

## Dr. Joseph Pynchon (1705-1765) of Springfield, Brookfield, and Boston

Harvard 1726; *SHG*, 8:90-92.

In 1748, he married Mary Cheney, daughter of Rev. John Cotton (HC 1710) and widow of Rev. Thomas Cheney (HC 1711) of Brookfield. The Pynchons lived for five years in Brookfield, 1748-1753.

1738 September 6 (Wednesday). At about 9 a.m. My Wife and I set out upon our Journey to Springfield and New Haven, on my Own and Cousen Winchester's Horses.... Dr. Pyncheon of Springfield came in and tarried over night likewise.

1738 September 7 (Thursday). About 3/4 after 8 we set out with Dr. Pyncheons Company.

1738 September 20 (Wednesday). Continued on to Long Meadow where we overtook Dr. Pyncheon.

1748 April 28 (Thursday). Public Fast.... N.B. A number of Gentlemen at Meeting who sat in Captain Maynard's and other seats. May God accept our offerings and teach us the true, influential Knowledge of Him!

1748 April 29 (Friday). I went to Captain Maynard's and understood that Dr. Joseph Pyncheon was one of the Gentlemen that Kept Fast with us, but he was gone upon his journey homeward.

1748 May 24 (Tuesday). In the Morning I asked in Honourable Joseph Pyncheon and the Reverend Mr. Jones, who broke fast with me and I set out with them on my Journey to Cambridge, but I turn'd away to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins the Collector.... N.B. Din'd at Wolsoms with Colonel Ward, Dr. Pyncheon and Mr. Jones.

1748 November 9 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Abner Newton and wife made us a Visit; and this Eve also came Mr. Cotton of Newtown who informs me that his Daughter Cheney was married last Thursday to the Honourable Joseph Pyncheon Esquire.

1752 June 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Eli Forbush's Ordination. A most important Day with one whom I am nearly concern'd for!... Through Gods great Goodness, my feeble Body was sustain'd and carry'd through in a measure of Comfort. So that my Evening was pleasant. N.B. Mr. Breck of Springfield -- Mr. Pynchon of Brookfield there.

1752 June 4 (Thursday). I rode over to Brookfield Town when the Company was gone with Deacon Forbush to visit Lieutenant Aaron Forbush under his terrible Cancer. [N.B. We call'd in to see Captain Ayres.] The sore which Lieutenant is distress'd by has altered him extremely -- but he is much Supported. I lodg'd at Dr. Pynchons, but the Doctor not yet return'd from Court.

1754 July 16 (Tuesday). We proceeded to Mr. John Barkers at Boston.... Thence we went to Dr. Pyncheons and din'd there. Spent the Chief of the p.m. at Brother Samuels, Captain Storers, and Mr. Kneelands.