

Alexander Parkman (1747-1828)

b. Feb. 17, 1747

m. Dec. 12, 1768 (EP diary, 13 Dec. 1768), Kezia Brown of Framingham (premarital pregnancy)

dau. of William and Elizabeth Brown

b. July 5, 1751

d. Nov. 15, 1816

d. Apr. 1, 1828, Westmoreland, NY

1778 March 7 (Saturday). *Alexander* Came at Midnight from Marlborough in New Hampshire, where his Family now is, and has also driven home my Oxen.

A photograph of the gravestone of Alexander and Kezia Parkman in the Old Westmoreland Cemetery, Oneida County, NY, appears at:

<http://parkmangenealogy.wordpress.com/2010/01/01/alexander-parkman-american-revolution-leiutenant-minuteman/>

Old Westmoreland Cemetery has stones dated from 1802 to 1866. Alexander Parkman who was the first town clerk is buried here.

Parkman, Samuel Spalding, comp. *A Genealogical Record of the Ancestors and Descendants of Alexander Parkman, Who Was Born at Westborough, Mass., in 1747, and Died at Westmoreland, N.Y., in 1828.* 38 pp.

Children:

Betty, Mar. 21, 1769

1769 April 2: *Alexander* is with us. At Eve hear his Wife has a Daughter -- now 12 Days old.

Betty, dau. of Alexander, bapt. Dec. 3, 1769 (Framingham CR)

Death of child of Alexander, 13 Sept. 1770, "nigh 18 months old" (EP diary 14 Sept. 1770)

1770 September 13 (Thursday). At about 8 o'Clock in the Evening received a Letter from my son Alexander informing me of his Childs being very bad of a Quinzie.

1770 September 14 (Friday). Just after Midnight, in Rain and very Dark came Mr. Thomas *Earl* from *Leicester*, with the sorrowful Message that my sons Child was dead. It dyed about the Time I received the Letter foresaid. About 11 a.m. I sat out in the Rain with Mr. Earl -- and dined at Mr. *Sumners*. Arrived before Night at my son *Alexanders* full of sorrow. The Child was nigh 18 months old. May God Sanctify the holy Dispensation to them and me!

1770 September 15 (Saturday). Mr. *Conklin*, though uncomfortable Weather, went his way for *Upton*. P.M. prayed at the House of mourning and went up to the burying of my Grand Child. Went to Mr. Conklins and lodged there. O that God would teach me how frail I am!

Robert Breck, May 21, 1771 (Leicester VR, 69)

Alexander, Apr. 13, 1773 (Leicester VR, 69)

Daughter, August 1777: EP (diary, 4 Sept. 1777)

1777 September 4 (Thursday). My son *Alexander* came from *Leicester* [*torn*] his Son *Alexander*. His wife was delivered of a Daughter [*torn*] Tuesday was sennight, and is in an hopeful Way. D.G.

Daughter, Nov. 16, 1779 (EP diary, 27 Feb. 1780)

Son, c. Apr. 1782 (EP diary, May 4, 1782)

1747 February 17: birth

1747 February 22 (Sunday). On the occasion of the Baptism of my Infant I preach'd on 1 Chron. 29.19. I would earnestly Sett myself to the Great Work of renewing the Covenant with the Glorious God: and infinite Thanks are due to Him that I may have this Honour and Privilege. O that God would grant Me a Perfect Heart in all I undertake! in Special in the Work now incumbent -- and I beseech God to grant to each of my Children graciously given to Me, a perfect Heart also: in a particular Manner to the Child we this Day dedicate to Him by the Name of Alexander, In Commemoration of my Mothers Father, and my youngest Brother.

1747 May 27 (Wednesday). Rain in Early Morning. When it slack'd I rode to Boston. N.B. My Brother Alexander never mention'd my little Boy, when with so much affection I nam'd after him.

1747 July 29 (Wednesday). Our Friends rode to Worcester and my wife and I accompany'd them. Mrs. Sarah Whipple taking Care of Alexander. [Exchange nursing?]

1748 January 21 (Thursday). A fine Day. My wife set out for Boston on Captain Forbush's horse. Little Alexander was carried at Night to Mrs. Amy Maynard.

1748 February 17: age 1 year

1748 May 13 (Friday). In special our little Alexander who has been weaning ever since Monday Night.

1748 July 8 (Friday). Very early went over to my Brother. Had a good Morning with him. And visited also his son John. Hasten'd to Dr. Colmans to pay for my Books. My Kinsman Hearsey help'd me move them to his House. Din'd at Mr. Cowells. Mounted from Mr. Olivers, who and his Spouse were very generous and bountiful in Special by a very handsome Hatt for my Alexander as well as Pickled Oysters, Mackrell, fine Biskitt for my wife.

1749 February 17: age 2 years

1749 May 5 (Friday). Rainy a.m. Daniel makes a pair of Shooes for Alexander.

1749 September 3 (Sunday). This Day we first met in the New Meeting House. Molly and I with Suse and Alex rode in the Chair, Thomas and Lucy rode upon the Horse, Ebenezer and Billy went o'foot -- Thus eight of us got to Meeting.

1749 December 26 (Tuesday). Somewhat Cold but bright. My wife and I rode in the Slay to visit a Number of Neighbours, viz. Captain Forbush, Old Mrs. Forbush, Lieutenant Bruce, Mr. Amsden, where we din'd -- My little Alexander being with us.

1750 February 17: age 3 years

1750 April 29 (Sunday). Read Exod. 21. Gave an Exposition of the Third Commandment a. and p.m. Din'd at Justice Bakers; my Wife, Ebenezer and Molly, Lucy and Sarah and Alexander likewise. Joseph Bruce and Patty Pannell, who were all of my Family that were at meeting -- came home to Dinner.

1751 February 17: age 4 years

1751 May 19 (Sunday). In the Morning Alexander struck a Ram that return'd the Blow and knock'd him down, and repeated it as often as he endeavour'd to rise -- till my Daughter Molly running to his relief, was struck down likewise; So that they were both in Some Danger; till I went to their Succour.

1751 August 17 (Saturday). I lodg'd at the New House. My Family here and Molly, Suse and Alexander.

1751 September 7 (Saturday). Alexander so ill with Cough and Sore Throat that I had my Cloths on the Chief of the Night.

1751 September 8 (Sunday). Alexander was so comfortable as to go to Meeting.

1751 November 7 (Thursday). Thanksgiving.... My Children all here together with us. Blessed be God for Family Mercys and for the Measure of Health particularly we enjoy! (although Alexander is somewhat Rheumatic.)

1752 February 17: age 5 years

1752 August 17 (Monday). Mrs. Lucy Bowker makes a Coat for Alexander gratis -- and watches with me.

1752 December 18 (Monday). Alexander to School to Captain Maynards.

1753 January 11 (Thursday). Sarah has worried through the Night with the Child (though he has not been well for Some Time). Alexander is at t'other House, and the rest I took into my own Chamber last night in their Mothers Absence.

1753 February 17: age 6 years

1754 February 17: age 7 years

1755 February 17: age 8 years

1756 February 17: age 9 years

1756 June 10 (Thursday). My Wife had Somewhat better night with the two Children than She expected.... At night little Betty (my Grand Child) having fallen out of the Wheelbarrow (at t'other House) received a wound over her right Eye. They sent Alexander over for me, and I went; but returned and lodged at Home.

1756 August 30 (Monday). Ebenezer came and earnestly requests I would help him to get the *Gilbert* Place in Brookfield near Mr. Forb. but it grieves me I am under such an incapacity to gratifie him herein. He also talks about Alexanders living with him till he is 14. But this was not ripened.

1756 October 16 (Saturday). *Alexander* is followed with the Fever and Ague, at t'other House.

1756 October 24 (Sunday). N.B. Alexander in a relaxed state, after Fever and Ague, returns to tarry at Home.

1756 November 20 (Saturday). *Alexander* remains in but a feeble State. *Breck* remains at t'other House.

1757 February 17: age 10 years

1757 April 18 (Monday). Mrs. *Mary Nurse* at work, making Breeches for Alex. and Samuel.

1757 May 4 (Wednesday). Alexander and Breck cart Muck.

1757 May 14 (Saturday). My son Alex goes to help Mr. Rolf in ploughing.

1757 June 3 (Friday). *Alex.* and *Breck* carry Ashes in the wheel barrow to the Field and lay it on the Indian Corn.

1757 June 8 (Wednesday). Amon Blanc and my two Boys *Alex.* and *Breck* hoe my Corn.

1757 June 10 (Friday). My two sons Alex. and Breck are weeding still.

1757 June 21 (Tuesday). Amon and my two Sons Alex and Breck hoe again at the Island Field.

1757 July 26 (Tuesday). Amon and *Twitchell* mowed and raked in the Ministerial Meadow; Alex and Breck also there p.m.

1757 August 6 (Saturday). My two sons Alex and Breck rake in Newton Meadow.

1757 August 10 (Wednesday). My sons Alex. and Breck try to reap my Oates.

1757 September 9 (Friday). Alexander and Breck Thrash Oates which were on the Floor -- and then Rye.

1757 September 29 (Thursday). Alexander has an Ague.

1757 September 30 (Friday). Alexander thrashes.

1757 October 28 (Friday). P.M. with Capt. Woods Oxen, and Neighbour Barn. Newtons Cart, *Alex* carried over Cider Barrells to Mr. Bavericks, who makes Cider at Lt. Maynards and *Alex* brings five Home.

1757 November 5 (Saturday). *Alex* ploughed p.m. with a Yoke of Capt. Woods Oxen.

1757 December 19 (Monday). Sent Alexander with *Samme* on my Mare, to Mrs. *Mary's* school again: but it was with great Difficulty that *Alex.* got over to t'other Barn for the Creature go upon, the Snow is So deep.

1757 December 23 (Friday). Last night divers of our Children much indisposed, but through divine Goodness they are better this Morning.... *Alexander* much indisposed to Day; goes to Bed p.m.

1758 February 17: age 11 years

1758 March 13 (Monday). Alexander goes over to t'other House to Secure the Corn there, the House being beset by Squirrels. I went over -- got Mr. *Moses* Nurse to go with a Sled and Tumbrill and brought 36 Bushels over here, of Sound good Corn.

1758 March 14 (Tuesday). Alexander brought over the Hog Corn from t'other House.

1758 April 11 (Tuesday). N.B. *Alexander* goes with Deacon Tainter to Mr. Cutlers at Sudbury and brings home nigh 6 Bushels of Malt.

1758 April 27 (Thursday). I have several Times tried to move my *Billy* from his purpose of going into the War, if he could get off; or to See whether he would repent of his 'listing -- but he remains fervent. He is also so desirous of my Gun that I yield to please him. *Alexander* goes with him as far as Leicester with my mare to help him along; he intending to go to Brookfield to Night. *Alexander* returns well.

1758 May 3 (Wednesday). N.B. *Alexander* with his Brothers Steers, and only the help of the little Boys Samuel and John gets out 7 Turns of Muck, though some of them the Cart not full, and perhaps neither of them So full as if the Team was stronger.

1758 June 29 (Thursday). Enoch Rice with his Fathers mare, here to plough in order for a Number of Young Men from the Southward, to hoe, but they did not come. Enoch and *Alexander* p.m. hoe.

1758 July 7 (Friday). My Son *Thomas* (poor Youth!) gives me fresh Trouble by leaving both his own Business, which is much demanded, and my own, which is much behind Hand, especially my Hoing; Alexander being ill with Rheumatism but no perswasions are of any Avail.

1758 July 15 (Saturday). Daniel Forbush and Alexander hilling at the Island.

1758 July 22 (Saturday). N.B. Alexander has been so manly as to hill the Corn in the Orchard.

1758 July 25 (Tuesday). N.B. Thomas hoed with Alexander part of the Afternoon at the Island New Ground, but they were beat off by the Rain.

1758 July 29 (Saturday). *Adam* and *Ebbe* Rice reaping in my Field behind the Meeting House; and they, with some Help of Alexander, cutt it all down.

1758 August 30 (Wednesday). No help but Alexander who raked in Newton Meadow -- for *Adam* Rice is Sick -- and his Father obliged to help *Adonijah*.

1758 September 7 (Thursday). *Nathan* came, but Alexander so full of pain he can't help him.

1758 September 11 (Monday). Alexander begins to cutt stalks.

1758 October 24 (Tuesday). My own Boys are employed about my Corn and have the Assistance of one of Mr. Rice's Twins: thus, *Alexander* goes over in the morning and with Mr. Rice's Oxen and Mr. Pratts Cart, assisted by Joseph Rice (or rather the Twin with his) my part of Crop of Corn is brought over and laid upon my House; and after Dinner they go to my Cook Field, and cutt up and bring home part of that. *Thomas* helps them in loading and driving home. Rain at Eve.

1758 October 25 (Wednesday). Boys are husking.

1758 October 26 (Thursday). *Alexander* goes to Shrewsbury for my Mare and brings her.

1758 October 31 (Tuesday). Mr. Batherick helped my son *Alexander*, in Cutting down the remainder of my Indian Corn.

1758 November 18 (Saturday). Send *Alexander* to carry a Bushel of Indian Corn to Mill, which when Ground I direct him to present to the widow *Elizabeth Rogers* in her lonely Condition.

1758 November 22 (Wednesday). She [*Betty Johnson*] works till near night, and then *Alexander* goes with her home to Southborough, notwithstanding the Rain.

1758 November 24 (Friday). *Alexander* goes for Miss *Johnson* and She comes to work again.

1758 December 1 (Friday). *Alexander* to Mr. *Stones* for the Result -- but comes without.

1758 December 2 (Saturday). He goes again, and meets it on the way.

1758 December 4 (Monday). Alexander and Breck thrash Rye.

1758 December 28 (Thursday). *Betty Johnson* at 10 a.m. making Jacket for Alexander.

1758 December 29 (Friday). *Billy* returned to *Brookfield*. *Alexander* went with him part of the way to bring back my mare.... *Alexander* does not return as we expected he would. But we are the Care of Heaven at home and abroad.

1758 December 30 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns in safety, having lodged at t'other House. He went to Leicester with *Billy*.

1759 January 4 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Bowman* keeps School at Deacon *Tainters*. I Send *Alexander* who begins to learn Latin: Samuel and John also go to School.

1759 January 11 (Thursday). Mr. Ebenezer Rice Sends his son Joseph with his Team to bring me a Load of pine which Alexander provided in my Hill.

1759 January 23 (Tuesday). *Alexander* a Second Time disgusted with Learning and would throw up, but I now keep him to't, since I have thrown by Business I designed he should do, and willingly go without it for his sake.

1759 February 6 (Tuesday). *Alexander* Rheumatic does not go to school. This is the last Day of Mr. Bowmans School-keeping for this term.

1759 February 17: age 12 years

1759 March 6 (Tuesday). *Sarah* goes first to Dr. *Chase* to get her tooth pulled out; but in Vain; he was not at home. Thomas went with her in Mr. Nurse's Sleigh. I visit Mr. Nurse -- his Sleigh goes again to carry Sarah to get her tooth pulled. Alexander drives for her. She goes to Mr. *Biglow*, who took it out, though bad to draw.

1759 April 17 (Tuesday). *Billy* leaves us to go into the Service. *Alexander* goes with him to help him on his way, as far as Shrewsbury.

1759 April 19 (Thursday). Ebenezer Rice junior comes with a Yoke of Oxen. Alexander and he split Hills.

1759 May 4 (Friday). Alex. and Enoch Rice with two Yoke of Cattle, viz. Mr. Zebulun Rice's and Capt. Woods -- and Mr. Nurse's large plough, plow part of my stubble.

1759 May 9 (Wednesday). P.M. Alexander works at Mr. Nurse's -- and at Eve is wounded in the Legg.

1759 May 12 (Saturday). My Family much indisposed. My *Wife* has much of her Illness remaining, though she is about House. *Sarah* lies by. *Suse* has grievous Head-ach. *Alexander* lame. *Samme* Fever and ague. *Hannah* very tendfull.

1759 May 14 (Monday). *Alexander* gets a Yoke of Deacon *Bonds* Cattle and a Yoke of Mr. *Warrins*, and they harrow the Ground at the Island and behind the Meeting House.

1759 May 15 (Tuesday). Am troubled about my planting, having no body to work, not so much as *Alexander* freely, he having much Lameness in his wounded Legg. Yet many of my Neighbours have done planting.

1759 May 18 (Friday). I myself confined to my Study Send *Alexander* in Vain to one Neighbour and another for their Help to plough my North-East Yard.

1759 May 25 (Friday). *Alexander* goes with John Wood to get Sand.

1759 June 12 (Tuesday). But I can obtain none -- till I ride to Deacon Tainters -- who presently told me he had purposed to come to my House upon this very Affair. He takes his Horse from his own plough and rides with me and (*Alexander* being gone to Neighbour Nathan Maynards to work for him in his Weeding, since I can't go about my own, the Deacon) takes *Samme* and goes to ploughing in my Field at the Island. For whose His kind and generous Disposition, may God Himself reward him!

1759 June 22 (Friday). *Alexander* ploughs among the Corn with my mare.

1759 July 2 (Monday). *Alexander* carelessly fell from the *Baldwin* Horse and incapacitated him for Business.

1759 July 3 (Tuesday). I rode over to Mr. *Isaac Pratt's* and improved him to make a pair of Breeches for Me, since he so ingenuously own'd his Defect as to my son *Thomas's*. *Samuel* very drooping. So is *Sophy*: *Sarah* and *Hannah* not well -- but I miss *Alexander* most, because my Field behind the Meeting House is unhoed.

1759 July 5 (Thursday). *Samme* and *Sophy* keep their Bed all Day: *Hannah* partly broke out -- so are *Sarah* and *Alexander* and keep on the Bed considerable part of the Day. I rode over to t'other House and to look up Help to hoe.

1759 July 6 (Friday). Divers of the Children have purgings. *Samme* has also signs of Canker. He sleeps very much. *Sophys* Meazles were in splotches and Spread over her yesterday. To Day she is better but is confined to her bed. *Sarah* is chiefly upon the Bed, breaks out in a Measure and So does Alex -- but neither of them fully. The latter has a great Cough. *Hannah* also Somewhat more broke out, yet the Distemper is to no ripeness with her.

1759 July 11 (Wednesday). P.M. raked Hay at the Island, and my two Boys *Alex* and *Samuel* are able to help me which though it be but in some Measure yet is it a great Favour.

1759 July 18 (Wednesday). N.B. My Daughter *Baldwin* at Meeting also. We lodged at Sister Barretts. [*Marginal note*: I paid him 50£ and Mrs. Stoddard 30£. I bought Salmons geographical *Grammar* and a Bible for Alexander. These of Mr. Winter.]

1759 July 24 (Tuesday). *Alexander* begins to reap the early Rye. P.M. one Jagg of the Maynard Meadow got in by help of Nathan Kenny, with Capt. Woods Team -- but a Thunder shower soaked the rest.

1759 July 28 (Saturday). Sent Alexander to Shrewsbury to Mr. Henry Baldwins for Lucys Horse; but he was not yet brought there.

1759 August 9 (Thursday). Alexander reaps a little.

1759 August 10 (Friday). Mr. Gamel comes to Work, but comes in a great Frett; at which I was much grieved when he came to the House and shewed it here. Eat but a mouthfull or two of Food at Dinner. He and *Alex* finished the Rye at the Island. P.M. the Wheat at the Barn, and Steuked up the former.

1759 August 11 (Saturday). Alexander by Some help from Neighbour Zebulun Rice's got in half of a Jagg of Hay from the Meadow, which is the Last (of first Cutt) which I intend to get this Year. I leave the further part of the Newton Meadow and the whole of the Ministerial Meadow.

1759 August 16 (Thursday). *Alexander* reaps the last of the Oates, and gets them into the Barn.

1759 August 29 (Wednesday). Weary and tired got home in the Evening and found my Family in some Comfort (through divine Goodness -- D.G.) but Alexander is taken off from Business by Fever and Ague.

1759 September 1 (Saturday). Alexander has had the Fever and Ague and Still continues infirm.

1759 September 14 (Friday). Alexander cutts Stalks.

1759 September 15 (Saturday). Alexander, Samuel and John cutt Stalks.

1759 September 25 (Tuesday). Mr. Benjamin Tainter with his Fathers Oxen and plough, Mr. Eliezer Williams with his Oxen, Mr. Timothy Warrins son Benjamin with a Yoke of Oxen, and Mr. Forb's Oxen, Alexander and Samme assisting, the further side of my Cook-Field is ploughed.

1759 October 2 (Tuesday). Alexander brings home 3 Barrells of Cyder.

1759 October 17 (Wednesday). Am Worse, as to the Fever which attends me, and Pains in my Limbs; [betokening?] Rheumatism. I send Alexander to Dr. Wilson at Mr. Isaac Johnsons -- but he has gone. I grow worse still at Night -- lay on a great Blister on my left Arm.

1759 October 18 (Thursday). The worst Night I have had yet -- Fever, pain in my stomach, causing Difficult Breathing. Have some sense of the Dealings of God with me. D.G. I look to Him through Jesus Christ. Alexander goes to the Doctors early -- comes with him before Noon.

1759 October 19 (Friday). This morning Alexander went again to Dr. Wilson to acquaint him with what had occurred, and to desire another Visit.

1759 October 21 (Sunday). A sorrowful Sabbath yet I felt somewhat Comfortable for one so ill. No meeting at this Meeting House. *Suse* rides with *Alexander* in our old Chair to Mr. Martyn's Meeting.

1759 October 25 (Thursday). Lucy, Alexander and John to Mr. Martyns Meeting, it being *Publick Thanksgiving for taking Quebeck*, but I am as a broken Instrument and sorrowfully laid by!

1759 November 2 (Friday). Alexander goes to Marlborough and returns.

1759 November 9 (Friday). At my Son Alexander's Earnest Request I consent to their having an husking at t'other House -- though my boys have been all of them husking there one Day after another.

1759 November 13 (Tuesday). Alex with a great deal of pain, gets a Team to bring over one Load of Corn from t'other House.

1759 November 14 (Wednesday). Alex spends the Chief of the Day in trying to get a Cart and Oxen to bring over the rest of my Corn from t'other House, but returns disappointed and Grieved.

1759 November 17 (Saturday). Alexander goes to *Marlborough* to bring up a Green Grogram Gown from Miss Nanny Woods, which She has been making for his Mother.

1759 November 20 (Tuesday). *Alexander* rode to Marlborough to buy Nails and Brads.

1759 November 22 (Thursday). Alexander brought a Letter which came from *Jonas Child* dated Still-Water Nov. 14, 1759 Superscribed to his Father Mr. *Joseph Bruce* of this parish in which was this Paragraph following, viz. "I would also inform of the sorrowfull News of the Death of *Thomas Parkman* who died the twenty Third of October with a fever. He had been sick about fourteen Day. He walkt abroad the Day before he dyed, and his Death was Somewhat unexpected. Our Captain got a Coffin made and chose Nathan and Samuel Watkins and David Stow and my self for his Bearers. He dyed here at Still-Water, and was buried in a very decent manner. This you may inform his Father for Truth."

1759 December 10 (Monday). N.B. Alexander and Breck thrashed Rye.

1759 December 20 (Thursday). Alexander and Breck have been thrashing Rye. They now thrash Oates. They write 'o Nights.

1760 January 2 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Bowman keeps School at Mr. Timothy Warrins. I send Alex and Breck to learn Latin, and Samuel to read.

1760 January 3 (Thursday). Four of my Boys go to school. Billy at work upon the Crooks part of the Day -- till he cutts his Leg with an Addze, which takes him off.

1760 January 17 (Thursday). *Billy* returns to *Brookfield*. *Alex* goes with him to *Worcester* with my mare.

1760 January 30 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden begins to keep School at Mr. Francis Whipples. Alexander and Breck go. They are in the Nomenclature.

1760 February 11 (Monday). I visited Master Fessenden in his sickness, at Mr. Whipples -- while I sat there Alex came for me, Mr. Stone being at our House. I therefore returned -- he lodges here.

1760 February 13 (Wednesday). Alex and Breck thrash Rye one Day after another.

1760 February 17: age 13 years

1760 March 31 (Monday). N.B. Alexander and Breck go mid-afternoon with Capt. Woods Oxen and Cart, to the ministerial Lot, and bring 30 Posts -- but I was much concerned for them lest mischief Should befall them and walked to Capt. Rolfs. However, they returned well, through the Goodness of God.

1760 April 10 (Thursday). N.B. had Neighbour Barny Newtons Oxen, and Capt. Woods to plough stubble. *Samuel Lamb* (Capt. Woods young man) helps Alexander in it.

1760 April 25 (Friday). At the Island, Alex and Breck having got Mr. Parkers Oxen, ploughed in 3 Bushel of Oates -- Sown by Mr. Aaron Nurse.

1760 May 5 (Monday). Mr. Tainter brings a Team p.m. to harrow my Field at the Island. He leaves his Boy with Alex to do it and they do it accordingly.

1760 May 8 (Thursday). Alex and Breck furrow the Island Field for planting.

1760 May 12 (Monday). Alexander ploughed a little of the orchard with Capt. Woods Oxen and broke the Beam.

¹Alexander, b. 17 Feb. 1747; Breck, b. 17 Feb. 1749; Samuel, b. 22 Aug. 1751; John, b. 21 July 1753.

1760 May 18 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden went to the North End Meeting -- he carryed Sarah. *Alexander* went there on Foot. I did not feel So ill but that I could perform Some service -- but I did not conceive there would be any prudence in going to the Meeting House.

1760 June 7 (Saturday). Alex and Breck are at the Field, ploughing and hoeing and have been several Days this Week.

1760 June 26 (Thursday). My Colt having Strayed to Marlborough, Send Alexander after him.

1760 July 4 (Friday). Alexander brings Miss Betty Johnson who works here.

1760 July 17 (Thursday). I had a Comfortable Journey home, and found all in peace. D.G. N.B. My Sheep, which had strayed, had come to home in safety. But Except Alexanders Lameness by running a Nail into his Foot.

1760 July 18 (Friday). N.B. My Alexander much out of Health, and can do very little.

1760 July 24 (Thursday). Mr. Twitchell mowes and Alex with him, the last that I pretend to get, of Meadow Hay.

1760 October 8 (Wednesday). Alex. brought from Mr. Parker Seven Barrells of Cyder, made at Capt. Maynards Mill. He had Mr. Nurse's Waggon to bring it in.

1760 October 11 (Saturday). Alex -- having thrashed out our Oats -- winnows up about 16 B. P.M. He cutts up and gathers in the Corn in the Orchard. Nathan Kenny helps him with their Waggon, and I have one of Mr. Nurse's Horse's [*sic*] to go to Southborough, Mr. Stone being come here.

1760 October 18 (Saturday). *Alexander* gets Mr. Rice's Team which Mr. Maynard putts to rights, and he and Breck go to getting in Stalks, Beans etc.

1760 October 24 (Friday). Alexander and Breck go to Deacon Bonds to Husking.

1760 November 10 (Monday). N.B. Alexander thrashes Rye with Mr. Parker at the old Barn.

1760 November 11 (Tuesday). So he does to Day. Breck thrashes at home both Yesterday and to Day.

1760 November 12 (Wednesday). N.B. Breck helps Mr. Parker Winnow. I receive 8 Bushell of Rye (Spring Rye) for my part. Alexander winnows at home.

1760 November 29 (Saturday). Alexander and Breck winnow Rye.

1760 December 2 (Tuesday). Alexander thrashes Oates at the old Place, all Day.

1760 December 23 (Tuesday). Sent the Agreement between Mr. Parker and me, over to him by Alexander. For though I designed my self to go, yet Mr. Joseph Baker not coming with money as I expected, and not being very well, I deferred my own going.

1761 January 2 (Friday). I teach my Sons Alexander, Breck and Samuel at home and little *John* begins to learn to write.

1761 January 5 (Monday). My Wife bears through the Great Storm of Saturday and the Cold winds which blew about the Snow yesterday, the Extreme Cold also of last night and this morning and is more comfortable as to Spasms -- but at Evening had such Indications of approaching Travail that Neighbour Batherick being here I desired him to call at Neighbour Pratts, who is ready to hasten to Granny Maynard, which was done: and Alexander went to the widow Newton, whose son brought her.

1761 January 6 (Tuesday). About 2 in the morning widow Newton rouses me with the News of a Safe Deliverance and the Birth of a son, of extraordinary Size and Fatness. To God be all Honour, Praise and Thanksgiving! Capt. Wood, Neighbour Pratt and Barney Newton comes and assist this morning in waiting upon the Women home, but *Alexander* with the Slay is very usefull.

1761 January 8 (Thursday). Alexander to Mr. Abbots with Barley.

1761 January 21 (Wednesday). N.B. Alexander works for Neighbour Nurse in their Sledding Wood.

1761 January 22 (Thursday). Alex to Mr. Nurse's again to day.

1761 February 17: age 14 years

1761 February 17 (Tuesday). We are many of us greatly out of Health -- both my Daughters on whom Family work depends -- as well as Alexander and Breck.

1761 March 19 (Thursday). Alexander on Mr. Fessendens Horse, fetches Sperma Ceti Oyl from Mr. Asa Brigham, Shrewsbury.

1761 March 30 (Monday). Alexander and Breck with Mr. Zebulun Rice's Team went to Mr. Johnsons Mill with 12 1/2 Bush. of Indian and 7 1/2 Rye.

1761 April 8 (Wednesday). Alex and Breck, With Nathan Kenny, plow stubble at the Island p.m. N.B. one Yoke of Oxen of Mr. Nurse's, another of Mr. Williams.

1761 April 10 (Friday). Having much Trouble with my Sheep getting in upon my Neighbour Beetons Rye, I had yoked 5 of them. But finding by Alex that the Defect is chiefly in Capt. Woods, Beetons and Barny Newtons Fences, I go to Mr. *Beetons* and to Capt. Wood's, as Soon as I had dined, to confer with them about it.

1761 April 13 (Monday). Alexander and Breck about various Necessary Employments about the Fences, Creatures, Family Affairs etc. and Nothing about their Books.

1761 April 14 (Tuesday). Alex and Breck with Mr. Bakers oxen plough in the orchard 1 Bush. Barley.

1761 April 25 (Saturday). Miss Betty -- making a Coat for *Alex* of blue serge, had at Mr. Hill's.

1761 May 5 (Tuesday). Miss Betty here making Leather Breeches for Alex and Breck.

1761 May 7 (Thursday). Nathan *Kenny* with a Pair of Steers and Capt. Woods Oxen helps Alex get out Muck.

1761 May 8 (Friday). Alex had Mr. Nathan Maynards Mare to wait on her [Betty Johnson] to Coll. Brigham.

1761 May 9 (Saturday). N.B. Alexander worked for Mr. Samuel Forb.

1761 May 20 (Wednesday). Alexander attempts Somewhat of Shearing. P.M. Mr. Artemas *Bruce* finishes.

1761 May 23 (Saturday). N.B. Mr. Martyn having Sent me a Line last Eve that he consented to my proposal to Change next sabbath, I Sent Alexander to him with a Line to inform him that Mr. Breck was here etc. But that I would rather go over and preach for him than that he Should be disappointed. He sent me a Line which shewed him, though quite unreasonably, vexed. For I dont know at what.

1761 May 30 (Saturday). Alexander went home with Mr. Abraham Temple of Grafton's Horse, which I had rid to *Boston*. Whilst I was gone Alexander and Breck mowed Bushes at the Island.

1762 February 17: age 15 years

1763 February 17: age 16 years

1764 February 17: age 17 years

1764 August 29 (Wednesday). A.M. Closely engaged in preparing for the Lecture tomorrow. P.M. my Wife and I (in Mrs. Nurse's Chair, but my own mare) rode to Framingham. In our Way called at Mr. Stone's, where was one of President Burr's Children, viz. *Sally* -- in her 10th year. May God vouchsafe His Blessing on her, and her Brother at the Jersies. Arrived at Coll. Buckminsters and lodged there.

1764 August 30 (Thursday). Mr. William Brown waits upon us to his House. Alexander well and contented. We supped and lodged there.

1764 August 31 (Friday). We were agreed about the Binding *Alexander* but have no Blanks, nor Time to write Indentures.

1764 September 21 (Friday). *Samme* came from Boston and Alexander came with him. Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Johnson here: So that (with Breck who comes home to night) we have no small Number of us all. Nor is it a little Interruption only.

1764 October 25 (Thursday). P.M. we come to Sherbourn, and after a short stay at Mr. Locks and parting with Dr. Langdon there, we put on for Framingham, where despairing of getting home, and having Special Business at Mr. William Browns, I turn there, whilst my good Brethren tend homewards. Lodged at Mr. Brown's.

1764 October 26 (Friday). Alexander is bound to Mr. Brown. Capt. Drury and his son are Witnesses to the Indentures. Mr. Brown and wife promise in their Hearing that if Mr. Brown dies, Alexander shall not have a Master forced upon him that he shall not like, and can't submit to.

1765 January 15 (Tuesday). Mr. William Brown of Framingham, calls here in his Return home.

1765 February 3 (Sunday). Master Cushing, Mr. *Le Blanc*, who was at Meeting a. and p.m., Son *Baldwin*, and Alexander dine with us.

1765 February 4 (Monday). Mr. Baldwin gives me his Account which much surprizes Me. I deliver him £100 old Tenor for Mr. *Forbes*: and he gives me a Receipt. He and Alexander leave us.

1765 February 17: age 18 years

1765 May 31 (Friday). Reach to Mr. Browns at Framingham and lodge there.

1765 June 1 (Saturday). Left my Beaver Hat (for which I gave a Guinea to Capt. Maynard, Some time agoe) with *Alexander* and took what I had bought for him, home with me.

1765 July 15 (Monday). Went to Boston. Sarah rode with me.... At Mr. Browns.

1765 September 17 (Tuesday). Got Mr. Wheelocks Chair and with my Daughter *Suse* under took a Journey to Boston. The Horse was to be shod, and Several other impediments made us set out late. We dined handsomely at Mr. Stones. Called at Mr. Bridge's, who was not at home, nor his Wife -- and at Mr. Browns to See Alexander.

1765 September 19 (Thursday). Called at Mr. *Browns* but did not see *Alexander*.

1766 February 17: age 19 years

1766 April 18 (Friday). Neighbour John Wood wants John to carry a Letter to Framingham containing subscriptions for continuing the County Road. John takes the Opportunity to visit Alexander.

1766 April 21 (Monday). Wrote to Alexander about a Young Man to live with me.

1766 June 7 (Saturday). Alexander came.

1766 June 11 (Wednesday). In Early morning talk with Caleb and Alexander for being out last night. They answer that they lodged with Foster. Caleb whitewashes a.m. Alexander returns home.

1766 December 27 (Saturday). Capt. Benjamin Fay brought a Piece of Cloth for my Son *William* of about 10 Yards from Mr. William Brown of Framingham.

1767 January 28 (Wednesday). Breck having got Mr. Seth Morse's Whirry, goes with his sister *Sarah* to *Framingham*, to see *Alexander*.

1767 February 17: age 20 years

1767 May 23 (Saturday). My son *Ebenezer* came from Brookfield and my Son *Alexander* from Framingham.

1767 May 30 (Saturday). Journey home. In my way call at Mr. Nat. Williams who lends me a Number of his Fathers sermons. At Mr. N. Goddards and at Mr. Woodward's. Dine at Mr. Browns (Alexander returned home yesterday).

1767 July 14 (Tuesday). Called at Mr. William *Browns*.

1767 July 17 (Friday). Called at Mr. *Browns*, Coll. *Buckminsters* etc. Arrived at Eve in safety, and my Wife and Family in peace.

1768 February 13 (Saturday). At Eve came my son Baldwin and with him *Alexander*, who being nigh out of his Time embraces this Opportunity to come in the sleigh to see us.

1768 February 15 (Monday). My son and Daughter *Baldwin*, and *Alexander* with them, Set out for *Brookfield*.

1768 February 17: age 21 years

1768 March 3 (Thursday). At Eve Alexander from Brookfield -- but last from Oxford.

1768 March 4 (Friday). Alexander much engaged about one Mr. Conants (Clothier) Works at Oxford, and wants to have me help him buy them; and [he?] goes over to Northborough, to look at Mr. Woods works there.

1768 March 11 (Friday). *Alexander* came from Framingham last night. He is earnestly desirous to buy Mr. Conants place and Works at Oxford. Have Occasion to look over many of my old papers, Collections and Letters of many Friends to me -- not a little affecting. Pursue my Studys, preparing for the sabbath -- but alas too lamely and scantily. Am much interrupted by my intruding and pressing Thoughts on Alexander's Case. Committ the matter to God who cares for me and mine.

1768 March 12 (Saturday). Alexander at work for me some part of the Day.

1768 March 15 (Tuesday). Alexander left us early to go to Framingham to Mr. Brown's and carries a Letter from me to him, desiring his Advice about Mr. Conants place and works at Oxford.

1768 March 29 (Tuesday). Mr. William Brown came p.m. with Alexander[s] Desire that I would go up to Mr. Asa Conants at Oxford. I sat out with him at 3 p.m. Rode up to Mr. *Stacys* at *Grafton* and viewed, as I could, his Mill and other works. Thence we rode to Mr. Jonas Browns in Sutton, and lodged there.

1768 March 30 (Wednesday). Mr. Brown and I rode through Sutton North Parish (calling at Mr. *Chaplins* Door, having Met with him on the Way; and [lit?] at my Kinsman *Trasks*). Lt. *Trask* shews us the way up to Mr. *Conants*. Dine there. View his Works and little Farm of about 50 Acres. Spend the Eve and Night there. N.B. Capt. Elijah Moore's Farm put up to Day (as we are informed) at Vendue.

1768 March 31 (Thursday). Make and write and Sign, an Agreement with Mr. Conant for his Mill, Tools, Farm and Apprentice, John Millen, in behalf of my son *Alexander*. Esq. *Henshaw* informs that Mr. Maccarty was yesterday taken with a Fit etc. Dine at Mr. *Bowmans*. Visit and drink Tea at Mr. Halls -- his Daughter Lucy very ill. Return at Evening. My Mare stumbled and threw me just by my House -- but received only Slight Hurt, through divine Goodness; Mr. *Brown* with me. In the Business and Journey of the Day, Mr. *Brown* accompanys me. He Says the mortgaging the Premises was what he had thought of and was designing to advise to and recommend for *Conants* security. He lodges here. How manifold the divine Mercys! How exciting to Gratitude, praise and Obedience!

1768 April 1 (Friday). Mr. Brown takes my Mare with him to Framingham for *Alexander* to ride home.

1768 April 2 (Saturday). Alexander came home from Framingham.

1768 April 3 (Sunday). Read Jer. 14. Preached on Col. 2.2, carrying on the Subject began on 1 *Tim.* 3.16. P.M. read Act. 16. Preached on Mat. 6.33, with additions. I chose this (using chiefly an Exposition) on Account of my Son Alexanders beginning the world.

1768 April 4 (Monday). Enoch Rice came to live with Me. He goes down to the swamp to clear; John with him, and Alexander a.m.

1768 April 5 (Tuesday). Alex goes up to Mr. *Conants* prepared to Stay there.

1768 April 6 (Wednesday). Call at Coll. *Putnams* and consult him, especially on the Nature and Benefit of *Mortgages*: expecting to assist Alexander to Day in his trading with Mr. Conant. Call at Justice *Brewers* to see him, as he lies in a very low, languishing Condition. Pray with him, and hasten to Coll. *Larnards*, where I dined -- then to Mr. *Conants*, where Alex was, and expected to proceed in our Affair, So formally agreed upon. But Mrs. *Conant* had started, and was set against the Bargain -- nor was she, by any means, to be perswaded to give her Consent or sign a Deed. Her Brother Mr. Joseph Edwards came and used his Endeavours but in Vain. N.B. old Dr. *Burnet* there. Capt. Maynard came that he might be security for, or provide me the present payment. He goes home with Mr. Ebenezer *Lock*. My son and I lodge at Mr. *Conants* -- without doing any Thing.

1768 April 7 (Thursday). The Same Averseness continues in Mrs. *Conant*. Both her Brothers John and Joseph *Edwards* come -- to little purpose -- for although She was brought to speak as if She consented, yet it went so against her, that I chose to suspend the Matter; and would not run the Venture of another Disappointment.

1768 April 9 (Saturday). Alexander returned from *Oxford*, having been and hir'd at *Sturbridge*.

1768 April 13 (Wednesday). Alexander returns from Framingham, and goes to work part of the afternoon for me.

1768 April 18 (Monday). *Enoch*, because *Alexander* is with me, lets himself to Mr. B. Tainter, for the Months of May and June for 25 L.

1768 April 30 (Saturday). Enoch Rice having agreed with Mr. Tainter to live with him for two Months, leaves me this Evening and Alexander returns from Framingham this Evening also.

1768 May 11 (Wednesday). Persis Newton works here for *Alexander*.

1768 May 16 (Monday). Alexander has strained himself a few Days ago, and is now not well.

1768 May 17 (Tuesday). Alexander is better; and he and his Brother plant the further Field.

1768 May 23 (Monday). Alexander to *Sturbridge*.

1768 May 30 (Monday). *Alexander* goes early to Cambridge and Boston to get Mr. Grouts Horse if he can be found.

1768 June 1 (Wednesday). *Alexander* returns from Boston with Mr. Grouts Horse. He found him at Chelsey; *Samuel* when he went for him, took a wrong Horse. I rejoice *Alexander* has Succeeded. D.G.

1768 June 3 (Friday). Persis Newton at work here for *Alexander*.

1768 June 6 (Monday). Richard Temple works here, with *Alexander* and John.

1768 June 10 (Friday). Presently Mr. John Langdon junior brings *Suse* from Boston, and at Eve *Alexander* goes to Marlborough and brings our Bacon from Deacon Woods's.

1768 June 27 (Monday). P.M. 5 o'Clock *Alexander* and *Suse* Set out for *Ashby* and have Hannah with them. They design to reach Lancaster this Eve.

1768 July 2 (Saturday). *Alexander* and *Suse* return from *Ashby*. In going they lodged at Mr. *Harringtons* at Lancaster; in returning dined there; and last night lodged at Mr. Morse's, North Shrewsbury.

1768 July 4 (Monday). *Alexander* goes to Framingham. Enoch Rice came again to work for me.

1768 July 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Ballantine* leaves us; by him I wrote to Mr. Brown and to my son *Alexander* concerning my present uncommon Distress, left so Shamefully to look out for help at a Time when we want to use it, and every body may be supposed to be engaged; and besides, must give so much greater Price for Labour. Enoch indeed works with me Still, mowing, tending, and got in one load of, my Cook Island Clover. In my perplexity I rode forth in search of Help -- To Mr. Ebenezer Maynard and hoped he would get the Hay of the Swamp I bought of him, for part of it in pay -- but he could not. Went to Mr. Hannaniah Parker and got him to ride to Shrewsbury to hire one Jonathan Drury (but this proved in Vain). Went over to Mrs. Martyns and dined there. Lay in for a man to serve me a month -- use a Variety of Means besides, bespeaking Help if I Should not light of a man. Mr. Stephen Stimpson of Hopkinton here and informs me of his Kinsman *Alexander Stimpson*.

1768 July 18 (Monday). Proceeded to Mr. *Brown's*, where Alex is at work.

1768 August 13 (Saturday). Alex and J. Sorrowfully belated in bringing home a Load of Hay at Night. The Lord forgive us!

1768 August 15 (Monday). Between 1 and 2 o'Clock called up Alex. and John who with a Lanthorn went to the Barn to take Care of some Hay that lay exposed -- but they could not do much, the Storm came on and we went to Bed again.

1768 August 19 (Friday). *Alexander Stimson* finishes. Paid him 4 Dollars and gave him a Note for 4 more.

1768 August 22 (Monday). *Alexander* came home from Framingham.

1768 August 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Benjamin How*, Alex and Benjamin Warrin go to the Ministerial Lot to get Timber for my Barn.

1768 August 26 (Friday). Mr. How, Alex., and Jonathan Maynard at Ministerial Lot a.m. and finish the hewing.

1768 August 27 (Saturday). Alex. was indisposed -- and did little besides preparing for his Journey.

1768 August 29 (Monday). *Alex* goes to *Sturbridge*.... Payed Alexander Stimpson 4 Dollars which was in full.

1768 September 2 (Friday). P.M. *Alex.* returns from *Sturbridge*.

1768 September 3 (Saturday). *John* goes with the Team to Mr. *Amasa Maynard* and brings 200 more of Boards. Mr. Whipple and son and Mr. Batherick work on the Barn and finish Covering and Closing except the Weather Boards. Alex. tends the Carpenters a.m., works in my new swamp p.m.

1768 September 21 (Wednesday). *Alexander* leaves us to go to *Sturbridge*. *John* goes as far as Worcester to bring back the Horse, which his Brother rode upon.

1768 October 7 (Friday). Deacon Moses Weld was my Company to *Sturbridge*. First to Col. Marcy's, who is confined by Sickness -- then to Alexanders fulling Mill, Shop etc. Mr. Bullard is at work for him, rebuilding the Wheel etc. Went in to Mr. *Plimton's*, of whom Alexander hires.

1768 October 13 (Thursday). My Sons *William* and *Breck*, with *Williams* Wife came last night. Mr. Forbes, Mr. *Cushing* this morning. Mr. Collins *Moore*, Messrs. *Ballard* and *Barton* and their Wives, Miss *Sarah Moore*, my son *Alexander*, came, a.m. I dined with them though late -- nigh 3 o'Clock. Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife came. Mr. *Whitney* and his Wife, and Sister *Martyn* likewise. Towards Eve My Daughter *Susanna* was married to Mr. *Moore*. Mr. *Whitney* prayed first -- I delivered the Covenant. This done, Mr. *Forbes* prayed. [Then?] we Sang Dr. Watts's Imitation of Ps. 45. After which was a Repast of Cake, Wine etc. but Mr. *Whitney*, his Wife, and Mrs. *Martyn* hastened away that they might not be in the night -- and Capt. *Maynard* etc. took 7 of my Company with them to lodge and keep their Horses. *Alexander* also went with them and lodged there. May God accept us in Jesus Christ! May the New Married be Espoused to Him! And be made rich and lasting Blessings!

1768 November 11 (Friday). *Alexander* here, from *Sturbridge*.

1768 November 12 (Saturday). *Alexander* to Framingham. I write by him to Mr. Stone to preach my Lecture next Thursday, and concerning the Association Fasts.

1768 November 14 (Monday). Also at Night came *Alexander* from *Framingham*.

1768 November 20 (Sunday). At Eve Mrs. P_____ gave me a Letter from Alexander which he wrote in the House, before he left us last Wednesday, of his Case at Framingham.

1768 November 21 (Monday). Yet my Heart is full. The Lord look upon our Distresses, and forgive our Offences!

1768 November 22 (Tuesday). I rose early -- and though it snowed I delayed not. Rode to Framingham. Went to Mr. *Browns*; just Saw *Kezia* and She retired, so that I saw her no more. Dined there. Mixed our mournings. He agrees to go this Afternoon to the Town Clerk, Mr. Lawson *Buckminster* and I wrote to him my Sons Desire to be published.

1768 November 23 (Wednesday). Am now concerned to get a Letter to *Alexander* to inform him of what I had done, and what was expected from him. Wrote but know no way to Send. O that God would Support and direct us!

1768 November 25 (Friday). Richard Temple, who lodged here, takes Charge of a Letter to Alexander to leave it, at Dr. Bartons at Oxford, in his way to Killingley.

1768 December 8 (Thursday). Full of Concern that *Alexander* does not come from *Sturbridge* in order to his going to *Framingham*.

1768 December 10 (Saturday). Wrote again to Alexander and Send it to Deacon Wood for Conveyance. Mr. *John Mead* here, and wish earnestly I could make any good Impression upon him. May God pity him! We are much grieved on the Account of *Alexander*.

1768 December 12 (Monday). Am exceeding uneasy at *Alexanders* Delay.

1768 December 13 (Tuesday). Returned at Evening. Found my son Alexander here. He tells me he went to Framingham last Saturday Night -- was married last Evening to Mr. Browns Daughter *Kezia*.

1768 December 14 (Wednesday). *Alexander* setts out early for *Sturbridge*.

1769 February 2 (Thursday). Alexander comes from *Sturbridge*.

1769 February 3 (Friday). *Alexander* goes to *Framingham*, and designs from thence to *Boston*.

1769 February 9 (Thursday). *Alexander* returns from *Boston* and *Framingham*.

1769 February 11 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns to *Sturbridge*.

1769 February 17: age 22 years

1769 March 29 (Wednesday). My Son *Alexander* from *Sturbridge*. He stops and lodges here.

1769 April 1 (Saturday). Alexander returns from *Framingham* and tarrys.

1769 April 2 (Sunday). [*Alexander* is with us. At Eve hear his Wife has a Daughter -- now 12 Days old.]

1769 April 3 (Monday). *Alexander* left us very early to return to *Sturbridge*.

1769 May 29 (Monday). Called, but did not light, at Mr. *W. Browns*. We reached as far as Mr. *Woodwards* and lodged there.

1769 June 2 (Friday). N.B. My Son *Alexander* and his Wife were gone out.

1769 June 3 (Saturday). *Alexander* and his Wife came there -- and I had serious Talk with them. I perswade them to go to Mr. *Bridge*. They went; but He was not at Home.

1769 September 15 (Friday). Sarah informs me that *Alexander* and two of his *Sturbridge* Neighbours with their Wives were here on Monday last week, and lodged. He went to Framingham.

1769 October 28 (Saturday). About noon came my son *Alexander* and dined here. P.M. He goes to Framingham.

1769 October 30 (Monday). *Alexander* returns from Framingham. I Suppose his Confession was read yesterday. He goes to *Sturbridge*.

1769 December 4 (Monday). *Alexander* came from Framingham. Informs me that he yesterday owned the Covenant and his Child was baptized *Betty*. He goes back to *Sturbridge*. Earnestly pray he may have Grace to keep the Solemn Covenant and walk according to the Gospel he makes profession of.

1770 January 30 (Tuesday). *Alexander* came from Framingham. Disappointed in his Design of carrying home his Wife and Child; by Reason of the Childs not being well, and the great Thaw.

1770 January 31 (Wednesday). *Alexander* returns to *Sturbridge*.

1770 February 6 (Tuesday). At Evening my son *Alexander* returns from Framingham. *Alexander Oliver* from Charlestown. They lodge here.

1770 February 7 (Wednesday). My son *Alexander* acquaints me with his Desire to throw up at *Sturbridge* and buy at *Leicester*, and settle there. He waits on his Mother to Capt. *Maynards*. P.M. He goes back to *Framingham*. Consent to be bound for him for 600£ old Tenor on Condition that (as he proposes) the Premises be mortgaged to me for security.

1770 February 9 (Friday). At Evening came my son *Alexander* and brought his Wife and Child, to tarry with us a little while.

1770 February 11 (Sunday). At Evening Esq. *Jedidiah Marcy* of *Dudley* was here (upon Alexanders Invitation) and Supped here.

1770 February 12 (Monday). My Son Alexander wants I Should go with him to *Leicester* to be bound for him if he buys the House, Mill etc. which one Ebenezer Crossman, Clothier, lately occupied there.... My Son and I (Eating at home with out Dinner formality) Sat out about 12 o'Clock, and towards night arrived at the Forge House, so called. Mr. John *Southgate* came to us. Go to Mr. *Matthew Watson's*. There into Evening preparing the way for a Trade. I go up to Mr. *Conklins* who is ill of Rheumatism, and lodge there. *Alexander* to the Tavern (one Bond's).

1770 February 13 (Tuesday). Very foul weather. A.M. kept at Mr. *Conklins* by the Storm -- but there came to me the Three Partners in the Interest which my Son wants to Purchase, viz. Capt. *John Brown*, Mr. *Mat. Watson* (with whom was Mr. *Thomas Denny*) and Mr. *John Southgate*. We all (except the last person) dined handsomely at Mr. *Conklins*. The afternoon is spent in the Partners settling of their Accounts and agreeing with Mr. *Watson* about the Privilege of the Dam and Pond. At Evening he consents and Quit Claims are signed by Capt. *Brown* and prepared for the *Southgates* John and Robert. A Deed is prepared and signed by Mr. *Watson*. *Alexander* and I lodge at Mr. *Conklins*.

1770 February 14 (Wednesday). After Breakfast we came to Messrs. *Southgates*; went thence and viewed the works at the Place, the House, the Mill, the Dam, the Stream, and had a List of the Tools -- and they were delivered to *Alexander*. Then went to Mr. *Watsons*, where his wife Signed the Deed (as he had done last night) and then the witnesses signed. Then *Alex* and I Signed the notes for payment of the money. Mr. *Denny* asked me to dine with him and I went. Din'd agreeably, Mr. *Chaplin* of *Sutton* and his wife being there. I returned to Mr. *Watson* who had been with *Alex* to Squire *Henshaw*, the Justice that took Mr. *Watsons* acknowledgement (*Alexander* having dined with *Watson*), and though rainy and the Floods high we proceeded on our Journey as far as to Mr. *Sumners*, where we were kindly received and agreeably entertained. Letter from my son *Cushing* that *Sarah* was Sick. Sister *Cushing* was gone with the *Ashburnham* Messenger.

1770 February 15 (Thursday). The great Thaw, Rains etc. had made the Roads very hollow and difficult, but we got home to dinner.

1770 February 16 (Friday). So stormy and the Ground Hollow I could not go to *Marlborough* nor Sir *Bradshaw* to *Brookfield* nor *Alexander*, his Wife and Child to *Framingham*.

1770 February 17: age 23 years

1770 February 19 (Monday). My Sons *Alexander* and *Breck*, also *Kezia* and little *Betty* detained here by the weather.

1770 February 20 (Tuesday). *Alex*, his Wife and Child yet here; the weather too rough for them to go.

1770 February 21 (Wednesday). Alexander gets Mr. Thaddeus Warrens Horse for his Wife to ride home upon, and carries his Child himself before him. Thus they return to Framingham.... *Alexander* returns from Framingham. I wrote a Mortgage of the Leicester purchase, which Alexander offered to give me if I would be bound for him.

1770 February 22 (Thursday). Alex. signs the mortgage. Mr. Nurse and Jonas Kenny are Witnesses. Alex. leaves us -- takes the mortgage with him to acknowledge it before Squire Whipple.

1770 February 27 (Tuesday). Came home at Eve. Mr. (or Brother) *Brown* of Framingham had called here while I was gone.

1770 March 19 (Monday). Mr. Forbes tells us that Ebenezer has called his last Son *Benjamin*. Brings the uncomfortable News of Alexanders shop being broke open while he was at Westborough etc., that he had lost about 30 yards of Cloth, and was in pursuit of the Thief who was gone into Connecticut.

1770 May 19 (Saturday). My Son *Alexander* came from *Sturbridge*, and tells me he has intirely quitted there. Relates his Losses by the Thief who broke open his Store, or shop; and the unsuccessful Pursuit of him. He goes to Framingham.

1770 May 21 (Monday). When I came home my Son *Alexander* was returned from Framingham.

1770 May 22 (Tuesday). Alexander goes again to Framingham and Mr. Nurse with my Oxen and part of his own Team goes to bring up Alexanders Wife's Goods.

1770 May 23 (Wednesday). At Eve *Alexander* and Wife and Child. In the night Mr. Nurse with his Waggon load of Goods -- and puts up his Cattle in my Barn.

1770 May 24 (Thursday). Mr. Nurse, to the great Disappointment of my Son and Daughter, neglects to move their goods from hence.... When I returned home, found here Mr. *David* Hitchcock (John's Master), his Wife and little son *Pelatih*: and afterwards came Mr. Cushing and his Wife. But Alexander and his wife and Child were gone to *Leicester*. The forementioned, with Mr. *Moore*, his Wife and Child, made up a numerous Family.

1770 May 25 (Friday). Mr. Nurse Setts off with *Alexanders* Goods; but makes it late -- and leaves their Cow behind.

1770 June 1 (Friday). Called at Mr. William *Browns* -- at Mr. *Stones*. Safely arrived at home.

1770 August 17 (Friday). Alexander and Breck have been here, while I was gone.

1770 September 13 (Thursday). At about 8 o'Clock in the Evening received a Letter from my son Alexander informing me of his Childs being very bad of a Quinzie.

1770 September 14 (Friday). Just after Midnight, in Rain and very Dark came Mr. Thomas *Earl* from *Leicester*, with the sorrowful Message that my sons Child was dead. It dyed about the Time I received the Letter foresaid. About 11 a.m. I sat out in the Rain with Mr. Earl -- and dined at Mr. *Summers*. Arrived before Night at my son *Alexanders* full of sorrow. The Child was nigh 18 months old. May God Sanctify the holy Dispensation to them and me! I was concerned about my Engagement with Mr. Fish to preach at Upton next Sabbath. Sent for Mr. *Conklin*, who came to me, and he soon, kindly engaged to go in my stead. The Neighbours there very Compassionate -- especially Dr. Robert Southgate. I lodged at my Sons.

1770 September 15 (Saturday). Mr. *Conklin*, though uncomfortable Weather, went his way for *Upton*. P.M. prayed at the House of mourning and went up to the burying of my Grand Child. Went to Mr. *Conklins* and lodged there. O that God would teach me how frail I am!

1770 September 16 (Sunday). This is a remarkable Morning. I have now compleated my 67th Year: but am too insensible of it, and of the Lords Longsuffering towards me! Would humbly implore the pardoning Mercy of God. Preached at *Leicester* for Mr. *Conklin* on Mat. 16.26. May the divine Blessing accompany it! Vide Natal.

1770 September 21 (Friday). When I came home, my wife informed me of the Death of our Neighbour old Mr. *Samuel Williams* on the 17th and of a great Variety of Company which she had had while I was absent, viz. Mr. *Jonas Bond* of Sutton and his wife: Capt. *Hill* of *Douglass*: Our sister in law, Mrs. *Brown* of *Framingham* in her Journey to *Leicester*, and others with her: Mr. *John Eliot*, Candidate for the Ministry: Dr. *Curtiss* from *Marlborough* and his sister; One Capt. *Curtiss*; and Miss *Betsy Williams* of *Sandwich*: and I heard that Mrs. *Eunice Rice* was brought to bed with a dead Child.

1770 September 22 (Saturday). Alexander and his Wife and her Mother, with Mr. *Eams* and his wife, dined here.

1770 September 29 (Saturday). My Son *Alexander* has been to Boston; he dines here in returning to [blank]. I delivered him my grandfathers, *Alexander Adams's*, Bible, which I have given him.

1770 October 25 (Thursday). *Alexanders* Wife came from *Framingham* (on my Horse that has been gone a month last Saturday). *Kezia* lodges here.

1770 November 12 (Monday). My Grandson *Ebenezer* came from *Brookfield*. With him came *John*, the Indian of *Unadella*. They brought my Horse from *Alexander*. N.B. He and his wife have had him now above Seven Weeks.

1770 December 5 (Wednesday). Alexander came at Night and brought a Cow to be kept here this Winter.

1770 December 7 (Friday). Alexander and Breck rose before Day -- and returned to their respective Business.

1771 January 28 (Monday). Our Brother in Law Mr. William *Brown* of *Framingham* from *Leicester*, was with Mr. *Forbes*, and informs me more clearly of my Son *Alexanders* Disappointment in having rollin fulling Works. They lodge here.

1771 January 29 (Tuesday). Our Company leave us.

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

1771 February 17: age 24 years

1771 February 23 (Saturday). Our Kinsman Mr. *King* of Suffield dined with us, as did *Alexander* and his wife, who have been to their Father *Brown's*. They called here in the Eve of the 21st in the Severe Cold, but stood along. P.M. They Sat out again for *Leicester*. N.B. He is laying a New Scheme to purchase the *Southgate* place.

1771 March 15 (Friday). At eve came Brother *Brown* of *Framingham* and lodged here.

1771 March 16 (Saturday). Brother *Brown* goes to *Leicester* intending to assist, or join with *Alexander* in buying Dr. *Southgates* place. Has, I Suppose, money with him for the first payment.

1771 March 19 (Tuesday). P.M. Brother *Brown* came from *Leicester* and Mr. [blank] *Gleason* with him. They dine here. *Alexander* has received a Deed of the *Southgate* place and has given a Deed of part of it to his Father *Brown*.

1771 March 20 (Wednesday). I wrote to Mr. *Thomas Wood* of *Brookfield* for his Son *John* to come and live with me, and wrote to *Alexander* -- to the Care of his Neighbour *Gleason*.

1771 March 28 (Thursday). In returning to *Ashburnham*, called at Mr. *Browns*.

1771 April 16 (Tuesday). N.B. *Alexander* came to us about an hour after Midnight -- went to *Framingham* and returned p.m. He left us towards night to go to *Leicester*.

1771 April 21 (Sunday). Letter from *Alexander* that he has got his Thief.

1771 April 23 (Tuesday). Received a Letter last Night from *Alexander* informing that the Thief *James Jones*, who stole his Cloth last year at *Sturbridge*, was seized and put into *Worcester Jayl*. I rode early to Mr. *Stone's*. Broke fast there and prayed in their Family. After which he rode with me to Brother *Browns* at *Framingham* to acquaint him with *Alexanders* Case and desired he would ride up to *Worcester*, the Superior Court now sitting, and assist *Alexander* in the prosecution of *Jones*, or advise him as should be needful.

1771 April 27 (Saturday). *Alexanders* Rogue, I hear, has been whipped.

1771 May 8 (Wednesday). *William Sergeant*, Apprentice to my son *Alexander*, came from *Leicester*, lodges here.

1771 May 9 (Thursday). His Errand he obtains, viz. to drive up *Alexanders* Cow and Calf and with them a Shoat which I have given him. He goes off with them -- and my Son *Elias* to assist him.... Met Brother *Brown* in his Return from *Leicester*, whither he had been to drive up young Cattle to pasture. 18 of them. He tells me the next Care must be to help *Alexander* in selling his Thief, who yet lies in Jail at *Worcester*.

1771 May 14 (Tuesday). Wrote a Number of Letters which I sent by Mr. *Seth Morse*, viz. to Mr. *Quincy*, and to Capt. *Phillips* at *Bolton*, upon the Affair of *Alexanders* Thief, that they may favour us with Some Directions and Assistance in making sale of him. Wrote also to Brother *Brown* inclosing the Said Letters to him, as he had proposed to wait on those Gentlemen with my Letters etc.

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*. N.B. He has informed me that my Son *Alexanders* Wife is brought to Bed and has a Son.

1771 May 27 (Monday). *Alexander* came here from *Leicester*, extremely early; to take advice what to do with *James Jones*, whose Time (for the County to maintain him in Goal) is now out. *Alexander* leaves us a.m.

1771 May 28 (Tuesday). P.M. at Brother *Browns* to See what he had done about *Alexander's* Thief.

1771 May 29 (Wednesday). Rode to Cambridge and heard the Election Sermon, Preached by Mr. *Tucker* of Newbury, from 1 *Pet.* 2.13 etc. N.B. Conferred with Mr. *Sewall*, the attorney General on the Affair of *Alexander's* Thief.

1771 May 30 (Thursday). Attended my Son *Alexanders* Affair relative to his Villain. Was at Mr. *Quincys* who had writ me an Answer to mine, on the Same Head. He is a very obliging and opens the way in Order to get a Market for him.

1771 May 31 (Friday). Took Directions from Mr. *Quincy* (and Mr. *Benjamin Kent* was present and assisted) in the Affair of *Jones* abovesaid. I went to Mr. *Edes* to have him advertised.

1771 June 1 (Saturday). I called at Mr. *Cushings* at *Waltham* to write to *Alexander* by one Mr. *William Brakenridge* of *Ware*. Dined at Mr. *Woodwards*. Called at Mr. (now elected Deacon) *Browns*, to acquaint him with what I had done, and writ to *Alexander*. Made opportunity to confer with Col. *Taylor* upon the Case of *Alexander* with reference to the persons who bought the Stolen Cloth of *Jones*. His answer the Same as Messrs. *Sewal*, *Quincy*, *Kent*, Coll. *Elisha Jones* etc., viz., that *Alexander* pay them no farthing, they being to blame, and rather liable to Action; and nothing to any Officer in bringing the Villain to punishment. Unless my son shall get so much for him as to defray his own Charges, which must be looked to and satisfied first.

1771 June 3 (Monday). Wrote to Alexander about Jones.

1771 June 11 (Tuesday). Deacon *Brown* and his Wife, from *Framingham*, going to *Leicester*. They hear *Kezia* is like to have a broken Breast.

1771 June 17 (Monday). Mr. *Brown* and wife from *Leicester*, and dine here. *Kezia* is better. *Jones* in Jail yet.

1771 July 5 (Friday). *Alexander* came from *Leicester* -- says *Jones* is in Jail yet.

1771 September 2 (Monday). *Alexander* accompanied by Mr. *Phillips*, a Carpenter, here at morning Prayer and Breakfast. They go to *Framingham* to see Deacon *Brown's* fulling mill.

1771 September 3 (Tuesday). *Alexander* and Mr. *Phillips* her[torn]....

1771 September 4 (Wednesday). *William Crosby* going to [Leye?] brings word from *Alexander* that he has got rid of his Thief.

1771 September 6 (Friday). *Joseph* goes to *Leicester* for a Cow and Calf, which he brings home at Night, with a Letter from *Alexander* certifying me that he has got rid of *Jones*. Mr. *Taylor* at Eve.

1771 October 21 (Monday). *Alexander* goes down to *Framingham* to carry back his wife, She having been to visit her Father *Brown* in his Sickness.

1771 October 23 (Wednesday). *Alexander* and his Wife had been here yesterday in their return home to *Leicester*.

1771 November 6 (Wednesday). My son and Daughter *Baldwin* from *Brookfield*, here and dined with us. They are going to *Boston*, and then a long Journey to the Northward. They inform me that *Alexander* and his Wife are out of Health.

1771 November 19 (Tuesday). *William Sergeant*, Prentice to *Alexander* came to inform of his Wife's illness and great want of Help: in particular they want *Ruth Bellows*; who accordingly goes with *William*.

1771 December 2 (Monday). I went to Deacon *Woods* to try for some Way to get *Ruth Bellows* back from *Alexanders*.

1771 December 3 (Tuesday). At Eve *Ruth Bellows* returned from *Leicester*, *Kezia* being better.

1772 February 4 (Tuesday). *Alexander* came at Evening.

1772 February 5 (Wednesday). *Alexander* tarrys with us and *Breck* came.

1772 February 6 (Thursday). Alexander has my oxen, and having bought a sled, he carries home 1 and 1/2 Bush. of Rye and about two of Indian Corn.

1772 February 14 (Friday). My Grandson *Elias* rides my Horse to *Leicester* and to leave him with my Son *Alexander*, my English Hay being short.

1772 February 17: age 25 years

1772 March 19 (Thursday). *Alexander* came and brought home my Oxen, but he returns to *Leicester* without Delay.

1772 May 16 (Saturday). Deacon Brown called in his returning from *Leicester*.

1772 May 25 (Monday). At night came my Son *Alexander* with my Horse.

1772 June 8 (Monday). Daughter *Kezia* came with her Son.

1772 June 11 (Thursday). Our Little Robert-Breck is dipped twice this Morning.... Both my Daughter in Law *Kezia* and Miss *Patty Fish* are still with us.

1772 June 12 (Friday). Little Rob-Breck is dipped twice. *Hannah* returns from *Upton*. P.M. *Kezia* with her Son leave us to return home to *Leicester*.

1772 June 20 (Saturday). *Alexander* came from *Leicester*. N.B. He takes with him three Bush. of Indian Corn. I hear there is an extraordinary Scarcity of Grain, especially in upper and new Towns.

1772 July 14 (Tuesday). Called at Deacon Browns.

1772 August 31 (Monday). *Elias* goes to *Leicester* to his Brother *Alexander* for my Steers. I sat out on my Journey to *Brookfield*. Mr. *Bangs* of *Hardwick* my Company part of the way. I called at Mr. *Maccarty's*, who was not at home. Mrs. *Maccarty* acquainted me with the sad News of Complaints at *Holden* against Mr. *Davis*, and that he had made a Confession of Some imprudent Behavior but nothing Vile. Refreshed my Self at *Alexanders*.

1772 September 6 (Sunday). At Eve went with my Son *Alexander* and lodged at his House.

1772 September 12 (Saturday). P.M. *Alexander*, his Wife and Child here from *Framingham* and set out again from hence for home.

1772 December 2 (Wednesday). At Evening came *Alexander*, his Wife and Child.

1772 December 4 (Friday). *Alexander* wants assistance towards his Payment to be made the 14th of this Month in *Southgate* Purchase. He, his Wife and Child, leave us to go home.

1773 February 17: age 26 years

1773 March 5 (Friday). Deacon *Brown* came from Leicester, in his way home. They both lodge here.

1773 March 6 (Saturday). Brother Brown and Mr. Biglow leave us.

1773 March 18 (Thursday). At Eve came my Son *Alexander* and laments it that he hath missed again of Seeing his Brother *William*, this being, he says, the 3d or 4th time when it has been so; and he has not seen him for [blank] Years. *Elias* also came with *Alexander* in his returning from *Brookfield*.

1773 March 19 (Friday). *Alexander* having tarried over Night and dined, took leave. And *Hannah* goes with him to be with them a while, by reason of his Wife's great Incapacity for Business, being near her Time.

1773 April 13 (Tuesday). William *Sergeant* from my son *Alexander* came for *Ruth Bellows*: but he lodges here.

1773 April 14 (Wednesday). Hear from *Leicester* that my Son *Alexander* has another son born. The Lord be magnified for His great Goodness! May the Child be blessed and prove a Blessing! Will the Lord please to perfect the begun Salvation and restore His Handmaid.

1773 May 1 (Saturday). P.M. *Alexander* came with *Ruth Bellows*, and returned with a Bush. of Rye and a Bush. and half of Indian Corn.

1773 July 5 (Monday). Called at Mr. *Stones*, at Coll. *Buckminsters*, lodged at Deacon *Browns* at *Framingham*.

1773 July 10 (Saturday). *Alexander* came, tarrys and dines. Stays till the Sun falls, it being an uncommon hot Day.

1773 July 30 (Friday). *Sophy* rode *Brecks* Mare to Alexanders at *Leicester*.

1773 August 16 (Monday). My Daughter B. is so much better and so desirous to return to her Husband and Family that I provide Mr. *Thomas Bonds* Horse, and her mother prepares to accompany her in her Chaise to *Brookfield*. Previous to her going I delivered her 60£ old Tenor with which she Says She is fully Satisfyed as to all Demands and Expectations on Account of the *Champney* Money. They Sat out in the p.m. to go as far as Alexanders.

1773 August 27 (Friday). *Elias* as well as *Hannah* Still laid by. Can't but wish for Mrs. P_____ 's Return, but it rains hard a.m. and can't wish her to be in it. However I hope She got to Alexanders last night.... P.M. the storm cleared off, and at Eve came my Wife and Daughter in Law *Kezia*, with her little *Alexander*, but Mrs. P_____ was much indisposed, and

has been ever since She has been gone. My son *Ebenezer* came with her as far as *Alexanders* yesterday, and she lodged there.

1773 August 28 (Saturday). My Daughter in law pursued her Journey to *Framingham*.

1773 September 4 (Saturday). *Alexander* and his Wife are returning home, after going to *Framingham* and *Concord*. They come here to take Dinner.

1773 September 22 (Wednesday). Neither of the Causes, neither *Fays*, nor *Bolton* people's against Mr. *Goss*, being at all likely to come on, We rode up to *Leicester*, to my Son *Alexander*. Dined there.

1773 September 28 (Tuesday). In the Morning my son *Alexander* came with my Speckled Cow, and 2 quarters and head and [Ploock?] of the Calf. But *Alexander* not well: worried with driving the Cow in the Night. P.M. He and *John* go away together, one to *Leicester*; the other to *Oxford* to work at Mr. *William Watson's*. O that God might be the Guardian of them both!

1773 October 12 (Tuesday). Wrote to my Son *Baldwin* about my Cattle, and to *Alexander*. Mrs. *Martyn* took the Care of these Letters.

1773 November 19 (Friday). My Son *Alexander* and his Wife's sister *Ruhamah*, accompanied by Young Mr. *Buckminster* of *Rutland*, who is going to preach at *Charlestown*, came and dined here.

1773 November 20 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns from *Framingham* -- dines and goes home.

1774 February 2 (Wednesday). When I got home found here my Son *Alexander* and his Wife, with both their Children, *Robert-Breck* and *Alexander*, in a double Sleigh.

1774 February 3 (Thursday). My Son *Alexander* having a good sleigh and two Horses waited on his Mother and me (it being stormy, Snowing fast, and too bad for his wife and Children to go home) to Mr. *Eleazar Pratts*, to the Funeral of a Child of his Daughter Mrs. *Susanna Adams*.

1774 February 4 (Friday). Alex, his wife and Children sat out for home.

1774 February 17: age 27 years

1774 April 20 (Wednesday). At *Worcester* Judge *Trowbridge* told me the *Goss* case would not come on to day. Rode therefore to Mr. *Maccartys*, Mr. *Isaac Pratts*, and thence to *Leicester*. Dined there with *Alexander*. P.M. he went with me to Mr. *Conklins*. Drank Coffee etc. Returned to *Alexanders* and lodged there.

1774 July 6 (Wednesday). Deacon *Stone's* and Deacon *Browns* Wife, from *Framingham* for *Leicester*, here and dine.

1774 August 18 (Thursday). *Alexander* came from *Leicester*.

1774 August 19 (Friday). *Alexander* discovers his Trouble. He wants 6£ Lawfull to pay Mr. *John Southgate*.... *Alexander* goes to *Framingham*.

1774 August 20 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns from *Framingham* without Success: His Father *Brown* gone a journey. Mr. *Ezra Bowman* who bought my Horse, came and paid for him. His note is given up, on his paying £14.14.8 Lawful money to *Breck* in my behalf. N.B. *Breck* delivers 14£ 14/ Lawful to *Alexander*, by my Order. This I lend *Alexander* and have his promisory Note for it. The Letter to Mr. *Southgate* I write over again and add my *Engagement* that my son Shall pay him and as soon as we can raise his money. *Alex* goes home.

1774 August 31 (Wednesday). Write to Mr. *Moore*: and to my son *Alexander*.

1774 September 22 (Thursday). My son *Alexander* and his Brother *Gleason* here and dine. *Alex* has been to *Boston* and is returning home.

1774 September 24 (Saturday). Capt. *Baldwin* and his Daughter *Betsy* came from *Weston* and dined late, here. His Wife so well as to go with her Husband and Daughter, I hope they may get as far as *Alexanders*.

1774 September 28 (Wednesday). At Eve came my Daughter in law, *Kezia*. She came from *Framingham*, acquaints me with their distressed Circumstances by reason of *John Southgate's* Demands upon them. She lodges here.

1774 September 29 (Thursday). *Kezia* returned home.

1774 October 4 (Tuesday). I made a Number of Visits to hire Money for the Relief of my Son *Alexander*. Mrs. *Surcomb* etc.

1774 October 6 (Thursday). My son hired 100 Dollars of Mr. *McKey*, for which I gave him my Note. Undertook my Journey home. Cornet *Eaton* of *Framingham* in Company. Called at Brother *Browns* (he is overwhelmed with Bargains and Labours and cannot help *Alexander*).

1774 October 7 (Friday). After Dinner I rode to *Leicester* and lodged at *Alexanders*.

1774 October 8 (Saturday). *Alexander* rode with me to Mr. *Conklins*, that I might See what Security my Son had given Mr. *Southgate*.

1774 October 12 (Wednesday). Comforted *Alexander* with informing him that I had hired and received money for him.

1774 October 26 (Wednesday). I am in some Concern that *Alexander* does not come for the Money which lies by me for him.

1774 October 28 (Friday). Send *Elias* to *Leicester* with a Letter to *Alexander*. Meets *Alexander* at *Worcester* going to *Framingham* -- therefore returns.

1774 October 29 (Saturday). P.M. came *Alexander* from *Framingham* whither he had been for Money: but received only from his Brother *Gleason*. I delivered to him

One hundred Dollars which I hired for him at <i>Boston</i>	225.0.0
almost 24 Dollars received last night from Lt. <i>Baker</i> , viz.	53.0.0
and 3 Dollars received from Mr. <i>William Watson</i> -- and he	
had received 30 old Tenor	36.15.0
This with the money I received for my Horse, delivered already	110. .
in the whole	424.15.0

Alexander returned home at Eve. Letter from Mrs. P_____ at *Ashburnham*.

1774 November 21 (Monday). Alex came early from home, to bring money he borrowed of *Breck*. Informs me that he has settled his agreement and Engagements to *Southgate*.

1774 December 13 (Tuesday). Settle with him as to his fat Cow at 17d, Hide, Beef and Tallow. Pay him 4 Dollars and 9£ 10/ on *Watsons Note*, which I delivered to him to carry to *Alexander* and he leaves us for *Brookfield*.

1775 January 12 (Thursday). I hear that probably my Son and Daughter *Forbes* got no further than *Alexanders* last night.

1775 January 24 (Tuesday). Returning home found a Company of *Framingham Folks*; Mr. *Gleason* and his wife, and her Brother *William Brown* and his Sister *Ruhy*, with a Daughter of Major *Farrars*, who dined here. They have been to *Leicester*; and inform me that *Alexander* has been ill of a bad Swelling in his Throat, which has taken him off from his Business for about a month.

1775 February 17: age 28 years

1775 March 27 (Monday). At Brother *Browns*, at Mrs. *Goddards*, at Capt. *Brewers*. Put up and lodged at Mr. *Adams's* at *Roxbury*.

1775 March 31 (Friday). Sat out from Mr. *Whitneys*. The Horse was so very dull that we did not get home -- but dined at Deacon *Browns*; called at Col. *Buckminsters* and the Evening being Cold, we lodged at Mr. *Stone's*.

1775 May 18 (Thursday). *Elias* goes part of the Way with Mr. B. *Newton* to drive Cattle to *Leicester* to *Alexanders* Pasture: one Cow, Two that are called two year olds, and three Yearlings. *William Bradford*, with a Letter to *Alexander*, concerning him, goes also.

1775 May 24 (Wednesday). While I was gone *Alexander* came here, and brought his little Brother in law, *Ebenezer Brown*, who goes home to Deacon *Browns* at *Framingham* under the Care of the Mr. *Elisha Forbes*.

1775 August 28 (Monday). The Dispensations of God are wonderful. *John* is yet [torn] though he had no sleep last night. N.B. Last Evening [torn] sons *Ebenezer* from New *Braintry* [illegible] [torn] to see poor *John* -- who is in the Valley of the Shadow of [torn] Mrs. P_____ [illegible] attends upon *John* [torn]. *Alexander* returns to *Leicester*.

1775 September 13 (Wednesday). *Alexander*, his Wife and young Child -- *Samuel* with his [torn] -- Mr. *Whitney* came also and dined with us. Mr. *Stone* came [torn] before [the procession?]. The following young Men were Bearers [torn] *Uriah Brigham* [torn] *Thomas Stone*, *Benjamin* [Tainter?] junior, *Jonathan Fay*, *Samuel* [torn] *Stephen Maynard*. Thus we go through the mournful work of [torn]ing our Dead. May God almighty support and comfort us! And [torn] I be Ever mindful of and preparing for my own Decease!

[torn] *Forbes* and his Wife and [illegible] [marginal notation: their sister *Baldwin*] But *Ebenezer* went to Deacon *Bonds*. B[torn] and his Wife and Daughter sat out for home. *Alexander* [torn] child left us for *Leicester*, and *Samuel* [illegible] thought Evening [illegible]

1775 December 5 (Tuesday). At Eve my Son *Samuel* and his Wife, with little son and Daughter came in their Chaise. They came from Mr. *Forbes*' House in *Brookfield*; but only from *Alexanders* in *Leicester* to day.

1776 February 17: age 29 years

1776 April 3 (Wednesday). My son *Alexander* came from *Leicester*. He has been confined with illness -- but (through the Goodness of God) is much recovered. He tarrys overnight.

1776 April 4 (Thursday). My Son *Alexander* goes home. N.B. I have prepared the [Way?] with him for pasturing Some Young Cattle, if I shall Stand in need.

1776 April 29 (Monday). When I returned home, found my Son *Alexander*, his Wife and Ch[blot] a here. They lodge with us.

1776 April 30 (Tuesday). The heavy [r]ain a.m. hinders *Alexander* journeying till after dinner. Then he and His Set out for *Framingham*.

1776 May 2 (Thursday). P.M. My Son *Alexander* returned from *Boston* -- the News that 30000 Troops are coming -- 3 Destinations, viz. *New York*, *Virginia* and *Quebec* -- and *small Pox* at *Brookline* etc. He leaves us to go to *Leicester*.

1776 May 8 (Wednesday). Mr. [Peter?] *Coffin*, with his Wife (my grand daughter) came lodging last night at *Worcester* in their [illegible], from *Brookfield* and in their Way to *Cape Ann*. They dined here. Their Father *Forbes* came afterwards and *Alexanders* Wife and Child. They all lodged here.

1776 May 9 (Thursday). Our Company left us.

1776 June 12 (Wednesday). She [Mrs. Parkman] informs me also that my Son *Moore* was here and preached the first sabbath of my Absence, and my Son *Cushing*, with *Sally* and son *John* were here during the Election Time for several Days -- that the Election Day was a Day of *Training* the 2 Companys of Soldiers -- that her Brother and Sister *Breck* have been here on June 5 and lodged -- and when they left our House, it was to go to Mr. *Whitneys* at *Brookline, Connecticut*. That *Alexander* came also.

1776 July 10 (Wednesday). Sat out after Dinner and got to *Leicester*. In my way called at Dr. *Crosbys*, Mr. *Sumners* and Mr. *Maccartys*. N.B. Highlanders at *Worcester* Court House. Lodged at *Alexanders*. He has listed *indeed*; and is preparing for his March, as Eldest Sergeant and Clerk. He seems inclined and determined to go. Their Destination is *New-York*.

1776 July 12 (Friday). Rode to *Leicester*, and lodged at *Alexanders*. Though I can't but wonder at his going into the Army, yet I can't help his doing it. May God most gracious direct and support him! May his Family also be under the divine Care!

1776 August 16 (Friday). *Kezia* came home with *Sophy* who returns this Eve from *Leicester*.

1776 August 21 (Wednesday). My Daughter *Kezia* came here from *Framingham* and tarried with us.

1776 August 22 (Thursday). *Kezia* returned to *Leicester*.

1776 September 5 (Thursday). Wrote to my son *Alexander* at *New York*; and Send it by Mr. *Henderson*, the Post.

1776 September 22 (Sunday). In the Evening wrote to *Alexander* at *New York*.

1776 September 23 (Monday). Send a Letter per Mr. *John Beeton* to my son *Alexander* at *Chelsea, New York*. Received one this same forenoon from Him at *Chelsea*, in which he informs that he has been sick 3 weeks of the Dysentery; but is better. By [Other?] Letters from Soldiers [near *New?*] *York* it appears that they have a very hard time of it, and are sadly [gained?] upon; are nigh giving up the [illegible]. Mr. *Nathan* [Fisher?] writes that [illegible] what *Soldiering* meant till now.

1776 September 26 (Thursday). Sent a verbal message to *Alexander* by Mr. [illegible] *Mixer*, a Suttler from *Framingham* going to the Camp.

1776 September 30 (Monday). Dined at Deacon Browns.

1776 October 5 (Saturday). Mr. [blank] [Gleason and?] his Wife of *Leicester* (nigh to my son *Alexander*) were here and dined after us. Wrote by them to *Kezia* about sending home my Cattle.

1776 October 11 (Friday). Wrote to *Alexander* by Mr. *Ware*. Mr. Simeon Rice goes with him. Their Wagon is loaden chiefly with strong Liquors.

1777 January 9 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. *Whitney* prayed and administered the marriage Covenant to *Breck* and *Suse*. I prayed after. My son *Alexander* Came from *Leicester* and attended the Solemnity.... *Alexander*, Messrs. *Hall* and *Stone* tarried.

1777 January 10 (Friday). *Alexander* tarrys to dine, leaves us p.m. Sent by him a Letter to Mr. *Quincy* and to Mr. *Maccarty* for a Receipt [illegible] Money sent by young Master *John Barrett* last Sept. 2[8?], being the Contribution for pr[torn]g the Gospel in Africa . Young [torn] and Henry Marble dine with us.

1777 February 17: age 30 years

1777 February 19 (Wednesday). My Son *Alexander* from [Boston?] [illegible]

1777 February 20 (Thursday). *Alexander* goes home.

1777 March 22 (Saturday). My Daughter in law, *Kezia*, came from *Leicester*, and goes to *Framingham*.

1777 March 26 (Wednesday). *Kezia* delivers me 41£ 1 s. for which I gave Receipt. She returns to *Leicester*.

1777 April 21 (Monday). At Night my son *Alexander* came.

1777 April 22 (Tuesday). *Alexander* goes to *Framingham* in his way to *Lynn*, to View a place there with mills etc. to be sold.

1777 June 4 (Wednesday). My son *Alexander* also came from *Leicester* to see his Sister *Hannah* and lodged here.

1777 June 5 (Thursday). *Alexander* returns.

1777 July 17 (Thursday). *Alexander* came to see us -- dines here: as does Mr. *Aaron Crosby* from *Onohoquaghe* and Miss *Zeruiah Rice* of *Brookfield* who brings three Letters from *Betsy Baldwin*, which are, two of them from her Father, to her, and to *Isaac*; the 3d from her to her Mother.

1777 September 4 (Thursday). My son *Alexander* came from *Leicester* [torn] his Son *Alexander*. His wife was delivered of a Daughter [torn] Tuesday was sennight, and is in an hopeful Way.

1777 September 5 (Friday). *Alexander* pays me 12 Dollars, and gives me a New Note of 8£ instead of his old ones. He leaves us; but leaves his little Boy with us, he being soon to march with soldiers to *Bennington*.

1777 September 23 (Tuesday). Miss *Ruhamah Brown* of *Framingham* here and dines with us. Is returning home from *Leicester*.

1777 October 9 (Thursday). *John Brown* going to *Leicester*, dined here.

1777 October 13 (Monday). Little *Alexander* has been ill these two Days with bad Cough and sore Throat. Was Vomited this morning.

1777 October 14 (Tuesday). Cousen *Maynard* came and with our sister *Brigham*, watched here, and especially with little *Alexander*. My Neighbour *Barnabas Newton* setts out for *Brookfield*, and New *Braintry*; but in peculiar to call this Evening at my Son *Alexanders* to inform him, if he be there, of the dangerous condition his son lies in.

1777 October 15 (Wednesday). *Elias* goes on an Horse of Col. *Brighams*, and with him (who is Representative for *Northborough*) to *Boston*, to *Cambridge*, and to *Concord*, to inform his Brothers there, of what God has seen meet to do. *Alexander* and his wife and young Child.

1777 October 16 (Thursday). My Son *Alexander* waited on me to Mr. *Nathan Maynards*. Thence we walked over to Mr. *D. Maynards* to see his Wife. Prayed with her. Her Fever strong.... Mrs. *Lucy Forbush* came and watched with little *Alexander*.

1777 October 17 (Friday). [Following Hannah Parkman's funeral] The Company retire to go home except my sons *Ebenezer* and *Alexander*, his Wife and two Children, *Isaac Baldwin*, Miss *Jedidah Woodward* (who watches with little *Alexander*) and *Molly Pratt*, who tarrys to help us. Mrs. *Harrington* is ill and Mrs. P _____ goes to her to night.

1777 October 18 (Saturday). Little *Alexander* is Still under the Distemper; and his Case doubtfull.

1777 October 20 (Monday). I wrote to *Breck*, and Send it by the Hand of *Alexander*: to the Post for Conveyance -- for *Alexander* returns to *Leicester*, his little Boy being better, as we hoped.

1777 October 22 (Wednesday). Rode home. Little *Alexander* is grown better.

1777 October 25 (Saturday). *Alexander* came from *Leicester*.

1777 October 26 (Sunday). *Elias* is, through divine Goodness, better: but *Alexanders* Cough is bad. May God mercifully prepare him for His holy will!

1777 October 27 (Monday). *Alexander* waits upon me with the Chaise and Horse he came with, to see Mr. *Reuben Bellows'* Wife, who lies sick; and having discoursed with her, I prayed there. We then proceeded to *Southborough*, and visited Mr. *Stone*, who though at the Close of the last Week he was somewhat better, was grown Worse. Prayed with him. We dined there. He manifests great Humility, and a deep sense of his need of Mercy. A storm of Rain arose and continues. In returning home we went to Mr. *Abraham Beemans*, his son *Abraham* being Still much out of Health: the man himself and his two other sons also not well. We called at Mr. *Thomas Andrews*. Though it proved a stormy Day, yet we arrived safely at Eve. D.G.

1777 October 28 (Tuesday). A very unusually wet Season which confines my Son *Alexander* and his Wife and Children here.

1777 October 30 (Thursday). *Alexander* pays me 12 Dollars of the Interest of 100 Dollars which I payd for him to Capt. *Mackey* at *Boston* Some time agoe. He, his wife and two Children leave us to return home to *Leicester*.

1777 November 1 (Saturday). The Morning [torn] Cold. *Breck* in looking over some of my Bills of mo[illegible] finds among some that I took of *Alexander*, a 30/ *New Hampshire Money* Bill which he fears is counterfeit.

1777 November 29 (Saturday). But a Number of Capt. *Maynards* Children, having the *Meazles*, I hope are well provided for, though I know not how my son *Alexanders* Family is, being visited with that Distemper, himself being gone a Journey after [illegible] [not?] returned yester Day.

1777 December 12 (Friday). My son *Alexander* brought his son with him and leaves him here whilst he himself goes to *Framingham*.

1778 January 6 (Tuesday). *Alexander* came from *Leicester* and dined here.... *Alexander* tarrys and lodges here.

1778 January 7 (Wednesday). I breakfast with *Alexander* at *Brecks*. After dinner, *Alexander* has my Oxen to *Godfrys* that they may be shod, and that he may take them with him to *Leicester*, in order to his having them in his Journey to No. 5, or *Marlborough* in *New Hampshire*.

1778 February 17: age 31 years

1778 March 7 (Saturday). *Alexander* Came at Midnight from *Marlborough* in *New Hampshire*, where his Family now is, and has also driven home my Oxen. After dining with us, he returns by way of *Leicester*. I write by him, to Mr. [Haswell?] Printer at *Worcester* that I cease taking his News Paper, having sent my Pay for it by Capt. [Fisher?].

1778 May 12 (Tuesday). *James Hicks* drives four young Creatures of my Son *Baldwins*, and four of my own, to go to Pasture, At *Brookfield*. *Elias* was obliged to go with him to *Farrars* in *Shrewsbury*, to help him along with them. My Son *Alexanders* Cow is so weak, yet heavy that She daily to be lifted up: and often times by other Help than our own.

1778 May 15 (Friday). I was taken up the most of the Day with variety of Petit Affairs, of the *Garden*, and of the *Cattle*. Our daily Trouble for Some time has been, *Alexanders* Cow: but to day Mr. *C. Harrington* delivered her and us: for he drew from her a fine Calf.

1778 June 19 (Friday). My Son *Alexander* came, and has brought my Gun, which I had lent him Some years agoe: and I gave him the Gun which I bought of Mr. *Thomas Kendal*.

1778 June 20 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns to *Leicester*. He drives away his Cow, and *Heiffer*, also his Cow's Calf: to mate which I have given him one of my Calves. And further I have given my Daughter *Cushing* an Heiffer, which *Alexander* is to take the Care of, and drive to Mr. *Browns* of *Winchendon*. N.B. his (*Alexander's*) son *Breck* is at *Leicester* to assist him.

1778 September 23 (Wednesday). I write by Mr. *Levi Brigham* to my Son *Alexander* at New *Marlborough*.

1778 October 23 (Friday). Mr. *Mellen* of *Chauxit* here and dined with us, as did our sister *Brigham*, and my Son *Alexander* from *New-Marlborough*.... *Alexander* lodges here.

1778 October 24 (Saturday). *Alexander* leaves us to go as far as *Ashburnham*.

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. He goes; and N.B. he pays £4.10 L.M. for Dressing.

1778 December 17 (Thursday). Sent 9 yards of cloth to Deacon Brown's to be dressed for a great coat for *Elias*.

1779 January 9 (Saturday). A small piece of Cloth for *Elias*, a great Coat received from Deacon Brown's.

1779 February 17: age 32 years

1779 March 12 (Friday). At noon came my son *Alexander* of *Marlborough* in New Hampshire. I am so short out for good Hay that I send one horse to Mr. *Ebenezer Maynard*, the other to Mr. *Jonathan Forbes* to be kept. For Mr. *Moore* will Tarry over the Sabbath.

1779 March 13 (Saturday). *Alexander* leaves us to go to some part of Connecticut to pay the woman he bought his place of.

1779 March 17 (Wednesday). My son *Alexander* came from Connecticut and lodged here.

1779 March 18 (Thursday). *Alexander*, after dinner, undertook his Journey home.

1779 September 1 (Wednesday). Breck returns from Boston, brings me a joyful Letter from William that his Wife was delivered last Saturday morning at 8 a.m. of a Son, baptized John. P.M. My Daughter-in-law Kezia of New Marlborough came from Framingham and lodged here.

1779 September 2 (Thursday). Kezia was going home to New Marlborough alone. The Difficulty in finding the Road to Lancaster, engaged me to go with her so far. I went. We dined at Mrs. Wilder's in Lancaster. Thence I went with my Daughter to t'other Side the Meeting House, and set her in the Road to her Brother's in Fitchbourg.

1779 September 7 (Tuesday). At Mr. Aaron Willard's, paid him eleven Dollars for mending my Watch. Mr. Simon Willard went with me to Mr. Joseph Brown's and shewed me a Perambulator which he had made and fixed to Mr. Brown's Chaise. Alexander came and lodged here.

1779 September 8 (Wednesday). Alexander went to Marlborough but returned and lodged here.

1779 September 9 (Thursday). Alexander and Breck go to Worcester and return.... My son Alexander is still here, and lodges here.

1779 September 10 (Friday). Alexander leaves us to go to Ashburnham and then home.

1780 February 17: age 33 years

1780 February 27 (Sunday). A Letter from Alix, dated the 18th. He writes of the Birth of a little Daughter on Nov. 16 last.

1780 February 28 (Monday). I wrote by Mr. Levi Brigham of Fitz-William to my son Alexander.

1780 April 7 (Friday). A Letter from my son Alexander.

1780 September 1 (Friday). Breck and Suse return home having been to visit their Brothers Cushing, Levi Brigham and Alexander.

1780 September 6 (Wednesday). My son Alexander and his Wife and young Child came and lodged here.

1780 September 7 (Thursday). I rode of Alexander's Horses to the Funeral of Mrs. Brigham (wife of Mr. Gershom) and prayed there.

1780 September 8 (Friday). Mrs. Cushing, Alex and his Wife, dine with us, but p.m. they all leave us, and Billy Spring goes home for a while with his Father.

1780 September 11 (Monday). Alexander and his Wife, with their Child, from Framingham and lodge here.

1780 September 12 (Tuesday). My son Alex., wife and child p.m. undertake their Journey home.

1780 October 27 (Friday). We try the new Horse my son Alexander sent me, and with my Oxen I have a sufficient Team for splitting ----- (?) and harrowing in Rye.

1780 November 3 (Friday). As night came on, Elias with Letters from Br. Breck from Springfield. He brings home five young Cattle from Coi's Hill. The two largest Steers have been taken out of Pasture by Alexander some time ago.

1781 January 8 (Monday). Lieut. *Levi Brigham* from *Fitz-William*. I wrote by him to my son *Alex*.

1781 February 14 (Wednesday). *Breck* returned from *Newtown*, from Mr. *Josiah Fullers*: and *Sophy* from *Ashburnham* -- informs that *Alexander* is not well: is Rheumatic.

1781 February 17: age 34 years

1781 March 9 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham* (it being fair and pleasant but the snow too deep) undertakes a Journey to *Ashburnham* and purposes to go to *Alexander* at *Marlborough*.

1781 March 15 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* returned from his Visit to *Alexander* at *Marlborough*, *New Hampshire*.

1781 April 25 (Wednesday). My Son *Alexander* from *Marlborough* of *New Hampshire* -- and reads Result of Council against their late Minister Mr. *Joseph Cummings*, who is dismissed.

1781 April 26 (Thursday). *Alexander* rides my Horse to *Worcester*.

1781 April 27 (Friday). *Alexander* leaves us.

1781 June 28 (Thursday). *Polly Scott* being Sick at Mr. *Gales* of nervous Cholic, I made her a Visit, and prayed with her. N.B. In riding there, overtook one Mrs. *Coburn* (Widow of Col. *Andrew Coburn*) who was the owner of my Son *Alexanders* Land at *Marlborough* in *New Hampshire*, and designed to go to his House.

1781 August 20 (Monday). In the Night came my son Alexander from home.

1781 August 21 (Tuesday). My son is going to Point *Judith* for Wool.

1781 August 25 (Saturday). My Son Alexander returned from Point *Judith*, with Wool.

1781 August 26 (Sunday). *Alexander*, *Breck*, *Suse* and Miss *Anna* instead of Miss *Mindwell Brigham* (who was with *Sophy* last week) being with us, we Sang: And I was carryed through comfortably. D.G.

1781 August 27 (Monday). *Alexander* left us to go upon his Journey home.

1782 February 17: age 35 years

1782 May 4 (Saturday). At Eve receive a welcome Letter from Mr. *Cushing* of his Wife's safe Deliverance, this Day se'nnight, of a *Daughter*; who next day was baptized *Mary*: and we are informed also that my son *Alexanders* Wife has some Weeks since brought forth a Son -- and May God graciously perfect His Goodness; and May their Offspring prove great Blessings!

1782 June 22 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenezer* came from *Brookfield*; but last from Deacon *Jonathan Bonds* junior of *Shrewsbury*. N.B. He has been to Squire *Caldwell* at *Barre* -- and to See *Alex*, at *Marlborough*, New Hampshire.

1782 August 29 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Watertown* so as to attend with us in the publick Exercises: and *Alexander* came at Eve.

1782 November 8 (Friday). *Alexander* came from *Marlborough*.

1782 November 11 (Monday). *Alexander* and *Samuel* to *Boston*.

1782 November 19 (Tuesday). *Ebenezer* to N. *Braintree*. *Alexander* to *Framingham*.

1782 November 20 (Wednesday). *Alexander* did not return as expected.

1782 November 21 (Thursday). [Parkman's hand resumes.] *Alexander* after considerable Excursions about his Difficult Affairs, returns and lodges here.

1782 November 22 (Friday). *Alexander* also leaves us to go home again, after long Absence.