

## Samuel Parkman (1751-1824)

Wikipedia:

**Samuel Parkman** (August 22, 1751 – June 11, 1824) and Sarah Rogers had five children: Samuel Parkman had also had six children by his previous marriage to Sarah Shaw.[3] Samuel Parkman, George's father and family patriarch, had bought up low-lying lands and income properties in **Boston's West End**.[4] He also founded and was part owner of the towns of **Parkman, Ohio** and **Parkman, Maine**.[5][6] His sons from his first marriage oversaw the **Ohio** properties, while his second set of boys were responsible for the **Maine** parcel. Samuel's daughters inherited wealth as well. The most notable was George's sister Elizabeth Willard Parkman, whose spouse Robert Gould Shaw (1776 – 1853), grandfather of **Robert Gould Shaw** (October 10, 1837 – July 18, 1863, **Union Army** colonel during the **American Civil War**), grew his wife's share of the fortune to become the senior partner in the most powerful commercial house in a city glutted with the proceeds of the China Trade.[7]

The eleven Parkman scions united in marriage with the **Beacon Hill** families of Blake, **Cabot**, Mason, Sturgis, Tilden, and Tuckerman. Of his eleven offspring, Samuel chose George as the one to administer the Parkman estate.[8]

A private record of the Parkman family was published in 1901 as a footnote to a genealogy of WILLIAM TRASK [NEHGR 55:322]; it was "furnished by Mrs. Lucy P. Trowbridge of New Haven, Connecticut, from a genealogical statement left by her father, Samuel Breck Parkman of Savannah, Georgia, who was lost, with most of his family, on board the steamer Pulaski in 1838." This record reflects a number of exact dates that are not to be found anywhere else (including a precise date and place for the birth of Elias Parkman, son of the immigrant), and claims that the immigrant was son of Thomas Parkman of Sidmouth, England.

b. 22 August 1751

**married (1)** Sarah (Sally) Shaw

“Last Thursday Night was Married Mr. Samuel Parkman, Merchant, to the agreeable and virtuous Miss Sally Shaw, eldest Daughter of Francis Shaw Esq; of this Town.”

*Boston News-Letter*, published as *The Massachusetts-Gazette Extraordinary*, Feb. 18, 1773 (Issue: 3620), p. [1].

b.

d. 7 March 1782 (following birth of child, 25 January 1782

See EP diary, 9 Mar. 1782)

**married (2)** Sarah Rogers, 1784

d. June 11, 1824

**Children of Samuel and Sally (Shaw) Parkman:**

Samuel        19 Feb. 1774 (EP diary 24 Feb. 1774)  
              Died in England, aet. 24 (*Boston Gazette*, June 18, 1798)  
Sarah        17 Oct. 1775 (EP diary, Oct. 23, 1775)  
Hannah     1777 (perhaps named after his sister, who died Oct. 14, 1777)  
Abigail      14 Feb. 1779  
Sukey        4 June 1780  
John         25 Jan. 1782 (EP diary, Feb. 2, 1782)

**Children of Samuel and Sarah (Rogers) Parkman:**

1785 Elizabeth  
1788-1853 Francis (minister and father of historian)  
1790 George (**victim in murder**)  
1791 Samuel  
1794 Daniel

1751 AUGUST 22: BIRTH

1751 August 21 (Wednesday). My Wife grew so ill that we were glad to See Mrs. Forbush (the Midwife) coming to See us. And we detain'd her all night. Mrs. Bekky Warrin with her Child here, and tarrys to her Aunts Labour.

1751 August 22 (Thursday). Mrs. Forbush tripp'd away home just after break of Day. But my wife grew so bad that I hastily rode away for her again and brought her. It proves a very hot Day; but we must gather the Neighbouring Women. I rode up the Street and alarm'd the four nearest, and proceeded for Mrs. Baker -- likewise for Mrs. Nurse and Mrs. Williams who came -- and Suddenly about 11 o'Clock a.m. a Son was born. My Twelfth living Child, and my Sixth living Son. The Name of the Lord be magnified! May I obtain the Grace to walk in Wisdom and faithfullness towards all the Children which he has graciously given to me! P.M. I preach'd the Sacramental Lecture from 1 Tim. 6.2. "Partakers of the Benefit." It prov'd a very trying Time to me: But may God Support me through! After Lecture I got Mr. William Nurse to lead up my Mare to Mr. Eleazer Pratts for his Daughter Hannah, who came at Evening to Nurse my wife.

1751 August 25 (Sunday). My Great Care was that both my Wife and I might transact aright with the glorious God in the Important Work of this Day. Read (publickly) Numb. 12. Preach'd on 1 Pet. 1.19. The precious Blood of Christ. Deacon Forbush, his sister Byles, and Mrs. Eleazer Harrington, (Mrs. Bonds Sister) din'd with us. P.M. read Rom. 2. Preach'd on Job 15.11, and baptiz'd my Son Samuel. And may God accept him and make him a Great and rich Blessing to us! I have call'd him by this Name, out of respect and Affection to my Brother Samuel at Boston. May he be so endow'd as to be worthy of it!

1751 September 29 (Sunday). My Wife through Gods Goodness, So happy as to go to Meeting again -- we offer public thanks. Read Numb. 16 from 15 to 35, and for the forenoon Exercise, gave Exposition. P.M. Read Rom. 7, and preach'd on 1 Sam. 2.1.6, repeating Somewhat Considerable of Sermon on that Text, but now adding in many places; especially in the Close. But it was a Subject so Suitable (Hannah with her Samuel now come to the House of God) that (as I conceiv'd) I could not resist it. May God pardon what is amiss and graciously accept of me and mine.

1751 October 17 (Thursday). My little Daughter Susan very much indispos'd -- but we ventur'd to go to Mr. Martyn with the Child, having appointed and engag'd it.... We return'd at Eve.

1752 AUGUST 22: 1 YEAR OLD

1752 August 22 (Saturday). My little Samuel a Twelve Month old. May he be born again in the Blessed Spirit of God!

1752 August 24 (Monday). Child carry'd away to be wean'd at t'other House.

1752 August 26 (Wednesday). My wife tends me o'nights and supply's me with Breast-Milk.

1752 September 2 (Wednesday). Little Samuel brought home from Weaning.

1753 January 13 (Saturday). A Thaw: Southerly Wind and Rain. The Snow goes off apace -- fear my Wife with her Fellow-Traveller, has an heavy Journey. About Sun setting Lieutenant Tainter and my Wife arriv'd in Safety. D.G. The Child, Samuel, has also done pritty well with us.

1754 AUGUST 22: 3 YEARS OLD

1755 January 5 (Sunday). On this Day my little son Samuel was observ'd to look Yellow.

1755 January 6 (Monday). More Notice taken of Samme's Yellowness, yet plays about and is brisk.

1755 January 8 (Wednesday). Samme, though he sits at Table with us and plays about, grows very Yellow from Day to Day -- to our Surprize he does indeed in some Measure fail in his Appetite.

1755 AUGUST 22: 4 YEARS OLD

1755 October 16 (Thursday). Little John Sav'd from Drowning. Bill had dug an Hole in Neighbour Barnabas Newtons meadow in the Time of Drought, which was now fill'd with Water; into this John fell and Samuel pull'd him out. *D. Grates plurimas!*

1756 March 13 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought over Samuel from t'other House and John remains there.

1756 AUGUST 22: 5 YEARS OLD

1757 February 11 (Friday). My Wife goes to t'other House; and carrys *Samuel* there and leaves him.

1757 April 18 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Dunlop* in the Garden, and p.m. Mrs. *Mary Nurse* at work, making Breeches for Alex. and Samuel. So many different persons at work proves an unwelcome Avocation at Such a Time as this.

1757 AUGUST 22: 6 YEARS OLD

1757 September 1 (Thursday). P.M. Catechized at Mr. *Joslins*: had 42 Children. Mrs. *Mary Bradish's* Scholars all attended. She her self went to the House; and was at the Entertainment with me after the Exercise, as were also my little sons *Samuel* and *John*.

1757 December 12 (Monday). Samuel goes to Mrs. Mary Bradish's School and boards there.

1757 December 17 (Saturday). The Storm prevailed at night -- but *Samme* gets home.

1757 December 19 (Monday). Sent Alexander with *Samme* on my Mare, to Mrs. *Mary's* school again: but it was with great Difficulty that Alex. got over to t'other Barn for the Creature go upon, the Snow is So deep.

1758 March 27 (Monday). My little son Samuel having come up home to be with us over the Sabbath -- now he rides behind me back to Mrs. *Mary's* again.

1758 May 3 (Wednesday). N.B. Alexander with his Brothers Steers, and only the help of the little Boys Samuel and John gets out 7 Turns of Muck, though some of them the Cart not full, and perhaps neither of them So full as if the Team was stronger.

#### 1758 AUGUST 22: 7 YEARS OLD

1758 October 13 (Friday). My son Samuel taken ill, with vomiting and Shaking -- soon after is better and runs about again.

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. Miss *Betty Johnson* is here making a Coat for *John*, as Mrs. How (*Noahs* wife) is making one for Samuel.

1759 January 4 (Thursday). *Breck* goes to meet Lt. *Stone* according to agreement but returns again; Lt. not coming to go up. Mr. *Joseph Bowman* keeps School at Deacon *Tainters*. I Send *Alexander* who begins to learn Latin: Samuel and John also go to School.

1759 April 10 (Tuesday). The Doctor concludes my Wife's illness will turn to Fever and Ague. *Samme* is also ill. It Seems to be Fever and Ague.

1759 April 12 (Thursday). My Wife Very bad -- her Ague Fit stronger than Ordinary --And her Fever Fit brings her into great Distress -- So that She is perhaps lower than at any time yet. *Billys* Meazles come out thick. He keeps Chiefly on the Bed, but went out twice. Dr. Crosby here and looks on him as well as my wife. *Samme* has his Fit of Fever and Ague likewise.

1759 April 13 (Friday). *Billy* has the Meazles full -- and keep[s] his Bed all Day. All Things work kindly with *him*. *Samme* also is so well as to run abroad.

1759 April 14 (Saturday). My Wife has her Fit, both of Ague and Fever very strong; and she is extremely weak. *Billy* gets up and walks -- but keeps the Chamber. A great and noticeable Favour that he has the Distemper so moderately. But *Samme* is poorly -- So checkered is our

State! May the Lord look upon us and be mercifull to us as He uses to do to them that fear His Name!

1759 April 17 (Tuesday). *Samme* has the Fever and Ague.

1759 April 20 (Friday). *Samme* lies by with another Fit of Fever and Ague.

1759 April 28 (Saturday). *Samme* has Still the Fever and Ague.

1759 May 12 (Saturday). My Family much indisposed. My *Wife* has much of her Illness remaining, though she is about House. *Sarah* lies by. *Suse* has grievous Head-ach. *Alexander* lame. *Samme* Fever and ague. *Hannah* very tendfull.

1759 May 14 (Monday). *Suse* breaks out with the Meazles and keeps her Bed.... My *Samme* and *Sophy* have each of them their Fit of Fever and Ague.

1759 June 12 (Tuesday). N.B. Much perplexed and disappointed in the Article of an Horse to plough among my Corn. None to be had, though it is only for a *beginning*, that a Number of Hands who propose to come to hoe for me tomorrow may not stand still when they come. But I can obtain none -- till I ride to Deacon Tainters -- who presently told me he had purposed to come to my House upon this very Affair. He takes his Horse from his own plough and rides with me and (Alexander being gone to Neighbour Nathan Maynards to work for him in his Weeding, since I can't go about my own, the Deacon) takes *Samme* and goes to ploughing in my Field at the Island. For whose His kind and generous Disposition, may God Himself reward him! Deacon Bond p.m. brought two load of Wood.

1759 July 3 (Tuesday). *Samuel* very drooping. So is *Sophy*: *Sarah* and *Hannah* not well -- but I miss *Alexander* most, because my Field behind the Meeting House is unhoed.

1759 July 4 (Wednesday). My little *Sophy* broke out thick with the *Meazles*. *Samme* somewhat but not perfectly: the rest are about House.

1759 July 5 (Thursday). *Samme* and *Sophy* keep their Bed all Day: *Hannah* partly broke out -- so are *Sarah* and *Alexander* and keep on the Bed considerable part of the Day.

1759 July 6 (Friday). Divers of the Children have purgings. *Samme* has also signs of Canker. He sleeps very much. *Sophys* Meazles were in splotches and Spread over her yesterday. To Day she is better but is confined to her bed. *Sarah* is chiefly upon the Bed, breaks out in a Measure and So does Alex -- but neither of them fully. The latter has a great Cough. *Hannah* also Somewhat more broke out, yet the Distemper is to no ripeness with her.

1759 July 8 (Sunday). All the Children continue ill, though *Samme* and *Sophy* tis hoped are somewhat better. We desire publick prayers for them.

1759 July 11 (Wednesday). P.M. raked Hay at the Island, and my two Boys *Alex* and *Samuel* are able to help me which though it be but in some Measure yet is it a great Favour.

1759 July 12 (Thursday). Some of my Children are drooping -- at Times *Samme*, *John*, Hannah.

1759 July 20 (Friday). Rode home. N.B. called at sister *Baldwins* and Mr. *Wymans* in *Sudbury* and at Miss Mary Shermans in Marlborough. The Family at home were in some Comfort, except the drooping of some of those who had the Meazles. Sarahs Relicks of the Distemper breaks out in a bad finger. Samuel is weak and pale. John has something of Fever and Ague: and Hannah has sore Eyes.

### 1759 AUGUST 22: 8 YEARS OLD

1759 September 15 (Saturday). Alexander, Samuel and John cutt Stalks.

1759 September 25 (Tuesday). Mr. Benjamin Tainter with his Fathers Oxen and plough, Mr. Eliezer Williams with his Oxen, Mr. Timothy Warrins son Benjamin with a Yoke of Oxen, and Mr. Forb's Oxen, Alexander and Samme assisting, the further side of my Cook-Field is ploughed.

1760 January 2 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Bowman keeps School at Mr. Timothy Warrins. I send Alex and Breck to learn Latin, and Samuel to read.

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

1760 May 1 (Thursday). Mr. Forb. carrys my son Samuel to Brookfield to help his Brother *Ebenezer*.

### 1760 AUGUST 22: 9 YEARS OLD

1760 September 12 (Friday). *Samuel* returns home.

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

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

1761 January 9 (Friday). *Suse* rode with Mr. *Baldwin* in my sleigh for Brookfield; and *Samme* with them to go to *Ebenzers*. This for the chief of the forenoon.

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<sup>1</sup>Alexander, b. 17 Feb. 1747; Breck, b. 17 Feb. 1749; Samuel, b. 22 Aug. 1751; John, b. 21 July 1753.

1761 May 1 (Friday). Mr. Baldwin leaves us to go home. Has orders to let Ebenezer have Serge 2 yards 1/4 @ 45/, Shalloon 1 yard, Buttons and Silk and Hair, for *Samme* a Coat, and Leather for a pair of Breeches.

1763 AUGUST 22: 12 YEARS OLD

1764 July 10 (Tuesday). Wrote to *Samme*.

1764 AUGUST 22: 13 YEARS OLD

1764 September 21 (Friday). *Samme* came from Boston and Alexander came with him.

1764 September 29 (Saturday). Samuel leaves us to go to Framingham in his way to Boston.

1764 October 1 (Monday). Send by Mr. Nathaniel Ball for my Mare from Boston which Samuel rode on.

1765 April 6 (Saturday). Letters also from Brother Parkman, Samuel and from Dr. Robie with *Scudders* daily Walk.

1765 May 22 (Wednesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ lodged last night at Brother *Samuels* and was in Trouble that I did not go there to her. They sat up late for me. Samuel rides my Horse to Westborough. Visit Cousen Nathaniels Daughter *Sarah* who is in a Consumption. Dined at Brother P\_\_\_\_\_ and at Eve preached there on Gal. 1.3. We also lodged there. N.B. I had visited Cousen Oliver etc.

1765 May 30 (Thursday). N.B. My son Samuel is returned from *Westborough* and tells me *Billy* has been at Home. We lodged again at Brother P\_\_\_\_\_ 's.

1765 AUGUST 22: 14 YEARS OLD

1765 August 28 (Wednesday). Mr. Wheelock brings me a Letter of Yesterday from *Samuel* in which he informs me of another Tumult in Boston Monday night -- that they who formed the mob, first invaded Mr. *William Storys* House in King street, proceeded to Benjamin *Hallowell* Esq. and thence went down in Quest of *Richardson*, who lives in Brother Parkmans, but not finding him at home, went to his Honours Lt. Governor *Hutchinsons* where they made sad Havock and Seized on his Money. From thence to Mr. *Paxtons*, but he was not at home. The House was redeemed by the owner, Mr. *Waterhouse* [Marginal notation: It was Mr. *Palmers* and not *Waterhouse*'s.] A melancholly Occurrence! Much to be deplored! Thomas still at work -- Clearing etc. at the Island.



1766 July 16 (Wednesday). Mr. Moore and Suse came to Brother Samuels. They went down yesterday in the Rain and lodged at Mr. *Adams's* at Roxbury. Samuel rides my Horse home. Suse is left in his stead.

1766 July 28 (Monday). Samuel Sat off early for Boston.

1766 August 18 (Monday). Mr. Moore returned with my Daughters Sarah and Suse from Boston, but last from Medfield, where they kept Sabbath. The Girls had lodged three Nights at Squire Adams's. They are, I hope, benefitted both of them in their Health, by their Ride, but especially as they had Opportunity when at Boston, to go out upon the Water with a Number that went to the Light House. N.B. The Company were our own Relations -- Brother P\_\_\_\_\_ and his son Nat and Wife and son, Mrs. Winter, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Bradford, Mr. Loyd and wife, my Samuel.

### 1766 AUGUST 22: 15 YEARS OLD

1766 September 26 (Friday). Deacon Tainter from Boston, brought me 1/8 of hundred of Sugar from Mr. *Loyd*; and 4 large Oranges from my Son *Samuel*.

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

1767 March 14 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter returning from Boston brings a Letter from Samuel which informs me that my Aged Brother is So feeble that he chiefly lies on his Bed. May the Great God be His support and prepare him -- and Me! -- for Dissolution!

1767 May 26 (Tuesday). Proceed to Mr. Adams's at Roxbury and dine there. Mr. Rand of Kingston and Mr. Hooker of Northampton. At Boston, visit Cousen Procter at the Alms House - - but they have resigned that Trust and begin to move. Brother Samuel is gone to Cases. Deacon Sayward, from York and his Wife lodge at Brothers. My Son Samuel grown wonderfully, in Stature and Thickness. Mr. Loyd

1767 July 9 (Thursday). Mr. John Wood brought from Samuel at Boston 1 Quarter of C of Sugar.

1767 August 18 (Tuesday). I returned at Eve and found *Samuel* here. He came on Mr. *Moore's* Horse.

1767 August 19 (Wednesday). *Samuel* waits on his Mother to Mrs. Martyns.

1767 August 21 (Friday). Omitted that *Samuel* yesterday p.m. put Mr. *Moore's* Horse to Mr. Jonathan Grout to keep.... My son Samuel is transcribing Some *Rules* etc. from D. Doddridge's Life.

1767 AUGUST 22: 16 YEARS OLD

1767 August 24 (Monday). *Samuel* in a Chaise that Mr. *Dana* left here, accompanys *Susanna* to *Shrewsbury*, that thence She may go with the Said Mr. *Dana* to *Brookfield*. *Samuel* returns here, and on Mr. Moore's Horse sets out for *Boston*.

1767 September 11 (Friday). Mr. *John Marrett* here. Informs me of Mr. *Fullers* Ordination at *Prince-town* on the 9th. Certifies me that he has received the Note of Hand from Mr. Daniel *Forbes*, which I had in Trust for him; and which I sent by my son *Samuel* Aug. 24 last.

1767 November 21 (Saturday). Received last night a Letter from *Samuel* that he has agreed with Mr. *Loyd* to live with him a Year, and he is to give him *Two hundred* Pounds -- I suppose old Tenor besides his Diet, washing, mending and Lodging.

1767 November 26 (Thursday). I write to Mr. Mein, to *Samuel* and to Mr. *McAlpine*, by Lt. Baker, who with Mr. *Jamison*, goes to *Boston*.

1767 December 24 (Thursday). Mr. *Thomas Whitney* brings from *Samuel* a Loaf of Sugar. I suppose it comes from Capt. *Bradford*. Weighs 8 1/2 lb.

1767 December 25 (Friday). Mr. *Isaac Morse* of the *Gore* (by *Worcester*) brought me divers Letters -- one from *Samuel* exculpating himself in part and in part relating and owning somewhat that occurred of late at *Cambridge*, but seems very sorrowful etc. May God forgive him and guard him for the future!

1768 March 25 (Friday). Mr. *John Wood* brought me 2 1/4 Yards of blue broad Cloth from *Samuel* which I buy of Mr. *Forbes*, and take it for Money delivered him ([or which he received?]) for my son *Ebenezer*, a year agoe, per Capt. *Maynard* -- at 5£ old Tenor per yard.

1768 June 1 (Wednesday). *Alexander* returns from *Boston* with Mr. *Grouts* Horse. He found him at *Chelsey*; *Samuel* when he went for him, took a wrong Horse. I rejoice *Alexander* has Succeeded. D.G.

1768 AUGUST 22: 17 YEARS OLD

1768 September 3 (Saturday). P.M. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ returns from *Boston* and my son *Samuel* comes with her.

1768 September 5 (Monday). At *Man's* Tavern find Company from *Oxford*: viz. Rev. *Bowman*, Coll. *Larned*, Capt. *Moore*, his Brother *Richard* and Major *Davis*: also my Son *Samuel* who followed me from *Westborough*. We rode to *Norton* precinct. Mr. *Bowman*, Coll. *L.* and I lodged at Coll. *Ephraim Leonards*.

1768 October 1 (Saturday). My son *Samuel* is gone to live at Mr. *Hopestill Capon's* for a Year.

1768 November 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Bowman of Oxford, and Mr. *Ballard* (with a Team) go to Boston. Send by them to *Samuel*.

1768 December 23 (Friday). Wrote to *Billy* by him and Send *Samuels* late Letter, of the Condition of *Boston* etc.

1768 December 31. Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton* only calls to inform me he had delivered my Letter to *Mein* and *Fleming* for the *Continuance of the Chronicle*, and other Letters to my Son *Samuel* etc. but brought nothing for me.

1769 January 10 (Tuesday). Memorandum Sent 3 Dollars by Mr. [J.?] *Thurston* to my Son *Samuel* to buy me a Ream of Paper.

1769 January 12 (Thursday). At Eve (of the 12th) Mr. *Tainter* brought me a Ream of Paper from my Son *Samuel* but it proves, though fine yet too thin.

1769 January 17 (Tuesday). Send to *Samuel* *Linnin* etc. per Mr. *John Woods*.

1769 February 1 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. *Ebenezer Lilly* of *Dudley* brings me two Letters from Mr. *Bowman* -- one writ yesterday, the other to day, concerning *Sarah* and that 'tis hoped she is better. Thanks be to God for His great Goodness! By this Mr. *Lilly* I send a Bundle, of shirts etc., to *Samuel* and a Letter to Mr. *Holbrook*, being very desirous to know how he does, and where he is.

1769 April 14 (Friday). Breakfast at *Loyds*. At Mr. *Hopestill Capons* (where my Son *Samuel* lives). Mrs. *Capon* is in Grief at her Husbands being a *Sandemanian*.

#### 1769 AUGUST 22: 18 YEARS OLD

1769 August 22 (Tuesday). Sat out on my journey from *Brookfield*.... My Daughter *Sarah* informs me that *Samuel* has been at home, came on purpose to consult me about his undertaking to keep a store for *Henry Barns* Esq. of *Marlborough* as far off as *Northfield*.

1769 August 23 (Wednesday). My Son *Samuel* having left his Request relative to his keeping Mr. *Barns's* Store, I rode down to *Marlborough*. Breakfast at Mr. *Barns's*, conferred with him on the Business and wrote to *Samuel* by Dr. *Crosby*, that if the way was clear with respect to Mr. *Capon*, and it Should appear to be for his Benefit (or to Such purpose) I was willing.... Visit Mr. *Smith*, and dine with him. Take Advice of him respecting *Samuels* Undertaking. Am very pensive on *Samuels* Affair. Write to him again by Mr. *Moses Harrington* of *Grafton*. May God be pleased to grant Wisdom!

1769 August 25 (Friday). Dr. *Crosby* brought from my Son *Samuel* Letters relative to his going into Mr. *Barns's* Employ.

1769 August 29 (Tuesday). Wrote to *Samuel* about his going to Mr. Barns's Store etc. Sent by Mr. Daniel Nurse.

1769 September 1 (Friday). I wrote to Mr. Barns of Marlborough concerning my Consent to my Son *Samuel's* going to Northfield, that it was on Condition that I be not any Way exposed by it; but wholly indemnified.

1769 September 23 (Saturday). *Sarah* comes home, with *John* from *Boston*. A Letter from *Samuel* Shews him disquieted with my having writ my Letter to Mr. *Barns*, that I must be indemnified.

1769 September 26 (Tuesday). Wrote to *Samuel* by Mrs. Lyon of Grafton.

1769 October 21 (Saturday). Have by them a Letter from *Samuel* whose Circumstances are now precarious, but I would cast my Cares about him upon a gracious covenant God.

1769 October 24 (Tuesday). Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton*, in his Journey to *Boston*, calls here. Wrote by him to *Samuel*.

1769 October 27 (Friday). Rev. Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton* with Letter from *Samuel*.

1769 November 27 (Monday). Am greatly concerned about my Son *Samuel* who may be at this Time returning from *Casco Bay*; it being very Tempestuous -- snow, Rain, windy.

1769 December 2 (Saturday). Mr. *Jonas Bond junr.* of *Sutton* returning from *Boston*, brings me a Line from my Son *Samuel* who is come back safe from *Falmouth*; for which I would render hearty Thanks to God, who has preserved him.

1769 December 9 (Saturday). At Eve came my Son *Samuel* from *Boston*.

1769 December 11 (Monday). *Samuel* to *Marlborough* and returned.

1769 December 13 (Wednesday). *John* is greatly indisposed, but lends an Hand; *Samuel* is also assisting.

1769 December 14 (Thursday). *Samuel* carryed 20£ old Tenor to Mr. *Malachi Maynard* to be delivered to my son *Forbes* to be delivered to Mr. *Samuel Haskill* at *Brookfield*.

1769 December 16 (Saturday). *Samuel* to *Brookfield*.

1769 December 22 (Friday). *Samuel* returns from *Brookfield* (from *Worcester* to *Day*) and dines here, brings me a Letter from Mr. *Forbes* concerning the Effects of the *Canine Fury* among them of late.

1769 December 28 (Thursday). My Son *Samuel* in his way to *Boston*, accompanys me as far as the *Mills*.

1770 May 12 (Saturday). Mr. *Loyd* left us for *Boston*. Write by him to *Samuel* for Sundrys.

1770 May 31 (Thursday). Returned again to my Brothers who acquaints me with the ill Treatment he met with from our Nephews Son, *Elias*. I lodged there, as I most desired. N.B. My Son *Samuel* lives at *Capons* for half pay, or less; till better Business presents.

#### 1770 AUGUST 22: 19 YEARS OLD

1770 December 17 (Monday). Mr. Zephaniah Briggs going to preach at Great Barrington, calls and dines here. Tells me Mr. Bradshaw did not come because his Grandfather was not well -- feared numb Palsie. He has Sent me from my Son *Samuel* a Gown of Plad and chocolate coloured Calamanco.

1770 December 18 (Tuesday). Sent to Samuel by Lt. Baker.

1770 December 27 (Thursday). Deacon *Wood* going to *Boston* I wrote by him to my son *Samuel*.

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

1771 January 14 (Monday). *Samuel* left us, designing to go to *Boston* by the way of his Brother *Williams* hoping also to meet *Breck*. N.B. delivered him 20£ old Tenor to lay out for me in Sundrys, viz. a Ream of paper etc.

1771 January 24 (Thursday). In the Evening received from my Son *Samuel* a Ream of paper £6.5, 1 *Youngs* Latin Dictionary £4.76, and a Cloke and Trimings for *Sophy* £9.1.6, each of them old Tenor.

#### 1771 AUGUST 22: 20 YEARS OLD

1771 October 11 (Friday). N.B. I left here my Daughter in Law, *Lydia*, and her *Lydia*, who came up from *Concord* to see us and I found here *Joshua Winter* who in a Chaise which *Samuel* had provided, brought up *Sophy* from *Boston*.

1772 April 14 (Tuesday). Send Samuel 40£ old Tenor by Mr. Hannaniah Parker.

1772 May 27 (Wednesday). Rode to Boston at Eve. My Horse at *Brackatts*. Lodged with Samuel.

1772 May 28 (Thursday). Went to See my Brother.... Lodged with my Son *Samuel*. N.B. At my Son *Samuels* Request I have this afternoon complied with a Message from *Shaw* Esq. to

drink Tea at his House, where was his Daughter, Miss *Sally*, with whom, as it seems, my Son has contracted Intimacy.

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*.

1772 July 16 (Thursday). I supped at *Loyds*, but lodged with my Son *Samuel* at Bradfords.

1772 August 15 (Saturday). P.M. came my Son *Samuel* and with him Miss *Sally Shaw*, from *Boston*.

1772 August 18 (Tuesday). N.B. My Son *Samuel* and Miss *Sally* left our House Yesterday 2 p.m. in returning to *Boston*.

### 1772 AUGUST 22: 21 YEARS OLD

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

1773 January 2 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* from Boston, accompanied by Mr. *James Foster Condy*, arrive here.

1773 January 4 (Monday). *Samuel* acquaints me with his Desire to be married (God willing and if I pleased) next March -- and Should be glad of my and his Mothers company.... Soon After Dinner our Company except Mr. *W.* left us to return to *Boston*.

1773 February 4 (Thursday). Letter from my Son *Samuel* inviting to his Wedding.

1773 February 9 (Tuesday). I write a Letter to my Son *Samuel* With regard to his Marriage, Since I conclude not to go to it.

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

1773 February 11 (Thursday). My dear son *Samuel*, I suppose, is married this Eve to Miss *Sally Shaw*, at *Boston*. Though I have not thought it best to attend the Solemnity, yet do Seriously committ the important Affair to God and earnestly pray He may be graciously among them, Sanctify them, Pardon them, and make them great Blessings mutually! O may they be Espoused to Christ as to one Husband, and live together, as Heirs together of the Grace of Life! May divine Blessings be on the Family with which my Son is connected, and the whole Company that may be together in that Celebration of those Nuptials!

1773 May 25 (Tuesday). Arrived at *Cambridge*.... Called at My Kinsman *Baileys* at *Boston*, and Saw Cousen *Winter* at his House -- understand they are *married* -- but I manifested Dissatisfaction with it. At my Sons -- at Cousen *Bradford's* -- at the Sale of Sir *Francis Barnard's* Library.... Lodge at my Son's.

1773 May 26 (Wednesday). At Mr. *Shaws* at Evening -- Supped there. 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 *Samuels* where were Brother *Shaw*, his Wife and Friend, Mrs. *Pidgeon* of *Newtown*.

1773 May 28 (Friday). Being invited, with my Children to dine at my Brother *Shaws*, we went (except Mr. *Moore*, who sat out on his Journey home); we were there entertained with great Decency; Several of their Friends also present; Particularly the aged Mrs. *Burt*, and Mrs. *Pidgeon* of *Newtown*. N.B. I have visited Mr. *Lathrop*. We discourse of the Sad State of *Boston*. Lodged every night at my Sons. Bought of him an handsome Sealskin Trunk for his Mother for only 3 Dollars.

1773 July 6 (Tuesday). Lodge at my Son *Samuels*. His wife watches with Mrs. *Perkins*.

1773 July 8 (Thursday). At my New Sister *Shaws* (and drank Tea).... Lodged again at my Sons.

#### 1773 AUGUST 22: 22 YEARS OLD

1773 November 22 (Monday). Mr. *Elisha Forbes* going to *Boston*, I wrote to my son *Samuel* and Sent him a small Token before Thanksgiving.

1774 February 24 (Thursday). N.B. This Day received a Letter, dated this very day, the 24th, from my Son *Samuel* informing us that last Saturday at 5 p.m. his Wife brought him a fine Son. For which great Favour (Mother and Child being in a hopeful way) Thanks are returned to our most gracious God and Savior and may the parents have Grace to dedicate their offspring to the most high, and to bring him up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord! And may His Handmaid Still obtain Mercy and Kindness from God to perfect her Recovery!

1774 May 24 (Tuesday). At *Boston* My Horse was committed to the Care of Deacon *Sherbourn*: I lodged at my son *Samuels* as did My Son *Moore* likewise.

1774 May 25 (Wednesday). Lodge at *Samuels*. Mr. *Moore* and *Cushing* lodge there also. *Betsy Baldwin* boards at the same place also.

1774 May 26 (Thursday). Lodge again at my Son *Samuels*. N.B. My Brother *Shaw* came there to See me. Mr. *Moore* lodges there.

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

1774 July 9 (Saturday). Read a Letter from my Son *Samuel* in response to mine by Mr. Daniel Nurse -- that at *Boston* and other Towns, they did not conform to the Governors late proclamation etc. that it was expected there *would be* a Congress, that they Should sit still till that was over, and then *should* pursue the Measures that would be agreed upon by that Body.

1774 July 15 (Friday). In mid-afternoon came My Son *Samuel and his Wife, with their Child*, from *Boston*.

### 1774 AUGUST 22: 23 YEARS OLD

1774 September 10 (Saturday). Yesterday a Deserter from the Army was Shott; as *Samuel* writes.

1774 September 11 (Sunday). A Letter from *Samuel*.

1774 October 4 (Tuesday). I dined at my Son *Samuels*.

1774 October 5 (Wednesday). Having lodged at my Sons *Samuels* I went to Mr. Ezekiel *Godthwaits*, William B. Townshend, Col. *Marshall* and others. Dined at my Brothers. He was able to sit with us at Table. Where were also Cousen Bradshaw, and Cousen Nat's Widow. Visit *Oliver, Coverley, Sister Rebecca, Cousen Tyler, Bradford, Loyd, Coarser* -- also Dr. *Pemberton, Chauncy, Cooper, Eliot, Mr. Quincy* -- Whitwell, Mrs. *Shaw*. *Samuel* accompanied me to Fort Hill to see the Camp of the *Welch Fusileers*. Lodged at *Samuels*.

1774 October 6 (Thursday). My son hired 100 Dollars of Mr. *McKey*, for which I gave him my Note.

1775 January 7 (Saturday). My Son *Breck* returned from Boston just after Midnight. And *Samuel* came before night from Boston.

1775 January 9 (Monday). *Samuel* goes to *Brookfield*.

1775 January 11 (Wednesday). At Eve *Samuel* returns from *New Braintree*.

1775 January 12 (Thursday). *Samuel* setts off for *Boston*; and it soon rains.

1775 February 1, 2 (Wednesday, Thursday). At Eve (of the 2d) my Son *Samuel* has sent The Kings Speech to both Houses of Parliament and their Answers -- with the Protests of 9 Lords -- which proceedings now seem to Settle the sad Destiny of the Colonys, and especially of unhappy *Massachusetts*. May God most gracious and merciful look with tender Pity on us! O that He would prepare us for the awful Event!



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

1775 March 28 (Tuesday). We ride into *Boston*, though 'tis Said the Small Pox spreads. Went to Mrs. *Holbrooks*. Put up at *Bracketts*: hastened to *Samuels* to see Mrs. *Forbes*. She was under the lenient Plaister -- was calm and easy. I saw the sore dressed. Mr. *Forbes*, *Samuel* and I dined at Squire *Shaws*, being invited there to eat *Moose*, which was brought from *Goldsborough*.... Lodged at *Samuels*.

1775 March 29 (Wednesday). P.M. Visit Dr. *Mather* -- return to *Samuels*. Mrs. *Forbes* has Comfort, and is cheerfull. We lodged there.

1775 March 30 (Thursday). Dined at *Samuels*.

1775 April 23 (Sunday). In my returning at Eve I went to Mr. *Bass's* who having come up lately from *Cambridge*. Might be able to advise me as to the Method of getting my Son *Samuel* and his Wife and Children, or my *Brother*, out of *Boston*. But he assured me there was no Such Thing could be done; as to go in or come out.

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

1775 April 28 (Friday). At Eve come Mr. *Loyd*, his Wife and three Children, *William*, *Samuel Parkman*, and *Sally*, going to *Branford*.

1775 May 4 (Thursday). *Sophy* rides to *Northborough* to improve Mr. *Bass* in getting a Letter to my son *Samuel*.

1775 May 10 (Wednesday). *William Bradford*, my Young Kinsman, came from Dr. *Willsons* of *Hopkinton*, having come from *Boston* last Saturday on Foot with Capt. *John Tyler* of *Boston*, and brought me a Letter from his Father, of their very distressed Condition -- and that he, [blot] etc., intend, if possible, to go to *Bristol*. He brings also another Letter from my Son *Samuel* of the 6th, in which he says, "I can form no Idea of the Distress of the people of that Town, and the Amazing Difficulty of obtaining Permits to get into the Country." May God most gracious and Mercifull look upon their Afflictions, and grant His almighty Grace to prepare them for His holy Will!

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

1775 May 14 (Sunday). Preached at *Hopkinton*.... When I came home found my Daughter in Law, *Sally*, and her Son *Samuel* here. Also *Edward Procter* who waited on her. A Letter also from my son (*Samuel*) concerning his Troubles and Difficultys-- what goods are got over to *Charlestown*, and a Team to bring them up etc.

1775 May 22 (Monday). Mr. *Loyd*, his Wife, his Children (3 of them *Billy*, *Sammy* and *Sally*) left us to See whether they could journey upwards to *Leicester*.

1775 May 25 (Thursday). My Wife and Daughter in Law walked to Mr. *Seth Morse's*.

1775 June 1(Thursday). Yet I was Stopped by the Guards one time after another before I got into that Town. But there I met with an ingeneous young man, Mr. *Caleb Swan*, a friend of my son *Samuel* who greatly assisted me in sending a Letter to my son and getting a Return from him. He also did his utmost that I might lodge Comfortably at his F's House, though he could not as he desired, the Family and Goods being removed. I Slept there.

1775 June 6 (Tuesday). Mr. *Joseph Colidge* [*sic*]and his Wife, who have got out from *Boston* and live commonly at *Woburn*, came to see my Daughter *Sally* and her little *Samuel*. They dine with us. P.M. My Daughter *Baldwin*, *Ripley* and *Eli Forbes*, take leave and pursue their Journey. Mr. *Coolidge* in one Chaise, and *Breck* and *Sally* in another attempt to go to *Lancaster*, but the Axletree of Mr. *Coolidge's* Chaise broke. They fell, and returned and lodged here.

1775 June 7 (Wednesday). Mr. *Coolidge* and wife, *Breck* and *Sally*, with the little Boy, after Dinner, go to *Lancaster*....

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

1775 June 16 (Friday). My Son *Samuel* came from *Charlestown*, having got out of *Boston* in Disguise as a Fisherman, and went to *Marblehead* and *Salem* from whence to *Charlestown* to take Care of Some Goods sent over there, and arrived here about a Quarter after One o'Clock this Morning.

1775 June 18 (Sunday). My son *Samuel* thought it wise to [go] this Evening and ride to *Charlestown Neck*, to look after Goods which he had sent there from *Boston*. He rode as far as *Southborough*, where he Met his Father *Shaw* o'foot. He took him up into his Chaise, and returned here; and lodged with us.

1775 June 19 (Monday). He sat out again, but left Brother *Shaw* here.

1775 June 20 (Tuesday). The *Association* which has now continued 50 Years) Met here,.... N.B. Mr. *Shaw* dined with the Ministers and still tarrys.... *Samuel* returns at midnight from *Cambridge* and informs me his goods etc. which were left in *Charlestown* are burnt by the Regulars, also 4 feather Beds of Mr. *Loyds*.

1775 June 21 (Wednesday). Brother *Shaw* and our Daughter *Sally* rode to *Worcester*. They returned at Evening.

1775 June 22 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. *Philips*, Wife of Capt. *Philips* of *Boston*, now newly of *Grafton*, and her son and Daughter, called to See Mr. *Shaw*, *Samuel* and *Salley*. They drank Coffee with us.

1775 June 23 (Friday). Squire *Shaw* left us to go to *Watertown*, *Salem* etc. He rode with Mr. *Russell* in Mr. B. *Newtons* Chaise.

1775 June 26 (Monday). P.M. My Son *Samuel* goes in his Chaise to Mr. *Russells*, Waiting on his Wife and sister *Hannah* there. I went up also at Evening.

1775 June 29 (Thursday). My Son *Samuel* and his Wife sat out for *Newbu[torn]* he designs to go as far as *Pownalborough*. My Son *Cushing* came; and he lodges here [torn] in *Coming*, was to see his mother *Cushing*, who has been ill for Some time: and to see his Brother *John Parkman*, who Still lies in a weak and low state. N.B. My little Grandson *Samuel* is put out to Nurse at Mrs. *Springs*.

1775 July 19 (Wednesday). My Son *Samuel* and his Consort returned from *Newbury*; and he had been to *Pownalborough*.

1775 July 20 (Thursday). Attend the Funeral of the late Mr. *Edmund Rice*. My son *Samuel* waited on me with his Chaise.

1775 July 21 (Friday). Mr. *Pigeon* of *Newt[on]*, who resides at Coll. *Wards* at *Southborough* and his Daughter, Miss *Patience*, made a Visit here; principally to see my son *Samuel* and his Wife.

1775 July 24 (Monday). *Samuel* to *Hopkinton* to *Wm. B. Townsend*.... *Sally* and *Hannah* [ride in Chaise?] to Capt. *Maynards*

#### 1775 AUGUST 22: 24 YEARS OLD

1775 August 22 (Tuesday). N.B. We have been greatly [and loss] about my Nephews son [*Boston*]: but this Eve saw a Letter of his to *Samuel* by which I see he is safe, though he may be under Confinement. to straits; compared with his former Cir[torn].

1775 September 13 (Wednesday). *Alexander*, his Wife and young Child -- *Samuel* with his [torn] -- Mr. *Whitney* came also and dined with us. Mr. *Stone* came [torn] before [the procession?]. The following young Men were Bearers [torn] *Uriah Brigham* [torn] *Thomas Stone*, *Benjamin* [*Tainter?*] junior, *Jonathan Fay*, *Samuel* [torn] *Stephen Maynard*. Thus we go through the mournful work of [torn]ing our Dead. May God almighty support and comfort us! And [torn] I be *Ever* mindful of and preparing for my own Decease!

1775 September 18 (Monday). Squire *Shaw* and *Lady* Sat out for *Brookfield*.

[*torn*] *Forbes* and his Wife and [*illegible*] [marginal notation: their sister *Baldwin*] But *Ebenezer* went to Deacon *Bonds*. B[*torn*] and his Wife and Daughter sat out for home. *Alexander* [*torn*] child left us for *Leicester*, and *Samuel* [*illegible*] thought Evening [*illegible*] greatly obliged to Capt. *Maynard* [*illegible*]

1775 October 23 (Monday). P.M. come my son *Samuel* who informs that his Wife had a Daughter last Tuesday the 17th. Praise to the [*torn*] Great Deliverer in time of Trouble!

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*.

1775 November 8 (Wednesday). Squire *Shaw* and his Lady came at [9] at night from *Brookfield* and lodged here.

1775 November 9 (Thursday). Mr. *Shaw* and Lady are with us still; dined here. P.M. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I in the *Shaw* Chaise, rode to Mr. *Hannaniah Parkers*, to his Wedding.

1775 November 10 (Friday). Miserable W[*blot*] hereabouts, and [*torn*] to be in Drink. Mr. *Shaw* etc. are here and dine with us....

1775 November 11 (Saturday). Squire *Shaw* and his Lady leave us, and go on their Journey towards *New-bury* -- but aim at *Cambridge* to day.

1775 December 5 (Tuesday). At Eve my Son *Samuel* and his Wife, with little son and Daughter came in their Chaise. They came from Mr. *Forbes*' House in *Brookfield*; but only from *Alexanders* in *Leicester* to day. Mr. *Daniel Forbes* junior brought their Goods....

1775 December 10 (Sunday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* p[*torn*] for me on *Joh.* 8.36 and p.m. on *Luk.* 13.3. I [baptized?] my Son *Samuels* Daughter *Sarah*.

1775 December 14 (Thursday). *Samuel* first takes to days Paper.

1775 December 19 (Tuesday). My Son *Samuel* Sat out in his Chaise to go to *Woodstock*.

1775 December 21 (Thursday). A very extreme Cold season. P.M. my Son *Samuel* returns from *Woodstock* but to day from *Oxford*, with some Goods, which he has bought of Mr. *Dexter* at *Woodstock*, but not such [*illegible*] or Such a Quantity, as he expected.

1775 December 30 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* returns at Eve from *Newbury* and *Cambridge*.

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

1776 January 12 (Friday). Straitened for Wood. *Nath. Chamberlain* went with my Oxen, my son *Samuels* Horse, and *Benjamin Clark* to the Ministerial Lot and brought some wood (not a full Load) for present supply.

1776 January 20 (Saturday). *Billy* returns home -- takes *Samuels* Horse with him.

1776 January 24 (Wednesday). My son *Samuel* rode to the hither Parish of *Wrentham* and returned at Eve, before dark.

1776 January 29 (Monday). At Night I wrote to Mr. *Moore*, to be sent by my Son *Samuel*.

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

1776 February 5 (Monday). My Son *Samuel* returned from *Rochester, Bedford* etc.

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

1776 March 14 (Thursday). Little *Samuel* is ill with the *Rash* (as it is commonly called) and is very uneasy.

1776 March 19 (Tuesday). My Son *Samuel* early this Morning Sat out for *Boston*. I impatiently wait for further Confirmation of the News from thence. P.M. Mr. *Philips* (from *Grafton*) brought a Letter from *Breck*, dated the 11th instant to his Brother *Samuel* informing that he had been to *Philadelphia*, and was hastening as he could, his Return home; though obliged to tarry a while till he could convey Goods he had purchased, to *Norwich*.

1776 March 20 (Wednesday). In returning home I met Mr. *Beeton*, who came up from *Boston* and brought home my Son *Samuels* Mare with a Letter to *Sally* -- informing that at the Regulars leaving the town (*Boston*) Lieut. *Robinson* who lodged at Mr. *Shaws*, has, like a Villain, carryed off 3-4ths of his Shop Goods. My Son is obliged to stay there to look after his Interest, at this extraordinary juncture.

1776 March 23 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from his long Tour to *Philadelphia*. *Samuel* also returned from *Boston* p.m. and came most of the way on foot. He rectifies what is before said about the carrying off his Goods -- not Lieut. *Robinson*, but two *Jones's*, Sons of the late Col. *Elisha*, were known to do it.

1776 March 26 (Tuesday). My Son *Samuel* goes to *Boston* again.

1776 April 12 (Friday). I had designed to go to *Mendon* to the Funeral of old Madam *Dorr* and my son *Samuel* had purposed to go to *Boston*, with his Wife and Babe; but the Morning prov'd

very Stormy -- snowed very hard -- till it lay thick. Rained afterwards -- which prevents our journeying our several Ways.

1776 April 15 (Monday). Samuel and his wife and Child Set out for *Boston*.

1776 May 2 (Thursday). Nigh sun setting came my Son *Samuel*, his Wife and Child.

1776 May 6 (Monday). Confirmation of the News so far as induces my son *Samuel* to hasten to *Boston* this afternoon.

1776 May 11 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* came from *Boston*. Says, no Vessels nor Troops are come -- but the people are diligently at work in fortifying Several important places, viz. *Fort-Hill*, the *Castle*, *Noddles Island* etc.

1776 May 14 (Tuesday). *Samuel* rides to *East Sudbury* and to *Boston*.

1776 June 12 (Wednesday). She [Mrs. Parkman] informs me also that my Son *Moore* was here and preached the first sabbath of my Absence, and my Son *Cushing*, with *Sally* and son *John* were here during the Election Time for several Days....

1776 June 13 (Thursday). Mrs. P. and I rode in *Samuels Chaise* to Mrs. *Kendals*, where was solemnized the Marriage of *Phinehas Forbes* to *Ruth Adams* late of *Holliston*.

1776 June 17 (Monday). My Son *Samuel* and wife are packing up and preparing to remove.

1776 June 18 (Tuesday). My Son *Samuel*, his Wife and Children remove to *Concord*. *Amasa Maynard* carried their Goods in his Team.

1776 June 28 (Friday). My Son *Samuel* from *Concord*.

1776 June 29 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* returns to *Concord*.

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

1776 August 16 (Friday). P.M. came my son *Samuel*, his wife and little *Sally*. *Kezia* came home with *Sophy* who returns this Eve from *Leicester*.

1776 August 20 (Tuesday). My Son *Samuel*, his Wife and Child go back to *Concord*.

#### 1776 AUGUST 22: 25 YEARS OLD

1776 October 2 (Wednesday). I hastened to *Concord* and dined with my Son *Samuel*.... Lodged at my Son *Samuels*, where was also Mrs. *Carter* and her Daughter *Cary*, of *Newburyport*.

1776 October 3 (Thursday). I rode thence to my son *Williams* who was gone to *Newport, Rhode Island*.

1776 October 14 (Monday). My Son *Samuel* from Concord.

1776 October 15 (Tuesday). *Samuel* goes to *Providence*.

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 15 (Friday). Mrs. *Parkman* not able to go to *Concord*, though *Sally* came up on purpose (with *Chaise*) to wait on her. *Sally* returns to *Concord*, and *Hannah* with her.

1777 February 4 (Tuesday). My son *Samuel* and his Wife came to see us.

1777 February 5 (Wednesday). Sam and Sally disappointed of their intended Ride to *Ashburnham* -- p.m. cleared so that I visited *Nehemiah Maynards Wife's Child* which is very bad.

1777 February 6 (Thursday). My Son *Samuel* and his Wife are confined here by the roughness of the bare Roads – and the Indisposition of the latter.

1777 February 7 (Friday). *Samuel* has Mr. *Paul Lambson* to put a Shooe upon his Sleigh: and I improve him to put another New Side to my Sled.

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

1777 May 27 (Tuesday). Having lodged and dined at my Sons, rode into the town, found my Son *Samuel*, his Wife, Children and Family in Health. To God be praise and Glory for So multiplied Favours!... Supped and lodged at my Son *Samuels*.

1777 May 28 (Wednesday). My Son *Samuel* and I rode to Mr. *Lawrences* at *Lincoln*, and to my Kinsman *Procters*: but returned to dinner at *Samuels* and Spent the Afternoon in Visiting the widows and afflicted.

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

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

1777 June 26 (Thursday). Wrote to Mrs. P\_\_\_\_ at *Concord* -- and to *Samuel* about the Clock and his *Chambers*, 4 Volumes. Sent the Letters to *Gleasons, Waltham* by *Stephen Loomis* of *Hartford*.

1777 July 4 (Friday). Mr. *Hall* (*Josiah* of *Sutton*) came with two of Deacon *Tarrant Putnam's* Daughters, return from *Concord*, and inform that *Hannah* got down to *Samuels* pritty well, and on Thursday undertook to go to *Boston*.

1777 July 22 (Tuesday). My Son *Samuel* comes from *Concord* with his sister *Baldwin* and dined with us. P.M. *Samuel* returns home -- leaves *Chambers* Dictionary, 4 Vols. only. He takes with him *Mason* on *self-Knowledge*.

### 1777 AUGUST 22: 26 YEARS OLD

1777 September 1 (Monday). My Son *Samuel*, his Wife and young Child, came from *Concord*, and dined here.

1777 September 2 (Tuesday). My sons *Breck* and *Samuel* with their Wives, taking their Sister *Hannah* with them ride to Col. *Brighams*.

1777 September 3 (Wednesday). After dinner my son *Samuel* etc. left us. N.B. he has bought him an handsome fall-back Chaise. He carries with him two volumes of the great Dictionary being *Scotts* supplement to *Chambers*. *Breck* setts up his new Clock, bought at Vendue at *Boston*.

1777 October 17 (Friday). 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!

1778 January 16 (Friday). At Eve came my Sons *William* and *Samuel* with their Wives, and *Williams* little *Sally*, in a sleigh, having been to *Ashburnham* to visit their Brother and sister *Cushing*.

1778 May 28 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Farrar*, of *Lincoln*, preaching at *Grafton*, from sabbath to Sabbath, upon a gratuitous Contrabution; calls here in his Way up, and brings a Letter from my Son *Samuel* who informs that he is better of his Lameness, and is purposing to return to live at *Boston*.

1778 June 17 (Wednesday). P.M. returned to Mr. *Lawrences*; to old Capt. *Daniel Adams*, and to my Son *Williams* in *Concord*, where I lodged. N.B. My Son has lately bought a Chaise: also a



large Number of Pictures. These last at the late Judge *Russells*. N.B. My son *Samuel* has returned to *Boston* last week.

1778 July 28 (Tuesday). After dinner came to see us, my Daughters *Lydia* (with her little *Sally*) and *Sally*, from *Concord*, and tarry with us.

1778 AUGUST 22: 27 YEARS OLD

1778 November 17 (Tuesday). Bradshaw leaves us to go to Cambridge, Boston etc. Wrote by him to my Daughter-in-law *Sally*.

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

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

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

1779 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 5 (Monday). I write to Mrs. *Brown*, widow at my son *Samuel's* at Boston, concerning Letters sent by a Female Society at Boston to Father *Loring*.

1779 April 24 (Saturday). P.M. my son *Samuel* and his Wife came from Boston two days ago, and today here. *Sally* is still but indisposed.

1779 April 25 (Sunday). Very much on consideration of my Daughter-in-law I chose the Subject of the Day. Read Cantic. 8 and delivered the Sermons formerly preached on v. 5 a.m. to p. 8. P.M. to p. 15. Which may God graciously accept!

1779 April 27 (Tuesday). My son *Samuel* returned to Boston, leaving his Wife, with his Chaise here; who before dinner grew so uneasy, that with Tears, she prayed me to get some Neighbors to carry her in her chaise to Boston. Indeed her husband was but just out of sight, when she repented her staying behind, and would have had him called back. N.B. I sent by my Son to Mrs. *Eliz. Brown*, at her request for some of his papers, two manuscript sermons of Mr. *Loring*, one on 1 Joh. 4.9, the other on Gal. 2.20.

1779 May 1 (Saturday). My Daughter in Law, Salley, rides in her Chaise with Eli Forbes to Brookfield.

1779 May 5 (Wednesday). My Daughter-in-law returns with Eli Forbes from Brookfield. Benj. Bancroft of Sutton Stores his Load in my Barn.

1779 May 7 (Friday). Eli Forbes Returns to Cambridge and Boston. Sally tarries with us...N.B. Breck has bought another horse, which his brother Samuel procured for him, of Major Stillman at Boston.

### 1779 AUGUST 22: 28 YEARS OLD

1779 September 29 (Wednesday). Breck returns from Boston, and brings Sally and her son Sam.

1779 October 5 (Tuesday). Sally and Sophy, though it is a stormy Day, ride in her chaise to Capt. Maynard's....

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

1779 December 4 (Saturday). Breck returns from Boston, my Relations well there. He brings me a present from my son Samuel, a valuable Silk Handkerchief of Fifty Dollars price, much wanted: my son William, his Wife and Young Child John, rode here in their Chaise, arrived in the Evening.

1780 March 23 (Thursday). Breck brought also a present of a Barcelona Handkerchief to his Mother from Samuel and another from the same to Sophy, and another from the same to Suse. I perceive that he gave 50 Dollars apiece for them.

1780 May 13 (Saturday). Mr. Adams wants my Volume of Chubb's Tracts in 4to. He gives me Dr. Brown Languith's Modern Theory and Practice of Physick; Dr. Goodman's Penitent Pardon. Judge Hale's Contemplations, part 3, with his Life, and Mr. Durham on Scandal. Besides Chubb, he has Dennis's Advancement and Reformation of Modern Poetry, and leaves me two Pamphlets, viz: Dr. Cardogan on the Gout etc. and Mr. S. Webster's two Discourses on Infant Baptism. He promises Dr. Owen on Spiritual Mindedness: for which he takes with him Dr. Bray's Bibliotheca Parochialis. Further I lent him Cornelius Agrippa of the Vanity of the Sciences. To be sent to my son Samuel Boston.

1780 May 18 (Thursday). P.M. Elias came up from Cambridge, with Josiah Brigham. The last brings a Letter from my son Samuel concerning William Parkman of Boston (son of Nat.) his proposal to buy out the several Heirs to the Mansion House etc.

1780 May 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Elijah Brigham in Squire Baker's Chaise, waits on Mrs. Parkman to Boston. I wrote to my son Samuel my Consent to my Kinsman William Parkman's having, for reasonable price, my Right in that which was my late Honored Mother's House.

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 June 4 (Sunday). N.B. Dr. Hawes has brought me from my son Samuel, Melmoth's Sublime and beatif. Mr. Ripley of Concord is the Proprietor.

1780 June 8 (Thursday). In the latter part of the Day came Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ from Boston with various Tidings in her Mouth. First the joyful that Sally was

1780 June 9 (Friday). Safely delivered, and had been favoured with a comparatively easy Travel, has a fine fat Daughter, and very like to do well. The praise to God for all His Mercys!

1780 June 11 (Sunday). My son Samuel's Chaise being here, Breck rides with me to Northborough.

1780 June 12 (Monday). Mr. Elijah Brigham and Sophy rid in Sam's Chaise to Hopkinton, Visiting Dr. Stimson. They returned here at night.

1780 June 27 (Tuesday). Sophy rides to Boston in her Brother Samuel's Chaise. Josiah Brigham goes with her and carries Suse Parkman to her Father's.

#### 1780 AUGUST 22: 29 YEARS OLD

1780 September 20 (Wednesday). My son William, his Wife and Child John, came up from Concord unexpectedly. Afterwards my Son Samuel and his Wife with their Baby, Sukey, came from Boston. They all lodged here. N.B. Mr. Brigham asked me whether it would suit me to have the Marriage of my Daughter to him to be tomorrow?

1780 September 21 (Thursday). Mrs. P. I hope is better. Sophy has unhappily a good deal of a cough. I had a most agreeable sight of my children and their Consorts at Dinner, viz.: William and Lydia, Mr. Cushing and Sarah, Breck and Suse, Samuel and Sally, and Mr. Brigham with Sophy. To God be Praise and Glory!

1780 September 22 (Friday). P.M. Sam and Breck with their Wives wait on the Bridegroom and Bride, to Coll. Brighams.

1780 September 23 (Saturday). My son Samuel and his Wife and Child left us. Sent my Letter by him to Mr. Quincy.

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

1781 February 9 (Friday). *Breck* returns. He brings me 3 *Eel skins*. Samuel also sends three.

1781 May 14 (Monday). *Breck* to *Boston*.

1781 May 15 (Tuesday). Wrote by him to Samuel.

1781 May 17 (Thursday). *Breck* returned from Boston. He informs that My *Brother Williams Widow* dyed at and was buried from the Alms House about a fortnight ago. My son *Samuel* undertook the Care and bore the Expencc of the Funeral. May God graciously Sanctifie this Decease to all of us! Samuel Sends me Mr. Dawes' Oration on the 5th of March last.

1781 May 19 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* and his Wife came from Boston and tarry here.

1781 May 21 (Monday). My Son Samuel and his Wife leave us to go to Norwich. Wrote to Mr. *Wight*.

1781 June 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Brigham* returned last Night from Boston -- tells me that my son *Samuel* has carried to Dr. *Mather* his 4th Volume of *Cotton* of the Keys etc.

1781 July 26 (Thursday). At Eve came my son *Ebenezer* and his Son in Law, *Peregrine Foster* with their Waggon from *Boston*, and lodge here. Bring Letter from Mr. *Quincy* of the 17th and from my Son *Samuel* of the 24th.

#### 1781 AUGUST 22: 30 YEARS OLD

1781 October 18 (Thursday). At night Mr. *Brigham* returned from Boston, brought a new Christall for my watch, 3/. Informs me that Mr. *Cranch's* 6th Volume of Biographical Dictionary (which I had been much concerned about) was at my son Samuels.

1781 November 26 (Monday). Mr. Brigham is gone to *Concord* to assist my son *Samuel* in selling his *Conant* Farm there.

1781 November 27 (Tuesday). I Suppose my son *Samuel* this Day sets up his House and Farm at Concord at Vendue.

1782 February 2 (Saturday). A letter from my son *Samuel* to *Breck* informs that his Wife on *Jan.* 25 bore him a son, which they have called *John*; may the rich Blessings of the New Covenant be conferred on him!

1782 February 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* and a Number more are going to *Boston*. Summoned again by Lt. *Levi Warrin* against Squire *Baker*. I Sent by [him?] a Letter to my son *William* -- also another to my Son *Samuel*.

1782 February 28 (Thursday). *Breck* returns from *Boston*, brings me a Letter from my old Friend Mr. *Quincy*: But sorrowful News from my Son *Samuel*, his wife being very ill of a Fever. A Letter from him of her low state. May God most gracious extend Compassion! *Benjamin Bowmans* Time is out, and he leaves us.

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). 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 12 (Tuesday). At night, 9 o'Clock my Sons *Breck* and *Brigham*, return from *Boston*. They inform me that *Sally* was buried in Deacon *Greenoughs* Tomb.

1782 May 24 (Friday). At night Mr. *Brigham* returns home and -- brings me an handsome Cap, from my son *Samuel*.

1782 June 1 (Saturday). P.M. came my *Samuel Parkman*, and with him two of his Children; viz. *Samuel* and *Sally*.

1782 June 3 (Monday). *Samuel* and his Children dine here, and half after two p.m. Sets out for *Concord* -- but it rains before Night.

### 1782 AUGUST 22: 31 YEARS OLD

1782 August 26 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston* in Col. *Baldwins* Chaise, and with his Horse; they waiting on my Daughter *Baldwin* to tarry a little at her Brother *Samuels*.

1782 August 31 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* has Sent me a Box of hollond *Pipes*, containing two Dozen which arrived safe.

1782 November 9 (Saturday). *Samuel* from *Boston*.

1782 November 10 (Sunday). No Minister although the Deacons performed, yet Breck and Samuel to Shrewsbury. Mr. B. and Elias to Grafton.

1782 November 11 (Monday). Alexander and Samuel to Boston. Elias to Lancaster.