

Langdon: References in Ebenezer Parkman's Diary

Note: There is a separate file for Samuel Langdon (1723-1797), Harvard 1740.

1736 March 1 (Monday). William *Stacey* came from Mr. *Langdon* of Hopkinton, to glaize my Kitchin.

1736 September 13 (Monday). Being in great Concern about Brother *Elias's* Family, his wife and only son especially, whom I left dangerously ill (See Sept. 4) and hearing nothing but by Jesse Maynard which was that *Elias* was not *Dead*, but that he was nigh or altogether as bad as ever, I took my Horse and rode to *Marlborough* to see if there was any Letter at the *Colonel's* for me, or any News from College or *Boston* by Mr. *Caleb Rice* or by *Marlborough* preacher; but hearing nothing of them to relieve my oppressed Mind (except what I met with from Deacon [Feveryear?¹] and Cous. *Langdon*² whom I met at *Sudbury*) I proceeded to *Cambridge* (not without some Desire also (I confess) to see somebody else).

1740 July 1 (Tuesday). We din'd at Brother *Elias's*. P.M. Mr. *Halyer* and my Kinsman *Elias* perswaded me to go off into the Harbour to fish. We got aground by the Castle and did not get up home till 2 o'Clock next morning. A very Pleasant Time. We caught 13 tom Codd. Had Mr. *Langdon's* Boat. Mr. *Halyer* lodg'd with us. My Wife lodg'd at Brother *Alexander's* with sister *Lydia Champney*.

1742 September 9 (Thursday). N.B. Deacon *Langdon*³ of Boston and his Wife, and Dr. *John Clark* their Neighbour returning from *Leicester*, called to See me. I rode with them as far as Lt. *Nathan Brigham's* of *Southborough*.

1742 October 13 (Wednesday). We all visited Mr. *Eliot* who was newly married to my Kinswoman, Mrs. *Elizabeth Langdon*, only Daughter of Deacon *Josiah Langdon*.

1742 December 1 (Wednesday). Dined at Brother *Parkman's*. Visited Cousen *Langdon* in her widowhood -- and Cousen *Angier* in her sickness.

1754 May 30 (Thursday). [Boston.] Supp'd at Cousen *Edward Langdon's* -- and lodg'd at Brother *Parkman's*.

1755 May 29 (Thursday). [Boston.] P.M. Visit my Kinswoman *Langdon*⁴ lately widow'd, and the Deacon her Father in Law attended the Conversation a little while but Mr. *Lowel* desiring me to go to smoak a Pipe with Dr. *Chauncy*, I comply'd.

¹Grafton Feveryeare of Boston's Second or "Old North Church"; Worthley, *Inventory*, 60.

²Edward Langdon.

³Josiah Langdon, deacon of Boston's New North Church.

⁴Parkman's niece Mary was the widow of Edward Langdon.

1757 December 29 (Thursday). [Boston.] Dined at Cousen Langdons.

1759 July 17 (Tuesday). [Boston.] Visited most of my Relatives -- my Kinswoman Winter remains in a very low Condition, at Deaths Door. Dined at Cousen Langdons.

1760 February 2 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brings me from Boston, framed, the City *Hambourgh*, and the River *Elbe*. Also a Letter from my eldest Brother inviting me and my wife to the Marriage of his Daughter *Langdon* to Mr. Joshua Winter.

1760 February 15 (Friday). At night came my son Baldwin from Boston. He informs me that My Kinsman *Winter* was married last night to My Cousen *Mary Langdon*, Widow.

1765 November 30 (Saturday). The last Monday's Paper informs me of Death of my dear Kinsman Mr. *Ephraim Langdon*, usher of the North Latin school, at Boston.⁵ May God sanctifie this Death! and especially to his sorrowfull Mother, and to his only sister (Mrs. Eliot) nor would I forget Venerable Master *Wiswall*, to whom Mr. *Langdon* was no small Support. May God grant me to be my self, ever in Readiness!

1766 May 27 (Tuesday). We again set out upon our Journey. Made some stop at Mr. *Havens* at Dedham and at Mr. Adams at Roxbury. Mr. *Holbrook* and his Wife were gone to Hampton. Dined at Brother Samuels. P.M. We set our Selves to accomplish our Business in buying some Necessary Things into the House as well as Visit our Friends. N.B. Deacon Edward Langdon is dead -- but has left his Daughter in Law (my niece Winter) only a Pair of white Gloves. We lodged at Brother Parkmans.

1768 April 22 (Friday). Sarah returned from Boston and brings *Polly Langdon* to dwell here a while, as *Suse* is, in the mean time, to live at Cousen Winters.

1768 June 10 (Friday). Presently Mr. John Langdon junior brings *Suse* from Boston, and at Eve *Alexander* goes to Marlborough and brings our Bacon from Deacon Woods's.

1768 June 11 (Saturday). Mr. *Langdon* is come for Cousen *Polly*, her Mother being much Scared about her Eye (though She is grown a great deal better) and this Morning they Set out for Boston.

1770 November 23 (Friday). N.B. By the News Paper I find my dear Kinswoman Mrs. *Elizabeth Langdon*, is Dead; aged 82.⁶ To be buried from her Daughter *Eliot's*. I dont remember any

⁵"Thursday Evening last departed this Life, after a short Illness, in the 32nd Year of his Age, Mr. Ephraim Langdon, Master of the North Grammar School in this Town. -- His Funeral is to be attended from the Rev. Mr. Elliot's, precisely at 4 o'Clock, this Afternoon." *Boston Gazette*, Nov. 25, 1765 (issue 556), p. [2].

⁶"On Friday the 16th instant died Mrs. *Elizabeth Langdon*, Relict of Deacon *Jacob Langdon*, Aet. 82. Her Funeral is to be on Tuesday, if the Weather be fair.... The Procession will move from the House of the Rev. Dr.

other of my first Cousens are now living, on either my Fathers or Mothers Side. Neither did I ever see either of my Fathers or Mothers, Brothers of sisters, but Cousen Langdons Mother, who was my mothers Sister *Susanna*. I once saw my Fathers Uncle *Deliverance*, who was of Salem; Father of Mrs. Curwin, wife of Rev. Mr. *George Curwin*. I also Saw old Mr. John Trask, my grandmother Parkmans Brother. O that I might be suitably impressed with this Death, that I may be ready also!

1771 October 11 (Friday). My Kinswoman, Mrs. *Winter*, wrote me an Answer to my Letter to her concerning the Death of her *Polly Langdon*.

1772 February 22 (Saturday). My son Baldwin, though he designed to have gone home the North Road, yet finding it exceeding bad travelling by reason of the Thaw, the ground very hollow, he came up hither, to tarry over the sabbath with us. He brings me various Accounts of my Relatives. Particularly of my Brother, that he yet goes abroad -- is conversible, performs Family Exercises etc. Of my Cousen *Winter*, that her Brother *Langdon* has taken away from her what had been given by her F. *Langdon*, to her Daughter *Molly* etc.

1776 October 22 (Tuesday). I dined at Mr. *Gardners* at *Leominster*. N.B. Col. *Wood* of *Stow*, with his Wife and son there. P.M. prosecute my Journey, and meet with Mr. *Paul Langdon* from *Winchester*, who confirms the bad News from the Lakes, that our Forces by Sea are defeated.

Eliot, precisely at 4 o'Clock, P.M. Those who are kind enough to attend are desired to be present before the Hour." *Boston Evening-Post*, Nov. 19, 1770, [p. 3].