

Dr. Stanton Prentice (1711-1769) of Lancaster

1736 May 28 (Friday). Mr. Stanton Prentice of Lancaster my Company from F. Champneys.

1738 June 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Loring at the public Lecture on 1 Thess. 5.19. N.B. Colonel Woods and Dr. Stanton Prentice with us.

1744 August 22 (Wednesday). I rode up to Worcester Court -- from Mr. Cushings had Dr. Stanton Prentice's Company.

1748 January 17 (Sunday). It Snowed this Sabbath also. I preached a.m. on John 12.35, on the Death of Reverend Mr. John Prentice of Lancaster.

1748 January 24 (Sunday). [Lancaster]. It Snowed all Day. I preached a. and p.m. on John 12.35. On the Death of their late worthy pastor. May the Great Shepherd of the Sheep, the Chief Shepherd, Compassionate their State, hear and accept their humble Supplication in their late Test (Last Thursday), provide for their guidance to a Resettlement and may they walk while they have the Light -- Darkness may not come upon you.

1748 January 25 (Monday). Dr. Stanton Prentice has been very kind in looking after my Mare. Breakfasted there -- before I left Lancaster, Dr. Stanton came over to his Mother's to take Leave and I perceiving that there was disquietment among them on account of Mr. Prentice's Will, gave 'em an Earnest Friendly Exhortation.

1748 April 22 (Friday). At Eve Dr. Stanton Prentice and Dr. Smith called here.

1748 May 16 (Monday). I rode to Lancaster to see Mrs. Wheeler.... Was at Dr. Stanton Prentice's. He gave me an imperfect Scudders daily walk.

1748 November 16 (Wednesday). [Lancaster for ordination.] The Council form'd at Captain Willards. Mr. Hancock Moderator and pray'd. Mr. Harrington was examin'd by Mr. Loring respecting his principles.... At Eve visited Madam Prentice and the Doctor, but lodg'd as Last.

1757 July 29 (Friday). Esquire Baker and Mr. Whitney accompanied me to Dr. Stanton Prentice's in Lancaster. There we sat out after Sunsett and rode home by Moon Light -- got here between 12 and 1, safe by the Blessing of God.

1759 March 16 (Friday). Was Sent for to Mr. Nurse's, Dr. *Prentice* being come. I went, found his wife also there. The Doctor judges the Tumour is of Scrophulous kind -- that the Patient is much wasted, is [hectick?], and he fears will not stand it long. The Doctor and his Wife dined with me.

1759 March 17 (Saturday). I sent a line Yesterday per Dr. Prentice to Mr. *Cushing* to change with me next sabbath.

1759 April 8 (Sunday). In the morning my Wife was cool and calm as if She would Soon get Well again; made grateful mention of it in the public Devotions.... Dr. *Crosby* here. Dr. *Prentice* who came to see Mr. Nurse came likewise. An Alteration arose in my Wife at, or before noon: She had an Ague Fit, Succeeded by a burning Fever. The Doctors, old Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Foster and [blank] dined here. When I returned and the Doctors with me after meeting, She was in a great Inflammation and Sweat.

1759 May 10 (Thursday). At Eve comes a young man learning the Practice of Physick with Dr. Prentice, and come to Neighbour Nurse, lodges here.

1759 March 31 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Thomas Whitney nigh Evening came from Mr. Reuben Maynards to desire me to go up there, Mr. Maynard himself lying in a very low Condition, very insensible and tis feared will never Recover. But his Wife is worse than he, and tis conceived is near her End. The Neighbours think She is dying, and earnestly desire me to go up there now immediatly. This was the Message. While I prepare Mr. Whitney runs to Mr. Nurse's for an Horse. We ride up there (though it rains hard) and find a distressed House. The Doctor concludes the woman is in the Agony of Death.

1759 April 1 (Sunday). Returned to Mr. Maynards. He is Somewhat more sensible but far from being come to his Reason. The Woman alive and has had returns of Fitts all Night -- looks exceeding Ghastly and terribly. Prayed with 'em and returned home -- but very much worn and fatigued -- have taken Cold and am poorly capable of performing the Divine Services of the Day -- Yet I went through them as God enabled me.

1767 July 4 (Saturday). Early ride to Mr. Harringtons to Breakfast and Prayers. Dr. *Prentice* accompanys part of the way to *Lunenburg*.

1769 November 19 (Sunday). I preached at *Southborough*.... N.B. Dr. Prentice of Lancaster prayed for, as being near his End.

1769 December 1 (Friday). Sister Cushing Sends me word that Dr. *Prentice* dyed last Night, and is to be buried tomorrow. O that God would Sanctifye this Death to me and to all concerned!