

Elisha Ward (1712-1756)

b. July 30, 1712 (Marlborough VR 187)
son of William Ward, Jr., and Jane

m. Ruth Rice, Nov. 28, 1738 (Southborough VR 145)
b. Sept. 1, 1721, dau. of Joseph and Marcy Rice (Marlborough VR 160)

d. Jan. 24, 1756 (Southborough VR 184), in 44th year

In will, gave real estate to nephew, Willian, son of his deceased brother Charles

1746 October 24 (Friday). Wondrous pleasant weather from Day to Day. As I last night had Some Discourse with Deacon Newton and Mr. Elisha Ward about my Circumstances with relation to the Town and this Precinct, so I had to Day with Captain Warrin. But I find no likelihood of a precinct meeting presently -- unless I am my Self more Strenuous.

1749 December 26 (Tuesday). Somewhat Cold but bright. My wife and I rode in the Slay to visit a Number of Neighbours, viz. Captain Forbush,¹ Old Mrs. Forbush,² Lieutenant Bruce, Mr. Amsden, where we din'd -- My little Alexander being with us. Then we proceeded to Elisha Wards and return'd by Isaac Amsdens.

1750 January 10 (Wednesday). A Lovely Day. I rode to Mr. Elisha Wards about the Land (which he holds in Common with Lieutenant Brigham) round our New Meeting House.

1750 March 12 (Monday). Rode to Mr. Elisha Wards and to Lieutenant Brigbams. Lieutenant Tainter with me, endeavouring to trade with owners of the Land round about the Meeting House. I din'd there.

1750 July 2 (Monday). P.M. My Wife and I in the Chair and Mr. Haven on my Young Horse undertake a Journey, designing for Boston as Soon as with Convenience we can get there. A Thunder Storm came up, and we were Stopp'd at Mr. Elisha Wards till near Sunsett. Proceeded as far as Mr. Stones at Southborough and lodg'd there.

1752 June 30 (Tuesday). N.B. Billy assisted a Drover (one Boardman of Exeter) with a Flock of Sheep and went so far with him as put us in great Consternation. I visited old Mrs. Dorcas Forbush and borrow'd Lieutenant's Horse to ride after Billy. Went as far as Mr. Elisha Wards and found him there. He had been as far as Mr. Jonathan Strattons.

1756 January 24 (Saturday). We hear of the Deaths of Several at Marlborough; viz. Mr. *Joseph Morse*, Lt. *Jedidiah Brigbams* Wife -- but in our own Town dye Mr. *Elisha Ward*, another son of Coll. *William Ward*. A Sorrowful Stroke! May we make proper Reflections upon it!

¹Samuel Forbush.

²The widow of Thomas Forbush.

1756 January 26 (Monday). Mr. *Elisha Ward* buried.

1756 February 19 (Thursday). I rode to Marlborough to the Funeral of *Dr. Samuel Brigham*. Neighbour *Pratt* favored me with his Horse -- visited the widow of the late Mr. *Elisha Ward*.

1766 November 19 (Wednesday). At Eve was at Mr. Zebulun Rice's. His Brother Adonijah moves out of this Neighbourhood, to the House which was Mr. Elisha Wards.