

Badcock: References in the Diary of Ebenezer Parkman

1740 April 3 (Thursday). N.B. John Badcocks Conduct towards me as he accompany'd me part of the way back from Mr. Wheelers.

1747 May 6 (Wednesday). When we were going out to meeting (and Mr. Barrett to preach) came Joshua Townsend and presently after him Jason Badcock from Mr. Wheelers (of Westborough) who request'd me to make all haste to visit him before he dy'd, so that instead of going to meeting I went there.

1764 June 17 (Sunday). And appointed next Lords Day for Contribution to the relief of Mr. *Jason Badcock*.

1764 June 24 (Sunday). Had a *Contribution* for Mr. *Jason Badcock*.

1773 March 15 (Monday). Miss Molly Badcock came here about noon to Spin for us.

1773 April 14 (Wednesday). *Molly Badcock* becomes of our Family.

1774 December 25 (Sunday). Cousen *Davis*, and Miss Molly Badcock dined here.

1777 August 11 (Monday). Mr. William *Badcock* brings me from Mr. M[orre's?] a Letter from my Son *Baldwin*, dated Camp at *Saratoga* Aug. 2, giving an Account of our Army's retreating Still towards *Albany*.

1778 January 12 (Monday). This Day Mr. *Lemuel Badcock* opens a Singing School at Deacon *Woods* and lodges at Capt. [H?] *Fishers*. *Breck* and his Wife, also *Sophy* attend there, p.m. and Eve. He asks two Dollars a Month of Each Person.

1778 January 15 (Thursday). The Singing School is so attended, that it causes *Drury Fairbank* to range about for Singing Books. At Eve my Kinsman *Lovering* came from *Westfield*, in his returning to *Ipswich*: and lodges here. Mr. *Badcock* came at Eve and drank Coffee here.

1778 January 27 (Tuesday). And Mr. *Badcock*, the Singing Master -- both lodge here.

1778 January 28 (Wednesday). Mr. *Badcock* boards with us.

1778 January 29 (Thursday). Mr. *Badcock* was detained from us last night -- is also to day.

1778 January 30 (Friday). Mr. *Badcock* dined here. He gave me a List of his singing Scholars. They are 46. 34 Males -- the rest Women and Girls. Mr. *Badcock* sups and lodges here.

1778 January 31 (Saturday). It being a very rainy Season *Sophy* dined at Deacon *Wood's*, and Mr. *Badcock* came not either to dine or to lodge here.

1778 February 1 (Sunday). After Meeting Mr. *Badcock* and *Bradshaw* came and lodged here. N.B. Our Evening was spent very much in Singing.

1778 February 2 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Badcock* dines at Capt. *Morse's*, and at night he goes to Mr. *Tainters*.

1778 February 4 (Wednesday). Mr. *Badcock* at night and he lodged here.

1778 February 5 (Thursday). Mr. *Badcock* here at Breakfast and Dinner but tarried at Deacon *Woods* at Night. In the forenoon a Number of Singers were here, with Mr. *Badcock* and desire me to meet with them tomorrow in the Meeting House, to pray and preach to them. They Sing here till noon. Mr. *Badcock* and Mr. *Batherick* dine here. I Consent to go to the Meeting House tomorrow. Their Motive is to try their Skill in singing [thirc?] and with *Reading the Line*, which they hadn't been used to. Mr. *Badcock* came not at night.

1778 February 6 (Friday). Mr. *Badcock* and *Samuel Brigham* breakfast and dine here. P.M. The singers meet at the Meeting House. We began with Singing -- Sang Dr. *Watts's* Hymn *Te Deum*, in *St. Martyn's*. Then I prayed. Sang *Ps. 113*. Preached on *Ps. 47.6*, a Collection out of Various setts of Sermons on the subject. The last Singing before the Blessing was the 95th Hymn, and *Gloria Patri*. After my Exercise was over, they Sung some Number of tunes, and I tarried a While to hear. Mr. *Badcock* returns to my House. He, with *Bradshaw* and *Brigham* here at Tea.... The Violent snow storm prevents Mr. *Badcocks* coming to lodge to night.

1778 February 8 (Sunday). Mr. *Badcock* and his Singers Sat in the Front, on the Womens Side and rose up to Sing -- Sung a.m. [blank] p.m. [blank]. I preached a.m. again on *Ps. 77.13.14*. P.M. on *Col. 3.16* from page 17, omitting p. 23 to 26, thence to p. 28. Mr. *Badcock* dined here, returned after meeting and tarried over night. Cousen *Bradshaw* with him.

1778 February 9 (Monday). Mr. *Badcock* here through the Day and lodged here at night. I went up to his school.... At Eve I returned to the Singing School and tarried 'till 9 when *Elias* came home with me in the sleigh. Mr. *Badcock* and Cousen *Bradshaw* came and lodged here. N.B. To day was the first time of my going to hear the singing. They performed to good Acceptance. May it be to the Glory and Honor of God!

1778 February 10 (Tuesday). Mr. *Badcock* and *Bradshaw* breakfast at Brecks.

1778 February 11 (Wednesday). This Evening Mr. *Badcocks* singing School finishes.

1778 March 19 (Thursday). Mr. *Whitney* came, dined and preached for me, the Lecture on 1 *Cor. 11.28*. Mr. *Badcock* and a considerable Number stayed at the Meeting House to sing. Several Young Women, viz. Miss *Hephzibah Parker* and Miss *Lydia Batherick*, came after Lecture and begin their Boarding and Lodging here, that they may go to School to Mr. *Badcock*.

1778 March 22 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Badcock* (who [boards?] at my Sons). Breck and his wife were at our Evening Exercise. May God be pleased to accept us, and add His Blessing!

1778 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Badcock*, *Breck* and Six Women Sing a.m.

1778 March 27 (Friday). Mr. *Badcock* and Samuel *Brigham* ask for a Singing Lecture and that Mr. *Daniel Foster* may preach it.

1778 March 29 (Sunday). This Eve *Breck* and *Suse* and their *Billy Spring*, and with them, came Mr. *Badcock*, *Luke Wilder*, *Elisha Parker*, and *Samuel Fisher*, to attend out Family Exercise, and to Sing, in which they Spent the Evening.

1778 April 1 (Wednesday). The singing Scholars (though the roads are bad) Meet at Deacon Woods, as they have been wont, this Second Turn, for a fortnight, which finishes this Evening; for another Dollar apiece to Mr. *Badcock*.

1778 April 2 (Thursday). Mr. *Badcock* returns to *Wrentham*.

1778 October 27 (Tuesday). Mr. *Lemuel Badcock* dines here.

1778 November 1 (Sunday). N.B. The Singers more generally sat today in the Front, and some no. stood up. Mr. *Lemuel Badcock* was among them. We were not so happy as to have any singing in my Family today -- not in the Evening.

1778 December 1 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Daniel Hardy* was at Mr. *Warren's* before the Exercise began and manifested his Disgust at my sermon on the late Thanksgiving. He found fault with my saying so much about Singing the praises of God. I replied that it was the very Business of the Day -- the present Truth -- that if he was dissatisfied with it, he had need ask himself whether it was not because he *himself was out of Tune*. After the Exercises, Mr. *Badcock* and his Scholars sang a number of good Tunes, in Parts. We had also a plentiful Table Spread and agreeable Entertainment.

1779 January 9 (Saturday). Mr. *Badcock* (the singer) brought me from Mr. *R. Cranch's* of (Old) Braintree, Vol. 1 of the Universal and historical Biographical Dictionary in large 8vo.

1779 January 18 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Badcock* keeps a singing-school at Mr. *Barn. Newton's*. *Elias* and *Timothy* go to it to hear.

1779 January 19 (Tuesday). A.M. Mr. *Badcock* here.

1779 January 25 (Monday). Being at the Shop, Capt. *Fisher* and Mr. *Badcock* were there and acquainted me with the Desire of the Singing School to have a Lecture preached to them, and though (as they say) they would be glad if Mr. *P.* would himself preach, yet because of the disquietment among the People, about singing, and for the sake of drawing in people, it was

mentioned to ask one of the neighboring Ministers, particularly Mr. Sumner to preach it. I replied with Consent, provided they would acquaint the appointed Choristers with it, and endeavor to have them lead in the Affair.

1779 January 30 (Saturday). N.B. Mr. Badcock has been with me to speak about the Singing (viz. how many times, and what times they desire to sing) on proposed Lecture Day. At eve Mr. Elisha Parker here, to let me know that Mr. Sumner will come (extras accepted) to preach the proposed Lecture, and asks me to his on Wednesday.

1779 February 4 (Thursday). A SINGING LECTURE at the Request of the Singing School. Mr. Sumner preached. His text was Ps. 149.1. It was conducted thus. After Dinner (at which besides Mr. Sumner and Col. Job Cushing that came with him, was Mr. Stone of Southborough) when we first went into the Meeting House, An Anthem was sung. Then Mr. Stone made a short Prayer. After which I appointed and read Ps. 149, which was Sung without Reading the Lines by the Deacon. Then Mr. Sumner prayed, after which we sung Ps. 113, Deacon reading as usual, and the Sermon next followed. Mr. Sumner prayed again and we sung the 5th Hymn without reading, except my first reading over the whole. In Conclusion of the Exercise, I pronounced the Blessing. But then Mr. Badcock, the Master began an exercise of Singing -- of Anthems and Tunes -- which was very grateful, and may God graciously Condescend to accept the Sacrifice!

1779 February 10 (Wednesday). P.M. went up to the Singing School (by desire) to hear the Singing. This is Mr. Badcock's last Day.

1779 February 11 (Thursday). Mr. Badcock leaves us. I sent by him Mr. Cranch his Vol. I of Biographical Dictionary, and a Letter to Mr. Forbes to the care of Col. Coffin, Rep. for Gloucester.

1780 April 27 (Thursday). In the Morning, I rode over to see the Ruins, and sympathize with those who are bereaved. I found the sad Cause to be, Mrs. Whitney made a Fire in her Oven, that morning, sat in her Food to be baked for Supper; but the Fire, while the People were at Meeting in the forenoon, kindled in the Kitchen Chamber, and was discovered by Mr. Samuel Allen in the time of the last prayer. Many goods in the lower rooms, the Church plate etc. were saved, but the Library and Papers, which were of great worth: 4 feather Beds, all their Cloths and Linnen, except what they had on, Corn, Cyder, Sauce, etc. etc. burnt. Mr. Sumner came also and carried various Things. I went in to see Mr. Jonas Badcock, whose Hair, Face and Hands were much Scorched, Swelled and blistered by the Flames.