

Elias Parkman (1761-1828)

born 6 Jan. 1761

mar. (1) Alethina Belcher, Dec. 25, 1785

dau. of Capt. William Belcher of Preston, CT

died June 17, 1792, Holliston

mar. (2) Hannah (Susanna in int.) Johnson, Mar. 13, 1794 (Milford VR)

wid Susan (Susannah GS) d. Dec. 20, 1828, a. 67 y.

died Sept. 30, 1828 (a. 67 y.) (Milford VR)

Breck Parkman's diary: 1794 September 3 (Wednesday). I go to Milford to visit Brother Elias and his New Wife and child which is 6 weeks old. I return Same day.

children:

Samuel Breck, May 11, 1787, at Preston

Lucy Huntington, Oct. 25, 1789

Died 1873 at Plainfield CT, a. 84

Elias, June 11, 1792, Holliston

Died Selma, Alabama, Oct. 1853

See Ballou, Hist. of Milford, for additional details

Alethina, d. of Dr. Elias and Susanna, July 3, 1796.

Harvard 1780

Dr. Elias Parkman & Alethina Belcher Nov. 24, 1785

Griswold - Preston, CT, 2nd Church in Preston (now Griswold), Marriage Records To 1800,
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Children

Sukey L., dau. of Dr. Elias and Susanna, Feb. 26, 1796 (Milford VR)

Aleth__ina, July 23, 1794, dau. of Dr. Elias and Susanna

Mar. Asa Hall 2d of Bellingham, int. Oct. 18, 1834

Johnson, Apr. 12, 1800, son of Dr. Elias and Susanna

Sallee Rogers, Jan. 24, 1798, dau. of Dr. Elias and Susanna

1761 JANUARY 6: BIRTH

1762 JANUARY 6: 1 YEAR OLD

1763 JANUARY 6: 2 YEARS OLD1764 JANUARY 6: 3 YEARS OLD1765 JANUARY 6: 4 YEARS OLD

1765 February 19 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Maynard* Sent a Goat Skin for a Pair of Breeches for Elias.

1765 February 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* dined here, having brought some Wood. Bought a little skin at Mr. *Wheelocks* for Elias and get Mrs. *Johnson* to make them and because the Goat skin is So large as to be like to be enough for *John*, She is to make him a pair with that.

1766 JANUARY 6: 5 YEARS OLD1767 JANUARY 6: 6 YEARS OLD

1767 January 23 (Friday). Some Number of the Family are much indisposed by Colds. Mrs. P_____, *Sarah, Suse, John, Sophy*, and *Elias*: But through divine Goodness, I am well and am closely engaged in my Preparations.

1767 May 11 (Monday). Mr. *Cushing* takes Elias behind him, to carry him to Capt. Jonathan *Fays* to board and go to school.

1767 May 21 (Thursday). Elias goes to Capt. Jonathan *Fays* to board and go to School at Mr. William Nurse's.

1767 June 4 (Thursday). Carried Elias to board at Mr. Ebenezer Millers, where the School is kept.

1767 June 11 (Thursday). Elias goes to board at Mr. Joseph Harringtons (with Stephen and Gott *Maynard*) to go to School at Mr. Ebenezer Millers.

1768 JANUARY 6: 7 YEARS OLD

1768 February 12 (Friday). Breck, John and Elias go to Mr. *Goddards* school, at the Warrin school-House.

1768 February 26 (Friday). *Persis Newton* at work here again as a Taylor. Makes Cloth Breeches for Elias.

1768 December 8 (Thursday). *Persis Newton* here to work. She is making a Coat for *Elias*, of Cloth I have bought at Capt. *Wards* of Southborough.

1768 December 9 (Friday). N.B. Persis had finished Elias's Coat before noon, and went home, though she began it but little before noon yesterday.

1769 JANUARY 6: 8 YEARS OLD

1769 January 6 (Friday). Little *Elias* is this Day Eight years old. May he be new-born by the Blessed Spirit of Grace! May my Instructions to him, be blessed for this End!

[1769 June 26 (Monday).] [*torn*] Little *Elias* threw a stone yesterday at the Moscovy Drake, [*torn*] drive him off from a Goslin, and unhappily killed him.

1769 October 21 (Saturday). Having no body but John and my little *Elias* to do the Harvest-Business, I was obliged to assist, what I could in it.

1769 November 18 (Saturday). P.M. Rode to Southborough -- to Capt. Wards. Bought of him 2 ½ yards Half Thick, for Pillion Cloth and 2 ½ Tow Cloth, half a piece of Quality -- and a felt Hat for *Elias*.

1769 November 29 (Wednesday). John is poorly and confined; none but *Elias* to tend the Cattle etc.

1770 January 1 (Monday). *Elias* begins to learn the Accidence.

1770 January 3 (Wednesday). *Elias* went to Master Taylors school and got him a better Accidence, and Seems chearful in Learning. But

1770 January 4 (Thursday). Mr. *James Parker* is come to keep at the *Whipple* School; and this being much nearer, both *John* and *Elias* go there.

1770 JANUARY 6: 9 YEARS OLD

1770 January 9 (Tuesday). John and *Elias* goe to school.

1770 January 13 (Saturday). *John* but tender. Am obliged to depend upon my two *Elias's*, with *Johns* oversight of them.

1770 March 13 (Tuesday). Both my *Eliass* oppressed with Coughs and are much indisposed.

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

1770 August 22 (Wednesday). Went with Mr. Stone a.m. to Capt. [Solomon Wards?] at whose shop I bought Cloth etc. for a Coat for my Son *Elias*.

1770 August 25 (Saturday). Miss Lydia Chamberlin finishes by about 5 o'Clock. Asks 9/ for making my Boys Coat. Much the Cheapest way of getting the work done. *Elias* goes home with her, very Manfully.

1770 August 27 (Monday). My little Son *Elias* left us to go to his Brother Cushing's He went with John Arnold in his Waggon to Fitchbourg -- and then Mr. Payson is to help him up to Ashburnham.

1770 September 9 (Sunday). Received a Letter from *Sarah* -- she says *Elias* is easy.

1770 September 13 (Thursday). *Elias* brought home a Barrell of Cyder from Mr. Beeton.

1770 September 28 (Friday). *Elias* went to Neighbour Arnolds Husking.

1770 October 20 (Saturday). No Joseph here: nor did Lamb come, as he had promised. I have no one to help me about the Creatures and cutting and getting in Wood, but *Elias* only. This greatly interrupts and prevents my studying.

1770 November 13 (Tuesday). *Elias* Spends the chief of the Day in looking for my Sheep, which have been missing above a week.

1770 December 11 (Tuesday). *Elias* returned from Brookfield.

1770 December 28 (Friday). *Elias* being gone, I was obliged to winnow a Parcel of Flax-seed, Somewhat above two Bushels, for the Oyl Mill in *Sutton*: but fear I got cold, and that the Rheumatism would follow.

1771 JANUARY 6: 10 YEARS OLD

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

1771 February 12 (Tuesday). *Elias* is at his Books.

1771 February 15 (Friday). Am close applyed to reading etc.: and to teaching my son *Elias*, who is daily reciting *Corderius*, and his Accidence.

1771 April 8 (Monday). Mr. *Taylor* to his School at Mrs. Kendals, and he takes my Son *Elias* with him. *Breck* with us.

1771 April 10 (Wednesday). *Elias* lodged at Mrs. Kendalls, but came home this Eve.

1771 May 6 (Monday). *Elias* goes to Mr. *Taylor's* School, nigh Mr. *Daniel Warrins*, and dined at Mr. *Beemans*.

1771 May 9 (Thursday). His Errand he obtains, viz. to drive up *Alexanders* Cow and Calf and with them a Shoat which I have given him. He goes off with them -- and my Son *Elias* to assist him.

1771 May 16 (Thursday). N.B. I sent by my son *Elias*, an Order upon Mr. *Gleason*, to pay Mr. *Stockwell* my Account for Shoemaking and mending, in full to this Day.

1771 May 18 (Saturday). Mr. *Peter Adams* here and takes the Care of driving one of my Cows (which is with Calf) to Mr. *Cushing* at *Ashburnham* that he may have the Benefit of her the ensuing summer. My son *Elias* goes with Mr. *Adams* to assist in driving the Cow as far as Mr. *Eliezar Pratts* -- the intention being to set out from thence next Monday morning.

1771 May 21 (Tuesday). *Joseph* and *Elias* go to the ministerial Lot for Rails (bring 94 [at?] several Times) but in the last Turn they are in the *Rain*, and till 9 at night.

1771 May 27 (Monday). Mr. *Taylor* here as he goes to the *Grout* school-House; and takes *Elias* with him.

1771 June 6 (Thursday). *Joseph Chamberlin* has had a bad night of pain and vomiting and is ill this Morning -- continues ill through the Day -- in great pain, though his Vomiting Ceases. I got *Moses Smith* (who works for *Deacon Wood*) to plow awhile, and *Isaac Lamb* and *Sherebiah Fay* to work p.m. with *Elias* in Weeding the West Field.

1771 June 28 (Friday). Cousin *Betty* returned to *Capt. Maynards* and *Elias* goes with her and lodges there.

1771 July 1 (Monday). *Joseph* returned from *Hopkinton*. He begins to mowe. *Elias* also mowes with him.

1772 JANUARY 6: 11 YEARS OLD

1772 May 16 (Saturday). *Phinehas* begins to Plant in the further Field -- assisted by my *Elias*.

1772 June 25 (Thursday). *Elias* complains of pain in his Temple.

1772 June 26 (Friday). *Elias* is greatly afflicted and confined with his Pains.

1772 June 27 (Saturday). *Elias* Still in his grievous Complaints.

1772 June 29 (Monday). We have a sore Hand with *Elias's* Illness. He has been blistered. And various other Means are used, but without Effect.... *Elias* is in great Affliction yet.

1772 July 2 (Thursday). *Elias* was better in the Day but was worse again at Night.

1772 July 8 (Wednesday). *Elias* is So much better as to do Some Small Chores, yet is not well.

1772 July 23 (Thursday). Elias going to catch the Horse, was kicked in his Side, which causes him to lie by.

1772 July 24 (Friday). Elias has not got over the Kick by the Horse, but is unhappily wounded by the fall of a Chizzell upon his Ankle. This cutt further adds to his Confinement.

1772 July 28 (Tuesday). Reapers are *Phinehas, Breck* and *Elias*. They break off at 11 a.m., for they began very early. They go to work again about 4 p.m.

1772 August 31 (Monday). *Elias* goes to *Leicester* to his Brother Alexander for my Steers.

1772 December 17 (Thursday). *Elias* Recites again.

1772 December 18 (Friday). Elias goes to Mr. *Smiths* School.

1772 December 21 (Monday). *Elias* goes to Mr. *Smiths* School Steddily.

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

1773 JANUARY 6: 12 YEARS OLD

1773 January 21 (Thursday). *Elias* was not well accepted at School yesterday by reason of their fears of the Meazles. For Mr. *Reed* has had the Distemper since he preached here; and *Elias* may have taken the Infection. He therefore Stays at home to Day.

1773 January 26 (Tuesday). Elias having, as we think, escaped the Infection of the Meazles, goes to School again.

1773 February 10 (Wednesday). Master *Smiths* School finished yesterday: so that now Elias is at home.

1773 March 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Hancock the Taylor*, at work for *Breck* and *Elias*, making Coats for them.

1773 March 12 (Friday). *John* and *Elias* go to *Brookfield*.

1773 March 18 (Thursday). *Elias* also came with *Alexander* in his returning from *Brookfield*. Tells me *John* is in Mr. *Hitchcocks* Business for a while -- and then is to go to *Oxford*.

1773 August 7 (Saturday). *Elias* begins again to look into his Books -- and recover Something of his Lessons.

1773 August 11 (Wednesday). *John* takes the Horse and *Elias* with him, and rides to *Mendon* designing to go to one Mr. *Smith* a Sadler there. P.M. *Elias* returns with the Horse.

1773 August 25 (Wednesday). *Elias* also not well.

1773 August 26 (Thursday). Both *Hannah* and *Elias* not well. The Doctor visits and administers but *Hannah* is no better.

1773 August 27 (Friday). *Elias* as well as *Hannah* Still laid by.

1773 August 28 (Saturday). *Elias* is exercised very much with Pain -- is capable of very little.

1773 August 30 (Monday). Messrs. Barnabas Newton, Joseph Bond, with four Oxen apiece -- joined to my Team, Jonathan with them -- but *Elias* only a.m., break up at the Island.

1773 September 1 (Wednesday). *Hannah* is, through divine Compassion, better. So is *Elias*; but does very little at his Books.

1773 September 21 (Tuesday). Had Mr. *Haskills* Chaise and Deacon *Woods* Horse to go up to *Worcester* with *Elias* who is Summoned to Court, to give Evidence in Ensign *Fay's* Case against Mr. *Manasseh Smith*. I went to Court and heard the Chief Justice's Charge to the Grand Jury. Mr. *Maccarty* prayed. I dined with him. *Elias* with Ensign *Fay*. P.M. at Mr. Samuel *Bridge's*. Also visit Mr. *Richard Pratt*, who took Care of my Horse and Chaise, and kindly invites to Lodge etc. *Elias* goes there, lodges. I at Mr. *Maccarty's*.

1773 September 23 (Thursday). We returned to *Worcester*. Was at Mr. *Maccarty's* Dined at Mr. *Bridge's*, with young Mr. *Hutchinson*, the school Master. P.M. at Mr. [*Pains?*] where was Coll. *Worthington*, who informs me Mr. *Breck* is just upon his marriage with Mrs. *Dor* of *Hartford*. I was at Mr. *Putnams*, Dr. *Willards*, at Judge *Chandlers*. The Cause between Ensign *Fay* and Master *Smith* was tried. *Elias* was not Sworn.

1773 October 4 (Monday). N.B. [Last?] Eve Mr. *Joseph Harrington* lent me again the *Second Neighbour* but injoining to return it by *Elias* when he goes next to School.

1773 November 5 (Friday). I Sent *Elias* to Mr. *Phinehas Hardy* for 4 Barrells of Cyder, and he Sends me 5 and Apples.

1773 November 7 (Sunday). In the Evening recollecting find, that since this time 12 Months, I and my Family have been exercised with divers and grievous Frowns of divine Providence. In particular by the Death of my dear Daughter *Moore*, and by the Sickness of divers of us -- Old Mrs. *Kelly*, Mrs. P_____, *Hannah*, *Elias*. May we be humbled and (Since they are so recovered) thankful to the Lord our Healer!

1773 December 20 (Monday). *Elias* goes to Mr. *Whipples* Mill with a Team loaded with Salt to be ground; 25 Bushel; for his Brother *Breck*.

1774 JANUARY 6: 13 YEARS OLD

1774 January 18 (Tuesday). *Elias* begins *Virgil*.

1774 January 26 (Wednesday). Breck has got Mr. Joseph *Bond* to go to the Ministerial Lot, breaking the way from Mr. *Beetons*, and Sledding a Load. *Elias* with my Oxen were there also.

1774 February 22 (Tuesday). N.B. *Elias* received of Mr. *Taylor*, Davidsons *Virgil* borrowed of young Mr. *Frost* of Mendon.

1774 February 24 (Thursday). John Fay works for me from Day to Day in cutting wood in the Brigham Lott -- day to Day. And *Elias* a.m. sleds with our Team.

1774 March 28 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Hez. Taylor* finished his schoolkeeping last Saturday: am now obliged to teach *Elias* my Self.

1774 April 4 (Monday). *Elias* goes with a Team to Mr. *Whipples* Mill. Carrys 21 1/2 Bushels first, afterwards Ten more, and two more Still. *Breck* assists in filling, loading, emptying etc.

1774 April 6 (Wednesday). *Elias* is gone to Mr. *Waters* School, which I suppose begins to Day at the South School-House.

1774 April 22 (Friday). *Elias* to School daily to Mr. *Waters*.

1774 April 27 (Wednesday). They sat out for *Boston*; and I send *Elias* with the Cattle. *Ben Clark* goes part of the way to help drive; but missed his Way in coming back from *Shrewsbury*, and did not get home till nigh night.

1774 April 30 (Saturday). At Eve *Elias* returned from Brookfield. Brought my Watch from Mr. *Earl* at Leicester. For a Chrystal, and enamelling the Figures 2/ Lawfull.

1774 May 19 (Thursday). Walked to Mr. F. *Whipples* -- got an Horse there to ride to *Shrewsbury*, that is to Master *Goddards* and dined there. Agree with him to take to Board and Instruct *Elias* for 35/old tenor per week -- and to begin on the Monday after the Election.

1774 May 30 (Monday). My Son *Elias* left us to go to Mr. *Nathan Goddards* at *Shrewsbury* to board and to be instructed by him.

1774 June 18 (Saturday). *Elias* came from *Shrewsbury*.

1774 June 23 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Hancock* works here one Day after another on divers Garments, making a Jacket for *Elias*, Breeches for *John* and *Ware*. Also one Mr. *Knight* (who learns [Lathing?]) at Mr. *Goddards*) came with *Elias* from *Shrewsbury* and was refreshed with us. And O that what we have offered might not be a *corrupt Thing*!

1774 July 3 (Sunday). N.B. Young *Holland* a Scholar is here with *Elias*, and lodges here.

1774 July 4 (Monday). *Holland* goes to *Shrewsbury*. *Elias* goes, but returns that he may go to work, and doth go p.m. tending Hay.

1774 July 17 (Sunday). *Elias* brought in one *Forsdick*, a Scholar from Mr. *Goddards*, to dine with us.

1774 August 8 (Monday). *Elias* returns to his Books at Mr. *Goddards*.

1774 August 13 (Saturday). At Eve *Elias* came home.

1774 August 15 (Monday). *Elias* returned to Mr. *Goddards*.

1774 August 27 (Saturday). *Elias* brings *Forsdick*.

1774 August 31 (Wednesday). *Elias* came home from Mr. *Goddards*, though he went but yesterday. His master is gone to *Uxbridge*.

1774 September 10 (Saturday). *Elias* home.

1774 September 12 (Monday). *Elias* goes up to Mr. *Goddards* to fetch his Books.

1774 September 13 (Tuesday). *Elias* goes to School to Mr. *Cornelius Waters* who keeps at the *Bond* School House, but lodges at Mr. *Levi Warrins*, where *Elias* is allowed to study.

1774 September 19 (Monday). *Elias* not well a.m., goes to School p.m.

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

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

1774 October 31 (Monday). At Eve 3 young Schollars sup here with *Elias*, viz. *Crosby*, *Jonathan Fay* and *Moses Brigham*.

1774 November 3 (Thursday). *Elias* is greatly afflicted for his *Cossitt Sheep*, which is missing. He rides after Some Drovers of sheep, fearing they have taken in his sheep. Proceeds as far as *Natick* -- and returns uncertain. At Eve came Messrs. *Thomas Bond* and *Levi Warrin* to acquaint me with their suspicions that *Moses Sever*, who moved with his Family this Morning to *Westminster*, had stole and killed and carried off the *Cossitt*. Mr. *B. Tainter* came also to enquire and confirm. Sent for Lt. *Baker* -- who came -- and agreed to pursue *Sever*.

1774 November 4 (Friday). Early in the Morning Lt. *Baker* and my Son *Breck* Sat out. I catechized at the *Meeting House* -- about 50 Boys. P.M. catechized at my House -- had nigh 30 Girls. May it be to good Effect! P.M. *Breck* etc. returned, and gave me Account of their overtaking the man Suspected of taking away *Elias's* sheep. He confessed it, and to make Satisfaction he has Sent me a Note of Hand which Lt. *Baker* had given him for 15£ lawful Money, that So much might be taken out of it as be proper Amends for the Sheep and the Charges.

1774 December 23 (Friday). *Elias* goes to hasten Mr. *Carly*. He came, dined. We killed a large Sow, and Mr. *Carly* uses it as a Medicine against the Mares Disorders. He designs also to give her Oyl of Turpentine. These being good Remedys against the Botts. He leads the Mare to his House beyond *Northborough*.

1774 December 29 (Thursday). The Snow is so very deep that one *Hezekiah Haden* with two strong Teams going to *Boston* was stopt at *Deacon Woods*, and cant get along with his Loads. A Number of Neighbours come with their Teams to his help and break the way with great Difficulty. *Elias* goes with my Oxen as far as *Andrews's*.

1775 JANUARY 6: 14 YEARS OLD

1775 January 11 (Wednesday). My son and Daughter set out for *Brookfield*, and *Elias* goes with them with an Horse to accompany them part of the way -- as far as to *Capt. Curtis's* at *Worcester*.

1775 January 23 (Monday). *Elias* went with my Sleigh to Mr. *Goddards* at *Shrewsbury* and carried 9 Bush. of Rye in part of pay for Boarding and teaching.

1775 February 7 (Tuesday). *Elias* is at home with me.

1775 February 9 (Thursday). At Eve when I return have *Elias* to hear both in *Virgil* and *Greek Testament*.

1775 February 18 (Saturday). *Elias* goes with Three Legs of Pork to Mr. *S. Allens* for Bacon. He goes also to Mr. *Caleb Rice's*, where he hears that young Mr. *Thomas Stone*, when he went home from hence, on the 15th, was taken very ill.

1775 March 10 (Friday). Spent some time separately, but was much interrupted by teaching *Elias*....

1775 March 14 (Tuesday). *Elias* is so indisposed that he can do nothing at his Lessons, either yesterday nor to day.

1775 March 15 (Wednesday). *Elias* indisposed for Study -- but is about and goes to Mill with a Team, with about 9 Bush. of Rye, and 8 of *Indian Corn*.

1775 April 20 (Thursday). *Elias* came this Morning from Mr. *Goddards* -- yesterday from *Brookfield* on foot.

1775 May 10 (Wednesday). *Elias* works with *Aaron* in the Planting, as he has been chiefly assisting him in the Business of the season, since he came from *Brookfield*.

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

1775 May 19 (Friday). There being no News of *Billy Bradfords* Bundle of Cloths etc. which was got out of Boston when he came out; and therefore I send *Elias* to Capt. *Tyler* and Mr. *Alexander* of *Hopkinton* to See whether they had received it -- who Send Word that they had not. *Elias* borrowed of John Barrett, Davidsons Virgil Vol. 2. *Elias* returned at Eve.

1775 June 12 (Monday). *Elias* I was obliged to send to *Leicester* with *William Bradfords* Cloths, they having lain too long at Capt. *Maynards* for Conveyance.

1775 June 13 (Tuesday). *Elias* returned.

1775 July 18 (Tuesday). *Hannah* So bad in the last Night that at about 2 (in the Morn) *Elias* went for the Doctor -- who came.

1775 October 2 (Monday). *Elias* goes to School to Mr. *William May*, who keeps at the *Whipple* School-House.

1775 December 28 (Thursday). At Eve I was called to visit Mr. *Artemas Bruce's* little Daughter, *Polly*, of about 6 years, who is very bad of Canker, Fever etc. Prayed with them and returned before Nine. *Elias* drove the sleigh.

1776 JANUARY 6: 15 YEARS OLD

1776 January 18 (Thursday). Have bought a Deer skin at the Shop, at 16/ Lawful Money, and Miss *Nabby Woods* comes at Even to make a pair of Breeches of it for *Elias*.

1776 January 24 (Wednesday). *Elias* tends the Barn etc.

1776 January 30 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mrs. *Moore*. My son *Samuel*, his Wife and Child, with *Elias* also, go in the Sleigh to *Concord*; *Samuel* designing to take his own Mare at *Concord* and proceed to *Plymouth, Rochester, Dartmouth* etc.

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

1776 February 8 (Thursday). *Ben* went with *Williams* and *Elias* at the Barn etc.

1776 February 9 (Friday). *Williams* takes *Elias* with him to Sledding.

1776 February 22 (Thursday). *Elias* is Sent with a Line from me to Capt. (I hear it is now *Squire*) *Baker*, concerning poor *Sever's* [Case and?] Conduct.

1776 February 24 (Saturday). The Affair of poor *Sever* is finished. Mr. *Piper* brings from him another Dollar in acknowledgment from *Sever*, for his wickedness. This I deliver to *Elias*.

1776 March 22 (Friday). *Elias* goes to *Samuel Allens* with 3 Legs for Bacon.

1776 May 16 (Thursday). *Elias* is at his Books again; (though we have not near done our planting) by reason of my Discourse with him lately; yet I did not expect he would have been so suddain in his Resolutions -- but I have Mr. *Harrington* to help my young man; and have *Jimmy Hicks* to do what he can in waiting upon them.

1776 May 18 (Saturday). Though it looked like Rain, I sat out on a Journey to Mr. *Frost* of *Mill-River*, to see whether he would take my son *Elias* to instruct and board him. It proved a rainy Day. I called at Mr. *John Tafts* and was kindly entertained. Dined at Mr. *Frosts*, and he consented to take him, at a Dollar per Week.

1776 May 21 (Tuesday). *Elias* went to *Mill-River*.

1776 June 12 (Wednesday). But Mrs. P_____ informs me that *Elias*, the Day after the Election, having mounted a young Horse which he rode here, in order to ride back to *Mill-River*, the Horse reared up, threw *Elias* off, and as it is said the Horse fell upon him, and his Head meeting with sharp stone; cut a great Gash in it, from whence the Blood issued plentifully -- but his Life and senses were preserved. Dr. *Hawes* dressed it, and by the Blessing of God it is in an hopeful Way.

1776 June 14 (Friday). Went to the Doctors to See the Dressing of *Elias's* Wound.... Hear *Elias*, who is with us.

1776 June 20 (Thursday). *Elias* returns to Mr. *Frost* of *Mendon* -- has *Squire Whipple's* Horse, and *James Hicks* goes to bring him back.

1776 July 15 (Monday). Rode to Mr. *Frosts* at *Mill-River*, to See *Elias*. Dined there. My Son is much recovered from his Wound received on May 30.

1776 July 20 (Saturday). P.M. *Elias* came home from *Mill-River*.

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

1776 July 23 (Tuesday). *Elias* returns from *Concord*, but is so indisposed that he can't return to Mr. *Frosts*.

1776 July 24 (Wednesday). *Elias* early returns to Mr. *Frosts* at *Mill-River*.

1776 August 5 (Monday). I rode to Mr. *Frost's* to See what is best to be done about *Elias*. Conclude to have him Stay there another Month. Dined there. Returned p.m.

1776 August 10 (Saturday). Mr. *William Blair Townshend* and his wife came to see us, and dined here. I Spake to him of my Son *Elias's* going to College, and that he might perhaps befriend me as to some or other of the charitable Benefactions.

1776 August 31 (Saturday). *Elias* came home.

1776 September 2 (Monday). *Elias* Carts one Load of Hay.

1776 September 3 (Tuesday). *Elias* carts home two load Hay.

1776 September 9 (Monday). *Elias* returns to Mr. *Frost* in order to his going with him to Cambridge to be examined.

1776 September 14 (Saturday). *Elias* returns from *Cambridge* and has *passed Examinations*.

1776 September 19 (Thursday). *Hannah* [illegible] for Trimmings for *Elias's* Cloths

1776 September 20 (Friday). *Elias* helps me part of the Day, in mending the Fence joining to Mr. *David Maynard* at the Interval. *Hannah* rides to *Marlborough* on *Elias's* Account Still.

1776 September 21 (Saturday). Received Mr. *Frost's* Letter of the 19 containing an Account of his going down to *Cambridge* with *Elias* and *Hastings*, their Examination and being Accepted by the President and Fellows: also his Accompt of Board and Tutoring; which latter amounted to 3£ 6.8 Lawful Money.

1776 September 25 (Wednesday). A Chest, and Sundry utensils are provided for *Elias* to keep Chamber in College.

1776 September 26 (Thursday). N.B. *Elisha Forbes* has disappointed *Elias* in going to *Cambridge* without taking his [blot] Table etc. as *Elias* says he had promised him.

1776 September 30 (Monday). Mr. *Stone* came home in the Chaise in which my son *Elias* rides.

1776 October 1 (Tuesday). We left Mrs. *Gibbs* and rode to *Watertown* in quest of Mr. *Stephen Hall* of *Sutton* who took the Charge of *Elias's* Chest and an Oval Table, to be carried to *Cambridge*. Found him, but the Chest etc. were left at *Waltham*. We went to *Cambridge*. Put the Horse and Chaise under the Care of Mrs. *Hicks*. Viewed the Chambers appointed for my son. *Hastings* there and they rode to *Waltham* and brought the Chest and Table which *Stephen*

Hall took care to get brought there. Dined with Dr. *Langdon*. P.M. Sought for a Bonds man.... At Eve Cousen *Thomas Barrett* is bound with me to the Steward -- and I pay the Steward 5 Dollars -- Upon which he signs the Receipt, and I return [it to] the President who signs the *Admittance*. Visit Mr. [*Hall?*], one of the Tutors, where I also had Mr. *Guilds* Company -- who is another of the Tutors.

1776 October 7 (Monday). Wrote to *Elias* at College by Mr. *B. Tainter* junior and Sent a Number of Articles also by him.

1776 October 11 (Friday). At Eve received a Letter from *Elias* per post.

1776 October 17 (Thursday). Sent a Letter inclosing 3 Dollars more and therewith Linnen, viz. two shirts, and a stock, two pair of stockings, a Looking Glass and a Box containing 4 ½ Dozen Candles, by Mr. [*Tainter?*] to *Elias* at *Cambridge*.

1776 October 29 (Tuesday). *Simon Crosby*, going to *Cambridge* calls for Linnen and Letter to *Elias*.

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

1776 November 2 (Saturday). Sent *James Hicks* with an Horse to meet him. He arrived about noon.

1776 November 7 (Thursday). *Elias* goes with my Team to Mr. *Jonathan Childs* and brings 4 Barrells of Cyder. 3 from him at 7/ per Barrell. One from Mr. *Thomas Whitney* is given.

1776 November 8 (Friday). Early in the Morning *Elias* left us to go to *Cambridge*, but he goes by the way of *Concord*. Gave him two Dollars.

1776 November 9 (Saturday). I rode to *Grafton* p.m. to preach for Mr. *Grosvenor. Hastings*, as I was informed afterwards, *Elias's* Chambermate, came to *Westborough* and lodged here. He is going to a Sick Brother at *Ticonderoga*.

1776 November 11 (Monday). When I got home received a Letter from *Elias* who Seems to desire to go to the Hospital to be inoculated. I wrote an Answer permitting him -- but know not how to send

1776 December 7 (Saturday). *Elias* came home from *Cambridge*. He has been *inoculated* at the Hospital, at *Sewels* Point, under the Care of Dr. *Aspinwall*. The Charge for Every Thing is 12 Dollars.

1776 December 10 (Tuesday). Dr. *Crosby* goes to *Cambridge* for his son. I sent by him *Twelve Dollars* to young *Prince* at College which *Elias* borrowed of him to pay the Charges of his Inoculation, and 2 Dollars for *Hastings* for a Load of Wood.

1776 December 11 (Wednesday). *Elias's* Eyes so weak, he says, he cannot study.

1776 December 20 (Friday). *James* is worse -- his ankle -- has taken Cold. *Elias* is forced to do the unavoidable Chores, cut wood [*illegible*] prepare for going to Mill etc.

1776 December 21 (Saturday). *James* is laid up, confined by his [*illegible*] *Elias* is obliged to bestir himself for us; for Wood, etc. and for [*illegible*] likewise for Mrs. *Harrington*, whose Husband is gone to *Waltham*.

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

1776 December 27 (Friday). *Nehemiah Maynard* goes again with a Yoke of Oxen to Ministerial Lot [to help *Elias* again?], who goes with my Oxen, and brings [a?] Load.

1777 January 3 (Friday). Disappointed of Neighbours coming to get Wood by [*torn*]loads. *Elias* studys a little p.m.

1777 JANUARY 6: 16 YEARS OLD

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

1777 January 7 (Tuesday). *Elias* and *Hannah* return home.

1777 January 15 (Wednesday). Messrs. Nathan Maynard junior and Nathaniel Chamberlin went to the ministerial Lot and cutt wood for me. *Elias* went with 3 Cattle (as men speak) and sledded home two load.

1777 January 28 (Tuesday). *Marble* and *Ph. Brigham* thrash -- by ½ after 10 a.m. make an End of thrashing. *Brigham* goes away -- *Marble* helps *Elias* load some wood at the Island, dines with us and leaves us. They have been here Eleven Days besides this part of a Day. They have thrashed nigh 50 shock. They ask 2/ per Day.

1777 January 31 (Friday). This day was pitched upon by some Number of Neighbours to cutt and cart Wood. But squire Baker could not come, and therefore it fell through so far as to appoint Monday -- yet 3 Cutters went to the Lot, and worked -- *Elias* Sledded 2 Load. Dr. *Hawes* Sent one Load of his own.

1777 February 4 (Tuesday). *Marble* -- *Elias* sleds.

1777 February 12 (Wednesday). Miss Nabby Woods has worked here; this is now the 3d Day in altering and preparing *Elias's* Cloths -- goes home this Evening.

1777 February 13 (Thursday). The *Bradshaws* having but one Horse, put him into my Sleigh and take in *Elias*, to go to *Cambridge*. *Breck* sat out for *Windsor*. Mr. *Fisher* begins the Course to fetch the *News Paper from Worcester*. N.B. gave *Elias* 3 Dollars.

1777 February 17 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* returns in my Sleigh from *Cambridge*. Brings *Elias's* Quarter Bills; and from Dr. *Langdon* Dr. *Witherspoons* sermon the General Fast last May.

1777 April 7 (Monday). By Mr. *Bradshaw* I sent a Letter to *Elias*, and to Dr. *Langdon* his Dr. *Witherspoon*.

1777 April 14 (Monday). N.B. Dr. *Crosby* here in his Way to *Cambridge* and *Boston*. He kindly offers to assist *Elias* in his coming home.

1777 April 15 (Tuesday). Rode to the Association at Mr. *Bridge's* at *East Sudbury*. Had so far the Company of young *David Fay*, who there took my Horse to lead him to *Cambridge* for *Elias* to ride up thus far, it being Vacation time.

1777 April 16 (Wednesday). Waited for *Elias* till after Dinner.

1777 April 17 (Thursday). *Elias* arrived last Evening.

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

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

1777 June 6 (Friday). *Elias* came home from *Cambridge* before Day, to See his Sister *Hannah*, and it happened that his sister *Baldwin* is here also. He takes a Ride with *Hannah* in their sisters Chaise.

1777 June 7 (Saturday). *Elias* waits upon his Sisters in Mrs. *Baldwins* Chaise. They remain very infirm and tender.

1777 June 11 (Wednesday). Sent *Elias* for Dr. *Ball*; who came, and Dr. *Hawes* is here with him, to consult about *Hannahs* Case.

1777 June 16 (Monday). N.B. *Elias* goes to *Cambridge* afoot.

1777 July 15 (Tuesday). I was about to go to *Cambridge* to bring up *Elias*, but Mr. *Bradshaw* takes this Affair upon him. Rides in the *Baldwin* Chaise with the *Baldwin* Horse, and his own Horse is rid by *Samuel Hindes* of *Watertown*.

1777 July 16 (Wednesday). P.M. *Elias* returned from College. *Parkman Bradshaw* came with him in the *Baldwin* Chaise. They inform that yesterday there was a Funeral Oration in the

Chappel occasioned by the Death of Mr. *Benjamin Wadsworth*, who departed by the Small Pox. Very much lamented, especially by his Class, to which *Elias* belonged.

1777 August 6 (Wednesday). I rode to Deacon *Bonds* -- [mending shoes?] for *Elias*.

1777 August 13 (Wednesday). *Elias* goes back to *Cambridge*. *Breck* goes to *Boston*; has Mr. *Newtons* Chaise and takes in *Elias*, with his Cloths and Books: and *Bradshaw*, the latter designing to go on Foot, when his Brother has gone with him as far as Gleasons in Framingham. N.B. Edward *Brigham*, going with a Team to *Cambridge*, carries in it a Bed, Covering, Bedstead etc. for *Elias*; he having another Chum. N.B. I gave *Elias* in Cash £6.13.2.1 to pay Quarter Bill, the Butlers Bill, and for incidental Expenses.

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

1777 September 19 (Friday). Am more and more sollicitous about my Children, as it is foul weather from Day to Day: And *Elias* being ill at College and can have no Wood.

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 23 (Tuesday). *Elias* so indisposed he can't study.

1777 September 24 (Wednesday). *Elias* rides to Capt. *Jonathan Fays*, p.m. and up to *Grafton*.

1777 September 29 (Monday). *Elias* was to have gone back to *Cambridge* on Saturday last, but is so out of Health that he could not undertake it. I was therefore obliged to go out into my Neighbourhood in quest of somebody to lead down Mr. *Jarvis's* Horse, but could not succeed.

1777 October 1 (Wednesday). N.B. *Elias* went to Mr. *Belknaps* with the Team and brought thence Six *Barrells*, for which he asks 2 Dollars apiece. Two he left at Mr. *Chamberlains* to be filled.

1777 October 3 (Friday). *Hannah* is more comfortable in Mind and Body. Blessed be God for any respite! But *Elias* droops.

1777 October 15 (Wednesday). *Elias* goes on an Horse of Col. *Brighams*, and with him (who is Representative for *Northborough*) to *Boston*, to *Cambridge*, and to *Concord*, to inform his Brothers there, of what God has seen meet to do. [Hannah's death.]

1777 October 16 (Thursday). *Elias* returns from *Cambridge*.

1777 October 23 (Thursday). *Elias* can't study, but can go about other Business. His Eyes are weak, and it affects his Stomach to read.

1777 October 24 (Friday). *Elias* most probably took Cold yesterday and lyes by.

1777 October 25 (Saturday). *Elias* is feverish; has sore Throat and [torn] under Dr. *Hawes*' Care.

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

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

1777 October 29 (Wednesday). *Elias* is poorly, able to keep off from the Bed.

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

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

1777 November 12 (Wednesday). *Elias* returned from *Coi's* Hill, *Brookfield* but from *Baldwins* of *Shrewsbury* only, this morning. He has brought but 4 Creatures out of six -- but an Heiffer I designed to kill, is missing. See the 5th.

1777 November 19 (Wednesday). *Elias* goes to Capt. *Maynards* for a Barrell of Cyder given by Mr. Ebenezer Maynard.

1777 November 21 (Friday). Dr. *Stiles* leaves [torn] *Cambridge* in his way to *Portsmouth*. Wrote by him to [torn] on respecting *Elias's* staying at home till the Vaca[torn] [illegible] shall [torn] turn, he may have a Waitership [torn] [How?] dines here, being at work for *Breck*.

1777 November 22 (Saturday). *Elias* brings me return from Squire Baker that they who he employs in Business have killed my fat Oxen -- the weight of which *blank*].

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

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]

1777 November 27 (Thursday). N.B. *Elias* so looses his time from Day to Day that I am full of Trouble, and I could not but complain and resent it.

1777 November 28 (Friday). *Elias* goes in search of my Heiffer and steer missing from *Coi's Hill*.

1777 December 24 (Wednesday). I married them in my Study, by reason of Strangers below. *Suse, Elias* etc. were present.

1777 December 27 (Saturday). *Elias* is forced to go to the [pine Lot?] and picks out and brings home a Load of Maple.

1777 December 30 (Tuesday). *Elias* went to the Ministerial Lot, and Mr. *Caleb Harrington* to help him. They bring home a Load of Wood.

1778 JANUARY 6: 17 YEARS OLD

1778 January 6 (Tuesday). *Elias* goes to *Brookfield* to drive down Cattle and Sheep. Mr. *Lovering* sets out with him, on his Journey to Westfield.

1778 January 8 (Thursday). *Elias* returned from *Brookfield* but today only from Capt. *Curtis's* at *Worcester*. He drove home my steer, and with him four of my Son *Baldwins* young Cattle: and Nine of my son *Forbes's* sheep, Eight from Mr. *Jonas Brewers*, and one from Mr. *Daniel Forbes*.

1778 January 14 (Wednesday). N.B. *Elias* goes to the singing school. 38 at School at Evening.

1778 January 17 (Saturday). My Sons and their Wives, though it is a Snow storm, return to *Concord*. Neither *Elias* nor *Sophy* go to Singing school to Day.

1778 January 26 (Monday). Very Cold. Mr. *Elijah Bellows* here to desire me to go down to the Funeral of the late Capt. *Aaron Fay* of *Southborough*, who dyed suddenly on the Road in *Waltham* last Saturday. That I might, cold as it was, p.m. with *Elias* to drive the sleigh, I rode up to visit the afflicted in my own Parish.

1778 January 27 (Tuesday). Took *Elias* with me again in the sleigh and rode to Mr. *Stones* at *Southborough*; and having dined there, we proceeded to the House of Mourning -- that of the late Capt. *Aaron Fay*, whose Funeral was attended by a great multitude.

1778 February 2 (Monday). *Elias* rides to *Holden* to one Mr. *Samuel Grant's* who has advertized an Heiffer, which he had strayed. *Elias* thinks it is Mine, but Mr. *Grant* says he took in this, as long ago as last June, therefore E. returns without her.

1778 February 3 (Tuesday). My perplexitys are unusually great on various Accounts. *Elias* ought to go to *Cambridge* to day, as the Vacation will be up tomorrow, and he ought to be there to secure the Waiters-ship; but he is unhappily distempered and cannot go. My Wood is near out and the Roads so muddy nobody is inclined to go to cut or cart any. I was seized with Lameness by undertaking to lift up and remove what was heavy; which much incommoded me for riding -- yet hearing that Capt. *Jonathan Fay* was very ill, I undertook to go to him.

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

1778 February 9 (Monday). At Eve I returned to the Singing School and tarried 'till 9 when *Elias* came home with me in the sleigh.

1778 February 23 (Monday). Write to My son *William* to supply *Elias* with a Load of Wood.

1778 February 26 (Thursday). Though this was the Day which Squire *Baker* appointed for *Elias* to go with him to *Holden* after my stray Heiffer, but the Squire was not come home; Roads exceeding bad; therefore that Design is given up for the Present.

1778 February 27 (Friday). My Sons are both of them much engaged in making Singing Books and pricking out Tunes. *Elias* borrows of Mr. *Barker* The Bishop of *Meaux Universal History* Vol. 1, which I take some View of.

1778 March 4 (Wednesday). This was the Day for *Elias* to return to *Cambridge*, the Vacancy being up; but the Weather prevented.

1778 March 5 (Thursday). *Elias* accompanied by *Jonathan* and *David Fay*, returned to *Cambridge*.

1778 March 9 (Monday). N.B. wrote to *Elias* at *Cambridge*, and having heard nothing from my Kinsman *Bryant*, I wrote to him again.

1778 March 17 (Tuesday). Send my Letter to *Mr. Moore* by Mr. *Elisha Parker* -- going to *Boston*. Send also by him to *Elias* at *Cambridge*.

1778 March 27 (Friday). N.B. Received a Letter from *Elias* per Mr. Cal. *Harrington* and he therein informs me that he has been to *Stoneham* and that *Timothy Bryant* is to come after a Short space -- That he himself has [missed?] of waiter-ship -- yet is not in Commons -- That his Brother *William* has carryed him a Load of Wood etc. He has also sent me Two Letters from Mr. *Forbes*, one of Feb. 17, the other of March 9, which informs that on the 6th his Daughter *Coffin* had a Third Daughter, which is named *Lucy*.

1778 April 13 (Monday). A Letter from *Elias* by [blank] *Brigham*.

1778 April 16 (Thursday). Wrote to *Elias* by *Elisha Forbes*.

1778 April 25 (Saturday). At Eve came *Elias*, on foot, from *College*.... *Elias* came home from *Cambridge*.

1778 May 2 (Saturday). And *Elias* though[illegible] of little [Service?] to me.

1778 May 11 (Monday). Sent *Elias* to Mr. *Whitney* with a Letter inclosing Mr. *Smiths* Request to the Church of *Marlborough* for Dismission from his Pastoral Relation to them, and from his Relation to them as a Brother of that Church, with Recommendation of him to the East-Church in *Sudbury*.

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

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

1778 May 22 (Friday). N.B. I paid Mr. *Caleb Harrington* 28 Dollars for *Elias's* Breeches.

1778 May 25 (Monday). At Eve received a Letter from *Elias* who informs me that he has missed of the Waitership.

1778 May 29 (Friday). *Elias* came home from *Cambridge*, and rode his Classmate *Hastings's* Horse. He came now by reason of his being distempered. His Chum is gone home on the Same Account.

1778 June 10 (Wednesday). *Elias* goes up to *Grafton*, being [torn] Shearing the Sheep: and at night [torn] home [torn] Mr. *Farrar* came not.

1778 June 12 (Friday). *Elias* is Sadly disappointed about an Horse, and Setts out for *Cambridge* on foot: goes away late in the p.m. choosing to travel chiefly in the night.

1778 July 7 (Tuesday). I sent by Mr. *Thomas Whitney* to Mrs. *Townsend* at *Weston*: and a Letter by Master *Jonathan Fay*, with a bundle, to *Elias* at *College*.

1778 July 17 (Friday). This morning early came *Elias* from *Cambridge* in his Brother *Williams* Chaise and brings a Letter from Mr. *Thomas Barrett* to sister *Champney*, which is to her great Disappointment as she hoped and expected to have gone to live at his House; but he now signifies to her that he can't admitt her there.

1778 July 18 (Saturday). *Elias* went early to *Concord* in his Brothers Chaise, and led Dr. *Hawes's* Horse to ride back on. He returned p.m. between two and three o'Clock. Dr. *Joslin* and a Young Man named *Benjamin Brown* (his Tyro, I suppose) with him called and dined here.

1778 July 27 (Monday). *Elias* pulls down the old, rotten Encumbrances of Stables which used to stand on my Ground behind the meeting House.

1778 August 11 (Tuesday). *Elias* goes to *Upton* and brings home from the weavers the Cloth for a Linnen Gown. And he goes to Miss *Molly Garfield* (*Shrewsbury*) to fetch from her Loom, Linnen for Breeches for him.

1778 August 12 (Wednesday). Previous to his going to *Cambridge* I gave *Elias* Some Serious Instruction etc. I asked him, whether he did really Choose this way of living, or No? He answered me, that he chose Learning and Said he would give himself to this kind of Life. I have been, and am, deeply affected with his Conduct. I desire to committ him to God who can change the Hearts of Men. He leaves us to return to *Cambridge*. I delivered him Fifty Dollars for his Support. And may God grant him his Special Blessing!

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

1778 September 4 (Friday). A Letter received from *Elias* by Mr. Isaac Parker. He informs of Mr. *Tucker's* preaching the *Dudleian Lecture* etc.

1778 September 8 (Tuesday). By *Breck* I write to *Elias*, inclosing his Quarter Bills which he had inadvertently left: and to Mr. *Forbes* of *Gloucester*, concerning his Sheep. N.B. I send *Elias* also the New Edition of *Caesars* Commentarys -- handsomely bound.

1778 September 28 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us. Sent *Elias Fay Grave* [illegible], Vol. 1.

1778 September 30 (Wednesday). *Elias*, to my great Surprise, comes in a Chaise, with Sister *Champney*, who can't find *how*, or *where* to live in *Cambridge*.

1778 October 3 (Saturday). P.M. Mrs. P_____ rode out with *Elias* in the Chaise, to Capt. *Maynards*.

1778 October 5 (Monday). *Elias*, before Day, in the Chaise in which he brought up sister *Champney* went away for *Cambridge*. Sister being left here (unavoidably) to stay with us. She is now ill, and grows no better. We cant do any other than Pity and relieve her, as we are able.

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

1778 October 8 (Thursday). N.B. *Elias* went to *Coi's Hill* in *Brookfield* for my Cattle.

1778 October 9 (Friday). *Elias* returned with the Four Cattle which he went for, viz. a Cow for Beef, a large Steer and two younger ones. N.B. He lodged last night at *Walkers* (a Tavern) in *Brookfield*.

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

1778 October 15 (Thursday). Elias went to Mr. *Benjamin Thurstons* for Cheese; got 30 lbs. at 4 sh. L.M. per pound.

1778 October 26 (Monday). I walked to Dr. *Hawes* and borrow his Horse for *Elias* to go to Deacon *Browns* at *Framingham* for Cloth to make him an homespun Suit. He goes; and N.B. he pays £4.10 L.M. for Dressing.

1778 October 28 (Wednesday). *Elias* takes great Pains to get an Horse to go to *Worster* [*sic*], in *Vain*.

1778 October 29 (Thursday). *Elias* obtains Mr. *Ebenezer Maynards* Horse to go to *Wor'ster* to buy Trimming for his Cloths. For 2 yds. of Shalloon he gives *Eight Dollars*.

1778 November 3 (Tuesday). Elias tries to get a horse to go to Cambridge, but in vain.... Mr. Potter has made Elias a coat.

1778 November 4 (Wednesday). Elias, on Mr. Tainter's Horse returned to Cambridge. I gave him 14 dollars, my newest Shooes, a variety of cloatheing, half a large cheese etc. etc. May God incline his Heart to Religion and Learning!

1778 November 6 (Friday). Mr. Caldwell of Sutton brought the Horse which Elias rode and gratis.... N.B. A letter from Elias by Caldwell.

1778 November 25 (Wednesday). Elias came up on foot from Cambridge, arrived seasonably and well.

1778 November 26 (Thursday). *Thanksgiving*.

1778 November 28 (Saturday). Elias was to have returned to Cambridge, but his Linnen etc. was not ready.

1778 November 30 (Monday). It is too great a storm for Elias to leave home.

1778 December 2 (Wednesday). Elias sat out early to return to Cambridge and Timothy with him to bring back the mare which he was to ride upon as far as Framingham. Timothy returns about 2 o'clock...

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

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

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

1778 December 31 (Thursday). Elias rides to Cambridge.

1779 January 2 (Saturday). Elias returns from Cambridge. He says that Dr. Appleton is ill.

1779 JANUARY 6: 18 YEARS OLD

1779 January 6 (Wednesday). Elias is Cyphering.

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

1779 January 18 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Badcock keeps a singing-school at Mr. Barn. Newton's. Elias and Timothy go to it to hear.

1779 January 28 (Thursday). Elias and Timothy to the Singing School (as hearers) at Mr. Barn. Newton's.

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

1779 February 15 (Monday). Elias is so much taken with a pair of Steers at Mr. Harrington's, that he prevails with me to go and trade with him for them. I went to his House and drank Coffee with his Mother and Wife.

1779 February 16 (Tuesday). Elias with Mr. Harrington about the Steers, and I completed a Bargain with him: His steers are coming 3. He asks 80£ for them. I give him my large Steer and 35 L, and paid him the Bills in Hand. The steers are duly exchanged. Elias p.m. makes a Business of trimming the great Apple trees in the Garden etc.

1779 February 19 (Friday). At eve came Master Fisk to see us. With Elias at Even to a Singing Meeting at Mr. Newton's but lodges here.

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

1779 March 4 (Thursday). 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 15 (Monday). Mr. Davis furnished me with his Horse to ride back -- for Elias proceeded in the Sleigh to Northborough.

1779 March 17 (Wednesday). I wrote to President Langdon to excuse Elias' tardiness. And delivered Elias 100 Dollars.

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

1779 March 19 (Friday). The rigorous weather excites Pity to Elias at Coll.

1779 April 13 (Tuesday). Elias came home, rode upon Dr. Hawes' horse. N.B. He went from College this morning to Boston, and yet came home before night, the Sun considerable Heighth.

1779 April 16 (Friday). Elias went p.m. to Concord with Cart, Boxes and Horse.

1779 April 17 (Saturday). Elias returns from Concord: and relates a tragical story of one Whitney of Townsend, who is suspected to have poisoned his Wife.

1779 April 26 (Monday). I was much taken up in trying (though fruitlessly) to get an Horse for Elias to go with the Cattle to Brookfield.

1779 April 30 (Friday). Elias left us to go to Cambridge, and to Charleston, on Mr. Jonathan Fay's Horse. Mr. May went with Elias to Cambridge.

1779 May 7 (Friday). I send by Eli to Elias, Ferguson's Astronomy, with a Letter against his Selling Books, which he has had of me, and have writ to Eli's Father, particularly to send for his Sheep after Shearing.

1779 June 22 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and daughter leave us to go to Concord, Camb. and Boston. Wrote to Elias by him.

1779 July 21 (Wednesday). Elias came from Cambridge.

1779 August 3 (Tuesday). Elias went to Mr. Simon Willard of Grafton, and brought from him my Watch mended and cleaned, and Transactions of Mr. Goss and the Brethren of the South Church in Bolton.

1779 August 4 (Wednesday). Moses Warren of Upton came from Mr. Fitch's of Hopkinton, and bought a Greek Grammar of my son Elias.

1779 August 5 (Thursday). Elias goes to Worcester for Mr. Isaac Parker to bring the Newspapers.... Elias returning home, brings me word from Mrs. Parker of Shrewsbury (where he dined), that my Sister Cushing is sick.

1779 August 14 (Saturday). Elias to Northborough, and carries to Mr. Whitney, Mr. Charles Stearns' Book of the Art of Speaking.

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

to Feb. 26. 1779 which is	£17.3.4
The 4th Quarter Bill from Feb. 26 to May 28, 1779 is	£48.5.0

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deduct. 64.8.4 buttery
Besides these Mr. Phillips Paylous Buttery bill added

Sizing from Nov. 27. 1778 to July 14. 1779 £38.18.0 not paid. is £103.6.4

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

1779 August 17 (Tuesday). I delivered to Elias 100 Dollars for the Steward etc.

1779 August 24 (Tuesday). Elias (to whom I delivered 30 Dollars more -- see on the 17th) left us to return to Cambridge and with him Isaac Baldwin. Neddy goes with them to bring back the Horses.

1779 August 25 (Wednesday). Neddy Parkman returned from Cambridge -- he brought my Virgil and Tully and some other Books from Elias.

1779 October 7 (Thursday). Elias comes up from Cambridge for money to pay his Quarter Bills to May 28 last, which he says is £64.8.4, which gives me some Perplexity, seeing I have given him so much especially last August to pay those Bills. N.B. on August 17 an hundred Dollars and on the 24 thirty Dollars more.

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

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

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

1779 October 23 (Saturday). Sorrowful news from Cambridge of the Drowning of a young Student at fresh Pond in Cambridge yesterday. His name was Charles Cutter, a soph-more. The Body not found at nine this morning. May the Lord sanctifie it to all, especially his own Classmates and Friends.

1779 October 24 (Sunday). Preached on Prov. 27.1, occasioned by the late Disaster at Cambridge. N.B. My son Elias was so far effected by that Providence, that he, by a note, desired Prayers in the Congregation that God would Sanctifie it to him.

1779 October 27 (Wednesday). N.B. A number of young Gentlemen, Graduates, were here to see Elias.

1779 October 28 (Thursday). Elias goes to Worcester in the Room of Mr. Elijah Brigham to fetch the Spy in his stead. He brings it, and contains Mr. Daniel Adams' Caution to all people not to trust his Wife.

1779 October 30 (Saturday). Elias brought home Suse from his Father Brigham's.

1779 November 5 (Friday). Elias went early to Brookfield for the rest of my Cattle at Coit Hill.

1779 November 6 (Saturday). Elias returned with the Cattle, and had a good Journey. N.B. He paid Landlord Jones of Worcester 2 Dollars for pasturing one yearling. He asked a Dollar per week.

1779 November 11 (Thursday). Elias goes to Worcester to the Execution of Robert Young, who was condemned and hanged for a Rape on Jane Green of Brookfield.

1779 November 12 (Friday). Have news of the poor Criminal's Behavior yesterday. Mr. Maccarty preached.

1779 November 17 (Wednesday). Elias goes to Cambridge and Boston.

1779 November 19 (Friday). P.M. Elias returns home from Cambridge, but has not seen the President, though I wrote him by Elias.

1779 December 13 (Monday). Deacon Wood came with his chaise to go to Mrs. Cutter's Funeral, but it was too stormy for me to venture. Elias rode with him.

1779 December 17 (Friday). Elias has borrowed a mathematical manuscript which he is transcribing.

1780 JANUARY 6: 19 YEARS OLD

1780 January 12 (Wednesday). Elias reads Earl of Chesterfield.

1780 January 14 (Friday). Elias finishes the first Vol. of Earl of Chesterfield's Letters.

1780 January 18 (Tuesday). Elias went today with a Bushel of Indian.

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

1780 January 22 (Saturday). Elias goes on Racketts to Mr. Gershom Brigham's.

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

1780 January 25 (Tuesday). Elias leaves his Studys and helps those who are breaking the Roads with a yoke of Cattle.

1780 January 26 (Wednesday). Squire Baker is so engaged in breaking Roads that he has got Elias and a yoke of my Cattle, on the Road again.

1780 January 27 (Thursday). Elias is gone again with the Cattle today to break and shovel the Road.

1780 January 28 (Friday). The latter part of this was the most remarkable Cold Day that we have had (as every body is free to allow) and Elias goes again with Squire Baker, and drives two pair of my Steers, to breaking the Road down to Taplin's in Southborough; The evening and night were so extremely severe that I was much concerned for him till he returned; and did survive though he had been in Danger of being overcome with Cold and Fatigue.

1780 January 29 (Saturday). The morning was the most severe and sharp. Elias thinks some of his Limbs are froze, but (God be thanked) he is about with usual Currency.

1780 February 2 (Wednesday). Elias sits with me in the Study and reads Vol. II of Stanhope.

1780 February 3 (Thursday). N.B. Breck to Boston -- gave him 126 Dollars towards an Hatt for Elias.

1780 February 9 (Wednesday). Elias goes with Breck and others to break the Roads to Southborough.... N.B. I am troubled that Elias should so readily leave his Books to join with them whose Gain and Interest prompted to clear the roads for their Teams to be going again, seeing that he could have no great Inducement, but Benevolence, public Spirit etc. which had been sufficiently served by five times before now, exposing himself in Cold and Dangers by Night and by Day in this work and all of it Gratis. This Sixth Time, when his own Time is so extremely precious in which he has so much to read and write before he can be fit to return to his College Exercises again. And yet this is not the most trying. He is planning an unseasonable journey to Cambridge to fetch a Table from thence; now at the very Day when the Vacancy is finished, and he should go to stay there, the rather because he has been absent from the Recitations so long, that he ought to be one of the first that returns at this Term. He proposes also to go and return incog. presuming that the Vacancy is prolonged by reason of the difficult stirring and enormous price of wood.

1780 February 10 (Thursday). The plan for going to Cambridge is so ripened that I can't defeat it. The affair is chiefly Breck's, who loads a sleigh with Grain etc. and loads up with Rum -- has

provided two Horses as well as the Sleigh. And his Brother Josiah Brigham was to go down to Watertown therewith, but Elias is so urgent to undertake it, and has already agreed to go with David Fay, who is going likewise, that this morning to my no small Disquietment, sat out. Master Hazletine dined with us. P.M. Elias returns, not being able to proceed on his Journey.

1780 February 14 (Monday). Elias rides in a Sleigh to Cambridge.

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

1780 February 19 (Saturday). Squire sent a Sleigh for me to go to his House. Mrs. P., Sophy, Suse with her child, and little Suse of Concord rode with me, to the House of Mourning. I prayed at the Solemnity. N.B. Breck, Elias, Josiah Brigham, the two Williams (Winchester and Spring) there. Rev. Bowman and his Wife came after prayer. I did not go in to the Burying place. I could not *comfortably*, especially stand on the snow.

1780 February 21 (Monday). Elias went with me in the Sleigh to visit aged Mr. James Maynard, who being weak and decaying, desired Prayers yesterday -- found him better and conversible -- was not asked to pray.

1780 February 24 (Thursday). Mrs. Lamson (wife of Mr. Thomas) comes to work on Elias's Cloths.

1780 February 29 (Tuesday). I have spent time in reading Lord Chesterfield and cant but take notice again that a Father with so much Learning and Sensibility has so little to say to a Son in whom his Soul is so bound up, about Religion and the Eternal Condition of his immortal part. Asmuch pleasure of mind as I feel for my son Elias's Education and Settlement in the World or Serviceableness in his Generation, yet I have (I think) quite other Solitude about his most inestimable Interest, that of his Soul, and his Condition in another, an unchangeable State in another world. And O that God would grant him, and each of my dear Children His renewing and sanctifying Spirit!

1780 March 1 (Wednesday). The Harvard Vacancy is up today; but the weather rough and Roads very bad. Elias cannot go to Cambridge.

1780 March 9 (Thursday). P.M. at Mr. Stockwell's Desire I rode down to Mr. Tim. Warrin's. Elias went with me to drive the Sleigh. I married Stephen Belknap to Eunice Warrin and supped there. Elias went for me again at evening -- and we returned safely, notwithstanding the badness of the way -- the Horse breaking in to the Snow banks, oftentimes and the Sleigh tossing uncomfortably, being also in the Rain.

1780 March 11 (Saturday). The weather is still so rough and the roads so unfit for Travel, Elias remains at home, to my great Regret -- but it cant be helped. I desire to resign the whole matter to the Divine Providence.

1780 March 14 (Tuesday). Elias goes to sundry places, and gets Hay seed to sow the Fields at the Island.

1780 March 15 (Wednesday). Elias Sows Hay Seed upon the Snow.... Elias prepares to go to Cambridge tomorrow. I wrote to the president -- to Mr. Quincy -- to my son William.

1780 March 16 (Thursday). Elias depended upon Mr. Elisha Parker to go to Boston and in returning to bring up our Horse: but by Parker not going, Elias is disappointed and does not go.

1780 March 17 (Friday). Elias p.m. got Hay Seed at Mr. Batherick's, several Baggs: which William sowed at the Island.

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

1780 March 20 (Monday). Elias is still disappointed of going to Cambridge.

1780 March 21 (Tuesday). N.B. I delivered to Elias Four Hundred Dollars of which one hundred and seventy-six from my own Desk and borrowed 224 Dollars of my Son Breck. Breck goes for Boston. Sent by him to Mr. Quincy and to my kinswoman, Mrs. Eliz. Bradford. Elias on Mr. Elisha Forbes' horse to Cambridge, and by him I sent to the President, and to my Son William at Concord. I borrowed 20£ of Money of Mr. Barney Newton, Treasurer, which he must have again from the Constable when he can gather it of the People.

1780 March 24 (Friday). Breck unhappily brought back the Letter I wrote to my son William, about Wood for Elias. I wrote another, but know of no conveyance. It is so rugged Weather that I am much afraid Elias will be put to Difficulty, and he obliged to buy at the excessive Cambridge price.

1780 March 28 (Tuesday). Josiah Brigham goes to Boston. I write and send by him to Mr. Moore and also to Elias at College.

1780 April 13 (Thursday). Col. Baldwin brought two letters from Elias, one of March 30th, the other April.

1780 April 17 (Monday). I sent a Letter to Dr. Hawes who would go to Boston, for Elias, at College.

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

1780 May 18 (Thursday). P.M. Elias came up from Cambridge, with Josiah Brigham.

1780 May 22 (Monday). Elias studys Anatomy.

1780 May 25 (Thursday). Elias is reading Chesselden's Anatomy.

1780 May 31 (Wednesday). Elias rode over to Hopkinton to wait upon Mrs. Cotton, but she was not well eno' to come today. Elias brings me from Mr. Barrett's the illustrated Sir Francis Bacon's Advancement of Learning. A Book of Stupendous Fame!

1780 June 2 (Friday). Elias goes to Hopkinton again with Mr. Cushing's Horse with him for Mrs. Cotton, who comes here at evening.

1780 June 6 (Tuesday). Elias setts out on Breck's Horse for Cambridge. I gave him to pay his Quarter bills and other Expenses, to be used with the utmost Prudence, Eight hundred Dollars.

1780 June 17 (Saturday). He also brings a Letter from Elias, who writes that as the Conclusion of all Collegiate Exercises was at 3 o'clock the afternoon of the 13th, and no public Performances to be on the 21th as was expected, by reason of the immense Expense of necessarys there, so there is nothing to hinder his returning home on Monday next etc.

1780 June 19 (Monday). Dr. Hawes rides down to Court designing (as I suppose) that Elias shall ride up from Cambridge on his Horse.

1780 June 20 (Tuesday). N.B. While we were dining came in Elias from Cambridge.

1780 June 21 (Wednesday). Took an Opportunity to reckon with Elias, as to his Expenses. I found there was so great Alteration of Times, Customs and Charges as was very astonishing -- especially considering that no alteration was made by the Constable, or the Town as to what is paid to me.

1780 June 23 (Friday). N.B. have been in uncommon Surprise at Elias's wanting so large a Sum of Money as was called for to pay his Buttery Bill, which amounts to £321.6. I gave him 300 Dollars of my own, borrowed of Breck 620, and am obliged to send money for the Degree which must be 30/ hard Money, which at 60 for one (as now the Custom is) comes to 300 Dollars. These I receive of Breck, and offer him 5 Milled Dollars. So that I now give Elias 1220 Dollars, and he goes to Cambridge to clear off and finish there.

1780 June 24 (Saturday). My son Elias returned home from Cambridge, having now finished at College, taken up my Bond which I gave to Stewart Hastings, on Oct. 1, 1776.

1780 July 10 (Monday). Mr. Jonathan Pierce and Isaac Ruggles came to work for me. Elias had spoke to them. They finished the Mowing of the West Field, and p.m. went to the Island. Ruggles lodges here.

1780 July 11 (Tuesday). The foresaid Men work here and Mr. Pierce all day at the Interval.

1780 July 12 (Wednesday). The mowers here yet. But Elias towards night gives up, is sick and goes to bed.

1780 July 13 (Thursday). Elias lies by wholly: but the hired Men attend to my Work, mowing, Raking and Carting -- they bring home one Load of Hay.

1780 July 14 (Friday). Elias is better, and though feeble he Carts Hay. 3 Loads.

1780 July 15 (Saturday). Mr. Pierce does not come to work, but Ruggles comes for the forenoon only. Two load more from the Interval.

1780 July 17 (Monday). Elias does not work, but waits upon Miss Lois Burnet, who is here at work on his Coat which is made of the Cloth which Mr. Wood of Northborough had dyed black and fulled, lately for us.

1780 July 18 (Tuesday). Am sadly disappointed of the Work which I hoped for. Elias, being not well, can do nothing; though everything is pressing and urgent: only he went up the street to speak to Mr. Joseph Smith, who had told me once and again that he would work for me: but is now engaged to Deacon Wood, and Elias fetched me the Paper (which the Col. as Town Clerk has) which I sent the Town yesterday -- and he copy'd it.

1780 July 19 (Wednesday). Elias has been so out of health, that he has not been able for Several days to work. But today he went a while to the Interval and there being part of a Load of Hay in Cock there, he mowes 3 or 4 Cocks, and with my Team he brought it home: and p.m. he went to the Island, where Mr. Biglow is reaping, and (Mr. Biglow pitching it) Elias brought home a Load of Rye of 12 Shock and 1 Sheaf.

1780 July 21 (Friday). Was forced to go out and look up Workmen. Capt. Fisher is gone to mowe for me at *Middle Meadow* (or my Interval). Mr. Biglow again reaps, and Elias part of the forenoon. P.M. goes to the Interval, to look after the Hay there. When he returns he goes up to the Flock of Sheep.

1780 July 22 (Saturday). Three men are mowing at the Interval, viz. Capt. Fisher, Mr. Elijah Force (who goes for Mr. Joseph Smith, and he is instead of Mr. Isaac Parker, who will work for Smith instead of it). Mr. Thad. Warrin also works a.m., but no longer. Elias home a Load of Hay at noon. At Night another, but too late.

1780 July 24 (Monday). Mr. Biglow comes again to reap. Capt. Fisher works at the Interval partly for me, helping Elias in getting the Hay there ready, and Elias brings home one Load, having Deacon Wood's Oxen added to our Team: and Elias carries one Load of the Interval Hay to Capt. Fisher, and at eve he fetches home one Load of Rye. Miss Lois Burnet and her Kinswoman (Henrietta) at work here again on making Cloths for Elias.

1780 July 25 (Tuesday). Mr. Bigelow reaps. Elias with our own Team only, brings home two Load from the Interval. Capt. F. helps him somewhat (but his chief work was at Lieut. Bond's). Miss Lois and Henrietta finish for the present.

1780 July 26 (Wednesday). Elias went with out Team, and Breck went with him to load and though it was but a small Jagg, it was the last from the Interval. In all thirteen times, the Team has gone for me, and once for Capt. Fisher. P.M. Elias goes to reaping, for Mr. Biglow reaps but slowly.

1780 July 27 (Thursday). My Affairs are in a very uncomfortable situation. Mr. Biglow reaps, is too old and feeble to do much -- there is a great part of the Field of Rye yet remaining. No body offers to assist, though divers talked of it. The late Grant of the Town was *for my present Necessity* but the Money cant be raised and paid and a Man or Men provided till the Grain and Grass are lost. The Newton Meadow is untouched and no help provided. In this critical Junction, Elias would fain break off from work and rest himself, intending tomorrow to go to Brookfield and then to Springfield: though there is no man that can by any means possibly be obtained: When Mr. Biglow finishes the Reaping, there can be nobody to cart it home. Elias reaped part of the Day. I walked up to Mr. Warrin's and acquainted him with my present State. He sent his son John. I went to Mr. Kenney, who sent his son Joel -- those Boys reaped p.m. Capt. Morse came in to see me. No Hope from him of any Help. Capt. Fisher agrees to go and cut my new Swamp, and he is to allow me as he finds is just. The Drought is become very intense. The Corn suffers very much, and all Vegetables. An holy Frown of God! May we be suitably affected with it, and prepared for the Divine Will! Elias carted home about 11 Shock of Rye at evening.

1780 July 28 (Friday). Mr. Bigelow reaps a.m. Elias also. Breck took a morn-spell at it. Deacon Wood has the Oxen part of a.m. Breck has them p.m. He sends them down to meet a Teemer, who is bringing up a Load from Boston. P.M. About a quarter after two o'clock, God was pleased to remember us in Mercy and sent Rain, together with Thunder and Lightning. To His Name be Glory! Mr. Biglow went home about 4 p.m., and Elias to reaping again.

1780 July 29 (Saturday). Elias goes again to Squire Baker's Pasture to look for the Lamb which he sought for before, but returns empty.

1780 July 31 (Monday). *My son Elias left us to go to Springfield*, to keep School there. Carrys principal Classicks, excepting to teach Grammer. I wrote a letter to Brother Breck It is an article which much Affects me. May God Almighty bless him, and make him a Blessing! Delivered him 170 Dollars.

1780 August 7 (Monday). Was anxious about Breck's Horse, which Elias rode to Springfield, and is not come back: but before noon came young Joshua Johnson of Bolton, who returning from his 3 years Warfare rode Horse from Springfield hither, thereby saving Charge, and brought a Letter from Elias, who has taken the School there, for a year upon settled pay to his Satisfaction. Thanks be to God for the Favour.

1780 October 18 (Wednesday). I payed William an hundred Dollars for so much sent to Elias, last Winter, and he paid me Six Silver Dollars which I lent him some time ago. I returned to Westborough.

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

1780 November 4 (Saturday). Elias goes and fetches my 12 Sheep from Squire Baker's Pasture.

1780 November 7 (Tuesday). My grandchildren Isaac and Betsy Baldwin from Shrewsbury this morning came to see us. Isaac leads an Horse, besides one in his Surkey: these (with Elias's, Breck's and my own) make six Horses which are kept here this Night.

1780 November 10 (Friday). Elias has set out early this morning for Boston.

1780 November 11 (Saturday). Elias returns from Boston between six and seven o'clock. He brings me from Samuel No. 2 to 6 (5 Books) of the American War. I have read 4. He brought also Dr. Evans which Samuel had to read, but now returns.

1780 November 20 (Monday). Elias setts out for Springfield. I wrote by him to Br. Breck.

1781 JANUARY 6: 20 YEARS OLD

1781 February 2 (Friday). *Elias* boards at his uncle *Brecks* still.

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 9 (Friday). Letters from *Elias*. He writes as if he was uncertain whether he Shall continue there much longer: that *Baldwins* time is out at *Long Meadow*, and he has gone home -- that Col. *Baldwin* is come home etc.

1781 March 12 (Monday). Wrote to *Elias*, and to Brother *Breck*, about *Springfield* School. Sent them to *Monro's*.

1781 March 29 (Thursday). *Elias* is here. He came from *Springfield* the Day before yesterday -- having finished his school there. He brought me a Letter from Brother *Breck*.

1781 April 3 (Tuesday). *Elias* is with us, expecting to hear from *Northampton* about their School.

1781 April 9 (Monday). *Elias* is in hopes of Some Letter from *Northampton*, but none arrives.

1781 April 12 (Thursday). At Eve Master *Fish*, who has begun again to keep school; and Mr. *Hazzleton* are here with *Elias*.

1781 April 13 (Friday). It has been a Night of Distress with dear *Suse* -- but God all-sufficient was almightily present, and a Child was born 15 minutes after One o'clock. To His glorious

Name be all Glory and Praise! This Morning we all rejoiced. They needed to rally only the two Mothers and the two nearest Neighbours, Mrs. *Lamson* and Mrs. *Harrington*. Dr. *Ball* was the Instrument in the Hand of God: and Successfull, through His Concurrence. This Day is called *Good Friday*, because it was the Birth Day of Christ. Towards Eve *Elias* waited on our Sister *Brigham* home, and She has got little *Hannah Breck* with her.

1781 April 14 (Saturday). *Elias* rides over to *Monro's* to See if there is no Letter from *North Hampton*, about their School.

1781 April 16 (Monday). *Elias* Sat out with my Horse besides what he rode upon, to go to *Springfield* -- to day to *Brookfield*.... My Kinsman Mr. *Parkman Bradshaw* came up from his Fathers to See me. He is much out of Health and out of Business: a good deal Sunk and dispirited: and I was the more troubled because I was not able to help him; my own son *Elias* being gone a large Journey in quest of Employment.

1781 April 18 (Wednesday). *Elias* was come this day from *Springfield*: Mr. *Joseph Allen*, a preacher, came to lodge here. So that the Company and the Horses to night crowd us, at this time of Scarcity of Hay especially.

1781 May 10 (Thursday). *Elias* fetched Miss *Lois Burnett* here to make him a blue, Cloth Coat.

1781 May 26 (Saturday). *Brecks* Letter not having been Sent, I wrote my Self, and Sent *Elias* on purpose.

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

1781 June 2 (Saturday). *Elias* goes over to *Hopkinton*, to wait on Mrs. *Cotton* here.

1781 June 8 (Friday). *Elias* much exercised with a lame Arm.

1781 June 13 (Wednesday). A Letter from *Northampton*, to *Elias*, Signed by Messrs. *Joseph Haley*, and [blank] *Strong*, inviting him to go and keep a Grammar School there.

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

1781 June 27 (Wednesday). *Elias* would have gone upon his Journey to *Northampton*, but it was too wet weather.

1781 June 28 (Thursday). *Elias* is hindred by the weather from undertaking his Journey.

1781 June 29 (Friday). *Elias* Sat out for *Northampton*.

1781 July 14 (Saturday). Am concerned about my Horse which *Elias* rode to *Northampton* and is not returned.

1781 July 21 (Saturday). I am somewhat concerned about *Elias*, having heard nothing about him, whether he has arrived at Northampton, or about the Horse.

1781 July 28 (Saturday). I have not to this day any News concerning *Elias*, but that he was Seen well at Brookfield in his Way to Northampton.

1781 August 4 (Saturday). I have heard Nothing from my Son *Elias*, nor any thing about my Horse; and therefore think it best to try another Letter which must be committed to the Care of Cousin Maynard for Conveyance.

1781 August 9 (Thursday). Am in no little perplexity still respecting my son *Elias* having never heard whether he ever arrived at *Northampton*, or what has become of him. *Tis now Six Weeks*.

1781 August 12 (Sunday). A Letter to *Elias*, writ yesterday, has been committed to the *Maynard* Care, to be delivered to the *Northampton* Teamers when they return from *Boston*.

1781 September 11 (Tuesday). Wrote to *Elias*, and got Dr. Ball to carry it to *Monro's* for Conveyance.

1781 October 2 (Tuesday). *This Evening* a Letter from *Elias* at Northampton. His Arm is better, but Still complains of Lameness in it.

1781 October 3 (Wednesday). Wrote an Answer to *Elias's* Letter. The rather because he complains of his being Sorrowfully neglected.

1781 November 13 (Tuesday). At home I found Capt. *Solomon Allen* of *Northampton*, and his wife, who lodge here. He brings a letter from my son *Elias*, dated the 10th.

1782 JANUARY 6: 21 YEARS OLD

1782 January 7 (Monday). A Letter from *Elias* at *Hampt.* (North) of Dec. 31.

1782 February 20 (Wednesday). A Letter from *Elias* at *Northampton* in which he still complains of our Neglecting him -- that he has had but one Letter from me, which was that of Jan. 8 (*or* 18th) for Three Months: He is also out of Health.

1782 February 21 (Thursday). *Elias's* Letter had filled us with Concern on Account of his being out of Health: But when we arrived at home I found him here, and indifferently well.

1782 February 25 (Monday). *Elias* is much out of Health. He rides here and there to stir himself.

1782 February 27 (Wednesday). The Funeral of Dr. *Balls* Wife. *Elias* goes to attend upon it. May God Sanctifie the Bereavement to the poor Doctor; but newly Snatched from Death himself!

1782 February 28 (Thursday). *Elias* Seems not well, but rides about.

1782 March 1 (Friday). *Elias* sat out for Northampton.

1782 March 11 (Monday). Col. *Baldwin* goes on his Journey home; his son to his school....
N.B. Wrote to *Elias* by Col. *Baldwin*.

1782 March 28 (Thursday). Mr. B. has received Several Letters from *Elias*, by which he is informed that Mr. *Nathan Fisk* junior of *Brookfield* is dead; that our Cousen *Whitney* of *Brookline, Connecticut*, has lost their eldest son by the small Pox; but that *Robert Breck* Esq. has lately had a Seventh son which was baptized *Theodore*.

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

1782 April 27 (Saturday). A Letter from *Elias* dated the 15th who writes, that he has received from Mr. *Forbes* of *Cape Ann* Invitation to keep Grammar School there.

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

1782 May 21 (Tuesday). A Letter came from *Elias* at *Northampton*, dated the 7th.... P.M. *Elias* himself came from *Northampton* but last from *Brookfield*. With him came Mr. [blank] *Kingsley* of *Northampton* and Daughter *Martha*, who lodge here.

1782 May 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *William More*, an Acquaintance of *Elias*'s came, has two notable Horses -- Lodges here.

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

1782 July 15 (Monday). A Letter from *Elias*.

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

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

1782 August 17 (Saturday). He delivered Letters from Cape Ann, viz. from Mr. *Forbes* and from *Elias*.

1782 September 11 (Wednesday). *Elias* came home from *Gloucester* via *Boston*. He has finished his School there. His Sister *Baldwin* is gone by water to *Cape Ann*, and *Isaac* [in the Chaise?] by Land.

1782 September 13 (Friday). *Elias* has a bad Cough[!?!]

1782 September 21 (Saturday). *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 23 (Monday). Daughter *Baldwin* returned to *Brookfield*. *Elias* with her.

1782 September 28 (Saturday). *Elias* returns from *Brookfield*, and he has been to *Springfield* and *Northampton*.

1782 October 5 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham*, further, has brought a Letter from Dr. *Holyoke* of Salem, to *Elias* to Signifie to him the Terms on which he would take a *Tyro*: and my Son returns an Answer by *Forbes*: and which I perceive is, that his Demands are too high.

1782 October 9 (Wednesday). *Elias* to *Upton* with Miss *Mindwell Brigham* and her Sister *Anne*.

1782 October 10 (Thursday). Mr. *Abraham Holland* came to See *Elias* who does not come home till nigh Evening but then returns with his Company from Col. *Jones* of *Hopkinton*.

[1782 October 19 (Saturday).] *Elias* goes to *Ashburnham*.

1782 October 26 (Saturday). Mrs. P_____ no better. She inclines to having Dr. *Stimson* of *Hopkinton*. *Elias* goes -- he comes with him -- they are both very wet with the plentiful Rain.

1782 November 10 (Sunday). Mr. B. and *Elias* to *Grafton*.

[1782 November 11 (Monday). *Elias* to *Lancaster*.

1782 November 22 (Friday). *Elias* goes to live at Dr. *Stimpsons*.