

Allen: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary

1726 December 7 (Wednesday). Hearing Mr. Thomas Ward was at Mr. Allens Mill I went Thither and met with him. Mr. Allen requested me to go in and see his Wife. I did and had an hour or Two's Discourse with her. I both found and left her in a poor Melancholly, dejected, distressed Condition.

1727 May 22 (Monday). I rode over with my Wife to Mr. Ephraim Allens to see his poor afflicted wife. I had hair of her which I Sent to Boston by Mr. Hezekiah Ward for we returned by the way of Mr. Brighams.

1736 January 22 (Thursday). Capt. *Eager* with his Team and Neighbour Nathaniel *Oake* and his Team, Neighbour Ephraim *Allen*,¹ Jacob *Rice*, *Caruth*, *Russel*, Jesse *Brigham*, Thomas *Goodenow* and Jonathan *Flagg* here and got me to the Door 19 Load of wood.

1736 July 18 (Sunday). Samuel Allen² Sick of the Distemper, and he was prayed for.

1736 July 21 (Wednesday). I visited Jesse Brigham and wife -- and Mr. Allens Family. N.B. not only his son [Samuel?]³ but his Daughters Abiel⁴ and Susan⁵ were also sick but neither of them very bad. P.M. I was hurried about for Hay because of a great Thunder Storm which began to come up when I was over at Mr. Allens.

1736 August 10 (Tuesday). Sister Lydia was o' mind to go up with me and I waited Several Hours for her. I rode to Mr. Cottons (at Newton) and discoursed with Madam about Hittey Coddingtons living at my House a while -- but in vain. When Brother Champney and sister Lydia met me it was so late in the Day and the Horse so dull that we had gone but a little way before we determined to go back and we did so -- But towards Night I rode with Sister Lydia to Capt. *Sharps* -- left her there and I proceeded to Mr. Allens -- In my Return I waited upon sister Lydia home to F. Champneys.

1738 January 4 (Wednesday). Captain Eager called me in the morning to go over to Upton to the Ordination of Mr. Thomas Weld. Mr. Tainter also went over with us. The Churches sent to were, the Church in Mendon, Brookline, Hopkinton, Attlebury, Uxbridge and Grafton; Mr. Barrett prayed before Sermon, Mr. Allen preach'd on Isa. 6.8.

1738 July 18 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. Ephraim Allen's and to Mr. Daniel Bartletts.

1738 December 15 (Friday). Abiel Allen came p.m. to serve us.

¹Ephraim Allen and his wife Susannah were admitted to the Westborough church on May 19, 1728. He was dismissed to the north precinct, May 4, 1746 (WCR, ____, ____).

²Samuel Allen

³Samuel Allen, son of Ephraim and Susanna Allen, b. Sept. 7, 1720.

⁴Also spelled Abihail. She mar. Jotham Maynard, June 19, 1740. *WVR*, 116.

⁵Susanna Allen, daughter of Ephraim and Susanna Allen, b. Aug. 31, 1723.

1739 January 4 (Thursday). My Wife makes no great Haste in Recovery, but the Child is very weak and feeble yet, and the sore Mouth has been prevailing upon it for some time. Abiel Allen watch'd.

1739 April 14 (Saturday). Abiel Allen went home.

1739 April 16 (Monday). Abiel Allen having tarried over night, wash'd and did other heavy Business for my Wife.

1739 April 30 (Monday). Abiel Allen tarried over last night to help my Wife for Two or Three Dayes.

1739 June 14 (Thursday). Mr. Beacon of Woodstock here with his sister Allen, and with Abiel Allen, who was going up to Woodstock with her uncle.

1739 June 26 (Tuesday). Mr. White, Mrs. Sarah Noyes, my wife and I rode to Marlborough hoping to See Mrs. Pierpont, but she came not. N.B. I turn'd from the Company in going down and rode to Mr. Beemans and from thence I rode to Mr. Allens to see his son Samuel who had been ill of a fever but was recovering.

1739 October 4 (Thursday). N.B. Abial Allen help'd us these Two or Three Days but to Day went home, and Lydia Harrington came to serve us a Day or Two.

1740 March 19 (Wednesday). I rode to smith Allens to get my Mare shod.

1740 April 24 (Thursday). Ebenezer Rode to Mr. Robert Allen's, at Shrewsbury and got my Mare New Shod.

1740 June 19 (Thursday). Jotham Maynard and Abigail Allen were marry'd.

1740 June 24 (Tuesday). I rode over to Mr. Thomas Goodenow's, To Mr. Allens,⁶ Mr. McCallisters whose child was Sick, Caruths, Oakes, Captain Eagers. Din'd at Mr. Bezaleel Eagers. Mr. Maverick of Stratford on his Journey home, overtook me as I was riding up to Mr. Robert Allens.⁷

1740 October 21 (Tuesday). I rode to Neighbor Thomas Goodenows and to Mr. Elieser Beemans first of Evening. N.B. Samuel Allen with me.

[1740 October 27 (Monday)?] P.M. I rode accompany'd by Mr. Whipple to see Mr. Seth Hudson who was sick. Call'd at Mr. Allens and at Mr. Pilatiah Rice's.

⁶Ephraim Allen lived in that part of Westborough that later became Northborough.

⁷Of Shrewsbury.

1740 November 27 (Thursday). Ebenezer Maynard, and Samuel Allen⁸ here.

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 Allen⁹ and Ezekiel Dodge, who manifested it to me: and doubtless multitudes besides were so, *Deo Opt. Max. Gloria.*

1742 April 29 (Thursday). Stopped by the Rain at Shrewsbury at Mr. Allens. He sett Two Shooes upon my Horse. N.B. his Son James nigh wasted to Death. I warned and directed and prayed with him and his Parents and the Company at the Shop.

1742 August 13 (Friday). My honoured Mother worse again -- but towards Evening revived. I dined at Capt. Allens.¹⁰

1742 November 22 (Monday). In the Morning rode to Ensign Daniel *Bartletts*, and Mr. Allens. In my ride was greatly oppressed in sorrowful Thoughts of my Spiritual State, and of my Ministerial work.

1742 November 30 (Tuesday). I proceeded on my journey to Boston. Mr. Smith of Marlborough, justice *Allen* and his Daughter Lucy gone along. I overtook 'em at Baldwins and there we all dined.

1743 January 15 (Saturday). Ebenezer rode to Mr. Allens to secure some Pork I had bespoke, and he went to Marlborough upon divers Messages.

1744 May 30 (Wednesday). Mr. Allen¹¹ of Brookline on Isa. 6.1. Din'd at Brother Samuels without any other Company.

1744 June 19 (Tuesday). N.B. was at Smith Allens Shop to get my Horse Shod before I went up to Mr. Cushings.

1744 September 4 (Tuesday). The Gentlemen whom the General Court has Sent as their Committee to View this Town and Judge of the Circumstances hereof, and make Report accordingly -- viz. The Honorable Samuel Watts Esq. of Chelsey, Major Jones of Hopkinton and Mr. Dodge of Wenham, are suppos'd to be at Hopkinton. P.M. Mr. Joseph Wheeler and Samuel

⁸The son of Ephraim Allen of Westborough.

⁹Samuel, son of Ephraim and Susanna Allen, b. Sept. 7, 1720.

¹⁰Capt. Allen of Boston

¹¹Rev. James Allin.

Allen here good part of the Afternoon, but went south I suppose to wait (with others) upon the Said Gentlemen; but it was so rainy that they came not into Town.

1745 February 20 (Wednesday). I rode to Mr. Matthias Rice's, and to Mr. Thomas Goodenows but neither of them at home, I convers'd a while with the women at each House, and then proceeded to Mr. Allen's,¹² Mrs. Allen continuing in a Very disquieted, disorder'd State

1745 September 28 (Saturday). I went over to Mr. Thomas Goodenow's and baptiz'd his Infant Child. By the Name of [blank]. Brother Ephraim Allen, Matthias Rice etc. were present. It appear'd to those who were there that the Child was in Danger of Death. After that Baptism I visited Josiah Cutting who is taken sick of Fever and Flux, and grows very bad.

1745 October 15 (Tuesday). Mr. Ephraim Allen came with a Letter from our North Precinct to Messrs. Prentice and Cushing and Me, desiring us to Consult the Association what they had best do about Candidates for them, Seeing the Committee which they had chose to wait upon those Gentlemen as the Precinct had nominated would not go: and whether they might proceed to Call Mr. Martyn?

1746 April 30 (Wednesday). A Number of Brethren from the North side here, viz. Messrs. Townsend, Allen and his Son, Matthias Rice and Silas Fay: and with them Mr. John McCollister desiring to be dismiss'd and recommended to the building a Church of Christ in the North part of the Town. I mention'd to them their Delinquency on Communion Days, their Injustice towards me respecting the arrears which were due to me from the Town, and the securing to me the Material [ministerial?] Rights. At Length came Mr. Wheeler, James Ball and Jacob Rice, who were opposite to the former and to their proceedings. Mr. Ball mention'd his Desire of a Church Meeting in order to have Some Conference and to sett all Things to Rights before we Divide and his proposal of a Meeting was agreed to.

1746 May 19 (Monday). Mr. McAllister here for his Certificat; and Mr. Matthias Rice here with a Letter from Mr. Martyn concerning my preaching his Ordination sermon which I had already consented to in Case the Council Should advise that we Should join in the work of that Day. I rode over to Mr. Allens, and there (at the Mill) wrote a Letter to Mr. Barrett, Seconding a Letter from Mr. Martyn desiring him to come prepar'd to preach in Case etc.

1746 May 21 (Wednesday). Rainy Morning. Mr. Gay and his sister set out when it was moderated. Mr. Barrett here going to the Ordination. My Wife went over with me. Met at Lieutenant Holloways. Messrs. Prentice, Cushing, Gardner, there already. Mr. Loring and Mr. Hall did not come, So that there were but 5 Churches. Mr. Prentice Moderator. Mr. Barrett Clerk. The Church of Westborough refus'd to join in the Council till the Votes of Said Church were Scann'd and judg'd of. The Council judg'd them Valid; yet they requested the advice of the Council whether all Things consider'd it could be, nevertheless, advisable for them to Act? Who Still advis'd to it. Upon which they join'd in Council. Objections were brought in (about 12

¹²Ephraim Allen of the northside.

o'clock) by Messrs. Wheeler, Jacob Rice, and Timothy Fay, but when debated on by the Council they were Voted insufficient to be any Barr to proceeding. We went to meeting 1/2 after 4 p.m. Mr. Barrett began with prayer. I preach'd on Heb. 13.17. Mr. Gardner gather'd the Church which consisted of Ten, viz. Ephraim Alen, John McAllister, Joshua Dowsing, Jonathan Livermore, John Caruth, Matthias Rice, Gershom Fay, Silas Fay, [blank] Shepherd and Samuel Allen. Mr. Prentice gave the Charge, Mr. Cushing the Fellowship of the Churches. Sung Ps. 66 from number 17 one staff and 1/2. It was almost night when we broke off.

1746 September 28 (Sunday). N.B. Several Soldiers travelling back from Boston, being dismiss'd for the present and sundry of Westborough men, viz. Billings, Jacob Rice, Paul Newton, Mr. Ephraim Allen likewise. The 3 former at Meeting. Mr. Martyn on Mat. 10.28 and on Eccl. 7.1 latter Clause. Each return'd at Eve to our respective Familys.

1749 July 29 (Saturday). Sent Billey to Mr. Allens (the miller) with Letter to Mr. Jonathan Goodale about Cart Wheels.

1749 August 25 (Friday). We Need Indian Corn -- borrow'd a Bushel of Lieutenant Thomas Forbush, and Neighbour Batherick went to Mr. Allens Mill with it.

1749 September 17 (Sunday). Preach'd at Grafton on 2 Cor. 3.15. P.M. 10.14.17.18. Din'd at Mr. Isaac Harringtons. Baptiz'd 4 Children -- viz. of Mr. Abner Stow, Mr. John Sherman, Mr. Moses Eager, and Mr. Abijah Allen.

1751 May 21 (Tuesday). William setts out Cabbage Plants and goes to Mill at Mr. Allens.

1751 October 1 (Tuesday). Let Mr. Jonathan Forbush junior have 212 feet of White Oake Boards, to go to Boston, to Mr. James Allen Merchant, Taylor.

1752 February 24 (Monday). Billy to Mr. Allen's Mill and to Mr. Woods' fulling Mill with a pair of blanketts to be fulled.

1754 February 5 (Tuesday). Ebenezer kill'd 5 Swine. One of 13 Score, a sow of nigh 11 Score, and three pigs of 5 or 6 score. Three of those swine he sent to Mr. James Allen of Boston, Tayler, per Lieutenant Maynard.

1755 January 1 (Wednesday). It was very Cold, yet Billy went to Ensign Woods the Clothier and to Allens Mill.

1756 February 25 (Wednesday). One James *Allen*, a French man, who has been burnt out, at Hopkinton, was with me at Framingham, to desire the Charity of our Congregation.

1756 March 9 (Tuesday). P.M Sent by Deacon Bond L 5.12/ to Mr. *James Allen*, Taylor at Boston, being the Ballance of *Ebenezers* Account with him.

1756 March 21 (Sunday). N.B read the Petitions of James Allen of Hopkinton for a Contribution among us. He had been burnt out, and lost his Goods, though the House was not his. I read two Certificats concerning him; one from Simpson Jones Esq., the Other from Rev. Mr. Barrett. I read also the Petition of *Robert Cook*, for a Contribution for him to assist him in building an House. Having read these Petitions I desired the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct would meet and advise what is best to be done.

1756 March 25 (Thursday). At Eve the Deacons of the Church and the Committee of the Precinct Met at my Chamber to consult about the Petitions for Contributions. They were unanimously *against* any for Mr. Cook, and *for one* in behalf of Mr. *Allen*.

1756 April 4 (Sunday). Read p.m. Mat. 15 and (after the Baptism of a Child) had a Contribution for *James Allen* of Hopkinton who was lately burnt out.

1756 April 10 (Saturday). Mr. James Allen for whom we contributed here.

1757 September 7 (Wednesday). I rode to Shrewsbury Lecture.... N.B. Capt. *Nat Allen* of Boston has bought the House and Place that was *Gershom Keyes's*; and is making great Alterations there. Returned at Eve.

1757 October 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Davis has a fit. The last tells me my Cousen *Betty Parkman* is come up in her Fathers Chair with Mrs. *Allen* (Captain's Wife, of Shrewsbury).

1757 October 12 (Wednesday). When we returned home, Mrs. Allen was come from Shrewsbury and Mrs. Baldwin of that Neighbourhood with her.

1757 October 14 (Friday). My son *Thomas* goes with his Her [*sic*] as far as Coll. Williams at Marlborough where Mrs. Allen was to meet her to proceed on their Journey down.

1757 November 30 (Wednesday). Dined at Capt. *Allens* of Shrewsbury.

1758 May 12 (Friday). I rode a little way with my Kinsman *Billy*: and having been sent for with great Earnestness to go last Tuesday to see poor Mrs. Susanna Allen, I made her a visit. Found her sadly distracted. Prayed and counselled both Father and son. As to her she was So crazy little good could be done with her.

1758 June 4 (Sunday). I returned [from Shrewsbury] at Eve. Called at Capt. Nathan Allens, his wife being at Boston.

1758 June 22 (Thursday). P.M. Called at Capt. Nat Allens but his wife and sister were gone to my House. N.B. they carryed Veal etc. to make them Selves Welcome.

1758 July 27 (Thursday). At Evening I returned home [from Shrewsbury]. I called a few Minutes at Capt. *Allens*.

1758 August 23 (Wednesday). In returning to *Westborough* called (with Mr. Cushing) to See the old French folks Mons. Pierre LeBlanc, etc. -- and at Capt. Nat *Allen's*.

1758 September 26 (Tuesday). At Eve Thomas Eustis, Carpenter at Capt. *Allens*, here.

1758 October 2 (Monday). My Kinsfolks ride up to Capt. Allens in Shrewsbury, and my Wife and I wait upon them there. After dinner at Capt. Allens Mr. Winter and [*sic*] rode up to Mr. *Cushings*. We all returned here at Evening.

1758 December 12 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Cushing* and Mrs. *Allen* from *Shrewsbury* make us a Visit. They dine and drink Tea -- and take a Letter from me to Mr. Maccarty in Answer to his of the 4th. They return at Evening.

1759 March 18 (Sunday). At Evening, after prayer, I returned. Called at Capt. *Allens*, who lent me the 2d Vol. of Henry on the Bible.

1759 March 24 (Saturday). P.M. Mrs. P_____went up to Capt. Allens at Shrewsbury and returned at Evening in Safety. She went chiefly to buy a Lining for my old Gown.

1759 April 16 (Monday). I rode with my Brother as far as Shrewsbury, and we dined at Capt. *Allen's*.

1759 June 11 (Monday). Mr. *Moses Wheat* came with Chair and Horses; and my Daughters *Baldwin*, *Sarah* and *Susan* rode with him and his *sister* to Capt. Maynards, where having dined, they went to Capt. *Allens* at Shrewsbury.

1759 June 20 (Wednesday). When I came home, found that Capt. *Allen* and his Wife had been here this Afternoon (though they knew I was not at home) and my Wife also was gone to see her Cousen Maynard.

1759 June 24 (Sunday). Rode over to the North End, and preached there a. and p.m. on Eph. 1.7 and baptized Samuel the son of Samuel Allen.

1759 July 31 (Tuesday). P.M. Mrs. *Allen* and her Daughter (Elder *Halsey's* Daughter married to her son Samuel) came to see us.

1759 August 6 (Monday). My wife and I wait upon my Brother and Daughter to Capt. Allens at Shrewsbury; and we dined there. Mrs. *Allen* gone to Boston.

1759 September 13 (Thursday). My Brother *Parkman* having been to Rutland, returns this way. He lodged last night at Capt. *Allens* at Shrewsbury: dines with us to Day,

1759 September 22 (Saturday). N.B. paid Mr. Job Cushings wife 10/ old Tenor in part for carrying a Cheese to my son William when at Lake George last Year. Borrowed of Capt. Allen vol. 3 of Mr. Henry on the Bible (N.B. returned the 2d vol. as I went up to Worcester). Came home in safety about noon.

1759 November 23 (Friday). My Wife and Lucy to Capt. Allens.

1759 December 1 (Saturday). P.M. Nahum Eager, and Nathaniel and Levi Allen here. Nahum brings the heavy Tidings that *Billy* is dead. A very humbling and Shocking stroke if true! The Lord fit and prepare us for what He shall please to inflict!

1760 January 30 (Wednesday). I rode to Worcester to wait upon Judge Chandler for Power of Administration of my son Thomas's Effects. I called to see Capt. Allens wife -- dined at Mr. *Cushings*, where were Messrs. *Morse* and *Wellman*.

1760 January 31 (Thursday). I ride to Capt. Allens: thence to Capt. Maynards where I dined. Got home in safety.

1760 August 9 (Saturday). Favored with Mr. A. Nurse's help in mending my old Chair, and with one of Neighbour Moses Nurse's Horses my wife and I rode to the *Funeral of Mr. Cushing....* Called a little at Capt. Allens. N.B. no less than Ten men and women from Worcester there.

1760 August 11 (Monday). This Morning, having Mr. Nathaniel Balls mare to draw in my Chair, my wife and I sat out upon our Journey to Rutland and Brookfield. We broke fast at Capt. Allens -- though late -- called at Mrs. Cushings and at Capt. Biglows in *Holden* -- dined late at Mr. Davis's -- arrived Safe at my Son Baldwins and found them all well.

1760 August 18 (Monday). Much against my Daughter Forb.'s Inclination, but much obliged thereto by our unavoidable Calls other where, my wife and I sat out on our Journey home. Broke fast at Capt. *Wolcotts*. Dined at Judge *Chandlers*. Drank Tea at Capt. Allens -- having called at Mrs. Cushings.

1760 September 11 (Thursday). I rode to Shrewsbury in my Chair; Daughter Sarah with me, drawn by Mr. Parkers Mare. Capt. Allen acquaints me with the Death of his Son *Samuel* at New Providence.

1760 September 16 (Tuesday). Rode to Shrewsbury nigh Evening. At Mrs. Cushings were old Madam Prentice, Mr. Martyn and Mr. Stone. Were there also Mr. Badger and his Wife -- So that I returned to lodge at Capt. *Allens*.

1760 September 17 (Wednesday). Break fast at Capt. Allens with Pemberton and Halsey.

1760 October 29 (Wednesday). Fast at Shrewsbury.... N.B. Mr. *Maccarty* and his Wife rode by us as we went to Meeting p.m. And they returned upwards again at Evening without Coming to

Meeting. Besides that they also hindered Mrs. *Allen* (as I Suppose) from Coming. For there, I conclude, they went; and Mrs. Allen was absent. I think it a great Impropriety that people professing Religion, but especially Ministers, Should act in this Manner -- So much out of Character; upon Such Occasions as these.

1761 March 11 (Wednesday). We called at Capt. Allens in our returning but diverted to Mr. Martyns and lodged there.

1761 May 3 (Sunday). N.B. Shrewsbury destitute. Mrs. Miles (Deacons Wife) and Mrs. Jemima Allen, wife of Mr. Obad. Allen of Shrewsbury, dined here; as did Mrs. Parker and Miss Betty Johnson.

1761 May 17 (Sunday). P.M. Mrs. *Allen*, her sons and Negro Boy here. There being no preacher at Shrewsbury.

1764 August 6 (Monday). Called to Speak with Mr. *Nat. Adams* about his Sister *Andrews*, but dined at Mr. *Taylor*s. N.B. I did this the rather because I understood he was much disturbed about *standing to Sing*. Having called at my Friends, *Sumner, Cushing, Allen's*, in Shrewsbury arrived at Eve in Safety.

1764 September 10 (Monday). John to Allens Mill.

1764 November 28 (Wednesday). Received two extraordinary large Dunghil Fowls from Mr. Samuel Allen.

1764 December 7 (Friday). John Went to Mill and Paid Mr. Allen 18/ for a pair of his large Fowls.

1765 February 4 (Monday). John went, with Difficulty, to Mr. Allens Mill.

1765 March 28 (Thursday). *John* went to Mr. Allens and bought another large Fowl 10/.

1765 April 22 (Monday). [Shrewsbury.] Sir *Goddard* again with me. Opens his Mind to Me in Some Measure. I called at Capt. Allens. Receive of him divers small Trees and Bushes.

1765 June 28 (Friday). Lent Mr. Zebulun Rice my Mare to go to Allens Mill.

1766 April 25 (Friday). John to Allens Mill with an Horse Cart.

1766 July 2 (Wednesday). I made a Visit to Mr. and Mrs. *Sumner* to condole. Dined there. Called to See Mrs. *Man* at Capt. Allens. Was at Mr. Israel Allens.

1766 December 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Maccarty and I visited at Capt. Allens in the Eve; but we lodged at Mr. Sumners.

1767 April 14 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. Martyns to talk with him upon my Difficultys. Dined there. Mrs. Wit of Marlborough and Mr. *John Marrett*, there also. Mr. Marrett gave me his Order to pay Mr. Daniel Forbes 13 lb. 6.8 L.M. They have a Church Meeting about Mr. Allen and Mrs. Rice.

1767 June 8 (Monday). At Mr. *Swans* -- who mends my Watch-Case, and does it gratis. At Capt. Curtis's, Mr. Sumners, Mrs. Cushings -- dined at Capt. Allens -- and being repeatedly desired, I called at Mr. Moses Hastings's, he being exceeding low and distressed, in both mind and Body.

1767 September 12 (Saturday). *John* is better -- is gone to *Allens Mill*.

1768 April 5 (Tuesday). Call at Capt. Allens, Mr. Sumners, and Capt. Curtis's.

1768 September 29 (Thursday). I have Mr. Bathericks Horse to go to the Fast at Shrewsbury on account of the Public Distresses.... Visit Capt. *Nathaniel Allen* who is confined by a bad Toe, which tis feared will mortifie.

1769 April 10 (Monday). Breakfast at Mr. Sumners. Return to Miss Bridget and converse with her. In returning home called at Capt. Allens, buy a Pair of Stone Buttons of Master *Lewis*, for Mrs. P_____.

1769 June 28 (Wednesday). *Sarah* rides with me in Lt. *Bakers* Chaise, to the Sorrowful Funeral of Miss *Bridget Cushing*. We went to Breakfast at Capt. Allens, dined at Mrs. Cushings. Mr. Stone, Morse, Maccarty, Mellen, Sumner and I were Pall-bearers. Mr. Joshua Smith, Lewis Allen, Thaddeus Maccarty and James Curtis, were under bearers.

1769 September 15 (Friday). *Sarah* informs me that...Mrs. Allen of Shrewsbury was here lately; and had taken Mr. Henry on the Evang. and Acts with her. Mrs. Cushing came with her: and they brought *Dorcas Bradford* to tarry with us.

1770 January 13 (Saturday). Mr. Allen of Sutton, from Boston brings Letters from Mr. *Moore*. All well.

1770 July 20 (Friday). N.B. Mr. *Forbes* and Mrs. *Loyd* had got up here from *Cambridge* so as to dine here seasonably, and went to Capt. *Allens*, Shrewsbury.

1770 July 23 (Monday). Mr. Roger Bruce brought here Miss *Azuba Allen*, in deep Languishment.

1770 November 8 (Thursday). Dr. Crosby came to see me -- acquaints me that Capt. *Nathaniel Allen* of *Shrewsbury* is dead: and was buried last Saturday. May God be gracious to the poor Widow!

1770 November 27 (Tuesday). Visit Mr. Whitney -- at Mr. *Allens* about Malt. Returned home at Eve.

1770 December 29 (Saturday). Mr. *Timothy Allen* of *Sutton* came; dined with us; I sold him two Bushell of Flax seed @ 20/ old Tenor per Bushel: which he paid.

1771 February 11 (Monday). In returning [from Shrewsbury] called to See Lt. *Marshall Newton*, Mrs. *Allen*, Mr. *Samuel Fay* and others.

1772 July 10 (Friday). N.B. a.m. came Capt. Bradford and his Wife, from Mrs. *Allens* of Shrewsbury, and Mr. *Allen* with them. They dined, drank Tea. They tarry over the Night.

1772 July 11 (Saturday). Mrs. *Allen* takes Mrs. Bradford with her to Shrewsbury. Capt. Bradford returns to Boston.

1772 July 17 (Friday). Find here my Cousen *Bradford* who came with Mrs. *Allen*, Sister *Cushing* and Miss *Lucy Cushing*.

1773 March 25 (Thursday). Was at Mr. *Samuel Allens*; and at Mr. *Richard Martyns*, who lent me, a Number of his Fathers Notes; and an Answer to a Question concerning Moral Vertue.

1773 April 16 (Friday). My Kinswoman and her Children [Mrs. *Bradford*, son *William*, daughter *Dorcas*] left us after dinner, to go to Mr. *Allens* at *Shrewsbury*.

1773 April 22 (Thursday). I change 4 Bushel of Rye for 4 Bush. of ground Malt with Mr. *Samuel Allen*, and receive 20/ old Tenor Difference.

1773 December 21 (Tuesday). *Jonathan Maynard* goes to his Aunts Funeral, viz. Mrs. *Abigail's*, the Wife of his uncle *Jotham*, a woman for whom I had great Regard; She was Daughter of Mr. *Ephraim Allen*, and was our Maid for Sometime; She bore me and mine much respect, and ever glad to entertain us. She dyed of a Consumption last Saturday. As She was a serious, religious Woman, I hope she is gone to eternal Rest and Glory. O that I might be ready to follow!

1774 December 19 (Monday). Went to Mr. *Samuel Allens*. Dined at Capt. *Maynards* and called to see Mrs. *Kelly* at *Beetons*. Return home in safety -- Thanks to God.

1775 February 18 (Saturday). *Elias* goes with Three Legs of Pork to Mr. *S. Allens* for Bacon.

1775 April 22 (Saturday). At Eve come a Number of *Pomfret*, viz. *Edward Craft*, *Ephraim Herrick*, *Abner Allen*, and *Jonathan Sangor*, of Capt. *Zebadiah Ingols* Company, and lodge here. The Company stay at *Deacon Woods*.

1775 May 27 (Saturday). Mrs. *Allen* of *Shrewsbury* and her son *Lewis* here.

1775 September 14 (Thursday)). N.B. wrote by him [Mr. Forbes] to *Samuel Brigham* and Sent him the *Allens Alarm*,¹³ which I had given my Son *John*.

1775 December 27 (Wednesday). In returning [from Shrewsbury] we called at Mrs. *Allens* where was sister *Cushing*.

1776 March 22 (Friday). *Elias* goes to *Samuel Allens* with 3 Legs for Bacon.

1777 April 2 (Wednesday). *Breck* went for me to Mr. *Israel Allen's* at Shrewsbury to buy me a Pair of Oxen, and bargained for them but *it was with his Wife*.

1777 September 8 (Monday). One Miss *Hannah Allen* of *Sutton* is in a distracted Condition, and strolling She knows not whither, comes here, tarrys and lodges here.

1777 September 9 (Tuesday). *Hannah Allen* left us. May God grant to me and mine the Grace to improve our Reason to His Glory that grants it to us!

1778 June 25 (Thursday). In returning home [from Worcester] called (besides the usual places) at Mr. *Israel Allen's*, to See his Wife who, tis thought, has a Cancer.

1778 August 10 (Monday). As I came home [from Shrewsbury] I made a Visit to Mrs. *Katharine Allen* (wife of Mr. *Israel Allen*) who is confined by a *Cancer*. Mr. *Allen* also is under much Weakness -- conversed and prayed with them.

1779 July 23 (Friday). Mr. *Ebenezer Allen*, a Stranger, born at the Vineyard, his parents live at Rochester, himself a Preacher, came here to see me, stayed and dined, is going to Needham to preach there.

1780 April 12 (Wednesday). Read Col. *Ethan Allen's* Narrative of his Captivity....

1780 April 18 (Tuesday). Rode to Minister's Meeting at Stow.... At Mr. *Newell's* were Messrs. *Stone*, *Smith*, *Bridge*, *Whitney* and *Biglow*, and occasionally Messrs. *Adams* of *Acton*, *Stearns* and *Allen*, preachers.... Mr. *Allen* prayed at the Conclusion of our Meeting.

1780 April 27 (Thursday). In the Morning, I rode over to see the Ruins [of the *Whitney* house].... I found the sad Cause to be, Mrs. *Whitney* made a Fire in her Oven, that morning, sat in her Food to be baked for Supper; but the Fire, while the People were at Meeting in the forenoon, kindled in the Kitchen Chamber, and was discovered by Mr. *Samuel Allen* in the time of the last prayer.... Mr. *Sumner* and Mr. *Allen*, preacher at *Bolton*, dined there also.

¹³Joseph Alleine (1634-1668), *An Alarm to Unconverted Sinners* (Boston, 1703; Evans 39,390). There were at least eight subsequent editions before 1775.

1781 January 16 (Tuesday). *Benjamin Wood* rode to Mr. *Samuel Allens* to carry Six Leggs of Pork to be baconed:...

1781 March 8 (Thursday). *Stephen Maynard* brings home Mr. Allens 5 Leggs and 2 Chops of Bacon.

1781 April 18 (Wednesday). *Elias* was come this day from Springfield: Mr. *Joseph Allen*, a preacher, came to lodge here.

1781 April 19 (Thursday). Mr. *Allen* left us....

1781 November 13 (Tuesday). At home I found Capt. *Solomon Allen* of *Northampton*, and his wife, who lodge here. He brings a letter from my son *Elias*, dated the 10th.

1781 November 14 (Wednesday). Capt. *Allen* and his wife proceed on their Journey to *Boston*.