

## Dr. Benjamin Morse (1704-1776) of Sutton

Born in Newbury, son of Benjamin and Susanna, 1704

1742 May 19 (Wednesday). At Evening Dr. Morss and divers others came in and Sung.

1751 June 22 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Hutchinson, in compliance with a Letter which I sent him Yesterday, came -- but it was So late I did not get up to Grafton before Sun Setting. By Mr. Hutchinson's Desire I call'd to see the Child of Mr. Samuel Cooper and at Mr. Cooper's request I pray'd with them. N.B. Dr. Morse there. I lodg'd at Mr. Hutchinsons.

1756 April 20 (Tuesday). I left *Elisha Jones* at work and went to the Association at Marlborough.... At Mr. *Smiths* were nine or ten of us together. Mr. Martyn gave us a laboured Concio on Isa. 2.5, first v. At Eve Dr. Morse was called away.

1756 June 26 (Saturday). Dr. Chase again. He administers (as far as I discern) judiciously. *Peggy Read* is yet living. I perswade Dr. Chase to go and See her.... N.B. having agreed to change with Mr. *Martyn* tomorrow, was obliged to Send over Billy to acquaint him of my Sickness. When he returns he informs me that *they* also are in much Affliction, Mrs. *Molly* being sick and o'Bed, and they had sent for Dr. *Morse*. A bright Day. I took a Cathartick; an infusion of Senna, Liquorish etc.

1759 October 19 (Friday). Had a very bad Night last, the worst of any yet, this sickness. It was by reason of the Fever, and a most terrible oppression at my stomach, which gave me great pain in drawing my Breath -- held me for 2 Hours in the Dead of Night, but either by taking a Portion of Polychriston, or putting on Rie Cakes, to my [Face?], or rather by the merciful Hand of God with them, I was greatly relieved, and about one o'Clock could lie on my right side and went to sleep for some time. But still it was a tedious Night. This morning Alexander went again to Dr. Wilson to acquaint him with what had occurred, and to desire another Visit. Deacon Tainter here a.m. I write to young Mr. Dorr, to desire him to preach for me next Lords Day; and Deacon undertakes to carry it. I feel exceeding poorly to Day, and wait the Will of God! The Doctor came, judges with me that there are Pripneumonic sumptions. He takes away about 5 ounces, or not more he thinks than 6, of Blood. Orders a Blister on my left side, and leaves me to take plentifully of Volatiles. [60?] Drops every three or 4 ho. He desires Counsel -- Dr. Morse of Sutton -- and Dr. Hemingway of Framingham. I obtained Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt to go for the former. No body goes for the latter. I somewhat dreaded the Night -- but

1759 October 20 (Saturday). Through the divine Mercy I had considerable rest, though fever, pain etc. The Peripneum. symptoms much abated. D.G. And feel somewhat comfortable. Deacon Tainter brings Letter from Mr. Dorr that he is engaged for next Lords Day. But will come the soonest he can. P.M. Dr. Morse and Dr. Wilson here and dine. Neighbour Pratt with them. The Doctors retire and consult: they advise to go on in the Course I am in, except if the Symptoms of Peripneum. return, to renew Bleeding. Mr. N. Whitney here. Mrs. Lucy Forb. kindly helps us p.m. But the main matter Is God with Me!

1759 December 21 (Friday). Mr. Hall and Dr. Morse of Sutton in their return from Boston, call here.

1760 September 15 (Monday). P.M. I visited Abner Warrin who is Still lower, and there are Slender Hopes of him. Dr. Morse of Sutton, Dr. Willson and Dr. Crosby there together in Consultation; and conclude his Case next to Desperate.

1768 October 5 (Wednesday). We dined to Day at Mr. *Edwards's*. Lodged at the same House that I did before. Mr. *Stiles* and Dr. Morse of Sutton, entertaining in Conversation.