

## Dr. James Monroe Parker (1739-1790) of Southborough

Harvard 1763; *SHG*, 15:442-43.

1765 October 22 (Tuesday). I rode to the House of Mourning -- to the Funeral of Mr. Moses Warrin. After Prayer there, went to Ministers Meeting at Hopkinton -- and dined there. Few Ministers came. Only Mr. Stone and Mr. Smith of the Association. Mr. *Fish* came, to promote the Examination of Mr. James Parker. See Minutes of Association.

1765 October 26 (Saturday). At Eve came Mr. *James Parker* and lodged here.

1765 October 27 (Sunday). A remarkable snow storm. Omitted public Reading. A.M. Mr. *Parker* preached and prayed a. and p.m. His first Text was Prov. 8.35, the other Gal. 5.25. I read p.m. Luk. 9 from v. 37 to the End. Squire Whipple dined here. Mr. Parker went at Eve to his Brother *Hannaniah's*.

1767 June 30 (Tuesday). Meet Mr. Joseph Chaddock of Brookfield and send by him to Mr. *James Parker* at Framingham to preach for me next Sabbath, hoping my Self to be at Ashby.

1767 July 3 (Friday). Am thoughtful what Method to take respecting my Journey to *Ashby*; for not hearing from *Lydia* I hardly know how to venture to go for my wife, and yet if I dont go now, I can't go afterwards, to be with them on a Sabbath; nor know I how to go away and leave our own Assembly destitute. But in the midst of these Thoughts, I am eased as to the Latter; Mr. *James Parker* sends me a Line that he is in Town, and can serve me next sabbath. I immediately get ready and ride as far as Mr. *Morse's* at Shrewsbury, and lodge there.

1767 July 5 (Sunday). Preached at *Ashby*, in the House of Mr. *Peter Lawrence*, on *Rom.* 8.7 a. and p.m. Which may God bless! P.M. baptized my Grandchild, *Lydia*. And O that God would graciously accept the Offering! And that the Sacred Obligations may be fulfilled! [*Marginal notation*: N.B. Mr. James Parker preached for me on the 5th from Jer. 2.19 a.m. and from Act. 15 v. [19?].]

1767 November 11 (Wednesday). P.M. I went to the Funeral of little *Harvey Parker*. Lt. Ward and Mr. James Parker were there.

1768 September 5 (Monday). Deacon Bond excused himself from going with me to Mr. Moore's ordination. Neither did Mr. Cushing come; I therefore Sat out alone in my Journey to Rochester. Went through Southborough to Mr. James Parker at his uncle Temple's at Framingham to get him to preach for me next Sabbath: but very much in Vain. He said he would try to get Mr. *Johnson* who is a Candidate at Mr. *Bridge's*.

1770 January 4 (Thursday). Mr. *James Parker* is come to keep at the *Whipple* School; and this being much nearer, both *John* and *Elias* go there. I hear also that *Bowman* is come from College to keep at the *Warrin School* House (besides Mr. *Taylor's* at the *Grout* School-House). To these we may add Mrs. *Eunice Rice's* School for little Children, little Girls especially, so that we are

just now peculiarly alive on School Accounts. I went over to visit Mrs. *Green* again; and as I went, dined with Mr. *Parker* at Mr. *Whipples*.

1770 January 14 (Sunday). I have asked Mr. *James Parker*, School-master, to preach for me part of the Day -- and therefore have prepared for but one part my Self. But I can't understand whether he is able to come out, being valetudinary. And therefore to carry on my Subject of *Repentance* and particularly of that part which is concerning *Conviction of sin*, I used part of my Discourse on *John* 16.8, viz. Some passages here and there from p. 9, and then from p. 11 to 16, intending to deliver p.m. what I had prepared for that Exercise. But Mr. *Parker* came to meeting. He dined with me, and undertook if I would pray (the first prayer) to deliver a short sermon which he did on *Eccl.* 1.2. *Vanity* etc.

1770 January 21 (Sunday). Though a Cold Day yet there was a considerable Assembly, especially in the afternoon. Mr. *McClellan* preached a.m. on *Rom.* 5.6 and p.m. on *Heb.* 3.7.8, and in the Close was fervent especially when he urged the Consideration of ETERNITY. He and Master *Parker* dined here.

1770 February 4 (Sunday). Mr. *Parker* dined here.

1770 March 1 (Thursday). My grandson Elias goes to School to Mr. James Parker at the Whipple school House.

1770 March 18 (Sunday). Mr. Parker, Deacon Bond, Mrs. Maynard dined here. Mr. Parker prayed and preached p.m., his Text *Rom.* 1.18.

1770 March 25 (Sunday). Mr. Parker dined with us.

1771 January 6 (Sunday). Preached at *Southborough* a. and p.m. on *Ps.* 90.9, latter clause. Mr. *James Parker* with me after Meeting. He is become a Practitioner in Physic. He (however) prayed in my stead, in Mr. Stones Family.

1771 October 1 (Tuesday). Mr. Bangs of Hardwick came from Mr. *Stones of Southborough* to Mr. Hannaniah Parker with a message to me, which Mr. Parker sent by his daughter to go to them in great Trouble by dangerous sickness. Whereupon I rode down at Evening, found Miss *Judith* very low of Cholic, Strangury etc. and Miss *Joanna* ill of Throat Distemper. *Quilla* their Negro Women, also, very low of Consumption. Prayed with them -- but went with Dr. Parker to Col. Brigham's and lodged there.

1771 October 23 (Wednesday). I went from Capt. Clarks to Dr. Wilsons, and So from thence to Mr. Stone's to attend the Funeral of his Daughter.... I understand that Drs. *Hemingway*, *Parker*, and *Curtis* had opened her, and found an Obstruction between the *Colon* and *Rectum*; by which means there had not been Vent for 28 Days. They drew up an account of it for the publick. [See the first page of the supplement to the *Massachusetts Gazette*, [*Boston News-Letter*] Oct. 31, 1771, for what Shipton calls "a remarkable account of the autopsy."]

1772 February 20 (Thursday). A Messenger for me to go to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlain, whose Tongue is greatly Swelled So that he can very hardly Speak or Swallow. I hastened down to him. Find every one in great Distress. Dr. Flynt there, who Says it is *Rana Sub Lingua*. Dr. Parker came also. We prayed and then Dr. F. blooded him under the Tongue, and it gave Some Relief. However, his Case is still judged to be hazzardous. Dined there. Dr. Flynt accompanied me as far as Mr. Ithamar Bellows where I visited.

1774 December 31 (Saturday). So deep and drifted is the Snow that Hezekiah Haden, with 10 Cattle in his two Teams, and though helped by neighbours as he trys to pass the Roads, that he gets no further towards *Boston* than Dr. *Parkers* in Southborough, he returns back.

1781 May 23 (Wednesday). I again visited Mr. *Stone*. Find him low: but his Doctor (*Parker*) thinks the Symptoms are not worse. His Mind much the same, very humble before the Great God, and apprehensive of the Vastness of the Work of Dying! A variety of Visitants -- sister *Cushing* and I went and dined at her sister *Brighams* -- Returned to Mr. *Stones* -- prayed with him, and took (most affectionately) *Leave of him*, and the Family. I came home by Mr. *Snow's*, where I called a while; but having taken Cold, was not well when I got home.