

Bradshaw: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary

Benjamin Bradshaw (1749-1779; Harvard 1769; SHG 17:129-30). SHG mistakenly states that he married Mary Parkman, daughter of Breck and Susannah (Brigham) Parkman, on August 7, 1774.

He was born at Stoughton, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Parkman) Bradshaw.

Benjamin Bradshaw mar. Mary Parkman, August 7, 1774; *New Braintree VR*, 71. Mary was daughter of Ebenezer, Jr., granddaughter of Ebenezer.

He kept a bookstore in the New Braintree district of Brookfield. Among the staples of his business were state lottery tickets. Upon Bradshaw's death, Breck Parkman wrote, "Am sorry to inform you that Mr. Bradshaw has used the Ticket money about his own private business, and his Estate is greatly Insolvent." (Breck Parkman to Caleb Davis, Feb. 24, 1779, Caleb Davis Mss., HGS, as quoted in *SHG*, 17:130.)

[July 18, 1737] "Sam'll Bradshaw Juniour was born ye 18 day." *Parkman Almanac Notes*, 348.

[Aug. 1740] "Sarah Bradshaw born the 31 day." *Ibid.*, 350.

[Mar. 1742] "Hannah Bradshaw was born the tenth day." *Ibid.*

[Sept. 1743] "Elizabeth Bradshaw born the first day." *Ibid.*, 351.

1736 March 11 (Thursday). Rose Comfortable (Grat. D.). Mr. *Cooper* Lecture on Deut. 32.29. Dined at Brother Alexanders. At Eve went over the Ferry with one Mr. *Bradshaw* of Medford, whom I found at Brother *William's*.

1736 September 2 (Thursday). N.B. Brother William's Second Daughter married this Eve to Mr. *Samuel Bradshaw* of Medford. In the Company was Mr. *Hooper*, a Scotch Gentleman who had lately begun to preach in Boston, and greatly cryed up. It was not So pleasant and agreeable a Time to me, as I might have hop'd and desired it to have been; but on account of the great Suspence the Affair at Mr. P_____ts is left in; and on Account of the distressing illness of sister Elizabeth who grows much worse, and that Parkman is brought from College this Eve in a Chaise Sick of the Distemper. God be graciously pleased to visit, direct and Support that afflicted Family, and vouchsafe salvation! Mr. Webb went from the Wedding to Brother Elias's. I lodged at Brother Samuel's.

1739 May 29 (Tuesday). I rode with Brother Samuel Parkman and his Wife to Cambridge to visit their little son, designing to ride also to Mistick, to visit Cousen Bradshaw,¹ but the Rain prevailed so that we only went to Cambridge.

¹Parkman's brother William had a daughter, Sarah, who married Samuel Bradshaw.

1739 September 5 (Wednesday). My Mother Still in a weak and low Condition. Benjamin Parkman [Benjamin was the son of Parkman's brother, William] rode my Horse to his Brother Bradshaws. [Sarah, daughter of William Parkman, married John Bradshaw, Sept. 26, 1736.]

1740 September 24 (Wednesday). At Eve I rode over to Medford with Mr. Turelland his wife. Lodg'd at my Kinsman Bradshaws. [Parkman's niece, Sarah, married Samuel Bradshaw of Cambridge.]

1744 April 3 (Tuesday). N.B. Cousen Proctor and Bradshaw [Sarah, sister of Hannah Proctor, married John Bradshaw] from Stoughton happen'd to be now at Boston.

1751 July 24 (Wednesday). As we rose from Dinner came my Brother Parkman and having refresh'd himself began to assist me in putting my Glass into the Sashes. N.B. He informs me that my Cousen Oliver has lost her Alexander and that Samuel Bradshaw junior lies very Sick.

1757 December 28 (Wednesday). Another admirable Morning with my Brother P_____ who is Still in strength of understanding and exercise of Vigorous active Faith. Mr. Eliot there and prayed this (or yesterday) Morning and Cousen Bradshaw was there to see her Father, though she was under great Infirmitys, and under Spiritual Trouble.

1764 October 25 (Thursday). Being so near to my Kinsman Bradshaws, I make them a Visit and breakfast with them. Am joined by Dr. Langdon again. Call at Mr. *Paysons* of Walpole, but we hasten to Medfield....

1767 August 7 (Friday). Mr. *Teal* complains bitterly of my Horse's breachiness -- send *Bradshaw* to take him away, and with my Consent, he rides to his uncle's at Mistick to keep him there.

1767 December 15 (Tuesday). Wrote a Letter to my young Kinsman Bradshaw at College.

1768 September 14 (Wednesday). By Directions I set out from Bridgwater. Came to Capt. Leonards at Easton -- who directs me through the Woods to Mr. *Gannetts* in Stoughtonham, where I dine with Mrs. *Quincy* -- view the Mine. Call at Mr. Curtis's. Visit Cousen Bradshaw, and lodge there. N.B. their Daughter *Sarah* in a low, pained, confined state.

1769 June 2 (Friday). Took leave about noon and rode to *Cambridge*, to receive Cousen Thomas Barretts Answer concerning his taking my Son *John*. It is Negative. Went up to Bradshaw's Chamber, and easily found him.

1769 October 27 (Friday). At Eve came my Kinsman *Bradshaw* going to *Brookfield* to keep School there. He confirms the Account of the Death of *Lowder* [the?] Post, on the 24th, by a wheel going over him.

1769 October 28 (Saturday). Sir *Bradshaw* goes on his Journey.

1769 December 14 (Thursday). Received a Letter from Sir *Bradshaw*.

1770 February 15 (Thursday). Sir *Bradshaw* here from *Stoughtonham*, returning to *Brookfield*.

1770 February 16 (Friday). So stormy and the Ground Hollow I could not go to Marlborough nor Sir *Bradshaw* to *Brookfield* nor Alexander, his Wife and Child to *Framingham*.

1770 July 25 (Wednesday). At Eve came Mr. *Putnam* of *Pomfret*, and my Kinsman *Bradshaw* -- and lodged here.

1770 July 26 (Thursday). *Bradshaw* to *Brookfield*.

1770 August 17 (Friday). Mr. *Loyd* and Cousen *Hannah Bradshaw* from *Boston* here and lodged with us.

1770 September 5 (Wednesday). Sir *Bradshaw* and his sister, and Miss *Nabby Foster* came from *Brookfield*; came late -- and lodged here.

1770 September 6 (Thursday). Sir *Bradshaw* etc. leave us to go to *Boston*.

1770 September 22 (Saturday). Sir *Bradshaw* and Miss *Nabby Foster*, returning to *Brookfield*.

1770 December 3 (Monday). My Kinsman *Bradshaw* from *Great Barrington* and lodged here.

1770 December 4 (Tuesday). Sir *Bradshaw* went to *Boston*.

1770 December 17 (Monday). Mr. *Zephaniah Briggs* going to preach at *Great Barrington*, calls and dines here. Tells me Mr. *Bradshaw* did not come because his Grandfather was not well -- feared numb *Palsie*. He has Sent me from my Son *Samuel* a Gown of *Plad* and chocolate coloured *Calamanco*.

1771 January 19 (Saturday). My Kinsman *Bradshaw* from *Boston*, going to *Great Barrington*.

1771 September 9 (Monday). At Eve came Cousin *Bradshaw* and *Ebenzers Molly*: also little *Nathaniel Oliver* with them from *Brookfield* and they lodge here.

1771 September 10 (Tuesday). *Bradshaw* etc. leave us to go to *Cambridge* and *Boston*.

1771 November 28 (Thursday). I returned home at Eve -- when *Ebenezer* and *Elias* (my Grandsons) came back from *Brookfield* -- informs that my Kinsman *Bradshaw* began to preach last Sabbath at *Oakham*.

1772 February 17 (Monday). Though it was exceeding Cold yet my Son *Baldwin* and Kinsman *Bradshaw* from *Brookfield* and lodge here.

1772 March 1 (Sunday). N.B. My Kinsman *Bradshaw* came from Lt. Nathan Brigham of Southborough this morning, having been too much overcome with his Journey yesterday to get here.... *Bradshaw* lodges here.

1772 March 2 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* goes to Brookfield.

1772 March 24 (Tuesday). My Kinsman *Bradshaw* came to sojourn with us for a while. He came from Brookfield yesterday and from Wor'ster to Day. Dines with us.

1772 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* rides over to Mr. *Daniel Adams*, who consents to keep his Horse.

1772 March 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Edwards Whipple* has Sent his Horse, as well as repeated Invitations to us to make them a Visit. We rode over in my sleigh. Mr. *Bradshaw* drove: and we dined there -- drank Tea -- and by Day light favoring us, arrived home Safe. But in the Evening Mr. *Bradshaw* had Pain in his Stomach; and grows very *poorly*.

1772 March 31 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* reads Bishop Pearson on the Creed.

1772 April 6 (Monday). In the Morning the Snow froze so as to bear, I accompanied my Wife and Kinsman *Bradshaw*, to *Ashbo's* wigwam.

1772 April 8 (Wednesday). N.B. The Deliverances of this Day and Evening were noticeable. When I was going to mount Mr. *Bradshaws* Horse, he was So merry and nestling that he pushed me down backward over an Hog-Trough and Stood over me, helpless, and it was wonderfull that being so over me and full of Motions he did not trample me to Death. May God be magnified and may I have a proper Sense of His Sparing Mercy!

1772 April 9 (Thursday). Mr. *Bradshaw* is much indisposed.

1772 April 11 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* takes physic, So that I must go to Northborough.

1772 April 13 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* still drooping.

1772 April 17 (Friday). *Breck's* perplexitys increase. He hears of one Mr. *Gillam Bass* of Boston, his being at Deacon *Woods*, who having hired part of the Deacons House (where Mr. *Spring* lives) designs to open a Shop of Goods there. *Breck* goes up to Speak with him, but he is gone to *Hopkinton*. My Son is So uneasy about it that he borrows Mr. *Bradshaws* Horse and rides to *Hopkinton*.

1772 April 18 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* rode over to Northborough to preach for Mr. W.

1772 April 21 (Tuesday). I went to *Marlborough* to Ministers Meeting.... I return home at Eve and Mr. *Bradshaw* with me.

1772 April 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *Sumner* has writ to me to preach his Lecture to Day. Dr. *Hawes* was So good as to find me an Horse: and as he was going to Worcester I had his Company to Mr. *Sumners* -- where we dined; and Mr. *Bradshaw* went with me also.

1772 April 24 (Friday). One Mr. *Partridge* of *Medway* here to engage Mr. *Bradshaw* to preach there. P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* Sets out for *Brookfield*.

1772 May 1 (Friday). This Morning came Mr. *Bradshaw* from Deacon Woods where he lodged last night, after his Journey from *Brookfield*. Deacon being his Company; and they very late in the Night.

1772 May 2 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us for a while, goes to *Holliston*, in order to his Supplying *Medway*-Precinct tomorrow, it being Communion time there, and the Church aims at having Mr. *Prentice* to administer.

1772 May 10 (Sunday). At Eve came Mr. *Bradshaw* from *Hopkinton*, having supplied by Exchange at *Medway*.

1772 May 11 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* to Boston.

1772 May 15 (Friday). At Eve came Mr. *Bradshaw* -- but is not well.

1772 May 16 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* complains much of Indisposition -- Pain in his Breast etc.

1772 May 17 (Sunday). Mr. *Bradshaw* is with me, but is not well and can't preach. He went to Meeting, but in singing time went out.

1772 May 19 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* rode to Worcester and returned.

1772 May 21 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* and Mr. *Taylor*, each in a Chaise, take *Sophy* and *Hannah* with them to *Northborough*.

1772 May 23 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* goes to Worcester to keep School there.

1772 May 30 (Saturday). But my Kinsman *Bradshaw* is here Sick of a Fever. He came from Worcester last Wednesday and was taken ill. Such is the Will of God Supreme! He had *Sophy* to watch the night after the 27th. Mr. *Taylor* watched that after the 28th. Then *Breck* lay down by him several Nights. *Ruth*.

1772 May 31 (Sunday). Mr. *Bradshaw* a feverish Day. Dr. *Hawes* attends upon him.

1772 June 2 (Tuesday). Mr. Bradshaw has had no sleep all night. Has an Ague-Fit. Fever afterward came on. But was not so bad as Sabbath Day. *Hannah* rode with me to Mr. Jonah Warrins, where I preached on Mat. 6.21, "For where your Treasure is" etc. After the Exercise the Widow *Lydia Grout* (who now lives at Mr. *Warrins*) desired to Speak with me. She delivered me letters from Deacon Plympton. One dated Apr. 13 concerning the Supply of their Pulpit, that is, who they had improved, and the Reason why he had not mentioned Mr. Bradshaw; the other dated May 28, containing a Certificat concerning this Mrs. *Grout*. She also desired to join with our Church.

1772 June 3 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* has Slept well, and has a moderate Day. D.G.

1772 June 4 (Thursday). Mr. Bradshaw had a poor night, as Sleepless, and had an Ague fit about break of Day. Yet he had not so bad a Day as we feared. He slept a great part of the Day.

1772 June 6 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* has ague Fitts every other Day.

1772 June 7 (Sunday). Mr. Bradshaw a Fitt at Eve.

1772 June 8 (Monday). Mr. Taylor came and took Mr. Bradshaw into a Chaise, and rode to the Doctors.

1772 June 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Bradshaw had his Ague fit about 4 or 5 o'Clock p.m.

1772 June 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Bradshaw* has another Fitt -- somewhat gentler.

1772 June 12 (Friday). Mr. *Bradshaw* took a ride with him in his Chaise. Memorandum.

1772 June 18 (Thursday). Mr. Bradshaw So drooping as not to go out to Meeting to day.

1772 June 21 (Sunday). Mr. Bradshaw confined yet.

1772 June 22 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* has ups and downs: has a distemper attending him which keeps him low and weak.

1772 June 27 (Saturday). Breck has Mr. *Bradshaws* Mare, and *Hannah* has my Horse to go up to *Leicester*.

1772 June 28 (Sunday). Mr. *Bradshaw* at Meeting.

1772 June 29 (Monday). Mr. *Bridge* of Worcester here with another message (by Letter) to Mr. *Bradshaw* from Mr. *Pain*, to urge him to take their School.... Mr. *Bridge* aforesaid, being much discouraged as to Mr. *Bradshaws* being able to bear the Weight of the School, at present, goes up to Grafton to try for young Mr. *Hutchinson* to undertake it.

1772 June 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us to go to Brookfield with Mr. Baldwin and his Wife.

1772 July 13 (Monday). Mr. William Bowman of Brookfield brings me a Letter of Gratitude from My Kinsman Bradshaw.

1772 July 15 (Wednesday). Attended the *Commencement* at Cambridge.... Mr. *Bradshaw* (now at Brookfield) has his 2d Degree.

1772 July 28 (Tuesday). Cousen *Bradshaw* from Brookfield and lodges here.

1772 July 29 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* and *Sophy* went in the Doctor's Chaise to *Concord*.

1772 August 1 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* and *Sophy* return.

1772 August 2 (Sunday). Miss *Mary Steward*, Mrs. *Dunlop* (with her Sister *Kelly*, who now lives here), Mrs. *Maynard*, Mrs. *Bradford*, Mr. *Bradshaw*, and *Ruth Bellows* dined here.

1772 August 3 (Monday). Mr. Bradshaw has Mr. Thomas Bonds Chaise and waits on Mrs. *Bradford* to Boston.

1772 August 20 (Thursday). Mr. *Abraham Taylor* of *Ashby* here to take Advice concerning a preacher (particularly Mr. *Bradshaw*). At Breakfast with us.

1772 August 27 (Thursday). Hear that My Kinsman *Bradshaw* is gone to *Brookfield* to wait on his Aunt *Winter* to *Boston*, Mrs. *Bailey* being dangerously ill.

1772 August 28 (Friday). Mr. *Winter* waits on his aunt *Bradshaw* here from Brookfield, and lodge here.

1772 August 29 (Saturday). Mr. Bradshaw and his Aunt Set out before Breakfast for Boston.

1772 September 3 (Thursday). In returning to Mr. Forbes's, Stopped at Mr. Wards. Dined at my Son Ebenezers. P.M. visited Mr. Joseph Bruce's. Lodged at *Ebenezers*. N.B. My Daughter P_____ relates divers Things in Defence of her Daughter *Betty* against what her Aunt Moore had writ, and against what her Grandmother had Said of her to Mr. *Bradshaw* -- what also her Aunt *Cushing* had said of her -- which gave me no Small Trouble.

1772 September 20 (Sunday). N.B. My Kinsman *Bradshaw* came in the morning, and tarrys over the Sabbath with us.

1772 September 21 (Monday). Mr. Bradshaw setts out on his Journey to Brookfield and designs to go to Pelham to preach there.

1772 November 23 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* and *Ebenezer Tertius* arrived from *Brookfield* and lodged.

1773 March 29 (Monday). I wrote to Mr. *Bradshaw*.

1773 March 30 (Tuesday). Afterwards came my Kinsman *Bradshaw*, and though late dined here.... Also my Kinsman *John Bradshaw* came from *Stoughtonham*, hoping there might be room for him to live with me and labour for me, but he is too late.

1773 April 1 (Thursday). N.B. my Kinsman *Bradshaw* left us in the morning to return to *Stoughtonham*....

1773 April 10 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw*, with my Son *John* (who works with Mr. *William Watson* at *Oxford*) came here. They lodge here.

1773 April 11 (Sunday). P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* on *Prov.* 23.17, last Clause, "but be thou in the Fear of the Lord" etc. Very useful Discourses. May God succeed them! At Eve he repeated the Heads of both. O that we might obtain the divine Concurrence!

1773 April 12 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us to go to his Fathers.

1773 May 21 (Friday). My Kinsman *Bradshaw* from *Western* and dined here. He is journeying to *Brookfield*.

1773 July 9 (Friday). N.B. My Daughter *Baldwin* came Yesterday with Mr. *Bradshaw*, who returns today to *Brookfield*.

1773 July 13 (Tuesday). Mr. *Biglow* desires me to write to Mr. *Bradshaw* to come and Supply *Grafton* the two next Sabbaths.

1773 July 17 (Saturday). *John* (who came home last night with the Ox, much fatigued) brought me an Answer from Mr. *Bradshaw*, that he would (D.V.) Supply *Grafton*.

1773 July 19 (Monday). Mr. *Forbes* and sister *Champney* from *Brookfield*: and Mr. *Bradshaw*, who preached at *Grafton*, here.

1773 July 20 (Tuesday). And Mr. *Bradshaw* goes back to *Brookfield*.

1773 July 24 (Saturday). Mr. *Forbes* goes to *Grafton* to preach for Mr. *Bradshaw*, who Supplies for him at *Brookfield*.

1773 August 3 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* from *Grafton* here and is going to *Mistick*.

1773 August 26 (Thursday). Deacon *Merriam* with Mr. *Bradshaw* from *Grafton* here.

1773 September 6 (Monday). Mr. Bradshaw goes to Boston -- breakfasts here.... Mr. *Cadaman*, also Mr. Bradshaw from *Grafton*, for *Boston*, at Breakfast here.

1773 October 5 (Tuesday). My Kinsman Bradshaw from Brookfield here and lodges.

1773 October 6 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* to *Boston* and carried for me 2d and Third Vols. of Burroughs on Hosea to Dr. Samuel Mathers.

1773 October 13 (Wednesday). My Kinsman *Bradshaw* came from *Boston* and from his Fathers. He brought me *Reynolds Gods Revenge against Murder* and *Gods Treasury displayed*. N.B. I delivered to him 60 L old Tenor to be delivered to Mr. *Forbes*, and for it I have his (*Bradshaws*) Receipt. He dines here as do Dr. *Joslin* and Mrs. *Cotton* from Hopkinton. The Men go to *Grafton*, Mrs. *Cotton* tarrys with us.

1773 October 28 (Thursday). At Eve came Mr. *Tainter* and wife. But especially Capt. *Coffin*, his Son *Peter* and his new-married Spouse, my grand Daughter, his son William and Daughter *Hannah*, his son in law Mr. *Nathaniel Smith*, Miss *Sally Hill*, My Son Ebenezer and Kinsman *Bradshaw*. Four lodged here, viz. Mr. *Peter* and his Wife, his Sister and Miss *Sally Hill*. Three went to Deacon *Woods*. *Ebenezer* to Brother *Bonds* and took Mr. *Bradshaw* with him.

1773 November 4 (Thursday). My Son *Ebenezer* was to have returned from below, last Evening: I expected also Mr. *Bradshaw* with him: but neither Came.

1774 January 29 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* from Boston -- and tarrys with us. Says my Brother is in much the Same State.

1774 January 30 (Sunday). After family Exercise at Eve Mr. Bradshaw and Breck went up to Mr. Jonathan Grouts, to see Mr. *Taylor*, who grows better.

1774 January 31 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us, though cloudy, cold, and like to be a storm.

1774 March 15 (Tuesday). At Eve came my Kinsman *Nathaniel Bradshaw* from *Stoughtonham*, and lodges here.

1774 March 17 (Thursday). Cousen Bradshaw returns home.

1774 May 13 (Friday). Mr. *Bradshaw* came from *Boston*, having gone from New *Braintry* to buy Goods (with a Team etc.). My Daughter in Law *Elizabeth* with him. Having dined -- dranked [*sic*] Coffee etc. they Sat out -- fearing a storm.

1774 August 4 (Thursday). At Eve my Kinsman B. *Bradshaw* of New *Braintree*, came from *Boston* and lodges here.

1774 August 5 (Friday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us for New *Braintree*.

1774 August 30 (Tuesday). N.B. My Son *Ebenezer* and his son *Bradshaw* (who has married his Daughter *Mary*) are among the high Liberty men.

1774 September 17 (Saturday). P.M. Came my Kinsman *Bradshaw* and with him my Granddaughter *Molly* (daughter of my Son *Ebenezer*) whom he has married. They have been to *Providence* to dispose of Potash and buy Goods -- and to *Stoughtonham* to visit his Parents etc.

1774 September 19 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* and his Wife left us in the Morning to return to N.*Braintree*.

1774 October 5 (Wednesday). Dined at my Brothers. He was able to sit with us at Table. Where were also Cousen *Bradshaw*, and Cousen *Nat's* Widow. Visit *Oliver*, *Coverley*, Sister *Rebecca*, Cousen *Tyler*, *Bradford*, *Loyd*, *Coarser* -- also Dr. *Pemberton*, *Chauncy*, *Cooper*, *Eliot*, Mr. *Quincy* -- *Whitwell*, Mrs. *Shaw*.

1774 October 10 (Monday). Went to my Son *Ebenzers*.... Mr. *Bradshaw* and his Wife live with my Son. They keep shop in Comp. I lodged there.

1775 March 15 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* came from his Fathers at *Stoughtonham*.

1775 May 1 (Monday). Mr. *Loyd* leaves his Wife and three Children here, and the Chaise they came in, and goes to try to get into *Boston* that he may get out his Goods and Effects. I wrote by him to Mr. *Thomas Bailey* (who has the Care of my Brother) recommending it to him to remove him to his Son *Bradshaws* at *Stoughtonham*.

1775 July 11 (Tuesday). I arrived at [torn]n's Mr. *Samuel Bradshaws Stoughtonham*, to mourn with [torn] Loss of their Father. My sister in Law (my [torn] and my late Kinsman *Nathaniels* Widow [torn]ouse of Mr. *Rhodes*, where my Brother dy'd. [torn] at my Cousen *Bradshaws*. N.B. Their Daughter *Sarah* is Still in very infirm and [torn]

1775 August 28 (Monday). Mr. *Benjamin Bradshaw* and his [illegible] cam[illegible] being full, they leave us, [illegible] go further.

1776 February 28 (Wednesday). Mr. B. *Bradshaw* came from *Providence*, and last from his Fathers: breaks fast here and left us to go to New *Braintry*.

1776 February 29 (Thursday). Mr. *Bradshaw* having given me one of the Books entitled *Common sense*, I begin to read it -- bold Strokes!

1776 April 16 (Tuesday). Mr. Bradshaw here. He is come, from *Boston*, and from his Father's at *Stoughtonham*; and lodges with us.

1776 April 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Bradshaw leaves us to go home to *New Braintry*.

1776 July 11 (Thursday). Sat out for *Brookfield*.... Lodged at *Ebenezers*. N.B. Mr. *Bradshaw* lame.

1776 September 20 (Friday). Mr. *Bradshaw* comes in the Morning to Breakfast. He is going to *Byfield*, or *Newbury* about his Brother *Parkman Bradshaws* going to *New-Haven* College.

1776 October 3 (Thursday). Was informed of Sundry Persons having been here. As, not only my Grand Daughter *Betsey Baldwin* (whom I met in her way to *Concord*) but *Joshua Winter*, *Parkman Bradshaw*, etc. Mrs. *Harrington*, our nearest Neighbour was (after Several Days Distress) delivered of a Son, to our great Joy -- and would praise God for it!

1776 November 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Bradshaw* returning home from *Boston*, calls here. Informs me that our Kinsman Mr. Thomas *Bailey* has had a Vendue to sell my Brother *Williams* Goods etc.

1776 December 31 (Tuesday). Mr. *Benjamin Bradshaw* came, drank Tea (I not with them) and left us for *Boston*.

1777 February 12 (Wednesday). Mr. B. *Bradshaw* and his Brother *Parkman* came and lodge here.

1777 February 13 (Thursday). The *Bradshaws* having but one Horse, put him into my Sleigh and take in *Elias*, to go to *Cambridge*.

1777 February 17 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* returns in my Sleigh from *Cambridge*. Brings *Elias's* Quarter Bills; and from Dr. *Langdon* Dr. *Witherspoons* sermon the General Fast last May. *Bradshaw* lodges here.

1777 February 18 (Tuesday). *Bradshaw* goes on his Journey.

1777 April 6 (Sunday). Mr. *Bradshaw*, who lodged at *Squire Whipples* last night, came here this morning.... A Number of persons dined with us: besides *Breck*, *Suse* and *Billy Spring*, Mr. *Spring* and his wife, Messrs. *Bradshaw*, *Levi* and *Elijah Brigham*.... Mr. *Bradshaw* lodges here.

1777 April 7 (Monday). He gives me the Bishop of St. [Asaphs?] sermon on *Luk. 2.14* before the society for Propagating the Gospel Feb. 1[9?], 1773. He pursues his Journey to *Boston*. Capt. Thomas *Whipple* with him. By Mr. *Bradshaw* I sent a Letter to *Elias*, and to Dr. *Langdon* his Dr. *Witherspoon*.

1777 April 9 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* returned, dined here also.... *Bradshaw* lodges with us. N.B. He gives me Dr. *Price's Observations on the Nature of Civil Liberty*, as he does Several Sorts of *Garden seeds* also.

1777 April 10 (Thursday). Mr. *Bradshaw* took leave.

1777 May 13 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* here, from Boston.

1777 May 14 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* goes on his Journey.

1777 July 14 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* came from New Braintree and lodges here. His Horse is kept (by order) in Capt. *Maynards* Pasture.

1777 July 15 (Tuesday). I was about to go to *Cambridge* to bring up *Elias*, but Mr. *Bradshaw* takes this Affair upon him. Rides in the *Baldwin* Chaise with the *Baldwin* Horse, and his own Horse is rid by *Samuel Hindes* of Watertown.

1777 July 16 (Wednesday). *Parkman Bradshaw* came with him in the *Baldwin* Chaise. They inform that yesterday there was a Funeral Oration in the Chappel occasioned by the Death of Mr. *Benjamin Wadsworth*, who departed by the Small Pox. Very much lamented, especially by his Class, to which *Elias* belonged.

1777 July 17 (Thursday). *Bradshaw* rides the *Baldwin* Horse to *Brookfield* and leads an Horse of *Breck's* to be pastured at *Coi's* Hill.

1777 July 19 (Saturday). Mr. *Bradshaw* returned from *Boston*, and stood along a.m. for N. *Braintry*.

1777 August 12 (Tuesday). When I returned home Mr. *Bradshaw* came and his Brother *Parkman* from New-Braintree, and they and *Elijah Brigham*, lodge here.

1777 August 13 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston*; has Mr. *Newtons* Chaise and takes in *Elias*, with his Cloths and Books: and *Bradshaw*, the latter designing to go on Foot, when his Brother has gone with him as far as *Gleasons* in *Framingham*.... Mr. *Bradshaw* has presented me Dr. *Eliots* 20 sermons. At eve he returns with his Brothers Horse, and lodges here.

1777 August 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Bradshaw* goes home.

1777 September 16 (Tuesday). My Son *Ebenzers* Wife and her son and Daughter *Bradshaw* came from *Shrewsbury* here to Breakfast. They are going to *Boston* etc.

1777 September 20 (Saturday). At Eve came *Elias*, not well, from *Cambridge* on an Horse he had hired of one Mr. *Jarvis*. And with him came, in a Chaise, my Daughter in Law *Elizabeth* and her Daughter *Bradshaw* to tarry over the sabbath.

1777 September 22 (Monday). *Eliza* and her Daughter *Bradshaw* went a.m. to Deacon *Bonds*.

1777 September 23 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Parkman* and her Daughter *Bradshaw* came from Deacon *Bonds*, and proceeded immediately on their Journey towards home.

1777 September 26 (Friday). At Eve came Mr. *Bradshaw*. Nigh 9 at Night came Mr. *Forbes* of Cape Ann, with his Wife and son. They all lodge here. Mr. *Bradshaw* gives me a better bound *Eliots* Sermons in lieu of what he gave before.

1777 December 29 (Monday). Yet Mr. B. *Bradshaw* is journeying to *Boston*. He came from *Shrewsbury* this morning to Breakfast here, and tarrys to dine with us....

1778 January 7 (Wednesday). At Eve came Mr. *Bradshaw* from *Boston* and lodges.

1778 January 8 (Thursday). A rainy Morning -- but Mr. *Bradshaw* goes on his Journey to N. *Braintry*.

1778 January 22 (Thursday). At Eve came *Parkman Bradshaw* from *Stoughtonham*, who informs that this Morn deceased at *Walpole*, the Rev. and Pious Mr. *Philips Payson* of a *Fistula in Ano*.

1778 January 23 (Friday). *Bradshaw* undertakes the *Whipple* School, and returns back to his Fathers, that he may come back to it, instead of proceeding to *New Braintry*, as designed.

1778 January 26 (Monday). *Parkman Bradshaw* came from his Fathers hither and lodges. Tells me Rev. Mr. *Payson* of *Walpole* was to be buried to day, and Mr. *Haven* of *Dedham* to preach a Funeral sermon.

1778 January 27 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Bradshaw* goes to keep the *Whipple* School.

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

1778 February 6 (Friday). Mr. *Badcock* returns to my House. He, with *Bradshaw* and *Brigham* here at Tea.

1778 February 8 (Sunday). Mr. *Badcock* dined here, returned after meeting and tarried over night. Cousen *Bradshaw* with him.

1778 February 9 (Monday). Mr. *Badcock* and Cousen *Bradshaw* came and lodged here.

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

1778 February 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Benjamin *Bradshaw* came from *Worcester* and dined here... N.B. Mr. *Bradshaw* left us to go to his Brother at his school House, and did not return.

1778 February 18 (Wednesday). At Eve Masters *Fish* and *Bradshaw* here an sup with us.

1778 February 22 (Sunday). Masters *Fish* and *Bradshaw* dine here (as well as Miss *Patty*).

1778 February 24 (Tuesday). The several School-Masters were here, viz. Master [*Eli?*] *Brigham*, *Moses Brigham*, *Elisha Fish*, and *P. Bradshaw*. The two last Supped and lodged here.

1778 February 25 (Wednesday). Masters *Fish* and *Bradshaw* go to their Schools.

1778 May 20 (Wednesday). Mr. B. *Bradshaw* here Yesterday while [*blot*] was absent.

1778 July 11 (Saturday). A.M. came Mr. (Lawyer) *Stearns* and Mr. B. *Bradshaw*.... [*Illegible*] dines. P.M. he goes to *Marlborough* to preach there -- has engaged for a month.

1778 September 27 (Sunday). Mr. *Bradshaw* came at Eve. He is valetudinary -- going to *Boston* -- lodges here. May God Pity and relieve him!

1778 September 28 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* leaves us.

1778 October 22 (Thursday). The Company of Women, with *Dr. Ball* broke fast here -- with Mr. B. *Bradshaw*, who with Cousen [*illegible*] *Brigham* dined here also.

1778 October 26 (Monday). Mr. *Eleazer Bradshaw* the Hatter, dines here.

1778 November 16 (Monday). *Parkman Bradshaw* came from *Brookfield*, and informs that his brother Benjamin grows worse. He lodged here.

1778 November 17 (Tuesday). *Bradshaw* leaves us to go to *Cambridge*, *Boston* etc. Wrote by him to my Daughter-in-law *Sally*.

1778 November 20 (Friday). *Bradshaw* returned and lodged here.

1778 November 26 (Thursday). I wrote by *Bradshaw* to my son *Ebenezer* at *New Braintry*.

1778 December 25 (Friday). I write by *Fisk* to Mr. Benjamin *Bradshaw*, who I hear is worse.

1779 January 18 (Monday). At eve came Mr. *Daniel Forbes junior* from *Brookfield*. Says Mr. *Bradshaw* grows very weak. Presently came his Brother *Nathan* from *Walpole*, going to see him. The latter lodges here.

1779 January 22 (Friday). At eve came my Kinsman, Nathaniel Bradshaw from Brookfield -- tells me his Brother Benj. is so low that he himself gives up and thinks he shall soon depart. Nathaniel lodges here.

1779 January 23 (Saturday). Cousin Bradshaw leaves us to return to Stoughtonham.

1779 January 28 (Thursday). One Mr. Wm. Parkhurse of Coi's Hill, calls to inform that on Monday deceased and yesterday was buried Mr. Benjamin Bradshaw at Brookfield!!! May God graciously support all of us under this His holy Stroke! Especially may my Grand Daughter have grace to improve suitably this Sorrowful Bereavement!

1779 February 1 (Monday). At eve came my Kinsman, Mr. William Bradshaw, who has been to Brookfield, but did not arrive there till after his brother Benjamin's Funeral. He lodges here as does Master Fisk.

1779 February 12 (Friday). A.M. Breck goes to Brookfield to look after his Bradshaw affairs.

1779 February 16 (Tuesday). Breck returns from Brookfield and New Braintree. Gives me but a Sorrowful account of the Insolvency of the late Mr. Bradshaw, of the Afflicted state of my Daughter Baldwin, by reason of her Husband's absence so long from his Farm and Business etc. Also Ebenezer's Affairs difficult.

1779 March 30 (Tuesday). P.M. came Parkman Bradshaw from Brookfield. I understand that the Circumstances of my Son Ebenezer are difficult. He has hired of Mr. Hitchcock the House which his son Bradshaw took a Lease of. Sent Mr. Joseph Bond Mr. Bradshaw's Horse to keep. He himself lodges here.

1779 March 31 (Wednesday). Mr. Bradshaw sett out for Cambridge.

1779 October 20 (Wednesday). Elias was come from Cambridge and with him Gen'l Ward's Son (whose Brother led down Breck's Horse for Elias to come up on) and Parkman Bradshaw here likewise. He lodged here and Master Foot, going to Colchester.

1779 November 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Parkman Bradshaw came from Brookfield, and is going to Stoughtonham and thence to Cambridge. He dines here -- Seems to be a solid, pious young man, and a Lover of Learning. I engage him to befriend my dear son, that he may continue at College, though it must be with no small Difficulty, as my Circumstances now are. But I pray my Confidence may be in God alone, who has ever provided for me, and helped me hitherto!

1779 November 30 (Tuesday). My Kinsman Parkman Bradshaw came from Cambridge by the way of his Father's, and lodges here. I wrote to my old and esteemed Friend, Mr. Quincy, having much Solace in this Correspondence.

1781 April 16 (Monday). My Kinsman Mr. *Parkman Bradshaw* came up from his Fathers to See me. He is much out of Health and out of Business: a good deal Sunk and dispirited: and I was the more troubled because I was not able to help him; my own son *Elias* being gone a large Journey in quest of Employment.

1781 April 18 (Wednesday). Cousin Bradshaw went back to his Fathers yesterday.

1781 August 31 (Friday). Mr. *Brigham* carries also a Letter from me to Mr. *Bradshaw* of *Stonington* inclosed in a Letter to Rev. *Philemon Curtis* for Conveyance.

1781 September 1 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Concord*. Not going to *Boston*, he brought back the *Bradshaw* Letter.

1781 October 12 (Friday). Miss Patty Fish brought me a Letter from her Brother which informs that he has been to *Stoughtonham* to See Mr. *Parkman Bradshaw*, and found him in a deplorable Condition emaciated in Body and benighted in Mind; disconsolate and despairing. Oh that God would commiserate!

1781 October 24 (Wednesday). My son Ebenezer was here also, having come yesterday under some very peculiar Difficulty, by reason of his being bound to divers Creditors for his son *Bradshaw* deceased: and was in danger of being sued.

1781 November 8 (Thursday). Deacon *Hawes* brings his Brother Coll. *Benjamin* to See me. He informs me that my Kinsman *Parkman Bradshaw* is dead.