

## **David Brainerd (1718-1747): References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary**

1747 June 11 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. David Braynard, Missionary to the Indians on the Forks of Delaware under an ill habit of Body journeying for his Health was here and din'd with me, together with Miss Jerusha Edwards of Northampton. Mr. Braynard gave me an account of the origin of his mission and the success of it. To the glory and Honour of the Great Author of all Goodness and Mercy!

1744 October 2 (Tuesday). A.M. Mr. Emmerson of Malden and his Messengers, viz. Mr. Brainerd and Mr. Shute. They all left us before Dinner and Mr. Patteshall rode with me to Mr. Beemans -- and thence he went for Marlborough.

1747 July 2 (Thursday). Rode to Boston.... I visited Mr. Brainerd missionary to the Indians who lies very low and like to die at Mr. Bromfields.

1747 July 21 (Tuesday). As I was reading Mr. Brainerds Journal, he appear'd at my gate, his brother Israel and Mrs. Jerusha Edwards of Northampton with him -- 'twas just at Eve. I rejoic'd much to see him yet alive. They all lodg'd here.

1747 July 22 (Wednesday). When the Morning Clouds were clear'd off, Mr. Brainerd and his fellow Travellers got upon their Journey. I rode with them as far as to Mr. Cushings where after a little Halt we parted.

1748 March 7 (Monday). Heard that Mr. Asa Bowker's wife (a worthy woman!) dyed yesterday at Shrewsbury of a cancer. And that Mr. John Brainard, brother of the late Mr. David, preached for Mr. Martyn, designing to have come to me if he could have got here, but the snow is so deep, no Horse (I suppose) can pass between here and Mr. Eagers Tavern.

1748 January 20 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. James Fay has been here and brought me a piece of black shalloon from Mr. Harwood of Hardwick and Mr. Edwards's sermon on the Death of Mr. Brainerd.

1748 May 16 (Monday). Return'd home at Night. Found the Missionary Strong at my House, both he and Mr. Spencer had been at Boston. They had been to the Commissioners to acquaint 'em that there was no Encouragement to go up with Mr. John Brainerd to the Indians on Susquehannah River. He lodg'd here.

1748 July 11 (Monday). Letter from Mr. Edwards about his publishing Life of Mr. David Brainerd.

1749 August 24 (Thursday). Began Mr. Brainerds Life at Even.

1767 May 28 (Thursday). [Boston.] At Mr. Meins and McAlpines. Engage the latter to bind for me *Popes* Letters, and Brainards Journal.

1778 May 29 (Friday). Capt. *Fisher* borrows *Brainerds* Life.