

Lucy Keyes: Lost Child of Mt. Wachusett

See Francis E. Blake, *Lucy Keyes, the Lost Child of Wachusett Mountain* (Boston: David Clap & Son, 1893). <https://archive.org/details/lucykeyeslostchi00blak/mode/2up>

1755 April 19 (Saturday). N.B. a Child of Mr. Robert Keys nigh Wachusett missing Some Days.

1755 April 21 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Keys's Child not found, though some Hundreds of men were Yesterday and to Day in Search after her. A dozen went who belong to our Congregation.

1755 April 23 (Wednesday). I borrow'd old Mr. Charles Rice's to ride to Shrewsbury, to preach Mr. Cushings Lecture -- din'd there -- but Mr. Cushing of Waltham being on a Visit to their Parents I conceiv'd it would be more agreeable for him to preach and therefore I requested him to -- he comply'd and preach'd on Luke 12.43. N.B. Discourse with Mr. Thomas Smith who went to a Wise-Man (Mr. Williams Wood a blacksmith in Scituate nigh Providence) to know where Mr. Keys's lost Child might be found.

1755 April 27 (Sunday). Read 2 Sam. 4. Preach'd on Josh. 7.13. P.M. read Isa. 8, and preach'd on number 20¹ against the foolish and wicked practice of going to Cunning Men to enquire for lost Things. And may God succeed what has been Said!

1759 March 19 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Robert Keys of Wachusett, at the Door in a sad plight, I fear the worse for Drink.

¹Isaiah 8:20: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."