

Lydia Parkman (1731-1733)

Sept. 20, 1731 – June 21, 1733

Westborough Vital Records, 82 (birth).

Lydia was baptized, Sept. 26, 1731 (Westborough Church Records, 28).

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

Divine Benignity and Providence

33. Deliverance to my Wife when Travailing with my Second Daughter, Sept. 20, 1731. On account of the Singular Love and Affection, and numberless¹ kind Regards of my Wife's sister, Miss Lydia Champney, we Thought fit to call this Child by her name, Lydia. [This was added to Parkman's "Catalogue" at a later date.]

1736 February 2 (Monday). In the Morning I very much dreaded the work of this Day [funeral of his wife Mary]. I feared I Should discover and publish my Infirmitys in open Indecencys. I endeavoured therefore to beware, and to set my Self beforehand.... I desired to committ my Dead to the Earth in *Hope of the Resurrection*. And I viewed the 4th Space of Ground [*marginal notation*: The former 3 were *Maro's*, *Lydia's*, and now her *mother's*.], as not knowing but that There I might Shortly be laid.

¹Walett transcribe this a "memberless."