. *Stone*; which he (*Baker*) could carry as he was going to Framingham to Mr. *Sumner*, and Dr. *Flynt* could take it; to Mr. *Fitch*, and Dr. *Hawes* could convey it: but I could not write to Mr. *Fish* to come. I thought however that considering the Extremity they were in, for Mrs. *Morse's* Sake, hoping I Should speak to Him and bear Some Testimony against etc. I wrote Mr. *Morse* this word, that he might Send to him on this Extraordinary Occasion. At Eve I went there and Said a few things, and but few; She answered with as few. Prayed earnestly for her -- ripened the Desire of the Fast tomorrow by divine Leave and Assistance.

1774 June 14 (Tuesday). Had Conversation with Dr. *Hawes* and Lt. *Baker*, two of the said Committee, on the present sorrowful State.

1774 June 17 (Friday). P.M. *The Committee of Correspondence* was here; viz. Deacon *Bond*, Dr. *Hawes*, Messrs. *Daniel Forbes*, *Hannaniah Parker*, *Thomas Bond* and *Joseph Harrington*. Lt. Baker who was one, was gone to *Boston*. They came to hear my Sentiments of the *Covenant* which they had received from *Boston* and another from *Worcester*, which I, in part gave them. It was Said from among the Committee that they Should be glad I would be at the Town meeting, when they were to report.

1774 July 1 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Daniel Forbes one of the Committee of Correspondence here. Shewed him my Remarks on the Covenant etc. He desires me to let Dr. Hawes (who is another) See some of my papers concerning those Matters.

1774 July 27 (Wednesday). Dr. Hawes and his Wife p.m. -- drink Chocolat (instead of Tea). The Doctor brought the Towns Agreement and left it.

1774 August 1 (Monday). The *Town Met again* on the Affair of Subscribing the Agreement. I am informed that my Son *Breck* found it necessary to subscribe. The people also contribute to the bearing of the Charge of the *Congress*. I sent my Quota thereto. I went to the Meeting House with a paper fit to be subscribed and read it to a Number of persons; but the Town were busy and did not call for it. See the [12th?] Day. *Martin Piper*, a Lad in his 12th Year, was thrown by a Colt, and his Head came down on a Rock, nigh Mr. Newtons. He was carried in there. It was feared to be a mortal Blow. Mr. Newton came in haste for me. I went. He was delirious. Dr. Hawes soon blooded him. He bled well. Vomited Several Times -- inclined to sleep; when any thing was given him, he cryed out bitterly, but could not speak. I prayed with him. What a Warning! Especially to Youth! But how great the Mercy he was not killed! His parents much distressed.

1774 August 3 (Wednesday). Was at Dr. *Hawes*.

1774 August 6 (Saturday). Went to Lt. Bakers in the morning. Dr. *Charles Russell*, Dr. *Flynt*, Dr. *Hawes*, and a Number of Doctors besides being there on the Case of the poor Boy, *Calvin Piper* -- (who last Evening began to recover his senses and to Speak -- and is this morning composed and utters himself pertinently). It was feared the Trepan must be used: but it was first determined to take off part of his scalp and examine his Head. We began with prayer. Dr. *Russel* performed the Operation, and finding the grumous Blood, and that there was no Fracture, desisted from any thing further.

1774 October 15 (Saturday). I was forced to go up into the Street in the Morning, on a variety of necessary Affairs: Saw *Capt. King* and Mr. *Edward Putnam* of *Sutton* who were come from the *Provincial Congress* which Sat at *Concord* last Wednesday. *Capt. Maynard* and Dr. *Hawes* went for this Town. I am informed that they have Sent a Committee of 21 of their members with a message to General *Gage*.

1774 December 13 (Tuesday). Dr. Hawes delivered to [me] a paper from the Congress to be read Publickly. The first part contains their Recommendation of Contribution for the poor of Boston and Charlestown; The second part was a Letter to me to recommend to my people Compliance with the Resolves of the general Congress.

1775 January 5 (Thursday). At Eve Dr. Hawes.

1775 January 25 (Wednesday). *Hannah* has a bad Arm. Sent for Dr. *Hawes*; who came. *Breck* Sends up Dr. *Ball*. Both Doctors dine here.

1775 January 27 (Friday). Dr. Haws visits *Hannah* and dresses her Arm.

1775 January 28 (Saturday). Hear that the Small Pox has broke out at *Hopkinton* on Capt. *Thomas Mellen's* Wife: also that it is in several places in *Mendon*. May the Lord prepare us for His holy and Sovereign Pleasure concerning us! Dr. *Hawes* came, but it was not till the Business of the Dressing etc., were over.

1775 January 29 (Sunday). The Doctor here.

1775 January 30 (Monday). Dr. *Hawes* attends on *Hannah* every day of late.

1775 February 4 (Saturday). I am preparing to preach. The public Distresses are heavy. Mr. *Andrews* and Dr. *Hawes* dined here.

1775 February 7 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes* here, but *Hannah* better.

1775 March 12 (Sunday). Unhappily found that there was disquietment with Mr. *Forbes's* forenoon sermon. The Text was *Job* 2.10. When he was going to meeting in the afternoon Several persons stopped him by the Well: viz., Capt. *Brigham*, Mr. *Andrews*, Dr. *Hawes*, Select men; and many more. Besides which *Joseph Harrington* and *Ebenezer Chamberlin junior* had been with him here in the House to talk with him. A multitude gathered at the Well. On his promising to explain himself from the Desk they would consent to his going into the Meeting House, except Some, who went home. It was conceived he was faulty in saying that God is so the *primary Cause* of the Evils we suffer, as that we are not to dwell upon and find So much fault with second *Causes* or *Instruments* etc. etc. My Family were in the Eve in much Trouble on Account of what had Occurred. The P.M. Text was [blank].

1775 March 22 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* goes to the Provincial Congress at Cambridge.

1775 March 23 (Thursday). Write to Mr. *Cushing* by Mr. *Joseph Perry* of *Ashburnham* and inclose Mr. *Lawrence's* Note of 3£ lawful Money and leave it at Dr. *Hawes* for him.

1775 April 8 (Saturday). Mr. *Nathan Fisher* comes at 11 o'Clock at Night very much affrighted by what Dr. *Hawes* (who has come from the Provincial Congress at *Concord*) relates to him of the public Troubles.

1775 April 11 (Tuesday). I went to Dr. *Hawes* in the morning going to the Congress, and talked with him with great Seriousness.

1775 June 17 (Saturday). I went early to Dr. *Hawes* -- him we improve to relieve *John*, if under God he may.

1775 June 18 (Sunday). My son *John* was so weak and low that *Breck* went for Dr. *Willson*, who came, and Dr. *Hawes* consulted with him. Dr. *W.* dines here. We have asked public Prayers to Day; May it please God to hear and grant a gracious Answer!

1775 June 20 (Tuesday). *Aaron* watched with *John* last night, and is blooded himself by Dr. *Hawes* this morning. *John* very weak and low.... *John* is very low. May a gracious God look upon him!

1775 June 26 (Monday). Dr. *Wilder* from Lancaster visits *John*, who seems to be a little better. Thanks to God for it! The Doctors *Hawes* and *Wilder* confer together on my sons *Case*. May God give success thereto!

1775 July 7 (Friday). *John* is somewhat revived again. *Hannah* is much out of Health: and we are at a loss what to do for her. Dr. *Hawes* being frequently here to See *John* takes Care of [her?].

[1775 July 10 (Monday)?]. *John* is better, yet very weak. But *Hannah* is worse -- has the *Rash*, as the Doctor Judges. Her Head and Face are much affected. One of her Teeth was drawn.

1775 July 17 (Monday). *Hannah* has for a good while been ill; but now her Disorders are increased, and her Case is become very Piteous. I went to the aged Widow *Sarah Forbush*; who is grown dropsical, besides the trouble of her Cancer. Conversed, examined and prayed with her. Send the *Doctor* to *Hannah*.

1775 July 18 (Tuesday). *Hannah* So bad in the last Night that at about 2 (in the Morn) *Elias* went for the Doctor -- who came. *Hannah* but very poorly.

1775 December 5 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes* and Wife and Mr. *Waters* also here at Coffee P.M.

1776 January 8 (Monday). I visited and prayed with Mr. [torn] *Hawes*.

1776 February 15 (Thursday). Dr. *Hawes* acquaints me with the very distressed Condition of Mr. *Edmund Antwistles* Family. I went to See 'em, and found his Wife and two Children and a Girl (whose name was *Grover*) Sick -- but especially their sister *Submitt Harrington*, was exceeding bad. All of them of the *Canker*. Prayed and discoursed with them as they could bear.

1776 March 21 (Thursday). I drank Coffee at Dr. *Hawes*.

1776 June 12 (Wednesday). But Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ informs me that *Elias*, the Day after the Election, having mounted a young Horse which he rode here, in order to ride back to Mill-River, the Horse reared up, threw *Elias* off, and as it is said the Horse fell upon him, and his Head meeting with sharp stone; cut a great Gash in it, from whence the Blood issued plentifully -- but his Life and senses were preserved. Dr. *Hawes* dressed it, and by the Blessing of God it is in an hopeful Way.

1776 June 14 (Friday). Pritty much indisposed through the Day. Went to the Doctors to See the Dressing of *Elias's* Wound.

1776 June 17 (Monday). Dr. *Hawes* constable, delivered me 50 Dollars. (The Year was up yesterday.)

1776 August 4 (Sunday). Dr. *Hawes* here at Eve.

1776 November 17 (Sunday). Dr. *Hawes* came in to See Mrs. *Parkman*, who is very Stomach sick. She takes a Vomit, which worked 3 times.

1777 January 15 (Wednesday). Mrs. *Hawes* and her sister *Hill* made us a Visit, and drank Tea here.

1777 January 31 (Friday). This day was pitched upon by some Number of Neighbours to cutt and cart Wood.... Dr. *Hawes* Sent one Load of his own.

1777 February 4 (Tuesday). I went to Dr. *Hawes* to reckon etc. but he was not at home.

1777 February 7 (Friday). At Eve Dr. *Hawes* came and reckoned with me. In his account he generously gave in his Visits. He paid me the Remainder of the Rate of my Sallery for the last year issuing on June 5 old style. It was £12.10.5.2, including my Debt to Mr. *Edwards Whipple* of 2 Dollars and 1/2 and 1/ - 1d 1/. The rest of Mr. *Whipples* Rate was further subtracted Out of the above sum I paid the Doctors Bill, which was (in L.M.) £2.15.7.1. The Cash I received was the sum of L.M. £8.18.9.1. And I gave him a Receipt in full.

1777 February 27 (Thursday). *Marble*, who tryed yesterday to break a way to the Ministerial Lott but could not get through, attempts again to Day, with the Assistance of [Stephen?] *Maynard* and Dr. *Hawes Oxen*; And bring a light Load.

1777 April 3 (Thursday). *Sophy* and *Hannah*, I am informed, are *inoculated* this evening, by Dr. *Hawes*. I could not resist their Importunity. May God be gracious to us all, as the Matter now requires!

1777 April 7 (Monday). My two Daughters g[torn] *Tainters*, with Mrs. *Hawes* and her son -- [torn] C[torn] *Hawes*. May God be gracious and shew them Mercy in this time of Darkness!

1777 April 12 (Saturday). Hear that *Hannah* has Symptoms of the Distemper upon, but *Sophy* not much altered. The Doctor tells me there are 43 persons, men, Women and Children belonging to this and the nei[gh]boring Towns, at the Hospital.

1777 June 11 (Wednesday). Sent *Elias* for Dr. *Ball*; who came, and Dr. *Hawes* is here with him, to consult about *Hannahs* Case. My Daughter rode a little way, a.m.

1777 June 14 (Saturday). Dr. *Hawes* daily visits my Invalids.

1777 June 18 (Wednesday). At home, *Hannah* a little better. Deacon *Woods* and Dr. *Hawes* at Evening.

1777 June 27 (Friday). My Kinsman *Lovering* goes on his Journey to *Westfield*. The Two Doctors here. *Hannah* Blooded.



1777 July 27 (Sunday). *Suse* was so afflicted and impressed that She had an ill Night, and this morning fell into Travail. Dr. *Hawes* deliver'd her at about 20 minutes after 8 o'clock in the Morning, of a Male Child, *premature*....

N.B. *Hannah* was remarkably exercised last night by uncommon and most tedious Smart in *her Feet*, which was caused by a plaister of Turpentine applyed to them: Her Pain was so great as to need, and had, the Doctor in the Night, and both her Mother and sister (*Sophy*) were obliged to attend her till break of Day. So that with what occurred with *Suse*, we had double Distress! But God has graciously carryed us through. To His Name be praise! And may we have Grace to improve these so peculiar Dispensations!

1777 October 2 (Thursday). *Hannah* not so feverish: rode to Dr. *Hawes* -- but seems to decline: her Cough etc. no better.

1777 October 16 (Thursday). *Ebenezer* and *Isaac* lodge at the Doctors. [They had come for *Hannah's* funeral.]

1777 October 25 (Saturday). *Elias* is feverish; has sore Throat and [*torn*] under Dr. *Hawes'* Care.

1777 November 26 (Wednesday). *Sophy* has been at Mr. [*illegible*] yesterday, brings from them the Desire of Miss [*ilegible and torn*] of Ipswich, who is at her uncle's, and is very ill, that [*torn*] visit her: for which reason this Morning I [went -- ?] called at Neighbour [*torn*] (who has great pain etc. [*torn*] his Sore). Dr. *Hawes* with me [*torn*] to [*torn*] [found?] him better:

1778 January 17 (Saturday). Dr. *Hawes* sent a Load of Wood.

1778 January 22 (Thursday). Town Meeting to consider the Articles of the *Confederation* of the United States. A Committee meet here for my Advice. They were Messrs. *Abijah Gale*, Chairman, *Samuel Forbush*, *Phinehas Gleason*, *Hannaniah Parker*, Dr. *Hawes*, Lieut. *Thomas Bond*, Capt. *Fisher*, Messrs. *Eli Whitney*, *Joseph Harrington*, and *Breck Parkman*.

1778 March 26 (Thursday). Dr. *Hawes* has some Talk of taking my place to halves.

1778 March 28 (Saturday). At the Close of the Day we were Surprized with a Message to hasten to Mr. *Daniel Adams's*, the Young Mans Wife having *Cut her Throat with a Razor*. The Doctor was gone hastily to her. I hastened to see her. A deplorable Sight! The whole House mourning. They were scenes of Distress and Sorrow! The poor woman partly delirious, now exclaiming against her self, and despairing of Mercy. She now Spoke *loud*, though on the 23d when I was there, and ever Since, till this Woful Occurrence, she only Whispered. I endeavored to instruct and compose her; and fervently prayed for her. The Doctor told me the wound was about an inch and half long: it had bled a great deal on the Floor, The Breath did in Some Measure come out of her Wind-pipe; but he not proceed to sew up, but he put on a sticking Plaister: for he judged her so weak, that She would not be able to bear it. We returned in the dark together.

1778 March 29 (Sunday). After the Exercises being desired to go to Mrs. *Adams*, I went, though it was very tedious, as it was a very Cold, Stormy Wind at N.E. Found her more calm and composed and exercising Sorrow, Faith, Hope: but now again could only Whisper. Prayed with her, and returned before dark. N.B. her Sore has not been Sewed up, though Dr. *Darling* has been there as well as Dr. *Hawes*.

1778 April 14 (Tuesday). Agreed with Dr. *Hawes* to take Several Parts of my place to the Halves. As, all that lies down below the [*illegible*] at the Cook Island, and on the Brook, Maynard and Newton Meadow the Corn and Flax Land there, also the Pasture Land there, and the New Swamp. Likewise the Indian Field by Mr. Nurse's Road: The mowing Ground which is west of the Meeting House.

1778 April 10 (Friday). Was obliged to go to the Doctor [*illegible*] him about taking Some part of the place to the Halves.

1778 April 16 (Thursday). Mrs. Hawes here, and was Examined.

1778 April 19 (Sunday). I propounded Dr. *Hawes* and his Wife.

1778 April 25 (Saturday). Mr. *James Miller* junior and Dr. *Hawes*, with their *Relations*, to be read tomorrow. Elias came home from Cambridge.

1778 April 26 (Sunday). Admitted Mr. *Miller* and his Wife, and Dr. *Hawes* and his.

1778 April 29 (Wednesday). A Council of Four Churches Sat [at?] *Marlborough* on [*illegible*] of Mr. *Smiths Dismission* [*illegible*] where we [*illegible*] was *Joseph Hawes*.

1778 May 22 (Friday). A *Town Meeting* (among a Number of other Things) to receive the Report of Committee respecting a Constitution of Government and to Choose a Representative. *Dr. Hawes is chose*.

1778 June 5 (Friday). Dr. *Hawes* raises a new part to his Barn. My sons assist at it.

1778 July 13 (Monday). For *Timothys* Work for the Doctor in hoeing *Stephen Maynard* came and mowed part of my Clover in the West Field, much diminished indeed by Mr. *Harringtons* sheep getting frequently into it, feeding and trailing and tangling it.

1778 July 18 (Saturday). *Elias* went early to *Concord* in his Brothers Chaise, and led Dr. *Hawes*' Horse to ride back on. He returned p.m. between two and three o'Clock. Dr. *Joslin* and a Young Man named Benjamin Brown (his Tyro, I suppose) with him called and dined here.

1778 September 7 (Monday). Dr. *Hawes* at Eve.

1778 September 28 (Monday). I received Mr. *Payson* of *Chelsy*'s last Election sermon Yesterday, by the Hand of Dr. *Hawes*, our Representative, and read it to day.

1778 October 7 (Wednesday). *Stephen Maynard* (for the Doctor) brings in a Load of Indian Corn. N.B. Dogs wound and worry the Doctors and Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's Sheep. The Doctors great Dog killed.

1778 October 26 (Monday). I walked to Dr. *Hawes* and borrow his Horse for *Elias* to go to Deacon *Browns* at *Framingham* for Cloth to make him an homespun Suit.

1778 November 2 (Monday). Dr. Hawes acquaints me with his Mother's Death and that he is going to her Funeral. Improving this opportunity I write to Mr. Moore and send it to Man's at Wrentham for Conveyance.

1779 January 4 (Monday). Walked a.m. to Dr. Hawes.

1779 January 11 (Monday). Dr. Hawes in the Evening. He offers to pay me money for Timothy's work for him last year (15 days in the whole, Stephen Maynard worked 2 1/2 for me, Timmy's at 2 Dolls. and Stephen's at 3), but I told the Doctor it was in the way of exchanging work, and therefore I expected to have work again for it. N.B. I wrote by the Doctor to Dav. Sanger.

1779 January 31 (Sunday). Dr. Hawes delivered me a Packet from Col. White, Rept. for Rochester.

1779 March 21 (Sunday). I detained the Church and read a Letter from the South-west Parish in Bolton, requesting assistance in a Fast and gathering a Church. The Church voted compliance and Dr. Hawes and Deacon Wood Delegates.

1779 April 5 (Monday). P.M. I had Dr. Hawes' mare to go to Bolton.

1779 April 13 (Tuesday). *Elias* came home, rode upon Dr. Hawes' horse.

1779 June 14 (Monday). Send by Dr. Hawes, a letter to Mr. Moore, also to Mr. Thos. Adams.

1779 July 1 (Thursday). Dr. Hawes, who has returned from Court, was here and communicated to me some of the Transactions of the Assembly, and what the Town of Boston have, by their Committee of Correspondence, sent to the Committee of Westborough relative to some fresh Efforts for the Appreciation of the public Currency.

1779 August 13 (Friday). Mrs. Hawes and her Cousin, Miss Jerusha King, at Tea here.

1779 August 16 (Monday). N.B. The Town met p.m. to see whether they would concur with what the Convention of Worcester have resolved upon as to the Prices of Things, Labor, Goods etc., and consented thereto. Chose also a Committee of three to Set a Price on lesser Articles, which the Convention omitted. They were Dr. Hawes, Mr. Joseph Harrington and Capt. Fisher.

1779 September 14 (Tuesday). Had some Debate with Dr. Hawes about Tim. Bryant's Work for him last year.

1779 October 10 (Sunday). N.B. I read after sermon the votes of Convention concerning Boston, as Dr. Hawes requested. (Dr. Hawes was with me with the vote of the Convention at Concord concerning the Distresses of many people in Boston, to be read publickly.)

1779 November 4 (Thursday). Three Brethren of the Church, viz. Messrs. Batheric, Gale and Dr. Hawes came here and desired me to give notice to the other Brethren of the Church, after the Exercises of next Sabbath, to tarry and confer a little further upon the Adams affair.

1779 December 1 (Wednesday). Breck to Boston and Dr. Hawes and his Wife make us a visit and drink Tea.

1779 December 3 (Friday). The Doctor brings me a Third Vol. of Biographical Dictionary from Mr. Cranch.

1779 December 14 (Tuesday). I sent by Dr. Hawes, Mr. Cranch's 2d Vol. of Biogr. Also my Watch for a new Crystal.

1779 December 27 (Monday). Dr. Hawes brought me my Watch from Mr. Cranch -- the new Chrystal cost 12 Dollars.

1780 January 14 (Friday). The Mourners, Bearers etc. came to my House [after Forbes funeral], to hear the Will. Dr. Hawes read it.

1780 March 6 (Monday). Town Meeting. Mr. Ebenezer Maynard and Dr. Hawes came to me with the Town's Request to go to the Meeting House and pray with them. I went, prayed and add a few words of address to them, but no word concerning my own Case.

1780 March 20 (Monday). N.B. I returned by Dr. Hawes, W. R. Cranch's Biog. Univ.

1780 April 5 (Wednesday). Very much perplexed with a flock of Sheep belonging to Dr. Hawes, daily feeding on the Rye at the Island. Stephen Maynard who has the Care of the Doctor's Affairs here in the Evening to tell me that he could not take Care of the Doctor's Sheep, being in preparation to go to Market.

1780 April 11 (Tuesday). Dr. Hawes has brought me Another Vol. of the Biographical Dictionary from Mr. Cranch. Vol. 4 Letters D and E.

1780 April 14 (Friday). P.M. walked (on some special occasions) to Dr. Hawes.

1780 April 17 (Monday). I sent a Letter to Dr. Hawes who would go to Boston, for Elias, at College.

1780 April 8 (Saturday). Fresh Troubles with the Doctor Cattle and Sheep on the Rye, notwithstanding all the pains used yesterday to make the Fence Secure and strong. 4 times today.

1780 April 19 (Wednesday). Am informed that Doctor's Sheep have still been troublesome.

1780 April 21 (Friday). Was forced to go to Dr. Hawes on the Account of his Sheep, which were again yesterday upon my Field of Rye, and was at Neighbor Caleb Harrington's, his Hogs having done Mischief several times in my Garden, and mentioned to him my putting out my Chauncey Meadows to the halves, much interrupted and tossed in spirit by having no man to work for me, when so many different affairs to mind, in looking after my Husbandry at this Season, and Creatures to guard from transgressing.

1780 April 22 (Saturday). Mr. Eleazar Rider, who saws at the Whipple sawmill having given me Slabbs etc., Stephen Maynard in Dr. Hawes' Service, goes with my Cart and Steers, and puts in the Doctor's Steers, to the Saw-Mill, and brings a Load.

1780 May 8 (Monday). Dr. Hawes, the Court being Dissolved, is returned; visits and dines with me.

1780 May 30 (Tuesday). P.M. Attended the Church Meeting.... The other Matter on which we met, was to choose two Deacons: and chose Dr. James Hawes for one, and Br. Jonathan Child for the other by 17 Votes -- the rest scattering. The Doctor desired leave to take so weighty a Concern into Consideration. The other denied and again refused, but he was urged to consider of it, and not be too resolute in Denying.

1780 May 31 (Wednesday). I have writ a letter to Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and Dr. Hawes was to have carried it, but he went too early this morning for it to reach him.

1780 June 4 (Sunday). N.B. Dr. Hawes has brought me from my son Samuel, Melmoth's Sublime and beatif. Mr. Ripley of Concord is the Proprietor.

1780 June 19 (Monday). Dr. Hawes rides down to Court designing (as I suppose) that Elias shall ride up from Cambridge on his Horse.

1780 August 3 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. Hawes, Squire's Daughter, Polly Wood at Tea.

1780 August 18 (Friday). Mrs. P. out of Health. Dr. Hawes to see her.

1780 September 10 (Sunday). I administered the Ordinance -- the new Deacon Hawes officiating, without any special Ceremony as to his Induction.

1780 September 6 (Wednesday). After Meeting the Church stopped to receive the Answer of the two elected Deacons. The Doctor delivered a paper in which he acquiesced in the Choice if there was no Objection, and if the Choice was unanimous; otherwise he refused. The vote was then tried (though the members present were but few) upon which there was every Hand, and he was declared a Deacon of this Church. Mr. Child's answer was verbal, and still refused and the Meeting ended.

1780 October 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathan Maynard came with a yoke of Oxen, Dr. Hawes' Oxen and my own, having Squire's Plough, and Mr. Joseph Harrington's Lad, namely Aaron Miller and Capt. Wood's son Benj. to drive and they plowed part of my West Field and left it in a broken condition.

1780 October 16 (Monday). Mr. Kenney refuses to husk my Corn, though I conceived he took my Field to the halves as Dr. Hawes did, who took the whole care of husking the Corn, and carrying it into the Corn Barn. However, we came to an agreement. I told him he should ask the Neighbors to assist, in an afternoon, and though I would not make an Entertainment, yet I would give them some Drink.

1780 December 6 (Wednesday). Deacon Haws brings me from Mr. Cranch another volume (the 5th) of Biog. Dict. Letters F and G.

1781 January 29 (Monday). Mr. *Solomon Miller* came to work for me in getting out Flax. He fetches the Doctors. *Break and breaks.*

1781 February 16 (Friday). The Boys with double Sleigh go to Col. *Brighams* and bring up *John*. At Eve Master *Fish* here; Sups -- and returns to the Doctors.

1781 March 5 (Monday). Mr. B. *Tainter*, now of New-Fane, returned with me, and he and Mr. *Joseph Harrington* also Deacon *Hawes* dined.

1781 March 6 (Tuesday). Col. *Cushing* here p.m. -- wrote my son William particularly about sister *Champneys* Chest, that Mr. Ripley send money to Mr. Zecharaih Hicks, to pay for it. N.B. Deacon *Hawes* takes the Care to deliver it.

1781 March 7 (Wednesday). Deacon *Wood* came and [*blot*] *Thomas*. They kill a Calf for me. Deacon has one [Quarter. Weighed?] 14 lb. Deacon *Hawes* another which weighed the Same, Breck had @ 3d.

1781 March 8 (Thursday). I send to Deacon *Hawes* Mr. *Cranch's* Vol. 5 (F and part of G) of Biographical Dictionary, also a Letter to my Son *William* and another to Mr. *Quincy*.

1781 March 9 (Friday). Mrs. *Hawes* and Mrs. *Hill* visit -- and drink Tea.

1781 May 22 (Tuesday). I have received a *Sixth* Volume of *Biographical Dictionary* from Mr. *Cranch*, by Deacon *Hawes* -- read *Life of the Great H. Grotius*.

1781 May 30 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* waited upon me with his Chaise to visit Mr. *Stone* once more. He was lower than ever: his Reason however, is Sound. Gives more hopeful Answer -- *Consents to the Truth of the Gospel* and recommends to us the holy Christian Religion -- Mr. *Fitch* of *Hopkinton* and much Company there. N.B. he was at prayer when I went in. *I took solemn Leave*. Doctor brought me back to his House, but in our returning we stopped a while and drank Tea at *Haskells*.

1781 July 17 (Tuesday). This Eve came Deacon *Hawes* and then Mr. *Samuel Forbush* -- I knew nothing of any Special Appointment. Afterwards at half after Eight came Mr. *Daniel Adams*. *Breck* came in, awhile. Mr. *Adams* finds fault with my first Letter to him, tells me he Cannot Sit down with me. Says the like of those Members who advised him to return Goods to his Wife -- Says they are not fit to be called *Christians*: determines to call a Council. I told him there was nothing to lay before a Council or before the Church and there was therefore no Need of a Meeting of Either. In presence of the two forementioned, I said to him, Brother *Adams*, "If there be any Matter or Affair that you desire me to lay before the Church, which is fitt for them to hear, and if it be duely and properly prepared, I am freely willing to gratify you in doing it for you." He goes away resolved to call a Council; and that soon. The two Brethren remained. Deacon *Hawes* said, he Saw not any thing that the Church could be called together upon. Mr. *Forbush* Said he believed there were as many now that were dissatisfied with Mr. *Adams* and would stay away from the Sacrament if they knew he was to come, as there were heretofore.

1781 October 27 (Saturday). Dr. Hawes brought me a Letter of General *Cornwallis* Defeat, from Mr. Quincy, with an Hand-Bill certifying it, and his Army with him made prisoners of War. The Glory of God if So!

1781 October 29 (Monday). Deacon Hawes delivered me from Mr. *Cranch* the 7th Volume of Biographical Dictionary, I, K, L.

1781 November 6 (Tuesday). A more strict Training for shewing Arms etc. N.B. It was to have been private meeting to day at Deacon *Hawes* but it could not be attended, by reason of the Training. But towards Evening came Deacon Hawes, Messrs. Eli Whitney, and Joseph Harrington to ask me to procure Mr. *Sanford* of *Medway* to preach here. And after them came Capt. *Morse* and Capt. *Fisher* upon the Same Errand. I told them I did not know him, and must See and talk with him, before I could ask him. Capt. *Fisher* wrought himself into an immoderate Heat. May God forgive!

1781 November 8 (Thursday). Deacon *Hawes* brings his Brother Coll. *Benjamin* to See me. He informs me that my Kinsman *Parkman Bradshaw* is dead.

1781 November 13 (Tuesday). I preached at the private Meeting at Deacon *Hawes* on *Philip*. 1.21, which may God please to prosper!

1782 January 28 (Monday). Deacon *Hawes* has been here to inform that Mr. Samuel Hardys wife is delivered of a Dead Child and would have me attend the Funeral tomorrow at one O'Clock.

1782 March 7 (Thursday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ still poorly -- takes physic of Dr. *Hawes*.

1782 March 12 (Tuesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ takes Physic (Squills) of Dr. *Hawes* -- for several Days.

1782 April 2 (Tuesday). Deacon *Hawes* was here at Evening.

1782 April 20 (Saturday). Dr. *Hawes* brings me a Message from Mr. *Phinehas Forbes* that his eldest Child is very ill -- and he desires a Visit. But it is so rainy that I cannot go.

1782 May 18 (Saturday). Have heard that Deacon *Hawes* is promoted to be a *Justice of Peace*.

1782 May 20 (Monday). *Polly Scott* is ill here, and has a Fitt about noon, and another nigh Night. Dr. *Hawes* visits her. Her Father and Mother came. They watch with her.

1782 June 28 (Friday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ no better. Dr. *Hawes* visits her.

1782 July 14 (Sunday). Have been informed that the Widow *Cook* has been taken with Bleeding, and last night the Doctor was with her all night. It is now stanch'd.

1782 July 17 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* comes to see my Daughter *Baldwin*, who is much indisposed and discouraged.

1782 August 4 (Sunday). My poor Daughter *Baldwin* is in a very afflicted and distressed State. Dr. *Hawes* visits.

1782 August 8 (Thursday). My Daughter *Baldwin* is every day, but especially in the nights, greatly distressed. Dr. *Hawes* accommodates her with his Chaise and Mrs. *Hawes's* Company to ride out a little.

1782 August 14 (Wednesday). Deacon *Hawes* goes to *Hopkinton* to carry Mr. *Daniel Adams* Notification of our Church Meeting, and Copy of his Wife's Paper of Address to the Church. I wrote also to Mrs. *Adams* a like Notification, and left it to my Son *Brecks* Care to send it by Mr. *Joseph Harring* [ton?] who goes to day for the News paper.

[1782 September 5 (Thursday).] I understand that Mrs. *White* is grown very bad. She had a very bad Night, and no better Day -- has Watchers and has had Several Doctors. *Squire Hawes* (as he is now called) and Dr. *Daniel Brigham*. Dr. *Mountague* has also seen her -- and all judge her Case is dangerous. May God grant due preparation for His holy will!

1782 September 23 (Monday). P.M. Church Meeting on *Adams's* Affair. Both the Contending partys came. After Prayer and a Pathetic Address to each of them perswading to mutual Condescension and forgiveness, it was recommended to them to choose a Number of Persons Mutually to assist them to hear both sides and advise etc. But the urging this was in Vain. The Church must do it, for Mr. *Adams* would consent to no other. We therefore heard his Papers of Evidences -- and two living Witnesses, viz. Deacon *Phips* and Timothy *Twitchell* were called and heard. We also heard the Womans Petition to the Governor and Council (which complains of her Husbands committing Adultery). But the Church inclined to improve the Help of a Committee -- therefore Voted to have one: the Number to be Five: the Persons, *Elijah Brigham*, Deacon *Hawes*, *Joseph Harrington*, *Isaac Davis*, and *Eli Whitney*. To These therefore the Case was committed -- and they are to meet at this place, this day fortnight, at 9 a.m. with Power to call for *Persons*, *Papers* etc., as Shall be Needed. The Meeting concluded with Prayer and Blessing.



1782 October 8 (Tuesday). *Deacon Hawes* having brought me *Mr. Zabdiel Adams's* Election Sermon, I read part of it, and my Son Ebenezer read the rest of it to me.

[1782 October 14 (Monday).] Mr. P\_\_\_\_\_ is very unwell -- is Sick at her stomach, is faint, no appetite. Dr. *Hawes* visits and administers.

1782 October 22 (Tuesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ very *bad with her Cough*. Dr. *Hawes* here frequently.

1782 October 25 (Friday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ is under grievous Exercise by her Cough Still, though Dr. *Haws* is using his best Endeavors to help her.

1782 November 5 (Tuesday). Rev. *Whitney* was again, *by Request* here, and assisted in making a *Will* which I signed, declared and owned before Justice *Hawes*.