

## **Lucy Parkman (1734-1804) and Jeduthun Baldwin (1732-1788)**

**Born:** September 23, 1734.

**Married (1):** April 28, 1757, Capt. Jeduthun Baldwin of Brookfield (int. Feb. 12, 1757).

Born Jan. 13, 1732, Woburn, son of Isaac and Mary Flagg Baldwin

Mary, wife of Isaac, died Sept. 23, 1744 (Sudbury VR)

Isaac Baldwin died Mar. 8, 1759 (Sudbury VR)

He died June 4, 1788, a 56 (Foster's funeral sermon gives June 6)

**Married (2):** Nov. 13, 1793, Eli Forbes (his first wife was Mary Parkman, Lucy's sister)

**Died:** Mar. 13, 1804. According to *SHG* 13:56, she "suffered three years of excruciating pain while her husband fought the disease with dock root, in which he thought he had found a cure...." *SHG* cites a eulogy, *Salem Gazette*, Mar. 10, 1804, but the eulogy must have been in a later issue.

### **Children** (Brookfield VR)

Jeduthan, July 10, 1758

died Oct. 31, 1763

According to the "memoir" in Baldwin's diary, this son was killed by being thrown from a cart. The funeral sermon for his father speaks of this son as "in an instant flung out of time into eternity." Foster, *Consolation in Adversity* (1789), 16.

Elizabeth, Nov. 12, 1761

Isaac, March 31, 1764

died Apr. 1, 1783

According to Foster, *Consolation in Adversity*, 16-17, he "wasted away and gave up the ghost in your embraces." A footnote, p. 16, states that he was "a senior sophister in the University of Cambridge, a youth of an amiable disposition, studious and exemplary, greatly beloved by all his acquaintance while living, and much lamented now dead."

Lucy, Jan. 6, 1767

died Mar. 4, 1767, a. 2 mos. (EP diary, Mar. 13)

Luke, Apr. 14, 1769

Int. Polley Avery of Boston, Aug. 16, 1789

Died 1832 at Boston

Sources: *Brookfield Vital Records*; Thomas Williams Baldwin, ed., *The Revolutionary Journal of Col. Jeduthun Baldwin, 1775-1778* (Bangor: Printed for the De Burians, 1906; reprinted, New York: Arno Press Inc., 1971).

1735 September 23: 1 year old

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!... *Lucy* was So ill that I got up Several Times in the Night.

1736 January 20 (Tuesday). I rose before Day on Account of little *Lucy* and rode to *Marlborough* but Dr. *Gott* not at home, nor to be seen till noon.... P.M. returned toward Eve. The Child very ill; and my wife also much indisposed.

1736 January 21 (Wednesday). A sick House -- *Lucy* very bad and my Wife taken very ill of a fever. Mr. N. *Stone* visited me. Dr. *Gott* here. My wife took a vomit.

1736 January 22 (Thursday). My wife very ill and keeps her Bed; but especially *Lucy*.

1736 January 23 (Friday). A Melancholly House! My Wife has a Strong *burning* -- and particularly *Pluretic* Fever, and *Lucy* very low, in great Danger. Her *pluretic* Fever Strong, Cough Straining and in general exceeding weak and Distressed -- but *Thomme* a little more Comfortable and got up to Day, though not yesterday. Dr. *Gott* here -- my wife was Blooded. Brother *Hicks's* Family ill also -- *Ruth* especialy -- Doctor Blooded her. Hands at work yesterday and to Day clearing the Road that goes South from my House. A bleak Cold Wind, especialy p.m. I was very much indisposed at Evening So as that I was not able to watch with my Wife and Child as I had designed but Mrs. *Rogers* coming in and offering kindly, my wife accepted her offer to watch -- but when she was to have returned from her Daughter *Townsend's* her Self, she sent *Rebecca Ward* in her stead, who, being Such a stranger to the Child, made her So exceedingly uneasy that my wife was obliged to take her, which, cooling and worrying her, it prov'd an unspeakable Dammage to her. But I was o'Bed, and knew it not at the time of it.

1736 January 24 (Saturday). My Wife very ill, by means of her being so exceedingly exposed last night with the Child -- Fever upon her very bad -- grows worse -- p.m. sent *David Baverick* to *Cambridge* to inform our Relations <there?>, of my wife's illness and of Brother *Hicks's* Daughter *Ruth's*, who was sick of the Same Fever: and to wait upon sister *Ruth Champney* hither. My Wife was in great Distresses in the Eve and night -- is perswaded she Shall die of this Sickness. She was in many Terrors at the Apprehension of the wrath of God [especially?] in the same night She told me she heard fine singing of Psalm Tunes, and Supposed it to be heavenly Musick. About midnight she was So exceeding bad that I (having no body in the house but *Deborah* to assist us, and She taken up with the Young Child, I) ran to Ensign *Maynards* and requested him to go or Send to *Marlborough* forthwith to bring up Dr. *Gott*. He sent *Jotham*; and Mrs. *Maynard* came up <word crossed out> to my Wife. She fetched her Breath exceeding Short -- and difficultly *worried* out the Night.

1736 January 25 (Sunday). In the Morning Dr. *Gott* came up to see my Wife.... The Doctor does not know but that the Fever is at the height. We undertake to wean the Child.

1736 January 26 (Monday). My Wife grows very restless again; Fever comes on. Ensign *Maynard* to Dr. *Gott*, and brought him up. She grew *very bad*. Sister *Ruth* came up. Mrs.

*Furbush* went home. The Doctor staid all night. Sister *Ruth* and I sat up to Watch. My wife was much put to it to get over the Night, yet through Divine Favour she did, and we were much Comforted with having the Doctor in the House with us. The Doctor was of Opinion that the Fever had not *Intermissions* but *Remissions* only -- thought that it was not at the height before, yet Surely it was at a *Crisis* now; nor would she, he believed have any more Such troublesome nights. The Child Suddenly takes to *Deborah!* I marked *This!*

1736 January 27 (Tuesday). The Doctor went home. My Wife a pritty comfortable Day. Hopes bloom that she will recover, by Divine Favour. Mr. *Cushing* visited us and prayed with us. *Jemima Lee* watched with my wife, and *Deborah* with the Child in the Cradle. Mrs. *Parkman* slept very sound and Seemingly very Comfortable -- the Child also but a little Trouble, and I hope in a good way of Recovery.

1736 January 28 (Wednesday). At another Time I asked her to pray for me and the Children *with this dying Breath*. She replied *I do -- God be Mercifull to you, and to them, and to you all*. Several Times She said earnestly -- *Come, Lord Jesus, Come quickly; Why So long a coming?* Some of the last Things I heard her Say I think were -- *My Dear! -- My Dear Lucy!*)

1736 January 29 (Thursday). When the Fever came upon her so violently (as abovesaid) her Breath grew extreamly and extraordinary quick, and her heart beat wonderfully -- at length one Breath (through extream quickness) was confounded into another, and that brought on her dying agonys; which were very bitter and dreadfull -- in these she lay till about Six in the Morning; *and then she departed!* [Mary Parkman died 29 January 1736, *Westborough Vital Records*, 250.]

1736 February 2 (Monday). In the Morning I very much dreaded the work of this Day [Molly's funeral]....

The Condolence of many Friends at my House, and the Respect shewn to the Memory of my Deceased Spouse -- was very relieving and Comforting -- But unless *God* shall Comfort us, and take up his *Dwelling with us*, all Comfort is lifeless and my House will be not only Lonely, but *Desolate!* O that therefore *God* would be pleased to take up his peculiar Abode with us! And let not his Consolations be Small to us! Let *God* also, now their Mother, at his Commandment has forsaken them, take the Motherless Children up, and take 'em under His more immediate Protection and Care and Favour! Particularly *dear Little Lucy!*

*Finally*, As to all my Circumstances, I desire, and would in the strength of Christ Resolve, that I will put my Self and mine, under the *Guidance* and would in all my Conduct and Managements before me, follow the *Direction*, of the *Word* and *Providence* of *God*.

### 1736 September 23: 2years old

1736 November 7 (Sunday). My little *Lucy* taken ill of a Fever in the Eve.

1736 November 8 (Monday). *Lucy* Continues ill, but at times is better.

1736 November 9 (Tuesday). *Lucy* much better.

1736 November 10 (Wednesday). *Lucy* considerably recover'd.

1736 November 15 (Monday). We undertook our journey to Cambridge and we ventured to carry down my Little Daughter *Lucy*.... N.B. The Child had a Comfortable Journey.

1737 September 23: 3years old

1738 April 24 (Monday). Brother and Sister Hicks came up from Cambridge and brought home my Daughter *Lucy*, who had been at Cambridge for 2 Years, and through the Favours of Heaven she had a fine, Comfortable journey. D.G.

1738 September 23: 4 years old

1739 June 2 (Saturday). Aaron Forbush at Colonel Woods's who rode up with me and acquaint'd me with the Rude and Vile Conduct of John Kidney towards my Daughter Molly [age 14], when alone with her, except little *Lucy* [age 4], her Mother being at Marlborough with Mrs. Pierpont and her other Friends, whom she waited upon thither the Day before.

1739 September 23: 5years old

1740 April 10 (Thursday). *Lucy* with the Measles.

1740 June 10 (Tuesday). *Lucy* ill in the Night.

1743 September 23: 9 years old

1744 June 9 (Saturday). Bekky and *Lucy* rode to Sutton.

1744 June 12 (Tuesday). N.B. Rebecca Hicks and my little *Lucy* return'd from Sutton, though a Very hot Day.

1746 September 23: 12 years old

1747 March 26 (Thursday). Catechized a. and p.m. at the Meeting House. 14 Boys (with my own) in the whole. 5 Girls including my Daughter *Lucy*, and no more.

1747 July 13 (Monday). Our Girls Bekky Hicks and my *Lucy* pull'd Flax. Mary Bradish came and pull'd another Piece of Flax.

1747 September 23: 13 years old

1747 October 12 (Monday). Mr. Joseph Batchellor brought home a piece of 21 yards of part Callimanco and part pladd for me a Gown, and for Lucy another.

1748 February 15 (Monday). Molly and Lucy to Mr. Martyns.

1748 June 6 (Monday). At Evening took a Ride in the Chair with Cousen Betty, and my Daughter Lucy beyond the Pond.

1748 August 2 (Tuesday). Thomas Rogers bury'd. Hot Day, the Corps very offensive -- many attended, of old and young -- after prayer as the Corp stood abroad I had a brief address to the Youth. Lucy rode with me to the Funeral -- visited Mrs. Williams who is ailing, in our return.

1748 August 29 (Monday). Mrs. Parkman and Lucy early to Boston.

1748 September 8 (Thursday). At home found my wife and daughter Lucy from Cambridge together with Brother and Sister Hicks who came from thence with them and they lodg'd here.

1748 September 23: 14 years old

1748 September 27 (Tuesday). My Daughters Molly and Lucy went over to Mr. Martyns.

1748 December 3 (Saturday). 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!

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.

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.

1790 September 23: 15 years old

1749 November 1 (Wednesday). Mr. John Rutherford here again and teaches Lucy to weave Letter'd Garters.

1749 November 2 (Thursday). Neighbour Rutherford after Dinner left us, generously refusing to take anything for his Pains in teaching Lucy to weave Garters.

1749 November 19 (Sunday). Din'd at Deacon Newtons also my wife, and Sister Lydia. Molly and Lucy were at the Deacons but had dinners of their own.

1749 December 3 (Sunday). Molly and Lucy and Billy tarry'd at the Meeting House. I enquir'd of Mrs. Newton what was become of them and she manifested concern and Disappointment for she had ask'd them (heretofore) and did Desire they might be with us at Dinner, and said she spoke to Billy (to Day) at the Meeting House Door, to come. (But I suppose they knew not upon what foot they were to come and therefore did not. It is a pity that this Affair has made any Difficulty.)

1749 December 17 (Sunday). Mrs. Chamberlin rode with my wife and Daughter Lucy and me in our slay.... My wife and Billy and I din'd at Esq. Bakers. I lengthen'd the Time to an Hour and half Intermission.... Neighbour Eliezer Rice and his wife (though so Cold a Day) went to Meeting at Grafton. My Lucy din'd at Mr. Abner Newtons.

1749 December 24 (Sunday). Din'd at Esq. Bakers, Molly at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, and Lucy at Mr. Abner Newtons.

1749 December 25 (Monday). At the Funerall of Mr. Pratts Child -- carry'd Lucy, Billy and Sarah in the Slay.

1750 January 8 (Monday). Mr. Jeduthun Fay came and bought seven Sheep of me, (3 of them Lucy's) for 12£ old Tenor and took a poor Ewe with Lamb to winter for me.

1750 January 14 (Sunday). Lucy and I din'd at Esq. Bakers. Molly dines at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's.

1750 January 21 (Sunday). My wife din'd with me at the Justice's. Lucy at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, Billy at Mr. Abner Newtons.

1750 February 20 (Tuesday). Lucy complains and is laid by.

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). Lucy much indispos'd Still, but Billy is at his Lessons again.

1750 March 8 (Thursday). N.B. Lucy at Mr. John Chamberlins while her Husband is gone to Boston.

1750 March 15 (Thursday). My Wife and Lucy walk'd to meeting; Molly rode with me on the Mare. It prov'd very Cold: at length snow'd. I went to Deacon Newtons at Noon. My wife, Molly and Lucy stay'd at the Meeting House, because of the storm. After Meeting the storm being exceeding Strong, the Snow beating very vehemently, my wife rode home with me, Esq. Baker kindly Sent a Son with an Horse to help Molly home, and Mr. Eliezer Rice kindly help'd Lucy home, So that we got home in Some Comfort to what it would have otherwise been, but I think it was more tedious than any Sabbath through the Winter.

1750 March 25 (Sunday). I carry'd Lucy and Ebenezer, and William went on Foot; all the Rest tarried at home a.m.

1750 April 29 (Sunday). 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 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 15 (Monday). N.B. William rode to Marlborough with Lucy and brought up Mrs. Sally Gott.

1750 July 25 (Wednesday). P.M. Molly and Lucy went to the Funeral of Prudence Winchester, who dy'd yesterday Morning. Mr. Winchester and his wife sent for me but I could not go.

1750 August 9 (Thursday). Molly and Lucy rode in the Chair to Mr. Twitchells.

1750 August 15 (Wednesday). Jeduthun Baldwin here to acquaint me with his Circumstances and when he can come to work for me. He lodg'd here.

1750 August 20 (Monday). Am now concern'd to set forward my Building; rode to Deacon Matthias Rice's to Speak with Jeduthun Baldwin. I din'd at the Deacons. P.M. Jeduthun came to my House to look of Stuff for window Frames, but which would not do. Great Rains.

1750 August 31 (Friday). Mrs. Edwards having rid an Horse from Baldwins at Sudbury which belongs to Mr. Joseph Child at Worcester.

1750 September 23: 16 years old

1750 October 29 (Monday). P.M. Molly and Lucy rode in the Chair to Colonel Wards at Shrewsbury.

1750 October 30 (Tuesday). Molly and Lucy return'd from Colonel Wards, where they lodg'd last Night.

1750 December 11 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter to Mrs. Stoddard at Boston with 14L of money by Mrs. Mary Maynard (James's Wife) to buy my Daughter Lucy a Riding Hood.

1750 December 27 (Thursday). Molly and Lucy undertook to walk over to Mr. Martyn's.

1751 January 4 (Friday). Lucy to Mrs. Mehitable Brigbams to obtain her help in making her new Riding hood -- and stays all Night.

1751 January 30 (Wednesday). My wife and I rode to Marlborough -- as we went we call'd at Deacon Rice's and din'd there. Renew'd my Desire to Jeduthan Baldwin to work for me in finishing my New House.

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 7 (Thursday). Mr. David Baldwin of Leicester sold me 1000 of White Pine Boards for £15.10/ Old Tenor for which I paid him 10£ old Tenor.

1751 March 13 (Wednesday). From Mr. Goddards to Mr. David Baldwins. Bargain'd with him to make my Window Frames and Sashes, 13 of the former and 15 of the Latter, 24 Squares in Each Window 7 by 9 Dimensions of Glass and to lodge 'em Safe at Captain Maynards at Westborough, not exceeding the first week of June, for 48£ old Tenor Money, and 4 inner Doors, double rais'd pannells at the price which Mr. Goodwin Housewright in Worcester shall sett.

1751 March 19 (Tuesday). I was with Neighbour Stephen Maynard as he and Neighbour Benjamin How measur'd Mr. Baldwins Boards.

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.

1751 May 17 (Friday). Lucy went over to Mr. Martyns for Molly and they came home at Eve.

1751 May 19 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers, where also din'd Justice Liscomb. N.B. Lucy, Sarah and Susanna carry'd their Dinners.

1751 June 1 (Saturday). Din'd with Mrs. Baldwin in Sudbury; her Husband Captain Baldwin from Home, but her sons there.

1751 June 4 (Tuesday). Young Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin, my Carpenter, and his Prentice John Woods came about Noon -- they Eat with us and went to work to finish the New House.... Baldwin and his Man lodg'd at old Mr. Maynards. Mr. Maccarty and Major Keyes went home: the rest lodg'd here.

1751 June 5 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and his Daughter rode with me and my Daughter Lucy and son Thomas to Upton Ordination.

1751 June 15 (Saturday). Baldwin with his son John came home to me: but Parkhurst went to Deacon Newtons.

1751 June 17 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. Zebulon Baldwin in behalf of his Father David Baldwin with a Load of Work and stuff for my New House, viz. 13 Frames and 15 setts of

Sashes (Jeduthun Baldwin makes the 2 Frames for the Garrett But Mr. Baldwin of Leicester all the Sashes) he brought also 3 inner Doors -- and 425 feet of white pine Boards which I bought of him at 30/ old Tenor per Hundred. He and his Team were entertain'd here over night -- and

1751 June 18 (Tuesday). In the Morning put in my Three Creatures and carry'd over the Load to my New House. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter there and paid me 15£ old Tenor which I paid Mr. Baldwin for his Father.

1751 June 29 (Saturday). Baldwin and John Woods at Eve.

1751 July 9 (Tuesday). P.M. my workman Baldwin went to Shrewsbury. He return'd and lodg'd at my House.

1751 July 18 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. David Baldwin here. N.B. he counts the Doors which he made for me (which are four pannell, and raised and quarter rounded on both sides) at 2 Days work apiece -- and at 3£ 5/ whereas Mr. Goodwin (who was the prizer of them from the account I gave him) had set them at far less.

1751 July 19 (Friday). Mr. David Baldwin and I reckon'd -- and he consented to take an hundred pounds old Tenor for work and stuff which I have had of him paid him 20£ old Tenor (which makes up 45£ of what I have paid him in Cash) receiv'd his Order to pay Mr. Stephen Maynard 40£ and gave him a Note for 15 more (old Tenor).

1751 July 28 (Sunday). My Wife, my Brother, Son William, Jeduthan Baldwin and John Woods din'd with me at my New House.

1751 July 27 (Saturday). My Daughter Lucy and I rode down to Marlborough (using by his leave, Mr. Martyns Chair) to the Funeral of Dr. Gott.

1751 July 29 (Monday). 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 30 (Tuesday). Baldwin and his man lodg'd at the New House.

1751 August 6 (Tuesday). Baldwin and his Man John all this Time there and my Daughter Molly lodges and works also, tending upon the Workmen in their Meals etc.

1751 August 9 (Friday). Deacon and Baldwin make up a Couch in the unfinish'd part of the House.

1751 August 14 (Wednesday). Jeduthun Baldwin and John Woods go over to work at the Meeting House at the North End of the Town. Their Tools carry'd over in Mr. Martyns Chair, drawn by my mare. I agree to give Baldwin 18/ old Tenor per Day for 60 Days, to his Journey man, William Parkhurst, 15/ per Day, 26 Days and to his Apprentice, John Woods 10 L, lumping the Latter part of his Time. (The former part he was so new and raw, nothing more than his Diet could be expected.) In all, my Debt to Baldwin is 83£ 10s, old Tenor -- his Credit 3£ 10. This

Day due to him 80 L. N.B. he offers to take 75£ if I pay him 40£ within a Month, and 35 within 2 months More, or give him Bond for it.

1751 September 2 (Monday). I sent Billy with a Team to the North-End-Meeting House for a Cyder screw made by Deacon Livermore for me -- one of those made by Woolly having Scal'd and Split so much that it is useless; and it is lodg'd at the North Meeting House, under the Care of Mr. Jeduthan Baldwin, who is at work there. I rode after him least some Disaster Should befall him.

1751 September 23: 17 years old

1751 October 21 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Jeduthan Baldwin and his apprentice John Woods came to work, to finish my East Room.

1751 October 24 (Thursday). N.B. Baldwin, John Woods and Sam Bumpso went.

1751 October 30 (Wednesday). Baldwin yesterday and to Day about the Garrett Stairs.

1751 October 31 (Thursday). Mr. Baldwin for 2 or Three Days about the Garrett stairs.

1751 November 1 (Friday). P.M. Baldwin to Shrewsbury and return'd to t'other House.

1751 November 2 (Saturday). Baldwin built the Cellar stairs. John Woods about the Garrett Floor.

1751 November 4 (Monday). Baldwin and his man John preparing the East Room for the Masons.

1751 November 6 (Wednesday). Baldwin trys for an Horse to go to Sudbury but in vain. Works part of the day.

1751 November 8 (Friday). N.B. Baldwin did not work at Evening.

1751 November 16 (Saturday). Baldwin begins the Outside of the Door -- pediment, Pillars etc.

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

1751 November 22 (Friday). Baldwin rode my Horse to his Fathers. John Woods about the little House.

1751 November 25 (Monday). Baldwin finish'd and paint'd the Front Door.

1751 November 27 (Wednesday). P.M. Baldwin and John Woods left us. For this turn of their Work am indebted to Jeduthun Baldwin £4.13.4, or 35£ old Tenor -- in all £9.6.8, or 70£ old Tenor this Day. N.B. His whole work comes to £113.10 shillings old Tenor.

1751 December 4 (Wednesday). Was at Deacon Newtons at Eve and reckon'd with him. N.B. his boarding my Workmen Baldwin, Parkhurst and Woods one hundred Days (or 14 weeks and Two Days, taking them all, together) at 25/ per Week, was, in old Tenor £17.18.0.

1751 December 19 (Thursday). At Eve Ebenezer and Lucy came over and Supp'd here.

1752 February 19 (Wednesday). N.B. I sent £10 Old Tenor to Jeduthun Baldwin per Mr. Samuel Harrington.

1752 January 14 (Tuesday). My daughters Molly and Lucy were last Wednesday at Mr. Martyns, and heard their Disgust at my not having been to see 'em for so long time.

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

1752 February 17 (Monday). Stormy morning. Dr. Gardner lodged over at t'other house -- gone p.m. with Molly and Lucy to Mr. Stone's of Southborough.

1752 March 26 (Thursday). N.B. My Daughter Lucy has stay'd at home from Public Worship several Days -- she has now an ague in her Face, and has been pritty much troubl'd with it.

1752 May 27 (Wednesday). I rode to Mr. Jonah Warrins and brought home my Molly and Mrs. Molly Johnson (who is still at Work here) but Lucy lodg'd there.

1752 June 24 (Wednesday). P.M. came Jeduthun Baldwin. Took up both my notes with him, by giving him one that is of 60 £old Tenor.

#### 1752 September 23: 18 years old

1752 November 9 (Thursday). Mrs. Nabby Baker making and altering Gowns for Lucy. She, with Mr. Taylor, Mr. Bartlett of Sutton din'd here. My Daughters Goods which are here, loaded up in Mr. Taylors Cart: and he goes to t'other House to lodge.

1752 November 13 (Monday). Several Persons came also to t'other House -- viz. Jeduthun Baldwin, who rode in a Chair for Mr. Forbush and my Daughter, and one Mr. Smith.

1752 November 13 (Monday). Nabby Baker here making and altering Gowns for my Daughter Lucy.

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.

1753 January 5 (Friday). Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin from Brookfield at Eve, and brought us comfortable News of the Welfare of my Children there. D.G. He Lodg'd with us.

1753 January 6 (Saturday). Baldwin left us -- wrote by him to Mr. Martyn about the Contributions for Mr. Goodenow.

1753 September 23: 19 years old

1754 January 16 (Wednesday). Two of Mr. Baldwin's prentices (Jones and Wyman) here. They go to lodge at t'other House.

1754 January 29 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin and [blank] Cutler from Brookfield.

1754 February 6 (Wednesday). Mr. Foster puts his Horse into my Chair and rode with Lucy to t'other House. They return at Eve, and Mr. Foster leaves us.

1754 February 14 (Thursday). Lucy rode with Ebenezers Wife to See Mrs. Martyn and Mrs. Molly her Daughter who, we hear, are not well yet. Lucy brings me at Evening a most bitter Letter from my Brother Martyn, full of Misrepresentations and hard Reflections.

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 21 (Thursday). My Son Thomas return'd from Brookfield last night to t'other House without Lucy, but with Mr. Abraham Smith.

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

1754 March 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin here from Sudbury, returning to Brookfield. Told him I was very sorry that when Mr. Forbush and he knew of Mr. 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 May 10 (Friday). Lucy came from Brookfield with Mr. Baldwin last night.

1754 May 13 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Baldwin came from Sudbury.

1754 May 15 (Wednesday). Mr. Baldwin and John Woods begin to work at the Meeting House. They undertake the Pulpit in the first place.

1754 May 16 (Thursday). Lucy lodg'd at t'other House.... Mr. Baldwin here at Eve, and asks Leave to Spend a little Time with my Daughter Lucy.

1754 July 12 (Friday). Mr. Baldwin Strikes me up an Extempore Gate before my House. Plants in fore yard.

1754 July 19 (Friday). We Set out early from Mr. Woodward's, and broke fast at Mr. Isaac Baldwin's. N.B. Jeduthun there. We fish'd in the pleasant Pond beyond the Garden. Mr. Forbush took Ebenezer's Mare which Baldwin rode down, and rode to Abraham Smith's to talk with him, as well on his own as on my Account. Baldwin rode home with me in the Chair. Found all well and Comfortable.

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.

1754 July 31 (Wednesday). But Mr. Baldwin came from Brookfield p.m.

1754 August 22 (Thursday). Mr. Baldwin finishes his work at the Meeting House. The Pulpit and the fronts of the Gallerys, Ministerial Pew and Deacon's seat. Likewise Three Pews for particular persons, viz. Deacon Newtons, Mr. Bonds, and Esquire Bakers. Mr. Adams is building Three more.

1754 August 23 (Friday). Mr. Baldwin and his 'prentice comes to work for me -- to plain and Joint Boards for Chamber floor -- and a number of Small Jobbs.

1754 August 24 (Saturday). Mr. Baldwin and his 'prentice are here at work.

1754 August 26 (Monday). Mr. Baldwin and Elisha Jones went off.

1754 August 27 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Baldwin went to Brookfield.

1754 August 30 (Friday). Mr. Baldwin return'd from Brookfield and lodges here.

1754 September 1 (Sunday). Mr. Baldwin here at Eve and lodg'd here.

1754 September 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin brought back Ebenezer's Mare which he himself had rid to Weston when he finish'd his Work and left us.

1754 September 12 (Thursday). Dr. Perkins, Mr. Asaph Rice and Mr. Baldwin, together with Mrs. Molly Martyn lodge here.

1754 September 13 (Friday). Dr. Perkins and Mr. Rice and Mr. Baldwin, as also Mr. Hezekiah Coollidge return home.

1754 September 23: 20 years old

1754 October 2 (Wednesday). William waits upon his Mother to Mr. Martyns, and Lucy undertakes to wean little John.

1754 November 17 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin here.

1754 November 18 (Monday). Mr. Baldwin lodg'd here to night also, being prevented by the storm returning.

1754 November 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Baldwin left us, it being a bright Day.

1754 December 31 (Tuesday). Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin came here last Evening. He goes to Worcester this Morning in his Journey to Brookfield.

1755 March 24 (Monday). Lucy ill with Swelling in her Mouth, Face.

1755 April 7 (Monday). Lucy much out of order -- breaks out in her Face.

1755 April 8 (Tuesday). Lucy and I ride to Marlborough to consult Dr. Brigham about her. She is blooded -- we din'd there.

1755 April 9 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Baldwin here -- and lodg'd here.

1755 June 2 (Monday). Lucy and I rode to t'other House and din'd there.

1755 June 3 (Tuesday). Rode over to Deacon Bonds; at Eve Mr. Baldwin here.

1755 June 17 (Tuesday). My Son Ebenezer's Wife, with her young Child, and my Daughter Lucy rode in my Chair to Brookfield.... My Daughter Elizabeth and Lucy rode to Brookfield in my Chair.

1755 June 23 (Monday). N.B. My Daughters Elizabeth and Lucy not return'd yet.

1755 June 25 (Wednesday). My Wife and I, after Lucy came home with the Chair (N.B. she and Elizabeth came from Brookfield Yesterday) rode to See Lieutenant Bruce's Wife....

1755 July 4 (Friday). At Evening Mr. Baldwin here.

1755 July 5 (Saturday). Mr. Baldwins Horse had got away in the Night; an Horse of Value; So that he is in Perplexity for Some Time this morning, but after a while finds him in the Burying Place.

1755 September 22 (Monday). In the Morning Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin here -- he came last Night -- is going to Crown Point -- and takes leave accordingly. N.B. He tells me the Negro Man and Negro Woman who murder'd Captain Codman of Charlestown, were Executed last Thursday, at Cambridge. The Man was hang'd, and was afterwards to be hang'd in Irons on Charlestown Neck: the Woman was burnt to Death, a frightfull Spectacle! May all hear and fear! especially to be punish'd Eternally in the Flames of Hell! May my own Soul be suitably affected with the Thought!

1755 September 23: 21 years old

1755 August 6 (Wednesday). Billy and Lucy rode over to Mr. Martyns and return'd at Eve.

1755 October 14 (Tuesday). My Daughters, Forbush and Lucy and Mr. Manning went over to Mr. Martyns and lodged there; though they were also Sopp'd with the Rain.

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

1755 October 27 (Monday). Receiv'd Letters of the 13 and 16 from Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin at Lake George. Other Letters are come also; all Signifying that the Army is not like to proceed against Crown Point this Winter.

1755 November 28 (Friday). My Wife and Lucy are gone over to Mr. Martyns. At Eve they return and bring home my little John.

1756 January 9 (Friday). My Daughter *Lucy* has received from Mrs. *Anne Fleet* the Life of Miss *Clarissa Harlowe* vol.1 for (under my Direction) She wrote a Letter to her requesting the Favour to read it, which Miss Fleet immediately complied with. I think those sorts of Books are indeed to be read Sparingly; and others which Relate to God and the soul and many others still there are to be preferred far before them but yet Such as are bred in the Country, and cant be afforded to live at Boarding schools, may by these Means come to some Taste of brilliant sense, when they cant be polished by Conversation. But this indulgence had need be kept under a Strict Guard, and Caution.

1756 January 18 (Sunday). My Daughter *Lucy* not well and stays at home with me.

1756 January 23 (Friday). My Daughter *Lucy* is much disordered with cutaneous Eruptions in her Face, and we conclude She has an *Erysipelas*, or *St. Anthony's Fire*.

1756 January 25 (Sunday). My wife and Daughter (*Lucy*) remain in great Affliction.

1756 January 26 (Monday). Mr. Forb. came with hopes to have *Lucy* go to Brookfield. And for that End led down an Horse with *side-saddle*; but She is so ill that he takes leave without her.

1756 January 27 (Tuesday). My Wife and Daughter much confined by their pains and Illness -- and rather grow worse -- especially *Lucy's* Face; which is much broke out.

1756 January 28 (Wednesday). *Lucy* grows Worse.

1756 January 29 (Thursday). *Lucy* very ill. We improve Dr. Chase for her.

1756 January 30 (Friday). *Lucy* had a poor Night: but is Somewhat better to day. Her Face is exceedingly inflamed and covered over with scabbs.

1756 February 2 (Monday). My Wife's Rheumatism increases -- but *Lucy*, through divine Goodness, recovers.

1756 February 4 (Wednesday). My Wife is Still exercised with Rheumatism, but *Lucy*, to our Joy, through divine Favor daily recovers.

1756 February 13 (Friday). *Thomas* and *Lucy* ride in my Chair to Brookfield.

1756 May 1 (Saturday). At Evening I received a Letter from Capt. Jeduthun Baldwin at Fort *William Henry* of April 12 containing a sorrowful Account of the Loss of Six Men belonging to them by the Enemy and of the Sickness, Lameness etc. of many others, whilst the Enemy are busy round about them.

1756 May 3 (Monday). Wrote a Letter to Capt. Jeduthun Baldwin.

1756 May 28 (Friday). N.B. I endeavoured to pay Brother *Champney* my Debt to him (contracted on Mollys and Lucys Account chiefly), but was disappointed by A *Johannes* wanting weight, which *Johannes* I gave Mr. Nathan Maynard (at his earnest request to change) 8 Dollars for.

1756 July 15 (Thursday). Capt. Baldwin dined here also. He is going to Brookfield.

1756 August 20 (Friday). Mr. *Isaac Baldwin* (Father of Capt. *Jeduthun*) came to see us and to ask our Approbation of his son *Jeduthuns* proceedings with our Daughter *Lucy* -- and he accordingly addressed us both on that Occasion.

1756 August 21 (Saturday). *Baldwin* came in the Morning from Coll. Williams. He breaks fast with us. And Sets out for *Brookfield*.

1756 September 23: 22 years old

1756 October 11 (Monday). My Daughter *Lucy* returned from Brookfield, Capt. Baldwin with her.

1756 October 12 (Tuesday). Capt. *Baldwin* to *Boston*.... N.B. John is ill; Lucy not well.

1756 October 15 (Friday). Capt. Baldwin here.

1756 October 16 (Saturday). He takes with him the Horse and Tackling that Lucy rode upon, to return to Brookfield.

1756 October 27 (Wednesday). My Wife and Daughter *Lucy* rode over to Mr. Martyns to Lecture after parting with our dear Friend Mr. *Pierpoint*, who this Morning left us to pursue his Journey home.

1756 October 29 (Friday). My Wife and *Lucy* to Marlborough in the Chair, to See Dr. Gott etc. etc.

1756 November 2 (Tuesday). N.B. Dr. Minot of Concord here to invite me and my Wife, my Son *Thomas* and Daughter *Lucy*, to his Wedding next Thursday come se'nnight.

1756 November 10 (Wednesday). N.B. Capt. *Baldwin* brings my Daughter *Forb.* who came from Brookfield yesterday, and her Daughter *Lydia*.

1756 November 11 (Thursday). Rain a.m. P.M. My wife and I, *Thomas* and *Lucy* accompanied by Capt. *Baldwin*, go over to Mr. *Martyns*, and at Eve we celebrate the Nuptials of Mrs. *Molly* to Dr. *Minot* of Concord. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I lodge there.

1756 November 17 (Wednesday). My Wife and *Lucy* ride to Marlborough and buy of Mrs. *Anna Brigham* nigh 70 L's Worth of her Goods; at Eve return home.

1756 November 30 (Tuesday). Capt. Baldwin came from Brookfield, and arrived here at Night.

[1756 December 1 (Wednesday).] I rode over to Mr. *Martyns*: Capt. Baldwin and Lucy with me; to wait on *Dr. Minot and his* New spouse, as they are now going to *Concord*. I accompanied them as far as Coll. Williams's. (There were 13 Horses, every one riding single.) Capt. B. and *Lucy* went with them to *Concord*.

1756 December 3 (Friday). At Eve Capt. Baldwin and Lucy from *Concord*.

1756 December 4 (Saturday). Capt. Baldwin, after dining at t'other House, setts out for *Brookfield*.

1756 December 16 (Thursday). Yet my Daughter in Law came over and brought her Child. P.M. She and Lucy went to See the French folks.

1756 December 23 (Thursday). Ebenezer here and carries *Lucy* over with him, his Wife being not well.

1757 January 4 (Tuesday). Capt. *Baldwin* from *Brookfield*.

1757 January 5 (Wednesday). He leaves us to go to Sudbury etc.

1757 January 14 (Friday). Capt. Baldwin came this Evening and lodges here.

1757 January 15 (Saturday). Capt. *Baldwin* consents to take *Billy* as Apprentice. And he is to go up to Brookfield in a Fortnight or 3 Weeks. Capt. B. Sat out to Day, facing the Cold, for Brookfield.

1757 January 27 (Thursday). Lt. Tainter came from Boston and brought Wool and Cotton for *Lucy*.

1757 February 9 (Wednesday). Capt. *Baldwin* came. He informs that my Daughter Forbush has had a broken Breast.

1757 February 10 (Thursday). Capt. Baldwin with us.

1757 February 11 (Friday). Capt. B. returns to Brookfield and carries Some of Billys Cloths.

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 3 (Thursday). Mr. M. [Martyn] and wife went home. Their son carried home his Wife to his own House. *Thomas* and *Lucy* wait upon 'em (as they did the last night).

1757 March 13 (Sunday). *Lucy* was admitted into the Church.

1757 March 14 (Monday). My Daughter in Law, and *Lucy* go to Watertown in my Chair.

1757 March 20 (Sunday). We have heard that *Lucy* was ill at Brother Harringtons at Watertown, and therefore could not go to Boston as She purposed.

1757 March 21 (Monday). At Night came Capt. Baldwin and lodged here.

1757 March 22 (Tuesday). Capt. B. rode away early for Boston. To Day a General Training through out the Province to press men if they have not enlisted, to go to War against the French.

1757 March 25 (Friday). *Lucy* returned home.

1757 March 26 (Saturday). Capt. Baldwin dined here, and desires he maybe married on April 21, to which I consent.

1757 April 1 (Friday). Mr. Benjamin How hereto look of Walnut Chairs my wife bought for Lucy at Marlborough and are some of them much broken -- that he may mend 'em.

1757 April 20 (Wednesday). Capt. Baldwin having received no Letter from me concerning the Alteration of the Time of his Marriage from the 21st Day as was proposed, by reason of the publick Fast, to the 28th (but yet I Sent one by Mr. Abner Rice of Brookfield) came here this Evening, and lodged here. N.B. his horse was Sent to Esquire *Bakers* to be kept there.

1757 April 22 (Friday). Rain. Baldwin can't journey to Sudbury as he proposed.

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.

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1757 May 6 (Friday). Jane Kelly here p.m. to quilt for Lucy.

1757 May 16 (Monday). Rode to Esquire Brighams -- to Mrs. *Betty Eagers*, where I got two young Mulberry Trees -- dined with my wife's Kinswoman Mrs. *Anna Brigham* -- gave her a note of 50£ old Tenor upon Interest, as part of pay for Lucys Curtains, Chairs, etc.

1757 May 18 (Wednesday). Lucy and Suse ride to Marlborough in my Chair.

1757 May 27 (Friday). [Boston.] My wife and I, both of us variously employed in buying Household goods for *Lucy*. We leave the Town....

1757 May 27 (Friday). We still continued our Journey to Sudbury, to my new Brother *Baldwins* -- 'twas nigh 10 o'Clock and they were all fast asleep. We called 'em up and we lodged there.

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 *Ebenzers* along with them to Brookfield.

1757 June 4 (Saturday). N.B. My Daughter Lucy not well.

1757 June 6 (Monday). Mr. Moses Nurse has brought up from Boston two iron Kettles, an Iron Pott, Andirons etc., which were lately bought chiefly for Lucy, Safely and gratis.... My Daughter Lucy So ill that at her repeated, earnest Request I write a Letter to her Husband at Brookfield; and send it by Abner Newton who goes Express to inform Charles etc. Rice of their Mothers low Condition.

1757 June 7 (Tuesday). *Onesiphorus Ayres* of *Brookfield* came with a Team and carried off *Lucys* Goods. Mr. Jonas Twitchell helped load. Dr. Crosby here to see Lucy who was very ill in the morning.

1757 June 8 (Wednesday). Capt. Baldwin (who came a Little after Midnight) to Day takes his Wife out in a Chair, and they ride over to Mr. *Martyns* -- and return at Evening. P.M. came his Father and Mother; and at Evening his Uncle *Samuel* (with whom he served apprenticeship). They Supped and lodged here. I would view the kind Hand of Providence that when I was Somewhat put to't for fresh Meat, Mr. *Maynard* kindly Sent me a Quarter of veal and some Butter. Mrs. *Dolly Rice* an old Cheese. Thomas went to Southborough to invite Miss *Huldah Stone* to go with his Sister to Brookfield; but returned without her, it being too short Warning, yet longer could not be given because *Lucy* was So ill yesterday that it was uncertain whether she could go her self.

1757 June 9 (Thursday). My Daughter *Lucy* left us, and went with her Husband to *Brookfield*. The Company that went from hence with 'em, were, his Father and Mother and uncle Samuel Baldwin, Dr. *Gott* and Miss *Betty Williams* and *Thomas* and *Suse*.

1757 July 1 (Friday). P.M. Nahum Eager comes from Brookfield with Letters -- and informs that the Cow which I gave my Daughter *Lucy*, has been Some time missing, and was in hopes to find her here -- but we have Seen nothing of her.

1757 August 23 (Tuesday). At night came my Son and Daughter *Baldwin* from Brookfield. He gives me account of the late Fight and surrender of the Fort *William Henry* from his Brother *Nahum* who was there.

1757 August 24 (Wednesday). My son Baldwin and his Wife left us to go to Sudbury.

1757 August 31 (Wednesday). My son and Daughter *Baldwin* came and lodged here. They have been at Boston and kept sabbath there.

1757 September 1 (Thursday). My *Baldwins* left us for *Brookfield*.

1757 September 14 (Wednesday). My son Baldwin came here in the morning. He had lodged at Mr. *Martyns* -- tells me his wife is out of Health and depressed. He left us to go to Brookfield.

#### 1757 September 23: 23 years old

1757 September 24 (Saturday). Mr. *Joshua Winter* and his Wife (from Boston Yesterday) came to see us, and dined with us. They lodged last night at Brother Baldwins at Sudbury.

1757 October 3 (Monday). Sett out late for Brookfield.... 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 October 12 (Wednesday). When we returned home, Mrs. Allen was come from Shrewsbury and Mrs. Baldwin of that Neighbourhood with her.

1758 January 4 (Wednesday). I rode to Mr. Jonathan Bruce's and I hire of him 30£ old Tenor to Send to my son Baldwin to whom I owe so much upon Note.

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.

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 March 2 (Thursday). My Son *Baldwin*, having been to Boston came and lodged here.

1758 March 4 (Saturday). Mr. *Baldwin* leaves us in the Morning for Brookfield. N.B. before he went I payed him 7£ old Tenor and took up my Note which I had given him for work in building my House.

1758 March 13 (Monday). Reckoned with a Number of persons -- particularly had a large Reckoning with Deacon Bond; his wife also was here; but N.B. that which was the means of the great Increase of my Debt with them was her Spinning and Whitening linnen Cloth for Setting off my Daughter *Lucy*.

1758 April 18 (Tuesday). My Son *Baldwin* came here in his Journey from Brookfield to Boston. We ride down the Road together till I turn to Marlborough where is the Ministers Meeting to Day.

1758 May 1 (Monday). There I dined. Visited at Mr. Gershom Brighams -- Joseph Knowltons, where was Dr. *Crosby*, who acquainted me with the Frolick which a Number of young People had at *Baldwins* Tavern in Shrewsbury last Thursday Night and that he himself wrote a Letter to Mr. Baldwin the preceding afternoon, which was the means of breaking it up. N.B. The young Men were partly those who have enlisted into the service: and *Solomon Fay* of this Town was one. I visited at Mr. *Samuel Fays* junior. N.B. his son Solomon came in: I therefore talked with him about the above mentioned Frolick. Called at Neighbour Eliezer Rice's -- bid farewell to Thomas Hardy and his wife, they designing for Brookfield in the Morning. When I came home came Mr. *Oliver Carter* of Leominster to desire me to assist at a Fast there -- he lodged here.

1758 May 2 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter to Mr. Thomas Hardy directed to my son Baldwin about Billys Affair; and I therein assure him I can't Stand to the Agreement made between them. Presently after came Billy himself who lodged last Night at Capt. Eagers.

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.

1758 May 25 (Thursday). *Billy* comes up to Brookfield. He has received 5 Dollars of Capt. Maynard and is promised the rest of the Bounty, as well as the Billetting money with the other Soldiers. I dined at my son Baldwins. Have some debate with him about Billy and the fitting him out. P.M. at Mr. Forb. Lt. Rice takes Billy for his *Waiter*. At Eve Capt. Wit came to see me. Lodged at Capt. Baldwins -- because of Billys Case.

1758 June 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Gross came and accompanys my Daughter Suse to Wor'ster where she is to meet her Brother Forb. and So to return to her Brother Baldwins.

1758 July 13 (Thursday). News from Brookfield that my Daughter Baldwin is brought to Bed and has a Son, and both Mother and Child comfortable. To God most gracious be Glory and Praise! It was on the 10th.

1758 July 17 (Monday). Yet Sarah and I set out in our Journey for Boston. She has an Horse from Daniel Forb. junior. N.B. Mr. Joseph Manning Candidate our Company. My Daughter and I dined at Esq. Brigham's in Marlborough. We called at Brother Baldwins in Sudbury.

1758 August 2 (Wednesday). About 11 I Sat out for Brookfield. Did not dine till I got to Capt. Curtis's. At 3 1/2 p.m. sat off from thence. Called at my son *Baldwins* to rejoice in the divine Goodness to them -- but lodged at my Daughter Forb. whose Child is yet alive, but is very weak, tender, premature Babe.

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 4 (Friday). Dined at my son Baldwins. Visit Capt. Witt. Lodged at Baldwins. Their Child flourishes.

1758 August 5 (Saturday). I rode to New Braintree to visit Mr. Ruggles. My son Baldwin accompanied me. We called to see Mr. Jedidiah How, both going and returning. We called also at Samuel Harringtons junior. We dined at Mr. Ruggles's. In returning called at Lt. Stone's.

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 7 (Monday). Old Lieut. Gilbert very kindly waited upon me all Day, in visiting as I most inclined. A.M. we went to Mr. Watsons where we had an handsome Breakfast. We dined at Justice Convers's. The Esquire went with us Capt. *Wolcotts* where I lodged a Letter for Mr. Forbush and one for Billy in the Army. I rode also to See the Ministers of the other Parishes, and the forementioned Gentlemen with me -- but Mr. Fisk was not at home so that I did not see him. The Visit to Mr. Parsons was late, about or after Sunsett. My return to my Daughter Forb. was therefore in the Evening. Her Infant remains in the same low state in which I first saw it.

1758 August 8 (Tuesday). I sat out, and my son Ebenezer with me, to ride part of the way, to come home. But Capt. *Wolcott* and his wife met us, with News from Mr. Forb. that he was coming home. One Mr. Forsey had travelled part of the way from Albany with him; but at Kenderhook he missed his Watch and turned back to look it; but it was thought he would be here by the middle of the Afternoon. I therefore went back with them in Company, to my Daughters and we dined there. P.M. Capt. *Wolcott* and I visited Capt. *Witt*.

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. I dined at Deacon Cutlers. Went to Nicols's -- where I was long detained by the heavy Rains. Returned at night very Wet -- to my son Baldwins, where I lodged. N.B. Dr. Munro gave further account of Mr. Forb.

1758 August 10 (Thursday). Am waiting for Mr. Forbush. Dr. Gott and Mr. Uriah Gilbert take Horses and resolve to go till they meet him though they Should go to Springfield. Dined at my son Baldwins. My Daughter Baldwin somewhat feeble, dull and relaxed again. Afraid she shall return into her former Disorders. My Son Ebezers Wife is troubled with sore Breasts and sore Nipples. At Eve I being at Mr. Forb. and a Number of his Neighbours waiting to See him, he came. And though yesterday he lay by at Springfield, having taken physick there, yet now he was in a Comfortable State. N.B. he found not his Watch; though his going back was So great an inconvenience to him that he was obliged to ride 70 Miles that Day; which proved too hard for him and caused the illness which detained him at Springfield.

1758 August 11 (Friday). I took leave, commending them all, and particularly the feeble tender Infant to a Gracious, almighty God and savior.

#### 1758 September 23: 24 years old

1758 October 25 (Wednesday). At Eve my Daughter *Baldwin* with her little son came. They sat out yesterday from Brookfield; accompanied by the Widow *Gilbert* hither to assist her. They lodged last night at Mr. Baldwins in *Shrewsbury*, where they left my mare, which they brought with them from Brookfield so far.

1758 October 26 (Thursday). A very winter like Face on every Thing. We have the pleasure of my Daughter and her little son here, together with their Nurse.

1758 October 28 (Saturday). My Daughter Baldwin, her son and Mrs. Gilbert go to Sudbury, Thomas having returned with Mrs. Brigham and her Son.

1758 November 20 (Monday). Several of our Children are conceived to have the Chicken Pox -- tis Supposed they have taken it from some or other of my Son Baldwins Family who have been here.

1758 December 29 (Friday). P.M. Isaac and Josiah Baldwin here.

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

1759 January 30 (Tuesday). My son Baldwin goes on his Journey to *Boston*.... I delivered him six pounds Lawful money from *Jabez Ayres* junior of Brookfield -- which money was brought down by my son Baldwin, and was committed to me for Mr. Whitney. N.B. I saw him endorse it on Ayres's Note.

1759 February 1 (Thursday). My Son Baldwin came from Boston -- arrived late at Night.

1759 February 2 (Friday). *Baldwin* and *Suse* Set out about 11 a.m. for Brookfield.

1759 March 13 (Tuesday). When I came home received a Letter from my son Baldwin to inform me that his Father *Baldwin* dyed yesterday morning and to desire me to go to the Funeral tomorrow.

1759 March 14 (Wednesday). The Morning was very stormy. Snowed and blowed, so that I Soon gave up all Thoughts of going to the Funeral of Brother Baldwin. Neither could I so much as go to Southborough where I had designed before I received the Letter from my son Baldwin.

1759 March 23 (Friday) My Son Baldwin came from Sudbury and is in his Journey home. He lodges here.

1759 March 24 (Saturday). My Son Baldwin having told me that he had received the Wages of his other Prentice's, and that he expected *Billys* -- withall Shewing me his Orders from *Billy* to receive them of Capt. Maynard, I delivered him every farthing of what I received of the *Captains* Wife on the 22d. This I have done for the Sake of Peace and to induce my Son *Baldwin* to carry it well to *Billy* -- yet am not satisfied with the Justice of the Demand.

1759 April 10 (Tuesday). My son in Law *Baldwin* came; and informed that *Billy* has listed again, to go under him, who is going Captain of the Second (of *Captain's*) Companys in the first Battalion of Coll. *Ruggles's* Regiment: He supposes also that Mr. Forbush is going. I was very much struck at his Account of *Billys* going again. He dined here and soon went off to go to Boston, taking leave of me as Supposing he Should not See me again before his Marching.

1759 May 4 (Friday). *Baldwin* and his wife came.

1759 May 7 (Monday). Baldwin returning to Worcester expecting that the Muster-Master would be there for the mustering of his Company.

1759 May 10 (Thursday). At home -- p.m. Thomas goes with his sister Baldwin to Sudbury, and designing for Boston.

1759 May 30 (Wednesday). [Boston.] Visit my Daughter *Baldwin* at Dr. Wheats.

1759 June 1 (Friday). Leave Dr. Wheats (where my Daughter Baldwin is) after noon. Rode to Mrs. *Hills* at Cambridge. Payed her principal and Interest £115 and odd money, old Tenor and took up my note. Dined there, at near 4 o'Clock p.m. Visit Mr. Stratton of Waltham and widow Baldwin of Sudbury.

1759 June 7 (Thursday). My Daughter Baldwin had appointed to come up from Boston, and with her Miss Hannah Wheat, and her Brother would wait on 'em -- but they did not come as was expected.

1759 June 9 (Saturday). At Eve came My Daughter Baldwin accompanied with Master *Moses Wheat* and his sister Miss *Hannah Wheat*. They came from Boston last Wednesday night and tarried over the storm at Squire Brighams at Marlborough. My Daughter Seems Somewhat better.

1759 June 11 (Monday). Mr. *Moses Wheat* came with Chair and Horses; and my Daughters *Baldwin*, *Sarah* and *Susan* rode with him and his *sister* to Capt. Maynards, where having dined, they went to Capt. *Allens* at Shrewsbury.

1759 June 12 (Tuesday). My Daughter Baldwin and the Company that kindly waited upon her here left us to go to *Concord* and *Newtown*, and design to return to Boston tomorrow.

1759 June 20 (Wednesday). N.B. Artemas Bruce has brought up the Baldwin Horse here.

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

1759 July 16 (Monday). I rose early; Sat out in Mrs. Nurse's Chair and the Baldwin Horse some time before the Sun.

1759 July 18 (Wednesday). I brought up my Daughter Baldwin from Dr. Wheats to Cambridge, it being *Commencement*, but it was so late that the forenoon Exercise was begun, and it was a very hot Day, So that I did not go to it.... N.B. My Daughter *Baldwin* at Meeting also. We lodged at Sister Barretts.

1759 July 20 (Friday). Rode home. N.B. called at sister *Baldwins* and Mr. *Wymans* in *Sudbury* and at Miss Mary Shermans in Marlborough.... 4 Letters from the Lake -- 2 from Baldwin.

1759 July 21 (Saturday). *Lucy* comfortable except her Earnestness to go to Brookfield and to see her son.

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

1759 July 24 (Tuesday). *Lucy* wrote by him to her Husband and Sarah to her Brother Thomas.

1759 July 24 (Tuesday). Lt. Rolf Setts out for Albany, and my Daughter Baldwin with him to Worcester or further as She can hold out.

1759 August 11 (Saturday). Mr. Manning preaches for my son Forb. and Sends me a Letter by Bowman that he designs to come down with my Daughter Baldwin next Week.

1759 August 15 (Wednesday). A.M. Mr. *Manning* came with my Daughter Baldwin and her son from Brookfield.

1759 August 20 (Monday). P.M. Rode out with my Daughter Baldwin to the widow Forb., to Mr. *Daniel Forb.*, Blanc's, Deacon Tainters.

1759 August 22 (Wednesday). N.B. I rode up in Mr. Forb.'s Chair and on the Baldwin Horse which I reposed in Mr. Maccartys Care and lodged there (having attended the Court in the afternoon).

1759 August 31 (Friday). Severall Letters lately from the Camp. From Capt. Baldwin to me and to his Wife; From Billy -- from Thomas to Sarah.

1759 September 18 (Tuesday). My Daughter Baldwin and her son, with my Daughter Susan having rid away (in Mrs. Nurse's Chair) for Boston.

#### 1759 September 23: 25 years old

1759 October 8 (Monday). Sarah rides in the Chair whenever the Weather allows. Her sister Baldwin rides with her. We are not able to judge of her Case, only that She remains low.

1759 November 13 (Tuesday). P.M. Lucy and Sarah ride to Cousen Maynards.

1759 November 23 (Friday). My Wife and Lucy to Capt. Allens.

1759 October 25 (Thursday). At Eve Nahum *Eager* came to See his Mistress, Baldwin.

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

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

1759 November 29 (Thursday). Public Thanksgiving. I preached on Ps. 96.1-10 and 12 and joined also for the Texts Ps. 98.1-6. Mr. Baldwin here with us.

1759 November 30 (Friday). My Wife, Mr. Baldwin and his wife ride over to Mr. *Martyn's*.

1759 December 1 (Saturday). My Son Baldwin with us.

1759 December 2 (Sunday). My son Baldwin with us at the Lords Table.

1759 December 4 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Baldwin rode to Rutland and from Shrewsbury wrote me a Comfortable Letter that Billy was at Springfield last Saturday -- but Mr. Joseph Chattuck (now of Brookfield, and who had Miss Thankfull Watson with him) by whom the Letter was brought says he is at Brookfield.

1759 December 7 (Friday). Last Night came Mr. Baldwin from Brookfield. Brings a Letter from Mr. Forb. in which he shews his great surprize and deep Grief at hearing the Hints about Mr. Manning, but is unbelieving. Wrote to Brother Samuel concerning the Death of Thomas and Return of *William*.

1759 December 15 (Saturday). Sorrowful News of the Death of Mr. *Thomas Ball of Brookfield*, at Waltham, by the Wheel of his Cart running over him. May God prepare me for sudden Death! Besides the Account given by Mr. Gale who din'd with us, my Son Baldwin (who returned from Boston, and came nigh sunseting) confirmed it; and Said he saw the Corps.

1759 December 17 (Monday). After a great deal of Debate with my Son Baldwin respecting the Terms of Billys living with him; in which I manifested my great dissatisfaction with Mr. B.'s having the Wages of this last year as he had of the year before. My backwardness to comply with the Proposal to me to bind him unless, he might at least be made equal with the other 'Prentice that did go out in the service (viz. Daniel Wyman) upon Billys consenting if he would pay for a Gun for him, and being desirous to be bound, Mr. B. paying him now in Cash all his Extra Wages as his Clerk, the Indentures were filled up and Signed reciprocally. These Things were not accomplished till after noon. Then Cold as it was Mr. B., my Daughter and their son took leave to go as far as they could upon their Journey to Brookfield. N.B. They went in a New Chair which he had bought last week.

1760 January 24 (Thursday). My Son Baldwin came from Brookfield by Rutland -- going to Boston: he dined here.

1760 February 15 (Friday). At night came my son Baldwin from Boston. He informs me that My Kinsman *Winter* was married last night to My Cousen *Mary Langdon*, Widow.

1760 February 16 (Saturday). My Son Baldwin sets out for Brookfield.

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*. Mr. Fessenden obtains an Horse at Capt. Maynards to go with my Daughter Baldwin, who is still weakly, to Boston: and they Sett out.

1760 May 2 (Friday). Afterwards Mr. Hall called here in his Journey home. N.B. I write by him to Coll. Hazzletine about my Son Baldwins Note, given him.

1760 May 3 (Saturday). Master Fessenden returns from Boston and Cambridge. Tells me my Daughter Baldwin got down well, but that my good sister Barret has been much Confined and in a poor state through the Winter.

1760 May 16 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Alexander Clayton of *Upton* comes in the Name for Esq. Hazzletine for money due to him from Mr. Baldwin. I delivered Clayton 4 Johannes, and wrote it on the Back of the Note: and which he signed attesting.

1760 May 28 (Wednesday). P.M. at my Daughter Baldwin lodges at Dr. *Wheats*.

1760 May 30 (Friday). A Number of Gentlemen and Ladies went out in a Convenient Boat, and invited Me to go with them which I chearfully complied with. The Chief of the Company were Dr. *Wheat* and his wife, Young Dr. and his Wife, Mr. *Brown* (young Doctors Father in Law) and his wife, Mr. *William Winter*, his wife and Daughter; Mr. *Joshua Winter* and his wife, Mrs. Gott, Capt. Baldwin and Lucy; with a Number of younger Persons. Sat out from Long Wharf (well provided) about 11 a.m. Sailed down below the Light House. N.B. an evil Pamphlet o'board which libells Governor Pownal (as it is conceived) under the Name of Sir *Thomas Brazen*: To the great Grief of all Serious people. Came to an Ankor. Caught 3 or Four Cod -- for a Chowder. Went o'Shore and viewed the Light House. Drank Tea at the House Keepers. Re-embarked. Eat our Chowder o'board in good order. Returned and landed just after Nine at Eve: having Met with no remarkable Evil. To God be Glory. Lodged at Mr. Joshua Winters. Nor would the Company Suffer me to bear any of the Charge.

1760 June 3 (Tuesday). I dined at Dr. *Wheats* where was my Daughter Baldwin.

1760 June 4 (Wednesday). I took Leave of *Lucy* at Dr. *Wheats* and rode to Watertown just before night.

1760 July 3 (Thursday). My son Baldwin and his wife from Boston -- and lodge here.

1760 July 4 (Friday). My Son and Daughter leave us to go to Rutland, which is their present Home.

1760 August 11 (Monday). This Morning, having Mr. Nathaniel Balls mare to draw in my Chair, my wife and I sat out upon our Journey to Rutland and Brookfield. We broke fast at Capt.

Allens -- though late -- called at Mrs. Cushings and at Capt. Biglows in *Holden* -- dined late at Mr. Davis's -- arrived Safe at my Son Baldwins and found them all well. D.G. We also lodged there.

1760 August 12 (Tuesday).A.M. viewed the work at the New Meeting House. Visited Mr. Buckminster. Dined at my son Baldwins, having brought Mr. Buckminster and his Wife with us there. 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). N.B. My Baldwins returned to Rutland.

1760 September 23: 26 years old

1760 September 29 (Monday). I undertook my Journey to Cold Spring.... We arrived at Mr. Forb.'s in Brookfield in Comfort our selves -- but Daughter's Breast very bad, and little *Eli* very ill. Mr. Whipple lodged at Mr. Thomas *Hardy's*. I visited at my son Ebenezers but lodged (and my son Baldwin with me) at Mr. Forbush's.

1760 November 14 (Friday).My Son Baldwin, from Boston here -- is going home with Quantitys of Goods in two Carts -- being about to Set up Trading.

1760 December 1 (Monday). I rode to Mr. Daniel Wheelers to engage *Nero* for my son Baldwin.

1760 December 7 (Sunday). At Eve a Letter to Sarah from her Brother Baldwin at Brookfield, informing that last Thursday night Dr. *Benjamin Gott* dyed of the Small Pox.

1760 December 31 (Wednesday). My son Baldwin from Brookfield.

1761 January 1 (Thursday). My son Baldwin leaves us to go to Boston.

1761 January 8 (Thursday). My son Baldwin came from Boston and lodged here.

1761 January 9 (Friday). *Suse* rode with Mr. *Baldwin* in my sleigh for Brookfield; and *Samme* with them to go to *Ebenezers*.

1761 January 29 (Thursday). At Night *Billy* came from Brookfield. His Sister Baldwin and *Suse* stopped at Shrewsbury.

1761 February 4 (Wednesday). *Billy* Set off for Boston in his Master Baldwins Service gave him Money to pay my son Thomas's Debt to Mr. William Bowes.

1761 February 5 (Thursday). My Daughters Lucy and Sarah made a Visit to Mr. Stones. When they returned they brought me half a Dozen of Mr. *Stones* Books for which I had Subscribed.

1761 February 7 (Saturday). A very rainy Time yet at Evening Billy returned from Boston having loaded up Mr. Walcott, as well as Mr. Bartlet Waggoners from Brookfield, for his Brother Baldwin.

1761 February 13 (Friday). My Son *William* returned to Brookfield: his Sister Baldwin and her Horse yet with us.

1761 February 14 (Saturday). Went to Shrewsbury to the Funeral of Mr. John Brighams Wife. But in my way visited Mr. *Joseph Miles* (taking Dr. Crosby with me) and dined and prayed there. Rode my Daughter Baldwins Horse and in much Danger by reason of the bad Roads. It was also N.E. Wind, Misty and uncomfortable.

1761 February 19 (Thursday). Lucy and I ride (though the ways are bad) to Mr. Martyns. Dine there.

1761 February 20 (Friday). At Night in the Rain comes my son Baldwin and a Negro he has bought of Major Curtis of Sudbury -- a Chair and 2 Horses. So that he has here at my Barn Three Horses.

1761 February 21 (Saturday). A Rainy Morning. About 10 cleared. My Baldwins and their Negro Set out on their Journey. Afterwards it rains again, and I fear they will not get home.

1761 February 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Daniel Forb. junior goes to Boston for my Son Baldwin.

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 April 21 (Tuesday). Isaac Baldwin here in his Return from Springfield and Brookfield.

1761 April 30 (Thursday). At Night my Son Baldwin from Boston. Miss Betty.

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 September 23: 29 years old

1764 July 30 (Monday). At Eve Mr. Forbes and Sarah from Brookfield. They inform that Lucy is often very poorly but that *Neddy* Parkman is better.

1764 September 13 (Thursday). Towards Night my son Baldwin from Boston. Tells us his Wife is very much out of Health yet, and is at Dr. *Frink's* at Rutland: and the Child is at Nurse at Noah Hardys at Brookfield. He lodges here.

1764 September 14 (Friday). Mr. Baldwin for Brookfield.

1764 September 21 (Friday). My son Baldwin brought his wife from Rutland. She is in a poor, weak state of Health. *Samme* came from Boston and Alexander came with him. Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Johnson here: So that (with Breck who comes home to night) we have no small Number of us all. Nor is it a little Interruption only.

1764 September 22 (Saturday). Mr. Baldwin (in a Chair) to Brookfield by the way of Worcester and Rutland.... Lucy is left with us.

1764 September 23: 30 years old

1764 October 26 (Friday). My son Forbes (who has been to Boston) and Daughter Baldwin from Sudbury.

1764 October 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes*, *Lucy* and *Suse* Set out for Brookfield.

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 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 2 (Saturday). At Eve my son Baldwin and *Alexander Oliver* from Boston in a two Horse sleigh; and tarry with us.

1765 February 3 (Sunday). Son *Baldwin*, and Alexander dine with us.

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

1765 April 22 (Monday). My Son *Baldwin* and *Rev. Fish* from Brookfield here: and lodge with us.

1765 April 23 (Tuesday). Our Company leave us for Boston.

1765 April 27 (Saturday). Mr. John Forbes came from Brookfield and informs that *Lucy* is very ill; vomits Blood and fears the Event.

1765 June 1 (Saturday). Finally through the Great Goodness of God arrived at our own House in safety and found all we left, well. But my Daughter *Baldwin* is here not well.

1765 June 8 (Saturday). My Daughter Forbes tarrys and keeps Company with her sister Baldwin, who is in a poor weak State.

1765 June 11 (Tuesday). My Daughter Baldwin but in a poor State. May god graciously look upon her state and prepare her, and each of us, for His holy Will!

1765 June 14 (Friday). Lucy has had a very poor Night and is very low this Morning. Vomits very much. I send for Dr. Hawes, who comes. He determines to consult Dr. Wilson to Day upon her Case; for he is to meet him at Ensign Snows. Mr. Forb. and wife, Jemmy and Joshua, leave us for Brookfield.

1765 June 15 (Saturday). Lucy was Somewhat better yesterday p.m. and Slept pritty well the last Night, till about Break of Day -- but then grew very ill again; Vomits frequently this morning. Dr. Hawes again -- and She ceases to Vomit -- is revived when She gets up.

1765 June 16 (Sunday). N.B. Lucy a poor morning, but grew better afterwards.

1765 June 17 (Monday). N.B. Lucy did not vomit this morning.

1765 June 18 (Tuesday). My Daughter Still poorly in the morning.

1765 June 20 (Thursday). My Son Baldwin; and dines here.

1765 June 21 (Friday). My Son Baldwin leaves us for Brookfield.

1765 June 25 (Tuesday). My Daughter Baldwin, better.

1765 June 28 (Friday). P.M. My Daughters, *Lucy* and *Suse*, ride over to Capt. *Maynards* to See Miss Betty Gott who came there, we hear, last night.

1765 July 1 (Monday). N.B. Deacon Tainter here to invite me, my Wife and Daughter Baldwin to dine there with his Brother and sister Kendal, at his House tomorrow; in our Way to the Private Meeting.

1765 July 13 (Saturday). At Eve came Mr. Jonathan Moore, from Oxford. Also Mr. Baldwin.

1765 July 24 (Wednesday). Miss Sarah Putnam at work here Several Days for my Daughter Baldwin.

1765 July 28 (Sunday). My Daughter *Baldwin* at meeting a.m., not able to go p.m.

1765 August 14 (Wednesday). My Daughter Baldwin rode with me as far as Capt. *Maynards*, where I took her at Eve and brought her home.

1765 August 18 (Sunday). N.B. Lucy So poorly as not to go to meeting.

1765 August 21 (Wednesday). My son Baldwin here last night and lodges here again.

1765 August 22 (Thursday). Mr. Baldwin goes to Worcester Court, and will thence home. His Wife with us.... My Wife and Daughter Baldwin ride to Dr. Balls, to consult him about her Case.

1765 August 31 (Saturday). P.M. *Lucy* and *Suse* in Capt. Woods Chair, ride to Dr. Balls.

1765 September 8 (Sunday). My Daughter Baldwin so poorly, She was not able to go to Meeting.

1765 September 9 (Monday). My Daughters undertake their Journey towards Brookfield, and Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I go with them as far as Mr. Sumners, to make a Visit there. Mrs. Sumner ill. My Daughters proceed: Hannah Forbes with them, but we dine at Mr. Sumners where was Mr. Conklin. We called at Mrs. Cushings. Tea at Capt. Allins. Borrowed Henry on the Gospel, there.

1765 September 23: 31 years old

1765 October 14 (Monday). My Son Baldwin came and lodges here. Sent his Horse to Neighbour Zebulun Rice's.

1765 October 15 (Tuesday). Brother Daniel Hardy and Brother Zebulun Rice came and accompany me as Delegates to Westminster. My Son Baldwin with us. We call at Mr. Martyns, who and Mr. *Fessenden* with his Delegate *Caruth*, join us, as does Deacon Livermore at Mr. Morse's: where part of us dine -- the Delegates at Mr. Bush's. P.M. set out and at Eve arrive at Capt. Hoars at Westminster. N.B. We called at Mr. Marsh's Door, but did not light. Lodged at Capt. Hoars.

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 *Ebenzers*. P.M. viewed his Place and Improvements which are very much to my Satisfaction. The Eve was very remarkable -- for a sad Disquietment subsisted between Mr. Forb. and Mr. Joseph Gilbert. This Evening a Committee of the Church (Capt. Wit, Capt. Hale, Ensign Adams, Mr. Weeks, and others) met at Mr. G's this Evening to enquire into it, and promote peace. They sent for Mr. F. who went -- but all the Efforts were vain. I lodged at my Son Baldwins.

1765 November 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and I rode to *Hardwick*. Called at the Furnace which was now newly Set to work, at Hardwick, by Mr. Washbourn but they had not as yet cast any Thing. We dined at Mr. Whites. Visited Brigadier Ruggles who was lately returned from the Congress at New York. He was not well. N.B. Capt. *Lee* of Rutland (and Ensign Jones with him) came there, want Advice (at least of Mr. Forbes) under their Troubles with Mr. *Frink*. We visited Mr. Ruggles of New Braintree and lodged there.

1765 November 6 (Wednesday). Return to Brookfield. Preached the Lecture on Gal. 1.3. The Church there met to receive the Return of the Committee who were with Mr. Joseph Gilbert on Monday Evening last. Capt. Wit and his Wife at Mr. Forbes in the Evening. I lodged at my son Ebenezers.

1765 November 8 (Friday). In returning dined at Mr. Maccartys. P.M. called at Mr. Pains and delivered a Deed of my Son Ebenezers to be recorded. N.B. Col. [Murrey?] of Rutland there. He was one of the Committee to view the Road in Brookfield about which my sons Forbes and Baldwin have Trouble from Mr. Joseph Gilbert.

1766 June 14 (Saturday). My son *Baldwin* here, in his way from Boston, to Brookfield.

1766 September 23: 32 years old

1766 October 9 (Thursday). We dined at my Son Parkman's. He is badly affected with pains in his Legs, 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! P.M. Visit Mrs. *Gilbert*: and proceed to Capt. W[ill?]. We lodge at my Son Baldwins. He flourishes in earthly Emoluments and his Wife is healthier. May God bless them and theirs, with highest Spiritual Blessings.

1766 October 10 (Friday). Visit at Mr. Hardys. We dine at our son Baldwins. Each of my Children being together, and Dr. Throop entertains us with vocal and instrumental musick after Dinner. We were at the *Potash* to see the Melting off. We again lodge there.

1766 October 11 (Saturday). We take leave. Broke fast at Mr. Forbes. Stopped at *Sergeants*. Took a way Bit as we rode -- till we got to Mr. Maccartys -- where we were well refreshed though it was late for Dinner. It was dark when we got home. Mr. Biglow here to preach for me. Therefore lodges here.

1767 January 2 (Friday). A Letter from my Son Baldwin of Dec. 29 informing me of Jeduthun Parkman's Death and apprizing us of his Design to send a sleigh for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_.

1767 January 19 (Monday). Mr. *Fitch* from my Son Baldwin here.

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.... Have by B. a true Account of the Fire.

1767 February 8 (Sunday). My son Baldwin and Alexander Oliver with us, but Eliza dined at Deacon Bonds.

1767 February 9 (Monday). My son B and Daughter P\_\_\_\_\_ and young Oliver sett out for Home.

1767 March 13 (Friday). Wrote a Letter to my Son and Daughter Baldwin in Answer to his on the Death of his youngest Child -- to the Care of Rufus Putnam for Conveyance.

1767 May 14 (Thursday). Hear that my son *Baldwins* Case about the Road West of his House in Brookfield is to be tryed at *Worcester* to Day.

1767 May 25 (Monday). Was at Mr. Smiths -- at Mrs. Baldwins in Sudbury -- visit Mrs. *Lock* (Joshua's wife) in her Distress.

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.

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 September 23: 33 years old

1767 November 18 (Wednesday). My Son *Baldwin* came, in his Journey to Boston.

1767 November 19 (Thursday). By Reason of the storm my son Baldwin tarrys and dines with us. But p.m. leaves us for Sudbury. I delivered him £7.10 old Tenor to lay out for a great Coat for John.

1767 November 24 (Tuesday). My son Baldwin came from Boston last Saturday -- to Day hither. He has bought Three yards of Broad Cloth for a Great Coat for *John*. Gave at Vendue 51/ per yards. He also bought Buttons 17/. He lodged here.

1767 November 25 (Wednesday). Paid my son B. £1 old Tenor. Have given him in all £8.10.0 for the Cloth and Buttons. He goes to Brookfield.

1768 February 10 (Wednesday). My son and Daughter *Baldwin* came, dined with us. He leaves her here and continues his Journey for Boston. Through the Goodness of God, She is very well, for her; is even fatter than She used to be.

1768 February 13 (Saturday). At Eve came my son Baldwin and with him *Alexander*, who being nigh out of his Time embraces this Opportunity to come in the sleigh to see us. We are very Short out for Hay. Send my son B's two Horses to Neighbour Arnold to keep; and he kept them for me. Mr. B. brought Crimson Cloth from Boston, for a Riding Hood for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_.

1768 February 14 (Sunday). A great Pleasure to have Such a Number of my Children together here. Laid aside the preparations I had made, and took sermon on *Rom. 12.2* as being very Seasonable; and may God make them profitable! After the Exercises I gave the Church a Summary Account of what the late Council at Shrewsbury but that the Result was long, and my present Indisposition of Body, did not well allow of the Reading of it: yet if any one wanted to See it, he might: or it might be read if there Should be a Church Meeting.

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

1768 May 15 (Sunday). Hear that my Daughter *Baldwin* is at Dr. Balls; being poorly again.

1768 May 19 (Thursday). My Daughter Baldwin not well -- has morning vomiting.

1768 May 31 (Tuesday). My wife rides to Capt. Maynards and carries Lucy with her for the Benefit of Airing.

1768 June 6 (Monday). N.B. Carryed Daughter Baldwin as far as Mr. Tainters.

1768 June 15 (Wednesday). My son Baldwin came.

1768 June 16 (Thursday). The proposal had been that *Lucy* Should go to *Nantucket* for the recovery of her Health; that Mr. Roger Bruce should go to take Care of her, but Mr. Baldwin goes himself. They have Dr. Hawes's Chaise. I wrote by them to *Caleb Bunker Esq.*

1768 June 29 (Wednesday). When I came home behold! my son and Daughter Baldwin were returned from *Nantucket*, having a very agreeable Journey and Voiage. For which may God have Glory. They tell me they have been very kindly treated by divers very affectionate Kinsfolk there, particularly *Caleb Bunker Esq.* and a Widow Starbuck whose maiden name was *Stretton*, the Daughter of *William Stretton*.

1768 June 30 (Thursday). My Son Baldwin leaves his wife here, but himself returns home to *Brookfield*.

1768 July 3 (Sunday). My Daughter Baldwin is with us, but was not in such Comfort as to go to Meeting.

1768 July 6 (Wednesday). *My Daughter Baldwin leaves us. Sarah* goes with her. They have my Mare and Dr. Hawes Chaise.

1768 September 23: 34 years old

1768 October 8 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes goes to Mr. *Conklin*, that the latter may go to Mr. *Sumner*, who is to go to *Westborough*. I visit my son; where are the young Indians; a Girl, who is much grown up, and two Boys -- *Oneidas*. Dine at my Son *Baldwins*. Visit my old Neighbour *Hardy*. Return at Eve to my son *Forbes'* and lodge there again.

1769 March 16 (Thursday). At Night, in the Rain, my son *Baldwin*.

1769 March 17 (Friday). He returns home to Brookfield having been gone a great while, ever since last Monday was sennight; with Cattle, and Pork, to Boston.

1769 May 31 (Wednesday). Supped and Lodged at Cousen *Winters*, and my son *Baldwin* with me.

1769 June 22 (Thursday). In our returning from Sudbury we called at divers places. I called to See my sister in Law, Baldwin. Mr. Stone and I went in to Capt. *Baldwins*.

1769 August 17 (Thursday). [*torn*] Brookfield to See my son Forbes who has been [*torn*]Deacon Wood accompanied me to Worcester. At Lei[*torn*]d with Mr. Matthew Watson the Sadler about taking [*torn*]Mr. Conklins -- called at Deacon Oliver Watsons in [*torn*]s sake. Lodged at Mr. Forbes. N.B. Mr. John [*torn*]es there also, following his studys. [*torn*] *Baldwins*. Visit my Children and Friends. [*torn*] to the W[*illegible*] Inhabitants [*torn*] Mr. Daniel F[*illegible*].

1769 September 23: 35 years old

1770 January 31 (Wednesday). At Eve came Jonathan Forbes from Brookfield with my Horse, and with a Letter from Mr. Forbes, that *John* is gone to live as apprentice to Mr. Hitchcock, that my son Breck is also come from *Ashby* to work with Mr. Hitchcocks Brother, a Shop-Joyner -- and that all, especially my Daughter *Baldwin*, are well. Blessed be God for all His Goodness to me and mine! Thus ends this Month. "So teach us to number our Days etc.!"

1770 March 2 (Friday). My Son *Baldwin*, having been at *Boston*, returns this Way. Confirms the Sorrowful story of Ebenezer Richardsons Shooting among the Boys, gathered about his House, and killed a Lad of about 11 Years, and was committed to Goal.

1770 March 3 (Saturday). Mr. Baldwin leaves us for Brookfield.

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

1770 June 7 (Thursday). My Son Baldwin and his Daughter *Betty* came from Brookfield and lodged here.

1770 June 8 (Friday). By Reason of the Rain my son *Baldwin* and his Daughter are detained here. He directs *Joseph* in placing the Rafters for the flooring my Scaffolds [in?] the Barn. Joseph cutts the Gains etc.

1770 June 9 (Saturday). Mr. *Baldwin* and Daughter leave us, though it sometimes wetts, and is threatening.

1770 June 12 (Tuesday). My Son *Baldwin* returns from *Boston*, and with him William Bowes Bradford, and his Sister. They dine and leave us for Brookfield.

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 *Ebenzers* and at Mr. *Baldwins*. Returned to my Daughter *Forbes* and lodged there. Sir *Crosby*, School master, lodged there also.

1770 September 18 (Tuesday). Dined at Mr. F's. P.M. [pay?] an Indenture for *John*. Mr. F. returns from *Conway*. Lodged at my son *Baldwins*.

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 *Ebenzers*. 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.

1770 September 21 (Friday). I bid them farewell and return home.

#### 1770 September 23: 36 years old

1770 October 27 (Saturday). My son *Baldwin* came here, with *Billy* and *Nabby Bradford*, in their way to *Boston*; and they Sett out accordingly intending to be there this Evening.

1770 November 6 (Tuesday). My Son *Baldwin* returns from *Boston* with his Daughter *Betty*, and *Molly Forbes*. They lodge here.

1770 November 7 (Wednesday). Our Company go on their Journey to Brookfield.

#### 1771 September 23: 37 years old

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

1772 February 17 (Monday). Though it was exceeding Cold yet my Son Baldwin and Kinsman Bradshaw from Brookfield and lodge here.

1772 February 22 (Saturday). My son Baldwin, though he designed to have gone home the North Road, yet finding it exceeding bad travelling by reason of the Thaw, the ground very hollow, he came up hither, to tarry over the sabbath with us. He brings me various Accounts of my Relatives. Particularly of my Brother, that he yet goes abroad -- is conversible, performs Family Exercises etc. Of my Cousen *Winter*, that her Brother *Langdon* has taken away from her what had been given by her F. *Langdon*, to her Daughter *Molly* etc.

1772 February 24 (Monday). Mr. Baldwin left us.

1772 June 20 (Saturday). My Son Baldwin and his wife came.

1772 June 21 (Sunday). Mr. *Baldwin* was with us at Communion. My Daughter was unwell and could not go to Meeting.

1772 June 22 (Monday). Heavy Weather prevents my *Baldwins* Setting out a.m. but after Dinner, though misty, they leave us for *Boston*.

1772 June 29 (Monday). When I got home found my *Baldwins* here, they having kept Sabbath at Concord, and now were on their way home. N.B. At Boston, by Means of their Brother *Samuel* they had lodged at Mr. *Shaw's*. *Elias* is in great Affliction yet.

1772 June 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us to go to Brookfield with Mr. Baldwin and his Wife.

1772 September 1 (Tuesday). Visited my Son *Ebenezer* and his Family: also my son *Baldwin* and his, where I dined. Visited several Neighbours. Particularly was at Capt. *Wits*, Mr. *Samuel Hardys*. Lodged at my son *Baldwins*.

1772 September 4 (Friday). 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. I lodged at *Baldwins*. My Daughter B. indisposed.

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. My Son B. sat out with me to accompany me in a direct way to Mr. *Asher Rice's*.

1772 September 23: 38 years old

1772 October 2 (Friday). *Breck* from *Boston*. My Sister in law, Miss *Lydia Champney*, with my Son *Baldwin*, and little *Eli Forbes* came. Also Mr. *D. Hitchcock* and Wife. They all lodge here.

1772 October 3 (Saturday). The Company leave us for *Brookfield*.

1772 October 29 (Thursday). N.B. My Young Cattle were drove home from *Coi's Hill*, by Neighbour *Newton* and Six yearlings of Son *Baldwin's*.

1772 November 28 (Saturday). My Son *Baldwin* returning from *Boston*, calls here in his way home.

1772 December 26 (Saturday). Received a Letter from my Son *Baldwin*, of the 24th, that his wife was then ill, and feared some such Mis\_\_\_\_\_ as heretofore.

1773 April 16 (Friday). N.B. My Son *Baldwin* came from *Brookfield* and my Daughter *Hannah* from *Leicester*.

1773 April 17 (Saturday). Mr. *Baldwin* towards *Boston*.

1773 May 18 (Tuesday). This morning *Elias* of *Brookfield* with his Horse Load of Rye (4 Bushels) left us, and *Jonathan Maynard* with 5 of my Cattle to go to *Brookfield* to be pastured at my Son *Baldwin's*.

1773 May 26 (Wednesday). Visit Mr. *Quincy*. Several of my Children there also, viz. Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife, Mr. *Moore* (my Daughter *Baldwin* was at Mr. *Bailys*), besides *Samuel* and his *Sally*. It was dark and rainy returning to our Lodging.

1773 May 27 (Thursday). We, My Children abovesaid and *Lucy* as well as I, Supped at my Son *Samuel's* where were Brother *Shaw*, his Wife and Friend, Mrs. *Pidgeon* of *Newtown*.

[1773 May 29? (Saturday)]. Called Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife here, but their sister *Lucy* [torn] were obliged to leave at Coll. *Brighams* at *Southborough*.

1772 May 31 (Monday). *Breck* goes with a Chaise to *Southborough* and brings my poor Daughter *Baldwin*, who is weak in Body, and Sunk in Spirits. O that a gracious God would extend His Pity to her! P.M. Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife, with their distressed Sister, leave us to go as far as *Worcester*, or *Leicester* [torn] they can: Riding and Diverting Objects being best for her.

1773 July 9 (Friday). N.B. My Daughter *Baldwin* came Yesterday with Mr. *Bradshaw*, who returns today to *Brookfield*.

1773 July 12 (Monday). We are thrown into perplexity by means of having sent away one of my Oxen to Mr. *Baldwin's* pasture at *Coi's Hill* and depending upon Lt. *Bakers* young Man driving with Some of theirs, one of my young Oxen down from thence to mate the Ox which was left behind at home, the Said young Man has returned without mine, and in the mean time we are forced to be at the Charge of getting Oxen at our Neighbours to get in our Hay.

1773 July 29 (Thursday). To *Southborough* and dined at Mr. *Stones*. Would have carried my Daughter *Baldwin* there, but She was too poorly -- vomiting a great many times.

1773 August 1 (Sunday). Mrs. *Kelly* is recovering, but my Daughter *Baldwin* is in a weak, low and distressed Condition. Frequently vomiting. Dr. *Hawes* visits her and administers to her Such Physick as may clear her Stomack.

1773 August 2 (Monday). Mrs. *Kelly* recovers -- but my Daughter B. but little better. I wrote to her Husband, but can't Send it to him. Mr. Thomas Arnold here.

1773 August 8 (Sunday). My Daughter Baldwin went to meeting p.m. To god be Glory!

1773 August 10 (Tuesday). Miss *Suse Brigham* here to make a Gown for Mrs. *Baldwin*.

1773 August 14 (Saturday). *Skidmore*, the Baker, brought Letters from Mr. Baldwin -- shewing his Dependence upon me to aid his Wife home.

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

#### 1773 September 23: 39 years old

1773 October 12 (Tuesday). Wrote to my Son *Baldwin* about my Cattle, and to *Alexander*.

1773 November 12 (Friday). My Son *Baldwin* here: he has sold my Sp[ar?]ked Ox for six pounds thirteen and four pence to Mr. *William Watson* of *Brookfield*, for which I have his Note of Hand.

1773 November 15 (Monday). In returning home I called at Mrs. *Martyns* and wrote to me son *Baldwin* at *Brookfield*, about my Cattle there: also at *Ensign Rice's*; at Capt. *Maynards* but did not see him; at *Beetons* etc.

1773 November 17 (Wednesday). Capt. *Baldwin* Sends my Cattle home, viz. three -- My Steer of 4 years past, and two heiffers. Six yearlings of his also are drove here to be kept for him the winter ensuing. *Issachar Bates* and *Isaac Baldwin* came with them and lodged here.

1774 January 1 (Saturday). I bless God for *Relative Favour* for His Goodness in restoring Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ from sickness -- and reviving to Such a Degree, my Daughter *Baldwin*; delivering and recovering my Daughter *Cushing*, when she bore a Second Son.

1774 April 25 (Monday). I went up to Mr. Newtons about the driving up my son Baldwins and my own young Cattle, to Brookfield.

1774 April 26 (Tuesday). Sent up the Cattle to Mr. Newtons before Sun rise, but the Drove, to my Disappointment, was gone. Mr. Fitch of Hopkinton, his Wife and Child, going to Connecticut, come this way and dine with us. At Eve my son *Baldwin* and Daughter *Betsy* came and lodged here.

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 May 25 (Wednesday). Lodge at *Samuels*. Mr. *Moore* and *Cushing* lodge there also. *Betsey Baldwin* boards at the same place also.

1774 September 21 (Wednesday). Early, and to Breakfast, came my son and Daughter *Baldwin*; and with them one Mrs. *Livermore*. My Daughter tarrys with us; the others proceed on their Journey towards *Boston*.

#### 1774 September 23: 40 years old

1774 September 23 (Friday). My Daughter Baldwin with us, and not well.

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

1774 October 8 (Saturday). *Alexander* rode with me to Mr. *Conklins*, that I might See what Security my Son had given Mr. Southgate. We went also to Capt. *Henshaws*, who Shewed me the Remonstrance of the Congress of the County of *Worcester* to Governor *Gage* against the hostile Preparations on Boston Neck. I dined with Mr. *Pope* of *Spencer* at Dr. Frinks. Rode to Brookfield. Called to see Capt. *Wit*. Went to my Son Baldwins, where was a young school-master, Mr. *Fisher Ames*. Lodged at Mr. *Forbes's*.

1774 October 9 (Sunday). Preached at *Brookfield* on *Judg.* 10.6,7,9,10,16 a. and p.m. on the present deplorable Times. And may God forgive what has been amiss, but succeed what has been delivered agreeable to His Will! N *Joshua Winter* desired prayers that the late Death of his Mother. I returned to Mr. Baldwins at Eve and lodged. N Mr. *Forbes* preached at Westborough on *Mat.* 23.37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem."

1774 October 10 (Monday). My Son *Baldwin* rode to Concord to join with the other Members of the *Provincial Congress*.

1774 October 11 (Tuesday). After Mr. *Ruggles* had broke fast with us at my Sons, I returned to Brookfield. Rode to Mr. *Daniel Gilberts* and dined there. Viewed his Mulberry Trees and Silk worms, Coons etc. Visited Several Friends -- particularly Mr. *Joseph Bruce*. Find that Mr.

Jospeh Chadwick is chosen Captain of their Troop. Saw a foot Company under the Command of Capt. Joseph Gilbert. At Eve the friendly Capt. Hale came to See me. Lodged at Capt. Baldwins.

1774 October 30 (Sunday). At Eve came my Son *Baldwin*, who was returning from the Congress; and lodged here.

1774 October 31 (Monday). Son *Baldwin* returns home.

1774 November 21 (Monday). At Eve my son Baldwin came and lodged here.

1774 November 22 (Tuesday). Mr. Baldwin left us to go to the provincial Congress at Cambridge.

1774 November 24 (Thursday). Deacon *Wood* and Neighbour *Newton* Killed a Cow which I bought of my son *Baldwin*.

1774 December 12 (Monday). My Son Baldwin from the Congress (which was dissolved on the 10th) and lodges here.

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

1775 March 20 (Monday). My Son Baldwin came from Brookfield and lodges here. He tells me his Wife is in a comfortable State now, though so often under great Infirmity.

1775 March 21 (Tuesday). He goes to *Boston*.

1775 May 9 (Tuesday). In the morning came my Son *Baldwin* from Mr. *Gales* Tavern, whither he came last night from *Cambridge*. N.B.I gave him 25/ old Tenor, to be delivered to Mr. *Isaiah Thomas*, Printer at *Worcester*, for his *Spy*.

1775 June 6 (Tuesday). My Daughter *Baldwin*, attended by *Ripley* and *Eli Forbes*, came. They are going to *Cambridge* and *Gloucester* (or *Cape-Anne*).... P.M. My Daughter *Baldwin*, *Ripley* and *Eli Forbes*, take leave and pursue their Journey.

1775 June 28 (Wednesday). *Ripley* waits on my Daughters *Forbes* and *Baldwin* who are come from *Cape Ann* and they lodge here. We are again 19 in Family, a Number of which are infirm, viz. besides John, Hannah and *Ben* [?].

1775 June 30 (Friday). My Daughter *Forbes* goes to *Mendon* in search of her Doctor, *Pope*: her Breast has Twinges, and she wants some of his [*illegible*] salve. *Ripley* attends upon her, but Mrs. *Baldwin* abides here with us.

1775 July 3 (Monday). My Daughters *Forbes* and *Baldwin*, assisted and accompanied by *Ripley*, undertook their Journey to *Brookfield*.

1775 September 13 (Wednesday). [*torn*] *Forbes* and his Wife and [*illegible*] [marginal notation: their sister *Baldwin*].... My Daughter *Baldwin* tarry with us.

1775 September 23: 41 years old

1775 October 26 (Thursday). My sons Samuel and Mr. (Engineer) *Baldwin*, came from *Cambridge*.

1775 October 27 (Friday). I payed Mr. *Baldwin* 15£ old Tenor by a public bill of 2£ Lawful Money. He and *Samuel* left us to go to *Brookfield*.

1776 February 4 (Sunday). A Letter from my Son *Baldwin*, of *Jan.* 18 on the Death of his Sister *Forbes*.

1776 February 9 (Friday). My Son *Baldwin* (having visited his Wife at *Brookfield*) returns to the Camp this way. Breakfast here. He delivers me a Proclamation from the General Court, to be read to the public Assembly. My Thoughts are Somewhat exercised upon the 3d Paragraph containing a Maxim etc.

1776 March 17 (Sunday). The Roads are full of Soldiers. Many are travelling to Day. My Son *Baldwin* came here this Morning -- eats Breakfast, and presently leaves us. He is going to *New York*, as *Engineer*, and does not know (he says) but that he Shall go to *Canada*. He tells me the *Regulars* are *Pillaging and destroying Boston*; and preparing to go off.

1776 April 3 (Wednesday). Mr. *Daniel Forbes* junior of *Brookfield* having been at Cape Ann, and Seen his unkle *Eli*, calls here; and he having undertaken the Charge of my Son *Baldwin's* *Coi-Hill Pasture*, agrees to take some of my Creatures to keep the ensuing Summer, if I send them.

1776 May 27 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Joseph Appleton* from *Brookfield*, and who has received a Call to settle there; and *Isaac Baldwin*, came here and lodged.

1776 May 28 (Tuesday). Mr. *Appleton* and *Isaac Baldwin* left us to go to *Ipswich* and *Byfield*; ^&*Isaac* to go to School there.

1776 June 22 (Saturday). *Ripley* came from *Brookfield*. Says my Daughter *Baldwin* has had a Letter from her Husband informing that he has been inoculated with the Small Pox at [*St. Ours?*] near [*torell?*] in *Canada*.

1776 July 11 (Thursday). Sat out for *Brookfield*, but rode 4 miles in the Rain. Dined with my Daughter *Baldwin* -- then went to *Braintree*.

1776 July 12 (Friday). Visit Mr. *Appleton* at Mr. *Gilberts* -- dined with my Daughter *Baldwin*.

1776 August 26 (Monday). I gave to my Neighbour *Caleb Harrington* a Letter to Col. *Baldwin* supposed to be at *Crown-Point* and another to his Wife at *Brookfield*.

1776 September 22 (Sunday). Received a Letter from Col. *Baldwin* at Ticonderoga, dated Sept. 15.

1776 September 23: 42 years old

1776 October 3 (Thursday). When arrived here received several Letters from my Son *Moore*. Was informed of Sundry Persons having been here. As, not only my Grand Daughter *Betsey Baldwin* (whom I met in her way to *Concord*) but *Joshua Winter*, *Parkman Bradshaw*, etc.

1776 October 30 (Wednesday). Write to Col. *Baldwin* at *Ticonderoga*.

1776 November 3 (Sunday). A Letter from my son *Baldwin* at Ticonderoga, dated Oct. 13.

1776 November 5 (Tuesday). Wrote to my Son *Baldwin*. Hear that Mr. *Pratt* dyed last Evening. I rode to Mr. *Childs* to marry *Samuel Whitney* and *Lavinia Biglow*; and I dined with them. Another Letter from Col. *Baldwin*, dated *Oct. 17*, containing further sad Accounts of the Defeat at the Lake.

1776 November 11 (Monday). At Eve came *Jesse Cutter* from *Brookfield*: tells me my Daughter *Baldwin* is very poorly. She has Sent me a Number of her Husbands Journals.

1776 November 13 (Wednesday). At Eve came my Daughter *Sally Parkman* and with her came *Cutter* and my grand-daughter *Betsey Baldwin* and they lodge here.

1776 November 14 (Thursday). *Cutter* and *Betsey* left us. N.B. I returned Col. *Baldwins* Journals by them.

1777 January 6 (Monday). At Eve came my son *Baldwin* who is returned from *Ticonderoga* -- confirms the Account of General *Washingtons* success over the King's Forces at *Trenton*. Lodges here.

1777 January 7 (Tuesday). Col. *Baldwin* as chief Engineer in the northern Department, is charged with Affairs of great importance from General *Schuyler*, and goes to *Boston* etc., etc.

1777 February 1 (Saturday). My Son *Baldwin* having collected a sufficient Number of Artificers, Tools and Materials for the Service of the Army in the Northern Department is now by Letter from General *Schyler* [*sic*] at *Albany* hastening back -- was here p.m. but, after refreshing, leaves us.

1777 March 22 (Saturday). *Jonathan Marble*, twin Brother of *Henry*, came and lodges. He has come from my Daughter *Baldwins* where he lives: and he tells me she is but poorly: is much upon the Bed.

1777 May 12 (Monday). This Morning I send Six young Cattle to Mr. *Baldwins* Pasture at *Cois Hill* at *Brookfield*, under the Care, for driving, of Benjamin *Bowman*, and Nathan *Champney*. *Sangor* helps part of the way.

1777 June 5 (Thursday). P.M. My Daughter *Baldwin* came to us, Mrs. (wife of *Zebulon*) *Rice* with her.

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. Mrs. B. has the Doctor at Eve.

1777 June 8 (Sunday). My Daughters *Baldwin* and *Hannah* were too Weak and infirm to go to Meeting.

1777 June 9 (Monday). My poor invalids are confined by the weather, and can't ride out.

1777 June 13 (Friday). My Grandson *Isaac Baldwin*, from Mr. *Moody's* School in *Byfield*, came here to his Mother, and Capt. *Hale* of *Brookfield* from *Concord* with him. They lodge here.

1777 June 14 (Saturday). Capt. *Hale* and *Isaac* leave us to go to *Brookfield*. Dr. *Hawes* daily visits my Invalids.

1777 June 22 (Sunday). I returned at Eve by Dr. *Balls* for my Daughters *Baldwin* and *Hannah*; both of them but weak and low.

1777 June 23 (Monday). A variety of Company -- Mr. *Phinehas Bowman*, as an Officer, came to see Mrs. *Baldwin*.

1777 June 26 (Thursday). Yesterday and to day wrote to Coll. *Baldwin* -- but instead of any other Way to Send it, *Isaac* comes from *Brookfield* and leads down an Horse for his Mother.

1777 June 28 (Saturday). *Isaac Baldwin* leaves us to go to *Cape Ann* -- but to day to *Concord*. I wrote by him to Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_, who is still there, and to Mr. *Forbes* at the Harbour.

1777 June 30 (Monday). *Hannah* through the great Goodness of God has rested comfortably, but *Lucy* had a poor morning: Riding being usefull, I rode with her in her Chaise to Mr. *Gleasons*.

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

1777 July 2 (Wednesday). Mr. *Daniel Forbes* from *Brookfield* brings Letters of the 17 and 20 – all from Mr. *Baldwin* at *Ticonderoga* -- and from *Skeenesboro*. The scope is, The Regulars are come from *Canada*, and are got to *Crown Point*. Recruits from the handiest of [these?] states are call for immediately.

1777 July 3 (Thursday). My Daughter *Baldwin* Seems [more revived?] now she has her Mother to Converse [torn] her, and make her Chearfull.

1777 July 5 (Saturday). Cousen *Becky Warrin* of *Upton* came to See Mrs. *Baldwin* -- dined here.

1777 July 6 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Daniel Forbes* junior was here to take Letters etc. from Mrs. *Baldwin* for *Brookfield*.

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

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

1777 July 10 (Thursday). [Reuben Lambson] Carry[s?] my own and other Letters directed to my son *Baldwin*, to Deacon *Woods* for Col. *Mellen* to take the Care of in his going to *Tyconderoga*.

1777 July 14 (Monday). Many Confirmations of the sad News (of Tych\_\_\_\_\_). A Method the South military Company takes to settle their Officers. *Hannah* rides with *Suse* in the *Baldwin* Chaise, to Col. *Brighams* but is much exercised with Cough at Evening.

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 Hinds* of *Watertown*.

1777 July 16 (Wednesday). P.M. *Elias* returned from College. *Parkman Bradshaw* came with him in the *Baldwin* Chaise.

1777 July 17 (Thursday). *Bradshaw* rides the *Baldwin* Horse to *Brookfield* and leads an Horse of *Breck's* to be pastured at *Coi's* Hill. *Alexander* came to see us -- dines here: as does Mr. *Aaron Crosby* from *Onohoquaghe* and Miss *Zeruiah Rice* of *Brookfield* who brings three Letters from *Betsy Baldwin*, which are, two of them from her Father, to her, and to *Isaac*; the 3d from her to her Mother. I Committ all of them to the Care of Mr. *Crosby* who is going to *Boston*.

1777 July 18 (Friday). *Hannah*, though She was pritty Comfortable Yesterday, had a bad night for coughing, etc. The morning Mr. *Wood* who is out of Health and rides about to help her, came here and in the *Baldwin* Chaise took *Hannah* and rode up to *Shrewsbury* to meet with the abovesaid Dr. *Clark*. But they all returned without that Part of their Errand.

1777 July 21 (Monday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* p.m. rode over to Mr. *Monro's*. They carry a Packet for the Post to carry to Col. *Baldwin*.

1777 July 22 (Tuesday). My Son *Samuel* comes from *Concord* with his sister *Baldwin* and dined with us.

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

1777 July 29 (Tuesday). P.M. Miss *Abigail Baldwin* and her sister *Relief* here -- Tea etc.

1777 August 11 (Monday). Mr. *William Badcock* brings me from Mr. M[oore's?] a Letter from my Son *Baldwin*, dated Camp at *Saratoga* Aug. 2, giving an Account of our Army's retreating Still towards *Albany*. *Hannah* poorly, but rides.

1777 August 12 (Tuesday). When I returned home Mr. *Bradshaw* came and his Brother *Parkman* from New-Braintree, and they and *Elijah Brigham*, lodge here. Hear my dear Daughter *Baldwin* is very low. Her Husband Sends another Letter to *Breck*, of near the Same Date with mine, of our Armys retreating still towards *Albany*; and of the Miserys which many People suffer in those exposed parts, by the Crueltys of the Enemy. How distressing these times of public and private Troubles!

1777 September 4 (Thursday). I wrote to Mr. *Cushing* by Mr. *Nathan Maynard* junior and Sent him two Letters of Mr. *Baldwin* to me, Since the Evacuation of *Ticonderoga*.

1777 September 11 (Thursday). At Eve received a Letter from Col. *Job Cushing* -- also two Letters, one of Aug. 22, the other the 31, from Camp at *Vanschoicks Island*; of Col. *Baldwins* and his Journal from June 13 to Aug. 24 sent to his wife at *Brookfield*. Inclosed are Lists of Killed, wounded, taken, with Return of Ammunition, artillery Stores, Cloathing, Baggage, Engineers Tools -- taken at Fort *Stanwix*, Aug. 24. Sold for £1,000.

1777 September 16 (Tuesday). Received a Letter from Col. *Baldwin* of Sept. 7.

#### 1777 September 23: 44 years old

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

1777 October 16 (Thursday). *Isaac Baldwin* here from *Brookfield*.

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 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, in missing. See the 5th. I wrote to my Daughter *Baldwin* and to Mr. *David [torn]cock Taverner*, with Notification to be set up at [torn] Public Houses. Committed them to the Care of Mr. [torn] [Work?] of *Royalston*.

1777 December 11 (Thursday). At Eve *Suse* and *Sophy* returned from *Brookfield*. They inform that my Son *Baldwin* is at home.

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 27 (Tuesday). Col. *Baldwin* from *Brookfield*. And Mr. *Badcock*, the Singing Master -- both lodge here.

1778 January 28 (Wednesday). My son *Baldwin* proceeds to *Boston*.

1778 February 3 (Tuesday). At Eve Col. *Baldwin* from *Boston*, and Cousen *Thomas Needham* from the Camp at *Albany*. And they lodged here.

1778 February 4 (Wednesday). Col. *Baldwin* and Cousen *Needham* left us -- one for *Brookfield*, the other for *Salem*.

1778 March 11 (Wednesday). Col. *Baldwin* comes here to Breakfast in his way from *Boston* to *Brookfield*.

1778 March 27 (Friday). Young *Oliver How* of *Brookfield* came in Col. *Baldwins* Chaise, to wait on sister *Lydia Champney*, and he returned, carrying a Letter from me to Mr. *Baldwin*.

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 July 23 (Thursday). My grand Son *Isaac Baldwin* came from *Brookfield*. We are informed that Capt. *Samuel Baldwin* of Weston lately dyed there. O that I also might be ready!

1778 July 24 (Friday). Isaac left us to return to *Byfield*, to the *Dummer-school*.

1778 September 23: 44 years old

1778 October 14 (Wednesday). At Eve came a Young woman that has lived for some time at my Daughter Baldwins: Her name is *Judith Robertson*. She lodges here.

1778 December 8 (Tuesday). I wrote Sundry Letters, particularly to my Grandson Isaac Baldwin at Dummer School in Byfield, and to Rev. Mr. Levi Frisbie minister at Ipswich.

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.

1779 March 10 (Wednesday). P.M. came my son and Daughter Baldwin from Brookfield and with them Oliver How to wait on them, and by Tea Time came Dr. Stimson and young Mr. Sam. Woodward of Weston. The two latter returned to Marlborough. The others lodged here: the Horses were taken in to keeping by Capt. Morse.

1779 March 11 (Thursday). Mr. Baldwin and my Daughter leave us to go towards Byfield, but she is in doubt of her reaching there. Their man returns back to Brookfield.

1779 April 1 (Thursday). Mr. Baldwin and his wife came from Boston. This morning from Gale's, where they lodged last night, but here to Breakfast. He says the Vessel which Breck and Samuel had interest in, was presently upon Sailing out, was captured in Cape Cod Harbour by a privateer of only 6, 2 pounders whereas they had 8 4 pounders. But the Capt. had carried the Cash which was 1/2 the Worth ashore, quilted in his Jacket, and therefore saved it. Mr. Baldwin lodges here.

1779 April 2 (Friday). My son and Daughter Baldwin left us to go to Brookfield. A Marvellous Day for Warmth. Col. Baldwin says if I send my Cattle to his pasture they shall fare as well as his will.

1779 April 22 (Thursday). Isaac Baldwin from Dummer School, going to Brookfield, calls and refreshes here.

1779 May 11 (Tuesday). Col. Baldwin and his son Isaac came.... Col. Baldwin and his son lodge at Breck's. Their horses are put into the burying-place, our Hay being gone.

1779 May 12 (Wednesday). Col. Baldwin puts one of his horses into Salley's Chaise, and waits upon her to Boston. Isaac to Boston in his way to Byfield.

1779 July 17 (Saturday). Isaac Baldwin came up from Cambridge where he has been examined and approved, though not admitted into College. Lodges here. A Letter by Baldwin from Mr. I. Quincy.

1779 July 30 (Friday). P.M. came from Worcester, my Daughter Baldwin, with her son Isaac waiting upon her. She has been of late much borne down with her Disorders, but is (just now) somewhat brighter. They lodge here, as does Mrs. Ellwell, who in coming to help Mrs. Lamson, had a Fall from her Horse, and is rendered incapable to help her.

1779 July 31 (Saturday). Isaac Baldwin returns to Brookfield, but leaves his Mother and her Chaise here.

1779 August 12 (Thursday). Major Peter Harwood of Brookfield came to see my Daughter Baldwin. He leaves us to go to his Grandfather's, Capt. Hubbard of Worcester the Eve.

1779 August 18 (Wednesday). Isaac Baldwin came from Brookfield to his Mother's great Comfort.

1779 August 19 (Thursday). My Daughter Baldwin left us, waited on by her son Isaac.

1779 August 23 (Monday). Isaac Baldwin and Neddy Parkman came from Brookfield and lodged here.

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 September 23: 45 years old

1779 October 13 (Wednesday). Luke Baldwin from Brookfield and lodges, a pretty, agreeable, hopeful Lad! May God make him a great Blessing!

1779 October 14 (Thursday). N.B. Luke Baldwin goes on his Way to Cambridge to wait on his Brother Isaac in going home.

1779 October 15 (Friday). At Night arrived the two Baldwins from Cambridge and lodge here.

1779 October 16 (Saturday). Baldwins to Brookfield.

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. They lodge here and have three Horses.

1780 April 5 (Wednesday). Col. etc. leave us to go to Cambridge.

1780 April 13 (Thursday). Col. Baldwin and Thome Parkman, Mr. Eliot, Tutor and Mr. Zechary Hicks here. These 5 last dined here. Col. Baldwin brought two letters from Elias, one of March 30th, the other April.

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 May 25 (Thursday). N.B. I found that my son Breck is a FREE MASON.

1780 May 26 (Friday). I discover also that my son Sam is -- that Capt. Elias and that Coll. Baldwin are.

1780 July 4 (Tuesday). I have writ to my Daughter Baldwin.

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 July 20 (Thursday). When we returned, found my Grandson Isaac Baldwin from Cambridge here, going home. He lodged here with us.

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

1780 August 21 (Monday). My young Baldwins take leave for Cambridge and Byfield.

1780 September 22 (Friday). Mr. F. delivers me a letter from Col. Baldwin to his wife, containing an account of General Gates's Defeat. An extract from it I send to Mr. Quincy.

1780 September 23: 46 years old

1780 September 29 (Friday). Wrote to My Daughter Baldwin with my returning her Husband's Letter concerning Gen'l Gates' Defeat and Flight. Sent them by Lt. Joseph Bond.

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.

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 13 (Monday). My grandson, Isaac Baldwin came this evening from his Tour to Newbury, Dummer School etc.

1780 November 15 (Wednesday). My Baldwins (Isaac and Betsey) leave us to return home. I wrote by them to their mother.

1780 December 20 (Wednesday). Two Letters from Camp from Ebenezer and from Col. Baldwin of Nov. 14, with General Orders.

1781 February 2 (Friday). But at Evening notwithstanding all the Rain, Mrs. P. returned home; from *Springfield* last Tuesday; to *Brookfield* and today from *Brookfield*. N.B. Col. *Baldwin* has not come home. *Isaac* keeps School at *Long-Meadow*. *Betsy* rode with her Grandmother to *Springfield*.

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). Towards night came Col. *Baldwin* and my Grandson *Thomas*. A Letter from *Ebenezer* at *Fish-Kill* dated Feb.

1781 March 13 (Tuesday). Col. *Baldwin* and *Thomme* go *Boston*.

1781 April 18 (Wednesday). At my arrival here, were for the unexpectedness, a *marvellous Number* -- Viz. My Grand Children *Isaac* and *Betsey Baldwin* (who to my Sorrow inform me that Sister *Champney* was gone back to Mr. Hicks's at Sutton). *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. Cousin Bradshaw went back to his Fathers yesterday.

1781 April 19 (Thursday). Mr. *Allen* left us; I settled with *Baldwin* (by *Brecks* assistance) for pasturing my young Cattle last year. He and his sister left us: designing to go to *Gloucester* and *Newbury*.

1781 September 23: 47 years old

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*. Mr. *Jonathan Wilkins*, a *young preacher*, visits Mr. *Brigham* and lodges.

1781 October 25 (Thursday). Coll. *Baldwin* came from *Boston* and lodged here.

1781 October 26 (Friday). Before Col. *Baldwin* left us, I requested him to do what in him lay to relieve his Brother -- which he promised.

1782 January 4 (Friday). My Grandson *Baldwin* from College din'd here, but p.m. went on his Journey to *Brookfield*.

1782 January 16 (Wednesday). My son *Baldwin* and my Daughter from *Brookfield* and one Mr. *Weare* with them in a sleigh. They lodged here.

1782 January 17 (Thursday). Mr. P. *Whitney* and Mr. *David Monro* -- also Dr. *Crosby*. Col. and Mr. *Weare* go to *Boston*. My Daughter remains here.

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

1782 January 23 (Wednesday). The storm is so great that my Daughter *Baldwin* must needs be in some Concern for her Husband, who is not returned from *Boston* yet.

1782 January 25 (Friday). P.M. my Son *Baldwin* and Mr. *Weare* came from *Boston*.

1782 March 4 (Monday). Isaac *Baldwin* came from *Brookfield* and lodges here. His Horse goes to Mr. *Eli Whitneys*.

1782 March 5 (Tuesday). My Grand son *Baldwin* goes with me to guide the Sleigh to Several Familys, viz. to Ensign *Fays* on consideration of the late Death of their Daughter Mrs. *Rhoda Maynard*: and the sorrowful Fall of their Daughter *Abigail*, who was lately brought to Bed, though she had no Husband. Thence to Mr. *Jonathan Childs*. Thence to Mr. *Levi Whitneys*, where we dined. Thence to Lieutenant *Grouts*, where was his Brother *Joseph*. I enquired of him, Why his Sister *Adams* did not look after her Affair before the Governor and Council? The Answers were but very general and indeterminate. We called at Squire *Bakers* to See his Wife after her Lying in.

1782 March 6 (Wednesday). N.B. Isaac *Baldwin* goes to Lt. *Grouts* to begin his School.

1782 March 9 (Saturday). Col. *Baldwin* came from *Boston* (via *Concord*), brings us the sorrowful Tidings that dear *Sally*, *Samuels* Wife, departed on the 7th, about one p.m. Col. lodges here.

1782 March 10 (Sunday). That the grievous stroke may be duely improved by us, I preached on 2 Cor. 4.17 a. and p.m. My sons *Breck* and *Brigham* sat out for *Boston* after Dinner to dear

*Sallys* Funeral. May God graciously support, direct and assist us all in the Duty of holy Mourning! I repeated part of the Exercises at Even. *Isaac Baldwin* dined and lodged here. Wrote to *Samuel* by *Brigham* etc.

1782 March 11 (Monday). Col. *Baldwin* goes on his Journey home; his son to his school.... N.B. Wrote to *Elias* by Col. *Baldwin*. The *Funeral* of my late Daughter in Law, is, according to Appointment this Afternoon. Lord make us know our End and the Measure of our Days etc!

1782 March 17 (Sunday). Master *Baldwin* dined and lodged here.

1782 March 31 (Sunday). Mrs. *Maynard* and Mrs. [*Mallett?*] and *Baldwin* dined here.

1782 April 14 (Sunday). *Baldwin* dined here.

1782 April 17 (Wednesday). *Luke Baldwin* came from Mr. *Moodys* School at *Byfield* yesterday to Concord and from his uncle *Williams* hither to day. Proceeds [*illegible*] goes to *Isaac*, who is at Lt. *Jonathan Grouts*.

1782 April 18 (Thursday). I hear that Master *Isaac* [*Baldwin*] has dismissed his School, and that he did it by an *Oration*. He and his Brother *Luke* come here.

1782 April 19 (Friday). *Luke*, though couldy, leaves us to go home. It proves a rainy Day. *Isaac* [*Baldwin*] is here with us and lodges here.

1782 April 21 (Sunday). *Baldwin* and Miss *Mindwell* here.

1782 April 23 (Tuesday). Mr. *Stone* leaves us, though it is yet rainy, and *Isaac Baldwin* returns to *Cambridge* p.m.

1782 April 26 (Friday). N.B. Mrs. *Wood* has been to *Brookfield* and informs that my Daughter *Baldwin* is now under *Inoculation* of the *Small Pox* and is like to do well.

1782 May 31 (Friday). P.M. Mr. *Brigham* returns home -- brings me a Letter from Mr. *Quincy*, dated the 23d instant -- and informs that Mr. *Maccarty* preached to the *Convention*, that *Isaac Baldwin* of *Cambridge* is Sick of a Fever etc. etc.

1782 June 11 (Tuesday). Also Coll. *Baldwin*, who is come from *Cambridge* where his son *Isaac* lies Sick of a bad Fever. They dined with us and p.m. left us for *Worcester* and *Brookfield*.

1782 July 16 (Tuesday). My Daughter *Baldwin* came: brought by Miss *Nabby Baldwin* of *Shrewsbury*. Colonel is gone to *Cambridge* to see his son *Isaac* who Remains Sick there.

1782 July 17 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hawes* comes to see my Daughter *Baldwin*, who is much indisposed and discouraged.

1782 July 18 (Thursday). My Daughter *Baldwin* is ill from Day to Day. Takes physic.

1782 July 19 (Friday). Col. *Baldwin*, and (beyond Expectation) his son *Isaac* are come from *Watertown* to day. He looks ghastly, but is *grown better*.

1782 July 20 (Saturday). They go on their Journey to *Brookfield*.

1782 August 1 (Thursday). My Daughter *Baldwin* is much disheartened. Several women (Mrs. *Wood*, Mrs. *Graves*) visit.

1782 August 4 (Sunday). My poor Daughter *Baldwin* is in a very afflicted and distressed State. Dr. *Hawes* visits.

1782 August 8 (Thursday). My Daughter *Baldwin* is every day, but especially in the nights, greatly distressed. Dr. *Hawes* accommodates her with his Chaise and Mrs. *Hawes's* Company to ride out a little. A Letter from *Isaac* at *Brookfield*. *Ephraim Parker* Visits us. A Letter from Colonel *Baldwin* to Mr. *Brigham*.

1782 August 17 (Saturday). Mrs. *Baldwin* is much born down.

1782 August 24 (Saturday). Col. *Baldwin* came p.m. (from *Brookfield*).

1782 August 26 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston* in Col. *Baldwin's* Chaise, and with his Horse; they waiting on my Daughter *Baldwin* to tarry a little at her Brother *Samuels*. Col. *Baldwin* p.m. Setts out for *Brookfield*.

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 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.

#### 1782 September 23: 48 years old

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

1782 September 26 (Thursday). *Isaac Baldwin* returns from *Cambridge* to *Brookfield*. Their great Horse is Sick of [Potts?] etc. and like to die.