

## Edwards, Jonathan: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary

Jonathan Edwards married Sarah Pierpont, James Pierpont's younger sister.

1738 September 15 (Friday). [New Haven.] We (Scil. Mrs. Pierpont, my wife and I) din'd at Mr. Noyes's. N.B. Mr. Edwards of North Hampton with us. P.M. Mr. Noyes, Mr. Edwards and I visited Mr. Isaac Dickerman, a middle Batchelour, who was in a Languishment. Visited Mr. Daniel Edwards -- the Rector -- and went into the Library -- still with Mr. Jonathan Edwards. Mr. Woodbridge accompany'd us home to Mrs. Pierpoints. I was much indispos'd although I kept about, and was in Variety of Company, but especially I was very uncomfortable in the Evening and through the Night.

1738 September 16 (Saturday). Mr. Edwards of North Hampton came to see me and walk with me to College, which I attempted although I was not well. Mr. Woodbridge conducted us into the Library and I Spent Several Hours diligently in viewing the Books. A most Curious and Costly Collection.

1739 May 24 (Thursday). [Boston.] Mr. Edwards of North Hampton preach'd the public Lecture on Tim. 2.5. With Mr. Edwards at Elder Lymans. P.M. at Dr. Sewalls and Din'd at Brother Alexanders although invited to Dine with the Governor.

1739 May 25 (Friday). I din'd at Mr. Gees with Mr. Edwards.... At Evening Mr. Edwards preach'd at Elder Lymans but I could not attend by means of variety of Business and my Mothers low state.

1739 May 28 (Monday). I Spent the forenoon in setting my Family affairs to rights. Din'd and after 3 o'Clock Set out for Cambridge. Rode by Mr. Beemans where I call'd. Through Marlborough and Stopp'd with sister Gott etc., yet got down about 10 o'Clock. N.B. Mr. Edwards of North Hampton (as my wife inform'd me at my return) came to our House at Eve and lodged here.

1740 April 1 (Tuesday). In the Afternoon the storm of Snow prevail'd greatly; and in the middst of it Mrs. Edwards of Northampton, sister to Mrs. Pierpont of New Haven came to see us, a young man from her Nei[gh]bourhood accompanying her. They had neither of 'em had the Meazles, and were much afraid: but I kept 'em in a Separate Chamber as safely as I could that they might be wholly easy.

1740 April 2 (Wednesday). A rough, Cloudy morning, yet Mrs. Edwards Set out for Boston. When the Morning got up it was warmer and the Day prov'd pleasant. I rode down the road with Mrs. Edwards as far as Mr. Ebenezer Newtons of Southborough hithermost Corner -- and returning I visited Sarah Bradish at Mr. Amsdens, Thomas Bruce's wife, Abijah Bruce, Abigail Bruce, who were sick and Suse Rogers who is yet alive.

1742 January 28 (Thursday). There being at *Leicester* very considerable awakenings among some of the people, they Sat apart this Day for Fasting and prayer for the obtaining a plentiful Effusion of the holy Spirit upon them and they having Sent for me to assist on that occasion, I went up. Mr. *Edwards* of Northampton there, and preached a very awakening Sermon on *Rom. 9.22 -- Vessels of wrath*. I preached p.m. on *Zech. 12.10*. In the Evening Mr. Hall preached on *Isa. 54.13*. N.B. some stirrings. I lodged at Mr. Goddards with his Father.

1742 January 29 (Friday). Mr. Edwards preached on *Joh. 12.32*. A peculiarly moving and Useful sermon. May God bless it to me to draw my Heart Effectually to Jesus Christ by his Love, by his bitter and ignominious Sufferings on the Cross for me! I prevailed with Mr. Edwards before we went out of the pulpit, to come by divine Leave next week to Westborough. I dined at old Mr. *Southgates*. I called at the Jail to See the poor prisoner *Green* in my Return home. Found him penitent, diligently on enquiry, Reading, Waiting on Jesus, respectfull to Ministers, and very gratefull to me for my pains with him.

1742 February 1 (Monday). It was a rainy Day, but I rode to *Grafton* and *Sutton*. Mr. *Prentice* though his Child was very ill, yet was gone up to *Sutton*. In going from Deacon Halls in Sutton in order to find Brother *Hicks's* I wandered fruitlessly; for though I found the House they had dwelt in yet they having removed to their own House lately (which I was not informed of) I missed of them and struck across the woods to the Road up to Town. Mr. Edwards was come from Leicester. Mr. Webb of Uxbridge and Mr. John Fairfield there. Mr. Edwards to a large Assembly on *Ps.18.35*. At Eve in a very rainy, stormy Time I preached to a Considerable Assembly on *Ps. 68.8*. I lodged at Mr. *Halls*. Religion has been of late very much revived in *Sutton*, and a general Concern about their souls.

1742 February 2 (Tuesday). Rainy morning. Mr. Edwards utterly denied going out in the Storm. I resigned and took Leave. Mr. Edwards coming to the Door and seeing it began to clear up he put on Resolution and came with me to Westborough. Here were Mr. Cushing, Mr. Stone, Mr. Smith, Capt. Williams, Dr. Gott and Mr. Daniel Barns, who dined with me. Mr. Edwards preached to a great Congregation on *Joh.12.32*. And at Eve at my House on *Gen. 19.17*. N.B. Mr. James Fay was greatly wrought on by the sermon on *Joh.12.32*. So were Samuel Allen and Ezekiel Dodge, who manifested it to me: and doubtless multitudes besides were so. *Deo Opt. Max. Gloria*.

1742 February 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Edwards returned upon his journey. My wife and I accompanied him to *Shrewsbury* to Mr. Cushings, where we parted. I afterwards heard that he preached at Worcester.

1742 May 18 (Tuesday). Mrs. Edwards from Northampton and *Searl* a Freshman of N.H. College, here; and lodged here.

1742 May 19 (Wednesday). Very rainy Morning. Sweet Converse with Mrs. Edwards, a very eminent Christian.

1742 May 26 (Wednesday). [Boston.] Sought Mrs. *Edwards* fruitlessly.

1742 May 29 (Saturday). Mrs. Edwards and young *Searl* with her in her Journey to Northampton.

1742 May 30 (Sunday). On Song 2.16. N.B. Mrs. Edwards's Conversation very wonderfull -- her sense of Divine Things.

1742 May 31 (Monday). I rode with Mrs. Edwards up to Shrewsbury but could not proceed to Worcester as I had purposed, because my mare was lame without a foreshooe which could not be sett seasonably nor could I go to Marlborough to Proprietors Meeting because I grew much indisposed.

1742 October 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Hall* preached a moving Sermon on *Joh.5.40*. No crying out in the meeting House, but as I was going home from the Meeting House, Mrs. Ruth Fay, in anguish of Spirit, burst out and went into my House. I took her into my Study and gave her what Instructions I could. In the Mean Time Sarah Sparhawk was crying and Screaming upon her Bed in another part of the House. Many people were in the House below. Mr. *Edwards* of *North hampton* was come, and both he and Mr. Hall assisted me in Ministring to these distressed souls and others that needed. It was an Evening of great Engagement.

1742 October 21 (Thursday). Mr. Hall and Mr. Edwards went, the one to Sutton and the other for *Boston*.

1744 May 25 (Friday). At my House found Mrs. Edwards of Northampton and her Daughter Jerusha, accompany'd by Reverend Mr. Hopkinton of Sheffield.

1745 May 21 (Tuesday). Receiv'd from Mr. Edwards of Northampton Proposals for printing his Treatise of Religious Affections.<sup>1</sup>

1745 June 24 (Monday). Mr. Benjamin Burnap came to me at the Deacons. He has gather'd a Number of Subscriptions (under mine) for Mr. Edwards to Religious Affections.

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 of Northampton, were there. Jonathan Bruce, James Bradish, Ephraim Whitney, James Miller, Jonas Warrin, Elijah Rice and Eli Forbush. These out of Captain Maynards Company were Two only, viz. his own son, his only child Stephen, and Silas Pratt who went in the Room of Ensign Rice's son Joseph. N.B. I wrote a Letter in Eli's behalf to Mr. Edwards of Northampton.

1745 October 2 (Wednesday). At my House found Elihu Lyman<sup>2</sup> of Northampton (a young graduate of Yale College) and with him Mrs. Esther Edwards, on a Journey to Boston.

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<sup>1</sup>Jonathan Edwards, *A Treatise Concerning Religious Affections, in Three Parts* (Boston, 1746).

<sup>2</sup>Elihu Lyman (Yale 1745).

1745 October 7 (Monday). Finishing the Subscriptions among us for Mr. Edwards of Northampton on Religious Affections.

1746 January 20 (Monday). Thomme to Mr. Barretts for Dr. Edwards Exposition on the Commandments.

1746 May 14 (Wednesday). P.M. Mrs. Forbush (Captain's wife) here to get her Relation writ. While I was engag'd in her Busines came Mrs. Edwards of North Grafton [Northampton?] and Major Pomeroy's grandson. With them came also Reverend Mr. Bridge of Framingham -- and Lieutenant Tainter.

1746 May 15 (Thursday). Mrs. Edwards and the Lad with her went to Boston.

1746 July 3 (Thursday). [Boston.] Receiv'd one of Mr. Edwards's Books at Mr. Green's for which I pay'd 28 Shillings Old Tenor. Din'd at Brother Parkmans.

1746 October 8 (Wednesday). At old Mr. Maynards P.M. Neighbour David and his Sister Hannah went to Boston at Eve by whom I sent to Mr. Greens for Mr. Edwards's Books on Religious Affections which I so long ago subscrib'd for.

1746 November 12 (Wednesday). Wrote by Lieutenant Tainter to Mr. Edwards to Northampton.

1746 December 7 (Sunday). At Night after Family Devotions read Mr. Edwards on Religious Affections.

1746 December 9 (Tuesday). Read Mr. Edwards on Religious Affections, and find him much Study'd in his subject.

1747 January 1 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter brought up Six of Mr. Edwards on Religious Affections.

1747 January 26 (Monday). Mr. Stephen Fay here and had one of Mr. Edwards' Books on Religious Affections.

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!

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 November 25 (Wednesday). At Evening came Two Gentlemen with a Letter from Mr. Edwards of Northampton. By the Letter I found 'em to be Messrs. Spencer and Strong, who were on their Journey to Boston, being Sent for by the Commissioners of the Corporation for Propagating Christian Knowledge in order to their going upon the mission to the Mohawks. They lodg'd here but I sent their Horses to Captain Maynards.

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

1748 September 2 (Friday). Mr. Elihu Spencer designed Missionary to the Mohawks here, and brought a Letter from Mr. Edwards of Northampton. He lodg'd here.

1749 March 22 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Simon Tainter of Grafton here and brought me a Letter from Mr. Hall of Sutton, inclosing a Remarkable one from Mr. Edwards of Northampton to him to be communicated to me containing Extracts from Letters from Scotland of the Good Tokens respecting Religion in some very eminent Persons in Great Britain -- some of the Royal Family, the Archbishop of Canterbury -- Esquire West etc. -- and in Holland, the prince of Orange.

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 September 21 (Thursday). Mr. John Breck presented me Εικωυ Βασιλικη Δεμτερα and Mr. Edwards of Northampton Sent me by Mr. Bromfield, his Book against his Grandfather.<sup>3</sup> I beg grace to be truly Thankfull to God for so many favours.

1750 May 12 (Saturday). Reverend Mr. Joseph Bellamy of Woodberry in Connecticut came to See me, and he brought a Letter to me, and another to the Church from Mr. Edwards of Northampton requesting us to assist them in Council on June 19 next.

1750 May 25 (Friday). Mr. Bellamy din'd here upon his return from Boston to Northampton: tells me that neither Mr. Foxcroft, nor Mr. Wigglesworth will go to the Council at Northampton but hopes Mr. Hobby will. Mr. Bellamy did not tarry. I was forced to Send a Denyal to Mr. Edwards.

1750 July 4 (Wednesday). [Cambridge.] Din'd at Mr. Monis, for the Sake of Mr. Martyn as well as to honor my old Master. Conversation very much turns upon Mr. Edwards Dismission from Northampton.

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<sup>3</sup>Jonathan Edwards, *An Humble Inquiry into the Rules of the Word of God, Concerning the Qualifications Requisite to a Complete Standing and Full Communion with the Visible Christian Church* (Boston, 1749).

1750 August 21 (Tuesday). At Eve came Mr. Edwards of Northampton, together with Revd. Mr. Tuthil of Bedford in the upper County, and Mrs. Martha Edwards, sister of Mr. Edwards of Northampton and they lodg'd here. N.B. Mrs. Edwards Horse extremely lame.

1750 August 22 (Wednesday). It rain'd most of the Day. Yet the Company chose to proceed on their Journey. Mrs. Edwards left her Horse, and I supply'd her with my Mare. Ebenezer went with Mrs. Edwards lame Beast to Mr. Barns's for his Advice and Counsel, as last Night Mr. Tuthil went to Captain Maynards for his.... At Night Mrs. Edwards Mare (as it ought to have been writ before) is so bad that we fear whether she will live till morning.

1750 August 23 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter came over, at my Request, to see Mrs. Edwards's Mare. Mr. Pratt came likewise to see her: I sent also for Captain Maynard who came, and tis concluded that She is hipp'd.

1750 August 24 (Friday). Mrs. Edwards Mare notwithstanding our bathing, etc. I think Swells more and more.

1750 August 26 (Sunday). N.B. Mrs. Edwards mare put into Captain Mainards Pasture.

1750 August 30 (Thursday). Mr. Edwards return'd from Boston, accompany'd by Mr. Tuttle and Mrs. Martha Edwards.

1750 August 31 (Friday). Mrs. Edwards having rid an Horse from Baldwins at Sudbury which belongs to Mr. Joseph Child at Worcester.

1750 October 8 (Monday). P.M. receiv'd a Letter dated September 29 with Clerk of Study, from Mr. Edwards of Northampton.

1750 October 24 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Eager here at Eve, with a message from Mr. Edwards of Northampton to send the Lame Mare to his House tomorrow.

1750 October 25 (Thursday). I rode to Lieutenant Tainters to acquaint him with Mr. Edwards of Northamptons Message; and he sent the Mare to Lieutenant Eagemrs.

1751 May 6 (Monday). When I came home, found Mr. Edwards of Northampton, who was in his Return home from Boston. He and Colonel Timothy Dwight have been endeavouring to have a Council to sit at Northampton next week to advise the small part of people there whether it is best to have Mr. Edwards install'd over them, or not.

1751 May 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Edwards left us.

1751 May 30 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Kneeland acquaints me with a present from Scotland to Mr. Edwards of Northampton which will turn to be nigh 1000£ value old Tenor. He likewise tells me

he will undertake to print the Collection of Poems which I have propos'd to him -- and this (if I understood him) whether there be any more subscribers or not.

1751 June 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Edwards of Northampton call'd to see us. He is appointed Missionary to the Indians of Houssatunnock to whom he is going.

1751 October 10 (Thursday). Mrs. Esther Edwards at the other House and lodg'd there, but I saw her not. Heavy Rains.

1752 May 22 (Friday). Sir Forbush Sends his Chest (containing a number of Valuable Books which I have sold him, viz. Hammond, Saurin, Edwards) by one Ball to Brookfield.

1754 September 19 (Thursday). I stop'd at Captain Jenisons and wrote a Letter to Mr. Edwards at Stockbridge. Return'd home safe at Eve.

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 December 18 (Wednesday). I have receiv'd the whole six of Mr. Edwards's Enquiry.

1754 December 28 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. John Chamberlin of Stockbridge here. Brings my volume of Chubbs Tracts from Mr. Edwards. He informs me that Mr. Edwards is very weak and brought down by the Fever and Ague, which has follow'd for some months past, and that the Captain Cuncauput is return'd, a great many of the Stockbridge Indians, perhaps two Thirds of them are gone from the Town.

1756 October 26 (Tuesday). Mr. Pierpoint was purposing to set out for home, but I importuned him to tarry another Day with us. N.B. he shewed me Mr. Edwards of Stockbridge's Letter, directing him to Me to publish an Account of the late worthy and pious Mrs. Pierpont.

1757 June 15 (Wednesday). At Eve came Mr. *Edwards of Stockbridge*, and Mr. Hauley, *Missionary*, and lodged here.

1757 June 16 (Thursday). I accompanied Mr. *Edwards* and *Hauley* a few Miles upon their Road being my Self going to Mr. *Jabez Snow's* to the burying of his infant son. N.B. Mr. *Edwards* Shewed me his Book against the Adversarys of the Doctrine of Original Sin, especially against John Taylor.

1757 June 29 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathan Whitney brought me a Letter from Mr. Edwards now at Boston and a Copy of proposals for printing his Defence of the great Christian Doctrine of Original Sin.

1758 March 22 (Wednesday). I dined at Mr. Edwards Whipples, being in my way to Mr. James Maynards, whom I visited -- and his son *John* etc. N.B. I presented to Granny *Maynard* Dr. *Edwards* on Repentence.

1758 April 16 (Sunday). Read 2 Chron. 61, Luk. 22 to v. 39; preached a.m. on Exod. 31.12.13. Improved chiefly the Exercise on [that?] Text -- but with frequent alterations. The Occasion was, I spent my Time chiefly in preparing a Discourse on Isa. 57.1.2, which I delivered on occasion of the Sorrowful News of the Death of my much esteemed Brother in the Ministry, the Rev. learned and pious Mr. *Jonathan Edwards* -- March 22, last who dyed at *Nassau-Hall*, being lately removed from *Stockbridge* to be President of that College. An inexpressible Loss! The Lord Sanctify it to me for my greatest Quickening! The Lord Pity His Churches, the again so Suddenly bereaved College and Family -- especially His Mournful Handmaids *Edwards* and *Burr*!

1758 September 22 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Edwards Whipple brought me two Books, of *Edwards* on the *Doctrine of Original Sin* from Mr. Kneeland printer in Boston.

1758 September 25 (Monday). Read *Edwards* on Original Sin.

1758 October 16 (Monday). My Daughter *Sarah* rode with Mr. Tainter, his Wife and Sister Forb. to Brookfield. N.B. Sent by her Mr. Roberts Life of *Czar Peter* Vol. 2 and 3 and to my Daughter Forbes 6 *Edwards* on Original Sin.

1758 October 24 (Tuesday). Deacon Burnap receives and pays for one of *Edwards* on Original Sin.

1758 November 1 (Wednesday). [Boston.] Proceeded to Visit The Widow of the late Rev. Mr. Prince: and there was Shewn by Miss Sally *Prince* a Letter from Dr. William Shippen of Philadelphia, giving an *Account of the Death of Mrs. Edwards*, widow of late president *Edwards* -- to my great Grief -- my Brother *Samuel* who is in great Affliction by the low Condition of his only Son *William B.*

1758 December 20 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter goes to Boston and carries divers sorts of Edibles for my Wife to Markett. Butter, Fowls -- Mr. Whitney receives one of Mr. *Edwards* on Original Sin.

1759 January 12 (Friday). Mr. *Ephraim Sherman* junior returns from Boston having paid Two Dollars for me in full to Mr. *Kneeland* for 7 *Edwards* on Original Sin; which I now returned to said Mr. Sherman.

1759 February 20 (Tuesday). I am confined by the great Rains and Snow or I Should have visited divers Sick and afflicted Familys -- but then it gives me the better Opportunity for my studys and preparations also for Reading, viz. Mr. *Edwards* on Original sin.

1759 March 16 (Friday). N.B. finished reading the late Mr. President *Edwards* on *Original sin*, which I desire to thank God for! And pray it may have a happy Success!



1761 February 17 (Tuesday). Sent again to Mr. Kneeland by Mr. Benjamin Hills for Mr. Edwards on Free Will.

1765 May 21 (Tuesday). [Boston.] McAlpine binds a few of Mr. Edwards's Pieces for me.

1765 May 27 (Monday). [Boston.] I visited also my old Friend Mr. Kneeland, printer, who is in a very low Condition. Mr. President Edwards's Life is published.

1765 June 10 (Monday). Read Mr. Edwards Life etc.

1765 September 19 (Thursday). [Boston.] Pay Mr. McAlpine for binding Two Volumes of Election sermons and a smaller Volume of Mr. Edwards's Pieces, viz. his humble Attempt, Marks of the Spirit etc. and bought Rutherfords Letters and Zions Traveller.

1772 July 17 (Friday). [Boston.] Bought several Books for my Neighbours, viz. Willisons Sacramental Meditations for Mr. Arnold, Mr. Edwards Life for Miss Elizabeth *Whipple*. Bought for my self, of Mr. Condy, *Bennets* Christian Oratory, 2 Volumes. Gave L 3.10 old Tenor.

1772 September 17 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. *Searl* borrows of me Mr. Edwards on enslaving Negros.

1779 January 14 (Thursday). Sent to Mr. Cushing, President Edwards on Free Will, and wrote to him, by the Widow of the late Major Brigham.

1779 September 28 (Tuesday). At eve Mr. Brigham brought Master Hazzletine to see me. He borrows Mr. Edwards on Original Sin. Mr. Brigham has 2d vol. of Montesquieu.