

Robert and Sarah (Crosby) Cook

Robert, son of Cornelius and Eunice, b. July 4, 1729

Robert Cook mar. Sarah Crosby, Feb. 6, 1749 (WVR 140)

(Ward, *Hist. of Shrewsbury*, 255, gives Feb. 6, 1750 as date)

Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Dorothy (Brown) Crosby of Shrewsbury, b. Apr., 21, 1734

Sarah, wife of Robert, d. Mar. 19, 1764 (Mar. 10, a. 72 y. wanting 18 d.) (Wrentham VR 426)

This doesn't sound like either the right person or the right date.

Sarah, dau. of Robert and Sarah, b. Aug. 11, 1749 (WVR 35)

Solomon, son of Robert and Sarah, b. Apr. 30, 1751 (WVR 35)

Relieve, dau. of Robert and Sarah, b. May 3, 1753 (Wrentham VR 52)

Lydea, dau. of Robert and Sarah, b. Sept. 4, 1755 (Wrentham VR 51)

Prudence, dau. of Robert and Sarah, b. May 1, 1757 (Wrentham VR 52)

Patience, dau. of Robert and Sarah, b. Oct. 13, 1759 (Wrentham VR 51)

Robert mar. Esther Thurston, May 3, 1764 (Wrentham VR 274)

1746 June 13 (Friday). James White and Robert Cook here; they with Some others going out to the Frontiers. May the Lord Sanctifie them and protect them.

1747 December 25 (Friday). We had Captain Maynards Team, to join with mine and draw down Wood from my Hill. Mr. Biglo, Noah and Daniel How, Rody Smith, Benjamin Whipple, Nathan Maynard, Silas Newton, Jonathan and Robert Cook, Jonas Bradish, Jonathan Bruce, Samuel Warrin, Josiah Walker, Samuel Bumpso (Indian) and Elijah Bellows came and Cutt Wood.

1748 June 24 (Friday). P.M. came Mr. Stephen Fay with a Warrant from Captain Edward Baker Esquire with which he press'd Joseph Bowker, my Young Man, into the service! I went over to the Captain to see if nothing could be done to release him. The Captain said he would do his utmost: and accordingly Sent his son to try to hire Robert Cook, and he should offer him 50£. Nay not come without him if 60£ would procure him. I am afraid of the Temptation of too great Anxiety -- but I beseech God to enable me to put my Trust in Him! and Committing all to Him, to be at Rest! Joseph went to Lieutenant Tainters who I am perswaded would do what in him lies. Two or Three Things made this impressing feel the worse. Its falling out at this Season, when I cannot get any Body in his stead; and it being on Friday when I was more disturb'd: (It was So exactly when Captain Baker press'd Thomas Winchester) And when they want but one Man out of the whole Town.

1749 January 17 (Tuesday). My Son Thomas went also with my own Team. The Company were Mr. Samuel Harrington with a Team, Mr. Timothy Warrin and Team, Benjamin Tainter (for his Brother Jonathan Forbush -- but) with his Fathers Team, Mr. Gowe, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Daniel Hardy, Mr. Phinehas Hardy, Mr. Zebulon Rice, Messrs. Solomon Woods, Jonas Child, Samuel Baker, Eleazer Williams, besides which were Robert Cook, Nathaniel Whitney junior, Joseph Grout, Judah Rice, Thomas Hardy, and Samuel Bumpso. And they got down 34 Load to the Door.

1749 January 31 (Tuesday). N.B. The Neighbourhood full of Talk of **Robert Cook** and **Sarah Crosby**, Two Young Things who propose Marriage.

1749 February 1 (Wednesday). I went over to Neighbour Hows. **Sarah Crosby** having liv'd here awhile I warmly inveigh'd against the Libertys allow'd to Young people.

1749 February 6 (Monday). Marry'd **Robert Cook** and **Sarah Crosby** at his Fathers.

1749 February 16 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing was my Company to Shrewsbury. We went in to see Mrs. Crosby (Mr. David Crosbys Wife) and in talking of the Marriage of her Daughter Sarah to **Robert Cook**, I told her that his Brother Jonathan Certify'd me in the presence of the Company at the wedding that she (Mrs. Crosby) did give her Consent to it: but Mrs. Crosby said she did not, but that Robert had obtained her leave to court her Daughter, and nothing else but that he had come and ask'd her Pardon, as to anything he had offended her in.

1749 November 27 (Monday). A.M. **Robert Cook** here to be examin'd etc.

1749 November 29 (Wednesday). Neighbour **Robert Cooks** wife here in the Day Time, and He again in the Evening -- A very Troublesome Case.

1749 December 6 (Wednesday). Mr. **Robert Cooks wife** here again. I acquaint her with the Difficultys in the way of proceeding to propound her.

1750 August 6 (Monday). Neighbour **Robert Cooks** Wife here to be further Examin'd in order to owning the Covenant.

1750 August 9 (Thursday). **Mrs. Cook** here about her **son Roberts** Affair.

1750 August 14 (Tuesday). Association Fast at Marlborough (and I suppose at Rutland at the same Time).... Advis'd with the Association about **Robert Cooks** Case.

1750 November 15 (Thursday). Went down to Mr. Stephen Maynards to view a large Quantity of White Pine Boards there. P.M. Church Meeting on the Affair of **Robert Cook**. There were but Eleven Members came, and those very late. We adjourn'd to Monday next.

Church Records, Nov. 15, 1750. The Church met upon Occasion of the Affair of *Robert Cook*. The meeting was opend by prayer but by reason of the fewness of the members present, and Several witnesses which Said *Cook* had depended upon his Defence, did not come, the Meeting was adjourn'd to next Monday, 2 o'Clock p. m. - and Prayer and Blessing concluded.

1750 November 19 (Monday). P.M. Church meeting according to adjournment, exactly at 2 p.m. on the Affair of **Robert Cook**. Both he and his wife declare their Innocence. After all that we heard from them and the witnesses, the Number of Members of the Church who declar'd themselves unprepar'd yet to vote, the Church Meeting was again adjourn'd to Thursday next after Lecture.

Church Records, Nov. 19, 1750. The Church met by adjournment on the Affair of Robert Cook. The meeting was opened with prayer. Said Robert Cook and his wife there, and very Solemnly professed their Innocence. Several Testimonys of women were read - Several also that were present were interrogated - particularly the [87-88] Midwife, Mrs. Forbush; - After all, the Church could not be ready as yet to Vote - were therefor adjourn'd again to Thursday next, after the Lecture - but before adjourn'd, a vote passed that *Anna Bradish* (who was propounded last Lords day sennight) might be admitted into the Church next Thursday, instead of next Lords Day, tho it be otherwise than our common Custom; by reason of the Shortness of the Days: that is, if the Church be then Satisfyd with respect to her Qualifications. With prayer and the Blessing, this meeting concluded.

Church Records, Nov. 22, 1750. Was Lecture Day. Rev. Mr. Cushing preachd: It being Stormy few members present. The pastor was kept at home by Lameness.

1750 December 3 (Monday). Church Meeting. About 23 or 24 present. **Robert Cook** was not there; **nor his Father** etc. The whole Church seem ready to Vote. The Vote was written and read over and over. Whether Robert Cook and his Wife Should enjoy Special Privileges of the Gospel in this Church without an acknowledgement. No Hand was lifted up for it. I said upon it, that they all seem'd to be of one mind -- viz. on the Negative. Had any one any Thing to offer? There was a profound Silence. The Meeting clos'd with Prayer and Blessing.

Church Records, December 3, 1750. The Church Met according to the Adjournment and after Prayer and Conference together The following vote was put viz.

“If you are willing that Robert Cook and his Wife Should enjoy the Special privileges of the Gospel in this Church without an Acknowledgement please to manifest it by lifting up your Hands.”

But not one Hand was lifted up. After prayer and Blessing the meeting ended.

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 March 14 (Thursday). N.B. in my returning home, had Discourse with Mr. **David Crosby about his son** and **Daughter Cook**, who are under the Frowns of our Church.

1751 November 2 (Saturday). Mr. **Robert Cooks wife** here and din'd with us.

1751 November 8 (Friday). Mr. **Robert Cook** here in further Preparation for his Confession and owning the Covenant.

Church Records, Nov. 17, 1751. *Robert Cook* and *Sarah* his Wife offerd Confessions of their being guilty of the Sin of fornication, and likewise their Aggravating it by Denying it; upon which they were restord to Charity and ownd the Covenant.

1756 March 2 (Tuesday). Robert Cook here with a *Petition* for a Contribution.

1756 March 21 (Sunday). I read also the *Petition* of Robert Cook, for a Contribution for him to assist him in building an House. Having read these *Petitions* I desired the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct would meet and advise what is best to be done.

1756 March 25 (Thursday). At Eve the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct Met at my Chamber to consult about the *Petitions* for Contributions. They were unanimously *against* any for Mr. Cook, and *for one* in behalf of Mr. Allen.

1758 January 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Zebulun Rice works here, laying the West part of my Kitchin Chamber Floor. Mr. Robert Cook here with a Confession. They both dined here.

1758 January 27 (Friday). Received a Letter from Robert Cook.

1758 January 29 (Sunday). Robert Cook here at noon and delivers me another paper. At Eve stopped the Church and read it to them -- he being present.

1758 January 30 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Eleazar Whitney comes with a Whirrey and carries me to Deacon Tainters where a Number of the Brethren Meet with Robert Cook to confer with him about his Confession. There were present Deacon Forb. and his Son Daniel, Mr. Nathaniel Whitney, Lt. *Jonas Brigham*, Messrs. Samuel and David Hardy, Mr. Solomon Woods, Mr. David Maynard, Mr. Eleazar Whitney, besides Deacon Tainter and his son; Mr. William Pierce was also there. Cook was Seemingly very earnest in asking Forgiveness yet when some particulars were mentioned he had always reserves and alleviations.

Church Records, March 5, 1758. The Church was Stayd and Robert Cooks Paper of acknowledgment was read, with his Addition to it. And after Some Debating upon [109-110] the Matter, it was put to Vote whether what had been read was Satisfactory and they were willing to restore him to their Charity.

It passed in the Negative - for there was no vote, nor but one hand lifted up.

Church Records, Jan. 16, 1760. The Pastor also laid before the Church the Desire of *Robert Cook*, that the Church would recommend his Wife, that so his Children might be baptized -

Voted affirmatively.

1760 February 14 (Thursday). Mr. Robert Cook from Wrentham here, and renews his Desire that he may be recommended in Order to his Children being baptized -- or if that may not be done, that his Wife may be, or that the Children may be baptized here, upon her Account.

1760 February 16 (Saturday). Mr. Cook (Robert) was here again to Day, but he went off without Consenting to do any more than he had done heretofore to satisfie us concerning his Repentance for his Past Misconduct.

1760 February 24 (Sunday). No Vote to Comply. Nor Reason given though the Church were repeatedly desired. Layed before them the Request of **Robert Cook** that his Wife might be recommended. This last was voted.

1760 September 14 (Sunday). N.B. **Sarah** (the wife of **Robert) Cook** at Communion.

1771 September 6 (Friday). Mr. **Robert Cook** early -- breaks fast here. Says he must bring his mother to the Town to be maintained.