

**Anna Sophia Parkman (1755-1783) and Elijah Brigham (1751-1816)**

b. 18 Oct. 1755.

m. 21 Sept. 1780 Elijah Brigham

b. June 26 or July 10, 1751  
son of Elijah and Susannah

BRIGHAM, Elijah, a Representative from Massachusetts; born in Westboro (now Northboro), Mass., July 7, 1751; was graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., in 1778; studied law, but did not practice; engaged in mercantile pursuits at Westboro; member of the State house of representatives 1791-1793; justice of the court of common pleas 1795-1811; served in the State senate in 1796, 1798, 1801-1805, and 1807-1810; State councilor in 1799, 1800, and 1806; elected as a Federalist to the Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth Congresses and served from March 4, 1811, until his death in Washington, D.C., February 22, 1816; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.  
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d. 26 Nov. 1783

**Children:**

26 July 1781 Anna Sophia

21 Apr. 1783 Elijah

Elijah Brigham re-mar. (2) int. 1786 Jan 26: Mrs. Sally Hamock of Northborough  
(3) 1792 Dec. 16: Sarah Ward of Shrewsbury, in Shrewsbury

**Children**

1781 July 26 Anna Sophia

1781 July 26 (Thursday). *Sophia* is ill. Dr. *Ball* is come, and Several Women are here, viz. Sister *Brigham*, Cousin *Maynard* and two nearest Neighbours *Lamson* and *Harrington*. A Daughter born.... N.B. Dr. *Ball* tells me he has brought 5 Children into the world this Week.

1783 Apr. 21 Elijah

1783 November 26 (Wednesday). My Sister Anna Sophia Brigham having been in a very poor state of Health ever since the Lay in which was in April last has been on the decline till it has thrown her into a Consumption of the Blood and Nerves. Every means was try'd for her relief

but nothing answers the purpose. She was sensible this would be her last sickness. She endured her pains and Sickness with a great degree of patience and resignation to the divine will. She grew lower and lower till Wednesday 26th of this month. She died 20 minutes past 12 at noon in full hope in a glorious eternity and left us to lament the great Loss we have Sustained. Mr. Brigham very disconsolate. [Diary of Breck Parkman]

1783 December 1 (Monday). Mrs. Sophia Brigham buried. Reverend Mr. Sumner prayed. Mr. Whitney here.

Bearers Reverend Jos Sumner None of our friends

Peter Whitney | came on this  
Mr. Storey | occasion but Billy  
Mr. Benjamin Stone | from Concord.  
Isaac Parker |  
Colonel Wheelock |  
Daniel Chamberlin |  
Eli Whitney

[Diary of Breck Parkman]

1755 October 17 (Friday). My Wife in Pains, expecting her Hour for which the Lord mercifully prepare us! Her Pains continue at Times, yet we go to Bed -- we lie till after midnight -- when She grew so ill that I fetch'd Mrs. Forbush -- and then Mrs. Baker, in the meantime Sending along 3 Mrs. Rices.

### 1755 OCTOBER 18: BIRTH

1755 October 18 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought his Wife in the Morning -- and Messrs. Phinehas Hardy and Batherick came to work on my Kitchin Roof (boarding and Shingling). About 9, or between 9 and 10 o'Clock a.m. my wife was deliver'd of her ninth, and my fourteenth living Child: her fourth, and my Seventh Daughter -- a perfect Child and Well; and especially my Wife in great Comfort. Blessed be the Name of God! May we have a due Sense of the divine Mercy (So utterly undeserv'd) and may we have Grace to Walk accordingly! I threw by the Preparations which I was making, as Soon as the Child was born, and set myself to prepare on Gen. 22.14, though under many Disadvantages. The Women din'd here with us, and then went home o'foot Except Mrs. Forbush who was waited on by William with an Horse. Rachel Pratt watches.

1755 October 19 (Sunday). Read 2 Sam. 22 from number 26. In preaching I went on with the Repetition (with Some Alterations) of Sermon on Eph. 1.3. Mrs. Chamberlin din'd with us. P.M. Read Mat. 2. Preach'd on Gen. 22.14, and baptiz'd my New-born Daughter, Anna Sophia. May a gracious God pardon us and accept our Offerings! Mrs. Pratt (wife of Neighbour Hezekiah) watches.

1755 October 20 (Monday). At Eve my wife has Pains in her Breasts and Smart in her Nipples to a great Degree. These forebode ill. Mr. Zebulun Rices Daughter Abigail draws her Breast. My Daughter Lucy watching.

1755 October 21 (Tuesday). Sarah Watch'd. My Wife got up on the 21.

1755 October 22 (Wednesday). My Wife distress'd with her Nipples. She got up, but she grows weaker by Reason of the Childs sucking her when her Nipples are So Sore.

1755 October 28 (Tuesday). Mr. Martyn and his Wife here and dine with us. They carry home my little John.

1755 October 29 (Wednesday). My Daughter Susanna goes over to Mr. Martyns.

1756 June 8 (Tuesday). My sons Wife So weak etc. we have not only Sent *Sarah* over to them but my Wife herself has gone over and changed Children: left *Sophy*, and brought over their Infant, and thus we worry through the Night.

1756 June 9 (Wednesday). My Sons Wife still afflicted. At Eve Ebenezer brings over *Sophy*; and yet leaves his little *Molly* here; so that my Wife has both of them to keep and Suckle over Night. We fear a tedious Task.

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 June 11 (Friday). *Thomas* goes over to hoe for Ebenezer (being backward in his Weeding). My wife also goes over to see *Betty* and carries over *Molly*.

1756 June 14 (Monday). My Wife went over to See them at t'other House, and brings over little *Molly* again and Suckles her (together with *Sophy*) here.

1756 July 16 (Friday). Little *Sophy* ill also.

1756 July 17 (Saturday). A favour that little *Sophy* is playfull again.

1756 September 28 (Tuesday). My Wife would have gone to Boston, but little *Sophy* was not well.

1756 September 29 (Wednesday). My Wife and Billy in the Chair to *Marlborough* (having left little *Sophy* at Ebenezers, his wife to suckle her, and Sarah to tend her) in order to her going to Boston.

1756 October 1 (Friday). Hope that *Sophia* is comfortable since I hear Nothing from thence.

#### 1756 OCTOBER 18: 1 YEAR OLD

1756 November 18 (Thursday). N.B. My little *Anna-Sophia* goes alone across the Room, She being this Day 13 months old.

1757 April 13 (Wednesday). Little *Sophy* weaning, and takes it tolerably.

#### 1757 OCTOBER 18: 2 YEARS OLD

1758 May 3 (Wednesday). Miss Patty Dunlop here -- dines with us and at Evening carries away little *Sophy* to keep her a while.

1758 October 6 (Friday). When I came home find *Sophy* and *Hannah* have the Fever and Ague.

1758 October 11 (Wednesday). My little *Hannah*, having the Fever and Ague, turns Yellow also. *Sophy* also grows worse.

1759 February 1 (Thursday). Mrs. *Joanna* Forb. here and takes home with her my little *Sophy*. My Son Baldwin came from Boston -- arrived late at Night.

1759 February 5 (Monday). *John* to school again; and all my Three Boys at Mrs. Forb. Invitation went to see *Sophy* and dined, all, together, there. Hear more of the *Meazles* -- fear this Distemper is come into this parish. May God be pleased to prepare us for His Sovereign Pleasure!

1759 April 9 (Monday). The Widow Newton watched with my Wife last night. She takes *Sophy* home with her; and little *Hannah* is at Deacon Tainters. By reason of *Patty Dunlops* uneasiness to go home, I rode to Lt. Brighams at Southborough to get Mrs. Suse *Gleason* to be in her Room, but in Vain.

1759 May 14 (Monday). *Suse* breaks out with the Meazles and keeps her Bed.... My *Samme* and *Sophy* have each of them their Fit of Fever and Ague.

1759 May 15 (Tuesday). *Suse's* Meazles come out full. She keeps her Bed, but, through Mercy, is not extreme bad.

1759 July 3 (Tuesday). *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 4 (Wednesday). My little *Sophy* broke out thick with the *Meazles*. *Samme* somewhat but not perfectly: the rest are about House.

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 8 (Sunday). *Patty Dunlop* (by Desire) comes in the Morning to assist us and tarrys till next morning.... All the Children continue ill, though *Samme* and *Sophy* tis hoped are somewhat better. We desire publick prayers for them.

1759 July 9 (Monday). *Patty Dunlop* and Miss *Nanny Bradish* watched last night. The Children are better, through the divine Goodness and Mercy; To God be Glory!

1759 July 10 (Tuesday). The Children much better. All of them go abroad, though they are weak still.

1759 July 12 (Thursday). Some of my Children are drooping -- at Times *Samme, John, Hannah*.

1764 December 30 (Sunday). A very Cold, windy Day, the Snow blown about very much. A tedious Time. John Maynard carries me, Sarah, Sophy etc. to Meeting a. and p.m.

1765 February 5 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter brought a Quarter of Beef which he borrowed of us. He dined here and carried me, also *Sarah* and *Sophy* to Mr. *Jonah Warrins* where I preached on Heb. 12.15.

1765 September 20 (Friday). John, Sophy, Hannah and the little Boys, all at school.

1766 April 10 (Thursday). Sophy ill.

1766 April 11 (Friday). Doctor goes to Boston. *Sophy* very much of Fever.

1766 October 3 (Friday). A.M. Sophy carries her Neece over to her grand father Forbes'.

1766 OCTOBER 18: 11 YEARS OLD

1767 January 23 (Friday). Some Number of the Family are much indisposed by Colds. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_, *Sarah*, *Suse*, *John*, *Sophy*, and *Elias*:

1767 August 4 (Tuesday). Mr. Moore attended with me, but Mrs. Martyn etc. did not -- nor Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ but *Sophy* did.

1767 September 15 (Tuesday). My Kinsman Loyd came to Breakfast here, having lodged at Coll. Brighams last night: Is going to *Blandford*. I get Lt. *Bakers* Chair for him -- he takes up *Sophy* with him as far as to Mrs. *Cushings*, at *Shrewsbury*.

1767 September 26 (Saturday). *Suse* comes from *Brookfield* and *Sophy* from *Shrewsbury*.

7OCTOBER 18: 12 YEARS OLD

1768 June 18 (Saturday). My *Sophy* ill.

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

1768 OCTOBER 18: 13 YEARS OLD

1769 August 31 (Thursday). *Sophy* was drooping yesterday, and is to Day, but is better.

1769 September 1 (Friday). *Sophy* is better.

1769 OCTOBER 18: 14 YEARS OLD

1769 November 9 (Thursday). Including my Daughters *Cushing* and *Hannah* (*Sophy* was too ill to go) there were only 14. I could not Sing; and therefore omitted it at this Time.

1769 November 22 (Wednesday). But between 10 and 11 a.m., *Sarah* and her Company leave us; *John* also and *Sophy* goes with them. The Day bright, and May God Himself Graciously guard and bless them! They design as far as Col. *Caleb Wilders* in *Lancaster*, by Night; and to *Ashburnham*, by leave of Providence, tomorrow.

1769 November 27 (Monday). At Eve came *John* and *Sophy* from *Shrewsbury*, they having come from *Ashburnham* last Saturday, and remained over the sabbath partly among the *Cushings* and partly at Mr. *Sumners*.

1769 December 21 (Thursday). *Sophy* has watched at Mr. *Arnolds*, those sick growing better. *Ebenezer* leaves us to go to *Brookfield*. My Wife goes to see her Cousen *Maynard*. While She is gone there Mr. *Smith* of *Marlborough* visits and dines with me. *Sophy* goes to wait upon her Mother home.

1770 January 7 (Sunday). It was very Stormy -- Wind and Rain -- The Earth So opened and filled with Water, that it is extreamly muddy and difficult getting to Meeting. Lt. *Baker* comes With his Chaise, for Mrs. *Parkman* and *Sophy* and carrys them to Meeting -- returns them home also both a. and p.m. Very few women came. All the Womens long Seats below were empty. So were their Galleries above. There was no Woman in either.

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

1770 February 2 (Friday). *Ruth* and *Sophy* return. It happened that the expected Watcher did not come, and therefore *Ruth* was obliged to Stay and watch.

1770 May 2 (Wednesday). Mr. *Loyd* goes on his Journey to *Blanford*. P.M. my Daughter *Sophy* goes with me to the private Meeting at Mrs. *Grouts*.

1770 June 7 (Thursday). Messrs. *Stone* and *Smith* (I hear by *Sophy*, who rode to Mr. *Stones* to get a Callico Gown made) Sat out on their Journey towards the Cape. Riding is thought beneficial for them under their [*illegible*].

1770 July 26 (Thursday). *Sophy* is at Capt. *Maynards* from Day to Day.

1770 September 24 (Monday). Having borrowed for *Sophy*, of Mrs. *Conklin*, *The Gallery of Heroic Women*, by Monsieur *Peter Le Moyne*, translated by the Marquesse of *Winchester*, I read a part of it.

1770 October 1 (Monday). P.M. I sat down to prepare my Papers, computing Interest etc. expecting Capt. *Maynard* to come and Settle with me; but he did not come. *Sophy* went over there -- by her I sent Letters to Mr. Moore. She did not return.

1770 October 2 (Tuesday). *Sophy* came home from Capt. Maynards who sends me no Money. She brings the Sorrowful News that the famous Mr. *Whitefield* dy'd last Sabbath Morn at *Newbury Port*.

### 1770 OCTOBER 18: 15 YEARS OLD

1770 November 6 (Tuesday). N.B. My *Sophia* ill all Day -- feverish, pained. Is Sweated; yet not much better.

1770 November 7 (Wednesday). P.M. had a *Catechetical Exercise* on Questions [98.9?] and 100, containing some Sketches and Hints concerning *Prayer* and of the *Lords Prayer*, but the Girls began at Question 100. There were 21. But *Sophy* was confined by her illness. Dr. *Hawes* came in to see her. Says she has some Canker.

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

1770 November 10 (Saturday). *Sophy* takes physick.

1770 November 13 (Tuesday). *Sophy* is better. D.G.

1770 November 21 (Wednesday). Funeral of Mr. *Daniel Nurse's* Infant. I attended and *Sophy* with me; at Eve Master *Bowman* here.

1770 November 27 (Tuesday). Ruth goes to her Mother -- Miss *Sarah Woods* (daughter of Mr. *Alpheus*) at Work here making two Gowns of Irish Camblet (bought of Mr. *Hopestill Capon* of Boston) -- one for Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_, the other for *Sophy*.

1770 December 7 (Friday). John and *Sophy* went to Shrewsbury: to Mr. *Cushings* and to Mr. *Sumners*.

1770 December 15 (Saturday). Mr. B. Brigham going to preach at Uxbridge, accompanys *Sophy* to Upton.

1770 December 18 (Tuesday). *Sophy* returned from Upton.

1771 January 24 (Thursday). In the Evening received from my Son *Samuel* a Ream of paper £6.5, 1 *Youngs* Latin Dictionary £4.76, and a Cloke and Trimings for *Sophy* £9.1.6, each of them old Tenor.

1771 February 1 (Friday). *Breck* ventures to go to Brookfield and *Sophy* goes with him. Miss Nanny *Brigham* is to join them. All of them on single Horses.



1771 February 4 (Monday). At Night Breck returned from Brookfield. Miss *Nanny Brigham* came home with him, but Sophy tarrys there.

1771 February 11 (Monday). When it was late at night came *Sophy* from *Brookfield*, accompanied accompanied by Mr. *Aaron Crosby*, who lodged here.

1771 May 3 (Friday). *Sophy* rides to Marlborough.

1771 May 4 (Saturday). *Sophy* did not arrive at home last night by reason of the Rain: she got no further than Mr. *William Brighams*. She lodged there.

1771 May 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Sundry young Women, viz. Miss *Polly Baker*, Miss *Nanny Brigham* -- to help *Sophy* in Quilting a Petticoat.

1771 May 24 (Friday). Mr. *Moore* came, late at Night, by the way of *Oxford*, in a Chair, with a Letter from *Suse* requesting *Sophy* may go to *Rochester*.

1771 May 27 (Monday). Mr. *Moore* and *Sophy* go to *Cambridge*.

1771 June 21 (Friday). Letter from *Sophy* at *Rochester*, that Mrs. *Moore* remains very poorly.

1771 October 9 (Wednesday). At night Mr. *Eli Whitney* having been at Boston informs me that he saw *Sophy* there.

1771 October 11 (Friday). N.B. I left here my Daughter in Law, *Lydia*, and her *Lydia*, who came up from *Concord* to see us and I found here *Joshua Winter* who in a Chaise which *Samuel* had provided, brought up *Sophy* from *Boston*.

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

#### 1771 OCTOBER 18: 16 YEARS OLD

1771 October 18 (Friday). *Sophy* rides my new Horse to Capt. *Maynards*. He is Shod behind by Mr. *Beeton*. She returns in Safety.

1771 November 5 (Tuesday). Preached at Mr. *Daniel Forbes's* on Ps. 90.16. My daughter *Sophy* went with me.

1771 December 12 (Thursday). Miss *Susan* makes riding Hoods for *Sophy* and *Hannah*.

1771 December 19 (Thursday). *Isaac Lamb* waits on Miss *Suse* home in my Sleigh, and *Sophy* goes with them.

1772 January 9 (Thursday). Breck to Mrs. *Kendals*, with the Sleigh to bring home *Sophy* and *Hannah*, who went there in the morning.

1772 January 16 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Sophy* who went to ordination in a double Sleigh, with *Elijah* and other *Brighams*, returned -- but *Breck* had by a Fall on the Ice, a grievous shock, especially on his shoulder.

1772 January 25 (Saturday). *Sophy* returns from Capt. Maynards (whither She went the Day before Yesterday) and says *Isaac Davis* has paid for 100 weight of Flax there for me at 5/ per pound.

1772 January 29 (Wednesday). *Sophy* goes to Mr. Springs to watch.

1772 May 21 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* and Mr. *Taylor*, each in a Chaise, take *Sophy* and *Hannah* with them to Northborough.

1772 May 30 (Saturday). But my Kinsman *Bradshaw* is here Sick of a Fever. He came from Worcester last Wednesday and was taken ill. Such is the Will of God Supreme! He had *Sophy* to watch the night after the 27th.

1772 June 1 (Monday). *Sophy* has my Horse and goes to Mr. *Fish's*. She returns at Eve, and Miss *Patty* with her, to work here at her Taylor-Business, in making and altering Gowns.

1772 July 3 (Friday). The new marryed Couple Send Invitation to *Sophia* and *Hannah* to go over and See 'em. They comply and ride together.

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

1772 August 1 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* and *Sophy* return.

1772 August 5 (Wednesday). Phinehas not well -- *Sophy* also: both take Emeticks.

1772 August 6 (Thursday). Phinehas and *Sophy* are comfortable.

1772 August 11 (Tuesday). *Sophy* rides to Capt. Maynards and lodges there.

1772 September 9 (Wednesday). After many Conflicts in my own Mind, concerning the Miserable state of *Grafton*, who have appointed a Fast, and yet have not accepted Mr. *Hutchinsons* Confession and will not forgive him; I rode up there (my Daughter *Sophy* with me) hoping to See the Ministers which they had sent to besides; and consult with them but there was very little Opportunity for that. Mr. *Hall* and Mr. *Maccarty* came, but must presently go to Meeting.... *Sophy* went with Mrs. *Molly Taylor*. I returned home, though in the Rain.

1772 September 14 (Monday). Miss *Molly Taylor* brings *Sophy* home: She has taught her to knit Lace etc.

1772 September 23 (Wednesday). Sophy was very ill at Night.

1772 October 16 (Friday). *Sophy* to *Shrewsbury*.

1772 OCTOBER 18: 17 YEARS OLD

1772 October 29 (Thursday). *Sophy* to Upton and brings Miss Hannah Fish to work here.

1772 November 15 (Sunday). I preached (here at *Rochester*) a. and p.m. on 2 Cor. 4.16, and baptized my grand Daughter, *Anna-Sophia*. It was at Mr. *Moore's* repeated Desire, and he proposed it to the Church.

1772 November 26 (Thursday). Master *Waters* has Mr. *Thomas Bonds* Horse and Chaise, and goes with *Sophy* to *Fitchborough*, Mr. *Payson* brings home his wife to Day, and Mr. *Cushing* is to take *Sophy* there to transport her to *Ashburnham*. But it is a wet Day and the Roads are very dirty.

1772 November 28 (Saturday). Master *Waters* returns at night from *Ashburnham*, having landed and left *Sophy* Safe there.

1773 January 11 (Monday). By a Letter from *Ashburnham* *Sophy* to *Hannah*, we are certified that *Sophy* has been sick, but is in a Way of Recovery. To God be Glory!

1773 January 20 (Wednesday). *Hannah* receives a Letter from *Sophy*, who does not come home as expected.

1773 February 10 (Wednesday). P.M. to my Surprize come *Sophy* from *Ashburnham*, accompanied by a sleigh full from *Shrewsbury*, viz. her Brother *John*, Mr. *Joseph Stone* and his Wife and Wifes sister With Misses *Lydia* and *Lucy Cushing*. At Eve the Sleigh returned. *Sophy* acquaints me with her Sickness at *Ashburnham* -- being taken ill on December 14 of a bilious Fever, in great Extremity of Pain; continued ill that week. Dr. *Thaddeus Maccarty* of *Fitchbourg* attended upon her and was Succeeded, by divine Blessing, and was very generous -- receiving no pay for his Visits (4 times, 8 miles) nor for his Medicines, except one which was half a Dollar. But chiefly Thanks are due to God her Sovereign Healer! And may She devote her Spared Life to the divine Glory!

1773 February 24 (Wednesday). *Breck* rides to *Providence* to promote Trade there. *Sophy* chiefly tends his Shop.

1773 March 5 (Friday). *Sophy* rode to deacon *Batchelors* at *Grafton* for him to weave a Coverlid. At night she returns, and Mr. *Isaac Biglow* with her.

1773 March 11 (Thursday). I bought of *Breck* (through necessity) a Russel and Calamanco Gown; which *Sophy* makes.

1773 April 16 (Friday). Miss *Molly Taylor* yet with us teaching *Sophy* to knit a curious Lace.

1773 April 21 (Wednesday). Mr. *Hancock* the Taylor comes to work for *Sophy*, making her a Riding Habit.

1773 April 26 (Monday). *Breck* and *Sophy* Sat out for *Boston*.

1773 April 30 (Friday). *Breck* and *Sophy* at Eve arrive from *Boston*. Inform me that my Kinswoman *Winter* is married to Mr. *Bailey*.

1773 June 17 (Thursday). After we were got to Sleep were alarmed by a Beggar who was of ill behavior and my Wife and *Sophy* requested I would not let him come in to the House, but I bid him go to the Barn, but he was high and Malpert -- he went off. I regretted it. I wanted to take him in, but I had not convenience to lodge him and it would have disordered my House, by reason of the Fright that several were put into by him.

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

1773 July 31 (Saturday). *Sophy* did not come till into Evening.

1773 August 23 (Monday). Mrs. *Bass's* Maid (one Betty Thomas) came to help *Sophy*.

1773 September 8 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Worcester*.... *Sophy* is at *Brecks* Shop.

1773 September 10 (Friday). *Sophy* droops.

1773 September 13 (Monday). My Daughter *Sophy* is laid by with sickness.

#### 1773 OCTOBER 18: 18 YEARS OLD

1773 November 8 (Monday). *Suse Brigham* who Stayed here after Meeting yesterday and lodged, works for *Sophy* and Hannah in making New Crape Gowns -- altering etc. etc.

1773 November 13 (Saturday). Mr. *Clark* in the Morning Signed the Said Memorandum and *Jonathan Maynard* and my Daughter *Sophia* witnessed it.

1773 December 6 (Monday). Mr. *Bass* waited on *Sophy* and *Hannah* home (after their visit to Mrs. *Bass*), and Spent the Evening here.

1773 December 31 (Friday). My Daughters, *Sophy* and *Hannah*, being invited to dine at Mr. *Edmund Brigham's*, they are gone down there, and visit at *Gales*.

1774 February 15 (Tuesday). *Sophy* not well.

1774 March 4 (Friday). Both *Breck* and *Sophy* were ill last night, and droop today.

1774 April 5 (Tuesday). Miss *Suse Brigham* here from Day to Day assisting *Sophy* in her work.

1774 April 27 (Wednesday). My Daughters *Cushing*, *Sophy* and *Hannah* rode to *Northborough* and returned at Eve.

1774 May 9 (Monday). At Eve came to the House Mr. *Joseph Harrington*, but after he had stayed some time, enquiring for me, my Daughter *Sophy* said I was gone from home; So he went away. I was apprehensive of what might be his Design in Coming, but God was pleased, in His Providence to over-rule this matter. D. Glor!

1774 June 16 (Thursday). *Sophy* to Mr. *Edmund Brighams* to dine etc.

1774 July 8 (Friday). *Sophy* to Dr. *Crosby's*.

1774 August 18 (Thursday). Mrs. *Williams* and her Neece went to Capt. *Maynards* and took *Sophy* with them.

#### 1774 OCTOBER 18: 19 YEARS OLD

1774 November 10 (Thursday). I have the Comfort of a Number of my Children and others with me, this Morning. But Mr. *Moore* and Cousen *Oliver* went to *Boston*. *John* and *Sophy* to *Lancaster*. Mr. *Lawrence* early to *Ashby*. Mr. *Cushing* after Dinner to *Shrewsbury*.

1774 November 16 (Wednesday). Though it was rainy yet *Breck* (who had been to *Lancaster* to wait on his sister *Sophy* there to work for *John*) returned from thence; and tells me that the Council which Mr. *Mellen* had called, could not get together yesterday, and embody, so soon, but that the Congregation of *Chauxitt* were together at their Meeting before them and Voted Mr. *Mellen's Dismission*.

1774 November 19 (Saturday). *Sophy* came home from *Lancaster*. Mr. *Joseph White* came with her and dined here.

1774 December 27 (Tuesday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* went over to visit Mrs. *Davis*, *Fessenden* etc.

1775 January 21 (Saturday). *Breck*, *Sophy* and *Hannah* have a Sleigh ride to Mill-River with Master *Jenison* and *Jonathan Fay*, who is up here in the Vacancy.

1775 February 15 (Wednesday). Miss *Abigail White* Stays here over night.

1775 February 16 (Thursday). She dines here. Towards night *Breck* and *Sophy* in the sleigh with her to Capt. *Maynards* And she returned on foot to Mr. *Godfreys*, her Brothers home.

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1775 March 1 (Wednesday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* go to Capt. *Edmund Brighams*, and to Mr. *Gales*.

1775 March 2 (Thursday). *Sophy* watches with Mrs. Maynard (wife of Mr. *Nathan junior*). She is very ill of a Fever.

1775 April 1 (Saturday). N.B. *Breck* and *Sophy* went last Thursday to Marlborough Lecture. The Text, Ps. 144.1.

1775 April 26 (Wednesday). *Breck* leaves us to go to *Cambridge*.

1775 April 27 (Thursday). *Sophy* keeps *Brecks* shop her Self; neither did any body Lodge in the Store last night.

1775 April 28 (Friday). *Sophy* has a Letter from *Breck*, that he inclines to 'list, but has not. He thinks to return home.

1775 May 4 (Thursday). *Sophy* rides to *Northborough* to improve Mr. *Bass* in getting a Letter to my son *Samuel*.

1775 July 6 (Thursday). *Sophy* and *Suse Brigham* go to Mr. *Phineas Hardy's* on a Visit, in Compliance with repeated Requests.

1775 August 27 (Sunday). *John* is much as he was. *Aaron* and *Sophy* have watched [with] him. He sometimes bleeds at the Nose.

#### 1775 OCTOBER 18: 20 YEARS OLD

1775 October 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Wilder* and my Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah*, after Dinner, set out [to] got to *Worcester*, designing for *Leicester*.

1775 October 26 (Thursday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* returned from *Leicester*.

1775 December 29 (Friday). *Sophy* rides to Deacon *Batchellors* and Mr. *Grosvenors* at *Grafton*.

1776 January 11 (Thursday). I rode up to Mrs. *Mehitable Brighams*, and with me my Daughter *Hannah*; *Sophy* riding in another Chaise with Mr. *May*. Mr. *Thomas Rice Willard* came with another Chaise for *Hannah*, but not in season. It was to the *Wedding* of Mr. *John Fay* and Miss *Mehitabel Brigham junior* which was Solemnized, and we supped and sang there.

1776 January 15 (Monday). At Eve *Sophy* has a Letter from her Sister *Cushing* of the 11th, informing that Mr. *Clark* of *Ashburnham* desires that his son *Benjamin* may return home when his time is out.

1776 February 7 (Wednesday). Miss *Polly* takes the *Profile* of the Faces of *Breck, Samuel, Sally, Sophy, Hannah* and *Elias*. [blot]

1776 May 13 (Monday). *Breck, Sophy* and *Hannah* go to Mr. *Grosvenor's* to wait upon him as *newly married*. They Return at Evening.

1776 July 22 (Monday). *Sophy* goes to *Concord*, and *Elias* goes with her; that *Samuel* may go to *Portsmouth* to look after his Goods, taken away violently, by Several *Jones's*, as its Said, and retaken and carried into the abovesaid Port.

1776 August 14 (Wednesday). *Sophy* rode to *Leicester*.

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

### 1776 OCTOBER 18: 21 YEARS OLD

1776 October 9 (Wednesday). Three young Women had visited here, but *Sophy* this Morning sat out with *Elijah Brigham*, for *Ashburnham*.

1776 October 25 (Friday). I took leave of my Children and *Sophy* accompanys me as far as *Lancaster*; we had a comfortable Time of it. But N.B. We called at Mrs. *Winchesters* who was very ill and full of Pain by *Rheumatism* -- of her I borrowed Dr. *John Morse's Serm.* Vol. 1. On the Road overtake One *Morse* and his sister in Law, from *Otter-Creek*: he relates the same bad News. We called also at Mr. *Paysons* where we dined, at Mr. *Gardners*, where we were agreeably entertained. Reach *Lancaster* at Evening. *Sophy* went to the *Widow Wilders*.

1776 October 26 (Saturday). I thence went to Mrs. *Wilders*, who regaled me sumptuously. Made an early Dinner on *Salmon* etc. Left *Sophy* there with the young Ladies.

1776 November 2 (Saturday). P.M. *Sophy* came from *Lancaster*.

1777 April 2 (Wednesday). *Sophy* to *Marlborough*.

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

1777 April 4 (Friday). My Daughters are recluse in the Back Chamber, and are dieting them selves.

1777 April 5 (Saturday). The Girls take Physick, but none of us go to 'em, but Mrs. *Crosby* who having had the Small Pox, waits upon 'em.

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

1777 April 13 (Sunday). Squire Baker acquaints me with the general Requests of those who are at the Hospital, that public prayers be made for them. I preached a.m. on *Rom. 8.1*. P.M. on Occasion of the Judgment of God upon us in the Small Pox, I preached on *Isa. [64.9?]*. The body of the Discourse was what I delivered in the year 60 but with Introduction, alterations, Additions, and especially Applications Suited to the present Circumstances which may God graciously be pleased to own and bless! [Mr. *Elijah Brigham?*] and Cousen *Davis* dined here. Am informed my Daughters are both of them broke out. May God sustain and preserve them! May they have Grace to profit Spiritually hereby and prepare them for His holy Will!

1777 April 19 (Saturday). I hear my Daughters in a Way of Recovery. D.G.

1777 April 24 (Thursday). My Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah* return from the Hospital, as they hope cured of the Small-Pox. To God be Glory and Praise! And may they ever live devoted to the Service and Honour of their almighty Healer and Saviour!

1777 May 22 (Thursday). But what is most remarkable to day is *Breck* and *Sophy* set out for *Rochester*, and carry with them *Suky P. Moore*. May God grant them a prosperous Journey by His holy Will!

1777 May 30 (Friday). *Breck* and *Sophy* returned from *Rochester* and dined at home.

1777 June 2 (Monday). *Sophy* goes with *Hannah*, after dinner, in Mr. *Tainters* Chaise, to Mr. *Grosvenors*.

1777 June 29 (Sunday). My Daughters are rather worse. *Hannah* especially has more discouraging symptoms -- and *Sophy* is much affected with it. May God graciously appear for our Help, or prepare us for His holy will! It is a Time of great Trouble!

1777 July 6 (Sunday). *Simon Crosby* came to enquire after his Brother (who went with *Sophy* and *Hannah*, but is not returned), and he dined here.

1777 July 7 (Monday). N.B. My Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah* return from *Concord, Boston, Cambridge* etc. Sir *Crosby* accompanies them throughout their Journey.

1777 July 21 (Monday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* p.m. rode over to Mr. *Monro's*. They carry a Packet for the Post to carry to Col. *Baldwin*. Mrs. *Hannah Rug* visits here. The Girls return well, as I hope, though the Air was heavy, and it began to rain.

1777 July 24 (Thursday). *Hannah* is a little better at times, but fear, not in the main. She rides a little almost every Day. *Sophy* takes the principal Care of her Day and Night.



1777 July 25 (Friday). P.M. *Sophy* and *Hannah* have Mr. *Newtons* Horse and Chaise to ride a little way.

1777 July 26 (Saturday). They ride to Col. *Brighams*, and *Sophy* on horseback to *Marlborough*.

1777 July 27 (Sunday). N.B. *Hannah* was remarkably exercised last night by uncommon and most tedious Smart in *her Feet*, which was caused by a plaister of Turpentine applyed to them: Her Pain was so great as to need, and had, the Doctor in the Night, and both her Mother and sister (*Sophy*) were obliged to attend her till break of Day. So that with what occurred with *Suse*, we had double Distress! But God has graciously carryed us through. To His Name be praise! And may we have Grace to improve these so peculiar Dispensations!

1777 September 1 (Monday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* rode down to Mr. *Stones*. N.B. It proved a damp, heavy air for them to return in; and *Hannah* had (I fear) rather Hurt than Benefit.

1777 September 8 (Monday). I went up to Squire *Bakers* to get his Chaise for my dear *Hannah's* Journey. His Carriage being defective, he let me have the *Top*, which we put on Mr. *Tainters* Wheels, and Mr. *Noah Hardy* being come, *Sophy* and *Hannah* undertake somewhat after noon, to ride to *Billys* if they can reach it. This important Enterprize I would humbly *committ to the* sovereign and most gracious God! May the Lord grant success and return them in safety; or prepare all for His holy will!

1777 September 25 (Thursday). But this Afternoon, while I was abroad, my Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah* with Mr. *Noah Hardy* returned home from *Cape Ann*: but [I see?] not *Hannah* [this?] night. I understand She is more sick and wasted than when she went away. Mr. *Cushing* came -- and lodged here.

1777 October 9 (Thursday). *Hannah* is so low She speaks but a little, and *Sophy* is continually attached to her, till I fear the Event.

#### 1777 OCTOBER 18: 22 YEARS OLD

1777 November 4 (Tuesday). This was to have been private Meeting at Mr. *Tainters*, but it is put off to next week, by reason of many people going over to the Post-Road to see the Regulars in their moving towards *Boston*. *Breck* and *Suse*, *Elias* and *Sophy* ride there.

1777 November 21 (Friday). *Suse* [and *Sophy*?] [torn] down to Col. *Brighams*, where [torn] an Entertainment. Mr. *Whitney* and his Lady are there.

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

1777 December 3 (Wednesday). *Suse*, having an Horse from her Fathers, and *Sophy* with *Brecks* Mare rode away (though a Cold season) to Leicester, and designing to visit further.

1777 December 11 (Thursday).

At Eve *Suse* and *Sophy* returned from *Brookfield*. They inform that my Son *Baldwin* is at home.

1777 December 16 (Tuesday). *Sophy* rides to *Upton*.

1777 December 17 (Wednesday). *Sophy* returned from

1777 December 19 (Friday).

Miss *Mindwell*

Cousen *Molly Pratt* dined here. P.M. and *Sophy* go with them

*Brighams*

1778 January 12 (Monday). This Day Mr. *Lemuel Babcock* opens a Singing School at Deacon *Woods* and lodges at Capt. [H?] *Fishers*. *Breck* and his Wife, also *Sophy* attend there, p.m. and Eve. He asks two Dollars a Month of Each Person.

1778 January 17 (Saturday). Neither *Elias* not *Sophy* go to Singing school to Day.

1778 January 25 (Sunday). Preached a.m. on *Jam. 5.8*. P.M. on *Jer. 46.27.28*. Which may God bless! *Sophy* propounded.

1778 January 31 (Saturday). It being a very rainy Season *Sophy* dined at Deacon *Wood's*, and Mr. *Badcock* came not either to dine or to lodge here.

1778 February 4 (Wednesday). *Samuel Brigham* dined here. P.M. He, *Elias* and *Sophy* attend the Singing School at Deacon *Woods*, as usual. Mr. *Badcock* at night and he lodged here.

1778 February 15 (Sunday). I had prepared in suitable Measure to preach on another Subject, but on Consideration of our Circumstances I preached on *Col. 3.16*, first part. Master *Fish* dined here. P.M. On Occasion of my Daughter *Sophia's* Admission into the Church I preached on *Prov. 23.26*, "My son give me thine Heart."

1778 February 18 (Wednesday). Masters *Elijah Brigham* and *Abraham Holland* came with double Sleigh and take *Sophy* with them to go by *Northborough* to *Concord*.

1778 February 20 (Friday). *Breck* returned from *Boston* by *Concord*, *Sophy* and her Company also are come from thence also -- but disappointed in design of visiting their Brothers -- both were gone with their Wives -- one to *Medfield*, the other to *Newbury*.

1778 April 3 (Friday). Letter from Mr. *Moore* of *March* 21 to Me, and to *Sophy*.

1778 April 16 (Thursday). *Sophy* goes to watch with Mrs. *Adams*; and *Stephen Maynard* accompanys her.

1778 May 23 (Saturday). *Sophy* is so ill as to lye by.

1778 May 25 (Monday). *Sophy* is better, and goes about again. May God be praised!

1778 June 24 (Wednesday). *Breck*, *Sarah* and *Sophy* Set out for *Boston* -- have Neighbour *Newtons* Chaise.

1778 June 26 (Friday). Deacon *Batchelour* of *Grafton* came from *Boston* and brought thence 1/2 lb. of Tea for my Daughter *Sophy*, which he had given 4 Dollars and half for. I paid him the money but laid the Tea up; not willing to please my Palate at such Cost.

1778 June 27 (Saturday). I perceive that *Breck* returned from *Boston* sometime in the last night. I understand by him that Mrs. *Hicks* of *Cambridge* is not well pleased with what was done for *James*. Before we rose from Table, my Daughters *Sarah* and *Sophy* came from *Concord*.

1778 June 30 (Tuesday). N.B. *Sarah* and *Sophy* rode to Mr. *Whitneys* at *Northborough*.

1778 July 1 (Wednesday). Mr. *Ripley* goes with my Daughters *Cushing* and *Sophy* to *Shrewsbury*.

1778 August 3 (Monday). *Sophy* is gone to *Southborough* for weaving.

1778 August 4 (Tuesday). [Torn] after Breakfast Setts out for *Woodstock*. *Sophy* to *Upton* to weavers -- and returns at Eve.

1778 August 19 (Wednesday). The Storm of last night was very Violent -- The Rain exceeding great and the Effects uncommon. This morning it holds up and *Sophy* goes with Mr. *Cushing* to *Ashburnham*?

1778 September 22 (Tuesday). A letter from *Sophy* at *Ashburnham* per Lt. *John Forbes* of *Otter Creek*.

### 1778 OCTOBER 18: 23 YEARS OLD

1778 October 21 (Wednesday). At Eve came *Sophy* from *Ashburnham* with Sir *Brigham*.

1778 November 10 (Tuesday). Sophy to Concord.

1778 November 12 (Thursday). Master Elijah Brigham returns with Sophy from Concord, and informs that yesterday, Mr. Ripley was ordained.

1778 December 3 (Thursday). Sophy carries yarn to Miss Molly Harrington, to be wove for a great coat for Elias.

1778 December 13 (Sunday). N.B. Squire Baker was very kind in coming with his Sleigh, and carrying me and Sophy to meeting, bring us back, both a. and p.m.

1779 January 28 (Thursday). Breck, Suse with her Baby, Molly Pratt, go in a Double Sleigh, and Mr. Elijah Brigham and Sophy are with them to Mr. Daniel Grout's at Grafton.

1779 February 11 (Thursday). At Eve Master Fisk, Sophy. Elias carries Suse to see her Father who is confined with Indispositions -- and Breck goes at evening and they tarry there.

1779 April 8 (Thursday). N.B. Polly Howard works here for Sophy, making Lace.

1779 April 20 (Tuesday). Rec'd a letter from Elijah Brigham A.B. respecting Sophy.

1779 May 11 (Tuesday). Sophy goes to Mr. Amos Parkers at Shrewsbury.

1779 May 22 (Saturday). Sophy droops.

1779 May 23 (Sunday). Sophy not well and took physick this morning, but knew it not till it worked.

1779 June 9 (Wednesday). Sophy with Mr. Brigham, in Mr. Newton's Chaise, goes to Marlborough.

1779 June 15 (Tuesday). Breck and his Wife and Daughter, Mr. Brigham and Sophy are gone, in two Chaises, to Boston.

1779 June 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Hobby, Mrs. Minot and Sophy walk up to Squire Baker's, but return to dine with us. P.M. our Company leave us to go to Northborough, and Mr. Brigham and Sophy accompany them.

1779 September 11 (Saturday). Mrs. P. came home from Concord with my son William and his little Sophy is with her Father, and after Dinner, they return to Concord.

1779 October 4 (Monday). Capt. John Wood's wife sends for women p.m. and Mrs. P. goes and tarrys.

1779 October 5 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. at the Groaning still. Sally and Sophy, though it is a stormy Day, ride in her chaise to Capt. Maynard's -- at night Mrs. P. returned with Joy for the Deliverance -- a Daughter is born. To God be glory and praise!

1779 October 14 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing from Ashburnham. He has led an Horse for Sophy to ride there. He lodges here.

1779 October 15 (Friday). Mr. Cushing and Sophy set out early for Ashburnham.

#### 1779 OCTOBER 18: 24 YEARS OLD

1779 November 22 (Monday). Master Elijah goes to Ashburnham, expecting Sophy to return. I wrote by him.

1779 November 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Brigham returned from Ashburnham and Sophy with him. Left all well there, and Mrs. Winchester is willing to send me her William.

1779 December 10 (Friday). Breck, Suse and Sophy (by invitation) ride in the Sleigh to Col. Brigham's.

1779 December 24 (Friday). Breck and Suse, Mr. Brigham and Sophy rode in the Slay to Mr. Whitney's.

1780 February 17 (Thursday). Mrs. Baker expired last eve a little after I left her. May God grant His Omnipotent Grace to Survivors!

1780 February 18 (Friday). At eve Squire Baker here and desires me to attend the Funeral tomorrow.

1780 February 19 (Saturday). Squire sent a Sleigh for me to go to his House. Mrs. P., Sophy, Suse with her child, and little Suse of Concord rode with me, to the House of Mourning. I prayed at the Solemnity. N.B. Breck, Elias, Josiah Brigham, the two Williams (Winchester and Spring) there.

1780 March 23 (Thursday). Breck brought also a present of a Barcelona Handkerchief to his Mother from Samuel and another from the same to Sophy, and another from the same to Suse. I perceive that he gave 50 Dollars apiece for them.

1780 April 3 (Monday). P.M. Col. Brigham here upon an important errand in behalf of his Son Elijah, with regard to Sophy -- which I gave my Consent to.

1780 April 16 (Sunday). Mr. Brigham dined here, as did Cousin Maynard.

1780 April 24 (Monday). Mr. Hez. Maynard of Marlborough here; as was Mr. Simon How. Afterwards came Mr. Joseph Mottey, a preacher at Marlborough, with Mr. Elijah Brigham. They dined here.

1780 May 2 (Tuesday). Sophy to Mr. Whitney's and to the Fulling Mill at Northborough!

1780 May 21 (Sunday). Messrs. Brigham and Hazeltine dined here.

1780 May 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Elijah Brigham in Squire Baker's Chaise, waits on Mrs. Parkman to Boston.

1780 May 25 (Thursday). Mr. Elijah Brigham returns from Boston and Says Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ had a good Journey.

1780 May 29 (Monday). Rec'd a Letter from Rev. Whitney to request me to dine with him and to attend the Raising a New House for him.... Mr. Elijah Brigham was my Company home. An Excellent Frame, and a great Company.

1780 June 12 (Monday). Mr. Elijah Brigham and Sophy rid in Sam's Chaise to Hopkinton, Visiting Dr. Stimson. They returned here at night.

1780 June 25 (Sunday). Mr. Elijah Brigham and Mrs. Susan Snow propounded.

1780 June 27 (Tuesday). Sophy rides to Boston in her Brother Samuel's Chaise. Josiah Brigham goes with her and carries Suse Parkman to her Father's. N.B. Sent by Sophy a letter to Mr. Forbes, Gloucester. Another to Mr. Thos. Adams at Medfield, also to Mr. Ripley, his Melmoth on Sublime and Beautiful of Script.

1780 July 2 (Sunday). Mr. Elijah Brigham dined here.

1780 July 8 (Saturday). Mr. Brigham brought home Cloth from Clothier Woods, Northborough.

1780 July 9 (Sunday). Mr. Brigham and Snow were admitted into the Church. So was her Husband, who removed from Southborough.

1780 July 12 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Brigham sat out for Boston and going through Marlborough.

1780 July 14 (Friday). Mr. Brigham returns with Sophy, from Boston, late at night.

1780 July 16 (Sunday). N.B. *Mr. Brigham and Sophy were published.*

1780 July 23 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Brigham and Sopy were published the last Time.

1780 August 1 (Tuesday). A Message by Mr. Elijah Brigham from Mr. Summer, to preach his Lecture -- borrowed Mr. Ware's Mare to ride there -- made several short Visits in the Street -- dined at Squire Baker's, but he came not home as was expected.

1780 August 4 (Friday). Have writ to Mr. Quincy and to Mr. Moore, and committ the Letters to Mr. Elijah Brigham, who is going to Boston.

1780 August 20 (Sunday). At noon, Breck and his Family, Mr. Brigham and his Sister Anna, Mrs. Maynard, Isaac and Luke Baldwin (who came from Shrewsbury this morn) dined with us.

1780 August 31 (Thursday). At eve found Sophy ill. She has taken physick: Mr. Elijah Brigham with her.

1780 September 2 (Saturday). Sophy has been poorly several days.

1780 September 3 (Sunday). Mr. Brigham here.

1780 September 6 (Wednesday). Mr. Elijah Brigham privately spoke to me of his joining in Trade with Breck and would be glad to live here this winter. But I could not determine.

1780 September 7 (Thursday). When I returned, here was Mr. William Spring from Brimfield. He brought a suit of Clothes for his son Billy. He dined with us, as did Mr. Elijah Brigham (who keeps Shop for Breck).

1780 September 12 (Tuesday). Messrs. Elijah and Moses Brigham dined here.

1780 September 20 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Brigham asked me whether it would suit me to have the Marriage of my Daughter to him to be tomorrow? I asked him, where he intended to live? he replied "Here, if I should like it." I answered that I was willing to do what was in my Power for him. Sent my Compliments to his Father and Mother, and Request they would come -- likewise his Brothers and Sisters. He acquainted me with his Desire to wait on Squire Baker and his Lady with his Invitations to the Wedding, also the two eldest Daughters. To which I consented. My Daughter Cushing rode to Capt. Maynard's to invite him and his Wife. The Return was that Mrs. Maynard was confined with illness.

1780 September 21 (Thursday). Mrs. P. I hope is better. Sophy has unhappily a good deal of a cough. I had a most agreeable sight of my children and their Consorts at Dinner, viz.: William and Lydia, Mr. Cushing and Sarah, Breck and Suse, Samuel and Sally, and Mr. Brigham with Sophy. To God be Praise and Glory! Towards evening according to Invitation, Joseph Baker Esq. and Lady, Mr. Winslow Brigham and Miss Alice Cushing of Shrewsbury, Mr. Hazzletine and Miss Mindwell Brigham, Master Fisk and Miss Anna Brigham, and Mr. Josiah Brigham came to wait on the Solemnity of the Marriage of Mr. Elijah Brigham to my Daughter Anna Sophia, which was performed, and after the Covenant, Mr. Cushing prayed. Mrs. P. was not able to attend with us.

1780 September 22 (Friday). My son William and his Wife sat out early for Concord. Mr. Cushing and his Wife when the Day got up, for Shrewsbury. Dr. Crosby to see Mrs. P. P.M. Sam and Breck with their Wives wait on the Bridegroom and Bride, to Coll. Brighams. Mrs. P. has had a poor Day. At eve came Mr. Forbes and his little Boy, Jo Saunders.

1780 October 12 (Thursday). In the Morning, Mr. Brigham and Sophy sat out for Rochester. I have writ by them to Mr. Moore, to Mr. Fitch and to Mr. Thos. Adams.

### 1780 OCTOBER 18: 25 YEARS OLD

1780 October 22 (Sunday). I preached a.m. on Mat. 26.21-22 to p. 3. Administered the Sacrament. Mrs. Maynard at dinner. P.M. on Rev. 5.5. At eve Mr. Brigham read another part of Mr. Flavell's Sermon 7 on Rev. 3.20.

1780 October 27 (Friday). Mr. Brigham has returned.

1780 October 31 (Tuesday). Breck and Brigham have a drove of Oxen brought to sell.

1780 November 3 (Friday). Mr. Brigham waited on Mrs. Cotton to Hopkinton.

1780 November 5 (Sunday). In the eve, Mr. Brigham read Mr. Flavell on Rev. 3.20, Sermon 8.

1780 November 7 (Tuesday). Suse and Sophy ride to their Father Brigham's.

1780 November 12 (Sunday). At eve Mr. Brigham read Flavell on Rev. 3.20, part of Sermon 8.

1780 November 19 (Sunday). At eve, Mr. Brigham read in Flavell's Works -- Rev. 3.20.

1780 November 21 (Tuesday). Mr. David Kellogg, preacher at Framingham dined here, but I was obliged to leave him to Mr. Brigham, who was his acquaintance.

1780 November 26 (Sunday). At eve, Mr. Brigham read the rest of Mr. Flavell's 8th Sermon on Rev. 3.20. God forgive my Dullness and unprofitableness.

1780 November 27 (Monday). Mr. Cornelius Waters came -- is with Mr. Brigham, lodges here.

1780 November 28 (Tuesday). Mr. Waters and Mr. Brigham go to Boston.

1780 November 30 (Thursday). Mr. Brigham returned from Boston in the Night.

1780 December 3 (Sunday). At eve, Brigham, Flavell on Rev. 3.20, Sermon 9, former part.

1780 December 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Brigham goes to Boston. Wrote by him to Mr. Thos Adams.

1780 December 14 (Thursday). Mr. Brigham returned in the Night from Boston and he



1780 December 15 (Friday). delivers me a letter from Mr. Quincy of the 6th.

1780 December 17 (Sunday). Mr. Brigham read Mr. Flavell at Even.

1780 December 22 (Friday). Mr. Brigham returned from Boston, and says Mr. Ripley recovers.

1780 December 24 (Sunday). Mr. Brigham at eve still read in Flavell on Rev. 3.20.

1780 December 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Brigham brought Mrs. Jotham Bush to dine with us.

1780 December 31 (Sunday). At eve Mr. Brigham read Mr. Flavell on Rev. 3.20.

1781 January 1 (Monday). As we, with my Son *Breck* and *his*, Mr. *Brigham* etc. joined together last Evening in singing at the Conclusion of the last Year, So this Morning having so abundant Cause, we Sang Praise to the Great almighty Creator and Preserver: and I hope my Heart is Sincerely moved with Gratitude to the Universal Benefactor: begging earnestly the Pardon of all my past offences, that I may bring no old Guilt into the New Year; and I desire humbly to committ and resign all the Concernments of the Occurrences of the Year Ensuing to the Supreme, all-wise, most Mercifull Ruler of the World and our Covenant God in Jesus Christ. And may I, and all Mine be prepared for all the Events before us! That it may go well with us for Time and Eternity!

1781 January 6 (Saturday). Mr. *Curtis* engaged in Traffick with *Breck* and *Brigham*; remains here.

1781 January 7 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* at Eve read part of Mr. *Flavels* 11th Sermon on *Rev.* 3.20.

[1781 January 13? (Saturday)]. Miss *Polly Howard* has been here assisting both *Suse* and *Sophy* in Quilting Several Bed Quilts.

1781 January 14 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Brigham read in Mr. *Flavel*, *Rev.* 3.20, sermon 11.

1781 January 16 (Tuesday). A Number of women here to help *Sophy* quilt. Miss *Mindwell* and Anna all day. Mrs. *Graves* and Mrs. *Nichols* came p.m.... Miss *Polly* -- Several Women to help *Sophy* in her Quilting, viz. two sisters *Mindwell* and Anne all Day, and Mrs. *Nichols* and Mrs. *Graves* p.m. and Eve.

1781 January 18 (Thursday). *Sophy* finished her tedious work of Quilting; and Miss *Polly* ceases.

1781 January 20 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* at my desire, asked Mr. *Adams* at the Shop to come up to the House.

1781 January 21 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* in the Eve *Flavel*.

1781 January 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* is trying to obtain a large Sleigh to ride in to *Springfield*, and I am solicited to go likewise: but I apprehend my self too infirm to undertake such a Journey at this rigorous season.

1781 January 25 (Thursday). A sleigh is provided and Tackling for two Horses by Mr. Brigham. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and *Sophy* are preparing to go to *Springfield*.

1781 January 26 (Friday). They set out on their Journey to *Brookfield* first. Mr. *Josiah* is studying here, and Mr. *Brigham* desires me to hear his Brother say his Lessons, in his absence. Which I undertake, and accordingly hear him. My Family now is but small. N.B. I have Sent a short Salutation to my aged Brother *Ruggles* of New *Braintry*, per Mr. *Brigham*.

1781 February 1 (Thursday). Whilst Mrs. P and Mrs. *Brigham* are gone their Journey I breakfast at Brecks.

1781 February 4 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read the Close of Mr. *Flavels* Sermon 11 on *Rev. 3.20*.

1781 February 7 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Daniel Foster has sent me by my son Brigham, his Fathers sermon at his own Ordination.

1781 February 8 (Thursday). Mr. Winslow comes with a sleigh and carries away *Sophy*, in order to her going with Col. and Wife as far as *Ashburnham*.

1781 February 11 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read part of Mr. *Flavels* sermon on *Rom. 1.18*.

1781 February 14 (Wednesday). *Breck* returned from *Newtown*, from Mr. *Josiah Fullers*: and *Sophy* from *Ashburnham* -- informs that *Alexander* is not well: is Rheumatic. She brings me a Letter from Mr. *Cushing* who informs me of the Dismission and silencing of Mr. *Cummings* of *Marlborough* in New Hampshire for Immorality. A sorrowful Providence! He sends me also a Book containing 14 Sermons by Mr. *Thomas Haweis* on Evangelical Principles and Practices.

1781 February 18 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Brigham read again in Mr. *Flavel* on *Rom. 1.18*.

1781 February 26 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* and Mr. *Caleb Harrington* killed Two fine Piggs of 9 Months old, and weighed exactly 18 score: that is, one of them 157, the other 203. The *Brighams* cut them out, and salted them for me.

1781 March 1 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* sends Mr. Thomas *Kenny* to cut wood at the Door.

1781 March 4 (Sunday). Mr. Brigham read the last part of Mr. *Flavell* on *Rom. 1.18*.

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*. N.B. He carries to Mr. *Cushing* his *Haweis* Sermons.

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

1781 March 18 (Sunday). In the Eve Mr. Brigham read in Flavel's Mystery of providence.

1781 March 22 (Thursday). I talk'd with *Breck* and with Mr. *Brigham* about my devolving the Care of my Husbandry to them. I committed Squire Bakers Note of Hand for £2000 to Mr. Brigham to provide necessary Household stuff for *Sophy*.

1781 March 23 (Friday). Further Discourse with *Breck*. With Mr. Brigham.

1781 March 29 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* went to Boston.

1781 April 12 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* to Boston. Write by him to Mr. *Quincy*, and sent *Dennis* on the Advertisement and Reflection of [Modern?] Poetry for Mr. *Thomas Adams* of *Medfield*, whose it is now become. A Youngster, whose name is *John Moulton* has come to work here; procured by Mr. *Brigham*, goes to plowing in the West part of the Mid field.

1781 April 14 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* from Boston.

1781 April 19 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* has brought a Yoke of Oxen, and to day *Moulton* uses them.

1781 April 23 (Monday). When I arrived at home, I found that Mr. Brigham had Set John *Moulton* to plow the rest of the great Field beyond the Meeting House, has Neighbour *Nathan Maynard* and his Oxen to help; and thinks to go on with plowing the Ground beyond the Meeting House, up to the Burying place.

1781 April 27 (Friday). Mrs. P. goes p.m. to See him, and Mr. *Brigham* waits on her.

1781 April 28 (Saturday). Mrs. P. \_\_\_\_\_ returns from Marlborough and Mr. Brigham with her, Safely. D.G.

1781 April 29 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read in *Flavel* on divine Providence.

1781 May 4 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham* and *Sophy* ride to Col. *Brighams*.

1781 May 6 (Sunday). At Eve part of Mr. *Henry's Communion Companion*, Chapter 12 was read in the Family; and Mr. *Brigham*, at my Request, prayed.

1781 May 9 (Wednesday). *Elijah Brigham* trades with Mr. *Moses* for part of the place which was formerly old Mr. *Bradish's*.

1781 May 13 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Elijah* read in *Flavel's Fountain of Life*, on 1 *Cor. 2.2.*

1781 May 20 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavel* on *Prov. 8.30 in the Fountain of Life*.

1781 May 27 (Sunday). At Evening Mr. *Brigham* read Sermon 3 of *Flavells Fountain of Life*.

1781 May 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Hardwick* -- *Elias* to *Mendon*.

1781 June 1 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham* from *Hardwick*.

1781 June 12 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*. I wrote by him to Mr. *Moore*.

1781 June 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* returned last Night from *Boston* -- tells me that my son *Samuel* has carried to Dr. *Mather* his 4th Volume of *Cotton of the Keys* etc.

1781 June 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham*, *Hazletine* and *Elias* went to *Northborough* Lecture to hear Mr. *Puffer*: but were *very late*.

1781 July 1 (Sunday). Neither *Sophy* nor Mr. *Brigham* go to Meeting.... At Eve Mr. *Brigham* prayed in the Family.

1781 July 12 (Thursday). Col. *Jonathan Ward* rode with me to *Marlborough* to the Funeral of Col. *Abraham Williams* at which Mr. *Grosvenor* prayed and very agreeably. The Colonel's *Will* was read in the Evening. I lodged at Mr. *George Williams's* and Mr. *John Williams of Rutland*, lodged with me. N.B. Mrs. *Maynard* came with her Coach to our House and took up her Aunt into it, and Mr. *Brigham* waited upon them to the Funeral. They also returned home so.

1781 July 15 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavells fountain of Life*.

1781 July 22 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavells Fountain of Life*, Sermon 9 on [illegible] 3.22, "A Prophet shall the Lord their God" etc. and he prayed.

1781 July 26 (Thursday). *Sophia* is ill. Dr. *Ball* is come, and Several Women are here, viz. Sister *Cousin Maynard* and two nearest Neighbours *Lamson* and *Harrington*. A Daughter born.

1781 July 27 (Friday). *Hepzibah Parker* comes to Nurse *Sophy*.

1781 July 28 (Saturday). Col. *Brigham* came to See his New-born Grand-daughter.

1781 July 29 (Sunday). Baptized Lt. *Eli Warrens* Child *Elizabeth* and my own Grand Child *Anna-Sophia*. And may God graciously accept and bless each of them! In the Evening I repeated the p.m. Sermon to the Family.

1781 July 31 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Dudley*.

1781 August 1 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Dudley*.

1781 August 2 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*.

1781 August 4 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* returned, and dined at home. He has bought a number of Law-books at Vendue, viz. Judge *Herberts New Natura Brevium* and the Abridgment of the Statu[t]es, from Magna Charta to the [blank] Year of K. *George* in Six Volumes.

1781 August 5 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavells Fountain* [of] Life, Sermon X.

1781 August 12 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Brigham read and prayed. At night God was pleased to send a plentiful Rain. To His Name be Glory!

1781 August 14 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to Boston. Sent a Letter to Mr. *Quincy*.

1781 August 16 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* came home in the last night. A Sad Story of one *David [Cordun?]* of *Upton*, his dropping down suddenly, and was found dead.

1781 August 17 (Friday). Miss *Hephzibah Parker* finishes her Nursing *Sophy*; and Miss *Mindwell Brigham* came in her stead.

1781 August 18 (Saturday). Col. *Brigham* brings home a Case of Drawers for *Sophy* which he received from Mr. *Holyoke* joiner at *Marlborough*.

1781 August 20 (Monday). Mr. *Ebenezer Grosvenor* dined here in his way to *Boston* and carries the Letter to Mr. *Quincy* which Mr. Brigham last week did not deliver.

1781 August 26 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read another Sermon of Mr. *Flavells Fountain of Life*. And he prayed. *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 carried through comfortably. D.G.

1781 August 31 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Concord*: carries to Lieut. *Day* the Life of *Joe Thompson*. May God grant that those who read Such Books may be Cautious lest they be ensnared in Vice, but See the Odiousness and unprofitableness, the Shamefulness and Danger of those vile Courses. Mr. *Brigham* carries also a Letter from me to Mr. *Bradshaw* of *Stonington* inclosed in a Letter to Rev. *Philemon Curtis* for Conveyance.

1781 September 1 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Concord*. Not going to *Boston*, he brought back the *Bradshaw* Letter. He brought me from my Son *Williams* the 2d Volume of *Joe Thompson*.

1781 September 2 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Brigham read *Flavel Fountain of Life*.

1781 September 5 (Wednesday). N.B. The Congregation Stayed (though I came home) to choose Choristers. They chose Mr. *Elijah Brigham* unanimously. They also were desired to choose two more instead of Messrs. *Eli Whitney* and *Ebenezer Chamberlain*, who desired to give

up: but they chose no other. Mr. *Jonathan Batherick* was here in the Evening and because Mr. *Brigham* refused, he refused to continue any longer.

1781 September 9 (Sunday). At Evening Mr. *Brigham* (at my request) read Mr. *Henry* on the Communion Chapter 12, and prayed.

1781 September 11 (Tuesday). Dr. *Ball* was here to See *Sophy*, who is but weakly.

1781 September 13 (Thursday). *Sophy* has an ill night. Head-ach etc.

1781 September 15 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* setts out on his Journey to Dartmouth College. I wrote by him to my son *Cushing*.

1781 September 26 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Dartmouth* College.

1781 October 4 (Thursday). Mr. *Jonathan Wilkins*, a young preacher, visits Mr. *Brigham* and lodges. Mr. *Brigham* took care of the Husking and of the *Huskers*.

1781 October 7 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavells* fountain opened and prayed.

1781 October 8 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Bellingham*, to look after a Debtor, *Arnold*, a Quaker. At 2 p.m. *Lydia* and *Sophy* sat out for *Concord*.

1781 October 9 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* to *Bellingham*.

1781 October 14 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read in *Flavell* on Christs Intercession. Alas! for our Inconstancy! May we have Right and part in the Great Attorney!

1781 October 16 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* to Boston. I wrote by him to Mr. *Moore*, and Sent my Watch to have a New Chrystal.

#### 1781 OCTOBER 18: 26 YEARS OLD

1781 October 18 (Thursday). At night Mr. *Brigham* returned from Boston, brought a new Christall for my watch, 3/. Informs me that Mr. *Cranch's* 6th Volume of Biographical Dictionary (which I had been much concerned about) was at my son *Samuels*.

1781 October 21 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read in *Flavels* Fountain of Life and prayed.

1781 November 1 (Thursday). *Josiah Brigham* came to lodge and Study here under his Brother *Elijah*.

1781 November 5 (Monday). *Isaac Forbush*, on Mr. *Brighams* Account brought a Load of Wood, most Seasonably, it being a bad snow Storm.

1781 November 10 (Saturday). So cold and Searching that I can't comfortably go out yet have neither Man or Boy, but by Courtesy. Mr. *Brigham* (and his Brother *Josiah*) do me Kindness to look after the Creatures and chop Wood which he has caused to be brought here.

1781 November 11 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. B. read in *Flavels* Fountain of Life -- and prayed.

1781 November 16 (Friday). Mr. *Kendal* -- Mr. *Foster* of *New-Braintree* dine here. They Spend part of the Afternoon here, and towards Eve Mr. Brigham went with Mr. *Foster* to Capt. *Jonas Brighams*.

1781 November 25 (Sunday). In the Eve Mr. Brigham read in Mr. *Flavels* Fountain of Life.

1781 November 26 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* is desired by Several to take their Sons to instruct them. He has already his Brother *Josiah*. Ensign *Aaron Warrin* wants his son *Abijah* should come (and he is come to day); Lieut. *Jonathan Grout* is earnest to have his son come; *Benjamin Bowman* is expected to come to live with me this Winter to look after my Cattle and chop Wood, hoping to get Learning withal: and Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* is here and requests that his *John* may come to Mr. *Brigham* to School -- all which coming upon me with without our being prepared for it, is too difficult.

1781 November 27 (Tuesday). I Suppose my son *Samuel* this Day sets up his House and Farm at Concord at Vendue. I am destitute of Help abroad, but Breck goes to the Barn and *Josiah* and *Abijah* cut wood for us: but the Wood is Mr. *Brighams* -- for none has been yet brought me, though mine has been gone this great while.

1781 December 4 (Tuesday). *Benjamin Bowman* came to live here to take Care of my Cattle, chop Wood, make the Fires, etc., and to learn to write, Cypher. P.M. I preached at Mr. *Gale's* on *Phil.* 1.21 to p. 15. Very few there. Only Mr. *Daniel Stockwell* and about half a dozen Women, besides those who belonged to the House, and Mr. *Brigham* with my Daughter from my own House.

1781 December 6 (Thursday). Mr. Brigham goes to Wor'ster. N.B. It is the Time of the Session of the inferior Court. *Benjamin Bowman* says he would live here on the following Terms, He will take Care of my Cattle and cutt my Wood etc. if he may board here, and learn to write and cypher.

1781 December 9 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavels* Fountain of Life.

1781 December 10 (Monday). *John Baker* came to See whether he might come here to learn Latin of Mr. *Brigham*? I consented. *Jonathan Grout* junior came to board with and learn of Mr. *Brigham*.

1781 December 13 (Thursday). *General Thanksgiving* on account of the Favours of the Year: but especially the Victory over Earl *Cornwallis* in Virginia. And a *Contribution* followed for the poor sufferers at *South Carolina* and *Georgia*. I preached on *Isa.* 25.1.9, improving in part No. CCXCVIII with proper alterations and large additions. At the Entertainment My Son Breck and

Family, also Three from Col. *Brighams* Family also here. At Eve I repeated, and we sung part of Ps. 145.

1781 December 14 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham*, *Sophy* and the Child, go in a Sleigh to *Shrewsbury*.

1781 December 17 (Monday). *John Baker* boards with Mr. *Brigham*: as does *Jonathan Grout*, and *Abijah Warrin*.

1781 December 18 (Tuesday). Young *Grout* was very sick in the night past and this morning returns home, to his Fathers.

1781 December 23 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavell* 21st on *Fountain* opened.

1781 December 26 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham*, *Sophy* and the Child ride with Mr. *Hazzletine* and Mrs. *Baker* in a Sleigh to *Northborough*.

1782 January 6 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavels* Fountain of Life, Sermon 22, which is upon *Luk. 22.41* to 44.

1782 January 9 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* and others are upon Neighbour *Newtons Accounts* still.

1782 January 12 (Saturday). *Bowman* is so indisposed that he goes home to his Fathers; and the *Brighams* take Care of the Cattle and Wood.

1782 January 13 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavels* fountain of Life, and prayed.

1782 January 15 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* (though very Cold) went to *Boston*. He carries from me Mr. *Cranch's* Vol. 7 of Biographical Dictionary.

1782 January 17 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Boston*. He brought a Letter from Mr. *Quincy* which was very acceptable to me.

1782 January 20 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* at Eve read in *Flavels* Fountain of Life, Sermon 24, and prayed.

1782 January 21 (Monday). *Suse* and *Sophy* wait on Mrs. *Baldwin* in the Sleigh to Capt. *Maynards*.

1782 January 27 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavel* Sermon 25. Sung.

1782 February 2 (Saturday). Sight. Both *Suse* and *Sophy* not well.

1782 February 3 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* at Eve Read in *Flavel*, and prayed.



1782 February 5 (Tuesday). I wrote to Mr. *Quincy*. Messrs. *Brigham*, *Hazzletine* and *Elisha Parker* are going to *Boston* to attend upon the *General Court* who have summoned great Numbers of Witnesses in the Case of Lieutenant *Levi Warren* against Squire *Baker*.

1782 February 9 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* came home. He brings me the 9th Volume of Biographical Dictionary from Mr. Cranch. Mr. B. relates the awful Suicide of a young Mr. Gray who has shot himself.

1782 February 10 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Crosby repeated and Mr. *Brigham* prayed.

1782 February 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* and a Number more are going to *Boston*. Summoned again by Lt. *Levi Warrin* against Squire *Baker*. I Sent by [him?] a Letter to my son *William* -- also another to my Son *Samuel*. A Council (I hear) is sitting at *Oxford*, upon Account of Mr. *Bowmans* Difficultys there.

1782 February 16 (Saturday). Mr. Brigham came home p.m.

1782 February 17 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. B. read Mr. *Flavells Fountain of Life*, Sermon 27, on *Luk. 23.38*.

1782 February 21 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. *Brigham* rides with me to Mr. *Snow's*, who is very low; conversed and prayed with him. We visit at Mr. Abraham *Beemans*. Himself not there. *Elias's* Letter had filled us with Concern on Account of his being out of Health: But when we arrived at home I found him here, and indifferently well.

1782 February 25 (Monday). We are an House of Invalids. Yet all of us about House. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ chiefly, by reason of a grievous Pain in her side: she fears a sore is gathering there. Sophy is grievously exercised with Toothach -- and has it drawn.

1782 March 3 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Brigham reads *Flavell* Sermon 29.

1782 March 10 (Sunday). My sons *Breck* and *Brigham* sat out for *Boston* after Dinner to dear *Sallys* Funeral. May God graciously support, direct and assist us all in the Duty of holy Mourning! I repeated part of the Exercises at Even. *Isaac Baldwin* dined and lodged here. Wrote to *Samuel* by Brigham etc.

1782 March 12 (Tuesday). At night, 9 o'Clock my Sons *Breck* and *Brigham*, return from *Boston*. They inform me that *Sally* was buried in Deacon *Greenoughs* Tomb.

1782 March 17 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Brigham Read *Flavells* Sermon 30 on *Luk. 23.34*.

1782 March 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Thad Warrin* and Mr. *Nathan Maynard* to assist him, came and killed our two remaining *Piggs*. One weighed 10 score and 3 pound. The Other (which was Mr. *Brighams* and a month younger) weighed 11 Score and one Pound. Mr. *Warrin* cut out and Salted down the Pork.

1782 March 23 (Saturday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ is through divine Goodness, as I hope, better; but I am very destitute of Help, and am my Self unable to go much abroad. *Breck* and *Brigham* take Care of the Barn and Wood.

1782 March 24 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Brigham read Mr. *Flavel* Sermon 31 on Joh. 19.27.

1782 March 26 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Worcester* to hear the Tryal of the Cause of Rev. Mr. *Fairbank* of *Shrewsbury* against Rev. Mr. *Morse*, his Neighbour for Slander.

1782 March 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Brigham has hired Daniel Nurse junior to work here a few Days, and he Came to day. Cutts the Wood at the Door.

1782 April 2 (Tuesday). Looked for Mr. *Sanford*, all day -- but he did not come. Mr. *Brigham* went to Upton to hire a Man. He lit on one *Samuel Drake*, who promises to come.

1782 April 11 (Thursday). A Gentleman who came from *Northampton* his Name was *William Moore*, with Letter to Mr. *Brigham* from *Elias*, who is not well and wants an Horse to return. Mr. *Moore* lodges here.

1782 April 12 (Friday). In the Early Morning we're alarmed by a Messenger from Miss *Mindwell Brigham* who is ill, but is chiefly distressed in Mind. Sends for me. I went. Mr. *Brigham* and his Sister *Suse* also. I discoursed and prayed with her.

1782 April 14 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* at Eve reads *Flavell Sermon* on Joh. 19.28. May God forgive what has been amiss in my Attendance!

1782 April 17 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*.

1782 April 20 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* returned late last night, or rather Early this Morning -- brought a Letter of April 2d from Mr. *Quincy*.

1782 April 21 (Sunday). I had prepared to preach, but Mr. Brigham informs me that Mr. *Stone* is come (as I requested heretofore) to assist me.

1782 April 25 (Thursday). *General Fast* through out the United States. I preached a. and p.m. on 2 *Chron.* 14.11 with large Alterations and Additions especially in the Application. *Thacher* went to his Brothers, except at Noon. At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read part of a Discourse on *Fasting* in supplement to Morning Exercise, on *Mark 2.20* by Mr. *Barker*.

1782 April 27 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* agrees with *Thacher*.

1782 April 28 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavel* and prayed.

1782 May 4 (Saturday). Capt. *Clapp* of *Northampton* (according to a Letter from *Elias* to his Brothers *Breck* and *Brigham*) Calls here to take an Horse and lead up to *Northampton*, that *Elias* may come home. Saddle Bags are sent likewise.

1782 May 5 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read Mr. *Flavells* Fountain of Life: and prayed.

1782 May 6 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* sets out for *Boston*.

1782 May 9 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* returns at Night -- brings a Letter from Mr. *Moore* and accompanying it is a Packet containing Several Numbers further of Mr. *Samuel Wests* Expiations of the Prophecys, No. [blank] and [blank].

1782 May 12 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavels* Fountain of Life, sermon 37. May God forgive what has been amiss and bless His holy Institutions!

1782 May 14 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Brigham* has been to *Rutland* -- and went to Squire *Caldwell's* at *Barre* on an Affair of my Son *Ebenzers* and returned this Evening.

1782 May 15 (Wednesday). The Return which Mr. *Brigham* has made from Squire *Colwell*, gives *Ebenzer* Some Satisfaction, by the Lenity he manifests.

1782 May 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*.

1782 May 24 (Friday). At night Mr. *Brigham* returns home and -- brings me an handsome Cap, from my son *Samuel*.

1782 May 26 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* at Evening read the latter part of Mr. *Flavells* Sermon 38 on *Isa. 53.2*.

1782 May 28 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* and *Elias* after Dinner (1/2 after 2 p.m.) Sat out for *Watertown*.

1782 May 31 (Friday). P.M. Mr. *Brigham* returns home -- brings me a Letter from Mr. *Quincy*, dated the 23d instant -- and informs that Mr. *Maccarty* preached to the *Convention*, that *Isaac Baldwin* of *Cambridge* is Sick of a Fever etc. etc. Mr. *Brigham* brings me also from Mr. *Moore* a Copy of Judge *Sullivans* Letter to Mr. *West*; and an old Piece of Dr. *C. Mather* on *Witchcraft* etc. He has, moreover, bought me another Chrystal to my Watch.

1782 June 2 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* at Evening read *Flavell* Fountain, sermon 39, and he prayed.

1782 June 3 (Monday). *Thatcher* prepares a Draught Pole for the *old Well*, near the House, and putts it (with Mr. *Brighams* help) on to the Sweep -- draws etc.

1782 June 9 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* read in *Flavell's* Fountain.

1782 June 16 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavells* Fountain of Life, Sermon 41 and prayed.

1782 June 23 (Sunday). Mr. *Brigham* at Eve read *Flavells Fountain Life* part of Sermon 42. May God grant His Blessing!

1782 June 25 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*. Wrote by him to Mr. *Quincy*.... N.B. *Sophy* has got Mr. *Lambson* to *whitewash* part of the House.

1782 June 27 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* returns from *Boston*.

1782 June 28 (Friday). *Ebenezer* and *Sophia* ride to visit Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife.

1782 June 29 (Saturday). They ride in the Same Manner to Lieut. *Nathan* at *Southborough*.

1782 June 30 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read *Flavels Fountain Life*, Sermon 42, midpart.

1782 July 8 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Boston* on the 6th at night.

1782 July 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Thomas Lamsons* Wife came to work here for Mr. *Brigham*.

1782 July 14 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Brigham* read the Close of Mr. *Flavel's Fountain of Life*, and he prayed.

1782 July 16 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham*, p.m. went to *Cambridge*. By him I wrote to Mr. *Moore*; and to *Elias*.

1782 July 20 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* returned home. He has been at Commencement *but has not taken a Degree*, as he intended.

1782 July 23 (Tuesday). A Sad Disaster befell one of my Neighbour *Harringtons* Piggs; which ran under the Cart Wheel as *Thatcher* was driving in a Load of Hay at the End of the House. The Pig got up, ran down to the first Elm by the Road, there fell down and dyed. Mr. *Brigham* stuck her (it was sow) and she bled. Mr. *Harrington* was informed immediately by Mr. *Brigham*, but he would pay little Regard.

1782 July 28 (Sunday). At Eve *Breck* read Mr. Henry on due Return etc. N.B. Mr. *Brigham* and *his* were by *them selves*. May God graciously accept us!

1782 July 30 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. *Forbes*, and to *Elias* at *Cape Ann*, by Mr. *Brigham* who goes to *Boston* a.m.

1782 August 1 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* returns from *Boston* at night. He brings a Letter from Mr. *Quincy*.

1782 August 7 (Wednesday). Col. *Wheelock* has agreed with Mr. *Brigham* to mowe and get my New Swamp for one Load of the [Hay?] and that I shall have the rest of the Hay when he has cocked it.

1782 August 8 (Thursday). The Interval is every Year a tedious piece of Work. We have this Year had not only *Thomas Thatcher*, but Mr. Brigham has hired Mr. *Nat. Fay*, Several Days to work there. My Son Ebenezer also has greatly assisted, especially in Carting.... A Letter from Colonel *Baldwin* to Mr. *Brigham*.

1782 August 14 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* to *Boston*.

1782 August 16 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham* returned in the Night.

1782 August 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Brigham and his wife rode over to *Northborough* to visit Mrs. *Briggs*.

1782 August 23 (Friday). Mrs. *White*, an Hopkinton Widow woman, Spinning for some Days, for *Sophy*.

1782 August 26 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston* in Col. *Baldwins* Chaise, and with his Horse; they waiting on my Daughter *Baldwin* to tarry a little at her Brother *Samuels*.

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 September 4 (Wednesday).] [*illegible*] Mrs. *Jane White* of *Hopkinton* Widow, has been employed by my Daughter *Brigham* in spinning. Is now taken sick and grows very bad. Mrs. *Brigham* has the Special Care of her; but we are all affected with it and brings us into Trouble -- and yet,

[1782 September 5 (Thursday).] Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*, and I go to the *Fast* at *Southborough*.

1782 September 8 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. *Brigham*, who returned last night, brought a Letter of the [*blank*] from Mr. *Moore*.

1782 September 17 (Tuesday). Mr. *Brigham*, *Sophy* and Miss *Mindwell Brigham* to *Boston*.

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

call for *Persons, Papers* etc., as Shall be Needed. The Meeting concluded with Prayer and Blessing.

1782 October 1 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. *Brigham* goes on his Journey to Boston.

1782 October 5 (Saturday). N.B. Mr. *Brigham* returned home last night, informs me of the Death of the Aged and venerable Mr. *Daniel Perkins of Bridgewater*. "Help Lord! when the godly man perisheth, and when the righteous fail among the Children of Men!" He tells me also that the good and worthy Mr. *Woodward of Weston* is very ill, and his Life despaired of. Mr. *Brigham*, further, has brought a Letter from Dr. *Holyoke* of Salem, to *Elias* to Signifie to him the Terms on which he would take a *Tyro*: and my Son returns an Answer by *Forbes*: and which I perceive is, that his Demands are too high.

### 1782 OCTOBER 18: 27 YEARS OLD

1782 October 21 (Monday). Mr. Brigham to Boston.

[1782 November 3 (Sunday).] No preaching -- but there was a Small public Assembly -- Deacons and Mr. Brigham officiated. May God graciously accept!

1782 November 8 (Friday). A Comfortable Night yet faintness succeeds. Reverend Sumner and Doctor Stimson here. Mr. Brigham returned from Boston. Alexander came from Marlborough.

1782 November 19 (Tuesday). *Ebenezer* to N. Braintree. *Alexander* to Framingham. Mr. *Brigham* to Boston -- much more Comfortable. To God be Praise and Glory!

1782 November 21 (Thursday). [Parkman's hand resumes.] Alexander after considerable Excursions about his Difficult Affairs, returns and lodges here. At Eve Ensign *Aaron Warrin* made me a Visit; and very amicable. N.B. I have had (through divine Goodness) several very good and quiet nights, without getting up at all, but once in each, to drink. A great alteration with me indeed. Mr. *Brigham* returned home.

1782 December 3 (Tuesday). Brigham goes to Boston. I was but feeble and Weak.