

BAKER

BAKER, EDWARD

Born: July 16, 1696

son of Edward and Mary (Marshall) Baker, Lynn MA

Died: May 5, 1763 (GS)

Married: Nov. 22, 1721, Persis Brigham (Marlborough VR)

Born: July 10, 1703 (Marlborough VR)

daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Howe) Brigham

Died: Feb. 16, 1780

Children:

Samuel, Aug. 27, 1722

Solomon, Jan. 3, 1724 or 1725

mar. Hannah Hardy, May 7, 1767

b. May 21, 1740, dau. of Phinehas and Prudence

mar. (2) George Andrews, Nov. 10, 1778

died Apr. 29, 1777

Persis, Nov. 8, 1726

*mar. Jonas Brigham, Jan. 16, 1746

died Nov. 3, 1784

Abigail, Nov. 4, 1728

Mar. John Martyn, Jr., Mar. 2, 1757

1757 March 2 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and his Wife dine with me, and tarry till Evening when I went to justice Bakers, where I married Mr. Jn. Martyn junior and Mrs. *Nabby*. When we had supped Mr. Martyn and his Wife returned here and lodged.

Hephzibath, Mar. 22, 1730

mar. Jonathan Adams, May 21, 1755

died May 19, 1802, widow, a. 79

Elizabeth, Mar. 28, 1734

Joseph, May 19, 1736

various designated at Lt., Capt., and Squire

Leveniah, May 23, 1738

Ezra, May 21, 1740

Mary, July 19, 1746

mar. John Ball of Northborough, Nov. 5, 1772

1724 January 6 (Monday). Town Meeting. In the Evening Captain Fay and Mr. Oliver Ward with Mr. Daniel How were with me. Mr. Eliot and I nominated. Messrs. Baker and Holoway committee.

1724 August 3 (Monday). I was at Mr. Aaron Forbushes and Bakers. Returning home I was caught in the Rain and was very Wet.

1724 August 4 (Tuesday). Fast at Hopkington [*sic*] in order to Ordination. Mr. Baker a.m., Mr. Dor and Mr. Swift p.m.

1726 January 4 (Tuesday). I went to Mr. Bakers, Captain Fay and to his Brothers.

1726 January 6 (Thursday). Captain Fay (with his Team), Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Miller, Mr. Grow, Mr. Baker, Mr. Campbel, Mr. Samuel Fay's Son, and an hand from Rice, came to Cut and Sled wood for me.

1726 July 7 (Thursday). About Ten I return'd over to the Town. I met Mrs. Porter who had just before had a turn of Illness and was coming out of Colledge to take the Air. She Desir'd me to walk with her. I embraced the opportunity, and (with her Sister, Two Miss Charnocks and their Gentlemen Mr. Baxter and Mr. Baker) we walk'd round the Common, a long walk for an ill Man and a woman but half reviv'd. We lodged Safe at Sir Balch's and I bid them Adieu for I was Oblig'd to hasten to Boston, to finish the Rest of my Business.

1726 August 3 (Wednesday). I rode to Boston. Brother Samuel Parkman rode my Beast to Cambridge. I was at Mr. Bakers, Demings, Greens and Boyce's.

1726 August 14 (Sunday). Edward Baker was propounded to the Church.

1726 September 1 (Thursday). I went over to Neighbor Pratts in the Eve, where was Neighbor Charles Rice, and Neighbor Baker both under great Difficulty for grinding (the Mills about us being dry), and fearing they must be Oblig'd to go as far as Providence.

1726 September 10 (Saturday). Mr. Baker, whose Desires I had before receiv'd and propounded openly, brought his Relation.

1726 September 11 (Sunday). Mr. Baker was admitted into our Church.

1726 November 17 (Thursday). In the Morning I rode to Shrewsbury to Mr. Cushing. There was Captain Baker of Brookfield.

1727 May 8 (Monday). I was at Mr. Bakers.

1727 May 9 (Tuesday). It rain'd So that Mr. Baker could not come.

1727 May 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Baker and Mr. Charles Rices Son came and planted for me.

1727 May 15 (Monday). I Sent Some Hair to Boston by Mr. Baker.

1728 March 23 (Saturday). Josiah Newton and John McCollister came to our house to hear the Arbitration of their Case, which the Arbitrators had sent by Edward Baker this morning. They (after I had discours'd a while with them) were heartily and lovingly reconcil'd (as things appear'd). I had some difficulty with Mrs. Byles about her sons Child, as I told her of the various objections I met with to oppose my Baptizing it as Deacon Tomlins, Mr. Wheelers and Bakers, etc.

1736 January 19 (Monday). At Eve Mr. *Bradish*, Lieut. *Baker*, Brother *Hicks* and Mr. *Townsend* here, upon the Affair of their Dissatisfaction with Brother *Samuel Hardy*.

1736 February 6 (Friday). Lieut. *Baker* (who had not been to See me in my sorrows till now) visited Me.

1736 February 9 (Monday). *Silas Pratt* went away, and *Solomon Baker* came.

1736 February 10 (Tuesday). *Samuel Baker* came instead of his Brother *Solomon*.

1736 April 3 (Saturday). N.B. I had been at Lieutenant Bakers -- for it was the Season to appoint the Communion but there was no effectual Care taken about the Difference with Samuel Hardy.

1736 April 5 (Monday). Lieut. Baker had been at my House before I got home, but hastily went back home, and So left matters respecting Hardys Case in some perplexed posture.

1736 April 16 (Friday). I was obliged to send my Desire to Brother Samuel Hardy, to Brother Baker etc. to request that unless they Should make up their Difference they would wave their approach to the Communion till some further Care can be taken about the matter.

1736 May 4 (Tuesday). N.B. at nigh one o'Clock I was called out of my Bed by Lieut. Baker, who was accompanied by Capt. Forbush, Neighbour Bradish, Josiah Newton, Abijah Bruce, John Hicks and Samuel Hardy, to deliver me a Confession to be read to the Church Signed by the last of these persons, on account of his writing and uttering certain defaming verses of which *Mary Bradish* was the Authoress -- See [blank].

1736 July 12 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Stone and Coll. Ward Came -- all upon the Journey to Rutland. I Sent to Lieut. Bakers and to Mr. Tainters for an Horse, but in Vain.

1736 December 25 (Saturday). M [blank] Potter of Leicester (a Quaker) here. I delivered him the works of Mr. *William Dell* which I had borrowed some time since of Lieutenant Baker.

1737 November 15 (Tuesday). Trooping and Training -- prayed with the foot before Dinner and dined with the officers of both Horse and Foot -- prayed with the whole Body at Eve. N.B. Captain Eager detained by his sickness and Lieutenant Baker also absent.

1738 May 22 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Thomas Baker, a Taylor, at work here. N.B. Abraham return'd.

1738 July 25 (Tuesday). At Eve A black thunder Storm arose. I got Shelter at Lieutenant Bakers.

1738 August 8 (Tuesday). Mrs. Baker and Deacon Newton's wife visited Mrs. Parkman.

1739 February 12 (Monday). N.B. Sent to Mr. Williams a Letter touching the Harvard Affair and to Brother Samuel Breck at College and to Brother Samuel Parkman at Boston all by Samuel Baker [Walett: Son of Edward Baker of Westborough].

1739 February 16 (Friday). Hollister Baker call'd here.

1739 February 23 (Friday). Lieutenant Baker help'd me Trim my Apple Trees.

1739 March 21 (Wednesday). Rode South. Lieutenant Bakers, Captain Fays, Mr. Samuel Fays, etc. etc.

1739 June 16 (Saturday). I sent for Lieutenant Baker who came, and having discover'd to Him my present need of him and my purpose to carry John [Kidney] up to the House of Correction he presently return'd home to prepare himself for it.... Lieutenant Baker and I rode, with John before us, up to Major Keys. After a great Deal of Consultation and Captain Flagg's advice join'd to the rest I accepted Johns Humiliation on his Knees with flowing Tears so far as to putt a stop to his going to the House of Correction.

1739 November 6 (Tuesday). Samuel Baker [Wallet: son of Edward Baker, an original settler] and Molly Lee watch'd.

1739 November 28 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Baker (one of the Committee to take Care of the pulpit) here. He went to Ensign Maynards and provided Molly Lee who came to help us.

1739 December 5 (Wednesday). N.B. Samuel Baker rode my Mare to Boston to bring up a Maid from thence, who Brother Elias had recommended.

1739 December 6 (Thursday). At Midnight Samuel Baker came up, and brought with him Judith Rocke to serve us.

1740 January 3 (Thursday). In the Evening Deacon Newton, Lieutenant Baker and Lieutenant Tainter, Simon Tainter, Jr. here to Enquire how I was [*illegible*] for wood.

1740 January 8 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Baker with a Yoke of oxen, and Neighbor Benjamin Fay with 2 Yoke and Cart, Lieutenant Tainter For Mr. Beriah Rice, Neighbor Grow For Deacon Newton, Harrington, Seth Rice with his Team p.m., Eliezer Rice, James Maynard, Sam Bumpso, David Baverick, Ezekiel Pratt, Hezekiah Pratt, John Rogers for Mr. Abner Newton, Josiah Green junior, Eliezer Williams, Samuel Rogers from Mr. William Nurse, Phinehas Forbush, and Thomas Whitney.

1740 April 3 (Thursday). I rode over to the North side of the town, to Mr. Caruths, to Mr. Haywards and Bakers-- to Mr. Livermores, Balls and Wheelers.

1740 May 22 (Thursday). Town Meeting to Choose a Representative. Deacon Newton chose first and refus'd. Lieutenant Baker chose and refus'd.

1740 June 3 (Tuesday). Late p.m. I rode over to Stephen Fays and Lieutenant Bakers.

1740 June 7 (Saturday). Lieutenant Baker brought a part of my Boards from Mr. Meads.

1740 June 26 (Thursday). Mr. John Baker came from Mr. Simeon Haywards to desire me to visit their Sick Children.

1740 October 6 (Monday). P.M. Lieutenant Baker Sent his son and Team and Neighbor Pratt his Moses to gather my Half of the Lower Field of Corn, Beans, etc.

1740 December 25 (Thursday). Lieutenant Bakers, old Mr. Rice's, Neighbour Daniel Forbush.

1740 December 30 (Tuesday). The Hands with him were his Two Brethren, Robert Bradish, Jonas Child, Samuel Bumpso, Samuel Baker [son of Edward Baker], Elijah Rice, Ephraim Whitney, Noah How, and Stephen Maynard with a Team (paid for by Mr. Fay).

1742 September 14 (Tuesday). Rode to Rutland in Company of Mr. Cushing and Lieutenant Stone, and Lieutenant Baker and Mr. Livermore.

1742 September 17 (Friday). Lieutenant Baker brought a Load of Stones.

1742 December 20 (Monday). Mr. *Barrett* here and prayed with me, Mr. Jenison, Lieutenant Baker, [and?] Seth Rice.

1744 January 20 (Friday). Nine Men came and got Wood. Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt, James Bradish, Eleazer Williams, Noah How, Paul Newton, Elijah Rice, Thomas Winchester, Solomon Baker and James Maynard. 12 Large Load.

1744 January 23 (Monday). He [Aaron Smith] din'd with me but it was at a Time when a Number of my Neighbours were here getting Wood. Viz. Mr. Grout, Thomas Whitney, Harrington, Bowman, Daniel Forbush, Jonathan, Phinehas and Eli Forbush, Daniel Stone, Eliezer and Jeb Rice, Benjamin and Daniel Fay, each of which with a Team. Dan Warrin, James and Ebenezer Miller, Eleazer and Oliver Whitney, Samuel Baker.

1744 January 25 (Wednesday). I went out with Design to go to see Lieutenant Tainter who continues sick, but the Rain prevented my going any further than Captain Bakers. N.B. There was Mr. Marshal Baker and his wife.

1744 February 19 (Sunday). On Job 36.24.25. Jer. 8.5. I Stopp'd the Church to read Upton Church Letter. Voted to Comply with their Request But insisted for Two Delegates -- and Two Brethren insisted for the Choices to be by written Votes. Deacon Forbush had the most votes the first Time, and Mr. Nathaniel Whitney the second but neither of them the majority of the whole. Some Debate arose and I was very uneasy to have this Interruption on the Lords Day; I therefore adjourn'd to next Tuesday one o'Clock. I inadvertently Said those persons were chose -- designing no other than to let the Church know how the Votes stood -- and that the Majority of the Church was not for them and I actually Said I know this is not the Mind of the Church, And it being the Sabbath I conceiv'd they would either confirm them that had the most Votes or take some other short Method. But Captain Baker in Heat Said it was Collusion etc. Upon which I meekly pray'd him to be satisfy'd and overlook it, for it was verily my own Inadvertence that I did not expect such a choice, was willing the Church Should have their own Choice.

1744 February 21 (Tuesday). Before Captain Baker went home I had a little Conference with him upon his unreasonable Warmth respecting my undesign'd and (as to me) innocent Oversight on the Lords Day, and I told him it may be he did not know the Meaning of the Word Collusion, which imply'd that there was intent to Deceive. He did not make any Reply to that, but said it look'd to him at the Juncture of my declaring those men Chosen that I design'd to let it go if they (He and Brother Whipple) had not Spoke -- which verily I hope I should not. He spake about a fair and full meeting of the Church, and upon asking him what he intended by that? He answer'd he meant when the North side was duly Notify'd. I told him the Church was notify'd publickly in the Appointed place; and if any did absent themselves I could not either go after them or hire a man to goe round like a Constable to Warn them. As for their drawing off, it had never been in such good Order as they ought to have done it in. They had never acquaint'd the Church though under Covenant to hold Communion and though I had advis'd them to consider their Duty. I told him that Certainly as to Such peculiar pains and Trouble to notifie them they did not Deserve it. This expression he did not desire to hear. But for the foresaid Reasons and their late Conduct toward me in Cutting off my support, I thought to be just and fitt, upon which he declar'd himself Satisfy'd.

1744 March 5 (Monday). N.B. The Middle of the Town so much the Lead at this Meeting as that the Select Men were Captain Warrin, Captain Baker, Deacon Newton, Captain Maynard, Lieutenant Forbush.

1744 April 13 (Friday). I was at Deacon Newtons and Captain Bakers.

1744 May 26 (Saturday). Captain Baker invites me to dine with him on the 28.

1744 May 28 (Monday). Din'd with Captain Baker and the other Officers at Captain Fays.

1744 August 13 (Monday). P.M. I was at Captain Bakers an Hour or Two, he not being well, nor could go to Court.

1744 August 20 (Monday). N.B. Samuel Baker here to be examin'd in order to his joining with the Church.

1744 September 6 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Ebenezer Baker of Marlborough a great Interruption of our Conversation there.

1744 September 18 (Tuesday). Samuel Baker here to be examin'd a.m.

1744 October 22 (Monday). N.B. Captain Baker at Mr. Williams Shop. Hear that the Petition of the North side was last week granted by the General Court. N.B. Captain Baker and I a great Deal of Talk of the Manner of my first Settlement in Westborough.

1744 December 20 (Thursday). At Eve Mrs. Baker (wife of Captain) here to be examin'd in order to joining with the Church.

1745 January 30 (Wednesday). I call'd also to talk with Captain Bakers wife who was desirous of the Same Privilege.

1745 February 6 (Wednesday). Mrs. Baker here again in order to her joining in full Communion with the Church. A Committee from the first precinct to acquaint me with how far they proceeded at the late meeting -- and to Consult me about what Distance from a Meeting House I could be easy with meeting. Training, on the South side. Was Requested by Lieutenant Forbush (Captain Baker being at Court) to be with them at Captain Fays -- Pray with them and Dine among them -- which I did.

1745 February 10 (Sunday). N.B. I propounded Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Warrin and appointed a Meeting to be next Thursday at Mr. Solomen Rice's in Upton.

1745 February 18 (Monday). The Cutters were Mr. Harrington, Dunlop, Edwards Whipple, Noah How, Sam Baker, Silas Pratt, Levi Brigham, [blank] White, Charles and Artemas Bruce, Moses Warren, and Samuel Bumpso.... N.B. At Eve Samuel Baker discours'd with me touching his admission into the Church, but not without some Disputing on Visible and Real Right to Special Ordinances.

1745 March 5 (Tuesday). N.B. Talk of Justice Baker [Walett: Edward Baker, Justice of the Peace for Worcester County] (our New Justice) his judgment of the first Warrant for Precinct Meeting on this side the Town (which was issued out by Esquire Nahum Ward and directed to Constable Abner Newton) that was defective and all that has been done by Vertue of it (of Consequence) invalid.

1745 March 25 (Monday). Was at Captain Bakers -- and at Abner and Deacon Newton's.

1745 March 29 (Friday). Samuel Baker here.

1745 March 30 (Saturday). Ebenezer brought Samuel Bakers Relation.

1745 April 2 (Tuesday). I rode into my Neighbourhood to Captain Bakers, whom I improv'd to bring up Sundry Things for me from Boston: Whitewashing Lime, Sugar and Corks, Lime juice, etc. to Captain Fays, Mr. James Fays, Mr. Winchesters -- and got him to go up to Brother Hicks for me.

1745 April 30 (Tuesday). In returning home Captain Baker in Company and we had some earnest arguings all the way, but kept and parted in peace.

1745 June 16 (Sunday). N.B. Captain Baker (with my Consent obtain'd at noon) after the Public Exercises of the Day desir'd the Congregation to stop, and warn'd his Company to come together tomorrow Morning at 9 o'Clock.

1745 June 19 (Wednesday). I rode with them as far as Captain Bakers. N.B. Reckon'd with Samuel Baker.

1745 June 29 (Saturday). Thomas went to Captain Bakers and home.

1745 July 1 (Monday). Thomas Winchester got off from going out a solider. His Brother Joshua also got off as did divers others. But the seven that appear'd and that went this Morning from Captain Bakers to Colonel Wards in order to their going up to Colonel Hoddard [Stoddard?] of Northampton, were there.

1745 December 11 (Wednesday). N.B. In my going today had some Earnest Talk with Justice Baker on the Affair (which our committee are now gone to Boston upon) respecting the Petition of the North side to the General Court last year, to be freed from paying my Salery from June 5 to October 20.

1745 December 26 (Thursday). P.M. Justice Baker here, enquiring after a Colt, which he thought might probably strole away last night after me as I pass'd by his House, but I saw none.

1746 January 16 (Thursday). At Eve Jonas Brigham was marry'd to Persis Baker.

1746 February 11 (Tuesday). I went also to see Captain Baker, and Spent Some with him upon the Public Affairs in Town and Precinct. Debated amicably and parted Peaceably. Reckon'd with his Son Samuel.

1746 March 17 (Monday). The Town was in Some perplexity by Means that the Summons to the Officers who were lately chosen for the Year, to be Sworn before Justice Baker, was not Dated, and the Days being run out which are sett by the Law, and they not Sworn, they chose them over again and So it happen'd that the Same Persons were Chose.

1746 April 18 (Friday). This Eve The Remains of my Honoured Parent were decently interr'd. Mr. Gee not able by reason of illness to be there; but Mr. Webb and Mr. Eliot were. The Bearers were Deacon Procter and Elder Baker, Deacon Hunt and Deacon Townsend, Deacon Larraby and Dr. Archibald.

1746 April 27 (Sunday). On the Occasion of the Death of my Honoured Mother, and Several other Bereavments (Ex. gr. Captain Forbush and Mrs. Byles mourn for the Loss of their sister Bruce and Ensign Bruce and Mrs. Miller the Loss of their Mother; Captain Baker and Captain Maynard and their wives the Death of their Brother Antipas Brigham, and Bezaliel Smith and wife the Loss of one of their Children) I preach'd a.m. on Rev. 14.13, and p.m. on Ps. 27.10.

1746 October 12 (Sunday). I with my wife went to the Funeral of old Christian. She was bury'd in a very decent manner by Captain Maynard, from his house. Samuel Brigham Esquire, Edward Baker Esquire, Captain Timothy Brigham, Messrs. Jotham and Charles Brigham and many others (besides a Number of Indians) attended.

1746 December 8 (Monday). After Prayer I return'd to Lieutenant Tainters and thence to Captain Bakers. N.B. My wife rode with me as far as Captain Bakers and waited there till I came. We Supped there.

1746 December 10 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Ebenezer Baker of Marlborough here and din'd with us.

1747 January 8 (Thursday). Mr. Ebenezer Baker of Marlborough here and din'd again with us.... Return'd to Captain Bakers who is under Confinement by great Pains in his Limbs. But hither resorted Robert Bradish, Deacon Newton and Beriah Rice -- but Captain Baker was not willing to have the affair open'd to him, because of his great Indisposition -- so it was adjourn'd.

1747 January 20 (Tuesday). I visited Mr. Ebenezer Baker at Captain Maynards -- ill there of Gout or Rheumatism.

1747 January 23 (Friday). Captain Maynard was also here. Tells me Mr. Ebenezer Baker still continued ill at his House.

1747 February 5 (Thursday). At Eve I visited Mr. Baker again, at Captain Maynards, Mr. Jenison also being there.... Mr. Baker much recover'd.

1747 February 19 (Thursday). I was somewhat devoted to my Preparations but was interrupted almost all the afternoon by a Visit from Mr. Ebenezer Baker. Yet he behav'd with great Civility.

1747 May 7 (Thursday). I was at Captain Bakers at Eve. He not at home.

1747 June 7 (Sunday). After Evening Service I Stop'd the Church and having read the Letter from the Church of Worcester requesting our assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Maccarty, I

ask'd for a Vote whether they comply'd with it, and for better Discovery desir'd those who voted it to move into the womens Seats -- upward of Twenty appear'd for it and but 13 against it. Captain Baker was also chose the Church's Delegate.

1747 June 10 (Wednesday). Captain Baker accompany'd me to Worcester.

1747 August 17 (Monday). P.M. My wife and I went to Esquire Bakers to raising of west end of his house, and before 5 was at the Meeting House, few members being come -- but presently more -- between Twenty and Thirty at Length.

1747 September 7 (Monday). Old Mr. Baker of Marlborough here.

1747 September 8 (Tuesday). Mr. Baker again.

1747 September 20 (Sunday). At Evening I read to the Church a Letter from the Second Church in Sutton desiring our Assistance in their approaching Ordination. Upon which our Church voted Compliance with their Request, and confirm'd it by asking whether any body objected? But all being Silent, we then proceeded to appointment of the Delegates, and Two were offer'd to be the Number, and try'd by Vote; but there were So few voted, that I enquir'd what might be the Matter? Captain Warrin answer'd that seeing the Church had no Returns made 'em of what was done when they sent out to Councils and such like, he did not know whether it was worthwhile to send any more. I soon found by Ensign Bruce's warm Speech (that follow'd as well as went before Captain Warrins) it was my not reading the Grafton Result that had given such Disgust. I told 'em That we had not the Custom with us, nor in the Churches where I had been concern'd that I know of, that when we had ever done it it was a special occasion for doing it; That indeed I had Some Reasons against Reading Results abroad round the Country, to Spread at great Distance (it would be some times) the miscarriages of Christians and Ministers etc. But yet I was free and ready to gratifie 'em in the present Case; either any my own House or otherwise when desir'd and was sorry they would make Such a Difficulty as that to clogg the present Duty (or to that purpose). Lieutenant Forbush said a man had told me that he ask'd me to read it -- but that I did not. I reply'd that I had not a Copy at first, when I came Back from that Council -- and that afterwards it seem'd late to read a Result; and I did not know there was any uneasiness about it, and could not take it well that the first Discovery of uneasiness Should be in such a public manner as this. Captain Baker mov'd that being it was the sabbath it might be better to defer it to some other Time. Lieutenant Tainter said he saw not why the Business might not go on, for this was a different work from that of going to Councils upon Differences etc. But twas urg'd that we should be together again at the Thursday ensuing, and we had best wave anything further about it till then. So it was deferr'd accordingly to that Day (the Day of the Lecture). But note well, that when Brother Stephen Fay and Brother Daniel Hardy said they believ'd there was not a Vote, it made me recurr from that to the first vote (of granting the request of the Letter), and observ'd to them that I esteem'd that vote to have been pass'd, for I had put it both ways, and desir'd if there was objection it might be shown. But at this Time there was no Objection made against that Vote. I look upon that therefore as doubly confirm'd.

1747 November 2 (Monday). P.M. at Merchant Rice's, dining there with the Officers, Captain Baker etc. At Eve pray'd with the Company before they were dismiss'd.

1747 November 5 (Thursday). Rainy yet I rode to the Private Meeting which was appointed to be at old Mr. Bradish's but we met at his Daughter Mary's. N.B. She had newly got into her House. I preach'd on Mat. 6.33. Not many attended, but of elderly persons there were besides Mr. Bradish and his wife Justice Baker, Deacon Forbush and Deacon Newton, Captain Warrin, Lieutenant Tainter -- Several women, and young people of both sexes.

1747 November 24 (Tuesday). My wife and I visited Martha Ward -- and from thence (Lieutenant Tainter there for us) we went over to the marriage of Samuel Baker and Susanna Tainter, at her Fathers.

1747 December 3 (Thursday). P.M. My Wife rode with me to the private meeting at Captain Baker's. I preach'd on Mat. 7.13.14. A greater Number of hearers than I expected. I am very glad they can find in their Hearts to come together so roundly, though it is a Second Time this week. May God give an efficacious Blessing! We supp'd there -- Lieutenant Tainter with us.

1747 December 7 (Monday). A Very Cold Day. There came only the few following Hands to cutt Wood (N.B. Not one Team came to sled) Messrs. Jonah Warrin, and Daniel Hardy, Solomon Baker and Benjamin Tainter, Charles Rice junior, and Timothy Newton. Benjamin Tainter took my Oxen, mare and sled and sledded down 8 Load. N.B. The first of the Hands came about 11 a.m. the rest at near Noon.

1748 February 4 (Thursday). My wife and I went to the private meeting at Mr. Grouts. I finished the discourse I began at Captain Baker's, on Mat. 7.13.14.

1748 February 8 (Monday). Nineteen persons came to get wood for me, viz. Mr. Grow, Harrington with his team, Daniel Forbush, Ebenezer Miller, Samuel, Daniel and Phinehas Hardy, Zebulon Rice, Tim Warrin, Joseph Grout, junior, Samuel Baker and Benjamin Willson, Benjamin Tainter for James Bradish, Martyn Pratt, Robert Dunlop, Jonathan Forbush, Solomon Woods, John Kelly for Beriah Rice, William Pierce.

1748 February 24 (Wednesday). Called at Neighbour Pratt's and Mr. Williams proceeded to Captain Baker's, dined there. We had no small conversation, (But in Harmony) about the Precinct's Affair. He showed me the papers of their later proceedings. One paper was the Report of the later Committee (viz. Deacon Newton, Captain Warrin, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Abner Newton) which the precinct would receive but in part, but were ashamed to let me know some articles of. They exhibited therein that they were uneasy that I did not give them a Discharge for or else. N.B. Squire Baker's earnest Advice to discharge the Town, though they do not pay me, and by no means to sue, endeavor to recover from the Town in a Lawful way the Debt for my service four months and 15 Days before the Town was divided: again they were uneasy at the vote of the precincts in which they promised me 500£ in Case etc. and that I preach old Sermons. This last I have not met with any man til now that would discover to me,

nor own. When I left the Squire I went to Deacon Newton's. Talked over the same things. N.B. The Deacon not pleased with any proposals of Discharging the Town, so well as with my suing the Town. He says a just War must be upheld. I remarked to him my unhappy Praemunire: it being impossible to please them either way. And viewing the Case and its grim aspect upon our dearest Interests I very solemnly said, The Lord look down upon us in Mercy etc!

1748 March 8 (Tuesday). At Mr. Stephen Fay's (which was a main End of my going Out). N.B. His Dissatisfaction with Sallerys and Rates: At Mr. Samuel Bakers: Called at Merchant Rice's (he having newly been to Mr. Fleet for me about my news)....

1748 March 22 (Tuesday). This morning Ebenezer set out upon a designed journey to Connecticut after flax and was to have gone with Mr. Samuel Baker but when he was at Esquire Baker's he understood there were several men, come down with flax, who gave a most discouraging account of the river and that there was no room to expect any flax on this side under 4 shillings the pound. He therefore returned home, and my wife and I rode over to the said Esquire's and we (the Esquire and I) bought a Bagg of 200 weight -- their price was 5/ per pound but they threw in 40 S in the whole Bagg and 3 pound and 1/2 of over plus weight. So that we did not give quite 4/9 the pound. After this Esquire Baker and I went to Deacon Newton's to obtain his consent to put into the Warrant for the designed Meeting the abovementioned article about a grant. Deacon Newton would consent to it if I desired it, but not of his own motion -- his reason was that the block must be removed out of the way (meaning that the 82.10-0 of arrears must be first sued for) or he could not go forward. There ensued warmer talk than ever I had had with Deacon Newton. I urged him to consider how unreasonable it was that he would not do his present duty for the support of the ministry in this Precinct, because somebody else did not do their duty some years ago: and that they should quarrell with me not for suing and straining upon them in the Law, but because I was charitable and compassionate and would not. My Wife went to Mr. Abner Newton's while the Esquire and I were at the Deacon's.

1748 April 5 (Tuesday). An Important Time! When this precinct met upon the affair of my sallery and a new Meeting House -- Mr. Grout and Lieutenant Tainter being sent to me to desire me to Pray with them. I went after prayer. They passed no vote about the former article respecting me, but they desired the Committee of the Precinct would at evening come and Confer with me, and enquire of me what I thought my Circumstances would require, and I could cheerfully go on in the work of the Ministry with -- and so adjourned that affair to the 18th Instant. And accordingly at evening the said Committee (4 of whom, viz. Edward Baker, Esquire, Captain Warrin, Lieutenant Forbush and Mr. Benjamin Fay) came to me and insisted upon my saying what would suffice maintenance. Note well, they said the precinct would Expect that if the Precinct should comply and make a grant of what I should say would suffice for the Year Currant, then I should give 'em a Receipt in full. I answered that I was averse to saying anything of a particular Sum -- but they insisted that I would. I replied that I insisted on it that the Precinct would Explain their Expression (in their Votes at the Contract) wherein they say that the "Yearly sallery 55£ New Tenor money so called, not Soldier money, so called" and as to the Present State of Things -- what I would have. I said there was a very different manner of

Maintaining the Gospel -- There was what would barely do it; there was also what would do it with some handsomeness and Decency; and there was a manner of doing it with a Generousness, when persons were in their Hearts enlarged unto Bountifullness. I did not therefore care to proscribe, nor go about to set a summ. However, upon their further insisting, for they said they must make some Report to them that had sent them, I told them I could offer thus much to their Consideration, that as all the Necessarys of Life had so exceedingly risen as they had for several years past especially, I humbly conceived that it would take double or nigh it (in Denomination of Bills) to do the same as used to be done. Esquire Baker answered that then they understood me that it would not take 440£ old Tenor to have the same done which 220£ used to do. I answered that it could not take less than 400£ whole work nor should go on Chearfully. I replied to this that if they should vote that I would endeavor (as God should please to enable me) to go on with all parts of the work and would go on chearfully -- at least would try this year -- and if it would well do I should, I hoped given God the Glory and them all suitable Thanks, and if it did not so, I would let them know. But it growing late, I told 'em that I would take the matter into Consideration, and they should have Some Return from me when they should sit again. This Concluded the present Conference.

1748 April 7 (Thursday). After Exercises Captain Baker discoursed with me about our precinct Transactions with me and respecting the 500£ vote in special.

1748 April 18 (Monday). This was the Day of the Adjournment of the precinct meeting on the affair of my sallery at which I had great hopes the people would have considered my Circumstances Committing the matter however to the Glorious God to do his pleasure. I drew up a paper of answer to the Committee's request to me in behalf of the precinct that I would say what I would have to support my Family? This paper I gave 'em, and it was read to the precinct. Yet they did nothing -- adjourned again to the last Monday in Next Month. It was very provoking to me that they should trifle with me and abuse me at this rate, and this under colour of the most slender pretence which was this -- that "They had not a Discharge for their part (which they had paid) of the 82.10 whereas it was expressly inserted in my paper of Reply to the Committee this Day -- as a Postscript to it -- (but I understood afterward that it was excepted against because it was said "this precinct." This precinct not having a Being at That Time). Whereas no Quibble could be more trifling than this, What I had written in said P.S. being only to intimate my sense of what I was ready to do, respecting those who now make up this precinct, not as if they were to be considered as Precinct in the Instrument of Discharge, but Inhabitants of the Town. But I saw that Anything would serve 'em to shift this unacceptable Business off. Divers of the Committee came in here after the adjournment. Deacon Newton, Esquire Baker and Mr. Benjamin Fay who acquainted me with the adjournment. I was in some Chagrin and hastily stepped aside and wrote and signed a paper by itself assuring them of my readiness to give full Discharge. God grant me patience, Humility, Resignation to his holy Will and grace to improve the Frown of his providence upon me!

1748 April 20 (Wednesday). Catachized at the Meeting House a. and p.m. N.B. There were about 8 girls besides my own. They were Lavinia Baker, Susanna Newton, Hephzibah Rice, Persis Crosby, Jemima Maynard, Ruhamah Pratt, Rachel Pratt, Jemima Brigham. I hope the warm

admonitions etc., especially in the forenoon were not without some Effect. The Lord bless these means for their highest good!

1748 May 31 (Tuesday). Cousen Betty and I rode to Captain Bakers, to Deacon Newtons and to Lieutenant Tainters.

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 L. 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.

1748 June 30 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Jason Whitney brought a Letter from Colonel Ward to Captain Baker about recalling Joseph Bowker as I suppose.

1748 July 23 (Saturday). I rose early and went to Captain Bakers to desire him to Cart for me -- Since my Hay was now ready: but (though he went to Stephen Fay's to get his Cattle for it) he could not. I proceeded to Lieutenant Tainters. He agreed to go to Day if Captain Baker went to Day -- but he chose to deferr it till Monday.

1748 August 26 (Friday). Captain Baker lent me 30£ old Tenor.

1748 September 7 (Wednesday). [Grafton.] P.M. the ministers call'd in several of those who had been wont to clogg the church in dealing with the Separatists, and conferr'd with them -- viz. Mr. Abner Stow, Joseph Batchelour, Gideon Baker and several others.

1748 October 11 (Tuesday). P.M. I din'd with the South Company Officers -- Lieutenant Bruce had the Command by Means of Captain Bakers being engag'd as one of the Referrees upon the Case of Messrs. Nurse and Cook. The other Referrees Captain Eager and Lieutenant Hezikiah Ward the other Two.

1748 October 24 (Monday). Captain Baker and Ensign Miller came (as Delegates of our Church) and we went to Rutland.

1748 October 27 (Thursday). We were not ready with the Result till late p.m.... N.B. Captain Baker and Ensign Miller were dismiss'd to go home.

1748 October 28 (Friday). And Next Morning but without Effect though we sat upon it p.m. also; and till toward Night. The Council appointed a Committee to hear it, viz. Mr. Campbell and myself, with Colonel Larnard, Mr. Brown of Leicester, and Esquire Baker, and then we adjourn'd without Day.

1748 November 13 (Sunday). Deacon Newton requested the Church before the Congregation to excuse him from the service of Delegate, and nominated Brother Baker, but no sooner was the Matter propos'd than Ensign Bruce objected and said it was not according to Custom to propose such Things before the Congregation. I gave him the Reason -- viz. it was So late and Cold -- but immediately I stopp'd the Church, and then dispatch'd it. I perceiv'd afterwards that Lieutenant had some Disgust with the Captain about their Military proceedings.

1748 November 15 (Tuesday). Captain Baker and Ensign Miller accompany'd me to Lancaster to the Installment of Mr. Timothy Harrington.

1748 November 17 (Thursday). N.B. I understand that Esquire Baker is about buying at Bolton.

1748 November 21 (Monday). I rode down to Mr. Cooks Shop. Was inform'd there that it was proprietors meeting at Marlborough, but I could not go, it being precinct meeting here, about my Support (So they are pleas'd to call it again) and they voted 180 £ old Tenor, to be added to the 220 £ which they call my Sallery. Justice Baker brought the Return to me of it and said it was cheerfully voted. And they have voted also to build another Meeting House.

1748 December 5 (Monday). I visited Mr. Samuel Bakers wife who is very weak and low.

1749 January 17 (Tuesday). Many Southern Neighbours came to Cutt and Sled wood for me. 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. Growe, 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.

1749 February 22 (Wednesday). Mr. Upham moves from Captain Bakers to Captain Maynards and keeps School there.

1749 April 4 (Tuesday). Edward Baker Esquire made me a visit, to ask me to preach at his House next Thursday.

1749 April 6 (Thursday). Preach'd at Edward Baker's Esquire, on Mat. 26.41, and after Exercise I read some part of Mr. Edwards's long Letter of Extracts etc. respecting Religion in Europe.

1749 April 17 (Monday). A Precinct Meeting -- partly to provide for raising the New Meeting House, and among divers other Things to See whether they would pull off the Covering and

Closing of the old Meeting House and Use them upon the New -- but could not obtain a vote to meddle with it. N.B. I sent in a Letter, which the Moderator (Esquire Baker) receiv'd; but without reading to the precinct, order'd to be return'd to me, which Lieutenant Forbush accordingly did.

1749 April 27 (Thursday). In the forenoon I was oblig'd to go down to Mr. Cook's to fasten my Horse's Shooes. Mr. Daniel Forbush was there. He took Notice I had not yet been to the Timber (where they were framing the Meeting House). I told him I was going to preach to Mr. Martyns people. He said he believ'd the Committee would be glad (he doubted not) of Such an opportunity to Send a message by me to Mr. Martyn. He spoke in a much Earnestness and intimating that they were at the Frame, who would thus be glad, and that they would send to my House. I went from thence to see old Mrs. Forbush (nigh 85 years of age). But when I came out from her, I thought it would be best to ride round by the Meeting House place to give 'em opportunity and prevent their Sending on purpose to my House and as Mr. Forbush aforesaid intimated they would. I therefore came home that way. Captain Baker and Lieutenant Bruce were very complaisant. I enquir'd whether the work went on well and how forward they were etc.? They told me that Time that they had last night agreed upon for the Raising Day -- viz. Next Wednesday -- But that they intended to send to me and to the Neighbouring Ministers, But as there was but one of the Committee there, Captain Baker, there could be no public message as yet to Mr. Martyn. I put 'em in mind to Send without Fail to his Spouse also. One Mr. Hastings, a Carpenter, brought me their bottle and offer'd to give me a Dram -- which gave me occasion to talk with them about their offering (as I had heard) their Bottle to Travellers to beg of them as they pass'd in the high way: I talk'd with the Chief Workman Mr. Hemingway, but he vindicated himself. I told him I had rather give 'em, myself, Every Penny of what they Should so Collect -- and I took out my Book to pay him what they Said had been given though they Said it was only by Such as had turn'd aside to see them and that only by Two persons -- one of which gave 3/, the other 1/. I parted as decently as I could professing my Concern to have Every Thing carry'd on in Righteousness, Peace and Honour. Esquire Baker, in his Conversation, inform'd me that at the Meeting last Night (which was of Such of the Inhabitants of the precinct as pleas'd to Show their Minds about the Provision they would make for the Raising) Some that were disaffected brought in a Petition to the Committee to raise a Meeting, if possible to remove the Spot for the Meeting House. But it was too late, and he said it could be thought no other than Vexations, design'd so -- by its being brought at this Time.

1749 May 22 (Monday). Abigail Baker making Stays here.

1749 May 23 (Tuesday). A.M. frequently in some Trouble about young people's disorderly night walking: have now Such a Number (My son Ebenezer, Daniel Hastings, Abigail Baker and Sarah Harrington) of young persons in my own Family that it causes me some Perplexity when my own do walk contrary to the advice and Counsel which I am frequently giving them.

1749 May 26 (Friday). Kinsman went home with Abigail Baker.

1749 July 6 (Thursday). Went p.m. to Lieutenant Tainters and preach'd at the Private Meeting. Text Mat. 26.41. After Exercise there was an handsome Entertainment at which were Esquire Baker and his wife, and some Number besides.

1749 August 26 (Saturday). A.M. came Edward Baker Esq., Deacon Newton and Lieutenant Tainter to acquaint me in private Capacity, that the Precinct had determin'd by their vote at their late Meeting, to take down the old Meeting House next Monday; So that I might be at no loss, or put to Difficulty the Lords Day following if I preach at the New Meeting House, they would invite me and Such of my Family as should go to Meeting, to their Houses, till there Should be some proper provision made for us by the precinct. I acknowledged their Goodness, and thank'd 'em kindly for their Offer. And we took opportunity to enter upon some discourse about the Difficultys I must unavoidably undergoe the Ensuing Winter if the Meeting House we now use be taken down. And after their relating to me the Debates of the last Meeting -- Two of them (viz. Esq. Baker and Deacon Newton) undertook to go among the Opponents (Captain Maynard etc.) to see whether they did so desire the suspending the design'd work till next Spring, as that if they should be gratify'd therein, they would then acquiesce, at least not molest them in their Proceeding. N.B. My Saying the Dividing the Town was the Thing that gave the Fatal Stabb to my Interest (explaining it of my Temporal Interest) among them.

1749 August 28 (Monday). Early in the Morning as soon as there came any to the Meeting House I stept up and pray'd that they would give me Opportunity to Speak with the Precinct before they proceeded to their work. Mr. Jonas Brigham, one of the Committee for the work, was there and said they would Stay, that I might. Others Said the Like. I hasten'd back and while I was writing was call'd -- the Committee (Said Mr. Brigham, Mr. Benajamin Fay, and Mr. Timothy Warrin) being below. I went down -- they Said they were come to See whether I had any thing to offer. I told 'em (having my paper in my Hand) that I wanted to Speak with the precinct before they proceeded to take down the Meeting House. They answered that they were the Servants of the Precinct -- and Seem'd desirous to hear it and were in haste to go to work. I read it and still said I wanted to Speak to the Precinct. They undertook to answer with respect to the last article, which respected my Near Neighbours -- but said nothing to the rest of the paper, but in an hurry added that they did not see any Thing but that they might go up to the work and So left Me. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter was also present and heard what I read. Captain Maynard and Ensign Josiah Rice came in a little Time from the Meeting House and wanted to know Something of a propos'd, peacefull meeting -- and intimated that they thought themselves impos'd upon -- and hop'd I would now see that there was a flame -- acquainting me that word was brought to the Meeting House (as Deacon Newton, they Said, inform'd them) that they had Sent a Message to me and the return was that I had Nothing to Say. (N.B. Captain Baker had been here and told me that his Saturday Endeavour was not to Effect, so that laying with this what Deacon Newton told me yesterday as I went up the Pulpit stairs p.m., I concluded there was nothing of meeting or Conference to be Expected.) Upon Captain Maynards saying this, I wanted to see the Deacon that I might know how it could be so understood. Captain went up and brought the Deacon to me. Others of the Neighbours Came and I endeavour'd to make them Sensible that I had prepar'd something and would fain have gone up to the people if I could have had opportunity but was disappointed through these

means. The House was uncover'd, unclos'd after the Pulpit, Pews, and seats were taken down -
 - Several Carts kept going all Day. A Melancholly Sight! But Many that came in would express
 their Compassionate Hopes and Wishes. Most of all my Dependence be on the God that has in
 Providence brought me here and protected and provided for me hitherto! N.B. Mr. Martyn
 here as he went to Grafton Church Meeting to choose a minister. At Eve Mr. Josslyn here
 complaining of my Lateness at Meeting on the Sabbaths. Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin with him,
 whose wife Said that Sabbath was Sennight it was 4 o'Clock p.m. when we went to Meeting (for
 Second service of the Day), whereas, as I remember, the sun was about an Hour and half high
 when we left off -- that is, about 5 o'Clock. What Service was performed took up not much less
 time than Two Hours and half So that we went not at much after 1/2 past Two. Yet were they
 Confident that we began past 4.

1749 September 3 (Sunday). Din'd at Edward Baker Esquire's -- but my Children all went home.

1749 September 10 (Sunday). I preach'd at Upton.... Mr. Minot preach'd at Westborough on 2
 Tim. 2.19, and 1 Cor. 14.1. Mr. Minot din'd at Esquire Bakers.

1749 September 16 (Saturday). Rode up to Grafton in Compliance with Mr. Hutchinsons
 Request, but I not having Sent him any word, I was oblig'd to ride up as far as Captain Lelands
 before I saw him, and then to Mr. Holbrooks before he to Westborough. N.B. He lodg'd at
 Captain Baker's: I at Mr. Holbrooks.

1749 September 24 (Sunday). Din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1749 October 5 (Thursday). Met at the Meeting House, both the Church and Committee of the
 Council and found Captain Rice willing to submitt their Controversie to us -- adding Deacon
 Davis to us instead of Colonel Larnard -- but N.B. Esq. Baker did not come at all. P.M. carry'd
 on the Hearing again. N.B. Captain Rice and the Church were reconcil'd to Day. At Night the
 Committee were at Mr. Buckminsters reviewing and debating, till late.

1749 October 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Whipple, one of the Delegates of the Church, came and
 accompany'd me to Shrewsbury. Captain Baker the other Delegate came afterwards.

1749 October 13 (Friday). Return'd at Eve in Company with Mr. Stone and Esq. Liscomb of
 Shrewsbury, and Esq. Baker and Mr. Whipple of this Town. N.B. the Council was adjourn'd
 without Day.

1749 November 20 (Monday). Nineteen persons, older and younger, Three with Teams, to get
 me wood. They got down to the Door 29 Load. They were Lieutenant Tainter with his Team
 and his Son, Mr. James Bowman with his Team and his son, Mr. Harrington with his Team and
 his son, Messrs. Martin Pratt, Daniel Hardy, Cornelius Biglo, William Pierce, Jonathan Forbush
 junior, Solomon Baker, Joseph Grout junior, Elijah Hardy, Thomas Hardy, Seth Miller, Daniel
 Forbush junior, Joseph Bowker, and Samuel Bumpso.

1749 November 30 (Thursday). I have receiv'd no message from the Precinct. P.M. I rode over to Deacon Newtons to discourse with him about hiring part of his House, but he was not at Home. While I sat there Esq. Baker came in. After some Discourse we walk'd over to Neighbour Abner Newtons. Our Discourse there was also about my moving if I could find any Convenient House.

1749 December 9 (Saturday). Lieutenant Tainter came to acquaint me that the Committee of the Precinct would meet at Esq. Bakers next Monday etc. to desire me to give them my Company there at that Time to confer with me about our Affairs and Circumstances at this Day: and especially with reference to my removal also in the Name of Esq. Baker he desir'd I would henceforward till next May, myself and as many of my Family as Should please, would dine at his (Esq. Bakers) House on Lords Days. This was the Result of a Meeting which a Number of Southern Neighbours had at Lieutenant Tainters last Night, when likewise they had Discourse with Deacon Newton for his Conduct about this Affair. Lieutenant remark'd to me and strongly affirm'd that Deacon Newton, when three of them came to my House the Saturday before taking down the old Meeting House to desire and invite me to dine at their Houses on Sabbath Noons, (that then the Deacon) did not invite -- as I had suppos'd and had often said.

1749 December 10 (Sunday). My Wife and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1749 December 11 (Monday). P.M. according to the Request brought me by Lieutenant Tainter last Saturday I rode over to Esq. Bakers and Met the Committee of the Precinct, viz. Esq. Baker, Lieutenant Tainter, Lieutenant Thomas Forbush, Messrs. James Bowman and Phinehas Hardy. The Business was, They wanted to know whether I expected or desir'd the Precinct to do any Thing for me about my Remove from my present Dwelling to the New Meeting House, which I certify'd them I depended upon their assistance. Was at Merchant Rice's and had some Talk there with Lieutenant Nathan Brigham of Southborough about the Land round the Meeting House and he seems willing to grant it.

1749 December 16 (Saturday). Court held at Esq. Liscombs, Mr. Abraham Temple and others having prosecuted a Grafton Bridegroom and some of his Attendants for abusing his son Joseph who with some youngsters from Mr. Jonathan Fays in this Town, broke forth Sounding an Horn etc. as the nuptial procession went up into Grafton from Esq. Bakers where their Marriage was Solemnized.

1749 December 17 (Sunday). My wife and Billy and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1749 December 24 (Sunday). Din'd at Esq. Bakers, Molly at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, and Lucy at Mr. Abner Newtons.

1749 December 31 (Sunday). I din'd at Esq. Bakers. My Wife and Children return'd home in the Slay.

1750 January 3 (Wednesday). A.M. to Southborough to Lieutenant Brighams to Speak with him again about the Land near the Meeting House, but he was not at home. I din'd there and then return'd home as soon as I could that I might get upon my Journey p.m. to Upton. Mr. James Bradish accompany'd me to Mr. Elijah Warrins, and Mr. Marshall Baker from thence to Captain Hazzletine's where I lodg'd. But neither Mr. Hall nor Mr. Frost nor Mr. Dodge (who were expected) were there.

1750 January 7 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1750 January 14 (Sunday). Lucy and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1750 January 15 (Monday). A Remarkable Day! The Parish came together at the Meeting House to consider and provide for my Remove from my present Dwelling. N.B. Lieutenant Tainter here. Captain Maynard (came at my Desire). I ask'd him (as I have of late Several Times) to sell his Land nigh the Meeting House but he refuses -- is very much out of Humour, to my Grief, as he has been a worthy neighbour; and I fear he will be very much incapacitated by this Ruffle, to receive any good. I sent a Paper to the Precinct by Lieutenant Tainter. Though it was a Cold Day I rode over to Deacon Newtons. At Eve came in (to Deacon Newtons) Mr. Ebenezer Rice and inform'd me (agreeable to my Desire) that Neighbour Stephen Fay would be at my House tomorrow to finish the Bargain about the Land aforesaid, and afterwards came in the Deacon, Esq. Baker and Lieutenant Tainter. They inform'd me that the people at their meeting made no Vote upon my Affair. But all Things relating to my Remove are left in Confusions, their Minds being very much Divided. Many persons were for granting no more than 500£ naked and according to the present Value, nor would they vote that to be put into a Rate without I would manifest myself contented with it. We had a great Deal of Discourse at the Deacons upon what had pass'd in the Day -- and the Tendency of those Things. N.B. talk'd with the Deacon alone concerning the Paper which a Committee (of which he was one) prepar'd us a message from the precinct to me in answer etc. but though it was not voted yet doth said paper lye among the papers of the precinct to my great Disadvantage and Reproach. I therefore desir'd the Deacon to take Care that it be destroy'd; or else let me have the Benefit of putting in a Reply to lye along with it.

1750 January 16 (Tuesday). Mr. Stephen Fay came here and brought his Plotts that I might make the writings respecting the Land I have propos'd to buy of him, provided we can agree upon the Terms. He din'd here. But Mr. Fay loaded our Bargain with Demands which Mr. Rice had never told me of, viz. that I must throw up my Expectation of the Condition of his possessing the Three Acres which were laid out to me, but which now he obliges me to buy at So dear a Rate of him, which Condition was, that he should make over Right to me to take up Three Acres of Common Land instead of it: Yet even this I conceded to [in] hopes to make the Bargain easier in other respects, scil. respecting the Money and Time of payment. We made several proposals, but finally I agreed to go to drawing the Instruments against Tomorrow p.m. leaving a Space to insert that of the Terms he propos'd to my Choice, which I should like best. And thus he left me. One of the ways or kinds of Terms he had left me was, that I should give Such a Bond as those had give who had lately been buying of him, Such as Esq. Baker etc. Nigh

Evening I rode to Esq. Baker to Consult him about those Bonds. In Conversation with him he gave such Account of the Temper of the Precinct Yesterday, and the little prospect of its being better -- that, considering this and therewith the Difficulty about the Payment, I hearken'd to the Esquire's Council not to Engage, if I could fairly desist; and defer it a little while, till I should be able to see what would come out of my Circumstances among this People. I first appriz'd Mr. Rice of it, and then went to Mr. Fay. I acquainted him that since he left me I had met with what had much mov'd me to come, and desire him to wave the Bargain for a while, or, as the Case now Stood with me with Regard to the Parish and as there was so much difficulty in knowing what could be just and safe in the Payment in so very Critical a juncture, I must desire him to throw it up. He told me he had as lieve as not -- Upon which it was all dissolv'd and the Whole Affair fell to the Ground.

1750 February 4 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers....

1750 February 11 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers.

1750 February 15 (Thursday). At Eve Deacon Newton, Lieutenant Tainter, and Mr. Francis Whipple came as a Committee (they were the Majority thereof, Captain Baker and Lieutenant Thomas Forbush being the other two that came not) to inform me of Two Things from the Precinct, one which had pass'd into a Certainty: if I would accept of it: namely that this Precinct had voted that the grant of 500£ old Tenor made in the Year 1744/5 Should be put into a Rate, to be gather'd and paid me. The other Thing was not Voted, but much talk'd of, and they (the Committee) were desir'd by a great many to propose it to me, namely, whether I would rather choose to tarry where I am, if the precinct will give me an hundred pounds old Tenor per Annum more of Sallery? N.B. They acquainted me that what was voted, as above, was with freeness and Love. I desir'd Time to consider of what they had said. They each of them for their own particular parts gave me their Advice that I would take up with it cheerfully for they had reason to hope that many people would fall in and generously assist..

1750 February 18 (Sunday). Martha Pannell din'd at Captain Bakers but the rest of my Family at Home.

1750 February 23 (Friday). Justice Baker here to see us in our Affliction, but my Children are through Mercy better.

1750 February 26 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Stone to Esq. Baker, as Answer to the Committee who were lately with me to acquaint me with what the precinct had voted about the 500£ being put into a Rate.

1750 February 27 (Tuesday). I was at Esq. Bakers and Ebenezer Rice's. I call'd there a.m.

1750 March 4 (Sunday). I din'd at Justice Bakers. My Wife and Daughter Molly tarry'd at the Meeting House.

1750 March 8 (Thursday). My Wife and I rode to Mr. Martyns Lecture. Mr. Eliezer Rice favour'd me with his Mare. Din'd there. Mr. Smith there also -- but Mr. Cushing preach'd on John 6.26. At our Return Esq. Baker took Mr. Rice's Horse to deliver him to his Master.

1750 March 11 (Sunday). My Wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers, where was also Mr. John Nichols of Boston.

1750 March 15 (Thursday). It prov'd very Cold: at length snow'd. I went to Deacon Newtons at Noon. My wife, Molly and Lucy stay'd at the Meeting House, because of the storm. After Meeting the storm being exceeding Strong, the Snow beating very vehemently, my wife rode home with me, Esq. Baker kindly Sent a Son with an Horse to help Molly home, and Mr. Eliezer Rice kindly help'd Lucy home, So that we got home in Some Comfort to what it would have otherwise been, but I think it was more tedious than any Sabbath through the Winter.

1750 March 18 (Sunday). I rode over to the North Precinct.... Mr. Martyn preach'd for me on 2 Tim. 3.5. He and his wife din'd at Justice Bakers.

1750 March 25 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers. Rode before his wife to Meeting.

1750 April 1 (Sunday). I din'd at Justice Bakers. Mr. Stoddard din'd with my Wife at Home.

1750 April 8 (Sunday). I din'd at Justice Bakers; my Wife and divers others came home. Patty Pannell and little Susan stay'd at the Meeting House.

1750 April 15 (Sunday). My Wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers.

1750 April 17 (Tuesday). In returning I call'd at Esq. Bakers. N.B. Consult him about my Building.

1750 April 22 (Sunday). A.M. read Exod. 20 from number 18 -- gave some Exposition of the Second Commandment -- din'd at Justice Bakers. Walk'd up and back.

1750 April 29 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers; my Wife, Ebenezer and Molly, Lucy and Sarah and Alexander likewise. Joseph Bruce and Patty Pannell, who were all of my Family that were at meeting -- came home to Dinner. I rode to meeting p.m. on Justice Bakers Horse.

1750 May 6 (Sunday). My Wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers, he having provided and handed an Horse ready tackled for us both.

1750 May 13 (Sunday). Mr. Bellamy preach'd from Job 22.21. He din'd with me at Justice Bakers.

1750 May 24 (Thursday). Mrs. Bowker (heretofore Sarah Tainter) taken leave and goes to live at Summers. Mr. Hutchinson came up from Boston and preach'd my Lecture. Text John 14.16.17. After Exercise Mr. Hutchinson, my wife and I were refresh'd at justice Bakers.

1750 May 27 (Sunday). Mr. Hopkins, my wife and I din'd at justice Bakers.... N.B. When the Church was transacting the Affair relating to the Ordination of Mr. Hutchinson at Grafton the Choice of one of the Delegates was much clogg'd. Deacon Forbush was nominated, but the vote not clear -- he excus'd himself. Lieutenant Tainter was nominated, but no vote. At length Brother Whitney was chose; Scil: together with Esq. Baker.

1750 June 3 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers. N.B. an Horse is provided for me and my wife stately to ride up to Dinner.

1750 June 10 (Sunday). Mr. Dodge preach'd on Prov. 3.17. He, my wife and I din'd at Esq. Bakers, where was Mr. Thomas Cheevers of Lyn. Mr. Haven din'd at my House.

1750 June 17 (Sunday). My illness was much increas'd that I did not go to Meeting without a great deal of Difficulty. My wife and I rode in the Chair, and Mr. Haven and Molly on the Horse.... Din'd (together with my wife) at Esq. Bakers.

1750 July 1 (Sunday). My Wife and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1750 July 3 (Tuesday). Rode to Framingham and broke fast at Mr. Joseph Havens. We call'd at Colonel Bakers.

1750 July 15 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Haven, invited by Esq. Baker, din'd there with us (viz. with my wife, Daughter Molly and I).

1750 July 29 (Sunday). N.B. it rain'd so exceeding hard that my Wife and a Number of my Family besides tarried at the Meeting House. But Esq. Baker invited Mr. Haven to dine with me at the House -- which he did.

1750 August 5 (Sunday). The Beginning of the Sabbath my wife and I rode up to Esq. Bakers and din'd there.

1750 August 12 (Sunday). Mr. Haven (by express Invitation) din'd with me at the Esquire's.

1750 August 19 (Sunday). Mr. Samuel Haven began to preach.... He and I din'd at Esq. Bakers; my wife and the rest of my Family went home.

1750 August 29 (Wednesday). At Eve Solomon Baker and Samuel Bumpso with a Number more came and dugg -- Mrs. Rice (Ebenezers wife) encouraging their coming and treating 'em for it.

1750 September 2 (Sunday). My wife din'd with me at Esquire Bakers.

1750 September 4 (Tuesday). Gale, Bradish, Grow, Tainter junior, old Mr. Charles Rice, Mr. Nathaniel Whitney, David Batherick, John Rogers and Jonas Warrin of Upton wrought at the Frame. P.M. Samuel Bumpso at the Cellar. Justice Baker carted stones, six Load. Mr. Benjamin Fay and Mr. Eleazer Williams dugg in the high way and in divers places in the Interest of the Esquire.

1750 September 14 (Friday). Esquire Baker brought down my Cattle (which had run in Grafton) from Esq. Brighams who had put 'em into his Pasture.

1750 September 16 (Sunday). Din'd with my Wife at the Esquire's.

1750 September 23 (Sunday). My Wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers.

1750 October 1 (Monday). I went from Mr. Elijah Warrins to Mr. Beriah Rice's -- Mr. Marshal Bakers -- Mr. Jonas Warrins, Mr. James Bradishs, Mr. Dunlaps, Mr. Gashets and Mr. Chaddocks - to Lieutenant Tainters.

1750 October 7 (Sunday). None of my Family besides me din'd at the Esquires to Day.

1750 October 28 (Sunday). I preach'd at Hopkinton a. and p.m. on Jer. 8.4.5.... Mr. Barrett din'd at Esquire Bakers. My wife not at meeting.... We return'd home at night. I lodg'd there.

1750 October 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Newton, Mr. Forbush and Jonathan Smith, together with my son Ebenezer at the Chimneys. I rode over to the New House. I rode up to Captain Bakers, to get him to Cart Some more Stones who says he will go tomorrow accordingly.

1750 November 4 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers.

1750 November 11 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers.

1750 November 12 (Monday). At Captain Bakers Request I pray'd with his Company and din'd at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's with the Officers. After which the Captain accompany'd me in a visit to Mr. Bowman who is still sick.

1750 November 18 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1750 November 25 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Captain Bakers.

1750 December 2 (Sunday). Din'd at Esq. Bakers. N.B. Walk'd up, rode back.

1750 December 16 (Sunday). Din'd at Esquire Bakers. My wife at Mr. Williams.

1750 December 23 (Sunday). My wife din'd with me at the Squire's and Martha Pannell at Deacon Newton's.

1750 December 30 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1751 January 17 (Thursday). According to appointment I met Mr. Stephen Fay at Justice Bakers Though it was rainy Weather and bad Stirring abroad. I din'd at Deacon Newtons. I went down with Justice Baker and Mr. Stephen Fay to look of the Land within my Plot of 4 acres and 57 Rods. Mr. Fay and I agreed to go on and give each other a Deed; I him of 3 Acres and 37 Rods of this Land, and he me of Three Acres Right of the sixth Division, to take up Common Land other where. We finish'd the Affair at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's.

1751 January 20 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers -- my wife and several of the Family tarried at the Meeting house -- Billy din'd at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's.

1751 January 27 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers.

1751 February 3 (Sunday). Din'd at Esquire Bakers....

1751 February 10 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers. Deacon Kimbal and others of Hopkinton din'd there also.

1751 February 17 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers. My wife has for a long Time refus'd to dine with me there fearing to be burdensome, though the Justice has repeatedly manifested his uneasiness at her not coming, and Said that she gave him more trouble as she did not dine there.

1751 February 19 (Tuesday). Was at Esquire Bakers at Eve. He is going into Connecticut with Mr. Shattuck Flax-trader -- who is there, to sett out in the morning -- wrote to Mr. Pierpoint. Solomon Baker designing to go to Boston in the morning, Sent my Watch by him to Mr. Moses Peck by him to have a Glass fitted to it.

1751 February 24 (Sunday). Din'd at the usual place, though the Justice was gone a Journey to Connecticut. N.B. Deacon Newton invited me to dine at their House, but I conceiv'd it not so well to leave Mrs. Baker now when she needed me most.

1751 March 3 (Sunday). My wife (being ask'd by Esquire Baker) din'd with us -- Mr. Williams also invited both of us to dine at their House. Molly din'd at Deacon Newtons.

1751 March 10 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers....

1751 March 24 (Sunday). Din'd at Esquires.

1751 April 7 (Sunday). Din'd at Esquire Bakers.

1751 April 11 (Thursday). Lieutenant Wood of Upton and [blank] Chase (a young practitioner in Physic and who has taken up Lodging at Captain Bakers) din'd here.

1751 April 21 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers.

1751 May 19 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers, where also din'd Justice Liscomb. N.B. Lucy, Sarah and Susanna carry'd their Dinners.... After Divine Service, read Letter from Upton for Ordination of Mr. Fish. N.B. I nominated Justice Baker.

1751 May 26 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers -- and my wife with me.

1751 June 19 (Wednesday). I Sent my son William to the Island with my Mare to plough to Day under the Guidance of Mr. Williams who with Esquire Baker and a son of his with an Horse and Plough, Mr. David Maynard junior and A son, Mr. Eleazer Williams, Mr. Benjamin Fay, Adonijah Rice, Abner Whipple, Daniel Grout. These plough'd and hoed till between 10 and 11 -- when they finish'd it. I waited on them with some refreshment and acknowledg'd my great indebtedness to them for it.

1751 July 2 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. Charles Rice's and at Captain Bakers.

1751 July 14 (Sunday). Din'd as usual, at Justice Bakers.

1751 July 17 (Wednesday). My Wife and I rode to Captain Bakers, where lodges Mr. Thomas Chase, a young Practitioner in Physick and Surgery. My wife blooded by him.

1751 August 22 (Thursday). Mrs. Forbush tripp'd away home just after break of Day. But my wife grew so bad that I hastily rode away for her again and brought her. It proves a very hot Day; but we must gather the Neighbouring Women. I rode up the Street and alarm'd the four nearest, and proceeded for Mrs. Baker -- likewise for Mrs. Nurse and Mrs. Williams who came -- and Suddenly about 11 o'Clock a.m. a Son was born.

1751 September 13 (Friday). Had word that Mr. William Goss at Shrewsbury had Floor Boards which hew'd lay at my Door for a small Matter of ready Money. I borrow'd 3 Dollars at Squire Bakers, and sent Mr. Aaron Nurse to Mr. Goss; but without success -- for when he come to see his Boards, he found they had taken Dammage through ill-sticking.

1751 September 30 (Monday). P.M. This Parish met. I sent a Memorial to the Meeting at the very juncture that a Committee (Mr. Williams and Ensign Miller) were coming to me to see if I had any Thing that I would communicate to them. By and by Lieutenant Tainter came to me from the people to acquaint me that they had granted no otherwise than they us'd to do (400£ old Tenor). I Sent a Reply and Request in Writing. At Eve Captain Baker and Mr. Whipple came and acquainted me that they had consider'd what I Sent to them and had granted 50£ old Tenor more. But had done Nothing about the Wood, That being an Article which they could not

manage by virtue of this present Warrant: But people would have it in their Thoughts -- and doubtless prepare themselves to Say Something about it when there could be Preparation Time for it.

1751 October 24 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Phinehas Hardy goes to Bolton for Lime, for Deacon Newton and me, and return'd at Night empty, bringing only a Bag of Hair from Mr. Samuel Bakers.

1751 October 31 (Thursday). P.M. walk'd to Deacon Newton; and thence to Justice Bakers. Had his mare to visit Samuel Hardy junior, and old Mr. Fay.

1751 November 6 (Wednesday). N.B. Lieutenant Tainter and Solomon Baker Cart Wood from Moses Brigham's. Lieutenant 3 Times: the other 2 Turns.

1751 November 27 (Wednesday). Mrs. Nabby Baker at work here, making my wife a plad gown. P

1751 December 29 (Sunday). After the usual Exercise I stopp'd the Church and read the Letter from the Church in Holliston, and ask'd for a Vote, but there were but very few Hands -- after repeatedly requesting that they would offer Some Reason which I might Send with our Answer, for our not complying, Justice Baker Said he believ'd there was Some Difficulty among ourselves which was the Reason -- and after further Enquiry, I found it was, and with respect to Me, he himself and others being dissatisfy'd with my so suddenly dismissing the Church when I had read the Sudbury Brethren's Letter on November 24. Mr. Francis Whipple Stops to the Same Purpose. I answer'd (in Substance) that if I had given the Church Ground of Offence it was altogether undesign'd, and I was utterly insensible of it, at the Time of it: that I conceiv'd I gave Time eno' for any Body to Speak if they had desir'd it. But that indeed Such were the Nature and Circumstances of the Affair, that I did not expect any Thing would be Said -- For what I design'd in Reading those Letters and in acquainting them with what I had done about them was, to oblige the Sudbury Brethren and to gratifie the Church also hoping for their Satisfaction and Concurrence in what I had done if they approv'd of it, or otherwise, to have the Church's Sentiments and apprehensions about what was my and their Duty. So that I was So far from designing to give any Offence, that it was all done out of Respect and to avoid all manner of Ground and of offence: That I could freely appeal to the Consciences of all that I was always Stanch for order; and though I would vindicate the Authority of the Ministry, yet made Conscience of not invading the Privileges of the Church -- and as to this present Article, it was (as I apprehended) wholly owing to a Misunderstanding of the Design I had in Staying the Church. And if the Time which I gave for any Brother to Speak (if any one inclin'd to) was Short, yet I thought it as long as was at all needfull or could be desir'd in such short Days and Cold Weather (N.B. it was Sacrament Day also), when people are uneasy to get home -- So that I had no imagination that any one was disquieted. But if they any of them were then uneasy, it would have been much more proper to have manifested it before now; either at the Time of it, or at least to have come to See me and Speak to me of it (as Several had done, and I had satisfy'd them) than to let it alone all this Time; and now make it Such an Obstruction to our

Duty. I Said I hop'd they were not fond of Divisions, and of having Councils to come here too for we ought to learn by the Evils which others suffer'd ourselves to beware. These Things were Said at divers Times, in replying to Brother Baker and others -- but to him chiefly -- little else being offer'd but what was by him -- And I added, that if the Space which was given (however I apprehended it) between reading the Letters etc and my dismissing the Church, was verily too short, I was Sorry for it, and I ask'd their Pardon. But Justice Baker said that did not satisfie him; but he would take a Time to come and see me; which (that we might make Short) was propos'd to others also to do, and to do it in this ensuing Week -- that So this Hindrance being remov'd we might next Lords Day Act upon the Holliston Letter. This Obstruction was a Trouble to me; but that the Brethren should be so much disquieted as this came to, and yet keep it from me so long, till I am far less Capable of making Defence, did not a little Disturb me.

1752 January 2 (Thursday). At Deacon Newton's a.m. The Deacon did not begin with me, but I with him about the uneasiness in the Church about the Sudbury affair; and being the private Meeting was to be at his House this Afternoon I would have him tell the Brethren when they are there -- that I was perswaded they mistook my Design that Sabbath, but however, since I now know their minds, and that their inclination was to have had opportunity to pass a vote -- if it were to do again, I would not do as I did. Least the Deacon should mistake my meaning I sent Billy with a note -- at Eve came the Deacon, as if I had unraveled by my paper what I had spoke by word of mouth. With him came Captain Baker, Lieutenant Tainter, Lieutenant Bruce, Mr. Francis Whipple, Mr. Daniel Hardy, and after them Lieutenant Bruce and Mr. Batheric. By what they said I was so convinced of my omitting to deliver some things concerning my Conference with Captain Richardson etc. that I believed my Conduct at that Time when I dismissed the Church appeared exceptional and as if I bore upon their privilege. I told 'em it must needs be through such omissions that I was sorry -- they all listened satisfied but I had a night of oppressing Thought, and sinking Faintness at my Heart, which was very distressing.

1752 January 7 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter dined here; and was very helpful to get me an Horse for my Journey to Holliston. Had his Mare which he had delivered to Justice Baker for him; and he provided him another.

1752 January 8 (Wednesday). Captain Baker and Lieutenant Tainter called me at Mr. Barrett's and we rode to Captain Littlefield's in Holliston. All the Churches met there; and p.m. we formed into a Council and went into the Hearing of the Partys. Mr. Bucknam was chosen Clerk. We were up till past midnight. The first Church in Medway and Framingham.

1752 January 14 (Tuesday). N.B. The Vagrant Baker dined here: and I gave him some friendly admonition, he seemed to thank me and to take it kindly.

1752 January 20 (Monday). Somewhat stormy in some parts of the Day; yet such the goodness of Brother Stone that he came to see me in my lowly, feeble state. Dined here, he also prayed with me. At Eve Captain Eager and afterwards Justice Baker, Mr. Hastings of Watertown and his wife and others to see me. Was very feverish, weak and faint. N.B. Justice Baker prayed with me -- the Lord accept the offering!

1752 February 6 (Thursday). Captain Baker was here in the morning to acquaint me that the private meeting is appointed to be at his house today and yet that he must unavoidable be at Worcester -- therefore requests me to be in his stead. I accepted and preached there -- Jer. 6.16 from page 13 on.

1752 February 19 (Wednesday). Mrs. Nabby Baker made Mrs. Martyn a gown here.

1752 February 27 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. Nabby Baker here and my wife took opportunity to take discourse with her about some reports with regard to my son Ebenezer courting her.

1752 April 13 (Monday). At Eve at Deacon Newtons -- Justice Baker there also -- now a bad Fever and is an ill man.

1752 May 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Solomon Baker with my Cart, but his own Oxen brought me 40 Rails from Rody Smiths: and Mr. Simon Tainter 45 from the same. The former of those was gratis: for the Latter Mr. Tainter ask'd 15/ old Tenor.

1752 May 18 (Monday). Town Meeting. Chose Esquire Baker representative.

1752 June 24 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter came and brought an Horse, plough and Lad to plough my Island. Mr. Williams also plough'd, Ebenezer Rice junior led, and Eleven Hands hold - - viz. Messrs. Grow, Harrington, Jonathan Forbush and Daniel Grout, Joseph Baker, William Stone, James Bowman, Jonathan and Thomas Bond, Abner Warrin came and half hill'd my Corn at the Island; and they finish'd by half after 9 a.m.

1752 August 20 (Thursday). Mrs. Baker here -- my wife discourses with her about Patty Pannells Tattle.

1752 August 26 (Wednesday). I sent for Justice Baker who came to confer with him about Sending to Mr. Minot of Concord to come and preach next Lords Day.

1752 October 11 (Wednesday). The Weather Doubtfull and no Money for my Daughter's [Molly] Journey -- but at length the Air was clearer; and Esquire Baker came and lent me some Gold.

1752 November 1 (Wednesday). Was at Esquire Baker's....

1752 November 7 (Tuesday). N.B. I was at Justice Bakers to get him to pay Captain Chandler of Worcester for me 20£ Old Tenor and he tells me he will do it.

1752 November 9 (Thursday). Mrs. Nabby Baker making and altering Gowns for Lucy. She, with Mr. Taylor, Mr. Bartlett of Sutton din'd here.

1752 November 13 (Monday). So great Rain p.m. especially that we little expected Company. Yet at Eve came a number of persons from Brookfield, viz. Captain Witt, Messrs. Bartlett and Abraham How. The two former lodged here. Mr. How lodg'd at Captain Bakers.... Mrs. Nabby Baker here making and altering Gowns for my Daughter Lucy.

1752 November 21 (Tuesday). Esquire Baker here. Informs me that he has paid Captain Chandler of Worcester 20£, 13.4, Lawful money, for me. It being for 1000 Clabboards which I bought of him last year. He Signifys to me at the Same Time that Captain Chandler express'd uneasiness at my long Delay. I gave Esquire Baker a note til the first of next April.... At Eve came Mr. Marrit of Cambridge, and smok'd a pipe with me, but he lodg'd I suppose at Justice Bakers.

1752 December 15 (Friday). Mrs. Molly Martyn din'd with us. She came over on foot, and p.m. goes up to Justice Bakers.

1753 January 9 (Tuesday). Mrs. Parkman to Esquire Bakers preparing for a Journey.

1753 January 27 (Saturday). Our Wood very Short; but a Stick or two left at the Door, and yet a Stormy, raw Cold Day -- p.m. Snowy. Lieutenant Tainter came to See how 'twas with us as to wood, and went to Deacon Newtons and Esquire Bakers to See whether they would not bring some -- but there came none. But I was oblig'd to make what we had in the House and the few Sticks at the Door, do over the Sabbath.

1753 January 29 (Monday). Mrs. Newton Sends Milk again; and from Esquire Bakers a Gallon ditto.

1754 March 21 (Thursday). Esquire Baker came here kindly to tell me that he heard Smiths Land in Brookfield was under an attachment and that there were several Executions out against him.

1754 March 23 (Saturday). In the Morning I went to Esquire Baker and consulted him on the Smith Affair and wrote and left with him (another of the select Men) an information in Writing certifying when Mr. Smith his Wife and Daughter came into Town. N.B. last Night Mr. Daniel Forbush came here from Brookfield and tells me that Mr. Smith was come up from Boston, and brought up a Letter (which he also delivered me and which was from Mr. Andrew Boardman of Boston) informing me that he Should Send up Mr. Barker on Monday to transact the Affair of taking off the Mortgage from Smiths Brookfield Land. Mr. Smith came here and I imediately [*sic*] Sent for Esquire Baker who came. They din'd here. A warm Debate ensued. I insist for security besides a Deed if we go on; Seeing Mr. Smith has So deceiv'd me, in the Matter of the Former Deed. Captain Baker thinks it very Reasonable and Necessary. Smith resists it. When the Esquire was gone I offer to leave it to 3 indifferent Men. N.B. I receiv'd another Letter from Mr. Boardman attested by him to be the Copy of what he had sent by Mr. Smith.

1754 March 25 (Monday). Thomas return'd: Mr. Smith not accepting my Offer. I went to Esquire Bakers to Consult him again upon my present Affairs; and to desire that the Select Men would defer their Warning Mr. Smith out of Town and especially if Some of his Friends would give Security respecting the Infant now expected; which he comply'd with, and at my Request he sent one of his Sons to Mr. Bezaleel Smith with a Note from me to have him come to Me or to his Kinsmans; and he came. N.B. Captain Maynard and Mr. Benjamin How look out a place in my Land by the Meeting House to set stables. I went over to see Mrs. Smith. She says now that she is willing to sign a Deed. But her Husband I find in the Same Disposition as he was, and increasing in self Vindications and Resentments. Asks me to let his Goods remain in my House, while he carrys his Family to his or her Fathers, to which I consent, but will not be answerable for them. N.B. His dread of Lying as he and I stood in the Road talking in the hearing of his Cousen Bezaleel. I return'd home.... At Eve Mr. Smith comes here and brings Mr. Barker. We effect no thing -- but increase sin and Trouble. The Lord shew Mercy! and extend forgiveness! Tis a Day of sore Temptation. May God most gracious Help! Mrs. Smith sent me a Letter in which She complains of great unkindness -- which verily I never shewed her but the Contrary.

1754 April 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and Mr. Smith came to Association. Mr. Davis preach'd on 1 Cor. 16.13. We went in a Body to see Colonel [Nahum] Ward, at his request, he being in a low State of Health. I pray'd with him. His Daughter also ill. Mr. Millen my Company home, but he goes to Hopkinton. Mr. John Child and his Lad and Dr. Jenison lodge. I Sent my Mare to Captain Bakers and Dr. Jenisons to Deacon Newtons.

1754 May 10 (Friday). I rode up to Shrewsbury to the Funeral of Colonel Nahum Ward. A very great number of people attended -- many Gentlemen from Neighbouring Towns -- except Ministers, there being no Minister from the Neighbouring Towns or Parishes but my Self.... Justice Baker and Lieutenant Fay my Company home.

1754 June 6 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Ebenezer Rice repeatedly request he may cutt two or three large Trees for Timber in the Ministerial Lott -- I advis'd yesterday with several of the selectmen, and to Day with Esquire Baker. I am not so free to sell any stick off from that Lot; but Mr. Rice tells me they are such Trees as are not likely to be of so great profit and Service any other way. It was also desir'd that Mr. Marly were appriz'd of it, that there might be no Disquietment, even although he has verbally declar'd he Should not trouble himself about the Ministerial Rights. But Mr. Rice said he could not have Time to go over to Mr. Martyns or Captain Eagers about it. Whereupon I told him he had heard what anyhow the Case was; he must use his Discretion. He said if he did cut 'em he would pay all Damages that Should ensue, every manner of the Way.

1754 June 9 (Sunday). After the Exercises the Church stop'd upon the Sudbury Affair. Voted not to Send. But those who were for sending and were the minor part, were in some Chafe, especially M. Grow and Lieutenant Bruce. Esquire Baker and Mr. Whipple earnestly for it. However there was no withstanding so evident a Vote.

1754 June 13 (Thursday). Mr. Martyn and I rode to Westborough together but no word of our own Troubles. Call'd at Winchesters -- and at Captain Bakers.

1754 June 14 (Friday). Captain Bakers Company together in pursuance of Beating Orders to go to the Eastward; I pray'd with the Company.

1754 June 17 (Monday). The Precinct Met (among other Things) to See whether Mr. Jonathan Forbush Should retain his Right in the Meeting House Seating, if he Conveys his Right in the Pew which he drew for me, equal to what he would have had if he had done nothing about said Pew. They sent for me -- upon Esquire Bakers informing me in the middst of them that the Money for the Pew must be immediately paid, I insisted to have a just Title convey'd to me I would See to the answering it -- Upon its being intimated that they wanted the money forthwith and maybe I could not pay, I answer'd that although this precinct, as a precinct had paid me their Dues (that is, with regard to Sallery) yet this Body, namely as Members of the Town were yet indebted to me; and that as much or more than the Pew came to. Lieutenant Bruce answer'd Sharply, and coarsely, asking me with great Anger Why I Up[b]raided them with this? Whereas I spake of my just dues only when forc'd to it, and with all Meekness in my just Defence. But I soon retir'd from them and would not stay to contend with them.

1754 June 18 (Tuesday). The Association met here, viz. Messrs. Cushing, Martyn, Stone, Smith, Maccarty. Lieutenant Tainter kill'd one of my Lambs. Captain Baker sent a side of Lamb. Mr. Ebenezer Rice's Wife sent a dozen and half of Biskett -- French Turnips, Potatoes and Salletting. As for the Exercises and the Conversation see the Association Minutes. Mr. Maccarty lodg'd at Esquire Bakers; the rest lodg'd here. The Horses were sent 1 to Esquire's, 1 to Lieutenant Tainters, 1 to Mr. Nurse's and Two to Mr. Pratts.

1754 June 24 (Monday). Great part of the forenoon rainy, but I set out for Westborough. At Captain Bakers found that he and Francis Whipple were disquieted with me about the Sudbury Letters not being read, whereas Deacon Newton was told that it was at the Churchs service. N.B. Deacon was at the Squires, and I think own'd that I told him where they might have the Letter -- but he said he had promis'd me he would Say nothing but what I had writ. I offer'd to warn a Church Meeting this Day to be towards Night, and to hire a man to do it if that would satisfie; but it was not accepted. I left 'em ruffl'd.

1754 July 2 (Tuesday). My Mare was brought from Mr. Tainters: and Lieutenant and I rode to Holliston. Neither heard nor saw any Thing of Esquire Baker, the other Delegate.

1754 July 23 (Tuesday). I rose Early and went to Esquire Bakers and to the Fays for Teams to fetch home Hay. They agree to go p.m.

1754 July 29 (Monday). Captain Maynard at Eve invited me to dine at his House tomorrow, a number of military Gentlemen having bespoke a Dinner there -- and he Suppos'd his Honour (as he call'd Captain Baker but I thought he meant Colonel Williams) had Spoke to me of it, but no one had. Captain said if I would come he would find me a room etc.

1754 July 30 (Tuesday). At about 11 a.m. came Colonel Williams and with him Mr. Smith, Captain Uriah Eager, and two other officers with them, and the Colonel invited me to dine with him to Day. He said he had depended upon Captain Baker to invite me, having given him Order, to do it, or else the Captain had said he would, but he was gone over to Bolton.

1754 August 22 (Thursday). P.M. made a Visit to Mr. Williams on the account of the great Changes and Sudden, in his Circumstances for though he lost his Wife so lately, he is out-published to another.... Mr. Baldwin finishes his work at the Meeting House. The Pulpit and the fronts of the Galleries, Ministerial Pew and Deacon's seat. Likewise Three Pews for particular persons, viz. Deacon Newtons, Mr. Bonds, and Esquire Bakers. Mr. Adams is building Three more.

1754 September 12 (Thursday). General Muster of Colonel Williams Regiment. 5 Southern Companys at Mendon with Grafton Troop: 8 Companys of Foot and one Troop at Westborough. I pray'd with Captain Bakers Company at the Meeting House. Had Captain Baker's Horse to ride over to the Field which was in Captain Maynards Pasture. Dr. Perkins and Mr. Coolidge rode with me. We proceeded to Captain Maynards -- my Sons House was taken up by Dr. Brigham for twenty Marlborough men. The Battalion was not form'd till some time in the afternoon. There were many Spectators. The Reverend Messrs. Cushing, Martyn, Stone, Smith, Morse, Hutchinson there. The first of whom pray'd with the Regiment at about 4 p.m. and when the Colonel had read his Proclamation he soon dissolv'd the Battalion and the Companys march'd out of the Field. I din'd with the Colonel and the Ministers (except Mr. Hutchinson) who went to Lieutenant Fays, where, Captain Baker ask'd me to dine with him -- but I requested he would contrive to dine with the Colonel and other Officers, for I should not be able to refuse them. Lieutenant Maynard had also bespoke me before Captain Baker; and I found it would greatly incommode me to go so far.

1754 October 23 (Wednesday). At Night Mr. Solomon Baker brought up from Mr. Kneeland one of Mr. Edwards Enquiry etc. Price 4/6, Lawful Money.

1754 October 30 (Wednesday). At Eve came Messrs. Hezekiah Pratt with a Yoke of Oxen, Solomon Baker with a Plough and with 2 Yoke. Mr. Eleazer Williams, Joseph Baker -- and my sons Ebenezer and Thomas.

1754 November 12 (Tuesday). I rode to Concord alone. N.B. Mr. Stephen Prentice of Grafton on the Road with me as far as Bruce's Tavern, very Troublesome. Captain Baker who was the appointed Delegate having Sent me word he could not go.

1754 November 26 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Daniel Warrin, Collector, here. Tells me the Treasurer, Phinehas Hardy, is advis'd not to give him Orders to pay me any Money till two Notes, viz. for 2£ each, on account of the Pew, are Satisfy'd for -- and yet the Precinct know that I am ready to pay them if they will but give me a Title to the Pew. They are especially Esquire Baker and Deacon Newton, who Mr. Warrin mentions are advising in the Manner

aforesaid, and therefore although my Dependence upon receiving Money of the Collector now, is greater than usual, and my Necessitys more pressing, yet he gives me little ground of Hope that I can be supply either as presently or plentifully, as my Straits require.

1754 December 14 (Saturday). I rode up to Grafton. Directed Mr. Hutchinson to call at Captain Bakers and desire him to keep his Horse -- which he did.

1755 March 5 (Wednesday). At Eve my Wife and I went up to Captain Bakers to the Marriage of Mrs. Betty to Mr. Jonas Wilder of Bolton. Stay'd to supper and made it late Home.

1755 March 27 (Thursday). This Day the Church Met to choose Deacons. I prepar'd somewhat to deliver on that Occasion, but it was brief and broken. N.B. Mr. Whitney and Deacon Forbush are concern'd, and talk with me before the Meeting about Lieutenant Tainter, who they Say, would be like to be voted for, for one were it not for Something which divers Brethren have heard from him about his paying me (one way or another) a matter of 16 or 17£ upon the Score of the North sides Rates which Should have been paid me in the Year 1744: but which is not so accepted by me.... Brother Whitney chose by 19 out of 25 -- then try'd for another, but the Votes were scattering, viz. 6 for Lieutenant Tainter, 6 for Mr. Francis Whipple, 6 for Mr. Jonathan Bond, the rest were for Esquire Baker, Jonathan Forbush junior, Daniel Forbush and David Maynard junior. We try'd again -- but still no Choice: they were 12 for Lieutenant Tainter, 10 for Mr. Bond, 4 for Mr. Whipple. Try'd again also in Vain; there being now 12 for Mr. Bond, 11 for Lieutenant Tainter -- 2 for Mr. Whipple and one for Jonathan Forbush junior. We try'd once more and Mr. Bond was chose by 16 votes -- only 6 for Lieutenant, the rest for Whipple and Jonathan Forbush junior. Both Mr. Whitney and Mr. Bond modestly refus'd, but their answer was desir'd to be deferr'd to this Day fortnight to which Time the Meeting was adjourn'd. The Disposal of the Lot is of the Lord.

1755 April 9 (Wednesday). My Mare was kept at the Squire's.

1755 May 2 (Friday). In the morning Captain Baker brought me a Letter from Mr. Forbush and my Wife (at Brookfield) urging me to go up there, and informing me that Mr. Benjamin Lull of the Manor of Peace would meet me Monday or Tuesday next at Brookfield.

1755 May 21 (Wednesday). Was at Captain Bakers, at Eve and married Mr. Jonathan Adams and Mrs. Hephzibah.

1755 June 9 (Monday). Went over to the Funeral of Captain James Eager, who dy'd last Saturday Morning in the 69th year of his age. My Company chiefly in going and returning was Captain Baker and his wife.

1755 July 28 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter and a Young Man of his hiring -- and two Boys also under him, in all four Hands, came and hill'd for me. There were also Ensign Harrington, Mr. Eleazer Whitney, Ezra Baker, Ebenezer Rice junior for Barnebas Newton, and William Bowman - - nine in all -- and they ended by baiting Time.

1755 August 2 (Saturday). Solomon Baker came in the Morning and with Mr. Nurse's Team got in my Barley: being but half a Load of it.

1755 September 24 (Wednesday). I went to Mr. Whipples to See how my Slit work Boards etc. lay -- Solomon Baker brought a Load -- all the Braces were missing and some other sticks.

1755 October 17 (Friday). My Wife in Pains, expecting her Hour for which the Lord mercifully prepare us! Her Pains continue at Times, yet we go to Bed -- we lie till after midnight -- when She grew so ill that I fetch'd Mrs. Forbush -- and then Mrs. Baker, in the meantime Sending along 3 Mrs. Rices.

1755 December 6 (Saturday). It was very Cold, but having appointed to Change with Mr. Wellman I Set out upon my Journey a.m. Call'd at Captain Bakers and deliver'd him a Paper containing a brief Memorial to be laid before the Town next Monday, when they are to meet to bring in Town Debts; desiring them to pay Me what they owe Me. N.B. Captain Baker Said he would use his Best Endeavour to have it Succeed. I therefore repose my Affair under God in his Care.

1755 December 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathaniel Whitney here at Eve and tells me the Town Meeting on the 8th did nothing upon my Paper which I sent and was (he said) presented, by Captain Baker. But he tells me that Lieutenant Tainter takes off the Force of any Such Petition, for he says that he has paid 20£ old Tenor towards that Debt -- and Harrington has some pounds more: so that there is very little remaining now.

1755 December 23 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter, here and we retir'd and talk'd over our whole Affair, concerning the Northside Debt to me and what he had done towards it. He brought me from Esquire Baker, my Paper which I put in to the Town, with the Record on the back of it, of the Towns refusal to do anything about it. Lieutenant Tainter (now first of all) acquainted me with the Articles which he had given me with Design in his own Heart, towards defraying the Northside Debt; Except that he had hinted to me somewhat of his keeping a Cow for me the winter after the Drought, and which at the Time, as I remember I manifested my Dissent to. Through divine Restraints we kept from being angry -- supp'd together and parted in peace.

1756 January 8 (Thursday). This was a Day of Publick *Humiliation and prayer* on Account of the Earthquakes, and of *praise* for our Deliverance.... Mr. Ebenezer Baker put up a note incog. brought by Lt. Stephen Maynard.

1756 April 14 (Wednesday). *Ebenezer has a Cause against Richard Barns before Justice Baker.*

1756 April 30 (Friday). At Eve a number of Young Men met here in order to form into a society. I instructed, directed, cautioned and prayed with them; and they Signed the Articles which the former young-Mens Society did; and that Copy drawn by my son Ebenezer which bears Date of

174[*blank*]. Their Names were Thomas Parkman, Jonathan Grout, Samuel, Thomas and Noah Hardy, Barnabas Newton, Joseph Baker, Daniel Forb. junior, Abner Warrin, Abner Whipple, and Joseph Harrington. And they are, by divine Leave, to meet next Lords Day Evening at the widow Newtons. May God be gracious to them and meet with them!

1756 May 12 (Wednesday). P.M. Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Rachel and Mrs. Abigail Rice visited my Wife.

1756 June 16 (Wednesday). At Eve I was called to go up to Esq. Bakers, there being an Indian woman there, one *Peggy Read* from Woodstock, who was grievously exercised with Fitts. She was in a Fitt while I was there, and divers of the Select Men. When I had prayed etc., I returned home.

1756 June 17 (Thursday). I visited the poor Indian Woman again. Dined at the Squire's.

1756 June 30 (Wednesday). I hear that *Peg Read* has walked off from Esq. *Bakers*. I doubt not o' their great Joy.

1756 July 20 (Tuesday). Through the Divine Goodness I had a more comfortable Day -- freer of Pains, and from the Nauseating Food. I eat better, but did not venture down to dinner with the Family.... Dr. Chase steps in. P.M. Esq. Baker came to See me, as did Mr. *Smith of Marlborough*, who prayed with me. Mr. Francis Whipple and Neighbour *Eliezer Rice* came likewise.

1756 July 29 (Thursday). Toward Night Dr. *Wilson* called in to see me. It was most seasonable and agreeable, for I had tryed to send for him this very Day. He advises to take *Elixir Camphoratum*, 20 or 25 Drops, Early Morn, and 11 a.m. N.B. Esq. *Baker* brought the Doctor for his son *Joseph*; So that riding this way he called in.

1756 September 12 (Sunday). Mr. Hutchinsons Pulpit Supplied by Sir Crawford, he comes to my help as he had writ but he lodged at *Esq. Bakers* last night and came here in the Morning. I went to meeting. Mr. Hutchinson preached a.m. from Eph. 1.7.8, p.m. from Heb. 5.9.... Mr. *Hutchinson* returned to Esq. Bakers at Eve, in order to his going home.

1756 September 23 (Thursday). I visited Justice *Baker*, who is ill of a bloody Flux.

1757 January 6 (Thursday). At Eve visit *LeBlanc*. N.B. My Wife with me, at both. We went on foot, it being very pleasant inviting Weather. Esquire *Baker* there.

1757 January 17 (Monday). At Eve my Son Ebenezer here. He is under considerable Affliction by his Mare's being lame. He had let her to Joseph Baker to go to Marblehead and was kicked by an horse in a stable. This proves a bad sore.

1757 March 2 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and his Wife dine with me, and tarry till Evening when I went to justice Bakers, where I married Mr. Jn. Martyn junior and Mrs. *Nabby*. When we had supped Mr. Martyn and his Wife returned here and lodged.

1757 April 20 (Wednesday). Capt. Baldwin having received no Letter from me concerning the Alteration of the Time of his Marriage from the 21st Day as was proposed, by reason of the publick Fast, to the 28th (but yet I Sent one by Mr. Abner Rice of Brookfield) came here this Evening, and lodged here. N.B. his horse was Sent to Esquire *Bakers* to be kept there.

1757 July 29 (Friday). At Leominster the Business was to form and publish the Result of the Council, the principal Difficulty and weight of which work unavoidably lay upon me: but Mr. *Wigglesworth* wrote the preamble, and the Advice part, Mr. *Pemberton* the Exhortations. I was So early and closely applied to it, Obligated to forego dining with the rest; that I could not well stand it: however there was much pains taken to Support and strengthen me. It was 3 or 4 o'Clock p.m. before we could go to the Meeting House. Mr. Marsh of Narragansett No. 2 and Coll. White, as we were riding to it, affirmed they heard no Such Question put to Mr. Rogers last Tuesday, as our committee affirm, respecting his joining in Calling a mutual Council, and yet they were (they said) in the room all the time (said Committee were there; and close by them when they Spake to Mr. R.). When we came into the Meeting House, there was handed to the Moderator by Mr. Smith of Marlborough a Letter from Mr. Rogers, in which he affirms he heard not the Question put by the Committee whether he would join etc. in calling a mutual Council? The moderator called upon the Committee to testify; and they did So, in the face of the Assembly. I also read what they Signed as attesting in our minutes. In brief, it was conceived that this Letter was come utterly too late, and we could not but look upon it as with an ill design, Seeing that Mr. R. had been, we have reason to think, informed that this was our apprehension, Some time ago; and therefore if he was o' mind to do any good by Such a Letter to us, he would not have deferred sending it till all our work was done but publishing it. The Result was therefore read, and Mr. *Pemberton* prayed, after which the Council was adjourned without Day. 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.

1757 August 10 (Wednesday). My Wife has Number of Young Women to quilt for her a Bed Quilt. They were, Susan Newton, Elizabeth Chamberlin, Lavinia Baker, Persis Rice, a.m. and p.m. Mrs. Morse (who was Sarah Warrin) and her sister, p.m.

1757 September 5 (Monday). N.B. Near Esquire *Bakers* had some Discourse with him about visiting -- for I went for that End. When he spoke of my going in to See 'em (which was upon my saying that I had been thinking to make a Time on purpose to make 'em a visit) I told him *he did not give me leave*, by coming to See *me*. He answered that they were very busy, and were hard driven. And When he asked me to walk on, he soon told me that he must come out again to his work. I remarked to him how odd a Thing it was that such a Person as *he* would not afford so much as One half an Hour in a Twelve Month to spend with his Minister -- for he had not bin once to see me this twelve month.

1757 September 27 (Tuesday). I returned home at Eve -- part of the Way Esq. Baker and his Wife Company.

1757 September 29 (Thursday). At Eve visit *Joseph Baker* who has Rheumatism.

1757 November 5 (Saturday). Esq. Baker, *LeBlanc* and his sons and Daughters return from Lynn.

1757 December 18 (Sunday). N.B. Stopped the Church to read a Letter from the 2d Church of *Shrewsbury* and Mr. Morse's Complaint to his own Church about his Difficultys among them, but our Church did not vote to go to the designed Council. Esq. *Baker* was he that opposed it; and Said there was provision made in the Law and He did not think it was fit to call a Council about Ministers Sallerys. It was answered that not attending to an Ordinance of God is Surely matter of Ecclesiastical Cognizance, that Mr. Morse had been to the Court heretofore, that there were divers other Difficultys among them and this was of Special Weight, viz. what respected Mr. Morse's Remove from them. Esq. replied that if it had been any Complaint the Church made against the Minister for Error or Vice there would be something, but as it was of a minister about his people, that he had not sufficient Sallery, there was nothing in't and therefore no need of Sending. I found I gained Nothing by my reasoning; I was grieved we did not send, nor show 'em Compassion; I told 'em I could not but bear my Testimony against the Conduct of the Church herein and so gave the Matter up. The Weather cleared up at night. Exceeding difficult travelling -- but 9 of the Church at Meeting besides my self. However, our *fewness* was not all objected against though it was mentioned to them and that the time appointed was the 20th Day.

1758 February 2 (Thursday). Mrs. Maynard returns home by the Help of Capt. Wood and his Slay; but comes back again at Eve. My Wife was so comfortable that with her Consent I went to the private meeting at Deacon *Bonds* and preached on Ps. 51.11. When I came home at Eve Capt. Wood and Neighbour Pratt had gathered women together there being hopeful prospect that all would soon be over. But throughout the whole Night there was nothing further. The Company were (besides Granny Maynard) Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Anna and Abigail Rice, widow Newton, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Beeton and Widow Thankful Rogers.

1758 February 8 (Wednesday). But my poor Wife in great Pain and Distress. P.M. She thinks greater than ever. She seems almost discouraged: they are Still of Cramp kind. But at Eve especially they were extremely great. She knows not what to do with her Self, her anguishes so great. Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Abigail Forb. (my Neighbour Zebuluns Wife) here. In the Eve Capt. Fay. I was in deep Concern for my dear Wife whose sufferings are inexpressible. We prayed with some Fervency, resigning the sorrowfull Case to our most mercifull, Covenant God in Jesus Christ our Lord. N.B. she told me a while after that her pains were altered, and She had Travail Pains upon her. About midnight I sent Thomas for Mrs. Maynard again and a few Nighest Neighbours. Mrs. Newton, Beeton, two Rice's, Mrs. Baker, there being good Road to them.

1758 March 27 (Monday). Afterwards went up to make a Visit to *Esq. Baker* and his Family -- but he said he was very busy in writing, and was sorry it was Such a Time that he could not wait on me: yet we sat down together a little Space -- and there coming a man or two to the Door,

who desired to Speak with him -- their Business was So much preferred to mine that I could not with Decency force my self upon him. I had however told him that I was come on purpose to See him and that I had no temporal Bus'ness with him at present. Intimating plainly what my aim and Design was; and reminded him how disappointed I was in Such an attempt heretofore. See Sept. 5th last. Concluded with inviting him to come and See Me; which he partly engaged. N.B. Mrs. Baker up Chamber at her Loom; could not but know I was there, but did not come down.

1758 June 12 (Monday). N.B. at Eve Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood here, about Abner Newtons Marriage -- which I can't attend tomorrow because of the Council. N.B. Solomon Baker puts off till next Week.

1758 June 20 (Tuesday). It is the Time of Ministers Meeting at Rutland but I could not attend till I had Solemnized the Marriage of Mr. Solomon Baker to Miss Sarah Newton: but then (though half after five p.m.), I rode up to Mr. Buckminsters by 1/4 after nine.

1758 July 31 (Monday). *Rachel Newton* went home. I rode to Monsieur *Blanc's* and got *Magdalene* (who was going to reap for Joseph Baker) to come and wash: and I rode to Mr. Dunlop's, from whence I brought *Patty* to wait on my Wife and tend the Child.

1758 August 24 (Thursday). Was at Solomon *Bakers*; *Whipples* etc.

1758 September 1 (Friday). To my Grief I am forced to Spend a great deal of my Time in looking up Hands to work, but Succeed poorly -- however, thus far; I obtain a Team of Neighbour Solomon Bakers which *Aaron Nurse* and *John Pratt* go with to the Ministerial Meadow and bring one Load from thence, which is all I have there.

1758 September 5 (Tuesday). Mrs. Rice (Capt. Woods Mother) and Mrs. *Baker* (Esquires Spouse) make us a visit, p.m. At Eve when they go away there was an heavy Shower. This visit was the more remarkable as the Squire and his Family have been so great strangers here

1758 November 15 (Wednesday). Judge Ward and his wife and Mr. Moses Twitchell dined with Mrs. Parkman -- but I went to Capt. *Woods* to the Marriage of his Daughter in Law, Miss *Patty Death*. My wife also at the Solemnity and Entertainment there. At Eve she returned home because of the Child, but I went with the Company to Esq. *Bakers* and supped there. To my great Grief I was detained there till it was nigh or quite Midnight. Yet I broke away before the Second Table rose from Supper; and So had no Singing *there*.

1758 November 16 (Thursday). My wife and I were invited by the Bridegroom, Mr. Baker to dine with them. My wife went, but I did not, though they Sent an Horse for us. At Eve I went up and waited on her home.

1758 November 23 (Thursday). N.B. In the sermon I mentioned the private Family Meeting's dwindling to nothing; For so I was informed by Deacon Tainter, and that there was a proposal of

some to meet at my House this Evening. And accordingly the following Persons came Esq. *Baker*, Deacon *Tainter* and Deacon *Bond*, Capt. *Fay*, Capt. *Wood*, Messrs. *Whitney*, *Grow*, Daniel *Hardy*, Daniel *Adams*, Daniel *Forbush*, and they entered into fresh Engagements to revive and attend the Meeting at a better Rate for the future, and agreed that they would meet on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Next meeting to be at old Mr. *Bradish's*, next Tuesday come se'nnight.

1758 November 28 (Tuesday). Esq. *Baker* and Capt. *Fay*, the Delegates came here to go with me to Southborough. I carried Miss Betty *Johnson* to Mr. Timothy *Warrins*. To The Council at Southborough.

1758 December 5 (Tuesday). Preached at the private Meeting at Mr. *Bradish's* on *Luk. 9.62*. N.B. The Articles of the Family meeting which were signed Feb. [blank] 1756/7 were read and Consent called for -- or if any body had any thing against either the Meeting itself or these articles -- very little if any thing was said in answer. Esq. *Baker* was desired to keep them and he put them in his pocket accordingly. N.B. The next meeting to be at his House.

1759 January 2 (Tuesday). P.M. at the private meeting at Esquire *Bakers*; on *Rom. 14.8*.

1759 February 6 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at Capt. *Fays* on *Rom. 14.8....* N.B. *Sarah* went with me to the Meeting -- and of her self walked to Esquire *Bakers*. I Called there for her, and with Capt. *Wood*, tarried a While. Conversation chiefly *Leominster* Affair -- but we have had, as yet, no Information how the general Court has determined concerning their Affair.

1759 April 11 (Wednesday). Mr. *Martyn* and his Wife here. Mrs. *Baker*, Mrs. *Maynard*, Mrs. *Thurston*.

1759 April 19 (Thursday). Miss *Lavinia Baker* watched last night.

1759 May 1 (Tuesday). In returning called to see Squire *Bakers* Wife who is Sick of a Fever or Fever and Ague.

1759 May 8 (Tuesday). N.B. Neighbour *Joseph Baker* sends an Hand to plough.

1759 May 26 (Saturday). Mr. *Marshall Baker* here.

1759 June 7 (Thursday). Mr. *How* came near night -- so that I was obliged to dismiss him and his Affair, Sending him up to Squire *Baker* to help him.

1759 August 20 (Monday). Mr. *Joseph Baker* trys to Subdue my Mare to go in my Chair -- but in Vain.

1759 October 26 (Friday). I have had a better Night of Sleep -- and yet have so sweated *etc.* that I rise this Morning both fe[e]ble and trembling.... Mr. *Smith* came to see me, dined here -- prayed with us. Dr. *Wilson* to see me. From what I feel to Day, I am more in fear of a relaxtion

and that it may not soon go off. At Evening was a Strange Sight. Esq. Baker came to see me, with Mr. Nathaniel Whitney. The Squires coming is the more observable because he has not made me any Thing of a Visit, these several Years.

1759 December 10 (Monday). Got Mr. Joseph Baker to go to Mr. Jonah Warrins and view a Young Beeve. Mr. Baker returns that it is not good Beef, nor can he advise me to have her. I conform to his Judgment and Send him a Negative.

1759 December 18 (Tuesday). Squire Baker goes to Boston to meet two others, Messrs. Daniel Miller and Joseph Wood, a Committee of the Petitioners of this Town, Hopkinton and Holliston, for a Township on Kennebeck River.

1759 December 27 (Thursday). Five geese and some Fowls by Mr. Joseph Baker to Boston for us.

1760 January 10 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Joseph Baker here to be Examined.

1760 January 11 (Friday). P.M. Mrs. Baker (Mr. Joseph's Wife) here to be examined.

1760 January 15 (Tuesday). P.M. made a Visit to Squire Baker. And retiring with Young Mrs. Baker, at her Request, I went on with my Examination of her. N.B. Squire Bakers finding fault with Mr. Stoddars Book of the safety of appearing in the Righteousness of Christ; and with Mr. *Harveys* Meditation on the Tombs; and sells this last, right off, to his Cousen Moses who was there, and ventures far in making a Flourish.

1760 January 17 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. *Joseph Baker* here to be Examined, and went through what I apprehend is necessary. N.B. having received two of Willisons Sacramental Catechism, from Mr. Winter, let Mr. Baker have One.

1760 January 20 (Sunday). P.M. propounded Joseph Baker and his Wife.

1760 January 28 (Monday). Rose early and it being bright (though the roads very Slippery and Icy) I rode home to Breakfast. Went up to Capt. Woods, where Mr. B. [Barrett] was and lodged last night, and they had not yet been to Breakfast; therefore drank Tea with them. Waited on Mr. B. to See Mrs. Baker. He dined here. P.M. he returned to Hopkinton.

1760 January 31 (Thursday). To Day Mr. Joseph Baker brought me his own and his Wife's Relation.

1760 February 3 (Sunday). Admitted Joseph and Martha Baker into the Church.

1760 February 4 (Monday). Dr. Moses Baker here p.m.

1760 February 10 (Sunday). Mr. Joseph Baker calls up my Wife at 3 o'Clock in the Morning to assist his Wife in her Labour.... My Wife did not return till nigh midnight from Mrs. Baker.

1760 February 11 (Monday). Visit Mr. Solomon Baker and Wife.

1760 February 12 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Solomon Baker p.m. trims in my old Orchard.

1760 February 19 (Tuesday). Was also to see Mrs. *Baker* in her New Circumstances.

1760 February 21 (Thursday). My Wife p.m. visits young Mrs. Baker.

1760 March 5 (Wednesday). Having received a Letter from Squire *Pain*, Probate Register, inclosing a Bond for me and Bondsmen to sign; I went up to Capt. Wood, and Squire Baker to Consult about it.

1760 June 24 (Tuesday). A.M. the wife of Cornelius Biglow junior and p.m. Mr. Solomon Baker Examined.

1760 July 7 (Monday). P.M. Young Mrs. *Baker* and her sisters, Miss *Lavinia* and *Molly* make a Visit here and 4 or 5 more young persons for the Sake of the Currants.

1760 July 9 (Wednesday). I visited at Mr. Solomon Bakers; but he had carried his lame Leg to the Doctors so that I missed of him, though his wife was at home, and she Shewed me what She had prepared by way of *Relation*.

1760 July 23 (Wednesday). Stopped the Church to hear the Report of the Committee from Mr. Fay. It was read. In the Debates of the Church upon the Case N.B. Squire Baker was of Opinion that all his faultiness which was before his Coming to the Communion must be obliterated, that is, although he has been faulty heretofore, yet if the Church have admitted him to Communion Since, that Cancells it. This was easily answered. Brother *Batherick* was for proceeding, and admitting the man to privilege upon these Reasons brought by the Committee. Brother Moses *Warrin* was on the other Hand. Finally Vote to Suspend this Affair for a While farther.

1760 July 25 (Friday). Mr. Solomon Baker here with his Relation.

1760 July 27 (Sunday). Administered the Sacrament after admitting Mr. Solomon Baker and his wife into the Church.

1760 July 28 (Monday). I prepare to Send by Capt. *Rolf*, to Albany, for Thomme's Wages. Squire Baker takes the Acknowledgment of the Power of Attorney.

1760 August 5 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at Squire *Bakers*, on *Heb.* 6.7 to page 10. N.B. my Wife rode with me; and we were agreeably entertained after the Exercise.

1760 August 26 (Tuesday). At noon to Capt. Bakers and Neighbour Zebulun Rice's. Read to the latter, Reasons why no one ought to be offended at Mr. Wellmans preaching here.

1760 September 1 (Monday). Samuel Forb. with a Yoke of Oxen, and a Yoke from Mr. Zebulun Rice's, and another from Mr. Joseph Baker ploughed my Summer tilling Ground at the Island. I rode to Mr. Edwards Whipples, Solomon Bakers and Pratts, to provide for my Mason next week. P.M. Mr. Baker sent his young man to help at the ploughing. Sold my Mare to Mr. Joseph Baker for his Father, for 55£ Old Tenor to be paid in 3 months. Mr. Zebulun Rice the witness -- he wants to learn the Rules of Musick; of which I gave him a Sketch this Evening.

1760 September 8 (Monday). Deacon Kimball came to finish the lathing, and then to plaster my Kitchin. Capt. Wood early brought down the Lime from Mr. Joseph Bakers.

1760 October 16 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Solomon Baker brings me a present of a Barrel of Cyder and two Bags of Apples. Mr. Fessenden and Dr. Baker here, at Tea.

1760 October 24 (Friday). Was at Squire Bakers. N.B. his son had swapped away the Mare he had of me, but the Squire represented the Affair of my Trading with his son as if I had sold her to his Son as a good Saddle Horse, whereas they found her to be fit for no mans Use: And that many Neighbours had known that She was used to bad Tricks. But I answered that his son had been made acquainted with what she was; and that I was not to blame in it; that I wished also that his son had not done any thing about her. For She had for Some Time done very well with us as to the Saddle -- My wife, Daughters and little Boys being well able to manage her with out Trouble or Difficulty.

1760 November 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Baker puts his Horse into my sleigh, and drives to Mr. Martyns to visit aged Mr. *Monis*, who is newly come up from Cambridge to live there. I dined there.

1760 November 29 (Saturday). I rode up to Mr. Bakers.

1760 December 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Joseph Baker takes my two fat Piggs, which weigh 150 -- and he brings me a Pig from his Brother *Solomons* (which he says weighed there 136), which I am to have for the Pigs he carryed away, he allowing me the Difference between their Weight @ 16d per pound.

1760 December 10 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood came to kill the Baker Pig, but first weigh it; and though he had had a good Breakfast, yet he weigh'd but 130. I sent for Mr. Baker, who came; and on his part, tells me he had weighed at home the pigs he had of me - and, though last night, when he weighed them they fell Short but half a Pound a piece -- yet this morning he weighed them and they fell short 16 Pound. But we left our Affair in the Hands of the two Neighbours here with us, who proceeded to kill the Baker Pig.

1760 December 11 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter came and tells me the Affair of the Piggs is Settled that the Weight Shall be allowed according to what they were at each of their homes, viz. mine 150, and Mr. Bakers 136; which gives 14 lb. overplus for Baker to pay me for @ 16d per pound as we at first agreed. Deacon weighs the Dead pig and finds it (as he says) 96. He cutts and Salts it up for me. N.B. Deacon was troubled with me that I would not consent to give 2/ per pound for Bakers Pork, and so settle the Affair that way; where as that was what I had all along refused to do -- because 2/ was the Boston price, and no allowance for carrying down and besides he said they had weighed my pigs and they fell short 15.

1760 December 23 (Tuesday). Sent the Agreement between Mr. Parker and me, over to him by Alexander. For though I designed my self to go, yet Mr. Joseph Baker not coming with money as I expected, and not being very well, I deferred my own going.

1760 December 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Baker payed me 55£ old Tenor for the Mare etc.

1760 December 31 (Wednesday). Received two hind Quarters of Beef from Joseph Baker, weighed 347 at 19d.

1761 January 5 (Monday). My Wife bears through the Great Storm of Saturday and the Cold winds which blew about the Snow yesterday, the Extreme Cold also of last night and this morning and is more comfortable as to Spasms -- but at Evening had such Indications of approaching Travail that Neighbour Batherick being here I desired him to call at Neighbour Pratts, who is ready to hasten to Granny Maynard, which was done: and Alexander went to the widow Newton, whose son brought her. Capt. *Wood* went for Mrs. Baker who (I perceive too unwillingly) came. Both Mrs. *Williams's*, Mrs. *Pratt* and Mrs. *Morse* came, all of them this Evening, and I commend her to the infinite Mercy and Goodness to God and the kind Assistance of my good Neighbours.

1761 January 8 (Thursday). I called also Mr. Greens and Solomon Bakers, in this visit.

1761 January 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Monis, Mr. Martyn and his wife dine here. Their sons John and Michael here, Mr. Johns wife and Child. These last go to Squire Bakers.

1761 February 20 (Friday). P.M. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Abigail Rice visit Mrs. P_____.

1761 February 23 (Monday). Captain [Maynard] goes to a Court held by Justice *Baker* at Capt. *Woods*, in which Capt. Joseph Biglow of Shrewsbury and his son are prosecuted for a Riotous Action by John Bent of Southborough, at the Time when John Harvey snatched up his Wife and Child in his Arms, and carryed her off.

1761 March 16 (Monday). Reckoned and settled with Mr. Joseph Baker, and paid him all, by a Note to Mr. Bellows of 6£ 5.4 L.M.

1761 March 30 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Maynard here -- also young Mrs. Baker and Miss Lavinia. These latter inform of a Court held at Squire Bakers, by Reason of Mr. Ithamar Bellows having lost out of his House, which was yesterday opened and rifled, about 2£ Lawfull money. And *James Bellows* is from many Circumstances Suspected.

1761 March 31 (Tuesday). James Bellows again before the Squire.

1761 April 14 (Tuesday). Alex and Breck with Mr. Bakers oxen plough in the orchard 1 Bush. Barley.

1764 July 9 (Monday). N.B. Lt. Baker breaks up part of his Land before the Burying place, with 21 Creatures.

1764 July 10 (Tuesday). Lt. Baker breaks up in the same Tract, again -- his Team 23.

1764 August 17 (Friday). Mr. Lock helped me at Eve, along with Lt. Bakers Young man, in getting in my Oates.

1764 August 24 (Friday). Mr. F. after Dinner leaves us again to return to Dunstable. Lt. Baker is breaking up part of his Land on the plain before us.

1764 September 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden from Dunstable, and dines here. The Noise is about Lt. Bakers Case with sherriff Collins at the Superior Court.

1764 October 1 (Monday). P.M. had Lieutenant Bakers two Yoke of Oxen to join with my own two Yoke to plow stubble at Cook Island. Nathan and Jonas *Kenny* helped me; and my John and Natty Chamberlin were also with the Team.

1764 October 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes*, *Lucy* and *Suse* Set out for Brookfield. Training -- sent for by a Serjeant Drum and Fife of Musqueteers. Prayed -- considerable good Order kept. The whole Company March to Lt. Bakers and open to the Right and Left; through which we walk in - - and dine there -- prayed at Evening with the Company; and the whole marched as before to Lieutenant's. The whole was conducted in far better order than in times past.

1764 November 7 (Wednesday). I Paid off Mr. Wheelock -- and bought a side of Seal Leather, weighed 16 1/2 lbs., of Lt. Baker.

1764 November 13 (Tuesday). N.B. Sarah has my mare (as I ride Mr. Morse's) and with my Consent to gratifie Lt. Baker put her into his Chaise, and take up Miss *Molly*. They come to me at Mr. Hutchinsons in Grafton, where we dine.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Waited long for my Daughter and Miss Molly Baker, who have kept at Capt. Moores, where Mr. Bowman lodges.... N.B. Great Disturbances and Animositys in

Grafton. I stopped at Lt. Bakers at Eve to Warm etc. Drank Tea there. Lieutenant brought Sarah home, and then took the Mare to keep.

1764 December 17 (Monday). N.B. Gave an Order to Lt. Baker upon Capt. Maynard for an 100£ old Tenor to be paid to Mr. Bowman for Mr. Forbes. But Lt. Baker agreed that it Should be dated as if paid December 1.

1764 December 18 (Tuesday). After Lecture Mr. Asaph Rice and Master Cushing here with Mr. Bowman. There also came Mr. Jonathan *Moore*, Mr. [blank] *Town* and Dr. *Throop* from Oxford. They Sung and Supped (as well as the first 3 and Mrs. Maynard and Mr. Caryl, drank Tea here). Mr. Moore and Dr. Throop lodged here.

1764 December 19 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* sent a Sleigh for me with those Gentlemen above named, to go up to their House to Breakfast and I take Leave of Mr. and Mrs. *Bowman*, who, waited upon by two Deacons, and expecting others, from *Oxford*; attended also by Mr. *Asaph Rice*, Master *Cushing*, my son William, Daughter *Sarah*, and sundry Relations [blank], remove home.

1765 January 3 (Thursday). N.B. a Number of Neighbours went with Teams to Mr. Daniel and Timothy Warrins, who gave Wood, and brought me 5 Load. They were Capt. Wood and his son with a Team, Mr. Timothy Warrin, Lt. Joseph Baker, Ezra Baker, Barnabas Newton, each with a Team. With Lt. Baker came also Silas Hill. Besides these, Neighbour Zebulun Rice and his son Adam, and Moses Wheelock, went to chop. A Great Kindness at this Time! The Lord graciously reward 'em for it. We had not time to get 'em an hot meal; but treated 'em with what we could set before them.

1765 January 30 (Wednesday). Deacon came with his Sleigh and carried me a visiting -- to Mr. Joseph Grouts where we dined, Capt. Jonathan Fays, Mr. Moses Brighams, Ensign Jeduthun Fays -- and at Lt. Bakers, where we Supped.

1765 April 29 (Monday). Old Mrs. Baker and her Daughter in law, make us a Visit.

1765 May 3 (Friday). My Sheep So unruly, and So troublesome to Lt. Baker, that he comes at Eve (bringing his F. Wood with him) and fetter them.

1765 May 13 (Monday). Lt. Baker my Mare to Cambridge.

1765 May 14 (Tuesday). Lt. Baker returned.

1765 July 5 (Friday). I perceived that Capt. *Griffin* of Oxford and his Lady had called here, but we not being at home proceeded to Lieut. Baker. Supposing 'em to have lodged there, I went up this Morning. They had set out -- but I hailed 'em, and spake with 'em -- but could do no more.

1765 July 25 (Thursday). In the Morning came old Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Zebulun Rice, Lt. Baker and two Hands with him (a man and a Boy), Mr. Thomas Twitchell, and his son, together with Silas Hill, with their Sickles and reap'd down my Field of Rye.

1765 July 27 (Saturday). Neighbour Baker (Capt. Wood allowing him a Hand to work half a Day) fetched me a Load of Hay from *Ensign Josiah Rice*, for which I am to give him 4 Dollars.

1765 July 29 (Monday). Lt. Baker came for his Waggon, but was obliged, first, to draw out the Load of Hay which he brought me from Ensign Rice and Spread it into the Sun, it not having been sufficiently made.

1765 September 28 (Saturday). A Quarter of Beef from Lt. Baker. Weighed 90 lbs.

1765 October 1 (Tuesday). P.M. preached at Lt. Bakers on Joh. 15.9.10. Entertainment after meeting very handsome and plentiful. Many persons tarried.

1765 November 14 (Thursday). My people wondrously kind in giving Cyder. Mr. Solomon Baker Sends me Word that if I will send a Barrell, he will fit. Have had the like Word from Several more.

1765 November 15 (Friday). Deacon Tainter comes with two Barrells of Cyder, which are given -- one by himself, the other by Lt. Harrington and 4 Bush. Apples for Sauce. *Silas Hill* comes with the Deacon. *John* fetches home Mr. Bakers -- *Silas* gets 'em down.

1765 November 20 (Wednesday). My Wife and Sarah go to Southborough. They have Lt. Bakers Chair.

1765 December 30 (Monday). When I returned found Deacon Tainter here, who with Lt. Baker, has killed the Cow which Lieutenant has had in keeping till now. Deacon rode my Horse home. Am much beholden to him for so much Goodness as well as to Lt. Baker who has pastured and fatted the Cow and charges me only two Dollars.

1766 January 13 (Monday). Ezra Baker being ill and in great pain, visit and pray with him.

1766 January 15 (Wednesday). Visited Mr. Ezra Baker who grows very ill. Prayed with him.

1766 January 26 (Sunday). N.B. This morning before Day Mrs. P_____ went to Lt. Bakers whose wife was in Travel. And She returned before Meeting Time; the Child being born, and p.m. was baptized; *Hannah*.

1766 January 29 (Wednesday). Today I visit *Ezra Baker*, who got abroad the weather being very fine.

1766 February 5 (Wednesday). At Eve Lt. Baker asks me to Marry his Son *Silas* (as he calls him) at his House, to morrow.

1766 February 6 (Thursday). P.M. Lt. Baker Sent a Chair for me and for Mrs. P_____. We went to his House, and I married *Silas Hill* and *Jemima Thompson* there. An agreeable Couple, and handsome Entertainment. God grant the Joy may continue! Young *Thayer* (Journeyman to Mr. Wheelock) Sings Anthems etc. Much Time is Spent by the Young people in Singing. I much prefer it to the usual Sports and Jigging at Weddings.

1766 February 10 (Monday). Visited at Mr. Solomon Bakers, Squire *Whipple's*, Messrs. Edwards Whipple, Greens, *Samuel Fays*.

1766 April 17 (Thursday). At Mr. Solomon Bakers, and he goes with me to Mr. D. Forbes's 2 Acres of meadow.

1766 April 21 (Monday). At Lt. Bakers p.m. and went to Mr. Forbes -- Ebenezer Millers -- Kendals -- gave up the Affair of the Meadow as too dear.

1766 May 21 (Wednesday). Lieut. Baker agrees with respect to the Fence of the Acre before the Meeting House.

1766 May 23 (Friday). I am much disappointed of having a Chaise of Mr. Wheelock for my intended Journey to Boston: borrow a Chair of Lt. Baker.

1766 June 13 (Friday). Lt. Baker brings 3 lb. of White Lead, to paint the East Room (mixed with other Colouring).

1766 June 14 (Saturday). Caleb works for Lt. Baker, and John with the mare for Neighbour Nurse.

1766 June 29 (Sunday). Mr. Temple and Edwards Whipple, a little After midnight came to request me to go to the young Child of the former, being in Extremity; and to baptize it. [Cor sursum?] I committ the whole to God and went. Take Squire Whipple and Brother Solomon Baker, with us. Found Neighbours Edmund and Seth Rice, Thad Warrin and Mr. Bruer there, and 2 young Women. The Brethren of the Church and Neighbours judged the Child would not live to be carried to a public Assembly; and desired with the Parents, it might be baptized (the Mother having Right). We attended the Solemnity, and it was baptized *Martha*. I formed Some suitable Addresses. Returned.

1766 July 31 (Thursday). At Mr. David Maynards about the Meadow abovesaid. Dined at Squire Whipples. Caleb reaps Rye, but chiefly Cradles Wheat. Visit at Mr. James Maynards. At Mr. Edmund Rices and T. Temples. Mr. David Maynard meets me at Mr. James Maynards and we go to view his Meadow. He shows me part of the ministerial Meadow as part of what he

would sell me -- which with other Bounds not to my liking, makes me decline buying it; but I dont answer him to night. Was at Neighbour Solomon Bakers -- who can't advise to buying it.

1766 August 21 (Thursday). Got Mr. *Bakers* Chair for my Wife and Sarah to ride to Dr. *Wilson*, on the Account of *Sarah's* Breast.

1766 August 25 (Monday). Lt. Baker with 2 yoke of Oxen, Mr. Tainter with one Yoke, Mr. Joseph Grout with one Yoke, Mr. Pratts, Mr. Nurse's and my own with Capt. Maynards plough, crossed my new Field in Part.

1766 August 26 (Tuesday). The like Team except Mr. Grouts (who gave me his work yesterday), Joseph Bond came in his stead -- crossed again in the same Field, but did not finish it. Lt. Baker gave his own and his Cattle's work.

1766 September 8 (Monday). N.B. Caleb has Lt. Baker's Oxen again, with Nathan Kennys and mine to harrow our New Ground.

1766 September 20 (Saturday). Went also to Mr. David Maynards to Speak to him about going with me to Mrs. Andrews, if she would accept a proposal which I purposed to make to her. To which he consented. And I desired him to go to Mr. Solomon Baker to go also. And apprise Squire Whipple that I should be glad to have him near at Hand, if I should have Occasion for him, to be sworn before him, respecting any thing I had writ, or should assert. Which he said he would. The Time I proposed to be next Tuesday 2 p.m. To these he agreed. When I came home I prepared a line to Mrs. Andrews, and sent John to her, with it.

1766 September 23 (Tuesday). Having received a Line from Mr. Andrews that they consented to my Proposal, Walked to Mr. David Maynard and Mr. Solomon Baker to get them to come to my House, to Meet Mr. Andrews and his wife, and such Brethren as they should bring. I went also to Squire Whipple's, that I might have him either to bear Testimony or take mine, if the Case should require it. He said he would be at Mrs. Johnson's. Mr. and Mrs. A. came and Capt. Jonas Brigham and Mr. N. Whitney with them. Also Messrs. Maynard and Baker here: I proposed that Mrs. A. should first exhibit her Complaint, which it seems is very bitter against me: To which I would make Reply: and then the Brethren having heard us, on both sides, they must use their best Endeavours to reconcile us. Mr. Andrews began. He attempted the story of the Beginning of their Conversing with me: but sadly *mixed* Things that occurred some time after -- by which *mixing*, the story was Set in a Strange Light. Mrs. A. helped it along. The Complaint seems to be briefly This, that when She first came into the Town, she asked me to let her Communicate, but I would not: and that She desired me to lay her Request before the Church, but I would not. After a great deal of Jarr and Difficulty by reason of Interruptions, I undertook to deliver a Narrative (about 8 pages) of the very first Visit I made them and what occurred afterward, that it might be seen how Mrs. A. had asked -- and what kind of Denial I gave her; and whether I ever gave her the least Ground of Offence. Although Messrs. Maynard and Baker, I think very hardly Spoke at all, openly or Audibly to us, Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Whitney*, did abundantly especially the former, as if they were their Advocates, instead of Peace

makers between us. In brief, although on each part we professed to be for Peace, yet we unhappily broke up without Reconcilement to my great Grief and sorrow. They did indeed desire to throw up all -- and they wanted that my papers might be burnt. But I was not willing to accept of their Offer, unless they would give some sign of their being Sensible of the Wrong they had done me -- namely by being so causelessly and so deeply affronted with me, which they have manifested by continual Revilings, Staying at Home, etc. Capt. Brigham and Mr. Whitney ought not to have come upon this Occasion, because they were Such Men as are excepted against in my Letter of Proposal of this Meeting: for they were men that had so shewn their Judgments before -- as witness what was said by both of them with great Zeal, on the 15th at Eve. Yet I thought I would try them. Memorandum. I did not pretend to meddle with the other part of the Case, viz. relating to the *Society* which she comes from. It had been well if we could have made up what lay only between us two only. Capt. B. and Mr. W. would have it that We had both of us been to blame. I entreated them to tell me wherein *I* had. They answered In my calling them *Separates*. I replied, that I was Sufficiently warranted in using that Term, for it was what the Books that were printed about them frequently used, and what they were called in the Letters from the Ministers who had writ about them and what I had my Self found 'em to be. Again, in saying at Mr. *Andrews's* the Night Mr. C. was there that he was a troublesome man among the Neighbours. I replied, that *That was (drawn out I might say)* upon my Defence (when he boasted so much of his being a very peaceable, quiet Man among us). And I [ins?]ed in several Things which I had been credibly enough certified of. Briefly, I did not think that these were so blameworthy Articles as to bring me upon a par with *them*, and to such a Degree as to cut me off from that Christian Satisfaction which was due to me from them. They would lump and drop *all* now, without their being in the least sensible that they had done me any Wrong. And yet I would heartily go as far as can be just in coalescing and comprimising -- being very weary of the Contest. N.B. Mr. A. did not go away near so warm as she did: so that there was more hope of him than of her. Mr. A. told me Mr. C. was coming up again, would preach at his House, and he hoped I would come and hear him. I answered that as they were some of his people and they would not put them Selves nor theirs under my Care (for I had about the same time been inviting them to Meeting and to send their Children to Catechizing and they positively refused) it might not be very improper, if he preached anywhere. (However, I Should be afraid of the Evil Consequence of it among my Neighbours.)

1766 October 7 (Tuesday). A.M. with Lt. Baker -- he is anxious about the Event of the *Andrews* Matter. I find the uneasiness gains Ground, to my great sorrow.

1766 October 8 (Wednesday). Undertook a Journey to Brookfield, provided I dont meet with Mrs. P _____ on the way, to wait on her home. Carried my grand Daughter Mary Forbes with me (in Lt. Bakers Chair).

1766 October 14 (Tuesday). James Haven from Lt. Baker, helps Caleb in carrying the remainder of the Corn -- and getting the Husks into the Barn.

1766 November 1 (Saturday). John brings from Lt. Bakers two Barrells of Cyder of my own Fruit.

1767 January 31 (Saturday). At Evening came (unexpectedly) Mr. *Moore*. His Errand to Westborough is carry Miss Molly Baker to Oxford, Mrs. Bowman being ill. He lodges here.

1767 February 2 (Monday). Mr. Moore stays to Dinner.... P.M. he left us to go to wait on Miss Molly Baker.

1767 February 13 (Friday). At Eve Deacon Tainter brings his Daughter Baker and her Daughter [*Persis?*].

1767 March 16 (Monday). Visit Lt. Bakers Child, which remains bad yet, under her Scald.

1767 March 24 (Tuesday). Visit Lt. Bakers Child and prayed by it.

1767 March 31 (Tuesday). Visit Lt. Bakers Child.

1767 April 1 (Wednesday). Capt. *Baker* of Bolton comes with an Horse for me to go to Deacon.

1767 April 4 (Saturday). The sorrowful Day of the Funeral of Deacon *Tainter*! I prayed among a great Concourse of people. Read the Will there to the Heirs and some of their Friends; and delivered it to the Executor Capt. Baker of Bolton.

1767 May 7 (Thursday). Mrs. P_____ goes with me to Mr. *Solomon Bakers* -- solemnize his Marriage to Miss *Hannah Hardy*. Sup there, with a Number of grave Neighbours and their wives, as well as young people.

1767 May 15 (Friday). N.B. Lt. Baker here -- wants my Mare to go to Mendon or rather to *Cumberland*. I complied.

1767 June 10 (Wednesday). Mr. *Smith* from Marlborough makes me a Visit, not knowing of the Lecture.... He gives me a Letter from himself about Capt. *Jonathan Goodenow*, who is complained of by Robert Baker.

1767 June 23 (Tuesday). Capt. Jonathan Goodenow (to whom I had writ a Letter, by reason of a Complaint against him by Robert Baker of Marlborough sent me per Mr. Smith) came to see me.

1767 June 24 (Wednesday). P.M. I rode to Mr. Solomon Bakers and bought Cheese of him.

1767 June 29 (Monday). Towards Eve I went up to Lt. Bakers who is confined by Lameness.

1767 July 27 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Solomon Bakers wife with presents of Roast Pig and Cheese.

1767 August 25 (Tuesday). N.B. Mrs. Maynard came and dined here: and Mrs. P_____ went with her to Visit at Mrs. Bakers and Mrs. Newtons.

1767 August 26 (Wednesday). Old Mrs. *Kelly*, Mrs. *Dolly Rice*, Mrs. *Johnson*, Mrs. *Fessenden* (whose relation I alter and write over), Misses *Hephzibah Maynard*, *Betsy*, *Nanny* and *Suse Brigham* and Miss *Polly Baker*, here, and drink Tea (except for Mrs. *Johnson*).

1767 August 27 (Thursday). Enoch Rice works here for Lt. Baker. P.M. they draw Stones for Wall. Towards Evening I visit old Mrs. Byles and pray with her. In my Way met with Mr. *Robert Baker* of Marlborough, who complains of Capt. Jonathan Goodenow's Conduct, and especially of some thing very lately done, which he is to answer for at *Concord* Court.

1767 September 10 (Thursday). At Lieut. Bakers. He informs me my Sheep (9 which he has taken to keep) are come home to his House; and his Time being up, he would have me take them back; but I still committ them to his Care. He offers me 8 acres of Middle Meadow at £400 old Tenor.

1767 September 15 (Tuesday). My Kinsman Loyd came to Breakfast here, having lodged at Coll. Brighams last night: Is going to *Blandford*. I get Lt. *Bakers* Chair for him -- he takes up *Sophy* with him as far as to Mrs. *Cushings*, at *Shrewsbury*.... At Eve Capt. *Robert Jamison* here and Lt. *Baker* and Neighbour *Zebulun Rice* with him. They agree with me about the Shop to keep school in.

1767 October 6 (Tuesday). P.M. preached at Lt. *Bakers* on *Ez. 9.4*. But this Text was but the Introducing the last Exercise on *Ps. 119.136*. May God please to add His Blessing and revive His work among us. Many were absent.

1767 October 9 (Friday). P.M. Deacon Wood, Lt. Baker, Neighbour Zebulun Rice, Lt. Baker [*sic*], Mr. Nathan Maynard, Neighbour Seth Morse (who brought a large Cheese) and a Number more (between 30 and 40 in all) got in and husked out my Corn. The Crop proved but indifferent. For entertainment Mrs. P. instead of the usual hot Supper, baked Applepyes and agreeable Cakes, which with Cheese proved an Acceptable [Reflection?] to the Company. N.B. Master Jamison here likewise. We sung part of the 4th Ps. Mr. Seth Morse set the Tune.

1767 October 17 (Saturday). Mr. John Woods kills a Lamb for me, out of the Flock which Lt. Baker keeps for me.

1767 October 30 (Friday). Mr. *Moore* dines here, and at Tea p.m., then goes to Marlborough. Lieut. Baker kills another Sheep for me.

1767 November 5 (Thursday). The young Misses, *Moore*s, dine at Capt. Maynards after which they visit at Lt. *Bakers*.

1767 November 16 (Monday). Lt. *Baker* and Mr. *Jamison* here a.m. I agree with the former *to get me my Years wood for 50£* old Tenor and I have expressly mentioned our keeping 3 Fires, and to have constant Supply for them. Sell him also 7 sheep for 14£ O.T.

1767 November 18 (Wednesday). N.B. Lt. *Baker* brings up a Load of my Wood, from my *swamp*.

1767 November 23 (Monday). N.B. Lt. *Baker* brings a Load of Wood with my Cattle in his Team; it being difficult stirring in the snow. *This Day he begins his Year of getting my Wood*. N.B. Lt. *Baker* tells me Mr. *Beeton* refused to let him go through the place which I sold to Capt. Maynard, although I have reserved the Liberty of Passage through it, for Team or Teams: and it is expressed in my Deed to Maynard. This may breed Trouble.

1767 November 24 (Tuesday). N.B. Dined at Lt. *Bakers*, with Master *Jamison*.

1767 November 26 (Thursday). I write to Mr. *Mein*, to Samuel and to Mr. *McAlpine*, by Lt. *Baker*, who with Mr. *Jamison*, goes to Boston. Payd *John* £4 for his two sheep which I have sold to Lt. *Baker*; and *John* trades with *Jonas Kenny* for two and a Lamb to be received next Fall, but Mr. *Moses Nurse* gives the Note to Me of what *John* is to receive for his money.

1767 November 29 (Sunday). Mr. *Solomon Bakers* youngest Daughter being very bad in the forenoon, of the Throat Distemper, at noon came here for some Wine and desired that I would go over there at Evening. But after Meeting received a Message from him that the Child was Dead. It was taken ill but last Thursday. So swift the Dispatch!

1767 December 1 (Tuesday). P.M. Mrs. P _____ and I attend the Burying of Mr. *Solomon Bakers* youngest Daughter.

1767 December 6 (Sunday). At Eve was sent for by Mr. *Solomon Baker* to visit his surviving Daughter, *Sarah* (in her 8th year), who is thought to be nigh Death by the Throat Distemper. I went -- found her low indeed -- prayed with them in their Distresses. She was taken ill but a Day or two before, and now can hardly fetch a Breath.

1767 December 7 (Monday). Lt. *Baker* brings the sad news that *Sarah Baker* dyed between 3 and 4 this Morning.

1767 December 8 (Tuesday). From thence I went to Mr. *Solomon Bakers* and prayed at the Funeral of his other little Daughter -- a sore Breach!

1767 December 17 (Thursday). N.B. I saw, at Lt. *Bakers*, to Day, two Andover Men whose names were *Holts*, who were ready to Affirm that the Ministers and Churches there would not hold Communion with Mr. *Cleaveland* of *Chebacco*, nor with his people.

1767 December 23 (Wednesday). Rode up the Street -- to Lt. Bakers -- Capt. Jameson there still.

1767 December 28 (Monday). At Eve expected Mr. Daniel Forbes and Several others, but they came not: neither did any Word come to me from him why he did not come, till it was well nigh ten o'Clock, and my Brethren that I had asked to come, and had come (viz. Mr. Edwards Whipple and Lt. Baker) had left me. But when I had come up and was going to sup and to Bed, came Cornet Brigham to bear me this Message, that though they had not come to night, yet that they designed to come tomorrow night. I was troubled at their having thus dealt with me - - but submitted. But presently, late as it was, came in Capt. Brigham and Mr. Gale; Mr. Andrews also was with them. May god be gracious to me, and enable me to conduct with Meekness and Wisdom through all!

1767 December 29 (Tuesday). Visit Mr. *Solomon Baker* in his sorrows.... At Eve came Mr. *Daniel Forb.*, Capt. *B. Fay*, Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Gale*. And 7 Brethren that I had desired -- viz. the Squire and Deacon, Messrs. Maynard, Whipple, Batherick, Joseph Baker, and John Wood. The Conversation was chiefly about Mr. *Cleaveland* and his people. *They* in Vindication. I with the other Brethren on the Contrary, and shewing from his Book that some Number of Churches in that Neighbourhood *disowned* them -- that therefore We at this Distance may with great Reason *suspect* they are not right; and since we have also had the Testimony of so many Ministers from those parts, against them, may with good Ground, wave admitting any Member of theirs, here, to Communion with us. Capt. *Brigham* mentioned my having *beat up a Challenge* at the Close of the last Church Meeting. I answered I did not know what he meant by *beating up a Challenge* -- but this I did then, and would *now* make this offer, that if any of them, or any body else, had any Thing to lay to my Charge, I was ready to answer it; and I did repeatedly *challenge*, and *demand* it. But there was no thing alleged, nor pretended to be mentioned, there upon, that I remember; although there was much Debate of innumerable Things relative to the *Platform* and Members *breaking Order* etc. However, the Evening was Spent without shewing what was their particular aim in having this Conference -- but it seemed to be in general to Manifest uneasiness at what had been done; and their Desire that the Church would still do something or other. Thus they broke up, and Seven went off -- but Capt. *Brigham* and Mr. *Gale* tarried for a Copy of the Vote at the late Church Meeting, to reconsider etc., which they wanted in order to their getting those Copys which Mr. A. has. With these Brethren tarried also Mr. *Daniel Forb.* and Mr. *Batherick*. This tarrying gave new Opportunity for them to break forth anew, and insisted upon my consenting to another Church Meeting and to put the Vote whether the Woman Shall have leave to Come or no. I expostulated. It did but enrage. I told 'em at length that I would consider of it. Thus we finished this troublesome Conversation. But O that God would pardon us for His Name's Sake!

1768 January [??] (Monday). N.B. Capt. *Jamison* rode to Boston on the 14th [on an Horse?] of Lt. Bakers; and does not return. The latter is gone after him, but neither does *he* return as expected.

1768 January 21 (Thursday). I discern by Solomon Woods who lives at Lt. *Bakers*, that they are grown still more anxious about his not returning from Boston, and that they don't hear what has become of Capt. *Jamison*.

1768 February 9 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Zebulun Rice* has been here and Shews me a Petition of Northborough Select men to the general Court, praying that they may be *called a Town*. He tells me Capt. *Jamison* has been outed from Lt. *Bakers*; has lodged at *Townsend's* and *Hill's*, and had Dinners at his House -- kept school a few Days for some Neighbours but now is not Employed.

1768 February 15 (Monday). Lt. Baker, with three Teams, brings 10 Load of Wood from the Ministerial Lot. They come straight over through Mr. Hannaniah Parkers.

1768 February 16 (Tuesday). Lt. Baker and 3 Teams bring 12 Load from Ministerial Lot.

1768 March 17 (Thursday). Mrs. P_____ accompanied by *John*, in Lt. *Bakers* Chair, sets out early for Boston.

1768 April 21 (Thursday). P.M. I walked to Mr. Solomon Bakers, and got him to go with me to view Mr. Ebenezer Maynards Meadow, which lies by the River, and by or between his Brother *David's*.

1768 June 13 (Monday). N.B. Mr. *Baker* borrows of me 50£ and gives me his promissory Note.

1768 June 17 (Friday). Sarah and Suse visit at Lt. Bakers.

1768 July 18 (Monday). Had a Young Mare of Lt. Baker to try in my Journey.

1768 July 25 (Monday). Lieutenant *Bakers* Horse is resigned, fearing She will prove a stumbler.

1768 August 10 (Wednesday). A great stir about altering or adding to the County Roads through this Town. A Committee, viz. Squire *Steel*, *Henshaw* and *Davis*, are viewing the Roads from *Wor'ster* Meeting House and South of *Wor'ster* Pond, down by Capt. Brooks, and that by Squire Whipples; And Capt. Brooks, Lieutenant Baker, and Ensign Asa Brigham are measuring. They proceed as far as Mr. Nurse's Corner. Squire Whipple is also with them that Measure.

1768 August 22 (Monday). Put in my Mare into the Team to plow, but at Eve She is turbulent. I have revived Agreement with Lt. Baker about his Templeton mare.

1768 August 24 (Wednesday). At Eve with Lt. Baker about the Mare.

1768 August 30 (Tuesday). At 9 a.m. I took the Mare which I am buying of Lt. Baker, and rode to the *Burial of Mr. Daniel Miller*.

1768 September 27 (Tuesday). Am still endeavouring to accommodate my Daughters Sarah and Suse for their Journey, for which I ride to Mr. Haskills, but in vain -- and a Number of Houses besides. Dine at Mr. Abraham Bonds. Visit at Mr. Barns's -- at Mr. Bathericks -- Beetons -- Lt. Bakers at Eve, and succeed.

1768 September 28 (Wednesday). *Sarah* and *Suse* in Dr. Hawes Chaise, and Lt. Bakers Horse, Set out for *Boston*.

1768 October 20 (Thursday). Send by *John* a (designed) fat Cow to be kept at Mr. *Solomon* Bakers.

1768 October 25 (Tuesday). A Number of Neighbours came in the Afternoon, and cut up the Corn of the West field, and part of the North, and this Evening husked. There were about 20. They were chiefly Mr. David Maynard, Zebulun Rice, Edwards Whipple, Tainter, Lieut. Baker, McCullock, Neighbour Newton, Joseph Bond and James Bellows, Isaac Miller etc. etc., but it rained and beat them off, when they had husked about half of what they had gathered.

1768 October 27 (Thursday). He [John] carries Apples and Barrell to Mr. Bakers Cyder Mill.

1768 November 9 (Wednesday). P.M. Mrs. *Bowman* and her little son, Mrs. *Baker* and Miss *Polly*, make us a Visit.

1768 November 10 (Thursday). Richard Temple comes to thrash my Rye notwithstanding the Storm -- send John to Mr. Solomon Bakers for my fat Cow which he has been pasturing. Put up the Mare and fat Cow.

1768 November 11 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Bowman of Oxford from Boston, but goes to his Wife at his Mother Bakers.

1768 November 14 (Monday). Mr. Batherick informs me between one and two o'Clock of a Town Meeting to Day, partly on Account of my support. I was sorry I had no warning, Since [I am so unprepared?].... Lt. Baker informs that this Town have done no otherwise than last Year, viz. have granted 500£ old Tenor, and nother [*sic*] further for Wood. I hereupon sent in a Line to Shew that I could not discharge my Ministerial Duty without they also provide my Wood. But I understand it was without avail.

1768 November 21 (Monday). *Went up to Lt. Bakers and agree with him to get my Wood again, the ensuing Year.*

1768 November 25 (Friday). John goes with the Team to Lt. Bakers for 4 Sleepers for Stable Floor -- brings but three, and those but small ones.

1768 December 5 (Monday). *Temple* (who worked for me last Saturday in building me an Hovel at the East End of the Barn and had lodged here till this morning) goes to work at Lt. Bakers.

1768 December 17 (Saturday). Very Short of Wood. The Door wholly empty. The Baker Team brings Some at Eve: but I don't love to be thus reduced.

1768 December 27 (Tuesday). Having last Evening brought home a Gander which I have bought for 15/ of Dr. *Hawes*, this morning I went to Lt. Bakers and got a Goose, which he gave me; and likewise an Arm full (5 1/2 lbs.) of Tobacco which he has brought from Providence and Sells at 3/ per lb.

1769 January 9 (Monday). Was at Mr. *Zebulun Rice's*, who has sold his place to Lt. *Baker*, and has bought at *Brookfield*.

1769 January 16 (Monday). Walked up to *Woods, Rice's* and *Bakers*.

1769 January 31 (Tuesday). Then passed over to...and Mr. *Solomon Bakers*, with whom I reckoned, and paid for 41 pounds Cheese. 28 pounds at 2/ and 13 at 1/6.

1769 February 1 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* has Sent us poor Wood -- Birch, pine, old rotten Maple and Ash; and now have but little of that, when a great Storm of Snow comes, and proves some what deep and difficult.

1769 February 2 (Thursday). Very difficult stirring, yet the Baker Team brings one (the 18th) Load. Alexander comes from *Sturbridge*.

1769 February 7 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushing* came; dined here. I preached at Deacon *Bonds*, where, though it was cold, there was a considerable Assembly.... Lt. Baker provided a Young man to ride my Horse, and took me, for the better Security against the extreme Cold, into his Sleigh.

1769 March 13 (Monday). Capt. Baker of Bolton here, Mr. *Edwards Whipple* also.

1769 March 16 (Thursday). John sleds a Maple Log to Mill which Mr. *Barns* has given me, having been brought here from his Swamp as Fire Wood by the Baker-Team.

1769 March 23 (Thursday). Lt. Baker here to reckon, but though he tarrys late We effect Nothing, but adjourn.

1769 March 29 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* here at night; we reckon. Wood He throws in a Dollar 47£ 15/. Book account £18.10.0 old Tenor. Gave him a Note to *Newton* of £66.5.0 old Tenor.

1769 May 8 (Monday). Mrs. P. and Mrs. *Moore* visit at Lt. Bakers.

1769 June 13 (Tuesday). Called at Lieut. *Bakers* to desire him to Supply me with a good Horse etc. and he tells me he will endeavour it, as Soon as he can. He offers to take my Mare now as Soon as I will, but then I must be without a Horse for our necessary Service.

[1769 June 26 (Monday).] . At Eve came Lt. Baker and Mr. *Henry Prentice*. The latter comes about buying the Mare.

1769 June 27 (Tuesday). At Lt. *Bakers* and *Wheelocks*. Neighbour Lt. begins to repair his House.

1769 June 28 (Wednesday). *Sarah* rides with me in Lt. *Bakers* Chaise, to the Sorrowful Funeral of Miss *Bridget Cushing*.

1769 August 10 (Thursday). At Eve Lieut. *Baker*, at my Desire, calls here. I again Apply to him for an Horse instead of what I have. He Says he has none that will do. But says he is ready to take this again, as Soon as I can get one that will Suit me better.

1769 September 4 (Monday). Engage Lieut. Baker and Neighbour Newton to plow my North Field.

1769 September 15 (Friday). A very Sorrowful Occurrence happened about or a little before noon at Lt. *Bakers*. His little Daughter *Lydia*, of 16 months, fell into a Tub of Whey, and was suffocated. I hastened up. Tobacco Smoke was blown up into her. I ordered Salt and she was covered over with it, but all means were ineffectual. I prayed with them.

1769 September 18 (Monday). At 9 a.m. attended the Funeral of *Lydia Baker*.

1769 October 3 (Tuesday). P.M. Preached at the Family meeting at Lt. *Bakers*.... May God grant Success to our highest Benefit!

1769 October 5 (Thursday). Lt. Baker and Neighbour Newton plow in my further Field. My Sons assist, with my Oxen.

1769 October 6 (Friday). Lt. *Bakers* Young Man and Team, with mine, are plowing as Yester Day and finish it.

1769 October 12 (Thursday). N.B. Sent *John* to Lt. *Baker's* with the *Mare* which I had of him more than a Twelve-Month agoe, as I could not with all my trying, make her do for my and my Family's use; and Lt. had told me again and again that he would take her if I returned her. This therefore I have now done.

1769 October 19 (Thursday). *Ezra* had come with two Horses. One of them was a Young Horse of one Mr. *Haskels*, recommending him to me. But they both got out of my Inclosure and we feared they were gone home. *John* got an Horse at Mr. *Nurse's* and pursued to Shrewsbury. In

the mean time Deacon Bond had taken 'em up Nigh his House, and came with them. I viewed and rode the Said young Horse; also I took Such Advice as I could; and concluded to have him, though it is a Venture, at so little Acquaintance with him: but I can't well do otherwise since he is So strongly recommended by Mr. *Forbes*, who has writ to me about him. The Terms are £100 old Tenor to be Paid in two months. Before I consented, I rode to Lt. *Baker* and consulted him, both about the Horse and about the Pay. *Ezra* assures me the Age is 3 Years only, last July. And the Letter says he is warranted Sound. *Ezra* and Polly leave us.

1769 October 26 (Thursday). Was obliged to go to Lt. Baker to Stir him up to bring Wood, and to provide Money to pay for my new Horse.

1769 November 7 (Tuesday). Miss Molly Baker and Molly Harrington quilt for *Sarah*.

1769 November 8 (Wednesday). A Number of Women came to help Sarah in Quilting, Sewing, and Spinning. They were (according to their Coming) Miss *Molly Whipple*, Mrs. *Hannah Forbes* (*Elisha's* Wife), Mrs. *Tainter* and Mrs. *Hannah Miller*, Mrs. *Forbes* (Mr. *Daniels* Wife) and Widow *Kendal*, Mr. *Ezra Bakers* Wife and Miss *Lydia Chamberlain*.

1769 November 30 (Thursday). Deacon Wood killed a Cow for me, which I had some Years ago of Mr. Moses Twitchell. Mr. N. Whitney assisted a while but Word came that Mr. *Jonah Warrin* was in a Fit, at his (Mr. Whitney's) House. He therefore left us; And then Mr. *Ezra Baker* came and helped. Deacon and he dined here.

1769 December 5 (Tuesday). While I was there, and my Wife gone over to Capt. Maynards, by Desire to see her who is in some threatning Circumstances, Mrs. Martyn and her Kinsman, Mr. John Marritt came to see us, but not finding either of us at home, they went up to Lt. Bakers, and thence to Capt. *Maynards*.

1769 December 11 (Monday). A Number of Cutters go down to Capt. Ephraim Brigham's Land, and a Number of Teams came to Cart it. Some brought also from their own Land. Mr. Barnabus Newton, Deacon Wood, Capt. Benjamin Fay, Lt. Baker, Mr. Daniel Warrin, his Brother Timothy, Mr. Andrews, Capt. Maynard (from his own), Mr. Seth Morse, Mr. Tainter, Mr. Phinehas Maynard, Mr. Fessenden, Mr. Benjamin Warrin -- some from their own, some from the Ministerial Lot, in all 28 Load to Day. Several brought Meat, others Rum. They all Sup'd here.

1769 December 13 (Wednesday). At Lt. Bakers. Received of him 23£ 11/ old Tenor.

1769 December 15 (Friday). Sent John with a Yoke of Oxen to assist Mr. Fessenden in getting a Log to Mill. (It is instead of a Log which he cut upon the Ministerial Lot and improved for Plank which he sold to Lt. Baker.) This succeeded no further than that John cutt down a great black Oake, and Mr. Fessenden sends word, that he will come when there shall be Snow.

1769 December 27 (Wednesday). At Lt. Bakers and receive of him Mr. William Grays Receipt in Full for Feathers.

1770 January 7 (Sunday). It was very Stormy -- Wind and Rain -- The Earth So opened and filled with Water, that it is extremely muddy and difficult getting to Meeting. Lt. *Baker* comes With his Chaise, for Mrs. *Parkman* and *Sophy* and carries them to Meeting -- returns them home also both a. and p.m.

1770 January 25 (Thursday). At Eve Ezra Baker brings Ruth Bellows.

1770 February 9 (Friday). Mr. Ithamar Bellows, Ezra Baker, and Ebenezer Chamberlin brought wood. Dined here.

1770 April 17 (Tuesday). Lt. Baker, with a Yoke of Oxen, Neighbour Barnabas Newton with Do. and Plough, came, and with my own Oxen and Boys, and Neighbour Jo. Bonds Oxen, they plowed up that Piece of Grass Ground which was between the Meeting House and my Garden.

1770 April 24 (Tuesday). P.M. at Lieut. *Bakers*. He accepts a Note upon Him which I have given to Richard Temple for 27£ Old Tenor.

1770 July 5 (Thursday). Joseph Wood, in mowing behind the Baker Stables, finds it uncommon Burthen: the Clover so very rank and thick.

1770 July 24 (Tuesday). A.M. I rode to the S.E. Corner, to visit several Familys. Mr. Artemas Bruce; Widow Bellows, Mr. Chamberlain: Mr. Ezra Baker: but Chiefly Mr. *Ithamar Bellows* and his wife who are lame Yet, and much Confined.

1770 September 7 (Friday). My Wife is no better -- but is rather worse. Lt. John Martyn and his Wife Call here. P.M. old Mrs. Baker and her Daughter-in-law Visit Mrs. P_____.

1770 September 10 (Monday). I lent him [son William] Six Dollars (and which I borrowed of Lt. *Baker*). Towards Evening he sat out for home again.

1770 September 11 (Tuesday). Mr. *Daniel Forbes* returned the foresaid Six Dollars to Lt. *Baker* for me, as they both informed me that it was Settled between them for Me.

1770 September 26 (Wednesday). N.B. Lt. Baker met me in the Road and informed me that just before he was at Mr. Townsends Shop, where were Mr. Daniel Adams and Elisha Forbes: and that Mr. *Timothy Warrin* was among them Shewing great Dissatisfaction at my refusing to read *Fisks* Note of Thanks last Sabbath. Whereas if I had read it, and proceeded as usual upon it, I am sensible it had given Offence to divers of the Brethren.

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!

1770 December 13 (Thursday). At Eve Deacon *Samuel Baker of Bolton* here, and discourses of their Divisions and Contentions with Mr. Goss. I perceive that he is himself under Uneasiness with him.

1770 December 18 (Tuesday). Sent to Samuel by Lt. Baker.

1770 December 22 (Saturday). Lt. Baker paid me for Mr. Daniel Forbes £41.0.1 old Tenor.

1770 December 24 (Monday). The following Teams brought Wood -- viz. Capt. *Jonas Brigham*, two Loads from his own Land. Mr. *Timothy Warrin* and Mr. [G.?] *Andrews* two Load apiece, from Capt. *Ephraim Brigham's Land* and from thence also Mr. *Tainter*, *Samuel Forb.*, *Ebenezer Forbes*, *Seth Morse*, *Thomas Bond*, each of them *three Load*. And there were 13 Cutters, viz. Mr. *Batherick*, Lt. *Baker*, Mr. *T. Frost*, *Joseph Harrington*, *Eli Whitney*, *Moses Sever* and *Samuel Sever*, *Phinehas Forbes*, *Joseph McCulloch*, *Samuel Lamb*, *Benjamin Tainter junior*, and *Benjamin Whitney*, and *William Low*.

1771 January 29 (Tuesday). Send a Letter to Dr. Stiles of Newport, by Lt. Baker.

1771 February 15 (Friday). A Cold, Difficult season. Mr. *Solomon Baker* brought a Load of Wood.

1771 April 2 (Tuesday). P.M. Preached at Lt. Joseph Bakers, on Heb. 12.1. Which may God graciously bless to us!

1771 April 29 (Monday). I went to the Houses where the Sufferers [family of Ithamar Bellows] sojourn, viz. Mr. *Ezra Bakers*, and Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlain junior.

1771 May 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Sundry young Women, viz. Miss *Polly Baker*, Miss *Nanny Brigham* -- to help *Sophy* in Quilting a Petticoat.... It rains so hard that the Young Women, Quilters, tarry all night.

1771 June 20 (Thursday). Deacon Wood and a Yoke of Oxen, Mr. Tainter with two Yoke, Mr. Nathan Maynard and one Yoke, Mr. Joseph Bond and one Yoke, Mr. Barnabas Newtons, Mr. Ebenezer Maynards, Mr. Beetons, Mr. Levi Warrins and my own, with Lt. Bakers great Plough,

broke up the Corner of Land, north of my great Field. The plough was not good, or they would have plowed more, but they broke off by about 5 o'clock p.m.

1771 June 24 (Monday). Lt. Baker blooded my Oxen. We settle our Accounts. I owe him £41.9.0 O.T. Paid him in part by a Note to Constable *Gleason*, viz. £22.10 old Tenor.

1771 July 13 (Saturday). Lt. Baker here in the Morning with a Letter from Mr. *Zebu [torn] Rice* of Brookfield containing an Account of the present Trou[*torn*] and Perplexities there. Lieutenant wants another Note or Order to the Constable *Gleason* for the rest of my Debt to h[*torn*].

1771 August 28 (Wednesday). Was at Lt. *Bakers*, and Saw there his Brother *Samuel* of *Bolton*. I testified against their Behavior in *Bolton*, towards Mr. *Goss*.

1771 September 10 (Tuesday). I have great Difficulty with my new-come-home Heiffer, being very unruly and Troublesome. Lt. Baker is ready to buy her.

1771 September 11 (Wednesday). Sold my Heiffer and her Calf to Lt. Baker for £30 old Tenor to be payed in 4 or 5 Weeks.

1771 October 1 (Tuesday). Mr. *Daniel Nurse* delivered me 20£ 15/ old Tenor. I gave 8 Dollars to Lt. Baker towards buying a Yoke of Oxen for me, he owing me more than enough, with this, to pay the first payment for them.

1771 October 14 (Monday). Lt. *Baker* has bought a Pair of young Cattle for me of 4 past, which cost me 70£ old tenor.

1771 November 25 (Monday). A number of Teams brought me Wood from the ministerial Lot.... The Teams which brought Wood were Capt. Maynards drove by *Solomon Maynard* and Came three times. Deacon Wood, Messrs. Ebenezer Maynard, Phinehas Maynard, Benjamin Warrin, Ebenezer Forbush, Seth Morse, George Andrews, Timothy Warrin, Abijah Gale, Benjamin Tainter, Thomas Bond, Joseph Bond, Lt. Harrington, Lieutenant Baker, and Abraham Beeman, all came twice; and Abraham Bond once. The *Cutters* were Joseph Harrington, Eli Harrington, [*blank*] Davis, Antipas Maynard, Edward Gay (for himself), John McCulloch for Deacon Wood; Benjamin Ball for Mr. Morse, Mr. Timothy Warrin junior, Samuel Andrews, Jonathan Maynard, Benjamin Tainter, these three (I suppose) for their Fathers, and Nathaniel Chamberlin for Lt. Baker. They cutt in and carted from the Ministerial Lot. They Supped here at Evening except a few, viz. Messrs. Abraham Bond, Abraham Beeman and Benjamin Ball, that went home with their Teams. Seven Quarts of Rum were sent and given. Capt. Brigham sent a Loin of Mutton and Capt. Maynard 22 1/2 lbs. of Beef.

1772 January 31 (Friday). Mr. Ezra Baker and Daniel Chamberlin with a Load of Wood, each of them.

1772 March 11 (Wednesday). Went to Deacon *Wood* to ask him to go with me to *Sudbury*; and he consents. Was at Lt. *Bakers* who undertakes to find a Sleigh for me, if not an Horse also.

1772 March 17 (Tuesday). The Snow So deep I had Mr. *Isaac Johnson* and Mr. *Ezra Baker* to accompany Me as far as Mr. *Timothy Warrins*, but when I came to the Corner of Mr. *Nurse's* Bridge, the Bank of Snow filled the Road: was forced to go back to Dr. *Hawes* to ask Help. After dining there, the Doctor and *Solomon Batherick* went with Shovels and assisted Me -- so that I arrived here in Safety. D.G.

1772 March 20 (Friday). Mr. *Phinehas Maynard*, nigh 43 year old, was buried though it was a very great Storm of Snow. Lt. Baker came and carried me in his Sleigh.

1772 April 8 (Wednesday). Lieut. Baker and I p.m. rode over to Lieut. *Martyn*, he being brought very low; consuming away.

1772 May 7 (Thursday). Cousen *Uriah Brigham* and his wife make us a Visit. She tarrys to dine and p.m. Mrs. *Baker* Sent her Chaise for Mrs. P _____ and her two neeces.

1772 June 12 (Friday). Trouble with Mr. *B's* Merry Mare, which has broke my Fetters and causes Breck a sad Ramble -- but finds her where she was Supposed to have jumped from, viz. Lt. *Bakers Hill Pasture*.

1772 June 20 (Saturday). *Phinehas* went with the Cow we call *Spot* to Lt. *Bakers Bowker Place* to Pasture.

1772 July 10 (Friday). A Number more of Neighbours came to help quilt, viz. Mrs. *Spring*, *Abigail Woodward*, who dined here. P.M. Miss *Polly Baker* and Several others.

1772 October 1 (Thursday). Rode to *Shrewsbury* Lecture.... Returning had Dr. *Crosby's* Company. N.B. He says Coll. *Whitcomb* speaking to him of great Genius's becoming crazy, he said, "there is our Deacon *Baker*, the sensiblest man we have, is sometimes so out, that he can't follow his Business"; and this the Doctor also confirmed.

1772 October 6 (Tuesday). Was at Lt. *Bakers*. He shews me a Letter to him from *Bolton*, containing Lists of Church members there.

1772 November 3 (Tuesday). It would have been private Meeting at Lt. *Bakers*, but it is prevented by the *Town Meeting*.

1772 November 5 (Thursday). At night I married Mr. *John Ball* of *Northborough* to Miss *Molly Baker* (the late Squire *Bakers* Daughter).

1772 November 25 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* has been bountiful -- in fattening a Cow and bringing her back from his Pasture -- in allowing me the use of his Cyder Mill etc. in making [6?] Barrells

of Cyder, gratis -- with other kindnesses -- for which may God reward him! especially in Spirituals -- but I am much grieved that my whole drove of Cattle (16) have lain a great deal, when they were turned out a Days, on his Clover etc. to his great Hurt. May God forgive the wrong and Ingratitude in this! I admire his Patience and Meekness, in freely overlooking it.

1772 December 30 (Wednesday). Called at Mr. Ezra *Bakers*.

1773 January 5 (Tuesday). Preached at Lt. *Bakers* on *Rom.* 8.11. I hope God was with us, though we were but few. And may these Exercises prove truly beneficial to us all. Asked advice about Selling or dividing Ministerial Lot. The general voice was, *divide, not sell*.

1773 January 10 (Sunday). Having lodged at Mr. *Sumners*, and he having gone this morning to *Grafton*, I preached at *Shrewsbury* on *Rom.* 14.8 a. and p.m. and baptized *Betty*, daughter of *Benjamin Baker*.

1773 March 14 (Sunday). Mr. [Henry] *Quincy* dined at Lt. *Bakers*. He was here after Meeting and at Eve -- but lodged there.

1773 April 16 (Friday). At Eve Mr. *Henry Quincy* and Lt. *Baker* who gives Account of his *Great Ox*, [*marginal notation: Drapers Paper for Apr. 8 says, the largest fat Ox ever Seen in America*] which he sold at *Boston* for 50£ lawful money, He weighed alive 2501 neat. Measured from his Nose to his Rump, 12 feet 2 inches. 9 feet [*illegible*] round: 5 feet, 11 inches high. 5 feet from top of Weathers to Br[*illegible*].

1773 June 29 (Tuesday). Rode to *Hopkinton* through our East Corner. Called at a Number of the Houses. *Bellows* (new married), *Baker*, *Belknap*.

1773 July 12 (Monday). We are thrown into perplexity by means of having sent away one of my Oxen to Mr. *Baldwins* pasture at *Coi's Hill* and depending upon Lt. *Bakers* young Man driving with Some of theirs, one of my young Oxen down from thence to mate the Ox which was left behind at home, the Said young Man has returned without mine, and in the mean time we are forced to be at the Charge of getting Oxen at our Neighbours to get in our Hay.

1773 July 28 (Wednesday). P.M. came old Mrs. *Baker* and Old Mrs. *Newton* to visit us.

1773 August 23 (Monday). The Town Met to See whether it will be agreeable to them to build a Steeple and have a Bell. Several persons have Subscribed an hundred pound apiece old Tenor. One (Mr. *Seth Morse*) 150. Lieut. *Baker* 50 Dollars. Capt. *Maynard* 100£. But it did not obtain. A great Majority against it.

1773 September 14 (Tuesday). In returning call at Mr. *Joseph Harringtons*. He shews himself greatly dissatisfied with me about *Bolton* Matters. Mentions two things, viz. my Signing with the Association against those Brethren who were against Mr. *Goss*, and forbidding the two

young women (Miss *Suse* and Miss *Persis Baker*) whereas I kindly besought them as to their coming to the Communion with us.

1773 September 20 (Monday). Went to Lt. *Bakers*. Borrowed the Letter which was Sent him some time agoe from Capt. *Silas Bailey* and Mr. *James Goddard* of Bolton.

1773 October 7 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. *Solomon Bakers* Wife makes us a Visit: also her Sister *Tabitha Brigham* from FitzWilliam here.

1773 October 22 (Friday). The workmen did not lodge here, and Except Mr. *Harrington* (being two of them now at work for Lt. *Baker*) did not come to dinner here.

1773 November 27 (Saturday). [Lieut.?] *Baker* has given me one of the great Ladders which were used at the Meeting House, and it is brought hither accordingly. It is also laid on my House.... N.B. Lent Lt. Baker £13.6.3 for which he gives me his Note.

1773 December 14 (Tuesday). P.M. The two *Mrs. Bakers* and Mrs. *Ball* (heretofore *Molly Baker*) with her Child, made us a Visit.

1773 December 20 (Monday). N.B. *Breck* and a Number more meet at Lt. *Bakers* in order to Unite in Society to collect a Library of useful Books.

1774 January 17 (Monday). N.B. Breakfast at Lt. *Bakers*. P.M. Lt. *Baker*, Neighbour *Newton* and *Silas Hill* came; and my fat Steer being led home, they Killed him and he weighed, the quarters 480 and the Hide 71. Not well tallow'd.

1774 February 13 (Sunday). Mr. *Moore* preached for me.... A very difficult Season, nor could we well get to Meeting without Help. Lt. *Bakers* young man came with a Sleigh, and transported us through the deep Snow -- and it Snows Still, all Day.

1774 February 15 (Tuesday). Lt. *Baker* had proposed to go with other Neighbours to get wood to Day, but by Tryal they found it impracticable.

1774 February 21 (Monday). A number of persons came and got wood for me at the Lot which is called Capt. *Ephraim Brighams*. Eight went to Cutt, viz. Messrs. *Nathan Townsend*, *Benjamin Fay junior*, *Arthur Cary* (from *Deacon Wood*), *Joseph Keenes* (from *Lieut. Baker*), *John Fay*, *Richard Temple*, *Timothy Parker*, *Abel Tenny*, from Mrs. *Spring*. And *John Parkman* joined them. The following Neighbours sledded, viz. Lt. *Baker* with two Teams, 4 Oxen apiece. Mr. *Barnabas Newton* with 4 Oxen. Capt. *Benjamin Fays* Team 4 Oxen, drove by his son *Stephen*. *Deacon Wood* sent a yoke of Oxen to join with mine, and Mr. *Jonathan Grout* drove them. They all went Twice; and Mr. *Moses Nurse* also brought one Load. In all Eleven Load. At night, the most of them Supped here. May God reward them and bountifully! And grant me Grace to improve the Benefit!

1774 February 22 (Tuesday). They that went for wood yesterday, So broke the way, and made it fit to Sled in; and the Cutters cut So much more than was brought home; that therefore Lieut. *Baker* in his generousness sent his Team and Man again to Day, also to sled Wood for me; and Neighbour *Newton* in his Goodness likewise, sent his Team and Man to sled up, what was left and what another Number of Cutters cutt, viz. Mr. *Keene*, *John Fay* hired, *Stephen Maynard* hired, *Nathaniel Chamberlin* hired, and *Phinehas Brigham* (son of Widow *Hitty*). To the Teams, add my own of 3 Cattle, and p.m. Dr. *Hawes*' Steers instead of the Mare, and my son *John* drove. *Breck* also procured Mr. *Joseph Bond* to come with his 5 Cattle. They all went 3 times each -- therefore brought 12 Load to day.

1774 February 28 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Bowman made me a Visit (from Lt. *Bakers*) and Spent the Evening with us.

1774 March 9 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* paid me £100 old tenor which I had lent him last Nov. 27th and I paid him 4 Dollars for his fatting my Steer.

1774 March 21 (Monday). Messrs. Francis Whipple junior and Joseph Bond here to desire Land to build Stables on back of the Meeting House: but this I could not now consent to at present, as might interfere with what Lt. Baker has already requested, respecting that spot.

1774 April 11 (Monday). Lt. Baker came to me with an earnest Message from Neighbour Seth *Morse* in his great Distress for his Wife, who is not like to live but a little longer: for now he requests there might be a Fast kept on her Account and that it be without Delay -- that it be tomorrow, notwithstanding the public Fast on next Thursday. I said what I conceived proper with respect to the necessary preparations. He would Send for the Neighbouring Ministers. And particularly the 4 nearest. Mr. *Sumner* and Mr. *Fish*. I objected against Mr. *Fisk* -- and let him know, it would give me inexpressible Disquietment. But he Said he knew they would peculiarly insist for Him; and entreated that in So extraordinary a Case, for the poor womans sake I would not refuse, that if we have any Mercy, and at Such an extraordinary Juncture etc. etc. The other Gentlemen named were Rev. *Stone* and *Fitch*; against whom I made no Objection -- but as to all of us it would be very difficult, to be interrupted in our preparations for the general Fast. In fine I consented to attend, and Mr. *Morse* requesting that I would write to the Ministers I agreed with Lt. Baker to send to Mr. *Stone*; which he (*Baker*) could carry as he was going to Framingham to Mr. *Sumner*, and Dr. *Flynt* could take it; to Mr. *Fitch*, and Dr. *Hawes* could convey it: but I could not write to Mr. *Fish* to come. I thought however that considering the Extremity they were in, for Mrs. *Morse's* Sake, hoping I Should speak to Him and bear Some Testimony against etc. I wrote Mr. *Morse* this word, that he might Send to him on this Extraordinary Occasion. At Eve I went there and Said a few things, and but few; She answered with as few. Prayed earnestly for her -- ripened the Desire of the Fast tomorrow by divine Leave and Assistance.

1774 April 15 (Friday). P.M. Mr. *Daniel Forbes* here. Our Discourse of Church Government. Bolton Affairs. Read him my Letter to Capt. *Bailey* and Mr. *Longley*. Seems to be more

satisfied by hearing it -- but is not quiet. Disturbed that *Persis Baker* of Bolton is refused Communion with us etc. etc.

1774 May 3 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at Lt. Bakers on 1 *Sam.* 25.32,33, which may God bless to our highest Benefit!

1774 May 5 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Ebenezer *Chamberlins* Discourse about *Bolton* and Church Government. *Ezra Baker* present also.

1774 June 14 (Tuesday). Had Conversation with Dr. *Hawes* and Lt. *Baker*, two of the said Committee, on the present sorrowful State. N.B. The latter also offers to sell me his Land joining to mine South of the Road before the Meeting House.

1774 June 17 (Friday). P.M. *The Committee of Correspondence* was here; viz. Deacon *Bond*, Dr. *Hawes*, Messrs. *Daniel Forbes*, *Hannaniah Parker*, *Thomas Bond* and *Joseph Harrington*. Lt. *Baker* who was one, was gone to *Boston*.

1774 July 1 (Friday). At Eve *Breck* goes to a Military Meeting at Lt. Bakers, who I hear, is chose one of the Captains, to settle their Affairs.

1774 August 2 (Tuesday). Call at Lt. Bakers to see young *Piper*. He is no better. Prayed with him.

1774 August 6 (Saturday). Went to Lt. Bakers in the morning. Dr. *Charles Russell*, Dr. *Flynt*, Dr. *Hawes*, and a Number of Doctors besides being there on the Case of the poor Boy, *Calvin Piper*....

1774 August 26 (Friday). I went to Lt. *Baker* to see if he could pay Mr. *Asa Hills* note.

1774 October 1 (Saturday). Lieutenant *Baker* informs me that the Governor has by Proclamation forbid the meeting of the (appointed) *General Assembly*.

1774 October 29 (Saturday). P.M. came *Alexander* from *Framingham* whither he had been for Money: but received only from his Brother *Gleason*. I delivered to him

One hundred Dollars which I hired for him at <i>Boston</i>	225.0.0
almost 24 Dollars received last night from Lt. <i>Baker</i> , viz.	53.0.0
and 3 Dollars received from Mr. <i>William Watson</i> -- and he had received 30 old Tenor	6.15.0
This with the money I received for my Horse, delivered already	110. .
in the whole	424.15.0

1774 October 31 (Monday). P.M. Training of *Alarm men* at Lt. *Bakers*, their present Captain.

1774 November 3 (Thursday). Elias is greatly afflicted for his *Cossitt Sheep*, which is missing. He rides after Some Drovers of sheep, fearing they have taken in his sheep. Proceeds as far as Natick -- and returns uncertain. At Eve came Messrs. Thomas Bond and Levi Warrin to acquaint me with their suspicions that *Moses Sever*, who moved with his Family this Morning to Westminster, had stole and killed and carryed off the Cossitt. Mr. B. Tainter came also to enquire and confirm. Sent for Lt. Baker -- who came -- and agreed to pursue *Sever*.

1774 November 4 (Friday). Early in the Morning Lt. *Baker* and my Son *Breck* Sat out.... P.M. *Breck* etc. returned, and gave me Account of their overtaking the man Suspected of taking away *Elias's* sheep. He confessed it, and to make Satisfaction he has Sent me a Note of Hand which Lt. Baker had given him of £ lawful Money, that So much might be taken out of it as be proper Amends for the Sheep and the Charges.

1774 November 15 (Tuesday). P.M. visit Mrs. *Keenes*, and Mrs. *Piper* -- also Mrs. *Baker* after her lying in.

1774 November 26 (Saturday). Lt. *Baker* was here with an Account from Mr. *Asa Hill*. He takes Opportunity to talk of the people's Conduct towards me, and he professes his Sorrow for it, etc. We discourse also of Church Government, of the Conventions Observations etc.

1775 January 27 (Friday). Lt. Baker here. I read him Mr. *Wards* Letter. We have some Discourse together. He professes to be my Friend: condemns his Brother *Brighams* Conduct etc.

1775 January 30 (Monday). Visit also Messrs. Solomon Baker, Edmund Rice, John Crooks.

1775 February 15 (Wednesday). At Eve came Mr. *Jonathan Forbes* to talk with me about his Duty. Lt. *Baker* came also. *Forbes* gave way that I Should be with *Baker*, but before we broke off, he went away. N.B. In Conversation with Lieutenant I communicated what I have Writ in Six Articles, against the Disquieted in *Bolton*; bearing Date of Yesterday. He Seemed to be very much of my Mind in some parts of it, particularly their Pitching upon that part of the Council to ordain Mr. *Walley*, who were known to be of their Mind, and had prejudged the Case.

1775 March 17 (Friday). The *Town Met* upon the Affair contained in the Paper last men[tioned?]. Nigh the Evening came a Number of the Committee of Correspondence, viz. Messrs. Daniel Forbes, Joseph Baker, Thomas Bond, and Joseph Harrington; to invite me to a Lecture to be preached at Worcester on the 28th instant to the County Congress.

1775 April 11 (Tuesday). Went to Lt. *Bakers*, and other Houses of the Street.

1775 April 13 (Thursday). Therefore I visited in the South East Corner. Was at Mr. *Snows*, widow *Bellows's*; and then (which was my chief Design) went to see Mr. *Ezra Baker* who is sick of a Fever. Discoursed and prayed with him. Dined there also.

1775 April 24 (Monday). I have bought a Kegg of *Rum* of Lieut. *Baker* of Nine Gallons.

1775 April 28 (Friday). In the morning walked up to Lt. [*Bakers?*] to Speak with *Aaron Warrin*, son of Deacon *Jonas Warrin* of *Upton*. Agreed with him to live with me and do my work six months for 75£ old Tenor.

1775 May 17 (Wednesday). I visited Miss *Lois Burnap*, who lies at Lt. *Bakers*, under the unhappiness of a Broken Bone.

1775 June 7 (Wednesday). But I Sat out for Shrewsbury a.m. on a visit to good Deacon *Miles*. I dined at Mr. Solomon *Bakers* and rode his Horse.

1775 June 8 (Thursday). I visited at Lt. *Bakers* on consideration of the Great and unusual Trouble the Family was of late exercised by. It was this: On Thursday, the first Day of the Month, Mrs. *Baker* and a Number of the Children, after eating their Breakfast of Bread and Milk, were strangely affected; were taken with *Vomiting* and *Purging*; and with some of them it continued through the Day. Nor can they, any of them give any Account of what was the Cause, or what could Ail 'em. Mrs. *Baker* has also lately lost her Brother *John*, Mr. *John Death*, in the Army; on which Account I sympathize with her.

1775 June 18 (Sunday). Towards Eve further News by Lt. *Baker* from below -- was that our People were forced to give way by reason of their want of Ammunition, Powder especially, and they were in want of Provisions also.

1775 July 4 (Tuesday). Those that tend upon *John* don't need to Sit up through the Night, but lye by him, and rise two or three times in the night to hand him what he wants. Lt. *Baker* kindly here.

1775 July 5 (Wednesday). [N.B.?] wrote, and Sent by Lt. *Baker*, to Rev. *Gordon*, *Roxbury*.

1775 September 2 (Saturday). Lt. *Joseph Baker* calls, and informs me [*torn*] this Morning 4 o'Clock, deceased the Rev. Mr. *Bridge* [of] *Framingham*; came up from the Camp last Mon[day] and dyed of the Distemper.

1775 November 30 (Thursday). N.B. I bought 50 weight of Tallow of Lt. *Joseph Baker*, rough, at 2/6 old tenor and Breck buys 30 lbs. Do. It is tryed up in the Kitchin.

1775 December 1 (Friday). *Breck* buys for himself and me, a Quantity of rough Tallow of Lt. (or Capt.) *Joseph Baker*; and with my Team carts it home, and my people in the Kitchin go to trying it up.

1775 December 15 (Friday). Great Numbers of Oxen and Hogs are killed from time to time at Capt. *Bakers* -- many also at Deacon <Capt.> *Woods*.

1775 December 17 (Sunday). N.B. Capt. *Baker* had been here in the Morning to inform me of his being obliged to have Hands at work to day in cutting out and Salting and barrelling up Pork, which must otherwise spoil. At which I expressed my Sorrow, and told him I must leave it to him to judge of the Necessity of his doing this Thing.

1775 December 18 (Monday). *Breck* weighs the Tallow which we had of [Capt. Joseph?] Baker; the rough was 3100 lb. Now the tryed Tall[*torn*]mounts to [*blank*].

1776 January 2 (Tuesday). Went to Capt. Bakers and Saw the great Market there for Oxen, Hogs etc. I dined there with a Number of their Butchers etc.

1776 February 21 (Wednesday). *Moses Sever* here for his Note which Lieutenant or Capt. *Joseph Baker* gave him of 15£ Lawful Money, and which was entrusted to me. *Sever* not humble. I did not care to give it to him, but committed it to Mr. [*illegible*] *Warrin* to be carried up to Capt. *Baker*, that they might settle [*illegible*] he sent it me again. At Eve came Mr. *Piper* with [request?] to send it up to him notwithstanding. I gratified him, [*illegible*] me security.

1776 February 22 (Thursday). *Elias* is Sent with a Line from me to Capt. (I hear it is now *Squire*) *Baker*, concerning poor *Sever's* [Case and?] Conduct.

1776 February 26 (Monday). A.M. at *Squire Bakers* -- his Wife is ill. He lends me his Horse to go over to the House of the late *Martyn* Tavern, there being a Vendue of Household Goods. I dined there -- returned at Eve.

1776 March 13 (Wednesday). P.M. was at *Squire Bakers* first, and then to Mr. *Pipers*, Sympathizing with him under his Bereavement.

1776 April 25 (Thursday). Cousen *Mainard* and her sister *Nichols* rode to our House and took up Mrs. P_____ with them into their Carriage and carried her to *squire Baker's*.

1776 May 4 (Saturday). N.B. Something he [Ebenezer Chamberlain] said of Mr. *Ezra Bakers* not coming to Meeting, unless so often as the Law requires.

1776 June 18 (Tuesday). *Squire Baker* is building a great Store House, especially for Beef and Pork for the Army.

1776 July 13 (Saturday). At Evening Mr. *Fitch* of Hopkinton came here to 'Change with me. His Horse is turned (by Order) into *Squire Bakers* Pasture.

1776 July 25 (Thursday). A Number of kind Friends came and reaped for me at the Island Field, viz. Deacon Wood, Mr. Edwards Whipple (and his Son John a part of the forenoon), Messrs. Nathan Maynard, Thaddeus Warrin, Benjamin Tainter, Francis Whipple by a Proxy which was received but Especially *Joseph Baker Esq.* with 3 more hands -- these dined here as did Mr.

Barnabas Newton; and he with Squire and all his 3 Hands; also Thaddeus Warrin (at Deacon Woods Cost) assisted in further Reaping, taking up: and brought home a Load. A Singular Favour in divine Providence. May God bountifully reward them!

1776 August 2 (Friday). *Richard Temple* dyed this Morning in the 32 year of his Age. I went up to Mr. *Newtons* where he lay, and where his *paramour*, Miss *Persis Baker*, of *Bolton* who had been published to him, was.

1776 August 3 (Saturday). P.M. I attend the Funeral of Mr. *Richard Temple*, who was buried from Mr. *Barnabas Newtons*. His Three Brothers, *Josiah*, *Jonathan* and *Ebenezer*, and two Sisters, *Sarah* and *Phebe*, were there; but Miss *Persis Baker* of *Bolton* appears to be chief Mourner.

1776 August 4 (Sunday). Administered the Lord's Supper. A Number of *Grafton* members present, and Capt. *Jonas Brigham* acquainted me that *Persis Baker* desired to communicate. When I mentioned her as Member of the Church at *Bolton*, I guarded it with Saying, that the Church knew how I understood that.

1776 September 26 (Thursday). Was with Squire *Baker* and acquainted him that Capt. *Maynard* had undertaken to Settle my Difficulty with *Fessenden*.

1776 September 30 (Monday). Mr. *Stone* came home in the Chaise in which my son *Elias* rides. He takes me in (it is Mr. *Barnabas Newtons* Chaise and Squire *Bakers* Horse) and we go to *Newtown*.

1776 October 16 (Wednesday). Deacon Wood, Mr. Solomon Baker, Mr. Nathan Maynard with others came p.m. and cut up and brought my Indian Corn. At Eve the Deacon went home, but gave us Cyder for the Huskers at Supper, who, Men and Boys, amounted to 14 only.

1776 October 18 (Friday). Went to See *Solomon Estes*, who lies under a broken, but new sett Bone, at Mr. *Ezra Baker's*.

1776 November 6 (Wednesday). *Squire Baker* raises a large Building for a Tan-House. I, by request, went, but did not tarry to their Supper.

1776 December 17 (Tuesday). Went to visit Mr. *Solomon Baker*, confined by a sore bred in his Face: was discharged plentifully. Dined there. In reckoning with him for keeping my late fat Cow 18 Days, Corn and Hay and tendence -- but he gave it, and would ask me Nothing. May God reward him, in both temporals and Spirituals. I went to his Brother *Josephs*, who has in kindness sent *Samuel Williams* with 2 Yokes of Oxen to the Ministerial Lot, and brought me a good Load of Wood.

1777 January 31 (Friday). This day was pitched upon by some Number of Neighbours to cutt and cart Wood. But squire Baker could not come, and therefore it fell through so far as to

appoint Monday -- yet 3 Cutters went to the Lot, and worked -- Elias Sledded 2 Load. Dr. *Hawes* Sent one Load of his own.

1777 February 5 (Wednesday). In returning [from Squire Whipple's] I called at squire *Bakers*.

1777 February 14 (Friday). I was in great Expectation of *Wood-Cutters* and *Sledders*, but none came a.m. but p.m. Deacon Wood and Squire Baker Sent, the former one Team, the other sent two large Teams, to the Ministerial Lott. Each of them brought one Load. One of the Squires Teams brought a very large one. I believe that the Squire also carryed the Men Rum. The Hands went to Supper here. They were *Samuel Williams*, one *Flynt*, and *William McCulloch*.

1777 February 15 (Saturday). Two Teams, Six Oxen apiece, drove by Mr. Samuel Williams and [blank] Parker from Squire Baker, go to the ministerial Lott and bring two Load, each of them.

1777 March 11 (Tuesday). I went to Squire *Bakers*, but he is gone to his Brother *Solomon*, who is at Dr. *Whites* at *Holliston* by reason of a grievous sore in his Cheek.

1777 April 13 (Sunday). Squire Baker acquaints me with the general Requests of those who are at the Hospital, that public prayers be made for them.

1777 April 14 (Monday). I spoke to Squire *Baker* and to Deacon *Wood* to use their Endeavours to bring Mr. Thomas Whitney and Mr. Benjamin Fay to some Agreement.

1777 April 23 (Wednesday). Squire *Baker* here, acquaints me with the dangerous state of his Daughter *Sarah* at the Hospital.

1777 April 25 (Friday). Mr. *Solomon Baker* is very ill of the Small Pox at the Hospital. So is his Neece, Miss *Sally Baker*, Daughter of the Squire.

1777 April 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *Solomon Baker* dyed about 10 o'Clock a.m.

1777 April 30 (Wednesday). I am informed that Mr. *Solomon Bakers* Corps was bury'd early this morning before [blank].

1777 May 6 (Tuesday). I went to Squire *Bakers* to see his Daughter *Salley* remarkably recovered from the Small Pox and got home. N.B. The squires remarkable Generosity in giving me the Quarter of Beef which I had of him some Months agoe (Oct. 14 last, which weighed 121 lb.), and consents to take 3 young Creatures to pasture this Summer ensuing. He is also very providentially accommodated with an Opportunity to Supply me, which he does, with a Pair of black leather Breeches. Thanks to God for his Favour and Smiles this Day!

1777 May 22 (Thursday). Went to Squire *Bakers*. Consulted the Law Book, and Squire *Samuel* being there, asked their Opinion on this Case, Whether a Couple designing marriage, and having been legally published, but though no objection arises from any Quarter, yet by various

occurrences in Providence their solemn Junction is deferred from one Year to another, Shall they need to be re-published? They both answer that *they needed not*.

1777 September 8 (Monday). I went up to Squire *Bakers* to get his Chaise for my dear *Hannah's* Journey. His Carriage being defective, he let me have the *Top*, which we put on Mr. *Tainters* Wheels, and Mr. *Noah Hardy* being come, *Sophy* and *Hannah* undertake somewhat after noon, to ride to *Billys* if they can reach it.

1777 October 13 (Monday). Was at Widow *Bakers*, who is, with her Brother *Josephs* wife, very generous to me.

1777 November 2 (Sunday). N.B. Great *Killing of Cattle* at squire *Bakers* to day.

1777 November 3 (Monday). P.M. late, was at Deacon *Woods*; and at Eve at squire *Bakers*. N.B. Cattle killed yesterday, which are to be sent to *Worcester* for the Supply of the Army, with the other Necessarys of Life, as now at this time, General *Burgoynes* Army are expected to be on their road to *Boston*.

1777 November 11 (Tuesday). My Older Oxen are come from Squire *Bakers Templetown* Pasture; I went to the Squires, and committed them to him to kill and dispose of as He thinks best for my Advantage: but he must provide me a good Cow for my Beef, and I think I must have at least a side of one of them.

1777 November 18 (Tuesday). Also at squire *Bakers*, who has my Fatt Oxen to kill and dispose of.

1777 November 22 (Saturday). *Elias* brings me return from Squire Baker that they who he employs in Business have killed my fat Oxen -- the weight of which [*blank*].

1777 November 28 (Friday). Mrs. P _____ walked to Squire *Bakers*: and Mr. *Lambson* visits us.

1777 December 1 (Monday). *Breck* sets out for [Hartford?] on public Business, employed by squire Baker.

1778 February 9 (Monday). P.M. visit at [*Kenny?*], Mrs. *Malletts*, Squire *Bakers* and Mr. *Newtons*.

1778 February 10 (Tuesday). P.M. I rode to Mr. Daniel Forbes's.... N.B. I had before Meeting gone up to Mr. Isaac Miller, and admonished him for his long absence from Meeting. Squire *Baker* brought me home in his sleigh.

1778 February 13 (Friday). Squire *Baker* Sent Three Teams, viz. 12 Oxen in two of them and four Horses in the third: bringing 3 Loads of Wood from his own Lot: drove by Mr. James Bellows, Eleazer Wheelock and Isaac Forbush. All of them dined here.

1778 February 14 (Saturday). Isaac Forbush brings from Squire *Baker* the Quarters of a Cow he has killed for me. They weighed 390.

1778 February 17 (Tuesday). I was obliged to go to Squire *Bakers* to borrow two Sides of Soal Leather, and succeeded.

1778 February 23 (Monday). Was at Squire *Bakers* about my lost Heiffer.

1778 February 24 (Tuesday). Messrs. *William* and *Samuel Watkins* here at Dinner and I pay them for 88 lb. of Flax -- for which I give them 44 lb. of Soal Leather (which I borrow at Squire *Bakers*) -- and for 8 pounds (which the Flax exceeds the weight of the Leather, for we have 96 bl. of Flax) I pay them six Dollars.

1778 February 26 (Thursday). Though this was the Day which Squire *Baker* appointed for *Elias* to go with him to *Holden* after my stray Heiffer, but the Squire was not come home; Roads exceeding bad; therefore that Design is given up for the Present.

1778 March 2 (Monday). N.B. I am to pay Squire *Baker* for 3 sides of Soal Leather which I have given for 88 lb. of Flax, which I had of Messrs. *Watkins* -- see on *Feb. 24*.

1778 March 3 (Tuesday). Preached at Squire *Bakers* on *Mat. 22.37*, which may God prosper.

1778 March 19 (Thursday). I went to Mr. *Parker*, Soap-Boiler for Squire Baker and borrow of him *Fox'd Acts and Monuments* of the Church.

1778 March 20 (Friday). I was forc'd to go up to Squire *Baker* and get him to go to *Holden* after my Stray Heiffer. N.B. I carryed Bishop *Babbingtons* Works to Mr. *Barker* instead of his *Fox's* Acts etc.

1778 April 7 (Tuesday). Called at Squire *Bakers*, and he not being at home smoked a pipe with Mr. H[*illegible*], who is still there as an Accom[ptant?]. Private Meeting was [put by? *illegible*].

1778 April 15 (Wednesday). Went to Squire *Bakers* again, but in Vain. He was not at home, but his Wife is confined by illness.

1778 May 7 (Thursday). P.M. I walked up to Squire *Bakers* with a View to put off my Oxen; but did not succeed.

1778 July 20 (Monday). Went up to Squire *Bakers* to reckon with him about the Oxen he had of me last Fall, and Beef I had of him in the winter [following?]. He was at home -- but we were not able to [finish the whole?].

1778 August 24 (Monday). I went to Squire Bakers -- reckoned with him: and received the Ballance between the Oxen which he had of me, and the Cow which I had of him -- viz. 999 lb. @ 9d per pound. It amounted to 37£ 9.3 and he paid me 37.10.0. I dined there. Borrowed Mr. *James Janaways best Friend* etc.¹

1778 September 3 (Thursday). Mrs. *Crosby*, Mrs. *Baker* etc. made a Visit here to See Mrs. P_____ who is (through divine Goodness) grown better.

1778 September 14 (Monday). Walked to Mr. *Greaves's* to See Deacon *Dolliver* -- who went with me to Squire Bakers -- who was so generous as to take my whole Flock of Sheep to his pasture, and gratis. Thanks to God for this His Goodness!

1778 September 22 (Tuesday). Mr. *Stows* sons, *Samuel* and *Ithamar* drive down hither the Four Sheep which he had kept back, and they are driven to squire Bakers.

1778 October 6 (Tuesday). Elias returns from *Cambridge* and has been also to *Boston*. But what we are somewhat Surprized with is, he rides home *Brecks* Mare, which was found in a Pasture at [blank] by *Gershom Hill* the Molatto from Squire Bakers, who going down below, *Breck* furnished with an Advertisement.

1778 October 19 (Monday). On the way called to see Mrs. *Hannah Baker* (out published to Mr. *Andrews*) -- also Mrs. *Broad*.

1778 November 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Went to Widow Baker's, according to Mr. *Andrews's* Request. I married them, supped and we sing Watts' Ps. 128. 6 Dol.

1778 November 12 (Thursday). Was at Deacon's [sic] Woods and with Squire Baker, providing a team to plough my Orchard.

1778 November 13 (Friday). Old Mr. *Nathan Maynard* came with a yoke of oxen. *Ben Wood* with a yoke and my *Tim*. fetches a yoke of Squire's and his plough, and they plough the Orchard, and a while at the Island.

1778 December 13 (Sunday). N.B. Squire Baker was very kind in coming with his Sleigh, and carrying me and *Sophy* to meeting, bring us back, both a. and p.m.

1778 December 16 (Wednesday). It being moderate air, I rode in the Sleigh -- to see old Mrs. *Baker*, who has been sick. I dined there....

¹James Janeway (1636?-1674), *Heaven upon earth; or, The best friend in the worst times. Being an earnest exhortation to get acquainted with God, as the only way to real good and blessedness* (Boston: Z. Fowle and S. Draper, 1760). From the 3rd ed. Evans 8625.

1779 February 8 (Monday). Bills of two Emissions, viz. of May 20, 1777 and of Apr. 11, 1778, are refused in common Trade. I acquainted Squire Baker with this Difficulty with respect to some part of my Money, and some Considerable which I received of him. He told me he would change such bills as I had of Those Emissions. This day I went up to him, and his clerk changed 142 Dollars for me.

1779 March 3 (Wednesday). I went to Squire Baker's, and acknowledged a power of Attorney, to be sent to Mr. David Hitchcock of Brookfield to recover a Debt from James Smith of Western; to be carried with a letter to Mr. Hitchcock by my son Ebenezer. N.B. Honorable Samuel Baker was there.

1779 March 9 (Tuesday). At Squire Baker's who takes my acknowledgment of another power of Attorney to Mr. David Hitchcock instead of that of the 3d which upon reviewing was not agreeable, and therefore was not sent. The Squire was exceeding Friendly and generous. He gave me 20 lbs. of tryed Tallow and to Mr. Stone 12 lb. being all he spoke for. Moreover he would have me, whenever I am in any Straight, to let him know of it.

1779 March 29 (Monday). John Baker undertakes his Journey to Andover, where he is going to School to learn Latin. He calls here to borrow an Accidence, which I let him have. May God be his Guardian and grant Success!

1779 April 28 (Wednesday). The Sheep were so disorderly I was forced to go to my Friend, Squire Baker, to request him, again to take the Sheep to pasture, and to assist me in getting my young Cattle to Brookfield, both which he consents to.

1779 April 29 (Thursday). The Sheep are sent to Squire Baker's pasture to be kept there till after Shearing. P.M. came Mr. William May and with him, Mr. Solomon Walcott, a young preacher, from Mansfield. Mr. May went to the Squire's, Mr. Walcott lodged at the Shop.

1779 May 24 (Monday). I went to Squire Baker's. Mr. Jonas Bradish there, who gives me reason to expect today some such Paper from him as he designs to lay before the Church, but (as usual) disappoints me. Squire Baker again relieves me as to pasturing my sheep, if I will obtain of Mr. Elisha Forbes to keep his uncle Eli's nine.

1779 June 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Hobby, Mrs. Minot and Sophy walk up to Squire Baker's, but return to dine with us.

1779 August 13 (Friday). Parker went to my little Flock in Squire Baker's pasture, got a Lamb, killed it -- did not weigh it -- it was very small.

1779 August 24 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. is carried to Squire Baker's. At eve she returns with a present of Salt Beef and Six neets Tongues from the old Gentlewoman.

1779 October 8 (Friday). We are unhappily low in the Meat Tub: which induced me to go to the Squires and Deacons, to enquire about Supplies. Drank Tea at the Groaning House (Capt. Woods) there being both old and young Mrs. Bakers.

1779 October 11 (Monday). This day we cutt up, carted home and husked out our Indian Corn. Ephraim Tucker went with my Team and Deacon Wood with his. About nine dined here. There were forty or more of Men and Boys at Eve, and several Neighbors were so generous as to contribute to the Entertainment. Squire Baker above 50 lbs. of Meat, Mr. Ebenezer Forbes, Beef and 3 cabbages, Lt. Bond, Pork, Mr. Barnabas Newton, a Cheese, Breck, sufficient Rum. Through the Goodness of God we had a good crop, Sound Corn and the Joy of Harvest. To Him be all Honor and Glory! We sang latter part of Ps. 65.

1779 October 14 (Thursday). Meet with Mr. Joseph Grout there, and he has much to say about the sad case of his Sister Adams. I advised to have it laid before a few Brethren, and not suffer it to come into the church. I called at Squire Bakers and found Reason to urge the Same Thing.

1779 November 8 (Monday). Five Men are requested to go to Mr. Adams and to his Wife to perswade them to Reconciliation. They are Squire Baker, Deacon Wood, Mr. Daniel Forbes, Mr. Gale and Mr. Twitchell.

1779 November 16 (Tuesday). Dined at Squire Baker's. Consult him about paying my Young Man (Parker) and I went to Lt. Joseph Bond's on the same Affair.

1779 November 22 (Monday). N.B. At Squire Baker's was assured that Mr. D. Adams did verily sign what was last published in the Spy: retracting what was published before.

1780 January 14 (Friday). Squire Baker and two or three hands with him, which soon increased to half a dozen, drew me on a sled to the House of Mourning.

1780 January 26 (Wednesday). Squire Baker is so engaged in breaking Roads that he has got Elias and a yoke of my Cattle, on the Road again.

1780 January 28 (Friday). The latter part of this was the most remarkable Cold Day that we have had (as every body is free to allow) and Elias goes again with Squire Baker, and drives two pair of my Steers, to breaking the Road down to Taplin's in Southborough....

1780 February 12 (Saturday). P.M. Am called from my study to visit old Mrs. Baker. (Mr. Andrews takes me into a double Sleigh with his wife and with Capt. Jonas Brigham's Wife, who are going also to see their Mother.) She was very dangerously ill of an Asthma. Discoursed and prayed with her.

1780 February 13 (Sunday). After meeting at eve, Squire Baker sent his Sleigh for me. Mrs. P. and I went up to his Mother. Examined and prayed with her.

1780 February 16 (Wednesday). I am called away to visit old Mrs. Baker. Two young men Enoch Greenwood and John Baker draw me on a Sled to the House. She is very low and in great Distress for want of Breath. She is able to say but very little. I at her request prayed with her.

1780 February 17 (Thursday). Mrs. Baker expired last eve a little after I left her. May God grant His Omnipotent Grace to Survivors!

1780 February 18 (Friday). At eve Squire Baker here and desires me to attend the Funeral tomorrow.

1780 February 19 (Saturday). Squire sent a Sleigh for me to go to his House. Mrs. P., Sophy, Suse with her child, and little Suse of Concord rode with me, to the House of Mourning. I prayed at the Solemnity. N.B. Breck, Elias, Josiah Brigham, the two Williams (Winchester and Spring) there. Rev. Bowman and his Wife came after prayer. I did not go in to the Burying place. I could not *comfortably*, especially stand on the snow. I came home.

1780 February 20 (Sunday). Rev. Mr. Bowman, who attended the Funeral yesterday, came in the morning to my Assistance. In the Assembly, I prayed first, Mr. B. preached a.m. on Phil. 4.11. P.M. he both prayed and preached. His text was Matt. VII.24-27. At eve, he repeated the latter sermon, but did not lodge here, he returned to his spouse at Squire Bakers.

1780 February 27 (Sunday). A.M. Delivered the remainder on Ps. 55.22. P.M. on 1 Thes. 4.13-14 and prepared on the Occasion of the Death of Mrs. Persis Baker.

1780 March 20 (Monday). P.M. I rode to Squire Baker's. He gave me (as I understood him) the Tallow I wanted of him. I was too destitute of common money, and therefore went to the Treasurer Newton for Supply -- but there was none for me: but he offered to lend me an hundred pounds of his own Money.

1780 March 23 (Thursday). Mr. Stone and I walked up to Squire Baker's to the stones and to see 4 great Oxen, of uncommon Bigness and Fatness. Mr. Stone returned home.

1780 April 29 (Saturday). I was obliged to go up to Deacon Wood's and Squire Baker's to forward a Contribution, but neither of them at home.

1780 May 22 (Monday). Esq. Baker, Mr. Batherick and Mr. Joseph Harrington came to me from the Town Meeting, to desire me to go with them to pray with them and give them my Advice, they being assembled upon the very important Affair of the Plan of Government.

1780 May 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Elijah Brigham in Squire Baker's Chaise, waits on Mrs. Parkman to Boston.

1780 June 2 (Friday). Mr. Hazeltine waits on Miss Nabby Martyn and two of Squire Baker's Daughters, and Miss Mindwell Brigham who all (of the last) drink Tea here.

1780 June 8 (Thursday). Squire Baker came and invites me to the Raising of a Grist Mill and a Saw Mill. I went. The Company was double, but all supped together at Mr. Rider's. No evil Occurrence befell anyone. D.G.

1780 July 29 (Saturday). Elias goes again to Squire Baker's Pasture to look for the Lamb which he sought for before, but returns empty.

1780 August 1 (Tuesday). A Message by Mr. Elijah Brigham from Mr. Summer, to preach his Lecture -- borrowed Mr. Ware's Mare to ride there -- made several short Visits in the Street -- dined at Squire Baker's, but he came not home as was expected. N.B. The Private Meeting was, according to Custom, to have been at his House today, but it was put off because of the Busyness of the Season, and few Hands to do it.

1780 August 3 (Thursday). P.M. Mrs. Hawes, Squire's Daughter, Polly Wood at Tea.

1780 September 20 (Wednesday). My son William, his Wife and Child John, came up from Concord unexpectedly. Afterwards my Son Samuel and his Wife with their Baby, Sukey, came from Boston. They all lodged here. N.B. Mr. Brigham asked me whether it would suit me to have the Marriage of my Daughter to him to be tomorrow? I asked him, where he intended to live? he replied "Here, if I should like it." I answered that I was willing to do what was in my Power for him. Sent my Compliments to his Father and Mother, and Request they would come -- likewise his Brothers and Sisters. He acquainted me with his Desire to wait on Squire Baker and his Lady with his Invitations to the Wedding, also the two eldest Daughters. To which I consented.

1780 September 21 (Thursday). I had a most agreeable sight of my children and their Consorts at Dinner, viz.: William and Lydia, Mr. Cushing and Sarah, Breck and Suse, Samuel and Sally, and Mr. Brigham with Sophy. To God be Praise and Glory! Towards evening according to Invitation, Joseph Baker Esq. and Lady, Mr. Winslow Brigham and Miss Alice Cushing of Shrewsbury, Mr. Hazzletine and Miss Mindwell Brigham, Master Fisk and Miss Anna Brigham, and Mr. Josiah Brigham came to wait on the Solemnity of the Marriage of Mr. Elijah Brigham to my Daughter Anna Sophia, which was performed, and after the Covenant, Mr. Cushing prayed.

1780 October 3 (Tuesday). I preached at Squire Bakers's on Ezek. 20.11.... Squire got home from Boston at about 3, yet sat out at Charlestown 25 minutes after 9 a.m.

1780 October 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathan Maynard came with a yoke of Oxen, Dr. Hawes' Oxen and my own, having Squire's Plough, and Mr. Joseph Harrington's Lad, namely Aaron Miller and Capt. Wood's son Benj. to drive and they plowed part of my West Field and left it in a broken condition.

1780 October 9 (Monday). Jonathan Frost with my Oxen, Oliver Death with two yoke of Oxen from Squire Baker's, and Joel Kenney to help to driving, plowed in the West Field.

1780 November 4 (Saturday). Elias goes and fetches my 12 Sheep from Squire Baker's Pasture. N.B. The principal Weather is missing, and a strange one is brought in his stead.

1780 November 16 (Thursday). I went to Coll. Wheelock's, Capt. Fisher's, Squire's -- called to see Mrs. Nottingham, who is no better.

1780 November 28 (Tuesday). Mrs. Baker very generous, visiting and bringing with an open Hand.

1780 December 4 (Monday). A great Disappointment arose by means of nine young Cattle of Squire's which broke in upon and destroyed a great part of my Straw which was designed for several uses: Harrington lays up a part of it on the Hovel and Cart Shed -- but, the Cattle very troublesome, and a sad interruption to me after they had been driven away, [sic]

1780 December 11 (Monday). I visited at Mr. Barker's, under their Bereavement, and went to Squire Baker's.

1781 January 4 (Thursday). Mr. *Jonathan Adams* junr. came, and afterwards his Uncle Squire *Baker*, and bought my young Oxen, for 200£ to be paid in a Month or Six weeks, according to the present Value of Money, and with Lawful Interest from this day. Mr. *Adams* drove away the Oxen.

1781 January 11 (Thursday). Mr. Hazzletine waited on Mrs. Baker here this Evening.

1781 February 6 (Tuesday). I rode up to squire Bakers who tells me again that he will send me a side of Beef.... P.M. Wrote to my son *Ebenezer* at Fish Kill; and sent it per Squire *Baker* to *Elias* at *Springfield* for Conveyance.

1781 February 8 (Thursday). Mr. *Joseph Grout* brought me a choice piece of Beef: as did Squire *Baker* a Number of Pieces (Salted) in a Barrell.

1781 February 21 (Wednesday). Being an agreeable Day, Mr. *Stone* came to see us and dined with us. P.M. I went with him to Squire *Bakers* to supply himself with Tallow, and succeeded.

1781 March 22 (Thursday). I committed Squire Bakers Note of Hand for £2000 to Mr. Brigham to provide necessary Household stuff for *Sophy*.

1781 April 1 (Sunday). Mr. *William Woodbridge* from *Newburyport*, and Mrs. *Maynard* and her Daughter *Davis*, dined with us.... At Eve Mr. *Woodbridge* but he lodges at Squire *Bakers*.

1781 April 21 (Saturday). I rode over to *Bolton*.... Accompanied by his son in law, Mr. *Jonathan Moore*, I made a Visit to *Judge Bakers* to condole the sorrowful Loss he sustains in the Death of his Wife, (who was heretofore *Susanna Tainter*). He took my Sympathy in friendly part.

1781 May 1 (Tuesday). P.M. A Number of young Gentlemen here. Messrs. *Hazzleton, Fish, Jno. Baker.*

1781 May 9 (Wednesday). At Even Messrs. *Moses Brigham, Hazzleton, and John Baker* here.

1781 May 18 (Friday). The Town Meet to choose a *Representative* which was *J. Baker Esq.*

1781 May 26 (Saturday). There is still great Noise about the Squire's going to Court.

1781 June 12 (Tuesday). P.M. Squire *Bakers* Lady and her Daughter *Parker* from *Templeton* were here.

1781 June 14 (Thursday). A Notable *Raising* of Squire *Bakers* great Barn of 110 feet long. I was invited and as our Lord and Saviour did *not refuse* when asked to an Entertainment so I complied -- went, dined and supp'd there. No Evil Occurrence, nor signs of Intemperance among them.

1781 June 15 (Friday). Though it was rainy yet at Squire *Bakers* they go on to raise the Roof of his great Barn. It was finished without any bad Accident. To God the Glory!

1781 August 6 (Monday). Mrs. *Baker* and Miss *Eunice Fish* make a Visit here.

1781 August 28 (Tuesday). P.M. Was at Squire *Bakers*, and drank Tea there. My Business was to speak about the Putting by of the Private Meeting because the Lecture must be the next day.

1781 September 30 (Sunday). Appointed Family Meeting to be at Squire *Bakers* next Tuesday, at two p.m.

1781 October 2 (Tuesday). P.M. I preached at the private Meeting at Squire *Bakers* on *Gen. 18.19*. All my Family (except *John* who was gone from home with the [Team?]) attended there. At *Eve* Squire read a remarkable Hand-Bill containing fresh and important News of Successes in the south against the British Forces by Sea and Land. God grant it may prove true and that we may be prepared for a compleat Deliverance!

1781 October 22 (Monday). I went up to Squire *Bakers* after Money for my Oxen: but did not succeed.

1781 November 19 (Monday). Mr. K. [Kendall] toward *Eve* goes up to Deacon *Woods* (where I sent his Horse last Saturday) and he tarried there over the night. Judge *Baker* at his Brothers when I was there.

1781 December 10 (Monday). *John Baker* came to See whether he might come here to learn Latin of Mr. *Brigham*?

1781 December 17 (Monday). *John Baker* boards with Mr. *Brigham*: as does *Jonathan Grout*, and *Abijah Warrin*.

1781 December 26 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham*, *Sophy* and the Child ride with Mr. *Hazzletine* and Mrs. *Baker* in a Sleigh to *Northborough*.

1782 January 1 (Tuesday). We assembled into the House of the Lord to pay our Homage and implore divine Benediction, Preservation and Direction. Mr. *Moore* began with Adoration, Praise and Prayer. We Sung Ps. [24?], former part. Mr. *Fish* (the Younger) preached on Ps. 126.3.... Mr. *Fish* lodges at the Squires, and his Horse is kept there.

1782 February 5 (Tuesday). Messrs. *Brigham*, *Hazzletine* and *Elisha Parker* are going to *Boston* to attend upon the *General Court* who have summoned great Numbers of Witnesses in the Case of Lieutenant *Levi Warren* against Squire *Baker*.

1782 February 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Brigham* and a Number more are going to *Boston*. Summoned again by Lt. *Levi Warrin* against Squire *Baker*.

1782 February 14 (Thursday). We Suppose that to day Lt. *Warrins* Complaint against Squire *Baker* comes on again. N.B. Two of our Scholars, viz. *Josiah Brigham* and *John Baker*, move their Lodgings from our House to Mr. [blank] *Bush's* at *North Shrewsbury*, to be under the Tuition of Mr. *Fairbank*.

1782 February 22 (Friday). Squire *Baker* is not returned from *Boston*, but Mrs. *Baker* has this Morning brought forth a son, and is in an hopeful way.

1782 March 5 (Tuesday). We called at Squire *Bakers* to See his Wife after her Lying in.

1782 March 11 (Monday). Lt. *Levi Warren* here and gives me Some Account of his Action against Squire *Baker*.

1782 March 19 (Tuesday). Capt. *Morse* here in great Warmth about Squire *Baker*. Squire *Baker* also came in. He shewed me his Discharge from the Commissary *Colt* Esq.

1782 April 8 (Monday). N.B. *Josiah Brigham* and *John Baker* came again to Study.

1782 April 30 (Tuesday). I went to Squire *Bakers* about pasturing my Cattle, and Succeeded.

1782 May 5 (Sunday). I administered the Lord's Supper. Neither Squire *Baker*, nor Mr. *D. Adams* there.

1782 May 14 (Tuesday). I rode to Squire *Bakers* about my Cattle's Summering; that is, when they must go.

1782 August 26 (Monday). Mrs. P_____ makes a Visit to Mrs. *Baker* who is confined with a Sore Breast.

1782 August 28 (Wednesday). A Number of persons, particularly Deacon Wood, Mr. Joseph Harrington here and afford Mutton and Lamb. Squire *Baker* Pork, Tongues, Candles. Some others Sauce; Squashes, Roots.

1782 September 27 (Friday). My Steers came home last night from *Templeton*: and Squire Baker wants to have them of me. He has them accordingly.