

### Diary of Ebenezer Parkman, 1739

1739 January 1 (Monday). It may with great Reason affect us that the Waste of Years which hasten us into Eternity, makes no more impression upon us, or no more abiding!

1739 January 2 (Tuesday). I rode to Marlborough round by Mr. Josiah Rice's<sup>1</sup> and Captain Eagers.<sup>2</sup> My Little son Thomas rode with me. Rode to Captain Joseph Hows,<sup>3</sup> Mr. Joseph Tainters<sup>4</sup> where we Din'd, to Mr. Peter Butlers, Colonel Woods's and to Dr. Gotts. The Cold prevail'd at Evening So much that I yielded to their persuasions, for the sake of my son, to tarry over night. An Exceeding Cold night.

1739 January 3 (Wednesday). A very Cold Day -- but Thomme and I rode up home through a sharp Cold Wind. Call'd to see Captain Warrins Wife who is exceeding low and weak. Extreme Cold night. Hannah Maynard<sup>5</sup> watch'd, as Lucy Forbush<sup>6</sup> did with Nurse last Night.

1739 January 4 (Thursday). My Wife makes no great Haste in Recovery, but the Child is very weak and feeble yet, and the sore Mouth has been prevailing upon it for some time. Abiel Allen watch'd. Cold Season.

1739 January 5 (Friday). My Wife very faint and weak, fainting in going from the bed to the Table. Ruth Hicks watch'd. Cold continues. Boys sled wood.

1739 January 6 (Saturday). My Wife feeble. Childs Sore mouth continues Bad. Rebecca watch'd.

1739 January 7 (Sunday). Moderate fine Day. On Rev. 20.12. N.B. Mr. Daniel Stones Wife din'd here. At Eve Rebecca Taynter<sup>7</sup> tarried and watch'd. My wife somewhat more Comfortable. The Child in doubtfull State by its Sore Mouth. N.B. Publick Prayers for the Child.

1739 January 8 (Monday). Old Mrs. Knowlton and Mrs. Maynard here. Boys cutting wood within the Fence. Child very bad. Mrs. Maynard watch'd.

1739 January 9 (Tuesday). The Child extreme bad, especially the latter part of the Day. Boys sledded home wood. P.M. and Evening we thought the Child was dying -- took nothing for many Hours, a Ghastly pale overspread the Visage and appear'd choak'd up; sometimes was Seemingly gone for some while together. We pray'd for it p.m. All night distress'd about it and expecting its last Gasp. Nurse and my Daughter Molly sat up with it.

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<sup>1</sup>Of Hopkinton. The son of David Rice of Marlborough.

<sup>2</sup>James Eager of Westborough.

<sup>3</sup>Of Marlborough.

<sup>4</sup>Deacon of the Marlborough church. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 456.

<sup>5</sup>Mrs. David Maynard of Westborough.

<sup>6</sup>Louise or Lucee (b. Dec. 7, 1719) was daughter of Aaron Forbush.

<sup>7</sup>Mrs. Simon Tainter.

1739 January 10 (Wednesday). Through the Great Mercy of God the Child is alive this morning - and Continues -- the sore mouth abates -- peels and clears off. I rode over to visit Mr. Lawrence's wife,<sup>8</sup> Mrs. Samuel Gamels<sup>9</sup> and Jesse Maynards<sup>10</sup> Family. N.B. Jotham Maynard thrash'd Barley with John Kidney.

1739 January 11 (Thursday). Frequent Snows. Trees ever so loaded yesterday when I rode over to the North side of the Town that it was very difficult passing, It being very deep in the Roads, yet it Snow'd again to Day. The Child somewhat better. Martha Maynard Watch'd. Storm continues.

1739 January 12 (Friday). A very great Storm, Windy, Cold, and Snow'd very fast. Nurse Watch'd.

1739 January 13 (Saturday). Sent for to visit Captain Warrin's Wife who was deliver'd of a very large Child this morning, but herself in a very low distressing Condition. Abiel watch'd.

1739 January 14 (Sunday). A Morning of great Trouble! The Childs soreness of Mouth had return'd for Two or Three Days, but we did not judge it in immediate Danger. There was nothing of this discover'd in the first of the Morning. But about nine o'Clock I was call'd down from my Study with the Alarm that the Child was dying! About 10 She ceas'd to breath! The will of the Lord be done! I preach'd on Rev. 20.12.<sup>11</sup> O that we might have a due sense of the Divine Mind Concerning us!

1739 January 15 (Monday). Deacon Newton<sup>12</sup> kindly came and brought Two Bottles of wine and offer'd to go to Marlborough upon what Errands would be Necessary to be done there. Ensign Maynard went to Mr. Cushings. Ebenezer Maynard dugg the Grave. The Snow exceeding Deep, by which means it was very difficult to break away to get wood, for 3 Fires and one so long all night as well as Day, had wasted wood at a very great Rate. Yet we got a Supply.

1739 January 16 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing and his Wife came to the Funeral of my Infant Elizabeth. The Weather was moderate. The Neighbours in very considerable Numbers, attended. I desire to interr my Dead in the Faith of the new Covenant and of the glorious Privilege of the Resurrection to Eternal Life. N.B. Nurse was bearer. No Friends from Marlborough. N.B. Mr. Cushing and his Wife could not go to the Grave. Jotham cut wood a.m.

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<sup>8</sup>Mrs. Benjamin Lawrence.

<sup>9</sup>Of Westborough. The name was also spelled Gamwell.

<sup>10</sup>Formerly of Marlborough. The son of David Maynard.

<sup>11</sup>Rev. 20.12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

<sup>12</sup>Josiah Newton.

1739 January 17 (Wednesday). My wife was exceeding full of pain. Jotham Maynard cut Wood all Day and my Boys Sledged home 7 Load. At Evening I visited Mrs. Warrin<sup>13</sup> who was exceeding Slow and nigh unto Death. Could not Speak to me for some time, but at length reviv'd and discours'd a little. N.B. Took my Leave of her. The Cold Continues. N.B. Dr. Gott here.

1739 January 18 (Thursday). My wife easier this morning, but very weak. Ebenezer and John rode to Marlborough. Brother Samuel Breck came from Springfield and went to Marlborough. N.B. I wrote to Mrs. Pierpont<sup>14</sup> at New Haven and sent it to Boston for Conveyance.

1739 January 19 (Friday). My Wife exceeding full of pain again, weak and distress'd, her lower Limbs grow useless and one of her feet swells again. I wrote to Mr. Secretary Wyllys<sup>15</sup> and Mr. Austin<sup>16</sup> at Hartford, to be sent by Colonel Pyncheon of Springfield. N.B. The Moderatest and pleasantest Day that we have had a very great While. Divers Women to visit my Wife. N.B. Mrs. Warrin dy'd last Night. Mr. James Maynards wife watched.

1739 January 20 (Saturday). Mrs. Warrin Buryed. N.B. I baptiz'd the Infant at the House before the Corps were mov'd. N.B. Mr. Sherbourn and Mr. S. Grant upon their Journey with Mr. Prentice to Grafton, and thence designing to proceed to Connecticut. My Wife exceeding full of pain, very faint and weak and low. Granny Forbush watch'd. N.B. Simon Tainter, junior went for the Doctor at almost Eve.

1739 January 21 (Sunday). On Rev. 20.12. My Wife in great Extremity. The Doctor was here in the morning. Cousin Winchester<sup>17</sup> tarried after meeting and watch'd.

1739 January 22 (Monday). Cousin Winchester tarried till her Husband came at Eve. Mr. Cushing and Captain Flagg,<sup>18</sup> Sister Gott and Mrs. Bulah Bent here. My Wife very full of Pain yet! N.B. We kill'd the Pig which I bought Some Time agoe of Lieutenant Holloway. Weight 126£.

1739 January 23 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here. My Wife's pains do not Cease. Nurse sat up what she could.

1739 January 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Stone<sup>19</sup> made us a visit. Din'd with us and before he went away at Evening he pray'd with us.

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<sup>13</sup>Mary, widow of Capt. Daniel Warrin. [Was she a widow? EP visited Capt. Warrin's wife, January 13.]

<sup>14</sup>Widow of the Rev. James Pierpont of New Haven.

<sup>15</sup>George Wyllys, Secretary of the Colony of Connecticut.

<sup>16</sup>John Austin, a merchant of Hartford.

<sup>17</sup>Elizabeth, Mrs. Benjamin Winchester.

<sup>18</sup>Benjamin Flagg, Jr., of Worcester. Also a selectman. Lincoln, *Worcester*, 52, 55, 57.

<sup>19</sup>Rev. Nathan Stone of Southborough.

1739 January 25 (Thursday). My [wife] has not been easy ever since the 17th Day. Divers Women here.

1739 January 26 (Friday). Dr. Gott and Captain Williams here. Doctor din'd. Captain Williams went to Ensign Maynards and when he return'd was in so great an Hurry that he would only Eat a mouthful of Bread and cheese although Food was preparing for him. It was what gave us some vexation because I had invited him to Dinner.

1739 January 27 (Saturday). My Wife Easier and Stronger, but I was not very well.

1739 January 28 (Sunday). A very Stormy Day. Snow'd hard. I went to Meeting House a.m. and preach'd Still on Rev. 20.12 although I was not well. P.M. the storm increasing greatly I sent for the people to my own House, and perform'd Divers services at Home. Preach'd on 2 Pet. 2.11, Continuing the same Subject which I was upon in the forenoon.

1739 January 29 (Monday). Bright Day. P.M. I rode to Mr. Charles Rice's.<sup>20</sup>

1739 January 30 (Tuesday). Sent various Errands by Mr. John Rogers, particularly to Brother Champney and to Mrs. Kiggell.

1739 January 31 (Wednesday). Mr. Aaron Forbush had my oxen to sled down a large stick of Ship Timber to Marlborough. My Wife lvs ill yet, but gathers Some Strength and can begin to take a step or Two with Help.

1739 February 1 (Thursday). Pleasant a.m. Rain at Eve. I preach'd at the Private Meeting at Brother Hicks's on Phil. 1.21. The Snow wastes off space [apace?].

1739 February 2 (Friday). A fine Clear Day. Nurse rode to Grafton upon my Horse. My Wife begins to be Somewhat pain'd upon T'other side, Scil. from her Hip downwards. But in the forepart of the Day we had discours'd of Nurse's going home.

1739 February 3 (Saturday). Nurse return'd from Grafton. Wife's pains increase greatly.

1739 February 4 (Sunday). On 2 Pet. 3.11. Sent John Kidney to Marlborough to the Doctor.

1739 February 5 (Monday). I have Heard that to Day the Town of Marlborough were to open Mr. Samuel Cooks answer to their Call.<sup>21</sup> N.B. Mr. Samuel Fay juniors Infant Child bury'd which bled to Death at the Navel. N.B. Very Cold. In at Mr. Samuel Williams at Evening. My Wife grows worse, her pains being Sharper for the Time than with the former Legg. N.B. Upon the Sorrowful News we had receiv'd by Edwards Whipple<sup>22</sup> of the Extreme illness of our sister Lydia

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<sup>20</sup>An early resident of Westborough.

<sup>21</sup>Cooke declined the call.

<sup>22</sup>Of Westborough.

Champney at Cambridge, Brother Hicks and his Wife went down, but the circumstances of my Wife did utterly forbid me.

1739 February 6 (Tuesday). Somewhat Cold, but bright and Clear. My Wife had a very distressing Night exceeding full of pain from her Hip to her Toe. The Day was like the Night. No Physic work'd yesterday nor to Day. Her Spirits much depress'd. N.B. Captain Fay<sup>23</sup> here to see us and din'd with us.

1739 February 7 (Wednesday). A great deal of Company here, which together [with] my wife's exceeding low Circumstances made it a Day of perpetual Hurry and Engagement -- for as to my wife, the night was very distressing -- full of Pain and anguish and very faint and Weak. Nurse watch'd last night as well as Sat up the most of the Night before, and my wife was very restless and as if Death could not be very far off. As to the Company there were especially Mr. (or Captain) Jonathan Sawyer of Harvard with the bitter and grievous Case of Mr. Seccomb<sup>24</sup> their Pastor. My Advice was That it was not fit for them to expect a Judgment of the Case unless both sides are fully heard, or that I could hear Facts and Allegations that went into the Merits of the Cause unless they were what were well supported and Mr. Seccomb present to make Reply. Secondly, That none of the Crimes charg'd against Mr. Seccomb (however those false Rumors were that flew about the world) were such but that upon his deep Humiliation and Reformation and endeavoring to Conduct Himself with peculiar Care respecting the Youth of the Flock he might be, nay and ought to be continued their Pastor. Thirdly, that it was not adviseable, by any means to have a Council of Churches (Seeing that would be Such a mean of further publishing and Spreading the Evil, already too great) if by any good methods they could heal their grievance at Home, and if it were granted, as complain'd, that many new Facts, or horrible Circumstances had arisen which gave Such sad Disquietment to even those members who, knowing no more than they did then, voted his Restoration that they are full of Dissatisfaction, yet perhaps a new Church Meeting and Reconsideration or Review of matters, might Still be Sufficient and Successfull. And if it should upon Trial be found that it did not or if such Church Meeting could not be obtained I would rather advise that Two or Three Fathers in the Ministry be apply'd to, to go up to Harvard and assist and Direct them in the Affair. I also told Mr. Sawyer that if Opportunity presented I should acquaint Mr. Seccomb with his having been here, and the Errand he came upon, which he very freely and readily consented to or desir'd. N.B. There came with Mr. Sawyer, one Mr. Taylor of North Worcester. Mr. Williams here with Hinges to hang my Front Gate. Captain Forbush<sup>25</sup> and others here. Sundry Women to see my Wife. Brother Hicks return'd from Cambridge.

1739 February 8 (Thursday). My wife very Weak and low last Night, but by the help of her Anodyne slept better than for several Nights. Nurse went to bed about one. Dr. Gott here and

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<sup>23</sup>John Fay, an early settler of Westborough.

<sup>24</sup>Rev. John Seccomb (HC 1728), first minister of Harvard, Mass., was charged with unfaithfulness to his marriage vows. *SHG* 8:481-490. Henry S. Nourse, *History of the Town of Harvard* (Harvard, 1894), 185-87.

<sup>25</sup>Samuel Forbush of Westborough.

left various new prescriptions and Encouragements. Company Daily -- an unspeakable Hindrance to my Studys.

1739 February 9 (Friday). A windy, Cold Day. Neighbor Beeman<sup>26</sup> and his wife made us a kind, bountifull visit. Mr. Wheeler<sup>27</sup> here. My Wife exceedingly pained at Eve.

1739 February 10 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1739 February 11 (Sunday). Repeated Sermon on 1 John 3.14 a. and p.m. unto page 16, but p.m. from Deut. 32.5. Dr. Gott visited my wife in Meeting Time as he was going to see old Mrs. Tomlin.<sup>28</sup> Snow Storm.

1739 February 12 (Monday). Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctors and to Mr. Butlers, with the side saddle but he was removed to Rutland. Captain Warrins young Child bury'd. I went down in the Snow o'Foot, and the snow blowing into the Path made it very heavy and tiresome. N.B. Sent to Mr. Williams a Letter touching the Harvard Affair and to Brother Samuel Breck at College and to Brother Samuel Parkman at Boston all by Samuel Baker.<sup>29</sup> My Wife remains in much the Same State, except the very great Extremeity of Pain which is mitigated by her Anodyne.

1739 February 13 (Tuesday). Dr. Convers,<sup>30</sup> by Dr. Gotts message to him as he was at Sudbury, came up to visit my wife. Afterwards came Dr. Gott. They find her very low, her Blood exceeding Weak, her swelling in her Legg increased and advanc'd into her Body, her Urine has been to a great Degree Supprest'd ever since this Second Legg was Seiz'd with the Pain. Her medicines are Chalbiats<sup>31</sup> mix'd with Castor, and Ocul. Cancror with Sal. Nitr. Her bathing with spirits of wine continued but her Pultis ceases, her Teas of Horse Radish, Fennel and Parseley Roots, and we now lay on a Blister. P.M. Mr. Beeman again bountifully visits and Cousin Winchester here.

1739 February 14 (Wednesday). Rain. My Wife somewhat better.

1739 February 15 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter and his Son Simon came (upon hire) to cut Wood. Very Cold.

1739 February 16 (Friday). High Cold Winds continue. Very Cold. A Last Year Lamb that had been hurt by the wanton Swine dy'd yesterday. Mrs. Byles<sup>32</sup> here p.m. Hollister Baker call'd here.

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<sup>26</sup>Eleazer Beeman.

<sup>27</sup>Joseph Wheeler of Westborough.

<sup>28</sup>Wife of Deacon Isaac Tomlin.

<sup>29</sup>Son of Edward Baker of Westborough.

<sup>30</sup>Josiah Convers (HC 1723), a physician of Watertown. *SHG*, 6:159-60.

<sup>31</sup>A chalybeate medicine was impregnated with or flavored with iron.

<sup>32</sup>Mrs. Joseph Byles.

1739 February 17 (Saturday). Snow. My Wife grows Still better. Nurse went home having been with us full seven Weeks. I was pritty Seasonable in my preparations.

1739 February 18 (Sunday). On Rom. 8.6.

1739 February 19 (Monday). Mr. John Pannell here with Linnen Cloth. Town Meeting in part to See what to do about making more room in the Meeting House. N.B. Mr. Parris here, and lodg'd here.

1739 February 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Parris went off. Dr. Gott here. Pruning Trees.

1739 February 21 (Wednesday). It rained somewhat but I rode over to Mr. Joseph Greens. N.B. Aiery Gate. N.B. Mr. Jonathan Whipple and his Wife here at Eve.

1739 February 22 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing and his Wife made us a Visit. Sorrowfull News at Eve by John Hicks junior of Sister Lydia Champneys extreme Ill State.

1739 February 23 (Friday). Moderate weather. Lieutenant Baker<sup>33</sup> help'd me Trim my Apple Trees. Abraham Moss call'd here.

1739 February 24 (Saturday). Brother Hicks came and trimmed Apple Trees all Day. Ensign Maynard brought up a Present from Brother Elias containing a considerable Variety. Scil. Chocolat, Flower, Raisins, Currants, Spices, Limes and Several sorts of Bisketts. Lowery thawing Weather.

1739 February 25 (Sunday). Misty Day. On Rom. 8.6 and Repeated from page 13 of Sermon on Phil. 1.21 from 1 Cor. 3.22 -- Death all are yours. Sharp Thunder and Lightning at Eve. N.B. My Wife walk'd across the room, a thing she has not done these Three weeks, and she din'd with us to Day. G.D.

1739 February 26 (Monday). The Doctor came to see my wife. I rode down to Cambridge on occasion of sister Lydia Champneys illness. Very bad riding by the Hollowness of the Earth by the Frost. Met with Dr. Convers at Mr. Harringtons<sup>34</sup> Tavern at Waltham. Found sister Lydia better. Her Face, Chin and Throat had been very much tumified [?] and enflam'd and lanc'd, and she was in great Extremity for some Days last week, but is much more comfortable. N.B. Trouble by Brother Champney's<sup>35</sup> courting one Abigail Stearns.<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>33</sup>Edward Baker of Westborough.

<sup>34</sup>Daniel Harrington. Charles A. Nelson, *Waltham, Past and Present* (Cambridge, 1879), 88.

<sup>35</sup>Samuel Champney, Jr., of Cambridge, brother of Parkman's first wife.

<sup>36</sup>Of Concord. Intention of marriage to Champney was recorded Oct. 24, 1739. The marriage itself is not recorded. Paige, *Cambridge*, 507.

1739 February 27 (Tuesday). I rode to Charlestown. I found that the great Mr. Thatcher of the New North dy'd yesterday morning about 3 or 4 o'Clock. Din'd at my mothers. Supp'd at Brother Elias's and lodg'd there. N.B. Brother Elias's taking Care about the paying what I ow'd for John Kidney and my Horse at Mr. Webb the Butchers. N.B. Visited Dr. Cutler,<sup>37</sup> Physician for sister Lydia.

1739 February 28 (Wednesday). Din'd at Brother Elias's. N.B. Hezekiah How<sup>38</sup> din'd with us. Visited Captain James Marshall. N.B. Major Lockman there. Went up to see the Camel. N.B. Serious Discourse with Brother Elias about his son. At Eve, 9 o'Clock, rode Round to Cambridge.

1739 March 1 (Thursday). Rode over to Cambridge and to College. Thence up to Waterton for Neighbor Hezekiah Hows Company. Overtook him at Woolsons.<sup>39</sup> Stop'd by Mr. William Williams<sup>40</sup> about Harvard affair, and by Brother Breck in Sudbury. Visited Mr. Cook<sup>41</sup> and his Kinsman<sup>42</sup> who has receiv'd a renewed call to Marlborough. Having been handsomely refresh'd there I pursued my Journey to Hows Tavern,<sup>43</sup> where came Neighbor Townsend but I had his Company but 2 or 3 miles for I came to Dr. Gotts, and made it into Evening, Cold, heavy, Dirty and Weary Home.

1739 March 2 (Friday). Mr. Stone of Southborough brought with him Captain Whitney of Harvard, with a Letter from Deacons and Brethren, and from Mr. Seccomb. Mr. Stone preach'd my Lecture on Ps. 146.8, last clause. After Lecture Mr. Stone and I had long Conference and Debates upon Harvard Affair. We wrote to Captain Sawyer. Mr. Stone return'd home late. Captain Whitney lodged here.

1739 March 3 (Saturday). John Kidney Clearing Land, and did considerable of it in the Time of my Absence.

1739 March 4 (Sunday). Sacrament. On Rom. 8.6. P.M. Repeated the latter part of Sermon on Phil. 1.21. Very weary and not well at night.

1739 March 5 (Monday). Before the yearly Meeting there was a Town Meeting by adjournment about the Meeting House. Mr. Daniel Stone brought me Two Heath Hens and a Cock.

1739 March 6 (Tuesday). Storm of Snow. Mr. Tainter came and kill'd Two Swine for me. I read Mr. Samuel Mathers Apology for the Churches in New England.<sup>44</sup>

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<sup>37</sup>Dr. John Cutler. Drake, *Boston*, 633.

<sup>38</sup>Parkman's neighbor.

<sup>39</sup>Joseph Woolson of Framingham.

<sup>40</sup>Minister at Weston.

<sup>41</sup>Rev. William Cooke of Wayland, Mass.

<sup>42</sup>Samuel Cooke, later minister at Arlington, Mass.

<sup>43</sup>The Wayside Inn.

<sup>44</sup>*An Apology for the Liberties of the Churches in New-England* (Boston, 1738). Mather (HC 1723) was the youngest son of Cotton Mather and at this time minister of the Second Church, Boston. *SHG*, 7:216-238.



1739 March 7 (Wednesday). Snow Storm continues. Cold and Windy. Mr. Tainter came and cut out and Salted up my Pork. No Catechizing (although it had been appointed this Day) because of the storm.

1739 March 8 (Thursday). Fair. Ebenezer Maynard came upon my sending for him to cut wood -- and John Kidney sledded. N.B. Ebenezer Maynard gave the Day.

1739 March 9 (Friday). Snow. We had prepared to carry a Pine Logg out of the Lot to the Saw Mill and Ebenezer Maynard came to help load it, but the Storm prevail'd and we gave over.

1739 March 10 (Saturday). With Brother Hicks's Cattle and Neighbor Aaron Hardys joined to my own Team, Ebenezer Maynard and John Kidney carry'd a Large Logg to the Saw Mill.

1739 March 11 (Sunday). Snow'd again. On Prov. 4.7. N.B. but few at Meeting p.m. N.B. My Wife has been somewhat disconsolate by her Limbs Swelling.

1739 March 12 (Monday). Brother Hicks to Shrewsbury upon my Horse. He went to Cambridge. Ebenezer went down to Mr. Daniel Matthews<sup>45</sup> for Malt.

1739 March 13 (Tuesday). [No entry.]

1739 March 14 (Wednesday). Catechizing -- it having been appointed on this Day because of the Disappointment last Week by the Storm.

1739 March 15 (Thursday). Storm of Rain and Hail.

1739 March 16 (Friday). I rode to Marlborough. Exceeding bad Travelling. To Mr. Tainters,<sup>46</sup> Phelps,<sup>47</sup> Colonel Woods's, Dr. Gotts at Evening and at Captain Williams<sup>48</sup> late. Yet returned home.

1739 March 17 (Saturday). [No entry.]

1739 March 18 (Sunday). On Prov. 4.7.

1739 March 19 (Monday). Mr. Jeremiah Townsend came to us from New Haven.

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<sup>45</sup>Of Marlborough, and later of Southborough.

<sup>46</sup>Deacon Joseph Tainter.

<sup>47</sup>John Phelps, a cordwainer of Marlborough. About 1742 he moved with his family to Rutland, Mass. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 428.

<sup>48</sup>Abraham Williams of Marlborough.

1739 March 20 (Tuesday). Captain Williams of Marlborough here and made up Accounts as Executor of Mr. Brecks<sup>49</sup> Will, as Administratee Upon Mr. Brecks Substance, and as Guardian to my Wife. P.M. I rode to Deacon Tomlins<sup>50</sup> and to Mr. Icabud Druce's.

1739 March 21 (Wednesday). Rode South. Lieutenant Bakers, Captain Fays, Mr. Samuel Fays, etc. etc. N.B. Mr. James Taylor<sup>51</sup> of Worcester here.

1739 March 22 (Thursday). A Meeting of the Proprietors of Hoosatunnoc No. 3. N.B. The Committee for that Business had agreed with Captain Hazletine<sup>52</sup> of Upton to build a Saw Mill. I assisted 'em in Drawing Two Bonds.

1739 March 23 (Friday). Town Meeting upon the Article of the Meeting House, but still did nothing. Mr. Samuel Harrington took my Horse to keep.

1739 March 24 (Saturday). My wife went to the Kitchen about this Time.

1739 March 25 (Sunday). On Mat. 9.18.

1739 March 26 (Monday). Town Meeting by Adjournment. N.B. Marlborough propos'd Meeting. I sent down, a second time, a Plot of Two acres and 30 Rod upon Powder Hill, by old Mr. Maynard,<sup>53</sup> but oppos'd by Mr. Richard Barns. N.B. some warm answer to old Mr. Maynard and Neighbor Williams<sup>54</sup> when they gave me account of the Proprietors not accepting it. N.B. began to Garden. We plough'd in some early Peas.

1739 March 27 (Tuesday). Very fine Weather.

1739 March 28 (Wednesday). Receiv'd from my Mother by Mr. Simon Goddard<sup>55</sup> Tulip Roots, etc. Mr. David Bell of Boston in his Journey to New Haven came to us at Evening in the Rain and Lodg'd here.

1739 March 29 (Thursday). Public Fast. I preach'd on Ezek. 36.25 to 32 and part of 37.

1739 March 30 (Friday). Mr. Bell pursued his Journey to New Haven bearing Letters from us, Scil. to Mr. Pierpont<sup>56</sup> and Mr. Daniel Edwards.<sup>57</sup> The Wind exceeding high last night. Rugged, Cold, windy Day.

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<sup>49</sup>The late Rev. Robert Breck of Marlborough.

<sup>50</sup>Isaac Tomlin of Westborough.

<sup>51</sup>An early proprietor of Worcester. Lincoln, *Worcester*, 46-47.

<sup>52</sup>John Hazeltine.

<sup>53</sup>David Maynard.

<sup>54</sup>Eleazer Williams.

<sup>55</sup>Of Shrewsbury. He had previously lived in Hopkinton. Ward, *Shrewsbury*, 285.

<sup>56</sup>James Pierpont, Jr., of New Haven.

<sup>57</sup>(YC 1720). Clerk of the Superior Court of Connecticut. Dexter, 216-217.

1739 March 31 (Saturday). I walk'd into the Neighbourhood as far as to Mr. Williams and I borrowed his Horse to Southborough, Mr. Stone having writ to me in the beginning of the Week, to Change with him. I expected Mr. Stone, but he came not. I rode down to Southborough upon Mr. Williams's Horse, but it was nigh dark when I got to Mr. Stones, So that he tarried till morning.

1739 April 1 (Sunday). Mr. Stone rode up to Westborough in the Morning. I preach'd at Southborough on Heb. 10.38 a. and p.m. William Pierce had excepted against Mr. Stones form of baptizing because of his using the word [into] instead of [in] the name, etc. and therefor entreated me to baptize his youngest child.<sup>58</sup> Mr. Stone had intimated the matter to me and consented freely that the Man Should request me, but I first opened the matter to him, read him Dr. Collins's annotation upon Mat. 28.19 in the Continuation of Mr. Pools<sup>59</sup> and demanded of him whether he had any Disgust with Mr. Stone on any other, etc. The name of the Child was Seth. At Evening I return'd to Westborough. Met Mr. Stone by the way. N.B. Mr. Stone had forgot his Notes by changing his Coat, and had none with him at Westborough. It was so late in the morning that he could not return home to fetch 'em, but my wife, at his request, Show'd him a parcell of my Sermons and he chose them that are on Hos. 13.9, and preach'd from them a. and p.m. N.B. My Young Red Cow brought a fine large Cow Calf.

1739 April 2 (Monday). Jotham Maynard came to work and Molly Bruce<sup>60</sup> came as a Taylor to make a Coat for Ebenezer. Jotham beat off at Noon by the Rain. Read in Mr. Clarks last volume of Lives.<sup>61</sup> Lost Two Ewes, one yesterday, the other to Day.

1739 April 3 (Tuesday). Dull heavy Weather. Jotham Maynard at Work all Day on the Fences of the Southside. At Night a great Storm. Windy, Cold, rain, Snow.

1739 April 4 (Wednesday). The Snow a Considerable Depth, but the Storm over. N.B. Mrs. Josslyn<sup>62</sup> here both yesterday and to Day.

1739 April 5 (Thursday). Sister Hicks at Dinner with me. I preach'd at the private Meeting at Mr. Whipple's on Rev. 3.1.

1739 April 6 (Friday). The Boys plough'd p.m., the Snow being so gone. Hannah, wife of Daniel Warrin junior here.

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<sup>58</sup>Baptism recorded in Westborough church records.

<sup>59</sup>Matthew Poole, a learned Non-Conformist divine, published *Annotations on the Holy Bible, wherein the Sacred Text is inserted, and various readings annexed* (2 vols.; London 1688). Poole wrote the portion as far as chapter 58 of Isaiah. Other writers continued the work.

<sup>60</sup>Mary, daughter of Abijah Bruce of Westborough.

<sup>61</sup>Samuel Clarke (1599-1683), an English theologian, published *The Marrow of Ecclesiastical Historie, Contained in the Lives of the Fathers, and Other Learned Men, and Famous Divines* (London, 1650). This work was enlarged and published in a variety of subsequent English editions.

<sup>62</sup>Mrs. Joseph Joslin. Sometimes spelled Joslen or Josling.

1739 April 7 (Saturday). The Boys plough'd all Day.

1739 April 8 (Sunday). All Day on 2 Cor. 2.15.16.

1739 April 9 (Monday). Boys at Plough again. Samuel Rogers at work for me.

1739 April 10 (Tuesday). I rode to Sudbury, in Company from Captain Williams of Marlborough with Mr. Cushing. Mr. Nathan Stone and Mr. Seccomb at Mr. Lorings. My Concio was on 2 Cor. 2.15.16. The Occasion of this Discourse on this Text was the ill Conduct of divers Ministers, but particularly of Mr. Seccomb of Harvard. N.B. Seven Towns in that Neighbourhood had had ministers guilty of Scandalous offences.

1739 April 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Prentice of Grafton preach'd the public Lecture on Isa. 1.16. N.B. Conversation with Mr. Samuel Cook upon the Affair of his refusing Marlborough. Mr. Cushing, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Prentice of Grafton rode with me up to Marlborough. I turn'd away to Mr. Edmund Rice's at the urgent request of his wife, to discourse with their Daughter in Law who was under Spiritual Trouble. Was at Colonel Woods's and settled all accounts with him to this Day. At the Doctors<sup>63</sup> at Eve. Mr. Prentice my company up to Westborough but he stood along for home. N.B. some free Conversation with him about his Preaching. N.B. Samme Breck<sup>64</sup> at my House. Came up yesterday. Jotham Maynard work'd half a Day.

1739 April 12 (Thursday). Jotham Maynard work'd another half Day. Powder hill on Blaze, in a dry Time and an high Wind. The Fire broke out of Brother Hicks's Ground and burnt me up all the Fence upon the South and the north and north East, although the wind was very strong at South and south West. I preach'd the Lecture on Rev. 3.1 latter part. N.B. Mr. Tainter brought up from Cambridge a 3 year old Heifer which I bought of Brother Champney for 10£.

1739 April 13 (Friday). Very fine spring Weather. Barley Sow'd. At Evening there arose a Storm of Thunder and Lightning. N.B. My old Bell sheep kill'd as 'twas Thought by a Wolf on my Hill in the upper Clear'd Ground. I have now lost no less than Four grown sheep this last winter and this spring.

1739 April 14 (Saturday). Abiel Allen went home. Nor could anyone be got in his [*sic*] room. P.M. I rode over to the Funeral of a Young Child of Mr. John Pannell. Very Warm Day.

1739 April 15 (Sunday). Sacrament. Preach'd on Mat. 22.12. O that I had the Wedding Garment of a prepared soul to wait upon my Dear and blessed saviour in! O that his own Righteousness might cover me that the Shame of my Spiritual Nakedness might not appear! P.M. by means of my many avocations and Labours I was prevented Composing another Discourse, and therefor I repeated to page 7 of Sermon on Ps. 116.12.

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<sup>63</sup>Benjamin Gott, the physician of Marlborough.

<sup>64</sup>Samuel Breck, Parkman's brother-in-law.

1739 April 16 (Monday). Abiel Allen having tarried over night, wash'd and did other heavy Business for my Wife. N.B. Robert Bradish came and acknowledg'd his ill Conduct and Expressions at Two particular Seasons when he was with me as particularly in my House on October [*blank*] past, and on March 30, last at Evening and I forgave him and was reconcil'd to him. This I bless God for, it having been an Article which I had much requested. Fine weather -- ploughing. N.B. Hicks carry'd his Daughter Hannah to Cambridge.

1739 April 17 (Tuesday). Catechiz'd at the Meeting House. The Trees and divers of them, Apple Trees and Popplers, very Green and the Grass considerably grown.

1739 April 18 (Wednesday). I went to Captain Fays with John Kidney who drove a Team and got 3 hundred pounds of Hay. Neighbor John Rogers at work for me. Splicing Rails and posts and Setting up Fence upon the back of the settle upon the Hill. Receiv'd a Young Sow Pigg from Mr. Williams.

1739 April 19 (Thursday). A white Frost last Night. Neighbor John Rogers setting up Fence for me. I went with John Kidney who drove my Team to Mr. David Brigham's to get Sand. My wife went as far as old Mr. Maynards. The Turkey Hen Set.

1739 April 20 (Friday). Mr. William Nurse here to request me to [go] up to a Sick Child a mile or Two above his House in Shrewsbury, but for many Reasons I could not.

1739 April 21 (Saturday). Mr. Damon of Leicester here. We sow'd a few Oates. N.B. It was showery Some parts of the Day.

1739 April 22 (Sunday). On 2 Cor. 15.16. Widow Pratt din'd with us.

1739 April 23 (Monday). Visited Neighbor Isaac Tomlin junior, he being in a very languishing Condition. I had Neighbor Seth Rice's Colt to ride upon from his House. N.B. Captain Eager<sup>65</sup> from Court gave advice to Neighbor Rice<sup>66</sup> to go down to Boston to Confer with Two men who had been Captivated from Groton when they were but Ladds and had dwelt with the Indians ever since, whose English names were Tarbell<sup>67</sup> -- Captain Kellogg<sup>68</sup> being likewise at Boston who was ready to serve them as an interpreter.

1739 April 24 (Tuesday). My old Red Cow Calv'd a fine large Bull Calf. N.B. Colonel Woods, Mr. Stone of Southborough, Mr. John Burt<sup>69</sup> preacher at Marlborough and Mr. Jonathan Loring,<sup>70</sup> their School Master made me a Visit.

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<sup>65</sup>James Eager of Westborough.

<sup>66</sup>Asher Rice, who had also been a captive of the Indians.

<sup>67</sup>See Samuel A. Green, *Groton During the Indian Wars* (Groton, 1883), 116-20.

<sup>68</sup>Joseph Kellogg.

<sup>69</sup>(HC 1736), later minister at Bristol, R.I., 1740-1775. *SHG*, 10:29-31.

<sup>70</sup>Son of the Rev. Israel Loring of Sudbury.

1739 April 25 (Wednesday). I walk'd to Mr. Noah Rice's<sup>71</sup> to visit his wife, being under long Confinement and weakness, very discourag'd and Melancholly. Continued my walk over to Mr. Tainters who had kept my Horse Sometime, and so rode back. Call'd at Mr. Jonah Warrins. N.B. Mr. John Pratt moving his Family to a new place by Mr. James Fays. N.B. Mr. Peter Butler was at our House. N.B. John Hicks junior help'd John Kidney in Carting out Muck. Planted Peas, New Haven Squashes, etc. in the garden and sow'd various seeds.

1739 April 26 (Thursday). Neighbor John Rogers help'd in Carting out muck. N.B. Brother Hicks lost his Black Ox. Divers went to look for him up -- found him dead in the mire of the Meadow on the North West End of the Great Pond. My Wife rode to Marlborough. N.B. Neighbor Seth Rice came up from Boston where he had Conference with the Tarbells of Groton and with Captain Kellogg upon the Affair of his Brethrens coming down from Canada. N.B. He brought my wife some Honey Suckle Roots (for Vines for the Front Door) from Madame Lucy Dudley of Roxbury.

1739 April 27 (Friday). My Lads fetch'd home some Hay from Neighbor Seth Rice's. Mr. Mead here. It continues a very dry Season. P.M. Brother Hicks help'd John in Carting Muck. My Wife return'd from Marlborough and my Horse was kept this Night (as it was also the Night before last) at old Mr. Maynard's.

1739 April 28 (Saturday). John Hicks junior went on foot to Cambridge. Ebenezer to Captain Eagers to carry Mr. Peter Butler 3£, 10 Shillings. John Carting Muck Still. Ebenezer Rode my Horse to Mr. Jacob Amsdens to have him kept there.

1739 April 29 (Sunday). On 2 Cor. 2.15.16. Very weary and faint at night, my Spirits having been greatly impress'd and my Body worry'd. N.B. There had been a small Shower this Morn. The wind Raw, and promising a Storm.

1739 April 30 (Monday). A Rainy Time and the Earth much soak'd, after a very dry Week. The praise to God for his Kindness and faithfulness. Abiel Allen tarried over last night to help my Wife for Two or Three Dayes.

1739 May 1 (Tuesday). John Kidney, with the Oxen help'd Brother Hicks in Carting out Muck.

1739 May 2 (Wednesday). Mr. Andrew Boardman<sup>72</sup> and his Sister, with Adonijah Church<sup>73</sup> and Mrs. Betty Woods<sup>74</sup> made us a Visit. N.B. It has been very cold ever Since the Storm on the 30th last. Abiel went home.

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<sup>71</sup>Son of Thomas Rice, an original settler of Westborough.

<sup>72</sup>The schoolmaster of Hopkinton.

<sup>73</sup>Of Marlborough.

<sup>74</sup>Daughter of Benjamin Woods of Marlborough.

1739 May 3 (Thursday). Very Cold still. John ploughing the Grounds over in order to planting.

1739 May 4 (Friday). [No entry.]

1739 May 5 (Saturday). A very grievous Cold continues upon me.

1739 May 6 (Sunday). On Mat. 9.27 to 31, and on Ps. 99.5 and 9. Some of our Cows lye out.

1739 May 7 (Monday). We furrow'd the further piece of the north field and planted the most of it till the Rain increas'd so much that we were oblig'd to desist. N.B. Sent for my Horse from Mr. Jacob Amsdens. N.B. Mr. William Nurse brought me a fine Pigg of Two Months old and receiv'd only 2/6 (which was Scarcely a Quarter Price) for it. N.B. receiv'd also a Pig of a Month old from Brother Hicks. At Night the Storm prevail'd greatly.

1739 May 8 (Tuesday). A.M. Rain and Stormy winds. P.M. Clear'd off. N.B. Neighbor How<sup>75</sup> brought us a Quarter of Veal. Neighbor Aaron Hardy brought Hopps of us. P.M. furrow'd.

1739 May 9 (Wednesday). I sent out my Oxen under the Care of Ensign Maynard and Four Young Creatures under the Care of Captain Warrin,<sup>76</sup> into the Woods. The Boys Planting; a fine warm Day. P.M. Ruth Bradish<sup>77</sup> here to Discourse with me in order to her joining to the Church.

1739 May 10 (Thursday). Finished Planting. Cool Season again.

1739 May 11 (Friday). Mr. John Green, of Brookfield, heretofore my near Neighbour, here. Cool Weather. N.B. Ebenezer rode to Marlborough to carry wool to be spun at the widow Bents<sup>78</sup> and to bring my great Coat from Mr. Tainters but succeeded not in the last.

1739 May 12 (Saturday). Cold and high winds So that we cannot sow our Flax. Youngest Calf being disorder'd and as we judg'd Tail soaken, we cut off the End of his Tail.

1739 May 13 (Sunday). On Mat. 9.32 to 34. Ps. 99.5.9. N.B. Several Hopkinton people at Meeting, by Reason of Mr. Barretts illness. N.B. Two Young Gentlemen of Boston at Meeting, whom I could not find out. Mrs. Rice, heretofore Whood, at Dinner with me.

1739 May 14 (Monday). Warm and pleasant. Sow'd our Flax. I walk'd down to see Mrs. Townsend<sup>79</sup> and went as far as Mrs. Byles's and borrow'd her Horse for my Wife to ride to Hopkinton, whither we went and din'd there and return'd in Safety at Evening. Mr. Barrett was walking about with great Currency but in an ill Habit.

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<sup>75</sup>Hezekiah How.

<sup>76</sup>Daniel Warren.

<sup>77</sup>Daughter of James and Dameris Bradish.

<sup>78</sup>Mrs. Peter Bent.

<sup>79</sup>Mercy, wife of Joshua Townsend, schoolmaster of Westborough.

1739 May 15 (Tuesday). Read the Life of Mr. Fairclough.<sup>80</sup> Very Hot.

1739 May 16 (Wednesday). Very Hot. Mr. Edward Barns<sup>81</sup> marry'd to the widow Grace Rice.<sup>82</sup> I walk'd to Deacon Tomlins<sup>83</sup> with Captain Forbush.<sup>84</sup> N.B. Talk with Deacon about his Children, who had been guilty of fornication.<sup>85</sup>

1739 May 17 (Thursday). John Finish'd Shearing. My wife rode to Mr. James Maynard.

1739 May 18 (Friday). Rainy, Thunderstorm. Several men came to the Meeting House freely to work in putting up seats -- Shut up middle alley. Visited Mr. Noah Rice's sick Child. In the Night Molly Hicks<sup>86</sup> dy'd, about 11 of the Clock. My Wife there all night. Hicks at Cambridge.

1739 May 19 (Saturday). Mr. Bridgham<sup>87</sup> here going to Brimfield. Hicks returned.

1739 May 20 (Sunday). Mat. 9.35 -- to the End. Ps. 99.5.9. Funeral of Brother Hicks's young Child, leave having been obtained of the Select Men therefor, viz., of Captain Warrin,<sup>88</sup> Deacon Newton,<sup>89</sup> and Ensign Forbush.

1739 May 21 (Monday). Word having been brought by Brother Hicks and also by Mr. James Maynard of my Honored aged Mothers Illness and desire that I would go down to her, I set out, and rode through Southborough. N.B. Abraham Moss<sup>90</sup> with me on the Road to Framingham, visited Mr. Swift,<sup>91</sup> proceeded to Cambridge, but was somewhat late.

1739 May 22 (Tuesday). Rode to Boston. My Mother very low, weak, and Sick and dispirited, but yet somewhat better than She was last Week.

1739 May 23 (Wednesday). Din'd at Brother Samuels. N.B. Mother in great Trouble respecting both Temporal and Eternal Things.

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<sup>80</sup>Samuel Fairclough (1594-1677), an English nonconformist divine. The only biography of Fairclough that seems to have been published at this time was in Samuel Clarke's *Lives of Sundry Eminent Persons in this Latter Age* (London, 1683).

<sup>81</sup>Of Marlborough, where he and his wife continued to live.

<sup>82</sup>Of Westborough. Widow of Simon Rice. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 315.

<sup>83</sup>Isaac Tomlin.

<sup>84</sup>Samuel Forbush of Westborough.

<sup>85</sup>Timothy Fay and Lydia Tomlin (or Tomblin) were married April 30, 1738. The following entry appears in the Westborough church records, February 30, 1740: "Timothy Fay and Lydia his wife offered their public Humiliations for their committing the sin of Fornication and were restor'd to Charity."

<sup>86</sup>Mary was the infant daughter of John and Rebecca Hicks of Westborough.

<sup>87</sup>Rev. James Bridgham (HC 1726), second minister of Brimfield, Mass., 1736-1776. *SHG*, 8:7-10.

<sup>88</sup>Daniel Warrin.

<sup>89</sup>Josiah Newton.

<sup>90</sup>One of Parkman's hired hands.

<sup>91</sup>Rev. John Swift.



1739 May 24 (Thursday). Mr. Edwards of North Hampton preach'd the public Lecture on Tim. 2.5. With Mr. Edwards at Elder Lymans. P.M. at Dr. Sewalls<sup>92</sup> and Din'd at Brother Alexanders although invited to Dine with the Governor.<sup>93</sup>

1739 May 25 (Friday). I din'd at Mr. Gees<sup>94</sup> with Mr. Edwards. At Brother Samuels and at Mr. Samuel Hunts.<sup>95</sup> At Evening Mr. Edwards preach'd at Elder Lymans but I could not attend by means of variety of Business and my Mothers low state.

1739 May 26 (Saturday). Brother Samuel Parkman sent up a Boy from Charleston early in the morning, to bring down my Horse from Cambridge. N.B. Mrs. Newton (Ebenezer's Wife of Southborough). I had a very wet Journey. The Rain was heavy upon me from Weston. N.B. at Weston I met with Mr. David Ball of Boston who was come with Mrs. Pierpont, Mr. Stephen White<sup>96</sup> and Mrs. Sarah Noyes<sup>97</sup> from New Haven Yesterday, and the 3 last were at my House. At Sudbury I borrow'd a great Coat of one Mr. Herd, my own being wet through. At Mr. Baldwins was Mr. Joseph Biglo<sup>98</sup> who was my Company as far as to his Fathers in Marlborough where we were shelter'd, and Horse and Man refreshed. At Home I found the Friends aforesaid to my great rejoicing.

1739 May 27 (Sunday). Mr. White of New Haven preach'd for me on Mat. 25.46 former part. P.M. I repeated on 2 Pet. 1.10.

1739 May 28 (Monday). I Spent the forenoon in setting my Family affairs to rights. Din'd and after 3 o'Clock Set out for Cambridge. Rode by Mr. Beemans where I call'd. Through Marlborough and Stopp'd with sister Gott<sup>99</sup> etc., yet got down about 10 o'Clock. N.B. Mr. Edwards of North Hampton (as my wife inform'd me at my return) came to our House at Eve and lodged here.

1739 May 29 (Tuesday). I rode with Brother Samuel Parkman and his Wife to Cambridge to visit their little son, designing to ride also to Mistick, to visit Cousen Bradshaw,<sup>100</sup> but the Rain prevailed so that we only went to Cambridge. Neither could we return to Boston, but went over to Father Champneys and lodged there. N.B. Mr. Samuel Liscomb of Southborough this afternoon inform'd me that Jacob Johnson and Daniel Taylor of Southborough each of about 22 or 23 years were lost at the Pond in Westborough which is the Head of the Sudbury River,<sup>101</sup> and it was concluded they were drowned. Their Horses, Shooes and Stockings were found by

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<sup>92</sup>Rev. Joseph Sewall of Boston.

<sup>93</sup>Jonathan Belcher, Governor of Massachusetts.

<sup>94</sup>Rev. Joshua Gee of Boston.

<sup>95</sup>A shipwright of Boston.

<sup>96</sup>(YC 1736), later minister at Windham, Conn., 1740-1794. Dexter, 567-69.

<sup>97</sup>Daughter of James Noyes of Stonington, Conn.

<sup>98</sup>Son of John Bigelow. Joseph lived in Shrewsbury.

<sup>99</sup>Mrs. Benjamin Gott.

<sup>100</sup>Parkman's brother William had a daughter, Sarah, who married Samuel Bradshaw.

<sup>101</sup>The Sudbury River begins in the eastern part of Westborough where several brooks come together to form Cedar Swamp.

the Pond, their Canoo, Hatts and Cranberrys floating but their Bodys not found, this Morning at 8 o'Clock.

1739 May 30 (Wednesday). We went from Cambridge. Mr. Clark<sup>102</sup> of Salem Village preach'd an Excellent sermon on Hos. 11.12. Din'd at Brother Elias's. N.B. Mr. Jeffords<sup>103</sup> of Wells confirm'd a Letter to the Convention concerning the Conduct of the Irish Bretheren and the Presbytery at the Eastward.

1739 May 31 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Samuel Cook, Mr. Pierce<sup>104</sup> of Dartmouth etc. lodg'd at Brother Elias's. I lodg'd at Brother Williams. I was at the Convention. N.B. Letters from Mr. Holden of London. The Sermon by Mr. Eels<sup>105</sup> on 1 Sam. 4.13. The Collection £171 and odd money. Din'd at Mr. Checkleys.<sup>106</sup> Return'd to the Convention p.m. Visited Mrs. Keggell,<sup>107</sup> Mrs. Clark, etc. Lodg'd at Brother Williams.

1739 June 1 (Friday). Cousin Needham<sup>108</sup> of Salem and his Son at Mothers. After various Business, etc. I rode to Cambridge. N.B. Mr. Edward Larkin's offers for my Horse.

1739 June 2 (Saturday). Return'd to Westborough. My Company from Harringtons were Mr. James Morris who came lately from Lisbon, and from the Isle of Wight. (N.B. That he Saw in January or February last one of my name in west Cows in the Isle of Wight, Tavernkeeper, who said he was our Relation.) Other Company up was Mr. Joseph Gardner<sup>109</sup> who was going to preach at Hopkinton, and Mr. Andrew Boardman<sup>110</sup> Schoolmaster at Shrewsbury. Mr. Boardman and his Brother din'd with me at Baldwins. Shav'd at Sudbury. Rode through Marlborough. Mr. Aaron Forbush at Colonel Woods's who rode up with me and acquaint'd me with the Rude and Vile Conduct of John Kidney towards my Daughter Molly [age 14], when alone with her, except little Lucy [age 4], her Mother being at Marlborough with Mrs. Pierpont and her other Friends, whom she waited upon thither the Day before. It was to my great Surprize, but Blessed by God who is the Refuge of all Distressed ones, and who appear'd for the Dear Child in the middst of her Troubles calling aloud upon His Mercifull and allmighty name, and wondrously Sav'd her, though he had button'd the Door and assaulted and Striven with her, thrown her on the Ground and was very indecent towards her, Yet was not suffer'd to hurt her -- except what was by the Fright and bruising her arms in struggling with her. When disengag'd She ran out to go to her uncles, but he ran after her and forc'd her back and made her wash the Blood from her arms, which she did upon his Swearing to her that he would not

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<sup>102</sup>Rev. Peter Clark (HC 1712), minister at Danvers, Mass., 1716-1768. *SHG*, 5:616-23.

<sup>103</sup>Rev. Samuel Jeffers of Wells, Maine.

<sup>104</sup>Rev. Richard Pierce (HC 1724), minister at New Bedford, Mass., 1733-1749. *SHG*, 7:429-31.

<sup>105</sup>Rev. Nathaniel Eels (HC 1699), minister at Norwell, Mass., 1704-1750. *SHG*, 4:468-71.

<sup>106</sup>Rev. Samuel Checkley of Boston.

<sup>107</sup>Mrs. Abel Keggell, a cousin of Mrs. Parkman.

<sup>108</sup>Parkman's eldest sister married Daniel Needham in 1702. Both Mr. and Mrs. Needham had died before 1739. This reference is to some relative of this connection.

<sup>109</sup>(HC 1732), later minister at Newport, R.I., 1740-1743. *SHG*, 9:156-59.

<sup>110</sup>Boardman had previously been the schoolmaster at Hopkinton.

go into the House again till night. As soon as She had got him out to his work, She ran to Ensign Maynards who rode to Marlborough and at Eve brought up her Mother. Stephen Maynard lodg'd in the House that night and Noah How the next, My wife being afraid to be alone with so brutish a Creature. When I came home I examin'd Molly very Strictly. Brother Hicks and Ensign Maynard were here, whose advice I needed at so important a Juncture. John upon his Knees ask'd my Pardon, and again fell on his Knees and ask'd his mistresses Pardon. It was difficult with me to know what was fittest to be done, the Sabbath being approaching and the Holy Exercises thereof to be prepar'd for. As Compos'd as I could I deferr'd the Matter till the beginning of the Week.

1739 June 3 (Sunday). A.M. on Ps. 116.12 from page 7. On Consideration of the Great Goodness of God to Me and my Dear Daughter Molly in her late Remarkable Deliverance.<sup>111</sup> P.M. on Eccl. 9.19, repeating the last Part of one of my sermons on Eccl. 11.9. On Occasion of the Sudden Death of Jacob Johnson and David Taylor of Southborough last week by Drowning. N.B. Weary and much Spent at Night.

1739 June 4 (Monday). Rainy and confin'd at Home, meddled not with the Affair of John till I could take advice.

1739 June 5 (Tuesday). Rainy, Yet I rode up in the Morning to Shrewsbury. At Mr. Cushings were some of his Friends from Hingham. I asked Mr. Cushing advice aside concerning John Kidneys Conduct. I also visited Colonel Ward and propos'd several General Cases, made Enquirys and consulted his Law Books. N.B. I din'd at Colonel Wards and ministered to an aged maiden of 60, named Abigail Green, who was in great Extremity, fitts of Difficult Breathing etc. Visited Mr. Isaac Tomlin<sup>112</sup> as I return'd home.

1739 June 6 (Wednesday). About Dinner Time I made a Business of talking to John Kidney but he answer'd me nothing. Mr. Cushing came and preach'd my Lecture on 1 Tim. 4.7. It had been rainy for Some Days. It rain'd this forenoon, but the Sun broke out in the Afternoon. Cousen Winchester, both he and she,<sup>113</sup> were here after Lecture.

1739 June 7 (Thursday). I rode (with my Wife) to the Private Meeting at Mr. Noah Rice's. N.B. His Family had been in affliction for some Time. His Wife out of Health and disconsolate; his little son in a Feaver of Continuance, etc. Text 2 Thess. 2.16.17

1739 June 8 (Friday). Sent down my Horse to Mr. Edward Larkin of Charlestown by Mr. Tainter.<sup>114</sup> The Horse being 15 years old I had but £16 for him. N.B. Brother Hicks framing and making a Gate for the West Yard.

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<sup>111</sup>Psalm 116.12: "What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?"

<sup>112</sup>The Westborough deacon.

<sup>113</sup>Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Winchester of Westborough.

<sup>114</sup>Simon Tainter of Westborough.

1739 June 9 (Saturday). Brother Hicks sett up Posts and hung the West Gate.

1739 June 10 (Sunday). Sacrament. Text a. and p.m. Col. 1.12. N.B. old Neighbor Thurston<sup>115</sup> from Uxbridge at Communion and at Dinner as was old Mr. Johnson<sup>116</sup> of Southborough and Deacon Fay. N.B. Many of Southborough here Mr. Stone<sup>117</sup> being gone to Harwick. N.B. at Evening I was exceeding Faint and Spent.

1739 June 11 (Monday). Training. After Prayer with the Company I din'd with the Officers. N.B. Captain Flagg din'd with them also. Captain Flagg improv'd by me to talk with John Kidney who manifested some Degree of Humiliation and made Promises of great Reformation. But I remain'd dissatisfy'd unless he Should undergoe some suitable Punishment in some Kind or other.

1739 June 12 (Tuesday). Rainy Day.

1739 June 13 (Wednesday). I made a new Cellar window, at the East end of the Cellar. Read great part of Mr. Frinks Dissertation against Ruling Elders.<sup>118</sup> P.M. Mr. Benjamin Hows wife came.

1739 June 14 (Thursday). Mr. Beacon<sup>119</sup> of Woodstock here with his sister Allen, and with Abiel Allen, who was going up to Woodstock with her uncle. It rain'd but I rode over in the Rain to Lieutenant Holloways to Catechizing. I rode on Neighbor Benjamin Hows Young Horse. Had but 8 Children, 4 Boys and 4 Girls. N.B. Some Talk I had with James Jeffrey about ship Mate John Kidney.

1739 June 15 (Friday). At Night John Kidney was charg'd with having pilfer'd his mistresses Comb -- but he at once deny'd that he had seen it or knew any Thing about it. I immediately took up his Cloths and put my Hand into his Pocketts and found it there.

1739 June 16 (Saturday). In the morning I was at Ensign Maynards but he could not go with me to a Justice against John Kidney, I return'd home and a new Contest arose. John having got on his Best stockings to go to work in the Bushes with, I bid him pull 'em off and put on his old ones which were fitt enough for his Business, but he was disobedient and worded it and delayed for some Time, till I added Resolution and severe Chiding, and oblig'd him to both pull 'em off and bring 'em to me, against his Stubborn Stomach and Saucy Answers but I gave him no Blows although it much disturb'd me, and put me into much Trouble, for I resolved to bear with him no longer at all. I sent for Lieutenant Baker who came, and having discover'd to Him my present need of him and my purpose to carry John up to the House of Correction he

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<sup>115</sup>David Thurston, formerly of Westborough.

<sup>116</sup>William Johnson, who died in 1757 at the age of 89.

<sup>117</sup>Rev. Nathan Stone of Southborough.

<sup>118</sup>Rev. Thomas Frink of Rutland, Mass. There appears to be no record of a publication by Frink of this title or of this approximate date.

<sup>119</sup>Probably one of the numerous Bacons of this town.

presently return'd home to prepare himself for it. When he was ready and we had din'd I bid John shirt him and putt on his best Stockings that he might go with me. He delay'd and deny'd and began to shew himself as in the Morn but with my insisting and demanding it he went and dress'd himself and I Set him along before me on Mr. Townsends Mare, whilst I rode, myself, Ensign Maynards. N.B. Ensign Maynards unseasonable Replys to me near his House and his talk of his readiness to have bought John, but Now etc. Lieutenant Baker and I rode, with John before us, up to Major Keys. After a great Deal of Consultation and Captain Flagg's advice join'd to the rest I accepted Johns Humiliation on his Knees with flowing Tears so far as to putt a stop to his going to the House of Correction. And with my Consent the Major committed him to John Clarks Custody, who liv'd on his son Gershoms place, till further Order, upon which I return'd home. N.B. Mr. Stephen White and Mrs. Sarah Noyes of New Haven, were come up from Boston to our House, the Meazles being in Boston, and They afraid of Infection. But Mrs. Pierpont who had heretofore had that disease remained behind.

1739 June 17 (Sunday). On Ps. 99.5.9. Eph. 3.8. Mr. White pray'd before the afternoon sermon.

1739 June 18 (Monday). Mr. White rode with me into the South part of the Town. Din'd at Winchesters. Were at Mr. Samuel Harringtons. Sent down to Boston by them at Eve. N.B. Mr. John Clark here from Shrewsbury and made offers to buy John Kidney.

1739 June 19 (Tuesday). I rode Mr. Aaron Forbush's Horse to Grafton to Association leaving Jonathan Rogers to plough and hoe among my Corn. N.B. had Neighbor David Maynard Juniors Horse to plough. As to what was done at Association See Association Records.<sup>120</sup>

1739 June 20 (Wednesday). It has been a Dark rainy season for a long Time. Rained this Forenoon. N.B. Difficulty with Mr. Axtell. N.B. only Mr. Prentice<sup>121</sup> and Mr. Loring,<sup>122</sup> Mr. Cushing and I. Mr. Cushing preach'd on 2 Pet. 3.11. Company in returning home was Mr. Loring, Deacon Keys<sup>123</sup> and Mr. Daniel Steward.<sup>124</sup>

1739 June 21 (Thursday). Was at the Funeral of Mr. Hezekiah Pratts child.

1739 June 22 (Friday). John Clark of Shrewsbury and his Brother in law, William Gray of Worcester here to buy John Kidney. I rode first to Ensign Maynards where were our Assessors with whom I advis'd, and then up to Major Keys, and Brother Hicks with me, and for £12 I threw up the Indenture and Mr. Gray and John Sign'd new Indentures mutually. Mr. Gray pay'd

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<sup>120</sup>The principal business of this meeting seems to have concerned Thomas Axtell of Marlborough, whose conduct had previously been a business of the Association. Despite the opposition of Deacon Keyes, the meeting recommended that the Marlborough Church "extend their compassions towards him, and he having removed his habitation to Grafton, to dismiss him thereto." Allen, *Worcester Association*, 12, 19.

<sup>121</sup>Rev. Solomon Prentice of Grafton.

<sup>122</sup>Rev. Israel Loring of Sudbury.

<sup>123</sup>Of Shrewsbury.

<sup>124</sup>Daniel Stewart of Marlborough. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 450.

me £7.10.0 in Cash and John Clark gave me a note for £4.10.0 more. N.B. Mr. Gershom Keys of Boston I met on the Road.

1739 June 23 (Saturday). Call'd away early in the Morning to visit Mr. Cornelius Biglo's Child which dy'd p.m.<sup>125</sup> Mr. Tainter and one Son and Mr. James Millers son<sup>126</sup> came and Hoed a Considerable part of my Field. Very Hot. I was at Abner Newtons<sup>127</sup> and hit [?] of some Veal which was very agreeable on account of my Friends of New Haven who were still at my House.

1739 June 24 (Sunday). Mr. White (of New Haven) a.m. on Luke 10.42. P.M. on Job 14.1.

1739 June 25 (Monday). Funeral of Mr. Biglo's Child. Very Hot. Mr. Bridgham here.

1739 June 26 (Tuesday). Mr. Nathaniel Child work'd for me. The First Day of Mowing. Mr. White, Mrs. Sarah Noyes, my wife and I rode to Marlborough hoping to See Mrs. Pierpont, but she came not. N.B. I turn'd from the Company in going down and rode to Mr. Beemans<sup>128</sup> and from thence I rode to Mr. Allens<sup>129</sup> to see his son Samuel who had been ill of a fever but was recovering. I left my Wife, Mr. White and Mrs. Noyes at Marlborough and return'd home my Self.

1739 June 27 (Wednesday). Fine Day for my Hay. P.M. Benjamin Forbush<sup>130</sup> hoed. At Night a Thunder storm. Heavy Rain in the Night.

1739 June 28 (Thursday). My Wife ill.

1739 June 29 (Friday). I rode unto the South part of the Town. At my return in the Evening I found Mrs. Pierpont and Mr. Earl who were come up in a Chair. Mrs. Pierpont Lame by a Fall from her Horse which she left at Watertown.

1739 June 30 (Saturday). Mr. Pomroy<sup>131</sup> of New Haven came. He had been at Boston and Lancaster. Mr. White Studying a Sermon. Mr. Earl return'd to Boston. He carry'd Molly in his Chair. P.M. I rak'd and pol'd Hay. Mrs. [sic] Pomroy assisted me. At Evening Mr. John Jarvis came. N.B. Mr. John Rogers mowed for me the Square piece next above the Barn.

1739 July 1 (Sunday). Mr. White preach'd a.m. on 1 Tim. 2.6. I preach'd p.m. on Ps. 99.5.9.

1739 July 2 (Monday). I visited Mr. Isaac Tomlin on Mr. Pomeroy's Horse. John Rogers mowing p.m. The Gentlemen, viz. Mr. White, Mr. Pomroy, and Mr. Jarvis went afishing at the River by

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<sup>125</sup>"Pall Biglo" died June 23, 1739. *Westborough Vital Records*, 229.

<sup>126</sup>Probably James, Jr.

<sup>127</sup>Son of Thomas Newton of Westborough.

<sup>128</sup>Thomas Beamon of Marlborough.

<sup>129</sup>Ephraim Allen of Westborough.

<sup>130</sup>Son of Aaron Forbush of Westborough.

<sup>131</sup>Rev. Benjamin Pomeroy (YC 1733), minister of Hebron, Conn. Dexter, 485-488.

Neighbor Hows.<sup>132</sup> I went to raking Hay. At Evening came Brother Robert Breck<sup>133</sup> and with him Mr. Mirrick,<sup>134</sup> a preacher at Cold Spring.<sup>135</sup> N.B. We lodg'd Seven more than our own Family.

1739 July 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Pomeroy took leave and Sett off for New Haven. N.B. Mrs. Pierpoint was very ill in the Night and this morning. My Wife was up most of the night. Mr. White went for the Doctor early after break of Day, and he came, upon which She grew better. Mr. Breck, Mr. Mirrick, Mr. John Jarvis and I rode to Marlborough. Din'd at Dr. Gotts, Mr. Cushing and his wife and Mr. Caleb Rice<sup>136</sup> dining with us. Thence we proceeded to Cambridge. I lodg'd at Father Champneys.

1739 July 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Grants Mare which I rode down got out of the Pasture this morning, but I got Deacon Sparhawks<sup>137</sup> lad to go up the Road after her which she [sic] did. I rode to Boston to see my Mother and fetch my Cloths which I did before meeting. My Kinsman Elias<sup>138</sup> came over from Captain Sharps<sup>139</sup> where he has lodg'd for some Time because of his Infirmitys. I din'd in the Hall. N.B. a very great storm of Thunder, Rain and Wind, at Dinner time. N.B. A Most agreeable Century Oration by the President.<sup>140</sup> N.B. Mr. Worthington<sup>141</sup> of Seabury and Mr. Parsons<sup>142</sup> of Lyme in Connecticut at our Commencement. I was chiefly entertain'd at Sir Buckminsters.<sup>143</sup> Sir Woods<sup>144</sup> did not keep Commencement. No Company at Father Champney's, He being much disordered.

1739 July 5 (Thursday). I was at College the forepart of the Day and din'd at Sir Buckminsters, but went to Boston p.m. N.B. the Meazles at Boston. My Aged and Honored Mother Weak and Sick and low. I return'd to Cambridge at Night and lodg'd as usual.

1739 July 6 (Friday). Brother Champney carry'd my Daughter Molly to Waterton to Mr. Benjamins<sup>145</sup> and from thence she rode up Mrs. Pierpoints Horse. We din'd at Baldwins.<sup>146</sup> Mr.

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<sup>132</sup>Hezekiah How lived close by the Assabet River, the present boundary between Northborough and Westborough.

<sup>133</sup>Rev. Robert Breck, Jr., of Springfield, Mass.

<sup>134</sup>Noah Merrick (YC 1731), later minister at Wilbraham, Mass., 1741-1776. Dexter, 431-33.

<sup>135</sup>The plantation which became the town of Belchertown, Mass., in 1761.

<sup>136</sup>The deacon of Marlborough.

<sup>137</sup>Samuel Sparhawk of Cambridge.

<sup>138</sup>Parkman's brother, Elias Parkman of Boston. [Walett may be mistaken, as this appears to be Parkman's nephew; see August 22.]

<sup>139</sup>Robert Sharp of Brookline.

<sup>140</sup>Rev. Edward Holyoke, President of Harvard College.

<sup>141</sup>Rev. William Worthington (YC 1716), minister at Westbrook (Saybrook), Conn., 1724-1756. Dexter, 156-58.

<sup>142</sup>Rev. Jonathan Parsons (YC 1729), minister at Old Lyme, 1729-1745. Dexter, 389-93.

<sup>143</sup>Joseph Buckminster (HC 1739), later minister at Rutland, Mass., 1752-1792. *SHG*, 10:348-54.

<sup>144</sup>Benjamin Woods (HC 1739), eldest son of Col. Benjamin Woods of Marlborough. *SHG*, 10:416.

<sup>145</sup>Daniel Benjamin, Jr., Selectman of Watertown. Bond, *Watertown*, 28.

<sup>146</sup>Capt. Samuel Baldwin of Weston.

Keyes of Boston din'd with us. Mr. Frink and Mr. Willard<sup>147</sup> of Biddeford with us up to Marlborough. John Rogers work'd Tuesday and Thursday most of the Day, but went home before night because he was sick. Mrs. Pierpont recovered.

1739 July 7 (Saturday). Mr. White and I at our Preparations and my Boys raking Hay but carry'd none in.

1739 July 8 (Sunday). Mr. White a.m. on Phil. 2.12.13. I preach'd p.m. on 1 John 1.7, which I deliver'd on occasion of Mrs. Pierpoints being about to take her Journey from us to New Haven.

1739 July 9 (Monday). Mrs. Pierpoint, Mr. White and Mrs. Sarah Noyes Sett out upon their Journey, And my wife and I accompany'd them up to Worcester. We call'd at Mr. Cushings, going and returning. We din'd at Deacon Howards, and proceeded as far as Mr. Burrs,<sup>148</sup> where we parted. We return'd at Evening.

1739 July 10 (Tuesday). No Body at Work at Corn or Hay from Day to Day (except a Few Rows of Corn plough'd by Deacon Forbush) John Rogers being Sick. Showery. N.B. Jonathan Witt<sup>149</sup> and Dinah Johnson<sup>150</sup> here in the showers. I walk'd out towards Eve as far as to Mr. Whipples.<sup>151</sup>

1739 July 11 (Wednesday). Fine Day but no Body at Work except my little Boys. I walk'd down to Ensign Maynards, where was Mr. Tainter<sup>152</sup> of Marlborough. P.M. he was at our House, as was also Mr. Caleb Rice. N.B. Mr. Rice acquainted me with the Affair of Lieutenant Ward<sup>153</sup> of Sturbridge and one Smith in Leicester.

1739 July 12 (Thursday). I walk'd to Mr. Rogers's in the Morning. Dr. [?] Daniel Forbush<sup>154</sup> and Zebulon Rice<sup>155</sup> came to Hoing my Corn. At about 3 p.m. came Mr. Winchester<sup>156</sup> and Mr. James Fay<sup>157</sup> and mowed in my upper South Side. I rode on Mr. Winchesters Horse as far as Mr. Charles Rice's<sup>158</sup> for Hands to come to work and thence I rode up to Mr. John Pratt to see what he had done about the Ministerial Meadow, and I understood that he had mow'd and made 4 Load and a Half -- that he began to Mow the Day before Commencement, and that of what he

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<sup>147</sup>Rev. Samuel Willard (HC 1723), minister at Biddeford, Me., 1730-1741.

<sup>148</sup>Rev. Isaac Burr of Worcester.

<sup>149</sup>Of Southborough. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 474.

<sup>150</sup>Daughter of Timothy Johnson of Southborough.

<sup>151</sup>Francis Whipple of Westborough.

<sup>152</sup>Deacon Joseph Tainter.

<sup>153</sup>Hezekiah Ward.

<sup>154</sup>Son of Deacon Jonathan Forbush.

<sup>155</sup>Son of Charles Rice of Westborough. He had recently married Abigail, daughter of Deacon Jonathan Forbush.

<sup>156</sup>Benjamin Winchester.

<sup>157</sup>Son of Capt. John Fay.

<sup>158</sup>Son of Edmund Rice, an original settler of Westborough.



had made he had carted home half a Load. N.B. Colonel William Ward<sup>159</sup> was here again upon the Affair of his son, of Sturbridge, and he stay'd and din'd with us. In the Eve Simon Tainter, junior, and James Bradish brought Jonas Warrin and Charles Bruce to be admitted into the private Society.

1739 July 13 (Friday). Elijah and Adonijah Rice<sup>160</sup> and Phinehas Forbush<sup>161</sup> to help me. Elijah mow'd, the others hoed. Ensign Maynard's old Mare to plough. P.M. Charles and Ephraim Bruce<sup>162</sup> came and the first mow'd, the other hoed. Yet they did not get the hoing done. N.B. Mr. Breck, Mr. Merick and Colonel Phycheon here, and having din'd pursu'd their Journey.

1739 July 14 (Saturday). Very much hinder'd by my Hay -- yet study'd great part of the Day.

1739 July 15 (Sunday). On Matt. 10.1-4. P.M. Repeated sermon on Eph. 3.8, page 10 to 17, from Eph. 2.7. At noon I took advice with the Deacons about laying Brother Isaac Tomlins Circumstances before the Church, he being very languishing and his help gone from his Business, so that his Interest and Affairs and necessary provision for his and his Family's subsistence Suffer without any Body to pity him. They advis'd me to lay it before them. N.B. Brother Abijah Bruce made some hasty reply, judging it unfit to be mentioned on the Lords Day. I answered that works of mercy, and providing for the distress'd Members of Christ was one of the most proper Dutys of the Lords Day.

1739 July 16 (Monday). Rainy.

1739 July 17 (Tuesday). I borrow'd Ebenezer Maynards Horse and rode to Grafton to Mr. Harwoods<sup>163</sup> to See his Mare, to Mr. Jonathan Morse's to see an Horse of his and to Mr. Prentices who rode with me to Deacon Whipples<sup>164</sup> Son's to look of his Beast, but I bought neither of them. In the Evening I was in at Mr. Phinehas Hardys,<sup>165</sup> and return'd home.

1739 July 18 (Wednesday). I was at the Funeral of Mr. Simeon Haywards Child. N.B. Discourse of the Meazles being at Shrewsbury Close by us.

1739 July 19 (Thursday). Lecture on Isa. 55.7. The Brethren of the Church Stop'd after Lecture to conferr about Some Relief to be afforded to Brother Isaac Tomlin junior. N.B. John Rogers mow'd my Barley this morning.

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<sup>159</sup>One of the founders of the town of Southborough. A surveyor, extensive landowner, selectman, and representative of Marlborough and Southborough. Charles Martyn, *The William Ward Genealogy* (N.Y., 1925), 85-86.

<sup>160</sup>Son of Charles Rice.

<sup>161</sup>Son of Deacon Jonathan Forbush.

<sup>162</sup>Sons of Abijah Bruce.

<sup>163</sup>Benjamin Harwood.

<sup>164</sup>James Whipple of Grafton.

<sup>165</sup>Of Westborough.

1739 July 20 (Friday). Deacon Forbush came and mowed all Day.

1739 July 21 (Saturday). Mr. James Bridgham<sup>166</sup> here in his return to Brimfield. P.M. Mr. Lull sent to me to go and see his sick Child. Ebenezer Maynard came and carry'd in my Barley, whilst I visited Mr. Lull's Child.

1739 July 22 (Sunday). Sacrament. Preach'd on Ps. 16.2. Cousen Winchester din'd with us. P.M. Benjamin How<sup>167</sup> and his Wife made their Humiliation.

1739 July 23 (Monday). In the morning William, John and Jonathan Rogers and James Bradish were mowing for me (Upon Wages) and the last of them continued all Day, but the 3 Rogers's went home after Dinner. Cornelius Biglo also mow'd from 10 a.m. till night and then lodg'd with us. P.M. I rode over to the Funeral of Mr. Lull's Child. At my Return Mr. Cushing made me a visit.

1739 July 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Biglo work'd for me, mowing and raking. We had so much to rake that I rak'd with them all the Afternoon. N.B. Mr. Joshua Wheelers Son, of Lancaster, a Turner, here with his Wooden Ware. N.B. Mr. Jonah Warrin here at Evening.

1739 July 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Biglo work'd for me, mowing and Carting Hay in. I assisted what I could. At Eve Raking, Poling, etc. At night Mr. Biglo went home, asking wages only for the Two last Dayes.

1739 July 26 (Thursday). Drisly weather. In the morning we pol'd in Hay. At noon walk'd as far as Jedidiah Hows where I had an Horse to ride to Shrewsbury Lecture. I did not get up there till Mr. Cushing had begun the Publick service. I preach'd on Jude 10.21 to page [blank]. N.B. Dr. Stannton Prentice<sup>168</sup> and three of his Sisters there. After Lecture I visited Mr. Isaac Tomlin who yet remains in a very low Condition. Mrs. Brigham<sup>169</sup> of Marlborough (Mrs. Hepsibah Maynards<sup>170</sup> Mother) dy'd.

1739 July 27 (Friday). Mr. Belknap here at Evening.

1739 July 28 (Saturday). Mr. Biglo began to reap my Rie. The Boys did not wholly finish our Hoeing till to Day. N.B. Mr. Francis Pierce here. The widow Brigham's (of Marlborough) Funeral. Mr. Stone officiated.

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<sup>166</sup>(HC 1726), minister of Brimfield, 1736-1776. *SHG*, 8:7-10.

<sup>167</sup>Worcester church records, 22 July 1739: "Benjamin How and Tabitha his Wife made their Humiliations for the sin of Fornication and being restored to Charity, She was baptized and then their son Jonathan was baptized also." The child was born 29 May 1738.

<sup>168</sup>The physician of Lancaster.

<sup>169</sup>The widow of Samuel Brigham. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 334.

<sup>170</sup>Mrs. John Maynard of Westborough.

1739 July 29 (Sunday). On 1 Cor. 6.18. Former p.m. Mr. Tainter<sup>171</sup> and Mrs. Joslin<sup>172</sup> din'd here.

1739 July 30 (Monday). Cloudy Weather. Brother Hicks to Cambridge. Mrs. Dolly Rice to Boston.

1739 July 31 (Tuesday). Fine Weather. Mr. Biglo reaping. At Evening I walk'd to the ministerial Meadow. Found that there were 4 Stacks of Hay, 3 Load in Cock and about as much in Swarth and that all the South part of the Meadow was mowed. In returning home visited Mr. Whipple who had been ill and confin'd by Rheumatism for some Time. Mr. Biglo's sisters came to see him. Mr. Biglo lodged here.

1739 August 1 (Wednesday). Mr. Biglo with Mr. Whipples Cart and Oxen and Mr. David Maynards oxen added to them carted. Three Loads of the Ministerial Meadow Hay. Dr. Gott here. P.M. I with my wife rode up to Mr. Isaac Tomlins where the private meeting was kept and I preached on Job 19.25 etc.<sup>173</sup> Jonas Warrin<sup>174</sup> was So kind as to come and Mow a Day for me.

1739 August 2 (Thursday). Mr. Biglo at work -- mowing and getting in Rie. I rode up to Neighbor Isaac Tomlins and assisted in making his Will.

1739 August 3 (Friday). Mr. Biglo came (about nine this Morning) to my Work. My Wife and I rode up to Grafton and I preach'd a Lecture on Jude 5.21. N.B. Madam Sartel<sup>175</sup> of Groton there. At Eve we return'd home. Mr. Francis Whipple and his Wife in Company. N.B. We rode upon Mr. Daniel Forbush's Mare.

1739 August 4 (Saturday). Mr. Biglo at work still. A very dire Time.

1739 August 5 (Sunday). On Ps. 73.24. Hot dry Day. Widow Rice<sup>176</sup> and Mr. Biglo and his wife din'd here.

1739 August 6 (Monday). Rain'd hard in the night and all the Morning. A great Blessing! I sow'd Turnips in the Field. Mr. Varney,<sup>177</sup> late of Wilmington, and Mr. Stone of Southborough, here and din'd with us. P.M. Clear weather. At Evening Mr. Frink<sup>178</sup> came and lodg'd.

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<sup>171</sup>Simon Tainter of Westborough.

<sup>172</sup>Mrs. Joseph Joslin of Westborough.

<sup>173</sup> Job 19.25: "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth."

<sup>174</sup>Son of Daniel Warrin.

<sup>175</sup>Mrs. Nathaniel Sartell of Groton, Mass. Samuel A. Green, *Epitaphs from the Old Burying Ground* (Boston, 1878), 251-52.

<sup>176</sup>Mrs. Eliezer Rice of Westborough.

<sup>177</sup>Rev. James Varney (HC 1725), minister of Wilmington, Mass., 1733-1739. He had already been dismissed by his church. *SHG*, 7:601-02.

<sup>178</sup>Rev. Thomas Frink of Rutland, Mass.

1739 August 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Frink went off, and Mr. Bridgham came, din'd with us, etc.

1739 August 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Biglo came to Work again. Were oblig'd to open the Hay that was made up on Saturday -- about Two Load -- but there came up a storm of Rain to Day and we could not get it in, and although it was cock'd up yet, being weedy and Leavy Stuff it would not Save it Self. Read about 150 pages of the Mute Philosopher, vol. 1. Ruth Bradish<sup>179</sup> here about her admission. Finish'd Mr. Frinks Dissertation upon Ruling Elders.

1739 August 9 (Thursday). Mr. Isaac Tomlin junior dy'd last night. Mr. Biglo at work here. Reap'd Oates; did not open the Hay.

1739 August 10 (Friday). I rode a.m. to see Mr. Noah Rice's Youngest son who was exceeding bad and p.m. my wife and I rode to Mr. Isaac Tomlins Funeral.

1739 August 11 (Saturday). I rode to the Funeral of Mr. Noah Rice's Child.<sup>180</sup>

1739 August 12 (Sunday). On Ps. 73.24, and p.m. repeated the latter part of Sermon on Eph. 3 from Eph. 2.7.

1739 August 13 (Monday). We opened the Hay that had lain through Several Storms last week and rak'd it up, and having no Team to get it in we Cock'd it up.

1739 August 14 (Tuesday). Neighbor Hezekiah How came with his Team and got in Two Turns and somewhat more. N.B. a Puppett show at Ensign Maynards at Eve.

1739 August 15 (Wednesday). Mr. Joslin and Mr. Bruce going for Hay with their Teams refuse to help me in with what had lain out for near a fortnight, till Rain came upon it and prevented all further attempts about it.

1739 August 16 (Thursday). Mr. Cornelius Biglo brought Two Hoggs for which I agreed to give him 6£ and 2/6 for bringing them, of which I gave him 3£ in hand. Charles Bruce here mowing the Leavy Grass in the New, low Ground.

1739 August 17 (Friday). My Wife rode down to Marlborough. Mr. Stone preach'd a preparatory Lecture there. Mr. Edward Burley Son came to my House in his Cabbin with his Puppets, etc. there in. N.B. I had my Self Seen them in some measure my self Yesterday just at Evening. P.M. Charles Bruce work'd for me and finished my common mowing.

1739 August 18 (Saturday). Mr. Jonah Warrin brought me home Two Small Turns of Hay from the ministerial Meadow. And I got Mr. Aaron Forbush to putt into Stack a parcel of Cocks which

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<sup>179</sup>Daughter of James Bradish of Westborough. She was admitted to the Westborough church, Sept. 2, 1739

<sup>180</sup>Noah Rice, Jr., died Aug. 10, 1739, aged nine months.

Mr. Pratt had left for Some Time in the Meadow. Elaezer Williams with a Team came and got up a Load from the low Ground at home and Mr. Warrin and he got up what was mowed by Charles Bruce. Near Night, Mr. Cushing came. I was exceeding Hott and sweatty, with walking and looking after my Folks and Business, and when I came to shirt me cool'd my Self too much. Rode Captain Forbush's<sup>181</sup> Horse up to Shrewsbury in the Evening and doubtless took Cold.

1739 August 19 (Sunday). Preach'd at Shrewsbury a.m. on Jude 10.21, p.m. on Phil. 1.21. The Head-Ach all Day. At Eve the Pain Settled upon my stomack and Bowells -- increas'd my Trouble to a great Degree. Mr. Cushing return'd. My Pains and sickness lasted till it was late in the Night. All Nature in great Disorder with me. Work'd downward many Times and upwards several. I went to Bed very ill indeed. N.B. Rain, Thunder and Lightning.

1739 August 20 (Monday). I rose better in the Morning, through the great Goodness and Mercy of God. Return'd home by the way of the widow Tomlins. Mrs. Tomlins Horse was brought for me to ride to Boston upon.

1739 August 21 (Tuesday). Finding myself Still better I undertook my Journey. Stopp'd a while at Mr. Amsdens,<sup>182</sup> at Mr. David Hows,<sup>183</sup> at Mr. Cooks,<sup>184</sup> at Dr. Robys,<sup>185</sup> at Woolsons<sup>186</sup> from where I had Captain Samuel Chandler's<sup>187</sup> (of Woodstock) Company -- and at Mr. Benjamins at Waterton. Arriv'd at Father Champneys after Dark.

1739 August 22 (Wednesday). Rainy forenoon. Din'd at Father Champneys. N.B. Father in a very disquieted and distracted State -- from home by Night and by Day -- has not been in Bed for scarcely a month together. P.M. Showery yet I rode to Boston. My Mother in a low, Sick, feeble, Dangerous State. My Kinsman Elias lodges Still at Captain Sharps -- So that I Saw him not, this Journey. Lodg'd at Brother Elias's.

1739 August 23 (Thursday). Last Night very rainy indeed -- and terrible with Thunders and Lightnings. The morning also exceeding rainy, and Dark. Broke Fast with my Cousen Elizabeth Corsser<sup>188</sup> heretofore Elizabeth Tyley. Dr. Colman preach'd an Excellent and very Seasonable Sermon on Job 38.28. After Lecture Mr. Quincy<sup>189</sup> carried me to his House and on the way at the Printers presented me a volume of Mr. Flynts<sup>190</sup> Sermons, and I took my own likewise (for I

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<sup>181</sup>Samuel Forbush.

<sup>182</sup>Capt. Isaac Amsden of Marlborough.

<sup>183</sup>Proprietor of the Wayside Inn in Sudbury.

<sup>184</sup>Rev. Samuel Cooke of Wayland.

<sup>185</sup>Ebenezer Roby, physician of Sudbury.

<sup>186</sup>In Watertown.

<sup>187</sup>Son of Col. John Chandler, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions.

Woodstock was originally in Massachusetts but after 1749 in Connecticut. Clarence W. Bowen, *Woodstock: An Historical Sketch* (N.Y., 1886), 33-35; George Chandler, *The Chandler Family* (Worcester, 1883), 130-31.

<sup>188</sup>Elizabeth Tyler, Parkman's niece, married John Coarsa, June 22, 1738.

<sup>189</sup>Edmund Quincy of Boston.

<sup>190</sup>Henry Flynt (HC 1693), tutor for many years at Harvard College. The work mentioned here is *Twenty Sermons on Various Subjects* (Boston 1739).

was my Self a Subscriber) which I devoted to my Cousen Corsser aforesaid. After Dining at Mr. Quincys I attended a variety of Business -- walk'd to Brother Alexanders. N.B. The Meazles not out of Town yet. N.B. Mr. Alexander Wolcott<sup>191</sup> of New Haven who had left that Town because of the Snares of a Young Widow there, notwithstanding the endearments and great Fortune of his own Wife, Supposed to be in Boston and the said Widow likewise, who boldly and resolutely and against the Fears and entreatys of her parents, Sisters and her own Child mounted her Horse before their Eyes and rode after Mr. Wolcott. My Mother very low but I was oblig'd to ride to Cambridge that I might pursue my Journey. N.B. Sister Lydia Champney at Boston.

1739 August 24 (Friday). On my Journey I met with Captain Samuel Chandler according to Appointment at Captain Saltmarshes.<sup>192</sup> We call'd at Mr. Warham Williams's<sup>193</sup> at Waltham. We din'd at Mr. Woolsons, Call'd at Mr. Cook's -- and at Marlborough. Made it late home. N.B. The vast Damage done to the Hay upon Sudbury Meadows, etc. by the late Excessive Rains.

1739 August 25 (Saturday). Mr. Williams had made up, and today brought home Two Barrells of Cyder, One of which we boil'd.

1739 August 26 (Sunday). In the morning between 8 and 9 came in Mr. James Varney and preach'd for me in the forenoon on Job 14.1. P.M. I preach'd on Ps. 73.24.

1739 August 27 (Monday). Mr. Varney went off. The Water in the Pump fails.

1739 August 28 (Tuesday). Mr. Loring came about Noon; after him Mr. Stone, Mr. Prentice of Grafton, Mr. Cushing and Mr. Frink. These made up the Association. Mr. Stone gave us a very usefull and Excellent Discourse on 2 Cor. 4.5. Most of us read our Collections which we had made for the Association. N.B. Two Horses Neighbor How took home with him, Two I had pastur'd at Ensign Maynards great Pasture, and the Fifth at Neighbor Pratts.<sup>194</sup> The Ministers all lodg'd in the House.

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<sup>191</sup>(YC 1731), fourth son of Roger Wolcott of Windsor, Conn., later governor of the province. Alexander's first wife (Sarah Drake) left him in 1739, and he married Mary, the widow of Fitz John Allen of New Haven. He later became a respected physician of Windsor. Dexter, 435-36.

<sup>192</sup>Thomas Saltmarsh, a former sea captain, was an innkeeper at Watertown for many years. Bond, *Watertown*, 414, 913.

<sup>193</sup>Minister of Waltham.

<sup>194</sup>John Pratt.

1739 August 29 (Wednesday). Mr. Loring preach'd a very profitable sermon on Deut. 32.47. N.B. After Sermon I read the brief Representation of the Case of Mr. Torrey<sup>195</sup> in Narragansett. N.B. Madam Sartel<sup>196</sup> and her daughter Prentice<sup>197</sup> here.

1739 August 30 (Thursday). Last Night was very Cold -- a Considerable Frost.

1739 August 31 (Friday). Another Considerable Frost. John Rogers mowed Rowing. P.M. he Sett anew the Fence before the old House and putt up the stone wall under it. N.B. We had been troubled with Brother Hicks's Hoggs breaking in.

1739 September 1 (Saturday). Nigh Two Barrells of Cyder made of my Apples by Mr. Williams for Mr. Rogers and Townsend.

1739 September 2 (Sunday). Sacrament. Preach'd on John 13.17, and on 1 Cor. 6.18 former part. After meeting I Stopp'd the Deacons of the Church and the Select men of the Town to Confer with them respecting a suitable Time for the contribution which authority had recommended to us for the Assistance of Mr. Torrey of South Kingstown in Narragansett.

1739 September 3 (Monday). A very rainy forenoon. Trooping and Training. Captain Warrins Company met at Captain Fay's, and Captain Eagers<sup>198</sup> with the Troops at Ensign Maynards. N.B. I pray'd in the meeting House only with Captain Eagers Company. Din'd at Ensign Maynards. I pray'd with those at Evening with whom I had din'd. N.B. Storm Clear'd off towards Night. Patience Forbush<sup>199</sup> went with James Bradish to Ensign Maynards where Some number of Young People met at a Frolick and continued late -- to my great Trouble and disquietment.

1739 September 4 (Tuesday). I rode on Captain Warrins Mare to Cambridge. Met Mr. Warham Williams and Mr. William Williams junior<sup>200</sup> on their Journey to New Haven. At Mr. Woolsons<sup>201</sup> at Weston I met with Mr. Berry, Shipwright of Boston going up to Hopkinton.

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<sup>195</sup>A brief representation of the case depending between the Rev. Dr. Mc'Sparran, plaintiff, and the Rev. Mr. Torrey, defendant, relating to the ministry land at Narraganset ([Boston?: s.n., 1739]). Rev. Joseph Torrey (HC 1728), minister of the Congregational Church at Kingston, R.I., 1732-1791. He was also a physician. Immediately after his ordination Torrey was involved in a lawsuit defending his right as a Congregational minister to 300 acres of glebe land. In this complicated and extraordinary case which went as far as the Privy Council, the real issue was the democratic nature of the New England church system. The case dragged on for a number of years, and in 1739 the Boston ministers Colman and Prince headed a successful campaign to raise money to pay the cost of Torrey's defense. *SHG*, 8:498-507.

<sup>196</sup>Wife of Capt. Nathaniel Sartell (Sartel, Sartele, Sawtell) of Groton.

<sup>197</sup>Sarah Sartell, daughter of Capt. Nathaniel, married Rev. Solomon Prentice of Grafton, Oct. 26, 1732. *Groton Vital Records* 2:148.

<sup>198</sup>James Eager of Westborough.

<sup>199</sup>Daughter of Deacon Thomas Forbush.

<sup>200</sup>Minister at Weston.

<sup>201</sup>Isaac Woolson kept a tavern in Weston. Daniel S. Lamson, *History of Weston* (Boston, 1913), 188.

1739 September 5 (Wednesday). Rode a.m. to Captain Sharps where my Kinsman Elias still Lodges, then proceeded to Boston. I rode to Brother Alexanders who sent my wife 3 Gallons of wine by Mr. Cornelius Biglo. Din'd at Alexanders. My Mother Still in a weak and low Condition. Benjamin Parkman<sup>202</sup> rode my Horse to his Brother Bradshaws.<sup>203</sup> I was greatly interrupted by all these means in my usual practice on this Day -- and very much subverted in my Design of improving this Season which was to have Spent it with my Mother and Brethren, especially the Afternoon or Evening in a Religious Manner, and I carry'd with me a Discourse on Ps. 73.24, and another on Job 19.25 for the purpose -- but their various Engagements, etc. prevented. Yet I would not omitt wholly my regards to this Day, although I was not able so strictly to observe it to the Lord as I would have done.

1739 September 6 (Thursday). Mr. Prince's Lecture on Jer. 31.18. Din'd at Brother Samuels. N.B. His son Samuel very low in Consumption.

1739 September 7 (Friday). Din'd at Brother Elias's. Mr. Thomas Weld<sup>204</sup> there. N.B. Conversation the Day before yesterday and to Day with Captain White of New Haven concerning Mr. Alexander Wolcott. P.M. Mr. Webbs Lecture on 2 Chron. 30.18.19. N.B. Haynes Woodbridge<sup>205</sup> went to Cambridge for my Horse, and not coming Seasonably in the Evening it put us to great trouble, for a Small number went over to Charleston to accompany my Niece Elizabeth (Brother Elias's Daughter) who was going up with me. We lodg'd at Father Champney's.

1739 September 8 (Saturday). Return'd to Westborough with my Niece aforesaid. On the Road Company Mr. Francis Harrington of Grafton and Mr. Barnard<sup>206</sup> of Sutton. At Marlborough was my wife who kindly came down to meet me.

1739 September 9 (Sunday). Repeated on Isa. 55.7. P.M. on 1 John 2.15. Appointed the Contribution for Mr. Torry to be the next Lords Day.

1739 September 10 (Monday). My Fatt Cattle which were brought down by Ensign Maynard last week, were taken into my own Pasture. Charles Bruce mow'd Bushes. Boys cutting Stalks. N.B. They began last week.

1739 September 11 (Tuesday). Catechiz'd at the Meeting House. 43 Boys -- 30 Girls. P.M. visited Mr. Gamel<sup>207</sup> who is sick.

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<sup>202</sup>Benjamin was the son of Parkman's brother, William.

<sup>203</sup>Sarah, daughter of William Parkman, married John Bradshaw, Sept. 26, 1736.

<sup>204</sup>Rev. Thomas Weld of Upton, Mass.

<sup>205</sup>Son of the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, Jr., of Hatfield, Mass.

<sup>206</sup>Isaac Barnard. William Benedict and Hiram A. Tracy, *History of Sutton* (Worcester, 1878), 584-85.

<sup>207</sup>Mrs. [sic] Samuel Gamel of Westborough.



1739 September 12 (Wednesday). Visited Mrs. Cody<sup>208</sup> of Hopkinton, who is in a distracted frame at her Mother Clarks at Shrewsbury.

1739 September 13 (Thursday). A.M. I walk'd over to Mr. Hezekiah Hows. At noon Mr. Biglo din'd with me and he work'd the afternoon. Mow'd Bushes and pik'd stalks. I rode his Horse down to Mr. Daniel Maynards<sup>209</sup> at Marlborough to see his Horses; but he was gone from home. N.B. One [blank] Darby, a Young Man of Concord, rode with me. I was at Mr. Beemans<sup>210</sup> and Mr. David Brighams<sup>211</sup> as I return'd. Jerusha Ward<sup>212</sup> and Mercy Nurse here.

1739 September 14 (Friday). [No entry.]

1739 September 15 (Saturday). Samuel Bumpso work'd for me.

1739 September 16 (Sunday). John 13.17. 2 Cor. 8.7. Contribution to assist Mr. Torry of South Kingston in Narragansett. Gather'd £8.8.0. Which God be pleas'd to accept as a sweet Saviour through Christ!

1739 September 17 (Monday). Mr. Alleson<sup>213</sup> of Hopkinton here with a Mare offer'd to Sale.

1739 September 18 (Tuesday). Mr. David Maynard, junior of Sudbury here with an Horse offer'd to Sale. I rode over to Winchesters, Mr. Grout,<sup>214</sup> Captain Fay, old Mrs. Fay, etc. At my return found my Wife ill -- overdone with worrying Yesterday. Great Frosts.

1739 September 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Allison here with his Mare again for me to ride her and try her. I rode to Mr. Grouts and to old Mrs. Fays. N.B. Jeduthan's<sup>215</sup> young Horse offer'd. Sam Bumpso work'd for me. My Four Young Cattle were brought home by Neighbor Abner Newton. N.B. Neighbor Amsden<sup>216</sup> brought in Father Champney who in his distraction had worry'd up o'Foot from Cambridge, having Set out the Day before, and layn out last night in the Cold and Frost.

1739 September 20 (Thursday). Sam Bumpso at Work mowing. Ebenezer went over with a Load of Apples and took Cold.

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<sup>208</sup>Mrs. John Cody.

<sup>209</sup>Brother of James Maynard of Westborough.

<sup>210</sup>Eleazer Beemon of Westborough.

<sup>211</sup>An original settler of Westborough who lived near Parkman. DeForest and Bates, *Westborough*, 46-47.

<sup>212</sup>Daughter of Increase Ward of Westborough.

<sup>213</sup>Joseph Elison.

<sup>214</sup>Joseph Grout.

<sup>215</sup>Jeduthan Fay, son of Samuel Fay of Westborough.

<sup>216</sup>Jacob Amsden.

1739 September 21 (Friday). The Commission officers of the Regiment met to consult about a Regimental Muster. Two Lieutenants came for me to dine with them. N.B. Mr. James Bridgham here in his return home to Brimfield. Cloudy and lowery.

1739 September 22 (Saturday). Rainy. Tobacco hung up. Ebenezer grows worse with his Cough.

1739 September 23 (Sunday). 1 John 2.14.

1739 September 24 (Monday). [No entry.]

1739 September 25 (Tuesday). Aaron Forbush junior at work for me, picking Apples for Store and for Cyder. Father Champney went to Cambridge. A Long Ladder made by Brother Hicks, Sett up to Day on the Barn.

1739 September 26 (Wednesday). Aaron Forbush and William Johnson at Work for me, picking Apples and carting them over. Part of Afternoon Splitting Rails. N.B. Captain Eager here. Ebenezer Maynard kill'd a Calf of 5 weeks old which came out of the woods. Weigh'd 57 1/2 pounds and he Carry'd it to Boston at night. 4 Barrells brought me by Mr. Belknap.

1739 September 27 (Thursday). I rode over to Neighbor Jesse Maynards<sup>217</sup> to see his Sick Child. At Mr. Gamels and at Mr. Lawrence's.<sup>218</sup> N.B. Mr. Eleazer Russell with a Mare offer'd to sale. I return'd by the Mill. Eleazer Williams carted over a Load of Apples.

1739 September 28 (Friday). My Son Ebenezer continues very badd with his Cough. My wife ill. My House in great Trouble. Some Number of men clearing up the Training Field.

1739 September 29 (Saturday). A Barrell of Cyder for me and one for Brother Hicks by Mr. Williams of my Apples.

1739 September 30 (Sunday). Eph. 6.30 to 18.

1739 October 1 (Monday). Mr. David Maynard, junior was here with a large Bay Horse which I agreed with him for, in presence of Mr. Francis Whipple and Mr. Abner Newton at the price of 35 pounds but with the Reserve and Condition that if I find that he doth not suit me, he shall take him again, if he be return'd within a fortnights Time. This was written and Declar'd by both of us before the Witnesses. The Road which goes out south from my House handsomely clear'd up, and the Training field clear'd more Spaciously.

1739 October 2 (Tuesday). I rode up to Shrewsbury to John Clarks and to Mr. Cushings. Sam Bumpso thrash'd Rye for me.

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<sup>217</sup>Son of David Maynard, an original settler of Westborough.

<sup>218</sup>Benjamin Lawrence of Westborough.

1739 October 3 (Wednesday). The Regiment Under the Command of Colonel William Ward consisting of 11 Companys, muster'd and perform'd the Exercises proper on That Occasion. N.B. Mr. Dor<sup>219</sup> and his Brothers Daughter, Mr. Weld, Mr. Webb, Mr. Cushing, Mr. Stone, Mr. Solomon Prentice, and Mr. John Ballantine.<sup>220</sup> We march'd with the Field Officers in Viewing the Regiment as the Battalion were in array, the Officers in their Places, and performing the Standing Salute. Mr. Dorr pray'd. We were entertain'd by the Field Officers. It was worthy of Notice that the Exercises were perform'd so well, considering their Newness, that there was so little hurt Done, and that there was So little intemperance, Rabblement and Riot. N.B. the Regiment under Colonel Chandler<sup>221</sup> muster'd the same day. Mr. Dorr and niece, Mr. Weld and Mr. Webb lodg'd here.

1739 October 4 (Thursday). Mr. Dorr, etc. rode away, and my Daughter Molly, Single on her Horse rode with them, Mr. Weld carrying my Niece Elizabeth behind him. At Evening, Mr. Weld, Eliza, and Molly return'd, having been to Grafton. Major Keys<sup>222</sup> din'd with us, and Mrs. Miles<sup>223</sup> of Concord. P.M. John Oake,<sup>224</sup> James Geoffrey, James Eager and Samuel Allen<sup>225</sup> gather'd that part of the Corn by the old House and with Jotham<sup>226</sup> and Stephen Maynard and Noah How husk'd it out in the Evening. N.B. Abial Allen help'd us these Two or Three Days but to Day went home, and Lydia Harrington came to serve us a Day or Two. John Oake lodg'd here in order to his Working tomorrow. Mr. Weld Lodg'd here.

1739 October 5 (Friday). Very Rainy. Mr. Weld detain'd here by the Storm of Rain. John Oake went off without working.

1739 October 6 (Saturday). Mr. Weld left us. I was not very well.

1739 October 7 (Sunday). On Eph. 6.13 all Day but improv'd Some of the Discourse on Ps. 144.1, for I was under So great Indisposition that my preparation was much obstruct'd. At Night I was very ill and went to Bed not being able so much as to perform the Dutys of the Family.

1739 October 8 (Monday). I Sent Brother Hicks with Mr. David Maynard's Horse down to Sudbury to him again for I found he would not Suit me. William Johnson making Cyder for me at Mr. Hezekiah Hows Mill.

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<sup>219</sup>Rev. Joseph Dorr of Mendon.

<sup>220</sup>(HC 1735), later minister at Westfield, Mass., 1741-1776. *SHG*, 9:468-72.

<sup>221</sup>John Chandler of Worcester.

<sup>222</sup>John Keyes of Shrewsbury.

<sup>223</sup>Wife of Deacon Samuel Miles.

<sup>224</sup>Son of Nathaniel Oakes of Marlborough. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 426.

<sup>225</sup>Son of Ephraim Allen of Westborough.

<sup>226</sup>Son of David Maynard.

1739 October 9 (Tuesday). William Johnson making Cyder for me still. Captain Forbush<sup>227</sup> with his Team, Timothy Warrin and John Rogers came p.m. to get up and husk'd Corn.

1739 October 10 (Wednesday). Rainy. General Muster of the Regiment of Horse at Lancaster.

1739 October 11 (Thursday). [No entry.]

1739 October 12 (Friday). Samuel Bumpso thrashing Rye. William Johnson work'd for me.

1739 October 13 (Saturday). Mr. Cabot<sup>228</sup> of Killingly here, very much out of Health. Lodg'd here. William work'd for me.

1739 October 14 (Sunday). Mr. Cabot would not venture to undertake any part of the Public Service but went to Meeting and to Communion with us. I repeated Sermon on Mat. 26.21.22. P.M. on Eph. 3.10 last Clause.

1739 October 15 (Monday). Mr. Cabot pursued his Journey to the Eastward. Mr. Abraham Knowlton came to lay my East Garrett Floor. Sam Bumpso and William Johnson at work for Me. In great Trouble for want of Womens Help in the House.

1739 October 16 (Tuesday). Mr. Knowlton at Work here. Very Rainy forenoon. Mr. Cushing din'd with us. P.M. it held up and we rode to Association at Southborough. At Eve Mr. Fisk<sup>229</sup> of Killingly came. N.B. Mr. Cabot there before detain'd by the Storm. See Association Records. I lodg'd with Mr. Cushing at Ensign Brighams.

1739 October 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Loring, Mr. Barrett<sup>230</sup> etc. came to Association. I preach'd on 1 John 1.17 at the Public Lecture.

1739 October 18 (Thursday). Several Nei[gh]bours on the South side of Town Mr. Bowman,<sup>231</sup> Stone,<sup>232</sup> Martin Pratt, Beriah Rice,<sup>233</sup> Jonathan Forbes, and Phinehas Walker, Dan Hardy, came and gather'd my Corn. Molly Wright<sup>234</sup> came to wash for my Wife.

1739 October 19 (Friday). Mr. Williams has undertook to make up the Rest of my apples -- Carting to Day.

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<sup>227</sup>Samuel Forbush.

<sup>228</sup>Rev. Marston Cabot (HC 1724), first minister of Thompson, Conn.,1729-1756. Killingly included the region that became the separate town of Thompson in 1785.

<sup>229</sup>Rev. John Fiske (HC 1702), first minister of Killingly, Conn.,1715-1741. *SHG*, 5:144-47.

<sup>230</sup>Rev. Samuel Barrett of Hopkinton.

<sup>231</sup>James Bowman.

<sup>232</sup>Daniel Stone.

<sup>233</sup>Son of Edmund Rice, an original settler.

<sup>234</sup>Mary, daughter of Edward Wright of Framingham. Temple, *Framingham*, 755.

1739 October 20 (Saturday). Rain.

1739 October 21 (Sunday). Rain. On Eph. 3.10.

1739 October 22 (Monday). Town Meeting to grant my Support. Unanimous for 200. Rainy. I was greatly exercis'd by the Creatures lying So much upon my apples and I was oblig'd to be much abroad in the Town. Both the Constables made up Accounts with me. Rebecca Hicks<sup>235</sup> helps us.

1739 October 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Bridgham and Mr. Wyman<sup>236</sup> here. Mr. Williams brought home 6 Barrells more of Cyder. I had design'd to go to Boston but So much Business prohibited it. Mr. Samuel Harrington brought me his Horse for my Journey, and greatly assisted me in getting down Cyder, etc. Boil'd Two Barrells of Cyder into one. Neighbor Maynards, Whipples, Forbushs etc. Lads Husking. N.B. I made up Accounts with Ensign Maynard.

1739 October 24 (Wednesday). I rode down to Lexington on Mr. Samuel Harringtons Horse. N.B. Difficulty in finding the Way from Weston. One Segar and one Mellage my Pilots it being Night. I went to Captain Joseph Bowmans<sup>237</sup> and lodged there. Very kindly entertain'd by them.

1739 October 25 (Thursday). View'd a Mare of Mr. Francis Bowmans. Rode to Cambridge at Father Champneys. Ferry'd over from Charleston. Visited my honored aged Mother who was much better. Lodg'd at Brother Elias's.

1739 October 26 (Friday). Rode to Mr. Tainters<sup>238</sup> and Browns<sup>239</sup> at Waterton. Met Mr. Francis Bowman and Mr. Samuel Harrington. Din'd at Mr. Strattons of Waltham. Bargained with Mr. Bowman for his Mare. Rode home with Mr. Harrington and a Considerable Company of Neighbors, etc. Ensign Forbush, etc. We rode over the new Bridge. Not well at Wards, but held up home between 10 and 11 at Night.

1739 October 27 (Saturday). Not well, but yet in my Study. In the Night very ill.

1739 October 28 (Sunday). Grew worse. Not able to go to Meeting. A.M. -- P.M. preach'd on Rev. 2.21 but with much Difficulty, being very ill and feeble.

1739 October 29 (Monday). Abroad in the forenoon, but in pain, chiefly in my left Hip and Groin. Dr. Gott occasionally here. P.M. could not walk. At Eve my pains exceedingly increas'd. Neighbor How came and got my bed down into the lower room, and lifted me on to it. All night in great pain. My Wife got up twice. Took Flower of Brimstone, which purged Me.

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<sup>235</sup>Mrs. John Hicks.

<sup>236</sup>Rev. Ebenezer Wyman (HC 1731), minister at Union, Conn., 1738-1746. *SHG* 9:116-17.

<sup>237</sup>Prominent citizen of Watertown. Bond, *Watertown*, 690.

<sup>238</sup>Capt. John Tainter of Watertown, brother of Deacon Simon Tainter of Westborough.

<sup>239</sup>Deacon William Brown, a prominent resident of Waltham.

1739 October 30 (Tuesday). I grew More helpless. Ebenezer rode to Grafton for a market for the rest of my Cyder, but in Vain. N.B. Mrs. Maynard, Sister Hicks,<sup>240</sup> etc. No Watcher yet.

1739 October 31 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode to Dr. Gott but he came not. He Sent me the Turbith Mineral<sup>241</sup> which I did not venture to take. Mrs. Maynard and Brother Hicks watch'd.

1739 November 1 (Thursday). Dr. Gott came -- judg'd I am taken with an high Inflammatory Rhumatism. Bled me in the right arm -- insisted upon my taking my Turbith if diminished. N.B. It work'd 5 times up, and 30 or 40 Times downward. Nathan Maynard<sup>242</sup> was Sent for the Doctor but he did not come, but Sent a Plaister, etc. Nathan Maynard and Bekky Hicks<sup>243</sup> watch'd. Ensign Maynard getting wood for me.

1739 November 2 (Friday). The Doctor came and bleeds me again. Gave Something to prevent my purging. P.M. Nei[gh]bours on the South side came and got wood. John Rogers and Sister Hicks watch'd. A Bad Night.

1739 November 3 (Saturday). Still remain in a weak, pained State. Worried through the Day. Jotham Maynard and Bekky Hicks watch'd. A bad Night again.

1739 November 4 (Sunday). No Preaching, but few at Meeting. Doctor came. Bleeds again and gave Rubarb which work'd kindly. Deacon Newton<sup>244</sup> and My Niece Eliza watch'd. A dismal Night!

1739 November 5 (Monday). Storm of Snow. Lieutenant Holloway<sup>245</sup> went for me to Jabez Rice's to bespeak a fat Cow, and came and gave me Notice of it. Jotham Maynard fixing up the Barn to house Creatures. Jedidiah How watch'd. Somewhat easier Night.

1739 November 6 (Tuesday). Doctor came. Found me with a very bad Sore Throat, my Head on the back part great disorder'd -- tottering and pained -- Yet he judg'd I was better, and did not bleed me. Mr. Stone visited me and pray'd with us. Several of my Nei[gh]bours here. My Head grew worse and those Disorders were very troublesome. But I had some good Rest nevertheless. Samuel Baker<sup>246</sup> and Molly Lee watch'd.

1739 November 7 (Wednesday). In the Morning My Fever was much Worse, and p.m. the Use of my Right Hand (which hitherto I have been favor'd with when every other Limb was disenabled) was taken away, but through Gods Mercy to me my Left grew better. About 9 at

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<sup>240</sup>Mrs. John Hicks of Westborough, Parkman's sister-in-law.

<sup>241</sup>Turpeth Mineral, a basic mercuric sulphate used as a purgative.

<sup>242</sup>Son of David Maynard, one of the neighbors.

<sup>243</sup>Rebecca, daughter of John and Rebecca Hicks.

<sup>244</sup>Josiah Newton.

<sup>245</sup>William Holloway.

<sup>246</sup>Son of Edward Baker, an original settler.

Night my Stomach grew very full of pain. I lay Striving for Breath all Night. Mr. Whipple watch'd.

1739 November 8 (Thursday). About 4 o'Clock in the Morning my Wife got up by reason of my great Extremity, and desir'd Mr. Whipple to go away for the Doctor which he did. The Doctor came about 10 o'Clock and saw my Distress'd State, bled me again and gave me a portion of Rubarb which work'd kindly and my Breath was better Somewhat. Yet it remained bad. Captain Eager watch'd. A very labouring Breath Still. My Niece Eliza carry'd down by Ensign Maynard.

1739 November 9 (Friday). A Cloudy Day. Mr. Tainter<sup>247</sup> watch'd.

1739 November 10 (Saturday). Somewhat better, through Gods great Goodness. The Doctor Came, but left nothing new. In the Evening My Brother Parkman came to see me, to my great Joy. N.B. Samuel Bumpso work'd for me p.m. digging Potatoes. Levi Brigham watch'd.

1739 November 11 (Sunday). I was very faint and weak. No preaching -- but a Thin Meeting. Simon Tainter junior watch'd.

1739 November 12 (Monday). Mr. Cushing made me a Visit and pray'd with us. I was very weak and feeble. N.B. David Maynard, junior and his Brother Jotham came and had Two Store Piggs of me. The one weigh'd 46, the other 54. At Eve Mr. Frink came to see me. N.B. Captain Eager brought home the Fatt Cow, bought of Mr. Jabez Rice<sup>248</sup> for £13.5.0. Mr. David Maynard junior watch'd. I had the best night of any Since I was Sick, and it had been most pleasant to enjoy by Dear Brothers Company. D.G.

1739 November 13 (Tuesday). My kind Brother left us. Mr. Grout and Mr. Tainter came and kill'd my Fat Cow. N.B. The Quarter weigh'd 20 Score and 16 pound. Mrs. Tainter came to help us in cleaning Tripe, etc. And we had also hired Sarah Forbush<sup>249</sup> to work for us to Day. I was (through the Divine Goodness) Still better. The Doctor was here. Left the Ethiops Mineral,<sup>250</sup> etc. Bekky Hicks watch'd and I rested pritty well. D.G.

1739 November 14 (Wednesday). I could walk from my Bed to the Fire. P.M. Mrs. Dorothy Rice<sup>251</sup> here and She watch'd. I did not rest quite so well as before.

1739 November 15 (Thursday). In the Morning very feeble. N.B. The Town Met to provide preaching. My Wife watch'd with me till Two o'Clock, and had no other watcher. Edward[s?] Whipple was to have watch'd but came not.

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<sup>247</sup>Simon Tainter.

<sup>248</sup>Son of Deacon Caleb Rice of Marlborough.

<sup>249</sup>Mrs. Samuel Forbush.

<sup>250</sup>A name formerly given to certain black or dark-colored compounds of metals.

<sup>251</sup>Mrs. Seth Rice.

1739 November 16 (Friday). Extreme Cold -- froze up the Earth. My House unbank'd, my Potatoes the greatest part in the Ground. A purging has attended me and continues, but by the Cold we were prevented sending to the Doctor. Stephen Fay had engaged to watch tonight, but fail'd. My Wife Sat up again till past midnight, after which I did without. Old Mrs. Tomlin, wife of Deacon Tomlin,<sup>252</sup> dy'd on the 16th in the Night, having wash'd the forenoon before. She complain'd some Hours before She dy'd and the Deacon and his Son Sat up with her, but when a Nei[gh]bour whom they sent for came and went to her (they Supposing her to be drowzing) She was found breathless.

1739 November 17 (Saturday). The Cold Something abated. I Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough to the Doctor. Mr. William Jenison<sup>253</sup> came up from Waterton to preach here. Ruth Hicks watch'd. I crawl up very Slowly, yet Sit up Considerably. My Joints, my Knees and Ankles especially, weak and feeble.

1739 November 18 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison preach'd a.m. on Exod. 33.18. P.M. on 2 Corinth. 12.9. Mr. Tainter din'd with us. I could take but very Little. Stephen Fay watch'd.

1739 November 19 (Monday). Mr. Jenison, when the Committee (Scil. Ensign Maynard and Mr. Tainter) had been with him for further Service, went away to return to Waterton. Old Mr. Maynard came and winnow'd up my Beans. Jotham Maynard had another Store Pigg. Weigh'd 52. Asa Brigham<sup>254</sup> watch'd.

1739 November 20 (Tuesday). Dr. Gott here. Deacon Tomlin's Wife's Funeral. At Eve Mr. Cushing here. I Seem'd to be still growing Somewhat better. D.G.

1739 November 21 (Wednesday). A Cold Season for some Days together. Thomas Green (Brother of our former Neighbor John) here. Brother Hicks kill'd a Pigg for me of about 48 pounds to Send to Boston, and Fowls kill'd at Eve, that Mr. Winchester<sup>255</sup> going down for me upon the errand of a Maid there, might not go empty.

1739 November 22 (Thursday). Before I got up I was in great Pains in my Bowels. The Day was a very ill Day with me. I had eat Milk the night before with good appetite, and I thought it sat So well upon my stomach that I might eat boil'd milk this Morning, but I was thereupon greatly disordered. Sick, faint, and Vomited Several Times in the Day Casting up whatever I took down. Mr. Winchester went down to Boston for me upon my Mare to bring up a Maid, one Mary Wakefield from thence. At Evening, though exceeding ill, I marry'd Timothy Warrin and Rebecca Tainter.<sup>256</sup> Bekky Hicks watch'd.

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<sup>252</sup>Isaac Tomlin.

<sup>253</sup>William Jenison (1707-1750), Harvard 1724 (*SHG*, 7:371-74), former minister of Salem, Mass., who had been dismissed by his congregation, Dec. 27, 1736.

<sup>254</sup>Son of neighbor David Bridgham.

<sup>255</sup>Benjamin Winchester.

<sup>256</sup>Daughter of Simon Tainter.



1739 November 23 (Friday). A.M. I was Still weak and faint, appetite gone. P.M. Somewhat better.

1739 November 24 (Saturday). Mr. Winchester came up last night without the Young Woman. Mr. Jenison came. I was Somewhat Comfortable, though weak [*sic*].

1739 November 25 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison on Mat. 8.17, and John 19.34. My Spirits low and Stomach weak at Dinner. But I Still repose my Self on God.

1739 November 26 (Monday). Mr. Jenison and my wife rode away together, the one for Southborough, the other for Marlborough, but return'd after a little Time, my wife having fallen from her Mare and hurt herself so as to incapacitate her for proceeding. Colonel Woods<sup>257</sup> and Mr. Smith<sup>258</sup> (preacher) from Marlborough to see me. They din'd, and tarry'd till Evening. At Evening Mr. Jenison rode with them. I was considerable Comfortable and lively, and had some Considerable Appetite; Slept also comfortably.

1739 November 27 (Tuesday). Very pleasant Weather. Mr. Jenison return'd. Dr. Gott here, left me Bitters and Crocus Martis,<sup>259</sup> advis'd me to take the Air by Degrees. My wife feels her hurt of Yesterday much more. Bit [But?] I was better than I had been any Day, and had a good Night, through the great goodness of God.

1739 November 28 (Wednesday). Pleasant Day -- and I was very Comfortable. But my Family greatly afflicted by my wife's pains and Confinement -- being very weak-handed and yet much to do. (Mr. Jenison here, etc.) Lieutenant Baker (one of the Committee to take Care of the pulpit) here. He went to Ensign Maynards and provided Molly Lee who came to help us. Father Champney came up again.

1739 November 29 (Thursday). Public Thanksgiving. Mr. Jenison preach'd on Eph. 5.20. Among the great and Signal Benefits receiv'd from a most merciful and gracious God, his redeeming my Life from Destruction, easing my Limbs and granting me a great measure of Comfort, and the mercy Shewn my wife at the time of her Fall on the 26th, is to be Celebrated with gratefull Joy and Praise. But O that it might not be with me as with Hezekiah in 2 Chron. 32.25!

1739 November 30 (Friday). My wife So full of pain and So confin'd that she could not sit up, not So much as to dine with us. Several visitors p.m. Mr. Jenison continues with us. Several Nei[gh]bours in the Evening, etc.

1739 December 1 (Saturday). Molly Lee continues here yet. My wife Still very much Confin'd and in grievous Smart. Dr. Gott call'd here as he was visiting Several patients. A Bath which he

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<sup>257</sup>Benjamin Woods of Marlborough.

<sup>258</sup>Aaron Smith (HC 1735), later minister at Marlborough, 1740-1778. *SHG*, 9:575-78.

<sup>259</sup>Crocus of iron, sesquioxide or peroxide of iron.

directed to, gave her much Ease. Mr. Jenison and I read alternately the Minute Philosopher Vol. 2. N.B. I went to the South Door, but did not venture to Step out. N.B. The Committee paid Mr. Jenison for the whole Time of his service even including tomorrow also.

1739 December 2 (Sunday). Mr. Jenison on Job 14.14. Molly Lee having gone home last night, Bekky Hicks came for to Day. N.B. Sister Hicks's kindness in coming over to dress my Wife's wound. Mrs. Harrington of Framingham din'd with us.

1739 December 3 (Monday). Mr. Jenison left us early in the Morning tough it was rainy. Molly Lee again. Dr. Gotts Young Man, Hemingway, here. Molly Lee making Soap. Dark, misty weather.

1739 December 4 (Tuesday). Misty and Dull weather a.m. Mr. Williams bought my Calves and agreed to give me 50 shillings for one and 30 shillings for the other. He Shod my Mare round and cork'd her for the Winter.

1739 December 5 (Wednesday). My Wife in very great Pain and Distress all the forenoon. P.M. Easier. At Eve Captain Eager here. Brother Samuel Breck,<sup>260</sup> and Gad Hitchcock came from Springfield, after having had the Meazles up there. N.B. Samuel Baker rode my Mare to Boston to bring up a Maid from thence, who Brother Elias had recommended.

1739 December 6 (Thursday). Breck and Hitchcock rode off very Early. A pleasant Day. I went out abroad in the middle of the Day. N.B. Father Champney continues among us -- lodges at Brother Hicks and comes over to us in the Morning. At Eve Mr. Tainter and his Wife and Brother Harrington of Framingham in their Return from Suffield, were here. At Midnight Samuel Baker came up, and brought with him Judith Rocke to serve us.

1739 December 7 (Friday). The Honorable Thomas Hutchinsons Funeral at Boston. Father Champney went home.

1739 December 8 (Saturday). Mr. Tainter p.m. with his Team to get down Some Loggs.

1739 December 9 (Sunday). Moderate Weather till Evening when it blew up Cold. Mr. Jenison on Ps. 110.3 and Prov. 16.31.

1739 December 10 (Monday). Mr. Jenison went away early. Cold Morning but pleasant sunshine. Town Met to grant Money for preaching. At Evening Sundry Neighbours here. N.B. Mr. Tainters advice to offer the Town to bear Some part of the Charge of preaching, he not duly Considering the great and extraordinary Charges which I was brought into by my Sickness. Began Mr. Chubbs<sup>261</sup> true Gospel etc.

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<sup>260</sup>Parkman's brother-in-law, the physician of Springfield, Mass.

<sup>261</sup>Thomas Chubb (1679-1747), the English deist, wrote *The True Gospel of Jesus Christ Asserted* (London, 1738).

1739 December 11 (Tuesday). Cloudy. Continue upon Chubb. Old Mrs. Howard bury'd. Mr. Cushing here.

1739 December 12 (Wednesday). Rain. Finish'd Chubb. Meazles go from house to House. Jotham Maynard dress'd Flax for us. Reckon'd with Samuel Bumpso and William Johnson. Wrote to Mrs. Pierpoint.<sup>262</sup>

1739 December 13 (Thursday). Cold -- windy. Old Mr. Green here. P.M. Major Keys<sup>263</sup> -- Mr. Jonathan Hemingway.<sup>264</sup> Jeduthan Fay brought up his wife. David Baverick had my Mare to Meet the Company at Marlborough. I began to sermonize again.

1739 December 14 (Friday). Cold.

1739 December 15 (Saturday). Cold decreas'd Somewhat. Mr. Timothy Harrington came.

1739 December 16 (Sunday). Mr. Harrington<sup>265</sup> preach'd in Mr. Jenisons Stead, who preach'd at Marlborough. Mr. Harringtons Text Isa. 52.7, p.m. 1 Tim. 4.8, latter part. Fine Moderate Day, but the Earth too Damp and the Meeting House to[o] chilling for me to Venture out yet.

1739 December 17 (Monday). Rainy Morn -- Cloudy, Damp. Lieutenant Tainter came and waited upon his Kinsman to his House. N.B. Mr. David Baverick and Samuel Bumpso bargained with me to Clear my Swamp for 40 shillings per Acre and their Dinners while they work'd. I was not altogether So well as heretofore. Pains, Dullness, etc.

1739 December 18 (Tuesday). Bright and Warm in the Middle of the Day. Dr. Gott here and din'd with us. P.M. I was invited out by the fitness of the Day and I rode to the Barn and round the Field.

1739 December 19 (Wednesday). P.M. Dr. Deming<sup>266</sup> of Lime, heretofore Minister of Medway, came with Mr. Stone from Southborough to See me, and Mr. Deming tarry'd all night. Memorandum. Old Mr. Increase Ward<sup>267</sup> dy'd last Night. N.B. He was the first person I ever baptiz'd. He dy'd (according to the Testimony of him) very resign'd to the will of God. Dr. Matthews<sup>268</sup> of Southborough, who had been a very usefull Man among the sick for some years, deceas'd, being upward of Eighty years old.

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<sup>262</sup>Widow of the Rev. James Pierpont of New Haven. [This was probably her daughter-in-law, Sarah Pierpont.]

<sup>263</sup>John Keyes of Shrewsbury.

<sup>264</sup>Son of Deacon Joshua Hemenway of Framingham.

<sup>265</sup>Timothy Harrington (HC 1737), later first minister at Swanzy, N.H., 1741-1748. *SHG*, 10:188-205.

<sup>266</sup>Daniel Deming (1681-1746), Harvard 1700 (*SHG*, 4:518-19), served as minister of Medway, 1715-1722.

<sup>267</sup>An original settler of Westborough.

<sup>268</sup>John Matthews, physician of Southborough.

1739 December 20 (Thursday). Mr. Deming, having din'd, return'd to Marlborough. Lieutenant Tainter here. N.B. free, friendly mutual admonitions. Funeral of Mr. Ward. Mr. Cushing here at Evening.

1739 December 21 (Friday). Pleasant Weather. I rode up to the Upper Grounds, and to the Edge of the Wood. Mr. Goddard<sup>269</sup> of Leicester and his Brother Ebenezer here at Evening.

1739 December 22 (Saturday). Mr. Jenison came at Evening, I being at my Study.

1739 December 23 (Sunday). Being a Fine pleasant Day I ventur'd to Meeting. I pray'd a.m. and Mr. Jenison preach'd on Numb. 23.10. Mr. Jenison pray'd p.m. and I preach'd on Ps. 68.20, and baptiz'd Two Children, But was so tir'd I was oblig'd to lye down immediately after the Exercises. Mr. Jenison also not well.

1739 December 24 (Monday). Mr. Jenison went away. N.B. Mr. Tainter with his Team p.m. and got us wood.

1739 December 25 (Tuesday). My Wife had been not well in the Night -- continued ill at Times with Travail pains most of the Day, yet kept up, and din'd with us. I sent for Mrs. Clark of Shrewsbury but she was not at Home. I sent for Mrs. Forbush<sup>270</sup> and she came. Sister Hicks also was sent for and her Husband with her again about 10 o'Clock at Night to get us more help. About 12 (although she had gone but about 5 Months) She was deliver'd of a tender, lifeless, Male Child, The Measure of which was 13 1/2 Inches long. Immature for Birth, Yet with all its parts perfect. See Ps. 139 (Tate and Bradys Version) 10.13.15.16. But my wife through the great Goodness and Mercy of God in an hopefull State. N.B. Captain Goddard<sup>271</sup> here.

1739 December 26 (Wednesday). It has been a very open, warm Season for Some Time, Insomuch that within these few Dayes Some People have plough'd and Sow'd. But this Morning was Snowy -- a Snowy Day. I improv'd Ebenezer Maynard to Digg a Grave for the Stillborn, little Babe and Brother Hicks made a Coffin, but did not Colour it. Mrs. Forbush tarried with us. Neighbor John Rogers kill'd a Shoat for me. Weigh'd 47 pounds. I Sent over to Mrs. Rice<sup>272</sup> (widow) to come and Nurse my Wife, but she sent back word that she could not come. Granny Forbush therefore tarrys. The Deacon came in the Evening, and we improv'd him to bury the Infant.

1739 December 27 (Thursday). The cold I complain'd of Yesterday, increases upon me -- some pains in my Limbs, but chiefly an hoarseness of Voice. Justice Lee<sup>273</sup> of Worcester here all Evening. Somewhat Cold.

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<sup>269</sup>Rev. David Goddard (HC 1731), minister at Leicester, Mass.,1736-1754. *SHG*, 9:40-43.

<sup>270</sup>Mrs. Thomas Forbush.

<sup>271</sup>Edward Goddard of Shrewsbury.

<sup>272</sup>Mrs. Edmund Rice of Westborough.

<sup>273</sup>Henry Lee, a justice of the peace.

1739 December 28 (Friday). Justice Lee here again in the Morning. David Baverick here also. My Cold continues and renders me uncomfortable on various accounts. N.B. Mrs. Forbush called up out of her Bed and carry'd off by Neighbour Thurston,<sup>274</sup> But my Wife in a fine way -- had got up to Day.

1739 December 29 (Saturday). Sent Ebenezer to Cousin Winchesters for Nurse Sherman who came. Pleasant Weather though Somewhat Cold. My Hoarseness remains.

1739 December 30 (Sunday). I was under great Indisposition both by Pain and by Hoarseness and went out with much Difficulty and doubting of the Event, carrying with me a Book that if I should be oblig'd to return home they might Still keep up the Exercises. But through Divine Assistance I preach'd all Day. Text Ps. 68.20, and administer'd the Order of Baptism. At Evening I was heavy and worried. But heartily willing to Committ my Self and my whole Cause unto God. Mr. Stone of Southborough Sick of the Meazles.

1739 December 31 (Monday). My Arms and Knees have frequent Darts of Pain. A.M. pleasant and warm; p.m. Cloudy. Mr. Prentice of Grafton and his Wife made us a Visit. Came while we were at Dinner and tarried till Evening. How wondrous Swift my Time flys and my Life Wasted with Alas how Slender Improvement! God be pleas'd to humble me for my Negligence and unprofitableness and quicken me to New Fidelity!

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<sup>274</sup>Joseph, son of Joseph and Dority Thurston, b. Dec. 29, 1739; *Westborough VR*, 97.