

Thomas Parkman (1729-1759)

Born: July 3, 1729

Died: October 23, 1759

1729 JULY 3: 6 YEARS OLD

1736 January 22 (Thursday). *Thomme* did not get up to Day <word crossed out> his pains in his Ears but little abated -- And he has no Stomach.

1736 January 23 (Friday). A Melancholly House! My Wife has a Strong *burning* -- and particularly *Pluretic* Fever, and *Lucy* very low, in great Danger. Her pluretic Fever Strong, Cough Straining and in general exceeding weak and Distressed -- but *Thomme* a little more Comfortable and got up to Day, though not yesterday.

1736 June 8 (Tuesday). John and William Ferguson, Taylors, at work here, making Ebenezers and *Thomme's* Coats (of Grey Druggott).

3 JULY 1736: 7 YEARS OLD

1736 September 21 (Tuesday). Thomas Sick of the Distemper.

1736 October 29 (Friday). *Thomas* a sore Throat. Swelled outwardly on both Sides.

1736 October 30 (Saturday). *Thomas* no better, but no Fever rises, and the swelling is most outwardly.

1736 October 31 (Sunday). Thomas remains in Much the Same State; but the Swelling on Each side very hard.

1738 JULY 3: 9 YEARS OLD

1739 January 2 (Tuesday). I rode to Marlborough round by Mr. Josiah Rice's and Captain Eager's. My Little son Thomas rode with me.

1739 January 3 (Wednesday). A very Cold Day -- but *Thomme* and I rode up home through a sharp Cold Wind.

1739 JULY 3: 10 YEARS OLD

1740 April 11 (Friday). My son Thomas and Ebenezer much indispos'd. Mrs. Whipple helps us.

1740 JULY 3: 11 YEARS OLD

1740 July 21 (Monday). Thomas Winchester and Thomas Whitney went with Edward Whipple to mow in the Meadow. Thomas Whitney soon cutt himself and went home. My little Boys considerable of Hay to take Care of and nobody to help 'em.

1740 October 14 (Tuesday). Notwithstanding that it was Somewhat rainy My Wife and I rode down to Marlborough to attend upon the preaching of the Reverend Mr. George Whitefield. My Neighbor Barns carried my Sister Willard, Daniel How carried my Daughter Molly, and old Mr. Green carried Thomme.... My Sister rode home with Captain Warrin, and Thomme with Mr. Green, but My Wife and Molly Stay'd because of the Rain.

1740 October 17 (Friday). Brother Samuel Breck brought up my wife from Marlborough, who had been there ever since Mr. Whitefields preaching there. Thomme had ride down today to wait upon his Mother also.

1740 November 18 (Tuesday). Thomas not Well. The Business lay on me.

1740 December 24 (Wednesday). My son Thomas not well.

1741 JULY 3: 12 YEARS OLD

1742 February 26 (Friday). My son Thomas went to Mr. Johnsons Mill and by his being belated he got no farther back than Mr. Amsdens and lodged there. We not knowing what had befallen him sent Mr. Smith (a Taylor) and Thomas Winchester for him: but they returned without him. We reposed in Gods Providence.

1742 February 27 (Saturday). Thomme returned and gave us account of his ill Success in returning, but Mr. Amsdens kindness in entertaining him.

1742 April 9 (Friday). Ebenezer and Tomme carry Barley to Mr. Terrys at Grafton to be malted.

1742 May 22 (Saturday). Mr. Smith the Taylor has been here all this week to make me a Jackett and Thomme a Bannian.

1742 JULY 3: 13 YEARS OLD

1742 July 10 (Saturday). Sent Thomme to Dr. Gott; but he came not. Child an ill night.

1742 August 2 (Monday). Took Thomme with me (who rode upon Neighbour Maynards Horse) and rode to Southborough again -- and to Marlborough but returned without hearing of her [EP's mare].

1742 September 18 (Saturday). *Rev. Mr. Parsons of Lyme* made me a kind visit; and I perswaded him to Stay and keep Sabbath here, though I had sent to Mr. *Smith* of Marlborough to change with me, for I sent down *Thomme* to prevent his coming up. But he returned me a Note full of urgency to go down notwithstanding. I rode down therefore at Evening to *Marlborough*.

1742 September 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Benjamin Warrin Taylor at Work yesterday and to Day in making Leather Breeches for Ebenezer and Thomme.

1743 JULY 3: 14 YEARS OLD

1744 March 21 (Wednesday). Sent my Horse by Captain Maynard to Boston for Thomme.

1744 March 22 (Thursday). Snow Storm. We were anxious about Thomme on his Journey.

1744 March 23 (Friday). Thomme under the kind Care of Captain Maynard by the Favour of God came home Safe, they having lodg'd last night at Baldwins at Sudbury.

1744 April 4 (Wednesday). Rain. Din'd at Brother Samuels -- sister not in Health. P.M. at Mr. John Brecks. In the Evening at Mr. Simeon Skilling's Carver. Endeavouring to obtain a good place to bind my son Thomme out a'Prentice.

1744 April 5 (Thursday). N.B. p.m. Discours'd with Mr. Joshua Emms about his taking my son Thomme. John White from Brother Parkmans went for my Horse to Cambridge.

1744 April 17 (Tuesday). Thomme who had left me last night to go down to Boston in Company with Jonathan Rogers, went not away till the morning. I wrote by him to Mr. Joshua Emms of Boston, Goldsmith, with whom he was going to live.

1744 May 19 (Saturday). My Wife return'd from Boston, informs me that my Honored Mother is not so well as heretofore. Mother Champney also very weak and languishing. My son Thomme much out of Health and Mr. Emms discourag'd about him and would have me send for him home.

1744 June 1 (Friday). I was full of Concern about my Son Thomme, my hopes all blasted respecting his living with Mr. Emms, who is discourag'd and throws up. I sought to Mr. Skelling the Carver, but in vain -- to Mr. Samuel Jarvis, but not direct Success.... At Eve took Very Solemn Leave of my Honor'd aged and dear Parent, and took Thomme to Cambridge.

1744 June 2 (Saturday). Thomme rode behind me and we got home about 2 p.m., while my Family were at Dinner.

1744 June 13 (Wednesday). Very hot again. Thomas and the Boys with him half-hilling.

1744 JULY 3: 15 YEARS OLD

1744 July 7 (Saturday). Thomas Winchester has carry'd on the Business and conducted the Boys in the Hilling and Haying.

1744 July 14 (Saturday). Thomas and Rogers and the Boys at Work at the Meadow. Rak'd up all and brought home 2 Load.

1744 July 16 (Monday). Thomas with the Boys got home one Load of Meadow Hay before the Rain.

1744 November 13 (Tuesday). Rose before Day a great while and Sent Thomme by break of Day with a [*blotted*] to Lieutenant Holloway and Mr. Livermore to prevent their Notifying the People and to Certifie them that I cannot preach, as propos'd last Night.

1744 December 28 (Friday). My son Thomas rode down to Mr. Bristons for our Cloth but in Vain.

1745 January 22 (Tuesday). But I sent a Letter by Thomme to Mr. Stone directed to Mr. Smith containing my Reasons why I did not go. See the Letter. Thomme brought home a piece of White Cloth from Mr. Britons fulling mill, 10 yards and 3/4.

1745 February 9 (Saturday). Mr. Joseph Batchellor of Grafton here, Who agreed to take my Son Thomme a Prentice next April.

1745 February 23 (Saturday). Thomme brought 49 lb. of cheese from Mr. Jabez Rice's.

1745 March 13 (Wednesday). A Storm of Snow. My Wife grows very bad.... Our Eating was over before Night -- prayer also -- and Thomme began to carry Home the Women, though some of them tarry'd in the Evening whilst others were returning. But Granny Forbush tarry'd all Night.

1745 March 14 (Thursday). My Wife and Infant Child very Comfortable. Pleasant, warmish Day after the Storm. Mrs. Forbush carry'd Home by Thomme.

1745 March 26 (Tuesday). At his Instigation I sent Thome up to Mr. Hastings of Shrewsbury for Lime to whitewash but succeeded not.

1745 April 12 (Friday). Thomme not well, and the Weather wet and Cold so that we defer his going to Mr. Batchellors at Grafton.

1745 April 13 (Saturday). Fowl Weather and Thomme not well.

1745 April 15 (Monday). My Son Thomas went to Live with Mr. Joseph Batchelour of Grafton, Weaver. Ebenezer went up with him, in my absence upon my Journey to Cambridge.

1745 May 4 (Saturday). Got up to my Lodging, at Lieutenant Isaac Barnards just as the sun was Setting. N.B. Met my son Thomas going home.

1745 May 6 (Monday). Went to Mr. Batchellors at Grafton though Thomme was gone to Westborough on a Visit.

1745 May 7 (Tuesday). Thomme return'd to his master Batchellours.

1745 May 16 (Thursday). Thomme came home ill from Mr. Batchellors.

1745 May 20 (Monday). Sent Thomme down to Dr. Gott that he might be under his advice and Directions: he rode before his mother who visited her sister Breck to Day and cary'd her Child; and Thomme return'd home with Mrs. Sally Gott instead of his Mother.

1745 June 1 (Saturday). My son Thomme much out of Health So that I sent him to Marlborough to Dr. Gotts that he might get suitable Directions and Druggs of him.

1745 June 7 (Friday). Thomme for my Malt at Mr. Matthias's and brought it.

1745 June 8 (Saturday). Thomme return'd to his Master Batchellor at Grafton.

1745 June 15 (Saturday). P.M. Thomme return'd home again from Grafton being in such Pain and under So great Discouragement that his master sends all his Things Home with him. God grant the Grace and Wisdom needed under every Trial!

1745 June 20 (Thursday). My Family divers of them continue not well, Several of the Children as well as their Mother. My concern at present great for Thomme yet he is Stirring about a little, but growing no better (I think) in the Main. Mr. Joseph Batchellor here and we finish'd with regard to Thomme.

1745 JULY 3: 16 YEARS OLD

1745 September 2 (Monday). N.B. Thomas Winchester (by agreement) went off. This I consented to, because my Two sons and Nathan Knowlton Suffic'd for my present Business and it was upon Condition that Thomas Should help me the month of April instead of this month: and as to his lost Time, he is to make it up in Cyder making and Thrashing.

1745 September 11 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme went to Grafton and brought down our young Cattle from Mr. David Batchellors.

1745 November 23 (Saturday). Thomme to Mr. Cooks to get the Mare Shod -- and we prepar'd for my Journey to Boston.

1745 December 26 (Thursday). Wrote Mr. Bliss a Letter and sent it to Captain Fays by my son Thomme.

1745 December 27 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomme thrash'd Rye.

1745 December 28 (Saturday). Thomme I sent to Mr. James Maynards, he being Collector for the Parish.

1746 January 14 (Tuesday). Sent Thome to Dr. Gotts and Mr. Britons. Dr. Gott came, but my Wife was better.

1746 January 20 (Monday). Thomme to Mr. Barretts for Dr. Edwards Exposition on the Commandments.

1746 March 7 (Friday). My sons Thrashing Barley.

1746 March 8 (Saturday). They sow'd some Peas in the Garden, and thrash'd Barley again.

1746 March 20 (Thursday). Thomas Winchester at work. My son Thomas carry'd our Barley to Mr. Mathis.

1746 May 17 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomme Shear'd Sheep.

1746 May 24 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomme draw Stones for Well.

1746 June 10 (Tuesday). Rainy. My Cattle grow very troublesome by breaking in upon my Corn, whilst Ebenezer and Thomme were gone a fishing.

1746 JULY 3: 17 YEARS OLD

1746 July 18 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomme are gone to the Meadow.

1746 July 22 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomme at Meadow.

1746 July 23 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme to the Meadow. Ebenezer brought home one Load of Hay a.m. Very Hot Season.

1746 July 24 (Thursday). Ebenezer cutt off his Hair. He and his Brother to the Meadow.

1746 August 8 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomme rak'd in the low Grounds at Home. I gave them a Short Spell in the Afternoon myself. The sun very hot so that I could not stand it long.

1746 August 9 (Saturday). Mr. Chamberlin help'd Ebenezer get home a Load of Hay from the Meadow, and Ebenezer him a Load from his. P.M. Abraham Batchellor and Noah How mow'd

for me in my Meadow. Ebenezer and Thomme a Load in from the Low Ground at Home. Thunder Storm arose partly over us and the Lightning very terrible, but bore away to North East and East.

1746 August 11 (Monday). Ebenezer to the Meadow -- Thomme at Home.

1746 August 13 (Wednesday). Thomme helped Thomas Rogers p.m.

1746 August 16 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomme again to the Meadow, and brought home a Load of Swamp Hay which I have of Mr. Eliezer Rice.

1746 August 25 (Monday). N.B. Abraham Batchellor help [*sic*] Thomme get up a Load of Hay from the Swamp, which was the Finishing Load.

1746 September 6 (Saturday). Thomme mended up the Partition Fence against the North lower orchard.

1746 September 11 (Thursday). Thomme by the help of Nathan Maynard made Cyder.

1746 September 12 (Friday). Neighbour Edwards Whipple helped Thomme bring Home Two Barrells of Cyder.

1746 October 18 (Saturday). Thomme Carry'd Barrells and Chairs to Mr. Whitneys -- and brought Turnips from Mr. Pratts.

1746 October 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme cart Stones from the Settle field; p.m. Ebenezer Carted home 6 Barrells of Cyder from Mr. Whitneys, 5 of which I have of him and one (Gratis) from Mr. Jonas Child.

1746 November 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomme build a new Hoval at the East End of the Barn. The Cattle were all hous'd.

1746 December 10 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter had encourag'd me that he would take the Care of marketting the Pork (kill'd yesterday) if I send it to Boston by my son Thomme; we accordingly got ready. Ebenezer got the Mare shod at Mr. Cooks and went over to Lieutenants -- acquainted him we had kill'd, and to know his Purpose; but it prov'd dull misty and Rainy Day, and it being a very heavy and difficult Load and Lieutenant not to go till late, together with diverse other Things which perplexed us, therefore we deferr'd it till another Day. N.B. Mr. Ebenezer Baker of Marlborough here and din'd with us. At Eve my Son was at old Mr. Maynards and Ebenezer Maynard offer'd to go to Boston with our Pork, though his Design was to trade with Nathan if he had been at home.

1746 December 19 (Friday). Thomme cyphers again.

1747 January 13 (Tuesday). Very Cold Season. Ebenezer thrashes Barley. Thomme to Mr. Johnsons Mill.

1747 January 15 (Thursday). Thomme to Mr. Johnsons Mill. Ebenezer Thrashing Barley. Not So Cold as Yesterday.

1747 January 26 (Monday). Thomme to Grafton to Mr. Batchellors.

1747 January 27 (Tuesday). I rode over to Mr. Martyns and din'd there. P.M. he rode with me to Mr. Smiths at Marlborough. I went also to Mr. Joseph Williams sadler to talk with him about my son Thomme's living with him to learn his trade, and he readily consented.

1747 February 7 (Saturday). Thomme carry'd a Letter to Mr. Bezaleel Eager for Conveyance, which I have directed to Mr. Stephen Fessendin at Worcester and containing Mr. Pierpoints Account of Esquire Lee's Debt.

1747 February 12 (Thursday). A Rainy and thawing Day, but Thomme went to Mr. Johnsons Mill at Southborough.

1747 February 23 (Monday). A very fine Day. I sent Thomme to Marlborough to visit Mr. Williams the Sadler, and to Deacon Andrew Rice's.

1747 March 6 (Friday). Thomme accompany'd by Ebenezer rode down to Marlborough to live at Mr. Williams's, the Sadler. May God be pleas'd to Smile on this attempt for his Benefit! and make him serviceable in his Generation!

1747 March 12 (Thursday). When we parted Mr. Morse for Medfield, Mr. Martyn to go and preach at Shrewsbury first Parish, and I went to Marlborough to Mr. Williams's to see my son Thomas, who seems well contented as yet....

1747 April 7 (Tuesday). My son Thomme came up from Marlborough to See us.

1747 April 8 (Wednesday). Thomas returns to Mr. Williams's at Marlborough.

1747 June 8 (Monday). Mr. Josiah Bowker call'd to see me just before I mounted to go to Marlborough.... Went to Mr. Williams and talk'd with him on the Affair of binding Thomme -- but he would insist for my finding his Cloths. We did not proceed -- but suspended it for the present.

1747 June 10 (Wednesday). Thomme also (who came up from Marlborough last night) went to Worcester.

1747 JULY 3: 18 YEARS OLD

1747 July 3 (Friday). Understood that Thomme came up on Commencement Day to work at Home.

1747 July 6 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomme Hilling. Mr. Joseph Williams of Marlborough here to finish our agreement about Thomme. The Indentures were Sign'd at this Time But Thomme is to Stay with me 3 weeks to help me get my Hay.

1747 July 14 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomme went to Cart Hay from the Meadow. They brought one Turn.

1747 July 15 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomme Carting Hay from the Meadow to Day also.... Ebenezer and Thomme Two more Load from the Meadow. I rak'd and tended Hay some part of the Day as I could bear it.

1747 July 16 (Thursday). My Boys work'd at Home. They Cutt the Barley. A great deal of Hay in Making. P.M. a thunder Storm arose which drew out all Hands of us to work. Bekky and I pol'd in what was round the Barn and near at Hand. The Barley in part rak'd and Cock'd, the rest left in Wind-rows. A part of our Hay we were forc'd to leave spread around. And Neighbour Batherick did not pretend to got to the meadow till the Afternoon, if he went then; So that doubtless the great Quantity of Hay there is wash'd. But the Storm went chiefly to the South. We had not a great deal of Rain. Another Thunder storm in the Evening went mostly South also. This working in the Hay worry'd me not a Little -- But I hope I got over it.

1747 July 17 (Friday). Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Martyn Pratt came to reap Rye for me. P.M. Joseph Grout came to reap also. They got the Southside down and Load in, the other part was Shock'd in the Field. Ebenezer and Thomme are getting the Barley into a Stack, with Joseph Grouts Help. Great likelihood of Thunder storm, but it went over.... These Two Days have been extreme Hot, and it seems as if men could not undergo their Labour.

1747 July 18 (Saturday). Assisted what I could in raking Hay. My whole House has lent an Hand before a storm.

1747 August 4 (Tuesday). My son Thomas went to Marlborough, Apprentice to Mr. Joseph Williams.

1747 August 29 (Saturday). Thomme came up from Marlborough to see us.

1747 August 31 (Monday). I carry'd Molly as far as Esquire Brighams at Marlborough (she having the Toothach) in order to her going to Dr. Gotts. Thomme went with us part of the way to Carry my Portmantle.

1747 October 31 (Saturday). Thomme came at Evening.

1747 November 3 (Tuesday). Thomme return'd to Marlborough. N.B. by him I sent to Deacon Rice 10£ Old Tenor being the full of 50£ borrow'd of him last March.

1748 February 27 (Saturday). Thomas came up from Marlborough to stay over the Sabbath.

1748 March 2 (Wednesday). Thomas returned to Marlborough fitted out with a new pair of Shoes, a New Silk Handkerchief -- 35/ and a Linen Ditto 9/.

1748 April 30 (Saturday). Went to see my son Thomas. Mr. Williams not at home. Returned at Eve to Westborough.

1748 JULY 3: 19 YEARS OLD

1748 July 3 (Sunday). Thomme came up last night and kept Sabbath with us.

1748 July 4 (Monday). Thomme though he was not well, yet plough'd for them great part of the Day. N.B. Thomme tells me that this master thinks he might be excus'd more from out door work if his Indentures were thrown up.

1748 July 11 (Monday). N.B. Thomme went to Worcester for his master with Two Horses to get Rie. Billy rode with him to Dr. Brecks.

1748 July 12 (Tuesday). Thomme and Billy return'd from Worcester.

1748 July 13 (Wednesday). N.B. Thomme left us.

1748 July 15 (Friday). At Eve he [Ep Jr.] went to Marlborough to carry Thomme a Jacket of Home made Cloth, and a Pair of Breeches of Camlett -- and to buy him a sickle.

1748 August 15 (Monday). Proceeded to Marlborough to Mr. Williams and got my Saddle pad new stuff'd in and in other respects Mended -- which he did gratis. He told me of Thomme's being out too late some nights, complain'd of his being too much acquainted at Uriah Amsdens. He said something of throwing up the Indentures -- but that went over.

1748 September 24 (Saturday). Thomme brought the Saddle I bought of Benomi Bailey.

1748 November 23 (Wednesday). Thomas came home [for Thanksgiving].

1749 January 9 (Monday). At Eve Thomas came home.

1749 January 10 (Tuesday). Difficulty to get grinding. Thomas to old Mr. Johnson's mill, but brought nothing home. P.M. came Mr. Joseph Williams from Marlborough in a Disquietment about Thomas -- in Special his being at Uriah Amsdens (where he had contracted acquaintance by means of the womans being a Westborough woman) after he had forbid him. And nothing would Satisfie with him or Thomas but throwing up the Indentures, which after much Debate therefore We did. Thomas acknowledging his Fault in using Amsdens House against his (his masters) will: and his not coming home from Horns of Southborough (at the Time of the late trooping there) along with Silas (his fellow 'prentice) but riding home with Said Amsden -- and some other Indiscretions -- and Williams acknowledged he had not done well in speaking to Thomme's Disparagement undervaluing his Time, and was sorry that in his passion he should

Express himself So. This is a New Affliction, but tis unavoidable. I desire to acknowledge the hand of God in it, and Submitt to His holy will. O that God would grant Repentence and forgiveness for what has been amiss!

1749 January 12 (Thursday). Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard kill'd an Hogg for me, my son Thomas and Nathan Knowlton assisting.

1749 January 13 (Friday). Thomas (and his Sister Molly with Bekky Gott) rode in the Slay to Marlborough. Instead of his bringing up his Chest and all his Things from his late Master Williams's he gives in to his [kind] Entertainment, leaves his Chest and hearkens to Mr. Williams's Discourse of employing him again.

1749 January 17 (Tuesday). Many Southern Neighbours came to Cutt and Sled wood for me. My Son Thomas went also with my own Team.

1749 January 18 (Wednesday). A.M. being a bright pleasant Day I assisted Thomas in Sledding home 2 load of the Wood which the people yesterday left cutt in the woods; for there is danger of its being cover'd up if there should come another Snow.... Thomas informs me that there is no water to be found at the Springs; though he cutt quite through the Ice he meets with nothing but Mudd.

1749 January 19 (Thursday). Cold Morning. Sent my son Thomas to Mr. Cooks to finish Shooing the Slay.

1749 January 26 (Thursday). My Wife has somewhat more distinct Travail pains, but desires to consult Dr. Gott. Thomas rode to Marlborough with a Letter to him. He went also to his Master Williams's, to bring up some More of his Things, and to know more of his Mind, since he had put a Stop to bringing away his Chest. Thomas carried likewise a Letter directed to the Reverend Mr. Loring, to be lodg'd at Mr. Jonathan Lorings for Conveyance.... Thomas in Return from Marlborough has brought a Letter and Druggs from the Doctors, and word from Mr. Williams (of Marlborough) that he will Shortly come and see me.

1749 January 27 (Friday). About 4 this Morning came Captain Forbush's Wife to my Bed Side, and waking me wish'd me Joy with my new Son which was now newly born, a lusty Child and the Mother in great Comfort. The Name of God be glorify'd! for though weeping may endure for a Night, yet Joy comes in the Morning. May this Child (with all my others) graciously given me of God, be the Lords! Devoted to his Service and an Instrument of his Glory! A very fine pleasant Day. Thomas waited on Mrs. Whipple, and Mrs. Eleazer Rice's wife home in the Slay. The Rest went home o'foot. Thus I had very little Trouble in gathering the Women, or waiting on 'em home. Thomas brought the widow Mary Fay to nurse, and she watch'd.

1749 January 28 (Saturday). Thomas rode to Mr. Edward Goddards and brought me 3 large Cheeses all of them being 37 1/2 weight at 3 Shillings per pound.

1749 January 29 (Sunday). N.B. My Wife has been somewhat faint and weak, but was got up to Day. At Eve, She having endured a great deal of pain in her (She supposes tis the same flatulent

pain which had before been so troublesome in her Side) and nothing past through her since last Thursday, I sent my son Thomas to Dr. Gott, and had Return from him the Same Night.

1749 February 8 (Wednesday). [Sudbury.] I found the way to Mr. Jontham Browns -- but he was not at home -- din'd with his Wife and talk'd about my son Thomas's living there.

1749 February 9 (Thursday). A rugged morning -- went to Mr. Browns again. He agreed to take Thomas.

1749 February 24 (Friday). I rode over to Deacon Forbush's -- din'd at his son Jonathan's -- proceeded as far as to Mr. Thomas Chaddocks (at Hopkinton) -- agreed with him about his Son Thomas's living with me. This was an Affair of great Necessity because my son Thomas has tarried so long at home that there are severall Dangers by means of it; and I foresee that I can't go in the beginning of the week -- but then indeed my son must (if possible) go away. Yet it was not without some regret that I left my study having been almost throughout the week hitherto, so hinder'd.

1749 February 28 (Tuesday). Sent my son Thomas to Mr. Jotham Brown of Sudbury, Sadler, to work with him, and Lieutenant Tainter, kindly, rode with him and brought back my Horse.

1749 March 15 (Wednesday). Rode to Marlborough to Deacon Tainters and din'd there. Went to Mr. Joseph Williams to get some Things for Thomas but could not get at 'em by reason that the Lock seem'd to have been Strain'd, whether by anybodys trying to open it or by what other means can't be found. From thence I proceeded on my Design'd Journey to Mr. Jotham Browns, who with his Lads were gone to a Raising at Mr. Dakins -- going there I was compell'd to tarry and sup with 'em; and then (though it was by this Time Candle-Light) I was oblig'd to visit and pray with his aged Mother.

1749 May 27 (Saturday). Thomas came from Sudbury, to See us. Tells me how extreme the Drought is at Sudbury.

1749 JULY 3: 20 YEARS OLD

1749 July 4 (Tuesday). About Noon came Mr. Jotham Brown with my son Thomas from Sudbury -- the Times being so distressing, he had neither work nor plentiful provisions -- and since he had Nothing to do in the shop, he thought if my son work'd abroad, it ought to be for Me, and not for him -- but when it Should please God to raise us out of this Calamity then he would Send for him again.

1749 July 5 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomas reaping Rye, of which I have a very likely piece.

1749 July 7 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas plough'd the Barley Stubble, there being much Barley left among the stones which they could not rake.

1749 July 8 (Saturday). Rain in the Morning. Clear'd off afterwards So that Ebenezer and Thomas hoed Rye into the Indian Hills -- but could not meddle with the Hay that lies out both in Cock and Swarth.

1749 July 10 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas mow'd and then Hoed a little.

1749 July 26 (Wednesday). Great Rains a.m. When the Rain was over Ebenezer and Thomas went to the Meadow to look after the Hay there.

1749 July 27 (Thursday). A.M. Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow to rake.

1749 July 28 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas at the Meadow. At Eve they got home one Load. There is Scarce a Day but it rains more or less, but today the Showers not Such as much to hurt the haying.

1749 July 29 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow. 2 Load more of Hay home.

1749 July 31 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow to Day.

1749 August 1 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow again.

1749 August 4 (Friday). Rainy. Out of Rye. Ebenezer and Thomas p.m. thrash'd.

1749 August 5 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas to the Meadow. P.M. to raking.

1749 August 10 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas picked apples part of the Day.

1749 August 17 (Thursday). These Things induced me to think that way, being especially very loath to loose an opportunity to Putt away my Horse -- but many incumbrances, perplexing Thoughts about getting up the Maid from Boston, writing to Mr. Minot about changing at Upton, and to Mr. Jotham Brown of Sudbury about Thomas....

1749 August 19 (Saturday). Thomas went to Deacon Rice's to accompany the Young Woman hither if she be come, but she is not come. She could not ride.

1749 August 25 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas a.m. mow Weeds for Fodder. P.M. Cutt Stalks.

1749 August 31 (Thursday). Ebenezer return'd home before Night, having Seen her [Mrs. Grice] along as far as into Sudbury -- but he brought me a very grieving Letter from Mr. Jotham Brown of Sudbury that he had not work enough; and that his Circumstances were such that he could not take Thomme again. But Let the Lord do what seemeth [to] Him good!

1749 September 1 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas cutting Stalks -- Thrashing Rye etc.

1749 September 2 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas went to Mr. Abner Newtons to fetch a Load of Clay for an Oven.

1749 September 3 (Sunday). This Day we first met in the New Meeting House. Molly and I with Suse and Alex rode in the Chair, Thomas and Lucy rode upon the Horse, Ebenezer and Billy went o'foot -- Thus eight of us got to Meeting.

1749 September 12 (Tuesday). Molly and I rode in the Chair to Concord -- din'd at Mr. John Weeks at Marlborough and got to Mr. Minot's seasonably -- made a visit to Colonel Minot -- but both my Daughter and I lodg'd at Mr. Timothys. But my Principal Errand was with Mr. Gold the Sadler, to see whether he would take Thomas to perfect him in the Trade of Sadler. He took it to Consideration of.

1749 September 13 (Wednesday). Mr. Gold settles his Terms that Thomas must either live with him a Twelve month and pay 30£ old Tenor, or live with him 18 Months.

1749 September 19 (Tuesday). Took my Son Thomas with me in my Chair, to Concord. We din'd at Deacon Rice's and were entertain'd Courteously and handsomely. Call'd at Mr. Jotham Browns, Thomas having much longing after them. We went to Mr. Goolds, and, by the Assistance of Mr. Minot with whom they were lodg'd, enter'd into Articles of Agreement with said Gould -- and after Several visits in the Neighborhood, I return'd to Mr. Goolds, and tarried with them all Night.

1749 November 25 (Saturday). N.B. a Letter from Thomas of the abusive Detractions of Mr. Williams of Marlborough at Jones's Tavern at Concord.

1750 February 1 (Thursday). When I return'd at Evening to my Brother Samuels Mr. Cook of Westborough had been there with my Horse, and a Letter from my dear Spouse at Home, which inform'd of my son Thomas ill at Concord.

1750 February 2 (Friday). Undertook my Journey from Boston about 10 a.m.... At Concord at the first of Evening. My son had been much indispos'd, and weaken'd by Vomiting, bleeding at the Nose, and purging -- but was Somewhat better, through Gods Goodness. Mr. Minot at Mr. Goolds. Visited the Colonel. Lodg'd at Mr. Bliss's who also kept my Horse.

1750 February 3 (Saturday). After a Visit to my son, I Set out again on my Journey home.

1750 February 7 (Wednesday). Ebenezer in the slay to Concord for Thomas.

1750 February 8 (Thursday). Thomas brought home by his Brother.

1750 February 10 (Saturday). My Son Thomas is Somewhat better I hope -- but seems dull and inactive yet.

1750 February 11 (Sunday). My son Thomas at meeting p.m.

1750 February 16 (Friday). Ebenezer very ill yet. Thomas, through divine Goodness, able to tend the Cattle, But is not free of pain and Indisposition.

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). Thomas trims apple Trees etc.

1750 February 23 (Friday). Thomas had a Ratteen Banyan made by Mrs. Lucy Bowker.

1750 February 28 (Wednesday). Thomas return'd to Mr. Goolds at Concord.

1750 March 14 (Wednesday). Sent to my son Thomas by Charles Miles of Concord.

1750 May 29 (Tuesday). My Son Thomas also came home to See us. They all lodg'd here; and their Horses are all kept here.

1750 May 31 (Thursday). My Son Thomas cutts off his Hair. He and his Brother to Upton.

1750 June 1 (Friday). Thomas return'd to Concord; and Mrs. Nanny and Beckky Gott with him as far as Marlborough.

1750 JULY 3: 21 YEARS OLD

1750 September 20 (Thursday). My son Thomas came up from Concord.

1750 September 27 (Thursday). My Son Thomas left us to go to Concord again. Billy rode with him as far as to Deacon Jonathan Rice's in Sudbury, to bring back the Mare, on which he rode.

1750 October 12 (Friday). Towards Evening came home my Son Thomas from Mr. Goold of Concord, with a Letter from Mr. Minot. I thank God my son has been carry'd out, through the Agreement and that no Evil has fallen upon us to Grieve us. Three Sons and Two Daughters, with Patty Pannell husk Corn in the Barn this Eve, and Except Molly, they Stay till Eleven o'Clock.

1750 October 17 (Wednesday). Sent my Son Thomas p.m. to Worcester to get Bricks for Oven and Topping Chimney, but he could get none. Am full of various perplexitys.

1750 October 25 (Thursday). Mr. Newton and Forbush at the Chimneys -- Jonathan Smith tended. Joseph Rice came and offer'd to help me to Day. Thomas and he carted and sledded stones about the well.

1750 October 30 (Tuesday). Thomas thrashes Wheat.

1750 October 31 (Wednesday). Messrs. Newton and Forbush at the Chimney, my Son Thomas and Jonathan Smith tended 'em.

1750 November 3 (Saturday). My Son Thomas (Mr. John Rogers affording Some assistance, and dining here) finished the making up of Cyder, from our own Apples -- but Neighbour David

Maynard has brought a parcel of Apples from his Sister Tomlins, which are partly for our Supply with Cyder is[?] not making enough ourselves to fill our Casks.

1750 November 7 (Wednesday). Thomas goes to the New House and by the help of Samuel Bumpso tends the Masons.

1750 November 8 (Thursday). Messrs. Newton and Forbush at the Chimneys. Ebenezer though not Well, and Thomas tended.

1750 November 15 (Thursday). My Son Thomas went to Concord to fetch up the rest of his Cloths etc.

1750 November 17 (Saturday). Thomas return'd from Concord.

1750 November 21 (Wednesday). Thomas a.m. carts wood; p.m. husks.

1750 November 23 (Friday). Thomas sledded Wood part of the Day.

1750 November 24 (Saturday). It grows very Cold. My sons variously employ'd -- some bank the House.

1750 November 29 (Thursday). My son Thomas much taken off from Business by Ague in his Face and Teeth, both yesterday and to Day.

1750 November 30 (Friday). Billy as he was cutting Wood at the Door, cut his ankle. The wound was Somewhat Cross-wise, and bled very much.... Thomas was groaning with the Tooth Ach and wanted to go to Dr. Smith to get his Tooth drawn out. I therefor hasten'd him, though it was past Evening, to bring the Doctor to Billy.... While Thomas was gone and tarried long, our Fears arose higher, for Billy had lost so great a Quantity of Blood that he began to turn pale and we did not know but that it was still running.... Thomas did not come till past Nine o'Clock, and no Doctor with him; but got his own Tooth out, or rather part of it, for it broke in the Jaw.

1750 December 3 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas husking p.m.

1750 December 11 (Tuesday). A number of Young Men, chiefly the religious Society, came and chopp'd Wood. They were Daniel How, Merodach Smith, Phinehas Maynard, Moses Warrin, Joseph Grout junior -- and Mr. Cornelius Biglo and his Son, very kindly came with them. My son Ebenezer Chopp'd with them and Thomas carted part of the Day.

1750 December 12 (Wednesday). Thomas to mill a.m. Cut Wood at the Door p.m.

1750 December 13 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas at the New House, clearing Ground.

1750 December 15 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas variously employ'd about the Cattle, Firing etc.

1750 December 17 (Monday). Rose a little after 4 o'Clock. Ebenezer and Thomas went over to clearing at the New Place.

1750 December 18 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomas Clearing at the New Place.

1750 December 25 (Tuesday). My Son Thomas is gradually providing him Tools etc. for setting up his Trade. His prospering herein is a Matter that lyes much upon my Mind from Day to Day. May God afford us the wisdom which may be profitable to direct!

1750 December 28 (Friday). At Eve Ebenezer and Thomas rode over to Mr. Martyns to bring him their Sisters, which they did though it was very Cold.

1750 December 29 (Saturday). They Clear'd at the New Place.

1751 January 2 (Wednesday). Cold, raw Day. The Earth open still and good Clearing. Ebenezer and Thomas improve it.

1751 January 3 (Thursday). Thomas a.m. to Mr. Wymans for Several Sadlers-Tools which he has made for him. P.M. he thrash'd with his Brother.

1751 January 9 (Wednesday). Thomas making another New Pillion.

1751 January 10 (Thursday). At Eve my son Thomas rode over to Robert Cooks -- I thought upon Business, but (as I came to understand afterwards) to an House-warming.

1751 January 11 (Friday). Thomas thrashing.

1751 January 12 (Saturday). Thomas went to Lieutenant Tainter who promis'd to Send £7.3.10 old Tenor to Esquire Hazzletine of Upton.

1751 January 18 (Friday). The first fair Day ever Since this Day Sennight. This Day, Ebenezer and his Brother Thomas go a Fishing at the Great Pond (mov'd by yesterdays News about Fishing). They return to Dinner. Ebenezer goes this afternoon to looking up Trees for Loggs to be carry'd to the saw-mill; his Brother goes (on Foot) to Mr. David Felton at Marlborough and bought an Horse side of Leather price 30/ old Tenor; and return'd home at Eve.

1751 January 19 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas go into the Woods to Cutt Loggs.

1751 January 21 (Monday). Daniel How assisted Ebenezer and Thomas in Killing Two large Hoggs. Each 12 Score, 11 3/4. P.M. my sons thrash'd Wheat and Swingled some small matter of Flax.

1751 January 23 (Wednesday). A.M. Ebenezer and Thomas got Wood. P.M. they went into the Woods to prepare Loggs for the Saw-Mill.... N.B. a Letter from Mr. Henry Goold of Concord for Money.

1751 January 29 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. Bathericks and Sent by Mr. Bezaleel Smith 20£ old Tenor to Mr. Henry Goold.

1751 February 5 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas, Mary and Lucy gone to dine at Lieutenant Tainters and wait upon his Daughter Sadler in her going home to Upton.

1751 February 6 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and his Brother and Sister return'd from Upton.

1751 February 7 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas carried Loggs to the Saw Mill, and Boards to the New House.

1751 February 8 (Friday). Ebenezer in the Woods about Loggs. Thomas to Marlborough and brought an Horse Hide of Mr. Felton -- cost 58/. He paid Lieutenant Nathan Brigham 21£ old Tenor in full for the Land I bought of him by the Meeting House. Thomas brings word that Cousen Sally Brigham was brought to Bed this Morning and bore a Son, being (I think) thirty Weeks Since her Marriage.

1751 February 13 (Wednesday). My Son Ebenezer breaks Flax. Thomas at his Trade.

1751 February 19 (Tuesday). N.B. My son William this Day ten years old -- he goes over to Mr. Benjamin Hows, and at Eve Ebenezer and Thomas go over there, and to my Grief tarry (all of them) too late. P.M. Ebenezer thrashes Barley.

1751 February 20 (Wednesday). Manifested to my sons Somewhat of my affectionate Concern for them. Ebenezer acknowledges. Thomas more insensible.

1751 March 6 (Wednesday). Thomas makes Whipps but can't get Deer's Hair for Saddles.

1751 March 15 (Friday). Rainy -- Thomas carry'd 19£ Old Tenor to Mr. Obadiah Newton.

1751 March 20 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomas digging stones East of the Barn.

1751 April 9 (Tuesday). The Snow being chiefly gone, my masons came, Mr. Obadiah Newton and Mr. Edward Willson to top out my Chimney, but they were beat off by the Rain. Din'd them at home. P.M. about 4 they go to work again. They lodg'd here, and I kept their Horses. N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas tended the Masons.

1751 April 10 (Wednesday). Masons go to work, but were beat off again Several Times before noon. I carry'd them their Dinner. Ebenezer and Thomas tended them again to Day. P.M. they broke off about 4 or between 4 and 5 o'Clock (I suppose) it raining very hard -- and they went away both of them to Shrewsbury.

1751 April 15 (Monday). I rode to Concord -- broke fast at Mr. Minots. Paid Mr. Goold the full of the written agreement, viz. [blotted] -- which added to the former 20£ old Tenor which I sent him was the whole -- and gave him a promisory Note for 18/ Lawfull Money to satisfie him for Thomas's Rates at Concord.

1751 April 26 (Friday). Ebenezer Sows Flax -- and p.m. Carts muck. Thomas helps him p.m.

1751 April 27 (Saturday). Cool windy weather yet. Ebenezer and Thomas Sowing Barley and Carting Muck.

1751 May 8 (Wednesday). Fine Weather; blessed be God! Ebenezer and Thomas are gone to Bolton for Lime. They have Mr. Richard Barns's Oxen added to our own Team. They have a tedious Journey (undertaking it in one Day) and return not till late in the Night.

1751 May 9 (Thursday). My sons begin to plant the Field. A very fine Day.

1751 May 10 (Friday). Warm, bright and exceeding pleasant, after a night of plentiful Rain. My sons go on with the planting.

1751 May 11 (Saturday). Another very fine Day. My Sons finish'd planting at home, this morning. N.B. Thomas has work'd with his Brother for Several Days -- to Day for himself in his Shop.

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

1751 May 15 (Wednesday). My wife and I, together with my two sons Ebenezer and Thomas attended the Marriage of Mr. Abraham Batchellor to Mrs. Sally Newton, only Daughter of the late Mr. Abner Newton; which was solemniz'd at the Widow Newtons p.m. N.B. My Daughter Lucy was invited also, (and not Molly) -- Molly rode over to Mr. Martyns, agreeable to Appointment Some Time ago, and Lucy tarried at home with the children. I can't but remark what a changing world we live in. What an House of Sorrows that was for a great while, which is now of so high Joy.

1751 May 18 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas a.m. to the New House to take Care of the Boards and Lime there.

1751 May 21 (Tuesday). Thomas not very well.

1751 May 25 (Saturday). Thomas rode to Marlborough to get Pannell Crooks and to bring home the rest of my Malt from Deacon Woods.

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

1751 June 14 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas yesterday and to Day at Half-hilling.

1751 June 20 (Thursday). Thomas to Sutton, to the Raising of their New Meeting House.

1751 June 21 (Friday). My son Thomas return'd from Sutton Meeting-House-Raising.

1751 June 22 (Saturday). Thomas mows over the Clear'd ground at the New House.

1751 June 24 (Monday). Thomas carries a Barrell of Cyder to the New House and mows over the Clear'd Ground to it.

1751 June 27 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas mowing.

1751 July 2 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing and his Wife here on their Journey to Cambridge. Ebenezer and Thomas also rode down.'

1751 JULY 3: 22 YEARS OLD

1751 July 6 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas return'd from Commencement. They came from Marlborough this Morning, having lodg'd at Dr. Gotts.

1751 July 10 (Wednesday). Very hot Day. My Sons Ebenezer and Thomas are daily Hilling and Mowing, except when the Rainy weather which is indeed frequent prevents.

1751 July 11 (Thursday). Rainy at different parts of the Day. But the forenoon Ebenezer and Thomas attend the Hilling.... My Sons Ebenezer and Thomas go over this afternoon to Hopkinton to the Marriage of Edmund Rice to Hannah Gashit.

1751 July 13 (Saturday). Somewhat bright Day but we do nothing at all about Hay. Ebenezer and Thomas after killing a Lamb, went to Hilling.

1751 July 15 (Monday). Thomas lies by, not well.

1751 July 16 (Tuesday). Exceeding hot. Thomas much out of order.

1751 July 18 (Thursday). Thomas takes a Vomit.

1751 July 22 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas Mowing -- part of the Barley.

1751 July 25 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas Spend the forepart of the Day in mending the Fence at the Island.

1751 July 26 (Friday). Thomas and William reap Rye.

1751 July 31 (Wednesday). Rain again. Brother and my son Thomas to the New House.... Thomas with his Brother mow'd, Some part of the upper South Side.

Eli Forbes was a member of the Harvard Class of 1751.

1751 August 1 (Thursday). Thomas and William reap Wheat. P.M. they rake Hay in the Southside and Ebenezer mows.

1751 August 7 (Wednesday). Ebenezer Carted Stuff for Cellar Stairs, and for a Stack Yard. Thomas assisted him part of the Day.

1751 August 8 (Thursday). Ebenezer and Thomas Carted Two Load of Hay from the Meadow to the New Stack Yard which was mow'd last Saturday was sennight, and was made up the Friday following -- being drench'd by the Storms of Rain. Enough for Some Number of Cocks was left finally, and lost. Yet I suppose Mr. Samuel Hardy (who had the work in his Hands) took what Care he could but it prov'd a very wet Season.

1751 August 9 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas Cart one Load more from the Meadow to the New Stack-Yard -- having stack'd up the remainder of the Hay at the Meadow, there till some better Season for Carting it. Towards Night they came home to mowing. Have much of our haying to do, when many others are done.

1751 August 10 (Saturday). Ebenezer mows, and tends Hay all Day. I am in the morning in no small Trouble for an Hand to tend Plaisterers. Am forc'd to Send Thomas. They finish to Day.

1751 August 14 (Wednesday). The Same Day My Son Thomas carted over my Desk, Study Table, and a Number of Books, etc. Ebenezer went over and with Edwards Whipple and a few more, rais'd the Well-Crotch and sweep. P.M. They went to their Haying at home.

1751 August 16 (Friday). Exceeding rainy and stormy Morning. Thomas lodg'd at the New House last Night and remains there this morning to clear out the Cellar, Shavings etc. Ebenezer goes to him to join with him therein. I rode over. Six of us dine here, and here I must begin to Study.

1751 August 21 (Wednesday). My sons Ebenezer and Thomas go to mowing at the Island -- but by Various Hindrances, did not begin to mow there till late in the forenoon.

1751 August 26 (Monday). Thomas to the Island a. and p.m. Ebenezer only latter part of P.M.

1751 August 27 (Tuesday). Ebenezer and Thomas Cart 3 Load of Hay from the Island and stack it at the New House.

1751 September 2 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas mend the Fence of the Pasture at the Island and bring a milk Cow, and Two fattening Creatures to pasture there.

1751 December 2 (Monday). Mr. Hall of Sutton din'd here, in his Way to Concord. Sent Mr. Henry Goold 7£ old Tenor by him.... Ebenezer and Thomas brought a Side of an Hog, kill'd at t'other House -- weigh'd (the whole Hog) 11 Score and 17 pound.

1751 December 7 (Saturday). Reverend Mr. Hall of Sutton din'd here. N.B. He paid Mr. Henry Goold 18/ lawful Money, and brought me my Note -- and 5/ Change (old Tenor). And thus I have wholly finish'd with Mr. Goold.

1751 December 10 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Thomas are gone to wait on Dr. Chase, who, to Day brings his Wife from Sutton.

1752 February 27 (Thursday). My sons Ebenezer and Thomas also came and helped.

1752 February 28 (Friday). Mr. Hall of Sutton here, bought Two Cloth for Thomas of him.

1752 April 14 (Tuesday). Thomas and Molly ride to Cambridge to see their Aunt Lydia. Thomas rode on Mr. Samuel Fay's Beast: Molly on her Brother Ebenezers.

1752 April 17 (Friday). Thomas and Molly return'd from Cambridge. Thomas had drop'd his great Coat from his Horse in Roxbury -- and did not find it.

1752 May 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Batheric and Benjamin How with Ebenezer hew the Principals and Thomas brings 10 of them over.

1752 May 27 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Thomas plant our South Field over again, it having been rooted up by young Piggs.

1752 June 1 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Grows account of a slanderous Report of the Frolicking of my sons but I perceive it arose from a Family that were affronted because their Son was not invited to the Wedding of Abigail Hardy. Being so weak and feeble I sent Thomas to Mr. Martyns that he must prepare to preach at Brookfield on next Wednesday.

1752 JULY 3: 23 YEARS OLD

1752 July 13 (Monday). John Kelly of Hopkinton work'd for me instead of Mr. Martyn Pratt. The forenoon I sent him to work for Mr. Eliezer Rice. P.M. he work'd (with my sons Thomas and William) in raking and Carting home Hay from the Meadow -- they got home Two Load this p.m.

1752 July 25 (Saturday). Aaron and Billy to the meadow. Thomas goes there with the Team and carries home to the other House, a stout Load of Hay from the Meadow.

1752 July 27 (Monday). Thomas and Billy rak'd a Load of Hay which Aaron mow'd and carted it to t'other Barn.

1752 August 21 (Friday). Not so comfortable Night as lately. My left Knee and Foot full of Pain. I wrote to Dr. Scammell by Captain Tyler. Alas! how dull and discouraging! I am so wasted, that there appears to me Danger of consuming away. But I would humbly confide in the infinite Goodness of God. Thomas watches.

1752 September 22 (Friday). P.M. Thomas came with a Chair and drove me over to See the New-Married and I din'd with them. He also brought me back before Night; so that I receiv'd no harm as I hope.²

1752 October 19 (Thursday). I preach'd the Lecture.... Neither my Son Ebenezer nor Thomas were at Meeting; and but few others.

1752 November 14 (Tuesday). Early in the Morning Mr. Forbush and his Wife, with the Company who came to wait on them together with a Number from us, My Son Ebenezer and his Wife, Thomas and Lucy -- Messrs. Daniel and Jonathan Forbush and their Wives, took leave of us for Brookfield, designing to dine at Sergeants at Leicester: the weather Fair, and Everyone, through Mercy, in Health. Lucy is gone with her sister to tarry with her this Winter. May God be gracious to them, and give them a prosperous Journey by the Will of God! and may their Joys be never diminish'd!

1752 December 26 (Tuesday). Mr. Israel Walker here in the Evening desirous that I would take Boards of him to pay Thomas for a Saddle, or at least in part.

1753 January 2 (Tuesday). Mr. Daniel Adams and my son Thomas are at Work upon a Floor in my Barn for my Cattle.

1753 January 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Adams and my son Thomas again.

1753 January 4 (Thursday). A Storm of Snow. Mr. Adams and Thomas Still. All the Plank laid but the floor not finish'd. We put up 7 Cattle.

1753 January 9 (Tuesday). My son Thomas went to Sutton for shirting.

1753 January 22 (Monday). N.B. Mr. John Rogers at Thomas's procuring, to assist him in providing for a Frame for a Shop. Part of p.m. Cutts Timbers.

1753 JULY 3: 24 YEARS OLD

1754 February 15 (Friday). Thomas and Lucy ride Ebenezer's Mare to Brookfield and they carry a Letter from me to Mr. Abraham Smith....

1754 February 16 (Saturday). Having Sent a Letter by my Son Thomas yesterday to Mr. Cushing to desire him to Change, he came here and I rode there.

1754 February 18 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter has taken fruitless pains with Mr. Grout for an Horse for my Wife to ride to Boston upon. And although I depended upon my son Ebenezer to go down with his Mother instead of Thomas who is gone to Brookfield; and that he might wait upon his Father Harrington respecting our Trading with Mr. Smith. Yet he also throws it by.

²EP Jr. mar. Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Harrington, 21 Sept. 1752.

1754 February 21 (Thursday). My Son Thomas return'd from Brookfield last night to t'other House without Lucy, but with Mr. Abraham Smith.

1754 February 22 (Friday). My son Thomas rode to Marlborough with him [Abraham Smith].

1754 March 1 (Friday). Thomas brought about 30 Rails with Ebenezers Team from the Ministerial Lot.

1754 March 2 (Saturday). Thomas brings a Load of Goods from t'other House -- storm of Snow.

1754 March 6 (Wednesday). Thomas waited on his Sister, Ebenezer's Wife, with my Chair and Mare, though in heavy Roads, to her Father Harringtons at Watertown.

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

1754 March 24 (Sunday). ...I desir'd my son Thomas to prepare and go with a Line to Mr. Smith and take an Horse (if Mr. Smith desir'd also) and go away now in the Night to Boston and stop Mr. Barkers Coming to prevent needless Charge. And he went away accordingly about a quarter after 12 in the Night.

1754 March 25 (Monday). Thomas return'd: Mr. Smith not accepting my Offer.

1754 April 22 (Monday). Thomas rides to Hopkinton upon my Mare. He desires to use some severity with Mr. Israel Walker who keeps him out of his Money from one Year to another. He was to have return'd the same Day but did not.

1754 April 23 (Tuesday). Thomas return'd -- does nothing with Mr. Walker.

1754 April 29 (Monday). Thomas help'd me at the Garden a.m.

1754 May 3 (Friday). Mr. John Freeland Taylor makes a Coat of Blue Broad Cloth for Thomas.

1754 May 6 (Monday). Mr. Jonas Twitchell works for me, carrying out Dung -- my sons Ebenezer and Thomas also hard at it. Have Ebenezers Cart and Oxen and my Mare for the Team: and borrow Deacon Newtons Cart.... Mr. John Freeland finishes Thomas's Coat and goes home.

1754 June 10 (Monday). My son Thomas help'd me. Had Mr. Williams's Cart and Oxen to carry out the ashes to the Island Field. My sons plough'd with my Mare and Lieutenant Forbush's plough.

1754 JULY 3: 25 YEARS OLD

1754 July 8 (Monday). Thomas mow'd Bushes p.m.

1754 July 9 (Tuesday). Thomas mow'd at the Island. Billy mow'd p.m.

1754 July 10 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy at the Island part of the Day.

1754 July 11 (Thursday). Thomas and Billy mowing and raking at the Island.

1754 July 12 (Friday). Thomas and William mowe and make Hay at the Island, and Lieutenant Tainter Carts up a few Cocks of it. It is So Cloudy Weather and now and then Sprinkles of Rain, that the Hay does not make as we could wish.

1754 July 13 (Saturday). Thomas finish'd mowing at the Island. Dull weather a.m. brighter p.m. I hiv'd a Swarm of Bees my Self, my sons both of them gone to the Island.

1754 July 15 (Monday). My son Thomas got in a Jagg from the Island and then mow'd at the Meadow p.m.

1754 July 16 (Tuesday). At home Thomas and Billy rak'd at the Meadow a.m.

1754 July 17 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy, and Rody Smith rak'd at the Meadow, and on 18 Neighbour Eliezer Rice, Hezekiah Pratt and Edwards Whipple brought three Load of Hay from the Meadow.

1754 July 19 (Friday). Thomas and Billy work'd part of the Day for Neighbour Eliezer Rice, and part of the Day at the Meadow.

1754 July 20 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy at the Meadow.

1754 July 22 (Monday). Thomas and Billy at Work at the Meadow. Ebenezer carted one Load of Hay from thence.

1754 July 23 (Tuesday). Thomas went over a.m. to work for Ebenezer.

1754 July 24 (Wednesday). Thomas work'd part of a.m. for me. P.M. late he went to Ebenezer to hoe for him. Jonathan and Joseph How came to hill for me, the former but a little before noon. N.B. greatly put to't for plough and for Horse -- sent Billy to t'other Place for my own Mare. Thomas Stay'd to Plough which was one of the Reasons of his being late to Ebenezer.

1754 July 25 (Thursday). Thomas and William bring home two small Jaggs of Hay from Ministerial Meadow, which make Six small turns from thence and is all of the South side of the Brook. N.B. Neighbour Eliezer Rice assisted -- for which my sons work'd for him.

1754 July 26 (Friday). Thomas and Billy hoed at the Island Field.

1754 July 27 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy hoed a.m. P.M. Thomas mow'd in Newton Meadow.

1754 July 29 (Monday). Fair. Thomas mow'd Bushes a.m., and in Newton Meadow p.m.

1754 July 30 (Tuesday). Thomas mows and rakes at Newton Meadow; but those who clear'd there left many Bushes unpick'd up, by which means it is very slow and bad mowing.

1754 August 1 (Thursday). Joseph Bowman and Richard Kelly reap'd, bound up and with Mr. Timothy Warrins Team Carted in my Rye -- Thomas and Billy helping them.

1754 August 2 (Friday). Thomas can make but very Slow Work at the Meadow it being bad to Mow -- Billy helps him.

1754 August 3 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy work at the Meadow.

1754 August 5 (Monday). Thomas and William at the Meadow Still.

1754 August 6 (Tuesday). Thomas and Billy mow and rake a little at the Newton Meadow: and Neighbour Moses Nurse brings up a Load of Hay from thence.

1754 August 7 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy still at the Meadow.

1754 August 8 (Thursday). Thomas and Billy at the Meadow this Day also. Neighbour Moses Nurse Carts a large Load of Hay from thence.

1754 August 9 (Friday). Thomas and Billy went to the Ministerial Meadow and Mow'd the North Side of the Brook, and rak'd up about 9 Cocks, and left about as much more.

1754 August 10 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy were going to the Meadow to rake the rest which they left Yesterday, and to bring it home but it prov'd a rainy Day.

1754 August 12 (Monday). Thomas and Billy went in the morning to the Ministerial Meadow to look after the Hay which they lately Cut there -- but they were drench'd by that time they rak'd up the Rest of the Hay -- a very Heavy Rain.

1754 August 14 (Wednesday). N.B. Thomas with Ebenezer's Team and Help brings home the last Load of Hay from the Ministerial Meadow. Thomas goes p.m. to help Ebenezer but is not well.

1754 August 22 (Thursday). Early in the Morning I rode to Lieutenant Fays on my son Thomas's Affair.

1754 September 19 (Thursday). A Bear Was Seen by my son Thomas passing through my Land just below the Burying place, and went Cross the Road.

1754 October 4 (Friday). N.B. Thomas lodges at t'other House to my great Grief and Trouble, as there are Several young Women like to lodge there, and Mr. Foster is gone to Holiston to See his Father who we hear is Sick.³

1754 October 9 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy husk.... Thomas and Billy, and 3 Rices (Merchants Sons) husk in the Evening.

1754 October 30 (Wednesday). At Eve came Messrs. Hezekiah Pratt with a Yoke of Oxen, Solomon Baker with a Plough and with 2 Yoke. Mr. Eleazer Williams, Joseph Baker -- and my sons Ebenezer and Thomas.

1754 November 23 (Saturday). Last Night is froze hard. Billy having harrow'd yesterday with Ebenezer's Oxen at the Island at Night went home with them. He this Morning return'd here with them, and Carted out Muck into the Garden and Grass Ground. Thomas help'd him a.m. but was ill p.m.

1754 December 4 (Wednesday). My son Thomas has been lathing his Shop. Mr. Gale having finish'd the work he had to do there in preparing for the Mason.

1755 June 5 (Thursday). Thomas has been drooping for Several Days -- today Seems worse.

1755 June 6 (Friday). My Son Thomas has Fever and Ague.

1755 June 7 (Saturday). Judas [Jonas?] Rice here and paid Thomas and me in behalf of his Brother Asaph.

1755 June 11 (Wednesday). Thomas Still lies by, with the Fever and Ague.

1755 June 25 (Wednesday). Thomas has his Fits of Fever and Ague yet.

1755 June 28 (Saturday). Both Thomas and Billy not well.

1755 JULY 3: 26 YEARS OLD

1755 July 3 (Thursday). Billy, as well as Thomas, laid up with the Fever and Ague. My Wife tells me that Mr. Hezekiah Pratt and 14 others came last Tuesday p.m. and hoed my Corn.

1755 July 4 (Friday). My Son Thomas has his Fitts yet, and Billy grows worse. May God prepare us for his Sovereign Will!

1755 July 8 (Tuesday). Both Thomas and Billy their Fitt of Fever and Ague.

³Jacob Foster, Harvard 1754, was keeping school in Westborough.

1755 July 14 (Monday). Thomas his Fitts, Billy a little better.

1755 July 18 (Friday). We din'd at Mr. Bridge's in Framingham, call'd at Mr. Stone's, and at Lieutenant Bruce's: Mrs. Bruce being yet alive, and at 9 or 10 at night arriv'd at home -- our House in safety (except Thomas and Billy's illness) D.G.

1755 July 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Rice's wife and Joshua Lock's, came to See me but my Business in my Hay was so urgent I desir'd to be excus'd -- and went to my raking. N.B. There was no Hand could be hir'd, and both my sons, Thomas and Billy incapable of any Labour at all.

1755 July 28 (Monday). Mr. Thomas Twitchel raking for me in the Newton Meadow, and Lieutenant Tainters two Boys help him. Both Thomas and Billy drooping yet; and their Fitts follow them. Thomas's Yesterday and Billy's to Day.

1755 August 1 (Friday). Only Breck and I to rake Barley. Thomas and Billy yet ill.

1755 August 3 (Sunday). Both Thomas and Billy at Meeting a.m. but Billy had a fit p.m.

1755 August 7 (Thursday). Can't get any Body to Cart my Hay from the Ministerial Meadow, though I have taken a great deal of Pains. P.M. preach'd at Lieutenant Tainters on Mat. 13.39. My wife, Thomas and Billy there.

1755 August 9 (Saturday). Thomas and William are Somewhat better and Stronger. Blessed be God for it!

1755 August 21 (Thursday). Thomas and William Somewhat worse again.

1755 August 22 (Friday). My son grow [*sic*] somewhat better.

1755 August 23 (Saturday). Mr. Freeland finish'd his work for me; and Something for Thomas. He ask'd me but 26/ old Tenor for all he had done, this Turn, for me -- and having din'd he left us.

1755 September 11 (Thursday). I held a Catechetical Exercise design'd to Young Men -- but there were only 3 Youths came besides my sons Thomas and William.

1755 October 16 (Thursday). My Son Thomas finishes the digging of a Cellar Way from the Kitchin.

1755 October 17 (Friday). My Sons Thomas, and William undertake to gather our Corn, but it rains hard before they got home one Load.

1755 October 22 (Wednesday). Thomas and William cutt up and bring in 3 Turns of Corn from the Cook Field. A great Frost last Night.

1755 November 12 (Wednesday). I went over to t'other House in my way to the North End. Ebenezer was cutting up his Corn: his Brother Thomas and Mr. John Frost help him.

1755 November 13 (Thursday). Fair again. Billy with Mare and Steers work'd for Mr. Nurse all Day. Thomas for Ebenezer, who finishes getting in his Corn.

1755 November 25 (Tuesday). N.B. Thomas and Billy at their Brother Ebenezer's who has a Husking to Day.

1755 December 26 (Friday). My Son Ebenezer came and with Thomas's Help kill'd two Swine; which were but Small, one 126, the other 119, our Corn having been so cut off by the Frosts, both late in the Spring and early in the Fall.

1756 January 13 (Tuesday). I Sent by my Son Thomas to Mr. *Ephraim How* of Marlborough.

1756 January 17 (Saturday). N.B. I Sent *Thomas* (on a Horse of one of the Nurse's) with another Letter to Mr. *Frink* to get him to preach; he found him at Mr. *Loring's* (where he also dined) but neither of them could be perswaded to come and preach for me. Mr. Frink was hurt with his Fall from his Horse; and must be at Sudbury again on Monday, which in so extreme bad Travelling he could not return to if he came up: Mr. Loring was too old, and it was stormy, snowed and rained -- so Thomas returned unsuccessfull.

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

1756 February 19 (Thursday). Thomas is come back from Brookfield. My Daughter *Forbush*, through God's Goodness has another Daughter born on the 17th.

1756 February 20 (Friday). Thomas so ill he is confined to the House.

1756 February 21 (Saturday). Thomas no better.

1756 February 22 (Sunday). My Son Thomas keeps House yet.

1756 April 15 (Thursday). Mr. Daniel Forb.'s Son Daniel with 4 Oxen and Asher Newton with 4 Oxen likewise come to cross my field behind the Meeting House. Through a Mistake another set of Oxen did not come. We got Mr. Zebulun *Rice's*. His son Adam came and drove: and put in my own steers. My son Thomas assisted -- and with these was accomplished a good piece of work.

1756 April 30 (Friday). At Eve a number of Young Men met here in order to form into a society. I instructed, directed, cautioned and prayed with them; and they Signed the Articles which the former young-Mens Society did; and that Copy drawn by my son Ebenezer which bears Date of 174[*blank*]. Their Names were Thomas Parkman, Jonathan Grout, Samuel, Thomas and Noah Hardy, Barnabas Newton, Joseph Baker, Daniel Forb. junior, Abner Warrin, Abner Whipple, and Joseph Harrington. And they are, by divine Leave, to meet next Lords Day Evening at the widow Newtons. May God be gracious to them and meet with them!

1756 June 9 (Wednesday). Fine Weather. *Thomas* helps in ploughing and hoing the Field by the Barn.

1756 June 10 (Thursday). *Thomas* and *Billy* finish the Field by the Barn before Dinner.

1756 June 11 (Friday). *Thomas* goes over to hoe for Ebenezer (being backward in his Weeding).

1756 June 26 (Saturday). My Sons Ebenezer and Thomas go to Brookfield, p.m.

1756 JULY 3: 27 YEARS OLD

1756 July 9 (Friday). I am exceeding poor and Miserable at Evening. I had sent for Dr. Chase in the Day. He came at Night, and being perswaded by my grievous Nausea, and frequent reaching to vomit, that I have the Jaundice, I have Sent Thomas to *Mrs. Kimbal* of Hopkinton for her famous Remedy.

1756 July 10 (Saturday). Thomas did not come early, yet I began Mrs. Kimbals Medicine, looking to God for His Blessing.

1756 July 12 (Monday). Thomas and Billy hoeing in the New Field and finished it.

1756 July 15 (Thursday). Thomas and Billy begin to hill the Corn at the Island, and finish it.

1756 July 17 (Saturday). Our Orchard field was Sowed yesterday when My sons began to plough and Hill the Indian Corn there, and to day partly work there (Thomas but a Spell, a.m.) and secure part of the Hay in [of?] the Home Lot.

1756 July 19 (Monday). Mr. Moses Twitchel mows at Newton Meadow. Billy mows at the Island. Thomas a while.

1756 July 23 (Friday). Thomas and Billy go to raking in Newton Meadow.... Thomas and Billy brought home a Jagg of Hay from Newton Meadow with Neighbour Abner Newtons Team.

1756 July 24 (Saturday). Neighbour Morse and Neighbour Martyn Pratt work in Ministerial Meadow till about 5p.m. Neighbour Eliezer Rice carts home 3 Load from thence. Thomas and Billy work at the Meadow also, but a shower beat them all off Sun two hours high.

1756 July 26 (Monday). Thomas and Billy mowed in Ministerial Meadow....

1756 August 16 (Monday). Thomas goes over to help Ebenezer. N.B. he was there all last Week. I Send *Billy* there also.

1756 August 18 (Wednesday). N.B. Thomas came home from his Brothers this Morning but Billy remains there still.

1756 September 17 (Friday). Thomas so riggs up the Chair that my Wife and I ride to Marlborough.

1756 October 7 (Thursday). A Number of Persons, about 32, came and husked out my West Field of Corn, and that by the Barn. My son Thomas helped me Yesterday and to Day in Cutting it up and gathering it into Heaps.

1756 October 9 (Saturday). My son Thomas having Watched with Mr. *Rogers*, brings word that he is but just alive.

1756 October 28 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Daniel Stone in trouble, on account of my Son Thomas who had sued him for a Debt of his sons which he had undertaken to pay, but neglected.

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

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

1757 January 4 (Tuesday). Thomas setts out for Boston. He has Mr. *Samuel Fay* junior's Horse.

1757 January 7 (Friday). My son *Thomas* returns from Boston, brings me a Message from my eldest Brother that he is about Marrying to Mrs. *Mary Hawkins* (an old Maiden) within a few Weeks, the Lord willing.

1757 February 18 (Friday). My Son Thomas brings me from his Brother Ebenezer a proposal about their taking the old place -- but is what I can't comply with.

1757 March 3 (Thursday). Mr. M. [Martyn] and wife went home. Their son carryed home his Wife to his own House. *Thomas* and *Lucy* wait upon 'em (as they did the last night).

1757 April 28 (Thursday). My son Thomas went to Mr. Stones of Southborough and brought up Miss *Huldah*.

1757 April 29 (Friday). I waited on the Company, to visit Monsieur *LeBlanc* and his Family. We were besides my wife, and the New married Couple, Mr. *Martyn* and his wife, Mr. *Nahum Baldwin* and Miss *Huldah*, and my son *Thomas*. We returned home to dine, and took *Magdalene* and *Mary*, Since we could not obtain the man and his wife, to dine with us.

1757 May 20 (Friday). Went to Worcester with Mr. Edwards Whipple; my Son Thomas with me, we being the witnesses of Old Mr. Whipples Will; which was now proved.

1757 June 8 (Wednesday). Thomas went to Southborough to invite Miss *Huldah Stone* to go with his Sister to Brookfield; but returned without her, it being too short Warning, yet longer

could not be given because *Lucy* was So ill yesterday that it was uncertain whether she could go her self.

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

1757 June 18 (Saturday). One Mr. John *Bish* from Providence here. Sells *Thomme* Sugar and Chocolat.

1757 JULY 3: 28 YEARS OLD

1757 July 4 (Monday). Mrs. *Larthun* from Mill River Sells 24£ Tobacco to Thomas.

1757 July 9 (Saturday). Thomas with the Boys got in two or three Cocks of Hay from the Island: but it was with great Difficulty, having no Team.

1757 July 28 (Thursday). *Amon* and *Twitchell* to the Meadow. My son Thomas worked there most of the Day with them.

1757 August 4 (Thursday). Thomas very earnest about buying Merchant Rice's House.... My son *Thomas* works for me at the Meadow -- p.m. worked for Neighbour *Eliezer Rice* who brought up the last Load out of the Meadow, and run it into his own Barn till morning.

1757 August 9 (Tuesday). Mr. *Twitchell* and *Amon* mowing at Newton Meadow and the Balks round the Island Field. My son Thomas p.m. in [*sic*] carting home 2 Load.

1757 August 13 (Saturday). My son Thomas in going to fetch some sand, broke my Chair Wheel and returned empty.

1757 August 15 (Monday). There has been of late much Talk of Indians Seen in our Woods --at *Uxbridge*, *Mill-river* etc., which raises in many people Suspicions of what may be the Cause of it.... The Troop also meet at Capt. *Bezaleal Eager's*, *They* being warned to go. N.B. my son Thomas trades with *William Stone* to go in his Stead.

1757 August 16 (Tuesday). *William Stone* goes into the service in stead of my son *Thomas* but he has my Gun and my Mare.

1757 August 18 (Thursday). I walked to Mrs. *Rice's* (*Eliezers* Wife) to talk with her about her *Williams* going for *Thomas* and to know whether she did indeed Consent to it, Since he is gone; though I had Charged him not to go without her Allowance. She was not at home. *Hephzy* told me She did not Consent -- but She see [*sic*] he *would* go: and She did not appear displeas'd with me or my son for if he did not go for *Thomas* he *would* for some body else. I replied that I was not willing to be the instrument of his Rebellion against his Mother -- and therefore bid him be

sure, See to this, if he went, that he had his Mothers good will in it. *Hephzy* Said her Father (his Guardian) consented to it.

1757 September 1 (Thursday). N.B. Delivered the Paper to Lt. *Rolf* which Contains the agreement between my Son *Thomas* and *William Stone*. N.B. as it was agreed that Lt. *Rolf* Should keep it, so I had sent to him to come and take it, but he neglected it. N.B. He owned before several Witnesses that he had Received the word which I sent him, to take it.

1757 September 10 (Saturday). Mr. Batherick brings me 3 Barrells of Cyder -- one of which Thomas boils p.m.

1757 September 15 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbush* and his wife to *Boston*. At Parting he gave me a Letter from *Ebenezer*. He tells me he has sent for sundry *Goods* by a Team. Mr. Batheric comes and informs me that the Team will call about noon for them. *Thomas* goes over to see to the putting 'em up.

1757 October 8 (Saturday). N.B. Thomas took Care of gathering my Corn at the Island and getting it in. For they had Mr. Zebulon Rices and Mr. Nurse's Teams. They had also an Husking last night; about 10 or 12 persons here.

1757 October 13 (Thursday). My Kinswoman, Miss Betty Still with us.

1757 October 14 (Friday). She has my Mare to go to Boston and leaves her Fathers Horse. My son *Thomas* goes with his Her [*sic*] as far as Coll. Williams at Marlborough where Mrs. Allen was to meet her to proceed on their Journey down.

1757 October 19 (Wednesday). Thomas goes to Boston. Rides his Uncle's Horse.

1757 November 18 (Friday). Thomas goes to Worcester on the probation of Old Mr. *Maynards* Will.

1757 November 22 (Tuesday). Thomas, and a Number more, ride to Brookfield to Ordination.

1757 November 26 (Saturday). Thomas does not come from Brookfield. We are Straitened for Wood till about Sunsetting when Mr. Warrin himself came with a Load.

1757 November 28 (Monday). At Eve Thomas returns from Brookfield -- brings me from Mr. Roberts of Leicester Life of *Czar Peter*.

1758 January 10 (Tuesday). I delivered to Mr. Joseph Gilbert 56£ 5 S. in one parcell: 50£ in another -- both old Tenor for my son *Ebenezer* and 10 Dollars more for my son *Baldwin*. When he left us, he left Mr. *Forbush's* Horse here, for Thomas to go to Boston and wait upon Miss *Lydia Champney*.

1758 January 12 (Thursday). Thomas obtained Mr. Benjamin Tainters mare, and on Mr. *Forbushs* Horse Sat out for Cambridge or Boston to wait on Miss *Lydia Champney* up here.

1758 January 14 (Saturday). Thomas returns from Boston (having lodged at Framingham last night) but with an Empty Horse as he went, his Aunt Lydia being too ill to ride. But if She had been ever so well had sent word to Brookfield that She could not ride on Horseback.

1758 February 8 (Wednesday). N.B. she [Mrs. Parkman] told me a while after that her pains were altered, and She had Travail Pains upon her. About midnight I sent Thomas for Mrs. Maynard again and a few Nighest Neighbours.

1758 February 9 (Thursday). Time of prayer. About forty minutes after two o'Clock a large fat Child was born! ... Mrs. Maynard went home a.m., my son Thomas waiting upon her with Capt. Woods Horse.

1758 February 15 (Wednesday). Ensign Charles Brigham here with his Mare again. I had wrote a Line to him by my son Thomas who met him on the Road hither.

1758 February 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and I settled divers Accounts before his going home. He [and]his Wife Sett out in a Slay for Brookfield. They carry Breck with them. *Thomas* also hires a Horse and goes with them. They are obliged to go out to the Country Road by Mr. Martyns.

1758 March 9 (Thursday). N.B. In deep and distressing Trouble about my son *Thomas*, especially on Account of his Spiritual and eternal State and Condition.

1758 March 30 (Thursday). *Thomas* Suddenly lists and takes the Bounty Money -- but what gives me trouble is, it is at the Instigation and by the Instrumentality, of *John Dunlop*, who I am informed has a *Lieutenant's* Commission. I visited LeBlanc. Samuel *Hicks* from *Sutton* lodges here. N.B. Capt. Fay calls his Company together at his House, at the Desire of Capt. *Stephen Maynard* in order to 'list men. *Thomas* and his Cousen *Hicks* goes there -- and Thomas follows the Drum.

1758 March 31 (Friday). I think there is Scarce any Article next to the Care of my own soul which lies upon my Spirits like this of my Son *Thomas* -- the Thing *it Self* considering his proneness to bodily Indisposition; and the manner of his 'listing when he might have done it under so many Superior Advantages -- but especially the Frame of mind which I think him to be in whilst Things are thus. But I desire to committ the whole to God!

1758 April 14 (Friday). The newly enlisted Soldiers for the designed Expedition are this Day mustered by Coll. *Williams* at his House in Marlborough. Among those who ride to Marlborough a young man calls here occasionally who says his Name is *Ebenezer Trask* of *Mendon*, Son of Robert, Son of Nicolas Trask. My Son Thomas goes as one enlisted under Capt. *John Ward*. He returns at night, not having been called. His Captain not there; nor Lieut. Dunlop who enlisted him.

1758 April 15 (Saturday). Mustering Business is continued. Thomas goes again -- carrys a Letter from me to Coll. *Williams* containing a Representation of my sons Case, who has been

ensnared in the enlisting by most vain promises, and that he is subject to Such indispositions of Body as render him incapable of the service. Upon which the Coll. excuses him.

1758 April 17 (Monday). At Eve *Billy from Brookfield* and acquaints me he *listed* and was *mustered* last Friday under Capt. *Samuel How*, hired by *Lt. Adams*, and is to wait on Lt. Joseph Stone. This throws me into fresh Trouble; but may God Himself Support and direct me! Yet I am easier than in the Case of my Son *Thomas* because he is sturdier for his age; and I can't be utterly Opposite to some one or other of my sons going. But still he is alas too young, and Small: a mere stripling! but most of all, I fear going in the paths of irreligion! The Lord grant he may have a New Heart and lead a New Life.

1758 June 8 (Thursday). Thomas p.m. to Hopkinton.

1758 JULY 3: 29 YEARS OLD

1758 July 7 (Friday). My Son *Thomas* (poor Youth!) gives me fresh Trouble by leaving both his own Business, which is much demanded, and my own, which is much behind Hand, especially my Hoing; Alexander being ill with Rheumatism but no perswasions are of any Avail. Indeed his going away is with better Company than the wild and profligate: yet 'tis at least ill Tim'd and (I fear) to vain purposes. He goes to *Hopkinton* and borders of Framingham, with Mr. *Asaph Rice*.

1758 July 12 (Wednesday). Daniel worked a.m. Rain p.m. so that he did not work: but Thomas and he try my Mare in the Chair, and she proves very turbulent and untoward: as she did also when he mounted her in the Saddle, to my great Trouble -- and I fear the Event of her getting into such Frolicks.

1758 July 13 (Thursday). But Mr. Barretts Boy Ishmael comes with a Letter to inform that Mr. Samuel Barrett junior's wifes Daughter of about 4, is dead -- and they have sent for me and my son *Thomas* to assist at the Funeral tomorrow.

1758 July 14 (Friday). Daniel Forb. rode over to Hopkinton p.m. to the Funeral of little *Polly Caswell*. *Thomas* was a Bearer, *John Wood* and two more. I prayed -- returned home at Eve.

1758 July 15 (Saturday). N.B. Thomas tarried at Hopkinton but returns a.m. He had Mr. Williams's Horse.

1758 July 25 (Tuesday). Thomas hoed with Alexander part of the Afternoon at the Island New Ground, but they were beat off by the Rain.

1758 July 26 (Wednesday). They hoed the rest.

1758 July 30 (Sunday). N.B. My Wife's Breast so bad that I sent Thomas for Dr. Hemingway -- who came. Dr. Rice here likewise. May God prepare for His holy will!

1758 August 18 (Friday). *Thomas* a great Cough.

1758 August 19 (Saturday). It did not rain, but the threatening Signs urged our getting in the Rye that Stands abroad. *Thomas* a.m. in getting home Rye. It is damp; Some of it grown. N.B. had Mr. Zebulon Rice's Team.

1758 September 4 (Monday). *Thomas* Bond works for me, raking and poling Hay in Newton Meadow. And my son *Thomas* also assists p.m.

1758 September 7 (Thursday). *Thomas* has Such a Cough, he cant go into the Water.... William Stone came from Lt. *Rolfs*, and poled, with Nathan, the rest to gather to be stacked: *Thomas* with the Boys got up the Load which was poled out (having Mr. Zebulon Rice's Oxen).

1758 September 9 (Saturday). *Thomas* waits upon our Cousen Brigham and her son, to her Father Brighams at Marlborough.

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 14 (Saturday). *Thomas* rode to Marlborough to wait upon Mrs. Anna Brigham up here; but She was engaged in taking Care of a poor sick woman, one *Mrs. Kitchin*, a Wife of one of the Regulars, who was trying to go to her Husband, but was taken ill upon the way; So that Mrs. Brigham did not come.

1758 October 24 (Tuesday). My own Boys are employed about my Corn and have the Assistance of one of Mr. Rice's Twins: thus, *Alexander* goes over in the morning and with Mr. Rice's Oxen and Mr. Pratts Cart, assisted by Joseph Rice(or rather the Twin with his) my part of Crop of Corn is brought over and laid upon my House; and after Dinner they go to my Cook Field, and cutt up and bring home part of that. *Thomas* helps them in loading and driving home. Rain at Eve.

1758 October 25 (Wednesday). Boys are husking.

1758 October 27 (Friday). P.M. *Thomas* to Marlborough to bring up Mrs. Brigham.

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

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

1758 November 16 (Thursday). *Thomas* returned from Brookfield and brought *Suse* and *Breck* with him, and left Sarah in *Suse's* Stead.

1758 November 17 (Friday). Receive £57.15.0 Old Tenor, from my son Ebenezer by my son *Thomas* in trust for Mr. *Thomas Frost*.

1758 November 24 (Friday). Thomas carries Suse to Marlborough and they lodge at Esq. Brighams.

1758 November 25 (Saturday). Thomas returns but leaves Suse.

1758 November 27 (Monday). Mr. Joseph Rice yesterday desired my son Thomas to acquaint me that a soldier, *Arthur Brown*, was sick and very low, at his House. And he desired me to go and See him this morning.

1758 December 1 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* having had my Mare to *Boston* and carried a Calf for us (for which he got 6£ without the Skin) returns, and brings a Letter and Mourning Gloves for us -- and a Pair of white Gloves for *Thomas*, who had watched with his *Billy* in his Sickness. My son William is under Indisposition and fear what it will increase to.

1758 December 7 (Thursday). Miss Betty Johnson works for Thomas.

1758 December 9 (Saturday). Miss *Betty Johnson* here still making a Coat for *Thomas*.

1759 January 6 (Saturday). Thomas had the promise of my mare to go out of Town -- but though he brought her over from t'other Barn, yet does not use her because of the dangerous Holes in the roads, and bad weather. Miss Betty Johnson.

1759 January 11 (Thursday). Thomas went yesterday to Marlborough and Sudbury -- but returns this Evening and Timothy (son of Beriah) Rice, who lives at *Westfield* with him.

1759 January 16 (Tuesday). Thomas rides my Mare to Hopkinton.

1759 January 23 (Tuesday). In going to Lieut. Rolfs I went to *Cramberry pond* and *Thomas* being with me I put on the skates a little while (which I have not done for many years) to Shew him.

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.

1759 March 14 (Wednesday). *Thomas* at *Bruce's* at Night.

1759 March 15 (Thursday). My son *Thomas* not well.... At my Return home found Thomas in a great perplexity about going to Hopkinton, to Mr. George Crosman's Wedding -- being delayed, and disappointed of an Horse, He could neither go nor know how to stay.

1759 March 20 (Tuesday). N.B. *Thomas* who rode away yesterday, returns to Day p.m.

1759 March 22 (Thursday). In returning home called at Capt. Maynard's and received Billy's Wages of Mrs. Maynard -- her Husband not being at Home, but was at *Thomas's* shop yesterday

(without coming into the House) and desired I would come and take the Money. And I gave a Receipt to Mrs. Maynard for it – for £13.15.10.2 Lawful Money -- £103.9.0 old Tenor.

1759 April 10 (Tuesday). Thomas rides my mare to *Marlborough*.

1759 April 14 (Saturday). Thomas goes with my Letter to Dr. Crosby, while Captain Woods goes to Dr. Willson.

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 April 27 (Friday). Thomas has Capt. Maynards Mare and Mr. Nurse's Chair, and goes to Brookfield for Suse.

1759 April 28 (Saturday). Thomas returns from Brookfield with Suse.

1759 May 2 (Wednesday). Hear my son Thomas has already 'listed as a Batteau Man, under Lt. Rolf.

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

1759 May 14 (Monday). *Thomas* returns home from Sudbury so as to be at Dinner.

1759 May 18 (Friday). *Thomas* goes with Lieut. Rolf to Bruce's to the Mustering of the *Bateau-Men*; and the Lieutenant tells me he expects he will be Clerk, there being no other that he knows of.

1759 May 22 (Tuesday). *My son Thomas leaves us to go into the service*. He has bought him an old Horse to ride on.

1759 May 23 (Wednesday). Thomas returns, and goes off again.

1759 JULY 3: 30 YEARS OLD

1759 July 3 (Tuesday). I rode over to Mr. *Isaac Pratt's* and improved him to make a pair of Breeches for Me, since he so ingenuously own'd his Defect as to my son *Thomas's*.

1759 July 14 (Saturday). Am oblig'd to write several Letters -- viz. to *Thomas* at Stillwater in Hudsons River, To *Billy* gone over the Lake.

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

1759 November 6 (Tuesday). Daniel How brings a Letter from *Thomas* at *Still-Water* dated Oct. 12. And from *Billy* at *Crown Point* Oct. 16. Blessed be God for their Welfare! May they have Grace to improve it!

1759 November 15 (Thursday). Messrs. *Abraham* and *Abijah Brown* here. The former pays me his Debt to my son Thomas.

1759 November 19 (Monday). Mr. *Goddard* of *Grafton* and his Wife came to the Door and informed me there was sorrowful News brought to *Grafton* by *Samuel Wetmore*, viz. that *Thomas Parkman*, my son, was dead. I Sent a Line to *Lieut. Forb.* praying him to go and See what the Particulars from *Wetmore* are. Who went accordingly.

1759 November 21 (Wednesday). My [wife] while I am gone sees William Dunlop who is returned home. He tells her *Jonas Child*, in a Batteau on Hudsons River, informed him of my son Thomas's Death, that he had been his Mess Mate, and was with him when he dyed.

1759 November 22 (Thursday). Mr. Gale. *Jabez* Snow. Alexander brought a Letter which came from *Jonas Child* dated Still-Water Nov. 14, 1759 Superscribed to his Father Mr. *Joseph Bruce* of this parish in which was this Paragraph following, viz. "I would also inform of the sorrowfull News of the Death of *Thomas Parkman* who died the twenty Third of October with a fever. He had been sick about fourteen Day. He walkt abroad the Day before he dyed, and his Death was Somewhat unexpected. Our Captain got a Coffin made and chose Nathan and Samuel Watkins and David Stow and my self for his Bearers. He dyed here at Still-Water, and was buryed in a very decent manner. This you may inform his Father for Truth."

1759 November 25 (Sunday). Read Ps. 39. Preached on v. 9 a. and p.m. Omitted reading p.m. May God Sanctifie his word and his Providence to us!⁴

1759 December 7 (Friday). Wrote to Brother Samuel concerning the Death of Thomas and Return of *William*.

1759 December 11 (Tuesday). N.B. That Mr. *Goddard* of *Grafton* who brought me the News of Thomas's Death Nov. 19, is this Day buryed at Cambridge.

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. Blessed be God for His Sparing Mercy to all of us who were at home: And to *Billy*

⁴Ps. 39, v. 9, "I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it."

in his safe Return; and that of my two sons in Law, from the Army; But, -- alas! For the holy Frown of divine Providence in the Premature Death of my dear son *Thomas*! May God grant me and all that survive, the Grace suitably to improve that Dispensation, and His wonderful Indulgence in allowing us the New 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 January 8 (Tuesday). Omitted that *Jonas Child* being returned from Still-Water, where he was in the Batteau Bus'ness with Thomas, came to see me a.m.

1760 January 18 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Richard Kelly (long *Kelly*) and his son *John*, who was with my son *Thomas* at Still Water, are here and make Demands -- first 2 Dollars being pay for a new Shirt he says Thomas was buried in -- Next, Twelve Shillings York Money, due from Thomas to one Chesnutt, and from Chesnutt to Kelly. I defer the payment until I can see Capt. McKeen.

1760 January 30 (Wednesday). I rode to Worcester to wait upon Judge Chandler for Power of Administration of my son Thomas's Effects.

1760 March 31 (Monday). N.B. I sent this Morning by Mr. *Edwards Whipple*, to Mrs. Mary Jackson and son, the full of their Account against my late son Thomas; being £1.6.3.3 L.M. or £9.17.4 old Tenor.

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

1760 April 18 (Friday). Mr. Williams sadler here and undertakes several Pieces of Work -- Baggs, Sidesaddle etc. Views my late sons Tools, Stock etc. And buys several Things. Benjamin Warrin with a yoke of Cattle p.m. to harrow etc.

1760 April 24 (Thursday). P.M. William Bowman from Mr. Chaddock of Brookfield with two Notes given by my son Thomas for Leather. Capt. *Rolf* has offered to take the Leather and take up the Notes -- which I consented to, and therefore do go with *William* to Capt. *Rolf*'s that he may do it. He accordingly tells me he will -- and that he will write to Mr. Chaddock about it.

1760 July 17 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Chaddock* had sent a Letter of Smart Dunning for Thomas's Debt to him, which Capt. *Rolf* had promised to discharge.

1760 July 28 (Monday). I prepare to Send by Capt. *Rolf*, to Albany, for Thomme's Wages. Squire Baker takes the Acknowledgment of the Power of Attorney.

1760 August 13 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. Forb. and I visited Mr. Bartlet, Squire Howard, and Mr. Joseph Chaddock. N.B. Took up two Notes of Hand given Mr. Chaddock by my son Thomas with what Interest he required -- viz. £23.14.0 old Tenor.

1760 October 17 (Friday). N.B. Heard to Day that my Daughter in Law is brought to Bed; that She has a Son; and that they call his Name *Thomas*. Blessed be God for His Great Mercy and Goodness!

1760 December 12 (Friday). Capt. Rolf came to see me (now first) after his Return and tells me had no success in his Attempts at Albany to get my late son *Thomas's* Wages: That he applied to Coll. Bradstreet, pay-Master, Several Times: That he presented a Memorial to General Amherst, and waited upon him personally; but he referred him to Coll. Bradstreet; to whom he went in Vain -- being turned off with various pretences; but that he finally flattly denyed him. It was the Same with the other Cases he was entrusted with, viz. the Widow How's, and the Relations of William Stone decess'd.

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

1761 March 19 (Thursday). Mr. William Pierce's Wife here about the Affair of her son Jonathan who exhibits a to me very fresh and unheard of Account against my late son Thomas.

1761 April 17 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Jonathan Pierce here with his Account against my late son Thomas: which I settle, giving him a Note for 13/9.2 Lawfull money. And as to the Saddle Trees yet in the Shop, he is to take 'em and make what he can of them. And I must make him what Allowance may be just and reasonable.

1764 June 26 (Tuesday). N.B. John Kelly is here again for what he Claims as due to him on my Son Thomas's Account.

1764 August 20 (Monday). John Kelley, Son of long *Kelley*, of Hopkinton here again, demanding pay for a Shirt which he says he afforded to Capt. McKeen to bury my Son *Thomas* in -- and although I have understood that Capt. McKeen told him, he Should See to it, to pay him for it, and has received all Thomas's Wages, for that End that he might pay all his Debts and funeral Charges, I gave him 3£ old Tenor and made him a present of Mr. *Guthries's* Trial of a Saving Interest etc. I took no Receipt, but Mr. Aaron Nurse and Miss Betty Gott were present.

1765 February 4 (Monday). Billy has, of Mr. Wheelock, part of Deacon Storers House to work in; the shop not being big enough for him and Breck, though it was for Thomas.

1765 October 8 (Tuesday). Billy returns to Townshend. Mrs. *Ranger* and *Polly* take little *Thomme* Parkman with them to Brookfield.

1766 October 31 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Adonijah Rice here to desire my Shop (which was Thomas's) for him and his Family to live in: but I cannot encourage it. And yet,

1766 November 1 (Saturday). This morning Mrs. Rice came to look of the Shop, as thinking I had given Encouragement that they Should come. Whereas, by his yielding to what I had said to him of the Inconveniencys, and his informing me that Miss *Dilly Fays* was empty, I concluded the Matter was over.

1767 August 24 (Monday). Mr. *William Pierce* here, about his old Debt to my Son Thomas.