

Ebenezer Parkman, Jr. (1727-1811)

b. Aug. 20, 1727

m. Elizabeth Harrington of Watertown, 21 Sept. 1752. In Watertown.
She was the daughter of Joseph Harrington of Watertown.

1767 May 23 (Saturday). My son *Ebenezer* came from Brookfield and my Son *Alexander* from Framingham. Hear that Brother Harrington was bury'd yesterday.

d. 1811 in Hadley, N.Y.

Children:

Ebenezer, born 1753 July 21

m. Sarah Lyscom, 6 June 1776

dau. of Capt. John Lyscomb

died 1791, aged 34 (Worcester Magazine, Dec. 29, 1791)

Miss Sally Parkman, daughter of Mr. Ebenezer Parkman, died at age 19.

Brookfield Advertiser, Nov. 18, 1795

m. Phebe Harwood, 12 Dec. 1796

Elizabeth, born 1754 Dec. 26 (EP diary)

bapt. 1 May 1757

int. Artemas How, 9 Sept. 1773

int. Artemas How, Sept. 11, 1773 (Dudley VR)

d. October 1777 (see EP diary, 16 Oct. 1777)

1776 November 23 (Saturday). Mr. *Artemas Howe* and his Wife (my Grand Daughter *Elizabeth*) called here and dined with us, in their way home, at *Dudley*.

1777 June 4 (Wednesday). My Grandson *How* called here in his way from *Dudley* to *Marlborough*.

1777 October 16 (Thursday). *Ebenezer* came from *Dudley*, from burying his Daughter *How*. [Not in Dudley VR]

Mary, born 1756 May 18

bapt. 1 May 1757

mar. Aug. 7, 1774, Benjamin Bradshaw (New Braintree VR, 71)

Benjamin Bradshaw died Jan. 25, 1779 (EP)

Elias, born July 20, 1758 (Brookfield VR) (EP diary, 31 July 1758)

Thomas, born Oct. 11, 1760

1760 October 3 (Friday). Visited my Daughter in Law in Brookfield -- who is near her Time.

1760 October 17 (Friday). N.B. Heard to Day that my Daughter in Law is brought to Bed; that She has a Son; and that they call his Name *Thomas*. Blessed be God for His Great Mercy and Goodness!

Edward, born July 29, 1763

Jeduthun, born Apr. 2, 1765
d. 29 Dec. 1766 (EP diary, 1 Jan. 1767)

Frederick Lewis, born Apr. 13, 1768

Benjamin, born Mar. 9, 1770

Nancy, born Dec. 8, 1772

1727 August 20 (Sunday). I rode for Mrs. Byles and sent for other neighbouring women. My wife had many pains, But I Saw Liberty to go to Meeting at the proper hour. I delivered the morning Sermon upon 1 Chron. 28.9. In the Afternoon I preach'd upon Rom. 11.36 wherein I had occasion to Mention the Kings Death, and to give fair hints at the Circumstances of my Family. When I came home at Even my wife was Still full of pains but no immediate apprehension that she should be delivered. But, a little more than half an hour after sunset (having been no long time in Extremity) She was Delivered, and the will of God was to favour me in a very high Degree. God gave Me a Son, which I have set up for my Ebenezer, for hitherto the Lord hath Helped Me. We have indeed a great deal of Reason to praise and magnifie the name of our gracious God who So Signally and mercifully appears for us, and lays us under ten thousand the strongest obligations to him. O that I may never forget his Benefits! But O that I may both Live and Speak Gods praises! Were comfortably carry'd through the night. Blessed be God!

1727 August 27 (Sunday). I Sincerely comitted the great Article of offering my Son unto God and implor'd the divine direction and assistance, with Confession of my Sins and Thankfull acknowledgements of all especially his Signal Mercies. I then proceeded to the Exercises of the Day, and preach'd in the Morning on Mat. 19.13.14.15, as I did in the afternoon likewise on the Same. And then (I hope in the integrity of my Heart and with Souls Desire of the Glory of God and the invaluable Spirituall Blesings of the Covenant) I baptiz'd My Son Ebenezer and put him into the Arms of the Saviour that He might Bless Him according to the gracious Encouragement given to His People. And I hope I found Favours with the Lord. Mr. Joseph Wheeler presented His Son Aaron at the Same time. The Lord has done great things for me for which I was filled with Joy and Gladness. O that Gods Grace may be given me that I may always walk in a suitable manner Before Him. At this Season I improv'd the Opportunity [to] renew the Dedication of my Self and My Daughter Mary and all mine unto our glorious God in the Covenant of Grace.

1728 AUGUST 20: 1 YEAR OLD

1729 April 15. About five months agoe I set down some account of the more remarkable Mercies of God to Me in the Course of His Providence in and Since that my memorable dangerous Sickness when I was a Young School Boy; Having made Some (though I confess very imperfect) Record of what went before, in a little Book bearing Date August 24, 1719, and Several other Dates from thence, but in a great deal of Confusion, and with too many other marks of my puerility, when I Scribbl'd them however honest and upright my intention was to have Some Remembrances of those (to me) important Things by me; Having of late experienc'd So much of the divine Goodness as gives me new and the greatest Reason forever to esteem and admire the various Expressions thereof to me, and every way to manifest my greatfull Returns to my unspeakable Benefactor for what He has, in infinite Tenderness done for Me, I have here transcrib'd a Sort of Catalogue or Memorandum of those abovesaid Mercies to God to Me, have carry'd it along with what I have received Since.

Divine Benignity and Providence

19. Deliverance to my Wife when in Travel [*sic*] the Second Time, and giving me a Son, August 20, 1727. This I call'd Ebenezer, Saying with Gratitude Hitherto hath the Lord helped.

1735 AUGUST 20: 8 YEARS OLD

1736 January 11 (Sunday). *Ebenezer* not very well, but was at meeting p.m. At Eve he was somewhat aguish.

1736 January 12 (Monday). *Ebenezer* ill about Day-break. Continues much indisposed with a Fever and Cough.

1736 January 13 (Tuesday). *Ebenezer* worse with his Fever and Cough....

1736 January 14 (Wednesday). I rode to *Marlborough* to Dr. *Gott's* but he was gone to *Sudbury*.... I rode to Dr. *Matthews* -- but could not git him to go up. I returned finding *Ebenezer* coughing Still. I tended him all night....*Ebenezer* Coughs almost incessantly.

1736 January 15 (Thursday). I Sent *David Bavricks* to Dr. *Gott*, early in the morning But he could not come up to us: but sent some Remedys. P.M. Dr. *Matthews* came to see *Ebenezer* who was very bad with both Cough and Fever. N.B. *Preces* and *Lacrymae*-- towards night he was much Easier and better. We began to conceive Hopes. *Deborah* tended him this Night. What a present Help is God in Time of Trouble! What an Hearer of Prayer! etc.

1736 January 16 (Friday). *Ebenezer* continues very ill -- but his Fever is abated although his Cough is still continual. Fine pleasant Weather. Dr. *Gott* visited us -- fills us with Hopes. Sister *Hicks* watched.

1736 January 17 (Saturday). *Ebenezer* took Physick and it worked kindly; but made him very Weak and faint. The weather very fine. Neighbour *Hows* youngest Son Sick. I Sat up till Twelve, and *Deborah* rose and Sat up the remainder of the Night.

1736 January 18 (Sunday). I preached on Act. 1.7. God grant us the Grace of Humility, Watchfulness and Diligence, of Fervency also and Prayerfulness, that we may be ready for our Lords Summons, since we know not when the Time will be! Mr. *Joseph Green* dined with us. *Ebenezer* better still.

1736 January 19 (Monday). Rainy -- but not Cold. Almost all the Family indisposed -- especially *Lucy* -- but *Ebenezer* So lively as to be about the Room currently -- the Glory be to God our Healer!

1736 February 29 (Sunday). I preached on Job. 19.25.26.27. P.M. on Matth. 24.44. I Desire to Improve this Sacrament Day in the following manner, viz. 1. I would humbly Confess my Sins before God -- Sins in General but especially Such as have provoked the Lord against me in Sending *Sickness* into my *Family* (Besides the *Sickness* of my *Family* in the Month past,

Ebenezer is this Day sick of a Fever again) And *Death* into my *Bosom*. And Such Sins as have attended my Mourning -- Either *Defect*, -- or *Excess*.

1736 March 1 (Monday). Dr. Matthews here to See *Ebenezer*. N.B. I sent for him yesterday, by Neighbour Stephen Fay. *Ebenezer* better.

1736 March 13 (Saturday). But my Family were Comfortable, except *Ebenezer* who was Somewhat indisposed and faintish.

1736 May 4 (Tuesday). David finished our ploughing over for planting. *Ebenezer* drove the Oxen at ploughing.

1736 June 8 (Tuesday). John and William Ferguson, Taylors, at work here, making *Ebenezer's* and Thomme's Coats (of Grey Druggott).

1736 AUGUST 20: 9 YEARS OLD

1736 October 17 (Sunday). At Night Mr. Cushing came home and brought word that *Ebenezer* was taken Sick in the morning -- was taken with vomiting and a Fever followed.

1736 October 18 (Monday). Had not been for my son *Ebenezer's* Sickness Mr. Cushing and I had visited Mr. Prentice of *Grafton* after his Sickness. But David Batherick came up this Morning to Shrewsbury to inform that *Ebenezer* was grown still worse. I hastened home and found he had a Strong Fever and a Sore Throat. I Desire to Humble my Self under the mighty Hand of God as for the Sins of the Land in General that have brought Divine Judgments upon us So for my own Family's Sins, and my own personal Offences. And God be Mercifull to us for His Name's Sake! David Watched the fore part of the Night and I the latter part. The Child in great Confusion in his understanding and Talk.

1736 October 19 (Tuesday). We hope *Ebenezer* is a little better....Dr. Gott came up to Mr. Seth Rice's Son, by which I had advantage for a Visit from him to *Ebenezer*. The Canker rose very visibly upon the inside of his Throat but not Swelled a great Deal nor very troublesome to him -- <but?> his Fever not so high. Mrs. Whipple kindly visited us. *Sarah Ward* and *Deborah* watched.

1736 October 20 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* composed and Easier, and the Fever much lower. *Deborah* Sat up the former part of the night and I the latter.

1736 October 21 (Thursday). We hope *Ebenezer* recovers. Rainy.

1736 October 22 (Friday). [Faint?]We got *Ebenezer* down into the dining-Room. *Dr. Gott* visited us as he returned from Mr. Thomlins Child, with a Gentleman of the Faculty who was born at *Vienna*: his Name *Alexander Maximilian Thyery*; Practitioner at *Plainfield*.

1736 November 7 (Sunday). *Ebenezer* at meeting again.

1737 April 1 (Friday). Memorandum. Ebenezer has begun to learn his 2. Accidence and now makes a business of it.

1737 AUGUST 20: 10 YEARS OLD

1738 May 23 (Tuesday). Brother Hicks rode to Cambridge and carry'd Ebenezer down with him.

1738 May 31 (Wednesday). We rode to Boston.... N.B. Ebenezer Rode with us from Cambridge to Boston, which he had not Seen Since he was a Babe, but he in no wise likes it, because of the Evil Smells etc. He is under great Infirmitys -- weak and Sick and a bad cough.

1738 June 1 (Thursday). I also waited upon Dr. Delhonde for Ebenezer who remains feeble, Sick and Coughing.

1738 June 2 (Friday). We proceeded as far as Father Champney's at Cambridge and lodged there, but were oblig'd to leave poor Ebenezer behind at Boston.

1738 June 16 (Friday). P.M. Cousin Winchester brought up Ebenezer from Cambridge.

1738 July 4 (Tuesday). Mother Champney and Sister Lydia were disquieted with me that I had remark'd to Brother Hicks their Sending So over strict a Charge by Cousen Winchester, about Ebenezer, when she brought him from Cambridge to Westborough on June 16 last. N.B. Mrs. Suse Champney there.

1738 August 2 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer has a bad Swelling behind his Ear. Dr. Matthews call'd in, accidentally.

1738 August 10 (Thursday). A fine Day again. Moss at the Meadow. Ebenezer being troubl'd with a bad swelling in his Neck went to Marlborough to wait upon Dr. Gott for Advice.

1738 August 12 (Saturday). Ebenezer went to Marlborough again about his Neck and got a Plaister for it.

1738 August 16 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode with me to Marlborough to Captain Peter Rice's, to the widow How's who carry'd Ebenezer to Uncle Gott's (with Captain Amsden), to Mr. Phelp's, Mr. Peter Butlers, to Mr. Brown the whitesmith, Colonel Woods's, and to Dr. Gotts. When the Doctor had advis'd respecting the Sore upon Ebenezer's Neck, we return'd home, although it was nigh nine when we set out from Marlborough.

1738 AUGUST 20: 11 YEARS OLD

1738 August 21 (Monday). In the forenoon I went over to Mr. Jonathan Whipples to desire him to be with me at Mr. Samuel Fay's and sent Ebenezer to Ensign Forbush's to request the Same of him.

1738 August 28 (Monday). My wife rode behind Ebenezer to Marlborough and return'd Safe at Evening.

1738 December 14 (Thursday). I rode to Marlborough, Ebenezer with me, to Colonel Woods's (who was gone to Charleston) to Mr. Butlers, Mr. Tainters and Dr. Gotts. At the last place was Mr. Samuel Cook and others. We return'd home though late.

1738 December 16 (Saturday). My wife has not only Swell'd greatly in her Limbs but (besides her pregnancy) in her Body, and is exceeding full of Pain. I sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctor's.

1738 December 28 (Thursday). About Seven o'Clock my Fourth Daughter was born.

1738 December 29 (Friday). Mrs. Forbush carried home by Ebenezer.

1739 January 18 (Thursday). My wife easier this morning, but very weak. Ebenezer and John rode to Marlborough.

1739 February 12 (Monday). Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctors and to Mr. Butlers, with the side saddle but he was removed to Rutland.

1739 March 12 (Monday). Ebenezer went down to Mr. Daniel Matthews for Malt.

1739 April 2 (Monday). Jotham Maynard came to work and Molly Bruce came as a Taylor to make a Coat for Ebenezer.

1739 April 28 (Saturday). Ebenezer to Captain Eagers to carry Mr. Peter Butler 3 L, 10 Shillings.... Ebenezer Rode my Horse to Mr. Jacob Amsdens to have him kept there.

1739 May 11 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer rode to Marlborough to carry wool to be spun at the widow Bents [Mrs. Peter] and to bring my great Coat from Mr. Tainters but succeeded not in the last.

1739 AUGUST 20: 12 YEARS OLD

1739 September 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer went over with a Load of Apples and took Cold.

1739 September 22 (Saturday). Ebenezer grows worse with his Cough.

1739 September 28 (Friday). My Son Ebenezer continues very badd with his Cough.

1739 October 30 (Tuesday). I grew More helpless. Ebenezer rode to Grafton for a market for the rest of my Cyder, but in Vain.

1739 October 31 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode to Dr. Gott but he came not. He Sent me the Turbith Mineral¹ which I did not venture to take.

1739 November 17 (Saturday). The Cold Something abated. I Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctor.

1739 December 29 (Saturday). Sent Ebenezer to Cousin Winchesters for Nurse Sherman who came.

1740 January 4 (Friday). I sent Ebenezer to Southborough for Salt it being most Scarce round about us.

1740 January 9 (Wednesday). Nurse Sherman was carried Home by Ebenezer, not to Marlborough the Meazles being thick there and about there but to Grafton.

1740 April 11 (Friday). My son Thomas and Ebenezer much indispos'd.

1740 April 12 (Saturday). Ebenezer the Meazles.

1740 April 24 (Thursday). Ebenezer Rode to Mr. Robert Allen's, at Shrewsbury and got my Mare New Shod.

1740 June 5 (Thursday). Ebenezer went to Mr. [Joseph] Thurstons with Cotton and Linnen yarn to be wove by him, and p.m. I rode to Mr. Luke Rice with Yarn to be wove into Coverlids.

1740 August 16 (Saturday). Ebenezer rode over to Mr. Francis Pierce's.

1740 AUGUST 20: 13 YEARS OLD

1740 August 20 (Wednesday). Ebenezer to Shrewsbury and got the mare Shod.

1740 August 21 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer and Samuel Hicks rode to Cambridge, the latter to bring up the Mare.

1740 August 25 (Monday). Ebenezer went to Charlestown to bring back the mare to Cambridge.

1740 August 29 (Friday). Ebenezer so ill he could not go to Boston as was propos'd, that he might go to School.

1740 September 23 (Tuesday). Lodg'd at Brother Elias'. N.B. Ebenezer lodges there and goes to the North Latin School. This he has done nigh a fortnight.

¹Wallett: Turpeth Mineral, a basic mercuric sulphate used as a purgative.

1740 November 19 (Wednesday). Sent by Brother Hicks to Ebenezer.

1741 AUGUST 20: 14 YEARS OLD

1742 February 20 (Saturday). Mr. *Jenison* was at great Pains to go over to the North side upon Racketts leaving the School for to Day wholly to my Ebenezer.

1742 March 8 (Monday). N.B. I was to have preached this Eve to young women but the Weather was So cold and I so infirm that I could not go, but Sent 'em word by *Ebenezer*.

1742 March 15 (Monday). N.B. Ebenezer went to Board at Lieutenant Holloways.

1742 March 27 (Saturday). Received a Message from Lieutenant Holloways that last Eve Ebenezer Shooting off a little Musket at a Partridge was in utmost Danger by the Gun's bursting. The praise to God for such a Deliverance. Let his Life be to God!

1742 April 7 (Wednesday). Ebenezer returned from Lt. Holloways.

1742 April 9 (Friday). Ebenezer and Tomme carry Barley to Mr. Terrys at Grafton to be malted.

1742 June 29 (Tuesday). Ebenezer chooses to drop his Books and longs for a Scyth. I have now given way to his Mowing.

1742 July 2 (Friday). Mr. Cornelius Bigloe mowed for me -- Thomas and Ebenezer getting in Hay.

1742 July 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer lyes under his Poison in his Feet -- in great Pain and Soreness.

1742 August 4 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went to Framingham upon Ensign Maynards mare to enquire after mine. No Certain News.

1742 AUGUST 20: 15 YEARS OLD

1742 September 7 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer rode to Grafton to look up some of our young Cattle which had Strayed from Sutton: found but Two out of Five.

1742 September 13 (Monday). Ebenezer with a Team to Grindstone Hill, and he and Lieut. Tainter brought each of them a Load of choice Stones.

1742 September 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Benjamin Warrin Taylor at Work yesterday and to Day in making Leather Breeches for Ebenezer and Thomme.

1742 October 5 (Tuesday). I sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to Speak with Mr. Boynes concerning the finishing the Well which lyes too long Neglected; and the Waters are yet low.

1742 November 23 (Tuesday). Ebenezer has begun to learn to Cypher.

1742 December 8 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went for the Doctor who also came to me under Symptoms of Rheumatism.

1742 December 14 (Tuesday). Ebenezer went for the Doctor. Brought up *Molly* from Marlborough but no Doctor.

1742 December 18 (Saturday). The ways heavy but yet Sent Ebenezer with *Sarah* to said Mr. Sparhawk at Sutton.

1743 January 5 (Wednesday). We Sent Ebenezer to Grafton but though I design'd he should wait upon what Exerciser [*sic*]he could yet he return'd without going to Meeting at all.

1743 January 12 (Wednesday). N.B. a Private Meeting this very Eve at Mr. James Fays. I allow'd Ebenezer and Rebecca Hicks (under Special Charge) to go.

1743 January 15 (Saturday). Ebenezer rode to Mr. Allens to secure some Pork I had bespoke, and he went to Marlborough upon divers Messages. N.B. his return without an answer from Mr.

[The diary ends at this point. The rest of 1743 is lost.]

1743 AUGUST 20: 16 YEARS OLD

1744 March 29 (Thursday). A.M. at Mr. Tainters to hasten his making up the Cloths he had in Hand for Me and for Ebenezer, viz. Leather Breeches for Each of us and a Coat of light grey Broad Cloth for him.

1744 April 14 (Saturday). Ebenezer to Marlborough.

1744 April 30 (Monday). Brother Breck went to Marlborough. Brother Hicks here. Captain Maynard rais'd another Large Barn. My Wife and I were there. N.B. One Goodhew, a Young Man from Boston residing among us, had a fall from the Frame and was led into the House much hurt, but afterwards recover'd. At Supper there were So many to be entertain'd that we were kept till 10 o'Clock. I manifested so much uneasiness that we were so detain'd that I concluded everybody would retire home as Soon as they might, but it prov'd otherwise. Many tarried long after I was got home and the Time run off; among the rest 3 of my own Family. After 12 I walk'd away towards the House again. Ebenezer and Thomas Needham were returning home -- upon which I went to my Bed -- but understanding that there were many yet behind and among them Some Heads of Family, I rose very uneasy and went down to the House, and having acquainted Captain Maynard with what Time of Night it was, I ask'd him whether he did not Consent to my going in among the Company that were Still diverting themselves at this

unseasonable Time. I went in and admonish'd them, and sent them home. N.B. George Smith (the Taylor) and Robert Bradish made the Chief Stand -- but Smith I Sent off and Bradish took up his Lodging there. This Exerting my Authority gave me great uneasiness, but I was resolute to Shew Impartiality and not be partaker of other Mens Sins, as likewise to discharge my own Duty as Watchman in this Place and as having the Care of their Souls. N.B. Thomas Winchester last 1/2 Day.

1744 June 11 (Monday). Mr. [Samuel] Coollidge opens School at Lieutenant Aaron Forbush's, and sent Ebenezer there.

1744 AUGUST 20: 17 YEARS OLD

1744 October 8 (Monday). Training Day, but I was overlook'd, and it suited me very well, not to be disturb'd, being in my Preparations for my Journey. Ebenezer went to Grafton and brought Madam Sartels Chaise.

1744 October 22 (Monday). Had the Chaise to mend at Mr. Williams Shop before it was carry'd home. Ebenezer went up with it to Grafton.

1744 December 8 (Saturday). May the Frowns of Heaven on the Ministry be duely Improv'd by Me! Ebenezers Lessons a great Hindrance to me.

1745 February 2 (Saturday). Mr. George Smith the Taylor brought home a Great Coat which he had made for Ebenezer. His work 11/.

1745 February 11 (Monday). Ebenezer who came home on Saturday last return'd to the School again this Morning. Thomas thrash'd Barley and Sarah Henry making a Coat for Ebenezer.

1745 February 16 (Saturday). Ebenezer came home.

1745 February 18 (Monday). Ebenezer return'd to the School.

1745 February 23 (Saturday). Ebenezer came home.

1745 February 25 (Monday). Ebenezer at Home.

1745 February 28 (Thursday). Mr. Jenison (Schoolmaster) was not at meeting, being not well.

1745 March 4 (Monday). Ebenezer went this morning again to South School, having been taught by me Last Week.

1745 March 30 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought Samuel Bakers Relation.

1745 April 15 (Monday). My Son Thomas went to Live with Mr. Joseph Batchelour of Grafton, Weaver. Ebenezer went up with him, in my absence upon my Journey to Cambridge.

1745 April 27 (Saturday). I came home, Mr. Cushing accompanying me. Could have little Time for my Preparations for the Sabbath having Ebenezer to hear.

1745 May 1 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went afishing at the great Pond this Evening, this being almost the very beginning of their Fishing this Season.

1745 May 11 (Saturday). N.B. Ebenezer went to Lieutenant Tainters for his Chaise and brought it.

1745 May 24 (Friday). Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough for the Chaise we left to be mended by Deacon Stevens; and after much worry and trouble with the unruly Mare, he got home with it.

1745 June 11 (Tuesday). I have discover'd that though Ebenezer performs his Tasks of Lessons, yet he has an inward heavyness and drops now and then a word how glad he Shall be to be at Work upon the place, how much better the place Should Soon be if he Should labour etc. I therefore took the Opportunity this Morning to talk with him, and I once More still gave him Liberty to Choose what Method of Life Should Suit his Genius best.

1745 June 13 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer discovers by all his Conduct that he preferrs Labour to Studying -- and though it grievously wounds me, yet I yield the point finally.

1745 June 14 (Friday). Ebenezer at work on the Smaller, South, Barn Doors.

1745 June 27 (Thursday). Thomas and Ebenezer mow Bushes instead of Grass, by Reason of the Cloudiness of the Weather. Nor have we done anything at Haying for several Days.

1745 June 29 (Saturday). Ebenezer carry'd home Mr. Tainters Chaise which has stood in my Barn now some Time.

1745 July 19 (Friday). Thomas and Ebenezer began at the Meadow.

1745 July 20 (Saturday). Thomas and Ebenezer at the Meadow. Rain p.m.

1745 July 22 (Monday). Ebenezer having been somewhat poison'd by his working in the Meadow last week, goes not today with Thomas, but Reap'd Rye.

1745 July 23 (Tuesday). Thomas at the Meadow. Ebenezer at the Rye.

1745 July 24 (Wednesday). Thomas at the Meadow. Ebenezer at the Rye....At Eve I help'd Ebenezer in his unloading Hay and Carting in a Turn of Rye.

1745 August 9 (Friday). Thomas works at his Fathers. Ebenezer and the Two Boys clearing.

1745 AUGUST 20: 18 YEARS OLD

1745 August 22 (Thursday). Ebenezer went p.m. to Sutton to look up my Young Cattle which had not been heard of for some time.

1745 August 24 (Saturday). N.B. Ebenezer return'd from Sutton without any News of my Cattle.

1745 August 27 (Tuesday). Ebenezer was ill, bad cold etc.

1745 September 11 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme went to Grafton and brought down our young Cattle from Mr. David Batchellors.

1745 September 14 (Saturday). Thomas making and Ebenezer boyling Cyder. In all, have made 16 Barrells and boyl'd about 10.

1745 October 8 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Nathan Knowlton (with some help of Ebenezer Maynard) made a Load of Cyder.

1745 October 11 (Friday). Ebenezer with the help of Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard makes Cyder.

1745 October 12 (Saturday). Ebenezer got home the Cyder. [blank] Barrells.

1745 October 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer plough'd Stubble Hills and had Nathan Maynards Oxen with mine, Nathan having my Mare a.m. to grind Apples.

1745 October 29 (Tuesday). Ebenezer clearing the back Yard of the Chips much and manure which has lain in some Thickness from Year to Year there.

1745 November 1 (Friday). Ebenezer work'd for Noah How -- had the Oxen with him: Noah sowing Rye.

1745 November 6 (Wednesday). Ebenezer Splitting Hills [sic].

1745 November 7 (Thursday). Ebenezer ploughing and Sowing Wheat. The Sowing by Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard.

1745 November 8 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer plough'd in Rye.

1745 November 14 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer hous'd the Cattle last night in the Barn.

1745 November 23 (Saturday). Sent Ebenezer to Mr. Grouts to See how they did; who return'd me word that Sarah dy'd last night about 9 o'Clock.

1745 December 17 (Tuesday). Ebenezer today (*Ah! Quantum mutatus ab Expectatione nostra*) work'd with Daniel How in the Cedar Swamp in making Shingles.

1745 December 20 (Friday). Ebenezer sledds Wood.

1745 December 24 (Tuesday). Daniel How thrashing Rye with Ebenezer.

1745 December 27 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomme thrash'd Rye.

1745 December 28 (Saturday). Ebenezer winnow'd some Rye.

1746 January 3 (Friday). Thomas Winchester and Ebenezer gett out Flax.

1746 January 4 (Saturday). Thomas and Ebenezer thrash'd Rye. Ebenezer was hurt on his Eye and Cheek Bone by the breaking of Thomas's Swingill, or beating his own against him.

1746 January 7 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter by Ebenezer Maynard to Messrs. Rogers and Fowle for December Magazine, and to let them know that I would have them Sent no longer. Another Letter by the Same Hand for my Portmantle at Cousin Proctors, in which I expect Cloth for a great Coat, provided for me, by Brother Alexander....Thomas Winchester breaking Flax and Ebenezer Shingles.

1746 January 10 (Friday). Thomas Thrashing Rye Still. Ebenezer daily with him.

1746 January 11 (Saturday). Thomas and Ebenezer dressing Flax.

1746 February 3 (Monday). Sarah Henry at work here on Ebenezers Jackett etc.

1746 February 19 (Wednesday). I rode to the Ordination of Mr. Matthew Bridge at Framingham. My son Ebenezer rode down also.

1746 March 14 (Friday). Ebenezer Sleds the Stones of the old Garden to the Well.

1746 March 19 (Wednesday). Early sent Ebenezer with a Letter to Mr. Frink.

1746 April 14 (Monday). Ebenezer Graffing.

1746 May 9 (Friday). In the Morning rode to Eliezer Rice's and sent my son Ebenezer to work with him and a son of Lieutenant Forbush's, in Mending up the Fence of the Ministerial Meadow.

1746 May 17 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomme Shear'd Sheep.

1746 May 18 (Sunday). On Tit. 2.12. Rev. 22.20. Ebenezer goes to the Private Meeting of Young Men.

1746 May 24 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomme draw Stones for Well.

1746 June 10 (Tuesday). Rainy. My Cattle grow very troublesome by breaking in upon my Corn, whilst Ebenezer and Thomme were gone a fishing.

1746 June 25 (Wednesday). Thomas and Ebenezer Hoing and Mowing. They finish'd the Second Hoing. The first good Day for Hay that has come.

1746 June 26 (Thursday). Thomas and Ebenezer Mowing: a good Hay Day.

1746 June 27 (Friday). Rain a.m. Considerable Hay lyes expos'd. P.M. held up.

1746 July 17 (Thursday). Thomas and Ebenezer went to the Meadow.

1746 July 18 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomme are gone to the Meadow.

1746 July 19 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought home one Load of Hay from the Meadow.

1746 July 22 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomme at Meadow.

1746 July 23 (Wednesday). Look'd very likely for Rain, but there was no more than a Sprinkling. Ebenezer and Thomme to the Meadow. Ebenezer brought home one Load of Hay a.m.

1746 July 24 (Thursday). Ebenezer cutt off his Hair. He and his Brother to the Meadow.

1746 July 25 (Friday). Rain. At length it clear'd off and instead of Ebenezers going to work for Elijah Warrin at his Fathers, I was oblig'd (though Friday) to go over myself to Mr. Warrins to begg his Patience with regard to our helping him this week for his sons reaping, who was ready to oblige me.

1746 July 30 (Wednesday). Morn Clouds gather, yet afterwards clear'd off -- no reaping -- but my Sons at the Meadow. Ebenezer Early to Meadow with the Team -- 2 Loads of Hay.

1746 July 31 (Thursday). Morn much as yesterday, no reaper, yet the Day prov'd fit. My Sons to the Meadow. This Day I thought I would even go to the Meadow to see what they did there, and towards night I did so.

1746 August 1 (Friday). Isaac Amsden and Jonathan Devereux (the latter Sent by Captain Maynard) reap'd a.m. but the Rain came upon them and beat them off for this Day.

1746 August 2 (Saturday). Bright good Day. The Rye Cutt yesterday to be turn'd and taken up. Considerable Hay lies in swarth at the Meadow -- and what to be reap'd So that I have no little Care upon me to interrupt me though I can do none of the Labour. Cattle and Hoggs often breaking in. How many Times my Soul is oppress'd in this manner!

1746 August 8 (Friday). The fairest Day that has been a great while. Ebenezer and Thomme rak'd in the low Grounds at Home. I gave them a Short Spell in the Afternoon myself. The sun very hot so that I could not stand it long.

1746 August 9 (Saturday). Mr. Chamberlin help'd Ebenezer get home a Load of Hay from the Meadow, and Ebenezer him a Load from his. P.M. Abraham Batchellor and Noah How mow'd for me in my Meadow. Ebenezer and Thomme a Load in from the Low Ground at Home.

1746 August 11 (Monday). Ebenezer to the Meadow -- Thomme at Home.

1746 August 13 (Wednesday). Ebenezer to the Meadow a.m. -- mow'd p.m. Some Swamp Grass, had of Mr. Eliezer Rice, and Edwards Whipple was so good as to mow with him gratis. And at Eve he brought home the Eighth Load out of the Meadow, but came home, to my grief much too late.

1746 August 14 (Thursday). Thanksgiving on account of the Suppression of the Rebellion in Scotland.

1746 August 15 (Friday). Cloudy a.m. -- but not raining to hinder, Ebenezer to the Meadow.

1746 August 16 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomme again to the Meadow, and brought home a Load of Swamp Hay which I have of Mr. Eliezer Rice.

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1746 August 23 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought home about 7 Cocks of Hay from the Meadow, which was all that was worth bringing since the Storm -- the Rest lying out in swarth -- and 'its grown too late to cut any of the North-side of the Brook, the Grass is so dead. So that we now finish at the Meadow for this Year.

1746 August 25 (Monday). My wife and son Ebenezer undertake their Journey to New-Haven. Ebenezer setts out presently after Dinner to get some Things in order at Mr. Parkers in Shrewsbury, but my wife tarrys a while, till I go to the Burial of Mr. Barns's Child which is one of his Twins....

1746 September 9 (Tuesday). N.B. Dr. Smith there, their Daughter Betty being ill. He brought Ebenezers Hatt from Mr. Cushings.

1746 September 23 (Tuesday). We were going to plough with Lieutenant Forbush's Cattle but I sent them back again: and Ebenezer to Sutton. Bekky borrow'd an Horse and went to Sutton also.

1746 September 24 (Wednesday). Ebenezer return'd from Sutton.

1746 September 25 (Thursday). Sent Ebenezer to Boston.

1746 September 27 (Saturday). At Eve also our Son Ebenezer return'd from Boston.

1746 October 2 (Thursday). Rainy. After Dinner (it holding up) Sister Breck setts out for Worcester, and Ebenezer waits on her as far as Mr. Cushings.

1746 October 13 (Monday). Ebenezer made Cyder at Mr. Hows.

1746 October 17 (Friday). Ebenezer got home our Cyder, 7 Barells, from Mr. Hows Mill. N.B. We have made in all this Year something more than Nine Barrells....My son gather'd some of the Corn.

1746 October 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme cart Stones from the Settle field; p.m. Ebenezer Carted home 6 Barrells of Cyder from Mr. Whitneys, 5 of which I have of him and one (Gratis) from Mr. Jonas Child.

1746 October 23 (Thursday). Ebenezer fetch'd 4 1/2 Bushel Turnips from Mr. Hezekiah Pratts which with 1 1/2 receiv'd already was my 6 propos'd Stock of him (at 3/6 per Bushel) but he afterwards sent Me a Bag more which were his present to Me. P.M. my Sons gather'd the rest of the Corn.

1746 October 28 (Tuesday). Ebenezer to Colonel Wards of Shrewsbury for his Chair.

1746 November 7 (Friday). Sent Colonel Wards Chair Home by my son Ebenezer -- who brought Monsieur Calmetts Dictionary volume I from Mr. Cushings. 'Rody and Jonathan Devereux help'd my sons husk at Eve, but twas very Cold.

1746 November 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomme build a new Hoval at the East End of the Barn. The Cattle were all hous'd.

1746 November 24 (Monday). The Boys thrash Wheat, which they find much Eaten by Vermin, besides that it was much Blasted. Sarah Henry here turning an old Black Coat of mine to make a Coat for Ebenezer.

1746 December 11 (Wednesday). Ebenezer got the Mare shod at Mr. Cooks and went over to Lieutenants -- acquainted him we had kill'd, and to know his Purpose; but it prov'd dull misty and Rainy Day, and it being a very heavy and difficult Load and Lieutenant not to go till late, together with diverse other Things which perplexed us, therefore we deferr'd it till another Day.

1746 December 19 (Friday). Continues very Cold. Ebenezer much taken off by Tooth ach.

1747 January 12 (Monday). The Rye Ebenezer has got out is 10 Bushels which (with 2 Bushel got out before and sown before Winter) makes our Winter Rye 12 Bushels.

1747 January 13 (Tuesday). Very Cold Season. Ebenezer thrashes Barley.

1747 January 15 (Thursday). Ebenezer Thrashing Barley.

1747 January 19 (Monday). Mr. John Mead in the morning. Ebenezer gone, and Noah How with him to help him, to get slabbs for sides of an Horse sled at the ministerial Lot.

1747 January 23 (Friday). Ebenezer brings home an Horse sled made by him and Noah How.

1747 February 9 (Monday). Ebenezer work'd for Mr. Chamberlin.

1747 February 16 (Monday). This Morning I sent Ebenezer for Mrs. Forbush....A Number of Women here. Mrs. Hephzibah Maynard and her sons wife, Mrs. How, Mr. David Maynards wife and his Brother Ebenezers, Captain Forbush's and Mr. Richard Barns's. My son Ebenezer went for the most of them. At night I resign my Dear Spouse to the infinite Compassions, allsufficiency and sovereign pleasure of God and under God to the good Women that are with her, waiting Humbly the Event.

1747 February 19 (Thursday). Very pleasant Day. Ebenezer breaks flax.

1747 February 23 (Monday). Ebenezer cutting Post Stuff in the Ministerial Lott.

1747 March 6 (Friday). Thomme accompany'd by Ebenezer rode down to Marlborough to live at Mr. Williams's, the Sadler. May God be pleas'd to Smile on this attempt for his Benefit! and make him serviceable in his Generation! Ebenezer brought me 50£ Old Tenor from Deacon Andrew Rice, borrow'd of upon Bond, to pay my Brother Samuel Parkman.

1747 March 17 (Tuesday). Ebenezer morticing posts. 40 at this beginning to do a days Work at it.

1747 March 19 (Thursday). Bright and pleasant. Ebenezer holding Posts.

1747 March 25 (Wednesday). Sent Ebenezer to Mr. Goddards for the Steers I lately bought of him and paid him 15£ old Tenor.

1747 March 27 (Friday). Ebenezer trys, with Billey riding the Mare, and himself putting up the New Steers to Split Indian Hills.

1747 April 2 (Thursday). Ebenezer Carted Stones a.m. Harrow'd p.m.

1747 April 3 (Friday). Ebenezer Sow'd Some Barley and ploughs it in with the Mare.

1747 April 4 (Saturday). Ebenezer Sow'd the rest of the Barley and Some Early Peas.

1747 April 10 (Friday). Ebenezer a.m. grafting Pear Cyons in Apple Stocks, but the Trees rather too forward, as is all Nature. Every Thing wondrously putting out. God's name be prais'd who pitys His People, and in the Middst of wrath remembers Mercy!

1747 April 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer ploughing the rest of the Stubble.

1747 April 27 (Monday). Ebenezer work'd at Mr. Tomlins.

1747 April 29 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went with my Team to Ensign Rice's, and got some more Hay about 8 or 10 Hundred.

1747 April 30 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer p.m. Searching about for 2 Yearlings which were missing. At Eve he rode up to Mr. Adams's at Shrewsbury.

1747 May 2 (Saturday). Rainy a.m. Ebenezer to Shrewsbury for the 2 Yearlings.

1747 May 5 (Tuesday). I rode Noah Hows mare, Ebenezer using mine daily in ploughing.

1747 May 8 (Friday). N.B. Stephen Maynard was so kind as to come with a Team and a Boy, and plough'd in my Field, a.m. Ebenezer furrow'd out p.m.

1747 May 9 (Saturday). Warm Day. Ebenezer began to plant Indian Corn. But I don't suffer myself to be disturb'd with it having had so many avocations and Impediments.

1747 May 11 (Monday). Ebenezer ploughing. Captain Maynard kindly sent Rodney Smith and his brother Jonathan to help him and they finish'd before they din'd.

1747 May 12 (Tuesday). Rain a.m. Ebenezer plant'd potatoes.

1747 May 13 (Wednesday). Ebenezer sow'd Peas. P.M. he wash'd Sheep. N.B. School at Eliezer Rice's.

1747 May 19 (Tuesday). Ebenezer plough'd the lower south side and planted little Beans.

1747 May 20 (Wednesday). A.M. sent Ebenezer over to Mr. Goddards to desire further Time -- and to Mr. Martyn to request him to preach my Lecture tomorrow.

1747 May 30 (Saturday). Ebenezer has done next to none of the weeding. Does something of it to Day.

1747 June 1 (Monday). Noah How work'd with Ebenezer at Weeding.

1747 June 3 (Wednesday). Rain a.m. Noah p.m. helping Ebenezer weed.

1747 June 6 (Saturday). N.B. Noah How and my son Ebenezer had acquainted me that Mr. Jension had offer'd to read one of his sermons to the young men at their meeting next Sabbath Evening if I was willing. I consented but not to his preaching. But to Day I saw him and spoke with him about it. P.M. he was here and very chearly but no word of this matter.

1747 June 10 (Wednesday). Ebenezer was disappointed of his Cloths which could not be made, and he resign'd his Horse to his sister Molly who therefore went. Thomme also (who came up from Marlborough last night) went to Worcester.

1747 June 11 (Thursday). N.B. Noah How with Ebenezer Digging a Drain from my home Meadow into the Barns Swamp. Ebenezer Mow'd the Garden and fore yard.

1747 June 19 (Friday). Mr. Jenison active amongst young men in the Neighbourhood to persuade 'em to come and help me in my Farm Business. Ebenezer has done a part of the second hoeing and to Day ploughs the chief of the rest.

1747 June 20 (Saturday). Goodhew, Daniel How, Nathan Maynard, Benjamin Whipple and Rody Smith came in the morning and hoed my Corn and my Beans and had done by 11 a.m. a great Kindness, and Relief though it took but so little Time.

1747 June 22 (Monday). Ebenezer begins the other mowing and strikes into the South side.

1747 June 23 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. Charles Rice's. Got him to choose a Scythe for my son at Ebenezer Rice's.... Ebenezer mowing Southside.

1747 June 24 (Wednesday). Ebenezer mowing and getting in Hay. Eli help'd him pole in what was fit to go in.

1747 July 6 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomme Hilling.

1747 July 14 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomme went to Cart Hay from the Meadow. They brought one Turn.

1747 July 15 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme Carting Hay from the Meadow to Day also....Ebenezer and Thomme Two more Load from the Meadow. I rak'd and tended Hay some part of the Day as I could bear it.

1747 July 16 (Thursday). My Boys work'd at Home. They Cutt the Barley. A great deal of Hay in Making.

1747 July 17 (Friday). Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Martyn Pratt came to reap Rye for me. P.M. Joseph Grout came to reap also. They got the Southside down and Load in, the other part was Shock'd in the Field. Ebenezer and Thomme are getting the Barley into a Stack, with Joseph Grouts Help. Great likelihood of Thunder storm, but it went over. Mr. Batherick rakes and Cocks the South part of the Meadow.

1747 July 23 (Thursday). Ebenezer work'd for Mr. Eliezer Rice.

1747 July 31 (Friday). Ebenezer sow'd the West Yard with Turnips.

1747 August 5 (Wednesday). Very dry Time. Ebenezer to the Meadow for the Last of the Hay. One very large Load. Mr. Edwards Whipple help'd him and work'd till night upon the Hay and Home, which a.m. I tend'd myself.

1747 August 6 (Thursday). We are so belated in our Haying that after Morning Studys I went to raking Hay with Ebenezer and my little Billy.

1747 August 7 (Friday). Neighbour John Rogers help in with one Load of Hay. Jonathan Devereux help'd Ebenezer get in 2 Load of Hay.

1747 August 10 (Monday). Ebenezer still about the Hay.

1747 August 12 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer finish'd Mowing to Day.

1747 August 13 (Thursday). Ebenezer has yet one Load of Hay that lyes abroad.

1747 August 14 (Friday). Sent Ebenezer with a Team to Deacon Newtons for six Bushels of Lime, which has stood there this Year or Two....Ebenezer went to Deacon Newtons for 6 Bushels of Lime, repos'd there, but brings only one Bushel and half.

1747 August 15 (Saturday). Ebenezer gets in the Last of the Hay at Home.

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1747 August 21 (Friday). Ebenezer mow'd Rowing.

1747 August 26 (Wednesday). Ebenezer about the Rowing and cutting Stalks.

1747 September 19 (Saturday). Ebenezer with the assistance of Nathan Maynard part of yesterday and part of to Day made six Barrells and Half of Cyder; of which Neighbour John Rogers had Two and Ebenezer boyled Two.

1747 September 25 (Friday). Ebenezer went to Sutton and brought home the Young Cow which Brother Hicks wanted to have for his Cedar Swamp, and he brought also a young Steer which had been left out of the Drove.

1747 September 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer picking Apples -- though a scarce year with others, yet plentiful with me. D.G. But many are sadly wasted and rot away.

1747 September 30 (Wednesday). Ebenezer carts up the Corn from the Barn to the House. Hir'd Mr. Chamberlin, who came about noon and help'd us till night.

1747 October 2 (Friday). Ebenezer carted 2 Load of Apples over to Mr. Hows Mill.

1747 October 5 (Monday). Visited Stephen Maynard and was at Mr. Hows. Ebenezer making Cyder there.

1747 October 6 (Tuesday). Ebenezer got out 5 Barrells and a part of a Barrell at Mr. Hows Mill. One Barrell sold to Mr. Chamberlin and 1/2 Barrell I sent to old Mrs. Crouch, widow and Blind. 4 Barrells and Some Water Cyder, were put into the Cellar.

1747 October 7 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer at Ordination and supp'd at Mr. Hollands.

1747 October 8 (Thursday). Rainy. Ebenezer made some Cyder at old Mr. Maynards but was beat off by the weather from proceeding.

1747 October 15 (Thursday). Ebenezer undertakes to make some more Cyder but was so beat off again by the Rain that he could only Squeeze out a part of a Cheese, three Barrells though Neighbour John Rogers helped him part of the afternoon.

1747 October 16 (Friday). Was at Neighbour Pratts, and Maynards about the making Cyder -- send Ebenezer again to go on with it and went to Mr. Batchellor and got him to rig up my Casks -- visited Neighbour Stephen Maynard who is ill yet.

1747 October 17 (Saturday). Ebenezer proceeds in gathering and laying up winter Apples.

1747 October 19 (Monday). Lowery and Sometimes Showered and looked like a rainy Day and therefore Ebenezer deferred making Cyder to Day. Yet afterwards it held up, and I was Sorry we did not go on because the mill at old Mr. Maynards is left for me when others are depending. Neighbour Pratt in particular, and because I want to go to Boston this week with Cousen Sarah Tyley.

1747 October 20 (Tuesday). A Cold Time for Ebenezer who makes Cyder to Day.

1747 October 21 (Wednesday). Bright Day. Ebenezer making Cyder at Old Mr. Maynards Mill.

1747 October 27 (Tuesday). Ebenezer fetched Clay from Mr. Abner Newtons to mend my Chimney Back.

1747 October 28 (Wednesday). Ebenezer dugg Potatoes. We are laying up for winter of every Store we can. O may we lay up in Time for Eternity!

1747 November 3 (Tuesday). Brother Hicks and I reckon'd, about my Cattle which he had kept in the Summer and I pay'd him 33 shillings old Tenor for keeping Six: and we reckon'd also on account of the Cow that calv'd at his House, whose Calf he kill'd and whose milk he had till Ebenezer fetch'd the Cow home and he allow'd me but 3£ for both the Calf and the milk, but I yielded to anything he would propose least we should by Some Means or other get angry, which would be worse than all the Controversy was worth. I dreaded the dangerous Minute!

1747 November 4 (Wednesday). Ebenezer plough'd a little part of the Day.

1747 November 11 (Wednesday). Ebenezer sows Rye about this Time.

1747 December 2 (Wednesday). N.B. A Sorrowful accident befell us in the Night. My son Ebenezer being greatly fatigu'd with his worrying in the Day, sat sleeping by the fire after we were come up to Bed, with his Head upon his Arms on his Knees: his Elbows slip'd from his Knees and his Chair slip'd away from under him, and he fell into the Fire -- his Hands were both burnt, his right Hand especially which threw him into great pain and smart. For his Relief I immediately kill'd a Cat and he wash'd his Hands in the Blood. God be prais'd he was awak'd and enabled to get out of the Fire! May the Providence of God be Sanctify'd to both him and us!

1747 December 3 (Thursday). N.B. After Exercise I desir'd their Help in getting Wood next Monday, because of my sons Lameness.

1747 December 4 (Friday). A very difficult Morning. The Snow deep -- my son lame and unable to go to the Barn. I was oblig'd to go myself.

1747 December 12 (Saturday). Very Cold. Old Mr. Maynard came repeatedly and chop'd wood for us at the Door, Ebenezer not being able to handle an Ax to any purpose -- but he tends the Cattle.

1747 December 16 (Wednesday). A Cold Storm of Snow again. Ebenezer went at Evening to old Mr. Maynards, the young men to Settle their accounts for the year.

1748 January 29 (Friday). it. P.M., Ebenezer to Marlborough to get him a great coat cut out and pay Deacon Andrew Price the full of the Interest of my Bond to him and brought it home. I am now again out of Debt (a few Dribbles, etc. excepted), and my obligation to my own Children.

1748 February 2 (Tuesday). Ebenezer preparing Timber for a Slay.

1748 February 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Dunlop and Ebenezer thrash Barley. At Night came Joseph Biglo for Sarah Henry (who was making a Great Coat for Ebenezer) and carryed her away.

1748 February 4 (Thursday). Mr. Dunlop and Ebenezer thrashed Barley.

1748 February 9 (Tuesday). Ebenezer p.m. making a Slay. At Mr. Hows.

1748 February 11 (Thursday). Snowy Day. Ebenezer at Mr. How's still upon the slay.

1748 February 12 (Friday). Ebenezer at Mr. How's.

1748 February 13 (Saturday). Ebenezer at Mr. How's again.

1748 February 16 (Tuesday). Ebenezer at Howe's.

1748 February 18 (Thursday). I would Ebenezer finished the Slay.

1748 February 19 (Friday). Ebenezer went to Mr. Johnson's mill.

1748 March 3 (Thursday). My son Ebenezer has been indisposed and done Little for several Days -- having a sore throat, etc., but is a little better.

1748 March 9 (Wednesday). Ebenezer took the sleigh and carried 8 bushels of barley for malt to Mr. James Woods of Marlborough.

1748 March 18 (Friday). Visited my sister Willard. N.B. Sisters discourse with me about her daughter Sarah and my Ebenezer.

1748 March 22 (Tuesday). This morning Ebenezer set out upon a designed journey to Connecticut after flax and was to have gone with Mr. Samuel Baker but when he was at Esquire Baker's he understood there were several men, come down with flax, who gave a most discouraging account of the river and that there was no room to expect any flax on this side under 4 shillings the pound. He therefore returned home, and my wife and I rode over to the said Esquire's and we (the Esquire and I) bought a Bagg of 200 weight -- their price was 5/ per pound but they threw in 40 S in the whole Bagg and 3 pound and 1/2 of over plus weight. So that we did not give quite 4/9 the pound.

1748 March 25 (Friday). Ebenezer now built the boxes at the front of the house and sowed them with parsley, radishes, and cabbage. But though the ground is bare a little before house and particular spots yet it is very deep in general.

1748 March 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer cutting down timber for Posts at ministerial lot.

1748 March 27 (Sunday). At eve I was much out of Ease. Only prayed in the family and Ebenezer read the 25th of Saint Matthew. I was often aguish or as if I had taken Cold.

1748 March 29 (Tuesday). A very fair warm pleasant Day. In the morning I assisted Ebenezer in sledding down several Load of wood and conceive that such a stirring myself might be useful to me under my present Indispositions.

1748 April 1 (Friday). Ebenezer putting up Fences and getting Riders.

1748 April 2 (Saturday). Ebenezer sowed some peas.

1748 April 6 (Wednesday). Lowery. Ebenezer has been ploughing a little in the Days past, and now a little 3 yearling calves sick, probably with what they eat abroad yesterday. Very growing season and the gras appear very pleasant.

1748 April 8 (Friday). Mr. Dunlop works in my Garden, sows parsnips etc. Ebenezer splitting Hills.

1748 April 9 (Saturday). Ebenezer sledding off Stones from the Field by the House, a.m. P.M. ploughed there and took up Flax.

1748 April 11 (Monday). Mr. Dunlop again works for me in the Garden. Ebenezer ploughing stubble.

1748 April 14 (Thursday). Ebenezer ploughed in the forenoon.

1748 April 21 (Thursday). Noah How and Ebenezer mend Fence.

1748 April 22 (Friday). Noah How and Ebenezer dressed it. Noah and Ebenezer upon the Fences.

1748 April 25 (Monday). Frost this Morning. Ebenezer mending Fence on the lower South Side.

1748 April 27 (Wednesday). Noah How brought a plough which he had made for me at Ebenezer's Desire, though we had one of Captain Warrin's make....N.B. Ebenezer planted Beans and Cucumbers in the back yard -- But may my mind and Heart be turned from Earthly things and be suitably prepared for the Solemnity approaching!

1748 April 29 (Friday). I went down to the woodland, joining on to Mr. Barns, and Mr. Martyn and Ebenezer with me. I called also my Neighbour Stephen Maynard and we all saw that my marked Tree was cutt down and laid into Mr. Barns's New Fence.

1748 May 2 (Monday). Joseph Bowker came to work for me for 4 months, Wages 50 L, Old Tenor. Ebenezer and he brought my Cow (with her Calf) that had been kept at Lieutenant Tainter's.

1748 May 5 (Thursday). Joseph and Ebenezer are ploughing and mending Fence. The Weather from Day to Day so Cloudy and cold and sometimes Rains that we declin'd planting Indian Corn.

1748 May 6 (Friday). The Weather forbids planting Still. My Hay I think is now wholly done but had some Kindly from old Mr. Maynards.

1748 May 14 (Saturday). Joseph and Ebenezer building Stone Wall on the South side of the Road before and below the Barns. The Face of the Creation is Wonderfully beautify'd and forward. Might the work of Grace flourish in my Soul no less!

1748 June 2 (Thursday). Joseph and Ebenezer Cabbage Plants etc.

1748 June 3 (Friday). Ebenezer and Joseph carting fencing-Stuff.

1748 June 6 (Monday). Ebenezer and Joseph have been very much upon the Fences, riding etc.

1748 June 7 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Joseph undertook to kill a Fatt Calf for me.

1748 June 10 (Friday). Ebenezer and Joseph who began their half-hilling on the eighth follow it again to Day.

1748 June 13 (Monday). Training of North Company. Rain at Night. I pray'd with them and din'd at Captain Maynards. Ebenezer and Molly and Betty rode to Colonel Wards.

1748 June 15 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Cousen Betty Parkman set out this Morning for Boston. Molly went with them in the Chair to Marlborough.

1748 June 24 (Friday). Exceeding Hott dry Season. Joseph and Ebenezer mowing and raking.

1748 June 27 (Monday). The Heat Continues. Ebenezer began hilling.

1748 June 30 (Thursday). Ebenezer mowed a.m. round the Great Field, and partly round the old Well etc.

1748 July 1 (Friday). Bright Day. Air cooler much than of late. Thomas Rogers came to hilling along with Ebenezer the forenoon for Josephs work for his Brother John. I was oblig'd to turn out and tend Hay, and pole from some distance for notwithstanding what I said yesterday nobody came to work for me.

1748 July 4 (Monday). N.B. Ebenezer by going down into the Well to hook up the Buckett, took Cold and was Sick at Eve. The Discharge by Vomit a great Favour.

1748 July 15 (Friday). Mr. Dunlop came and reap'd in my Rye Field. Ebenezer assisted him. At Eve he went to Marlborough to carry Thomme a Jacket of Home made Cloth, and a Pair of Breeches of Camlett -- and to buy him a sickle.

1748 July 16 (Saturday). Ebenezer return'd. He reap'd, and various Jobbs took up the Day.

1748 July 22 (Friday). Amos Whitney, Jonathan Devereux (from Captain Maynard) and Mr. Beriah Rice's Son Timothy, together with my Ebenezer rak'd in the Meadow. P.M. there went divers others viz. Mr. Jonas Child and Jonathan Grout and near night Mr. Eliezer Rice lent a Hand.

1748 July 23 (Saturday). I rose early and went to Captain Bakers to desire him to Cart for me -- Since my Hay was now ready: but (though he went to Stephen Fay's to get his Cattle for it) he could not. I proceeded to Lieutenant Tainters. He agreed to go to Day if Captain Baker went to Day -- but he chose to deferr it till Monday. I had considerable of work in my Hay to do at Home, though it be Such a Day in the Week -- but in providence Mr. Dunlop was passing from Marlborough, and I laid hold on him. Ebenezer and he got in 2 Load of Hay that was at Home -- and then went to the Meadow to rake what was left and to bring home 1 Load of Hay. He did the Latter but omitted the former.

1748 July 25 (Monday). Mr. Samuel Harrington with Cart and one Yoke of Oxen, and Benjamin Tainter with the Like Carted Hay for me from the Meadow. Harrington 2 Turns 13 Cocks each, and once with 14. Tainter with 13 Cocks all 3 Turns: Ebenezer 13 Cocks 2 Turns and his last turn being in the Dark was but 11 Cocks. N.B. The Cocks in general large. A great Kindness this of my Neighbours. The Lord reward 'em for it.

1748 July 30 (Saturday). Ebenezer grows so bad with the poison that he can do nothing.

1748 August 1 (Monday). I got Neighbour Hezekiah How and Abraham Batchellor to help in with Hay at home a.m., Ebenezer being unable to do anything.

1748 August 4 (Thursday). Mr. Gershom Brigham carted home one Load of the Meadow Hay with my Team. Phinehas Maynard helping him pole and Load -- and Phinehas Maynard with Ebenezer's Help got home the last. The Drought very great -- notwithstanding some Sprinkling at Eve. N.B. The Neighbours very kind to Mr. Rogers Since the Loss of his son in mowing, Raking and Carting his Hay both at home and his meadow -- hay in which I much rejoice.

1748 August 5 (Friday). Hezekiah Bellows, about 14 years old, came and gave me a Days work, raking and Carting at home. Ebenezer mowing the Flax ground over, the Flax coming to nothing nor any of it pulled.

1748 August 6 (Saturday). Ebenezer to Marlborough for our Malt, at Mr. James Woods's. The pastures exceedingly burnt up. Captain Maynard assisted Ebenezer in getting in the last Load of Hay.

1748 AUGUST 20: 21 YEARS OLD

1748 September 3 (Saturday). Ebenezer went over to Mr. Martyns for the portmantle which my wife has Sent up in his chair.

1748 September 13 (Tuesday). Sarah Henry at work on a Coat for Ebenezer.

1748 September 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer to Worcester and return'd at Night.

1748 September 22 (Thursday). Ebenezer to Worcester again return'd at Night.

1748 September 27 (Tuesday). Ebenezer gathering Winter apples.

1748 October 3 (Monday). Ebenezer carting apples to Mr. Hows mill.

1748 October 8 (Saturday). Ebenezer gathering more of winter apples.

1748 October 10 (Monday). P.M. at the Funeral. N.B. several young men turned away from the procession and came up to help Ebenezer in gathering my Corn, viz. Abraham Batchellor,

Phineas Maynard and several more. 32 persons assisted in Husking. Finish'd the work by about 10 o'Clock. After Supper we Sung latter part of Ps. 4 and pray'd before the Company went off.

1748 October 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Hezekiah Pratt afforded me the help of his Boy Cornelius Cook and his Team to get up the Corn from the barn. Ebenezer and Cornelius hard at it all Day. Aaron Warrin making Ebenezer a pair of German Pumps Monday and to Day.

1748 October 17 (Monday). Ebenezer began to make our late Cyder.

1748 October 22 (Saturday). Ebenezer finish'd making Cyder, in all 18 Barrells.

1748 November 2 (Wednesday). Ebenezer a Load of Pine.

1748 November 4 (Friday). Rain p.m. Ebenezer making a Bee-House.

1748 November 18 (Friday). Ebenezer digging a Vault.

1748 November 22 (Tuesday). Ebenezer to Sutton to assist in bringing Rebecca Warrin to her own Home at Upton.

1748 December 3 (Saturday). Tis now a very alter'd Air. Cold and Windy. Molly and Lucy rode together and Bekky Gott rode with me to the Funeral of Mrs. Brigham. This is now the Ninth Death that has been in this Parish of Late. May God make me sensible of my own Frailty and Mortality! My Thoughts have been of late greatly discompos'd, and I don't know that I have ever felt so inwardly sunk and disheartened and unable to sustain my Infirmary. What has brought me into this has been my inability to do for my Children, when they come to be of age. My son Ebenezer in particular. All my schemes and Designs respecting him fall to the Ground. He has chose to be a Farmer, but I have not a Farm to give him that is handy or desirable (No other than that at Townshend). Nor has he strength of Body to drudge and bring to a place. My Family is so large as to need what I have at home and more too. But I beg grace to enable me to cast my Care upon God who Careth for us.

1748 December 23 (Friday). We left Mr. Seccombs and came to Mr. [blank] Keys's, and I made some proposals to him about his taking my son Ebenezer to learn the Business of a Gunsmith, which he accepted of.

1748 December 26 (Monday). Ebenezer thrashing Rye.

1748 December 27 (Tuesday). Ebenezer thrashing.

1748 December 30 (Friday). My Care at present is to provide for my sons going off to Harvard to live with Mr. William Keyes to be a Gun Smith. Ah wretched Harvard to which I had design'd him! But this will be I hope, *non invita Minerva*.

1749 January 2 (Monday). Ebenezer is Sledding Wood.

1749 January 3 (Tuesday). Ebenezer Sledded Two Oak Loggs to Maynards Saw Mill. I rode up to Mr. Knowltons to obtain one of his sons to come and live with me, Ebenezer being about to go to Harvard.

1749 January 4 (Wednesday). The Morning was Somewhat snowy, but Elijah Bellows according to appointment came to go with Ebenezer to Harvard to bring back the Horse. And therefore my son went Scil. to Mr. William Keyes's to learn what he can of the Gunsmiths Business. And God most merciful be gracious to him and be the Guide of his Youth!

1749 February 13 (Monday). Found my son Ebenezer from Harvard, there.

1749 February 16 (Thursday). Mrs. Molly Martyn here. She came yesterday -- she was brought by Ebenezer and Forbush -- and there had been considerable Company besides here.

1749 February 20 (Monday). Ebenezer rode up to Worcester o'mind to see Mr. Johnson the Smith.

1749 February 21 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. [blank] Stone of Lexington (about to marry Hannah Holloway) here, with Gideon Hayward, to invite Ebenezer and Molly to Wedding tomorrow, but Ebenezer was gone (this Day) to Harvard again.

1749 March 16 (Thursday). In the Morning Mr. Bliss was going to a Fast at Mr. Farrars and my own Business requir'd me to make Dispatch. Was a little while at Mr. Minots. But my Design was to find out one Mr. Isaac Taylor, a Gunsmith, with whom I desir'd my son Ebenezer Should live a while to learn that [*crossed out*] and what else falls into that Trade. I accordingly went to him and talk'd with him, who deferr'd determining, and promis'd to send me a Letter.

1749 March 28 (Tuesday). Ebenezer came home from Harvard.

1749 March 29 (Wednesday). A.M. Visit At Eve Mrs. Deborah Brigham worse, sent for me. I went at 9 Evening, Ebenezer with me. I conceive her to be under hysterical Disorders: But She Said it was through the Distress of he soul concerning her Eternal Condition.

1749 April 3 (Monday). Return'd home. Ebenezer and Daniel making Wall on the Southside of my Land joining to my Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard.

1749 April 8 (Saturday). Ebenezer ploughing Stubble Ground.

1749 April 9 (Sunday). N.B. Mary Garfield of Shrewsbury (of about 22) fell into fitts in the Meeting House, was carry'd out and remov'd to my House. Her fitts were repeated in the Evening. She had some Number of them. Her mother and Two Brothers here; Mrs. Garfield and son Moses here with Mary over night. My son Ebenezer went about 9 at Night to Dr. Smith -- but he would not come.

1749 April 10 (Monday). Ebenezer graffing Cyons from Cornet Bright of Watertown.

1749 April 11 (Tuesday). Ebenezer a.m. works for Samuel Bumpso....P.M. Ebenezer graffing.

1749 April 14 (Friday). Ebenezer and Daniel cart muck a.m. and after Lecture.

1749 April 18 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Daniel riding the upper Fence.

1749 April 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Daniel digging Stones for the South Wall between Mr. Ebenezer Maynard and me.

1749 April 21 (Friday). Ebenezer and Daniel making Stone Wall, on the South side.

1749 April 22 (Saturday). N.B. Ebenezer and Daniel making Stone Wall on the Southside, and not finish'd yet.

1749 April 25 (Tuesday). Ebenezer begins to plough for planting.

1749 April 26 (Wednesday). Ebenezer work'd with Noah How, getting out Rails for him in Lieu of an 100 which he says my Hands carted away from him -- but inadvertently.

1749 April 27 (Thursday). Ebenezer variously employ'd about the fences round the Yards etc.

1749 April 29 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Daniel planting the Yards.

1749 May 1 (Monday). Ebenezer and Daniel began to plant the Fields of Indian Corn. Mr. Phinehas Hardy kindly Sent his Son Noah to assist in it.

1749 May 4 (Thursday). P.M. Ebenezer went to help Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard.... Nathan Maynard and Benjamin Whipple in the Name of their Society (together with Ebenezer) presented me Daniel as desirous to be admitted among them, but I was not ready for an Answer, he having been but a little while among us.

1749 May 5 (Friday). P.M. Showery yet Ebenezer and Daniel went to the Ministerial Meadow to mend up the Fence.

1749 May 9 (Tuesday). Ebenezer assisted as far as Shrewsbury. Ebenezer upon the Fences -- middle Pasture.

1749 May 10 (Wednesday). Ebenezer a.m. looking up the sheep. P.M. he Carted Stones for Wall.

1749 May 15 (Monday). Daniel and Ebenezer look'd up and walk'd sheep a. and p.m. Wall behind the House p.m.

1749 May 16 (Tuesday). Daniel and Ebenezer on the wall northwest of the House.

1749 May 18 (Thursday). My Son Ebenezer and Daughter Lucy, together with my Kinsman rode over to Upton.

1749 May 20 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Lucy with our Kinsman return'd from Upton. Ebenezer work'd with Daniel p.m.

1749 May 22 (Monday). Was at Mr. Cooks, and likewise visited Neighbour Abner Newton under his Confinement and illness, and I din'd there -- p.m. My Kinsman and Ebenezer rode over to Mr. Martyns.

1749 May 23 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Daniel began to weed. My Kinsman rides Every Day; and has somewhat better Stomach but is often in Sinking Dejection. A.M. frequently in some Trouble about young people's disorderly night walking: have now Such a Number (My son Ebenezer, Daniel Hastings, Abigail Baker and Sarah Harrington) of young persons in my own Family that it causes me some Perplexity when my own do walk contrary to the advice and Counsel which I am frequently giving them.

1749 June 9 (Friday). Ebenezer and Daniel getting Rails and Posts.

1749 June 10 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Daniel setting out Cabbage and Tobacco Plants -- and began to half-Hill the Indian Corn.

1749 June 12 (Monday). Daniel and Ebenezer hoeing.

1749 June 14 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Daniel mowing.

1749 June 21 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Forbush went in my Chair, in order to go to Cambridge, but they turn'd in to Sudbury meeting in the Afternoon.

1749 June 30 (Friday). Daniel has been hoeing and he has finish'd the Long piece, and the New Ground. Ebenezer does not come from Cambridge. Have heard it is Commencement there to Day.

1749 July 1 (Saturday). At Eve came Ebenezer and Forbush in my Chair, drawn by Lieutenant Tainters Horse, from Cambridge, Having been gone 10 working Days: but no Evil had befallen him as I began to fear there had.

1749 July 3 (Monday). Ebenezer and Daniel mow'd in the Lower Orchard, Northside the Road.

1749 July 4 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Daniel Hilling and mowing.

1749 July 5 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomas reaping Rye, of which I have a very likely piece. D.G. Daniel Hill'd.

1749 July 7 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas plough'd the Barley Stubble, there being much Barley left among the stones which they could not rake.

1749 July 8 (Saturday). Rain in the Morning. Clear'd off afterwards So that Ebenezer and Thomas hoed Rye into the Indian Hills -- but could not meddle with the Hay that lies out both in Cock and Swarth.

1749 July 10 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas mow'd and then Hoed a little.

1749 July 24 (Monday). Ebenezer begins to mow the Meadow. Daniel Hastings so kind as to give a Days Work there.

1749 July 25 (Tuesday). My sons went away to rake at the Meadow, but were soon prevented by Rain.

1749 July 26 (Wednesday). Great Rains a.m. When the Rain was over Ebenezer and Thomas went to the Meadow to look after the Hay there. Samuel Bumpso gave half a Days work.

1749 July 27 (Thursday). A.M. Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow to rake.

1749 July 28 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas at the Meadow. At Eve they got home one Load. There is Scarce a Day but it rains more or less, but today the Showers not Such as much to hurt the haying.

1749 July 29 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow. 2 Load more of Hay home.

1749 July 31 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow to Day.

1749 August 1 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow again.

1749 August 2 (Wednesday). When I return'd in the Eve found that Billy had been brought home lame from the Meadow, for he had been with his Brothers there -- and Silas Rice had accidentally cutt his Legg with a Scythe. A fifth Load Hay home.

1749 August 3 (Thursday). Ebenezer sixth Load Hay.

1749 August 4 (Friday). Rainy. Out of Rye. Ebenezer and Thomas p.m. thrash'd.

1749 August 5 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow. P.M. to raking. Daniel went away Yesterday but return'd here this Evening.

1749 August 10 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas picked apples part of the Day.

1749 August 11 (Friday). Ebenezer the ninth and last Load from the Meadow.

1749 August 14 (Monday). My sons mowing Bushes and Weeds.

1749 August 18 (Friday). Ebenezer Carts Apples to Mr. Charles Rice's Mill.

1749 August 19 (Saturday). Ebenezer press'd out Six Barrells Cyder and got 5 here. N.B. Sent one Barrell to old Mr. Maynard.

1749 AUGUST 20: 22 YEARS OLD

1749 August 20 (Sunday). This Day Ebenezer is 22. O that he might be born again!

1749 August 21 (Monday). Ebenezer went to Boston in my Chair, drawn by my Mare -- set out at 9 or 10 at Night.

1749 August 23 (Wednesday). Ebenezer return'd in the Chair and brought to us Elizabeth Grice, widow, to Serve us as a Maid.

1749 August 25 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas a.m. mow Weeds for Fodder. P.M. Cutt Stalks.

1749 August 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer went over to Mr. Martyns for Bricks for an Oven and brought them. Two Barrells of my new boiled Cyder sprang Leaks -- much was wasted -- oblig'd to get another Barrell, rinse and Shift what we could of the Cyder.

1749 August 31 (Thursday). Forbush came in the Morning (according to Agreement last night to carry Mrs. Grice back to Boston) he being about to return to College, and Lieutenant Tainter offer'd his Horse (if we could not do better with her) to draw her to Boston....Ebenezer return'd home before Night, having Seen her along as far as into Sudbury -- but he brought me a very grieving Letter from Mr. Jotham Brown of Sudbury that he had not work enough; and that his Circumstances were such that he could not take Thomme again. But Let the Lord do what seemeth [to] Him good!

1749 September 1 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas cutting Stalks -- Thrashing Rye etc.

1749 September 2 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas went to Mr. Abner Newtons to fetch a Load of Clay for an Oven.

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

1749 September 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Woolley at work, with Ebenezer, putting up the Cyder Mill.

1749 September 8 (Friday). Mr. Woolley went home. Mr. Millen here. Ebenezer makes Cyder at the New Mill.

1749 September 27 (Wednesday). Ebenezer makes Cyder -- getts in Rowing -- I assisted him -- Mrs. Mary Sherman.

1749 October 9 (Monday). Ebenezer to Rutland after the stray Cattle.

1749 October 14 (Saturday). Ebenezer has carry'd up the Corn into the Garrett, and we have great Reason to Bless God for his abundant Goodness and Bounty to us, especially considering the terrible Drought, for we have a competent Crop. May we have grace to improve it to the Glory of the Giver!

1749 October 17 (Tuesday). Ebenezer to the Trooping at Marlborough.

1749 October 18 (Wednesday). Ebenezer has made 3 Barrells more of Cyder, which is the last (of clear Cyder) and makes up the Number of 19 1/2 Barrells for the Year.

1749 October 20 (Friday). Sent Ebenezer with a Team to Lieutenant Eagers Tavern to carry a Barrell of Cyder Here for Mr. Davis of Holden.

1749 October 25 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode early to Shrewsbury on his Journey to Lambstown to look up my Stray Cow.

1749 October 27 (Friday). Ebenezer return'd and brought home the Cow. He paid 40/ old Tenor to Mr. Weeks of Lambstown for her keeping. He can hear nothing of other Young Creatures that are still missing.

1749 October 30 (Monday). A fine pleasant Day. Ebenezer first help'd Mr. Edwards Whipple kill a Beeve and then Mr. Whipple came and help'd him kill a Young Heiffer for me.

1749 November 1 (Wednesday). Ebenezer work'd for Neighbour Noah How.

1749 November 8 (Wednesday). Ebenezer is and has been variously employ'd in Carting out Muck and Spreading it etc.

1749 November 21 (Tuesday). Ebenezer gather'd our Sheep home. In all 16.

1749 November 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer in Lieutenant Tainters least Slay waited upon his Aunt Lydia to Cambridge.

1749 November 25 (Saturday). At Eve Ebenezer came home, having had a tedious Journey to Boston and Concord: he came from Concord to Day.

1749 December 13 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer Set the Psalm: and Nathan Maynard read it.

1749 December 27 (Wednesday). I think it was the Coldest Morning we have had this Year. But yet towards Noon came Neighbour John Rogers with his Team, and help'd Ebenezer draw two Pine Loggs to the Saw-mill, before night.

1749 December 29 (Friday). Ebenezer is fitting a pair of Runners for the Chair to be plac'd on.

1750 January 14 (Sunday). Manning, a junior Sophister, who keeps School at Mr. Daniel Warrins, Supp'd and Lodg'd here, at Ebenezers Invitation.

1750 January 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Jacob Rice, Constable for the north part of the Town here, and Saluted me in a perfectly New Manner, viz. with my son Ebenezers Rates -- to the Province Tax, viz. £3.4.4. I have Daily new Hints of the Great Disquietments in this Parish by means of the Affair of my Remove. But God grant me the Patience and Wisdom necessary for me!

1750 February 4 (Sunday). Ebenezer and Martha Pannell came home.

1750 February 5 (Monday). Ebenezer return'd my Horse to Mr. Jonathan Fays to be kept there again.

1750 February 7 (Wednesday). Ebenezer in the slay to Concord for Thomas.

1750 February 8 (Thursday). Thomas brought home by his Brother.

1750 February 12 (Monday). At Eve Ebenezer taken very ill, Shaking and great pain in his Side follow'd with Fever and Thirst. N.B. he had winnow'd some Quantity of Indian Corn in the Day and very probably took Cold by it.

1750 February 13 (Tuesday). Ebenezer So ill that I sent for Mr. Stephen Maynard to go for Dr. Gott, who accordingly went for him. While my Neighbour was gone the Pain in Ebenezers Side was very extreme. The Doctor himself came not, but his young man Frink, who blooded my Son. He was Somewhat easier and I walk'd over to the Meeting about my Affairs.

1750 February 14 (Wednesday). As to Ebenezer, the pains are moderated, but he has a Strong Fever. Dr. Gott came and blooded him. Storm of Snow. Captain Maynard came to See us in our Affliction. At Eve Ebenezer very restless; has been all along very Thirsty: and his Case throws us into much Concern.

1750 February 15 (Thursday). We watch with Ebenezer ourselves; One setting up the fore-part, another the latter part of the Night. In the Morning he Seem'd to be Somewhat Comfortable, but it was not long before he grew worse. Neighbour Eliezer Rice came kindly to see us: went home and return'd again to cutt Loggs at the Door. But Ebenezer grew so bad, and at Times Somewhat Delirious that I Sent Mr. Rice to Dr. Gott; who came up with him p.m. My son is much distress'd about the State of his Soul. At his Special Request I pray'd with him. N.B. Mr. Pratt kindly Sent Cornelius Cook to cutt wood at the Door.... I Sat up till between 2 and 3 o'Clock with Ebenezer who is very ill.

1750 February 16 (Friday). Ebenezer very ill yet. Thomas, through divine Goodness, able to tend the Cattle, But is not free of pain and Indisposition. At Eve came Forbush and afterwards Benjamin Tainter, and they by turns watch'd with Ebenezer.

1750 February 17 (Saturday). Ebenezer more Shatter'd and delirious when he wakes up; his Fever somewhat off in the morning but returns very Strong at about 10 a.m. as it did also

yesterday. The morning exceeding Cold, So that the Doctor did not come: Sent Master Frink who tells me the Doctor judges it will go hard with my son. The Troubles of my Heart are greatly enlarg'd: O that God would bring me out of my Distresses! My Neighbours kind and ready to assist us.

1750 February 18 (Sunday). Joshua Winchester having watch'd acquaints us that Ebenezer though very bad in the fore part of the Night, yet slept considerably well the latter, and Seems better this morning. The Glory be to God, who seems to appear for his Help. Dr. Gott came before Meeting. Says he sees no Dangerous Symptoms but hopes there is an imperfect Crisis: only he does not know what to say of his Spitting bloody matter.

1750 February 19 (Monday). Aaron Warrin watch'd last Night with Ebenezer who we hope is through Gods great Mercy a little better. Neighbours Edwards Whipple and Eleazer Williams came and kindly sledged wood. It was the more kind and seasonable as it proved a considerable stormy Time p.m. yet they were not beat off, but got to the Door 10 Turns, the wood being already Cut to their Hands...Ebenezer Spitts bloody matter to a greater Degree.

1750 February 20 (Tuesday). Was Somewhat concern'd about Ebenezers spitting Blood, but this Morning it disappears. Abraham Batchellor had watch'd.

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer considerably better -- blessed be God!

1750 February 22 (Thursday). Rode to Marlborough. Deacon Tainters, Dr. Gotts (for Bitters for Ebenezer) at Mr. Smiths, Colonel Williams's.

1750 February 23 (Friday). Justice Baker here to see us in our Affliction, but my Children are through Mercy better.

1750 February 26 (Monday). Lieutenant Holloway came to see Ebenezer.

1750 March 3 (Saturday). Ebenezer So far recover'd that today he came out of his Room and din'd with us. Blessed be God for this Token of His Goodness!

1750 March 16 (Friday). Indispos'd, dull and unactive -- having been so expos'd to the storm yesterday -- Ebenezer so feeble, tender and confin'd yet that he can't go to the Barn in any rugged Weather.

1750 March 23 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer waited on Cousen Bekky with her Babe, to her Father Warrins.

1750 March 25 (Sunday). So rainy Night, and in early Morn, I was so indispos'd I was not determin'd to go to meeting: but I was afterwards better, and the weather Clear'd; so that I went to Meeting; but having only one Horse but few of us got to meeting. I carry'd Lucy and Ebenezer, and William went on Foot; all the Rest tarried at home a.m. N.B. Public Thanks for God's great Goodness in restoring my son: this being the first of his going to meeting since his sickness.

1750 March 29 (Thursday). Ebenezer got 600 of Hay at Ensign Rice's, a.m. N.B. Captain Maynard help'd him get it home.

1750 March 30 (Friday). Ebenezer So weak yet, and indispos'd that he can't bear Work. Being a Warmish Pleasant Day, we are invited to gardening. Patty Pannell does what she can in making Beds and Sewing some early Seeds.

1750 April 28 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Joseph ploughing and planting.

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

1750 May 1 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Joseph Mending Fence, ploughing and preparing the Fields for Planting.

1750 May 4 (Friday). Ebenezer finish'd planting Indian Corn. P.M. Ebenezer and Molly to Mr. Martyns.

1750 May 5 (Saturday). A.M. Ebenezer went for a pair of Cart Wheels to Mr. Joseph Miles and brought 'em Home. Price 10£ Old Tenor.

1750 May 17 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Billy went up to Brother Hicks's with 5 Young Cattle.

1750 May 18 (Friday). Ebenezer over at Mr. Benjamin Hows, making a Cart.

1750 May 21 (Monday). My Wife and I to Mr. Beemans raising his Barn. Ebenezer and Joseph there.

1750 May 25 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer and Joseph Weeding.

1750 May 28 (Monday). Ebenezer and Joseph finish weeding.

1750 June 1 (Friday). Ebenezer and Joseph put up a Partition Fence from South to North in the upper part of the Great Pasture.

1750 June 5 (Tuesday). So now for my undertaking to begin the World again on the South Road -- a Number of Neighbours came to Clear and plough down the Knoll which I purpose to build on. It was very much owing to Lieutenant Bruce, and accordingly a.m. there was a number to clear the ground, Scil. Neighbour John Rogers, Thomas Frost, and Abraham Beeman, besides my own Ebenezer and Joseph, and p.m. a considerable Number with their Cattle to plough and levill it.

1750 June 6 (Wednesday). My Wife, Mr. Haven, Son Ebenezer and Two Daughters Molly and Lucy rode in the Rain, in Company with Mr. Martyn, his wife and Daughter, to Grafton to the Ordination of Mr. Aaron Hutchinson.

1750 June 8 (Friday). My son Ebenezer ill with a Cold.

1750 June 9 (Saturday). A Cool Air -- most people oppress'd with Colds. Ebenezer unable to do any great matter.

1750 June 14 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Joseph are mowing Bushes.

1750 June 15 (Friday). Ebenezer and Joseph Clear over by the new Meeting House.

1750 June 16 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Joseph clear again over at the New meeting House. Samuel Bumpso lends 'em an Hand.

1750 June 21 (Thursday). Ebenezer did so much as to mow the Garden and foreyard a.m.

1750 June 27 (Wednesday). It rain'd all Day. Ebenezer and Joseph fixing up the New Cart with Ladders.

1750 June 30 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Joseph mowing Day by Day Except that Ebenezer was at Times indispos'd.

1750 July 2 (Monday). Joseph plough'd for Hilling. Ebenezer much indispos'd and works but little.

1750 July 7 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Joseph have finish'd the hilling of Indian Corn this Week -- having had Mr. David Maynard junior's Horse to plough.

1750 July 9 (Monday). Ebenezer and Joseph mowing.

1750 July 12 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Joseph reap Rye and did not go to Lecture.

1750 July 13 (Friday). Ebenezer and Joseph, besides what they do about the Hay, reap'd and got in part of the Rye. It has been, now for Some Time a wondrous growing Season. Might our Hearts be as fruitful and flourishing!

1750 July 19 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Joseph mow'd a.m. some Grass which Mr. Eliezer Rice lets us have.

1750 July 20 (Friday). They go and mow in the ministerial meadow.

1750 July 23 (Monday). Ebenezer and Joseph mowing and raking Hay at the Meadow.

1750 July 26 (Thursday). Neighbour Eliezer Rice and his son reap'd my Wheat a.m. and Ebenezer and Joseph mow'd etc. for him.

1750 July 27 (Friday). Ebenezer and Joseph work at the Meadow -- but p.m., Ebenezer came and got in part of the Wheat.

1750 July 28 (Saturday). Joseph brought home 2 Load of the Meadow Hay. He got in the Wheat likewise. P.M. Mr. Haven came from Framingham. Rain Setts in p.m. so that they were beat off from work at the Meadow.

1750 July 31 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Joseph to the Meadow.

1750 August 1 (Wednesday). We have Still so much to do at the Meadow that Joseph Bruce, though his Time agreed to be out, yet at Ebenezers Desire, I detain to work for me.

1750 August 8 (Wednesday). Ebenezer worked for Neighbour John Rogers a.m. and Rogers for him with his Team p.m. They brought home the Two last Loads of Hay from the Ministerial Meadow.

1750 August 9 (Thursday). Ebenezer mows at home.

1750 August 13 (Monday). Very Hot a.m. P.M. Clouds gather'd. Mr. Haven and I help'd Ebenezer get in Hay. Mr. Haven help'd in a second Load.

1750 August 16 (Thursday). Ebenezer Carted Boards from Mr. Forbush's Mill. 600 of Oake Boards of what I have of Mr. Forbush and 220 which I have of Mr. Daniel Miller and [blank] which I have of Mr. Samuel Harrington.

1750 August 18 (Saturday). Ebenezer got in the last of the Hay at home; and this finishes this part of his toilfull work at home.

1750 AUGUST 20: 23 YEARS OLD

1750 August 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went with Mrs. Edwards lame Beast to Mr. Barns's for his Advice and Counsel, as last Night Mr. Tuthil went to Captain Maynards for his.

1750 August 25 (Saturday). Ebenezer making Cyder for ourselves.

1750 August 27 (Monday). Ebenezer had got out 4 Barrells of Cyder -- and boyl'd Three of them.

1750 August 28 (Tuesday). My son Ebenezer very much laid by, with pain in his Back by Reason of a Strain in lifting the Beam at the Cyder Mill last week, and now getting Cold.

1750 September 3 (Monday). Ebenezer under bodily indispositions and very unfit for Business - but a considerable Number of Hands digging in the Cellar at Eve, he was with them.

1750 September 5 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Mr. Eliezer Rice's son Silas carted Stones and Mr. Pratt Sent Cornelius Cook to digg them.

1750 September 8 (Saturday). Bright good Day. Ebenezer mows a little more Rowing.

1750 September 11 (Tuesday). Ebenezer taken very ill with Pain in his Bowels, vomiting, etc.

1750 September 12 (Wednesday). Ebenezer very ill yet.

1750 September 14 (Friday). My Neighbour Thomas Frost at work for me p.m. Ebenezer being Still unable to work.

1750 September 15 (Saturday). Ebenezer Somewhat better.

1750 September 18 (Tuesday). Ebenezer Shingling p.m. N.B. They got the south side of the Roof done by night.

1750 September 19 (Wednesday). Messrs. Samuel and Phinehas Hardy, How, Daniel How (who often heretofore work'd at Day Labour for me) work'd upon the Roof; as did Ebenezer also.

1750 September 26 (Wednesday). Mr. Benjamin How and Ebenezer boarding the New House.

1750 September 27 (Thursday). Mr. Benjamin How and his Brother Noah, together with my Son Ebenezer boarding the New House.

1750 September 28 (Friday). Benjamin and Noah How p.m. at boarding the New House, and Ebenezer with them.

1750 September 29 (Saturday). Messrs. Benjamin and Noah How boarding the House. Ebenezer work's there also part of the Day.

1750 October 5 (Friday). Ebenezer has been Carting Apples etc. No corn gather'd yet. But we suffer'd great Dammage by the cattle; of them 12 in Number broke out of the Cow Yard last night -- were in the Corn, among the Apples, Cabbages etc.

1750 October 6 (Saturday). Jonathan Smith helps Ebenezer Thrash Rye.

1750 October 8 (Monday). Jonathan Smith thrashes with Ebenezer. A.M. they gather Corn.

1750 October 9 (Tuesday). Jonathan Smith at work with Ebenezer in cutting up Corn.

1750 October 10 (Wednesday). Jonathan Smith helps Ebenezer Still, in getting in the Harvest.

1750 October 11 (Thursday). Expected Mr. Pierce to Stone the New Well. Sent Ebenezer over to tend him but he came not -- so Ebenezer after throwing Some of the Cellar Stones to the Well return'd home. Heard afterward that Mr. Pierce came and found no Body to tend him and therefore went home.

1750 October 12 (Friday). Ebenezer rode over to Mr. Pierce but to no purpose.

1750 October 15 (Monday). P.M. my Son Ebenezer tended Mr. Newton.

1750 October 17 (Wednesday). Ebenezer making Cyder.

1750 October 19 (Friday). Ebenezer works there, and Mr. Joseph Green junior and Abner Whipple digg and Cart stones -- with Mr. Edwards Whipples yoke of Oxen.

1750 October 23 (Tuesday). Windy, but somewhat more moderate weather. Mr. Newton and Mr. Forbush at work, and Ebenezer tending.

1750 October 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Newton and Forbush at the Chimneys. Ebenezer tends.

1750 October 25 (Thursday). A.M. Neighbour How assisted Ebenezer in getting 3 Mantle Trees, and p.m. Ebenezer help'd him dig potatoes.

1750 October 26 (Friday). Ebenezer Carted the 3 Mantle Trees which were hew'd yesterday -- and tended Mr. Newton and Forbush at the Chimneys.

1750 October 29 (Monday). Ebenezer and Sam Bumpso tend them.

1750 October 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Newton, Mr. Forbush and Jonathan Smith, together with my son Ebenezer at the Chimneys.

1750 November 2 (Friday). I went early to the New House. Mr. Newton and Forbush came to the Chimneys. Mr. Newton brought Sam Bumpso to tend -- and Ebenezer was there also.

1750 November 5 (Monday). Widow Newton gave me Alpheus's digging and Carting Six Load of Clay: and this afternoon he goes with a Yoke of Oxen and assists Ebenezer in digging and Carting 3 Load more.

1750 November 6 (Tuesday). Was early at the New House. Messrs. Newton and Forbush -- Ebenezer and Sam at the Chimneys.

1750 November 7 (Wednesday). Messrs. Newton and Forbush at the Chimneys. Ebenezer lyes by great part of the Day.

1750 November 8 (Thursday). Messrs. Newton and Forbush at the Chimneys. Ebenezer though not Well, and Thomas tended.

1750 November 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went to Bolton. Thomas a.m. carts wood; p.m. husks.

1750 November 22 (Thursday). Ebenezer return'd home at late Evening.

1750 November 23 (Friday). Mr. Benjamin How and Ebenezer laying Floor in the Stable.

1750 November 26 (Monday). Ebenezer work'd part of the Day for Mr. Benjamin How.

1750 November 30 (Friday). Billy as he was cutting Wood at the Door, cut his ankle. The wound was Somewhat Cross-wise, and bled very much. It was in the Forenoon and when his Brothers who were able to do any Thing were gone from home, Ebenezer to work for Mr. Rogers, and Thomas to Mr. Goddards Mill.

1750 December 1 (Saturday). P.M. Ebenezer rode to Dr. Gotts on Billy's Case.

1750 December 3 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas husking p.m.

1750 December 11 (Tuesday). A number of Young Men, chiefly the religious Society, came and chopp'd Wood. They were Daniel How, Merodach Smith, Phinehas Maynard, Moses Warrin, Joseph Grout junior -- and Mr. Cornelius Biglo and his Son, very kindly came with them. My son Ebenezer Chopp'd with them and Thomas carted part of the Day.

1750 December 12 (Wednesday). Ebenezer a.m. fits up an House for the Doves, which were lately presented me, and p.m. Swingled Flax.

1750 December 13 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas at the New House, clearing Ground.

1750 December 15 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas variously employ'd about the Cattle, Firing etc.

1750 December 17 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas went over to clearing at the New Place.

1750 December 18 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomas Clearing at the New Place.

1750 December 19 (Wednesday). Ebenezer assisted by Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard kill'd a Sow for me which had never had any Piggs and which weigh'd 224.

1750 December 28 (Friday). Ebenezer got out Flax. Mr. Frost broke it, and he Swingl'd. At Eve Ebenezer and Thomas rode over to Mr. Martyns to bring him their Sisters, which they did though it was very Cold.

1750 December 29 (Saturday). They Clear'd at the New Place.

1751 January 2 (Wednesday). Cold, raw Day. The Earth open still and good Clearing. Ebenezer and Thomas improve it.

1751 January 3 (Thursday). Ebenezer Thrashing Wheat -- which has Suffer'd by the Rotts of the Barn. Thomas a.m. to Mr. Wymans for Several Sadlers-Tools which he has made for him. P.M. he thrash'd with his Brother. A Cold Season.

1751 January 4 (Friday). Bright and pleasant -- and not altogether so Cold as the Days past. My sons thrashing Still.

1751 January 9 (Wednesday). Ebenezer sledded Wood.

1751 January 11 (Friday). Ebenezer Sledded Ship-Timber for Mr. Ebenezer Rice. Thomas thrashing.

1751 January 12 (Saturday). Rain. Ebenezer with Neighbour Benjamin How and his Brother Noah, go to the Meeting House to put up Some Sort of Steps or stairs into the Gallery.

1751 January 17 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer at Mr. Cornelius Cooks assisting him in making a stubb scythe, a Whipple-Tree Chain and several other Things.

1751 January 18 (Friday). The first fair Day ever Since this Day Sennight. This Day, Ebenezer and his Brother Thomas go a Fishing at the Great Pond (mov'd by yesterdays News about Fishing). They return to Dinner. Ebenezer goes this afternoon to looking up Trees for Loggs to be carry'd to the saw-mill; his Brother goes (on Foot) to Mr. David Felton at Marlborough and bought an Horse side of Leather price 30/ old Tenor; and return'd home at Eve.

1751 January 19 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas go into the Woods to Cutt Loggs.

1751 January 21 (Monday). Daniel How assisted Ebenezer and Thomas in Killing Two large Hoggs. Each 12 Score, 11 3/4. P.M. my sons thrash'd Wheat and Swingled some small matter of Flax.

1751 January 23 (Wednesday). A.M. Ebenezer and Thomas got Wood. P.M. they went into the Woods to prepare Loggs for the Saw-Mill.

1751 February 4 (Monday). Ebenezer with Neighbour John Rogers's Help and his Oxen join'd to my Team carry Large Loggs to Mill.

1751 February 5 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas, Mary and Lucy gone to dine at Lieutenant Tainters and wait upon his Daughter Sadler in her going home to Upton.

1751 February 6 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and his Brother and Sister return'd from Upton.

1751 February 7 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas carried Loggs to the Saw Mill, and Boards to the New House.

1751 February 8 (Friday). Ebenezer in the Woods about Loggs.

1751 February 9 (Saturday). Ebenezer works for Neighbour Rogers, with the Oxen.

1751 February 11 (Monday). Rainy. Ebenezer a.m. goes a Fishing at the Great Pond.

1751 February 13 (Wednesday). My Son Ebenezer breaks Flax.

1751 February 19 (Tuesday). N.B. My son William this Day ten years old -- he goes over to Mr. Benjamin Hows, and at Eve Ebenezer and Thomas go over there, and to my Grief tarry (all of them) too late. P.M. Ebenezer thrashes Barley.

1751 February 20 (Wednesday). Manifested to my sons Somewhat of my affectionate Concern for them. Ebenezer acknowledges. Thomas more insensible.

1751 February 22 (Friday). Neighbour Batherick here and with Ebenezer hewing Timber for a Privy. Mrs. Warrin of Upton and her child here.

1751 February 25 (Monday). Mr. Batherick and Ebenezer frame a Privy.

1751 February 27 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went with neighbour Benjamin How to clear a new Road for foot people to Meeting.

1751 March 1 (Friday). Samuel Bumpso came hither in order to his and Ebenezer's going to Sam's Swamp to get a Stick of White Pine to make Two Troughs for my new House. They both went but did not Succeed in Sam's Swamp; but obtain'd Two in Mr. Bradish's, which they cutt down and partly hew'd one of them. [Two words crossed out] by the help of Mr. Daniel Warrin to hew for them.

1751 March 2 (Saturday). Ebenezer to Mr. Bradish's Swamp with Mr. Daniel Warrin to hew Troughs.

1751 March 6 (Wednesday). Ebenezer takes Care of the Cattle, gets wood, and is busy'd about various Choars.

1751 March 8 (Friday). My sons sledding wood most of the Day.

1751 March 20 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomas digging stones East of the Barn.

1751 March 22 (Friday). Ebenezer drawing stones with the Young Horse put in with the Rest of the Team; and though it be the first Tryal does very well.

1751 April 4 (Thursday). Ebenezer sowing Rye.

1751 April 5 (Friday). Ebenezer and Billy plough at Cook Island.

1751 April 6 (Saturday). Ebenezer fetch'd nine Bushels Lime borrow'd of Messrs. Woods and Oake, northside.

1751 April 8 (Monday). The weather being unfit for our masonry little expect Mr. Newton today, Yet I went over to the New House. Ebenezer and the Team also. Ebenezer fetch'd a Load of Clay from Mr. James Maynards, Mrs. Newtons Clay Pitts being filled and Surrounded with water.

1751 April 9 (Tuesday). The Snow being chiefly gone, my masons came, Mr. Obadiah Newton and Mr. Edward Willson to top out my Chimney, but they were beat off by the Rain. Din'd them at home. P.M. about 4 they go to work again. They lodg'd here, and I kept their Horses. N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas tended the Masons.

1751 April 10 (Wednesday). Masons go to work, but were beat off again Several Times before noon. I carry'd them their Dinner. Ebenezer and Thomas tended them again to Day. P.M. they broke off about 4 or between 4 and 5 o'Clock (I suppose) it raining very hard -- and they went away both of them to Shrewsbury.

1751 April 12 (Friday). Ebenezer and Billy go to ploughing a.m. at the Cook Island.

1751 April 13 (Saturday). Ebenezer goes a Fishing till noon.

1751 April 18 (Thursday). Ebenezer ploughing Stubble.

1751 April 23 (Tuesday). I went over to the New House with Ebenezer to direct and assist in planting Elms and Plumb Trees. No ground fenc'd thereof. Sett no Apple Trees.

1751 April 25 (Thursday). N.B. The Season unusually Cold and Somewhat windy but Ebenezer (Having deferr'd it long already) Sowed Wheat.

1751 April 26 (Friday). Ebenezer Sows Flax -- and p.m. Carts muck. Thomas helps him p.m.

1751 April 27 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas Sowing Barley and Carting Muck.

1751 May 8 (Wednesday). Fine Weather; blessed be God! Ebenezer and Thomas are gone to Bolton for Lime. They have Mr. Richard Barns's Oxen added to our own Team. They have a tedious Journey (undertaking it in one Day) and return not till late in the Night.

1751 May 9 (Thursday). My sons begin to plant the Field. A very fine Day.

1751 May 10 (Friday). Warm, bright and exceeding pleasant, after a night of plentiful Rain. My sons go on with the planting.

1751 May 11 (Saturday). Another very fine Day. My Sons finish'd planting at home, this morning. N.B. Thomas has work'd with his Brother for Several Days -- to Day for himself in his Shop....Ebenezer p.m. sow'd the rest of the Flax.

1751 May 12 (Sunday). Ebenezer watch'd last night with Neighbour Eliezer Rice.

1751 May 13 (Monday). Ebenezer harrows the Ground at the Island. An unusual hot Day.

1751 May 14 (Tuesday) We finish'd planting at the Island. Was there myself p.m.

1751 May 15 (Wednesday). My wife and I, together with my two sons Ebenezer and Thomas attended the Marriage of Mr. Abraham Batchellor to Mrs. Sally Newton, only Daughter of the late Mr. Abner Newton; which was solemniz'd at the Widow Newtons p.m. N.B. My Daughter Lucy was invited also, (and not Molly) -- Molly rode over to Mr. Martyns, agreeable to Appointment Some Time ago, and Lucy tarried at home with the children. I can't but remark what a changing world we live in. What an House of Sorrows that was for a great while, which is now of so high Joy.

1751 May 16 (Thursday). Ebenezer shearing a few Sheep.

1751 May 18 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas a.m. to the New House to take Care of the Boards and Lime there.

1751 May 21 (Tuesday). My son Ebenezer about a well Crotch, Sweep etc. Thomas not very well.

1751 May 23 (Thursday). Ebenezer mending Fences, after he had done the well-pole.

1751 May 24 (Friday). Ebenezer at the Fences, a.m. At Neighbour Bathericks Barn-raising p.m. I was in a great Deal of Trouble about Sending to Mr. Willson, the Mason, again. Neither of my Two Eldest sons return'd from Raising till late at Night.

1751 May 25 (Saturday). Instead of their rising Earlier than usual that I might Send one of them this Morning to Mr. Willsons, my Sons, both of them were so sound, that when awak'd they are disturb'd -- and not without Great Difficulty Ebenezer goes up to him to know the Reason of his not coming to my Work. The many Troubles, Difficultys and Disappointments I meet with together with the Confinement I am under by the Work and Business of my Sacred office, whilst so many and Important Affairs are depending. But especially the impudent Conduct of my Sons, render me very Impatient So that I am scarcely able to contain myself which is to my greater Grief because of the present Season, just before the holy Supper. Thomas rode to Marlborough to get Pannell Crooks and to bring home the rest of my Malt from Deacon Woods.

1751 May 27 (Monday). Mr. Willson came to work -- work'd up my Bricks -- got but one Brick above the ridge of the House. Ebenezer tended him. At Eve paid off both Mr. Willson and Mr. Obadiah Newton who came this Eve in order to go to work tomorrow -- but they both went home.

1751 May 28 (Tuesday). Heard that Captain Joseph White, Elias's Father-in-Law, was dead: and my Cousen Cowells Son Peam dy'd suddenly last week; being taken sick on Thursday and dy'd on Friday.

1751 June 3 (Monday). I was also in a great deal of Consternation at the view and prospect of our Family Circumstances -- my sons Ebenezer and Billy not able to accomplish our Weeding at Home -- yet have the Cook Island to tend besides -- my Mind could be in no Composedness for the Exercises of the Solemnity of Ordination at Upton which approaches -- told Mr. Grout I did not see but that I must Stay at Home and hoe.

1751 June 6 (Thursday). Lucy Bowker at work here for Ebenezer turning his Camblet Coat.

1751 June 7 (Friday). Ebenezer finish'd weeding at home.

1751 June 8 (Saturday). Ebenezer Carts Boards from hence etc. to the New House.

1751 June 14 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas yesterday and to Day at Half-hilling.

1751 June 17 (Monday). Ebenezer So out of Health that he goes to Day to Dr. Smith, is blooded and took Physick.

1751 June 19 (Wednesday). Ebenezer not well -- but mow'd a little -- the Yard and Garden.

1751 June 20 (Thursday). Lucy Bowker works here again for Ebenezer.... Ebenezer still not well.

1751 June 21 (Friday). Part of the forenoon assisted Ebenezer in mending Fence in the furthestmost Pasture -- a large Steer being very unruly.

1751 June 22 (Saturday). Ebenezer is better: he mows between the House and Barn.

1751 June 24 (Monday). Ebenezer mows at home.

1751 June 27 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas mowing. Ebenezer hangs a New, Small, Grindstone of 40/ old Tenor.

1751 July 2 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomas also rode down.

1751 July 6 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas return'd from Commencement. They came from Marlborough this Morning, having lodg'd at Dr. Gotts.

1751 July 10 (Wednesday). Very hot Day. My Sons Ebenezer and Thomas are daily Hilling and Mowing, except when the Rainy weather which is indeed frequent prevents.

1751 July 11 (Thursday). Rainy at different parts of the Day. But the forenoon Ebenezer and Thomas attend the Hilling.... My Sons Ebenezer and Thomas go over this afternoon to Hopkinton to the Marriage of Edmund Rice to Hannah Gashit.

1751 July 12 (Friday). It being rainy, or Cloudy, and letting Weather, Ebenezer a.m. Carted over some slit work for stairs -- and Boards to the New House. When he returns he tells me that a very considerable number of persons -- Lieutenant Tainter etc. have been to Day and Hill'd my Corn at the Cook Field.

1751 July 13 (Saturday). Somewhat bright Day but we do nothing at all about Hay. Ebenezer and Thomas after killing a Lamb, went to Hilling.

1751 July 19 (Friday). Ebenezer to the Meadow to Cart Hay; Mr. Samuel Hardy who has taken it to Cut and rake it having been with 4 Hands, the Day before yesterday to mow, and Two Hands yesterday to rake.

1751 July 20 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought home Two Load of Hay to Day.

1751 July 22 (Monday). home in Safety. Thanks to God! Ebenezer and Thomas Mowing -- part of the Barley.....Neighbour John Rogers, with his Oxen added to my Team, went with Ebenezer to Meadow and brought home Two Load of Hay.

1751 July 23 (Tuesday). The rest of the Barley cut down. P.M. Solemnized the Nuptials of the Reverend Mr. Fish and Mrs. Hannah Forbush. My son Ebenezer and Daughter Molly there.

1751 July 24 (Wednesday). Ebenezer got home another Load of Hay from the Meadow, got in Barley etc.

1751 July 25 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas Spend the forepart of the Day in mending the Fence at the Island.

1751 July 26 (Friday). Ebenezer mows. Thomas and William reap Rye.

1751 July 29 (Monday). Ebenezer and I dine at the New House. When they return from Dinner they bring sorrowful News that little Peter is dead. At Eve the Rain prevail'd so that my Brother and I lodg'd at the New House all Night; Ebenezer having carted over Bed -- Bedstead and Bedding. Baldwin and his man ran up to the Widdow Newtons and lodg'd there: for Deacon Newtons House was now in no fit state to entertain them any more.

1751 July 31 (Wednesday). Ebenezer getting a Well-Crotch for the Well at the New House.

1751 August 1 (Thursday). Ebenezer Carts a Well-Crotch, Bed, Powdering Tubb with pork etc. to the New House. Boards also from the Mill. Thomas and William reap Wheat. P.M. they rake Hay in the Southside and Ebenezer mows.

1751 August 7 (Wednesday). Ebenezer Carted Stuff for Cellar Stairs, and for a Stack Yard. Thomas assisted him part of the Day.

1751 August 8 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas Carted Two Load of Hay from the Meadow to the New Stack Yard which was mow'd last Saturday was sennight, and was made up the Friday following -- being drench'd by the Storms of Rain.

1751 August 9 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas Cart one Load more from the Meadow to the New Stack-Yard -- having stack'd up the remainder of the Hay at the Meadow, there till some better Season for Carting it. Towards Night they came home to mowing. Have much of our haying to do, when many others are done.

1751 August 10 (Saturday). Ebenezer mows, and tends Hay all Day.

1751 August 14 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went over and with Edwards Whipple and a few more, rais'd the Well-Crotch and sweep. P.M. They went to their Haying at home.

1751 August 16 (Friday). Ebenezer goes to him [Thomas] to join with him therein [in clearing shavings, etc., from cellar of new house].

1751 August 17 (Saturday). I lodg'd at the New House. My Family here and Molly, Suse and Alexander. A very fine clear Day. Ebenezer in the Morning brought over another Barell of Cyder, and Severall Boxes of Books and Pamphletts.

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1751 August 21 (Wednesday). My sons Ebenezer and Thomas go to mowing at the Island -- but by Various Hindrances, did not begin to mow there till late in the forenoon.

1751 August 26 (Monday). Ebenezer Carted over my principall Book Presses, and several Boxes more. And it seems now like something of Remove. I was at Morning Prayer with my children at my former Dwelling. After Exercises I gave them Exhortation and Solemn Charge to keep the Way of the Lord. May they have Grace to attend to it and observe it!... Thomas to the Island a. and p.m. Ebenezer only latter part of P.M.

1751 August 27 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomas Cart 3 Load of Hay from the Island and stack it at the New House.

1751 September 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas mend the Fence of the Pasture at the Island and bring a milk Cow, and Two fatting Creatures to pasture there.

1751 September 3 (Tuesday). Ebenezer gets up the Swamp Hay at home: and Some Rowing.

1751 September 4 (Wednesday). Ebenezer has kill'd some Veal and brought us a part.

1751 September 11 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went with my Oxen in the Rain to Mr. Adams's to help him move his Barn.

1751 September 14 (Saturday). Understand that Ebenezer is now got to making Cyder.

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 October 14 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Charles Rice makes a Corn-Binn with poles brought by my son Ebenezer.

1751 October 21 (Monday). Ebenezer with the Team brought Boards from Maynards Mill -- and Two Turns from Forbush's Mill -- viz. 700 of Mr. Joseph Woods's Boards.

1751 October 23 (Wednesday). Ebenezer design'd to have an Husking this afternoon but being belated in his Invitations was oblig'd to defer it.

1751 October 24 (Thursday). P.M. 25 Hands help'd Ebenezer husk. N.B. Baldwin, John Woods and Sam Bumpso went.

1751 October 30 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Hezekiah How help'd Ebenezer kill the Cow which I bought some Years ago of Ebenezer Maynard.

1751 November 4 (Monday). Mr. Eleazer Kimball came and lath'd my Chamber in Ceiling. Baldwin and his man John preparing the East Room for the Masons. Ebenezer help'd in making Mortar.

1751 November 5 (Tuesday). Ebenezer makes Cyder. Sam Bumpso has been thrashing wheat and Rye for Ebenezer for some Time.

1751 November 8 (Friday). Ebenezer brought over the Bricks which Mr. Twitchell brought from Worcester the Night before last. He also brought 10 Barrells of Cyder.

1751 November 10 (Sunday). I broke fast and din'd with my children at t'other House. Sir Forbush there and pray'd in the Morning.

1751 November 13 (Wednesday). I think Ebenezer has finish'd his making Cyder.

1751 November 18 (Monday). Visited old Mr. Rogers -- both broke fast and din'd at t'other House. N.B. Mrs. Molly Martyn and Mrs. Betty Williams there, and din'd with us.

1751 November 19 (Tuesday). Very fine Day -- got Lime from Mr. Jonathan Forbush's and from Lieutenant Bruce's to Top my Chimneys and Sent Ebenezer at Eve for Mr. Willson, at Evening (after he had accompany'd Mrs. Molly Martyn home) and he lodg'd at Mr. Willsons.

1751 November 20 (Wednesday). Ebenezer return'd from Mr. Willsons (of Shrewsbury) and it being a Cloudy Morning Mr. Willson did not come. It proves a dull Day misting and likely to bring on a Storm. Mrs. Nanny p.m. to t'other House and lodges there.

1751 November 21 (Thursday). Baldwin did not work at Evening. But went to t'other House and lodg'd there.

1751 November 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Edward Willson came to top out my Chimney, the morning being pleasant: and my son Ebenezer here to help him. But by that Time the Staging was completed, the weather was So Cold, he quitted it. Samuel Bumpso here and din'd with us. P.M. they all clapp'd to and finish'd the Vault of the Little House, and bank'd it up.

1751 December 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas brought a Side of an Hog, kill'd at [Ebenezer] t'other House -- weigh'd (the whole Hog) 11 Score and 17 pound.

1751 December 3 (Tuesday). Ebenezer went to Grafton after our two stray piggs, but in vain, he returns at Evening without 'em.

1751 December 9 (Monday). N.B. We began to keep Geese here at the new House. For Ebenezer brought a Gander from the other House, and I bought a Goose of Mr. Ebenezer Rice.

1751 December 10 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas are gone to wait on Dr. Chase, who, to Day brings his Wife from Sutton.

1751 December 11 (Wednesday). Rain. I was inform'd that a Number of Young persons lodg'd last night at my other House. Mr. Halls son and Daughter, Mr. Minot's son -- and one Mr. Hale of Sutton. Lucy Bowker here at work.

1751 December 19 (Thursday). At Eve Ebenezer and Lucy came over and Supp'd here. N.B. My Discourse with Ebenezer about his Settling in the World. I made him various offers for his Encouragement and he acquainted me with his Desires to Marry.

1751 December 25 (Wednesday). Stormy and Cold. Mr. Beeton here. He brought home various pieces of Work -- a shovel, in particular the wood of which Ebenezer had made. I went over to the other House (not having been there for a great While). Ebenezer (I conceive) going to Boston with my Young Horse, to Mr. Thomas Goldthwait -- but to my disappointment he is not going.

1751 December 26 (Thursday). I went over to t'other House again and Sent off Ebenezer with my Horse to Boston -- he himself riding the Mare. A.M. It was a Snow Storm, but it was clear by that he was out of Town. My urgency arose from our being in Danger of loosing this Opportunity -- and we are short of Hay.

1751 December 29 (Sunday). Ebenezer return'd from Boston last night -- and brings News that Brother Samuel Parkman is ill of a Fever.

1751 December 30 (Monday). Very Cold Season. I went over to t'other House, and receiv'd Ebenzers Account of his late Journey, in which he sold my Horse for 90£ old Tenor.... Ebenezer assisted by Mr. Barns kill'd our Chamberlin cow.

1752 January 1 (Wednesday). Ebenezer came over with a side of Beef, being part of our Chamberlin Cow.

1752 January 4 (Saturday). Cold. Ebenezer to Mr. Thomas Axtell's with a Whirry and brought home my piggs which had been so long lost; he having shut them up and fed them as his own.

1752 January 6 (Monday). A variety of Interruptions. Sent Billy to Ebenezer that he may improve the sledding.

1752 January 7 (Tuesday). A.M. at the other House -- Mr. Daniel Bond of Watertown with Ebenezer. Ebenezer has Mr. Barns's Cattle and Sled and sledds Loggs to the saw-mill.

1752 January 22 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. John Martyn junior and his sister, my son Ebenezer and Daughters Molly and Lucy here.

1752 January 29 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Williams and Mr. Batherick here. N.B. the errand which the latter acquaints me with from Daniel Bond of Watertown concerning Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington. Ebenezer here likewise.

1752 January 30 (Thursday). We went to Mr. Eliezer Rice's, he was not at home, but I discoursed with his wife, she having lately lost her mother by sudden Death. Ebenezer drove our slay home.

1752 February 8 (Saturday). Mr. Ebenezer Harrington of Framingham and his wife here.

1752 February 10 (Monday). Daniel Hastings there. He assisted Ebenezer in killing two swine, one nigh fourteen, the other near thirteen score.

1752 February 16 (Sunday). Yet at more than half after nine o'clock, Mr. Martyn came -- and understanding that I was not dressed, nor did expect to go, he was so moved that if I had not used, not only entreatys but force, he would have gone back. I took his horse as I had purposed and rode to my other house, where I left him and took Ebenezer's mare and proceeded to the north side.

1752 February 27 (Thursday). Samuel Bumpso and with him Charles and Abner Rice and Constantine Hardy came and cleared the bushy land behind the Meeting House. My sons Ebenezer and Thomas also came and helped. N.B. Sam and Constantine dined here. P.M. Mrs. Nabby Baker here and my wife took opportunity to take discourse with her about some reports with regard to my son Ebenezer courting her.

1752 February 28 (Friday). Ebenezer was here at eve.

1752 March 21 (Saturday). N.B. Ebenezer and William went to Mr. Daniel Matthews with our Barley to be Malted.

1752 April 1 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer here when I return'd and took home his Mare. Ebenezer brought about 1/2 a Load of Swamp Hay from Eliezer Rice, who he had gratify'd with part of a Barrell of Cyder.

1752 April 2 (Thursday). Ebenezer here again to bring his Mare, and take Care of the Hay brought last Evening -- Rain.

1752 April 6 (Monday). Mr. William Rogers junior work'd with Ebenezer at holing posts.

1752 April 8 (Wednesday). My Son Ebenezer first begins to plough for sowing at the old place.... Ebenezer here at Eve and rode home his Mare. N.B. Talk'd of his taking the place to the Halves etc.

1752 April 9 (Thursday). Billy is forc'd to go to plough at t'other House. Neither Ebenezer nor Constantine Hardy came to Lecture.

1752 April 14 (Tuesday). Thomas and Molly ride to Cambridge to see their Aunt Lydia. Thomas rode on Mr. Samuel Fay's Beast: Molly on her Brother Ebenezers.

1752 April 24 (Friday). Ebenezer brought over a Load of Clay from Mr. Hows hither; Mr. Willson came again, to plaister the Chimney; and Cornelius Cook tended. They work'd from a little before noon till Evening -- paid Mr. Willson 40/ old Tenor in part. Hot Still, even like in Summer. Ebenezer return'd home after Dinner.

1752 April 27 (Monday). Ebenezer brought in the Morning a Load of Posts and plough'd at the Island the Ground that was plough'd this Time Twelve Month, and lay Fallow.

1752 April 28 (Tuesday). Ebenezer plough'd there again, and harrow'd it p.m. with Mrs. Newtons Harrow. He had done before Night.

1752 May 11 (Monday). Mr. David Maynard assisted with my son Ebenezer in cutting Principals.

1752 May 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Batheric and Benjamin How with Ebenezer hew the Principals and Thomas brings 10 of them over.

1752 May 13 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer brought 10 more Principals.

1752 May 27 (Wednesday). I rode home in Mr. Martyns Chair which I borrow'd for Ebenezer to go to Watertown. Ebenezer and Thomas plant our South Field over again, it having been rooted up by young Piggs.

1752 May 29 (Friday). Ebenezer brought Mrs. Eliza Harrington to dinner here. She was not well. They rode to Watertown in Mr. Martyns Chair. Tis thought he courts her. I earnestly pray that God may be Guardian and Director of my Dear Son in this important Matter before him!

1752 June 1 (Monday). Sister Lydia Champney came up with Ebenezer from Cambridge.

1752 June 15 (Monday). Ebenezer has met with several Checks upon the Field of Indian Corn on the south side of the Road. The piggs rooted it up a while ago so that he was forc'd to plant the chief of it over again: and now as soon as it is come up again a Flock of Sheep has broke in upon it and crop'd it down.

1752 June 22 (Monday). Mrs. Parkman to t'other House. Ebenezer to Watertown and Cambridge.

1752 June 27 (Saturday). I understand that Ebenezer return'd last night from Cambridge and Watertown and has brought up a Lad from Cambridge to dwell with him, viz. John Barrett, junior. It was bright a While in the Morning and Ebenezer begins to mow a little, but it proves very rainy p.m.

1752 July 1 (Wednesday). Billy at t'other House helping his Brother Ebenezer at night returns. Sister Lydia rode here with my Daughter Molly, and din'd here. At Eve return'd to t'other House.

[There are no entries in the diary for the period August 1-15, 1752.]

1752 August 16 (Sunday). N.B. Ebenezer is published to Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington.

1752 August 17 (Monday). Ebenezer gets in the last of my Island Hay, and the Flax.

1752 AUGUST 20: 25 YEARS OLD

1752 August 20 (Thursday). Mrs. Baker here -- my wife discourses with her about Patty Pannells Tattle. Ebenezer came and watches.

1752 August 24 (Monday). Mr. Daniel Bond here, complaining of my son Ebenezer. N.B. he went to Ebenezer last Saturday to warn him before Two Witnesses not to marry the person he was publish'd to.

1752 September 19 (Tuesday). Ebenezer waits upon his Aunt Lydia to Cambridge in Sergeant Maynard of Shrewsbury's Chair. Mr. Manning with them.

1752 SEPTEMBER 21: MARRIAGE

1752 September 22 (Friday). My son Ebenezer came up from Watertown last Night and brought his Bride, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington, the Daughter of Mr. Joseph Harrington of Watertown, with

him, for they were marry'd yesterday p.m., and Mr. John Rogers came with the Team loaded with her Goods. May God please to make 'em an happy pair!

1752 September 24 (Sunday). Through the great Goodness of God to me I went to His House, and was enabled to perform divine service both a. and p.m. but omitted Reading: I preach'd a.m. on Mic. 7.9. P.M. (my son Ebenezer appearing Bridegroom) I preach'd a.m. on 1 Chron. 29.19. Nor was I at Eve Extremely overcome. Blessed by God for His great Goodness and Mercy to me! O that I might never forget His Benefits! and might it please Him to perfect the recovery -- that the Soul may be restor'd and have Eternal Life.

1752 October 3 (Tuesday). N.B. I was without an Horse because Billy was gone to Mill, and I suppos'd Ebenezer to be gone to Leicester to look up the young Cattle which are missing: but the Cattle at Home were so unruly that he went not -- but by that Time I got there it was too late.

1752 October 4 (Wednesday). My Son Ebenezer went this Morning up to Leicester Woods to look up our stray Cattle. His wife rode home with me and thence she rode to her Brother Bonds to tarry a Day or Two there.

1752 October 6 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer return'd last night from Leicester and the lost Cattle are brought home.

1752 October 19 (Thursday). I preach'd the Lecture. I make a Practice of delivering Sermons on these Occasions, which I have heretofore deliver'd for I cannot, under my Encumbrances and Difficultys, prepare fully, even so much as for the Sabbaths. What I deliver'd to Day was on Hos. 6.6. Neither my Son Ebenezer nor Thomas were at Meeting; and but few others.

1752 October 27 (Friday). N.B. Ebenezer brought over part of the Young Cow which he kill'd yesterday -- the whole Creature weigh'd 16 Score wanting one Pound.

1752 October 31 (Tuesday). Ebenezer makes an Husking this Evening.

1752 November 3 (Friday).

1752 November 4 (Saturday). My son Ebenezer draws Stones with my Team, for underpinning the Barn and Billy assists him.

1752 November 5 (Sunday). N.B. Ebenezer and his Wife went home to the Other House to Dinner.

1752 November 14 (Tuesday). Early in the Morning Mr. Forbush and his Wife, with the Company who came to wait on them together with a Number from us, My Son Ebenezer and his Wife, Thomas and Lucy -- Messrs. Daniel and Jonathan Forbush and their Wives, took leave of us for Brookfield, designing to dine at Sergeants at Leicester: the weather Fair, and Everyone, through Mercy, in Health. Lucy is gone with her sister to tarry with her this Winter. May God be gracious to them, and give them a prosperous Journey by the Will of God! and may their Joys be never diminish'd!

1752 November 25 (Saturday). At Eve came Three of our Young Kinswomen, viz. Ruth, Hannah and Elizabeth Hicks from Salem and Cambridge in their return Home to Sutton; and lodge here.

1752 November 26 (Sunday). Our Kinswomen keep Sabbath with us. I preach'd on Ps. 11.7, a. and p.m. At Eve our Kinswomen went home with Ebenezer. O that we might be truly righteous that we might have the reward and be blessed with the Righteous!

1752 November 27 (Monday). In the Eve Ebenezer was here, and we had some talk of our Settling our Affairs -- his Labour on the place as taking it to the halves etc. I gave him Two Ridgling Piggs of last Spring, over and above, but we defer the Exact Settling.

1752 November 28 (Tuesday). Our Kinswomen, who have been a Night or Two past at t'other House, return hither and go over to Upton, designing from thence Home to Sutton.

1752 December 2 (Saturday). Ebenezer and his wife watch'd at Mr. Pierce's last night. It remains an House of great Distress.

1752 December 8 (Friday). Lieutenant Tainter assisted my son Ebenezer in killing and dressing a Cow, at t'other House.

1752 December 11 (Monday). Ebenezer brought over 3 Quarters of the Cow, he with Lieutenant Tainters help kill'd last Week -- the 4 Quarters weigh'd 18 score wanting one part.

1752 December 12 (Tuesday). My sons wife goes over to her Brother Bonds to stay a few Days.

1752 December 13 (Wednesday). Ebenezer somewhat reviv'd had desir'd me to come. I was at Dinner with them. Was p.m. at Mr. Bonds and at Mr. Warrins.

1752 December 19 (Tuesday). At Evening we stop'd at t'other House, and talk'd with Ebenezer about his Circumstances and Manner of living there, and gave him what Encouragement I could. I feel a great deal of deep Concern for both his Temporal and Spiritual Good. May God direct me what to do for him, for the Securing both, but especially the latter!.. My Sons Father in Law, Mr. Joseph Harrington, on his Journey to Connecticut call'd here, while we were absent.

1752 December 21 (Thursday). I went over to t'other House. My 3 sons are trimming over the New swamp the Ground being open and froze. I din'd there. I gave Ebenezer my Yoke of Oxen, and Two Young Heifers coming Two: also a last Year Calf.

1752 December 23 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought over in the Team 4 Sticks for Sleepers to lay my Barn Floor, and he hung my Small Door on the South Side of the Barn.

1752 December 26 (Tuesday). At Eve Ebenezer here and brings me an Hat which he brought from Mr. Doolittle's. Had still some further Discourse with Ebenezer about his Circumstances -- occasion'd by his own Desire to know how he must be settled.

1752 December 27 (Wednesday). Ebenezer brought 4 more Sleepers for my Cow-House floor.

[1753: Only January is extant.]

1753 AUGUST 20: 26 YEARS OLD

1754 January 1 (Tuesday). Esquire Howard had Sent a Message to me Yesterday, and this Morning came himself to invite me and my son Ebenezer who is with me, as well as Mr. Forbush and his Wife, to a New Years Dinner. It prov'd a fine Day, which with good Company, and fine Eating, made it a chearful Time. Thanks be to God for his great Goodness in which He is rich unto all! May it be a truely happy New Year! Captain Wit and I rode from Esquire Howards up to Mr. Abraham Smiths to talk with him about his place, with a view to my son Ebenezer's living there. At Eve return'd to Mr. Forbush's.

1754 January 2 (Wednesday). Am upon the Business of Mr. Smiths place. Mr. Forbush and Lieutenant Gilbert accompany us, as Mr. Smith shews us his Bounds. But the Snow being on the Ground we can't See the Soil.

1754 January 3 (Thursday). It was an exceeding fine Day Yesterday, but to Day a Storm. Ebenezer and I rode to Lieutenant Abraham Hows; din'd at Mr. Smiths; at Eve was at Captain Witts.

1754 January 4 (Friday). Agree with Mr. Smith. Take a Deed of him and give him a Bond, to give him a Deed of my House, and nine acres and 1/2 of Land in Westborough. Late in the Day leave Brookfield....

1754 January 16 (Wednesday). Rain. Ebenezer comes over, in trouble for his little son, who is sick: and they fear'd of the Throat Distemper; but tis hop'd otherwise.

1754 January 25 (Friday). Billy thrash'd with Ebenezer.

1754 January 26 (Saturday). Billy thrashing with Ebenezer.

1754 February 5 (Tuesday). Ebenezer kill'd 5 Swine. One of 13 Score, a sow of nigh 11 Score, and three pigs of 5 or 6 score. Three of those swine he sent to Mr. James Allen of Boston, Tayler, per Lieutenant Maynard.

1754 February 10 (Sunday). My son Ebenezer not at Meeting, he having cutt himself lately.

1754 February 11 (Monday). Ebenezer here at Eve. He seems Somewhat Sick of the Bargain with Mr. Smith of Brookfield and yet does not appear Willing to Throw it up. He hopes I will Send for no more Indian Corn from the Other House.

1754 February 14 (Thursday). Lucy rode with Ebenezer's Wife to See Mrs. Martyn and Mrs. Molly her Daughter who, we hear, are not well yet.... These Things came upon me a little the more heavily because I had in the Day preceeding receiv'd an undesirable Letter from Mr. Abraham Smith of Brookfield, in which he tells me he shall come down with his Family the beginning of next Week if he does not hear from me and it contains also some Threatenings. I went over presently to Ebenezer p.m. but he was gone to help Mr. Daniel Maynard drive to Marlborough the Cattle he had bought of my Son (the Oxen I gave him) for 75£ old Tenor -- but Ebenezer Came over in the Evening.

1754 February 15 (Friday). Thomas and Lucy ride Ebenezer's Mare to Brookfield and they carry a Letter from me to Mr. Abraham Smith to prevent his coming and if he pleases throw up the Bargain: Ebenezer being much against going there, though he was So much for it before: Says he would give Smith 50£ rather than not throw up.

1754 February 18 (Monday). Wrote some proposals and offers to my son Ebenezer which I sent by Lieutenant Tainter, having understood that both son and his wife were under Discouragement. Lieutenant Tainter has taken fruitless pains with Mr. Grout for an Horse for my Wife to ride to Boston upon. And although I depended upon my son Ebenezer to go down with his Mother instead of Thomas who is gone to Brookfield; and that he might wait upon his Father Harrington respecting our Trading with Mr. Smith. Yet he also throws it by. Lieutenant Tainter therefore strikes in and proposes to go with my Wife in my Chair, with my own Mare.

1754 February 21 (Thursday). My Son Thomas return'd from Brookfield last night to t'other House without Lucy, but with Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer]Smith. P.M. I went over to Mr. Smith and spent the afternoon there. I return'd home at Evening not a little troubled that after all my Endeavours to gratifie my son, both he and his wife are not willing to Venture to go to Brookfield, but however my son does gratefully acknowledge what I wrote to him by Lieutenant Tainter. My Thoughts are deeply engaged on these Matters. We talk'd of Recanting the Bargain with Mr. Smith, who seems willing if we might both of us be just as we were before we began -- and I thought to take him but left it untill the next Morning.

1754 February 22 (Friday). N.B. Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith din'd with me. Tells me the meaning of his Talk yesterday (of our recanting upon Such Terms as to have both of us in the same State as we were when we began), was that I pay him what Damages he sustains if he does not go forward -- which I refus'd to comply with but would willingly recant for both his and my sons sake, if he saw Cause. This he rejected, and went to Sudbury to see his Parents. My son Thomas rode to Marlborough with him.

1754 February 23 (Saturday). Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith was to have return'd that he might go home to Brookfield but did not.

1754 February 25 (Monday). Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith came p.m. and his Father with him. They Spent the Eve here, and then return'd to lodge at t'other House.

1754 February 26 (Tuesday). Went over to my sons, the [Ebenezer] Smiths being there; and find 'em much against having their Line to run to the North so far as the Settle. They want a Notch

behind the Barn to take in the low Ground Behind the Barn. We all din'd at my sons. P.M. we find we cannot agree about the Line there having been nothing Said in the written Bargain about this nor by Word of Mouth only that it Should go as far East as the West End of the Barn and I conceiv'd nothing but that he would Choose to go North; except that likewise I insisted that my Land should not be cut into bad forms and notches. We therefore broke wholly off -- writ it and sign'd it. So old Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith took his Leave and went home, parting in peace. But his son stayed and when I was going away he ask'd me to walk down to the Barn which I comply'd with. And no sooner were we come to the East End of the Barn than Mr. Smith started a new Proposal for the Line of his 7 Acres -- and to include the Barn for his Over plus -- this I hearkened to; but not being well, and much worry'd would Say nothing to, to Night. Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith tarry'd and lodg'd there.

1754 February 27 (Wednesday). A Stormy Night and Morning. Roger went off. My son and Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith came here. My son appear'd Willing to go to Brookfield and offers to go if I can trade with Mr. Smith still. Provided I will give him a Deed of Such as comes to the proportion of a Thousand Pounds in our Bargain, and will let him have the use of my remaining part for Two Years free of Interest. Hereupon Mr. Smith and I reviv'd our Bargain and settled it, and wrote and sign'd it and he is to come down next Week with his goods.

1754 February 28 (Thursday). Ebenezer goes to Brookfield with Mr. Abraham Smith. Mrs. Parkman to t'other House, She not having been there ever since Peach Time till now. Such is her Encumbrance by the Children and Business of the Family.

1754 March 1 (Friday). Thomas brought about 30 Rails with Ebenezers Team from the Ministerial Lot.

1754 March 4 (Monday). I went over to t'other House, a.m. Ebenezer and I measur'd the Lines of the Piece of Land mark'd out for Mr. Smith.

1754 March 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith and his Wife are come from Brookfield to t'other House.

1754 March 6 (Wednesday). Thomas waited on his Sister, Ebenezer's Wife, with my Chair and Mare, though in heavy Roads, to her Father Harringtons at Watertown.

1754 March 9 (Saturday). Thomas return'd to t'other House last night and came here with Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith and Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin who is come from Brookfield with a Chair from Mr. Forbush to carry us his Mother.

1754 March 10 (Sunday). Ebenezer is observ'd to be very down.

1754 March 11 (Monday). Ebenezer comes at Eve -- tells me that Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith notwithstanding all his Bargain with me and giving me a Deed of his Place, has actually mortgag'd it to Mr. Aaron Boardman of Boston. He is this Day gone on my sons Mare to See his Father at Sudbury and to return tonight.

1754 March 12 (Tuesday). I made a Visit to Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith to enquire into his Conduct. Colonel William Ward here with whom I advis'd respecting Mr. Smiths Treatment of me.... Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin here from Sudbury, returning to Brookfield. Told him I was very sorry that when Mr. Forbush and he knew of Mr. [Ebenezer] Smiths Mortgaging his Place to Mr. Boardman yet that they did not prevent his moving his Family hither, or Send one word of it.

1754 March 13 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode (on Mr. Smiths Stallion) to his Father Harringtons at Watertown where his Wife has hitherto continued. And Billy is over at tother place taking Care of his Brothers Cattle.

1754 March 15 (Friday). Ebenezer return'd home at Eve with his Wife and Child in my Chair. My Wife visited Mrs. Smith at t'other House.

1754 March 18 (Monday). I went over to Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith and talk with him -- and inasmuch as he pretends that Mr. Boardman of Boston is ready to take off the Mortgage, he must go to him forthwith and do it, otherwise it will be too late for this Year. I think it also a great Wrong and hardship that Mr. [Ebenezer] Smiths Horse is kept in my Barn since our Hay is So Short and it is difficult for me to go for Supply otherwise.... Ebenezer and his wife and Child here at Eve. Thunder and Lightening. They lodge here.

1754 March 19 (Tuesday). Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith to Boston to see what Mr. Boardman will do. Wrote to my Brother Samuel to assist me; that I may not be deceiv'd. Desir'd Lieutenant Maynard to receive from my Brother an Account of their Proceedings.... Return'd by t'other House. Mrs. [Ebenezer] Smith very dull -- though neighbours come to see her yet she removes into another room and shuts the Door that she may be alone. I went in to take leave of her, and found her under Discouragement.

1754 March 20 (Wednesday). Greatly engag'd and troubled in my Mind about Mr. [Ebenezer] Smiths Conduct, and much perplex'd what Course to take: to throw up will tend much to the ruin of Mr. Smith however he has brought it upon himself in giving me so great Reason for it: on the other Hand to go on is exceeding Dangerous: and it will soon be too late for my son to go to Brookfield. May the Lord influence my Mind and Heart and direct me what Course to take.

1754 March 21 (Thursday). Esquire Baker came here kindly to tell me that he heard [Ebenezer] Smiths Land in Brookfield was under an attachment and that there were several Executions out against him. I wrote a Line to Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith to apprise him that I must be oblig'd to tell the Select Men of his Coming.

1754 March 22 (Friday). Sent by Ebenezer to Mr. Whipple Town Clerk Information of Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith and his Family being in my House -- to be Communicated to the Select Men. N.B. my Paper return'd because the Wife's and Daughters Names were not inserted.... At Eve I was with Deacon Newton, another of the selectman, and gave him a Paper which had the Names of Mr. [Ebenezer] Smiths Wife and Daughter but did not leave it.

1754 March 23 (Saturday). In the Morning I went to Esquire Baker and consulted him on the [Ebenezer] Smith Affair and wrote and left with him (another of the select Men) an information

in Writing certifying when Mr. Smith his Wife and Daughter came into Town. N.B. last Night Mr. Daniel Forbush came here from Brookfield and tells me that Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith was come up from Boston, and brought up a Letter (which he also delivered me and which was from Mr. Andrew Boardman of Boston) informing me that he Should Send up Mr. Barker on Monday to transact the Affair of taking off the Mortgage from [Ebenezer] Smiths Brookfield Land. Mr. Smith came here and I immediately [*sic*] Sent for Esquire Baker who came. They din'd here. A warm Debate ensued. I insist for security besides a Deed if we go on; Seeing Mr. Smith has So deceiv'd me, in the Matter of the Former Deed. Captain Baker thinks it very Reasonable and Necessary. Smith resists it. When the Esquire was gone I offer to leave it to 3 indifferent Men. N.B. I receiv'd another Letter from Mr. Boardman attested by him to be the Copy of what he had sent by Mr. Smith. This came by the help of my Brother Samuel.

1754 March 24 (Sunday). At Eve receiv'd a Letter from Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith, dated yesterday, in which he intimates his rejecting Still my proposal of a Bondsman.... Left it with Deacons and Committee to advise upon. I thought it agreeable to Christian Principles, and that Meekness and Mercifulness which I had been recommending in the Day preceding, to Consider Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith's Case as well as my own; and being perswaded that Mr. Barkers Coming up here (as may be expected on the Ensuing Day) will be in Vain, I desir'd my son Thomas to prepare and go with a Line to Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith and take an Horse (if Mr. Smith desir'd also) and go away now in the Night to Boston and stop Mr. Barkers Coming to prevent needless Charge. And he went away accordingly about a quarter after 12 in the Night.

1754 March 25 (Monday). Thomas return'd: Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith not accepting my Offer. I went to Esquire Bakers to Consult him again upon my present Affairs; and to desire that the Select Men would defer their Warning Mr. Smith out of Town and especially if Some of his Friends would give Security respecting the Infant now expected; which he comply'd with, and at my Request he sent one of his Sons to Mr. Bezaleel [Ebenezer] Smith with a Note from me to have him come to Me or to his Kinsmans; and he came....I went over to see Mrs. Smith. She says now that she is willing to sign a Deed. But her Husband I find in the Same Disposition as he was, and increasing in self Vindications and Resentments. Asks me to let his Goods remain in my House, while he carrys his Family to his or her Fathers, to which I consent, but will not be answerable for them. N.B. His dread of Lying as he and I stood in the Road talking in the hearing of his Cousen Bezaleel. I return'd home.... Mr. Batheric, Noah Forbush and my son Ebenezer Splicing Rails at the Ministerial Lott. At Eve Mr. Smith comes here and brings Mr. Barker. We effect no thing -- but increase sin and Trouble. The Lord shew Mercy! and extend forgiveness! Tis a Day of sore Temptation. May God most gracious Help! Mrs. Smith sent me a Letter in which She complains of great unkindness -- which verily I never shewed her but the Contrary.

1754 March 26 (Tuesday). Mr. Barker came with Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith. N.B. Mr. Barker tells me Mr. Smith at the Time when he (Barker) went up to take a Mortgage of him did not acquaint him that he had given me a Deed, but said he was under Obligation to me -- whereas Mr. Smith has told me he did inform Mr. Barker that he had given me a Deed. Mr. Barker returns to Boston without effecting any Thing; for neither are the Conditions of my Bond fulfilled nor is there any security. N.B. Mr. Bezaleel Smith here and Confronts Abraham with respect to the different Account he has given of the Sum which the place in Brookfield is mortgaged for.

1754 March 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Ebenezer Rice levys an Execution on Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith to the value of an hundred Twenty odd Pounds old Tenor in behalf of one of the Hitchcocks in Springfield. My wife was over there to see Mrs. Smith who takes but little Notice of her. P.M. I rode down to Colonel William Ward and got him to take Mr. Andrew Newtons Deed that it may be acknowledged. Went to Mr. Ephraim How of Marlborough and paid him Six Pounds Old Tenor Interest.

1754 March 28 (Thursday). Went over to t'other House and talk'd with Mrs. [Ebenezer] Smith. Her Husband is gone to Boston again, that he may obtain a Power of Attorney for Colonel Chandler or somebody else that may take up the Mortgage for Mr. Boardman, and by what he has Said I apprehend he designs also to go to his Mother that she may sign his Deed; he had also sent to Brookfield to have the Land there measur'd. His wife manifests Satisfaction and Reconcilement with me and her Consent at least, if not Desire also to have me go to their Fathers. I rode to Mr. [Ebenezer] Smiths Father in Sudbury and lodg'd there, but the man himself was not at home: was gone to Boston. The Woman was almost overwhelm'd with Trouble about her son before I began. N.B. Mr. Bezaleel [Ebenezer] Smith there and had sufficient Ground to confirm what I said.

1754 March 29 (Friday). Left a Letter for Mr. Amos [Ebenezer] Smith at his House, rode to Mr. Francis Wheeler's and din'd there. He gave me from under his Hand and witness'd that the Child which might be born of his Daughter in Westborough Should not be a Town Charge.

1754 March 31 (Sunday). Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith came up from Boston last night, but has not been to either of his Fathers, nor Seen his Mother.

1754 April 1 (Monday). Ebenezer plough'd [in my Garden and split] the Indian Hills at my New Barn -- and carry'd out some Muck from the stables. P.M. Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith and his Brother Francis Wheeler here. Mr. Nathaniel Green Coroner, with an Assistant here after Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith and I return our writings which had past and reciprocally burn our Agreement and give mutually Full Discharge. Mr. Green I suppose arrested or seiz'd him and they went all off together. I fear the Event with poor Smith. The Lord pity, convince and forgive him! and may I be in a proper Frame towards him. May God forgive me wherein I have offended in my trading with him!

1754 April 2 (Tuesday). My wife went over to t'other House. Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith having given I know not what Satisfaction to the Officer, Green, is there till this Morning probably by reason of Mrs. Smiths being so near her Time, growing ill last night they had the midwife: But when they had din'd they all rode away -- viz. Mr. Smith and wife, and Child, and her Brother Francis Wheeler, for Sudbury.

1754 April 5 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith at the other House to answer to Mr. Ebenezer Rice, sheriff. He lodg'd (as I heard) at Lieutenant Bruce's. N.B. Mr. Ephraim Bruce here, and tells me that Mr. Smith had told Such Things at their House, as if true, he Should be greatly Disaffected to me for: but when I came to understand what they were, it was even astonishing that ever a professing Christian Should pervert and misrepresent the Truth so.

Particularly that when our Agreement to throw up all our Bargain, was So clear, and in presence of his Brother Wheeler as well as other he Should so exceedingly misrepresent the plain and express'd Terms thereof. Thus when it was propos'd that we Should throw up all, it was expressly mention'd that a Bag of Feathers which he sent to my Daughter Forbush (of 50£ weight at 7/6 old Tenor per pound, but was thrown in for 10£ in our Bargain) should be given in -- and this was the least he could do Since he lay expos'd to an action in Law for Breach of Covenant and for Damgages by his presumptuousness coming into my House; Yet Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith tells 'em at Bruce's that this was not mention'd till after Signing the mutual Discharges; and that though he told me he had forgot that Article, yet I was so unfair and hard as to refuse to Consider it.

1754 April 6 (Saturday). Receiv'd an insulting Letter from Mr. [Ebenezer] Smith, but God grant me Wisdom, Meekness and Patience.

1754 April 10 (Wednesday). P.M. a Cow which Ebenezer had of Mr. Abraham Knowlton and which I have had to keep a while, was Mir'd in the Swamp which I took up a few Years ago, near the Cedar Swamps; but we got her out again alive.

1754 April 12 (Friday). To my great Sorrow Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smiths Goods which Mr. Ebenezer Rice seiz'd on an Execution, were sold at Vendue at Captain Maynards.

1754 April 19 (Friday). Ebenezer's weak Cow brings a Calf.

1754 May 6 (Monday). Mr. Jonas Twitchell works for me, carrying out Dung -- my sons Ebenezer and Thomas also hard at it. Have Ebenezers Cart and Oxen and my Mare for the Team: and borrow Deacon Newtons Cart.

1754 May 10 (Friday). Ebenezer's Mare which I have now the Care of, is kept at Mr. Bonds whilst Ebenezer has mine to work -- that I may help him what I can. His Father Harrington here.

1754 May 15 (Wednesday). I was at t'other House. Ebenezer has begun to plant one piece.

1754 May 28 (Tuesday). Lodg'd at sister Barretts: Sister Lydia being there also, but my Mare (Ebenezers) was kept at Brother Champneys.

1754 June 24 (Monday). P.M. saw Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith with his Father ride upwards.

1754 June 26 (Wednesday). A very menacing Letter from Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith, threatning to prosecute me for telling him he was a Lyar and had told a Lie.

1754 June 27 (Thursday). Mr. Adams at work making a pair of Great Doors for the Barn. Sent an answer to Mr. [Ebenezer] Smiths Letter, but Mr. Phinehas Rice of Grafton. Was over at t'other House.

1754 June 28 (Friday). I wrote by Mr. Livermore to Mr. Forbush on the [Ebenezer] Smith Affair. Mr. Phinehas Rice brings me another blustering Letter from Mr. Smith.

1754 July 3 (Wednesday). I wanted to Consult Mr. Ezra Tailor on the [Ebenezer] Smith Affair. Found him at Captain Timothy Brighams, and read him the Letters which had pass'd between us. He said he would go and See Smith next Monday or Tuesday, with Mr. Ebenezer Rice.

1754 July 6 (Saturday). Sent an Answer to Mr. [Ebenezer] Smiths second Letter by Primus -- Mr. Phinehas Rice's Negro.

1754 July 8 (Monday). Went to t'other House; my son Ebenezer began to mow between the House and Barn. Brought over Ebenezer's Mare for Mr. Ebenezer Rice to go down with Mr. Ezra Taylor to Abraham Smith of Sudbury.

1754 July 16 (Tuesday). Set out from Mr. Browns early; broke fast at the Reverend Mr. Adams's at Roxbury. We proceeded to Mr. John Barkers at Boston, whom Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith I Suppose has dependence upon to testify against me; but who in Discourse, tells me he was astonish'd at Smiths Impudence that Night he was at my House, and the next morning likewise, than ever he was in his Life; and says he doth not remember that he so much as once heard me express my Self towards Smith in any unbecoming manner. To this Mr. Forbush was Witness.

1754 July 19 (Friday). Mr. Forbush took Ebenezers Mare which Baldwin rode down, and rode to Abraham [Ebenezer] Smiths to talk with him, as well on his own as on my Account.

1754 July 22 (Monday). Ebenezer carted one Load of Hay from thence.

1754 July 23 (Tuesday).

Mr. Forbush and his Wife and Ebenezer's Wife rode to Mr. Martyns, but the former return'd here at Eve and lodg'd here. Thomas went over a.m. to work for Ebenezer.

1754 July 24 (Wednesday). Thomas work'd part of a.m. for me. P.M. late he went to Ebenezer to hoe for him. Jonathan and Joseph How came to hill for me, the former but a little before noon. N.B. greatly put to't for plough and for Horse -- sent Billy to t'other Place for my own Mare. Thomas Stay'd to Plough which was one of the Reasons of his being late to Ebenezer. Billy works with Difficulty because he is so much poison'd.

1754 July 30 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Baldwin went yesterday to Brookfield, and Elisha Jones, one of his Prentice's, work'd for my son Ebenezer during the Absence of his Master. At Eve deliver'd Mary Latiner a Receipt from Mr. Abraham [Ebenezer] Smith of her Debt to Said Smith, but it was writ as from Mr. Richard Barns.

1754 August 14 (Wednesday). N.B. Thomas with Ebenezer's Team and Help brings home the last Load of Hay from the Ministerial Meadow. Thomas goes p.m. to help Ebenezer but is not well.

1754 August 16 (Friday). Sent Billy over to help his Brother Ebenezer in his Harvest and haying.

1754 August 17 (Saturday). Very Rainy Day. Concern'd about Billy who went from his Brother's to Mr. Hows -- and thence he went out upon the Great Pond a fishing, and did not return to them till Even, till Dark -- and not to us till

1754 August 18 (Sunday). Next Morning -- when he came Safely.

1754 AUGUST 20: 27 YEARS OLD

1754 August 22 (Thursday). I sent Billy to work with his Brother, but being not well he return'd home....Dull Cloudy Weather. Prevents Ebenezers Busness in his Hay.

1754 August 23 (Friday). Sent Billy to Ebenezer.

1754 August 27 (Tuesday). Billy helps Ebenezer.

1754 August 29 (Thursday). Billy is Still helping his Brother Ebenezer who is about his Hay yet.

1754 August 31 (Saturday). Billy help'd his Brother Yesterday and to Day, and he is now almost done Haying.

1754 September 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Jeduthan Baldwin brought back Ebenezer's Mare which he himself had rid to Weston when he finish'd his Work and left us.

1754 October 2 (Wednesday). Ebenezer here at Eve and has my Chair and Mare to go with his Wife and son to their Father Harringtons.

1754 October 30 (Wednesday). At Eve came Messrs. Hezekiah Pratt with a Yoke of Oxen, Solomon Baker with a Plough and with 2 Yoke. Mr. Eleazer Williams, Joseph Baker -- and my sons Ebenezer and Thomas.

1754 November 6 (Wednesday). Ebenezer has an Husking p.m.

1754 November 19 (Tuesday). At Eve Ebenezer here.

1754 November 21 (Thursday). Ebenezer went to Brookfield after our young Cattle. He rode my Mare....At Eve Ebenezer and Samuel Forbush each with a Yoke of Cattle, Noah Forbush with my sons Oxen and a Drag, Elijah Rice, Moses Nurse and his Cousen Daniel and Abner Newton, came and plough'd a drew down Gravel from the back of my House.

1754 November 23 (Saturday). Last Night is froze hard. Billy having harrow'd yesterday with Ebenezer's Oxen at the Island at Night went home with them. He this Morning return'd here with them, and Carted out Muck into the Garden and Grass Ground.... Ebenezer return'd.

1754 November 24 (Sunday). At Dinner were besides Ebenezer and his Wife, Mr. Hezekiah How, and Mrs. Lydia Cutting.

1754 November 25 (Monday). Storm of Snow. My Stray'd Steer brought home by Ebenezer.

1754 November 28 (Thursday). Thanksgiving.... Ebenezer and his Wife with us. May we have a truly grateful sense of the divine Benefits and of our infinite Obligations therefor!

1754 December 2 (Monday). N.B. Town Meeting to Call in Town Debts; at which my son Ebenezer very hardly gets his Bill for boarding the Schoolmaster, Mr. Foster, granted. Is forc'd to abate from 35/ Old Tenor to 30/ per week.

1754 December 26 (Thursday). At Eve Ebenezer came over for his Mother, his wife growing ill. About 10 o'clock at Night a Daughter was born to them. D.G.

1754 December 27 (Friday). My Wife has not return'd from the Groaning. P.M. I took my Daughter Sarah into the Chair and rode over to See My Daughter Eliza and her new born Babe. Left my Wife Still to tarry another Night, their Maid being not Sufficient and their Nurse not yet with them.

1754 December 28 (Saturday). Sent Billy over to help his Brother in the forenoon.

1754 December 29 (Sunday). N.B. my Son and Daughter gave Thanks for the little Token of the Divine Goodness to them. But what a Damp it is to my Joy that they have not lain hold on God's Covenant for themselves or their Offspring! The Lord give me an heart Seriously to reflect upon it!

1754 December 30 (Monday). My Wife and I rode over in the Slay to visit our Children and dine there. Return'd at Eve home. N.B. My Daughter in Some comfort, Blessed be the Lord who heals her! and the Child in a hopefull State. It was represented very Small, but by its Weight appears near middling (as they Speak) and though they had many Thoughts to call it Mary, yet agree to call it Elizabeth.

1755 January 2 (Thursday). I have almost Every Day Deep Concern for both the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of my Children especially my dear son Ebenezer. Would humbly lift my Soul to God on this Account and beg Grace to Committ my whole Cause to Him, who I know will do what is wisest and best. In That I would repose myself.

1755 March 26 (Wednesday). Call'd also at Captain Maynards, din'd at Ebenezers.

1755 April 2 (Wednesday). It rain'd, had no Horse to go to the Fast Exercises at Mr. Jonah Warrin's till accidentally my Daughter in Law came with her Child. The Roads bad and it rain'd so that she did not go (as she design'd) -- therefore I took her Horse and went.

1755 April 18 (Friday). My Wife to Marlborough on Ebenezers Mare, and tarrys over Night.

1755 April 23 (Wednesday). This Morning my Wife, accompany'd by Deacon Forbush Set out on her Journey to Brookfield. She had Ebenezers Mare to ride on.

1755 May 24 (Saturday). Ebenezer rode to Brookfield to look of Mr. Harding's Place, or desire the refusal of it.

1755 May 30 (Friday). Set myself to hire Money in order to Purchase of the Reverend Mr. Harding of Brookfield for Ebenezer: but in vain. Visited Colonel Saltonstall at his Brother Cooks -- he is exceeding low, and much distress'd. Pray'd with him and commended him to God. Visited Mr. Foxcroft -- din'd with my Kinsman Winter. Mr. William Winter and I go to old Mr. Owen Harris to hire money, but the attempt there also was without any success.

1755 June 2 (Monday). Lucy and I rode to t'other House and din'd there.

1755 June 5 (Thursday). Billy brought over Rails from t'other Place, and carry'd out Ashes to the Cook Field, and laid 'em on the New-broke ground.

1755 June 17 (Tuesday). My Son Ebenezer's Wife, with her young Child, and my Daughter Lucy rode in my Chair to Brookfield.

1755 June 20 (Friday). Ebenezer finishes Weeding. Billy comes home Sick from thence.

1755 June 27 (Friday). We broke up about an Acre and half, behind the Meeting House. Our Team was of 20 Oxen. Captain Fay with 4. Lieutenant Brigham with 4. Deacon Bond 2. Lieutenant Tainter 2. Mr. Zebulun Rice 2. Ensign Miller 2. Mr. Samuel Hardy 2. My son Ebenezer 2.

1755 July 8 (Tuesday). My wife and I rode to t'other House and din'd there.

1755 July 29 (Tuesday). Mr. Thomas Twitchell and Jedidiah Woods rak'd, cock'd, pol'd and Carted the rest of the Hay that was now ready at the Newton Meadow being 3 Load. Had Ebenezers Team for one and Mr. Nurse's gratis for the other.

1755 August 5 (Tuesday). Neither Ebenezer nor his Wife, nor youngest Child, have been well of late.

1755 August 8 (Friday). My Son Ebenezer went with his Team, and Moses Nurse with his, to the Ministerial Meadow, and brought thence a Load apiece of my Hay. But did not get home with it till nigh 10 o'Clock.

1755 August 13 (Wednesday). Barachias and Seth Morse work for me -- they get home 3 Load, 2 Load by half after 12. P.M. they rake and bring home another Load at Eve. Those were brought by our own Team: Ebenezers Oxen and my Mare.

1755 August 14 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. John Chamberlin of Stockbridge here, and wants to hire part of my t'other House for his Wife, that She may ly in there: but I am not free for lest it Should hinder the Sale of the House.

1755 August 15 (Friday). 'Kias reaps for Ebenezer a.m. and for me in carting home Hay p.m.

1755 AUGUST 20: 28 YEARS OLD

1755 September 26 (Friday). Exceedingly encumber'd and Disappointed with respect to my design'd Kitchin -- no Timber comes from Joslins as I expected -- and my Field which I broke up in June -- can't get the Fencing Stuff. My Son Ebenezer, instead of bringing Stuff here as I expected, goes to work for Mr. How without saying a word to me of it, which greatly disappoints and troubles me.

1755 October 1 (Wednesday). My Daughter Forbush came down last night to t'other House, and with her Mr. Joseph Manning; they came here today.

1755 October 15 (Wednesday). Mr. Manning p.m. brought Lucy from Mr. Martyns; Molly remains there, but he lodges at t'other House.

1755 October 18 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought his Wife in the Morning -- and Messrs. Phinehas Hardy and Batherick came to work on my Kitchin Roof (boarding and Shingling). About 9, or between 9 and 10 o'Clock a.m. my wife was deliver'd of her ninth, and my fourteenth living Child: her fourth, and my Seventh Daughter -- a perfect Child and Well; and especially my Wife in great Comfort.

1755 November 10 (Monday). My Son Ebenezer has neither gather'd his Corn nor made his Cyder: and its So with divers others.

1755 November 12 (Wednesday). I went over to t'other House in my way to the North End. Ebenezer was cutting up his Corn: his Brother Thomas and Mr. John Frost help him. He informs me that my Mare was in an ill Situation on Lords Day Morning, being Cast in her Fetters and a great Rail in between them, and She had lain till She was almost Spent, when he discover'd her. I rode upon her to visit Mrs. Beeman who is Sick at her son Bruce's.

1755 November 13 (Thursday). Fair again. Billy with Mare and Steers work'd for Mr. Nurse all Day. Thomas for Ebenezer, who finishes getting in his Corn.

1755 November 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer has Billy part of to Day to help him.

1755 November 21 (Friday). Billy to Ebenezer.

1755 November 25 (Tuesday). N.B. Thomas and Billy at their Brother Ebenezers who has a Husking to Day.

1755 December 3 (Wednesday). Ebenezer came with two Barrells of Cyder which is all that I design to have of him more this Year -- in all 3 Barrells. He says he has one more Cheese to make Still.

1755 December 26 (Friday). Somewhat moderater. My Son Ebenezer came and with Thomas's Help kill'd two Swine; which were but Small, one 126, the other 119, our Corn having been so cut off by the Frosts, both late in the Spring and early in the Fall.

1756 January 4 (Sunday). The Public Exercises being over about 3 o'Clock I took my Son Ebenezers Mare and rode to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins to see his Son *Nathaniel* again who still lyes in a low State.

1756 January 6 (Tuesday). And my Son Ebenezer brought 2 Quarters of a Cow he had killed, the weight 200, at 13 d. Deacon Jonathan Forb. junior at night brought me in Cash 24£ 17.3 old Tenor to which we added 4£ and 2 d. of Ebenezer Forb. Rates (part of pay for his Hog) which made 28.17.5 and he had brought me as a present from his Father and himself 22 pound weight of the pork which they had killed. May God grant me an Heart to make a right Improvement of his constant and neverfailing Care and Kindness to me and mine!

1756 February 18 (Wednesday). It being a pleasant Day, I walked over to t'other House. My son not at home, but I renewed my Desires and Instructions to my Daughter in Law, respecting her Making a profession of Religion. N.B. her Father called at my House this Morning as he was in his way from his son Bonds to his Brother Davids Funeral.

1756 February 19 (Thursday). *Ebenezer* here at Evening.

1756 March 4 (Thursday). My Wife rides over to t'other House.

1756 March 9 (Tuesday). P.M. Sent by Deacon Bond £5.12/ to Mr. *James Allen*, Taylor at Boston, being the Ballance of *Ebenezers* Account with him.

1756 March 13 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought over Samuel from t'other House and John remains there.

1756 April 14 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* has a Cause against *Richard Barns* before *Justice Baker*.

1756 April 15 (Thursday). Sarah goes to live at t'other House.

1756 April 25 (Sunday). I administered the Lords supper. Read 1 King. 14. Preached on Rev. 5.6. P.M. repeated Expository Exercise on Mat. 15.29. N.B. My Kinsman Daniel Needham from *Norwich* came this morning from t'other House, but he did not Partake with us.

1756 April 30 (Friday). P.M. was a Vendue of Mr. Richard Barns's Substance, So much as to satisfie for his Debts to Mr. Coroner Green of Wor'ster, and my son Ebenezer. It was at his Father Bruce's, and was managed by Mr. Ebenezer Rice, Deputy-Sheriff. It was an Affair that affected me much, but the foolish man was obstinately neglectfull and insulting (as I understood) -- and it was the more grievous as the man himself was gone (having marched last Tuesday) yet he was Sufficiently warned and Cautioned. At Eve a number of Young Men met here in order to form into a society. I instructed, directed, cautioned and prayed with them; and they Signed the Articles which the former young-Mens Society did; and that Copy drawn by my son Ebenezer which bears Date of 174[*blank*]. Their Names were Thomas Parkman, Jonathan Grout, Samuel, Thomas and Noah Hardy, Barnabas Newton, Joseph Baker, Daniel Forb. junior, Abner Warrin, Abner Whipple, and Joseph Harrington. And they are, by divine Leave, to meet next Lords Day Evening at the widow Newtons. May God be gracious to them and meet with them!

1756 May 10 (Monday). My Son Ebenezer came over with his Steers and Mare, which joined to my own steers and Mare, he used to Harrow my Meeting House Field.

1756 May 11 (Tuesday). My Children at t'other House being in Trouble by reason of the illness of both their son and Daughter, I walked over there to see 'em.

1756 May 14 (Friday). Finished planting by the Barn. *Billy* worked for Ebenezer with the steers etc.

1756 May 18 (Tuesday). My Wife goes over to my Daughter in Law, in the Morning. About a quarter after 11 a.m. my son had a second Daughter born -- the Glory to God alone!

1756 May 23 (Sunday). After Exercises visited my Daughter in Law, who I hope is somewhat better, and the Child is Comfortable. D.G.

1756 May 28 (Friday). Rode to *Watertown*, to Mr. *Storers* and Master Nat. *Harringtons*. Lodged at my Brother in Law's, Mr. Joseph Harringtons.

1756 June 7 (Monday). My Brother in Law, *Harrington*, here.

1756 June 9 (Wednesday). Fine Weather. *Thomas* helps in ploughing and hoing the Field by the Barn. My Sons Wife still afflicted. At Eve Ebenezer brings over *Sophy*; and yet leaves his little *Molly* here; so that my Wife has both of them to keep and Suckle over Night. We fear a tedious Task.

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

1756 June 11 (Friday). *Thomas* goes over to hoe for Ebenezer (being backward in his Weeding). My wife also goes over to see *Betty* and carries over *Molly*.

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

1756 June 18 (Friday). Ebenezers Wife Still weak -- he in much trouble for a Maid.

1756 June 19 (Saturday). Little *Molly* here with her Grandmother, who has a sore Hand with her.

1756 June 20 (Sunday). Ebenezer carryed his Child home.

1756 June 23 (Wednesday). My Wife went to t'other House and to Mr. Martyns; but returned at Eve.

1756 June 24 (Thursday). I grew not well -- but attended the Funeral of *Eliza Bond*. My Daughter in Law ventured over here, and I carryed her to her Brother Bonds. I was ill whilst there and performed the service with much Difficulty. Had an ill Night. Having got Cold, was aguish, my stomach acked and my Bones were in Pain. *Ebenezer* carryed his Mother to the House of Mourning.

1756 June 26 (Saturday). My Sons Ebenezer and Thomas go to Brookfield, p.m. I am Grieved at their setting out so late. Towards Night Brother Harrington of Watertown, came. He goes to Deacon Bonds to lodge.

1756 June 27 (Sunday). Brother Harrington goes from Deacon Bonds to t'other House and lodges there.

1756 July 3 (Saturday). Mr. *Joseph Manning*, I hear, came to t'other House last night. P.M. he came here. He lodges here.

1756 July 7 (Wednesday). *Eliza* and her Child here, and her Neece Mrs. Warrin here with her.

1756 July 5 (Monday). Sarah for [this great?] while at t'other House, helping her sister *Eliza*, who remains weak and poor.

1756 July 11 (Sunday). Mr. Forb. a. and p.m. on Eph. 3.6 but I kept House. Could not set at Table at noon. Deacon Forb. and wife, Master Gardner, old Mrs. Byles besides my Children of t'other House, dined here. 1756 July 29 (Thursday). P.M. Neighbour Elizer Rice and my son Ebenezer brought each of them a Load of Hay from Ministerial Meadow, which finishes the Haying there for this year, being 6 Load.

1756 August 16 (Monday). Thomas goes over to help Ebenezer. N.B. he was there all last Week. I Send *Billy* there also.

1756 August 19 (Thursday). No *Mr. Rolf*; yet we want to send to Mill; I understand he is gone to t'other House.

1756 AUGUST 20: 29 YEARS OLD

1756 August 23 (Monday). Billy goes again to Ebenezers to work for him.

1756 August 25 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer got in the last of my Oates and finished his own Haying.

1756 August 27 (Friday). P.M. Billy was again with Ebenezer but p.m. went with him to the great Pond with a Team and got a Load of Sand for the Floor.

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

1756 September 3 (Friday). My Daughter in Law dines here, and She brings little *Ebenezer* and *Molly*.

1756 September 6 (Monday). Brother Harrington from Watertown here, but goes to lodge at *Ebenezers*.

1756 September 24 (Friday). Ebenezer not well.

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

1756 October 12 (Tuesday). Brother Harrington here at Eve.

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

1756 October 17 (Sunday). My son *Ebenezer* is ill also.

1756 November 4 (Thursday). My Daughter in Law here, and is very earnest to know what I will do for her Husband. She lodges here.

1756 November 5 (Friday). Daughter *Eliza* urges me still with the Same Affair. *Billy* brings over 4 Bushell of Turnips from Ebenezer and works for him p.m. in gathering or cutting up his Corn.

1756 November 9 (Tuesday). *Billy* having done Some small Jobbs with Ebenezers Oxen, went home with them before Night.

1756 November 17 (Wednesday). Ebenezer with his Oxen, Mare and my Mare harrow the Field abovesaid, Billy driving, and Mr. Aaron Nurse sowing. N.B. they dined here.

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

1756 December 4 (Saturday). Capt. Baldwin, after dining at t'other House, setts out for Brookfield.

1756 December 15 (Wednesday). Ebenezer brought me a side of Beef being part of his own steer weighed 220 (both of them).

1756 December 16 (Thursday). Cold. Yet my Daughter in Law came over and brought her Child. P.M. She and Lucy went to See the French folks.

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.

1756 December 23 (Thursday). Ebenezer here and carrys *Lucy* over with him, his Wife being not well.

1756 December 26 (Sunday). Brother *Harrington* at t'other House, but So beat out with his Journey (having been to *Colchester*, *Norwich* etc.) that he did not come to Meeting.

1756 December 27 (Monday). N.B. My son *Ebenezer* here and brings 4 Quarters of Beef, being two Quarters more than I expected. They weighed 450 lb. He brought the Hide; weighed 74 lbs. Tallow but 28 pounds.

1756 December 28 (Tuesday). Ebenezer goes to Brookfield about the Gilbert place.

1757 January 17 (Monday). At Eve my Son Ebenezer here. He is under considerable Affliction by his Mare's being lame. He had let her to Joseph Baker to go to Marblehead and was kicked by an horse in a stable. This proves a bad sore.

1757 February 11 (Friday). My Wife goes to t'other House; and carrys *Samuel* there and leaves him.

1757 February 18 (Friday). N.B. My Son Thomas brings me from his Brother Ebenezer a proposal about their taking the old place -- but is what I can't comply with.

1757 February 24 (Thursday). P.M. preached a Lecture to young men on *Tit. 2.6* and finished this Subject. After meeting my Daughter in Law stayed with us and lodges here.

1757 February 28 (Monday). Went over to Ebenezers to discourse with both him and her.

1757 March 2 (Wednesday). My son William leaves me to go to 'Prentice to Capt. Jeduthan Baldwin at Brookfield. My son Ebenezer goes up with him.

1757 March 10 (Thursday). My son Ebenezer mentions his Desire to join with the Church.

1757 March 14 (Monday). My Daughter in Law, and Lucy go to Watertown in my Chair.

1757 March 31 (Thursday). Examine my son Ebenezer in the Evening.

1757 April 23 (Saturday). Ebenezer returned from Brookfield.

1757 April 24 (Sunday). Ebenezer and his Wife came (to my sorrow) so late as this morning with their *Relations*. They were admitted after the forenoon Exercise into the Church. I read 2 K. 11. Repeated sermon on Song 1.12. Administered the Lords Supper. P.M. omitted the public reading. Repeated Sermon on Ps. 4.7 to page 9.

1757 April 28 (Thursday). Capt. *Baldwin* Came, accompanied by his Brother *Nahum* but his Father and Mother, whom I had writ to, came not. My son Thomas went to Mr. Stones of Southborough and brought up Miss *Huldah*. P.M. Mr. *Martyn* and his wife came. My Son *Ebenezer* and his Wife; at Eve Mr. *John Martyn* junior and his wife -- and at the Edge of Evening *the Marriage of my Daughter Lucy* was Solemniz'd by Rev. Mr. *Martyn*. May God make 'em an happy Couple; but especially Heirs of the Grace of Eternal Life! Mr. *Martyn* and his wife lodged here; and Miss *Huldah Stone*, who is come to stay with us a while to assist *Lucy* in her preparations for *Brookfield*.

1757 April 29 (Friday). I waited on the Company, to visit Monsieur *LeBlanc* and his Family. We were besides my wife, and the New married Couple, Mr. *Martyn* and his wife, Mr. *Nahum Baldwin* and Miss *Huldah*, and my son *Thomas*. We returned home to dine, and took *Magdalene* and *Mary*, Since we could not obtain the man and his wife, to dine with us. *Isa. 58.7*. P.M. Mr. *Martyn* and his wife went home: Mr. *N. Baldwin* left us to go to a Meeting on Military Affairs in *Framingham*. In so much Encumbrances and Avocation am sadly impeded in my preparing for the sabbath.

1757 May 1 (Sunday). Cold, rough, cloudy weather. Read 2 K. 12. Preached on Ps. 45, former part of v. 2. P.M. read Mark 5. Repeated on Ps. 4.7, the rest. Ebenezers Children *Ebenezer*, *Elizabeth* and *Mary* were baptized. May God graciously pardon the Neglect hitherto! And graciously accept the dedication of them. May they be great and rich Blessings and the Parents be enabled to discharge their Duty to them to bring them up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord!

1757 May 3 (Tuesday). Went over to t'other House, my Son preparing to go again to Brookfield.

1757 May 4 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer goes again to Brookfield and carries up his Son with him. May God Succeed the Journey!

1757 May 31 (Tuesday). I rode over to t'other House to see how my Daughter in Law and the Children that are with her, do; and to enquire after my son who does not come from Brookfield as expected: but hear nothing of him.

1757 June 1 (Wednesday). I understand that Ebenezer came from Brookfield last night. Daniel Wyman, 'prentice to my son Baldwin, came here last night, from Sudbury; and lodged here. This morning Billy and he drove my Bell-Cow (of Cambridge breed) to their Master Baldwin: And they are to take my Young Cattle with *Ebenezers* along with them to Brookfield....My Wife at *Ebenezers* to assist them in going away. And stays there all night. For *Eliza* goes away in middle of the Night with the two little Girls, *Betty* and *Molly*; in my Chair drawn by my Mare, and my Daughter *Sarah* goes with her to help her.

1757 June 2 (Thursday). Ebenezer Setts out this morning with a Load of his Goods, for Brookfield, Mr. Hezekiah *Pratt* and his oxen with him, to help him. As I was over there, at t'other House to take leave of them (and carry them Some money to assist them in their Journey) So I was there this morning to help my wife in setting the Things that remain, in Order: and that Mr. Batherick may move into the House. Which he begins to do by bringing Some of his Goods. P.M. Lecture on 2 Chron. 6.26.27 on Occasion of the great want of Rain.

1757 June 3 (Friday). Mr. Batherick moves into my t'other House, to live there according to our agreement in which he undertakes the work of that place, the profits being to the halves.

1757 AUGUST 20: 30 YEARS OLD

1757 September 15 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbush* and his wife to *Boston*. At Parting he gave me a Letter from *Ebenezer*. He tells me he has sent for sundry *Goods* by a Team. Mr. Batheric comes and informs me that the Team will call about noon for them. *Thomas* goes over to see to the putting 'em up.

1757 September 30 (Friday). My mind much exercised for my son Ebenezer.

1757 October 3 (Monday). Sett out late for Brookfield. Called at Capt. Stearns's at Worcester, and at Mr. Robarts's at Leicester. Mr. Nathaniel Harrington of Weston my Company great part of the Journey. Arrived at my Son *Baldwins* at Eve. Lodged at my son *Forbush's*.

1757 October 4 (Tuesday). Happy among my Children who (through divine Favour) are generally comfortable. Dined at my son *Baldwins*. P.M. went with my son Ebenezer and Forb. to take some View of the Farm of the late *Mr. Jonathan Gilbert*. Capt. *Witt* and *Dr. Gott* had been to see me a.m.: but [missing?] of me I went to them at Eve. Lodged at Mr. Forb.

1757 October 5 (Wednesday). Mr. Forb. and I rode up to Ware River to Mr. Lulls: dining at Deacon Cutlers as we went. Mr. Lull signed another Deed of the 62 and the 35 Acre Lotts in Townshend, but would not come to a Composition of our Affairs, as I endeavoured, though I made him large offers. At Eve we supped at Deacon Cutlers -- and Esq. *Ayres* with us, whom I had obtained to ride up to Deacon Cutlers in hopes to have had need of him to take the Acknowledgement of another Deed from Lull but I could not perswade Lull to go there. N.B. the Esq. asked nothing for his pains.

1757 October 6 (Thursday). I went again into the *Gilbert* Affair -- dined at my son Ebenezers. N.B. My Children at Each Family dined with me both yesterday and to Day (except *Billy*). P.M. preached a Lecture there, on Ps. 119.126. After Lecture at Baldw. with Lt. Thomas Gilbert, there, about his Brothers place. N.B. Mr. Kendal from Suffield, and Mrs. Bowker, heretofore Sarah Tainter, lodged at Mr. Forb. last night.

1757 October 7 (Friday). At Mr. Forb. (where I have lodged every night) and at Ebenezers where we prepare some Agreements about the *Gilbert Place* and include *Thomas Hardy* likewise. My Daughter Baldwin indisposed and dejected. It was 11 a.m. before I took leave. Mr. Forb. rides with me as far as Capt. Wolcotts that we may have some discourse with him, the Grand Juror, about the School (which *Ebenezer* has undertaken to keep). Capt. Wolcott proposes to accompany me on my Journey to the lower part of Worcester, but does not overtake me, till I had dined at Mr. *Eatons* in Spencer. I heedlessly overshot Mr. Roberts at Leicester. Mr. Maccarty not at Home. We were invited in by Coll. Chandler; where we drank Tea and hastened on our Journey. Lodged at Mr. Cushings.

1757 November 15 (Tuesday). At Eve *Billy* came from Brookfield. He brought a Letter from *Ebenezer* of his Willingness and Desire to buy the *Gilbert* place, and that he would have me provide 200£ for a first payment.

1757 December 5 (Monday). Ensign Harrington came early with his Horse for me to ride to Stoneham and Boston: my Principal (earthly) end and Design being to take up Some money for my son Ebenezer to enable him to pay for the *Gilbert* place in Brookfield. I rode to Mr. *Joslins* and received of him a piece of Gold of 33£ old Tenor -- 2£ 18s 3.2 L.M. or £21.17.2.2 old Tenor being Mr. *Joslins* province Rate I was empowered by Constable David Maynard to receive -- and the Change he could not give me. I engaged therefore to deliver it when I returned.

1757 December 12 (Monday). Sent by Mr. Joseph *Harrington* (my Brother in Law) 56£ 5/old Tenor to my son Ebenezer that he might be in preparation for purchasing the *Gilbert* Place; designing to send him more when I Shall receive it.

1757 December 21 (Wednesday). N.B. in returning I went to Mr. John Bents and took up a Note of my son *Ebenezers* (which he had given to Mr. Ebenezer Rice) by giving a note of Hand for Eight Shillings L.M. or 3£ old Tenor and therewith took up a Note of the Said Mr. *Rice's*, of £11.5.0 old Tenor.

1757 December 24 (Saturday). Brother *Harrington* here. He came yesterday from Brookfield. Brought me a Receipt from my son *Ebenezer* of the 25 Dollars I Sent him by the foresaid Brother *Harrington*. (See the 12th Day of this Instant.)

1757 December 30 (Friday). I went hastily once more to See my dear Brother once more Seeing I left him So low yesterday p.m. Again bid *Adieu*. Attended to my Secular Affairs, chiefly the hiring Money for my son *Ebenezer*. Spoke with Mr. *Hubbard* on the Change who would have me proceed to take Mrs. Hills Money -- because if it came to him, he must, as previously obliged, let it to another. N.B. Mr. William Blair Townsend accosted me on the Town House steps. He being one of the last Council at Leominster. Dined at Brother *Samuels* and p.m. rode

to *Cambridge*. Mr. *Stone* rode part of the way, he being on his Journey home. Took up £56.7.4 old Tenor of Mrs. Hill. It was Evening Dark and muddy; So could not go to any other House in Cambridge. Stood forward to Brother Harringtons and lodged there.

1758 January 6 (Friday). Sent Billy to Capt. Eagers to try to Send Money to Brookfield both to Ebenezer and to Baldwin -- but in Vain, except that my Letters to them were left. At Eve gave my old Mare to Lt. Rolf.

1758 January 10 (Tuesday). I delivered to Mr. Joseph Gilbert 56£ 5 S. in one parcell: 50£ in another -- both old Tenor for my son Ebenezer and 10 Dollars more for my son Baldwin.

1758 January 21 (Saturday). At Eve came Dr. Gott and William Wood from Brookfield who bring me Letters from my Son Ebenezer who tells me he has received the Money which was sent by Joseph Gilbert; that he has bargained for the Gilbert place and received a Deed of it. I was greatly perplexed about my preparations and obliged to give up my attempts on the 2d Sermon. Went to bed in much sorrow and Grief under So unsupportable a Burden. Was grievously exercised in my Sleep -- especially in a Dream of the assaults of Satan. N.B. My Wife in great pain.

1758 February 6 (Monday). At Eve my son Ebenezer and his Wife came to us from Brookfield.

1758 February 9 (Thursday). Time of prayer. About forty minutes after two o'Clock a large fat Child was born! Glory to God who appeared for her Help! She is now in a comfortable State as is the Child also. May we never forget the divine Benefits! Inst. after Day all the women went off Home; except Mrs. Maynard and my Daughter Elizabeth who is happily here with us. In the morning Exercise, we read Ps. 116 and Sung part of 139, v. 14 etc. in Tate and Brady's version. Mrs. Maynard went home a.m., my son Thomas waiting upon her with Capt. Woods Horse. We had also Benefit by a Colt which *Ebenezer* rode from Brookfield.

1758 February 11 (Saturday). Ebenezer and his Wife ride to Watertown.

1758 February 14 (Tuesday). My Sons Horse, which he rode down being here in keeping, I rode up to Mr. Zebulon Rice's and Capt. Woods. At Evening Ebenezer and his Wife return from Watertown, having been at Boston. My Brother Parkman living, and is better. Brother Samuel gone to *Nottingham*. His Daughter *Bradford* offended that I had not called my Infant *Elizabeth Bradford* -- whereas She never had given Leave nor any way hinted it.

1758 February 15 (Wednesday). Ensign Charles Brigham here with his Mare again. I had wrote a Line to him by my son Thomas who met him on the Road hither. He dined with me as did old Mr. Hezekiah How, and Amon Blanc (besides Ebenezer and his Wife).

1758 February 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer has changed his mare with Abner Newton for *his* and gives him 20£ old Tenor more.

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 March 23 (Thursday). Thomas Hardy is going up to Brookfield this Morning. I wrote to Ebenezer (who keeps School at Deacon Cutlers in Brookfield) to go to Mr. Lull for the Deed I left with him last Oct. 5.

1758 April 17 (Monday). Adam Rice works for me -- ploughed stubble at the Island -- with my Ebenezers Steers, and Capt. Woods Oxen.

1758 May 24 (Wednesday). To my son Baldwins to acquaint them that Billy was coming and that tis necessary to provide for him, if they would take the Care of it, otherwise I would my Self. Attended the Ordination of Mr. Nathan *Fisk*. Mr. Jones prayed. Mr. Woodward preached on 1 Tim. 3.3 -- apt to teach. Mr. White prayed before the Charge. Mr. Bridgham gave it. Mr. Swift prayed after it -- and Mr. Eaton gave the Right Hand. N.B. A great Blunder about the Singing -- Mr. Fisk using Tate and Brady and not advertising the Chorister and Reader of it. Entertained at Capt. *Uphams*. At Eve at *Ebenezer's* but lodged at Mr. Forbush's.

1758 June 29 (Thursday). N.B. here is *Ezekiel Gilbert* on my son Ebenezers mare. He came from Brookfield yesterday; dines with us.

1758 July 21 (Friday). Devote my Self to dispatch my Business; and having dined at Mr. *Winters* (my Horse kept two Nights at Mr. Lowders, the other kept wholly at my Brothers Stable) and paid Sundry Debts (L 9.7.0 Old Tenor to Mrs. Stoddard: Mr. Winter in full: for my News at Fleets in full etc.), we took Leave and rode up to Brother Harringtons at Waterton and lodged there.

1758 July 31 (Monday). At Eve had News from Brookfield that Ebenezer His Wife lay in the 20th Instant and has a Boy. She is also in much Comfort for the Time, but *Molly* (who was delivered on Wednesday last) has a Girl; which is poor and weak, and not like to live. She Sends for me to come: wants I Should go up to morrow morning -- but my Affairs do not allow of it. Thus we Sing of Mercy and Judgment. May God grant the Grace necessary to each of my Children, as their Circumstances are! And prepare us all for His Sovereign Will!

1758 August 3 (Thursday). Spent my Time among my Children, rejoicing in the divine Goodness to them. Dined at my son Ebenezers. The infant flourishes. Lodged at Forb.

1758 August 6 (Sunday). Preached at Brookfield a.m. on Ps. 46.1.10 and p.m. on Gen. 18.19. Dined at Baldwins. P.M. baptized *Darius* Son of Ensign Adams: *Elias*, of Ebenezer and Eliza Parkman; *Jeduthun* of Jeduthun and Lucy Baldwin; *Martha* of Obadiah and Martha Deland; and Adonijah, of Abner How. May God grant that each of mine may keep the Way of the Lord and May He be our Refuge and Portion! I lodged most commonly at my Daughter Forb.'s.

1758 August 8 (Tuesday). I sat out, and my son Ebenezer with me, to ride part of the way, to come home.

1758 August 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbush not being come, Dr. Gott and I, and my Son Ebenezer with us, rode up the Road to meet him; but saw nothing of him -- yet heard still of him, that he was coming.

1758 August 10 (Thursday). My Son Ebenezers Wife is troubled with sore Breasts and sore Nipples.

1758 AUGUST 20: 31 YEARS OLD

1758 November 17 (Friday). Receive £57.15.0 Old Tenor, from my son Ebenezer by my son Thomas in trust for Mr. *Thomas Frost*. Accordingly having Sent for Mr. *Frost*, he came this Evening. I paid him all his Demand (which was 57£ 10/) and took up Ebenezers Note.

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 (Monday). Notwithstanding it snowed all Day, at Night came my Son *Baldwin* and Daughter Sarah from Brookfield, on two Horses....Ebenezer is in the School and can't come down.

1759 February 10 (Saturday). Job Lane returns to Brookfield and carries 4 Dollars from me to Mr. Forb; Interest. My son Ebenezer to pay him 4 more on my Account.

1759 April 11 (Wednesday). *Billy* came home. Came from Brookfield yesterday, and from Worcester to Day. He coughs as one that has the Meazles and thinks he took the Distemper at his Brother *Parkmans*, he having been there several Times while the Children were coughing and ill of it.

1759 April 27 (Friday). Thomas has Capt. Maynards Mare and Mr. Nurse's Chair, and goes to Brookfield for Suse. I Send Ebenezer my great Cow Bell and a Dollar for his Son *Elias*.

1759 June 13 (Wednesday). In returning called at the Widow Bents and paid her my Note (the principal), which I gave her on my son Ebenezers Account with Mr. Ebenezer Rice. N.B. she could not find the Note; so she gave me a Receipt, viz. of 3£ old Tenor.

1759 July 19 (Thursday). P.M. we rode to Watertown to Mr. D. Whitneys and to Brother *Harringtons* where we lodged.

1759 AUGUST 20: 32 YEARS OLD

1759 August 25 (Saturday). Before the Family (at Mr. Eatons) were stirring I rose and tackled -- and without Seeing any of them rode to Brookfield....My Daughter is distressed on Account of an hard tumor in her left Breast, which was heretofore broke: And her two Children having the hooping Cough so has my son Ebenezers Children all of them.

1759 November 8 (Thursday). At Eve came my Daughter in Law, *Eliza*, from Brookfield and she lodges here. N.B. her deplorable Account of their having no Crop etc.

1759 November 9 (Friday). My Daughter in Law, accompanied by Mrs. Newhall of Brookfield, Sets out for Watertown and Boston.

1759 November 17 (Saturday). At night came my Daughter in Law, from her Fathers at Watertown, and Mrs. Newhall with her -- and lodge with us.

1759 November 18 (Sunday). My Daughter went at Eve to her sister *Bonds* and lodged there. Mrs. *Newhall* with us.

1759 November 19 (Monday). My Daughter in Law and Mrs. *Newhall* Set out for *Brookfield*.

1760 February 6 (Wednesday). N.B. Delivered Mr. Forb. 2 Dollars on the 29th last, for my Son Ebenezer on Account of an Hat which Mr. Forb. bought for him.

1760 March 12 (Wednesday).I rode up to Mr. Samuel Hardy's and delivered his Son Thomas Hardy of Brookfield 10 Dollars to be delivered by him to my Son Ebenezer -- and I received Said *Thomas's* Receipt for the Same.

1760 April 20 (Sunday). Letter from Ebenezer about his poor little Boy.

1760 April 30 (Wednesday).Mr. Forb. and Daughter Baldwin here from Brookfield. Hear that my Grandson Ebenezer is better. Glory to God!

1760 May 1 (Thursday).Mr. Forb. carries my son Samuel to Brookfield to help his Brother *Ebenezer*.

1760 June 9 (Monday). Wrote to my son Ebenezer per Mr. Zebulun Rice's Wife.

1760 June 14 (Saturday). Mr. Thomas Hardy takes up an Heiffer and her Calf to my son Ebenezer. The last I give him, the first I lend him for this Year.

1760 August 12 (Tuesday). P.M. my son and Daughter in their Chair rode with us through Rutland Woods to Brookfield. My son Ebenezer and his Family Well; and at Mr. Forb.'s where we lodged.

1760 August 14 (Thursday). My Son Ebenezer and I (on an Horse provided me) rode to Ware River Parish.

1760 August 15 (Friday). At Squire *Ayres'* Capt. Thomas Gilbert acknowledges the Deed which he had given my Son Ebenezer of Jonathan Gilberts place. At Night Mr. Forb. in Ebenezer's behalf acquaints me with his great straits and Difficultys, to my great Grief to hear when I am so little able to do what is necessary for his Relief.

1760 August 16 (Saturday). Was at Ebenezers.

1760 AUGUST 20: 33 YEARS OLD

1760 September 12 (Friday). Letters from Mr. Farward and Mr. Forb. to go to Council at *Cold Spring*. And from my Son Ebenezer who has been sick, but is recovered. D.G.

1760 September 29 (Monday). I visited at my son Ebenezers but lodged (and my son Baldwin with me) at Mr. Forbush's.

1760 October 3 (Friday). Mr. Whipple and I lodge at my son Forbush's. Visited my Daughter in Law in Brookfield -- who is near her Time. N.B. Laid out for Ebenezer 40/ for sundrys at Mr. Benjamin Hills, which I carried up with me, and delivered to my son: and this Eve delivered him nigh 80/ in all this Journey 6£ old Tenor.

1760 October 17 (Friday). N.B. Heard to Day that my Daughter in Law is brought to Bed; that She has a Son; and that they call his Name *Thomas*. Blessed be God for His Great Mercy and Goodness!

1761 January 9 (Friday). *Suse* rode with Mr. *Baldwin* in my sleigh for Brookfield; and *Samme* with them to go to *Ebenezers*.

1761 February 10 (Tuesday). Sent 50/ old Tenor to Edes and Gill and £26.14.4.2 to Scott and Gill (old Tenor) for Mr. Forbush and for Ebenezer.

1761 February 23 (Monday). Capt. Maynard here. Pays me 4 Dollars, which with 4 Dollars which Ebenezer owed him upon a Note and upon Book, was the Pay for a large Brass Kettle which the Captain buys of Ebenezer.

1761 March 4 (Wednesday). I sent by them 4 Dollars to Brother Champney to pay part of my Son Ebenezers Debt to him. N.B. borrowed 2 of them of Miss Jane Stone.

1761 March 6 (Friday). John goes to Brookfield with Samuel Cutler etc. in the Slay. N.B. I Send Ebenezers Tea Table to him.

1761 April 13 (Monday). I write a Number of Letters -- to Mr. Stone, to Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Forb., my son Ebenezer. Send to Brookfield by Isaac Baldwin who dines here....

1761 May 1 (Friday). Mr. Baldwin leaves us to go home. Has orders to let Ebenezer have Serge 2 yards 1/4 @ 45/, Shalloon 1 yard, Buttons and Silk and Hair, for *Samme* a Coat, and Leather for a pair of Breeches.

1763 AUGUST 20: 36 YEARS OLD

1764 June 17 (Sunday). My son Ebenezer and his wife were dismissed to the Church in Brookfield of which Mr. Forbes is Pastor.

1764 AUGUST 20: 37 YEARS OLD

1764 November 9 (Friday). My largest Oxen I have sent to My Son Ebenezer and to my Son in Law Baldwin, to be between them.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Waited long for my Daughter and Miss Molly Baker, who have kept at Capt. Moores, where Mr. Bowman lodges. Have opportunity of conversing with my son *Ebenezer*, who came, a Delegate with Mr. Forbes.

1764 December 15 (Saturday). Son Baldwin from Boston. N.B. he brought a Letter from Mr. Forbes, that I must pay what's due upon my Bond to him for Ebenezers *Gilbert* Place.

1765 February 12 (Tuesday). My Son Ebenezer and his son Thomas, with Daughter Suse from Brookfield.

1765 February 13 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and I rode over to Deacon Bonds and dined there. Then visited old Deacon Forbes and his Sister Steward, Mr. Kendal, his Daughter Bowker etc.

1765 February 14 (Thursday). Ebenezer delivered me my Bond given to Mr. Forbes as Guardian of the Gilbert Children, for Forty pounds Lawfull Monday, bearing Date Feb. 16, 1758. N.B. It appears by the back of the Bond that I have paid of Interest for this Money 56 Dollars -- but deduct 20/ old Tenor: remains 12£L 10/ old Tenor.

1765 April 7 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. John Pratt dined here, who brings word from Brookfield that my Daughter Parkman was lately delivered of another son. Which may God almighty Bless!

1765 AUGUST 20: 38 YEARS OLD

1765 November 2 (Saturday). My Daughter Baldwin was So well as to ride over to Mr. Forbes's alone. Dined at my Son B.'s. My Grandson Ebenezer P_____ somewhat ill and confined: All the rest, throughout the Family, of mine, well. D.G. Lodged at Mr. Forb.

1765 November 4 (Monday). Dined at my Son *Ebenezers*. P.M. viewed his Place and Improvements which are very much to my Satisfaction.

1765 November 6 (Wednesday). I lodged at my son *Ebenezers*.

1765 November 8 (Friday). P.M. called at Mr. Pains and delivered a Deed of my Son *Ebenezers* to be recorded.

1765 December 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph *Bruce* brings my Great Coat from Brookfield and takes my sons.

1766 March 11 (Tuesday). Send by Miss *Nabby Rice* a Pair of shoes for *Jeduthan Parkman* at *Brookfield*.

1766 March 25 (Tuesday). Went to Capt. Maynards, but he was gone to Salem and Mr. Fessenden to Cambridge -- told Mrs. Maynard that I was willing to take 50£ old Tenor upon me, which my son *Ebenezer* owes Mr. Fessenden, and Mr. Fessenden owes Capt. Maynard.

1766 March 29 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenezer* from Brookfield came this Evening.

1766 April 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Moore and Fessenden dine. Reckoning with Mr. F. and he pays all that I ask him for his Board here two year agoe. They both leave us -- and at Eve Capt. *Maynard* came, and we settle Accounts and Interest with respect to his two first Notes of Hand, and the Interest of the rest of the notes to the 2nd of this instant, in which we take in Mr. *Moffatts* account of 27£ 4/ for Colouring Oil etc. and *Ebenezers* Note to Mr. Fessenden and the interest of it which was 9£ 2.6 old Tenor, but Capt. owes me, of Interest 36 pounds old Tenor, neither can he now pay any Thing upon the Note which is now up.

1766 AUGUST 20: 39 YEARS OLD

1766 September 4 (Thursday). My Daughter in Law and her Daughter *Betty* came from Brookfield and lodged here.

1766 September 13 (Saturday). My Daughter and Grand Daughter came from Watertown.

1766 September 14 (Sunday). Besides my Daughter in Law and my grand Daughter, Miss *Peggy Fessenden* dined here.

1766 September 15 (Monday). It was now 1/2 after 11 o'Clock. I told him I was obliged to visit Mrs. *Smith* who was in a very distressed Condition. Her son *Ezekiel* had acquainted me with it: and I perceived her Case was growing desperate apace, and could not be neglected: I had also Company at my House (My Daughter in Law and Grand Daughter, who would leave me in the Morning, and under take their Journey home)....

1766 September 25 (Thursday). I am still poorly, but am refreshed by hearing that Mrs. P. got well to *Stafford* last Friday. My Son Ebenezer waited upon her, and tarried there till Monday; but then, leaving her there, returned to Brookfield.

1766 October 4 (Saturday). Received a Letter from my Son Ebenezer dated Sept. 29 of his waiting upon his Mother to *Stafford* etc.

1766 October 9 (Thursday). We dined at my Son Parkman's. He is badly affected with pains in his Leggs, by which he is much taken off. What a Flock of Children surround us: they have Seven. May the Lord command his Blessing on Every one! And make them rich Blessings in their Generation!

1767 January 1 (Thursday). I took some gratulatory Notice of the revolving Mercy, giving myself some Time to think of the Loving Kindness of the Lord towards Me and Mine. But alas! How Soon the Scenes Shift! A Letter from Mr. *Forbes* of *Brookfield* informs that *Jeduthun*, youngest Son of *Ebenezer* was at the Point of Death. This was writ 4 p.m. last Lords Day. At Eve came another Letter from the Same, acquainting Me that the Child dyed half after 6 in the morning of *that Day*, viz. *Dec. 29*. The Lord Sanctify it to all of us! To the more immediate Parents especially! The Child was born *Apr. 2*, 1765.

1767 January 29 (Thursday). Wrote by Mr. *Kendal* (who goes with his Wife to Brookfield and Suffield) to my Son Ebenezer who I hear, by Mr. J. Forb. is under grievous Lameness and Confinement.

1767 February 2 (Monday). Presently after came my Son Baldwin with his sister Parkman, and Mr. Fitch with them. The latter, with their Horses, goes to Capt. Woods to lodge -- and Joslin lodges elsewhere. The rest here.

1767 February 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Baldwin, my Daughter in Law and Mr. Fitch leave us early, before Breakfast. Mr. B. upon his journey to Boston, Elizabeth to see her [Father?].

1767 February 7 (Saturday). At Eve my Son Baldwin and Daughter Parkman. Alexander Oliver also going up to Brookfield with them.

1767 May 23 (Saturday). My son *Ebenezer* came from Brookfield and my Son *Alexander* from Framingham. Hear that Brother Harrington was bury'd yesterday.

1767 May 25 (Monday). Mr. Breck and Ebenezer Set out for *Boston* and *Watertown*.

1767 June 1 (Monday). [Mrs. P_____ informs me that on the 26th ult. Mr. *Putnam* of Pomfret was here: on the 27th Ebenezer returned home with 5 Cattle: 28 Temple returned to my work: and 29 Ebenezer went home to Brookfield.]

1767 June 18 (Thursday). At my Return, found at my House my Daughters Parkman and Baldwin. One had been to Watertown, the other at Dr. Balls.

1767 June 19 (Friday). My Daughters attempted to journey yesterday, but returned by reason of the Rain. This morning they set out; but my Daughter Baldwin proposes only to Dr. Balls. *Eliza* designs to go to Brookfield.

1767 June 24 (Wednesday). Visit at Mr. Temples -- and thinking my Daughter Baldwin is at Dr. Balls, or to be heard of there, I went there; but she was gone home with her sister Parkman to Brookfield.

1767 AUGUST 20: 40 YEARS OLD

1767 September 18 (Friday). At night Mr. *Moore* came from *Brookfield*, exceedingly wet, in the Chair Mr. *Loyd* rode up in. Acquaints me with my son *Ebenzers* having 3 *Mohawk Children* to board.

1768 March 25 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* came from Brookfield and lodged here. Mr. John Wood brought me 2 1/4 Yards of blue broad Cloth from *Samuel* which I buy of Mr. *Forbes*, and take it for Money delivered him ([or which he received?]) for my son Ebenezer, a year agoe, per Capt. Maynard -- at 5£ old Tenor per yard.

1768 June 4 (Saturday). Persis here again till noon. Ebenezer came from Brookfield this p.m. and arrived here at night, in compliance with a Letter I sent him about the Harrington Affair at Nottingham.

1768 June 6 (Monday). *Ebenezer* goes early to *Watertown*, his Brother Harrington and Stearns or *Bond* being about to go to *Nottingham* about their Interest in Lands there.

1768 June 9 (Thursday). Ebenezer returns from *Watertown* -- and tells me his Brother Jonas Bond is to go to Nottingham, or Exeter etc., next Week.

1768 AUGUST 20: 41 YEARS OLD

1768 September 28 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer came from Brookfield.

1768 September 29 (Thursday). My [Ebenezer] Son goes to *Watertown*.

1768 October 1 (Saturday). My Son Ebenezer returned from *Watertown*: and pursues his Journey home.

1768 November 14 (Monday). At Eve came my son Ebenezer and his Daughter Elizabeth.

1768 November 24 (Thursday). At Eve came *Ebenezer*, *John* and *Sarah*, having Sat out from *Rochester* yesterday, and lodged at *Wrentham* last night; they broke fast at Mr. *Bucknams*, and dined at Mr. *Barretts*.

1768 November 25 (Friday). Ebenezer tarrys with us.... Ebenezer has made and now hangs and fitts a stable Door, for my new Stable.

1768 November 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer though it is foul Weather, Setts out for *Brookfield*. N.B. I gave him two Dollars for what he had expended for his sister *Sarah* etc., in the Journey to and from Rochester.

1769 May 15 (Monday). At Eve came from Brookfield, my Grandson Ebenezer and with him *Lolus* (the indian Boy) and they lodge here.

1769 May 16 (Tuesday). My Grandson Ebenezer and the Indian Boy take Leave.

1769 June 12 (Monday). Hear that my Son Ebenezers valuable Horse dyed Suddenly.

1769 AUGUST 20: 42 YEARS OLD

1769 September 28 (Thursday). We expected Company earlier than came. At length came Mr. *Cushing*. Afterwards my Son *Ebenezer*, Mr. *Forbes*, and in their New Chaise his Wife and Daughter with Sister *Lydia Champney*. By and by Mr. *Hancock* of *Cambridge*. My Daughter *Sarah* was marryed at Evening. Mr. *Forbes* prayed after the Covenant. Sung part of Dr. *Watts's* Ps. 45. May God accept our Solemnitys! And make this Couple very happy; and a great Blessing! To us All! Mr. *Hancock* went to Deacon *Woods* to lodge. Mr. *Forbes* to his Sister *Kendals*, and *Ebenezer* to his Brother *Bonds*.

1769 September 30 (Saturday). Ebenezer returned from Cambridge.

1769 October 2 (Monday). Ebenezer (with Miss *Lucy Bond*) returns to *Brookfield*. N.B. I sent by him a Letter to Mr. *John Eliot* (Squire's Son) in Answer to his by Mr. *Forbes* to me, and informing him that I can't Comply with his Request to come and live with me, to Study Divinity here.

1769 October 24 (Tuesday). At Evening *Ebenezer Tertius* came; He rode the Horse which Mr. *Forbes* has got for me of Mr. *Haskell* of *Brookfield*; and brought Letters from *Rochester* informing that *Susa* is much better.

1769 October 31 (Tuesday). At Eve came my son *Ebenezer* and lodges here.

1769 November 3 (Friday). At Eve my Son *Ebenezer* returned from *Watertown*.

1769 November 4 (Saturday). Ebenezer is accompanied on his Journey by his Sister *Bond*, who is going to *Brookfield*.

1769 December 13 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer came from Brookfield and brought 3 Heifers to be kept at my Barn.

1769 December 14 (Thursday). Ebenezer went to Cambridge.

1769 December 18 (Monday). At Eve my son Ebenezer returns hither from Cambridge.

1769 December 19 (Tuesday). *Ebenezer* is putting the Floor etc. of my New stable, into Order, and John assists him.

1769 December 21 (Thursday). Ebenezer leaves us to go to Brookfield.

1770 March 19 (Monday). When I returned home, found Mr. Forbes and with him Messrs. Fisk of Brookfield and Mr. Enos Hitchcock who preaches at Paxton. Mr. Forbes tells us that Ebenezer has called his last Son *Benjamin*.

1770 May 5 (Saturday). A Letter from Ebenezer informs that his Indian Girl, *Susanna*, is gone, against both her and their Will, and without any Complaint against them, to live at Mr. Forbes's.

1770 May 14 (Monday). We rose early to send off Ebezers young Cattle, which I have kept for some time for him: Mr. Newton and Thomas Bond going with Cattle to Brookfield, but though they had sent me word they Should go before Day, and we got up before half after two, and as Soon as the Cattle had eat a Small meating of Hay, Joseph hurried away to Mr. Newtons but a little after Break of Day, yet they were gone, and gone some time, before he got there, so that he returns home with them.

1770 June 26 (Tuesday). My Son Ebenezer from Brookfield, going to Watertown, lodges here.

1770 June 27 (Wednesday). Ebenezer to *Cambridge*. Carrys Letters from me to Mr. John Marrett, and Mr. Antipas Steward, requesting Assistance in Preaching next Sabbath.

1770 June 29 (Friday). My Son *Ebenezer* returns from *Watertown* and *Boston*. He gives Account of some extraordinary Treatment which Mr. *Cutler*, Trader at Oxford, met with at Boston last Eve and this Morning, for attempting to bring out Tea and other Obnoxious Goods, by two Teams; which were stopped and turned back, as he himself also was, into the Town.

1770 August 18 (Saturday). Wrote by Mr. Loyd to Ebenezer on Billys urgency for money to help him pay for his Concord Place.

1770 AUGUST 20: 43 YEARS OLD

1770 September 10 (Monday). My Son William came -- tells me he has removed his Family to Concord -- and is now come from thence. He expected here to have received Money from his Brother Ebenezer -- but it was not come. I lent him Six Dollars (and which I borrowed of Lt. *Baker*).

1770 September 17 (Monday). Dr. *Southgate* came to me and accompanied me to Brookfield. We dined at Mr. Forbes's, who was gone to *Conway*. P.M. Visit at *Ebenezers* and at Mr. *Baldwins*. Returned to my Daughter *Forbes* and lodged there.

1770 September 20 (Thursday). Mr. Forbes and I visit Capt. *Abbot*, who is grievously exercised with the *Stone*. I prayed with him. I visit Mrs. *Gilbert* to condole the Loss of her Father and Brother Moses, *Wheat*. Dined at my son *Baldwins* -- Mr. Forbes and his Wife, and my son Ebenezer (not his Wife) there. P.M. visit Capt. *Wit*. Lodged at *Ebenezers*. Talk with my Son and my Daughter in law, respecting the Differences between them and the *Baldwins*. Take notice of the Indian Young Man who is with them a *Mohegan* of *Tunadella*, named *John Bollen*. I find he has gained somewhat in his English Education.

1771 June 25 (Tuesday). My Son *Ebenezer* came from *Brookfield* -- acquaints me with the great Disturbance there, about ministerial Rights, in the 2d Parish. Insomuch that Mr. Forbes talks of leaving them.

1771 June 26 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* to *Cambridge*.

1771 June 28 (Friday). My son *Ebenezer* came from *Cambridge* and lodges here.

1771 AUGUST 20: 44 YEARS OLD

1771 October 18 (Friday). At Eve came my Son *Ebenezer* and his Daughter *Molly* -- and with them *Miss Esther Watson*, and lodge here.

1771 November 29 (Friday). *Ebenezer* tarrys with me till another Morning, intending to stir very early and Set out on his Journey to *Cambridge*.

1771 November 30 (Saturday). Though yesterday was a good Day for travelling, it is far otherwise to Day, and especially in the Morning which was very Stormy; and by the heavy Rain *Ebenezer* is obliged to tarry here over the Sabbath.

1771 December 2 (Monday). *Ebenezer* Sat out early for *Cambridge*. Sent by him a Number of Papers -- among which were those which Mr. *Fitch* left with me.

1772 AUGUST 20: 45 YEARS OLD

1772 September 1 (Tuesday). Visited my Son *Ebenezer* and his Family: also my son *Baldwin* and his, where I dined.

1772 September 3 (Thursday). Dined at my Son *Ebenezers*. P.M. visited Mr. *Joseph Bruce*'s. Lodged at *Ebenezers*. N.B. My Daughter P_____ relates divers Things in Defence of her Daughter *Betty* against what her Aunt *Moore* had writ, and against what her Grandmother had

Said of her to Mr. *Bradshaw* -- what also her Aunt *Cushing* had said of her -- which gave me no Small Trouble.

1772 September 4 (Friday). Went to *Ebenzers* Pasture on Grassy Hill.... At Eve Ebenezer and I had a great deal of Conversation in the Road concerning *Elias* (his Son), and of many Things, till somewhat late.

1772 September 5 (Saturday). My other sons came to See me before I mounted to come away. *Ebenezer* and *Lucy* (upon my intimating that I wanted to prepare for settling my small Affairs) opened to me their minds concerning their Labors and sufferings etc. in their first beginning the world. I was variously affected with what they Said. I beg that Wisdom and Grace to do what is just and kind to my Own.

1772 November 5 (Thursday). *Ebenezer* [tertius] goes to his F's at Brookfield. Nathan Fay yet. At night I married Mr. *John Ball* of *Northborough* to Miss *Molly Baker* (the late Squire Bakers Daughter).

1773 March 18 (Thursday). By a Letter from my Son Ebenezer am informed that one of his little Boys (*Neddy*) with a sharp Ax, cut two of *Lewis's* fingers almost off. Viz. the fore and middle Fingers of his right Hand.

1773 May 15 (Saturday). *Elias Parkman* of *Brookfield* comes with my Horse, and with Letters from his Father and from his uncle *Forbes* informing me of the Sickness of *Ebenezer Tertius*: having been taken ill upon his Journey to Brookfield. Arrived there with Difficulty, grew very ill, was delirious, and remains bad, though better than he was a few Days agoe.

1773 AUGUST 20: 46 YEARS OLD

1773 August 27 (Friday). P.M. the storm cleared off, and at Eve came my Wife and Daughter in Law *Kezia*, with her little *Alexander*, but Mrs. P _____ was much indisposed, and has been ever since She has been gone. My son *Ebenezer* came with her as far as *Alexanders* yesterday, and she lodged there.

1773 October 28 (Thursday). At Eve came Mr. *Tainter* and wife. But especially Capt. *Coffin*, his Son *Peter* and his new-married Spouse, my grand Daughter, his son William and Daughter *Hannah*, his son in law Mr. *Nathaniel Smith*, Miss *Sally Hill*, My Son Ebenezer and Kinsman *Bradshaw*. Four lodged here, viz. Mr. *Peter* and his Wife, his Sister and Miss *Sally Hill*. Three went to Deacon *Woods*. *Ebenezer* to Brother *Bonds* and took Mr. *Bradshaw* with him.

1773 November 4 (Thursday). My Son *Ebenezer* was to have returned from below, last Evening: I expected also Mr. *Bradshaw* with him: but neither Came.

1774 May 13 (Friday). Mr. *Bradshaw* came from *Boston*, having gone from *New Braintry* to buy Goods (with a Team etc.). My Daughter in Law *Elizabeth* with him. Having dined -- drunked [sic] Coffee etc. they Sat out -- fearing a storm.

1774 AUGUST 20: 47 YEARS OLD

1774 August 30 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Parkman* returned from Brookfield. She relates the Great Trouble my Son *Forbes* was in last Saturday Night -- by reason of the Disquietments of the people, and the [ministers?] Premonitions given [*illegible*]. N.B. My Son *Ebenezer* and his son *Bradshaw* (who has married his Daughter *Mary*) are among the high Liberty men.

1774 September 17 (Saturday). Closely applied to my preparations. P.M. Came my Kinsman *Bradshaw* and with him my Granddaughter *Molly* (daughter of my Son *Ebenezer*) whom he has married. They have been to Providence to dispose of Potash and buy Goods -- and to *Stoughtonham* to visit his Parents etc.

1774 October 10 (Monday). I rode to *New Braintry*.... Went to my Son *Ebenezers*.... Mr. *Bradshaw* and his Wife live with my Son. They keep shop in Comp. I lodged there.

1775 AUGUST 20: 48 YEARS OLD

1775 August 22 (Tuesday).

[*torn*] little Sleep

pass by further live.

to my son *Ebenezer* [*torn*] *Belknap*

New Braintree

1775 August 28 (Monday). N.B. Last Evening [*torn*] sons *Ebenezer* from *New Braintry* [*illegible*] [*torn*] to see poor *John* -- who is in the Valley of the Shadow of [*torn*] Mrs. P_____ [*illegible*] attends upon *John* [*torn*]. *Alexander* returns to Leicester. *Ebenezer* walks with me [*torn*] [*marginal notation: his Sister*] *Bond*, who is at Capt. *Wheelocks*, and Mr. *Beriah* *Ware* who is sick at Deacon *Woods* [*illegible*] also to s[*torn*] of Mrs. *Hemmingway* [*illegible*] wife and Child are at *Ashburnham* -- burys [*illegible*]. Mr. Benjamin *Bradshaw* and his [*illegible*] cam[*illegible*] being full, they leave us, [*illegible*] go further. *Ebenezer* watches with *John* who is yet worse. Mr. *Loyd* [*illegible*] [*torn*].

P.M. my neighbour *Caleb Harrington* and his Wife being ill of the common Distemper, *Ebenezer* and I went to see the,.

1775 August 31 (Thursday). I wrote to Mr. *Quincy* and Sent him one of F. *Brecks* Shrewsbury Sermons; by Mr. *Loyd*, who, and my son *Ebenezer* leave us to go to their respective Homes or Abodes.

1775 September 12 (Tuesday). [*torn*] *Ebenezer* came. [*illegible*], an Indian Boy from Mr. *Forbes's*, with him. [*torn*] drooping, and has a bad Cough. Fear what the Event may be.

1775 September 13 (Wednesday). [*torn*]ning attend the Funeral of Mrs. *Belknap* so far as to go to the [*torn*] pray there. My Son *Ebenezer* went with me.

[*torn*] *Forbes* and his Wife and [*illegible*] [marginal notation: their sister *Baldwin*] But *Ebenezer* went to Deacon *Bonds*.

1775 September 14 (Thursday). *Ebenezer* goes home. N.B. wrote by him to *Samuel Brigham* and Sent him Mr. *Allens Alarm*,³ which I had given my Son *John*.

1775 November 15 (Wednesday). A.M. my Son *Ebenezer* came from the Camp at *Roxbury* where his son *Elias* is; He is detained here by the storm -- and lodged here.

1776 March 5 (Tuesday). Wrote to my Son *Ebenezer* by Mr. *William Bowman* of *Brookfield*. He informs that Mr. *Joseph Gilbert* of *Brookfield* (tis Said he was commissioned to be a Lieutenant Colonel) lately dyed of a Fever.

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 6 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Suse* returned homewards. I rode with Mr. F., his son and *Daughter Coffin*, my Son *Ebenezer* and *Daughter Hannah* to Col. *Coffins*, where were a Number more, and all of us dined very handsomely. P.M. I with Mr. F. and *Ebenezer* rode to Mr. *Jaques's*, where lies the poor man in a very deplorable Condition -- but with wonderful Patience in bearing, and his dear *Judith* in faithfully tending him. Prayed with them. Returned to Col. *Coffins*, and lodged there.

1776 June 8 (Saturday). Mr. F. and *Ebenezer* with me rode to See the Rock, *Normans Wo*, where my dear Brother *John* perished.

1776 June 10 (Monday). *Ebenezer*, *Hannah* and I sat out from *Cape Ann* to come home.

³Robert Breck (1682-1731), *The Surest Way to a People's Happiness and Prosperity. A Sermon at Shrewsbury...June 15. 1720* (Boston, 1721; Evans 2207).

⁴Joseph Alleine (1634-1668), *An Alarm to Unconverted Sinners* (Boston, 1703; Evans 39,390). There were at least eight subsequent editions before 1775.

1776 June 12 (Wednesday). Sat out before Breakfast (though not without Family Prayer) and came to My Son *Williams*. Both breakfast and dine there. N.B. my son *William* droops. *Ebenezer* and *William* take a ride into the *Town*, and return Seasonably for Dinner and the remainder of our long Journey.

1776 June 13 (Thursday). Ebenezer goes home.

1776 July 11 (Thursday). Sat out for *Brookfield*, but rode 4 miles in the Rain. Dined with my Daughter *Baldwin* -- then went to *Braintree*. In my way called at my Grandson's *Ebenezers* who is lately married to Miss *Sarah Lyscomb*, daughter of Capt. *John Lyscomb*. Arrived at my Sons So seasonably as to go to Mr. *Ruggles's*, and (by Desire) to visit old Mrs. *Wilson* (who used to live at *Hopkinton*) and prayed with her. Lodged at *Ebenezers*. N.B. Mr. *Bradshaw* lame.

1776 July 12 (Friday). Ebenezer talks of enlisting but is too Subject to pains to presume to. He rides with me in my returning to *Brookfield* to my aged Kinswoman Mrs. *Sadler* -- and as far as Mr. *Caruths*. At Brookfield I called again at my Grandsons. Visit Mr. *Appleton* at Mr. *Gilberts* -- dined with my Daughter *Baldwin*. Visit sister *Champney*. Rode to *Leicester*, and lodged at *Alexanders*. Though I can't but wonder at his going into the Army, yet I can't help his doing it. May God most gracious direct and support him! May his Family also be under the divine Care!

1776 AUGUST 20: 49 YEARS OLD

1777 January 23 (Thursday). At Eve came Son *Ebenezer* from New *Braintree*, and lodges here.

1777 January 24 (Friday). A.M. Snow -- p.m. the Storm turns to Rain. *Ebenezer* tarrys with us. The Wind rises, the Snow, all that has lately fallen and more, is carried off -- the waters flow, the fields are swept and drenched, the mills are going again, though for a long time they have been quiescent.

1777 January 25 (Saturday). *Ebenezer* leaves us to go to *Watertown*.

1777 January 29 (Wednesday). At Eve *Ebenezer* came from *Watertown*, having been to *Boston*. He lodges here.

1777 February 28 (Friday). My Son *Ebenezer* came and his Son *Edward* from New *Braintree*.

1777 AUGUST 20: 50 YEARS OLD

1777 September 16 (Tuesday). My Son *Ebenezers* Wife and her son and Daughter *Bradshaw* came from *Shrewsbury* here to Breakfast. They are going to *Boston* etc.

1777 September 20 (Saturday). At Eve came *Elias*, not well, from *Cambridge* on an Horse he had hired of one Mr. *Jarvis*. And with him came, in a Chaise, my Daughter in Law *Elizabeth* and her Daughter *Bradshaw* to tarry over the sabbath.

1777 September 22 (Monday). *Eliza* and her Daughter *Bradshaw* went a.m. to Deacon *Bonds*.

1777 September 23 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Parkman* and her Daughter *Bradshaw* came from Deacon *Bonds*, and proceeded immediately on their Journey towards home.

1777 October 16 (Thursday). *Ebenezer* came from *Dudley*, from burying his Daughter *How*.... *Ebenezer* and *Isaac* lodge at the Doctors. Mrs. *Lucy Forbush* came and watched with little *Alexander*.

1777 October 17 (Friday). Dr. *Gordon* and Lady leave us. My Son *Cushing* came a.m. Mr. *Whitney* and spouse. My son *William*, his Wife, his son *William* and his Daughter *Lydia*, my son *Samuel*, Miss *Patty Fish* -- dined with us. Mr. *Caleb Harrington* has dug a Grave. Mr. *Paul Lambson* has made and brought a Coffin. Mr. *Whitney* at the *Funeral* prayed with us and the Assembly which gathered upon the Sorrowful Occasion. Messrs. *Thomas Stone*, *Edward*, *Antepas* and *Winslow Brigham*, [blank] *Wheelock* and *Reuben Lambson*, were Bearers, and we solemnly interred my dear *Daughter Hannahs Remains!* May God most gracious grant us the Grace of holy Mourning and to be ready also! The Company retire to go home except my sons *Ebenezer* and *Alexander*, his Wife and two Children, *Isaac Baldwin*, Miss *Jedidah Woodward* (who watches with little *Alexander*) and *Molly Pratt*, who tarrys to help us. Mrs. *Harrington* is ill and Mrs. P _____ goes to her to night.

1777 November 26 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* with me [torn] to [torn] [found?] him better: In the road there [torn] two Grandsons *Ebenezer* and *Elias* who had been down at M[torn] I believe [torn] *Ebenezers* Wife and Child were in [torn] I did not know [torn] they were returning to *Bro* [torn] dined at Mr. [Stones?].

1778 February 24 (Tuesday). Mr. *John Belknap* of N. *Braintree* calls to see how we do that he may acquaint my son *Ebenezer* etc.

1778 April 23 (Thursday). I rode up to *Worcester* [torn] to [torn] the Tryal of the Murderers of the late Mr. [torn]hua [torn]pooner.... At Court saw my Son *Ebenezer* who tells me he has Sold his place at *New-Braintry*.

1778 AUGUST 20: 51 YEARS OLD

1778 November 26 (Thursday). I wrote by *Bradshaw* to my son *Ebenezer* at *New Braintry*.

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 24 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer came from Brookfield; in his way to Watertown, tells me Col. Baldwin is come home, and Alexander Oliver is dismissed, but is suffered to stay, his Wife's Circumstances considered till April. Ebenezer lodges here.

1779 February 25 (Thursday). At eve, my son relates somewhat of his sorrowful case, and how his son in law had beguiled him to give a Warrantee Deed of his Place, without a proper Security, an unhappy step!

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 1 (Monday). My son Ebenezer returned from Watertown, Boston etc. He brings a letter from Mr. Forbes of Gloucester, concerning the Sickness of his son-in-law, Charles Saunders of about 8 etc. etc.... Ebenezer lodges here.

1779 March 2 (Tuesday). N.B. My son Ebenezer went with me to the Meeting, tarrys and lodges here.

1779 March 3 (Wednesday). I went to Squire Baker's, and acknowledged a power of Attorney, to be sent to Mr. David Hitchcock of Brookfield to recover a Debt from James Smith of Western; to be carried with a letter to Mr. Hitchcock by my son Ebenezer.... Ebenezer lodges here.

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. Mrs. P _____ disposes of Baize Lining to Ebenezer, and with the money, and some additions (that of 34s) purchases [blank] yards of Bear Skin to make him (Elias) a Straight-bodied coat. (Designed Lining of a New Red homespun Camblet gown for Elias.)

1779 March 30 (Tuesday). P.M. came Parkman Bradshaw from Brookfield. I understand that the Circumstances of my Son Ebenezer are difficult. He has hired of Mr. Hitchcock the House which his son Bradshaw took a Lease of. concerning the Fast etc. at Bolton.

1779 AUGUST 20: 52 YEARS OLD

1780 April 4 (Tuesday). Col. Baldwin and his son Isaac, also my grandson, Thomas P. A Letter by them from my dear Ebenezer, dated Morris Town State of New York, March 10, 1780, when he was well, though he had endured Hardships, and suffered by cold, lying on the Ground.

1780 May 1 (Monday). Wrote a long letter to my son Ebenezer at Morris Town, New Jersey to be ready for Col. Baldwin to carry.

1780 June 13. Wrote to my son Ebenezer at Head Quarters, Morris Town New Jersie.

1780 July 5 (Wednesday). Old Mr. Daniel Hardy, who went to Brookfield yesterday a.m. returns from there today about three p.m. By him came news not only from My Daughter Baldwin, but that she has had Letters of June 15 from her Husband and Br. Ebenezer.

1780 AUGUST 20: 53 YEARS OLD

1780 October 6 (Friday). Daughter Baldwin sends me a packet of Letters -- one from Col. to her: 3 of Ebenezer to her, which show him to have been in a distressed, disconsolate and now in a sick and weak Condition. I wrote a Letter to him, though I am not sure how I shall send it.

1780 December 20 (Wednesday). Two Letters from Camp from Ebenezer and from Col. Baldwin of Nov. 14, with General Orders.

1780 December 28 (Thursday). N.B. Breck brings in a Letter from Ebenezer at Fishkill.

1781 January 1 (Monday). Received a Letter from my son Ebenezer dated December 18 at Fish Kill.

1781 February 6 (Tuesday). P.M. Wrote to my son *Ebenezer* at Fish Kill; and sent it per Squire *Baker* to *Elias* at *Springfield* for Conveyance.

1781 March 12 (Monday). A Letter from *Ebenezer* at *Fish-Kill* dated Feb.

1781 July 24 (Tuesday). In the morning from *Shrewsbury* came to *Breakfast* here, my dear Son *Ebenezer* after long Absence in the Army, and his son in Law, Master *Peregrine Foster*, who is going to Boston with a Covered Waggon and two Horses, to carry up Goods to *Brookfield*. After Breakfast they Sat out for *Boston*.

1781 July 26 (Thursday). At Eve came my son *Ebenezer* and his Son in Law, *Peregrine Foster* with their Waggon from *Boston*, and lodge here. Bring Letter from Mr. *Quincy* of the 17th and from my Son *Samuel* of the 24th.

1781 August 14 (Tuesday). My Son *Ebenezer* from Brookfield and lodged here.

1781 AUGUST 20: 54 YEARS OLD

1781 September 1 (Saturday). At Eve my Son *Ebenezer* came from *Gloucester*, but last from *Concord*. A Letter from Mr. *Forbes*.

1781 September 4 (Tuesday). My Son *Ebenezer* left us. N.B. As he left me his Steel-spectacle Case, So I gave him a pair with Case, which Mr. *Forbes* generously Sent me, and I gave him Dr.

Taylor's Contemplations -- also the Cane which was Brother *Samuels*, also another Silver Ferrill etc. May God almighty bless him and his, and grant him a prosperous Journey home!

1781 October 4 (Thursday). When I returned home found my son *Ebenezer* and Grand Daughter *Betsey Baldwin*, who were come from *Boston* and from *Cape Ann*.... N.B. Among the Letters which *Ebenezer* brought from *Boston* is Another Letter from Mr. *Quincy*, dated Sept. 27. And a considerable *Packet* from Mr. *Moore* inclosing his Notes of his Anniversary Sermon at *Plymouth*, for the Year 1780.

1781 October 5 (Friday). My Son *Ebenezer* made a Visit to Mrs. *Rebecca Warrin* on behalf of his Aunt *Champney*: and to Mr. *Fish* but returned at Eve.

1781 October 24 (Wednesday). My son *Ebenezer* was here also, having come yesterday under some very peculiar Difficulty, by reason of his being bound to divers Creditors for his son *Bradshaw* deceased: and was in danger of being sued.

1782 March 15 (Friday). I wrote Letters to my Son *Ebenezer* at *Crom Pond*, and to his Sons at West Point.

1782 March 17 (Sunday). I received a Letter from my Son *Ebenezer* at *Crom Pond*.

1782 March 18 (Monday). Wrote another Letter to my son *Ebenezer* at *Crom Pond* and Sent the several Letters by Mr. *Joseph McCulloch*.

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 9 (Thursday). Mr. *Merriam* of *Ashburnham* (Hatter) here, and dines with us. I wrote to Mr. *Cushing* about *Ebenezers* Affairs (his Bond to Squire *Culwell* at *Barre* especially) and forwarding (if I can) his going with *Ebenezer* (when he shall go to *Barre*) and assist him what [ever?] he may be able to. But did not send it as yet.

1782 May 10 (Friday). *Ebenezer* is still with us and ingeniously mends my wooden Case for my Watch.

1782 May 13 (Monday). It proves a very wet season; but Sundry of our Younger Folks ride up to *Shrewsbury*. My son *Ebenezer* goes with Miss *Mindwell Brigham* and her Brother *Josiah*.

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

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.

1782 May 18 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenezer* leaves us to go to *Ashburnham*. I sent a Letter by him to Mr. *Cushing* concerning him, and concerning Mr. *Sanford*.

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

1782 June 26 (Wednesday). I preached Mr. *Whitneys* Lecture. My son *Ebenezer* went to *Northborough* with me. Mr. *Sumner* and his Wife were with us there at Dinner.

1782 June 27 (Thursday). Our House Still in the Confusions of *White-washing*. *Ebenezer* very helpful but Mrs. P_____ much confined.

1782 June 28 (Friday). *Ebenezer* and *Sophia* ride to visit Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife. Have Mr. *Elisha Forbes*' Chaise.

1782 July 3 (Wednesday). My Son *Ebenezer* having tarried thus long with us, he took his Journey to *Providence*. I rode with him beyond this Town. I committed to his Care 3 Pamphlets which I borrowed of Rev. Mr. *Willard* of *Mendon*.

1782 July 8 (Monday). And my Son *Ebenezer* returned from *Providence* the Same Evening.

1782 July 13 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenezer* very helpful in taking up and carting in *Rye*.

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

1782 AUGUST 20: 55 YEARS OLD

1782 August 20 (Tuesday). [Association meeting, *Grafton*.] My Son *Ebenezer* went over also and dined with us; he accompanied me home.

[1782 September 3 (Tuesday).] I made a Visit to old Mrs. *Beeman*. My Son *Ebenezer* accompanys. We dined at Col. *Brighams*, but he is gone down to *Cambridge*. We also visited at Mr. *Haskills* and Mr. *Tim Warrins*. Wood [*sic*] have gone to *Jacob Garfields*, but missed our way.

[1782 September 5 (Thursday).] Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston*, and I go to the *Fast* at *Southborough*.... My Son *Ebenezer* was with me. We returned home at Evening.

1782 September 9 (Monday). My Son *Ebenezer* wrote and sends [inkspot] to his Sons at *West-point*, by a Man going up there.

1782 September 10 (Tuesday). *Fast at Grafton* on Account of the Drought. I rode up. Deacon *Wood* and my Son *Ebenezer* rode up with me.... My son and I returned safely at Eve. *To God be all Honor and praise!*

1782 September 12 (Thursday). *Fast at Framingham*. My Son *Ebenezer* rode with me to Mr. *Kellogg*, and we arrived the first that came.... At Eve rode to sister *Stones* and lodged there.

1782 September 13 (Friday). *Ebenezer* left me after Fast yesterday and went to *Concord*.

1782 September 18 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* returned from *Concord*.

1782 September 21 (Saturday). My Daughter *Baldwin*, aided by her son *Isaac*, came from Cape Ann -- last from *Horns Tavern* where they lodged, and came here to Breakfast this Morning. They are greatly fatigued. *Isaac* returned back to *Charlestown*, and leaves his Mother here. *Ebenezer* and *Elias* still here: But our Family is lessened and relieved, in some Measure, by Mrs. *White's* going from us, to Mr. *Graves's*. *Elias* waited upon her with an Horse.

1782 September 22 (Sunday). At Eve *Ebenezer* read a Sermon of Mr. [blank].

1782 September 26 (Thursday). A *Fast at Marlborough* to Seek a Minister of God and on account of the Great Drought.... My son *Ebenezer* waited upon me. I met with a bad Fall in getting out of a Chaise, and hurt my *right Legg*. We returned home at Eve.

1782 September 29 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Forbes* and *Ebenezer* returned from *Sudbury* and Mr. *Cushing* and his Son from *Southborough*.

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.

1782 October 9 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer* puts a Guard about the Top of the *back Stairs*.

[1782 October 11 (Friday).] At Eve *Ebenezer* read to me Mr. *Grove's* sermon on 2 *Tim*. 1.10, *Death abolished by Christ*.

[1782 October 20 (Sunday).] *Ebenezer* at Eve, read Mr. *Grove's* Sermon on Heb. 11.13, first Clause.

1782 October 27 (Sunday). At Eve My Son *Ebenezer* read a Sermon of Mr. *Groves*.

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