

Sarah Parkman (1743-1825) and John Cushing (1744-1823)

Born: March 20, 1743

Mar.: Sept. 28, 1769, Rev. John Cushing (HC 1764) of Ashburnham

John Cushing: b. 22 August 1744, youngest son of Rev. Job (HC 1714) and Mary (Prentice) Cushing of Shrewsbury

d. 27 April 1823

Died: March 12, 1825

Children:

1771 Aug. 17: John

1773 June 25: George

1774 Nov. 4: Henry

1777 Feb. 23: Sarah

1779 Oct. 27: Doddridge

1782 Apr. 27: Mary

SHG: For the children, see Ezra S. Stearns, *History of Ashburnham* (Ashburnham, 1887), p. 663, and James S. Cushing, *The Genealogy of the Cushing Family* (Montreal, 1905), pp. 87 ff.

1744 MARCH 20: 1 YEAR OLD

1744 April 6 (Friday). Little Sarah from Lameness in her left Arm, which we can't well account for.

1744 July 12 (Thursday). My Wife not well. Last night we began to Wean Sarah. My wife to Marlborough.

1744 November 29 (Thursday). Little Sarah greatly Exercis'd with Vomiting and purging. My wife detain'd from Lecture.

1744 December 2 (Sunday). N.B. My Wife not out to Day by reason of her ague and Sarahs illness.

1745 February 19 (Tuesday). Sarah took Physick.

1745 MARCH 20: 2 YEARS OLD

1745 August 7 (Wednesday). My Little Daughter Sarah ill.

1745 November 19 (Tuesday). N.B. Dr. Gott had din'd with me to Day -- he bountifully added £30 (Old Tenor) to what he had before given to my Daughter Sarah.

1746 MARCH 20: 3 YEARS OLD

1746 April 15 (Tuesday). P.M. My Daughter Sarah taken ill.

1746 April 24 (Thursday). We ourselves got home well, and found our Children and Whole Family Well; Sarah whom we left not well, comfortable, and Suse well wean'd. Blessed be God!

1747 MARCH 20: 4 YEARS OLD

1748 March 18 (Friday). Was at Cousin John's. N.B. He offered me silver enough for a spoon for my daughter Sarah at £3 Old Tenor an ounce and to give me the making which I accepted of and paid him £4.13.0 for one and on consideration that Dr. Gott had given her about 56/ several years ago, I ordered it to be marked as his gift to my child.

1748 MARCH 20: 5 YEARS OLD

1748 September 28 (Wednesday). Soon after I came home Mr. Abraham Williams came with a Packet from New Haven -- containing besides the Commencement Papers, a Letter from Mrs.

Pierpoint and therewith a silver Snuff Box, the gift of Mrs. Pierpoint to my Daughter Sarah. On the Said Box were engraven the Arms of the Pierpoints with that instructive and quickening motto PIE REPONE TE, which is the Same as are worn by the Duke of Kinstone. May God reward her abundantly in Spiritual Blessings from all her Love to me and mine! He left us, though it rain'd, to go to Marlborough.

1749 MARCH 20: 6 YEARS OLD

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

1750 MARCH 20: 7 YEARS OLD

1750 April 29 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers; my Wife, Ebenezer and Molly, Lucy and Sarah and Alexander likewise.

1751 MARCH 20: 8 YEARS OLD

1751 May 12 (Sunday). Din'd as usual, myself; but my wife, Thomas, William, Sarah and Susanna tarried at the Meeting House.

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 21 (Friday). Sarah Sick -- no doubt by eating Currans and Cherrys.

1751 August 2 (Friday). Molly and Sarah go over to tarry at the New House to dress the Carpenters Diet. They lodge there; a Second Bed being Set up there.

1752 January 27 (Monday). The School begins at Mr. Hezekiah Pratt's, and Billy and Sarah attend it.

1752 MARCH 20: 9 YEARS OLD

1753 January 11 (Thursday). Sarah has worried through the Night with the Child (though he has not been well for Some Time). Alexander is at t'other House, and the rest I took into my own Chamber last night in their Mothers Absence.

1753 January 12 (Friday). Sarah is my House keeper and manages very agreeably -- But am oblig'd myself to attend more peculiarly to the Family Circumstances.

1754 MARCH 20: 11 YEARS OLD

1754 December 27 (Friday). My Wife has not return'd from the Groaning. P.M. I took my Daughter Sarah into the Chair and rode over to See My Daughter Eliza and her new born Babe. Left my Wife Still to tarry another Night, their Maid being not Sufficent and their Nurse not yet with them.

1755 MARCH 20: 12 YEARS OLD

1755 July 31 (Thursday). P.M. I rode in the Chair to Mr. Thomas Twitchells. Carry'd Sarah and Susan to get Gowns made. Went to Mr. Richard Kelly to get him to reap my Rye. We had a dark ride home, in the Chair, not without Considerable Danger.

1755 October 21 (Tuesday). Sarah Watch'd. My Wife got up on the 21.

1756 MARCH 20: 13 YEARS OLD

1756 April 15 (Thursday). Sarah goes to live at t'other House.

1756 June 8 (Tuesday). My sons Wife So weak etc. we have not only Sent *Sarah* over to them but my Wife herself has gone over and changed Children: left *Sophy*, and brought over their Infant, and thus we worry through the Night.

1756 July 5 (Monday). Sarah for [this great?] while at t'other House, helping her sister *Eliza*, who remains weak and poor.

1756 July 14 (Wednesday). The Widow Biglow came to work here, making stays for *Sarah* and *Suse*.

[1756 August 1 (Sunday).] N.B. Not a few are detained at Home with me: My Wife who is full of Pains and Smart in her Feet; Billy, who is poisoned; and Sarah who is greatly indisposed to Day: These, besides divers little ones.

1756 August 13 (Friday). *Sarah* and *Suse* undertake to go to Mr. *Martyn's*: they return at Eve Well. They tell me Natty Martyn, tis feared, grows bad.

1756 September 29 (Wednesday). My Wife and Billy in the Chair to *Marlborough* (having left little *Sophy* at Ebenezers, his wife to suckle her, and Sarah to tend her) in order to her going to Boston.

1757 MARCH 20: 14 YEARS OLD

1757 April 8 (Friday). Mrs. *Miller* here full of obliging and affectionate regards. She teaches *Sarah* to make a particular kind of Gartering.

1757 June 1 (Wednesday). My Wife at Ebenezers to assist them in going away. And stays there all night. For *Eliza* goes away in middle of the Night with the two little Girls, *Betty* and *Molly*; in my Chair drawn by my Mare, and my Daughter *Sarah* goes with her to help her.

1757 September 7 (Wednesday). I rode to Shrewsbury Lecture and preach it: on Ps. 78, v. 34-37. Dined at Mr. *Cushings* -- my Daughter *Sarah* with me.

1758 January 5 (Thursday). P.M. I preached at the Widow Joanna Forb. on Ps. 51.11 from page 9 to 16. Sarah with me.

1758 January 12 (Thursday). Billy is cyphering. The Lesser Boys write. *Sarah* begins to cypher.

1758 MARCH 20: 15 YEARS OLD

1758 May 4 (Thursday). Preached at the private meeting at Capt. Woods on Mal. 3.17. My Wife and daughter (*Sarah*) were there, and were decently entertained after the Exercise. But O that God would make us His Jewels, and that we may be His choice Treasure in the Days of Judgment and Trouble!

1758 June 8 (Thursday). Sarah to quilting at Deacon Tainters.

1758 June 10 (Saturday). Daughter Sarah taken off from her Business by Indisposition.

1758 July 17 (Monday). Mr. David Maynard Sends but little money. 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. Sarah and I lodged at Capt. Tainters in Watertown, he having Sent me his special Request that I would.

1758 July 20 (Thursday). Sarah at Mr. *Procters*, in the Alms-House.

1758 August 24 (Thursday). N.B. Sarah rode to Marlborough -- Dr. Rice in Company.

1758 August 25 (Friday). At Eve Sarah returns from Marlborough and with her my Wife's Kinswoman, Mrs. Anne Brigham and her son *Samuel*.

1758 September 19 (Tuesday). I returned home, and gave my Horse to Thomas and Sarah who rode up the Road to See the Army, as they march to Worcester.

1758 October 16 (Monday). My Daughter *Sarah* rode with Mr. Tainter, his Wife and Sister Forb. to Brookfield. N.B. Sent by her Mr. Roberts Life of *Czar Peter* Vol. 2 and 3 and to my Daughter Forbes 6 Edwards on Original Sin.

1758 November 14 (Tuesday). My Son *Thomas* takes an Horse (Daniel How's) with him to Brookfield to bring down *Sarah*.

1758 November 16 (Thursday). At Eve I went up and waited on her home. *Thomas* returned from Brookfield and brought *Suse* and *Breck* with him, and left Sarah in *Suse's* Stead.

1758 November 18 (Saturday). William *Stone* going to his sick Brother *Samuel* at *Sheffield*, carries a Letter and stuff for a Gown, to be left at Capt. *Wolcotts* at *Brookfield* for my Daughter *Sarah*.

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 February 6 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at Capt. *Fays* on Rom. 14.8.... N.B. *Sarah* went with me to the Meeting -- and of her self walked to Esquire *Bakers*. I Called there for her, and with Capt. *Wood*, tarried a While.

1759 March 5 (Monday). My Daughter *Sarah* has been and remains grievously exercised with Tooth-Ach. Blisters for it.

1759 March 6 (Tuesday). *Sarah* goes first to Dr. *Chase* to get her tooth pulled out; but in Vain; he was not at home. *Thomas* went with her in Mr. *Nurse's* Sleigh. I visit Mr. *Nurse* -- his Sleigh goes again to carry *Sarah* to get her tooth pulled. *Alexander* drives for her. She goes to Mr. *Biglow*, who took it out, though bad to draw.

1759 MARCH 20: 16 YEARS OLD

1759 April 4 (Wednesday). *Sarah* goes with little *Hannah* to Mrs. *Joanna Forbush's* to wean the Child. *Molly Pratt* here to help us -- washing etc.

1759 April 5 (Thursday). *Sarah* returns, but goes back to Mrs. *Forbush's* at Night.

1759 April 11 (Wednesday). *Persis Rice* who lives here, watches and my *Sarah* with her.

1759 April 16 (Monday). *Persis Rice* so indisposed, She goes home. *Jemima Maynard* is in her stead to help my Daughter *Sarah*. Her Mother has a fit every Day; and is in a low state.

1759 April 21 (Saturday). *Sarah* watched last night.

1759 April 22 (Sunday). My wife I hope is somewhat better, though she is yet very weak, and sits up but very little. She has had no fit for several Days: And Sarah tended upon her in the Night. And now this Night *Thomas* waits on her.

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 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 21 (Thursday). *Sarah* rode my Mare to Marlborough.

1759 June 22 (Friday). *Sarah* returned from Marlborough.

1759 June 23 (Saturday). Sent a Letter to Brother Hicks, in answer to his of the 18th in which he replys to my Daughter *Sarahs* concerning Money which She delivered him when he went to Boston, to lay out for her.

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 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 20 (Friday). *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 July 24 (Tuesday). N.B. I have writt Letters, to Mr. Forb. and to *Thomas*. I also wrote a Certificat in behalf of Lt. *Rolf*. *Lucy* wrote by him to her Husband and *Sarah* to her Brother *Thomas*.

1759 August 7 (Tuesday). My Brother goes to Boston -- carrys *Sarah* instead of his Daughter and *Nabby* is to reside a while with us.

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 22 (Saturday). N.B. Bowden of Holliston, Letter Carrier, brought a Letter from Mr. Forbush, from Crown Point -- another from Billy who is at the Road between Crown Point and Ticonderoga -- one also from Capt. Baldwin to his wife. She returned from Boston p.m. with her son, and my Daughter *Sarah* with her also. N.B. *Sarah* much out of Health.

1759 September 23 (Sunday). *Sarah* so ill I wrote by Deacon Burnap for Dr. Wilson.

1759 September 24 (Monday). Dr. Wilson came -- dined here. Finds *Sarah* bordering on Consumption. He gives her a Vomit which works while he is here.... My wife lodges with *Sarah* to take Care of her.

1759 September 25 (Tuesday). *Sarah* Seems a little better for her Physic yesterday, and had better Sleep last night than some time past. D.G.... P.M. *Sarah* is poorly -- and we are full of fear.

1759 September 26 (Wednesday). *Sarah* is conceived to grow weaker. May God fit her and us for his holy will! Received from Boston last night per Mr. Ebenezer Cutler a Bottle of Ellebor. Nigr. Tincture and a Box of Hoopers female Pills for her. Price of both 2/8 Lawful M.

1759 September 27 (Thursday). *Sarah* somewhat chearfull and lively. D.G.

1759 September 28 (Friday). *Sarah* is worse. I understand She can not lie on her left side without Pain and Difficulty.... Dr. *Wilson* who thinks some of the Symptoms are mitigated -- yet we fear She pines more and more. P.M. sundry women came to see her, viz. Mrs. Mary Bellows, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Nurse. And Mrs. Bowker of Symsbury and her two sons. P.M. also came Cousen Bradford of Boston and my Daughter *Suse*, to our great Rejoicing.

1759 September 29 (Saturday). We are more and more disheartened about *Sarah* -- yet She herself does not seem to think She is so bad as we fear She is. Extremely fine forenoon; Mrs. *Bradford's* Chair being tackled for her and *Nabby* to go to *Shrewsbury* We got *Sarah* into it, and I drove a little way with her, I hope without Hurt.

1759 September 30 (Sunday). We desire the Prayers of the Church and Congregation for *Sarah*, who is very low, though we hope not worse.... My Heart much moved for my dear Daughter -- especially for her Spiritual state and her Eternal Condition.

1759 October 1 (Monday). My Daughter *Sarah* is much as She was.

1759 October 4 (Thursday). *Sarah* has a bad Day. God prepare both her and us for His holy Will!

1759 October 5 (Friday). Dr. Wilson here. He judges the Symptoms with *Sarah* are abated and that therefore there is more hopes.

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.

Deacon Tainter brought her up from Boston a fey Oyster in the shells -- these she Eats with a good Relish when almost Nothing besides.

1759 October 10 (Wednesday). *Sarah* indeed seems to be worse. The Care and Labour of the Family very heavy upon my poor Wife, *Suse* having gone to Marlborough yesterday with her Cousen Maynard. But they return to Day.

1759 October 11 (Thursday). We can't tell whether *Sarah* goes backward or forward.

1759 October 13 (Saturday). Dr. Wilson here and dined with me. He says, *Sarah*, upon the whole, is better.

1759 October 16 (Tuesday). *Sarah* the best Day she has had since she came home. D.G.

1759 October 21 (Sunday). Not a good Night and *Sarah* poorly.

1759 October 22 (Monday). *Sarah* is not quite so ill as yesterday. N.B. our Changes!

1759 October 23 (Tuesday). *Sarah* mends again. D.G.

1759 October 27 (Saturday). My Daughter *Sarah* is better -- but I am my Self very much at a Stay; being feverish and weak.

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

1759 December 25 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter, according to his kind offer came with his Sleigh or Whirrey with two Horses, to wait on me and my Daughter *Sarah* to Marlborough. But he had the Frenchman Le Blanc, with him to carry him to Marlborough likewise. We all dined, though late, at Mr. *Smiths* -- and thence rode to Mrs. *Woods* (Nanny), to Mrs. *Speakmans*, but no body at home. We went to Mr. Henry Barns's. *Sarah* delivers Mrs. Barns 8£ old Tenor for a Green Grogam Gown for her Mother.

1760 January 1 (Tuesday). To God be the Glory of His Long Suffering and unmerited Goodness! That I am preserved through So many and So wonderful Changes! Particularly of the Last Year, a year of uncommon Tryals. Besides the Sickness of my Children by the Meazles which came four times into my Family, and my Daughter *Sarahs* Sickness again, there was my Wife's deep and Dangerous Sickness, in the former part; and my own in the more advanced part of the Year.... I attended the Private Meeting at Deacon Bonds, and my Daughter *Sarah* with me. I preached on 1 *Chron.* 29.15, latter Clause, delivering 8 Heads of Reflections proper for the New Year; And there was a good Auditory. The Lord bless it to all of us through Jesus Christ!

1760 February 7 (Thursday). *Sarah* and *Suse* ride to Capt. Maynards.

1760 MARCH 20: 17 YEARS OLD

1760 April 10 (Thursday). *Sarah* keeps School in that which was Thomas's Shop.

1760 April 14 (Monday). Mr. Francis Whipple came to me and Master Fessenden with him to ask me for my late sons Shop to keep School in; and that he might board at our House. Mr. Whipple tells me plainly that the Town will not give any more than 30/ old Tenor per week and that it is not probable it will be paid till next March. Mr. Fessenden accordingly has Lodging here. My Daughter Sarah had her School there a.m. Mr. Fessenden having dined here, kept p.m.

1760 May 6 (Tuesday). *Sarah* goes to Marlborough.

1760 May 18 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden went to the North End Meeting -- he carryed Sarah. *Alexander* went there on Foot. I did not feel So ill but that I could perform Some service -- but I did not conceive there would be any prudence in going to the Meeting House. Such as came therefore gathered here and I held a Meeting a. and p.m. in my House, repeating Several Sermons on 1 *Sam.* 4.22.

1760 May 19 (Monday). My Wife much out of Health -- so is *Sarah* but is now revived by Seeing Miss Nabby Winter.

1760 June 11 (Wednesday). [*Marginal notation:* Sarah begins to keep School in the Shop again.]

1760 July 1 (Tuesday). I rode over to Hopkinton to See Mr. Barret, but he, his wife, Son, Daughter and Grand son being gone over to Mrs. Morris's to dinner, I dined at Mr. *Crosman's* -- where I was willing to make a Visit, because young Mrs. Crosman was So newly come home, to live there (See June 12) and because my Daughter *Sarah* was with me, whom Mrs. *Crosman* had much sollicitated to go home with her, but could not.

1760 September 11 (Thursday). I rode to Shrewsbury in my Chair; Daughter Sarah with me, drawn by Mr. Parkers Mare.

1760 November 12 (Wednesday). Sorrowful Tidings of the Death of Miss *Nabby Winter*! May God Sanctify it to the Distressed Parents, and to my dear *Sarah*, who is much wounded by this grievous Stroke!

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 25 (Thursday). N.B. My Daughters, Sarah and Suse were last night, much affected and made faint, by reason of a pot of Coals in their Bed Room.

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 MARCH 20: 18 YEARS OLD

1761 April 9 (Thursday). P.M. I attended a Catechetical Exercise to young Women. Began at *How did Christ the son of God become Man?* 28 (with my Daughter *Suse*) attended. N.B. *Sarah* was unable to go.

1761 May 5 (Tuesday). P.M. Deacon Tainter came for me to go to the private Meeting at his House. I went. My Daughter Sarah with me.

1764 MARCH 20: 21 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 August 1 (Wednesday). Mr. Marritt here, tells me he has done keeping School here in this Town, and that Sir Cushing is to come in his room.

1764 August 8 (Wednesday). *Sarah* and *Suse* (in Mr. Nurse's Chair but my mare) to Capt. Maynards.

1764 August 19 (Sunday). Sir Cushing dines with us.

1764 August 22 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Bowman, Master Cushing and Brother Hicks here, at Tea etc.

1764 August 26 (Sunday). Mrs. Brigham and her sister Maynard, as well as Master Cushing, dined here.

1764 September 9 (Sunday). Master Cushing dines here as usual.

1764 September 12 (Wednesday). Lydia David here Still, and Spins with *Sarah*.

1764 September 16 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mr. Hastings of Shrewsbury (who is deaf) with his Wife, dined here. P.M. he sat in the Pulpit.

1764 September 23 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Miss Mary Steward dined here.

1764 September 27 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. Maynard visits us. Also Mrs. Cushing and Mrs. Morse of Shrewsbury: the latter with her young Child, Annis. They lodge here, as does Master Cushing.

1764 September 30 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mr. Fessendens Mother dined here.

1764 October 7 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined with us.

1764 November 6 (Tuesday). Master Cushing here at Eve.

1764 November 11 (Sunday). Master Cushing dined here.

1764 November 13 (Tuesday). N.B. Sarah has my mare (as I ride Mr. Morse's) and with my Consent to gratifie Lt. Baker put her into his Chaise, and take up Miss *Molly*. They come to me at Mr. Hutchinsons in Grafton, where we dine.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Waited long for my Daughter and Miss Molly Baker, who have kept at Capt. Moores, where Mr. Bowman lodges.... I stopped at Lt. Bakers at Eve to Warm etc. Drank Tea there. Lieutenant brought Sarah home, and then took the Mare to keep.

1764 November 22 (Thursday). Mr. Maccarty came to preach my Lecture yet very few of the people attended. He preached a good Sermon on Gal. 6.14. Mr. Bowman and Master Cushing here after Lecture and the latter at Evening. I would fain urge him to set up a Singing School in this Parish.

1764 November 25 (Sunday). Deacon *Tainter*, Master *Cushing* and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here.

1764 December 5 (Wednesday). Mrs. Lock and Some others assisting Sarah in quilting, dine here. Miss Hephzibah Maynard came, and tarrys for that purpose. Lodges here.

1764 December 9 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dines here. Both drink Tea, sup and lodge here.

1764 December 10 (Monday). Master Cushing to school.

1764 December 16 (Sunday). Dr. Rice and Master Cushing dined here.

1764 December 17 (Monday). N.B. I dined at Mr. Joseph Harrington's, where Master Cushing diets.

1764 December 18 (Tuesday). After Lecture Mr. Asaph Rice and Master Cushing here with Mr. Bowman.

1764 December 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Moore and Dr. Throop lodged here.

1764 December 19 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* sent a Sleigh for me with those Gentlemen above named, to go up to their House to Breakfast and I take Leave of Mr. and Mrs. *Bowman*, who, waited upon by two Deacons, and expecting others, from *Oxford*; attended also by Mr. *Asaph Rice*, Master *Cushing*, my son William, Daughter *Sarah*, and sundry Relations [*blank*], remove home. Deacon *Tainter* brings me home in his Sleigh and dines with me. Lydia David came.

1764 December 20 (Thursday). Such a storm as prevents all Expectation of the Return of Billy and Sarah from Oxford. We have Lydia David to help us.

1764 December 21 (Friday). Billy returns at Eve: but *Sarah* is left at Oxford.

1764 December 23 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dines here.

1764 December 24 (Monday). In my return home at Eve, found that Mr. Jonathan Moore had brought home *Sarah*; and here were Master Cushing and Dr. James Hawes, who has lately come to live near us. All of them Supped here, and the two first lodged here.

1764 December 30 (Sunday). A very Cold, windy Day, the Snow blown about very much. A tedious Time. John Maynard carries me, Sarah, Sophy etc. to Meeting a. and p.m. Omitted Public Reading. Preached on Mat. 17.1-4 a. and p.m. Master Cushing and John Maynard and Brigham dined here. William and Breck ride in the Sleigh with John Maynard to Captains. Master Cushing returns and lodges here.

1765 January 10 (Thursday). Mr. Rufus Putnam here; desires me to go up to Mr. Zebulun Rice's at Evening. But neither my Wife nor Sarah are invited.

1765 January 13 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined here.

1765 January 20 (Sunday). Capt. Maynard and his Wife, and Master Cushing, dined here.

1765 January 24 (Thursday). Master Cushing came and received the Money which I hired of Billy; I add 6/3 old Tenor and gives me a Receipt. Supps with us and lodged here.

1765 January 27 (Sunday). Deacon Tainter, Master Cushing, Mr. Haven and Mrs. Maynard dined with us.

1765 February 3 (Sunday). Master Cushing, Mr. *Le Blanc*, who was at Meeting a. and p.m., Son *Baldwin*, and Alexander dine with us.

1765 February 5 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter brought a Quarter of Beef which he borrowed of us. He dined here and carried me, also *Sarah* and *Sophy* to Mr. *Jonah Warrins* where I preached on Heb. 12.15.

1765 February 11 (Monday). N.B. Master Cushing returned from Shrewsbury. He returns me my Note of Hand to his Mother and I burnt it. N.B. she gives in the Interest -- which was from July last.

1765 February 12 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter in his sleigh carries Sarah and me to Southborough. Dine at Mr. Stones. Return at Eve.

1765 February 17 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mrs. Crosby (Doctor's Wife) dined here.

1765 February 24 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing, Mrs. Maynard and Mr. *Jacob Garfields* wife, dined here.

1765 February 19 (Tuesday). P.M. at home here were Dr. *Haws* and his Wife to visit -- but *Sarah* and *Suse* had walk [*sic*] to Capt. *Maynards*. Mrs. *Maynard* Sent a Goat Skin for a Pair of Breeches for *Elias*.

1765 March 2 (Saturday). N.B. *Sarah* went up to Mr. *John Wood's* and bought, in my Name, 100 lb. of Flax, at 6/6.

1765 March 4 (Monday). Master *Cushing* lodged here.

1765 March 10 (Sunday). Master *Cushing* dined with us.

1765 March 14 (Thursday). Master *Cushing* leaves us and goes to the North End to Deacon *Paul Newtons*.

1765 MARCH 20: 22 YEARS OLD

1765 April 5 (Friday). *Sarah* and *Suse* with my Mare in Mr. *Wheelocks* Chair rode to Mr. *Martyns*. When they return they inform me that Mr. *Fessenden* went to Marlborough yesterday in order to go his Journey to Gloucester.

1765 May 7 (Tuesday). N.B. *Sarah* to Southborough. Brings 4 of Mr. *Stones* Ordination Sermons, with Mr. *Greens* Charge, and my right Hand.

1765 July 1 (Monday). P.M. Master *Cushing* (who keeps School at Mr. *Tennys*) -- he tells of great Disquietment among the Church-Members of the North End, by reason of a sermon of Mr. *Martyn* a sabbath or Two before, which occasioned a Number to go out from the Communion Yesterday.

1765 July 15 (Monday). Went to Boston. *Sarah* rode with me. We had Mr. *Wheelocks* Chair. Called at Mr. *Stones* in the Rain. At Coll. *Buckminsters* who is ill. At Mr. *Browns*. At Mr. *Goddards* at Weston. N.B. Paid for 40 lbs. Cheese at 2/9 old Tenor. Got into Town before Dark. My Horse is put up under Brothers Tenants Care. We lodged at Brother *Samuels*.

1765 July 17 (Wednesday). My Daughter and I rode to Cambridge. Put up Chair and Horse at Mr. *Hicks's*. We attended the Commencement. Sir *Rice* waited on *Sarah* to his Chamber, and to the Meeting-House. N.B. The largest Class which have ever come out of College. And for the Attendants The greatest Multitude that, I think, I ever saw. The Exercises very entertaining: Especially the English oration, the English Dialogue, and the Anthem at the Close. I dined in the New, Sumptuous Hall. Mr. *Loring* returned Thanks. Was obliged to deny Mr. *Fessendens* Request of going to Cape Ann. Supped at Mr. *Appletons*. Mr. *Haven* and his Wife, and a son, there. Lodged at Sister *Barretts*.

1765 August 8 (Thursday). Master *Cushing* made us a Visit and lodges here.

1765 August 25 (Sunday). Master *Cushing* dined here, as did Samuel *Brigham*.

1765 August 29 (Thursday). *Catechetical Exercise*. 26 Young Women. Began at Question 59. I delivered part of my Expositions on Exod. 20.8 to 11, from p. 15 to 31. After the Exercise Mr. Bowman of Oxford and his Wife, and Master Cushing here, at Tea etc. Lend him several Books to read -- Mr. Samuel Chandlers Vindication of the Christian Religion and London Magazine for 1732.

1765 September 2 (Monday). Sarah went to Mr. Chamberlins.

1765 September 4 (Wednesday). Disappointed of Help hoped for, in my Lecture.... Master Cushing here after Meeting. Lend him Sundry Books.

1765 September 15 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Miss Betsy Gott dined here.

1765 September 21 (Saturday). I Set my Self to Study -- but p.m. came Mr. *Fessenden* to preach for me. Master Cushing here and Examined.

1765 September 22 (Sunday). Propounded Mr. Cushing.

1765 October 3 (Thursday). Master Cushing after school here, and drank Tea: brought his Relation: supped and lodged here.

1765 October 6 (Sunday). Master Cushing, Cousen Barrett and Mr. William Manning dined here. Master Cushing was admitted into the Church.

1765 October 9 (Wednesday). Daughters *Sarah* and *Suse*, having Dr. Haws Chair, go to Mr. *Morse's* at Shrewsbury.

1765 October 10 (Thursday). At Eve my Daughters return -- having been at Mrs. *Cushings* also.

1765 October 14 (Monday). Master Cushing here, changes his Horse for mine, for this Journey before me: and he has my Mare for a Chaise to go to Southborough.

1765 October 17 (Thursday). N.B. Company gather to Mrs. *Cushings* in Shrewsbury to the Marriage of Young Mr. Stone of Yarmouth to Miss Molly Cushing.

1765 October 20 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1765 October 26 (Saturday). Messrs. Steward and More here after Dinner but dined here. As soon as they rose came two more, viz. Deacons Hall and Paddock of Yarmouth (who came to accompany Young Mr. Stone at his Marriage to Miss Molly Cushing) and they also dined here. Master John Cushing here on his Journey to the Cape. I wrote by him to Mr. Hawley -- who returned from Onohoquage by Lebanon.

1765 November 1 (Friday). Mrs. Cushing there while her Children are gone to Yarmouth. For Mr. Stone carryed his Wife home the forepart of this Week, and Capt. Curtis accompanied 'em.

1765 November 15 (Friday). *Sarah* undertakes to make a Cask of Apple-sauce, for which End She bought a Quantity of Cyder etc.

1765 November 17 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden and Master Cushing dined here.

1765 November 19 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Cushing begins a *singing School* at [blank] and my son John goes to it.

1765 November 20 (Wednesday). My Wife and Sarah go to Southborough. They have Lt. Bakers Chair.

1765 December 1 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1765 December 2 (Monday). Master Cushing is moved to lodge and keep school at Mr. Andrews'. And as he goes to Mr. Johnsons at Evening to teach singing, he calls in here to teach my Daughter Sarah -- he is modulating her Voice.

1765 December 22 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined here.

1765 December 23 (Monday). Mr. Cushing at Eve as usual to instruct *Sarah* in singing.

1765 December 25 (Wednesday). At Eve Master Cushing goes to Capt. Maynards to attend upon another Singing School there, besides what he has on Monday Evening at Mrs. Johnsons.

1765 December 26 (Thursday). This Day is appointed for the *Marriage of Rev. Mr. Asaph Rice*, to Miss *Polly Morse*. I am invited and my wife also (as well as my Daughters) but I dare not venture, under so much indisposition and Pain. Dr. *Throop* and Master Cushing wait on *Sarah* and *Suse* in a Sleigh, to Mr. *Morse's*. May God grant the Bridegroom and Bride to be espoused to Jesus Christ! And the whole Company to have true, and increasing Joy!

1765 December 27 (Friday). At Eve my Daughters are brought home. Dr. *Throop* and Master Cushing dine here.

1765 December 31 (Tuesday). Prayed with Mr. *Fessenden* and Miss *Bridget Cushing*. Send for Master Cushing. He came. They all Sup, and lodge here.

1766 January 1 (Wednesday). Our Company (See the Close of the last Year) left us after Breakfast; and my Daughters, *Sarah* and *Suse*, went in the Sleigh with them. But I relucted, because it began to Snow and I feared the storm that would ensue. They proposed indeed to go no farther than Capt. Maynards where they were all to dine.

1766 January 5 (Sunday). Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1766 January 12 (Sunday). Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing dined here.

1766 January 15 (Wednesday). Billy and Master Cushing wait on Sarah and Suse to Marlborough. Memorandum. I Sent Dr. Swifts Vol. 1 and 2 to Mr. *Henry Barns*, of whom I had borrowed them.... Master Cushing lodges here.

1766 January 19 (Sunday). Besides Mr. Moore, Mr. Fessenden and Cushing dined here. They were here after meeting. Master Cushing stays at Eve and lodges here.

1766 January 20 (Monday). Master to his school.... Singing School is now kept at the Sabbath House. Mr. Cushing has given Sarah and John their Schooling.

1766 January 26 (Sunday). Master Cushing is gone to Shrewsbury.

1766 February 2 (Sunday). Mr. John Chamberlin late of *Stockbridge*, dined with us; as did Master *Cushing*.

1766 February 3 (Monday). Master *Cushing* here every Monday Eve, to teach *Sarah* to Sing, and he continues his other schools for singing, at Capt. *Maynards* and at Mr. *Andrews's*. Master lodges here.

1766 February 10 (Monday). When I returned at Eve, Mr. Moore had brought Suse from Brookfield. He lodges here; Master Cushing also. Miss *Betty Gott* came with Mr. Fessenden and her sister Maynard p.m. and lodges here.

1766 February 17 (Monday). At Eve came Masters *Cushing* and John *Stone* -- also Mr. Bowman. They Supped here. Mr. Bowman brought me Mr. Forbes's Burnet; the Sacred Theory, Vol. 1. The two foresaid young Men lodged here.

1766 February 20 (Thursday). Mr. Moore and Master John Stone, each provided with a Carriage, carry off *Sarah* and *Suse*, to Marlborough to wait on Mr. *Bridge* and his new Spouse, to *Sudbury* -- and they are like to make an Extr. Time of it.

1766 February 23 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mr. Isaac Adams's wife dined here.

1766 March 2 (Sunday). Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing dine here.

1766 March 3 (Monday). At Evening Messrs. *Cushing* and Hemingway here and sing. I invite them to come a few Tuesday Evenings to Sing here at my House -- which they consent to.

1766 March 4 (Tuesday). My Wife and I go to the private Meeting at Mr. *Daniel Forbes's*. I preached on *Rom. 13.13*. At Mr. Forbes's Request I carryed Tate and Brady's Version of the Psalms, and he handed it to me in the presence of the people, desiring we might sing *that* Meeter. Which therefore I mentioned -- and I asked Master Cushing to Set the Tune. He sat New Colchester and there were many there, to carry the Several Parts. They also Stayed after the Exercise and Sang.

1766 March 9 (Sunday). Old Mrs. Dunlop and Cousen Betty Gott dine here. (Neither Mr. Fessenden nor Master Cushing at meeting.)

1766 March 12 (Wednesday). After Lecture Mr. Cushing, Mrs. Maynard and Cousen Betsy at Tea.

1766 March 16 (Sunday). Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing and Mrs. Sever dined with us.

1766 March 18 (Tuesday). At Eve Master *Cushing*, *Hemingway*, *Thayer*, and [F?] *Arnold* here to *Sing*.

1766 MARCH 20: 23 YEARS OLD

1766 March 23 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1766 March 24 (Monday). Miss *Huldah* and Miss *Mary Stone* came, and dined with us. They went and Sarah with them p.m. to Deacon Tainters.

1766 March 25 (Tuesday). At Eve came the Singers, viz. Master *Cushing*, *Hemingway*, *Thayer*, *Wheelock*, *Seth Morse*, *Benjamin Fay*, *Foster*. Master Supps and lodges here.

1766 March 26 (Wednesday). Miss *Huldah Stone* having made a Gown for Sarah, She and her Sister *Mary* return home.

1766 March 30 (Sunday). Master Cushing dined here.

1766 April 1 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Cushing, *Hemingway*, *Wheelock*, *Benjamin Fay junior* and two *Ladds* came to singing.

1766 April 6 (Sunday). Master Cushing dines.

1766 April 22 (Tuesday). *Sarah* is brought from *Shrewsbury*, brought home by Miss *Bridgett Cushing*, who and her Brother lodge here.

1766 April 27 (Sunday). Mr. *Stone* preached a.m. on Ps. 37.5. P.M. on [blank]. He and Master Cushing (who with old *Widow Woods* dined here) lodged at our House.

1766 April 30 (Wednesday). Master Cushing at Singing.

1766 May 4 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing, Mr. *Eleazer How* and his Sister *Beeman*, and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here.

1766 May 9 (Friday). Mr. *Stone* of *Yarmouth* and Spouse, and Master Cushing dined here.

1766 May 20 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Cushing -- Mr. *Moore* -- both lodge.

1766 May 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Moore and Cushing lodge.

1766 May 22 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter here in the morning and pays me.... He carries *Sarah* to his House. Messrs. *Moore* and *Cushing* leave us a.m.

1766 June 1 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing is gone to Shrewsbury.

1766 June 2 (Monday). Master Cushing waits on his mother to visit us and they dine with us. Miss *Bridget* Comes from Southborough. They all lodge here.

1766 June 3 (Tuesday). Mrs. Cushing and her Son and Daughter leave us. Mrs. P_____ rides to Capt. *Maynards* with them.

1766 June 13 (Friday). Sarah to Southborough yesterday, and brings News that Capt. *Jonathan Ward* is Sick: but to day we hear he is Dead.

1766 June 18 (Wednesday). Though we have but few proper members of the Association yet there are many Candidates here, viz. Messrs. Fessenden, Moore, Cushing, Brigham, Biglow and afterwards Stewart.

1766 June 19 (Thursday). I went to Southborough, to attend a Fast, appointed by the Pastor and people there on consideration of the various Frowns of Heaven -- in the then Drought, Divisions in our State, low state of Religion. In my Way Met Mr. Andrews accompanying Mr. *Cleveland* of Chebacco. See Account of what was said etc. in a paper on purpose. Messrs. Moore and Cushing [assist?] as Biglow with me.... Messrs. Moore, Cushing and Biglow lodge here.

1766 June 20 (Friday). Messrs. Cushing and Biglow leave us after Breakfast.

1766 July 1 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Cushing* acquaints me with the most sorrowful Death of Deacon *Williams* of *Brookline* in *Pomfret* (Father of Mrs. *Sumner* of *Shrewsbury*) and that Mr. *Sumner* and his wife would be glad to see Me. May God bless the awakening Word we have had! And Sanctify His awful Providences!

1766 July 8 (Tuesday). Rode early to Southborough to see Capt. Heman Stone, but he was not there. Father *Loring* was and prayed. P.M. Mrs. Maynard, Miss Betty Gott, *Calebs* sister, Mr. Cushing here.

1766 July 9 (Wednesday). [Marginal notation, partly obscured: Sarah makes 5 Gallons of Currant Wine.]

1766 July 19 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing p.m.

1766 July 20 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined here. Mr. Cushing at Tea, at Night, and lodged.

1766 July 21 (Monday). My Daughter Sarah poorly. Miss Betty Gott here, and lodges.

1766 July 23 (Wednesday). Sarah much indispos'd.

1766 July 24 (Thursday). N.B. Sarah so poorly, and *Suse* at Boston, Mrs. P_____ makes no great Provision.

1766 July 25 (Friday). Sarah droops more and more, So that we Send for Dr. Wilson, who comes -- dines here.

1766 July 27 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1766 August 2 (Saturday). Dined at Mr. Chamberlains, who goes with me to Mr. Snows. Attended the Funeral of the Child [two-year-old Patey, daughter of Jabez, Jr., and Hannah Snow] and prayed. Mr. Snow tells me the *Andrews* did not receive my Letter very kindly. N.B. Mr. *Timothy Warrin* rides with me going to the Burying -- the Conversation is *Andrews*. N.B. Dr. Willson takes *Sarah*.

1766 August 5 (Tuesday). Mrs. Johnson, and her sister Hannah who very kindly have helped us this forenoon because of Sarahs Illness, dined with us. I preached at Capt. Woods on 1 John. 3.14, first Clause, to p. 10. N.B. Mrs. Wood very low and dangerously ill. After Exercise I desired the Brethren would tarry a little that I might speak with them. (For Mr. Zebulun *Rice* had apprized me that some of them had agreed together to enquire into the Case of Mrs. *Andrews*, at this time: and I conceived from the Drift of his Discourse t'other Day, that they were such as were uneasy with me about it.) Though they seemed to be drawing off, yet a Number returned to me and I thereupon addressed my self to them attempting some Narrative of the Affair, that they might understand the first Beginning of Mrs. *Andrews's* Disquietment and might See how little Reason she had to be offended with me. But they soon grew unwilling to hear. Upon their manifesting Such a Frame, and I fearing what Advantage might be taken at what I said, Upon my mentioning her name, I turned my Self about to See who they all were, I observed to them that I Should be carefull to minute down who I spoke to and what I said, as had been my manner to do in this matter, that I might be able to defend my self, when Occasion Should arise to require it. I took notice they were Eleven of them (Capt. Wood, Mr. Charles Rice, Deacon Tainter, Capt. B. Fay, Capt. Jonas Brigham, Messrs. Cushing, Whitney, Zebulun Rice, B. Tainter, John Wood, and Mr. Jonah Warrin). Capt. Brigham said, he observed a great deal of my Discourse brought in the Man, whereas we had nothing to do with the man -- it was only with *the woman*: and he wanted to have nothing said but about her. One and another seemed to be impatient at my saying any thing about *the society which she came from*; as if they for their parts, Should not make a Difficulty upon that score. Capt. Brigham (upon my having said that this Church never would have Communion with Separates) asked me whether we did not hold Communion with such now? For did we not with *Stephen Fay* and *his Wife*? I answered that we did not, for if *they* were faulty, *they* who were Members ought to search it out, and deal with them. It did not lie upon *me*; as he seemed to Cast it upon me, that I was to blame. I observed that it could not be expected that the Pastor Should become Complainant, witness, Judge and Executioner. Mr. Whitney made uncomfortable Return to this, applying it to what I had done with Mrs. A. I earnestly asked the Brethren what I could possibly do more for her Recovery? I had already taken the utmost Pains and all was ill taken and in Vain. Capt. Brigham (who spake chiefly) said

he did not see that my going to visit at their (*Andrews's*) House, would do any good. And (as Mr. Cushing testifies) he Said, "he believed that if I had not visited there so much, it would have been as well." Thus I must be blamed on both Hands; for others are ready to complain that I let them alone so much, and don't go there to try what might be done. Briefly, all were in an hurry to be gone, so that we broke off, and this Opportunity went over: I fear is lost.

1766 August 7 (Thursday). I rode with *Sarah* to Dr. *Wilson's*, further to consult him upon her Case. We dined there.... Mr. Cushing here when we came home.

1766 August 11 (Monday). Mr. Moore having come from No. 1 last week, to North Shrewsbury and preached for Mr. Morse yesterday, came here to Breakfast this morning. Master Cushing also brought his sister Bridget, who is out of Health. After Dinner they all (and take *Sarah* with them) mount. Mr. *Moore* has my Mare, and Mr. Wheelocks Chaise (leaves his own Horse to be sent to him, when at Boston) and promises to be very careful of my poor Daughter -- who is so exceeding tender. They hope to get to Mr. Bridge's at Sudbury, and then to Boston tomorrow.

1766 August 16 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing returns from Boston with his Sister Bridget -- but see nothing of Mr. *Moore*, or my Daughters: Though I have somewhat depended upon his so seasonably arriving that he, or Mr. Bowman of Oxford would assist me in preaching tomorrow.

1766 August 17 (Sunday). Know not what has befell my Daughters. Leave them under the Care of divine Providence.... Mr. Cushing and sister dine with us.... Mr. Cushing here after meeting and prayed at Evening but returned to his Lodging.

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. N.B. Brother *Samuel* was gone to *Scarborough*. N.B. Mr. *Cushing* came and took his sister, and carried her home.

1766 August 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore* (who has been at our House, till now) came from thence, with Mr. Cushing, to ministers meeting.

1766 August 21 (Thursday). Got Mr. *Bakers* Chair for my Wife and *Sarah* to ride to Dr. *Wilson*, on the Account of *Sarah's* Breast. At Eve Mrs. P. returns -- informs that *Sarah's* Breast has broke, and the Doctor has lanced it also. She is left to board at Capt. *Clarks*.

1766 August 24 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1766 August 26 (Tuesday). Mrs. Johnson went to Hopkinton for *Sarah*, and does not return as we expected, which puts us into some Trouble. Her sister being left alone also.

1766 August 27 (Wednesday). Mr. *Sumner* has writ for me to go to their Association to Day; but *Sarah's* not Coming gives me many fears: However, depending upon Gods good providence I went. Mr. *Cushing* my Company up. Mr. *Conklin* prayed before sermon. Mr. *Curtis* preached. His Text was *Gal. 2.22*, latter part, "for if Righteousness come by the Law then is Christ dead in Vain." Dined at Mr. *Sumners*. Mr. *Bowman* and his Wife, Messrs. *Stewart*, *Cushing* and Edward *Goddard* junior there. Returned at Eve and found Sarah was come home safely. D.G. N.B. Master Cushing delivered me 4 Dollars from Mr. Tainter.

1766 August 28 (Thursday). *Sarah* but weak and poorly.

1766 September 6 (Saturday). *Sarah* very full of pain, and has Fever and great Pain in her Head as well as Breast.

1766 September 7 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here: as did Dr. Wilson and Jos. Joslin who Visits Sarah, and opens her Breast again.

1766 September 8 (Monday). Had Dr. Hawes Chair and carryed *Sarah* to *Hopkinton*.... N.B. At Capt. *Millers*. Viewed his survey of the Roads; West, to *Albany* -- East, to *Georges*. We dined at Mr. *Barretts*. We go to Capt. *Clarks*, and I lodge *Sarah* there.

1766 September 21 (Sunday). I preached at *Hopkinton* on Rom. 7.9 a. and p.m. and baptized Sarah-Watts, Daughter of Richard *Kelly*: and Sarah, Daughter of Gilbert *Dench*. At Eve I rode to Capt. *Clarks* to see my Daughter, who grows better (through the Goodness of God), called at Dr. *Wilson*s, and came home.

1766 October 1 (Wednesday). I got Mr. *Wheelocks* Chaise and rode to *Hopkinton* for my Daughter *Sarah*. Mr. *Stewart* and Mr. *Moore* go with me. They dine at Mr. *Barretts*. I proceeded to Capt. *Clarks* and dined there. Made up Accounts there for Sarahs Board at their House a Month. Besides Several Presents which we both have made them. But they have been very civil, obliging and genteel. Mrs. *Cotton* and Miss *Patty Clark*, are so good as to ride with us home in another Chair. So that with the Gentlemen who are our Company, Sarah is decently escorted home. They all lodged here.

1766 October 12 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Master Joseph Willard dined, were at Tea and Supper with us.

1766 October 17 (Friday). A great deal of Company here after Lecture of different Sorts. A Number at Tea etc. Mr. *Ezekiel Smith* and his wife with their Relations. Mr. Cushing and Mr. Willard at Tea and tarried to supper.

1766 October 19 (Sunday). Mr. *Cushing* and Miss *Mary Steward*, dined here.

1766 October 22 (Wednesday). Messrs. Cushing and Biglow here -- and lodge here.

1766 November 3 (Monday). At Eve Mr. Cushing here, and Sups with us, but goes home.

1766 November 6 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. Rebecca Warrin here, and Mr. *Cushing* writes her Evidence about the Discourse which Mr. *Andrews* and I had at the Widow Newtons Aug. 2, 1763.... Mr. Cushing, his Sister Bridget, Miss Mary Stone at Tea -- and afterwards came in Mr. Hutchinson.

1766 November 7 (Friday). Mr. Cushing begins a Singing Meeting at the Whipple School House.

1766 November 9 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing both dined and supped here. He also lodges here.

1766 November 16 (Sunday). Mr. *Cushing* dined with us.

1766 November 20 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing at Eve. Having Sent my Watch to Mr. Moses Peck, at Boston, by Mr. Samuel Bigglow, Mr. Cushing lends me his. He supps here.

1766 November 21 (Friday). I borrow Dr. Haws Chair for my Daughters to ride to Southborough.... In the Evening likewise Sarah and Suse returned from Capt. Ward where they had bought them Selves Gowns of a sort of Silk Camblet. For which I am indebted to him 25£ 5/ old Tenor.

1766 November 30 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined.

1766 December 1 (Monday). Hannah Roberts at work making Sarahs and Suse's Gowns.

1766 December 2 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Steward and Master Cushing.

1766 December 3 (Wednesday). Sarah rode with me to *Shrewsbury*. Messrs. Steward and Cushing also went. Dined at Mr. Sumners: And Mr. Maccarty with us. I preached the Lecture on *Mat.* 26.48. A Cold Day and therefore I was short. The Grace of God be afforded that we may profit! Mr. Maccarty and I visited at Capt. Allens in the Eve; but we lodged at Mr. Sumners. Sarah at Mrs. Cushings.

1766 December 7 (Sunday). Mr. Fish, Mr. Moore and Mr. Cushing lodged here.

1766 December 10 (Wednesday). *John* not being yet returned from Oxford, I borrowed Capt. Woods Horse and carryed my Wife to Squire *Whipples* (he having come to us on Monday Eve last, and invited us to his House, to come before 12). There we dined handsomely and Plentifully. Mr. Cushing who lodges there, and Dr. *Crosby* and his Wife also, with us. We had likewise the Pleasure of Mr. Stone of Southborough -- for he and Mrs. *Judith* came to make us a Visit to Day; and my Daughter acquainting him where we were, he followed us, and came seasonably to dine there with us.

1766 December 14 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined here.

1766 December 21 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Miss Betty Got dined here.

1767 January 2 (Friday). Mr. Moore goes to Master Cushing and brings him. They dine here. P.M. they get Mr. *Andrews's* sleigh, and take *Sarah* and *Suse* with them, though it is exceeding Cold, and design to go to Mr. *Morse's* at *Shrewsbury* -- and tomorrow (if they can stand it) to *Westminster*.

1767 January 8 (Thursday). At Eve Messrs. *Moore* and *Cushing* with my Daughters, return from *Westminster*, and notwithstanding our Fears, are Well, having had a good Journey -- for which Thanks and Praise to God! They bring us the bad news that Mr. Harrington of Lancaster has had a bad Fall on the Ice and broke one of his Leggs which prevented his going to Walpole Ordination -- and that Mr. *Bridge* of Sudbury hast lost his New-born son; which probably has prevented his Grand father Smith's going to that ordination also. Mr. Moore lodges here. Mr. Cushing after Supper went to his own Quarters.

1767 January 18 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Miss Betty Gott dined with us.

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

1767 January 25 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined here.

1767 January 28 (Wednesday). Breck having got Mr. Seth Morse's Whirry, goes with his sister *Sarah* to *Framingham*, to see *Alexander*.

1767 February 1 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined here. Here after Meeting, Supps and lodges here.

1767 February 2 (Monday). Mr. Cushing to his School.

1767 February 18 (Wednesday). At Home find Mr. *Samuel Fay* and his wife, also Mr. Cushing who supps with us; and lodges here.

1767 February 22 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined with us...

1767 March 1 (Sunday). I rode over to Northborough and preached there.... Master *Cushing* there.

1767 March 2 (Monday). Mr. Cushing at Eve, and Sups with us.

1767 March 5 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. *Andrews's*, which was my principal Design, to make a Visit there; she having invited me repeatedly, when I saw her about a fortnight Since, at Mr. Bradish's. In this Visit they treated me kindly, and no word was uttered of our Difference. Mr. Cushing, who lodged there, was present.

1767 March 11 (Wednesday). Expected Mr. Martyn to preach my Lecture but he came not.... After Meeting Mr. Cushing here, and Mr. Batherick came. The latter apprized me that a Number

of Brethren had stopped at the Meeting House, with Mr. Timothy Warrin and his wife -- and that they were very uneasy about her Testimony etc. He asked Mr. Cushing whether she desired him to write it? etc. etc. I related how that matter was conducted (namely on the Day of the Church Meeting last Nov. 6). ...Mr. Cushing at Supper and lodged here.

1767 March 12 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing to his School.... At Evening came Mr. Timothy Warrin greatly concerned about his Wife. He tells me Mr. Cushing Said in the hearing of Several persons, that his Wife did not ask him to write her Testimony. I told Mr. Warrin I was afraid that if he did not take heed, he would Spoil (that is distract) his wife. At which he seemed startled and Said he was doing what he could to the Contrary.

1767 March 15 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1767 March 17 (Tuesday). Thence to the Warrins. Had Discourse with Timothys Wife -- find her very different from what I ever knew her before. Her Husband came home -- at first was very angry -- at length we came to an Agreement. And I dined there. Master Cushing came in, and I read the Agreement to him. Mr. Warrin assures me I shall find him the same at Even -- I may trust him if there be no writing. I returned home, and desire to Committ my Cause to God resting in His Care, protection, Direction and Restraint! At Eve there came Squire Whipple and his Brother Edwards Whipple, and Mr. David Maynard. There came also Mr. Timothy Warrin and his Wife, and Master Cushing -- and further, Mr. N. *Whitney*, Daniel Forbes, Zebulon Rice and Mr. Tainter, Capt. Jonas Brigham and his Brother *Levi*, Mr. Seth Morse likewise. I acquainted them we had agreed -- whereupon Mr. Whitney Seemed Glad, and encouraged to go on, and to finish the Difficulty so. This was of happy Influence -- and the Agreement which was writ to Day at Mr. Warrins, was read, and I gave my Consent to it. Mr. Warrin had some [Hammissings?] and Questions -- and wanted some alterations in some part of it; but I put him in mind of its being *our Agreement* -- and I was not willing to depart from it. Capt. Brigham, and his Brother and Mr. Tainter, were not fully Satisfyed with it. Mr. Daniel Forbes wanted the word, *Wrong* Should be put in, along with *Mistake* -- but I made no alteration. At length it was So far closed, that we gave up, and Each of the Papers, viz. the Paper writ by Mr. Cushing, and the Copy I gave Mr. Warrin, were both of them burnt. So that (through divine Goodness) we parted amicably, as I hope. Thus had I deliverance out of this Snare. May God be praised and His Name magnified! May I have Grace to be Cautious and Watchful, at all Times henceforward!

1767 MARCH 20: 24 YEARS OLD

1767 April 1 (Wednesday). Miss *Bridget* Cushing came (by help of her Brother John) to tarry a little while.

1767 April 2 (Thursday). N.B. I wrote a Paper for reconcilment with Mr. and Mrs. *Andrews*, which I communicated to Mr. Cushing. He lodges here. Have the News of the Act for incorporating *Ashby*.

1767 April 3 (Friday). Mr. Cushing takes the Said paper with him to see whether Mr. Andrews will consent to it.

1767 April 6 (Monday). Mr. Cushing here at Eve and Supps with us.

1767 April 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing carries Miss Bridget home and Suse goes with them.

1767 April 25 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Cushing came, and is very warm from Mrs. Andrews. He prays -- advises -- urges -- to be at Peace, and let her come to Communion if possible some way or other -- but she will not make up without this.

1767 April 26 (Sunday). By Reason of Mr. *Cushings* coming yesterday and taking up so much Time upon that Affair; I could not prepare the *designed* afternoon Sermon: for I found, I was too faint and feeble to follow it late and early as it would require, to finish it.... Mr. *Cushing* and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here.

1767 April 30 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Fish and I accompanied by Mr. Cushing and Mr. Whipple, rode down to Mr. Andrews's. There were and came soon, a considerable Number -- viz. Mr. Whitney, Deacon Bond, Messrs. Daniel Forbes and Gale, the two Brighams, Mr. Batherick, Capt. B. Fay, Capt. Wood. Mr. Fish (at my proposal before the Company and at my Desire, though I think he had mentioned it on the way) prayed -- for we were retired into the Chamber. And then many endeavours were used for accommodation and reconciliation. Mr. *Andrews* gave up the matter of my Saving he was *Quarrelsome*. The Complaint against me, for not answering her Request to lay her Case before the Church, I pleaded against, I suppose with Success, nor would I take any Blame to my Self about it. I think the Brethren were, finally, easy on that Head. As to the Paper of Mrs. *Warrins* Testimony, I told them *first*, that if there was harm to Mrs. A. by that, it could not be laid to me but to Mrs. W. because that which related to Mrs. A. in it, She retained and it was still in its full Strength. But however, Since it came to me so lame, as appeared afterwards although I could not know at the Time of it, I said I was sorry I read it. And with regard to my taking minutes of Conversations, I was willing, since there were three very noticeable ones that were in loose Papers -- viz. That which was at Mr. A. when Mr. Cleaveland was there; One out before my Yard, and one at Old Capt. Forbushs -- if that would give any satisfaction -- or however, I would destroy them and I accordingly Put them into the Fire. For some time there was very little Hope -- but at length Mr. A. and his wife came, one after the other and with joining Hands endeavoured to join Hearts and mutually forgave -- and it was written and signed by all three -- and each party had one. Upon which we gave praise to God singing part of 133 Ps. Mr. Timothy Warrin was there, and I besought him to be easy and that we also might wholly make up. He answered he would, if the Brethren that were *there* would not say that I had broke the Agreement by what I had said to some of them and by what I said to Deacon Bond in the late Church meeting. No one Answered to him at all, though he spake loud, and I think twice. But yet he did not comply -- but wanted I should talk with his wife, whereas it is questionable whether he would allow his wife to discourse, or to be, without him. Before I left them I told the Brethren that If the Church Should desire to come together to see or Enquire what their Duty was with regard to other Churches and Ministers I would not hinder it: but must pray that as I was not willing to bind their Consciences, so I would not have them to bind mine. I would do whatever should be consistent with Church Order and a good

Conscience, but they might not expect me to go any further. Thus I left the House in peace. They had entertained us handsomely, and Mr. Fish and Mr. Cushing tarried there; the Brethren that were more Zealous laid hold of the present Opportunity and improved the Help of those Gentlemen to draw up a Request for a Church meeting which seven of them signed. Capt. Wood and Mr. Whipple rode home with me. I rejoice so much has been obtained, and so considerable a stop put to Evil -- but it is with trembling, through Fear of what may follow in the Church. God only is our Refuge and Help. To Him I desire humbly to look!

1767 May 1 (Friday). Mr. Fish and Cushing return from *Andrews's*, and bring me a Letter from those Brethren respecting a Church-Meeting.

1767 May 2 (Saturday). Mr. Barrett dined with us. My Wife rode with me, Capt. Wood carried Sarah, and Mr. Cushing *Susanna* to *The Funeral of Mr. Martyn*. A woful Day!

1767 May 3 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined with us.

1767 May 9 (Saturday). Master Cushing is going to Southborough, his Brother and Sister *Stone* being there. Mr. Moore to Marlborough. Sarah has my Mare and rides with Mr. John Forbes to Brookfield.

1767 May 11 (Monday). I rode to Mr. Stones and dined there, in Company with Messrs. Smith, Steward, Moore, and Cushing, whose Mother and sister Bridget were with us.... Mr. *Cushing* takes Elias behind him, to carry him to Capt. Jonathan Fays to board and go to school.

1767 May 22 (Friday). Was at Mr. William Nurse's to see Master Cushing and dined at Mr. Joseph Grouts with him.

1767 May 31 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined here; as did Widow Cook and her Daughter Hill. Mr. Cushing gave me the Report of the Committee on the Andrews Affair.

1767 June 6 (Saturday). Met Dr. Throop and my Daughter *Sarah* from Brookfield.

1767 June 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Moore and Suse return from Boston. Master Cushing also [returned?] -- tarry, Sups and lodges here.

1767 June 14 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1767 June 16 (Tuesday). On Mr. Cushings Horse I rode over to *Harvard Association*.

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. Here were also Masters Cushing and Biglow, who lodged here last Night.... Held a *Catechetical Exercise*, but by reason of the Rain etc. only four Young Women attended. *Sarah* was not well; and *Suse* at Mr. *Morse's* at Shrewsbury, and could not therefore be here.

1767 June 21 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing dined with us.

1767 June 26 (Friday). Miss Hephzibah Maynard has been here some Days, assisting Sarah in Quilting; towards Evening goes home.

1767 June 27 (Saturday). *Mr. Cushing comes this p.m. to board here.*

1767 July 13 (Monday). Towards Eve undertook my Journey to Commencement. Had Master Cushings Horse; and can't well avoid going though Mrs. P's Case is bad.

1767 July 18 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing takes Dr. *Hawes* Chair and goes to *Shrewsbury* for *Suse*.

1767 July 20 (Monday). Mr. *Cushing* brought home *Suse*.

1767 July 23 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing has finished his school and to Day he leaves us and goes to live at his Mothers.

1767 July 30 (Thursday). Sarah wrote her Testimony about Mrs. Warrins Consent etc.

1767 August 17 (Monday). Mr. Cushing at Eve -- supps and lodged here.

1767 August 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing goes with me to Marlborough to Ministers Meeting. Messrs. Loring, Stone, Goss, Wheeler and Bridge of Sudbury. Candidates *Whitney, Parker, Caleb* and *Jacob Rice* besides Cushing. Had Difficulty about advising *Northborough* people. Mr. *Stone* and *Smith* for advising them to hear further. I was not. There was also Difficulty in Examining Mr. Cushing because of Mr. *Lorings* extreme hurry to go home -- and he left us -- so did Mr. Goss and Wheeler. We therefore who remained, approbated him.

1767 August 19 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* returns here and lodges.

1767 August 20 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* with us, and Sir *Manning* from *Cambridge*, at Breakfast.... Mr. Cushing left us towards night. I am Earnestly desirous of the Eternal Good of those I have under my Care. This young Gentleman now designs soon to preach. May god Sanctifie him and make him a Vessel of Honour fit for the Masters Use!

1767 September 1 (Tuesday). *John* waits on his sister *Sarah* in Dr. Haws' Chair to Hopkinton.... At Eve *Sarah* brought home *Hannah* from Capt. *Clarks* She having been there about Seven Weeks.

1767 September 28 (Monday). Get Dr. Hawes Chair for *Sarah* and *Suse* who p.m. ride over to *Northborough* to pay a *Martynian* a Visit.

1767 October 3 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. John Cushing came to preach for me.

1767 October 4 (Sunday). A.M. Read Jer. 4. Mr. Cushing preached a. and p.m. on Deut. 32.29. P.M. Read Act. 3.... Besides the Gentlemen aforesaid Mrs. Wilson (who was Patty Dunlop) dined here: and R. Temple is with us over the Sabbath.

1767 October 19 (Monday). Mr. Woodward of Weston and Master Cushing here p.m.

1767 October 21 (Wednesday). *Sarah* is gone to Boston With Mr. Wood and Mr. Jamison though in a Chair by her self to bring up Polly Forbes.

1767 October 22 (Thursday). Mr. More and Miss *Becky Hill* from Boston; Miss Bridget Cushing and her Brother Jobs Daughter, Mr. Forb. Wife and son dined here. Mr. Forb. preached my Lecture on 1 *Cor.* 11.28. May God grant success to this seasonable sermon! Miss Bridget and her neece went home, but the rest lodged here.

1767 October 23 (Friday). My Daughter *Sarah* has been to Boston to bring up *Polly Forbes*, and they are come.

1767 November 2 (Monday). Mr. *Cushing* dined here. At Eve Mr. *Moore*. The former preached yesterday at *Southborough*, the latter at Marlborough.

1767 November 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Moore, his sister Sarah and his Cousin Miss Ruth Moore, lodged here.

1767 November 6 (Friday). *Sarah* who went to Mr. *Richard Martyns* before Ordination is brought home.

1767 November 12 (Thursday). Mr. *Whitney* and Mr. *Cushing*; and Mr. P_____ and I, with my Daughters Sarah and Suse, wait upon Deacon Wood and Mrs. Johnson, to solemnize their marriage. Mr. Barrett prays before the Covenant and Mr. Whitney after. Sung Ps. 115, 2d Meeter, and latter part. A great Company, and plentiful provisions. May God grant it may be an Abiding Joy! Mrs. Cushing and her Daughter (as well as Son) with us and lodge here.

1767 November 18 (Wednesday). Am very much taken up with visiting the Sick, and attending on the Dead: for this Day I attend Buryal of little *William Beeton* and at Eve carry my Daughter *Sarah* to watch at Mr. *Parkers* -- but when we arrived there, *Pierpont had expired*. Prayed with them and we both returned. The Lord extend His Pity to that distressed House!

1767 December 12 (Saturday). Was employed in Sermonizing lest I Should be disappointed of the Help which I expected. I am writing on the Same subject -- viz. Prov. 23.26. But before night came Mr. Cushing from Shrewsbury to my assistance agreeable to Word he had sent me per Mr. Tainter. He lodges here.

1767 December 13 (Sunday). I prayed first a.m., and last p.m. Omitted public Reading. Mr. *Cushing* preached a.m. on 2 *Cor.* 9.15, p.m. on *Joh.* 9.4. May God be pleased to add His special Blessing! ...Mr. Cushing, at night, returns to Shrewsbury because of his School.

1767 December 16 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore* with us still. Mr. Cushing came from Shrewsbury (where he keeps school) in order to his attending upon the Church Meeting. They both dine with us. *The Church met according to Appointment*. After Prayer the Petition for the Meeting being

read -- and the Report of the Committee -- the voting of which and the previous vote of the Church to appoint that Committee being debated upon, it was objected by Mr. Cushing and Squire Whipple, that inasmuch as that Vote (of the Report) contained a Grant to Mrs. A. it could not be re-considered without her Consent, or except there was proof that she refused to accept of it. This last was made Clear. I was my self a Witness of it, and several others (Deacon *Bond* I think was one) said the like. After it was long talked upon, and repeated urging that it might be put to Vote, and that both those votes referred to Should be reconsidered and disannulled; when it was also promised that the Church should have the Copys of both of them returned to the Church -- it was tryed and it passed *unanimously* (I believe, *universally*) in the Affirmative. After which I very Seriously addressed the Church, to the following Purpose, viz. That notwithstanding I had endeavoured to conduct in Integrity and Uprightness among them yet I had good Reason to fear I have been grossly Mis-represented in divers Neighbouring Towns, I now did desire that if any of them had any Exception, or any Complaint to make as if I had been unfaithfull, or had Mis-represented Things at any Time to them, in my conducting these Affairs which we had been upon, or in whatsoever matter relative thereto, I now desired, and did Challenge, any one upon it, that it might be made known, that if it could be made to appear, I might suitably humble my self and make satisfaction for it, and was ready to do it? Or if it was otherwise, I might be properly Vindicated; and that they might be, as requisite, the Guardians of my Character. To this No Reply was made; although the Demand was repeated; Except what Capt. Jonas Brigham observed, viz. that he thought my signing with others against the 2d Church and Minister in Sutton, was not, he thought, according to Platform. To which I answered immediately that my so subscribing was to Advice which was given in Defence of the Platform against a New Form of Discipline, where they had there set up; but which they had since, themselves, renounced; and had submitted to the Cambridge Platform. We then prayed, and the meeting concluded with the Blessing. After the Blessing, Mr. Daniel Forbes, intimated that he should be glad of Liberty, upon proper Opportunity for it, to have some Private Conversation with me, with some others, which I freely consented to. Thus this Meeting went over. Mr. Cushing came home with me; but returned this Eve to Shrewsbury.

1768 February 8 (Monday). [*illegible*] a storm -- yet Mr. *Sumner*, and his wife and little son, and Mrs. *Cushing* with her son *John* and Daughter *Bridget* made us a Visit.

1768 February 16 (Tuesday). Mr. Moore and my Daughters, Sarah and Suse, ride to Shrewsbury.

1768 MARCH 20: 25 YEARS OLD

1768 March 21 (Monday). *Sarah* and *Suse* ride in my Sleigh, to Marlborough, but returned at Evening.

1768 March 23 (Wednesday). *Sarah* and *Suse* to Capt. Maynards and lodge there.

1768 April 19 (Tuesday). Have Mr. *Wheelocks* Chaise for *Sarah* and *Suse* to ride to *Boston*; the last to be left there, at Cousen *Winters*, and her *Polly* to come hither. They Sat out p.m. [*illegible*], a.m., to *Stow*.

1768 April 22 (Friday). Sarah returned from Boston and brings *Polly Langdon* to dwell here a while, as *Suse* is, in the mean time, to live at Cousen Winters.

1768 May 10 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* from *Ashburnham* here. P.M. I went with him to Mr. Andrews's. They treated me courteously.

1768 June 17 (Friday). Sarah and *Suse* visit at Lt. Bakers.

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

1768 July 9 (Saturday). Sarah returned from *Brookfield*, and Mr. Cushing comes with her to preach for me. N.B. He has received a Call from *Ashburnham*. Mr. *Jacob Rice*, not knowing of Mr. Cushing's coming, came also to preach for me. They both lodge here.

1768 July 10 (Sunday). Read *Jer. XXVI*. Mr. *Cushing* preached on *Amos 6.1*. P.M. Read *Act. XXVII*. Mr. *Rice* preached on *2 Cor. 8.9*. May God give success to the Word of his Grace; and bless the young Men who have delivered it.

1768 July 12 (Tuesday). I also expected Company at my House, viz. Mr. Barrett, Wife and son from *Leicester* -- who came p.m. but when I got home, found Mr. Steward and Miss *Mary Stone* from Marlborough. They take *Sarah* into their Company and go over to Mr. *Whitneys*.

1768 July 16 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing going to Weston calls here.

1768 August 24 (Wednesday). P.M. Sarah and Susa visit at Mr. *Andrews*.

1768 September 4 (Sunday). Read *Jer. 33* and p.m. Read *Rom. 6*. Was disappointed of Help in preaching -- having writ to and depended, on Mr. *Cushing* to come, that he might go with me to Mr. *Moore's* Ordination but he did not come.

1768 September 5 (Monday). Deacon Bond excused himself from going with me to Mr. *Moore's* ordination. Neither did Mr. Cushing come; I therefore Sat out alone in my Journey to Rochester.

1768 September 27 (Tuesday). Am still endeavouring to accommodate my Daughters Sarah and *Suse* for their Journey, for which I ride to Mr. Haskills, but in vain -- and a Number of Houses besides. Dine at Mr. Abraham Bonds. Visit at Mr. Barns's -- at Mr. Bathericks -- Beetons -- Lt. Bakers at Eve, and succeed.

1768 September 28 (Wednesday). *Sarah* and *Suse* in Dr. Hawes Chaise, and Lt. Bakers Horse, Set out for *Boston*.

1768 October 1 (Saturday). At Night came *Sarah* and *Suse* from *Boston*. They inform that Six more Men of War are come in to *Nantasket* -- that the People of *Boston* are in Consternation.

My son *Samuel* is gone to live at Mr. *Hopstill Capon's* for a Year. That *Neptune*, Mr. *Loyds* young Negro is to be buried this Day.

1768 October 13 (Thursday). My Sons *William* and *Breck*, with *Williams* Wife came last night. Mr. *Forbes*, Mr. *Cushing* this morning. Mr. *Collins Moore*, Messrs. *Ballard* and *Barton* and their Wives, Miss *Sarah Moore*, my son *Alexander*, came, a.m. I dined with them though late -- nigh 3 o'Clock. Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife came. Mr. *Whitney* and his Wife, and Sister *Martyn* likewise. Towards Eve My Daughter *Susanna* was married to Mr. *Moore*. Mr. *Whitney* prayed first -- I delivered the Covenant. This done, Mr. *Forbes* prayed. [Then?] we Sang Dr. *Watts's* Imitation of Ps. 45. After which was a Repast of Cake, Wine etc. but Mr. *Whitney*, his Wife, and Mrs. *Martyn* hastened away that they might not be in the night -- and Capt. *Maynard* etc. took 7 of my Company with them to lodge and keep their Horses. *Alexander* also went with them and lodged there. May God accept us in Jesus Christ! May the New Married be Espoused to Him! And be made rich and lasting Blessings!

1768 October 14 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife, *Billy*, his Wife, and *Breck*, left us a.m. The *Oxford Company* returned from Capt. *Maynards* and dined here; as did Mr. *Cushing* and his Sister. But p.m. they all left us. N.B. Miss *Bridget* has been with us for some Time. But now (after Tea) returns home with her Brother.

1768 October 17 (Monday). Mr. *Cushing* who preached yesterday at *Marlborough* returns this way and lodges here.

1768 October 18 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* (after earnest sollicitation to go to his Ordination) leaves us p.m.

1768 November 2 (Wednesday). All that were sent to for this Ordination came. There was neither Pastor nor Delegates (I suppose) absent. I was chose Moderator and prayed at the Opening of the Council. The Church of *Ashburnham* were very unanimous and fervent for Mr. *Cushing*. One Mr. *Foster* had a Difficulty with the Church; but he was by no means willing to clog the Ordination. He was not a member of that, but of *Lunenburg* Church, but we put him and the Church into a way of Peace. Mr. *Cushing* gave a Confession of his Faith, which was read before the Council and Church; and it was accepted. In public Mr. *Farrar* prayed, Mr. *Jacob Cushing* preached on *Gal. 1.11.12*. I gave the Charge, Mr. *Asaph Rice* prayed after the Charge, and Mr. *Morse* the Right Hand. May God accept us, and command His Blessing! The Evening afforded good Singing, but when it grew late, Some young Men who could be accommodated with lodgings, were too musical and airy, to our Disturbance. For which

1768 November 3 (Thursday). In the Morning I gave them admonition, which was Strengthened by my Brother *Morse*: and it had, I hope, some good Effect.

1768 November 11 (Friday). P.M. went to Mr. *Tim. Warrins* on *Sarah's* Account for an Horse to go to *Rochester* next Week, but in Vain.

1768 November 15 (Tuesday). No Success to even our best Endeavours to get an Horse for my Daughter *Sarah*. *John* also would fain go with his sister, but in [Vain?].

1768 November 16 (Wednesday). The Company leave us. The Team with Goods -- Mr. *Moore* in a Chaise with span of Horses. My *Suse* leaves me! May God go with her! *Sarah* also, upon my Mare: and I have obtained Dr. Hawes' Horse for *John* who joins them.

1768 November 24 (Thursday). *John* and *Sarah*, having Sat out from *Rochester* yesterday, and lodged at *Wrentham* last night; they broke fast at Mr. *Bucknams*, and dined at Mr. *Barretts*.

1768 November 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer though it is foul Weather, Setts out for *Brookfield*. N.B. I gave him two Dollars for what he had expended for his sister *Sarah* etc., in the Journey to and from *Rochester*.

1768 December 6 (Tuesday). *Sarah* to Capt. *Maynards*.

1768 December 7 (Wednesday). Mrs. P _____ and I ride to Capt. *Maynards* at their Request by *Sarah*, to dine there. P.M. attend the *Burying of their Child, Elizabeth*.

1768 December 21 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* from *Ashburnham* -- and lodges here. He brings me Mr. *Maccartys* sermon on the Execution of Arthur, from the Author.

1768 December 22 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* dines here. P.M. returns to *Shrewsbury* notwithstanding the Storm.

1769 January 17 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Collins Moore brings an Horse from Mr. Bowman of *Oxford* for *Sarah*. He informs that the Sickness and Mortality there, continues, and is very distressing. 71 have been buried in a twelve-month. 7 Graves have 2 in each. 3 are to be buried to day. He lodges here. N.B. *Sarah* had a bad Fall from the Mare.

1769 January 18 (Wednesday). As Soon as we have dined, Mr. C. Moore and *Sarah* (notwithstanding She was bruised and hurt by her Fall yesterday) leave us for *Oxford*.

1769 January 28 (Saturday). We send to *Sarah*, packet from *Rochester* *Shrewsbury* etc.

1769 February 1 (Wednesday). Squire *Campbel* from *Oxford* calls at the Door, and informs me that my Daughter *Sarah* is Sick there, of the Throat-Distemper. Was taken last Friday, but is not now very bad. 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!

1769 February 3 (Friday). Miss *Patty Clark* of *Hopkinton* came, dines and tarrys with us: but is disappointed in that *Sarah*, whom She came more especially to See, is at *Oxford*.

1769 February 7 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* came; dined here. I preached at Deacon *Bonds*.... Mr. *Cushing* lodges with us. Letter from *Sarah* at *Oxford* that She is Still better.

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1769 February 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing takes my Mare and *Sleigh* (newly painted by Mr. Gale, and to day brought home by John) and goes to *Oxford* for *Sarah*, if She be well enough, and the Weather fit for her, to come.

1769 February 9 (Thursday). My Mind is a good deal attentive to *Sarahs* Case; fearing it is too Cold for her to break forth at once from such sickness, and come so far. But I committ the matter to God! At Eve She comes, and I hope safely. Praise to God her Healer and Helper! Mr. *Cushing* lodges here. We (with Gott Maynard) make 12 to night.

1769 February 10 (Friday). Mr. Cushing after Dinner, leaves us.

1769 February 15 (Wednesday). I was at Mr. *Sumners* at Breakfast, but we all dined at Mrs. *Cushings*. We then rode to *Northborough*, and another Sleigh full of them (Mr. Sumner and Wife, Mrs. Cushing and Daughter and Grand Daughter) accompanied us to Mrs. *Martyns*. Mrs. *Parkman* was come over in my Sleigh to Meet me, and was gone over to Mr. *Whitneys*. I went there also and drank Tea there. N.B. Mr. Sumner and wife and Mrs. Cushing had designed this Day to have made me a Visit upon an Errand to Me from Mr. *John Cushing*, which now they delivered, both to me and my wife, as far as was needfull; relative to my Daughter *Sarah*. We returned home at Eve, safely. D.G. N.B. Am informed that Mr. *Green* and Mrs. *Cotton* from *Hopkinton* came to our House yesterday, lodged here, and to Day carryed Miss *Patty Clark* home, and *Breck* and *Sarah* are gone to Hopkinton with them.

1769 February 17 (Friday). *Sarah* has brought from *Oxford* the Vicar of *Wakefield*, in 2 Volumes, which are read here, and *Noah* Volume 2.

1769 MARCH 20: 26 YEARS OLD

1769 April 7 (Friday). Sorrowful news from Shrewsbury of Miss *Bridget Cushings* being very ill, her Case desperate and has Sent several Times for my Daughter *Sarah* to go to See her. *John* goes up with her; and leaving her *there*, he returns.

1769 April 9 (Sunday). At Eve I rode to Shrewsbury to visit Miss *Bridget Cushing* whom I found very low.

1769 April 15 (Saturday). Mr. *Cushing* here.

1769 April 17 (Monday). Mr. C. and Sarah rode to Southborough. At Eve they brought me a Pair of Doves from Mr. *Stones*.

1769 May 10 (Wednesday). At Eve came Sarah and Suse from Northborough and Mr. Moore with them.

1769 May 25 (Thursday). I rode to *Shrewsbury* -- dined at Mr. *Sumners*. Preached the Lecture on *Joh. 14.6*, latter part. After the Exercises visit Miss *Bridget Cushing* who is become much lower.

1769 June 3 (Saturday). Arrived safely. D.G. Mrs. P_____ told me Mr. Cushing came the 30th at Night and dined here June 1. P.M. the same Day he went away.

1769 June 5 (Monday). N.B. My Wife informs me that last week (viz. on the 30 ult.) Mr. *Hall* of Sutton dined here, that Mr. *Cushing* came at Night, that he brought a Letter from *William* informing that his wife was delivered of a son on the 27th of May; and both mother and Child are well. Blessed be God! That Mr. Cushing dined here June 1 and p.m. went away.

[1769 June 26 (Monday).] [P.]M. Came Mr. Thaddeus Warrin to inform us that This Morning expired Miss *Bridget Cushing*! [*illegible*] Cushing desires we would attend her Funeral on Wednesday.

1769 June 27 (Tuesday). My Daughter Sarah droops.

1769 June 28 (Wednesday). *Sarah* rides with me in Lt. *Bakers* Chaise, to the Sorrowful Funeral of Miss *Bridget Cushing*. We went to Breakfast at Capt. Allens, dined at Mrs. Cushings. Mr. Stone, Morse, Maccarty, Mellen, Sumner and I were Pall-bearers. Mr. Joshua Smith, Lewis Allen, Thaddeus Maccarty and James Curtis, were under bearers. Coll. *Ward* ranged the people in Procession; which was very great, and mournfull. She having been high in, I suppose, every ones esteem. I was oblig'd [*torn*] to pray, before the Procession. The Lord forgive what was amiss! And grant us all to be ready also. Mrs. *Cushing* prayed me to return without *Sarah* who was not very well, and She could be brought home in the Morning. I complied.

1769 June 29 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* brought *Sarah* home.

1769 August 11 (Friday). My Daughter *Sarah*, who is So much my Comfort, and Guide of the House now her Mother is gone, grows ill; goes to bed before Dark. She is Worse. After I was got to Bed, She wants to see me. She has been so sick as to Vomit some Number of Times. I call *John* to go to the Doctor. Temple readily offers to go -- and the Doctor Came, leaves various Things, besides an Anodyne. It is nigh 11 in the Night when he leaves us.

1769 August 12 (Saturday). *Sarah* not much better. Has Vomited Several Times. I gave her Sal *Absynthii*. May God be grac[*torn*] for her! I went to the Doctors for *Sarah*, but she does not vomit sin[*torn*] of womwood [*sic*]. John Arnold brings a Letter from Mr. [*torn*] dated the 8th giving me account of his own being ill of a [*torn*] requesting me to go to *Brookfield* to preach th[*torn*] row; whereas Mr. Hutchinson depends upon me, Since I have [*torn*] word to the Contrary. But *Sarah's* Illness forb[*torn*] not able to set up any longer then while her B[*torn*]

1769 August 14 (Monday). *Sarah* is weak yet, but is Somewhat more comfortable and has got down below. I am concerned about going to Brookfield. Went to Mr. Dan. *Forbes* to see if he would not go. He concludes either to go, or provide me an Horse to ride there.

1769 August 16 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing wai[torn]is mother there, and on me home. Dr. Hawes and Wife visi[torn]r. Cushing lodges here.

1769 August 22 (Tuesday). Arrived at Eve in safety and found all well. To God be Glory. 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*. And that my Daughter *Lydia* and her little *William* have been here, from *Ashby*. Mr. Steward preached for me last Lords Day a.m. on Hos. 13.9 and p.m. on Act. 4.12.

1769 August 28 (Monday). I was going out upon various Affairs, but Squire *Whipple*, considering how lonely I must needs be (and yet I ought to have it to say, Nunquam minus Solus eris, quam enin Solus eris:), made me a kind, friendly Visit and brought his Daughter *Eliza* to See *Sarah*.

1769 September 1 (Friday). Mrs. Tainter Sends an Horse for *Sarah* and she goes there, dines, and returns at Evening.

1769 September 15 (Friday). *Sarah* informs me that *Alexander* and two of his *Sturbridge* Neighbours with their Wives were here on Monday last week, and lodged. He went to Framingham. That Mrs. Allen of Shrewsbury was here lately; and had taken Mr. Henry on the Evang. and Acts with her. Mrs. Cushing came with her: and they brought *Dorcas Bradford* to tarry with us. Cousen *Thomas Barrett* waits upon sister *Lydia Champney* here. Mr. *Joseph Perry* of *Ashburnham*, here.

1769 September 18 (Monday). Went to Dr. *Ball* and got his Chaise for *Sarah* to go to *Boston*.

1769 September 19 (Tuesday). *Sarah* and *John* go to *Boston*. I had received Money from Capt. *Maynard* by the Hand of *John Arnold*, which I gave to *Sarah*. 60£ old Tenor.

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). Went to Mr. Nathaniel Whitneys, and saw the Chairs which he has made for *Sarah*.

1769 September 28 (Thursday). We expected Company earlier than came. At length came Mr. *Cushing*. Afterwards my Son *Ebenezer*, Mr. *Forbes*, and in their New Chaise his Wife and Daughter with Sister *Lydia Champney*. By and by Mr. *Hancock* of *Cambridge*. My Daughter *Sarah* was married at Evening. Mr. *Forbes* prayed after the Covenant. Sung part of Dr. *Watts's* Ps. 45. May God accept our Solemnitys! And make this Couple very happy; and a great Blessing! To us All! Mr. *Hancock* went to Deacon *Woods* to lodge. Mr. *Forbes* to his Sister *Kendals*, and *Ebenezer* to his Brother *Bonds*.

1769 September 30 (Saturday). Mr. *Cushing* goes to *Northborough* to get Mr. *Whitney* to Preach at Ashburnham one of the Sabbaths on which he shall be absent: having obtained Mr. John *Seccomb*, lately of Harvard, for tomorrow. Mr. Forbes has one Mr. Bascomb to preach for him.

1769 October 2 (Monday). Mr. Cushing goes to Southborough....Towards Eve came Sister Cushing and lodged here.

1769 October 3 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* waits on his Mother and his new Consort early this Morning on their Journey to *Rochester* and *East Yarmouth*, expecting his Aunt Brigham, Coll.'s Wife to accompany them.

1769 October 21 (Saturday). At Eve Mr. *Cushing* came, with my Daughter, and his Mother, from their long Journey, to *Yarmouth*; which has been prosperous, through the Goodness of God. To him be all Glory. They came, by Boston, and bought many Necessarys for their Housekeeping. N.B. Sarah received the 20th Day, of Capt. Maynard £110 old Tenor.

1769 October 22 (Sunday). Mr. *Cushing* preached a.m. on *Rom.* 8.1. P.M. on *Prov.* 30.8 and baptized Lois, a Child of *Solomon Miller*.

1769 October 23 (Monday). P.M. Our Sister Cushing having dined with us, left us. Our son and Daughter Cushing go with her.

1769 October 24 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* and my Daughter return from Shrewsbury.

1769 October 25 (Wednesday). After Dinner Mr. *Cushing* leaves us to go to *Ashburnham*.

1769 October 26 (Thursday). My Daughter *Cushing* goes to See *Ruth* [Bellows], and to watch with her.

1769 October 28 (Saturday). Mr. *Andrews* brings *Sarah's* Trunk of Pewter, Brass, Tin, etc., Brass Kettle, and F[ry]ing Pan from Boston. Gave him 14/10 for Transport.

1769 November 2 (Thursday). Several young women came to help Sarah in Quilting, viz. Sarah Spring, Hitty Forbes, and two of Mr. Ebenezer Millers Daughters. Also Nanny Brigham's here.

1769 November 3 (Friday). Nanny Brigham, having lodged here, continues to help *Sarah*.

1769 November 7 (Tuesday). Miss Molly Baker and Molly Harrington quilt for *Sarah*.

1769 November 8 (Wednesday). A Number of Women came to help Sarah in Quilting, Sewing, and Spinning. They were (according to their Coming) Miss *Molly Whipple*, Mrs. *Hannah Forbes* (*Elisha's* Wife), Mrs. *Tainter* and Mrs. *Hannah Miller*, Mrs. *Forbes* (Mr. *Daniels* Wife) and Widow *Kendal*, Mr. *Ezra Bakers* Wife and Miss *Lydia Chamberlain*. N.B. Mrs. *Rebecca Warrin of Upton* dined here. P.M. Came Mrs. *Eunice* (of Joseph) *Rice*, to the Same Work.

1769 November 9 (Thursday). I prepared an Explanation of the Ordinance of *Baptism*, and delivered it at the *Catechetical Exercise* to Young Women. Including my Daughters *Cushing* and *Hannah* (*Sophy* was too ill to go) there were only 14. I could not Sing; and therefore omitted it at this Time.

1769 November 10 (Friday). Sarah to Capt. Maynards to try for an Iron Pot and Kittle there.

1769 November 13 (Monday). *Sarah* is getting all manner of Things ready for her Remove from us.

1769 November 15 (Wednesday). Mr. [blank] *Ames* comes with a Team for *Sarah's* Goods. He dines here, loads and goes to Mr. *Job Cushings* at Shrewsbury, to stay over the Thanksgiving there.

1769 November 20 (Monday). Sarah is preparing to leave us, but is under great Indisposition.

1769 November 21 (Tuesday). Although a great deal of Rain falls yet Mr. *Cushing* and his Landlord, Capt. *Wilder*, are come; but some other Company which they expected, are not arriv'd. Capt. *Wilder* lodges here.

1769 November 22 (Wednesday). This morning came Deacon *Fellows*, Deacon *Cheney* of *Ashburnham*, and Mr. *Job Cushing*. They breakfast here. Master *Nat. Harrington* can't get either Chaise or Horse, and therefore does not go. But between 10 and 11 a.m., *Sarah* and her Company leave us; *John* also and *Sophy* goes with them. The Day bright, and May God Himself Graciously guard and bless them! They design as far as Col. *Caleb Wilders* in *Lancaster*, by Night; and to *Ashburnham*, by leave of Providence, tomorrow.

1769 November 24 (Friday). Mr. *Beeton* here to Reckon. Am sorry he takes such a Time. His account of Work for *Sarah* is in old Tenor £14.14/. I gave him a Note to Capt. *Maynard* for 2£ Lawful Money, and he is to Send me 5£ Old Tenor tomorrow morning, and he lets alone the rest, together with what he has done for my Self, in shoing etc.

1769 November 27 (Monday). At Eve came *John* and *Sophy* from *Shrewsbury*, they having come from *Ashburnham* last Saturday, and remained over the sabbath partly among the *Cushings* and partly at Mr. *Sumners*.

1770 February 14 (Wednesday). Letter from my son *Cushing* that *Sarah* was Sick. Sister *Cushing* was gone with the *Ashburnham* Messenger.

1770 February 23 (Friday). Deacon *Cheney* of *Ashburnham* here. He informs that my Daughter *Cushing* is better.

1770 March 16 (Friday). My son *Cushing* from *Ashburnham* came. He left his wife better. Waited on his Mother yesterday from *Ashburnham* to *Shrewsbury*.

1770 March 17 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing is returning to *Ashburnham*. Gave him Six Dollars to be delivered to Mrs. *Winchester* of *Ashburnham* for Six Chairs bought of her for *Sarah*.

1770 MARCH 20: 27 YEARS OLD

1770 April 10 (Tuesday). A Letter from Daughter *Sarah* to her Mother -- that she is well etc.

1770 May 24 (Thursday). When I returned home, found here Mr. *David Hitchcock* (John's Master), his Wife and little son *Pelatih*: and afterwards came Mr. Cushing and his Wife. But *Alexander* and his wife and Child were gone to *Leicester*. The forementioned, with Mr. *Moore*, his Wife and Child, made up a numerous Family.

1770 May 25 (Friday). P.M. the *Moore*s and *Cushings* ride over to Capt. *Maynards*.

1770 May 26 (Saturday). Mr. *Stone* had wrote me for Help. Mr. Cushing goes there.

1770 May 27 (Sunday). Mr. *Moore* and Mr. *Cushing* return at Eve.

1770 May 31 (Thursday). Attended the Convention.... My Children were going out of Town. Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife, Mr. *Moore* and *Cushing* with theirs.

1770 June 1 (Friday). Safely arrived at home. D.G. My son and Daughter *Cushing* here.

1770 June 2 (Saturday). Mr. *Cushing* and his Wife having dined with us left us to go to *Shrewsbury* in their Way home.

1770 June 3 (Sunday). Mr. *Stone* had desired I would endeavour to help him in his feeble State; and Since Mr. *Cushing* was to preach for Mr. *Sumner*, he desired Mr. *Sumner* would come hither, and that I would go to *Southborough*. This was complied with.

1770 July 4 (Wednesday). Sent an Iron Pot, which I buy of Mr. Job Cushing, by John Arnold, to Capt. *Cowdons* in *Fitchbourg*, for my Daughter *Cushing* in *Ashburnham*.

1770 August 9 (Thursday). I took leave of Mr. *Gardner* there, and hastened to *Ashby*: and found all well at My Sons. My Daughter *Cushing* also there. Lodged at *Williams* and in good Comfort. D.G.

1770 August 10 (Friday). Accompanied my Daughter *Cushing* home to *Ashburnham*. Mr. Cushing busy with workmen, getting in Hay. Dined there. P.M. returned at Eve to *Ashby* and lodged there.

1770 August 13 (Monday). William went out with me to View my 37 Acre Lott. Bid *Adieu* to *Ashby* and rode to *Ashburnham*. Mrs. *Hole* very generous as I passed their Road. Dined at Mr. *Cushings*. P.M. Visit Mrs. *Winchester*, Mr. and Mrs. *Cushing* with me. Return thence at Eve to Mr. *Cushings*.

1770 August 14 (Tuesday). Dined and then we [*marginal notation*: Mr. Cushing and his Wife, with me] rode to *Winchendon*; and it being rainy, we lodged at Mr. *Browns*.

1770 August 15 (Wednesday). We parted with Mr. Brown and Family, and returned to *Ashburnham*. We rode to Capt. *Wilders* and (though he was gone to Boston) Mrs. Wilder was apprized of our Coming and prepared. We dined handsomely; Mrs. Winchester and her Daughter Harris there also. P.M. took leave, and came (Mr. Cushing piloting through the Woods) to *Fitchbourg*.

1770 August 21 (Tuesday). Rode to Ministers Meeting at Mr. *Lorings*.... My son Cushing was also there.

1770 August 24 (Friday). My Son *Cushing*, in his way from *Boston*, calls and breaks fast here; but does not Stay to dine.

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

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

1770 October 26 (Friday). Mr. *Cushing* came early to Breakfast here. He went to the Execution Yesterday. Mr. *Cushing and Hannah* leave us for *Ashburnham*, a.m.

1770 December 13 (Thursday). P.M. Deacon Cheney of *Ashburnham* here with Letter from *Sarah*.

1771 MARCH 20: 28 YEARS OLD

1771 March 25 (Monday). Arrived at *Ashburnham* at Eve. Mr. Smith was at Mr. Cushings and lodged there.

1771 March 28 (Thursday). In returning to *Ashburnham*, called at Mr. Browns. Dined at Mr. Cushings and I Preached Mr. *Cushings* Lecture -- Text 2 Cor. 4.1. After Lecture Mrs. Winchester was there at Mr. Cushings.... Mr. Smith and I lodged at my son Cushings.

1771 April 21 (Sunday). I returned at Eve -- part of the way Dr. Crosby. At my own House was my Daughter Cushing, who with Mr. Cushing, came last Eve. Mr. Cushing Preached for Mr. Whitney at *Northborough*.

1771 April 22 (Monday). Mr. Cushing here and lodged.

1771 April 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* has been to Court but does not return.

1771 April 25 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing comes, tarrys till after Dinner -- and then he and his wife leave us.

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

1771 June 23 (Sunday). Letter from Mrs. Cushing.

1771 August 20 (Tuesday). At Eve, to my Joy, came Mr. *Cushing* with his Mother. They relate that my dear Daughter *Sarah* went through a tedious Travail last Friday and Night following and through the Great Goodness of God was delivered of a Son, on the 17th about 4 in the Morning. To Gods name be Glory and Praise. Ps. 30.5 weeping may endure -- but etc. Job. 16.21.

1771 August 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing leaves us early to return to *Ashburham* by *Shrewsbury* and that he may attend upon the Solemnity of giving out Commissions at *Lancaster*.

1771 October 9 (Wednesday). We received from Daughter Cushing dated Oct. 1: I wrote by Mr. *Arnold* going to *Fitchbourg*, an Answer thereto.

1771 October 31 (Thursday). Mr. *Schoff* came on his Return home; and by him I wrote an answer to Mr. Cushing concerning Mrs. *Winchesters* Desire of buying a Cow of me which is in Mr. *Cushings* Possession.

1771 November 19 (Tuesday). *Joseph* and *Nathan Chamberlin* returned from *Monadinock*. They bring a Letter from my Cushing at *Ashburnham* and drive home the pied Cow which I had lent my Daughter Cushing for the Summer past.

1772 February 7 (Friday). My Son and Daughter *Cushing* came to See us, and brought their Son *John* with them to our Joy.

1772 February 8 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing rode to *Shrewsbury*.

1772 February 9 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing preached a.m. on *Mat. 5.29.30*. P.M. he preached on *1 Joh. 5.10* -- "hath the witness in himself."

1772 February 10 (Monday). Mr. Cushing and I rode out in his Sleigh to Mr. *Jonathan Grouts*.

1772 February 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing to *Southborough*.

1772 February 12 (Wednesday). Mr. *Smith* of *Marlborough* made us and our *Cushings* a Visit, and dined here.

1772 February 13 (Thursday). My *Cushings* left us and went to Breakfast at Capt. Maynards and though it is exceeding Cold they design to go by the way of *Brookfield*, home, by slow Degrees as they can.

1772 MARCH 20: 29 YEARS OLD

1772 April 14 (Tuesday). A Letter from Mr. Cushing -- all Well.

1772 April 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *Sumner* has writ to me to preach his Lecture to Day. Dr. Hawes was So good as to find me an Horse: and as he was going to Worcester I had his Company to Mr. Sumners -- where we dined; and Mr. *Bradshaw* went with me also. There I met besides, my Son *Cushing*, who preached the Lecture at my Desire; I prayed before Sermon. N.B. Mr. *Whitney* of *Northborough*, his Wife and Miss *Peggy Lambert* were there with us likewise. Returned at Evening.

1772 April 23 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing here, dines and lodges.

1772 April 24 (Friday). Mr. Cushing leaves us.

1772 June 11 (Thursday). Wrote by John Arnold to my *Cushings*.

1772 July 2 (Thursday). N.B. wrote by Mr. Pratt to my Son *Cushing*.

1772 July 17 (Friday). Arrive Safely, through Gods great Goodness, at home, and find all Well. D.G. Find here my Cousen *Bradford* who came with Mrs. *Allen*, Sister *Cushing* and Miss *Lucy Cushing*. My Son *Cushing* came also and lodged here.

1772 July 18 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing in going home, goes to *Harvard* to change with Mr. *Johnson*.

1772 October 5 (Monday). My son *Cushing* and his Wife came from Boston and last from Waltham, where they kept sabbath. They lodge here.

1772 October 6 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. *Cushing* and his wife attend the Family Meeting at Mrs. *Newtons*. And he preaches on *Act. 8.39*, last Clause.

1772 October 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing and his Wife leave us early to go to Shrewsbury and thence home.

1772 November 21 (Saturday). My Son *Cushing* here from Ordination on the 12th.

1772 November 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Payson* brings home his wife to Day, and Mr. Cushing is to take *Sophy* there to transport her to *Ashburnham*. But it is a wet Day and the Roads are very dirty.

1772 November 28 (Saturday). Master Waters returns at night from Ashburnham, having landed and left Sophy Safe there. He brings me two Volumes of Dictionary of Arts and Sciences, from Mr. Cushing.

1772 December 16 (Wednesday). Mr. *David Maynard* junior of *Westminster* dined here. Wrote by him to Mr. *Cushing* of the Death of his Sister *Moore*, and sent Mr. *Moore's* large Letter.

1773 February 10 (Wednesday). P.M. to my Surprize come *Sophy* from *Ashburnham*, accompanied by a sleigh full from *Shrewsbury*, viz. her Brother *John*, Mr. Joseph Stone and his Wife and Wifes sister With Misses *Lydia* and *Lucy Cushing*. At Eve the Sleigh returned. *Sophy* acquaints me with her Sickness at *Ashburnham* -- being taken ill on December 14 of a bilious Fever, in great Extremity of Pain; continued ill that week. Dr. *Thaddeus Maccarty* of *Fitchbourg* attended upon her and was Succeeded, by divine Blessing, and was very generous -- receiving no pay for his Visits (4 times, 8 miles) nor for his Medicines, except one which was half a Dollar. But chiefly Thanks are due to God her Sovereign Healer! And may She devote her Spared Life to the divine Glory!

1773 MARCH 20: 30 YEARS OLD

1773 March 31 (Wednesday). I returned home. Found my Son *Cushing* here who had waited on his Mother from *Ashburnham*.

1773 April 1 (Thursday). N.B. my Kinsman *Bradshaw* left us in the morning to return to *Stoughtonham*: and my son *Cushing* (taking with him his 2 first vols. of the Dictionary of Arts and Sciences) went to *Shrewsbury* (in his way home) carrying with him Several Volumes of Spectator also.

1773 June 27 (Sunday). Cornet *Brigham* acquaints me that he was yesterday at my Son *Cushings* at *Ashburnham*, and tells me my Daughter was o' Bed. Was delivered on the 24th of another Son. Mother and Child in an hopeful State. Blessed be God for His great Goodness! May it be perfected!

1773 August 5 (Thursday). My Son *Cushing* came to See us. He was at the *Bolton* Council yesterday, when they had a public Conference, but he fears to little Effect. Mr. *Fish* was Moderator of the Council to install Mr. *Walley*. Dr. *Chauncey* led in the Council for Mr. *Goss*. Mr. *Cushing* has but little Patience when he relates the Speeches and Conduct of Mr. *Fish*. So unreasonable and precipitant! Mr. C. lodges with us. Breck returned with my Horse.

1773 August 6 (Friday). Mr. Cushing acquaints me that he had paid my Rate and Charges at *Ashby* and took a Receipt of it from the Collector, old Tenor 38/9. This I paid him and besides this I lent him 3 Dollars but gave him two Bushels of Indian Corn which he has received from me Some time agoe.

1773 September 2 (Thursday). N.B. Received a Letter from Mr. *Cushing* that they were well -- that he had found a Boy in his Parish that might Suit me.

1774 January 1 (Saturday). How could I have imagined that So poor, weakly, and especially that So Sinful and unworthy a Creature would be Spared to this Day! That I am indulged with another New-Year's Day Still! The divine Compassions, the divine Faithfulness and Truth do never fail. I desire with all my Heart, with all my Powers, to bless and praise His glorious Name. I endeavored to present Thanksgivings to God most gracious and merciful for His Goodness throughout my Life, a Life so wonderfully protracted! For the Favours of the Year past in Special. That there is so abundant Reason to bless that to such old Age I enjoy Such Health of Body, free use of my Limbs; though many Years ago I was very Subject to the Rheumatism, yet now have Ease, except Sometimes the Cramps 'o Nights, and once in a while a Spasmatick turn of Pain, which has been very excruciating, but through the infinite Goodness of God is not lasting. 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. And for *public* -- What an invaluable Favour of our most gracious God that no less than 15 have been added to the Church this Year! And Thanks are due that the people have been so Succeeded in enlarging, repairing and decorating the place of public Worship. That we enjoy So many of our invaluable Rights and Libertys, Civil and Religious, notwithstanding the Grievances we are under, and it is a Day of awful Frown of God upon us for our great Sins against Him. Spent the Day in other Acts of Religion as I could consistent with my Duty in my Circumstances, and of preparing for the Sabbath which I turned into this Channel.

1774 February 24 (Thursday). Miss *Suse Brigham* lodged here last night; by her I Send a Letter I wrote to Mr. Cushing of *Ashburnham* to the Care of her Brother Elijah.

1774 March 8 (Tuesday). Went to Deacon *Woods*.... Read to him some sentences of a Letter I this Day received from Mr. *Cushing*, concerning the Crazy *Isaac Jones* who preached a while agoe in this Town.

1774 MARCH 20: 31 YEARS OLD

1774 March 24 (Thursday). P.M. My Son *Cushing* came and lodges here. Brought the Books he had borrowed.

1774 March 25 (Friday). Mr. *Cushing* confirms what he had writ concerning crazy *Jones* the Preacher. Tells me my Daughter, and their Son *George* are grown better. D.G. He returns to *Shrewsbury*, in his way home.

1774 April 21 (Thursday). My Daughter *Cushing* came here to day.

1774 April 22 (Friday). Have, at home, my Daughter *Cushings* Company. She is but feeble and infirm, yet is able to be about with Some Alertness.

1774 April 25 (Monday). I attended the *Funeral of Mrs. Morse*. Mrs. P_____ not well; and did not go. Nor my Daughter *Cushing*, not being able.

1774 April 27 (Wednesday). My Daughters *Cushing, Sophy and Hannah* rode to *Northborough* and returned at Eve.

1774 April 28 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* from *Ashburnham* at Eve, and lodged here.

1774 April 29 (Friday). Mr. *Cushing* and his Wife are detained here by the Rain. They tarried till after Dinner, and till past 3 p.m. and then, though wetting, they attempted to go part of the way. May God grant them a prosperous Journey, by His holy will!

1774 May 25 (Wednesday). Was at Brother *Shaws* and *Loyds*. Lodge at *Samuels*. Mr. *Moore* and *Cushing* lodge there also.

1774 June 21 (Tuesday). At Eve when I was got home came Mr. Charles Lawrence of *Ashby* to buy my Land there. I wrote by him to Mr. *Cushing* concerning it, and what offers he makes etc.

1774 July 23 (Saturday). Breck returns, and brings a Letter from my Daughter *Cushing*.

1774 September 9 (Friday). Letter from Mr. *Cushing* concerning *Ashby* Land.

1774 September 19 (Monday). A Letter from my son *Cushing*, giving account of a gathering of people to the Tavern in *Ashburnham* and causing great Trouble to several worthy persons, viz. Squire *Wilder* and Deacon *Willard*; also to another *Willard*; Mr. C_____ himself but narrowly escaping.

1774 October 30 (Sunday). N.B. Letter from Mr. *Cushing*. My Daughter is yet about.

1774 November 9 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* and Mrs. *Parkman* came this Evening from *Ashburnham*. My Daughter *Cushing* was delivered last Friday, and through the Great Goodness of God has a *third son*. They have called him *Henry*. To God most High be all Glory and Honour!

1774 November 10 (Thursday). I have the Comfort of a Number of my Children and others with me, this Morning. But Mr. *Moore* and Cousen *Oliver* went to *Boston*. *John* and *Sophy* to *Lancaster*. Mr. *Lawrence* early to *Ashby*. Mr. *Cushing* after Dinner to *Shrewsbury*.

1774 December 13 (Tuesday). Joshua *Hemingway* from Mr. *Cushings*, came, dined and p.m. left us.

1775 February 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *Clark* returns to *Ashburnham*. Wrote by him to Mr. *Cushing*.

1775 MARCH 20: 32 YEARS OLD

1775 September 23 (Saturday). Breck returned from Lancaster. My Daughter *Sarah* is very much out of Health -- has a sore Mouth.

1775 March 23 (Thursday). Write to Mr. *Cushing* by Mr. Joseph Perry of Ashburnham and inclose Mr. Lawrence's Note of 3£ lawful Money and leave it at Dr. Hawes for him.

1775 April 7 (Friday). A Letter from Mr. *Cushing*.

1775 April 10 (Monday). Write to Mr. *Moore* and to *William* -- to Mr. *Forbes* and Mr. *Cushing*.

1775 May 9 (Tuesday). *Moses Brigham* is about to return to *Dartmouth* College; improve therefore the Opportunity by him, to write to Mr. *Cushing* of my Cousen *Loyds* Consent to the proposal made by my Daughter to *take* her *Nabby*, of 9 years old, to live with her.

1775 June 3 (Saturday). My Son *Cushing* came -- lodged here.

1775 June 4 (Sunday). He preached for Me on *Gen. 25.34* and p.m. on *Joh. 5.28.29*. Dr. *Joseph Joslin* dined here, and p.m. went to meeting with us, asking the Prayers of this people for him going into the Army (he says as Surgeon) and was dressed accordingly. He goes from us at Evening to *Grafton*. He gave me an half Crown sterling as his Contribution to the Minister. I gave it to Mr. *Cushing*.

1775 June 5 (Monday). My Son *Cushing* leaves us, in Order to go to *Ashburnham*, but goes first to *Shrewsbury*; and takes with him *Nabby Loyd*, to live with them.

1775 June 29 (Thursday). 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.

1775 June 30 (Friday). Mr. *Cushing* returned -- to go homewards.

1775 August 30 (Wednesday). [*torn*]Wrote to Mr. *Cushing*.

1775 October 10 (Tuesday). Write to Mr. *Cushing* by *Moses Brigham* going to [*torn*]mouth College.

1775 November 19 (Sunday). Received from my son *Cushing* Mr. *Ortons* sermons to the Aged. [*Job* Orton (1717-1783), *Discourses to the Aged* (Boston, 1774; Evans 13,510).]Began to read it. They are very Natural and profitable. May the Blessing of God accompany my use of them!

1775 December 27 (Wednesday). At Eve *Sophy* has a Letter from her Sister *Cushing* of the 11th, informing that Mr. *Clark* of *Ashburnham* desires that his son *Benjamin* may return home when his time is out.

1776 January 16 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. *Cushing*.

1776 February 15 (Thursday). N.B. [by?] Moses *Brigham* I sent to Mr. *Cushing Ortons* sermon.

1776 MARCH 20: 33 YEARS OLD

1776 March 27 (Wednesday). Messrs. *Samuel* and *Benjamin Hicks* returning home, call and dine. They bring a Letter from my son *Cushing*, who informs that Mr. *Clarke* of *Ashburnham* does not incline to Send his Son *Ben*. Also that Mr. *Lawrence* of *Ashby* has taken up his Note, having paid the Remainder of his Debt: that he has Sent the Money by his Neighbour *Davis*, to his Brother of *Waltham*, for me.

1776 March 28 (Thursday). Wrote a Letter to Mr. Cushing about *Ben. Clark*.

1776 April 3 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. *John Putnam* brought me from Mr. Cushing of *Ashburnham*, in Bills which Mr. *Charles Lawrence* of *Ashby*, left for me when he took up his Note (which was left with Mr. *Cushing*). Also a Receipt from *Ashby* Assessors, of Tax and [Posts?]. He Also drove away Mr. Cushings Cow which I have kept for him through the winter. I had a Letter from him, and returned an Answer per the Same Bearer.

1776 May 30 (Thursday). Attended the Convention.... P.M. Messrs. *Moore* and *Cushing* rode with me to *Boston*. This is the first time of my going to this miserable place Since last Election time. [We went to *Fort-Hill*, *Beacon Hill* etc. Was at Mrs. *Surcombs*.] Visit divers others; my Friends and Relatives -- as *Coarser*, *Oliver* etc. Lodged at my Kinswoman *Bradfords*. We put up our Horses at the Sign of the *Yankee Hen*. Lodged (and Mr. *Moore* with me) at Cousen *Bradfords*; She and Several Children being returned to Town.

1776 May 31 (Friday). Parted with my dear sons in Law.

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 -- that the Election Day was a Day of *Training* the 2 Companys of Soldiers -- that her Brother and Sister *Breck* have been here on June 5 and lodged -- and when they left our House, it was to go to Mr. *Whitneys* at *Brookline, Connecticut*.

1776 October 16 (Wednesday). A Letter from Mr. *Cushing* and wrote an Answer -- both by Mr. *David Maynard junior*.

1776 October 24 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* and I took a Ride to Mrs. *Winchesters*, where were Apples worthy to be distinguished. Din'd at Squire *Wilder's*; but he was not at home. Viewed and admired, his Chamber and Garrett of Indian Corn, which were an entertaining Sight. In returning to Mr. *Cushings* I called at Mr. *Overlocks*, and at Deacon *Fosters*. How calm and still these Regions are, compared with the tumultuous Seats of War! The Lake Champlain and Environs; *New York* etc.

1776 November 21 (Thursday). My two young Creatures which have been Summered at my son *Cushings*, and brought down by Capt. *Witherby*, arrive safe.

1776 December 10 (Tuesday). N.B. Sent my Son Cushing Dr. *Prideaux* [Connection?] Vol. 1 by Mr. [here a line cut off at bottom of page].

1777 February 5 (Wednesday). Our Expectations of Mr. *Cushing's* coming utterly fail.

1777 February 22 (Saturday). I wrote to Mr. *Cushing* and Squire *Quincy*.

1777 March 1 (Saturday). At Eve *Breck* returned from *Boston*. He brought a Letter from his Brother *Cushing* of Feb. 23, which informs that his wife was that Day delivered of a Daughter, which was that Day baptized *Sarah* -- Mother and Child comfortable. To God be all Glory and Praise!

1777 March 2 (Sunday). I wrote to Mr. *Cushing*.

1777 MARCH 20: 34 YEARS OLD

1777 March 25 (Tuesday). Mr. *Kendal* com[torn], Mr. *Cushing* from *Ashburnham* and my Daughter in la[torn] *Framingham*. They all lodge here.

1777 March 27 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* goes to *Shrewsbury* -- But

1777 March 28 (Friday). He returns here to recover his Dog -- takes him and goes to *Northborough*. N.B. Having brought the 1st Vol. of *Prideaux*, he borrows the 2d and 3d.

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 8 (Monday). A Letter from my Daughter *Cushing*.

1777 September 25 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* came -- and lodged here.

1777 September 26 (Friday). Mr. *Cushing* stays to dine and pray with *Hannah*, then leaves us to go to *Concord* in his way to *Boston*.

1777 October 14 (Tuesday). Neighbour *Nathan Maynard* will go hastily to *Ashburnham* to inform Mr. *Cushing* [of the death of *Hannah Parkman*].

1777 October 17 (Friday). My Son *Cushing* came a.m. [for *Hannah's* funeral].

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 February 12 (Thursday). Mr. *David Maynard* junior from *Ashburnham* brings me a Letter from Mr. *Cushing*, concerning their Troubles by one Mr. *Fletcher*, a Preacher there, who causes great Divisions among them. Sent an Answer by the same Bearer. Mr. *Maynard* also carries our Side *saddle* to Mr. *Cushings*.

1778 MARCH 20: 35 YEARS OLD

1778 June 18 (Thursday). When I came home I found my Daughter *Cushing* and her son *George*. Her Husband came with her but has returned home.

1778 June 20 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns to *Leicester*. He drives away his Cow, and *Heiffer*, also his Cow's Calf: to mate which I have given him one of my Calves. And further I have given my Daughter *Cushing* an Heiffer, which *Alexander* is to take the Care of, and drive to Mr. *Browns* of *Winchendon*. N.B. his (*Alexander's*) son *Breck* is at *Leicester* to assist him.

1778 June 24 (Wednesday). I rode with Mr. *Sumner* to *Shrewsbury*. We called to see Madam *Trowbridge*, at General *Wards*. I lodged at Mr. *Sumners*. *Breck*, *Sarah* and *Sophy* Set out for *Boston* -- have Neighbour *Newtons* Chaise.

1778 June 27 (Saturday). I perceive that *Breck* returned from *Boston* sometime in the last night. I understand by him that Mrs. *Hicks* of *Cambridge* is not well pleased with what was done for *James*. Before we rose from Table, my Daughters *Sarah* and *Sophy* came from *Concord*.

1778 June 29 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. *Cushing* from *Ashburnham*. His Horse is put to Mr. *Daniel Forbes's*.

1778 June 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushings* Horse [is gone?] from Mr. *Forbes* [torn]ure -- he fears he is gone to *Lancaster*.... N.B. *Sarah* and *Sophy* rode to Mr. *Whitneys* at *Northborough*.

1778 July 1 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* goes early to *Lancaster* after his Horse.... Mr. *Ripley* goes with my Daughters *Cushing* and *Sophy* to *Shrewsbury*.

1778 August 18 (Tuesday). A.M. came Mr. *Whitney* as to a Ministers Meeting, but there was none here. My Son *Cushing* came with him, having been Stopped by the Rain last Evening. He lodged there. They dined here.... Mr. *Cushing* lodges here.

1778 August 19 (Wednesday). The Storm of last night was very Violent -- The Rain exceeding great and the Effects uncommon. This morning it holds up and *Sophy* goes with Mr. *Cushing* to *A[shburn]ham*[?] Billet of the News, from Capt. *Elderkin*.

1778 December 31 (Thursday). My dear daughter *Cushing* came in a Sleigh with Mr. *Nehemiah Maynard*.

1779 January 1 (Friday). But my daughter Cushing being here, and soon to return, and Col. Job Cushing dining with us, Breck also and his, I was much interrupted and prevented: very unavoidably. May the Lord extend compassion!

1779 January 14 (Thursday). Sent to Mr. Cushing, President Edwards on Free Will, and wrote to him, by the Widow of the late Major Brigham.

1779 MARCH 20: 36 YEARS OLD

1779 April 9 (Friday). My son Cushing and his son John came -- lodged here: but Mr. C's horse is sent to Mr. Bond's. N.B. My Daughter C. has been exceedingly ill for some time: and is reduced to a very weak State.

1779 April 10 (Saturday). Mr. Cushing and Dr. Stinsson dined here.

1779 April 11 (Sunday). Mr. Cushing preached. A.M. on Psal. 16.11. P.M. on Eccl. 8.11. N.B. He read the Ch. and Psalm. May God grant His Blessing on the Exercises of the Day!

1779 April 12 (Monday). Dr. Hall of Sutton going to Boston calls and dines here (with Mr. Cushing). P.M. though it rained, they both took leave. Mr. C. goes to Shrewsbury, but leaves his son John here to live with us a while.

1779 May 15 (Saturday). Ephraim goes home, and carries John Cushing to Shrewsbury.

1779 June 7 (Monday). Col. Cushing brought my Grandson John Cushing from Shrewsbury, to reside a while with us.

1779 June 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing and Mr. William May came and lodged here.

1779 June 24 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing after Dinner goes to Lancaster, and carries his son John with him, to go home.

1779 July 21 (Wednesday). Miss Polly Howard here making Lace for my Daughter Cushing.

1779 October 14 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing from Ashburnham. He has led an Horse for Sophy to ride there. He lodges here.

1779 October 15 (Friday). Mr. Cushing and Sophy set out early for Ashburnham.

1779 November 19 (Friday). Letters from Ashburnham informing that Mrs. Cushing was delivered of a Son on Wednesday Oct. 27, and it is called Doddridge.

1780 MARCH 20: 37 YEARS OLD

1780 May 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing came from Shrewsbury (from Ashburnham yesterday) and lodged here. Has two Horses, one for Mrs. Cotton to ride upon.

1780 June 1 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing Sets out for Ashburnham.

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

1780 September 1 (Friday). Breck and Suse return home having been to visit their Brothers Cushing, Levi Brigham and Alexander.

1780 September 16 (Saturday). At eve came my Daughter Cushing from Ashburnham.

1780 September 17 (Sunday). Neither my Wife nor Daughter Cushing were well enough to go to Meeting, either part of the Day.

1780 September 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing comes from the Cape, having been to see his Sister Stone at Yarmouth, and came back through Rochester, Wrentham, and Sherbourn.

1780 September 20 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing last evening brought me from Mr. Moore, Shuckford's Condition vol. 1. He also, having been with various Gentlemen in his Journey, discovers to me some of the probable Reasons of the Dismission of Pres. Langdon. Mrs. P. somewhat better -- Thanks to God for the Favour of Heaven to us! P.M. Mrs. Fisk of Brookfield and her son (who belongs to College) dined here. 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? I asked him, where he intended to live? he replied "Here, if I should like it." I answered that I was willing to do what was in my Power for him. Sent my Compliments to his Father and Mother, and Request they would come -- likewise his Brothers and Sisters. He acquainted me with his Desire to wait on Squire Baker and his Lady with his Invitations to the Wedding, also the two eldest Daughters. To which I consented. My Daughter Cushing rode to Capt. Maynard's to invite him and his Wife. The Return was that Mrs. Maynard was confined with illness.

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! Towards evening according to Invitation, Joseph Baker Esq. and Lady, Mr. Winslow Brigham and Miss Alice Cushing of Shrewsbury, Mr. Hazzletine and Miss Mindwell Brigham, Master Fisk and Miss Anna Brigham, and Mr. Josiah Brigham came to wait on the Solemnity of the Marriage of Mr. Elijah Brigham to my Daughter Anna Sophia, which was performed, and after the Covenant, Mr. Cushing prayed. Mrs. P. was not able to attend with us.

1780 September 22 (Friday). Mr. Cushing and his Wife when the Day got up, for Shrewsbury.

1780 November 2 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Cotton from Ashburnham, came this Morning from Shrewsbury, and dined here. Mr. Cushing p.m. returned to Shrewsbury. Mrs. Cotton lodged here. N.B. Sent Hunter's Reflections on Lord Chesterfield's Letters to Dr. Crosby per Mr. Cushing.

1781 February 14 (Wednesday). *Breck* returned from *Newtown*, from Mr. *Josiah Fullers*: and *Sophy* from Ashburnham -- informs that *Alexander* is not well: is Rheumatic. She brings me a Letter from Mr. *Cushing* who informs me of the Dismission and silencing of Mr. *Cummings* of *Marlborough* in New Hampshire for Immorality. A sorrowful Providence! He sends me also a Book containing 14 Sermons by Mr. *Thomas Haweis* on Evangelical Principles and Practices.

1781 March 9 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham* (it being fair and pleasant but the snow too deep) undertakes a Journey to *Ashburnham* and purposes to go to *Alexander* at *Marlborough*. N.B. He carries to Mr. *Cushing* his *Haweis* Sermons.

1781 MARCH 20: 38 YEARS OLD

1781 May 31 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* came -- but at Eve went to *Shrewsbury*.

1781 June 1 (Friday). Mr. *Cushing* from *Shrewsbury*.

1781 June 2 (Saturday). Mr. *Cushing* waited on me to the *Funeral of Mr. Stone*.

1781 June 3 (Sunday). Mr. *Cushing* preaches a.m. on *Tit.* 3.8, p.m. on *Luk.* 14.17.... At Eve Mr. *Cushing* repeated the Heads of his afternoon Sermon.

1781 June 4 (Monday). Mr. *Cushing* and Mrs. *Cotton* leave us for *Ashburnham*.

1781 June 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Nathan Biglow* of *Ashburnham* came for Mr. *Cushing* to get Grain. I sent a Bushel and half. Mr. *Cushing* to be respond.

1781 September 15 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* sets out on his Journey to Dartmouth College. I wrote by him to my son *Cushing*.

1781 September 26 (Wednesday). I returned home this Evening. [*Blot*] *Wood* and Mr. *Joseph Harrington*, but especially my son *Cushing*, my Company -- and here found my dear Daughter *Cushing* and their Son *John*.

1781 September 27 (Thursday). I have the Agreeable Company of Mr. *Cushing*, his Wife and son.

1781 October 26 (Friday). Mr. *Winslow Brigham* was yesterday married to Miss *Alice Cushing*, and they came home to their Father *Brighams*. To day they dine at *Brecks*, and p.m. they drink Tea here. A Rainy time to go home in.

1781 November 7 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. *Cushing* and Mrs. *Cotton*.

1781 November 8 (Thursday). Mr. *Cushing* and Mrs. *Cotton* go to *Hopkinton*, and Mrs. *Wood* in her Chaise waits on sister *Champney* to the Widow *Warrins* in *Upton*.... Mr. *Cushing* to *Shrewsbury*. N.B. He brought and left me *Groves* Vol. 1.

1782 February 24 (Sunday). Letters from Mr. *Cushing*. He gives me an Account of a Council lately at *Ashby* upon Mr. *Whitmans* Doctrines and Conduct.

1782 March 2 (Saturday). N.B. have received a Letter <from my son *Cushing* which informs me of a Council of late at *Ashby* concerning Mr. *Whitman* their *Minister*>. [Marginal notation: See Feb. 24.]

1782 MARCH 20: 39 YEARS OLD

1782 April 2 (Tuesday). I wrote to Mr. *Cushing* by *Calvin Maynard*.

1782 May 4 (Saturday). Mrs. P_____ lays aside her designed Journey to *Ashburnham*. At Eve receive a welcome Letter from Mr. *Cushing* of his Wife's safe Deliverance, this Day se'nnight, of a *Daughter*; who next day was baptized *Mary*: and we are informed also that my son *Alexanders* Wife has some Weeks since brought forth a Son -- and May God graciously perfect His Goodness; and May their Offspring prove great Blessings!

1782 May 9 (Thursday). Mr. *Merriam* of *Ashburnham* (Hatter) here, and dines with us. I wrote to Mr. *Cushing* about *Ebenzers* Affairs (his Bond to Squire *Culwell* at *Barre* especially) and forwarding (if I can) his going with *Ebenzer* (when he shall go to *Barre*) and assist him what [ever?] he may be able to. But did not send it as yet.

1782 May 18 (Saturday). My Son *Ebenzer* leaves us to go to *Ashburnham*. I sent a Letter by him to Mr. *Cushing* concerning him, and concerning Mr. *Sanford*.

1782 May 28 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* and his son *Henry* came this Morning from Mr. *Whitneys* (yesterday from *Ashburnham*). He leaves *Henry* here and proceeds to *Southborough*. 1 1782 June 1 (Saturday). P.M. came my *Samuel Parkman*, and with him two of his Children; viz. *Samuel* and *Sally*. Mr. *Cushing* also from *Concord* -- takes his son *Henry* with him and goes to *Shrewsbury* to preach there tomorrow.

1782 July 11 (Thursday). *John Cushing* of *Ashburnham* came. Came to his Grandmother *Cushings* last night, and here today.

1782 September 27 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Lady from *Cape Anne*; Mr. *Cushing* and his Children, *George* and *Sally* with him, and lodge here. We have Such a Number of Horses that we send, One to Mr. *Elisha Forbes*, and one to *Deacon Woods*. Mr. *Cushing* reads Dr. *Huntingtons* plea for Mr. *Fisk* at *Stockbridge*, before an Ecclesiastical Council Oct. 6 and 7, 1779.

1782 September 28 (Saturday). Mr. *Cushing* and his son *George* to *Shrewsbury*. Mrs. *Forbes* and *Sally Cushing* remain with us.... Mr. Cushing returns from *Shrewsbury* and goes to *Southborough* to preach there. His Son *George* goes with him.

1782 September 29 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Forbes* and *Ebenezer* returned from *Sudbury* and Mr. *Cushing* and his Son from *Southborough*.

1782 October 1 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* reads to me Dr. *Huntington's* Letters, Observations etc. in Defence of Mrs. *Fish* [blot] against Mr. *West* and the Church with him, of *Stockbridge*. And we read Mr. *Alexanders* large Letter from *Norwich* to me on the same Subject.

1782 October 2 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* and his Children, *George* and *Sally*, leave us to go to *Shrewsbury*, where he is to preach tomorrow.

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