

Beggars

1774 January 3 (Monday). My Son and grandson tarry with us Still. Visit Mrs. Parker again and pray with her. At Eve came an old, miserable man *Ichabod Jones*, he says, of Dorchester. He lyes by the Fire. A poor distempered, rheumatic, [Scorbutic?] Object. I keep his Horse also.

WILSON, William of Concord – “a poor Shiftless man”

1726 April 1 (Friday). William Wilson of Concord, a poor Shiftless man Lodg'd with us Last night,

GREEN, John - frozen feet cut off, Feb. 4, 1745

1745 February 4 (Monday). A Beggar whose Feet had been froze, and one Cutt wholly off, the other all the Toes, here, his Name John Green, his Home Hartford. I could not but Sympathize with him. The Lord make me thankfull for my Limbs and faithful in improving them to the Divine Glory.

CLAGG, Jos.: “Poor,” 29 March 1746

1746 March 29 (Saturday). N.B. Poor Jos. Clagg here, yesterday and to Day.

REMINGTON, John: “Burst man and goes about upon Charity,” 1747

1747 May 14 (Thursday). N.B. One John Remington a Lincolnshire man, of 92 years (as he says) here and din'd with us. He was here some years agoe -- says he is a Burst man and goes about upon Charity.

BAKER: vagrant, 1752

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.

MORRIS, John, of Uxbridge: “begging Charity,” 1756, 1766

1756 June 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *John Morris* a wounded, maimed man, here, begging Charity. Says he is of Uxbridge.

1766 August 16 (Saturday). One Mr. Morris, a poor Lame man, of Uxbridge, dined here.

EMMS, Joshua: “in the Hue of a Soldier,” 1761

1761 January 30 (Friday). At my Return home found Mr. *Joshua Emms* at My House in the Hue of a Soldier, and who had actually come from Crown-Point. He tarrys for the Night: but confessing himself unfit for a Bed, Sleeps by the Fire.

BRYANT, Ben.: "a Sordid Beggar," 1765

1765 July 8 (Monday). Ben. Bryant, brother of late *Lemuel* Bryant of Braintree, but himself a Sordid Beggar, is here.

NUGENT, Robert: "unfortunate Sea Man," 1767

1767 June 26 (Friday). *Robert Nugent*, an unfortunate Sea Man, here begging.

CHILDS, Silas, of Barnstable: "a poor rheumatic man," 1770

1770 February 7 (Wednesday). N.B. One Silas Childs, a poor rheumatic man, of Barnstable, and about 55 years of Age, here, and wants what can be spared him.

"Beggar...of ill behavior," 1773

1773 June 17 (Thursday). In the Evening Thunder, Lightning and Rain. After we were got to Sleep were alarmed by a Beggar who was of ill behavior and my Wife and Sophy requested I would not let him come in to the House, but I bid him go to the Barn, but he was high and Malpert -- he went off. I regretted it. I wanted to take him in, but I had not convenience to lodge him and it would have disordered my House, by reason of the Fright that several were put into by him.

ROBINSON, William and wife, of Scotland: "two poor Beggars," 1773

1773 August 9 (Monday). There came also two poor Beggars, viz. *William Robinson* of *Inverness* in *Scotland*, who had been maimed (as he says) by a Fall from a Yard Arm at New Haven. His Wife was also with him. Lord have Compassion on Such Miserable Creatures! May I be truly thankful for what I am favoured with and enabled faithfully to improve the divine Favours to me and mine!

SALLOY, William, of Suffield: "a poor old Beggar," 1774

1774 April 6 (Wednesday). N.B. A poor old Beggar, who says his Name is William Salloy, of Suffield, here.

FORMOYLE, James, of Bedford: soldier lodges by fire, 1776

1776 April 18 (Thursday). At Evening came a soldier, Says his Name is *James Formoyle* of *Bedford, Pennsylvania* belonging to Capt. *Cluggedge's* Company, in Col. *Thompson's* Regiment of *Riflers* -- has been Sick, but is now hastening to *New York*. Prays he may lodge by our Fire. I pityed and suffered him.

HUNT, Charles and family: "begging Relief," 1777

1777 September 4 (Thursday). N.B. A Number of persons, viz. a Man, *Charles Hunt* and his Wife and 4 Children; also another Woman, *Betty Smith*, from *Danbury*, here, begging Relief.

SMITH, Betty, from Danbury: "begging Relief," 1777

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CAMMET, James: "a poor beggar, very religious, and talkative," 1781

1781 January 8 (Monday). N.B. *James Cammet*, a poor beggar, very religious and talkative.

ROWLISS, Sarah: stranger, 1766

1766 March 21 (Friday). One *Sarah Scot Rowliss*, a stranger, comes in; is Sick here. Says She was born in *Cheapside*, London. Lodges.

1766 March 22 (Saturday). Mrs. *Rowliss* is so well as to leave us.

PIERCE, James: cripple, 1773

1773 March 23 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *James Pierce* a Cripple.