

## Ephraim Parker (1757-1810)

Born Oct. 4, 1757, son of Amos and Anna (Shrewsbury VR 82)

Other children of Amos and Anna:

Isaac, b. July 15, 1750, int. Apr. 27, 1770

Hollis, b. Oct. 2, 1752

Elisha, b. Dec. 31, 1754

Nahum, b. Mar. 4m 1760

Fradrick, b. May 4, 1762

Betty, b. May 18, 1764; d. Aug. 20, 1764

Betty, b. Mar. 28, 1769, int. June 12, 1773

Mar.: Ephraim Parker of Fitzwilliam, NH, mar. Abigail Baker, Aug. 2, 1787 (Royalston VR 133)

Died Dec. 1, 1810, Fitzwilliam (suicide) – *Parker Genealogy*, 106

1779 February 25 (Thursday). I walked to Mr. Thad. Warrin's to hire him to get out Fencing stuff, posts and Rails; thence to Mr. Isaac Parker's to see and talk with his brother Ephraim about living with me, and he seems disposed.

1779 March 3 (Wednesday). Ephraim Parker (brother of Elisha and Isaac) came to work by the Day for me. He goes to the Ministerial Lot to get Posts and Rails.... Ebenezer lodges here. So does Ephraim Parker.

1779 March 6 (Saturday). Ephraim left me by agreement and to return again.

1779 March 10 (Wednesday). Eph. Parker came again.... Ephraim Parker lodges here.

1779 March 24 (Wednesday). Ephraim's brother Elisha was here and dined with us. He speaks of the Straits and Difficulties to which many of the People of Bolton are reduced, for want of Bread and how scarce Meat is there. May the great Provider Pity them, especially at this Season, and all others that are exposed in this terrible Storm! In Special that are at Sea.

1779 March 27 (Saturday). Though the Snow was troublesome, yet Ephraim is employed in fetching two load of Posts and Rails (partly finished) from Beeton's.

1779 April 3 (Saturday). Eph. Parker setts out stumps, roots etc.

1779 April 16 (Friday). Mr. Amos Parker, Ephraim's Father here. He is obliged with a No. of *Lelock Trees*.

1779 May 4 (Tuesday). Mr. Amos Parker of Shrewsbury here, his business with his son.

1779 May 11 (Tuesday). Sophy goes to Mr. Amos Parkers at Shrewsbury.

1779 May 13 (Thursday). Breck undertakes to new modell the Frame for the Grape Vine in the Garden to run upon: and Parker and Timothy help him.

1779 May 14 (Friday). Breck, Parker and Tim. are still upon the Vine and garden.

1779 May 15 (Saturday). Mr. Parker (Ephraim's Father) here. Ephraim goes home, and carries John Cushing to Shrewsbury.

1779 June 2 (Wednesday). Ephraim Parker is preparing to go with the Oxen and Horse to Waltham for earthen Ware.

1779 June 3 (Thursday). Ephraim went to Waltham, sat out about 3 a.m. N.B. Timothy Bryant's Time being out, he went with Parker, in order to return to his Mother at Stoneham.

1779 June 4 (Friday). Ephraim Parker returned from Waltham with a load of earthen ware for Breck.

1779 June 16 (Wednesday). Mr. Aaron Smith came -- dined with us -- Lt. Bond, and with him a yoke of Oxen and Horse -- my Eph. Parker with my oxen and Breck's mare go on in plowing fallow ground at the Island.

1779 June 23 (Wednesday). Ephraim Parker begins to Mowe.

1779 July 9 (Friday). I was in some perplexity about my Haying, because nothing is done about it all this Week (except One Load on Monday) and yet Parker is going to work at Harrington's.

1779 July 17 (Saturday). Ephraim on Breck's Horse, at the Close of the Day, to Shrewsbury.

1779 July 19 (Monday). Parker returned from Shrewsbury to his Work.

1779 July 24 (Saturday). I have very much left my Husbandry Business with Parker, and betake myself to my Studys.

1779 August 4 (Wednesday). At eve, Mr. Isaac Parker, who is very friendly and generous.

1779 August 5 (Thursday). Elias goes to Worcester for Mr. Isaac Parker to bring the Newspapers.

1779 August 6 (Friday). Mr. Moses Nurse has bought my son Breck's fine mare so that (tho' it was more tedious to me) I rode his grey Horse, to Shrewsbury, dined at Mr. Sumner's. Visit old Madam Cushing, who is sick of a Fever, etc., but is somewhat better today. At her Request, I prayed with her. I rode to Mr. Amos Parker's.

1779 August 13 (Friday). Parker went to my little Flock in Squire Baker's pasture, got a Lamb, killed it -- did not weigh it -- it was very small.

1779 September 29 (Wednesday). Mr. Amos Parker and wife dined here.

1779 November 15 (Monday). Ephraim having rid home on Saturday eve, returned this morning.

1779 November 16 (Tuesday). Dined at Squire Baker's. Consult him about paying my Young Man (Parker) and I went to Lt. Joseph Bond's on the same Affair.

1779 November 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Isaac Parker with his *Relation*.

1779 November 18 (Thursday). Mrs. Parker (Isaac's Wife) and Miss Anna Parker (Ephraim's Sister) made us a Visit.

1779 November 22 (Monday). Ephraim Parker comes up this evening to reckon with me for his nine months Work for me: first for six months, and for them asks my biggest Oxen, for which I am told I may have £500, and for the other three months as the price is stated. But he would have me ask Advice of my Neighbors.

1779 November 23 (Tuesday). I walked to Mr. Ebenezer Forbush, to talk with him, and he not being at home spent some time with his Father and Mother. In returning I made an Opportunity with Mr. Elijah Hardy, who tells me that he gave his Young Man for six months, not £250, and Mr. Benj. Fay not more. I next talked with Mr. Barnabas Newton, who will take it into Thought. At eve, speak with Caleb Harrington. But Parker is gone over to his Brother Elisha's.

1779 November 25 (Thursday). Mr. Elisha Parker came, and Ephraim and I came to some agreement, viz. to give him my Principal Oxen for seven months of his work: and to pay him in Money or Indian Corn for the two Months of October and November, according to common custom, in the old way or in proportion as men's wages are for youths'.

1779 November 26 (Friday). I had too many anxious Thoughts about the high Demands of Ephraim.

1779 November 27 (Saturday). Elisha Parker came when I was about paying Ephraim, but a Controversie arose concerning *What was the Usual Custom at this time of the great Alteration of Money within these few weeks*. Ephraim would take no less than £60 for the Two Months. I was not willing to give any more than 55. But I was obliged to borrow the money of my son Breck, and they all went to the Shop, where Breck gave Ephraim the whole Sum he required, viz. £60, and so he went to his brother Elisha's with the Cattle on the Cart to carry his Chest and things there, promising to come and make up the Time, viz. 5 Days that yet remains next week and onward.

1779 November 28 (Sunday). Mrs. Maynard dined here, as did Ephraim Parker.

1779 December 14 (Tuesday). Mr. Elisha Parker brought me several worthy presents, Beef and Tea, 10 lb. of one, 1/2 lb. t'other.

1780 January 23 (Sunday). Ephraim Parker dined here.

1780 January 26 (Wednesday). Ephraim Parker being at work for me in dressing Flax for me, brings in a quantity of it on a Pole and hangs it before the Fire to drie it. I had a good deal of Reluctance at it, remembering that Capt. Gouge's House at Hopkinton was, some years ago, burn't down by Flax taking Fire.

1780 January 27 (Thursday). As the Flax aforesaid hung before the Fire, notwithstanding the Distance it was placed at, a Coal was snapped out from the Fire, and began immediately to burn in it, which had it occurred last night, while we Slept, what would have been the Event! All hearty Thanks to our great Preserver!

1780 February 7 (Monday). At evening Ephraim Parker borrows the History of human Nature etc. Advises concerning the sowing my Island with Clover etc.

1780 March 29 (Wednesday). Eph. Parker was here at Evening. I try to have him live here, but I cant succeed.

1780 March 30 (Thursday). Parker came to work on our Flax, but found it not rotted sufficient, therefore breaks off and returns.

1780 June 2 (Friday). I went to Mr. Isaac Parker's to see what he would do about working for me instead of his Br. Ephraim, some of whose Time remains to be made up, and to make some Agreement with him to take my Young Oxen to keep.

1782 January 8 (Tuesday). Ephraim *Parker* came to see us.

1782 August 8 (Thursday). *Ephraim Parker* Visits us.