

### Arnold: References in the Diary of Ebenezer Parkman

1754 June 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn came here in order to go with me to Grafton. No word nor Lisp of either Side respecting the Epistolary Acrimony. At Grafton we join'd with Messrs. Cushing and Hall in hearing the Matters of Difficultie between a Number of the Church and Mr. Hutchinson, who they conceive, was chargeable with Falsehood in saying that the Selectmen had agreed and determin'd to move Mr. Arnolds Shop and at Such a Time -- when they had not. See the Minutes of the Council.

1754 July 12 (Friday). Mr. Arnold of Grafton here, and obtains of me a Copy of Mr. Hutchinsons Second Paper (or Confession).

1754 December 15 (Sunday). Preach'd there a. and p.m. on Rom. 7.9. N.B. Consulted with the Deacons Whipple and How, Major Willard and 2 sons and Mr. Brooks and his son, about baptizing Mr. Hezekiah Taylors, and Mr. Jonathan Rolf's Child -- and requested their Minds concerning my giving Copys of their papers which were given in to the Ministers concerning Mr. Hutchinson: and they were generally of the Mind that it was best to wave it for the present -- nay and not to gratifie anyone that would be likely to disturb their peace till the Church's Consent to it shall be obtain'd.... At Eve came to see me Messrs. Arnold, Isaac Harrington, and Stephen Prentice. Mr. Hutchinson return'd, having preach'd on Rom. 10.10, and John 12.46.

1754 December 16 (Monday). The Wind very high -- called at Mr. Arnolds and at Mr. Brooks's in my Return home.

1765 April 25 (Thursday). *Thomas Arnold* here: I agree with him to live with me for Six Months, every other Week and to give him 5£ lawful.

1765 April 29 (Monday). *Thomas Arnold* came to work for me half his Time. We have Mr. Nurse's Horse and steers to draw stones for the Orchard Wall next the Road.

1765 May 13 (Monday). *Thomas Arnold* came again. He plows with my Oxen in the Cook Field.

1765 June 10 (Monday). *Thomas Arnold* having been weak and infirm could not come to his Work in either of the last Weeks; but now is Somewhat recruited, and comes to work again, and goes to weeding, with John.

1765 June 17 (Monday). Dr. Hawes has my Mare to go to Wrentham. *Thomas Arnold* comes to work -- mowes Bushes at the Island.

1765 June 19 (Wednesday). *Thomas Arnold* with Capt. Woods oxen p.m. fetches 3 Load of the Soaked Ashes from the Potash works.

1765 June 25 (Tuesday). *Thomas Arnold* is ill and does not come this Week.

1765 June 29 (Saturday). *Thomas Arnold* came -- but was feeble -- plowed a little a.m. and went home.

1765 July 3 (Wednesday). The Young Men (of the Society) meet upon Some special Affairs, and since *Thomas Arnold* is ill, and no other to be hired I mentioned the matter to one of them and he to the rest -- who readily consent to come tomorrow Morning.

1765 August 2 (Friday). *Thomas Arnold*, though somewhat late in the morning, came and offer to work again: and mows in the Newton Meadow.

1765 August 12 (Monday). *Thomas Arnold* here and thrashes Rye. Plows also in the West Field.

1765 October 8 (Tuesday). A Team of twenty oxen are breaking up my Field nigh Mr. Nurse's. Mr. Tainter undertook. Capt. Wood, Mr. Martin Pratt and Cornelius Biglow junior help -- and with them my *Thomas Arnold*. They break the Plow and break off 4 Hours, while Biglow who owns the plow goes over to Gashitts to get the Share mended.

1765 October 18 (Friday). *Thomas Arnold* has fenced off the Wheat, cut and carted Wood etc. His Father dined with us.

1765 October 21 (Monday). *Thomas Arnold* left us -- goes to work for Mrs. Johnson.

1765 December 31 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Jonathan Grout came with *Thomas Arnold* to reckon and settle.

1766 February 13 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Tainter paid me £73.16.6 old Tenor, out of which I paid *Thomas Arnold* £37.15.0 (which with a Dollar he received of me some Time ago, makes 40£ to him and is in full of all Accounts with him).

1766 February 27 (Thursday). In the Evening *Thomas Arnold* brings *John Foster* to me for my Approbation of his Joining with the Young Mens Society: which I (having cautioned and charged him etc.) gave.

1766 February 28 (Friday). I wrote to Mr. *Barrett* about Mrs. Sever, and Sent by *Thomas Arnold*.

1766 March 15 (Saturday). So tedious stirring I am forced to Send for *Thomas Arnold* from Mrs. Johnsons, to help John in watering the Cattle and getting Wood for Tomorrow.

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

1766 April 5 (Saturday). *Thomas Arnold* finishes the plowing of that Field. P.M. he has my mare to go to his Father.

1766 April 7 (Monday). Thomas Arnold brought Billys Oxen from Mr. Joseph Grouts. With them and my 4 and Nathan Kennys, break up my West Pasture. Mr. Ebenezer Maynard, Nathan Kenny, and a son of Mr. Nathan Maynard with my John, are the Hands.

1766 April 18 (Friday). Thomas Arnold brings 20 Apples Trees from Squire Brighams at Marlborough.

1766 July 1 (Tuesday). *Caleb* and *Thomas Arnold* sled stones.

1766 August 5 (Tuesday). Mrs. Johnson had my Mare for Thomas Arnold to carry Bread to Worcester.

1766 October 2 (Thursday). At Eve Thomas Arnold says he is going to Leominster. Therefore I write again to Billy; about my preaching there: and concerning my Cattle; and *Breck* and *Samuels* Sheep. When they must be brought home; or what be done with them.

1766 December 20 (Saturday). *John Arnold*, from Mrs. *Johnsons*, comes at my Desire, p.m. to help my son John in cutting Wood for the Sabbath.

1766 December 25 (Thursday). Thomas *Arnold* carries to Mrs. Barrett of Hopkinton Vol. 1 and brings *Chrysal* Vol. 2 which I even hate to read, as they contain Such Depths of Satan; and fill me with deep sorrow for the monstrous Degeneracy of the Age.

1767 January 20 (Tuesday). Finished the *Visitor* this morning and Sent it to Mr. *Smith* by Thomas *Arnold*.

1767 March 17 (Tuesday). I have lent Mrs. *Johnson* my Mare for her John [Arnold?] to go with a Cart, to Marlborough and Southborough. Carries 4 Leggs of Pork to Deacon Woods Malt House, for Bacon.

1767 June 26 (Friday). Mr. *Joseph Arnold* and his Wife here.

1767 December 24 (Thursday). Neighbour John Wood and Thomas Arnold came and killed an Hog for me -- that which I bought December 2 last Year of Mr. John Brigham.

1768 January 16 (Saturday). At Night Miss Elizabeth Arnold here and supps with me.

1768 February 11 (Thursday). Pay Thomas *Arnold* 6£ O.T. I borrowed of him.

1768 February 13 (Saturday). We are very Short out for Hay. Send my son B's two Horses to Neighbour Arnold to keep; and he kept them for me.

1768 November 19 (Saturday). Temple, by means of the Storm, can't winnow the Rye. He gets *John Rogers*, from Arnolds, to help him Pitch up the Straw etc.

1768 November 24 (Thursday). *Thomas Arnold* was married to *Margaret Pratt*.

1769 January 12 (Thursday). *John* rides to Capt. Wards for Mr. Arnold.

1769 January 27 (Friday). P.M. Miss *Elizabeth Arnold* Visits here.

1769 February 16 (Thursday). *John Rogers* (assisted a little by Neighbour Arnold) killed two Pigs for me. One weighs 174 1/2, the other 161pounds

1769 March 1 (Wednesday). Jonas brings home the broken Remains of my Sleigh, but I refused to accept of it as mine. Went to Mr. Arnolds and acquainted him and his Wife, and their young man Chamberlin, that I did not receive these broken pieces, as my Sleigh.

1769 April 8 (Saturday). Neighbour Arnold brings word from Mr. Stone that he does not come to change with me tomorrow.

1769 June 30 (Friday). A Number of young Men were here to join as a Society for religious Purposes. *Solomon Maynard* (who was of the former Society) led the way. And I having Instructed exhorted and prayed with them, the following persons Signed the Articles, viz. *Benjamin Fay, junr., Jonathan Forbes, Levi Brigham, John Arnold, Ebenezer Maynard, junr., Josiah Newton, John Fay, Eli Harrington, Nathan Fay*. This, I have heard, was concerted and agreed upon, after meeting last Sabbath Day: and it was Seasonable after the Sermon p.m. of that Day. I am much rejoiced at it, and wish they may have Grace to conduct proportionably.

1769 August 12 (Saturday). John Arnold brings a Letter from Mr. [torn] dated the 8th giving me account of his own being ill of a [torn] requesting me to go to *Brookfield* to preach th[torn] row; whereas Mr. Hutchinson depends upon me, Since I have [torn] word to the Contrary.

1769 August 29 (Tuesday). A.M. at Deacon Woods, but hastily returned to Send to *Ashby* by Neighbour *Arnold*.

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

1769 November 14 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Arnold* in Labour. Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ is gone to her. Her Husband is gone for Dr. Ball, but her Distress dispatches *John* after them to make greater Haste. She is delivered before the Doctor comes.

1769 November 22 (Wednesday). Visit Mrs. Arnold and pray with her.

1769 November 23 (Thursday). Visit Mrs. *Arnold* again.

1769 December 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Arnold came in the Morning to Visit his Maid, one *Elizabeth Stevens*, who is very ill of a Fever at his House. I went, Discoursed and prayed with her.

1769 December 10 (Sunday). Mr. Arnold himself and wife as well as their Maid, Sick of Fevers and John Arnold not well. Mr. *Stevens*, Bettys Father, and her sister Mercy there. I prayed with them.

1769 December 11 (Monday). Mr. *Stevens* goes to his Daughter.... I visited Neighbour Arnold and his Family.

1769 December 13 (Wednesday). Was at Mr. Arnolds. 'Tis hop'd they are somewhat better.

1769 December 15 (Friday). I visited at Neighbour Arnolds, all of them somewhat better. D.G.

1769 December 17 (Sunday). At Eve Visited and prayed at Neighbour Arnolds. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ was with me. 'Tis hoped they are growing better.

1769 December 21 (Thursday). *Sophy* has watched at Mr. Arnolds, those sick growing better.

1769 December 26 (Tuesday). Visit at Mr. Arnolds.

1770 January 15 (Monday). John being confined, having taken another Portion of physick, and the Bucket of the Lower Well having dropt in, the Cattle (17 Head) were drove to the ponds in the South Pasture; but it was very icy and Slippery under the Snow, so that the *Pied Coww* (as She is called), somewhat heavy with Calf, fell in to the water, and her hinder parts were covered. We were alarmed. Mr. Edmund Chamberlin helped her out. The most of the Cattle were afraid to go to drink. Was obliged to go to Neighbour Arnolds for assistance to get up the Bucket. John Arnold succeeds in it, and in fastening it on the Pole.

1770 January 23 (Tuesday). Visit Neighbour Arnold who is confined yet.

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

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

1770 September 28 (Friday). *Elias* went to Neighbour Arnolds Husking.

1770 October 18 (Thursday). *Deacon Wood*, Lt. Baker, Mr. Daniel Hardy and his son Adams came about 2 p.m. to See if it would do to husk; for the Weather was misty. I wholly left the Matter with them to do as they inclined. They went to the Barn. I chose to attend as closely as

I could to my Study. There came some Number more, viz. Mr. Ebenezer Maynard, Barnabas Newton, Thomas Bond, Moses Wheelock, Thomas Arnold, Silas Hill, Levi Warrin, Nathan Kenny, Joseph McCulloch, Benjamin Wood (who lives with his uncle), Ebenezer junior, Nathan junior, Jonathan, Nehemiah, Stephen, Calvin, Daniel Maynard, Benjamin Taynter junior, Daniel Adams junior, John McCulloch, Jacob and Aaron Foster, Abijah Gale (N. Kennys Lad) and Sherebiah Fay. Messrs. Baker, Newton and Bond provided a Small Quarter of Beef about 60 weight and gave it. Also the former brought a Basket of excellent sauce, Carrots and Turnips. May God reward him and them, for so great Kindness and Generousness!

1771 May 2 (Thursday). Was much indisposed -- Great Trouble by Cattle breaking in from the stables, and from Mr. Arnolds part of the Fence against my west Field.

1771 September 14 (Saturday). We were in no Small Surprize at finding one of our Hogs in the lower Well. We are not able to tell how he got in. *Joseph Hardy* and *John Arnold* were at work for Mr. B. Newton not far off, and at our Call ran, went down into the Well, fastened a Rope about him, and with help of others, drew him up, and as far as we could discern, unhurt. It was an Hog we were fattening, and pritty heavy.

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

1771 December 27 (Friday). Mr. *Arnold* confined by terrible Pains.

1772 January 13 (Monday). John Arnold paid me money for my pork which he lately carried to Marblehead. Weighed there 14 Score and 16 lb. He paid me 30£ 17 s. and 8 d. He had 2/4 per pound and took 3 d. per pound for Carriage, for his Brother. I returned 4 Dollars in part for a Steer coming 4 Years, which I have traded with Mr. Arnold for.

1772 February 28 (Friday). Paid Mr. Arnold 8 Dollars in part for his Steer. (N.B. have paid 4 Dollars before.)

1772 March 10 (Tuesday). *John Arnold* here and tells me his Brother Thomas's pleas with him to continue to serve him, have so prevailed that he can't live with me, as I had bespoke.

1772 April 30 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. *Arnold* came to see us and brought with her, her Sister *Elizabeth* lately come from Providence. N.B. Mrs. Arnold in much Spiritual Concern, which I hope will be cultivated.

1772 May 21 (Thursday). I Reckoned with Mr. *Arnold* and Paid all.

1772 June 11 (Thursday). Our Little Robert-Breck is dipped twice this Morning. Visited Mr. Tainter and prayed there. Both my Daughter in Law Kezia and Miss Patty Fish are still with us. Wrote by John Arnold to my Cushings.

1772 July 13 (Monday). Was at Breakfast at Neighbour Arnolds.

1772 July 17 (Friday). Bought several Books for my Neighbours, viz. Willisons Sacramental Meditations for Mr. Arnold, Mr. Edwards Life for Miss Elizabeth *Whipple*.

1772 July 24 (Friday). Old Mr. *Arnold* of Grafton makes me a very respectfull Visit. Endeavours to comfort me under the Affronts received at the late Church-Meeting.

1772 August 5 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. *Arnold* here, was examined and accepted.

1772 August 19 (Wednesday). Old Mr. *Arnold* here. Shews much Gratitude for my Pains at *Grafton*.

1772 October 23 (Friday). Old Mr. *Arnold* was here Yesterday and to Day, urging me to go again to the Church Meeting at *Grafton*. And towards Evening came Mr. *Hutchinson* himself. He desires he may find in me a Father and a Friend.

1772 November 21 (Saturday). As we got near home heard of Mr. *Hutchinsons* Dismission last Wednesday: Squire John *Woods* wife of *Colrain*, her being under a Mortification and that Deacon Wood and Capt. Fay are gone up; and that Neighbour Thomas *Arnold* was grievously hurt by a Fall from his Horse at *Grafton*.

1772 November 22 (Sunday). I went early in the Morning to see Neighbour *Arnold*, who lay in a Miserable state, but has not lost his Eye which was much bruised. He has his Senses. Prayed with him and admonished and exhorted etc.

1773 January 20 (Wednesday). Visit at Neighbour *Arnolds*. Mrs. P. was there.

1773 March 2 (Tuesday). Reckon with Neighbour Thomas *Arnold*.

1773 March 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Thomas Arnold and his Family move from the Town to go to *Hadley*. Mr. *William Spring* and his Family are come to live nigh us in Mr. Arnolds room.

1773 May 1 (Saturday). Sorrowful News of the Death of *John Arnold* (well known among us) by the fall of a Tree a few days ago, at *Heneker*. O that this solemn Warning might be improved suitably by all of us! By me especially, that I may be always ready! Lord, make me know my End! O that young people, his Acquaintance in special, who are gay and walk in the Vanity of their Minds, might be awakened to Repentence and prepare for Sudden Death!

1773 May 7 (Friday). Mr. *Joseph Arnold* of *Grafton* calls to see me. He is very mournful for the Loss of his son *John* (whose Death he confirms) and desires public prayers here.

1773 May 9 (Sunday). Preached on Prov. 27, adding to what I formerly delivered on that Subject, and especially on Account of *John Arnold* and his Sudden Death. N.B. several young

Men, Some of them members of the Society to which he belonged, desired this Death may be Sanctified to them.

1773 July 2 (Friday). Mr. *Joseph Arnold* and his Wife dined here.

1773 August 2 (Monday). Mr. Thomas Arnold here.

1774 February 15 (Tuesday). Mr. *Thomas Arnold* and his Wife and Mr. *Joseph Bond* and his Wife here. Three of them dined here.

1774 August 15 (Monday). Mr. Thomas Arnold here. Settled Accounts with him.

1775 April 28 (Friday). N.B. An Admirable Company from *New Haven*, under Capt. *Benedict Arnold*, have marched down. But many Soldiers are daily returning home to *Connecticut*.

1775 December 29 (Friday). Mr. *Daniel Tilden*, adjutant in Col. *Benedict Arnolds* Regiment calls here as on his Way to Lebanon, and informs that Capt. *Broughton* carried into *Cape Ann* the Day before yesterday, a Brig which was going from *England* to *Boston* with Ordnance stores: and went out again immediately after another Vessel, supposed to be her Companion.

1780 December 15 (Friday). Rev. Mr. Israel Evans, a Chaplain to General Poor's Brigade, recommended to me by Mr. Grosvenor, came and lodged here. He relates how General Washington was in Arnold's plot, was designed to be Surprised and taken, at Col. Beverly Robertson's House in Philip's Manor, over against West Point.

1781 April 14 (Saturday). When I got home, found here Mr. E. *Grosvenor* and Mr. Jos. *How* of Marlborough, also Friend *Henry Bowers* and *Seth Arnold*, two Quakers. And all dined here.

1781 April 17 (Tuesday). I rode down to *East-Sudbury* to Ministers Meeting at Mr. *Bridge's* (Mr. *Stone* waiting for me at Mr. *Joseph Arnolds*, at Marlborough, and my Granddaughter, *Suse* was with me).

1781 April 18 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bridge* and his Lady made me a present of their late Father *Smiths* Wig, as they did to Mr. *Stone* several Articles. I took leave and carryed *Suse* to her Fathers: where we dined, and p.m. rode home, calling at Col. *Weeks'* for Mr. *Stones* Company who rode with me back to *Arnolds* where we parted.

1781 October 8 (Monday). Mr. Brigham goes to *Bellingham*, to look after a Debtor, *Arnold*, a Quaker.

1781 December 7 (Friday). *Breck* goes to *Bellingham*; his Business with *Seth Arnold*.