

Benjamin (1713-1767) and Jane (Russell) Lawrence (1711-1786)

Will, June 3, 1767, Harvard, MA. Described as husbandman. Son-in-law Isaac Gates designated as executor.

Lawrence, Benjamin

Born: c. 1712 (May 24, 1713 Ancestry.com)

son of John and Anna (Tarbell) Lawrence (Find A Grave)

Died: July 5, 1767, a. 55 (Harvard VR 285)

Married: Jane Russell, Feb. 12, 1735 (Lexington Record of Marriages, 127). Signed with
MARK in probate

Born: July 19, 1711; bapt. July 22 (Lexington Record of Births, 68)

daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth

Died: Aug. 11, 1786 (Ancestry.com)

July 3, 1737. Benjamin Lawrence and Jane his wife being dismissed from Lexington were admitted into our Communion and Church Fellowship.

Benjamin and Jane Lawrence were dismissed to the church in Bolton, Feb. 16, 1749.

Children:

Benjamin, Nov. 22, 1735

first ch. of Benj., bapt. Nov. 30, 1735 (Lexington Record of Births, 40)

d. Oct. 13, 1736

Abigail, Aug. 20, 1737

bapt. Sept. 25, 1737

died Feb. 4, 1746-7 (Bolton VR 212)

Submit, July 29, 1739

bapt. Aug. 5, 1739

m. Isaac Gates. Geb. 16, 1764 (Harvard VR 189)

Elisabeth, Mar. 7, 1741

bapt. Apr. 12, 1741

m. Micah Stone. Oct. 29, 1766 (Harvard VR 190)

Annah, Aug, 19, 1742

bapt. Sept. 12, 1742

m. Aaron Whitney, Dec. 18, 1765 (Dec. 16, C.R.) (Harvard VR 189)

James, bapt. Oct. 7, 1744

d. before 1767 (when father wrote will)

Jean, Mar. 2, 1745-6

died Feb. __, ____ [1751?] (Bolton VR 211)

Amos, July 26, 1748 (Bolton VR) – described as eldest son in probate

m. Sarah Wetherbee of Littleton, Jan. 22, 1772 (Harvard VR 190)
d. June 8, 1840, Fitchburg (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/107800943>)
Sarah, Oct. 11, 1750 (Bolton VR)
m. Levi Whitney of Concord, Sept. 17, 1772 (Harvard VR 190)
Benjamin, c. 1751 (but not mentioned in will)
d. Aug. 26, 1775, a. 25 (Harvard VR 285)
Jonathan, Sept. 8, 1754 (Bolton VR) – described as youngest son in probate

1736 October 11 (Monday). Thence up to Mr. Thomas Warrins of Westborough and further up to Mr. *Lawrence's*, to Mr. Balls and Mr. Wheelers and thence home.

1736 November 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Stone preached in public on Ps. 27, ult. Next association to be at West Sudbury 2d Tuesday of next April. Mr. Stone rode home with me; and after that we rode together to Neighbour Hezekiah Pratts and down by Neighbour Increase Wards and (as far as) *<several words crossed out>* to Capt. Warrins. N.B. his free Talk of me -- My Behavior - - Language -- the *Parkmans* -- the *Stones* -- etc. I visited *Capt. Warrins* Family, and returned. David gone to work at Mr. Lawrence's.

1736 November 6 (Saturday). David came at night from Mr. *Lawrence*.

1736 November 24 (Wednesday). *David* at work at Mr. *Lawrence's*.

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1737 November 10 (Thursday). I was at Mr. Lawrence's and at Mr. Gershom Fay's and at Mr. McCollister's.

1739 January 10 (Wednesday). I rode over to visit Mr. Lawrence's wife, Mrs. Samuel Gamels and Jesse Maynards Family.

1739 September 27 (Thursday). At Mr. Gamels and at Mr. Lawrence's.

1740 June 1 (Sunday). Lieutenant Ward and his Wife and Child, of Sturbridge, and Mr. Benjamin Lawrence din'd with us.

1742 January 3 (Sunday). Mrs. Thurston and Mrs. Lawrence dined with me.

1744 June 29 (Friday). Mr. Lawrence here about Chamberlins Debt.

1744 July 10 (Tuesday). Met Mr. Lawrence who rode with me to Mr. Caruths.

1746 May 19 (Monday). Was at Mr. Thomas Warrins, at the widow Coolidge's, at Mr. McAllisters, Gershom Fay's, Lawrence's and Mr. Nathan Balls.

1747 April 27 (Monday). I rode to Marlborough and pay'd the remainder of the Bond at Mr. Jesse Rice's, and the Interest and took up the Bond.... Thence I rode to Bolton (Calling at Captain Barnards) -- din'd at Mr. Benjamin Lawrence's (who lately dwelt at Westborough).

1749 February 26 (Sunday). Mr. Upham, Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Chaddock din'd here.

1749 February 27 (Monday). Stopp'd the Church to offer Mr. Lawrence and Mrs. Oak's Desire to be dismiss'd to Bolton, and to quicken the Church again in contributing at Communion.

Church Records, Feb. 16, 1749: The Desires of Benjamin Lawrence and Jane his Wife, and of Kezia (the wife of Nathaniel) Oake, to have their Relation to this Church transferrd from us to the Church of Christ in Bolton, were laid before the Church and voted, and that there Should be Letters of Recommendation written accordingly.

1750 December 2 (Sunday). N.B. Astonishing Accounts of Mr. Benjamin Lawrence's cruelty to his Boy Seem confirm'd.

1750 December 4 (Tuesday). N.B. the Story of Mr. Benjamin Lawrence was true but in part. This Eve the select men of this Town meet in order to Relieve the Boy, as they were the Guardians of the Child and had bound him out to Mr. Lawrence.

1750 December 24 (Monday). My Wife rode with me to visit the Two Widows Tomlin: and thence we went to Ensign Rice's. N.B. The little Boy was there which Mr. Lawrence of Bolton had So Severely whipp'd. His Back was Stripp'd for me to See it. There were bad Signs all over it and Two or Three large and plain Scars.