

Breck Parkman (1749-1825)

b. Jan. 27, 1749

m. Jan. 9, 1777 Susanna Brigham (*int.* 14 Nov.1776)

b. Jan. 21, 1754, dau. of Levi and Susanah

d. Nov. 10, 1834 (DeForest)

d. Feb. 3, 1825

Children

Miscarriage, July 27, 1777

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

1777 July 28 (Monday). In the morning Mr. *Paul Lambson* prepared a Coffin, dugg a Grave; and we interred the *Abortion*.

Hannah Breck, Oct. 22, 1778 (WVR)

mar. John Eugene Tyler of Boston, 25 June 1801

Susannah Brigham, Apr. 13, 1781 (WVR)

int. Rev. Elisha Rockwood, 9 Sept. 1809

miscarriage (“untimely birth”), July 17, 1783

1783 July 1 (Wednesday). Mrs. Parkman in a poor state of Health. Occationed by her having had the measles and continues Poorly till Fryday 17th when she produced an untimely birth. [Diary of Breck Parkman]

neonatal deaths: twins “deceased within a few hours,” May 26, 1784

Charles, May 26, 1785 (WVR)

Harvard 1803

Mar. Joanna Phillips Fay of Concord, Jan. 26, 1810 (DeForest)

Died Sept. 11, 1834

Robert Breck, Sept. 29, 1787 (WVR)

Stillbirth, Feb. 8, 1790 female child “Dead born”

Anna, Dec. 31, 1792 (WVR)

Mary Augusta, May 12, 1796 (WVR)

Charlotte Sophia, Feb. 5, 1800 (WVR)

mar. George Denny, 13 May 1824.

1749 JANUARY 29: BIRTH

1749 January 29 (Sunday). Tis now 13 Year since my dear wife (Mary) dy'd -- but God has turn'd our Sorrows into Joys. A.M. I read Genesis 19, and gave some brief glances upon it. Preach'd on Neh. 9.6, repeating my old sermon on that Text. It was Seasonable after what we have lately experienc'd. Mr. Upham and Granny Forbush din'd here. P.M. I read and briefly remark'd upon Matthew 19. Preach'd on 1 Tim. 2.15. N.B. I began it with a very Cautionary Introduction extempore, but I think there was no great need of it. My Twelfth, Eleventh living, Child was publickly dedicated to God and baptiz'd. In Honour of my worthy and Reverend Father in Law and excellent Friend I call'd him Breck. May the Lord graciously accept of him and bless him! and make him a Blessing in his Generation! The Granny and not the Nurse held him up. The Young Widow, Sarah Forbush Stay'd and watch'd. N.B. My Wife has been somewhat faint and weak, but was got up to Day. At Eve, She having endured a great deal of pain in her Hipp (She supposes tis the same flatulent pain which had before been so troublesome in her Side) and nothing past through her since last Thursday, I sent my son Thomas to Dr. Gott, and had Return from him the Same Night.

1749 February 4 (Saturday). The Child Sore Mouth.

1749 February 10 (Friday). Our Infant Child has a somewhat bad Sore Mouth.

1749 March 21 (Tuesday). Little Breck not well.

1749 April 19 (Wednesday). My wife and I rode over to Mr. Martyns -- carry'd little Breck -- we din'd there. Mr. Cushing came there. Return'd well at Evening.

1750 JANUARY 29: 1 YEAR OLD

1750 June 26 (Tuesday). Towards Eve my Wife undertakes the Weaning of little Breck; and to accomplish it the better, she and Sally rode to Worcester.

1751 JANUARY 29: 2 YEARS OLD

1751 September 23 (Monday). When I return'd at Eve, heard that my little Breck is ill.

1751 September 24 (Tuesday). Went to See little Breck at t'other House -- found him better.

1751 September 27 (Friday). My Wife went over to the other House, to See Breck who has been ill -- and about some necessary Affairs.

1751 December 18 (Wednesday). Very Cold -- Am Somewhat Rheumatic. Daughter Mary and Breck who have been here ever since the Sabbath, return'd home.

1752 JANUARY 29: 3 YEARS OLD

1752 February 20 (Thursday). N.B. Molly brought Breck here, who has canker in his mouth, yet plays about in the house and abroad.

1752 October 25 (Wednesday). I soon return'd -- it was well I did: my little son Breck was carry'd home lame from School by Mr. Eliezer Rice -- tis fear'd his Leg is broke. May God Sanctify!

1752 October 26 (Thursday). Breck is no easier.

1752 October 27 (Friday). Breck's Leg no better: from the Discoverys I could make no Bone is broke, or put out of Joint, but I conceive the Tendons are strain'd, and perhaps the Ligaments at the Ankle. Mr. Grout, and old Mrs. Maynard at my Desire, came to See Breck, being feverish and not able to stir his Leg. I Sent by Mr. William Nurse for Dr. Brigham, who came, and I hope his anointing and bathing him was beneficial. Sent Billy to Mr. Joseph Goodale at Grafton for a pair of Chair Wheels, the time Sett being more than up. At Eve he returns, but without 'em.

1752 October 28 (Saturday). Mr. Grout came kindly to See Breck, who is much as he was yesterday. I have been so interrupt'd in my studys by Brecks Lameness that I have not been able to touch any sermon for p.m. tomorrow -- to my great sorrow and Grief.

1752 November 2 (Thursday). N.B. Dr. Brigham came to see Brecks Leg, which he can't yet go upon.

1755 JANUARY 29: 6 YEARS OLD

1755 August 1 (Friday). Only Breck and I to rake Barley. Thomas and Billy yet ill.

1755 December 22 (Monday). N.B. Breck (the first time) went to Mill.

1756 JANUARY 29: 7 YEARS OLD

1756 August 16 (Monday). Breck and John go to School to Mr. Gardner as far as Mr. *Jos. Green's*.

1756 October 19 (Tuesday). *Breck* fetches Winter Apples from Mrs. *Barnes*.

1756 November 20 (Saturday). *Breck* remains at t'other House.

1756 December 22 (Wednesday). Breck is brought home from Ebenezer because he is Lame, having cut his right Legg with an Ax, before the former Sore on his left is healed.

1757 January 2 (Sunday). *Breck* learns in the Accidence.

1757 JANUARY 29: 8 YEARS OLD

1757 May 4 (Wednesday). Alexander and Breck cart Muck. Have *Barney Newtons* Cart.

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). Very dry yet. 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.

1758 January 7 (Saturday). Sent *Breck* with the old Mare to *Lt. Rolf*.

1758 JANUARY 29: 9 YEARS OLD

1758 February 22 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* and I settled divers Accounts before his going home. He [and] his Wife Sett out in a Slay for *Brookfield*. They carry *Breck* with them. *Thomas* also hires a Horse and goes with them. They are obliged to go out to the Country Road by *Mr. Martyns*.

1758 November 16 (Thursday). *Thomas* returned from *Brookfield* and brought *Suse* and *Breck* with him, and left *Sarah* in *Suse's* Stead.

1758 December 4 (Monday). Tis grown very Cold again. *Alexander* and *Breck* thrash Rye. We fear our Children have the *Chicken pox* but they dont lye by.

1758 December 23 (Saturday). *Brick [sic]* has Such Desire to learn Lattin again that he has sent for an Accidence.

1758 December 24 (Sunday). Old *Mrs. Tainter* and Miss *Betty Johnson* dined here. The latter tarrys over night.

1758 December 25 (Monday). Miss Betty makes Breck a Jacket. She lodges here.

1758 December 26 (Tuesday). Miss Betty works here a.m. Dines here; as does Miss Patty Dunlop.

1759 January 3 (Wednesday). Lieut. *Joseph Stone* of Brookfield here -- says he is come with a Message from my son, to have *Breck* go up again: and he'll come for him tomorrow.

1759 January 4 (Thursday). *Breck* goes to meet Lt. *Stone* according to agreement but returns again; Lt. not coming to go up.

1759 January 5 (Friday). Breck goes again to t'other House to wait for Lt. *Stone* -- who came here, and dined with us -- p.m. he sat out for Brookfield.

1759 JANUARY 29: 10 YEARS OLD

1759 January 29 (Monday). Notwithstanding it snowed all Day, at Night came my Son *Baldwin* and Daughter Sarah from Brookfield, on two Horses. My Daughter *Baldwin* they tell me, is not well; but her sister *Forbush* is Fatt and hearty. *Ebenezer* is in the School and can't come down. *Breck* is not at rest with living there.

1759 November 28 (Wednesday). Breck came from Brookfield at Eve; and my Son *Baldwin* came about midnight.

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.

1759 December 22 (Saturday). Breck begins again to learn the Accidence.

1760 January 2 (Wednesday). I send Alex and Breck to learn Latin, and Samuel to read.

1760 January 3 (Thursday). Four of my Boys go to school.¹ Billy at work upon the Crooks part of the Day -- till he cutts his Leg with an Addze, which takes him off.

1760 JANUARY 29: 11 YEARS OLD

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

¹Alexander, b. 17 Feb.1747; Breck, b. 17 Feb.1749; Samuel, b. 22 Aug.1751; John, b. 21 July1753.

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 13 (Sunday). In obedience to Mat. 5.23.24 I sent Breck early in the Morning with a brief Line to Mr. Ebenezer Rice.

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

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

1760 October 7 (Tuesday). My Sons, Some of them hurt by an Horse's running loose with my Chair. *Breck* chiefly hurt; he and *Samme* Being thrown out of the Chair, when the Horse broke the Tackling, and broke loose from Chair and all, and run off, home: It being Mr. *Beetons*. But it was wonderfull the Boys were not destroyed. D.G.

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 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 21 (Friday). Breck begins to learn Latin again.

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

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

1761 JANUARY 29: 12 YEARS OLD

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 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 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 29 (Wednesday). Miss Betty Johnson works here yet: makes *Breck* a Jacket.

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

1761 May 6 (Wednesday). Miss Betty makes Leather Breeches for Breck.

1761 May 30 (Saturday). Whilst I was gone Alexander and Breck mowed Bushes at the Island.

1764 JANUARY 29: 15 YEARS OLD

1764 July 2 (Monday). Breck mowed.

1764 July 3 (Tuesday). Breck mowes.

1764 July 6 (Friday). Breck and John finish half-hilling the great Field.

1764 July 7 (Saturday). *Jonas Kenny* helps Breck and John a.m. half-hilling the Orchard: they [him?] , part of p.m.

1764 July 9 (Monday). Breck mows the Balks at the Island Field.

1764 July 10 (Tuesday). *Breck* mowing a.m.

1764 July 17 (Tuesday). *Jonas Kenny* helps Breck get home a Load from the meadow. And they get in several Cocks beyond the Meeting House. Mr. Bowman at Eve.

1764 July 19 (Thursday). Breck at Mr. Nurse's, because the Waters are so high upon our own Grass.

1764 July 20 (Friday). *Breck* at Mr. Nurse's.

1764 July 21 (Saturday). Breck So commands my mare as to make her plow; and he and John hoe in the Field behind the Meeting House.

1764 July 23 (Monday). Neighbour Lock and his Brother Jonathan How reap for me at the Island. Breck with them. John hoes. Mrs. *Johnson* at Work here -- altering some Cloths of Brecks etc.

1764 July 24 (Tuesday). *Breck* reaps and John hoes a.m., both of them and Jonas Kenny p.m. taking up Rye which was reaped yesterday.

1764 July 26 (Thursday). Breck lame by a Prick of a Pitchfork in his Shin, yesterday: he is unable to work to Day.

1764 July 27 (Friday). The same Women work here, as yesterday. Breck reaps. Jonas Kenny plows, and Cradles Rye etc.

1764 July 28 (Saturday). Breck finishes reaping Rye and gets it in. A light Crop -- about 20 shock only, for [blank] Acres of Ground. But *any* is more than Desert.

1764 July 30 (Monday). Breck and John [blank] .

1764 August 1 (Wednesday). Breck mows in the Meadow at the Brook.

1764 August 2 (Thursday). Richard Barnes junior mows a.m. along with Breck in the Meadow for me. P.M. they rake and Cock till 4 when a Storm of Thunder and Rain beats 'em off.

1764 August 3 (Friday). Richard again. They get in several Load of Hay.

1764 August 6 (Monday). Breck brings home a Load of Hay from the Meadows.

1764 August 7 (Tuesday). Breck 2 Load, though one Wet.

1764 August 8 (Wednesday). Breck alone at the Meadows, disappointed of Help.

1764 August 9 (Thursday). Breck mowing and raking at the Meadow.

1764 August 10 (Friday). P.M. Breck (by help of Moses Smith from Capt. Woods) got home and Stacked at the back of the Barn, two Jaggs of Hay -- and Since I have so little Help and it is so difficult to obtain it of others, and meet with so many Disappointments about it, I have concluded to let the rest of the Grass Stand.

1764 August 11 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter came in the Morning to plow in my Corn-Field in order to our hoeing it again but my plough was broke, and therefore to mend; and I had no Rie to sow; he had himself a great deal of Hay and Oates to take Care of at home; so that he returned without doing any Thing. But 4 Young Men, *Levi Warrin*, *Elisha Forbush* by Proxy, *John Forb.* in his room; *Thomas* and *Joseph Bond*, came and hoed the Corn in my Orchard and finished before 10 o'Clock. Breck and John plowed for 'em.

1764 August 13 (Monday). Deacon Tainter, with Boy and Horse, comes to plow among my Corn, which is behind the Meeting House -- but first sows it with Rye -- [which?] Breck and John hoe, and (with some small assistance of two or three at sunset) finished the Field.

1764 September 21 (Friday). My son Baldwin brought his wife from Rutland. She is in a poor, weak state of Health. *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 November 30 (Friday). Breck works for me a.m. He and John Thrash Oates. P.M. Breck goes to his work at Capt. Maynards and I Send by him to desire Captain to come here before tomorrow noon.

1764 December 7 (Friday). Miss Hephzibah Maynard here still.... Breck came and carried away home Miss Hephzibah Maynard.

1764 December 30 (Sunday). William and Breck ride in the Sleigh with John Maynard to Captains.

1765 JANUARY 29: 16 YEARS OLD

1765 February 1 (Friday). Billy and Breck come home from Capt. *Maynards*.

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. Billy has, of Mr. Wheelock, part of Deacon Storers House to work in; the shop not being big enough for him and Breck, though it was for Thomas.

1765 February 15 (Friday). Attended the Funeral of John Pratt. A very mournful Time! May God Shew Mercy to the poor distressed Father, and the bereaved sisters! A great Concourse of People, though it was difficult stirring. Billy is one of the Bearers. My Wife too tender and lame to be there, but my two Daughters that could, and Breck and John, were there.

1765 February 23 (Saturday). *Breck* has worked several Days for me. To Day he goes with my Oxen and fetches 4 or 5 hund. of Hay from t'other Barn.

1765 March 7 (Thursday). *Breck* works for me.

1765 March 8 (Friday). Breck cutts Wood at the Island. Jonas Kenny with him part of the forenoon. Dines here and works there all the Afternoon.

1765 March 9 (Saturday). Breck and John Sled wood in the Morning from the Island. Deacon Tainter kindly comes with Wood -- and then goes to encourage and assist my Sons.... Breck a. and p.m. cutting Wood at the Island; and p.m. John helps him.

1765 March 11 (Monday). Breck cutts wood for me, again at the Island.

1765 March 14 (Thursday). Billy and Breck cut Timber on t'other place, for a Corn Barn.

1765 March 16 (Saturday). Breck and John go to draw Timber out of the woods into the Road.

1765 March 23 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter brought two load of Wood from home and Breck being Sledding from the Island (2 turns), Mr. Tainter brought another from there.

1765 April 1 (Monday). Breck goes with my and Capt. Woods Oxen and Neighbour Newtons Cart to cart Timber for a Corn Barn. Sheep, and Steers brought home.

1765 April 2 (Tuesday). Breck with Mr. Nathan Maynards Cattle and Mine, brings Timber and Hay from T'other House. Calves come home.

1765 April 3 (Wednesday). Billy and Breck hewing the Timber, etc.

1765 April 4 (Thursday). Billy hewing -- Breck a.m. P.M. *John* with *Breck* cart Timber from Mr. Beetons, and they bring all from thence.

1765 April 5 (Friday). Billy and Breck hewing.

1765 April 6 (Saturday). Billy otherwise employed. Breck worked at the Timber part of the Day.

1765 April 8 (Monday). It being foul Weather Billy can't *frame* the Corn Barn. He finishes a sink in the Kitchin. Breck cutts a few Gains in the Beams over the Barn Floor, and Saws and joints some Boards for Flooring in the Garrett etc.

1765 April 12 (Friday). Billy and Breck begin to Frame a Corn Barn for me.

1765 April 13 (Saturday). Billy and Breck get ready for their Journey. John Maynard with a Waggon etc.

1765 April 15 (Monday). Billy and Breck leave us to go to Townshend. They Expect John Maynard setts out from his Fathers with a Waggon to Carry (what was moved from here last Saturday) Beef, Pork and many other stores -- and Joseph Warrin (son of Mr. Timothy) hired by Billy goes with them.

1765 July 5 (Friday). At Night came *Breck* first, and afterwards Billy from Townshend. The Oxen are come home likewise.

1765 July 6 (Saturday). Breck mows a little -- and p.m. hoes with John at the Island.

1765 July 8 (Monday). Billy and Breck are framing my Corn Barn.

1765 July 9 (Tuesday). Billy and Breck are framing.

1765 July 10 (Wednesday). After Dinner Billy raises the Corn Barn and that being over, Billy and Breck rake and get in Hay.

1765 July 11 (Thursday). Breck works for me.

1765 July 12 (Friday). Breck again for me.

1765 July 13 (Saturday). Billy works on the Barn, boarding and Shingling. Breck most of the Day busied about the Hay.

1765 July 22 (Monday). Billy paints part of the Day. Reaps part of p.m. Breck and John Hilling.

1765 July 23 (Tuesday). Breck and John are Hilling a.m., rake p.m.

1765 July 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Kelly having lodged here, works again for me to day, and Billy a.m. with him. Breck mows the Barley and works the rest of the Day.

1765 July 25 (Thursday). *Billy and Breck* set out for Townshend: and have my Mare to carry their Luggage.

1765 December 3 (Tuesday). Breck came from Townshend -- and brought Billys Oxen for me to keep.

1765 December 6 (Friday). Breck closes up a Shelter for Cattle.

1765 December 11 (Wednesday). Billy and Breck *return to Townshend*; and John goes with them to bring back my mare. Mr. Joseph *Bruce* brings my Great Coat from Brookfield and takes my sons. I was obliged to tend the Cattle etc. -- John being gone -- and got Cold.

1766 January 1 (Wednesday). At about 3 o'Clock came Breck through the Storm from Townshend, having Sat out at about 3 in the Morning. But the Journey was almost too hard for him, the storm having increased and the Cold very Sharp; on Foot and with a Pack. At Eve came Billy also: but much worried also. God be praised who Sustained them!

1766 January 2 (Thursday). We have both Billy and Breck to help John, both as to the Creatures and Wood; which we have enough of at the Door.

1766 January 3 (Friday). Billy and Breck with us.

1766 January 9 (Thursday). Billy and Breck make an Ox sled.

1766 January 10 (Friday). Breck laying that part of the Garrett Floor which is behind the Chimney. In the Evenings he trims out a great Number of Ax Halves.

1766 January 11 (Saturday). Breck on Garrett Floor.

1766 January 16 (Thursday). Breck lays the Floor of the Closet under the Front stairs.

1766 January 22 (Wednesday). Breck putts up Shelves in my inner Cellar.

1766 January 23 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood (Billy and Breck assisting) killed my two Hogs. One weighed 262 lbs., the other 256. The men aforesaid dined with me. Deacon came at night to help cut up and Salt down. Supped with me.

1766 JANUARY 29: 17 YEARS OLD

1766 January 30 (Thursday). Breck trimed Apple Trees yesterday a while. This morning he finishes -- is much given to writing.

1766 February 3 (Monday). Went also to the Edge of Hopkinton -- to Mr. Kinsmans and had Breck and John with me -- for I brought a store shoat there, weight 106 at 1/3 per pound. My sons led it home.

1766 February 11 (Tuesday). *Billy* and *Breck* have been waiting for snow, but none comes. And they have been very much without Employ -- except reading, writing, Cyphering etc. now and then a little Job for me. But to Day *Billy* works at Mr. David Warrins in making Cart Wheels -- and *Breck* works in the Shop in making a Maple Chest etc.

1766 February 12 (Wednesday). *Billy* again to Mr. *Warrins*. *Breck* as before.

1766 February 14 (Friday). *Billy* works at Mr. *Warrins*: *Breck* writes: John Cyphers.

1766 February 18 (Tuesday). *Breck* and *John* to school.

1766 March 5 (Wednesday). *Billy* works from Day to Day, last week and this at Mr. Daniel *Warrins*, in making a Pair of Cart Wheels, and *Breck* is here making the Body of the Cart.

1766 March 10 (Monday). *Billy* having got mine and his own Oxen shod, and loaded his Cart with a great Variety -- his Chest -- Barrell of Meat -- Cyder etc. setts out, and *Breck* with him, for Townshend.

1766 March 27 (Thursday). P.M. *Billy* comes home, has his and my Oxen and his Cart, with him -- leaves *Breck* at Townshend.

1766 October 2 (Thursday). At Eve Thomas Arnold says he is going to Leominster. Therefore I write again to *Billy*; about my preaching there: and concerning my Cattle; and *Breck* and *Samuels* Sheep. When they must be brought home; or what be done with them.

1766 October 18 (Saturday). After them came *Breck* and Mr. *John Lock* from Townshend.

1767 January 16 (Friday). *Breck* comes from Townsend.

1767 January 20 (Tuesday). Breck (as well as John) to singing school.

1767 January 24 (Saturday). Breck instead of going to School, is doing various Chores.

1767 January 26 (Monday). I despatch Breck to Lt. Forbush to See if Mr. Cook lodged there last night, and tell him that I could not go in such a storm. Or if he be not there to enquire whether Mr. Ebenezer would go to the Burial? Or whether he would go with me, if I should go? He returns that *Cook* had not been there -- that he Should not go -- and that he did not believe that they would expect me: that it was Slippery by reason of the Ice in the Road: and the Snow had covered up the Path-- So that, the Storm also prevailing, I did not venture. Nor do I think Mr. *Smith* would stir to go his Journey. Am sorry I said nothing to Mr. Cook about the Weather -- but it was implied in what he said about the Road, viz. that in the Light I might see where it was trod; for otherwise it was too Icy to be safe. Read in Dr. *Watts* of the *World to come*; and can't but esteem that work so far as I have gone in it.

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

1767 JANUARY 29: 18 YEARS OLD

1767 May 28 (Thursday). *Breck* also is come from *Ashby* and lodges there.

1767 June 1 (Monday). Breck returns here from Boston.

1767 June 2 (Tuesday). Breck returns to *Ashby* and takes with him a Cow and two Young Creatures. Jonas Kenny goes with him and drives Mr. Nurse's Cattle to Billy.

1768 JANUARY 29: 19 YEARS OLD

1768 February 5 (Friday). *Breck* here, from *Ashby*. He came last night.

1768 February 10 (Wednesday). Mr. B. How comes to work to make me a *sleigh*. Breck works with him.

1768 February 11 (Thursday). Mr. How, who lodged here last night, works again to Day. Breck works with him some part of the Day, and they finish by night. Mr. How charged 36/ old tenor for his work, and this I paid him by a note to Mr. B [ig?] low.

1768 February 12 (Friday). Breck, John and Elias go to Mr. Goddards school, at the Warrin school-House. N.B. *Breck* came to me in the Morning and Seemed to be in great Concern about the state of his Soul, and laments his sins -- etc. etc.

1768 February 22 (Monday). Breck much disappointed of Opportunity to return to *Ashby*, by reason of the great Thaw.

1768 February 23 (Tuesday). Breck and John leave us to go to *Ashby*. They carry Cart Boxes which I have at Capt. Maynards; [*marginal notation*: weighed 31 lbs.] and Hoops for the Hubbs, of a pair of wheels, which Billy is to make. The Hoops were made by Mr. Townsend, weighed 14 lbs. at 2/ per pound for making: the Iron I had of Mr. Nurse at 2/ per pound.

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 marryed 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 Marryed be Espoused to Him! And be made rich and lasting Blessings!

1768 October 14 (Friday). Mr. Forbes and his Wife, *Billy*, his Wife, and Breck, left us a.m. N.B. *Breck* has made a Garden Gate and hung it with Hinges which Mr. Nurse has brought me gratis.

1769 JANUARY 29: 20 YEARS OLD

1769 February 8 (Wednesday). At Eve *Breck* came from *Ashby*.

1769 February 9 (Thursday). *Alexander* returns from Boston and Framingham. *Breck* and *John* are applyed to their Writing, what time can be afforded from the unavoidable Business of the Barn, Wood, going to Mill etc.

1769 February 13 (Monday). Breck undertakes (his Brother John assisting) to lay the new Stable Floor.

1769 February 15 (Wednesday). N.B. Am informed that Mr. *Green* and Mrs. *Cotton* from *Hopkinton* came to our House yesterday, lodged here, and to Day carryed Miss *Patty Clark* home, and *Breck* and *Sarah* are gone to *Hopkinton* with them.

1769 February 16 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Sarah* return at Eve. They bring me, from Miss *Patty Clark*, two of the 20 Volumes of *the world displayed*.

1769 February 17 (Friday). *Breck* goes to Dr. *Crosby* for Some Remedy against a breaking out that he is troubled with.

1769 February 21 (Tuesday). Breck rode to Capt. Wards at Southborough and returns.

1769 February 22 (Wednesday). Breck works at my Barn: makes a Rack for the new stable, puts up a Door, nails the loose Boards etc.

1769 February 23 (Thursday). Breck and John Cyphering.

1769 February 24 (Friday). Breck leaves us to go to Ashby, and I write by him to Billy.

1770 JANUARY 29: 21 YEARS OLD

1770 January 31 (Wednesday). Alexander returns to Sturbridge. Jonas Kenny came kindly to assist in cutting and Salting our Pork. At Eve came Jonathan Forbes from Brookfield with my Horse, and with a Letter from Mr. Forbes, that *John* is gone to live as apprentice to Mr. Hitchcock, that my son Breck is also come from *Ashby* to work with Mr. Hitchcocks Brother, a Shop-Joyner -- and that all, especially my Daughter *Baldwin*, are well.

1770 February 16 (Friday). At Eve came Breck from *Ashby*, and much tired. His Brother William has writ to me of his Trouble and Difficulty at the Time of the great Thaw in January last. He himself got over a swift stream which he was endeavouring to pass -- but his Horse was carried down the Current -- but was at length stopped and was got out -- the Saddle and Housing finally lost.

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

1770 February 20 (Tuesday). But Breck, upon my Colt, undertakes a Journey to *Wrentham*, *Medfield*, and Boston.

1770 February 23 (Friday). Expected Breck from Boston last night, and fear whether he is well, Since he delays his Coming.

1770 February 24 (Saturday). At Eve Breck came from Boston. He rectifies the News about the Mob on the 22 and informs that it was *Richardsons* House was beset -- that it was he that killed the Lad, and was committed to Jail.

1770 February 26 (Monday). *Breck* goes to *Brookfield* to work there.

1770 April 14 (Saturday). Sent what I lately Wrote to *Breck*, by Mr. *Daniel Forbes* junior. N.B. what I wrote is Capt. Ezra Wood of *Uptons* Message concerning his Help in building their Meeting House.

1770 April 21 (Saturday). Capt. *Benjamin Fay* brings from Rev. Adams's at Roxbury 11 *Planes* for my Son *Breck*, for which the Captain has paid £13.0.1.

1770 April 23 (Monday). Wrote to Breck and Sent his *Planes* by Mr. B. Newton.

1770 April 26 (Thursday). Neighbour Newton returns from Brookfield with Letter from Breck that there were more planes than he wanted.

1770 May 5 (Saturday). My Son Breck came from Brookfield.

1770 May 7 (Monday). *Breck* goes to *Upton* -- agrees with Capt. *Ezra Wood* to work on their New Meeting House, for Six months and to lead in the Work, at 10 Dollars per month, and be found Diet, Washing and Lodging. To have his money or a Note when the Work is done. He returned here at Night.

1770 May 8 (Tuesday). Delivered Breck, Cash for Mr. *Haskill* of *Brookfield* £30 old Tenor and he to call at Capt. *Maynards*. He did so and received 30£ old Tenor more. Of which he Sent me back £7.15.0. So that he carries with him from me 52£ 5/.

1770 May 22 (Tuesday). P.M. towards Eve came Breck and John from Brookfield.

1770 May 23 (Wednesday). P.M. *Elias* goes with Breck to Upton to bring back the Horse.

1770 June 28 (Thursday). Breck came at Night and lodged here.

1770 July 16 (Monday). Breck had come from Upton and returns.

1770 July 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Roger Bruce* returns from Mendon and dines here. I have sent by him several MSS of my son *Forbes* Sermons, to be delivered by his own Hands to Mr. F. Capt. *Ezra Wood* of Upton came from *Breck*.

1770 August 6 (Monday). Miss *Lydia Chamberlin* Works here as a Taylor for *Breck*.

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

1770 October 15 (Monday). Breck came from Upton and two of Mr. *Fish's* Daughters, viz. Miss *Martha* and Miss *Hannah*, who lodged here.

1770 October 16 (Tuesday). *Breck* and the young women of *Upton* visited at Mr. Edward *Barns* etc. at *Marlborough*.... I returned at Eve -- as did Breck etc. and lodged here.

1770 October 17 (Wednesday). Breck and his Company return to Upton.

1770 November 4 (Sunday). N.B. Breck here, but returned to Mr. *Fish's*.

1770 November 17 (Saturday). P.M. I rode to *Upton*. In my way visited old Mrs. Dunlop, who is weak and confined. Mr. Fish to Westborough. Breck is at work on their Meeting House, and lodges at Mr. Fish's: where I lodge also.

1770 November 18 (Sunday). Mr. *Jonathan Wood* and his Wife (I believe at Brecks Desire) came to see me, and discourse about the Ministerial Order, Ministers entering into their Office, Ministers Maintenance, the millenium etc.

1770 December 6 (Thursday). Public Thanksgiving.... N.B. *Breck* was with us to day. He came over from *Upton* in the Morning.

1770 December 7 (Friday). Alexander and Breck rose before Day -- and returned to their respective Business. Breck has been So closely engaged in his Work, that he has worked (he says) 40 hours together without breaking off, except to Eat only.

1771 January 3 (Thursday). Breck came from *Upton*.

1771 January 4 (Friday). Breck worked for me at the Barn -- laying floors.

1771 January 5 (Saturday). *Breck* at the Barn, making Partitions etc.

1771 January 7 (Monday). *Breck* goes to *Upton* for his Chest, Tools, etc.

1771 January 12 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* came from Boston. He hoped to have seen his Brother *Breck* -- but he is gone, this forenoon to see *William* at *Concord*.

1771 January 14 (Monday). *Samuel* left us, designing to go to *Boston* by the way of his Brother *Williams* hoping also to meet *Breck*.

1771 January 16 (Wednesday). Breck came from *Concord* and went to *Northborough* brought his [illegible] .

1771 January 17 (Thursday). Breck was designing to set out for *Rochester*, but the Rain prevented.

1771 January 18 (Friday). *Breck* set out early for *Rochester*, on my Horse.

1771 January 26 (Saturday). At Eve *Breck* returned from *Rochester*.

1771 JANUARY 29: 22 YEARS OLD

1771 January 29 (Tuesday). *Breck* [so ill?] with his shattered Jaw (having undergone a tedious Tooth-drawing at *Rochester*) that he cant go to *Ashburnham*, as designed.

1771 January 30 (Wednesday). *Breck* still indisposed, yet works a little at the Barn: he has hung the inner Doors of the west part of the Barn.

1771 January 31 (Thursday). *Breck* can't journey, but lays a floor in the back passage way into the back, east Chamber.

1771 February 1 (Friday). *Breck* ventures to go to Brookfield and *Sophy* goes with him.

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

1771 February 5 (Tuesday). After Dinner he returned, for I went to private Meeting at the *Widow Newtons*; where I Preached on *Isa. 4.5*. I came away against their sollicitations to eat and drink with them because of our perplexitys and disappointments relative to *Brecks* going to *Fitchbourg* for my Strayed steer: but *Breck* would have gone on Foot.

1771 February 6 (Wednesday). Obtained an Horse of Mr. *Nurse* for *Breck* to ride to *Ashburnham, Fitchbourg* etc.

1771 February 7 (Thursday). *Breck* Sat out before Day. Sent 3 Vols. of the *World Displayed* by *Breck* to Dr. Green at Lancaster.

1771 February 9 (Saturday). About noon came *Breck* and *Elias* from *Ashburnham* but from Lancaster to Day, in a violent impetuous Storm.

1771 February 11 (Monday). My Son *Breck* is gone to keep School at *Northborough*.

1771 February 24 (Sunday). N.B. *Breck* came in the morning from *Northborough*, and tarrys over Night.

1771 March 14 (Thursday). *Breck* at Evening and lodged.

1771 March 19 (Tuesday). *Breck* came and on my Horse he rode to Upton to speak to some young men about living with me. He returned also but was unsuccessful.

1771 March 24 (Sunday). *Breck* from *Northborough* this Morning.

1771 April 4 (Thursday). *Breck* comes home.

1771 April 8 (Monday). *Breck* with us.

1771 April 9 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes to work for Mr. *Beeton* to build convenient shelter for his works in grinding scythes, by Water.

1771 April 10 (Wednesday). *Breck* came home and lodged here.

1771 April 14 (Sunday). N.B. Breck with us.

1771 April 16 (Tuesday). At Eve Breck and Elijah Brigham -- he lodges here.

1771 April 17 (Wednesday). I Send by Breck to Mr. *John Chamberlin* of *Hopkinton*, for his son *Joseph*. After which came *John Dunlap*, son of *James*, to See whether I was supplied. This is the 2d time; for he was here yesterday -- but was obliged, not without Reluctance, to deny him. I am brought into perplexity, by my not having a man yet -- the Season Spending, my Hay which I depend on, So gone -- and my Business behind Hand.

1771 April 18 (Thursday). N.B. Breck has a very bad sore on one of his Fingers, which proves very troublesome to him.

1771 April 25 (Thursday). At Eve Breck comes home and with him a young man, a Taylor, *Joseph Hancock*, as he says, of Derbyshire in old England.

1771 April 26 (Friday). Mr. *Hancock* at work for Breck, making him a pair of Leather Breeches.

1771 April 29 (Monday). I found a great many at Work on a new Frame for Messrs. Bellows's. My Son *Breck* works there to Day. I went to the Houses where the Sufferers sojourn, viz. Mr. *Ezra Bakers*, and Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlain junior.

1771 May 4 (Saturday). *Breck* returns home.

1771 May 18 (Saturday). *Breck* has been for some Days at work on a Frame of a Barn, at Mr. *Isaac Johnsons* at *Southborough* but returns home this Evening.

1771 May 20 (Monday). *Breck* to *Southborough* again.

1771 May 23 (Thursday). *Breck* returned home from *Southborough*.

1771 May 24 (Friday). *Breck* and *Joseph* go and hew and bring it with my Oxen.

1771 June 1 (Saturday). N.B. Breck has put up almost all the *Pale Fence* before the House.

1771 June 3 (Monday). Breck sat out for *Monadnock* to build a Barn for *Levi Brigham*.

1771 September 16 (Monday). Wrote to Breck by Mr. Levi Brigham junior of *Monadnock* who yesterday delivered us a Letter from him, which informs that lately he met with a Wound at a Raising. A Timber fell on his Right Hand, which broke one of his fingers, and hurt two more.

1771 November 5 (Tuesday). Sent by [Jos.?] to Breck at *Monadnock*.

1771 November 25 (Monday). I rode to Cornet Brigham's about his son *Elijahs* going to *Monadnock*, and helping *Breck* in his Journey home.

1771 November 26 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. *Nurse's* for Money, but got none -- had his Mare to be rid up to *Monadnock* by *Elijah Brigham* for *Breck* to ride home and bring his Tools.

1771 December 5 (Thursday). We were greatly rejoiced to see *Breck* who came from *Monadnock* the Day before yesterday, to Ashburnham and to day from Harvard. N.B. The Mare he rode on Stumbled, threw him, rolled upon him, so as to hurt his Knee, and his Wrist. Deacon Wood at Eve with Brecks help, cutts out and Salts down a Side of Beef for me.

1771 December 11 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes on my Horse to *Upton*.

1771 December 12 (Thursday). Breck at work for himself in the Shop.

1771 December 14 (Saturday). Mr. *Hancock* the *Taylor* comes to work here to make *Breck* a Coat.

1771 December 17 (Tuesday). This morning Breck sets out for Boston.

1771 December 21 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from Boston by the way of Concord. He is in great perplexity having lost a valuable Hand saw which cost him 2 Dollars and has lost which is much worse, his Purse of Money.

1771 December 23 (Monday). *Breck* begins to keep school at the Warren school-House.

1771 December 24 (Tuesday). I was perplexed for want of Money to pay where I had borrowed, viz. of Mr. Levi Warren but Obtained it and Sent it at Eve by *Breck*, to Satisfaction.

1771 December 27 (Friday). We hear that *Brecks* Purse is found at his Brother *Williams*.

1771 December 28 (Saturday). Breck by invitation dined at Capt. *Brighams*, as Yesterday at Mr. Haskill's.

1771 December 31 (Tuesday). My Boys have not only gone to school in the Day; they go to *Brecks* Evening School also.

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 22 (Wednesday). Rode in my Sleigh to Northborough. My Daughter *Hannah* with me. We dined with Mrs. *Martyn*. Visit at Mr. *Whitneys*. Drank Tea there. Borrow Wards *Mathem*. Guide for Breck.

1772 January 26 (Sunday). Breck came in the Morning and Ruth at noon.

1772 January 28 (Tuesday). Have received an Invitation from Mr. Gale to visit there, and to Day was appointed but it was So very cold we could not go, and I Sent them word we could not. Breck went and dined there.

1772 JANUARY 29: 23 YEARS OLD

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

1772 February 27 (Thursday). Preached a Lecture to young men from 1 Joh. 2.14 with large Additions of new Address. Before Lecture Deacon Wood brought Mrs. Spring here in a Sleigh: but She could not bear the Cold of the Meeting House, and therefore went not there. The Deacon also came again after Exercise and carried her home. Mr. *Taylor* here and tarrys the Eve. My son *Breck* here also.

1772 March 2 (Monday). P.M. Came a Young Man of Brecks Acquaintance, his Name *Calvin Jacobs* from Uxbridge, and lodges here.

1772 March 20 (Friday). *Breck* has finished his school and is returned home.

1772 April 14 (Tuesday). *Breck* finishes a Desk for himself.

1772 April 15 (Wednesday). *Breck* in Some perplexity about Mr. *David Hills*, his Coming to Sett up Trading in this Neighbourhood.

1772 April 17 (Friday). *Breck's* perplexitys increase. He hears of one Mr. *Gillam Bass* of Boston, his being at Deacon *Woods*, who having hired part of the Deacons House (where Mr. *Spring* lives) designs to open a Shop of Goods there. *Breck* goes up to Speak with him, but he is gone to *Hopkinton*. My Son is So uneasy about it that he borrows Mr. *Bradshaws* Horse and rides to *Hopkinton*.

1772 April 18 (Saturday). *Breck* returns without much Satisfaction concerning Mr. *Bass*, for he persists in his Resolution to come.

1772 April 21 (Tuesday). *Breck* takes down the Chimney of the Shop.

1772 April 23 (Thursday). I am Somewhat concerned for my Son *Breck*, undertaking to prepare for Shopkeeping when Such a Number besides are purposing and preparing for the Same.

1772 April 24 (Friday). Mr. *Hannaniah Parker* here under Disquietment concerning *Brecks* trading.

1772 April 25 (Saturday). *Breck* is preparing the Shop -- putting up Shelves etc. to receive Goods.

1772 April 27 (Monday). *Breck* sat out early for *Boston*. Mr. *Morse* goes down for him with a Team.

1772 April 29 (Wednesday). *Breck* returned. At night Mr. *Morse* brought Brecks Goods. *Breck* informs that My Kinsman *Nathaniel Parkman* dyed last Saturday Night or sabbath morning and that my Brother is more and more lost and broke. The Lord Sanctifie His holy Hand! And extend Compassion to the Widow and fatherless! Sorrowful News increases. Am informed that Lt. *John Martyn* dyed this morning. The Lord be gracious to the bereaved and comfort them!

1772 April 30 (Thursday). *Breck* is Settling his Shop, marking his Goods etc.

1772 May 5 (Tuesday). *Breck* has Customers flocking to him.

1772 May 8 (Friday). *Breck* goes to Mr. Fish at *Upton* and returned at Eve in the Rain. Am informed that Mr. [blank] *Bass* and a Load of his Goods are come up from Boston, to Deacon *Wood's*; the said *Bass* being about to set up Trading in this Neighbourhood.

1772 May 9 (Saturday). *Breck* riggs up my Vine House in the Garden.

1772 May 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Elisha Fobes* brings up fresh Assortment of Goods for *Breck*.

1772 May 21 (Thursday). I lent *Breck* two *Guineas*.

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. Mr. Taylor watched that after the 28th. Then *Breck* lay down by him several Nights. *Ruth*.

1772 June 10 (Wednesday). *Breck* and Phinehas ride up to *Grafton*.

1772 June 12 (Friday). Trouble with Mr. *B's* Merry Mare, which has broke my Fetters and causes *Breck* a sad Ramble -- but finds her where she was Supposed to have jumped from, viz. Lt. Bakers Hill Pasture.

1772 June 15 (Monday). *Breck* Setts out for Boston before Day.

1772 June 17 (Wednesday). *Breck* returns from Boston: brings 2d and 3d Vol. of Mr. Winters Doddridge Expositor.

1772 June 19 (Friday). Mr. *Hannaniah Parker* here and wants to talk alone. Being retired he went over a Number of Complaints, which I endeavoured to answer, but he does not go away Satisfyed. I perceive that the main Disquietment is that I did not tell him, when I was at his House, of *Brecks* going into Trade.

1772 June 27 (Saturday). *Breck* has Mr. *Bradshaws* Mare, and *Hannah* has my Horse to go up to *Leicester*.

1772 June 29 (Monday). *Breck* and *Hannah* return from *Leicester* between 10 and 11 o'Clock.

In my returning from Mr. *Grouts* (where I had prayed with them in their Affliction) I called in at Capt. *Jonathan Fay's*. Here arose a new scene of Trouble, for one *Rose* was there, a Shoemaker, who had worked lately at Mr. *Hannaniah Parkers*; and having heard his (Mr. Parkers) Disquietments with Me, told them to these *Fays*, who therefore had got them to complain of with Additions. I called *Rose* into the Room, and in my Defence I related nakedly what had been the very Truth of Fact in the two Articles which they had mentioned. One of which was relative to *Brecks* Setting up Trading. The other referred to Mr. Parkers buying me a Psalm-Book at Mr. *Boyles's*. But Capt. *Fay* was disturbed about the Choosing the Choristers, and about the Deacons and Choristers having (as he said) Psalm Books given them, and about the Seating of the Meeting House etc. etc.

1772 July 1 (Wednesday). *Breck* is White-Washing the House. My Wife makes me a dark-figured Callico Gown, which is a present of *Brecks* to me.

1772 July 8 (Wednesday). My son *Breck* and *Nathan Fisher* (having Mr. Bellows Horse to carry Tools) sat out for *Monadnock*.

1772 July 10 (Friday). *Breck* returned.

1772 July 25 (Saturday). *Breck* has met with Loss in a Load of Staves, Sent to *Boston*, but upon their Culling, are not merchantable. He had 'em of a Son of Deacon *Warrin* of *Upton*. He is gone over to See what can be done, for *Satisfaction*.

1772 July 28 (Tuesday). A Remarkable Day for *Brightness*, and *Burning Heat*: but little Wind. Reapers are *Phinehas*, *Breck* and *Elias*. They break off at 11 a.m., for they began very early. They go to work again about 4 p.m.

1772 August 1 (Saturday). *Breck* helps *Phinehas* Sometimes; when his Shop will allow, and his Mother often keeps Shop for him.

1772 August 5 (Wednesday). *Breck*, on Mr. Samuel *Fays* Horse, goes a Journey to *Boston*.

1772 August 8 (Saturday). Messrs. *Crosby* and *Taylor* from *Boston*. *Breck* we hear has met with Trouble, for his Horse sickened and Suddenly dyed at *Boston*.

1772 August 9 (Sunday). At Eve I was in a great deal of Care about *Breck*, and how to get an Horse to him at *Boston* for his Return home. But after Bedtime he returned. He had got Mr. *Loyds* Horse, and so came up in the Chaise which he went down in. This delivered me out of much perplexity. Mr. *Crosby* lodges here.

1772 August 11 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes to Mr. Samuel *Fay* about his dead Horse. Submits to Arbitration. They who judge upon the Case are Capt. *Wood*, Mr. *Joseph Green junior* and Mr. *Thomas Whitney*, but they do not determine it.

1772 August 12 (Wednesday). Am obliged to have Breck to help us, p.m. He brings home two Load from the Interval, and his Mother keeps Shop for him. [Nat.?] works to day but I did not know it.

1772 August 13 (Thursday). I am forced to leave my Study (my Sermonizing, reading etc.) and assist them in taking away (as *Breck* unloads) 3 Load of Hay. A Fourth is brought, but this Stands till Morning. N.B. Mr. *Morse* came from Boston, chiefly loaded for *Breck* but with Something for Mr. *Bass*, upon mention of which he falls upon me for my not visiting him Since he came to Town. I made my Defence. He Said the people grew uneasy at my neglecting him etc. I told him, the least said was Soonest mended. I heard well of Mr. *Bass*; and believed, by what I had Seen, he was a good Penman. I was willing to do him any Kindness that he Should Stand in need of. But it was not fit to play the Hypocrite, and go and congratulate him and bid him welcome, when his coming here to trade was So much to my Dammage, as *it was to mine* if it was to my *son's*, inasmuch as I was obliged to provide for him, and could not do it any where else as I could here. And it would be doubtless to the Hurt of both, perhaps Several hundred pounds. And *Breck* had made a Business of informing him of his own Designs, and entreated him not to come; and this was so Seasonably as that it was before he brought any Goods here. But I did not want to have any Contest with him: and thought it best to let him alone. Mr. Thomas Twitchel was present and heard what I said. I also prayed Mr. *Morse* that he would rather promote peace, than be the means of any Misunderstanding among us.

1772 August 17 (Monday). Mr. *Samuel Fay* came with warm Resolutions and Threats, to my son Breck -- demanding 5£ lawful Money for his dead Horse. I endeavoured to pacify him, and entreated some Forbearance, which he condescended to. My Argument with him to perswade him to Lenity was, my being obliged to go to *Grafton* immediately. Dined at Mr. *Hutchinsons* and Attended the Church meeting at *Grafton*.

1772 August 20 (Thursday). *Breck* is engaged about the building a New Store, and has employed Nathan Caruth to do the work.

1772 August 25 (Tuesday). I leave Breck and the Carpenters to go to their work and Set out early to go to Ministers Meeting at East Sudbury.

1772 September 7 (Monday). Found my Tabernacle in peace.... Breck has a Number of workmen who are Closing, digging, stoning etc. Messrs. Joseph Green junior, [*blank*] Green of Hopkinton, John Harrington, Nathan Fisher, Joseph Rice, Solomon Batherick, Increase Daniels.

1772 September 8 (Tuesday). A considerable Number again at work.

1772 September 9 (Wednesday). Breck had fewer hands at work at his store.

1772 September 29 (Tuesday). *Breck to Boston*. I am sorry that Brecks work at the shop is drawn out so long, in finishing Such a store. John Harrington and Nathan Fisher from Day to Day -- Caruth to Day in Plaistering, and Joseph McCulloch to tend him Yesterday and part of to Day.

1772 October 2 (Friday). *Breck* from *Boston*.

1772 November 4 (Wednesday). *Breck* has one Benjamin *Cogswell* to work on his Store.

1772 November 9 (Monday). *John* meets me to give me the Sorrowful News from *Rochester*, that *Suse* was nigh Expiring last Evening and a Man was come on Purpose to acquaint me with it. I hastened home -- found here a man who came *Express*, with a moving Letter from Mr. *Moore*, writ at 4 p.m. yesterday, and the Bearer, Mr. *Eleazer Barrow*, sat out when the sun was about 1/2 an hour high; and arrived here before two this afternoon; informing that my Daughter had been delivered above a fortnight before; has a Daughter -- but her self was taken very ill last Saturday, and grew so bad the Doctors judged last Evening that She would not live till morning; and I was desired to hasten to her. I proposed to go in a Chaise. We provided one -- but could not get a suitable Horse. My own was too young. *Breck* and *John* ran from Neighbour to Neighbour in Vain. Mrs. *Wood*, Deacons wife, offered hers for Mrs. P _____ to ride Single. I accepted of it -- but was obliged to defer till Morning. Mr. *Barrow* lodged here. Deacon *Wood* keeps the Horses; and I desired the Deacons *Bond* and *Wood*, to go to the Ordination at *Sudbury*, without me, and left the Letter missive for them accordingly

1772 November 13 (Friday). I write by one *Ward Nye* of *Douglass*, to my Son *Breck*, how very low his sister is.

1772 November 17 (Tuesday). I am ready to doubt of my going home this week, and therefore wrote another Letter to *Breck* -- and though I laid in with many persons for Opportunity to send it, I could not.

1772 November 21 (Saturday). At Eve we arrived here in Peace and Safety. Our Family well -- Blessed be the name of our kind and merciful Preserver! who has carryed us through this tedious Journey.

N.B. I am informed that my Son *John* returned to *Brookfield* on the 11th. My Son *Cushing* here from Ordination on the 12th. And that *Breck* went to *Boston* on the 13th and came home at Evening the 14th.

1772 December 9 (Wednesday). Reckoned with my Son *Breck*; and we settled and ballanced.

1772 December 21 (Monday). Mr. *How* finishes *Breck's* Chimney.

1772 December 24 (Thursday). Mr. *John Ball* carrys his Wife home. *Breck* (on my Horse), with many more on Horses and in Chaises, waits upon them to *Northborough*.

1772 December 25 (Friday). Miss *Lucy Parker* has been at work here several Days, making Cloths for *Elias*, out of Cast off Garments of *Sam's*. But she is now making him a Pair of Breeches of a Deer skin which I buy of *Breck*....

This Evening *Breck* goes for me to Daniel Hardy on this Affair, to See whether he will consider my Disappointment and come. Hardy on this Affair, to See whether he will consider my Disappointment and come.

1772 December 28 (Monday). Messrs. *Smith* and *Barnard* visit Breck at Eve; Sup and lodge here.

1773 January 5 (Tuesday). A more than ordinary number of Teams, with Quantities of Pork, going to market, are weighed by *Breck*.

1773 January 25 (Monday). *Breck* and *John Fay* take a ride with Some young people.

1773 JANUARY 29: 24 YEARS OLD

1773 February 1 (Monday). Mr. *Edmund Brigham* in a sleigh and Company carry off *Breck* at Evening, though very Cold and high Winds.

1773 February 10 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston* designing to attend his Brothers Wedding. May the Lord guard, restrain and conduct him! And let him return in safety.

1773 February 18 (Thursday). Rode in the Sleigh, and *Breck* with me, to Mr. *Gale's* -- and thence to *Southborough*.

1772 February 22 (Monday). The Vendue of the additional Pews. *Breck* buys one, viz. a floor pew including part of 3 hindmost of the mens Seats, and next the great Isle, for 90£ old Tenor. Capt. *Benjamin Fay* the Opposite, which costs him 113 L. N.B. Capt. *Jonas Brigham* is in great Displeasure at *Breck* buying that pew, which must not only join to but take in some part of his present pew. Complains that he is wronged, because when the Towns committee brought in their Judgment concerning the Space which is taken out of Capt. *Brighams* Pew to make another pew before it (and their judgment was that the Town Should pay him 3 Dollars for that Room, or if he chose the Pew which would be built before it, then he should Pay 3 Dollars), he complied with this last, and offered his 3 Dollars yet the Town would not accept the Committees Report, but Sold the pew he wanted. At Eve I understood that all the Pews are sold.

1773 February 23 (Tuesday). I rode in my Sleigh to *Grafton*. *Breck* and *Hannah* went with me. We dined at Mr. *Hezekiah Taylors*, and his Son (from *Wrentham* whither he has been Since he went from us) met us there.

1773 February 24 (Wednesday). *Breck* rides to *Providence* to promote Trade there.

1773 February 26 (Friday). *Breck* returns.

1773 March 3 (Wednesday). Mr. *Hancock* the Taylor at work here for *Breck*. Rev. *Fish* of *Upton* dines here. He came upon Business with *Breck*; and after little Conversation with me, returned home.

1773 March 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Hancock the Taylor*, at work for *Breck* and *Elias*, making Coats for them. Mr. Hannaniah Parker pays me £75 old Tenor. I bought of *Breck* (through necessity) a Russel and Calamanco Gown; which *Sophy* makes.

1773 March 13 (Saturday). *Hancock the Taylor* is here at work for *Breck* from Day to Day.

1773 March 15 (Monday). Mr. *Hancock* again at work here for *Breck*.

1773 March 16 (Tuesday). My Son *Breck* is gone to *Worcester* to secure his own Interest with one of them.

1773 March 17 (Wednesday). *Breck* returned from *Worcester*.

1773 March 23 (Tuesday). Mr. *Stone* here to trade with *Breck*.

1773 March 24 (Wednesday). I had *Brecks* Mare to ride to *Bolton* Lecture.

1773 March 29 (Monday). Mr. Jonathan Batherick came, at *Brecks* procuring, to work upon the Frame of an Hog's Sty.

1773 April 7 (Wednesday). *Breck* has Sent to *Boston* for an Assortment of Seeds for his Shop – supplies me with several Sorts, and assists in the work we are engaged in.

1773 April 19 (Monday). *Breck* to Providence, and Sends 3 Load of Shingles there.

1773 April 21 (Wednesday). *Breck* returns from Providence.

1773 April 22 (Thursday). *Breck* is Summoned to Court at *Worcester* to give Evidence in the Case of the *Holbrooks* who are imprisoned for making Dollars and now to be tryed.

1773 April 26 (Monday). *Breck* and *Sophy* Sat out for *Boston*. N.B. gave *Breck* 12 Dollars to lay out for me in *Boston*. An old England Man, one *Joseph Keenes*, of *Warminster* in *Wiltshire*, a Taylor, came to work here for *Breck*.

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

1773 May 10 (Monday). Mr. *Hancock the Taylor* came to make me a black, cloth Coat and Jacket which *Breck* bought for me at *Boston* -- 6£ old Tenor per yard, in the wholesale way.

1772 May 31 (Monday). *Breck* goes with a Chaise to *Southborough* and brings my poor Daughter *Baldwin*, who is weak in Body, and Sunk in Spirits. O that a gracious God would extend His Pity to her!

1773 June 1 (Tuesday). *Breck* to *Boston*.

1773 June 5 (Saturday). Breck and his Company (who had been out a fishing) returned.

1773 June 24 (Thursday). *Reckoned with my Son Breck* and paid him his Book Debt.

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

1773 August 3 (Tuesday). N.B. My son *Breck* went to *Providence*, takes with him my Horse for Sale. He Sends a Team also.

1773 August 5 (Thursday). Breck returned with my Horse.

1773 August 9 (Monday). My Son *John* is at work for *Breck*, making an Housing for him.

1773 September 8 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Worcester*. Hath sued two Men. But not [till -- illegible] *Sophy* is at *Brecks* Shop.

1773 October 1 (Friday). At Eve Neighbour Newton with his Oxen, assist in plowing, and a Number of Neighbours in levelling the Knoll at the back of the House. But *Breck* went to *Lancaster*.

1773 October 4 (Monday). In the morning came Capt. *Samuel Wilder* of *Ashburnham*, Mr. *Levi Wilder* of *Lancaster*, and Miss *Polly Cook* of *Providence*, who had been at *Lancaster*; all in their way to *Mendon*, and *Breck* goes with them.

1773 October 5 (Tuesday). Mr. *Joseph Harrington* calls at *Brecks* Shop and takes his Book: for though it is so gross and outrageous there are not wanting those who (unhappy men!) too greedily Swallow the Strange stuff which it contains. May the Lord be pleased to convince and forgive the injurious Author, or authors of it, and those who are infected with the Contagion it contains! And may I have Grace Patiently and Meekly to bear the groundless Reflections upon me and numbers of other Ministers, which are slandered therein! ...*Breck* has returned from *Mendon* from the Vendue of the *Wilder* goods.

1773 October 9 (Saturday). Mr. *Gillam Bass* dined here with *Breck*.

1773 October 18 (Monday). At home find that *Breck* has hired Mr. *Jacob Snow* to work for him, in building a Pew in the Meeting House. With him *Joshua Chamberlin*: and here they diet.

1773 October 19 (Tuesday). Both those workmen here. *Breck* (p.m.) Sets out for *Boston*. I send by him Mrs. *Melvilles* Book, viz. the Translation of Sir *Thomas Mores Utopia*, which I have read. An happy Common Wealth no doubt! But with great Defects! [Here a Greek word.]

1773 October 22 (Friday). At Eve *Breck* returned from *Boston*, says he saw the poor Criminal hanged. The Crime was Burglary. His name was *Levi Ames*. O that others might take Warning! Hear and fear, and do no more so wickedly.

1773 October 29 (Friday). I was obliged to assist in preparing for the work designed this Evening. Went to Mr. *Newtons* and Deacon *Woods* etc. to ask my Neighbours to come. Accordingly a Small Number were so kind as to assist me at Evening in *drawing off the Gravel* from the Knoll behind my House. Deacon *Wood* with a yoke of Oxen, Mr. *Barnabas Newton* with his Plough and oxen, Mr. *Jonathan Grout* with a large Gravel-Drag (except the Tongue), Mr. *Spring*, *Wheelock*, Several of the work-men from the Meeting House. However, there were in all, but a few for such a Work -- neither *Breck* nor *Harrington* nor *Caruth* nor *Snow*, could be with me. Yet a good Job was done. Their *Treat* was Drink and Bread and Cheese.

1773 November 11 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Hannah* to *Lancaster*; the Latter expecting to go to *Ashburnham*.

1773 November 13 (Saturday). *Breck* returns -- has been with *Hannah* quite to *Ashburnham* and left her there.

1773 November 15 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Jacob Snow* builds a little House for *Breck*, and diets with us.

1773 November 16 (Tuesday). *Breck* (who did not return till Saturday Evening, having accompanied his Sister *Hannah* to *Ashburnham*) goes to *Mendon*. Lent him 27 Dollars. *Breck* returned from *Mendon* the Same Night.

1773 November 26 (Friday). *Breck* went to *Lancaster* on Wednesday Eve, and returned to day.

1773 December 3 (Friday). *Breck* to *Lancaster*.

1773 December 4 (Saturday). *Breck* returned -- and *Hannah* with him.

1773 December 13 (Monday). *Jonathan* came p.m. and goes to the widow *Brighams* Lot to get Wood. He puts Brecks mare into the Team, this first time of drawing with her, and thus *Jonathan finished his Obligation to Serve me*.

1773 December 20 (Monday). *Elias* goes to Mr. *Whipples* Mill with a Team loaded with Salt to be ground; 25 Bushel; for his Brother *Breck*. N.B. *Breck* and a Number more meet at Lt. *Bakers* in order to Unite in Society to collect a Library of useful Books.

1774 January 11 (Tuesday). At Eve *Breck* and *John* ride in the sleigh to *Shrewsbury*, and return.

1774 January 13 (Thursday). *Hephzibah Rice*, who has lived here a Month, returns to her Grandfathers. *Breck* and *Hannah* go with her in a sleigh.

1774 January 18 (Tuesday). Mr. *Hancock*, the Taylor, for *Breck* and *John*, came and works.

1774 January 26 (Wednesday). *Breck*, *John*, and *Hannah* ride in the Sleigh, to *Boston*. *Breck* has got Mr. *Joseph Bond* to go to the Ministerial Lot, breaking the way from Mr. *Beetons*, and

Sledding a Load. Elias with my Oxen were there also.... At Eve *John Fay* here, and lodges in *Breck's Store*.

1774 January 28 (Friday). At Evening *Breck* and *John* returned from Boston.

1774 JANUARY 29: 25 YEARS OLD

1774 January 30 (Sunday). After family Exercise at Eve Mr. Bradshaw and Breck went up to Mr. Jonathan Grouts, to see Mr. *Taylor*, who grows better.

1774 February 3 (Thursday). Mr. Francis Whipple brought home my watch from Boston (the Chain having been broke), and *Breck* had sent it to Mr. J. *Rowlstone* at *Boston* to mend it.

1774 February 4 (Friday). Mr. *Hancock*, the Taylor, [is making?] Coats, turning a [block?] here for Breck and [Clark?] , works here from Day to Day.

1774 February 22 (Tuesday). *Breck* also procured Mr. *Joseph Bond* to come with his 5 Cattle. They all went 3 times each -- therefore brought 12 Load to day.

1774 February 23 (Wednesday).

Mr. *Bond*, hired by Breck, sledded two Load of wood, and Jonathan Maynard with his Fathers Oxen and mine, two more. 4 to day.

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

1774 March 2 (Wednesday). In Compliance with the Request of Aged Mr. *Charles Stimpson* of *Hopkinton* as Communicated to me by Letter from Mr. *Fitch* and brought me by Mrs. *Barrett* on the 25th ult., I rode over to *Hopkinton* -- but the Roads were so full of Snow, and the weather lowery, I chose to go in my Sleigh, and took *Breck* with me to drive. Called at Mr. *Barretts* Door -- he and his wife were going over to Mr. *Fitch's*. We proceeded there, and having taken Refreshment Mr. *Fitch* went with me in the *Sleigh* (instead of Breck) to Mr. *Stimpsons*, but it was difficult getting to the House, by reason of the deep snow.

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

1774 March 17 (Thursday). Breck goes to Wrentham.

1774 March 18 (Friday). Breck returns, and acquaints me with his having hired a man to work for me, one *Ware*, for six Months.

1774 April 4 (Monday). *Breck* assists in filling, loading, emptying etc.

1774 April 9 (Saturday). *Breck*, Nigh Evening, goes home with Suse Brigham.

1774 April 25 (Monday). Breck went for Mr. *Morse* to *Northborough* and *Shrewsbury* (as he had gone to *Southborough* on Saturday) for Gloves, Cyprus etc. in preparation for the Funeral.

1774 May 3 (Tuesday). *Breck* rode to *Boston*.

1774 May 6 (Friday). When we were at Dinner *Breck* returns from *Boston*. He tells me he went to see my Brother who is more and more infirm. An Awful Superannuation! O that I might be useful while I live, and ready and willing to die when God shall call! N.B. Received a packet from My dear Friend and Brother Mr. *Grindall Rawson* of East Haddam, of April 27 and May 2, which was very gratifying.

1774 May 18 (Wednesday). Breck Sends a Team to Providence and p.m. goes himself.

1774 May 21 (Saturday). Breck returns from Providence and Boston.

1774 June 18 (Saturday). Breck goes to Brookfield and New Braintree.

1774 June 20 (Monday). *Breck* returns with *Hannah* from *Brookfield*.

1774 June 25 (Saturday). P.M. Breck goes to Lancaster with Mr. Levi Wilder.

1774 June 27 (Monday). *Breck* returned from Lancaster.

1774 July 1 (Friday). At Eve Breck goes to a Military Meeting at Lt. Bakers, who I hear, is chose one of the Captains, to settle their Affairs.

1774 July 5 (Tuesday). N.B. Delivered *Breck* 4£ Lawful Money to be sent to *Samuel* as part of what *John* borrowed of him. And I wrote to *Samuel* but it was not sent.

1774 July 11 (Monday). *Breck* has a large Company (Mr. Caleb Wilder and Wife, Col. Ingersol and two Daughters, Dr. Jenisons son and Daughter) who stop at the Store etc.

1774 July 18 (Monday). *Breck* paints the Sign of *blue Anchor* for Deacon *Wood*.

1774 July 22 (Friday). Breck goes to *Lancaster* to carry *John* Saddle Trees etc. I send a Letter by him to Mr. *Spofford* of Townshend to bring my Money which he yet owes.

1774 July 23 (Saturday). Breck returns, and brings a Letter from my Daughter Cushing. Breck relates what John met with from a Thief who, lodging in the Same Chamber at Mr. Locks Tavern in Lancaster, picked his Baskets and carried away two Pocket Books -- but he has recovered them and the Thief is put into Worcester Jayl.

1774 August 1 (Monday). The *Town Met* again on the Affair of Subscribing the Agreement. I am informed that my Son *Breck* found it necessary to subscribe. The people also contribute to

the bearing of the Charge of the *Congress*. I sent my Quota thereto. I went to the Meeting House with a paper fit to be subscribed and read it to a Number of persons; but the Town were busy and did not call for it. See the [12th?] Day.

1774 August 2 (Tuesday). *Brecks Mare* unfortunately wounded in the near Eye by James Bellows.

1774 August 17 (Wednesday). My son *Breck* has caused *Joseph Cullock* to come to my work of laying Wall leading Northerly from the Store.

1774 August 20 (Saturday). 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.

1774 August 31 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Lancaster*, to an Entertainment at Col. Levi Willards.

1774 September 2 (Friday). *Breck* returned from *Lancaster*.... *Breck* is employed in the night to cast Bullets. A Watch at the Meeting House to guard the Town stock etc. Some Towns, we hear, have lost much of theirs, as *Dedham*, *Wrentham* etc.

1774 September 3 (Saturday). My son *Breck* with provisions, Bread, Meat, etc., Coats, Blanket etc., for it was rainy, rides down towards Cambridge to relieve *Asa Ware*, Mr. *Spring*, and others who were unprovided.

1774 September 7 (Wednesday). *Breck* gives me account that yesterday there assembled at *Worcester* 4722 Persons who were in arrangements under their particular Heads, leading each Town, but without Arms: Those Heads treated with the Judges and other Officers of the Court. The Court House was filled with Committees of Correspondence from each Town; and the Door fastened and guarded.... *Breck* tells me also that those Gentlemen and others in the Town of *Worcester* who Signed an Address to Gov. *Hutchinson* before his going away, Signed a *Recantation*, which was read to the multitudes. Tis Said the people behaved with Silence, Decency and in good Order. Read Considerations of the late Measures of Parliament.

1774 September 14 (Wednesday). My Son *Breck* sees Mr. *Fessenden*, who yields that we may pass through his.

1774 September 15 (Thursday). *Breck* setts out before Day for *Salem*.

1774 September 17 (Saturday). *Breck* returns, having been to *Boston* as well as to *Salem* -- tells me of the *works* which the regulars are carrying on at Boston Neck etc.

1774 September 27 (Tuesday). P.M. Miss *Sally Wilder*, returning from *Mendon* to *Lancaster*, is brought in here. *Breck* accompanys her home.

1774 October 12 (Wednesday). Called at Mr. *Maccartys*, at Mrs. *Stearns's*, at Mr. *Sumners*. Arrived in safety. *Deo Grates plurimas ago*. The Family that are here, are in some Comfort, but my Son Breck has waited on his Mother in her designed Journey to Ashburnham and is returned home.

1774 October 19 (Wednesday). Mr. *Daniel Grosvenor* was Ordained at *Grafton*: but as our Church was not Sent to, I did not go, conceiving that by this their Conduct, they did not desire to see me there. I spent the Day in Retirement. Not only on my own and their Account but that of the Publick; the *Province*, and particularly *Boston's*. *Breck* and *Elias* went.

1774 October 22 (Saturday). In the Morning we found the west Window of the lower West room set up, wide open: *Brecks* Desk open -- the little front door open, with Signs of violence breaking it open; the little Lock is broke off: 3 front Drawers, drawn open, but nothing that We know of as yet, is missing; though the Cup-board where Stood my Silver Cup, and in it a Number of table spoons, Silver; also in another Cup a number of Tea Spoons, Silver; was wide open. It was doubtless a Thief, who wanted money, who entered the House: for no one of my Family knows any thing of the Matter, and the window was, no doubt fastened as usual; but a middle Square of Glass in the lower Sash was taken out, and laid away carefully; from the hole with ones Arm the Stick which fastens down the Window could be reached, and was taken away. God be praised no further Dammage was done: and May God grant Repentance to the Burglar!

1774 November 4 (Friday). Early in the Morning Lt. *Baker* and my Son *Breck* Sat out. I catechized at the Meeting House -- about 50 Boys. P.M. catechized at my House -- had nigh 30 Girls. May it be to good Effect! P.M. *Breck* etc. returned, and gave me Account of their overtaking the man Suspected of taking away *Elias's* sheep.

1774 November 9 (Wednesday). *John* at Eve came from *Lancaster*. *Alex Oliver* from *Brookfield*. Mr. *Charles Lawrence* from *Ashbuy*, came to buy my Lot of Land adjoining to his. I sold it to him for 145£ old Tenor. He paid me 10 Dollars -- and we signed an agreement about the rest, and that I would give a Deed when the rest should be paid. He tarryed with *Breck*, over night.

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 21 (Monday). *Alex* came early from home, to bring money he borrowed of *Breck*.

1774 November 23 (Wednesday). *Breck* to Boston.

1774 November 26 (Saturday). At Eve *Breck* returns from Boston. He brings me a Volume of Ordination sermons bound by Mr. *A. Barclay*, at 15/ old tenor.

1774 December 20 (Tuesday). Miss *Abigail Woods*, a Tayloress (Daughter of Solomon deceased), works for *Breck*; making Cloths for him, but diets and lodges here.

1774 December 21 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Lancaster*.

1774 December 22 (Thursday). Am much engaged in my preparations. Am concerned about *Breck* who does not come home till night, it being difficult Weather, and the night dark -- till at length he came with his Mare in his Hand, Strangely and Suddenly distempered. Has been obliged to Send *Nehemiah Maynard* to Mr. *Job Carly's* -- but he did not come.

1775 January 2 (Monday). *Breck* was much fatigued, and went but once with the Team.

1775 January 4 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston* in my Sleigh.

1775 January 5 (Thursday). Mr. *Job Carly* came with my son *Brecks* Mare, recovered (as he judges) from her illness. He asks 4 Dollars and half, for what he has done. Which (my Son being absent) I paid him.

1775 January 7 (Saturday). My Son *Breck* returned from *Boston* just after Midnight.

1775 January 17 (Tuesday). *Breck* to *Lancaster*.

1775 January 18 (Wednesday). *Breck* returns -- *John* with him.

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 January 23 (Monday). *Breck* etc. return at Night from Mill River, and Master *Jenison* and *Fay* lodge here. My Daughter *Hannah* complains much of her Arm, hurt against a Tree which the sleigh ran near to, in their way to Mill-River last Saturday.

1775 January 24 (Tuesday). At Eve came old Mr. *David Maynard*, and afterwards Deacon *Wood*. They tell me they have been, and Mr. *Tainter* with them, to See Mr. *Samuel Fay*, who, they find, is very much disturbed with me, that I don't make my son *Breck* pay him for his dead Mare, or turn him out of Doors if he will not. Such was the unreasonableness of his Conversation with them and that he would not come to meeting till he had Satisfaction.

1775 January 25 (Wednesday). *John* went away early in the Morning for *Lancaster*. *Hannah* has a bad Arm. Sent for Dr. *Hawes*; who came. *Breck* Sends up Dr. *Ball*. Both Doctors dine here.

1775 JANUARY 29: 26 YEARS OLD

1775 February 1, 2 (Wednesday, Thursday). *Breck* went to Mr. *Samuel Fays*, and tryed to make up with him. Had Deacon *Wood* to assist him in it -- but in Vain.

1775 February 13 (Monday). The Committee from Mr. Fay reported that he was greatly offended with me that I kept my Son *Breck* etc. It was put to Vote -- but no Hand up. I made a Short speech before We went upon the Paper of 11. Some Debates ensued -- but nothing was done -- but adjourned to a fortnight.

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.

1775 March 2 (Thursday). *Breck* to *Worcester* to Sell his Mare. Returned with her at night.

1775 March 3 (Friday). Mr. *Charles Lawrence* of *Ashby* came. Dined here. He paid me £100 old tenor and gave me a note of Hand for twenty two pounds ten shillings old tenor more, to be paid in a month. Upon which I gave him a Deed of my 35 Acre Lot (or the 37 Acres and 80 Poles) in *Ashby*: and went with him to Squire *Whipples*, before whom I acknowledged it. Squire Whipple informs me that Mr. *Forbes* is dismissed from Brookfield. N.B. I delivered the money immediately to *Breck* to be sent to *Samuel*.

1775 March 14 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston*.

1775 March 17 (Friday). Breck returned from Boston. He came Via Concord, and brought his Brother Williams Daughter Lydia, though the roads are very Snowy.

1775 April 1 (Saturday). N.B. *Breck* and *Sophy* went last Thursday to Marlborough Lecture.

1775 April 4 (Tuesday). Having lately received from Mr. *Moore*, I wrote to him and Sent it by *Breck* to *Ammadons* in *Mendon*.

1775 April 18 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes his Journey upon his, to *Boston*. But it was also a very stormy and wet forenoon. My Son could not set out till 2 p.m.

1775 April 21 (Friday). In the Morning *Breck* came home, having rid in the Night. Relates that he met with Difficulty in getting out of *Boston* -- was Stopped and searched three times -- his sword and Pocket Pistol were taken away -- but with much Trouble and after going back into Town and obtaining a [illegible] from Coll. *Hamilton*, they were restored. He went to Cambridge. Saw the great Multitudes that were gathering. He saw Mr. *John Hicks* of *Cambridge* buried without Ceremony -- and four men who were slain there, were buried in one Grave. Capt. *Maynard* came to See me and relate to me the Remarkables he saw of the Contest Yesterday. Men are continually marching.

1775 April 22 (Saturday). *Ripley* comes in the Morning from *Brookfield* on Mr. *Forbes's* Horse, I wrote by *Ripley* to Brother *Champney* at *Cambridge*, designing to find *him* out, for we know not where he is. *Breck* has informed that he went out of *Boston* with his Wife, but knew not where he was going.

1775 April 25 (Tuesday). *Breck* receives Orders from the Captain to go to the Minute Company.

1775 April 26 (Wednesday). *Breck* leaves us to go to *Cambridge*. Mr. *Daniel Breck* goes with him. Wrote by him to *Samuel*.

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 April 29 (Saturday). P.M. *Breck* returned home, and was well.

1775 May 6 (Saturday). *Asa Ware* came for his Note of Hand from me for 10£ lawfull money -- [therefore?] being [blank] £ which I remain indebted to him -- and [blank] £ for *Breck* for which he gives me Credit in my Account.

1775 May 11 (Thursday). In the morning Several Teams, that had carried Goods to *Grafton* or further, were returning; one of the drivers was Mr. *John Coburn* of *Brookline*. I committ to him my son *Samuels* Letter, to be delivered to *Breck* at *Cambridge* least *Breck* has missed of the Letter, which *Samuel* depends upon his receiving.

1775 May 15 (Monday). Mr. *James Godfry* rides to *Cambridge* on *Brecks* Mare for him to ride home upon.

1775 May 17 (Wednesday). *Breck* came home this morn, from *Cambridge*. Arrived about 1/2 after two o'Clock. He relates another Disaster by the accidental going off of a Gun. A *Stockbridge* man was killed by a fellow soldier. I visited Miss *Lois Burnap*, who lies at Lt. *Bakers*, under the unhappiness of a Broken Bone.

1775 May 24 (Wednesday). *John* undertakes to ride to *Lancaster*; *Breck* to *Medford*.

1775 May 25 (Thursday). At Eve *Breck* came home: brought *Billy Bradfords* Bundle from Capt. *Barnards* of *Watertown*.

1775 June 4 (Sunday). At Evening *Breck* returned from his Journey, in which he went to *Cape-Anne*, and saw his Sister *Forbes*, who is (through Gods Goodness) recovering apace. He relates that our Provincials have lately taken 400 Sheep from *Deer Island*.

1775 June 6 (Tuesday). P.M. My Daughter *Baldwin*, *Ripley* and *Eli Forbes*, take leave and pursue their Journey. Mr. *Coollidge* in one Chaise, and *Breck* and *Sally* in another attempt to go to *Lancaster*, but the Axletree of Mr. *Coollidge's* Chaise broke. They fell, and returned and lodged here. Capt. *Thomas Mellen* of *Hopkinton* called to see Me.

1775 June 7 (Wednesday). Mr. *Coolidge* and wife, *Breck* and *Sally*, with the little Boy, after Dinner, go to *Lancaster*: But I Sat out for *Shrewsbury* a.m. on a visit to good Deacon *Miles*.

1775 June 8 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Sally* return from *Lancaster*.

1775 June 18 (Sunday). My son *John* was so weak and low that *Breck* went for Dr. *Willson*, who came, and Dr. *Hawes* consulted with him.

1775 June 24 (Saturday). *Breck* who went to *Newport* a few days since, and carried Dr. *Stiles* his *Watts* on the Glories of Christ, returned, and brings Me the Doctors Discourse at the Installment of Mr. *Hopkins*. Mr. *Levi Wilder* is with *Breck* and lodges.

1775 July 17 (Monday). *Breck* Sends two Teams to *Marblehead*, and p.m. Sets out himself.

1775 July 21 (Friday). *Breck* is gone to *Worcester*.

1775 August 22 (Tuesday). *Breck* watches with *John*.

1775 September 1 (Friday). *John* was so low in the Night that I rose a little after 2 o'Clock this morning. Can do but little in my study as the Troubles of my Family increase, for *Breck* is also confined, and my Avocations and Interruptions by various means increased.

1775 September 5 (Tuesday). *John* has had a worrying, restless night. *Breck* who has been confined for 8 Days, goes to his shop to day.

1775 September 14 (Thursday)). *Breck* and *Elijah Brigham* are gone to [Harwich?].

1775 September 19 (Tuesday). *Breck* returned from *Norwich*. One *Gilbert* with him, who carries a Letter from me to Mr. *Moore*.

1775 September 22 (Friday). *Breck* to *Lancaster* about *Johns* Affairs.

1775 September 23 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from *Lancaster*. My Daughter *Hannah* is very much out of Health -- has a sore Mouth.

1775 September 29 (Friday). *Breck* returned from *Providence*, whither he went on the 27th.

1775 October 11 (Wednesday). *Breck* p.m. goes to *Brookfield*.

1775 October 12 (Thursday). *Breck* returns from *Brookfield*.

1775 October 15 (Sunday). At noon understood that Deacon *Storer* of *Boston* with other Company were travelling. *Breck* Spoke with them. I did not. They wanted to hire a Room or two for Deacon and a Friend. I thought it incredible that Such a man would ride about thus on the Lords Day.

1775 October 17 (Tuesday). Breck and Hannah to Concord, Ben. Clark to *Cambridge*.

1775 October 20 (Friday). At Eve *Breck* and *Hannah* returned (in the Rain) from *Concord*. They have been also to the Camp at *Cambridge* at prospect Hill in Charlestown, and at *Roxbury* were at General *Wards* Head Quarters. They went as far as *Dorchester* to See our people's Tents there.

1775 November 26 (Sunday). At Night Breck went to Mr. *Andrews's* and watched with *George*.

1775 November 30 (Thursday). I bought 50 weight of Tallow of Lt. *Joseph Baker*, rough, at 2/6 old tenor and Breck buys 30 lbs. Do. It is tried up in the Kitchin.

1775 December 1 (Friday). *Breck* buys for himself and me, a Quantity of rough Tallow of Lt. (or Capt.) *Joseph Baker*; and with my Team carts it home, and my people in the Kitchin go to trying it up.

1775 December 4 (Monday). Breck goes, and [three?] Teams are to go also to *Providence*.

1775 December 7 (Thursday). *Breck* returned from *Providence*, and his Teams [*torn*] .

1775 December 13 (Wednesday). Breck goes with a Waggon to *Waltham*.

1775 December 15 (Friday). *Breck* at night returns from *Waltham*, with slender, next to no Load of Earthen Ware.

1775 December 18 (Monday). *Breck* weighs the Tallow which we had of [Capt. Joseph?] Baker; the rough was 3100 lb. Now the tried Tall [*torn*] mounts to [*blank*].

1776 January 2 (Tuesday). Mrs. P_____ rode with *Breck* in the Sleigh. He rode to Worcester, she went to Mr. *Seth Rice's* and dined there.

1776 January 3 (Wednesday). Mr. *Joseph McCulloch*, being returned from the Army (as the rest of the soldiers of the former enlistment are), was here and helped in Killing Some of our Pork, viz. a Sow weighing (at Evening) 210, and a Pig of 120. My Son *Breck* was with him in doing it.

1776 January 4 (Thursday). Neighbour N. *Chamberlain* goes to the Lot, with my Team, my Oxen and two Horses (*Brecks* and *Samuels*), but the going is so difficult, that he brings only one Load of Wood.

1776 January 8 (Monday). *Breck* goes to *Providence*.

1776 January 22 (Monday). *Breck* returns from *Connecticut*.

1776 January 25 (Thursday). Capt. *Jonas Brigham* came in the Morning -- sat, and talked sociably. Reckoned with *Breck* and paid his Account as per Book.

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And Paid him for sundrys that were not set down. I still owe him 10/3d.2.9 or £3.17.2.2 old Tenor.

1776 JANUARY 29: 27 YEARS OLD

1776 February 7 (Wednesday). P.M. and Eve *Nanny Beeton* with her Kinswoman *Miss Polly Ayres* and a Friend of hers, were here. *Miss Polly* takes the *Profile* of the Faces of *Breck*, *Samuel*, *Sally*, *Sophy*, *Hannah* and *Elias*. [blot]

1776 February 13 (Tuesday). *Breck* sets out for *New York*. Send the Letters wrote yesterday by him.

1776 March 19 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. *Philips* (from *Grafton*) brought a Letter from *Breck*, dated the 11th instant to his Brother *Samuel* informing that he had been to *Philadelphia*, and was hastening as he could, his Return home; though obliged to tarry a while till he could convey Goods he had purchased, to *Norwich*.

1776 March 23 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from his long Tour to *Philadelphia*.

1776 March 27 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Providence*.

1776 March 29 (Friday). *Breck* returned from *Providence*.

1776 April 13 (Saturday). *Breck* has a bad Cough, and is much indisposed.

1776 April 14 (Sunday). *Breck* took a vomit, and is better.

1776 April 23 (Tuesday). *Fleet* at work on Flax. (N.B. Mrs. P. lately bought of *Breck* an hundred Weight.)

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 May 21 (Tuesday). Reckoned with *Breck* and paid him the Ballance.

1776 May 22 (Wednesday). *Breck* sets out for *Weathersfield*.

1776 May 25 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from *Weathersfield*.

1776 June 4 (Tuesday). Mr. F. and I visited and dined with Mr. *John Rogers*, Minister of the *Town Parish* (as its called), though the 3d Church. But we returned at Evening and saw our Delegates, who were come -- viz. Mr. *Daniel Forbes* and Mr. *Abijah Gale*; My Sons *Ebenezer* and *Breck*, and *Daughter Hannah* also; Not to forget Miss *Suse Brigham*, all arrived there this Evening.

1776 June 5 (Wednesday). An Ecclesiastical Council was formed at the House of Mr. *Samuel Whittemores* consisting of Six Churches with their Elders and Delegates, viz. of *Westborough*, 2d and 3d in *Brookfield*, and the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th of *Gloucester*, except Rev. *Ebenezer Cleavland* pastor of the last, who is Supposed to be at N. York. *Parkman* Moderator, and Rev. *Obadiah Parsons* Scribe. The Church which sent for us, by Desire, came in. No Objection. Mr. *Forbes* was admitted a Member: and the Church renewed their Request to have him inaugurated or installed their Pastor. Adjourned to the Meeting House. The Solemnity was Opened by an Anthem and Mr. *Ward* prayed. *Parkman* preached on *Heb. 13.17*. After which proclamation was made that if any had Objection etc. The Choice and Acceptance renewed. Mr. *Fisk* prayed before the Charge, which Mr. *Rogers* gave. Mr. *Fuller* gave the Right Hand and Mr. *Parsons* prayed after it. A Psalm was sung. Mr. F. gave the Blessing -- and an Anthem concluded. All was performed without the least Interruption, notwithstanding there were several Companys of Soldiers at the Harbour. Nor any *Murry* there, nor his Followers. At Eve at Coll. *Jonathan Stevens's*. N.B. At Mr. *Forbes's*, when we returned, the Company of Singers performed with much Decency and Agreeableness.

1776 June 6 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Suse* returned homewards.

1776 June 18 (Tuesday). *Breck* also sat out for *Albany*.

1776 July 13 (Saturday). Arrived about 2 p.m. -- find *Breck* here. He is come from *New York*; he came on the 10th p.m. He Saw a Number of the Kings Forces, viz. Great Ships etc. An Engagement commenced on *Staten Island*. Tis said that General *Putnams* Party prevailed. Am told that *Nathaniel Chamberlain* is Sick. At Evening Mr. *Fitch* of *Hopkinton* came here to 'Change with me. His Horse is turned (by Order) into Squire *Bakers* Pasture.

1776 July 15 (Monday). *Breck* is gone to *Concord*.

1776 July 26 (Friday). *Breck* helps me in several Things relative to the Island Field. He with *Jimmy* reaps the rest. I help in gathering. *Breck* binds, and carts home. N.B. Six men more Sent for to go to *Dorchester* to keep *Garrison* instead of a Number going from thence to *Canada*. The Town meet -- and They soon succeed in raising the Supply. My son *Breck* seems inclined to list. However they have enough without him. May God graciously influence his Mind and Heart in all!

1776 July 31 (Wednesday). *Breck* helps in Raking and carting home a few Cocks from the Brook. Poor *Richard Temple* is grown, I hear, exceeding bad. *Breck* has watched with him.

1776 August 6 (Tuesday). I went to Col. *Levi Brigham*. I went to See whether he consented to *Brecks* intimacy with his Daughter *Suse*. He was gone to *Worcester*, but I acquainted Mrs. *Brigham* with my Errand and prayed her to do it for me.

1776 August 7 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes a Journey after Teams which were expected with various Goods from *Albany* and *New-York*, to be brought from *Norwich*, but did not come.

1776 August 10 (Saturday). *Breck* returns home.

1776 August 24 (Saturday). *Breck* in attempting to unload a Load of Hay unhappily Sprained his Back.

1776 September 3 (Tuesday). *Breck* brings Miss *Suse Brigham* to dinner, and then p.m. sett's out with her to go to *Providence*; Commencement to be there tomorrow.

1776 September 7 (Saturday). Mrs. *Andrews* was buried. I prayed on that Occasion. *Breck* and Miss *Suse* return from *Providence*, *Newport* etc.

1776 September 12 (Thursday). *Breck* goes to the Hospital at *Uxbridge* to be inoculated.

1776 October 5 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from *Uxbridge*, where he has been at the *Inoculation Hospital*. Has had the Small Pox on [the?] Method, and is Recovered, through the Goodness of God and is come home in Safety. D.G.

1776 October 9 (Wednesday). Mr. John Ball, being Spoke to by *Breck*, dug potatoes in the *Beeton* Field.

1776 October 14 (Monday). Col. *Levi Brigham* and his Wife make us a Visit. The Subject *Breck* and *Suse*'s Union in Marriage.

1776 October 30 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to Boston -- but by the Way of Concord and Cambridge. I sent by him to Dr. *Langdon* "the Master Key to Popery": and a Letter to Mr. *Moore* to the Care of Col. *White*, Representative for Rochester.

1776 November 1 (Friday). At Eve *Breck* returned from *Boston* and *Cambridge*. Says *Elias* is not well -- is returning home. Left him at *Framingham*, where he lodges to night.

1776 November 15 (Friday). And paid to *Breck*, for Mr. *Jonathan Child*, in full, for Cyder and Apples, £1.7.4 L.M.

1776 November 17 (Sunday). N.B. *Breck* was published.

1776 November 28 (Thursday). Town Meeting to see whether the Town consents to the General Courts forming a Body of Laws for this State: Whether the Town will send another Representative along with Capt. Maynard and To draw out every fourth Man of the Militia to go into the Army at New York. N.B. *Breck* is one.

1776 November 29 (Friday). Had some Conversation with Ensign Bowman about the late proceedings of the Town. N.B. Breck pays the Fine, 10£ Lawful Money, instead of going to the Army at, or near *New York*.

1776 December 2 (Monday). Breck goes to *Concord, Salem, Boston*.

1776 December 7 (Saturday). *Breck* returns from *Salem Vendue*: and *Hannah* returned from *Concord* with him.

1776 December 16 (Monday). *Breck* setts out for *Boston*.

1776 December 21 (Saturday). At Night *Breck* returns from *Boston*. The Storm very tedious to him. He brings a Token of Mr. William B. Townsends Regards to me; An handsom *Muff*, in its Case. He says it was his Father Hubbards -- My late worthy Class-mate's. May God reward him for his generous Benefaction! And give me Grace suitably to improve this and every Favour to me!

1776 December 26 (Thursday). *Elias* went with my Oxen but before it was violent, and Neighbour *Nehemiah Maynard* went with him, with addition to the Team, and brought a Load of Wood (for which *Breck* pays him).

1776 December 28 (Saturday). Miss *Nabby Woods* came on the 25 and has worked here, on *Brecks* Cloths, but goes home to Mr. [illegible]ters at Evening.

1776 December 30 (Monday). *Breck* sett off Some time before Day, in the Sleigh, for *Boston*.... Miss *Nabby Woods* came last Evening and is at work here upon *Brecks* Cloths.

1777 January 6 (Monday). *Elias* goes to *Uxbridge* and *Mendon* for what cloths etc. *Breck* left after his Inoculation. *Hannah* goes with him as far as to Mr. Fish's at *Upton*.

1777 January 8 (Wednesday). At Evening *Breck* becomes very ill and goes to Bed.

1777 January 9 (Thursday). None of my Children from New *Braintry*, etc. are come though Sent to. Messrs. *Hall, Stone*, and *Crosby* come a.m. They, with my Daughters accompany *Breck* (who is better) to Col. *Brighams*. I went with them. Mr. *Whitney* of *Northborough* there ready. We dined sumptuously. 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. In closing the solemnity the *Bridegroom, Bride*, Mr. *Whitney*, the young Gentlemen, *Winslow Brigham, Edward* (son of Captain *Jonas*), two or three young women came to my House, where we *suppered*. Mr. *Whitney* returned home. And part of the Company did so. *Alexander*, Messrs. *Hall* and *Stone* tarried. May God grant His special Blessing! Pardoning all amiss and grant the Joy may never Cease! O that we may all be espoused to Jesus Christ!

1777 January 11 (Saturday). *Breck* purchased a large fresh Cod-fish of 3 lb. weight, and cost £3.2.6 old tenor on which we sup with much Satisfaction.

1777 January 12 (Sunday). P.M. with Some regard to my son *Breck's* new Circumstances I preached on *Prov.* 2.1 to 5.

1777 January 13 (Monday). *Billy Spring* comes to live with *Breck* at his store.

1777 January 14 (Tuesday). N.B. Breck keeps House.

1777 January 22 (Wednesday). At eve Breck, his Wife and Boy sup with us.

1777 JANUARY 29: 28 YEARS OLD

1777 January 29 (Wednesday). *Breck* and *Suse* with us at Supper.

1777 February 2 (Sunday). *Breck* and *Suse* with us at Eve, attend at out Repetition.

1777 February 8 (Saturday). My son *Samuel* and his Wife, though it was cloudy and began to rain, yet having waited long for fit weather, Sat out for *Concord*. *Breck* waits upon *Sally* with Mr. *Newtons* Chaise, *Sam* puts his Mare into his Sleigh-Thills, and drives her before him, he running on foot, hoping that from the 26th Milestone in *Marlborough* they Shall have snow.

1777 February 9 (Sunday). At Eve Breck and Suse came to our *Family Exercise*. *Breck* again with me about joining to the Church.

1777 February 12 (Wednesday). Though it was fair Weather, yet too Cold and rough, for me to venture to go to *Marlborough* Fast; nor could I have an Horse: The mare (*Brecks*) of Necessity goes in the Team to sled Wood.

1777 February 13 (Thursday). *Breck* sat out for *Windsor*.

1777 February 19 (Wednesday). *Breck* returns from *Windsor*.

1777 February 23 (Sunday). In the Evening *Breck* and *Suse* attend our Exercise in the Family and lodge here. N.B. Breck is with me again to discourse of joining with the Church.

1777 February 27 (Thursday). *Breck* Sets out for *Cambridge* and *Boston*.

1777 March 1 (Saturday). At Eve *Breck* returned from *Boston*. He brought a Letter from his Brother *Cushing* of Feb. 23, which informs that his wife was that Day delivered of a Daughter, which was that Day baptized *Sarah* -- Mother and Child comfortable. To God be all Glory and Praise!

1777 March 2 (Sunday). *Breck* was propounded. It was a Cold Day and a thin Meeting. At Eve *Breck* and *Suse* with us.

1777 March 4 (Tuesday). *Breck* accompanied me and drove.

1777 March 5 (Wednesday). *Breck* with sleigh goes to them.

1777 March 9 (Sunday). At Eve *Breck* and *Suse*.

1777 March 16 (Sunday). My son *Breck* was admitted into the Church. I appointed the Communion and the Lecture. N.B. Mrs. *Maynard* and Mr. *James Bellows's* Wife, also Miss *Nabby Woods*, dined here. Mr. *Kendal* and *Breck*, after the public Exercises, went to Mr. *Hardys* to assist in the Interment of Mr. *Constantine*.

1777 March 23 (Sunday). N.B. my son *Breck* was now first at the Communion.... *Breck* and *Suse* and Billy with us at noon [and Evening?] .

1777 March 25 (Tuesday). N.B. *Breck* went to [Boston this morning?] Major *Wheelock* with him.

1777 March 30 (Sunday). *Breck* etc. at Eve, also *Elijah Brigham* -- and lodges here.

1777 March 31 (Monday). *Breck* watches with Mr. *Andrews*.

1777 April 1 (Tuesday). *Breck* informs that Mr. *Andrews* has had a bad Night.

1777 April 2 (Wednesday). *Breck* went for me to Mr. *Israel Allen's* at Shrewsbury to buy me a Pair of Oxen, and bargained for them but *it was with his Wife*.

1777 April 3 (Thursday). *Breck* went up again for the Oxen-- *but they were gone*. However, he bought, and paid for, another pair, of Mr. *Elnathan Pratt*. They are Six years old -- of Six foot Dimensions. Price £17.10.

1777 April 6 (Sunday). A Number of persons dined with us: besides *Breck*, *Suse* and *Billy Spring*, Mr. *Spring* and his wife, Messrs. *Bradshaw*, *Levi* and *Elijah Brigham*.

1777 April 7 (Monday). *Breck* goes to *Lancaster*.

1777 April 12 (Saturday). *Breck* goes to *Oxford*; and returns at night.

1777 April 18 (Friday). Am in new perplexity about Help in my Husbandry. *Breck* rides to *Northborough* to try for a Son of Deacon *Newton*.

1777 April 19 (Saturday). *Breck* and *Suse* ride in Mr. *Newtons* Chaise to *Concord*.

1777 April 23 (Wednesday). *Breck* and *Suse* from *Boston*.

1777 April 26 (Saturday). Having no man, nor prospect of any, *Breck* works some time in the Garden; and *Elias* sleds stones.

1777 May 2 (Friday). N.B. *Breck* carries *Elias* in Mr. B. *Newtons* Chaise to *Cambridge*.

1777 May 3 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from *Boston*.

1777 May 4 (Sunday). At Eve *Breck*, *Suse* and *Elijah*.

1777 May 13 (Tuesday). *Breck*, in Mr. *Newtons* Chaise, goes with her to *Marlborough*.

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 4 (Wednesday). Mrs. P_____ sat out (with *Breck* to accompany her) to *Concord*.

1777 June 5 (Thursday). *Breck* from *Concord* a.m.

1777 June 17 (Tuesday). *Breck* went to *Boston*.

1777 June 20 (Friday). *Breck* returned from *Boston* by the way of *Lon Derry* and *Concord*. Tells us *Sally* is about yet; but that *Lydia* is much exercised with nervous Head-Ach and a bad Breast.

1777 June 24 (Tuesday). *Breck* to *Boston*.

1777 June 25 (Wednesday). Neighbour *Nurse* and *John Warrin* return from *Lexington* with two load of Earthen Ware and a Letter from *Samuel* concerning the Clock which *Breck* sold and sent to *Samuel*, the Case of which is now brought back from *Concord*, I fear through some Misconstruction and Mistake.

1777 June 26 (Thursday). N.B. *Breck* came from *Boston*.

1777 July 1 (Tuesday). Mr. *Crosby* came. The Girls prepared and Mounted in Mrs. *Baldwins* Chaise, and Drawn by *Brecks* Mare, and Mr. *Crosby* rode the *Baldwin* Horse, to ride as far as they could towards *Boston* via *Concord*. Mrs. *Baldwin* is too poorly (as she thinks) to venture; and therefore tarry here with Me.

1777 July 7 (Monday). Daughter *Baldwin* has been much exercised with her Disorders.

1777 July 8 (Tuesday). She has wrote to her Brother *Forbes* to meet her at *Concord*: and therefore *Breck*, after Dinner, waits upon her, in her own Chaise and with her Horse, to go down there.

1777 July 10 (Thursday). In the night *Breck* returns from *Boston* -- brings up the work of a Clock which he has bought at a Vendue.

1777 July 17 (Thursday). *Bradshaw* rides the *Baldwin* Horse to *Brookfield* and leads an Horse of *Breck's* to be pastured at *Coi's Hill*. *Breck* also goes to *Worcester*, and designs then for *Hubbards Town* to one Dr. *Clark*, to bring him to See *Hannah*.

1777 July 20 (Sunday). N.B. *Breck* went Express to Capt. *Timothy Brigham* with Orders from Col. *Wheelock*.

1777 July 23 (Wednesday). It is a time of remarkable Distress among people by reason of the *Alarm*, it being the most busy Season. God has blessed us with great plenty, but the Hands that are necessary to gather in the Harvest, are called away. *Breck*, as *Adjutant*, goes to *Southborough* to carry Orders, to the Officers there.

1777 July 25 (Friday). *Breck* hires Mr. *Levi Warrins* Horse to go in the *Baldwin* Chaise to *Brookfield* and waits upon his sister home.

1777 July 26 (Saturday). N.B. *Breck* was come back from *Brookfield*.... Mr. *Moses Nurse* rowels *Brecks* mare, as being distempered.

1777 July 28 (Monday). N.B. *Breck* has obtained to have *Moses Brigham* admitted in his room to march at this time, considering our present Circumstances in the Family.

1777 August 12 (Tuesday). Hear my dear Daughter *Baldwin* is very low. Her Husband Sends another Letter to *Breck*, of near the Same Date with mine, of our Armys retreating still towards *Albany*; and of the Miserys which many People suffer in those exposed parts, by the Crueltys of the Enemy. How distressing these times of public and private Troubles!

1777 August 13 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston*; has Mr. *Newtons* Chaise and takes in *Elias*, with his Cloths and Books: and *Bradshaw*, the latter designing to go on Foot, when his Brother has gone with him as far as *Gleasons* in *Framingham*.

1777 September 1 (Monday). *Breck* has a Letter from Col. *Cushing* at *Bennington* to hasten him (as *Adjutant*) up to him.

1777 September 2 (Tuesday). *Breck* has word from Col. *Cushing* that he is appointed over a Regiment which has already an *adjutant* so that he need not go.... My sons *Breck* and *Samuel* with their Wives, taking their Sister *Hannah* with them ride to Col. *Brighams*.

1777 September 3 (Wednesday). *Breck* setts up his new Clock, bought at Vendue at *Boston*.

1777 September 4 (Thursday). *Breck* goes to *Worcester* and takes *License* to *Retaile*.... D.G. Nabby Woods here at Work for *Breck*.

1777 September 6 (Saturday). *Breck* was obliged to ride at Evening to Major *Champneys* at Southborough, on the Account of Commissions to be brought up to this Town.

1777 September 8 (Monday). But *Nabby Woods*, who works for *Breck*, is here.

1777 September 11 (Thursday). *Breck* goes to *Boston*.

1777 September 15 (Monday). At Night *Breck* returned from *Boston*. He believes that the Girls are gone to Cape Ann. He says *Elias* is sick at College -- has a Fever, and wants to come home.

1777 September 26 (Friday). Principal Officers of the Regiment meet at *Brecks*: viz. Col. *Wheelock*, Major *Beeman*, and Major *Champney* -- Orders being come for every other man of the Militia to march immediately for the further Assistance of the Army in the N.W.

1777 September 28 (Sunday). After he had dined *Breck* went to Capt. *Maynards*, from thence marched to *Worcester* and *Leicester*, in his way to *Bennington*. Col. *Wheelock* gone also.

1777 October 5 (Sunday). N.B. received a Letter from my son *Baldwin* dated Camp above *Still-Water* Sept. 26. Glory to God for all their Successes. *Breck* writes on the outside, Worthing Oct. 2, that he is well and All with him.

1777 October 20 (Monday). Mr. *Haven* of *Framingham* here to enquire concerning his son *David's* Death, in Battle; concerning which *Breck* had writ to me. 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. N.B. The wonderful News of Success against the Kings Forces in the N.W.

1777 October 30 (Thursday). *Breck* returned from the Army in the West, and has endured his Excursion considerably well. Thanks to God for His Favour to him!

1777 November 1 (Saturday). *Breck* in looking over some of my Bills of mo [*illegible*] finds among some that I took of *Alexander*, a30/ *New Hampshire Money* Bill which he fears is counterfeit.

1777 November 4 (Tuesday). *Breck* and *Suse*, *Elias* and *Sophy* ride there.

1777 November 5 (Wednesday). *Elias*, on *Brecks* Mare, undertakes to go up to *Cois* Hill to drive down my young Cattle.

1777 November 14 (Friday). Mr. *Joseph Bond* came and with *Brecks* help, killed a [Red?] Steer for me.

1777 November 21 (Friday). [How?] dines here, being at work for *Breck*.

1777 November 25 (Tuesday). *Breck* papered his lesser Room; and *Elias* [helps?] him great part of the Day and the Evening.

1777 December 1 (Monday). *Breck* sets out for [Hartford?] on public Business, employed by squire Baker.

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 5 (Friday). *Breck* returned from *Lebanon*.

1777 December 22 (Monday). *Breck* sets out before Day for *Boston*.

1777 December 24 (Wednesday). *Breck* returned from *Boston*.

1778 January 1 (Thursday). N.B. Officers of the Regiment Met this Day at Capt. *Maynards* and were Sworn. *Breck* was, as *Adjutant* to the Regiment.

1778 January 4 (Sunday). At Eve, with *Breck* and *Suse*, came *Drury Fairbank*, to our Family Exercises.

1778 January 7 (Wednesday). I breakfast with *Alexander* at *Brecks*.

1778 January 11 (Sunday). At Eve *Breck*, *Suse* and *Drury*.

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.

1778 January 14 (Wednesday). Miss *Mindwelll Brigham*, attending the Singing school, dines at *Brecks* but lodges here; as does *Abijah Warrin* (Son of Ensign *Aaron Warrin*) of *Upton* who is learning to write. *Breck* has also *Drury Fairbank* and *Elijah Warrin* boarding with him.

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

1778 January 25 (Sunday). *Elijah Brigham* and *Drury Fairbank* here, with *Breck* and *Suse* at Evening.

1778 JANUARY 29: 29 YEARS OLD

1778 February 10 (Tuesday). Several Ganders are missing since the last snow. Mr. *Badcock* and *Bradshaw* breakfast at *Brecks*.

1778 February 16 (Monday). *Drury Fairbank*, who has boarded at Brecks, has gone away, and does not return.

1778 February 18 (Wednesday). *Breck* went to *Boston* in the sleigh, which he has got new Runners to.

1778 February 20 (Friday). *Breck* returned from *Boston* by *Concord*....

1778 February 24 (Tuesday). Mr. [blank] *Laws* of *Enfield* at *Brecks* about *Tobacco* which *Breck* has bought. Lend *Breck* 77 Dollars.

1778 March 1 (Sunday). At Eve *Breck* and *Suse*, attend our Exercise.

1778 March 9 (Monday). *Breck* and I rode to Mr. *Grosvenors*, where we dined. Mr. *Willard* of *Mendon* there also. We proceeded to *Sutton*, to the Paper-Mill. He returned and we drank Coffee there. Mr. *Thayer* of *Paxton* there before we came away. In returning at Even we called to see Capt. *Jonathan Fay*, who though he is yet ill, yet is better than he was.

1778 March 10 (Tuesday). *Breck* makes a Business of Book-binding; but especially by Singing Books. The singing school is still kept at Mr. [*Samuel?*] *Warrins*, under the Instructions of Mr. *Jonathan Batherick*.

1778 March 21 (Saturday). A Singularly rough and rugged Season. Field Officers, Col. *Wheelock* and Maj. [*Bee?*] at *Brecks*, having received Orders to raise men for *Boston*, and [*Dorchester?*] . Our Quota is Nine out of both Companys.

1778 March 22 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Badcock* (who [boards?] at my Sons). *Breck* and his wife were at our Evening Exercise.

1778 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Badcock*, *Breck* and Six Women Sing a.m.

1778 March 29 (Sunday). This Eve *Breck* and *Suse* and their *Billy Spring*, and with them, came Mr. *Badcock*, *Luke Wilder*, *Elisha Parker*, and *Samuel Fisher*, to attend out Family Exercise, and to Sing, in which they Spent the Evening.

1778 April 1 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to Court at *Worcester*, as Jury man.

1778 April 21 (Tuesday). I went to the Ministerial Lot: for *Breck* is getting Timber there, for a Back Room to his store.

1778 April 30 (Thursday). *Breck* raised a Leanto, [addition?] to his House. The Dimentions 27 by 12 1/2.

1778 May 3 (Sunday). *Breck* went to *Southborough* after meeting, on some military Business.

1778 May 6 (Wednesday). Mr. *Lamson* at work for *Breck*, on his new Additional Building.

1778 May 9 (Saturday). *Breck* and Mr. *Lamson* [illegible] .

1778 May 11 (Monday). Mr. *Lamson* and Mr. Jonathan *Batherick* are at Work with Breck, in boarding the Sides of his additional Building.

1778 May 14 (Thursday). Elias goes to *Cambridge*, the Vacation being up. His Brother *Breck* goes with him, and they have Mr. *Barnabas Newtons* Chaise.

1778 May 16 (Saturday). Breck returned from *Boston* and *Cambridge* late at night.

1778 May 19 (Tuesday). [Came?] home at Eve. Found that *Breck* had worked for me [plowing?] and planting at the East End of the House, and plowed at the East End of the Barn. I have Several little Pieces of Ground to Plant, but can't get even them done.

1778 June 8 (Monday). At Night the Singers had a Meeting at *Brecks*, but for better Convenience they adjourned to the Meeting-House.

1778 June 13 (Saturday). Mr. *Moses Nurse* having brought up a Load of Earthen Ware from *Danvers*, I took an Opportunity as he was going from *Brecks* Store, to give him a most Solemn Admonition and Charge concerning his absence from the House of God.

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 June 22 (Monday). *Breck* met with Disaster by his stairs [illegible] Shocked; the supporting Timbers [illegible]

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

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*.

1778 June 30 (Tuesday). Though Mr. [*Larkin?*] came early in the morn to mowe my Square piece between [illegible] [meeting House?] he broke off at mid forenoon: he [illegible] and raking the Hay. *Breck* helps also.

1778 July 14 (Tuesday). Stephen again a.m. I raked again and *Breck* principally helpfull, especially in Carting in the Clover.

1778 July 21 (Tuesday). I rode to *Brecks* Mare to Ministers Meeting at [*West Sudbury?*] .

1778 July 26 (Sunday). N.B. Breck was so ill in Meeting time that he went out. I went down to see him after the Exercises.

1778 July 27 (Monday). *Breck* goes to *Boston*.

1778 July 30 (Thursday). *Breck* returns.

1778 August 7 (Friday). *Breck* had a Letter from Mr. *Henry* [*Marble?*] dated the 5th from *Providence*.

1778 August 14 (Friday). *Breck* has taken to *Book-binding*, and has bound for me Vol. 7 and 8 of the *Political State of Great Britain* -- which are for the Year 1714; and all bound very handsomely.

1778 August 25 (Tuesday). *Breck* informs me that Mr. *David Stow*, son of *Grafton* was at his shop and told him *Elias's* weather had sickened and dyed, that it was wholly lost, Skin and wool, for it was Some time before they found it, and it Stank.

1778 September 4 (Friday). Col. *Brigham* has rid to the Army near *Rhode Island*, to see his Son *Winslow*, and now returns with Accounts of their present State; and with a Letter from *Henry Marble* to *Breck*, which intimates the unhappy State of the Army, not only by the Disappointment in the Attempt against *Newport*, and withdrawing to the *Main*, but Disquietment among the Soldiers.

1778 September 8 (Tuesday). Sister *Champney* left us to return to *Cambridge*. *Suse* rode with her in the Chaise (Mr. *Newton's*) and *Breck* rode on a Horse which I procured for Mr. *Eleazer Rider*. By *Breck* I write to *Elias*, inclosing his Quarter Bills which he had inadvertently left: and to Mr. *Forbes* of *Gloucester*, concerning his Sheep.

1778 September 11 (Friday). *Breck* and *Suse* return from *Boston*, and *Timothy Bryant* from *Stoneham*.

1778 September 23 (Wednesday). *Breck* setts out for *Boston*.

1778 September 26 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from *Boston* seasonably to dine with us. He had a Fall by the Stumbling of his Mare, So that he is lame. He relates that there was a grand Reception of the Count de *Estaing* at *Boston* when the Militia and general Court waited on him and his Suit: and a Sumptuous Dining in *Fanuil-Hall*; the House of Representatives, as well as the Council, etc., were there likewise.

1778 September 28 (Monday). *Brecks* Mare Missing.

1778 October 6 (Tuesday). *Elias* returns from *Cambridge* and has been also to *Boston*. But what we are somewhat Surprized with is, he rides home *Brecks* Mare, which was found in a Pasture at [blank] by *Gershom Hill* the Molatto from Squire Bakers, who going down below, *Breck* furnished with an Advertisement.

1778 October 12 (Monday). Breck and Elias go, at Evening to Singing Meeting at Capt. *Fishers*.

1778 October 20 (Tuesday). Next Association to be at Mr. *Stone's*, next Month. N.B. Brecks Bounty in Rum and Wine etc. on this Occasion.

1778 October 22 (Thursday). About 3 in the morning we were alarmed by *Breck; Suse* being in Travel. About Sunrise a little Daughter was born; and both Mother and Child in an hopeful State. All Glory to God the Deliverer! May His Goodness be perfected! The Company of Women, with *Dr. Ball* broke fast here -- with Mr. B. Bradshaw, who with Cousen [*illegible*] *Brigham* dined here also. P.M. rode to Mr. *Gershom Brigham*s and Solemnized the Marriage of his son *Seth* to *Ruth Palmer*.

1778 October 25 (Sunday). Preached another Sermon on *Luk. 22.15*. Administered the Lords supper. Mrs. Maynard dined here; as did Sir *Fay*. P.M. on Consideration of the Baptism of *Brecks* Child, I preached on *Gal. 3.14*. The Child was called *Hannah-Breck*. At Eve went down to *Brecks*, and have our Evening Exercise there. May God graciously accept us in these various Solemnitys! And May the Blessing of Abraham descend on us through Christ! N.B. The singers chiefly are in the Front to day, and Sing again.

1778 November 10 (Tuesday). Mr. Timothy Whitney has got my oxen and pays me 40£ L.M., and gives me his Horse for 40£ more in three months with interest. N.B. Old Mr. Thomas Whitney is present and promises his son shall fulfill the Engagement, and Breck was witness.

1778 November 12 (Thursday). I dined at Breck's....

1778 November 26 (Thursday). *Thanksgiving*.... Breck and all his were here at the Entertainment, also Sr. Brigham (Elijah). May the Lord accept our gratulations, and bless the Holy Word dispensed! Had excellent singing.

1778 December 1 (Tuesday). Breck sets up an Iron Stove in his shop.

1778 December 9 (Wednesday). Breck sat out for Boston.

1778 December 10 (Thursday). Concerned for Breck who is I suppose at Boston, and has sent a load of corn.

1778 December 12 (Saturday). Breck returns from Boston, to our Joy safe, though through much Hardship. Says a Murder was committed the night before last at Charlestown Neck, of a countryman found next morning, two clubbs lying by him. N.B. No Murder but a man perished in the storm. [This evidently written in later.]

1778 December 13 (Sunday). Breck is out of Wood. Suse herself and the child, her sister Mindwell and Billy Spring came up here to be with us over the Sabbath.... Breck, his Family and Brother Josiah dined here.

1778 December 14 (Monday). Breck had wood brought him. Suse etc. returned home.

1778 December 19 (Saturday). Breck has a fine fat Turkey roasted here.

1778 December 23 (Wednesday). Breck trades with two swine drovers, and buys two shoats for me, at between 17 and 18 pence the pound.

1778 December 24 (Thursday). Breck and his dine here on a roast Turkey of his providing. Elias came home on foot from Cambridge. He came from there yesterday, and with him Young Nathan Fisk, a Freshman. They dined here. It is so very cold, Fisk lodges with Elias at Breck's.

1778 December 30 (Wednesday). CONTINENTAL THANKSGIVING. Preach on Isa. 1.11. Breck etc. dined.

1779 January 1 (Friday). But my daughter Cushing being here, and soon to return, and Col. Job Cushing dining with us, Breck also and his, I was much interrupted and prevented: very unavoidably. May the Lord extend compassion!

1779 January 5 (Tuesday). N.B. Breck agrees with a Post to bring Newspapers etc.

1779 January 8 (Friday). I reckoned with Breck, and paid the full of his Account. The Ballance from Sept. 1777 to Dec. 31, 1778 (likewise Mr. Stockwell's account of 5 1/8 and some change borrowed 7/6) was £57.19.2 lawful money.

1779 January 15 (Friday). Mr. Frost leaves me, but goes to Breck, and I perceive he is about to set up a Store at Mill River.

1779 January 19 (Tuesday). By reason of Breck's agreeing with a post to ride this Road, I have the Benefit to read two of the Boston Newspapers; Saturdays and Mondays, which arrive here on Tuesday evening.

1779 January 21 (Thursday). Though very Cold yet Breck goes in the sleigh to Boston.

1779 January 23 (Saturday). At eve Breck returns from Boston. Inform. that his sister Sally is become more sociable and chearful.

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 JANUARY 29: 30 YEARS OLD

1779 January 30 (Saturday). Mr. Jonathan Maynard brought a load of Wood to me for Breck, in Return for a load which he borrowed of me, and Mr. Maynard brought gratis a load of that wood which Mr. Ch. Newton left at Beeton's.

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 February 12 (Friday). A.M. Breck goes to Brookfield to look after his Bradshaw affairs.

1779 February 16 (Tuesday). Breck returns from Brookfield and New Braintree. Gives me but a Sorrowful account of the Insolvency of the late Mr. Bradshaw, of the Afflicted state of my Daughter Baldwin, by reason of her Husband's absence so long from his Farm and Business etc. Also Ebenezer's Affairs difficult.

1779 February 19 (Friday). Breck here and asks for Liberty to build a Smith's shop at the Corner of my Land next the Burying Place.

1779 February 20 (Saturday). A Letter from my Son Samuel to his Brother Breck, informs that Sally had a Daughter born on the 14th at 4 a.m. Was baptized p.m. and called Abigail. The praise and Glory to God and may the Child be a rich Blessing!

1779 February 21 (Sunday). At evening Exercise, Breck brought his brother Josiah Brigham here.

1779 February 23 (Tuesday). Breck and Elias p.m. go over to Upton to singing meeting there.

1779 February 26 (Friday). Ebenezer leaves us to go to Watertown and Boston. I send by him to Mr. David Sawyer at Framingham: Breck sends quantity of money by him to his brother Samuel.

1779 March 4 (Thursday). I don't send the power of Attorney to Mr. Hitchcock nor Breck's Letter to him, but have writ myself, and have agreed with my son Ebenezer (who now leaves us) to go to Mr. James Smith of Western, and apprise him of what I am about to do, that he may prevent the Evil by discharging the Bond.

1779 March 10 (Wednesday). Breck goes to Boston.

1779 March 18 (Thursday). Elias sat out on Breck's mare for Cambridge.

1779 March 28 (Sunday). At eve Mr. Elijah Brigham came with Breck, and such of his Family as could come, to join in the Repetition, Singing etc.

1779 April 1 (Thursday). He [Baldwin] says the Vessel which Breck and Samuel had interest in, was presently upon Sailing out, was captured in Cape Cod Harbour by a privateer of only 6, 2 pounders whereas they had 8 4 pounders. But the Capt. had carried the Cash which was 1/2 the Worth ashore, quilted in his Jacket, and therefore saved it. Mr. Baldwin lodges here.

1779 April 19 (Monday). Breck went to Boston. I sent by him 28 Letters, of the private female Society to the late venerable Father Loring, to the care of Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, widow,

heretofore Leazenby: and a number more to and from Mrs. Mehitabel Hystop of Brookline, to the care of the Rev. Mr. Jackson.

1779 April 21 (Wednesday). Breck returns from Boston, and brought me a letter from Mrs. Eliz. Brown of the Female Society of Boston.

1779 May 7 (Friday). N.B. Breck has bought another horse, which his brother Samuel procured for him, of Major Stillman at Boston.

1779 May 8 (Saturday). Breck goes to Holden p.m.

1779 May 10 (Monday). Breck and his Family brought and eat their dinner with us, which was so much the more agreeable and sociable.

1779 May 11 (Tuesday). Col. Baldwin and his son lodge at Breck's.

1779 May 13 (Thursday). Breck undertakes to new modell the Frame for the Grape Vine in the Garden to run upon: and Parker and Timothy help him.

1779 May 14 (Friday). Breck, Parker and Tim. are still upon the Vine and garden.

1779 May 18 (Tuesday). I rode Breck's mare to Bolton, it being Association.

1779 May 31 (Monday). Breck receives of me £300 which I commit to him as either lending it to him or partly to pay for a yoke of oxen bought of Mr. Crooks for £200, and the remaining 100 to trade with as may be most prudent to save the sinking.

1779 June 2 (Wednesday). Breck returns from Boston.

1779 June 4 (Friday). Ephraim Parker returned from Waltham with a load of earthen ware for Breck.

1779 June 7 (Monday). Breck acquaints me with his great Losses by the Remarkable Depreciation of the medium.

1779 June 11 (Friday). Sister Champney left us to go to Mr. Jonas Bond's in Sutton. My son Breck went with her in Mr. Barn. Newton's Chaise, and left her at Mr. Bond's.

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

1779 June 16 (Wednesday). Lt. Bond, and with him a yoke of Oxen and Horse -- my Eph. Parker with my oxen and Breck's mare go on in plowing fallow ground at the Island.

1779 June 25 (Friday). Mr. Henry Quincy came to Break fast with Breck -- refreshed himself with me at 10.

1779 July 13 (Tuesday). He [Thomas Adams of Medfield] sold Breck a number of unbound Books, Firmin, Shaw, Shepherd, Doelittle etc. After dinner he left us to go to Sherburn.

1779 July 17 (Saturday). Ephraim on Breck's Horse, at the Close of the Day, to Shrewsbury.

1779 July 19 (Monday). Mr. Eleazar Fairbank of North Shrewsbury, trades with Breck, and visits, dines, and spends good part of the p.m. with me.

1779 July 21 (Wednesday). Breck goes to Boston. Mr. Elisha Forbes with his Team goes down to load up for him.

1779 July 23 (Friday). Breck returns from Boston, tells me Salley is very comfortable.

1779 August 2 (Monday). Breck has found [bound?] sundry books for me, viz. Dr. Scott's Sermon Vol. II. Which is on the Love of God: Firmin's Real Christian and Shepherd's Three Select Pieces, and mended several others.... Mr. Nathan Maynard junior goes to Boston for Breck and carries in his Team Mr. Eli Forbes' Trunk.

1779 August 6 (Friday). Mr. Moses Nurse has bought my son Breck's fine mare so that (tho' it was more tedious to me) I rode his grey Horse, to Shrewsbury, dined at Mr. Sumner's.

1779 August 11 (Wednesday). Sent my Letter to Mr. Q_____ by Breck, who hurried me so that I was obliged to send him a mere Fragment, without accomplishing my Plan.

1779 August 13 (Friday). Breck returned from Boston: but was much overcome by the Rain and Fatigue of his Journey -- young Henry Pigeon here and dined with us.

1779 August 16 (Monday). Elias shews me his Quarter Bills which are not paid, viz.:

to Feb. 26. 1779 which is	£17. 3. 4
The 4th Quarter Bill from Feb. 26 to May 28, 1779 is	£48. 5. 0
	_____ which
	deduct. 64. 8. 4 buttery
Besides these Mr. Phillips Paylous Buttery	bill added
Sizing from Nov. 27. 1778 to July 14. 1779 £38.18.0 not paid. is	£103. 6. 4

N.B. This gave me some Difficulty that these several Bills were unpaid, seeing I gave Elias an Hundred Dollars on March 17, and with a View to his discharging that Bill which was due on Feb. 26 last. Besides which he had more of me at different Times in the Spring particularly on May 31, 14 Dollars, delivered by Breck; more by Breck again about the same time £22.4.0 (that is 74 Dollars, which with the 14 Dollars on May 31, as aforesaid, made 88 Dollars).

1779 August 17 (Tuesday). I had an Horse of Deacon Wood to go to Minister's Meeting at East Sudbury. Breck being gone to Ashburnham. I delivered to Elias 100 Dollars for the Steward etc.

1779 August 24 (Tuesday). Breck has Carpenters at work to raise the Back Roof of his Store.

1779 August 30 (Monday). Breck goes to Boston.

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.

1779 September 4 (Saturday). Breck to Sutton, but I knew it not in season to write an answer by him.

1779 September 9 (Thursday). Alexander and Breck go to Worcester and return.

1779 September 27 (Monday). Breck goes to Cambridge and Boston.

1779 September 29 (Wednesday). Breck returns from Boston, and brings Sally and her son Sam. A letter from Mr. Moore, says his Negro man Cato is dead.

1779 October 8 (Friday). Breck lends me the money I want for Elias, viz. 231 Dollars.

1779 October 9 (Saturday). Elias is up before Day to set off for Cambridge; and I gave him the whole of the Money which I borrowed of Breck for him, viz. 231 Dollars, which was to enable him to pay his Quarter Bills.

1779 October 11 (Monday). This day we cutt up, carted home and husked out our Indian Corn. Ephraim Tucker went with my Team and Deacon Wood with his. About nine dined here. There were forty or more of Men and Boys at Eve, and several Neighbors were so generous as to contribute to the Entertainment. Squire Baker above 50 lbs. of Meat, Mr. Ebenezer Forbes, Beef and 3 cabbages, Lt. Bond, Pork, Mr. Barnabas Newton, a Cheese, Breck, sufficient Rum. Through the Goodness of God we had a good crop, Sound Corn and the Joy of Harvest. To Him be all Honor and Glory! We sang latter part of Ps. 65.

1779 October 12 (Tuesday). Breck waits upon Sally and her son Sam to Concord.

1779 October 13 (Wednesday). Breck returns from Concord, and dines with us. P.M. He is with the Officers at Coll. Wheelock's preparing orders to send out Men immediately according to Requisition from Gen'l Washington.

1779 October 20 (Wednesday). Elias was come from Cambridge and with him Gen'l Ward's Son (whose Brother led down Breck's Horse for Elias to come up on) and Parkman Bradshaw here likewise.

1779 October 22 (Friday). Breck is building another Store.

1779 October 23 (Saturday). Breck raised his new Store.

1779 October 24 (Sunday). At eve, Breck and Suse, her Brother Elijah etc. were with us and Sang.

1779 October 25 (Monday). Breck to Boston. In his way carries Suse and the Child to Col. Brigham's.

1779 October 30 (Saturday). P.M. Breck returned from Cape Ann.

1779 October 31 (Sunday). At eve, Breck read Mr. Henry's Communication, Comp. Ch. 12 in part.

1779 November 5 (Friday). Benj. Grout was here for his pay for making 3 pair of Shoes: and I therefore wrote him a note to Breck, for 63/ old Tenor of old Value.

1779 November 27 (Saturday). Elisha Parker came when I was about paying Ephraim, but a Controversie arose concerning *What was the Usual Custom at this time of the great Alteration of Money within these few weeks*. Ephraim would take no less than £60 for the Two Months. I was not willing to give any more than 55. But I was obliged to borrow the money of my son Breck, and they all went to the Shop, where Breck gave Ephraim the whole Sum he required, viz. £60, and so he went to his brother Elisha's with the Cattle on the Cart to carry his Chest and things there, promising to come and make up the Time, viz. 5 Days that yet remains next week and onward.

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

1779 December 4 (Saturday). Breck returns from Boston, my Relations well there. He brings me a present from my son Samuel, a valuable Silk Handkerchief of Fifty Dollars price, much wanted....

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

1779 December 17 (Friday). Breck to Sutton in the Sleigh to get Paper. Succeeds but in part.

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

1779 December 29 (Wednesday). My son Breck had also designed to go in a double Sleigh to Ashburnham, but no Team nor Sleigh can Stir. How wonderful the Works of the Great God!

1780 January 14 (Friday). Squire Baker and two or three hands with him, which soon increased to half a dozen, drew me on a sled to the House of Mourning.... I came away before the Coffin was let down -- by that time I got to Breck's Store, I was nigh overcome, by one means and another.

1780 January 16 (Sunday). Breck etc. attended here in the Evening.

1780 January 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Timothy Parker, his Wife and Child came a while ago in a Sleigh from Templeton, to visit their Friends here, but are not able to go back, except himself, who returns on Racketts. His wife and her sisters Newton and Wheelock visit at Breck's and I was desired to drink Tea with them.

1780 January 20 (Thursday). Elias goes again to Mill and Breck with him and carry of Rye Indian and Oats, Six Bushel.

1780 January 24 (Monday). An urgent message from Mr. Antipas Brigham to go to Capt. Edmund Brigham's, with request to marry him. I went, but with great Difficulty, by reason of the deep snow. My sons Breck and Elias drew me on a light sled as far as Mr. Haskill's, nigh which a number of young men, Brighams accompanied me on foot to the House, where I performed the Solemnity.

1780 JANUARY 29: 31 YEARS OLD

1780 February 3 (Thursday). N.B. Breck to Boston -- gave him 126 Dollars towards an Hatt for Elias. Sent by him a letter to Mr. Quincy to be left at Mr. Pattins for Conveyance.

1780 February 6 (Sunday). Breck and his Family dined with us.... In the evening Exercise, Breck read Fleming's Confirming Work.

1780 February 9 (Wednesday). Elias goes with Breck and others to break the Roads to Southborough.

1780 February 10 (Thursday). The plan for going to Cambridge is so ripened that I can't defeat it. The affair is chiefly Breck's, who loads a sleigh with Grain etc. and loads up with Rum -- has provided two Horses as well as the Sleigh. And his Brother Josiah Brigham was to go down to Watertown therewith, but Elias is so urgent to undertake it, and has already agreed to go with David Fay, who is going likewise, that this morning to my no small Disquietment, sat out.

1780 February 14 (Monday). Breck invites us to Coffee at the Shop and we complied.

1780 February 15 (Tuesday). At eve a Storm of Wind and Rain which beat vehemently, yet unexpectedly Elias came home from Cambridge, brought Rum for Breck and a valuable, though old fashioned chamber Table, with large slate in the Middle, for himself.

1780 February 17 (Thursday). Mrs. P. and I dined at Breck's.

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. Rev. Bowman and his Wife came after prayer. I did not go in to the Burying

place. I could not *comfortably*, especially stand on the snow. I came home. Breck and his Family dined with us.

1780 February 22 (Tuesday). N.B. Josiah Brigham is gone for Breck to Boston in the Sleigh.

1780 February 27 (Sunday). N.B. My son Breck not well.

1780 February 28 (Monday). My son Breck grows worse.

1780 February 29 (Tuesday). Breck removes to lodge here, Suse and the Children also.

1780 March 1 (Wednesday). Breck is somewhat better. At night he grew worse. My Family and his united are 14.

1780 March 2 (Thursday). Breck is recovering. D.G.

1780 March 3 (Friday). Breck goes to his Shop.

1780 March 5 (Sunday). Cousin Maynard, Misses Brigham (as well as Breck and his Family) fill our Dining Board.

1780 March 8 (Wednesday). Breck, Suse and the Child moved back to their Home.

1780 March 10 (Friday). I agree with Breck to pay half the Price of Thursday's Worcester paper.

1780 March 18 (Saturday). Mr. Moses Nurse brings a load of Wood for Mr. Maynard. N.B. The Measuring of Wood has been chiefly performed by Elias, and sometimes by Breck at the Shop.

1780 March 21 (Tuesday). N.B. I delivered to Elias Four Hundred Dollars of which one hundred and seventy-six from my own Desk and borrowed 224 Dollars of my Son Breck. Breck goes for Boston. Sent by him to Mr. Quincy and to my kinswoman, Mrs. Eliz. Bradford.

1780 March 23 (Thursday). Breck returned before night -- brought two letters from Mr. Forbes to me.... 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 March 24 (Friday). Breck unhappily brought back the Letter I wrote to my son William, about Wood for Elias. I wrote another, but know of no conveyance.

1780 March 25 (Saturday). Mr. Nathan Maynard junior brought one load of Wood, which my son Breck measured, and says is 77 feet. But inasmuch as (to deal rightly) several loads of late have been of exceeding crooked wood, and this today has such a quantity of small wood I told my son I would be glad to have more allowance made on those accounts.

1780 March 27 (Monday). Breck has received two Letters from Mr. Moore.

1780 March 29 (Wednesday). William grows worse, takes physic of Dr. Stimson, who called to see us and dines here.... Breck takes care of the Cattle for me. Eph. Parker was here at Evening. I try to have him live here, but I cant succeed. N.B. Mr. Nathan Maynard junior and Lieut. Bond, bring so much Wood as compleats (as they, Maynard and Breck say) Maynard's Ten cord, so that I gave a Receipt for it.

1780 April 2 (Sunday). At eve Breck and his attended the Repetition etc.

1780 April 5 (Wednesday). My son Breck undertakes a long, circular, difficult Journey, to Bridgewater, Boston etc.

1780 April 14 (Friday). Breck works in the Garden -- plows and hires Mr. Kenney part of the Day to renew and mend up the Garden Fence. B. sows Peas there.

1780 April 15 (Saturday). Breck and William Winchester at times in the Garden. I cannot afford any time to it, nor have I any Inclination. Josiah Brigham returns from an Excursion to purchase Cattle: he has been as far as to Fitz William and has brought two Cows, one has a Calf, t'other with Calf. They are put into my Barn to keep. Breck has now four Creatures there, his Horse and 3 cows besides the young Calf.

1780 April 16 (Sunday). At eve Breck and his Family (as they have done frequently) came to the Repetition.

1780 May 2 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. Quincy to the care of Breck, who goes to Boston.

1780 May 4 (Thursday). Breck returns from Boston, brings a Letter from Elias at Cambridge, concerning the Installment of Mr. Sam'l Williams heretofore of Bradford, Professor of Mathematics and experimental Philosophy -- a marvelous time.

1780 May 19 (Friday). At eve went to Supper at Breck's, on agreeable Haddock.

1780 May 25 (Thursday). N.B. I found that my son Breck is a FREE MASON.

1780 June 1 (Thursday). I again go to the Meeting House to assist the Towns Men in their making Reply to the Convention at Boston, and Breck is desired to transcribe it for Capt. Fisher to carry with him.

1780 June 6 (Tuesday). Elias setts out on Breck's Horse for Cambridge.

1780 June 7 (Wednesday). Breck goes to Boston. Rides with Mr. Gale. I wrote to Mrs. P_____ by my Son; and by him sent my Watch to Mr. Cranch to be mended.

1780 June 11 (Sunday). My son Samuel's Chaise being here, Breck rides with me to Northborough. I preached there on 2 Cor. 5.1 -- a Building of God etc.

1780 June 23 (Friday). N.B. have been in uncommon Surprise at Elias's wanting so large a Sum of Money as was called for to pay his Buttery Bill, which amounts to £321.6. I gave him 300 Dollars of my own, borrowed of Breck 620, and am obliged to send money for the Degree which must be 30/ hard Money, which at 60 for one (as now the Custom is) comes to 300 Dollars. These I receive of Breck, and offer him 5 Milled Dollars. So that I now give Elias 1220 Dollars, and he goes to Cambridge to clear off and finish there.

1780 July 5 (Wednesday). Breck is gone to Boston.

1780 July 7 (Friday). A.M. Breck returned from Boston.

1780 July 26 (Wednesday). Elias went with out Team, and Breck went with him to load and though it was but a small Jagg, it was the last from the Interval. In all thirteen times, the Team has gone for me, and once for Capt. Fisher.

1780 July 28 (Friday). Mr. Bigelow reaps a.m. Elias also. Breck took a morn-spell at it. Deacon Wood has the Oxen part of a.m. Breck has them p.m. He sends them down to meet a Teemer, who is bringing up a Load from Boston.

1780 July 30 (Sunday). At eve read (Breck, his wife etc. attending with us as usual) another part of Mr. Flavell on Rev. 3.20. May God graciously accept!

1780 August 7 (Monday). Was anxious about Breck's Horse, which Elias rode to Springfield, and is not come back: but before noon came young Joshua Johnson of Bolton, who returning from his 3 years Warfare rode Horse from Springfield hither, thereby saving Charge, and brought a Letter from Elias, who has taken the School there, for a year upon settled pay to his Satisfaction. Thanks be to God for the Favour.

1780 August 11 (Friday). *Josiah Brigham came to Breck* again to live with him. They clear the lower Well.

1780 August 17 (Thursday). Sent by Breck to Mr. Stone's for Notes that I inadvertently left there. Breck goes before Day, designing for Boston.

1780 August 19 (Saturday). Breck returned from Boston -- he brought me a large letter from Mr. Quincy....

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 25 (Friday). N.B. Breck and Suse with little Hannah go to Col. Brigham's, at eve, to lodge there, in their way to Ashburnham and Marlborough.

1780 August 26 (Saturday). Breck and Suse, leaving their little Girl, at Northborough proceed on their Journey.

1780 September 1 (Friday). Breck and Suse return home having been to visit their Brothers Cushing, Levi Brigham and Alexander. Capt. Goddard of Sutton calls at Breck's Shop and relates, That the Scholars at College (from whence he was come) had so generally signed a petition that Pres. Langdon might be dismissed, that he himself had asked a Dismission and that it was granted him. Whence this has arisen, I know not.

1780 September 3 (Sunday). At eve, Mr. Flavell on Rev. 3.20. Breck read.

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). He [William Spring] dined with us, as did Mr. Elijah Brigham (who keeps Shop for Breck).

1780 September 21 (Thursday). 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). P.M. Sam and Breck with their Wives wait on the Bridegroom and Bride, to Coll. Brighams.

1780 September 25 (Monday). Breck is roused by an Information that one Williams who is Debtor to him in a considerable sum is seized and put into Jail. My son is gone to his House in N. Shrewsbury.

1780 September 28 (Thursday). Breck to Boston.

1780 October 8 (Sunday). At eve Breck etc. came, and he read another part of Mr. Flavell on Rev. 3.20.

1780 October 19 (Thursday). Mr. Kenney brought from the North Field my part of the Corn, and a number of Neighbors husked it out. Breck was very generous in treating the Huskers with Liquor.

1780 October 24 (Tuesday). Breck cut his Foot with an Ax.

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

1780 November 3 (Friday). Breck sent Mr. Th. Lamson, who cutts wood for me at the Door.

1780 November 7 (Tuesday). Isaac leads an Horse, besides one in his Surkey: these (with Elias's, Breck's and my own) make six Horses which are kept here this Night.

1780 November 10 (Friday). Capt. John Wood was here upon the Affair of his son Ben's living with me, and he wants that John shall live with my son Breck.

1780 December 19 (Tuesday). Breck and Suse and little Hannah are gone, though it is a lowery Day, to Col. Brigham's. Breck designing to go to Boston.

1780 December 25 (Monday). Breck and his Family dined with us.

1780 December 28 (Thursday). N.B. Breck brings in a Letter from Ebenezer at Fishkill.

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....

1781 January 3 (Wednesday). *Breck* had prepared to go to Boston but was disappointed by a snow storm.

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

1781 January 8 (Monday). And my son *Breck* for *Boston*.... N.B. *Josiah Brigham* has undertaken to learn *Latin*, and comes to be at *Brecks*, but under his Brother *Elijah's* Tuition.

1781 January 11 (Thursday). *Breck* from Boston. He tells me my Kinswoman Mrs. *Elizabeth Corser* is married; also Mrs. *Coverly*.

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

1781 January 16 (Tuesday). *Settled Accounts with Breck and Comp.* and have paid [*blank*] .

1781 JANUARY 29: 32 YEARS OLD

1781 February 1 (Thursday). I breakfast at *Brecks*.

1781 February 5 (Monday). *Breck* and I rode in our Sleigh (his Wife and Child with us as far as to her Fathers, where we halted a little) over to visit Mr. *Whitney* and his Family in their New House, which they can live in very comfortably. And may God graciously spare this to them!

1781 February 7 (Wednesday). *Breck* went to Boston.

1781 February 9 (Friday). *Breck* returns. He brings me 3 *Eel skins*. Samuel also sends three.

1781 February 11 (Sunday). N.B. *Breck* and his Family here, and sung.

1781 February 13 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes in the sleigh to *Watertown*.

1781 February 14 (Wednesday). *Breck* returned from *Newtown*, from Mr. *Josiah Fullers*....

1781 February 18 (Sunday). *Breck* and his Family (*Josiah Brigham*, *Mindwell Batheric* etc.) being here we sang also.

1781 February 25 (Sunday). At Eve *Breck* and his Family -- Mr. B. read again in Mr. *Flavels* Appendix on *Rom. 1.18* -- and Sang.

1781 February 26 (Monday). I wrote to Mr. *Moore*; to go by *Breck*, and gave *Breck* 76 Dollars in Paper; and 20£ 14/ in two Treasurers Notes.

1781 February 27 (Tuesday). *Breck* to *Boston*. I have no Boy this Morning. I, unhappily, was exercised various ways. *Breck* [blot] ed was kind and before he Sat out the Cattle.

1781 March 1 (Thursday). *Breck* returns from *Boston*.

1781 March 3 (Saturday). *Breck* is putting up a Bedsted in our West Room.

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

1781 March 7 (Wednesday). Deacon *Wood* came and [blot] *Thomas*. They kill a Calf for me. Deacon has one [Quarter. Weighed?] 14 lb. Deacon *Hawes* another which weighed the Same, *Breck* had @ 3d. The skin, 7 3/4 sent to *Davis's*.

1781 March 11 (Sunday). *Breck* at Even read part of Mr. *Flavels* Discourse on the *Mystery of providence* on *Ps. 57.2*.

1781 March 22 (Thursday). I talk'd with *Breck* and with Mr. *Brigham* about my devolving the Care of my Husbandry to them.

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

1781 March 30 (Friday). *Breck* and his Wife, with little *Hannah* lodge here; *Suse* being in daily Expectation of her Hour.

1781 March 31 (Saturday). At noon Mr. *Thomas Kenny* goes to work on the Flax again, the small Remainder. He finishes the whole (being only 3 lb.) in little more than 2 hours. The whole that he has broke and swingled is 22 lb. for which he asks 66 Dollars -- paid him 33. He went to *Breck* for the rest.

1781 April 13 (Friday). It has been a Night of Distress with dear *Suse* -- but God all-sufficient was almightily present, and a Child was born 15 minutes after One o'clock. To His glorious Name be all Glory and Praise! This Morning we all rejoiced. They needed to rally only the two Mothers and the two nearest Neighbours, Mrs. *Lamson* and Mrs. *Harrington*. Dr. *Ball* was the Instrument in the Hand of God: and Successfull, through His Concurrence.

1781 April 14 (Saturday). I prepared to preach the Same Sermon with Some Alterations and Additions which I preached before the Baptism of *Breck* himself, January 29, 1749.

1781 April 15 (Sunday). *Breck* and his Company dine by them Selves. P.M. read 1 *Tim.* 2, preached on v. 15. I baptized the Child. The name *Susanna-Brigham*. May God graciously accept it!

1781 April 19 (Thursday). Mr. *Allen* left us; I settled with *Baldwin* (by *Brecks* assistance) for pasturing my young Cattle last year.

1781 April 30 (Monday). *Breck* goes early to *Boston*.

1781 May 2 (Wednesday). *Breck* returns from *Boston*. He takes *Draper* and *Folsoms* News Paper: which is on Mondays.

1781 May 11 (Friday). *Breck* erects a support for Grape Vines.

1781 May 12 (Saturday). *Breck* sats up a Gate at the North End of the Garden.

1781 May 14 (Monday). *Breck* to *Boston*.

1781 May 17 (Thursday). *Breck* returned from *Boston*. He informs that My *Brother Williams* *Widow* dyed at and was buried from the Alms House about a fortnight ago. My son *Samuel* undertook the Care and bore the Expence of the Funeral. May God graciously Sanctifie this Decease to all of us! *Samuel* Sends me Mr. *Dawes*' Oration on the 5th of March last.

1781 May 25 (Friday). God has graciously Sustained me -- Glory to His Great Name! But Kept my Chamber all Day. Rainy Weather. Mr. *Simon Forbes* has been here with his own and his Wife's Relations. A Letter was writ by my Son *Breck*, to inform Mr. *Fitch* -- But

1781 May 26 (Saturday). *Brecks* Letter not having been Sent, I wrote my Self, and Sent *Elias* on purpose.

1781 May 28 (Monday). *Breck* and *Suse* break up their living here, and remove home. Miss *Anna Brigham* with them.

1781 June 26 (Tuesday). *Breck* to *Boston*.

1781 June 28 (Thursday). *Breck* returned from *Boston*, brings me a Letter from Mr. *Quincy*.

1781 July 2 (Monday). *Breck* goes to Marlborough. It is Proprietors Meeting there, and to Visit Brother *Williams*.

1781 July 11 (Wednesday). Wrote to Mr. *Quincy* for *Breck* to carry to Boston, which he did in the night.

1781 July 17 (Tuesday). Afterwards at half after Eight came Mr. *Daniel Adams*. *Breck* came in, awhile. Mr. *Adams* finds fault with my first Letter to him, tells me he Cannot Sit down with me.

1781 July 23 (Monday). Last Even Col. *Luke Drury* and Capt. *Lyon* of *Grafton* came to *Breck* to engage and quicken him to go out Adjutant on the now prosecuting Expedition. He goes out to try untill he obtained, on [blank] French to go in his Stead: but pays him 35 hard Dollars for it.

1781 July 25 (Wednesday). *Breck* is displeased with the Conduct of Col. *Luke Drury* in the Affair of *Brecks* going out to the War, which he is obliged to, or find a Man. This he does; one [blank] French and gave him [blank] hard Dollars.

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 carried through comfortably. D.G.

1781 September 11 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston*.

1781 September 13 (Thursday). etc. *Breck* returned from *Boston*.

1781 September 16 (Sunday). At Eve read (and *Breck* assisted) Flavel's [blot] Life Sermon [blank] .

1781 October 26 (Friday). Mr. *Winslow Brigham* was yesterday married to Miss *Alice Cushing*, and they came home to their Father *Brighams*. To day they dine at *Brecks*, and p.m. they drink Tea here.

1781 November 7 (Wednesday). *Breck* and *Suse*, with their Child go to *Boston*.

1781 November 9 (Friday). *Breck* etc. returned from *Boston*.

1781 November 12 (Monday). *The Town Meeting* to consider my Sallery and Wood. I committ the Matter to God and desire to resign to His sovereign Will! *Breck* came from the Meeting and informs me that Capt. *Fisher* was inveighing against me in a long and bitter Invective charging me with *Tyranny* in that I would not suffer the people to hear Mr. *Sanford* -- whereas I had only Answered that I hoped they would not impose on me the Hardship of asking a man to preach for me that I had never seen, and heard was Erroneous. I went to the Meeting House, and endeavoured to reply.

1781 November 16 (Friday). My Answer to Mr. *Gale* (my son *Breck* and *Pamela Coollege* were present) was this -- "With proper *Respects* to the Town, let them know, That Since the Glorious

God has wrought Such wonderfull Things for us, and granted us thus to triumph over our Enemies, We ought to manifest our hearty Gratitude to Him, by all ways possible; and particularly by Works of Righteousness, Mercy and Compassion to one another. And as to the proposal and Request of the Town, abovesaid, I consent to Shew the Town all the Compassion I can under my present Circumstances, having been obliged to plunge deeply into Debt for a great while; But this is upon Condition that if I am, upon my trying, unable to undergo it, then the Town on their part, shall shew Compassion to me, and shall afford me Relief.”

1781 November 27 (Tuesday). 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. N.B. Breck changes an Hogshead in my Cellar and puts in an Iron-bound one, instead of mine.

1781 December 2 (Sunday). At Eve Breck read *Flavels* Sermon.

1781 December 5 (Wednesday). *Breck* at Evening wants *some Land* to build on. He Spends a good part of the Evening here.

1781 December 7 (Friday). *Breck* goes to *Bellingham*; his Business with *Seth Arnold*.

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*.... At the Entertainment My Son Breck and Family, also Three from Col. *Brighams* Family also here.

1781 December 19 (Wednesday). *Breck to Boston* in the sleigh.

1781 December 21 (Friday). At Eve *Breck* returned also.... *Breck* returned at Night, but left his Sleigh.

1782 January 5 (Saturday). This Morning *Breck* went to *Concord* to See *Lydia*, if alive. He returned at night. She is very low, but there are some hopeful Tokens, and the Child like to live. Their Daughter *Lydia* is in Languishment and pain. She is supposed to be Rheumatic and consumptive.

1782 JANUARY 29: 33 YEARS OLD

1782 February 2 (Saturday). A letter from my son *Samuel* to *Breck* informs that his Wife on *Jan. 25* bore him a son, which they have called *John*; may the rich Blessings of the New Covenant be conferred on him!

1782 February 26 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston* in the Sleigh. I am writing to Mr. *West* but can't finish it.

1782 February 28 (Thursday). *Breck* returns from *Boston*, brings me a Letter from my old Friend Mr. *Quincy*: But sorrowful News from my Son *Samuel*, his wife being very ill of a Fever. A Letter from him of her low state. May God most gracious extend Compassion!

1782 March 10 (Sunday). That the grievous stroke may be duely improved by us, I preached on 2 Cor. 4.17 a. and p.m. My sons *Breck* and *Brigham* sat out for *Boston* after Dinner to dear *Sallys* Funeral.

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 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 April 13 (Saturday). *Breck* employs several Men in mending the Wall of the Garden, and work in the Garden. They are *James Downs* and *Ebenezer Mclendy*.

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 6 (Monday). Towards Evening came in *Breck*, introducing to my great Surprize, my Son *Ebenezer*, from *Crom Pond* in *York State*.

1782 May 12 (Sunday). I chose to preach a. and p.m. on *Rom. 3.24*. Cousin *Maynard* dines at *Brecks*. 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 15 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* and I break fast at *Brecks*. Miss *Mindwell Brigham* still with us. The Return which Mr. *Brigham* has made from *Squire Colwell*, gives *Ebenezer* Some Satisfaction, by the Lenity he manifests. N.B. The Neighbourhood are Alarmed at Eve, by *Nanny Beeton's* running away, and can't be found.

1782 May 16 (Thursday). This Morning, after a Stormy, wet and dark Night, she is discovered at Mr. *Fessendens*. *Breck* goes to *Worcester* for the News papers: But The Stormy, wet, dark Weather continues from Day to Day: Yet Good News from *England* of the hopeful Signs of Accommodation -- that the *Parliament* is more disposed to Peace. D.G.

1782 May 19 (Sunday). Preached a. and p.m. on *Rom. 3.24*, and finished on that Subject. Mrs. *Maynard* dined with us. I publicly mentioned the Desire of the *Singers* and *others*, to begin the Publick Worship with Singing: and prayed the Congregation to assemble Earlier. At Evening *Polly Scott* was Suddenly taken ill, and fell into a terrible Fitt -- striving violently for a long time. May God pity her and Sanctifie so Strange Convulsions, to all of us! *Breck* and *Pamela* sit up.

1782 May 29 (Wednesday). May God be with His people this Day in the Exercise of their invaluable Libertys; and with his Servant *Adams* in his Preaching the Election Sermon, and grant an happy Event! *Breck* is moving the Stables, Granary and necessary Office that he may prepare the ground for his building an House (I having given him a Deed of [blank] Rods of Land next to the Meeting House, for that Purpose).

1782 June 1 (Saturday). *Breck* has hired Mr. *Thomas Kenny* to digg a Cellar for his (designed) New House; who begins this Morning. P.M. came my *Samuel Parkman*, and with him two of his Children; viz. *Samuel* and *Sally*. Mr. *Cushing* also from *Concord* -- takes his son *Henry* with him and goes to *Shrewsbury* to preach there tomorrow. But what was most Surprizing was, Mr. *Maccarty*, his Wife and Mr. *Thadeus Chamberlin* (who waited upon them) came this way from *Boston*, and dined here. Mr. *Maccarty* is evidently Consumptive, yet bears up wonderfully -- has preached to the Convention -- his Text was *Act. 20.24*. P.M. they proceed on their Journey. N.B. Am informed that Rev. *Henry True* of *Hempstead* dyed lately, and suddenly: also that Rev. Mr. *Thomas Haven* of *Reading* is [also?] .

1782 June 11 (Tuesday). *Breck* has Nine Hands at work, on Cellar, Frame etc. Rev. and aged Mr. *Thomas West* of *Rochester* here, going to *Charlestown* No. 4. Also Coll. *Baldwin*, who is come from *Cambridge* where his son *Isaac* lies Sick of a bad Fever. They dined with us and p.m. left us for *Worcester* and *Brookfield*. I wrote to Mr. *Maccarty* for his Convention Sermon etc.

1782 July 1 (Monday). Mr. *Daniel Grosvenor* has preached at *Southborough* and in his returning home, comes in and dines here. He gives me an Account of his not preaching my Lecture -- etc., etc. *Breck* begins to frame an House.

1782 July 10 (Wednesday). *Breck* Raises his House. 28 feet *Front*; 30 feet back. Mr. *Jonathan Batheric* and Capt. *Fisher* were the principal Workmen. Through the Goodness of God there was no Evil Occurrence. An hundred and fifteen persons were entertained. Cousen *Maynard* was very kind and helpfull. She came early and stayed here over night.

1782 July 28 (Sunday). A.M. on *Mark 14.14.15*. P.M. *Joh. 6.35*, and administered the Lord's Supper. Mrs. *Maynard* dined with us. 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. *Breck* p.m. moves the small Building which has been his *Bedroom*.

1782 August 4 (Sunday). I have made a Sermon for to day but did not deliver it. I went on with Sermon on Ps. 110.3, latter part, "in the Beauties of Holiness, from the Womb etc., the Dew of thy Youth," a. and p.m. May God graciously add His Blessing! Mrs. *Anne Lambson* dined here. At Eve *Breck* read part of a sermon of Mr. *Henry Grove* from *Heb. 11.13*. My poor Daughter *Baldwin* is in a very afflicted and distressed State. Dr. *Hawes* visits.

1782 August 6 (Tuesday). Brecks Work men are daily boarding and closing.

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

1782 August 17 (Saturday). He delivered Letters from Cape Ann, viz. from Mr. *Forbes* and from *Elias*. Mrs. *Baldwin* is much born down. The *Drought* continues and increases. *Nahum Fay* comes to request me to Visit his Mother who grows worse. Went, discoursed, prayed with her. Called at *Ensign Fay's*, and Saw *Thomas's* Child. Workmen are daily at Work in finishing *Brecks* House.

1782 October 8 (Tuesday). The great Blessing of *Rain* through the Day; To God be Glory! Deacon *Hawes* having brought me Mr. *Zabdiel Adams's* Election Sermon, I read part of it, and my Son *Ebenezer* read the rest of it to me. *Brecks* Mason lays the Foundation of his Chimneys.

1782 October 12 (Saturday). My Son *Breck* having taken down the Chimney of his common Room, his Family moves into our House. At Eve came Mr. *William Plum* from *Southborough* and offers his Assistance. Mr. [illegible] of *Yarmouth* is willing to preach for him.

[1782 October 16 (Wednesday).] *Training* -- The adjournment of Committee on *Adams's* Affair, was to this day. They Meet, and adjourn again. *Breck* builds a Chimney in his Shop. They diet here.

[1782 October 18 (Friday).] Various Company to day. Squire *Whipple* of New *Braintree* came. Mrs. P_____ no better. Reports of Several Sad Occurrences. Mrs. *White* returned to us and lodges. Mrs. P_____ is much laid by. May God prepare us for His Will! The House is much filled, yesterday and to day. The Workmen from *Brecks*, rebuild the Oven, and put in a New Crane in the East Room. Mrs. *Hicks* and her Daughter in her Return dined here.

1782 November 10 (Sunday). No Minister although the Deacons performed, yet *Breck* and *Samuel* to *Shrewsbury*. Mr. *B.* and *Elias* to *Grafton*. Mrs. *P.* more Comfortable.

Jan. 22, 1778: last word (check)

Checked 1749, 1750s, 1760s, 1770-82. Hand-searched 1750s-80s for "Brick."