

## Horses and Mares

1723 August 1 (Thursday). I got to Cambridge by noon, return'd my Horse, paid 1/2 a Crown to Mrs. Fessenden.

1723 August 8 (Thursday). There was a Raising of an House, a Suiting Diversion for Mr. Rice, while Mr. McKinstry, his wife and I took a Ride to Oxford to See Mr. Cambell. This is Six Miles and 1/2. This was very diverting, and I found Mrs. Cambel in pretty Good Humour. We had a good Contrivance in or going to a Water Melon house, for Mrs. Cambel must ride upon the Easest-going horse which was Mr. McKinstry's, and So my old Friend must ride with me.

1723 August 13 (Tuesday). I was very much disturbed through the Peoples not providing a Horse for me to ride down upon, according to agreement. To my Shame I am oblig'd to add that I loll'd off the Day in Indolence.

1723 August 14 (Wednesday). Mr. Lee was very much disturbed for the Same Reason; took his Horse and Rode away to know the Cause. He did not return till after Dinner. But he told me he had Secured my Journey, and about 3 o'Clock p.m. came Mr. James Rice with a very good horse, and we rode away about 4.

1723 August 19 (Monday). This Day Everything was managed Suitably to the Relation they bore to each and their own Figure. In the Afternoon we concluded to go back, and the Horse balked. We (though with Some Difficulty through the Immoderate Kicking) mounted and rode about a Mile, when we met with Sir Sparhawk, by whose Earnest Desire we went back to Major Prescotts and remain'd another Night.

1723 August 21 (Wednesday). In the Morning came Mr. Shattuck of Westborough to Invite me to preach in That Town. After a Pause of about an hour and Debating with him, I agreed; and took an Horse that he Said he had brought Down; and rode down to Boston to prepare for going with him. There were Three Score Mohawks arrived at Boston just before Noon. I returned to Cambridge and rode over to Champneys where my Horse was taken care of. N.B. Mr. Shattuck was sent over to Mr. Champney to Inquire for me.

1723 August 27 (Tuesday). My Landlord having borrowed me an horse (of his Neighbour Mr. David How) Mr. Ward and I rode away. We first call'd at Mr. Woods but he was not at home. We rode to Mr. Barretts Lodgings but he was not there. We rested a While Smoak'd, etc., and took our Horses and went out to Meet him.

1724 January 2 (Thursday). Fair Pleasant Weather invited me to Visit Mr. Breck. I rode my Landlords horse.

1724 January 10 (Friday). In the Morning I was appointed to go back to Mr. How's (upon Mr. Cushing's Horse) to Bring Madame Graves in Company with Mr. Barrett and Madame, Old Mr. How and his Wife. We din'd at Mr. Whooods Upon roast Goose, roast Pea hen, Bak'd Stuff'd

Venison, Beef, Pork, etc. After Dinner we Smoak'd a Pipe, read Governor Shute's Memorial to the King and Mr. Cushing and I rode home. This Eve I visited Old Mr. Rice. Ensign Newton was with him. I borrow'd an Horse of him for my Service to Marlborough and to Stow. I returned Mr. Pratt's Horse, which I had Us'd through all these Frolicks, by his young Son. In the Morning I rode to Marlborough. After Dinner (upon Roast Beef) with Mr. Breck, and our Concerting Measures upon Changing, Mr. Breck rode away for Westborough.

1724 August 17 (Monday). I rode to Cambridge through Framingham on Mr. Samuel Hardys Horse.

1724 October 1 (Thursday). Just at Night my consort and I went over to Charleston. She was very much affrighted indeed, But Mr. and Mrs. Appleton were in the Boat. My Horse was put up at Boylstons.

1724 October 2 (Friday). I left him now by 3/4 past 3, But got up to Mr. Brecks by Daylight in. He was very ill.... In riding thence home I met with a Sad Mischance. My Cloak (and van Mastericht wrapt in it) broke from my Portmanteau as it was buckled behind me. And it was very dark, but Still I thought it best to alight and look back for it. (I was not so far as Captain Wards.) I did so; and keeping my horse in my hand, with my Eyes near the Ground, and Swinging my Cane for 3/4 of a Mile back, I at length found it.

1724 October 6 (Tuesday). I had my Landlords Horse to Ride to Marlboro to See Mr. Breck.

1725 November 9 (Tuesday). I went to Boston with Sister Lydia. My horse was carried back to Cambridge by a Boy.

1725 November 11 (Thursday). The Boy having brought Back my Horse, I toward night prepar'd, and understanding, by Sister Lydia, that Mrs. Dorcas Bows (my wife's Kinswoman) would ride up to Westborough with me, and that Mrs. Dorcas waited for me at Charleston, we went over by Ferry and we overtook her at Neck o'Land. We proceeded on Horseback with good pace; and Sister alighting at a place whence she Could with much Ease walk to Sister Hicks'. I returned and took up Mrs. Dorcas and by these means we got up Comfortably.

1726 January 10 (Monday). Neighbor Clark dress'd Flax for me, and his Son thrash'd Oats. Mr. Rice brought his Mare to my Stable.

1726 January 13 (Thursday). Hannah Warren had my Man [*sic* in Walett - should it be Mare?] to go to Boston.

1726 January 17 (Monday). Mr. Barrett came to see us, and with Heavy Tidings of my Fathers being so very ill that my Brother by him sent me this word, that there was Ground to fear My Father would never go abroad again; and therefore it was much desir'd I would immediately go down. Hereupon I went first to Mr. David Maynards and then to Mr. Pratts for an Horse, mine

being not yet returned, but I succeeded not till Eleazer Pratt went to Mr. David Goodno's and Obtained His.

1726 January 18 (Tuesday). Three quarters after nine in the Morning, I mounted from home upon a very poor dull Horse, which was another Affliction to meet [to me at?] this time.

1726 February 28 (Monday). Mr. Amsden, upon Occasion of his Horse and a great number in the Neighborhood besides, and in every Town about us, gave out various Reflections upon the Sad Mortality and Destruction of Horses; and the sore visitations in the Extream scarcity of Corn and Hay at this Juncture, through which Multitudes are sorely Distress'd.

1726 March 5 (Saturday). I went on with my preparation till Noon, when I rode to Shrewsbury, and Mr. Cushing rode back my Horse to Westborough.

1726 March 11 (Friday). When we had din'd we left Mr. Brecks. I return'd home by way of Deacon Rices. It was most Tedious Riding by the breaking in of the Horse.... Neighbor Clark brought Three Cows and Mr. Oliver Ward an Horse to my Barn.

1726 March 29 (Tuesday). Mr. Rice Sundry Times visited me upon account of his Mare.

1726 April 3 (Sunday). John Whood of Hopkinton at Dinner with us. He rode home his Horse which I had had to keep.

1726 April 7 (Thursday). Mr. Rice's Mare went away after Lecture.

1726 April 9 (Saturday). This Day the Last of Mr. Wards Cows and his Horse went away. N.B. The 5th and 6th Neighbor Clark and his Son ploughed (with my Mare and Mr. Wards Horse) my Stubble, and the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th Neighbor Clark with my Boy went on (as aforesaid) in ploughing and sowing of Wheat and Rye and Barley.

1726 April 12 (Tuesday). Association Breaking up, I rode with Mr. Barrett as far as Mr. Eagers of the Town where my Horse broke, but Lighting upon Mr. McCollisters Son upon a Horse I rode home. My Beast was Safe at my own Barn.

1726 May 4 (Wednesday). We walk'd to Mr. Cushing's house and thence to Mr. Smith's (who kept our Horses last night) where we [were] decently Entertained.

1726 May 18 (Wednesday). I rode to Boston.... Towards Evening I went back to Charlston for my Horse at Boylstons, where I met Mr. Cotton of Newton and a Company of his Neighbours, Mr. Ephraim Williams, etc., who had all been out afishing. I rode with them to Cambridge and then parted to go to Father Champneys where I lodged.

1726 May 23 (Monday). In the morning about 7 or 8 I set out for Cambridge. I call'd at Neighbor Thurstons, he being agoing out waited for his Horse. I tarried an hour and half and

then went away without him, as far as Mr. William Johnsons, where he came up with me.... From this Place [Natick] we Urg'd our way to Father Champneys (Mr. Hale dropping us at the verge of Waterton) and thence to Boston, My Wife being carried thither by her Brother this Morning. I sent back my Horse to Cambridge.

1726 May 26 (Thursday). I was at the Convention.... I sent for my Horse but it was late and then I was Easily prevailed with to tarry till the Morning.

1726 May 30 (Monday). I returned home. Robert began to weed the Corn. He had Mr. Oliver Wards Rocket and Horse to assist him.

1726 June 8 (Wednesday). Robert had not finish'd Howing till 11 o'clock. And then I order'd him to get up my Mare and carry Silence Bartlet to Brookfield.

1726 July 8 (Friday). About Ten (as I remember) I took horse for home, Mother Champney being with me.

1726 August 4 (Thursday). My appointment was to go back to Cambridge this morning and to proceed as far on my Journey as the Time would permit. I sat tediously waiting for my Horse, but not coming I neither went to Lecture nor any whither else all Day.

1726 August 29 (Monday). About 4 o'Clock I went up and went to Bed. I return'd home about nine. I sent for Mr. Oliver Ward's Horse and about 11 Rode away for Cambridge.

1726 September 13 (Tuesday). I rose very Early, sometime before Day, and more than 1/4 before sunrise was mounted on my horse and rode to Shrewsbury. With Mr. Cushing I went to Lancaster where Ministers were Associated.

1726 October 9 (Sunday). I preach'd at Shrewsbury on Phil. 3.13.14, a. and p.m. Mr. Cushing came up on my Mare.

1726 October 25 (Tuesday). I rode with Mr. Cook and Mr. Frink and Sister Hicks to Sudbury. I lodg'd at Mr. Cook's.

1726 October 26 (Wednesday). I rose early, at day break, mounted my horse and rode away without disturbing anyone of the house (as I had premonish'd them). I came to Cambridge about Ten, and thence to Boston about 2 or 3 o'Clock p.m.

1727 January 8 (Sunday). I preach'd at Hopkinton... After the Exercises I found it necessary to return home, they having no Hay at all at Mr. Barretts and severall Horses to provide for.

1727 January 18 (Wednesday). I was at the Funeral of Mr. Holloways Child. I rode upon Mr. Holloways Horse both Yesterday and today.

1727 January 19 (Thursday). Mr. John Fay, Junior sent a Man and horse fore [sic] me, but I was so ill and the weather so Wet that I was prevented.

1727 January 23 (Monday). Mr. Pratt brought me his horse to ride to his Brother John Fays. I went up accordingly and found him in grievous pains.

1727 March 9 (Thursday). Very high winds. I my Self Sleded home wood with my own Team (mare and Sled).

1727 April 15 (Saturday). The journey home look'd very discouraging I was so ill. But riding an Easy horse and Father Champney with me, with the Girl, we reach'd home.

1727 August 21 (Monday). I went down to Mr. Thomas Forbes and was intending to marry his Daughter to Mr. Cornelius Cook, but they could produce me No legal certificate But I discoursed to them of their unhappy Circumstances and their Sin and urg'd to serious unfeigned Repentance. Mr. Cook I advis'd to go and get another Certificate, while I tarried there. He went away but a storm coming up and night hastening on, and my people at home extreamly prone to be very much Scar'd, I left them and walked home, leaving word that Mr. Cook should bring home my Horse, which He did.

1728 February 11 (Sunday). After the Exercises Sister Lydia rode with me to see Mr. Shattuck... Returning Sister Lydia fell from the horse but more surpriz'd than dammag'd.

1728 February 13 (Tuesday). I was at College at Mr. Greenwoods over a Dish of Tea, Stay'd till Sundown and then I went to Boston. Kept my Horse at Mr. Goldthwaits.

1728 February 21 (Wednesday). Stormy. But yet I rode to Cambridge with Father Champney who ferry'd his horse over though it was grown Dark.

1728 February 23 (Friday). The Morning was much worse till near Eleven, and though the wind was very high and the snow blowing very much, yet the Clouds began to grow thinner. He [Mr. Winchester] rode with me into the Road, the Paths being very much blown up and indeed the Roads too. I met with great Difficulties. I hardly reach'd Mr. Moss's where I had refreshment for my Self and horse, and a Young Man offer'd to ride with me. We reach'd Mr. Nathan Brigham's, refresh'd again, and Mr. Brigham rode up into this Town. But it was a Sad time to be abroad in, the Snow being very deep and great Danger if happening out of the Path and yet the Path almost wholly blown up. But through the Divine Goodness I arrived without Damage and found my people well. *Deo opt. nostro grates.*

1728 March 11 (Monday). Mr. Tainter Supp'd with me. He agreed to keep my mare, I being short of Hay.

1728 March 13 (Wednesday). I sent my Mare to Mr. Tainters to be kept at his Stable.

1728 March 28 (Thursday). I Rode (with my wife) to Shrewsbury upon my Young Horse, and being disappointed by both Mr. and Mrs. Cushings absence from Home we presently returned to Westborough, but not home, we having determined to Visit Mr. Paterson. We went not only there [*entry ends incomplete at this point*].

1728 June 15 (Saturday). Thomas Kendal had my Mare to go down to Lexington.

1728 August 9 (Friday). I rode to Cambridge, Barrow, alias Maro, running on foot. Though somewhat rainy, it clear'd away after noon. After 4 o'Clock I set out, my Self on one horse and the Negro on the other.

1736 April 8 (Thursday). At Eve sister Lydia rode up to Cambridge with me. N.B. My Horse had been kept a Day or Two at Mr. Charles Coffins stable, by means of my Brother Samuel.

1736 April 9 (Friday). At College. Met my neighbour Whipple who was coming to me at Cambridge. Mr. *Caleb Rice* Some way before us upon the Road. Neighbour Whipples Horse failed at Harringtons.

1736 April 20 (Tuesday). David with my own Cattle and Horse and Noah How for Driver, ploughed up the remainder of the Stubble Ground.

1736 April 22 (Thursday). *John Rogers* helped David to Day in Carting Muck. Our own Cattle and Horse; Ensign Maynards Cart.

1736 May 4 (Tuesday). P.M. I rode to Beriah Rice's to have my Horse shod.

1736 May 5 (Wednesday). Ensign Maynard rode my Horse to Boston.

1736 May 7 (Friday). Ensign Maynard who rode down my Horse to Boston to wait upon my honoured and aged Mother up hither, came up without her. The Reason *Sarah Tiley* Sick of the Distemper.

1736 May 10 (Monday). Sold Brother Hicks my Young Mare for 11 pounds to be paid next 1736 October.

1736 June 1 (Tuesday). Neighbour Hezekiah Pratt lent me his Mare to ride to the Association at Lancaster.

1736 June 15 (Tuesday). Training of the Foot Companys in Westborough, of the Horse at Shrewsbury.

1736 June 17 (Thursday). David half hilling. Deborah rode (upon my Horse) up to her Brother [*Jesse's?*], and to her Fathers -- And did not return at night.

1736 June 19 (Saturday). Divers persons have been with me this week to be Examined -- Eliezer Rice, Hezekiah Pratt, and Rachel wife of Hezekiah Pratt. Mr. Bowmans wife also came yesterday just when I was mounting my Horse, so I could not finish Examination of her.

1736 June 30 (Wednesday). I was favoured with Ensign Maynards Mare to ride up to Leicester.... Only Mr. Cushing, Mr. Bridgham and I, of ordained Ministers besides the Council. We waited long for Refreshment for our Selves and Horses, but yet in vain. We rode up to Mr. Parsons's, and had our Horses put out there.

1736 July 6 (Tuesday). I rode to Boston.... I Supped and lodged at Brother *Elias's*. My Horse at Mr. Larkins at Charleston.

1736 July 12 (Monday). I had tackled my Horse and was ready to Mount to go to Marlborough when Mr. Baxter and Deacon Barber, of Medfield came to my House. I laid aside my Intentions and waited upon my Company. They dined with me. P.M. Mr. Stone and Coll. Ward Came -- all upon the Journey to Rutland. I Sent to Lieut. Bakers and to Mr. Tainters for an Horse, but in Vain. At last I set out with them and rode to Shrewsbury where I tarried to get my Horse shod but the Company proceeded to Rutland.

1736 July 29 (Thursday). I had borrowed Neighbour Seth Rice's old Horse for Deborah, and this mare with Capt. Warrin she rode up to Dr. *Green* at *Leicester* to take his Advice about her Health.

1736 July 31 (Saturday). Mr. *Lawton* of *Leicester* here in his Chaise drawn by 3 Horses -- a young Lady with him.

1736 August 3 (Tuesday). I had determined to have gone to Boston in Case I could get an Horse and the Weather favoured. Mr. Dowsing lent me his Horse, but the weather was very Discouraging -- it rained considerably.

1736 August 4 (Wednesday). After I had dined I Sat out upon my Journey to Cambridge on Mr. Dowsings Horse.

1736 August 10 (Tuesday). Sister Lydia was o' mind to go up with me and I waited Several Hours for her.... When Brother Champney and sister Lydia met me it was so late in the Day and the Horse so dull that we had gone but a little way before we determined to go back and we did so -- But towards Night I rode with Sister Lydia to Capt. *Sharps* -- left her there and I proceeded to Mr. Allens -- In my Return I waited upon sister Lydia home to F. Champneys.

1736 August 17 (Tuesday). Deborah Ward (after 10 Months Service wanting about a Week, this Second Turn with us) went home; being obliged to give her Self more intirely to wait upon her Physician for the Cure of her grievous Disorders. Brother Hicks to bring back my Horse from Mr. Wards.

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

1736 October 20 (Wednesday). Rainy -- yet Brother Hicks, and his wife and son, John, rode to Cambridge. His son rode my Horse.

1736 October 25 (Monday). Sister Ruth Champney rode up on my Horse, with John Hicks junior before her, and sister Hicks in Company.

1736 October 31 (Sunday). But still the more so because the mare she rode upon returned home to Brother Hicks's alone, and without her Tackling.... At Evening *Eleazer Ward* took their Horse and rode up to *Grafton* to see what had befallen *Deborah*.

1736 November 18 (Thursday). Hindered from the public Lecture by preparing to ride to Cambridge with sister Willard and my Daughter Molly in a Chaise; but by Sister Lydia's coming down with Brother Champney the Scheme was overthrown, for he carryed up Molly and I sent for my own Horse and rode to Cambridge at Eve.

1736 November 30 (Tuesday). P.M. David by a Fall of His Horse last Thursday, hurt his Legg to such a Degree that it remains Swelled Still and renders him unfit for Business.

1736 December 6 (Monday). I undertook a Journey to Cambridge. On the way I called at Mr. *Joslins* -- and at Mr. *Belknaps*, whose wife had long laboured under great Disorders, by Fits, etc.: There I marryed *Eleazer Ward* to *Tabitha Newton*, and then proceeded upon my Journey to Framingham where I stopped to have a Couple of Shoes made and put on my Horse's hind feet and then, at Dark, continued my Journey to Waterton.

1736 December 16 (Thursday). N.B. Sent my Horse by Mr. Tainter to Waterton for Lydia Cutting.

1737 February 17 (Thursday). Rode to Boston.... N.B. Capt. Foot and Sister Elizabeth and Mrs. Mary Tilestone took a ride with me in a double Slay at evening to Capt. Robert Sharp's at Brookline, and Brother Elias came to us upon my Horse, after supper there.

1737 March 1 (Tuesday). It had been very Icy and now by a snow upon the Ice and it was very Slippery and Troublesome riding. I rode to Mr. Cook's to fix my Horse.



1737 March 2 (Wednesday). Sister Lydia rode down to Cambridge with me.... Thence I rode to Boston, waited upon my mother, and then went and Supped at Brother Elias's. N.B. Mr. Bowman the wharfinger and his wife at Supper with us. My Horse sent to his Stables.

1737 November 14 (Monday). Brother Hicks went to Cambridge upon my Horse.

1737 November 15 (Tuesday). Trooping and Training -- prayed with the foot before Dinner and dined with the officers of both Horse and Foot -- prayed with the whole Body at Eve.

1738 January 28 (Saturday). My Kinsman [Elias Parkman] came up from College upon my Horse, which I sent down for him, by Ensign Maynard.

1738 February 9 (Thursday). We rode to Marlborough, our Kinsman in Company, he being accommodated with a Horse by Mr. Aaron Forbush

1738 March 8 (Wednesday). My Kinsman (accommodated with Mr. Francis Whipples Horse) rode with me to Shrewsbury.

1738 March 30 (Thursday). My Kinsman left us, upon my Horse, accompany'd by Mr. Francis Whipple.

1738 April 1 (Saturday). Mr. Whipple return'd with my Horse from my Kinsman.

1738 April 18 (Tuesday). Brother Hicks and his wife rode upon my Horse to Cambridge.

1738 May 10 (Wednesday). Susanna Cutting rode upon my Horse designing to visit her Parents at Waterton.

1738 May 26 (Friday). Variously moving about from house to house for Horse and Tackling for my wife to journey with me next week.

1738 May 27 (Saturday). Benjamin Forbush came to lead Horse to plough. Sent him to Ensign Forbush's for his Horse for my Wife, and succeeded.

1738 May 29 (Monday). When the Rain in the Morning permitted, My Wife rode with me first to Mr. Joslins which was a great hindrance to our Journey; then we proceeded to Marlborough, but the Rain prevailed to such a Degree that we were confin'd there all Night. N.B. The Wooden Horse which some of the Rabble had fastened at Colonel Woods's Door.

1738 June 3 (Saturday). We chang'd Horses and my wife rode upon mine and my mother and I upon Ensign Forbushes, and by these means my mother had a very Comfortable Journey, and got up in good Season whilst the sun was a Considerable Height through the great Goodness of God.

1738 August 25 (Friday). My wife weaving Fringe for new, Horse Furniture.

1738 September 6 (Wednesday). At about 9 a.m. My Wife and I set out upon our Journey to Springfield and New Haven, on my Own and Cousen Winchester's Horses.

1738 September 20 (Wednesday). [Hartford.] Mr. Wyllys and Mr. Ellery were so good as to ride with us. N.B. One of our Horses blunder'd overboard of the Ferry Boat, wet the Sidesaddle etc., but we receiv'd not much more Damage than the Hindrance to our Journey thereby.

1738 October 11 (Wednesday). Susanna Cutting left us. She rode to Waterton upon my Horse.

1738 November 1 (Wednesday). Mr. Palmer had my Horse to go to Worcester his own being lame.

1738 December 7 (Thursday). [Cambridge.] Lodg'd John at the blue Anchor, whilst Brother and I with our Horses were taken care of at Mr. Whittemore's.

1738 December 8 (Friday). Sent John over to Father Champney's and upon Brother Hicks's mare I undertook my Journey home.

1738 December 9 (Saturday). Brother Hicks and John Ridney [Kidney] came up on my Horse.

1739 February 2 (Friday). Nurse rode to Grafton upon my Horse.

1739 February 2 (Friday). A fine Clear Day. Nurse rode to Grafton upon my Horse.

1739 March 12 (Monday). Brother Hicks to Shrewsbury upon my Horse. He went to Cambridge.

1739 March 23 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Harrington took my Horse to keep.

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 25 (Wednesday). Continued my walk over to Mr. Tainters who had kept my Horse Sometime, and so rode back.

1739 April 27 (Friday). 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). Ebenezer Rode my Horse to Mr. Jacob Amsdens to have him kept there.

1739 May 7 (Monday). N.B. Sent for my Horse from Mr. Jacob Amsdens.

1739 May 14 (Monday). I walk'd down to see Mrs. Townsend 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.

1739 May 26 (Saturday). [Boston.] Brother Samuel Parkman sent up a Boy from Charleston early in the morning, to bring down my Horse from Cambridge.... At Sudbury I borrow'd a great Coat of one Mr. Herd, my own being wet through. At Mr. Baldwins was Mr. Joseph Biglo who was my Company as far as to his Fathers in Marlborough where we were shelter'd, and Horse and Man refreshed.

1739 May 29 (Tuesday). 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, and it was concluded they were drowned. Their Horses, Shooes and Stockings were found by the Pond, their Canoo, Hatts and Cranberrys floating but their Bodys not found, this Morning at 8 o'Clock.

1739 June 1 (Friday). After various Business, etc. I rode to Cambridge. N.B. Mr. Edward Larkin's offers for my Horse.

1739 June 8 (Friday). Sent down my Horse to Mr. Edward Larkin of Charlestown by Mr. Tainter. The Horse being 15 years old I had but £16 for him.

1739 June 14 (Thursday). It rain'd but I rode over in the Rain to Lieutenant Holloways to Catechizing. I rode on Neighbor Benjamin Hows Young Horse.

1739 June 16 (Saturday). When he was ready and we had din'd I bid John [Kidney] 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.

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.

1739 June 29 (Friday). 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 July 2 (Monday). I visited Mr. Isaac Tomlin on Mr. Pomeroy's Horse.

1739 July 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Grants Mare which I rode down got out of the Pasture this morning, but I got Deacon Sparhawks 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.

1739 July 6 (Friday). Brother Champney carry'd my Daughter Molly to Waterton to Mr. Benjamins and from thence she rode up Mrs. Pierpoints Horse.

1739 July 12 (Thursday). I rode on Mr. Winchesters Horse as far as Mr. Charles Rice's for Hands to come to work....

1739 July 13 (Friday). Elijah and Adonijah Rice and Phinehas Forbush to help me. Elijah mow'd, the others hoed. Ensign Maynard's old Mare to plough.

1739 July 17 (Tuesday). I borrow'd Ebenezer Maynards Horse and rode to Grafton to Mr. Harwoods 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 Son's to look of his Beast, but I bought neither of them.

1739 July 26 (Thursday). At noon walk'd as far as Jedidiah Hows where I had an Horse to ride to Shrewsbury Lecture.

1739 August 3 (Friday). My Wife and I rode up to Grafton and I preach'd a Lecture on Jude 5.21. N.B. Madam Sartel 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 18 (Saturday). Rode Captain Forbush's Horse up to Shrewsbury in the Evening and doubtless took Cold.

1739 August 20 (Monday). Return'd home by the way of the widow Tomlins. Mrs. Tomlins Horse was brought for me to ride to Boston upon.

1739 August 23 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Alexander Wolcott 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.

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.... 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.

1739 September 4 (Tuesday). I rode on Captain Warrins Mare to Cambridge.

1739 September 5 (Wednesday). Rode a.m. to Captain Sharps where my Kinsman Elias still Lodges, then proceeded to Boston.... My Mother Still in a weak and low Condition. Benjamin Parkman rode my Horse to his Brother Bradshaws

1739 September 7 (Friday). N.B. Haynes Woodbridge 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 13 (Thursday). 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 at Marlborough to see his Horses; but he was gone from home.

1739 September 17 (Monday). Mr. Alleson 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.

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 young Horse offer'd.

1739 September 27 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Eleazer Russell with a Mare offer'd to sale.

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.

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.

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.

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

1739 October 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Samuel Harrington brought me his Horse for my Journey, and greatly assisted me in getting down Cyder, etc.

1739 October 24 (Wednesday). I rode down to Lexington on Mr. Samuel Harringtons Horse.

1739 October 25 (Thursday). View'd a Mare of Mr. Francis Bowmans. Rode to Cambridge at Father Champneys.

1739 October 26 (Friday). Din'd at Mr. Strattons of Waltham. Bargained with Mr. Bowman for his Mare.

1739 November 22 (Thursday). Mr. Winchester went down to Boston for me upon my Mare to bring up a Maid, one Mary Wakefield from thence.

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.

1739 December 4 (Tuesday). 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). N.B. Samuel Baker rode my Mare to Boston to bring up a Maid from thence, who Brother Elias had recommended.

1739 December 13 (Thursday). David Baverick had my Mare to Meet the Company at Marlborough.

1740 January 8 (Tuesday). Some Number of Hands came to get wood.... The first Cart went with onely one Yoke of Oxen and therefore could not load up. The other Cart had one Yoke and an Horse, and loaded decently, the other Two Yoke of Oxen drew a sled which for want of Snow could not be loaded up. The Wood was cut on the East Side of the Hill, and was a great deal of it very Small, but they clear'd the Small Tract as they went, of such Turns as aforesaid they made (as they gave account) 39 by Duskish.

1740 January 29 (Tuesday). At Roxbury at Mr. Davis's Shop I got my Mare new Shod that I might help her as to her stumbling.

1740 February 7 (Thursday). [Boston.] John White went to Cambridge for my Horse.

1740 February 11 (Monday). Sister Lydia rode with Brother Hicks to Cambridge on his own Mare.

1740 February 14 (Thursday). Captain Amsden burnt my Mares Mouth for (what is call'd) the Lampers.

1740 February 26 (Tuesday). My Wife rode to Marlborough on Brother Hicks's Mare. I rode with her as far as Captain Forbush's.

1740 February 27 (Wednesday). Neighbor Barns came up and dock'd my Mare.

1740 March 19 (Wednesday). I rode to smith Allens to get my Mare shod.

1740 April 24 (Thursday). Ebenezer Rode to Mr. Robert Allen's, at Shrewsbury and got my Mare New Shod.

1740 May 12, 13 (Monday, Tuesday). My Wife ventur'd to ride my Mare to Marlborough.

1740 June 13 (Friday). Mr. Wigglesworth's Horse and my Mare got out of the pasture and had got down to Mr. Jacob Amsdens before sun rise. His young Man brought 'em back to us.

1740 June 30 (Monday). My wife, furnished with Lieutenant Tainters Horse, Set out with me for Cambridge.... We were at Cambridge so Seasonably as to go to Boston and Lead up our Horses. We lodg'd at Brother Parkmans.

1740 August 20 (Wednesday). Ebenezer to Shrewsbury and got the mare Shod.

1740 August 21 (Thursday). N.B. Ebenezer and Samuel Hicks rode to Cambridge, the latter to bring up the Mare.

1740 August 25 (Monday). Din'd at Two o'Clock at Cambridge. Went to Boston. Ebenezer went to Charlestown to bring back the mare to Cambridge.

1740 October 1 (Wednesday). P.M. I visited Thomas Bruces Wife, Ensign Forbushs Child, and Neighbor Cooks Children who were sick, and had my Mare shod.

1740 November 1 (Saturday). In the Morning I got my Horse Shod at Mr. William Witts.

1740 November 3 (Monday). Brother Hicks carry'd down Sister Willard to Boston upon my Mare.

1740 November 11 (Tuesday). My Wife rode to Marlborough with Brother Hicks upon my mare, to be blooded, and return'd at Evening.... Put up the mare tonight in the Barn.

1740 November 20 (Thursday). At Evening a great Multitude were here to see Simon Tainter and Mary Bruce marry'd. Thirteen Horses, 12 of which double, came with them and about a Dozen more came before them and a great number of Young Persons, So that the House was greatly fill'd with them.

1740 November 22 (Saturday). Friend Dyer of Marlborough here with Mr. Smiths Horse, going to change him at Neighbour Hezekiah Pratts.

1740 December 20 (Saturday). My mare very lame.

1740 December 27 (Saturday). My Wife had been Somewhat ill all night but in the morning was so full of Pain that I rode away to fetch Granny Forbush to her. The Snow which fell last night

added to the former (both being deep) made is extraordinary difficult passing. I was overmatch'd with it at old Mr. Maynards. Ebenezer Maynard and Neighbour Pratt took their Horses and rode before me, by which means I succeeded.

1742 February 16 (Tuesday). Somewhat Clear -- Some stirring with Horses and Racketts.

1742 March 29 (Monday). I rode down with my Daughter Molly to Marlborough, dined and left her at Dr. Gotts. One Mr. *Love* my Company from the Red Horse.

1742 April 4 (Sunday). On Heb. 10.23 and p.m. on Ps. 1.5, repeating some parts of sermon on Eccl. 11.9 on Occasion of Mr. Bezaleel Smiths sons being killed in a sorrowful Manner by an Horse which he was going to water. The Child aged about 8 Years.

1742 April 13 (Tuesday). I carryed *Bekky Hicks* to Cambridge on my Mare and My Daughter Molly had Mr. Jeduthun Fays Horse and rode with us. Molly had a Fall from the Horse but through Divine Goodness received no hurt.

1742 April 15 (Thursday). From Cambridge past 2 o'Clock p.m., with *Sarah Sparhawk* on the Horse Molly rode down, I rode up to Westborough and got up after 10.

1742 April 26 (Monday). Could not go with the Delegates till I had Sent to *Grafton* for my Mare. When my sons were returned I rode to Shrewsbury.

1742 April 29 (Thursday). Stopped by the Rain at Shrewsbury at Mr. Allens. He sett Two Shooes upon my Horse.

1742 May 11 (Tuesday). I rode Mr. Benjamin Hows Horse to Shrewsbury and preached to the Society of Lads there, on 2 Cor. 6.2.

1742 May 13 (Thursday). I rode Neighbour *Barns's* Horse to Marlborough and preached the Lecture on Eph. 5.14.

1742 May 31 (Monday). I rode with Mrs. Edwards up to Shrewsbury but could not proceed to Worcester as I had purposed, because my mare was lame without a foreshooe which could not be sett seasonably nor could I go to Marlborough to Proprietors Meeting because I grew much indisposed.

1742 June 2 (Wednesday). Mr. Chamberlain had my Mare to go to Shrewsbury but went to Leicester.

1742 August 1 (Sunday). Preached at Southborough.... I would have returned home at Eve but my Mare could not be found in Mr. Stones Pasture. The servant Fears that She has got out, a pair of Barrs being flatt.



1742 August 2 (Monday). My Mare not to be found. I rode home on Mr. Brighams Horse but she was not there.... Took Thomme with me (who rode upon Neighbour Maynards Horse) and rode to Southborough again -- and to Marlborough but returned without hearing of her.

1742 August 4 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went to Framingham upon Ensign Maynards mare to enquire after mine. No Certain News.

1742 August 6 (Friday). I walked down to Mr. Cooks at Evening to meet Neighbour Stephen Fay and I employed him to make diligent search after my Mare, and to send Mr. John Tainter of Watertown to Lexington after her.

1742 August 9 (Monday). Early at Mr. Fays. No clear News of my Mare, but Sorrowful News from my Mother, of her illness and danger. Capt. Fay offered to go to Framingham to look for my Mare; but Mr. Williams being more acquainted with those Roads, and being willing to go, I improved him. Capt. Fay also went with him to Southborough.... At Evening I was at Capt. Warrins to borrow an Horse to ride to Boston, and succeeded.

1742 August 10 (Tuesday). Thomas went to work again at his Fathers. I dined at Capt. Warrins and rode his Horse down to Cambridge.

1742 September 8 (Wednesday). Mr. John Rogers upon my Mare rode after the remainder of young Cattle. Found them but did not bring them.

1742 October 26 (Tuesday). N.B. My Mare led down by Winchester for Molly to come Home.

1742 November 2 (Tuesday). Sent my Mare again for Molly by Mr. Tainter by whom I sent a Calf to Markett.

1742 November 4 (Thursday). Mr. Tainter returned with my Mare without Molly, She being not well.

1742 November 23 (Tuesday). Brother Hicks rode my Mare down to Boston to bring up Molly. This is the Third Time I have sent down my Mare for her this Fall.

1742 December 4 (Saturday). Rode Mr. Smiths Mare to Marlborough. My Mare having brought up his Chaise, with *Molly* who was yet ill and so bad that I left her at Mr. Smiths.

1744 February 11 (Saturday). The Time appointed for Mrs. Wheelers buryal is the forenoon, so that I could not attend it. But in the afternoon I borrow'd an Horse and went to meet them at the Grave; but meeting the young man (who return'd the buryal Cloth) a little beyond Captain Maynards, I return'd. Have the trouble of daily dressing my Mares Legg ever since my ride to Mr. McAllisters.

1744 March 21 (Wednesday). Sent my Horse by Captain Maynard to Boston for Thomme.

1744 April 3 (Tuesday). To Boston. My Kinsman confin'd for Months past. I think ever since the 22d of last October and not able to go out of his Chamber yet. My aged Mother there with him to be Company for him. Pito carry'd back my Horse to Cambridge.

1744 April 5 (Thursday). [Boston.] John White from Brother Parkmans went for my Horse to Cambridge. At Eve I return'd there.

1744 April 17 (Tuesday). I had Mr. Williams's Mare to ride over to the Association at Lancaster.

1744 April 18 (Wednesday). P.M. I got an Horse of Mr. Prentice, and (Mr. Bowers of Middletown in Connecticut and Mr. Whitcomb of Lancaster part of the way in Company) I rode to Luningburgh and to Townshend, lodg'd at Lieutenant Taylors, but alas! the house in Tears for my kind Landlady, Mrs. Taylor, who lately deceas'd.

1744 May 1 (Tuesday). Brother Samuel tarried over Night and Hay being Short Sent his Horse to old Mr. Maynards.

1744 June 12 (Tuesday). N.B. Neighbour Chamberlain mov'd his Family and his Goods to Leicester, and Thomas Winchester had my Mare to help with their Children.

1744 June 19 (Tuesday). Rode to the Association at Shrewsbury.... N.B. was at Smith Allens Shop to get my Horse Shod before I went up to Mr. Cushings.

1744 August 14 (Tuesday). They rode with me to Sudbury to Ministers Meeting. We went first to Mr. Smiths at Marlborough and he requested my Mare might be put into his Chaise and we rode together.... Mr. Smith rode my mare to Mr. Cooks.

1744 September 11 (Tuesday). N.B. Bekky Hicks to Day to Cambridge on my mare.

1744 September 12 (Wednesday). P.M. I rode over to Lieutenant Holloways (favour'd with Neighbour Ebenezer Maynards Horse) to Catechizing.

1744 October 9 (Tuesday). My Wife and I with our little son William rode to Sudbury in Madam Sartels Chaise.... It was the Time of the Ministers Meeting at Mr. Cooks. While dinner was preparing I borrow'd Mr. Loring's Horse and rode to Mr. Farrars at Concord and paid him £50 old Tenor and return'd to Ministers Meeting.

1744 October 13 (Saturday). The Morning was So bright (tho windy) that I hasten'd to Mr. Gees to dissolve the above Obligation of preaching for him and tripp'd to Cambridge to my Horse (our Chaise having been left at Charlestown) and endeavour'd to Come up to my own Flock; but by loosing one pair of Gold Buttons out of my Sleeve, and other Impediments I made it sundown before I got to David Hows -- and was much Chill'd with the Cold of the Night.

1744 October 17 (Wednesday). We rode to Cambridge. Our Mare in the Chaise got away from Sister Barretts and ran over to Father Champneys. Broke one of the Thills and clear'd herself of her Tackling. But I found her again, and Deacon Whittemore Sent over my wife and son in his Chaise to prevent further trouble.

1745 March 27 (Wednesday). Mr. John Stow here. His Horse left him and tarried all Night.

1745 March 28 (Thursday). Mr. Stow finds not his Horse. I went to Mr. Barns and obtain'd of him to wait upon Mr. Stow with his Horse -- to Marlborough, but he chose to go o'foot.

1745 April 4 (Thursday). Mr. James Fay left me his mare at Eve for my Journey.

1745 April 9 (Tuesday). By and By Mr. Jenison (not having receiv'd the Letter) came to my House about the Time that the Ministers began to assemble to the Association, which met here to Day.... N.B. Captain Maynard took 2 Horses, 3 at old Mr. Maynards -- and one at Mr. Hows, and 3 Gentlemen, Mr. Goss, Mr. Davis and Mr. Martyn lodg'd at Captain Maynards.

1745 April 15 (Monday). At 3 in the Morning Brother Hicks call'd me out of my Bed. We Set out a little before Sun Rise (N.B. I had Neighbour Benjamin Hows Horse) upon our Journey to Cambridge -- arrived before noon, din'd with Mother Champney, and went over to Mr. Danforth, Mr. Remington being incapable of any Business.

1745 April 23 (Tuesday). I catechiz'd at the South Part of the Town, at the School-House.... After Catechizing I visited the Widow Woods. N.B. I went there on foot, but rode Lieutenant Tainters Horse back. I had also din'd at his House.

1745 April 26 (Friday). Mr. Cushing came to my House with whom and Mr. Stone I (on Mr. Pratts Horse) rode to Framingham to the Funeral of Reverend Mr. Swift.

1745 April 27 (Saturday). John Oake told me that his Aunt Holloway was to do a message to me, viz. that the people over there desir'd me to go over next Tuesday to the raising their Meeting House, and they would have me be with them at 8 in the Morning to pray with them -- and his aunt not coming he did the message by her Order. I told him I was in Some difficulty for want of an Horse, my mare having lately foal'd.

1745 April 30 (Tuesday). No body from the North Side to bring me an Horse or accompany me over to the raising the meeting House there. Nor any one person of the Multitude who pass'd by my House from the South, so much as call'd to See whether I were to go or could go or no.... P.M. I rode over to the North side on my own Mare, notwithstanding the inconvenience of it, and the misting, uncomfortable Weather.

1745 May 1 (Wednesday). I preach'd Mr. Stones Lecture on John 14.21. Rode Mr. Charles Bruce's Horse.

1745 May 4 (Saturday). Mr. Belcher Hancock came and din'd with me, perswaded me to go in his Stead to North Sutton. Had Lieutenant Aaron Forbush's Horse.

1745 May 10 (Friday). My Wife to Marlborough on Nathan Maynards Mare to visit Mrs. Breck of Springfield.

1745 May 13 (Monday). I went divers places for an Horse to go down to Cambridge but in Vain, particularly was at Jesse Brighams, Thomas Goodeno, Matthias Rice's, and to Mr. Beeman's.

1745 May 14 (Tuesday). Try'd Jonas Brighams Horse in the Chaise, but he was too furious -- broke Whipple-Tree and threw me out, but without Hurt. D.G. But he was a good Horse in the saddle. I rode him to Cambridge.

1745 May 22 (Wednesday). He and his little Daughter rode in his Chair and Mrs. Sally Gott and I in Mr. Tainters Chaise. We call'd to see Colonel William Ward. We din'd at Dr. Gotts p.m. From Mr. Smiths Fence my Mare broke loose and ran away with the Chaise. Soon oversett it. Scrap'd one Thill in Sunder, clear'd herself of her tackling and posted away for home, but was presently Stop'd by the Smith on the Hill. We gather'd up the broken Tackling, dragg'd the Chaise to Mr. Smiths, and I rode to Deacon Stevens's and got him to it to look upon it and make a new Thill. Thus I left the Chaise, and my wife and child rode with me on Horseback home at Evening.

1745 May 23 (Thursday). N.B. One Mr. Town of Oxford labouring under a Diabetes, and much enfeebled, was carry'd along in an Horse litter, some Framingham people assisting.

1745 May 24 (Friday). Sent Ebenezer to Marlborough for the Chaise we left to be mended by Deacon Stevens; and after much worry and trouble with the unruly Mare, he got home with it.

1745 June 10 (Monday). At Mr. Ebenezer Nurse's to get an Horse to go to Ministers Meeting. Could not Succeed with him -- but did with Mr. Hezekiah Pratt.

1745 June 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Salter and his wife on their Journey home, came and lodg'd here. Their Horses had broke from them at Sudbury and Mr. More (Son of Deacon) waited on them hither with Two, who also return'd with the Evening.

1745 June 19 (Wednesday). A Young Man, one Laffland from Landlord Wards in Marlborough, brought Mr. Salters Stray Horses, and they proceeded upon their Journey.

1745 June 28 (Friday). Thomas work'd for Mr. Chamberlin till noon, when Ensign Bruce came along with him home, having press'd him in his Majesty's Name to go up to the Western Frontiers. Somewhat Surpriz'd at Such a sudden and unexpected Turn, I had my Horse, left my Studys and Business and rode with the Ensign over to the Captain, who after a great deal of arguing told me that it was done out of Favour and regard to me, for that unless the young man be Secur'd he would soon Escape, and neither the King nor I Should have any Benefit from

him.... N.B. I saw Deacon Mirriam of Grafton going to Concord with an Horse for Mr. Whitefield.

1745 July 1 (Monday). P.M. I rode down to Mr. Matthias Rices to get an Horse to go to Cambridge, but did not succeed. Went also to Mr. Seth Rice's and got one.

1745 July 2 (Tuesday). My Daughter Molly accommodated with Captain Fays Horse rode to Cambridge with me.

1745 July 24 (Wednesday). Cornelius Biglo Sick of a Fever. I visited him, and dealt plainly with him. At divers Neighbours. Visited also Mr. Daniel Forbush's wife who is confin'd again by weakness and illness. Towards Night Mrs. Maynard had my mare to ride to Mrs. Miles at Shrewsbury.

1745 July 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Breck and his wife undertook their Journey. My wife (favour'd with Mr. Benjamin Hows Horse) and I rode to Worcester with them -- and we din'd at Dr. Brecks.

1745 August 24 (Saturday). I rode to Hopkinton on Mr. Edwards Whipples Horse.

1745 September 23 (Monday). We Supp'd there -- my Mare broke out of the Pasture there and ran home to her Colt. I rode Lieutenants Mare home.

1745 October 2 (Wednesday). We were desirous to return home, but the [Hopkinton] Church being, by agreement together for a Conference, importun'd us urgently to tarry and be present with them at the Meeting House and Mr. Loring open'd their meeting with prayer. Their Conference rose to no purpose. We left them and they soon dispers'd. We din'd and parted. I return'd home (having Lieutenant Aaron Forbushs Horse upon this Journey) though very much griev'd that such a season for reconcilment was lost.

1745 October 17 (Thursday). I...hasten'd to Boston, but 'twas too late for Lecture. Lodg'd there with Parkman. My Mare at Mrs. Keggells.

1745 October 26 (Saturday). Ebenezer plough'd Stubble Hills and had Nathan Maynards Oxen with mine, Nathan having my Mare a.m. to grind Apples.

1745 November 23 (Saturday). Thomme to Mr. Cooks to get the Mare Shod -- and we prepar'd for my Journey to Boston.

1745 November 25 (Monday). I rose at 4 o'Clock. Mr. Abraham Batchelors Brother, Amos, and his sister Porter were my Company an Hour before sunrise upon my Journey. Cold and Rough riding. Did not stop at Cambridge but proceeded to Boston -- to Brother Alexanders and found his wife Alive notwithstanding all my bad news and sorrowfull Expressions. Put out my Horse at Cousen Proctors, and Lodg'd at Brother Alexanders.

1745 November 28 (Thursday). [Boston.] Brother Sam p.m. to Cambridge on my Mare.

1745 November 29 (Friday). Stormy. Mr. Parker of Grafton was so good as to carry up my Horse to Westborough.

1745 December 3 (Tuesday). Neighbour David Maynard junior brought my mare to me at Brother Samuels with an Affectionate Letter from my Wife.

1745 December 25 (Wednesday). Thomas Winchester Went to Boston with the Two Piggs on my Mare. I borrow'd Mr. Williams's Mare and rode (though not sent for, yet a bright Comfortable Day inviting and hearing that a number of Ministers were to be there) to Grafton Fast.

1746 January 15 (Wednesday). When I was mounted on my Horse to return home, he [Cook] came out and seem'd to express his desire of Forgiveness; and thereupon -- giving him my Hand told him I was willing if he acknowledg'd, and was Sorry for his undutifull Conduct towards me in Time past, and would Carry it (by the Help of Grace) in a Suitable Manner becoming his Relation to me, for the future.

1746 April 1 (Tuesday). Proceeded to Boston.... N.B. Sent my Horse to Cambridge by Mr. Larkins son.

1746 April 3 (Thursday). Lodg'd at Mothers. I had Sent for my Horse, but kept him this Night at Brother Alexander's Stable.

1746 April 17 (Thursday). Just after sun rise we rode from Marlborough to Boston and din'd at Mrs. Keggells. Hasten'd to Brother Alexanders where we put up our Chair and Horse.

1746 April 23 (Wednesday). My Horse for several Nights kept at my Kinsman Procters.

1746 May 12 (Monday). Mr. Carns's Horse not fit to go his Journey by reason of the Swelling of his Back.

1746 May 21 (Wednesday). Besides my having So much Company of late to Shorten my Pasture, a Number of Horses, chiefly from Captain Maynards, have broke in for Several Nights.

1746 May 28 (Wednesday). Rode to Boston, put up my Horse at Mr. Samuel Procters.

1746 May 30 (Friday). Went over to College for the Sake of Mr. Cushings Company, and to Mr. William Morse's to have a shooe put on to my Mare.

1746 June 9 (Monday). N.B. Though the Thunder last Saturday was So Moderate here, yet at Mr. Joseph Wheelers an Horse was kill'd.

1746 June 24 (Tuesday). We cross'd the foresaid Ground with Neighbour Tomlins, Neighbour Hows and my own Oxen and Mare.

1746 July 15 (Tuesday). Lent my Mare to Mrs. Barns to send to her Father in Law for Help to Hill their Corn.

1746 July 29 (Tuesday). Rode up to Mr. Cushings where was Mr. Stevens (who preaches at Worcester) but Mr. Cushing not at Home.... At Mr. Robert Keys's to have my Mare Shod.

1746 August 15 (Friday). More sorrowfull News from No. 4 that besides 2 men Shot by the Indians, one at No. 4 another at Northfield our Troopers Horses most of them kill'd.... Towards Evening with Joy (viz. Mr. Ebenezer Phillips of Southborough) I saw a Number of our Westborough Troopers return from No. 4 -- but on foot, their Horses being of them that were lost in the late Encounter.

1746 August 29 (Friday). I walk'd to Mr. Williams's afternoon. He had offer'd me his Horse to go to the Fast [in Hopkinton]. I rode over.

1746 September 15 (Monday). Had Mr. Tomlins Mare to go to Mr. Eleazer Bellows to see his Daughter Forbush in her great Trouble by her Husbands Captivity and sickness of her Child.

1746 September 16 (Tuesday). Disappointed of Lieutenant Forbush's Horse by his being chose Jury man yesterday, I was at some Trouble to get another, to go up the Road and meet my wife. Mr. Barns lent me his.

1746 September 17 (Wednesday). Reckon'd with Nathan Maynard for his Mare which my wife had in her Journey and paid him 40 shillings old Tenor.

1746 September 23 (Tuesday). We were going to plough with Lieutenant Forbush's Cattle but I sent them back again: and Ebenezer to Sutton. Bekky borrow'd an Horse and went to Sutton also.

1746 October 29 (Wednesday). Rode to Cambridge with sister Willard in Colonel Nahum Wards Chair. My Daughter Molly also on Mr. Tinneys Horse.

1746 October 30 (Thursday). Rode to Boston in the Morning.... Horse kept at Procters.... Sent Mr. Tinneys Horse home with Mr. Phinehas Hardy.

1746 November 1 (Saturday). I return'd to Boston to my mourning distress'd Friends. May God Sanctify the Breach to us all, as to my dear Young Kinsfolk -- Special may the Lord take them up! may they have wisdom to Conduct! may they live in Love and Peace! Captain White kindly ask'd me to put up my Chair into his House and my Mare into his Stable.

1746 November 6 (Thursday). My Horse has been kept till now at Captain Whites. An Exceeding Cold wind in the Morning, yet Molly and I set out in the Chair and rode home....

1746 December 10 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter had encourag'd me that he would take the Care of marketting the Pork (kill'd yesterday) if I send it to Boston by my son Thomme; we accordingly got ready. Ebenezer got the Mare shod at Mr. Cooks and went over to Lieutenants -- acquainted him we had kill'd, and to know his Purpose; but it prov'd dull misty and Rainy Day, and it being a very heavy and difficult Load and Lieutenant not to go till late, together with diverse other Things which perplexed us, therefore we deferr'd it till another Day.

1747 January 19 (Monday). Ebenezer gone, and Noah How with him to help him, to get slabbs for sides of an Horse sled at the ministerial Lot.

1747 January 23 (Friday). Ebenezer brings home an Horse sled made by him and Noah How.

1747 March 10 (Tuesday). Neighbour Edwards Whipple carry'd his Loading to Boston on my Mare he taking with him my Calf to market it for me, and 70£ Old Tenor to Brother Samuel Parkman.

1747 March 19 (Thursday). Mrs. Garfield (Ebenezer Garfields wife) had my mare and so prevented my riding up to Mr. Wheelers to visit the widow Rugg, and p.m. came Mr. Samuel Forbush's wife from Upton to be examin'd.

1747 March 27 (Friday). Ebenezer trys, with Billey riding the Mare, and himself putting up the New Steers to Split Indian Hills.

1747 March 31 (Tuesday). A.M. Visited Jonathan Maynard again, and Joshua Townsend came from Mr. Wheelers to desire me to visit Asa Rice and Aaron Wheeler who are sick of a Fever, and having Captain Maynard's Mare I went.

1747 April 2 (Thursday). Mr. Dunlop came from Lieutenant Tainters with an Horse for my wife and me to ride over there to Day.

1747 April 3 (Friday). Ebenezer Sow'd Some Barley and ploughs it in with the Mare.

1747 April 29 (Wednesday). Mr. Ebenezer Garfield had my mare to go to Shrewsbury.

1747 May 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Jonah Warrin had my mare for his son and they drove up my young Cattle (seven of them) to Sutton. Mr. Smith came this way in going to Shrewsbury, where the Association met this Day. I rode Noah Hows mare, Ebenezer using mine daily in ploughing.

1747 May 6 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and Mr. Maccarty came. The former tells us that Mr. Goss under his Lameness by a late Fall from his Horse, was now gone home to Bolton.



1747 June 3 (Wednesday). And at Eve Mr. Stephen Williams and his son -- and Mr. Wadsworth of Hartford -- and they all lodg'd here. N.B. pastur'd 3 Horses in Captain Maynards.

1747 June 10 (Wednesday). Ebenezer was disappointed of his Cloths which could not be made, and he resign'd his Horse to his sister Molly who therefore went.

1747 June 16 (Tuesday). I rode to Sudbury to Ministerial Meeting there. As I went I call'd at Mr. Cornelius Cooks Shop and got a Shooe put on to my Horse.

1747 July 3 (Friday). [Watertown.] I rose early and was refresh'd with my Rest, Blessed be God! I got upon my Horse I suppose by Sun rise for though I had requested Mr. Stone to preach my Lecture to Day yet I know not what might fall out; and therefore hasten'd home.

1747 July 29 (Wednesday). Our Friends rode to Worcester and my wife and I accompany'd them. Mrs. Sarah Whipple taking Care of Alexander. N.B. my mare went in the chair and drew the Two Women. Mr. Barns lent me his mare and Captain Maynard lent Mr. Bass his horse.

1747 August 7 (Friday). Mrs. Rogers (John's wife) had my mare to go to her Fathers.

1747 September 1 (Tuesday). Rode to Boston with Brother Champney.... I lodg'd at Brother Alexanders. N.B. Brother Champney led my Horse to Cambridge.

1747 September 3 (Thursday). I din'd at Brother Alexander's. My Horse was Sent down to Mr. Proctors by Brother Champney. Sarah Tyley lodg'd at Mrs. Keggells in order to be ready in the Morning to ride with me. I lodg'd at Brother Alexanders who kept my Horse also.

1747 September 11 (Friday). Bekky Hicks rode my Mare to Cambridge.

1747 October 11 (Sunday). (Being the Lords Day) in the morning came a Chair and who should be in it but Mr. Cowell and his wife (my Niece) who having tir'd their Horse yesterday were forc'd to Lodge at Wards in Marlborough.

1747 October 22 (Thursday). Cousen Sarah Tyley and I set out for Boston. The occasion of going to Day rather than next Monday, as I designed, was this, Mr. Jesse Maynard brought a message last night from Mr. Martyn, that I Should have his Chair if I could not do without, but that he had rather not lend it. I concluded (charitably) that it must be because of feebleness of the Wheels; but if otherwise, and it was but half granted it was better not to accept of it: and another reason is I foresee I shall want to be at home next Wednesday.... Cousen Sarah and I proceeded to Boston, to her mothers -- But I lodg'd and my horse kept at Brother Alexander's.

1747 November 18 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. James Bowman was going down with an Horse for Forbush at Cambridge and a Letter to Molly -- but he was prevented by the Rain.... Captain Maynard here and at Eve Mr. Daniel Forbush informs that his Brother Jonathan as well as Bowman is going to Boston so that he can lead Molly an Horse down if I desire it.

1747 November 19 (Thursday). Sent my mare and Sidesaddle by Mr. Bowman to Molly at Cambridge.

1747 November 25 (Wednesday). At Evening came Two Gentlemen with a Letter from Mr. Edwards of Northampton. By the Letter I found 'em to be Messrs. Spencer and Strong, who were on their Journey to Boston, being Sent for by the Commissioners of the Corporation for Propagating Christian Knowledge in order to their going upon the mission to the Mohawks. They lodg'd here but I sent their Horses to Captain Maynards.

1747 November 28 (Saturday). Went down to Captain Maynards to Satisfie him for keeping the Horses I lately Sent there (viz. Messrs. Spencers and Strongs) but I could not see him, being gone out from home, but I offer'd his son and his wife pay, though they would not take it.

1747 November 30 (Monday). I am not a little concern'd about my keeping such a large Stock of Cattle for though I have sold a Cow and one of the last Spring Calves yet have we 18 Horn Cattle besides our Horses and Sheep, and I fear my Hay will be short for them all. I therefore walk'd out toward Evening to see if I could either buy Hay or promote the Sale of Some of them or get some kept through the Winter. I went to Mr. Elijah Rice's and to Mr. Tennys.

1747 December 7 (Monday). There came only the few following Hands to cutt Wood (N.B. Not one Team came to sled) Messrs. Jonah Warrin, and Daniel Hardy, Solomon Baker and Benjamin Tainter, Charles Rice junior, and Timothy Newton. Benjamin Tainter took my Oxen, mare and sled and sledged down 8 Load. N.B. The first of the Hands came about 11 a.m. the rest at near Noon.... N.B. I offer'd the Captain [Maynard] pay for keeping the Horses I sent to him at Thanksgiving Time, but he would not take it.

1748 January 16 (Saturday). Mrs. Rice (Eliezar's wife) had my mare to Mr. Beeman's.

1748 January 21 (Thursday). My wife set out for Boston on Captain Forbush's horse.

1748 January 23 (Saturday). A somewhat Cold Day, but conceiving it to be my Duty to use my best endeavor to get to Lancaster, I first rode to Mr. Cushing's, dined there and obtained of Mr. Cushing to send his son Jacob along with me who accordingly was my Fellow-traveler. The Snow was so deep before we got to Deacon Jonathan Keyes that I was obliged to dismount several Times, my Mare worrying sometimes pritty much to surmount or get through the Banks.

1748 January 24 (Sunday). [Lancaster.] N.B. A sorrowful Accident this morning. My Mare Slunk 2 Colts.

1748 January 25 (Monday). Dr. Stanton Prentice has been very kind in looking after my Mare.

1748 February 1 (Monday). My wife went to Marlborough on Mr. Nathan Maynard's Mare, and returned at Eve.

1748 March 7 (Monday). And that Mr. John Brainard, brother of the late Mr. David, preached for Mr. Martyn, designing to have come to me if he could have got here, but the snow is so deep, no Horse (I suppose) can pass between here and Mr. Eagers Tavern.

1748 March 15 (Tuesday). Put up my Horse at Deacon Whittemore's, lodged with Mr. Hancock at College.

1748 March 16 (Wednesday). Dr. Breck came there and was going to Boston. I had his company.... Visited Sister Willard, and my newly widowed Sister Beckky and my bereaved niece Esther. Lodged there.... N.B. Kept my Horse there.

1748 March 28 (Monday). Lent my Mare to Neighbour Barns to go to Marlborough and his young man brought her back by noon, at which time I rode to Mr. Charles Wood's on occasion of the funeral of one of his children (Phebe).

1748 April 12 (Tuesday). Mr. Wellman (having lodged here) rode with me to the Ministers Meeting at Marlborough early in the Morning.... I lodged at Mr. Smith's but my horse was kept at Mr. Samuel Wards.

1748 May 2 (Monday). I walked over to Mr. Whipples.... Mr. Whipple was so kind as to lend me his Horse to ride to Mr. Joseph Knowltons.

1748 May 24 (Tuesday). Lodg'd at Mother Champneys who lives at Brother Barretts House in Cambridge Town old -- left my Horse with Brother Champney.

1748 May 26 (Thursday). At Convention Dr. Wigglesworth preach'd on Eph. 4.11.12.... N.B. Something was Said by Dr. Parkman about my preaching to his wife this Eve -- but he went to Dorchester to see his Child (had my Horse in Captain Whites Chair).

1748 June 2 (Thursday). Lent Neighbour Rice my mare for him to ride to Sutton tomorrow morning, with his Father in law and others.

1748 July 5 (Tuesday). Rose very early by Candle Light, and soon Set out upon my Journey to Cambridge.... Visited Brother Champney -- but lodg'd, and my Horse was kept at Deacon Sparhawks.

1748 July 7 (Thursday). Samuel Sparhawk junior brought my Horse in the Morning and I rode to Boston. I stop'd at Proctors and would have been glad to have had my Horse kept there this Visit. And I made it my Business to go and see bereaved Brother William to mix my Tears with his and his Childrens. But I din'd at Mr. Olivers, and my Horse was taken care of there.

1748 July 11 (Monday). N.B. Thomme went to Worcester for his master with Two Horses to get Rie.

1748 December 14 (Wednesday). Drizly -- but I pursued my Journey. Din'd at Captain Tainters at Watertown. Went to Deacon Whittemores to see what he had done about a Chair: it Rain'd harder, yet I went to Charleston and over the Ferry in the Dark and Rain with my young Horse that had never been in a Boat before. Hasten'd up to my Kinsman Olivers -- Supp'd at Captain Davenport Walkers, but lodg'd at Olivers and had my Horse kept there.

1748 December 15 (Thursday). Lodg'd at Olivers; my Horse kept here Still.

1748 December 16 (Friday). Saw sister Lydia Champney in the street in Boston, I being on my Horse and coming out of Town.

1748 December 17 (Saturday). In the Morning and my Horses Lampsas burnt by Mr. William Morse.

1749 January 4 (Wednesday). The Morning was Somewhat snowy, but Elijah Bellows according to appointment came to go with Ebenezer to Harvard to bring back the Horse.... Elijah Warrin return'd safe with the Horses from Harvard.

1749 January 7 (Saturday). P.M. Mrs. Forbush (Phinehas' Widow) here til now. She had my mare to ride home, and went for me to Mr. Daniel Hardys to get me some money, he being Collector of the money granted for the last Year, and though he has had the Rates from Month to Month, yet he brings me none.

1749 February 21 (Tuesday). My Mare Lame which proves no small Trouble.

1749 February 22 (Wednesday). Mr. Nurse blooded my mare.

1749 February 27 (Monday). My Mare Lame yet.

1749 February 28 (Tuesday). Sent my son Thomas to Mr. Jotham Brown of Sudbury, Sadler, to work with him, and Lieutenant Tainter, kindly, rode with him and brought back my Horse.

1749 April 22 (Saturday). My English Hay is gone (having kept my Young Horse over Winter) which was beyond my Design, and hereby I became too much straitened.

1749 April 27 (Thursday). In the forenoon I was oblig'd to go down to Mr. Cook's to fasten my Horse's Shooes.... In returning at Evening was in Danger at the Bridge by means of my Horse's Fright and Springing, at the loose Planks, especially one that was broken, but was safely upheld and got over without hurt.

1749 May 1 (Monday). N.B. Benjamin Kicked and hurt by one of their Horses but revived.

1749 May 6 (Saturday). Considerable Storm of Rain. My Mare foal'd.

1749 May 29 (Monday). My Kinsman Nathaniel (on Mr. James Bowman's Horse) Set out with me for Boston.

1749 May 30 (Tuesday). Went into Boston. Put up my Horse at Mrs. Keggells.

1749 June 1 (Thursday). My Horse was kept in the New North Meeting House Yard.

1749 June 2 (Friday). I Set out from Boston (Mrs. Keggelll having been so handsome as to charge nothing for my Horse keeping).

1749 June 19 (Monday). Aaron Warrin came to desire me to go over immediately to see his sister Betty -- went on Captain Maynards Horse.

1749 July 1 (Saturday). At Eve came Ebenezer and Forbush in my Chair, drawn by Lieutenant Tainters Horse, from Cambridge, Having been gone 10 working Days: but no Evil had befallen him as I began to fear there had.

1749 July 3 (Monday). I have been inform'd that Dr. Green is like to preach at Mr. Eliezer Rice's, and that tomorrow is to be the Day. I wrote a Letter and got it ready to lodge at one or other of the Houses where he practices Physick -- and again I heard it was put off. But I took my Horse and rode to the several Houses, viz. to Mr. Abner Newtons and Mr. Hezekiah Pratts -- but found he was not to come again till they sent for him: but that the Mutual Desires aforesaid about his preaching were the Same.

1749 July 11 (Tuesday). I went out a.m. to visit Several Familys. Was at Mr. Moses Brighams and Mr. Eleazer Pratt's -- Mrs. Pratt follow'd with her Fits yet -- last night she was much Exercis'd with them. Din'd at Mr. Grouts. My Horse was put out at Mr. Jonas Childs (who expected me to have din'd there) while I went to my Exercise.

1749 July 13 (Thursday). Hinder'd in the Morning so long as to have my Horse's Shoes rectify'd and fasten'd, and one Shooe put on. Got down to Mr. Hastings's at Watertown so as to dine there -- to Cambridge about 2 p.m.... After Visiting divers Friends and Spending Some Time with my Daughter, I repair'd to Mr. Appleton's where, at his repeated Sollicitations I lodged; my Horse also was kept in his Pasture.

1749 July 14 (Friday). All the Morning perplex'd and fatigu'd about my Horse, which had got out of the Pasture and could not be found; till Sir Appleton took his Fathers Horse and rode to Watertown; the Horse was found in old Lieutenant Coolidges Yard. I did not get away from Cambridge till noon. Call'd at Captain Sharps -- where was Mr. Cotton Brown. I proceeded to Boston. My Brethren well etc. Lodg'd at Brother Samuels. My Horse at Mrs. Keggells.

1749 July 17 (Monday). Daniel Hastings resides here yet.... Daniel trys to break my young Horse to the Chair.

1749 July 25 (Tuesday). Went Early to Mr. Cooks to get my Horse Shod; was at Neighbour Barns's and Captain Forbush's.

1749 August 7 (Monday). Rode to Mr. Jonah Warrins, to Mr. Harringtons and got him to take my Horse down to Boston with him in order to bring up a Maid from Mr. Thomas Clarks.

1749 August 9 (Wednesday). Rode up to Shrewsbury in my Chair, with Billy to have his Leg dress'd. When I return'd Mr. Daniel Forbush was here with my Horse which Mr. Harrington led to Boston for a Maid from Mrs. Clark -- but the Endeavour was frustrated. The woman could not be found.

1749 August 10 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Eliezer Rice came to me and told me Mr. Lyon of Grafton was gone over to see Bethiah Tyler. Wouldn't I go to him? for he said he thought it might be to no good for such Men to be here, nor did he like he should come. After looking up to God and Considering the Matter, I got my Horse and rode after him, designing and expecting to Meet him at Mr. Tennys, but I met with him on the Road in his Return from thence.

1749 August 11 (Friday). Mr. Andrew Farrand of Kingstown in Hampshire County, here to buy my Young Horse -- but does not come to my price which because of the Extremity of the Time as to Hay I ask'd him but an hundred for -- nay offer'd him for ninety pounds old Tenor.

1749 August 14 (Monday). Daniel went to Watertown for either Molly or the Maid from Mr. Clarks -- in my Chair and his uncle Tainters Horse. I rode to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's where Mr. Farrand had left word about my Horse and there also Mr. Phinehas Hardy who had sold his Horse to said Farrand and if he did not consent to dispose of mine, would himself have him.

1749 August 16 (Wednesday). N.B. Messrs. Ebenezer Rice, Phinehas Hardy, Benjamin Fay, and Burnap here when very late at Night in their way from Worcester. And Mr. Hardy having put away his Horse to Mr. Farrand, but under some Discouragement about his Character, says Something about my Horse, yet refuses to buy him unless I will take Farrands Note. I offer to do this if he will give me 100£-- he consents not to this -- offers 25. This I refuse and still insist for 100 if I must be under such a Disadvantage as he himself was So uneasy with. The Affair was deferr'd till the morning, that he might See the Horse, and if he did not like him be wholly quitt.

1749 August 17 (Thursday). Mr. Farrand had sent me word that if I could not dispose of my Horse better I might Send him up to Worcester and he would give me 90£ to be paid at December 25 and he would wait for me til 12 o'clock: And Mr. Woolly of Holden with whom I had agreed to make me a Cyder Mill may very likely be at Mr. Cushings putting up his Mill. These Things induced me to think that way, being especially very loath to loose an opportunity to Putt away my Horse -- but many incumbrances, perplexing Thoughts about getting up the

Maid from Boston, writing to Mr. Minot about changing at Upton, and to Mr. Jotham Brown of Sudbury about Thomas -- Company here (Mr. Loring and Mr. Millen) with many other Things made me late; and Mr. Martyn had also engag'd me, if I could, to preach his Lecture? I e'en gave up the Affairs of Worcester and Shrewsbury.... After Meeting I rode to Deacon Matthias Rice's, he being this Evening going to Boston. I left him my Horse to lead down for the Maid, again: I came home o'foot. Daniel Hastings here yet -- but is unsettled as to any Business whatever.

1749 August 21 (Monday). Mr. Cushing lent me his Horse (mine being pritty Dull with his late Journeys) -- din'd at Mr. Woolleys.... Ebenezer went to Boston in my Chair, drawn by my Mare - - set out at 9 or 10 at Night.

1749 August 22 (Tuesday). Captain Sadler here to see my Horse -- din'd here -- agrees to give me 90£ old Tenor if he is not better Supply'd by this Day sennight.

1749 August 26 (Saturday). Mr. Stephen Sadler din'd here, came to look on the Horse, which his Father talks of buying of me.

1749 August 29 (Tuesday). Captain Sadler neither came nor sent about the Horse. Mr. Ephraim Woods here to look upon my Horse.

1749 August 31 (Thursday). Forbush came in the Morning (according to Agreement last night to carry Mrs. Grice back to Boston) he being about to return to College, and Lieutenant Tainter offer'd his Horse (if we could not do better with her) to draw her to Boston. The Doctor had said to Me, that she could by no Means be fitt to keep here, but get her to the place from whence she came. I found She grew ill-humour'd, and us'd indecent Language -- abusing my Kindness to her -- So that I was oblig'd to put on a stern Air; and with a Resolute Mind got her from her Bed. My Horse follow'd after to assist if there be need. Thus I bid adieu to her who had been so great a Vexation to me.

1749 September 1 (Friday). Old Mr. Rogers came with an Earnest request to go and see his son William who Seems to be in a very bad Frame -- yesterday would have made himself away by running into the Pond and drowning himself but his Brother John went at that juncture to the Pond to water his Horse, and prevented him. He got loose also a second Time and ran into the Pond Waste deep but his Brother got him out, and with help led him up to his Fathers where he was watch'd all night by two Men. I visited him accordingly and pray'd with him.

1749 September 3 (Sunday). This Day we first met in the New Meeting House. Molly and I with Suse and Alex rode in the Chair, Thomas and Lucy rode upon the Horse, Ebenezer and Billy went o'foot -- Thus eight of us got to Meeting.

1749 September 9 (Saturday). Return'd back to Mr. Cooks to have my Horse prepar'd for my Design'd Journey.

1749 September 22 (Friday). We Set out early (Sister Lydia and I in my Chair) from Cambridge.... My Mare very Dull -- very hardly expected that She would hold home, but we arriv'd in Safety at Evening.

1749 October 2 (Monday). Sister Lydia rode out with me. We din'd at Lieutenant Tainters. P.M. I had his Horse to visit James Miller juniors wife: Mr. Samuel Hardy's and Mr. Zebulon Rice's Family -- Two Children in the last Family sick of Throat Distemper.

1749 October 9 (Monday). Mr. Death of Framingham here to buy my Young Horse, but goes away without him.

1749 November 30 (Thursday). Rode around to Mr. Eliezer Rice's and left my Young Horse with him to be kept. The Season looks at present very terrible. Tight Shut up with Snow and Some Days very Cold. It fills many (I suppose) with Concern. But we must remember Jehovah.

1749 December 6 (Wednesday). Neighbour Hezekiah How and Neighbour Daniel Warrin assist my son in killing 3 Swine, one weighing above nine, another above 7, another almost 4 Score. Foreseeing I must give some of my Corn to my Cattle and Horses by reason of the shortness of Hay, I chose to kill my Pork early though it be small -- have laid up the more Beef.

1749 December 10 (Sunday). Mr. Eliezer Rice sent my Horse in the Morning for us to Meeting.

1749 December 28 (Thursday). It was very Cold -- and somewhat Windy But I was oblig'd to provide another place (than Mr. Eliezer Rice's) for the Entertainment of my Horse. I undertook a walk -- was at Mr. Pratts and Mr. Williams without success.

1750 January 4 (Thursday). I rode to Mill-River with Mr. Frost, and one Mr. Bointon.... I lodg'd at Mr. Frosts; and Mr. Bointon kept my Horse. A Cold Night.

1750 January 8 (Monday). Mr. Thomas Whitney was to take my Horse to keep.

1750 January 18 (Thursday). A Cool Day, but I was oblig'd to go and look after my Horse at Thomas Whitneys.

1750 January 25 (Thursday). P.M. Captain Maynard brought me a sorrowfull Letter from my Eldest Brother of the Dangerous Condition of my sister Willard is in, and that if I would see her alive I must hasten down. Deacon Forbush here to talk with me about the uneasiness in the Minds of people touching the Charge of my Remove. I walk'd with the Deacon, went as far as Mr. Pratts and got him to go for my Horse, who accordingly brought him from Mr. Jonathan Fay's.

1750 January 26 (Friday). Set out Early for Boston.... Put up my Horse at Mr. Blakes in Boston where Mr. Whipple lodg'd; and thence I hasten'd to my Sister who was as yet alive though very ill of a pleuratic Disorder and peripneumony.



1750 January 27 (Saturday). Din'd at Brother Samuels and Mr. Whipple with me, who took Care of my Horse till Monday when he is to ride him Home.

1750 February 1 (Thursday). My Horse was kept at Mr. Thomas Stoddards Stable; but Mr. Cook brought both Hay and Provinder for him. I lodg'd at Brother Samuels.

1750 February 2 (Friday). Undertook my Journey from Boston about 10 a.m.... At Concord at the first of Evening. My son had been much indispos'd, and weaken'd by Vomiting, bleeding at the Nose, and purging -- but was Somewhat better, through Gods Goodness. Mr. Minot at Mr. Goolds. Visited the Colonel. Lodg'd at Mr. Bliss's who also kept my Horse.

1750 February 5 (Monday). Ebenezer return'd my Horse to Mr. Jonathan Fays to be kept there again.

1750 February 22 (Thursday). Rode to Southborough -- at Mr. Johnsons to Buy Corn for my Horse at Mr. Fays.

1750 March 8 (Thursday). My Wife and I rode to Mr. Martyns Lecture. Mr. Eliezer Rice favour'd me with his Mare. Din'd there. Mr. Smith there also -- but Mr. Cushing preach'd on John 6.26. At our Return Esq. Baker took Mr. Rice's Horse to deliver him to his Master.

1750 March 15 (Thursday). Public Fast.... My Wife and Lucy walk'd to meeting; Molly rode with me on the Mare. It prov'd very Cold: at length snow'd. I went to Deacon Newtons at Noon. My wife, Molly and Lucy stay'd at the Meeting House, because of the storm. After Meeting the storm being exceeding Strong, the Snow beating very vehemently, my wife rode home with me, Esq. Baker kindly Sent a Son with an Horse to help Molly home, and Mr. Eliezer Rice kindly help'd Lucy home, So that we got home in Some Comfort to what it would have otherwise been, but I think it was more tedious than any Sabbath through the Winter.

1750 March 18 (Sunday). Rugged Morning. I rode over to the North Precinct. Sent my Mare back from the Country Road by Joel Rice.... N.B. It was so rainy, and having no Horse, I lodg'd at Mr. Martyns, who return'd home at Eve.

1750 March 19 (Monday). Stormy morning. Yet I return'd home; a little way on Mr. Martyns Horse, and meeting Billy on my own mare coming for me Chang'd Horses.

1750 March 25 (Sunday). So rainy Night, and in early Morn, I was so indispos'd I was not determin'd to go to meeting: but I was afterwards better, and the weather Clear'd; so that I went to Meeting; but having only one Horse but few of us got to meeting. I carry'd Lucy and Ebenezer, and William went on Foot; all the Rest tarried at home a.m.

1750 April 2 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Jonathan Fay brought home my Young Horse, he having kept him hitherto and asks me 30/ old Tenor per Week.

1750 April 4 (Wednesday). Took my Horse at Neighbour Hezekiah Pratts, who kindly kept him last night, and rode to Mr. Benjamin Fays for keeping, for him but in vain -- din'd at Mr. Moses Brighams.

1750 April 5 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Daniel Warrin to keep my Horse.

1750 April 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Richard Barns has my Young Horse to go to Boston.

1750 April 13 (Friday). This Day 4 Years ago my ever honour'd and dear Mother dy'd. May I ever remember her Example and imitate her excellent Vertues! My Horse is return'd to his Boarding place.

1750 April 14 (Saturday). Jonathan Fay here for Corn for keeping my Horse. Have let him have 3 Bushels.

1750 April 29 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers; my Wife, Ebenezer and Molly, Lucy and Sarah and Alexander likewise. Joseph Bruce and Patty Pannell, who were all of my Family that were at meeting -- came home to Dinner. I rode to meeting p.m. on Justice Bakers Horse.

1750 May 6 (Sunday). My Wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers, he having provided and handed an Horse ready tackled for us both. P.M. read Luke 24. After Exercises Mr. Charles Bruce brought me the Earnest Desire of Mrs. Kelly (wife of [blank] Kelley a member of the Church of England in Hopkinton) to visit her, She being very sick -- I comply'd. Rode to Deacon Forbushes in my Chair, left my Daughter Molly there, and borrow'd Mr. Jonathan Forbush's Horse, and with Mr. Bruce to pilot, I saw her and pray'd with her. Return'd home the same Evening.

1750 May 29 (Tuesday). My Kinsman Nathaniel Parkman accompany'd by Daniel Hastings came to See me. My Son Thomas also came home to See us. They all lodg'd here; and their Horses are all kept here.

1750 June 3 (Sunday). Read Exod. 25.23, preach'd on Rom. 11.33, latter part, a. and p.m. Din'd at Justice Bakers. N.B. an Horse is provided for me and my wife stately to ride up to Dinner.

1750 June 6 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Haven and Mr. Dodge went up to Sutton, and carry'd my two Daughters to Esq. Goddard's; and Deacon Burnap of Hopkinton came hither, and led home Mr. Havens Horse.

1750 June 17 (Sunday). My illness was much increas'd that I did not go to Meeting without a great deal of Difficulty. My wife and I rode in the Chair, and Mr. Haven and Molly on the Horse.

1750 July 2 (Monday). P.M. My Wife and I in the Chair and Mr. Haven on my Young Horse undertake a Journey, designing for Boston as Soon as with Convenience we can get there.

1750 July 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Haven waited on my Wife to Boston and brought back the Chair to me. Kept my Mare at Brother Champney's.

1750 July 5 (Thursday). I rode Early to Boston.... My Wife and I lodg'd at Brother Samuel's, My Horse at Mr. Stoddards, my Chair at Mr. Eaton's.

1750 July 7 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Joseph have finish'd the hilling of Indian Corn this Week -- having had Mr. David Maynard junior's Horse to plough.

1750 July 19 (Thursday). Visited Mrs. Beeman who by a fall from an Horse, broke her Legg and is confin'd.

1750 August 21 (Tuesday). At Eve came Mr. Edwards of Northampton, together with Revd. Mr. Tuthil of Bedford in the upper County, and Mrs. Martha Edwards, sister of Mr. Edwards of Northampton and they lodg'd here. N.B. Mrs. Edwards extremely lame.

1750 August 22 (Wednesday). It rain'd most of the Day. Yet the Company chose to proceed on their Journey. Mrs. Edwards left her Horse, and I supply'd her with my Mare. Ebenezer went with Mrs. Edwards lame Beast to Mr. Barns's for his Advice and Counsel, as last Night Mr. Tuthil went to Captain Maynards for his.... At Night Mrs. Edwards Mare (as it ought to have been writ before) is so bad that we fear whether she will live till morning.

1750 August 23 (Thursday). Lieutenant Tainter came over, at my Request, to see Mrs. Edwards's Mare. Mr. Pratt came likewise to see her: I sent also for Captain Maynard who came, and tis concluded that She is hipp'd.

1750 August 24 (Friday). Mrs. Edwards Mare notwithstanding our bathing, etc. I think Swells more and more.

1750 August 26 (Sunday). N.B. Mrs. Edwards mare put into Captain Mainards Pasture.

1750 August 27 (Monday). Had Neighbour Eliezer Rice's Mare, my Horse needing to be shod.

1750 August 30 (Thursday). Mrs. Edwards return'd from Boston, accompany'd by Mr. Tuttle and Mrs. Martha Edwards.

1750 August 31 (Friday). Mrs. Edwards having rid an Horse from Baldwins at Sudbury which belongs to Mr. Joseph Child at Worcester.

1750 September 8 (Saturday). I rode to Grafton. Mr. Hutchinson not ready. He expected a Line from me. He borrow'd an Horse having Lent his own. It all made him late to Westborough.

1750 September 27 (Thursday). My Son Thomas left us to go to Concord again. Billy rode with him as far as to Deacon Jonathan Rice's in Sudbury, to bring back the Mare, on which he rode.

1750 October 12 (Friday). Sent Billy on the Mare to Worcester with a Letter to Brother Samuel Breck about his Servant Girl but without Effect, he not accepting my offer for her.

1750 October 23 (Tuesday). N.B. A Sour Message to me from Mr. Barns to go to him and settle accounts with him before Night or he would send an Officer. I wrote him an answer which my wife carry'd with a 3£ Bill old Tenor to pay him for an Ox which he had bought for me at Boston last Spring when I let him have my Horse to go there; and for which he had never paid me, nor had ask'd me for his Money, but had concluded to Set it off in the Rates.

1750 October 24 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Eager here at Eve, with a message from Mr. Edwards of Northampton to send the Lamé Mare to his House tomorrow.

1750 October 25 (Thursday). I rode to Lieutenant Tainters to acquaint him with Mr. Edwards of Northampton's Message; and he sent the Mare to Lieutenant Eagers.

1750 November 8 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Hutchinson sent his Desire (By Letter last Night) to me to preach his Lecture to Day: but I could not go, being oblig'd to look after my workmen, and to wait for a message concerning the Funeral of Mr. Daniel Warrin; not knowing but it would be to Day; Mr. Beemans being also appointed to be tomorrow, So that I Should have little Time to prepare for the Sabbath. Nor could I well go because of Lamé Leg, which was bruised yesterday, and I suppose have got Cold in it. Besides that my Horses are smooth, whilst the Roads are slippery.

1750 November 18 (Sunday). In returning home at Eve one Felly of a Chair Wheel broke out and oblig'd me to stop at old Mr. Maynards till an Horse was brought for me.

1751 January 14 (Monday). My Mare troubl'd with a large Swelling which is become an hard Bunch, upon her Breast.

1751 January 18 (Friday). Ebenezer goes this afternoon to looking up Trees for Loggs to be carry'd to the saw-mill; his Brother goes (on Foot) to Mr. David Felton at Marlborough and bought an Horse side of Leather price 30/ old Tenor; and return'd home at Eve.

1751 February 2 (Saturday). At Eve in much Trouble. A Cow ready to Calve missing: and my young Horse lam'd himself in the Stable. He was hung by one of his fore feet in the floor of the Manger, and after much Striving fell down on the outside of the Manger, in great pain -- but was heard and Seasonably reliev'd -- but the Cow (which I bought of Mr. James Ball) missing all night though we search'd up and down the woods till about midnight, and considerable Snow upon the Ground.

1751 February 8 (Friday). Thomas to Marlborough and brought an Horse Hide of Mr. Felton -- cost 58/.

1751 March 13 (Wednesday). Return'd to Worcester -- din'd near 5 o'clock at Mr. Maccartys. Horse kept at Captain Daniel Wards.

1751 March 22 (Friday). Ebenezer drawing stones with the Young Horse put in with the Rest of the Team; and though it be the first Tryal does very well.

1751 March 26 (Tuesday). [Boston.] There was a Mr. Childs at Madam Dudley's -- put up my Horse at Cousen Cowels -- visited my Kinsmans Widow -- Roxbury, her Negro man dy'd to Day -- little Elias very ill of a Fever. Lodg'd at Brother Samuels.

1751 March 29 (Friday). My Horse kept at My Kinsman Cowels till this Night; when he was kept at Mr. Stoddards.

1751 March 31 (Sunday). Preach'd at Framingham.... Exceeding Cold Wind. Mr. Samuel Haven din'd and lodg'd with me. Ensign Stone and Mr. Farrar came to see me at Eve. Mr. Bridge, who came to Westborough did not return home till after I was in Bed. N.B. Mrs. Bridge's fall from the Horse Block, by reason of the Wind.

1751 April 9 (Tuesday). The Snow being chiefly gone, my masons came, Mr. Obadiah Newton and Mr. Edward Willson to top out my Chimney, but they were beat off by the Rain. Din'd them at home. P.M. about 4 they go to work again. They lodg'd here, and I kept their Horses.

1751 April 10 (Wednesday). N.B. Sent a Letter by Mr. Holbrook to Mr. John Avery at Boston, Merchant respecting my Young Horse.

1751 May 28 (Tuesday). I undertook my Journey afterwards.... At Mr. Gale's to get Horse Shoes mov'd etc.... I put up my Horse at my Kinsman Procters in Boston and lodg'd at my Brother Samuels.

1751 June 3 (Monday). I took my Horse and rode out -- din'd at Lieutenant Thomas Forbushs.

1751 June 19 (Wednesday). Ebenezer not well -- but mow'd a little -- the Yard and Garden. I Sent my son William to the Island with my Mare to plough to Day under the Guidance of Mr. Williams who with Esquire Baker and a son of his with an Horse and Plough, Mr. David Maynard junior and A son, Mr. Eleazer Williams, Mr. Benjamin Fay, Adonijah Rice, Abner Whipple, Daniel Grout. These plough'd and hoed till between 10 and 11 -- when they finish'd it. I waited on them with some refreshment and acknowledg'd my great indebtedness to them for it.

1751 July 4 (Thursday). Would have gladly attended the private Meeting, which I hear is at Mr. Whitnys, but I expected an Invitation and an Horse, if they desir'd me; but neither Word or

Horse had I. Yet I do not resent it; for possibly they know not I am in Town -- though I may think that enough has been Said to Spread the Knowledge of it.

1751 July 22 (Monday). Sent my Horse to Boston per Ebenezer Forbush for my Brother William.

1751 August 1 (Thursday). Neighbour Stephen Maynard going to Boston with his Team, my Brother after Spending the forenoon about my new Windows, and dining with us rides my Mare to Boston.

1751 August 3 (Saturday). Neighbour Stephen Maynard brings my Mare back from Boston, which has been very troublesome to him, and was the occasion of his Cart's being over-turn'd.

1751 August 7 (Wednesday). Go to Mr. Bradishs and fetch upward of 200 Lath upon my Horse before me.

1751 August 14 (Wednesday). Jeduthum Baldwin and John Woods go over to work at the Meeting House at the North End of the Town. Their Tools carry'd over in Mr. Martyns Chair, drawn by my mare.

1751 August 15 (Thursday). N.B. my mind in much Exercise by Reason of the great Urgency that we remove and yet our House and place there exceedingly unfit to receive us. The Hearth's unlaid, the Banks of Gravel at Each Door unlevelled. No pasture for a Cow, or feed or Hay for an Horse etc. etc.

1751 August 22 (Thursday). After Lecture I got Mr. William Nurse to lead up my Mare to Mr. Eleazer Pratts for his Daughter Hannah, who came at Evening to Nurse my wife.

1751 August 31 (Saturday). I walk'd over to my Farm House, having no Horse here at the New, from thence I might Set out for Southborough whither I went towards Evening -- got there when the Sun was about an Hour high, and Mr. Stone came to Westborough.

1751 October 17 (Thursday). The last night so cold that the Horse was not able well to break the Ice through the Brook at Widow Tomlins.

1751 October 22 (Tuesday). N.B. The remarkable Number of Teams and market Horses going to Boston, yesterday and to Day -- no less than 19 Teams only from Sutton yesterday.

1751 October 29 (Tuesday). Rode Mr. Williams's Horse to visit Mr. Amsden again; Mr. Rogers etc.

1751 October 31 (Thursday). P.M. walk'd to Deacon Newton; and thence to Justice Bakers. Had his mare to visit Samuel Hardy junior, and old Mr. Fay.

1751 November 6 (Wednesday). Baldwin trys for an Horse to go to Sudbury but in vain. Works part of the day.

1751 November 22 (Friday). Baldwin rode my Horse to his Fathers.

1751 December 5 (Thursday). Rode Lieutenant Tainters Horse to Mr. Bradish's to the Private Meeting there.

1751 December 13 (Friday). P.M. Mrs. Forbush, the Deacons Wife, fell from Mr. Wymans (of Shrewsbury) Horse, a little South of the Stables.

1751 December 19 (Thursday). Sent by Mr. Jacob Whipple of Grafton to Mr. Thomas Fleet, printer, concerning my Young Horse. See his Paper of Last Monday. [Note: *The Boston Evening-Post*, Dec. 9, 1751, contained the following advertisement: "To be sold, a good Draught Horse. Enquire of the Printer."]

1751 December 21 (Saturday). Mr. Jacob Whipple with a Letter from Brother Samuel Parkman concerning my Horse.

1751 December 25 (Wednesday). Ebenezer (I conceive) going to Boston with my Young Horse, to Mr. Thomas Goldthwait -- but to my disappointment he is not going.

1751 December 26 (Thursday). I went over to t'other House again and Sent off Ebenezer with my Horse to Boston -- he himself riding the Mare. A.M. It was a Snow Storm, but it was clear by that he was out of Town. My urgency arose from our being in Danger of loosing this Opportunity -- and we are short of Hay.

1751 December 30 (Monday).. I went over to t'other House, and receiv'd Ebenezers Account of his late Journey, in which he sold my Horse for 90£ old Tenor.

1752 January 7 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter dined here; and was very helpful to get me an Horse for my Journey to Holliston. Had his Mare which he had delivered to Justice Baker for him; and he provided him another.

1752 January 30 (Thursday). Messrs. Charles Bruce and Eleazer Whitney, each a Load of Wood, Mr. Edwards Whipple came with his mare, and putting her into my slay drove my wife and me to his House, and we dined there.

1752 February 5 (Wednesday). Dr. Gardner would find Horse while I find slay to ride to Mr. Martyn's. His horse proves too untractable. We put in my Mare.

1752 February 16 (Sunday). Mr. Martyn and I had agreed to change if it was not foul weather or very cold, but it proved so very sharp a morning and was so very slippery that I despaired of his coming out; and therefore although I depended much upon changing I did not venture to

go, but turned my mare home that my children might come in the slay to Meeting. However in case Mr. Martyn should be o'mind to come I remember 1.) We had agreed that if it looked doubtful whether the other would set out, yet he that was so disposed should stir early and give the other sufficient time. 2.) I know I could take his horse and ride as far as my other house and there take one of my own. (And Thirdly) I put myself into all the preparation I well could by reading over my Notes which I designed to deliver to his people, skirting, etc. but we were all of us sure, by what he has said in times past, that it was too slippery for him to ride. Yet at more than half after nine o'clock, Mr. Martyn came -- and understanding that I was not dressed, nor did expect to go, he was so moved that if I had not used, not only entreatys but force, he would have gone back. I took his horse as I had purposed and rode to my other house, where I left him and took Ebenezer's mare and proceeded to the north side.

1752 March 13 (Friday). At Eve I rode to See Mr. Moses Warrins Wife in her low Condition and apprehended to be dying -- but she reviv'd. N.B. had Widow Newtons Mare.

1752 April 1 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer here when I return'd and took home his Mare.

1752 April 2 (Thursday). Ebenezer here again to bring his Mare, and take Care of the Hay brought last Evening -- Rain.

1752 April 8 (Wednesday). Ebenezer here at Eve and rode home his Mare.

1752 April 17 (Friday). Thomas and Molly return'd from Cambridge. Thomas had drop'd his great Coat from his Horse in Roxbury -- and did not find it.

1752 June 24 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Tainter came and brought an Horse, plough and Lad to plough my Island.

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

1752 July 10 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Williams with my Mare, and with Billy to lead, plough'd among my Indian Corn: and Mr. Eliezer Rice came with plough, Horse and Boy and plough'd likewise, but there were but few Hoers....

1752 July 22 (Wednesday). I walk'd there, and to Mr. Greens. Rode his Horse to Mr. Knowltons.

1752 September 22 (Friday). A.M. Mr. Samuel Harrington being here I took the Opportunity to ride a few Rods on his Horse.



1752 October 3 (Tuesday). I prepar'd my Self to go over to Mr. Martyns, but not having an Horse, I went not. In order to get an Horse I walked to Mr. Nurse's and thence to old Mr. Maynards. I proceeded further to my t'other House. N.B. I was without an Horse because Billy was gone to Mill, and I suppos'd Ebenezer to be gone to Leicester to look up the young Cattle which are missing: but the Cattle at Home were so unruly that he went not -- but by that Time I got there it was too late.

1752 October 4 (Wednesday). Mr. Daniel Forbush brought me Mr. Samuel Harringtons Horse for me to go and See his Wife who lyes in a low Condition.

1752 October 8 (Sunday). It continued Stormy and rain'd all Day. But I could not bear that the people Should be again Destitute. I wrap'd my Self up exceedingly, had an Horse brought to my Door, and rode to the Meeting-House Door; by which means I attended and perform'd the Public Worship both a. and p.m.

1752 October 13 (Friday). Instead of Brother Samuel who was expected to come up on my Mare, my Brother William came.

1752 October 18 (Wednesday). Mr. Hezekiah Pratt has brought up my Mare from Boston and left my Daughter there.

1752 October 31 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbush came last Night to the Other House, and hither this Morning -- but hastens away to Boston (his wife being still there) and carrys with him John Barrett; he has Mr. Martyns Chair and my Mare.

1753 January 9 (Tuesday). I din'd at Lieutenant Forbush's being on a visit to his aged Mother. Rode his Horse to Lieutenant Bruce's.

1753 January 23 (Tuesday). N.B. I have kept my Mare at the New Barn for Some Time.

1754 January 14 (Monday). Rain a.m. Clear'd up p.m. went to the Funeral of Mrs. Deliverance Fay, wife of Mr. Samuel Fay junior. Rode Alpheus Newtons Horse.

1754 January 23 (Wednesday). I went to the Funeral of the Reverend Dr. David Goddard of Leicester; who was bury'd from his Wife's House in Framingham.... In the Eve the Mare I rode, Stray'd away from Colonel Buckminsters where we turn'd in to warm us, and drew up some account of Mr. Goddards Death; which was committed to Mr. Bliss to carry Mr. Kneeland at Boston to publish. I lodg'd at the Colonel's.

1754 January 24 (Thursday). It snow'd in the Night and Morning, but I walk'd up to Dr. Hemingways who lent me his Horse to Southborough -- found mine at Mr. Andrew Newtons, and proceeded to the Fast in Southborough, on occasion of the sickness.

1754 February 6 (Wednesday). Mr. Foster puts his Horse into my Chair and rode with Lucy to t'other House.

1754 February 15 (Friday). Thomas and Lucy ride Ebenezer's Mare to Brookfield.... P.M. I borrow'd Lieutenant Forbush's Horse and visited Mr. Chamberlins, Ithamar Bellow's, and Mr. Joslins Family, because of their Sickness -- and old Mr. [sic in Walett] Garfield who is very bad tis fear'd of a Malignant Fever.

1754 February 18 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter has taken fruitless pains with Mr. Grout for an Horse for my Wife to ride to Boston upon. And although I depended upon my son Ebenezer to go down with his Mother instead of Thomas who is gone to Brookfield; and that he might wait upon his Father Harrington respecting our Trading with Mr. Smith. Yet he also throws it by. Lieutenant Tainter therefore strikes in and proposes to go with my Wife in my Chair, with my own Mare.

1754 February 20 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Forbush brought me his Horse on which I rode to old Mr. Nathaniel Hudsons Funeral.

1754 March 6 (Wednesday). Thomas waited on his Sister, Ebenezer's Wife, with my Chair and Mare, though in heavy Roads, to her Father Harringtons at Watertown.

1754 March 11 (Monday). Ebenezer comes at Eve -- tells me that Mr. Abraham Smith notwithstanding all his Bargain with me and giving me a Deed of his Place, has actually mortgag'd it to Mr. Aaron Boardman of Boston. He is this Day gone on my sons Mare to See his Father at Sudbury and to return tonight.

1754 March 18 (Monday). I went over to Mr. Smith and talk with him -- and inasmuch as he pretends that Mr. Boardman of Boston is ready to take off the Mortgage, he must go to him forthwith and do it, otherwise it will be too late for this Year. I think it also a great Wrong and hardship that Mr. Smiths Horse is kept in my Barn since our Hay is So Short and it is difficult for me to go for Supply otherwise.

1754 March 24 (Sunday). At Eve receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Smith, dated yesterday, in which he intimates his rejecting Still my proposal of a Bondsman. Read to the Congregation a Letter from the Reverend Mr. Morse of Shrewsbury requesting a Contribution for one Mr. Asa Hill who was lately burnt out. Left it with Deacons and Committee to advise upon. I thought it agreeable to Christian Principles, and that Meekness and Mercifulness which I had been recommending in the Day preceding, to Consider Mr. Smith's Case as well as my own; and being perswaded that Mr. Barkers Coming up here (as may be expected on the Ensuing Day) will be in Vain, I desir'd my son Thomas to prepare and go with a Line to Mr. Smith and take an Horse (if Mr. Smith desir'd also) and go away now in the Night to Boston and stop Mr. Barkers Coming to prevent needless Charge. And he went away accordingly about a quarter after 12 in the Night.

1754 April 15 (Monday). My Kinsman still but poorly, but behaves as a Christian. Sent his Horse to Mr. Bathericks to be kept.

1754 April 17 (Wednesday). I Sent my Mare to Captain Bakers and Dr. Jenisons to Deacon Newtons.

1754 April 22 (Monday). Thomas rides to Hopkinton upon my Mare.

1754 May 2 (Thursday). Before I got home Mr. Eleazer Williams meets with an Horse to Visit his Mother. I went and pray'd with her; she is hastening away apace, and was Sensible.

1754 May 6 (Monday). Mr. Jonas Twitchell works for me, carrying out Dung -- my sons Ebenezer and Thomas also hard at it. Have Ebenezers Cart and Oxen and my Mare for the Team: and borrow Deacon Newtons Cart.

1754 May 10 (Friday). Ebenezer's Mare which I have now the Care of, is kept at Mr. Bonds whilst Ebenezer has mine to work -- that I may help him what I can.

1754 May 22 (Wednesday). Lieutenant Gilbert of Brookfield here. N.B. my Horse was kept last Night by Mr. Batherick.

1754 May 28 (Tuesday). [Cambridge.] Lodg'd at sister Barretts: Sister Lydia being there also, but my Mare (Ebenezers) was kept at Brother Champneys.

1754 May 29 (Wednesday). Early to Boston. Put up my Mare at Mr. Procters.

1754 June 5 (Wednesday). At Eve came Messrs. Williams and Breck of Springfield and lodge here. Lieutenant Tainter took my Billy with him to lead the Horses to his Barn.

1754 June 6 (Thursday). The Horses fetch'd by Billy, and the said Springfield Gentlemen leave us.

1754 June 10 (Monday). My sons plough'd with my Mare and Lieutenant Forbush's plough.

1754 June 18 (Tuesday). The Association met here.... Mr. Maccarty lodg'd at Esquire Bakers; the rest lodg'd here. The Horses were sent 1 to Esquire's, 1 to Lieutenant Tainters, 1 to Mr. Nurse's and Two to Mr. Pratts.

1754 July 1 (Monday). Send Two Calves to be kept at t'other Place: Mr. Tainter assisted in getting them over and took my Mare to keep at his own Pasture.

1754 July 2 (Tuesday). My Mare was brought from Mr. Tainters: and Lieutenant and I rode to Holliston.

1754 July 8 (Monday). Went to t'other House; my son Ebenezer began to mow between the House and Barn. Brought over Ebenezer's Mare for Mr. Ebenezer Rice to go down with Mr. Ezra Taylor to Abraham Smith of Sudbury.

1754 July 17 (Wednesday). Commencement. Mr. Forbush and I set out early from Mr. Adams's and went to Cambridge. Mr. Forbush took his second Degree. I din'd in the Hall. We lodg'd together at Sister Barretts having left our Horse and Chair under the Care of Brother Champney.

1754 July 19 (Friday). We Set out early from Mr. Woodward's, and broke fast at Mr. Isaac Baldwins. N.B. Jeduthun there. We fish'd in the pleasant Pond beyond the Garden. Mr. Forbush took Ebenezer's Mare which Baldwin rode down, and rode to Abraham Smiths to talk with him, as well on his own as on my Account.

1754 July 24 (Wednesday). N.B. greatly put to't for plough and for Horse -- sent Billy to t'other Place for my own Mare.

1754 July 30 (Tuesday). I walk'd over as far as Mr. Nathan Maynards in the middle and heat of the Day, but from thence had his Mare, which I also rode home upon.

1754 September 2 (Monday). Visited also Mrs. Harrington lame by a Fall from her Horse; and Ensign Miller, whose paralytic Disorders increase upon him much.

1754 September 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Jeduthan Baldwin brought back Ebenezer's Mare which he himself had rid to Weston when he finish'd his Work and left us.

1754 September 12 (Thursday). General Muster of Colonel Williams Regiment. 5 Southern Companys at Mendon with Grafton Troop: 8 Companys of Foot and one Troop at Westborough. I pray'd with Captain Bakers Company at the Meeting House. Had Captain Baker's Horse to ride over to the Field which was in Captain Maynards Pasture.

1754 September 19 (Thursday). My Mare got out of Mr. Maccartys Pasture, but was found by Mr. Othniel Taylor, about two Mile and half off.

1754 October 2 (Wednesday). Ebenezer here at Eve and has my Chair and Mare to go with his Wife and son to their Father Harringtons.

1754 November 21 (Thursday). Ebenezer went to Brookfield after our young Cattle. He rode my Mare.

1754 December 3 (Tuesday). My son Forbush here. My wife goes with him to Boston on Mr. Jonathan Forbush's Mare, and he takes Mrs. Chamblerin's which She was otherwise to have rid on.

1754 December 14 (Saturday). I rode up to Grafton. Directed Mr. Hutchinson to call at Captain Bakers and desire him to keep his Horse -- which he did.

1755 March 27 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. Jacob Sweetzer of Rutland here, and lodg'd -- his Horse at Mr. Nurse's.

1755 April 2 (Wednesday). It rain'd, had no Horse to go to the Fast Exercises at Mr. Jonah Warrin's till accidentally my Daughter in Law came with her Child. The Roads bad and it rain'd so that she did not go (as she design'd) -- therefore I took her Horse and went.

1755 April 9 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Baldwin here -- and lodg'd here. My Mare was kept at the Squire's.

1755 April 18 (Friday). My Wife to Marlborough on Ebenezers Mare, and tarrys over Night.

1755 April 23 (Wednesday). This Morning my Wife, accompany'd by Deacon Forbush Set out on her Journey to Brookfield. She had Ebenezers Mare to ride on. I borrow'd old Mr. Charles Rice's to ride to Shrewsbury, to preach Mr. Cushings Lecture -- din'd there....

1755 April 29 (Tuesday). Visit Lieutenant Forbush -- and Captain Forbush. N.B. took him aside and talk'd with him closely, and may God render it Effectual! N.B. Mrs. Lucy Forbush (Ebenezers Wife) fell backward from her Horse before my House. I in part saw her -- ran to her help -- directed her into my House till she might revive and recover -- she complains very much of her Hand aking extremely -- Captain Tyler of Mendon with me. She recover'd so as to go home.

1755 April 30 (Wednesday). Mr. John Rogers comes with his Oxen and Plough -- splits hills by the Barn and sows Wheat. Billy with my Mare helps him.

1755 May 2 (Friday). P.M. rode up to Mr. William Nurse's, on my own Mare, there got Daniel Nurse's, and left mine.

1755 May 16 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Ebenezer Cutler of Grafton requested me to go in the Morning to See his Son Ebenezer who is ill in Body and disturb'd in Mind.

1755 May 17 (Saturday). Mr. Williams Wife has Fitts -- he lends me his Mare and I rode to See the foresaid young man.

1755 May 30 (Friday). Set myself to hire Money in order to Purchase of the Reverend Mr. Harding of Brookfield for Ebenezer: but in vain. Visited Colonel Saltonstall at his Brother Cooks -- he is exceeding low, and much distress'd. Pray'd with him and commended him to God. Visited Mr. Foxcroft -- din'd with my Kinsman Winter. Mr. William Winter and I go to old Mr. Owen Harris to hire money, but the attempt there also was without any success. Visited Mr. Sutton who Shew'd me a mathematical Bellows. N.B. at the 3 Horse Shoes enquired after

Francis Fogery -- or Allagajo -- could not find nor hear of Him -- but there was Bartholomew -- and Captain Lane an Interpreter. Lodg'd at Miss Dudley's.

1755 June 16 (Monday). Variously hinder'd from visiting Mrs. Bruce. Chiefly was disappointed of what I expected from Mr. Bruce, an Horse to ride on to them.

1755 July 5 (Saturday). Mr. Baldwins Horse had got away in the Night; an Horse of Value; So that he is in Perplexity for Some Time this morning, but after a while finds him in the Burying Place.

1755 July 15 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode to Boston.... We put up the Mare and Chair at Procters, and walk'd to Brother Samuels where we lodg'd.

1755 August 13 (Wednesday). Barachias and Seth Morse work for me -- they get home 3 Load, 2 Load by half after 12. P.M. they rake and bring home another Load at Eve. Those were brought by our own Team: Ebenezers Oxen and my Mare.

1755 September 3 (Wednesday). The ministers (most of us) went to Mount Wachusett. Mrs. Mellen and her Sister Robbins with us and Mrs. Mellen had a Fall from her Horse but recover'd. We refresh'd ourselves on the Top of the Mount, Having carry'd up Bacon, Bread and Cheese, Rum. In Descending from the Summitt we stop'd a little and Sang a Stanza to the Praise of the Great Creator. N.B. A great multitude of persons happen'd to go up to the Mount to Day. We saw many Horses at the Bottom, and at Mr. Keys's. N.B. I went to Mr. Jonathan Wilders enquiring after my Young Cattle which have stray'd but Mr. Wilder was not at home. When I return'd to Mr. Mellens he came to me, and told me my Cattle he believ'd were at his Neighbours and promis'd he would take Care of them. N.B. my Mare was very lame by reason of her loosing one of her fore shooes, which exceedingly incommoded me, and retarded the whole Company. This Man had such Benevolence, Compassion and Generosity that he took off one of his own Horse's shooes, and sav'd and Straiten'd the Nails to put them into mine, which he so fasten'd on that it held me till I got to Westborough: a nobleness that was notic'd by all, and may he be suitably rewarded for it!

1755 September 18 (Thursday). When I return'd home met Brother Hicks and his Daughter Hannah here.... They lodg'd here. N.B. one of their Horses Sadly lame.

1755 September 19 (Friday). Brother Hicks and his Daughter endeavour to go home; but the lame Horse is very lame this morning.

1755 October 7 (Tuesday). My sons Wife and Daughter Susanna ride to Watertown with my Mare in the Chair.

1755 October 18 (Saturday). About 9, or between 9 and 10 o'Clock a.m. my wife was deliver'd of her ninth, and my fourteenth living Child: her fourth, and my Seventh Daughter -- a perfect

Child and Well; and especially my Wife in great Comfort.... The Women din'd here with us, and then went home o'foot Except Mrs. Forbush who was waited on by William with an Horse.

1755 November 12 (Wednesday). I went over to t'other House in my way to the North End. Ebenezer was cutting up his Corn: his Brother Thomas and Mr. John Frost help him. He informs me that my Mare was in an ill Situation on Lords Day Morning, being Cast in her Fetters and a great Rail in between them, and She had lain till She was almost Spent, when he discover'd her.

1755 November 13 (Thursday). Billy with Mare and Steers work'd for Mr. Nurse all Day.

1755 November 25 (Tuesday). At Captain Forbushes -- ride his Horse to Lieutenant Brighams, whom I visit, he being still confin'd by illness -- din'd there.

1755 December 14 (Sunday). Captain Stoddard having lodg'd here, his son in Law, Mr. William Boardman came from Marlborough this Morning (from Boston Yesterday) to wait upon him. They tarried with us over the Sabbath.... N.B. After Meeting Captain Maynard came in to see Captain Stoddard -- and took home his Horse. Which I took in very kind, good Part of him and wish it might please God So to Change his Heart as that he might be reduc'd to some Freeness and sweetness again.

1755 December 22 (Monday). Rode Mr. Nurse's Mare to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins to see his son who is dangerously Ill.

1756 January 1 (Thursday). P.M. I walked to Deacon Forb. and attended the private meeting there: preached on Ps. 39.6, former clause. May God grant there may be lasting Impressions! I rode home one of their Horses.

1756 January 4 (Sunday). The Public Exercises being over about 3 o'Clock I took my Son Ebenezers Mare and rode to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins to see his Son *Nathaniel* again who still lyes in a low State.

1756 January 17 (Saturday). Had an ill night of the last. Had little sleep; and very little Comfort or Refreshment when I did sleep. I was feverish, very faint and weak, as well as my Leg troublesome: my Hip also, although I hope the Rheumatism is stopped, yet continues very sore. Upon the Whole, am in deep Affliction -- Yet may the Lord look upon me and graciously afford me some Relief! N.B. I Sent *Thomas* (on a Horse of one of the Nurse's) with another Letter to Mr. *Frink* to get him to preach; he found him at Mr. *Lorings* (where he also dined) but neither of them could be perswaded to come and preach for me. Mr. Frink was hurt with his Fall from his Horse; and must be at Sudbury again on Monday, which in so extreme bad Travelling he could not return to if he came up: Mr. Loring was too old, and it was stormy, snowed and rained -- so Thomas returned unsuccessfull.

1756 January 26 (Monday). Mr. Forb. came with hopes to have *Lucy* go to Brookfield. And for that End led down an Horse with *side-saddle*; but She is so ill that he takes leave without her.

1756 January 31 (Saturday). An exceeding fine Day. I got an Horse at Mr. Nurse's and visited the South East Corner, particularly *Mr. Belknaps Wife*. Dr. *Willson* and I dined there:

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

1756 February 24 (Tuesday). Sat out, on my sons Mare, for *Boston*.

1756 March 14 (Sunday). Omitted the Public Reading a.m. Preached on Rev. 5.5. Administered the Lords supper. P.M. read 1 King 8 from v. 22, and gave an Expository Exercise upon it. *Betty Bellows* bad again; and I would gladly go to See her, but that I have not an Horse, neither am I firm enough after the Exercises of Such a Day to bear the Evening Air. May God grant my Heart may be ever right with Him; and ever stedfast in His Covenant!

1756 April 7 (Wednesday). I rode *Barny Newtons* Mare to *Young Mr. Martyns* Raising.

1756 April 20 (Tuesday). I left *Elisha Jones* at work and went to the Association at Marlborough.... Messrs. Seccomb, Goss, Davis and I lodged at my Kinswomans Mrs. Anna Brighams. N.B. had Capt. Maynards Horse.

1756 May 4 (Tuesday). N.B. left my Mare at Mr. Biglows for to Night.

1756 May 10 (Monday). My Son Ebenezer came over with his Steers and Mare, which joined to my own steers and Mare, he used to Harrow my Meeting House Field.

1756 May 15 (Saturday). I borrowed Mr. Pratts Horse and rode to Hopkinton but Mr. Barrett was gone to Boston.

1756 May 24 (Monday). I undertook my Journey to Boston. Rode my Son's Mare hoping She will carry me more agreeably than my own.

1756 May 25 (Tuesday). Capt. Prentice rode with me to Boston. Put up my Horse at Mr. Lowders, the Barbers; (my Kinsman *Procter* being then out of Town).

1756 May 26 (Wednesday). After divers Visits I returned to *Brother Samuels* and lodged there. N.B. My Horse was put up at Procters.

1756 June 28 (Monday). P.M. to my great Joy, my dear Kinsman *Mr. Procter of Boston* and *his Spouse*, came on purpose to make us a visit. She was never here before. They tarry with us. I send their Horse to Mr. Hezekiah Pratts to be kept.

1756 July 18 (Sunday). Mr. Barrett preached here.... Mr. Barret left us at Eve. N.B. Mr. Williams kept his Horse.



1756 July 21 (Wednesday). Nigh Evening came Mr. *William Crawford*. This was to my great Ease and Comfort. Sent his Horse to Neighbour Barny Newtons, to be kept.

1756 August 18 (Wednesday). Mr. Rolf here, and has my Mare to go to Worcester, to return to Night.

1756 August 28 (Saturday). At Eve came Rev. *Weld*, late of Upton, and lodged here. N.B. I sent his Horse to Neighbour *Alpheus Newtons*.

1756 October 15 (Friday). Capt. Baldwin here.

1756 October 16 (Saturday). He takes with him the Horse and Tackling that Lucy rode upon, to return to Brookfield.

1756 November 5 (Friday). Am sent for to visit at *Lt. Brigham's* (am forced to borrow Mr. *Nurse's* Horse) and went.

1756 November 16 (Tuesday). Billy has his Brothers Oxen and a Yoke of Mr. D. Hardy's, and Nathan Kenny helps him in ploughing; and in harrowing in Rye, in the field behind the Meeting House. Mr. Aaron Nurse sows the Grain.

1756 November 17 (Wednesday). Ebenezer with his Oxen, Mare and my Mare harrow the Field abovesaid, Billy driving, and Mr. Aaron Nurse sowing. N.B. they dined here.

1756 December 1 (Wednesday). I rode over to Mr. *Martyns*: Capt. Baldwin and Lucy with me; to wait on *Dr. Minot and his* New spouse, as they are now going to *Concord*. I accompanied them as far as Coll. *Williams's*. (There were 13 Horses, every one riding single.)

1757 January 4 (Tuesday). Thomas setts out for Boston. He has Mr. *Samuel Fay junior's* Horse.

1757 January 17 (Monday). At Eve my Son Ebenezer here. He is under considerable Affliction by his Mare's being lame. He had let her to Joseph Baker to go to Marblehead and was kicked by an horse in a stable. This proves a bad sore.

1757 January 19 (Wednesday). I visited (by Special Request) Mr. Joseph Knowltons two sons again, Nathaniel being very low. Had Mr. *Williams's* Mare.

1757 February 3 (Thursday). I looked over the Notes I designed to preach from at the private Meeting at Mr. *Bradish's* -- but presently after Dinner came Mr. Hezekiah Pratt with an Horse beseeching me to hasten to his House, whither Some men had brought poor Mr. *Edward Wilson* of Shrewsbury.

1757 February 9 (Wednesday). Had Mr. Benjamin Tainters Mare to go to Marlborough.

1757 February 14 (Monday). P.M. visit *LeBlanc*.... N.B. It was So dark and slippery that being 'o foot I called at Lieut. Tainters; Supped there; and he discerning my State, offered and accommodated me with Horse and Lad to wait upon me home.

1757 March 3 (Thursday). N.B. Ephraim How of Brookfield here at night, and lodges here, but his Horse is kept at Mr. Nurse's.

1757 March 25 (Friday). A.M. I borrowed Mr. Nurses Mare and rode to Mr. Eliezer Rice's -- break fast there on fresh Fish.

1757 March 31 (Thursday). Mr. Gale -- Mr. Snow p.m.... Mr. Gale rides home on my Mare and lodges at home: Mr. Snow lodges here.

1757 April 20 (Wednesday). Capt. Baldwin having received no Letter from me concerning the Alteration of the Time of his Marriage from the 21st Day as was proposed, by reason of the publick Fast, to the 28th (but yet I Sent one by Mr. Abner Rice of Brookfield) came here this Evening, and lodged here. N.B. his horse was Sent to Esquire *Bakers* to be kept there.

1757 May 10 (Tuesday). We plough with a feeble Team. My old Mare and my sons Steers, and Sometimes the Boys put in a pair of steers of Mr. Nurse's. Much of my Time consumed in going about in the Neighbourhood to forward our Business.

1757 May 16 (Monday). The End of my staying at Southborough was that I might go to Marlborough this morning which I did (having Mr. Abijah *Gales* Horse which I borrowed for this purpose).

1757 May 21 (Saturday). Was obliged to go into the Neighbourhood for Money and Horse for my Journey to Boston.

1757 May 23 (Monday). I obtained, though with Difficulty, Capt. Woods Chair and Horse and my Wife and I rode to Watertown.

1757 June 1 (Wednesday). My Wife at Ebenezers to assist them in going away. And stays there all night. For *Eliza* goes away in middle of the Night with the two little Girls, *Betty* and *Molly*; in my Chair drawn by my Mare, and my Daughter *Sarah* goes with her to help her.

1757 June 7 (Tuesday). *Amon Blanc* ploughs among my Corn again. Yesterday had merchant Rice's Horse; to Day Mr. Ebenezer Maynards.

1757 June 21 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing and I rode together to Association at Mr. *Barretts*. N.B. I had Mr. Timothy Warrins Mare.

1757 July 25 (Monday). Deacon Tainter brings me Mr. Martyn Pratts Horse, to ride on to *Leominster*.

1757 August 16 (Tuesday). *William Stone* goes into the service in stead of my son *Thomas* but he has my Gun and my Mare.

1757 August 21 (Sunday). My Mare being gone into the service I rode one of Mr. Nurse's to the North End, and Mr. *Martyn* came there.

1757 August 22 (Monday). Hear that *William Stone* is come back to his Master Rolf's -- and my Mare is brought home to me.

1757 September 17 (Saturday). I could not have rest in my own Mind without going to See Old Mr. *Kelly* again and Old Mrs. *Lovell*. I accordingly walked as far as Mr. *Jonah Warrins* (calling at Mr. *Hammonds* and Saw his Wife ill, with *Something*. She went out and vomited. It filled me with Trouble!). Mr. Warrin furnished me with an Horse and I endeavored to discharge my Duty to the sick old people above mentioned.

1757 September 30 (Friday). Went to Lt. Maynards upon the unavoidably necessary Affair of Disposing of my Old Place. Borrowed an Horse there. I rode over to see Mr. *Jacob Rice* who lies Sick of a Fever -- he and his Wife being still of our Church.

1757 October 13 (Thursday). My Kinswoman, Miss Betty Still with us.

1757 October 14 (Friday). She has my Mare to go to Boston and leaves her Fathers Horse. My son *Thomas* goes with his Her [*sic*] as far as Coll. Williams at Marlborough where Mrs. Allen was to meet her to proceed on their Journey down.... Sat out late in the Afternoon upon my Brothers Horse, for *Cumberland*.

1757 October 19 (Wednesday). *Thomas* goes to Boston. Rides his Uncle's Horse.

1757 November 1 (Tuesday). Our Preparing to sow has been too long delayed. With difficulty got ready to plough to Day. Having Mr. Zebulun Rice's Steers, set my boys to work with them and my own Mare to Splitting Hills; but they were unable without my own Assistance a.m.

1757 November 4 (Friday). At Night came in a stranger who thought it was a Tavern and ordered his Horse to be put out. It was Mr. Caleb *Trowbridge* junior son of Mr. *Trowbridge* of Groton. He lodged here.

1757 November 8 (Tuesday). I rode (on Mr. Benjamin Tainter's Mare) to *Sudbury*, in my way to the Leominster Council, 2d session at *Concord*.

1757 November 30 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing has Sent to me that Mr. Stone, on whom he depended to preach his Lecture to Day, had a Lecture of his own at the same time, and

therefore entreated me to assist him. With much Difficulty I got an Horse. Dined at Capt. *Allens* of Shrewsbury.

1757 December 5 (Monday). Ensign Harrington came early with his Horse for me to ride to Stoneham and Boston: my Principal (earthly) end and Design being to take up Some money for my son Ebenezer to enable him to pay for the Gilbert place in Brookfield.

1757 December 6 (Tuesday). At Charleston Ferry ventured to ferry over -- did safely. William Bowes Parkman took Care of my Horse. Lodged at Brother *Williams*.

1757 December 9 (Friday). On the Affair of hiring Money. Cousen Billy has kept my Horse these Three Nights. Brother *Samuel* who lately arrived from *Casco*, befriends me in it. Dined at [*blot*] Stoddards. P.M. ride to Cambridge. Mr. John Hicks takes Care of my Horse.

1757 December 12 (Monday). In much Difficulty to keep my Mare, or any other of my Creatures, over at t'other place.

1757 December 19 (Monday). Sent Alexander with *Samme* on my Mare, to Mrs. *Mary's* school again: but it was with great Difficulty that Alex. got over to t'other Barn for the Creature go upon, the Snow is So deep.

1757 December 25 (Sunday). At noon received two Letters from Boston: one from my Brother *Samuel*, the other from my Kinsman *Winter* of the extreme illness of my Eldest Brother of a Pleurisy, dated the 21.... After meeting borrowed Cornet *Brighams* Horse to go to Boston, and he left him for Me.

1757 December 26 (Monday). Set out for Boston.... Stopped at Mr. Rogers's (blacksmith at Newton) and had the Horses fore-Shooes Sharpened and re-sett. Was at Boston before Dark. Put up my Horse at Brother *Samuels* Stable.

1758 January 2 (Monday). Capt. Wood here -- recommends an Horse of Ensign *Willards* of Grafton -- and he goes for him.

1758 January 3 (Tuesday). Capt. Wood brings the Horse and leaves him for me to try him, would have me keep him a Week or fortnight.

1758 January 6 (Friday). At Eve gave my old Mare to Lt. Rolf.

1758 January 7 (Saturday). Sent Breck with the old Mare to Lt. Rolf. Mr. Batherick, who takes Care of the New Horse comes on purpose to acquaint me with the Character the Horse has for a breachy and troublesome Creature.

1758 January 9 (Monday). I have Still Ensign *Willards* Horse in keeping; and rode him to Mr. Tim Warrins where I left him, and took a Young Mare of his to ride upon Trial to Marlborough....

When I returned home Mr. Joseph Gilbert of Brookfield came with an Horse he led down (viz. Mr. Forbush's) to wait upon Mrs. Lydia Champney -- whereas She has not been conducted here yet.

1758 January 10 (Tuesday). I delivered to Mr. Joseph Gilbert 56£ 5 S. in one parcell: 50£ in another -- both old Tenor for my son Ebenezer and 10 Dollars more for my son Baldwin. When he left us, he left Mr. Forbush's Horse here, for Thomas to go to Boston and wait upon Miss Lydia Champney.... Visit old Mrs. Wood who is confined by reason of a Fall from her Horse.

1758 January 11 (Wednesday). Sent back to Capt. Wood the Young Horse which he bought of Ensign Willard of Grafton; having understood that he was too breachy for me to keep. Mr. Smith of Marlborough came up to See us though it rained -- and knew not of our Lecture. Mr. Stone and his Brother *Thatcher* came also. They dined with us. Mr. *Thatcher preached on Luke 13.3....* Mr. Thatchers Horse had broke away to Southborough. He therefore rode Mr. Smiths, and Mr. Smith lodged here.

1758 January 12 (Thursday). Thomas obtained Mr. Benjamin Tainters mare, and on Mr. Forbushs Horse Sat out for Cambridge or Boston to wait on Miss Lydia Champney up here.

1758 January 14 (Saturday). Thomas returns from Boston (having lodged at Framingham last night) but with an Empty Horse as he went, his Aunt Lydia being too ill to ride. But if She had been ever so well had sent word to Brookfield that She could not ride on Horseback.

1758 January 18 (Wednesday). I rode on my son Forb.'s Horse to Southborough and preached on Jer. 7.2.

1758 January 19 (Thursday). Rode to Grafton to See an Horse of Mr. Nat. Flagg.... Mr. Flagg (being Sent for) brought his Horse, and Charles Brigham Esq. came with a Mare of his to be sold.

1758 January 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Zebulun Rice works here, laying the West part of my Kitchin Chamber Floor.... At Night Mr. Rice took his Brother Forb.'s Horse home -- for I have kept him now a Fortnight.

1758 January 25 (Wednesday). Billy left us to go to Brookfield. He rode up Mr. Forb.'s Horse.

1758 January 28 (Saturday). P.M. Esq. *Charles Brigham* here with his mare -- but a Bargain is still postpon'd.

1758 February 2 (Thursday). N.B. Esq. Charles Brigham here with his Mare. I offer him sixty pounds, half to be paid the first of next September and the rest, this Day twelve month (without Interest).

1758 February 4 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter and Esq. Brigham with his Mare again -- who goes away desiring still further Time to Consider my offers.

1758 February 9 (Thursday). Time of prayer. About forty minutes after two o'Clock a large fat Child was born! Glory to God who appeared for her Help! She is now in a comfortable State as is the Child also. May we never forget the divine Benefits! Inst. after Day all the women went off Home; except Mrs. Maynard and my Daughter Elizabeth who is happily here with us. In the morning Exercise, we read Ps. 116 and Sung part of 139, v. 14 etc. in Tate and Brady's version. Mrs. Maynard went home a.m., my son Thomas waiting upon her with Capt. Woods Horse. We had also Benefit by a Colt which *Ebenezer* rode from Brookfield.

1758 February 14 (Tuesday). My Sons Horse, which he rode down being here in keeping, I rode up to Mr. Zebulon Rice's and Capt. Woods.

1758 February 15 (Wednesday). Ensign Charles Brigham here with his Mare again. I had wrote a Line to him by my son Thomas who met him on the Road hither. He dined with me as did old Mr. Hezekiah How, and Amon Blanc (besides Ebenezer and his Wife). After Dinner the Squire consented to bring me his Mare tomorrow for 60£ old Tenor to be paid without Interest by the first Day of next September. At Eve Esq. Brigham and Mr. Hale of Sutton here. Esq. Says he'll bring the mare tomorrow.

1758 February 20 (Monday). Rain last Night and this Morning, afterwards very pleasant. Mr. Mason tells me the Ways are so filled with Snow that there has not gone so much as one Horse in the Road to Shrewsbury near him; and there are but steppings over to Mr. *Martyns*. N.B. Esq. *Brigham* brings the Mare, which I have bargained for; and I gave him a Note for Eight pounds L.M., payable the first of next September, and She is put up into the Barn as Mine.

1758 February 21 (Tuesday). N.B. Ebenezer has changed his mare with Abner Newton for *his* and gives him 20£ old Tenor more.

1758 February 22 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and I settled divers Accounts before his going home. He [and] his Wife Sett out in a Slay for Brookfield. They carry Breck with them. *Thomas* also hires a Horse and goes with them.

1758 March 10 (Friday). P.M. the Widow Ruhamah Newton was carried by, having fallen from her Horse and broke her Legg. I went up to See her -- prayed with her and her Friends who where gathered on that sorrowful Occasion. I waited also upon the Setting of it but Mrs. Parker came so late and took up so much Time in her Apparatus and Operations that it was night before I could return.

1758 April 20 (Thursday). Mr. Martyn preached my Lecture on Heb. 13.9 middle Clause -- it is a good Thing to have the Heart established with Grace. He was much indisposed, but delivered a good sermon; which may God be pleased to bless to our great Quickening. N.B. Sent this morning to t'other Barn for Hay for Mr. Martyns Horse[s?].

1758 February 28 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter putts my Mare into his Team to teach her to draw.... At Eve Deacon *Bond*, [Mr.?] *Hammond*. The former gives me a Dollar towards paying for my Mare; the Latter brings a present of Beef, and Seems to be reconciled.

1758 March 1 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter having kept my Mare comes with her and Another in a Sleigh or Whirrey, to accompany me to Southborough.... I can't but take Special Notice of the Deacons readiness to serve and wait upon me, in a very respectfull Manner. And in the Mean Time is doing me the great Kindness to Subdue my new mare to drawing. I hope he does all sincerely, and as to the Lord, for I am utterly unworthy: but this Conduct must quicken me to endeavour to deserve it. May God reward him with abundant Spiritual Blessings!

1758 March 2 (Thursday). And p.m. Deacon Tainter comes again with my mare in his Whirrey and we go to the Private Meeting at *Mr. Bradish's*.... At Eve Deacon Takes my Mare home Still, to keep and tutor.

1758 April 13 (Thursday). P.M. rode to Deacon Bonds, paid her [*sic*] the remainder of a Note given him by me for two Dollars which was to pay Mr. George Crossman for a Wigg he has made me a few Months agoe. Visited at Mr. Jonah Warrins. N.B. having my Gown on and thereby my Right Legg prevented extending over the saddle when I mounted, and my Mare briskly Setting out as Soon as I was upon her, I was thrown off to the Ground, but through divine Goodness received not much Hurt by it. D.G.

1758 April 19 (Wednesday). At Evening arrived at Home under Disadvantages for the keeping my Mare: for though I have English Hay enough (as I hope) at my old Barn, and have great plenty of Meadow Hay here, I have now no English Hay at all here.

1758 April 27 (Thursday). I have several Times tryed to move my *Billy* from his purpose of going into the War, if he could get off; or to See whether he would repent of his 'listing -- but he remains fervent. He is also so desirous of my Gun that I yield to please him. Alexander goes with him as far as Leicester with my mare to help him along; he intending to go to Brookfield to Night.

1758 May 26 (Friday). Did not get home till late. Had a fall from my Horse by reason of starting -- but was preserved from much hurt.

1758 May 28 (Sunday). Mr. Thomas Mather, son of Mr. Mather of Boston, practitioner of physick, came here this morning, having been to Lancaster, from Mendon, after his Horse which has run away from him.

1758 June 29 (Thursday). N.B. here is *Ezekiel Gilbert* on my son Ebenezers mare. He came from Brookfield yesterday; dines with us. Enoch Rice with his Fathers mare, here to plough in order for a Number of Young Men from the Southward, to hoe, but they did not come. Enoch and Alexander p.m. hoe.

1758 July 12 (Wednesday). Daniel worked a.m. Rain p.m. so that he did not work: but Thomas and he try my Mare in the Chair, and she proves very turbulent and untoward: as she did also when he mounted her in the Saddle, to my great Trouble -- and I fear the Event of her getting into such Frolicks.

1758 July 15 (Saturday). N.B. Thomas tarried at Hopkinton but returns a.m. He had Mr. Williams's Horse.

1758 July 18 (Tuesday). We rode to Boston.... We put up at Brother *Samuel* who takes Care of both our Horses.

1758 July 19 (Wednesday). Lodged at sister Barretts. Mr. John Hicks keeps my Horse.

1758 July 21 (Friday). Devote my Self to dispatch my Business; and having dined at Mr. *Winters* (my Horse kept two Nights at Mr. Lowders, the other kept wholly at my Brothers Stable)....

1758 July 24 (Monday). P.M. Neighbour Zebulun Rice ploughed with my mare, having first sowed with Rye, my new turned up Land, at the Island.

1758 August 10 (Thursday). Dr. Gott and Mr. Uriah Gilbert take Horses and resolve to go till they meet him though they Should go to Springfield.

1758 September 2 (Saturday). P.M. I rode to Grafton; first to Mr. Hutchinson.... I rode to Esq. Charles Brighams, to pay for my mare: but notwithstanding I took so much Pains, the Squire being engaged in his Hay, would not come to me to receive his money, but said he would come to my House next week.

1758 September 7 (Thursday). When the Deacon came up to my House, Mr. Martyn was come. The Deacon invited us to dine with him -- we mounted our Horses and did accordingly. Mr. Martyn preached my Lecture on Ps. 73.28, former part.

1758 September 15 (Friday). In the Evening Charles Brigham Esq. here, and I paid him 50£ old Tenor for the Mare I bought of him Feb. 20th and gave him a Note of 26/8 L.M. which was the remainder.

1758 September 19 (Tuesday). Broke fast at Mr. Smiths. Mr. Humphrey of Poquaog came likewise. I returned home, and gave my Horse to Thomas and Sarah who rode up the Road to See the Army, as they march to Worcester. I walked to Mr. Joslins to Catechizing -- had a Number of Young Men and Young Women attending -- great and Small 35. At the Request of the more adult, and of the people of the House we sung. It was part of Ps. 34.11-16. Rode home on Mr. Joslyns Horse.



1758 October 17 (Tuesday). My own Mare being gone it was with much Difficulty, but I obtained an Horse, and rode to Mr. Hall in Sutton, according to the Appointments made to attempt something for the Reconcilement of the Ministers and Churches there.

1758 October 18 (Wednesday). When I got home aged Judge *Ward* was here, and desired me to marry him. I rode home the Horse I had borrowed, to Mr. *Nurse's*; the Judge returning there (for there the widow *Smith*, his Designed Bride, Sojourned) and I marryed them in presence of Mr. Aaron Nurse, Eliza Pierce and Nathan Kenny.

1758 October 25 (Wednesday). At Eve my Daughter *Baldwin* with her little son came. They sat out yesterday from Brookfield; accompanied by the Widow *Gilbert* hither to assist her. They lodged last night at Mr. Baldwins in *Shrewsbury*, where they left my mare, which they brought with them from Brookfield so far.

1758 October 26 (Thursday). *Alexander* goes to Shrewsbury for my Mare and brings her.

1758 November 14 (Tuesday). My Son *Thomas* takes an Horse (Daniel How's) with him to Brookfield to bring down *Sarah*.

1758 November 1 (Wednesday). Rode into *Boston*, to Mr. Procters at the Alms-House.... Dined among my Relations at Mr. *Winters*, but not at Brother Samuels, there being a great many there -- and much Trouble already. My Brother being out of Hay, and Weather rainy, so that tis difficult to get supply; my Mare was kept at Mr. *Lowders*.

1758 November 16 (Thursday). My wife and I were invited by the Bridegroom, Mr. Baker to dine with them. My wife went, but I did not, though they Sent an Horse for us. At Eve I went up and waited on her home.

1758 December 1 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* having had my Mare to *Boston* and carried a Calf for us (for which he got 6£ without the Skin) returns, and brings a Letter and Mourning Gloves for us -- and a Pair of white Gloves for *Thomas*, who had watched with his *Billy* in his Sickness.

1758 December 14 (Thursday). A storm of Snow last night and troublesome Travelling this morning, but (with Lt. *Rolf's* Horse) I rode over (and alone though I took no Small Pains for Company) to *Upton*, it being Fast there on Account of the Throat Distemper.

1758 December 29 (Friday). *Billy* returned to *Brookfield*. *Alexander* went with him part of the way to bring back my mare.

1759 January 5 (Friday). At night, near 11 o'Clock (or full 1/2 after 10) comes Noah Bigolow with earnest Desire to go over to their House. His Father he says is in great Distress on account of his Mother who is *well-liquored* (I think was his Expression) and by further enquiry I find there is a great Rout. I could not go. I was not well enough to Venture -- but told him if they needed me in the morning, and he would come with an Horse I would go. O wofull Condition of

the poor, miserable Family! May God of his infinite Mercy pity them, convince, reform and pardon them And direct me in my Duty to them!

1759 January 6 (Saturday). No Horse from Bigelow's -- bad riding and bad weather and I am engaged in my preparations. Thomas had the promise of my mare to go out of Town -- but though he brought her over from t'other Barn, yet does not use her because of the dangerous Holes in the roads, and bad weather.

1759 January 16 (Tuesday). Thomas rides my Mare to Hopkinton.

1759 January 29 (Monday). Notwithstanding it snowed all Day, at Night came my Son *Baldwin* and Daughter Sarah from Brookfield, on two Horses.

1759 February 22 (Thursday). Visit Mr. Nurse and prayed with him as I did yesterday Morn. Have his Horse and Sleigh for my Wife and I to visit Capt. Maynard and his Wife under their great Troubles -- though now much abated. We dined there.

1759 March 15 (Thursday). At my Return home found Thomas in a great perplexity about going to Hopkinton, to Mr. George Crosmans Wedding -- being delayed, and disappointed of an Horse, He could neither go nor know how to stay.

1759 March 31 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Thomas Whitney nigh Evening came from Mr. Reuben Maynards to desire me to go up there, Mr. Maynard himself lying in a very low Condition, very insensible and tis feared will never Recover. But his Wife is worse than he, and tis conceived is near her End. The Neighbours think She is dying, and earnestly desire me to go up there now immediatly. This was the Message. While I prepare Mr. Whitney runs to Mr. Nurse's for an Horse. We ride up there (though it rains hard) and find a distressed House. The Doctor concludes the woman is in the Agony of Death. I prayed with the Neighbours and Family for them. It proved so exceeding Dark and So stormy I could not go home. Spent part of the Night there. About midnight with Some Men to pilot, got over to the widow Smiths and lodged there.

1759 April 2 (Monday). Visit Mr. *Williams* he being not well and could not till now, go to See his only Daughter, *Maynard*. But when he now goes out to mount his Horse, a Messenger meets him and informs that *Mrs. Maynard dyed last Evening*.

1759 April 10 (Tuesday). Mrs. Joanna Forbush, Mrs. *Joslin* who had fallen off from the Horse on which her son Whitney was waiting upon her home. She was greatly terrified and distressed, So that I was obliged to go out to her (at Mr. Whitneys Request) to compose her: in which I succeeded. Thomas rides my mare to *Marlborough*.... N.B. John Dunlop came with an Horse whilst I was in my Chamber writing the above, and carried off his sister without either of them saying one word to me.

1759 April 19 (Thursday). I rode to Hopkinton. Went by Deacon Burnaps who took his Horse and rode with me through the worst of the Woods towards Dr. *Wilson's*, where my Business

chiefly lay. I dined there. N.B. The Doctor generously gave me what ever he had done for me or mine.

1759 April 24 (Tuesday). Artemas Bruce came part of the forenoon to sow some Rye and Oates at the Island; and Mr. Tainter sent his Oxen and Mare with his Boy to plough.

1759 April 26 (Thursday). N.B. Nathan Kenny with Mr. Nurse's Oxen and Horse help in ploughing my Stubble Ground at the Island. P.M. have Mr. Ebenezer Rice's Oxen at that Work.

1759 April 27 (Friday). Thomas has Capt. Maynards Mare and Mr. Nurse's Chair, and goes to Brookfield for Suse.

1759 May 15 (Tuesday). Am troubled about my planting, having no body to work, not so much as *Alexander* freely, he having much Lameness in his wounded Legg. Yet many of my Neighbours have done planting. I went to Mr. Ebenezer Forb. and obtained him to come, some time before noon. Neighbour Batherick Sent two of his Sons and his Horse to furrow in my Island -- but they neither came to dinner nor worked the afternoon. With much pains got a Team for Mr. Forb. to carry out Some Muck, but by various hindrances he accomplished but part of the work.

1759 May 17 (Thursday). Mr. *Martyn Pratt* and Mr. *Thomas Twitchell* came to help me in my planting and bringing Horses, they furrowed both ways and finished the Field by the Meeting House.

1759 May 22 (Tuesday). *My son Thomas leaves us to go into the service.* He has bought him an old Horse to ride on.

1759 May 24 (Thursday). Try in Vain for an Horse to go to Boston next week -- my Mare being ready to foal.

1759 May 25 (Friday). My Perplexity very great about an Horse to go to Boston -- because I am necessitated to go, and none will shew Compassion. It sits very heavy upon Me. Surely they have not that Affection which they ought to have! Surely I deserve it not, through my own unprofitableness!

1759 May 26 (Saturday). By my visiting the Sick, by various Company etc., this week, have been greatly taken off from my studys: but especially by Mr. *Fosters's* coming; and then pleading off from preaching for me: and by Time spent in trying to get an Horse to go to Boston next Week. Cousen *Needham* came.

1759 May 28 (Monday). Obtain of Deacon Bond his Horse to go to Boston, but I was obliged p.m. to go to Mr. Jonathan Fays for money.

1759 May 29 (Tuesday). Put up my Horse at Brother Samuels and lodged there.

1759 June 11 (Monday). Mr. *Moses Wheat* came with Chair and Horses; and my Daughters *Baldwin, Sarah* and *Susan* rode with him and his *sister* to Capt. Maynards, where having dined, they went to Capt. *Allens* at Shrewsbury.

1759 June 12 (Tuesday). N.B. Much perplexed and disappointed in the Article of an Horse to plough among my Corn. None to be had, though it is only for a *beginning*, that a Number of Hands who propose to come to hoe for me tomorrow may not stand still when they come. But I can obtain none -- till I ride to Deacon Tainters -- who presently told me he had purposed to come to my House upon this very Affair. He takes his Horse from his own plough and rides with me and (Alexander being gone to Neighbour Nathan Maynards to work for him in his Weeding, since I can't go about my own, the Deacon) takes *Samme* and goes to ploughing in my Field at the Island. For whose His kind and generous Disposition, may God Himself reward him!

1759 June 19 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter was so kind as to take my Mare to teach her to draw, and I had his sons young mare to ride to *Holden*, it being the Time of Association there.

1759 June 20 (Wednesday). N.B. Artemas Bruce has brought up the Baldwin Horse here.

1759 June 21 (Thursday). *Sarah* rode my Mare to Marlborough.

1759 June 22 (Friday). Alexander ploughs among the Corn with my mare.

1759 July 2 (Monday). *Alexander* carelessly fell from the *Baldwin* Horse and incapacitated him for Business.

1759 July 16 (Monday). I rose early; Sat out in Mrs. Nurse's Chair and the Baldwin Horse some time before the Sun.... Put up my Chair and Horse, and lodged my self, at Brother *Samuels*.

1759 July 28 (Saturday). Sent Alexander to Shrewsbury to Mr. Henry Baldwins for Lucys Horse; but he was not yet brought there.

1759 July 31 (Tuesday). Deacon Bond came with a son and Horse and ploughed and hoed till about 11 a.m.

1759 August 2 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter came and ploughed with my Mare, not without turbulent Opposition: He worked till middle of afternoon: And he sowed Rye for me (behind the Meeting House).

1759 August 11 (Saturday). Master Bowman comes from Brookfield with Mr. Joseph Mannings Horse.

1759 August 12 (Sunday). Met with a great deal of Trouble by Sheep getting into my Corn behind the Meeting House; and Mr. *Mannings* Horse also unruly, and got into the Corn.

1759 August 20 (Monday). Mr. Joseph Baker trys to Subdue my Mare to go in my Chair -- but in Vain.

1759 August 22 (Wednesday). In conformity to the Summons Yesterday I rode to Worcester -- but I might e'en as well stay at home -- for the Cause did not come on.... N.B. I rode up in Mr. Forb.'s Chair and on the Baldwin Horse which I reposed in Mr. Maccartys Care and lodged there (having attended the Court in the afternoon).

1759 September 21 (Friday). No invitation from Mr. Maccarty or any one else of the Gentlemen, either of the Court, or the Town, I got my Horse, and though night rode to Mr. Cushings at Shrewsbury and lodged there.

1759 December 3 (Monday). Capt. *Jonas Brigham*, as he is to day, invites me to dine at Capt. *Woods* where New Commissions are to be given out. Mr. Martyn and Mr. Smith here, and putting up their Horses here, we all walk up to the place appointed.

1759 December 19 (Wednesday). Billy rides my Mare to Rutland, and is from Thence to go to Brookfield designing to return to me again in a Short time, to Spend his Month here which is given him in his Indenture.

1759 December 25 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter, according to his kind offer came with his Sleigh or Whirrey with two Horses, to wait on me and my Daughter Sarah to Marlborough.

1759 December 29 (Saturday). Billy returns at Eve from Brookfield on my Mare.

1760 January 8 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter brings me an Horse to wait on me to Lt. Holloways Funeral.

1760 January 12 (Saturday). My Wife and Billy came home from Boston, and dined with us. To God be the Glory, who has preserved them especially as my Wife had Two Falls from her Horse.

1760 January 16 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter came with his Whirrey and two Horses to wait on my Wife and me in Visiting the West Neighbourhood and part of Shrewsbury.

1760 January 17 (Thursday). *Billy* returns to *Brookfield*. *Alex* goes with him to *Worcester* with my mare.

1760 January 23 (Wednesday). Suse rides (Daniel Hows Horse) to Marlborough to get her black Gown made and tarrys there for it.

1760 January 26 (Saturday). I rode (on a Horse Capt. Wood Supplied me with) to Hopkinton and dined at Mr. Barretts.

1760 January 29 (Tuesday). Exceeding Icy, Slippery and therefore dangerous travelling and my Mare lame yet.

1760 February 21 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter returns from Boston with a Team. His Horses took a start in Framingham and he is wounded sorely in both his Leggs, by the Horses kicking him with their Corks.

1760 March 11 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode in my Sleigh to see Deacon Tainter who, tis to be hoped, is in an healing Way. Dr. Crosby and Dr. Ball were there, and we saw both Leggs Dressed. N.B. We had Mr. Tainters Mare, and he put mine into his Team. We dined there. And through the Goodness of God we returned at Evening in Safety.

1760 April 10 (Thursday). P.M. I went over to t'other House -- what with the Horses Mr. Rice has taken and the Horse, Cattle and Sheep which Mr. Parker has brought my Barn is over stocked and my Hay flies apace.

1760 April 27 (Sunday). Lt. Townshend of Hopkinton dined here -- a Number of Hopkinton people at our meeting, Mr. Barrett being hurt by a Fall from his Horse in Boston and not returned home.

1760 May 1 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden obtains an Horse at Capt. Maynards to go with my Daughter Baldwin, who is still weakly, to Boston: and they Sett out.

1760 May 9 (Friday). Dr. *John Wright*, Mr. *Fessenden's* Brother in Law, here. And lodges here. His Horse to Capt. *Woods*.

1760 May 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Hale of Brookfield with his Brother *Moses's* Widow. They lodge here but I can't see 'em to Night. Capt. *Wood* keeps their Horses.

1760 May 15 (Thursday). My sons go about in Vain to get an Horse to furrow *out our remaining Ground* -- till Mrs. Tainter (Benjamins Wife) rode here for this End that their Horse might plough for me. She dines here, and my sons plough furrowing out and finishing our planting of Indian Corn.

1760 May 27 (Tuesday). Proceeded to Boston.... Put up my Horse at Brother Samuels and lodged there with Mr. Gay of Hingham.

1760 June 9 (Monday). I rode to Monsieur LeBlanc's -- dined at Mr. Tainters. Had his Mare to plough and Deacon had my mare to Sutton.

1760 June 25 (Wednesday). Ensign *Fay* Sent an horse for me to go up again to See his son Jeduthun again. I went, and prayed with him.

1760 July 15 (Tuesday). Rose Early, and (Mr. Nichols of Brookfield with me to Watertown) I rode to Boston.... Mr. William Winter p.m. sent my mare to the Cunningham Pasture at the bottom of the Common.

1760 July 16 (Wednesday). Rose early; took Horse; and with Mr. Maccarty from Roxbury, rode to Cambridge. Put up at Master Fessendens.

1760 July 30 (Wednesday). I undertake to go to Southborough and my Wife rides in the Chair with me (drawn by Capt. Woods Horse: N.B. Mr. Daniel *Adams* has my Mare to go to Boston).... N.B. Mrs. Maynard goes to Marlborough in her Chair. Miss *Betty* goes with her; and my *Suse* rides her Horse with them.

1760 July 31 (Thursday). I ride my mare, newly come from Boston, to Hopkinton to preach Mr. *Barretts* Lecture.

1760 August 9 (Saturday). Favored with Mr. A. Nurse's help in mending my old Chair, and with one of Neighbour Moses Nurse's Horses my wife and I rode to the *Funeral of Mr. Cushing*.

1760 August 10 (Sunday). I could not Change with Mr. Martyn as I depended upon doing, he being pre-engaged to Mr. Smith, who made it too difficult to gratify my Request to come here, he not having his own Horse etc. I was Sorry for this Disappointment, but was obliged to do as I could not help.

1760 August 11 (Monday). This Morning, having Mr. Nathaniel Balls mare to draw in my Chair, my wife and I sat out upon our Journey to Rutland and Brookfield.

1760 August 14 (Thursday). Broke Fast at Dr. Gotts. My Son Ebenezer and I (on an Horse provided me) rode to Ware River Parish.

1760 September 1 (Monday). Sold my Mare to Mr. Joseph Baker for his Father, for 55£ Old Tenor to be paid in 3 months. Mr. Zebulun Rice the witness -- he wants to learn the Rules of Musick; of which I gave him a Sketch this Evening.

1760 September 2 (Tuesday). On Mr. Zebulun Rice's Mare I sat out on my Journey for Mr. Lulls Benefit, to get his Deeds acknowledged by the Court at Concord. I was much troubled with having Such a Lane, dull Creature. Turned to Squire Brighams at Marlborough to get a better, but did not succeed.

1760 September 4 (Thursday). [Concird.] N.B. I put up wholly among the Minots. My Bags etc. at Master *Minots*, the Mare I rode, at Coll.'s widows; and visit there at Eve. Supped and lodged at Dr. Minots, with Mr. Martyn.

1760 September 5 (Friday). In returning home we met Mr. Caleb Sawyer of Leominster and reads a summons to us to appear at the Superior Court at Wor'ster which was to our sorrow.

Stopped a little at Deacon Rice's; where we were kindly invited to dine, it being noon: but Mr. Martyn was rather inclined to dine at his Brother Witts in Marlborough and would have me go with him. He had also sent his son Richard before him to give Notice of our Coming. We therefore rode there. But Mrs. Witt was from Home; and the wealthy old Gentleman, though he had been at Court for a great many Years, yet had never learnt to invite us to dine with him; nor to ask us whether we had any need of Eating, at that time o' Day; though he must of necessity know that our ride had been long Since we could have been refreshed: He Seemed to avoid all Such Questions. Therefore hungry, disappointed and ashamed, we were obliged to remount our Horses, and ride up into Town to Search for Something that might relieve our Appetites. We stopped at Dr. *Dexters*, and it So happened that they had not dined; but desired we would accept of a Dinner with them. We needed no great Courting. We dined there heartily. Thence we visited Mr. Smith. Arrived Safe at Evening. D.G.

1760 September 11 (Thursday). I rode to Shrewsbury in my Chair; Daughter Sarah with me, drawn by Mr. Parkers Mare.

1760 September 22 (Monday). P.M. I rode to Marlborough to Mr. Hezekiah *Maynards* and to Lt. Brigham in quest of an Horse.

1760 September 24 (Wednesday). P.M. Church Meeting on Cold Spring Affair -- although the Meeting was appointed at this Time partly in Order to have a fuller Meeting than on Lords Day, it being then a rainy Time, yet there were but 16 of us together. We proceeded, and Voted Compliance. See Church Records. I also acquainted the Church that one Reason why I desired 'em to meet on a week Day was to acquaint them that they must provide for my going as to an Horse to ride on. This I left them (after the Blessing) to Settle among them Selves.

1760 September 28 (Sunday). Mr. Ithamar Bellows din'd with us. His Horse is left here for me to go my Journey upon tomorrow.

1760 September 29 (Monday). I undertook my Journey to Cold Spring -- but I was very unfit for it by reason of a great Cold -- and My Wife and all my Children were also oppressed with Colds and much indisposed. I called and took Mr. Edwards Whipple, the Churchs Delegate, along with me. Called at Mrs. Cushings. Mr. Whipple and I dined at Capt. *Stearns's* (My Dinner was gratis - - and I Suppose the Entertainment for my Horse was also -- for they were very generous).

1760 October 7 (Tuesday). My Sons, Some of them hurt by an Horse's running loose with my Chair. *Breck* chiefly hurt; he and *Samme* Being thrown out of the Chair, when the Horse broke the Tackling, and broke loose from Chair and all, and run off, home: It being Mr. *Beetons*. But it was wonderfull the Boys were not destroyed. D.G.

1760 October 11 (Saturday). Nathan Kenny helps him [Alex] with their Waggon, and I have one of Mr. Nurse's Horse's [*sic*] to go to Southborough, Mr. Stone being come here.



1760 October 20 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. Grout with his young Horse for me to ride to Ministers Meeting.

1760 October 24 (Friday). Was at Squire Bakers. N.B. his son had swapped away the Mare he had of me, but the Squire represented the Affair of my Trading with his son as if I had sold her to his Son as a good Saddle Horse, whereas they found her to be fit for no mans Use: And that many Neighbours had known that She was used to bad Tricks. But I answered that his son had been made acquainted with what she was; and that I was not to blame in it; that I wished also that his son had not done any thing about her. For She had for Some Time done very well with us as to the Saddle -- My wife, Daughters and little Boys being well able to manage her with out Trouble or Difficulty.

1760 October 26 (Sunday). Dr. *Ball*, late in the morning, called at the Door, to desire me to visit Neighbour Seth Morse's Child, which he thought would dye before Noon or to come when meeting was over. I had no Horse; and it was too late; I went not.... After all these Services walked on foot to Mr. *Morse's* to See their Child, which I prayed with -- and then rode home to my Family Exercises. May God pardon my Defects, accept of my Endeavors, and add His Blessing to the Means of Grace for Jesus Sake!

1760 October 29 (Wednesday). Fast at Shrewsbury. I rode up on Mr. Pratts Mare and which got away from me at Eve -- So that I was obliged to ride down a Creature of Mrs. Cushings -- and Samuel Willard (Son of Mr. Daniel Willard) rode with me home, to carry back the Horse I rode upon, and he lodged here.

1760 November 4 (Tuesday). P.M. preach at Mrs. Grouts on 2 Cor. 4.16 to p. 15. Was obliged to borrow an Horse at Capt. *Woods*. Returned with him: N.B. his wife having been confined some time, and chid me smartly for not visiting her, I tarried a little while the forepart of the Evening.

1760 November 14 (Friday). I have Deacon Tainters Horse here, but to day does Nothing.

1760 November 15 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brought Wood -- but I dont know upon what foot. Deacons Horse goes home.

1760 November 17 (Monday). Had many Thoughts of going to *Sudbury*, to Mr. *Cooks Funeral*, but It is far down upon the Road to Boston, whither I ought to go if I had Money -- but am not furnished; neither have I any Horse. There are many Ministers nigher (I Suppose 15). I am not sent for, So that it can't be a Disappointment nor is there need of Me. However, it proves too difficult Weather, Snow storm, for me to turn out and therefore I must discharge what Duty I can at Home.

1760 November 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Joseph Baker puts his Horse into my sleigh, and drives to Mr. Martyns to visit aged Mr. *Monis*, who is newly come up from Cambridge to live there.

1760 December 11 (Thursday). N.B. one Mr. Fuller from Middleton here to get Deacons [Tainter] Testimony about an Horse he had cutt for Terrant Putnam of Sutton. I write the Testimony at the Deacons Request: and he signs it.

1760 December 21 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden came in the morning and preached for me a. and p.m. His Texts were Prov. 28.9 and 1 *Joh.* 1.7, latter part. He dined here, and tarryed over Night. His Horse also.

1760 December 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Baker payed me 55£ old Tenor for the Mare etc.

1761 January 16 (Friday). Try Mr. Nathaniel *Balls* young mare, which I sent for at his Desire yesterday. Write to Mr. Smith and Send it by Mr. Timothy Warrin Whom I have desired to go to Mr. Smiths to look of an Horse he has to sell, and which I have some desire to buy.

1761 January 20 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter here and lends me his sons Mare to go to Marlborough.... Went to Mr. *Smiths* to See the Horse etc. but to little Purpose -- the Horse having So evill Tricks. See the 16th.

1761 January 21 (Wednesday). Mrs. Miller here. She lends me her Horse to Visit old Mrs. Forb.

1761 January 23 (Friday). *Roger Bruce* came to desire me to go See Amariah Thurston. I was engaged in my preparations. It was very Cold and tedious for me to go out so far, but he got me an Horse and I went. Found Amariah very delirious, and could have no success in Conversing with him. Prayed with the Family and Neighbours that were there. Dr. Crosby also there. I returned in the Evening.

1761 January 26 (Monday). Dr. Crosby and I rode down to Mr. Bradish's, and we dined there. P.M. we rode to visit Amariah Thurston, who I find is Still very delirious; and the Doctor thinks is near his End. Prayed with the Family. In return visit Ensign *Miller* -- and Monsieur LeBlanc. N.B. Capt. Woods Horse.

1761 January 27 (Tuesday). At night came Mr. Forb. and his Wife, and Miss Sarah Welch from Brookfield in a Two-Horse Sleigh and lodged here.

1761 January 29 (Thursday). Mr. Nurse's Horse I rode to the South East End of the Town.

1761 February 13 (Friday). My Son *William* returned to Brookfield: his Sister Baldwin and her Horse yet with us.

1761 February 14 (Saturday). Went to Shrewsbury to the Funeral of Mr. John Brigham's Wife. But in my way visited Mr. *Joseph Miles* (taking Dr. Crosby with me) and dined and prayed there. Rode my Daughter Baldwin's Horse and in much Danger by reason of the bad Roads. It was also N.E. Wind, Misty and uncomfortable.

1761 February 20 (Friday). At Night in the Rain comes my son Baldwin and a Negro he has bought of Major Curtis of Sudbury -- a Chair and 2 Horses. So that he has here at my Barn Three Horses.

1761 March 3 (Tuesday). Mr. Grow Sent me an Horse and I preached at his House.

1761 March 5 (Thursday). P.M. *Rice* and *Cutler* return from Cambridge. *Rice* goes to his Fathers, *Cutler* lodges here; and one Horse is kept here; the other is kept at Mr. Zebulon *Rice's*.

1761 March 11 (Wednesday). Capt. Wood brought his Horse that I might ride to Mr. *Morse's* of North Shrewsbury. Took Mr. *Fessenden* with me. Dined at Mr. *Morse's*. My Business was to get a good Horse.

1761 March 19 (Thursday). Alexander on Mr. *Fessenden's* Horse, fetches Sperma Ceti Oyl from Mr. Asa *Brigham*, Shrewsbury.

1761 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Pains* Horse loose in the Barn, and my youngest Heiffer which stood next to him, dead.

1761 March 26 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Daniel Adams makes a partition in my Barn to keep strangers Horses from my Cattle.

1761 April 6 (Monday). On Mr. Ebenezer *Forb's* Horse I rode to Southborough.

1761 April 9 (Thursday). Lieut. *Uriah Brigham* here. Rides an Horse that he asks 60£ Lawfull Money for.

1761 April 11 (Saturday). P.M. Nigh Eve I rode over to Mr. *Martyns*, conceiving that he would expect me to Change with him tomorrow: but when I came there he said he could not change with me (or to that amount) for he had got help, Sir *Livermore* (who was there). His Horse was Lamé and all his Children were to be with him that Evening. So I soon returned home (though it rained) and arrived here after 8 o'Clock; and Mr. *Pratt* (whose young Horse I had) kindly sent his Lad to ride home the Beast I rode on. It was the more sorrowful to me as I depended upon this changing, and had not prepared to preach both parts of the Day at Home. I could not but take Notice of this Second Disappointment and the Hand of divine Providence in it.

1761 April 25 (Saturday). I rode to *Grafton* on Mr. Ebenezer *Maynards* Mare.

1761 April 28 (Tuesday). 1761 April 28 (Tuesday). Rode to Marlborough Ministers Meeting. (But this was after I had (on Mr. *Beetons* Mare) rode to Mr. *Grows* to visit his Daughter *Whitney* and prayed with them). Had Mr. Ebenezer *Forbush's* Horse to *Marlborough*. Dined at Mr. *Smiths*. Messrs. *Loring*, *Gardner*, *Martyn*, *Stone*, *Morse*, *Maccarty*, *Davis*, *Mellen*, also Mr. Peter Thatcher *Smith*, preacher, there. N.B. Mr. *Barnet* not there, though I had taken *Pains*, at his

Desire, to inform him. Mr. Goss was coming but fell from his Horse, and was carryed home hurt, in a Chair.

1761 May 8 (Friday). Miss Betty leaves us. Owe her 4£ 1/ old Tenor for 13 Days and 1/2 at 6/. Alex had Mr. Nathan Maynards Mare to wait on her to Coll. Brigham.

1761 May 12 (Tuesday). Obtain Mr. Abraham Temples Horse for my Journey to the Election and Convention.

1761 May 13 (Wednesday). Mr. Nathan Maynard with his own Mare and Steers, and Pratts Steers with them, furrowed for me at Cook-Field.

1761 May 14 (Thursday). My Boys try to strike out a.m. in Vain with Neighbour Zebulun mare.

1761 May 20 (Wednesday). Alexander attempts Somewhat of Shearing. P.M. Mr. Artemas *Bruce* finishes. I rode on his mare to See the Widow *Whitney* and Mr. Ebenezer Miller, both of them Languishing.

1761 May 18 (Monday). I had Mr. Beetons Horse and Visited Mr. Moses Parkers Wife and prayed with the Family.

1761 May 30 (Saturday). Alexander went home with Mr. Abraham Temple of Grafton's Horse, which I had rid to *Boston*.

1764 June 18 (Monday). Mr. Art. Bruce and Richard Barns junior hoed with *John* -- had Mr. Nurse's Horse.

1764 June 19 (Tuesday). Richard helps John again -- Mr. Ebenezer Maynards Horse.

1764 June 29 (Friday). Visit Mrs. Hill. She rides out in an Horse-Litter -- and lives through it. Visit and pray with her. They talk (but it seems idle) of undertaking a Journey with her tomorrow.

1764 July 4 (Wednesday). Deacon Tainter came with an Horse and ploug[h]ed my Field and dined with us.

1764 July 21 (Saturday). Breck So commands my mare as to make her plow; and he and John hoe in the Field behind the Meeting House.

1764 July 25 (Wednesday). Mrs. Rolf breaks fast with me, and goes over to Upton to her Brother Nathaniel Flagg's -- and I fear on foot -- Whilst I want my Mare to plow among Corn.

1764 August 4 (Saturday). Mr. F. having lodged at [*blank*] breaks fast there; but drinks Tea with us, as does Mr. Bowman -- who brings Me an Horse to ride to Worcester.

1764 August 8 (Wednesday). *Sarah* and *Suse* (in Mr. Nurse's Chair but my mare) to Capt. Maynards.

1764 August 7 (Tuesday). Visit Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's Wife who fell from her Horse on Lord's Day and broke her Collar Bone. N.B. her peculiar Circumstances rendered the Fall very perillous. [Note: Lucy, daughter of Lucy and Ebenezer Forbush, was born on Aug. 19, 1764. *Westborough Vital Records*, 49.]

1764 August 13 (Monday). Deacon Tainter, with Boy and Horse, comes to plow among my Corn, which is behind the Meeting House -- but first sows it with Rye -- [which?] Breck and John hoe, and (with some small assistance of two or three at sunsetting) finished the Field.

1764 August 17 (Friday). I gratify Mr. *Lock* in Sending John to Southborough with his Horse to help his Brother Josiah up the Steep Hills.

1764 August 21 (Tuesday). Mr. M. *Nurse* again and prays me to undertake to get him some Money at Marlborough, for Squire *Taylor* had Sued him.... Got Mr. Brigham to go for me down to Capt. Wards to desire him to lend me 9 Dollars. Dined with the Association.... After Meeting I went to the Widow of Ephraim How -- and left my Message to Capt. Ward Should fail and my good Neighbour Nurse Should Suffer Dammage for want of the money. I borrowed a Johannes of Mr. Stephen How, and gave him a note for it. Returning the way by Mr. Brigham's, called and received of him (for he Succeeded) the 9 Dollars abovesaid and hastened home, though it grew dark, to meet Neighbour Nurse that he might be relieved, and hasten to Worcester early in the morning But (notwithstanding he told me he would come at Eve, for I had his Horse) he came not, which troubled me; forseeing the Evil he must fall into: and I had taken Such Pains, and successfully for him.

1764 August 22 (Wednesday). He [Mr. Nurse] lent me his Mare to go as far as Mr. *A[n]drews's* for I heard his wife was ill. I went but met with ill reception.

1764 August 29 (Wednesday). P.M. my Wife and I (in Mrs. Nurse's Chair, but my own mare) rode to Framingham.

1764 August 31 (Friday). Arrived here at Evening. Great Trouble with the Sheep's breaking in etc. But a worse trouble arose *with* and about the Mare, being very willful when we got near the House -- and I was obliged to correct her etc.: for which Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ was much disturbed. The Lord forgive what occurred!

1764 September 2 (Sunday). Preached at Southborough.... N.B. my Horse (which was Mr. Moses Nurse's) ran home last Night, and Mr. Stone led back my own mare; but so late I could not return home.

1764 September 8 (Saturday). Mr. Wood sends my Mare home in the morning.

1764 September 5 (Wednesday). Neighbour *John Wood* has my Mare to go in his Waggon to Boston. I have his Fathers Horse to go to a Fast at Hopkinton, at the House of Capt. Townsend, on account of his Mother, an aged Woman, in great Spiritual Distress.

1764 September 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Kendal and his Brother Tainter with 3 Boys, Oxen, Horse and Ploughs, came kindly, and plowed stubble at my island. Sent p.m. for Neighbour Zebulon Rice to help in driving and clearing the plough. All Gratis.

1764 October 1 (Monday). Send by Mr. Nathaniel Ball for my Mare from Boston which Samuel rode on.

1764 October 3 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Nathaniel Ball returns from Boston, but does not bring my Mare.

1764 October 6 (Saturday). Mr. Stones son Thomas with a Letter. He goes on Horseback -- next Tuesday Morn 9 o'Clock. I Sent a Return by the Same.

1764 November 8 (Thursday). This is a Day to be well observed. Tis now 40 Years Since the Gathering of this Church, and my own Solemn Ordination to the Pastoral Office in this Place. The Lords name be praised for His amazing Patience and Longsuffering. At the Same Time I desire to be deeply humbled for my unprofitableness and unfruitfulness. O that the Lord would free Pardon me, for His Mercy's Sake! Mr. Seth Morse's Daughter, Elizabeth, Sick -- am Sent for. I went, prayed -- had his Horse and visited Mr. *Kendal* who had lately a bad fall from the Poles above, down upon the Barn Floor. Prayed there.

1764 November 12 (Monday). Am finishing my Sermon for the expected Installment. The Addresses etc. Having finished every Thing, I made a Visit to Mr. Seth Morse, especially because of the Indispositions of their only Child -- as also to borrow his better Horse.

1764 November 13 (Tuesday). N.B. Sarah has my mare (as I ride Mr. Morse's) and with my Consent to gratifie Lt. Baker put her into his Chaise, and take up Miss *Molly*. They come to me at Mr. Hutchinsons in Grafton, where we dine.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Lieutenant brought Sarah home, and then took the Mare to keep.

1764 December 13 (Thursday). I got home safely though my Mare had two unhappy Falls, which made me dismount. One Yesterday, the other to Day: but, through divine Goodness, without any Hurt.

1764 December 24 (Monday). On Capt. Woods Horse rode to see Mr. *Grow*.

1765 January 1 (Tuesday). We were wholly out of Loggs for the Fire: but Capt. Wood tackled an Horse to an Ox sled and brought me five from home, or was forced to come from his wood, round by his own House. I thank God for such kind Neighbours and may He reward them!

1765 January 24 (Thursday). Mr. *Pierpoint* returning home from his long Journey (to *Portsmouth, Boston and Rochester*) came, with Neighbour *Pratt*, who took his Horse to keep.

1765 February 1 (Friday). Am desired to go to Mr. *Masons* Funeral. Mr. *Martyn* is Sent for but does not Come. Mr. *David Maynard* comes to bring my Horse, and accompany me part of the way. I dined at *Capt. Maynards*. The Carpenters finish there. Attended and prayed at the Funeral: but did not go to the Grave.

1765 February 2 (Saturday). At Eve my son *Baldwin* and *Alexander Oliver* from Boston in a two Horse sleigh; and tarry with us.

1765 February 7 (Thursday). Mr. *John Wood* Comes with a sleigh and Span of Horses and carries me to their house first to take in his Wife etc. and then to *Capt. Fays* to take in *Miss Eliza*, the Bride, with her Bridegroom, Mr. *Eli Whitney*, accompanied with a considerable Number on Horseback. We proceed to Mr. *Nathaniel Whitneys* -- where the marriage of the forementioned was solemnized.

1765 February 19 (Tuesday). It is so bad riding on Horseback, that I went in my sleigh to see Mr. *Ebenezer Brigham* who is very bad again; and especially has terrible sores, like Cancers, upon his Hands.

1765 March 28 (Thursday). Lent my Mare to Mr. *Richard Barns*, to go to *Marlborough*.

1765 April 5 (Friday). *Sarah* and *Suse* with my Mare in Mr. *Wheelocks* Chair rode to Mr. *Martyns*.

1765 April 12 (Friday). Mr. *Caleb Hitchcock* of the Union, here, and o' foot. Wants a Cast upon my Horse part of his Way. I complied and let him have my mare as far as *William Wards*. *John* went afterwards o' foot to bring her back -- but goes to *Marlborough* and brings home some Leggs of *Bacon* from *Deacon Woods*.

1765 April 19 (Friday). At Mr. *Nurse's* in the Morning to get him to plow for me: and he consents. Sends *Nathan* with steer and Horse.

1765 April 29 (Monday). *Thomas Arnold* came to work for me half his Time. We have Mr. *Nurse's* Horse and steers to draw stones for the Orchard Wall next the Road.

1765 April 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Nurse's* Team again. *Thomas* and *John* plow in the Orchard and Mr. *Samuel Fay* being here, he sows a Bushel of Barley for me, there. He is in great Trouble and

Perplexity. Dines with us. Dismiss Mr. Nurse's Oxen and use his Horse only. Thomas plows in Barley and Oates in the Orchard.

1765 May 13 (Monday). Lt. Baker my Mare to Cambridge.

1765 May 15 (Wednesday). Jacob Rice of College, here. He rides with me to *Southborough*. I had Mr. Wheelocks costly Horse.

1765 May 20 (Monday). Hired Dr. Haws Chair, and Put my Mare to draw.

1765 May 21 (Tuesday). At Boston put up at Mr. Holbrooks, who had good Convenience for Horse and Chair.

1765 May 22 (Wednesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ lodged last night at Brother *Samuels* and was in Trouble that I did not go there to her. They sat up late for me. Samuel rides my Horse to Westborough.

1765 May 31 (Friday). [Boston.] We Broke fast at the Alms House -- and were going to Mr. *Holbrooks* (where my Mare was kept) to mount, when Mr. *Surcomb* came, and engaged us to return to his House.

1765 June 17 (Monday). Dr. Hawes has my Mare to go to Wrentham.

1765 June 18 (Tuesday). Having Mr. Samuel Forbushs Mare I visited Several Sick and prayed with them, viz. Mr. Belknap and Kezia Snow. Thence to Association at Marlborough.

1765 June 22 (Saturday). I rode to Westminster. Had Lt. Tainters Horse.

1765 June 23 (Sunday). I preached at Westminster, a.m. on *Gal.* 1.3, p.m. on Col. 1.7. *Epaphro's* -- a faithful Minister of Christ -- Preparatory to the Choice tomorrow. I dined at Capt. Hoar's, but after Meeting I made a visit to Mr. Marsh; hoping it might be of Service. He was Sociable and hospitable. I drank Tea there. He invited me Strongly to tarry all Night -- and though I denied, they put out my Horse -- but I returned to Capt. Hoars and lodged there.

1765 June 28 (Friday). Lent Mr. Zebulun Rice my Mare to go to Allens Mill.

1765 July 15 (Monday). Went to Boston. Sarah rode with me.... My Horse is put up under Brothers Tenants Care. We lodged at Brother Samuels.

1765 July 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Loyd very generous in shooing my Horse round, gratis, and divers other kind services. My Daughter and I rode to Cambridge. Put up Chair and Horse at Mr. Hicks's.



1765 July 25 (Thursday). *Billy* and *Breck* set out for Townshend: and have my Mare to carry their Luggage.

1765 August 1 (Thursday). Capt. Maynard burys his Child, *Robert-Breck*. My Wife and I had Mr. Nurse's Chair and Horse.

1765 August 12 (Monday). *Billy* leaves us to go to Townshend and John goes with him to Lancaster to bring back my Horse.

1765 August 21 (Wednesday). I have word that Capt. Maynard pays 50£ for *Billy* -- therefore my Cattle are preserved and Thomas goes with them and my Mare to Thad. Fay's and brings me 300 of Bricks.

1765 September 17 (Tuesday). Got Mr. Wheelocks Chair and with my Daughter *Suse* under took a Journey to Boston. The Horse was to be shod, and Several other impediments made us set out late.

1765 October 14 (Monday). Master Cushing here, changes his Horse for mine, for this Journey before me: and he has my Mare for a Chaise to go to Southborough. My Son Baldwin came and lodges here. Sent his Horse to Neighbour Zebulun Rice's.

1765 December 7 (Saturday). The Morn very Sharp Cold -- but the Deacon comes with his Horse and the Day proves more moderate. I rode to Mill-River.

1765 December 11 (Wednesday). *Billy* and *Breck* *return to Townshend*; and John goes with them to bring back my mare.

1765 December 30 (Monday). When I returned found Deacon Tainter here, who with Lt. Baker, has killed the Cow which Lieutenant has had in keeping till now. Deacon rode my Horse home. Am much beholden to him for so much Goodness as well as to Lt. Baker who has pastured and fatted the Cow and charges me only two Dollars.

1766 January 14 (Tuesday). In *Billys* sleigh and one of Mr. Nurse's Horses with my Mare, my Wife, *Billy*, and I rode over to Mr. Martyns -- dine -- return. May God prosper Such Visits: and pardon our Defects!

1766 January 27 (Monday). Visit Mr. *Joseph Grout's* Son *Joseph* who is Sick -- and pray with him. In going from thence to Mr. Nurse's my Mare's foot Slid So suddenly from under her that She came down upon her side, but I dismounted without Hurt. D.G.

1766 February 17 (Monday). *Billy*, though for want of Snow he can't go to Townshend with a Sled, as he has long desired, yet goes upon my Mare, and carries what he can.

1766 February 18 (Tuesday). Miss *Elizabeth Stow*, of *Grafton*, fell from her Horse, in the Road before my House. She was Stunned at first, coming down upon her Head. We led her in. She came to, so far as to go on her way to Southborough and returned thus far, well. To God be Praise, for His Great Goodness!

1766 March 10 (Monday). Mr. Silas Hill has my Mare to go in a Chair to Wrentham.

1766 March 20 (Thursday). My Mare being still at Medway, I borrowed Dr. Hawes's and rode to Mr. *Jonas Bradish* to talk with him, and do so.

1766 March 21 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Silas Hill brings home my Mare.

1766 March 27 (Thursday). *Berry Brown* here with his Box and Glasses for [prospects?]. Am reading some of the Sermons in the practical Preacher Vols. 3 and 4. P.M. *Billy* comes home, has his and my Oxen and his Cart, with him -- leaves *Breck* at Townshend. Deacon Tainter kindly brings and sets up two Horse Blocks.

1766 March 28 (Friday). *Billy* goes (on my Mare) to Medfield.

1766 April 5 (Saturday). Thomas Arnold finishes the plowing of that Field. P.M. he has my mare to go to his Father.

1766 April 10 (Thursday). P.M. Dr. *Throop* here and lodges. Sent his Horse to Mr. Zebulun Rice's. Sophy ill.

1766 April 25 (Friday). *Caleb* sows peas and mends Fence. I visit, and pray with Mrs. *Adams* (wife of Daniel), She being in a languishing state. John to Allens Mill with an Horse Cart.

1766 April 26 (Saturday). *Caleb* gets out muck from the Stables, helps in the Garden etc. P.M. goes to Framingham, and has my Mare. P.M. Mr. *Stone* comes and I go to Southborough on Mr. Nurse's Horse.

1766 May 2 (Friday). Am Sent for to visit Mr. Amsden. Am obliged to ride Mr. Fosters Horse mine being in his Service to go a large Journey to Thompson.

1766 June 14 (Saturday). *Caleb* works for Lt. Baker, and John with the mare for Neighbour Nurse.

1766 June 21 (Saturday). I visit and pray with Mrs. *Adams* (Wife of Mr. Daniel). P.M. C. has my Mare to go to Framingham.

1766 July 14 (Monday). I undertook my Journey to Boston.... Lodged at Brother Samuels. Horse kept at Mellikins at the Green Dragon.

1766 July 16 (Wednesday). Mr. Moore and Suse came to Brother Samuels. They went down yesterday in the Rain and lodged at Mr. *Adams's* at Roxbury. Samuel rides my Horse home. Suse is left in his stead.

1766 July 18 (Friday). Mr. Moore discovers the horrible Deceit in the Horse-keeping at Millikens, and brings a sample of the Hay which our Horses live upon, and shews it to my Brother who is astonished at it. We attempt to come home, but the Horse proves very dull, according to his Keeping. We drag along....

1766 July 29 (Tuesday). N.B. Sent last Eve by Thomas *Drury tertius*, of Grafton, for my Mare from Boston.

1766 July 30 (Wednesday). Thomas Drury brings the Mare home, and he breakfasts with us.

1766 August 5 (Tuesday). Mrs. Johnson had my Mare for Thomas Arnold to carry Bread to Worcester.

1766 August 11 (Monday). Mr. Moore having come from No. 1 last week, to North Shrewsbury and preached for Mr. Morse yesterday, came here to Breakfast this morning. Master Cushing also brought his sister Bridget, who is out of Health. After Dinner they all (and take *Sarah* with them) mount. Mr. *Moore* has my Mare, and Mr. Wheelocks Chaise (leaves his own Horse to be sent to him, when at Boston) and promises to be very careful of my poor Daughter -- who is so exceeding tender.

1766 August 13 (Wednesday). This morning sent Mr. Moore's Horse to Boston by Isaac Stone of Shrewsbury, who is going down to Cambridge to live at College. Towards Eve Visit Mrs. *Wood*. While I was there, am sent for to go to Mr. Hezekiah How, who is thought to be near his End. Mr. Jacob Rice came to see us, and I rode his Horse to Mr. How's, whom I find very low.

1766 September 16 (Tuesday). My Wife and Daughter ride together in a Chaise, and *John* takes up *Betty* behind him on my Mare; but *John* is to go no further than Worcester.

1766 October 13 (Monday). Visit Mrs. Haws -- run away with by their wild Mare, Scared, thrown out of the Chair and hurt. Prayed with her.

1766 November 5 (Wednesday). At Eve Capt. Wood. Mr. *Forbes* also from *Brookfield*. We expected his Wife but she came not. He lodges here, but his Horse is kept by Capt. Woods.

1766 November 18 (Tuesday). P.M. John went with my mare and a whirry to Lt. Harringtons, and brought a Barrell of Cyder from thence.

1766 December 10 (Wednesday). *John* not being yet returned from Oxford, I borrowed Capt. Woods Horse and carried my Wife to Squire *Whipples* (he having come to us on Monday Eve

last, and invited us to his House, to come before 12). There we dined handsomely and Plentifully.

1767 January 12 (Monday). Visit Miss Hannah Maynard who fell from an horse and broke her Collar Bone.

1767 February 2 (Monday). At Eve came Mrs. Cotton and Miss Patty Clark. Joseph Joslin waits upon them. Presently after came my Son Baldwin with his sister Parkman, and Mr. Fitch with them. The latter, with their Horses, goes to Capt. Woods to lodge -- and Joslin lodges elsewhere. The rest here.

1767 February 12 (Thursday). Mr. Josiah Drury of Grafton comes to desire me to go to Mr. John Prentice's, to attend the Funeral of his Child, a new-born Infant. The Reason of sending here was, Mr. Hutchinson was obliged to attend another Funeral to Day, viz. of Mr. Eleazer Flag junior. And seeing my Horse was gone (to *Medfield*) Mr. Drury went and borrowed an Horse (Mr. Silas *Hill* brought me his) and p.m. I went.

1767 February 14 (Saturday). Sent my Mare over to Capt. Maynards to be kept there till Billy has Occasion for her again.

1767 February 16 (Monday). My mare from Capt. Maynards.

1767 February 17 (Tuesday). Though Cold, Billy and his Wife sat out for Townshend. They ride Single. *John* is gone before them to bring back my Mare.

1767 March 10 (Tuesday). Have Mr. Silas Hill's Horse to go up to Mr. Phinehas Hardys to see his Daughter in Law, *Rachel*, who languishes.

1767 March 17 (Tuesday). I have lent Mrs. *Johnson* my Mare for her John [Arnold?] to go with a Cart, to Marlborough and Southborough. Carries 4 Leggs of Pork to Deacon Woods Malt House, for Bacon. I borrowed Mr. Nurse's Horse, and visit and pray with Mrs. Bradish.

1767 March 21 (Saturday). John went to Capt. Maynards and brought my Mare from thence -- and took Cold.

1767 March 28 (Saturday). I am obliged again to forsake my study and go to the Burying of Mr. *Temple's* Child. N.B. After the Burial, Mr. Temple's Brother Br[ewer?] rode my mare to Mr. Temple's to be kept there awhile.

1767 April 1 (Wednesday). Capt. *Baker* of Bolton comes with an Horse for me to go to Deacon.

1767 April 27 (Monday). Had Neighbour Newtons Horse to visit the Sick, particularly his sister *Hardy*, and prayed with her: Mr. Thomas Twitchels Wife and prayed there.

1767 April 29 (Wednesday). Miss Mary Bradish here and says Mr. Martyn has a bad fever. I would fain visit, but am not able for want of an Horse.... Messenger from Mr. *Michael Martyn* to have me go over. They fear his Father will not live out the Night. Mr. Wheelock lends his Horse and I went.

1767 May 9 (Saturday). Sarah has my Mare and rides with Mr. John Forbes to Brookfield.

1767 May 11 (Monday). My Hay being short, Mr. M\_\_\_\_\_ takes Care of his Horse himself.

1767 May 12 (Tuesday). Abigail Rice returned from *Brookfield* on my Mare.

1767 May 15 (Friday). N.B. Lt. Baker here -- wants my Mare to go to Mendon or rather to *Cumberland*. I complied.

1767 May 17 (Sunday). My Mare is returned; but I rode Mr. Stewards Horse to *Northborough* and I preached there on 2 *Tim.* 14.6.7.8.

1767 May 26 (Tuesday). At Boston, visit Cousen Procter at the Alms House -- but they have resigned that Trust and begin to move.... Mr. Loyd very kindly puts up my Horse. I lodged there.

1767 June 3 (Wednesday). A Letter from Mr. *Sumner* to preach his Lecture to day turned my Course from otherwhere; and though I took my Mare from the Plow I went: dined there, and preached on Heb. 12.25, with some Additions.

1767 June 6 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes here, and urges that if he stays to preach for me, then I must go and try to get Mr. Maccarty to go to Leicester, and Mr. Conkling must go to Brookfield. Mr. Joseph Bruce is going up with the Messages. I consent and Write by him to Mr. Maccarty. Mr. Forbes also procures me Mr. Ebenezer Forbes Horse.

1767 June 16 (Tuesday). On Mr. Cushings Horse I rode over to *Harvard Association*.

1767 July 13 (Monday). Mrs. P. So indisposed I went to Dr. *Hawes* for her.... Towards Eve undertook my Journey to Commencement. Had Master Cushings Horse; and can't well avoid going though Mrs. P's Case is bad.

1767 July 16 (Thursday). In the Morning visit Mr. *Wyeth*. Mr. *John Hicks* (where my Horse was kept, and gratis) accompanied me. Rode to Mr. *Adams's* of *Roxbury* thence to *Boston*.... Dined at Brother *Samuels*. Horse put up at *Brackets*.

1767 August 4 (Tuesday). After meeting I rode (upon Neighbour Joseph Bonds young Mare) to Coll. Buckminsters at Framingham and lodged there.

1767 August 5 (Wednesday). Pursue my Journey -- to Roxbury and dine at Mr. Adams's -- to Boston.... I lodged, and Mr. Loyd took Care of my Horse.

1767 August 6 (Thursday). Mr. Aaron Teal, a Milk Man, takes my Mare to pasture in upper part of Charlestown.

1767 August 7 (Friday). Mr. *Teal* complains bitterly of my Horse's breachiness -- send *Bradshaw* to take him away, and with my Consent, he rides to his uncle's at Mistick to keep him there.

1767 August 18 (Tuesday). I returned at Eve and found *Samuel* here. He came on Mr. *Moore's* Horse.

1767 August 21 (Friday). Omitted that *Samuel* yesterday p.m. put Mr. *Moore's* Horse to Mr. Jonathan Grout to keep.

1767 August 24 (Monday). *Samuel* in a Chaise that Mr. *Dana* left here, accompanys *Susanna* to *Shrewsbury*, that thence She may go with the Said Mr. *Dana* to Brookfield. *Samuel* returns here, and on Mr. *Moore's* Horse sets out for *Boston*.

1767 September 1 (Tuesday). *John* waits on his sister *Sarah* in Dr. Haws' Chair to Hopkinton. I had Mr. *Beetons* Horse to visit *Betty Warrin* -- prayed with her.

1767 October 12 (Monday). I rode to Marlborough to see Mr. Smith -- dined at Squire *Brighams*.... Returned home. N.B. I rode Dr. *Hawes* Horse, he having mine to go to *Ashburnham*.

1767 October 27 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes*, his Wife and Children leave us. He rides my mare and the rest ride in a Chaise.

1767 October 31 (Saturday). Mr. *Forbes* Sends my Mare from Brookfield by *Antipas Bruce* (son of *Joseph*).

1767 December 4 (Friday). *John* gets my Mare Shod at Mr. *Beetons* for *Billy* to go to *Medfield* and *Boston*. The storm of snow prevented their Journeying in the morning as they designed, and got up a great while before Day. But having dined, though it still snowed, both *Billy* and his Wife with the Child in her Arms, Set out, first for *Medway* -- and then Purposing to go to her Fathers. I keep one of his Horses whilst he is gone with mine.

1767 December 30 (Wednesday). Mr. *Tainter* comes with his Wife in a Sleigh and two Horses, and having dined with us, we rode to Mr. *Stone's* at *Southborough*.

1768 January 19 (Tuesday). N.B. Capt. *Jamison* rode to *Boston* on the 14th [on an Horse?] of Lt. *Bakers*; and does not return. The latter is gone after him, but neither does *he* return as expected.

1768 January 25 (Monday). Deacon Wood provided me an Horse which I rather chose to ride than my own Beast -- told me (as Squire Whipple had done) that both the Partys in the Contention at North Shrewsbury desired I would not fail to attend the Council there and came with the Horse for me to go. I therefore went, though a storm of Snow.

1768 February 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Edwards *Whipple* has my Mare to *Boston*, to carry in a sleigh, with his own Horse, a Load of his Pork.

1768 February 13 (Saturday). At Eve came my son Baldwin and with him *Alexander*, who being nigh out of his Time embraces this Opportunity to come in the sleigh to see us. We are very Short out for Hay. Send my son B's two Horses to Neighbour Arnold to keep; and he kept them for me.

1768 February 17 (Wednesday). My Mare has the Distemper; swelling under the Jaw.

1768 February 25 (Thursday). *John* returns, at Eve from *Ashby*; and well. D.G. They had Mr. Whipple's Horse (besides my Mare) to ride over there -- and return in safety, the Floods by the late Thaw, were swelled in Lancaster.

1768 February 29 (Monday). For want of English Hay, John cutts Rye straw and mixes Meal for the mare.

1768 March 31 (Thursday). Return at Evening. My Mare stumbled and threw me just by my House -- but received only Slight Hurt, through divine Goodness; Mr. *Brown* with me.

1768 April 1 (Friday). Mr. Brown takes my Mare with him to Framingham for *Alexander* to ride home.

1768 April 5 (Tuesday). I attended the Funeral of little Jesse Maynard (of 6 years), but hasten from thence in my designed Journey to *Oxford* (having Mr. John Woods Horse) and purposing to visit Mr. *Maccarty*.

1768 April 28 (Thursday). Mr. Moore came from Oxford -- informs me of his admirable mare's being suddenly taken ill, and he supposes she is Dead.

1768 May 12 (Thursday). My mare very ill.

1768 May 20 (Friday). Have borrowed Mr. Jonathan Grouts Horse to go to Boston next week.

1768 May 23 (Monday). Mr. Breck and I rode to Boston.... Put up the Horse at Mr. *May's*.

1768 May 24 (Tuesday). Lodge at Brother P\_\_\_\_\_s. N.B. Mr. Loyd sent my Horse to Chelsey to be kept at Mr. Hasey's.

1768 May 28 (Saturday). When I came home and sent Mr. Grout his Horse, behold it had been changed: I had got a wrong Horse.

1768 May 30 (Monday). *Alexander* goes early to Cambridge and Boston to get Mr. Grouts Horse if he can be found.

1768 June 1 (Wednesday). Billy (having bought him an Horse and which he rode upon here) carries upon him the Tire which Beeton has made; with Sufficient Nails to fasten it on with. He also drives my Oxen before him, to *Ashby*.... *Alexander* returns from Boston with Mr. Grouts Horse. He found him at Chelsey; *Samuel* when he went for him, took a wrong Horse. I rejoice *Alexander* has Succeeded. D.G.

1768 July 6 (Wednesday). *My Daughter Baldwin* leaves us. *Sarah* goes with her. They have my Mare and Dr. Hawes Chaise.

1768 July 9 (Saturday). Mr. Moore's Horse has got out of the Pasture and is gone. He has Mr. Whipple's to go to Roxbury.

1768 July 14 (Thursday). Capt. Benjamin Fay has brought up Mr. Whipple's Horse from Mr. Moore. The Charge to him, for his keeping and pains, is 18/ old Tenor.

1768 July 18 (Monday). Had a Young Mare of Lt. Baker to try in my Journey. Sat out about 11 a.m.

1768 July 21 (Thursday). [Boston.] My Horse is kept by Mr. *Hicks*. Rode to Roxbury and dined at Mr. *Adams's*. Could not get to Lecture. Visit old Dr. Sewal; but chiefly my *Relations*. Lodge at My Brothers.

1768 July 22 (Friday). My Horse was kept at Mr. *May's* under the Care of my Cousen Procter.

1768 July 25 (Monday). Lieutenant *Bakers* Horse is resigned, fearing She will prove a stumbler.

1768 August 19 (Friday). My Mare gives great Trouble in plowing.

1768 August 22 (Monday). *Alexander* came home from Framingham. Put in my Mare into the Team to plow, but at Eve She is turbulent. I have revived Agreement with Lt. Baker about his Templeton mare.

1768 August 24 (Wednesday). At Eve with Lt. Baker about the Mare.

1768 August 30 (Tuesday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ had the Doctors Chaise and my old Mare; at Sunrise sat out to go to Boston.... At 9 a.m. I took the Mare which I am buying of Lt. Baker, and rode to the *Burial of Mr. Daniel Miller*.



1768 September 1 (Thursday). P.M. borrowed Mr. Nurse's Horse and rode to Mr. Amasa Maynards and agreed with him for some Boards, and *John* goes with a Team for them -- brings 600, at 20/.

1768 September 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes here and lodges; but his Horse is at his Brother Rice's.

1768 September 21 (Wednesday). *Alexander* leaves us to go to *Sturbridge*. *John* goes as far as Worcester to bring back the Horse, which his Brother rode upon. Miss *Betty Gott* came.

1768 September 28 (Wednesday). *Sarah* and *Suse* in Dr. Hawes Chaise, and Lt. Bakers Horse, Set out for *Boston*.

1768 September 29 (Thursday). I have Mr. Bathericks Horse to go to the Fast at Shrewsbury on account of the Public Distresses.

1768 October 10 (Monday). Took Mr. *Forbes'* Mare and a Chaise which he provided, leaving my Mare for him -- and his Wife rode with me to *Westborough*.

1768 October 13 (Thursday). I rode down to Mr. Chamberlins, and married *David Brigham* to his Daughter *Martha*; but did not stay to dine, for I had promised to return home to my own Company which by this Time were come. My Sons *William* and *Breck*, with *Williams* Wife came last night. Mr. Forbes, Mr. *Cushing* this morning. Mr. Collins *Moore*, Messrs. *Ballard* and *Barton* and their Wives, Miss *Sarah Moore*, my son *Alexander*, came, a.m. I dined with them though late -- nigh 3 o'Clock. Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife came. Mr. *Whitney* and his Wife, and Sister *Martyn* likewise. Towards Eve My Daughter *Susanna* was married to Mr. *Moore*. Mr. *Whitney* prayed first -- I delivered the Covenant. This done, Mr. *Forbes* prayed. [Then?] we Sang Dr. Watts's Imitation of Ps. 45. After which was a Repast of Cake, Wine etc. but Mr. *Whitney*, his Wife, and Mrs. *Martyn* hastened away that they might not be in the night -- and Capt. *Maynard* etc. took 7 of my Company with them to lodge and keep their Horses.

1768 October 17 (Monday). Mr. *Moore* is desirous to go to Oxford and Brookfield, but is not accommodated with an Horse that will go in a Carriage.

1768 October 19 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore* and *Suse* having the Doctors Chaise and my Mare, set out p.m. for Oxford. I rode Mr. *Moore's* Horse to visit in the South Part of the Town.

1768 November 10 (Thursday). Put up the Mare and fat Cow.

1768 November 11 (Friday). P.M. went to Mr. Tim. Warrins on *Sarah's* Account for an Horse to go to Rochester next Week, but in Vain.

1768 November 15 (Tuesday). No Success to even our best Endeavours to get an Horse for my Daughter *Sarah*. *John* also would fain go with his sister, but in [Vain?]. Neighbours keep aloof from us (except Mrs. Maynard who came here Yesterday). Send six Horses to so many Neighbours.

1768 November 16 (Wednesday). The Company leave us. The Team with Goods -- Mr. *Moore* in a Chaise with span of Horses. My *Suse* leaves me! May God go with her! *Sarah* also, upon my Mare: and I have obtained Dr. Hawes' Horse for *John* who joins them. Temple (who thrashes) takes Care of the Creatures.

1768 November 21 (Monday). P.M. I walked out to Mr. Pratts, Maynards and Beetons to get an Horse to go to *Framingham*. Obtain Mr. Beetons -- but it rained and Snowed So that I could not go to Day.

1768 December 12 (Monday). Mr. Gleason new setts and corks my mares Shooes: for I know not what is before me. Desire to committ all my Case to God!

1769 January 17 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Collins Moore brings an Horse from Mr. Bowman of Oxford for *Sarah*.... N.B. *Sarah* had a bad Fall from the Mare.

1769 February 7 (Tuesday). I preached at Deacon *Bonds*.... Lt. Baker provided a Young man to ride my Horse, and took me, for the better Security against the extreme Cold, into his Sleigh.

1769 February 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing takes my Mare and *Sleigh* (newly painted by Mr. Gale, and to day brought home by John) and goes to *Oxford* for *Sarah*, if She be well enough, and the Weather fit for her, to come.

1769 April 12 (Wednesday). Proceed to *Boston*. Visit Mrs. *Holbrook*: dine at Mr. *Surcombs*, who is full of trouble about his Daughters Conduct. My Horse is put up there.

1769 April 24 (Monday). *Eb.*'s Leg is bad. The Doctor is much discouraged. Yet *Eb.* rode to his House. Mr. Maynard Sends an Horse for his Son, and he goes home before noon.

1769 May 5 (Friday). Mr. Moore goes to Oxford. He rides my Mare.

1769 May 6 (Saturday). John rides Mr. Moore's Horse to Marlborough and brings from Deacon Woods (Maltster) [*blank*] Legs of Pork.

1769 May 15 (Monday). At Eve came from Brookfield, my Grandson Ebenezer and with him *Lolus* (the indian Boy) and they lodge here. I have also Two Horses and a pair of Steers, for Mr. Zebulon Rice. One of the Horses is for the Boys to ride on when they return.

1769 May 30 (Tuesday). P.M. Proceed to Boston. Lodged at Cousen *Bradfords*. Horse is kept by Mr. Loyd (who returned home from Branford last week).

1769 May 31 (Wednesday). At Eve I visit Mr. *Surcomb* who is confined with the *Gout*. He required me to send him my Horse to keep and she was sent.

1769 June 12 (Monday). Hear that my Son *Ebenzers* valuable Horse dyed Suddenly. N.B. This morning, as *Temple* was plowing with my Mare, She was frighted Suddenly and ran away; passed through the adjoining Rye, threw down the Fence, passed over the Rails and went up the Road. *Temple* was So hurt in his left Arm, that he broke off from Work, in the forenoon, and went to Mr. *Parkers*, and to Dr. *Flynts* to get his Elbow Set; and did not return till late at night.

1769 June 13 (Tuesday). Called at Lieut. *Bakers* to desire him to Supply me with a good Horse etc. and he tells me he will endeavour it, as Soon as he can. He offers to take my Mare now as Soon as I will, but then I must be without a Horse for our necessary Service.

[1769 June 26 (Monday).] At Eve came Lt. Baker and Mr. *Henry Prentice*. The latter comes about buying the Mare.

1769 July 1 (Saturday). *Temple* has my Mare to Framingham.... We have Account of the Death of the Aged and pious *Dr. Sewall*. My F. My F. The Chariots of Israel and the Horsemen thereof [*illegible*].

1769 July 3 (Monday). Visit at Squire *Brighams*, in pursuit of a good Horse.

1769 August 10 (Thursday). At Eve Lieut. *Baker*, at my Desire, calls here. I again Apply to him for an Horse instead of what I have. He Says he has none that will do. But says he is ready to take this again, as Soon as I can get one that will Suit me better.

1769 August 14 (Monday). I am concerned about going to Brookfield. Went to Mr. Dan. *Forbes* to see if he would not go. He concludes either to go, or provide me an Horse to ride there.

1769 August 23 (Wednesday). Call at Squire *Brighams* and at *George's* with respect to an Horse he has to sell.

1769 September 1 (Friday). Mrs. *Tainter* Sends an Horse for Sarah and she goes there, dines, and returns at Evening.

1769 September 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Moore*, Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I, Sat out together for *Taunton*: Call at Capt. *Whites*, (who has generously kept my Horse). I provide Mr. *Moore* an Horse (@ 20/) to draw the Chaise which my Wife rides in, of one Mr. *Freeman*.

1769 September 29 (Friday). My Son, with Mr. *Forbes's* Chaise and Horse, waits on sister *Lydia* to Cambridge.

1769 October 12 (Thursday). N.B. Sent *John* to Lt. *Baker's* with the *Mare* which I had of him more than a Twelve-Month agoe, as I could not with all my trying, make her do for my and my Family's use; and Lt. had told me again and again that he would take her if I returned her. This therefore I have now done.

1769 October 19 (Thursday). *Ezra* had come with two Horses. One of them was a Young Horse of one Mr. *Haskels*, recommending him to me. But they both got out of my Inclosure and we feared they were gone home. *John* got an Horse at Mr. Nurse's and pursued to Shrewsbury. In the mean time Deacon Bond had taken 'em up Nigh his House, and came with them. I viewed and rode the Said young Horse; also I took Such Advice as I could; and concluded to have him, though it is a Venture, at so little Acquaintance with him: but I can't well do otherwise since he is So strongly recommended by Mr. *Forbes*, who has writ to me about him. The Terms are £100 old Tenor to be Paid in two months. Before I consented, I rode to Lt. *Baker* and consulted him, both about the Horse and about the Pay. *Ezra* assures me the Age is 3 Years only, last July. And the Letter says he is warranted Sound. *Ezra* and Polly leave us.

1769 October 24 (Tuesday). At Evening *Ebenezer Tertius* came; He rode the Horse which Mr. *Forbes* has got for me of Mr. *Haskell* of *Brookfield*; and brought Letters from *Rochester* informing that *Susa* is much better.

1769 October 26 (Thursday). My grand son leaves us, to go to Cambridge, to live with Mr. *Thomas Barrett*, to be a Sadler. Was obliged to go to Lt. *Baker* to stir him up to bring Wood, and to provide Money to pay for my new Horse.

1769 November 22 (Wednesday). This morning came Deacon *Fellows*, Deacon *Cheney* of *Ashburnham*, and Mr. *Job Cushing*. They breakfast here. Master *Nat. Harrington* can't get either Chaise or Horse, and therefore does not go. But between 10 and 11 a.m., *Sarah* and her Company leave us; *John* also and *Sophy* goes with them. The Day bright, and May God Himself Graciously guard and bless them! They design as far as Col. *Caleb Wilders* in *Lancaster*, by Night; and to *Ashburnham*, by leave of Providence, tomorrow.

1770 January 26 (Friday). *Jonathan Forbes* goes to *Brookfield* charged with bringing back my Horse which John P \_\_\_\_\_ rode up.

1770 January 31 (Wednesday). At Eve came *Jonathan Forbes* from *Brookfield* with my Horse, and with a Letter from Mr. *Forbes*....

1770 February 4 (Sunday). After the Exercises Deacon *Wood* informs that there is no Meeting to Day at *Hopkinton*, Mr. *Barrett* being hurt by the falling of his Horse.

1770 February 16 (Friday). At Eve came *Breck* from *Ashby*, and much tired. His Brother *William* has writ to me of his Trouble and Difficulty at the Time of the great Thaw in January last. He himself got over a swift stream which he was endeavouring to pass -- but his Horse was carried

down the Current -- but was at length stopped and was got out -- the Saddle and Housing finally lost.

1770 February 21 (Wednesday). Alexander gets Mr. Thaddeus Warrens Horse for his Wife to ride home upon, and carries his Child himself before him. Thus they return to Framingham.

1770 March 6 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes* accommodates me and Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ with his Sleigh (my own not coloured in the new work, yet that would not have hindered using it, but he rode hither in his and it was ready tackled) and his Horse, for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ was afraid either to ride with mine in the sleigh or on the Doctors single; the Doctor therefore rode mine, to the Family Meeting at Mr. Daniel Forbes's....

1770 March 29 (Thursday). *Ruth Bellows* rides my young Horse to Capt. Wards and pays him for me 5£ old Tenor.

1770 April 15 (Sunday). My Young Horse went out to the Horses to Day and did not return till after We had got to bed. We had Sought for him but could not find him.

1770 May 23 (Wednesday). P.M. *Elias* goes with Breck to Upton to bring back the Horse.

1770 May 28 (Monday). Arrived at Boston some time before sunsetting. Cousen *Loyd* kind and generous. My Horse kept at Mr. *Simonds*. Lodge at *Loyds*.

1770 May 31 (Thursday). Attended the Convention.... At Mr. *Surcombs* at Eve (where my Horse is now kept) and now first Saw his daughter *Flagg*.

1770 June 10 (Sunday). Mr. *Adonijah Rices* Wife at our House indisposed. Joseph [Ward?] with my Horse waits on her home.

1770 July 17 (Tuesday). At Cambridge Put up my Horse at Mr. *Hicks's*. Lodge at Mr. *Thomas Barretts*.

1770 July 24 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Hill of Douglass* again in Difficulty, her Horse having got away, as she fears: and enquires about the Money lately contributed for her Mother.

1770 August 8 (Wednesday). Rode to Mr. *Morse's* at *Shrewsbury* and lodg'd there. N.B. His Horse of 500£.

1770 September 11 (Tuesday). I rode to the Exercises at *Shrewsbury*, it being a Day of Humiliation and Supplication there, on account of the Terrible Distemper, the Canker, among them.... I preach'd on Rev. 6.8. "And I looked, and behold a *Pale Horse!*" etc. O that God would pardon Me, accept and Succeed my poor Attempts!

1770 October 25 (Thursday). Alexanders Wife came from Framingham (on my Horse that has been gone a month last Saturday). *Kezia* lodges here. Ruth goes to her mother, but the Horse she came on is left here for *Hannah*.

1770 November 12 (Monday). My Grandson *Ebenezer* came from *Brookfield*. With him came *John*, the Indian of *Unadella*. They brought my Horse from *Alexander*. N.B. He and his wife have had him now above Seven Weeks.

1770 November 20 (Tuesday). First tryed my Horse in a Chaise.

1770 November 22 (Thursday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I undertake a Journey to *Concord* to see *William* and his Family in his New situation. Went in Dr. *Hawes's* Chaise drawn by my Horse.

1770 November 24 (Saturday). We took leave of our son and his Family to come home. But N.B. he waited on his Mother with his Horse in the Chaise, as far as Deacon *Rice's*.

1770 December 1 (Saturday). Employed Mr. *Thaddeus Warrin* to Search for my Sheep. He Sets out on my Horse -- northerly etc.

1770 December 25 (Tuesday). In returning [from Southborough] I called to see Mr. *William Brighams* new Wife, and Mr. *Andrews* Children, ill of the Canker. May God be praised for my Preservation when my Horse threw me down.

1771 January 18 (Friday). *Breck* set out early for *Rochester*, on my Horse.

1771 January 20 (Sunday). At Evening Mr. *Snow* requesting me to visit him and Mr. *Marsh* offering his Horse, I rode down there, found him much lower. Prayed with him and the distressed Family. Mr. *Andrews* and his Wife accompany me in returning.

1771 February 1 (Friday). *Breck* ventures to go to *Brookfield* and *Sophy* goes with him. Miss Nanny *Brigham* is to join them. All of them on single Horses.

1771 February 4 (Monday). Mr. *Biglow* brings an Horse in the morning for me to visit his son.

1771 February 6 (Wednesday). Obtained an Horse of Mr. *Nurse* for *Breck* to ride to *Ashburnham*, *Fitchbourg* etc.

1771 February 10 (Sunday). In the morning I Sent for Mr. *Wheelocks* Horse, and though it was very Cold, Windy, Sharp air, and Roads very icy, yet I rode to *Shrewsbury*.

1771 February 14 (Thursday). Dr. *Hawes* having provided Horses and a Sleigh, took Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ in along with his Wife and her Child and Kinswoman, attempting to go to *Ashburnham*. They sat out between 8 and 9 a.m.

1771 March 19 (Tuesday). Breck came and on my Horse he rode to Upton to speak to some young men about living with me. He returned also but was unsuccessful.

1771 March 22 (Friday). So full of Concern about my Horse that I have him new Shod, though it is but lately he was put to rights -- yet stumbles.

1771 April 29 (Monday). My Horse could not be spared from the Team in plowing, till late in the Day, but Then I went down to visit my Houseless Neighbours -- and Sympathize with them. I found a great many at Work on a new Frame for Messrs. Bellows's.

1771 May 18 (Saturday). *Joseph Chamberlin* has my Horse to go home to his Fathers.

1771 May 25 (Saturday). Mr. Moore being with me and designing to keep Sabbath with me I laid aside my preparations which I was making, and Spent a great deal of my time with him.... Mr. Moores Horse is sent to Capt. *Maynards*.

1771 May 29 (Wednesday). Rode to Roxbury with Mr. MacCarty, and put out my Horse at Mr. *Lewis's* to pasture. Walked over to Boston with Mr. Maccarty -- and lodged at Cousen *Proctors*.

1771 May 31 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Thomas Baily generous with regard to My Horse, which Lewis of Roxbury had Sent to Buckets instead of Proctors, etc. etc. I rode over to Roxbury and lodged at Mr. *Adams's* but my Horse is put up at the Widow *Ruggles's*.

1771 June 11 (Tuesday). Walk in the morning to Mr. Joseph Harringtons and to Mr. Tainters to get a pasture for my Horse. Succeed with the latter, and for Assistance in breaking up.

1771 July 10 (Wednesday). Extremely put to't for want of an Horse to plow amo[torn] the Corn. Was obliged to Send to Ensign Snows for [torn]. N.B. I this morning spoke to Lt. *Forbes* [torn] his *Wood Lot* nigh me to Mr. *Wheelock* [torn] Since he had offered it to *me*, and I had *not* refused. Mr. Morse lent me his Horse to go to Upton, where [torn] a Lecture on *Joh. 1.11*.

1771 August 19 (Monday). Master Taylor offered to get my Horse kept at his Fathers Pasture, and rides him there; leaving me his to ride as I have Occasion.

1771 September 10 (Tuesday). Lt. Baker is ready to buy her. Mr. Nahum Wilson from *Mendon* here to See my Horse: But he is at Squire *Brighams*, at *Grafton*.

1771 September 23 (Monday). Called at Mr. Jonathan *Grouts*, where Master *Taylor* lodges; and he delivers me Mr. *Wheelocks* note for £14.10 L.M. for my Horse.

1771 September 23 (Monday). I went to Mr. Nurse for the Money I had lent him; but in Vain. He let me have the little Mare, which he had engaged to Me, to ride, as I Should have Occasion: and particularly to Day.

1771 September 25 (Wednesday). I had Mr. Taylors Horse to go over to *Northborough Lecture*.

1771 October 4 (Friday). On Mr. Nurse's mare I rode over to see old Mr. *Freeland* (about 94 year old).

1771 October 5 (Saturday). I rode up to Shrewsbury. Got Mr. Sumner to go with me to Mr. *Jasper Stone's* to View his Horses. Agree to Send him word by next Tuesday come sennight if I have neither of his.

1771 October 7 (Monday). Mr. Sumner returned home but Mr. *Morse* went with me to Mr. *Joseph Glaziers* who had a young Horse of 3 past, to sell. I agreed with him for 95£ old Tenor to be paid the first of January next without Interest. The Horse was delivered to me by Mr. Glazier in Presence of Mr. Morse and Mr. Ezra Beeman, at Mr. *Beemans*, and we brought him away. Dined at Mr. *Morse's*, and led my Colt home.... N.B. as I came home, I found Mr. Whitney was at Mr. *Tenny's*: I wrote by him to Mr. *Jasper Stone* that I was Supplied with an Horse etc.

1771 October 11 (Friday). Mr. Stone sent *Peter* (his Son) to call me to see Miss Judith before she expires.... N.B. In going, my new Horse Stumbled, fell, and brought me down, but through Gods great Goodness, received no great Hurt. D.G.

1771 October 18 (Friday). *Sophy* rides my new Horse to Capt. Maynards. He is Shod behind by Mr. *Beeton*. She returns in Safety.

1771 October 23 (Wednesday). I went from Capt. Clarks to Dr. Wilsons, and So from thence to Mr. Stone's to attend the Funeral of his Daughter. In my way my young Horse Stumbled and I fell, my left Foot was so under the Horse as to hurt me much: but through divine Goodness, he did not roll over me. Blessed be God for this Deliverance.

1771 November 12 (Tuesday). I was much exercised with Pain in my left Foot, which was Sprained at the time of my late Fall from my Horse.

1771 November 26 (Tuesday). Was at Mr. *Nurse's* for Money, but got none -- had his Mare to be rid up to *Monadnock* by *Elijah Brigham* for *Breck* to ride home and bring his Tools. N.B. I told Nurse that till he got my Money and paid me I Should use the Mare as my own: and I received her so.

1771 December 5 (Thursday). We were greatly rejoiced to see *Breck* who came from *Monadnock* the Day before yesterday, to Ashburnham and to day from Harvard. N.B. The Mare he rode on Stumbled, threw him, rolled upon him, so as to hurt his Knee, and his Wrist.

1771 December 6 (Friday). The Snow is so difficultly passed through, by reason of the Drifts that neither can my biggest Boy get to Mill though he tryed with my Horse; nor could the Cattle get to any Water to drink.



1771 December 11 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes on my Horse to *Upton*.

1772 January 1 (Wednesday). Master *Taylor* takes my Horse and rides to Rev. Mr. Morse of Shrewsbury to deliver him for Mr. Glazier, of whom I bought my Horse, 95£ old Tenor.

1772 January 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Taylor came and first tryed my young Horse in my sleigh and has no Trouble.

1772 February 14 (Friday). My Grandson *Elias* rides my Horse to *Leicester* and to leave him with my Son *Alexander*, my English Hay being short.

1772 February 19 (Wednesday). My Wife and I, accommodated with Neighbour Newtons Horse in my Sleigh, rode over to Northborough.

1772 March 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. *Abraham Wood* of *Sudbury* came up to inform me that yesterday about 3 quarters after one in the afternoon expired the Venerable Man, Father *Loring*, almost 90 years old If he Should have lived till the 17th of next month. Help Lord! The godly man ceaseth! My Father. My Father. The Chariots of Israel and the Horsemen thereof!

1772 March 11 (Wednesday). Went to Deacon *Wood* to ask him to go with me to *Sudbury*; and he consents. Was at Lt. *Bakers* who undertakes to find a Sleigh for me, if not an Horse also.

1772 March 12 (Thursday). The Snow so deep, the wind high and the whole of the weather so rough, I am in great doubt about going to *Sudbury* tomorrow. But p.m. more Moderate. Deacon *Wood* came, and takes great Pains to provide for my going. Some Neighbours will help break the way. I went to Mr. Nurse's in the Evening and obtain an Horse.

1772 March 13 (Friday). Deacon *Wood* came to accompany me. Mr. *Nurse* with an Horse for me and Sets out with us.

1772 March 17 (Tuesday). Mr. *Elisha Forbes* calls at the Door to tell me Mr. *Phinehas Maynard* was near his End, and that his Wife desired me to go over there. But I had no Horse, the Snow deep, the night coming on, the Man incapable of Conversing, no going out to get any Assistance by Horse or sleigh, and I was so newly arrived from my Journey, that I did not go, but prayed for him and them here.

1772 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* rides over to Mr. *Daniel Adams*, who consents to keep his Horse.

1772 March 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Edwards Whipple* has Sent his Horse, as well as repeated Invitations to us to make them a Visit.

1772 April 8 (Wednesday). N.B. The Deliverances of this Day and Evening were noticeable. When I was going to mount Mr. *Bradshaws* Horse, he was So merry and nestling that he pushed

me down backward over an Hog-Trough and Stood over me, helpless, and it was wonderfull that being so over me and full of Motions he did not trample me to Death. May God be magnified and may I have a proper Sense of His Sparing Mercy! In going over to, and returning from *Northborough* when the ways were So very bad, by the Depth of the Snow and Hollowness of the Earth, So that I was in Difficulty Several Times; yet there was no Such Evil Occurrent as to grieve me. D.G.

1772 April 17 (Friday). *Breck's* perplexitys increase. He hears of one Mr. *Gillam Bass* of Boston, his being at Deacon *Woods*, who having hired part of the Deacons House (where Mr. *Spring* lives) designs to open a Shop of Goods there. *Breck* goes up to Speak with him, but he is gone to *Hopkinton*. My Son is So uneasy about it that he borrows Mr. *Bradshaws* Horse and rides to *Hopkinton*.

1772 April 22 (Wednesday). Mr. *Sumner* has writ to me to preach his Lecture to Day. Dr. *Hawes* was So good as to find me an Horse: and as he was going to Worcester I had his Company to Mr. *Sumners* -- where we dined; and Mr. *Bradshaw* went with me also.

1772 May 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Moore* trys in Vain to get an Horse for him to go to Oxford; he is obliged to tarry with us.

1772 May 23 (Saturday). Mr. *Breck* came a.m. and dined with us.... But Mr. *Breck* chose to tarry here, and Mr. *Moore's* Horse was at a Distance. Mine is at Leicester; He and his wife could not tarry here any longer than over the Sabbath if the weather should be suitable. So that neither of them went.

1772 May 25 (Monday). Proved rainy. Mr. *Breck* left us after Dinner, but Mr. *Moore* tarrys. At night came my Son *Alexander* with my Horse.

1772 May 27 (Wednesday). Rode to Boston at Eve. My Horse at *Brackatts*. Lodged with Samuel.

1772 June 1 (Monday). *Bradshaw* is better to day. *Sophy* has my Horse and goes to Mr. *Fish's*.

1772 June 12 (Friday). Trouble with Mr. *B's* [*Bradshaw's*] Merry Mare, which has broke my Fetters and causes *Breck* a sad Ramble -- but finds her where she was Supposed to have jumped from, viz. Lt. Bakers Hill Pasture.

1772 June 27 (Saturday). *Breck* has Mr. *Bradshaws* Mare, and *Hannah* has my Horse to go up to *Leicester*.

1772 July 8 (Wednesday). My son *Breck* and *Nathan Fisher* (having Mr. *Bellows* Horse to carry Tools) sat out for *Monadnock*.

1772 July 15 (Wednesday). Attended the *Commencement* at Cambridge. Cousen Thomas *Barrett* takes Care of my Horse (for there I put up).

1772 July 21 (Tuesday). It being an exceeding dry time, and my Pastures dried up, I rode to Mr. Jonathan Forbes to get my Horse pastured -- but tryed in vain.

1772 July 23 (Thursday). Elias going to catch the Horse, was kicked in his Side, which causes him to lie by.

1772 July 24 (Friday). Elias has not got over the Kick by the Horse, but is unhappily wounded by the fall of a Chizzell upon his Ankle. This cutt further adds to his Confinement.

1772 July 28 (Tuesday). Before the Heat came on I waited on my Cousen *Bradford* with my Horse: and we rode northwardly and Southwardly for the Sake of an Airing.

1772 August 5 (Wednesday). *Breck*, on Mr. Samuel Fays Horse, goes a Journey to Boston.

1772 August 8 (Saturday). *Breck* we hear has met with Trouble, for his Horse sickened and Suddenly dyed at Boston.

1772 August 9 (Sunday). At Eve I was in a great deal of Care about *Breck*, and how to get an Horse to him at Boston for his Return home. But after Bedtime he returned. He had got Mr. Loyds Horse, and so came up in the Chaise which he went down in. This delivered me out of much perplexity.

1772 August 11 (Tuesday). *Breck* goes to Mr. Samuel Fay about his dead Horse. Submitts to Arbitration. They who judge upon the Case are Capt. Wood, Mr. Joseph Green junior and Mr. Thomas Whitney, but they do not determine it.

1772 August 17 (Monday). Mr. *Samuel Fay* came with warm Resolutions and Threats, to my son *Breck* -- demanding 5£ lawful Money for his dead Horse. I endeavoured to pacify him, and entreated some Forbearance, which he condescended to. My Argument with him to perswade him to Lenity was, my being obliged to go to *Grafton* immediately.

1772 August 18 (Tuesday). It was rainy but I designed home after Breakfast -- In which I was notwithstanding prevented by *my Horse being gone*. This detained me till noon. Mr. *Hutchinson* borrowed his Neighbour *Shermans* mare, confining her Colt that She might the more certainly go back. Though we entertained hopes my Horse was gone home, yet it was not so -- much perplexed, searched round about in vain. Nigh night Mr. Hutchinsons son Samuel brought the Horse to me.

1772 September 22 (Tuesday). Before I got to Mr. Phinehas Hardys, my Horse stumbled, fell down, threw me off, upon the Ground, and it was wonderfull I escaped -- but, through the Great Goodness and Mercy of God, I got up unhurt, and arrived here safe.

1772 September 23 (Wednesday). It was rainy a.m. but *Phinehas* was desirous to go to the Training at Lancaster; and having provided him an Horse, he went.

1772 November 9 (Monday). *John* meets me to give me the Sorrowful News from *Rochester*, that *Suse* was nigh Expiring last Evening and a Man was come on Purpose to acquaint me with it. I hastened home -- found here a man who came *Express*, with a moving Letter from Mr. *Moore*, writ at 4 p.m. yesterday, and the Bearer, Mr. *Eleazer Barrow*, sat out when the sun was about 1/2 an hour high; and arrived here before two this afternoon; informing that my Daughter had been delivered above a fortnight before; has a Daughter -- but her self was taken very ill last Saturday, and grew so bad the Doctors judged last Evening that She would not live till morning; and I was desired to hasten to her. I proposed to go in a Chaise. We provided one -- but could not get a suitable Horse. My own was too young. *Breck* and *John* ran from Neighbour to Neighbour in Vain. Mrs. *Wood*, Deacons wife, offered hers for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ to ride Single. I accepted of it -- but was obliged to defer till Morning. Mr. *Barrow* lodged here. Deacon *Wood* keeps the Horses; and I desired the Deacons *Bond* and *Wood*, to go to the Ordination at *Sudbury*, without me, and left the Letter missive for them accordingly.

1772 November 10 (Tuesday). Early in the Morning Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I sat out on single Horses, for *Rochester*, in Company with Mr. *Eleazer Barrow*, who came for us. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ was favoured with a good Horse by Deacon *Wood*. In *Hopkinton*, beyond Mr. *Caryls*, my Horse fell and threw me off. My right Foot was unhappily under his side, crush'd so as to be bruised and sprained. But we called to see Mr. *Barrett* (who was become very weak, and chiefly confined to his Bed), and Mrs. *Barrett* was so kind as to bath and bind up my Foot, and with *Barrows* Boots on my Leggs, rode on -- to Mr. *Fitch's*. Left my Horse with him; he readily granting *His*.

1772 November 11 (Wednesday). Early we were mounted. Rode about 2 Miles before the Sun rose. Breakfast at Squire *Luscombe's*. Mr. *Barnham* came to us and invited us to his House, but we hastened on to *Fosters* in *Middleborough* precinct, where was his Daughter Mrs. *Russel* of *Plymouth* with 3 of her Children. N.B. her mother was Mrs. *Stones* Sister *Martha*. We took Horse once more -- and arrived at Mr. *Moore's* about 2 p.m. And to the praise of God found my dear *Suse* alive!

1772 November 21 (Saturday). Rose early. Mounted before Mrs. *Simpson* was up.... P.M. to Mr. *Fitch's*, at *Hopkinton*, and changed Horses. N.B. mine has been to *Boston*, so that Mr. *Fitch* demands nothing for his.... As we got near home heard of Mr. *Hutchinsons* Dismission last Wednesday: Squire *John Woods* wife of *Colrain*, her being under a Mortification and that Deacon *Wood* and Capt. *Fay* are gone up; and that Neighbour *Thomas Arnold* was grievously hurt by a Fall from his Horse at *Grafton*. At Eve we arrived here in Peace and Safety.

1772 November 26 (Thursday). Master *Waters* has Mr. *Thomas Bonds* Horse and Chaise, and goes with *Sophy* to *Fitchborough*....

1772 December 17 (Thursday). Cousen Maynard has been ill of a Fever, for several Days: has Sent an Horse for her Aunt.

1772 December 24 (Thursday). Mr. *John Ball* carries his Wife home. *Breck* (on my Horse), with many more on Horses and in Chaises, waits upon them to *Northborough*.

1772 December 29 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. rode with me to Capt. *Jonas Brighams* (in compliance with his repeated Request). Dined there. P.M. Captain rode with me to See old Mrs. Beeman who is confined. Prayed with her. Returned with the Captain to his House. Drank Tea there, and he got his Horse and accompnied us in the way home, out to the Road by Dr. Haws -- so respectful and courteous was he.

1773 February 13 (Saturday). Nigh night came Daniel Chamberlin to desire me to go to [Mrs. *Bellows?*] But it was So exceeding Cold, I could not think it my Duty to go at so extreme a season; and just before the Sabbath; as She was not able to converse, and I could not return this Evening against the Sharp wind, not could lodged there: But I had no Horse, and what the young man rode was a Colt which I could not venture to ride.

1773 February 19 (Friday). *Jonathan Maynard* (Son of Mr. *Ebenezer Maynard*) was here and is willing to live with me Six Months for 80£ old Tenor -- 8 Months for 95£ of like money -- 12 Months for 50 Dollars -- but expects to have his Mending, and liberty to go to Lecture without making up the time; also to have my Horse, if he wants to ride a mile or two in an Evening a few times.

1773 March 24 (Wednesday). I had Brecks Mare to ride to *Bolton* Lecture.

1773 April 16 (Friday). N.B. My Son *Baldwin* came from *Brookfield* and my Daughter *Hannah* from *Leicester*. My Horse (which she rode) has been sick.

1773 May 15 (Saturday). *Elias Parkman* of *Brookfield* comes with my Horse, and with Letters from his Father and from his uncle *Forbes* informing me of the Sickness of *Ebenezer Tertius*: having been taken ill upon his Journey to *Brookfield*.

1773 May 17 (Monday). Called to see the Widow *Brigham*. Left my Horse there, to be pastured by Mr. Nathan Fay, who lives there.

1773 May 18 (Tuesday). This morning *Elias* of *Brookfield* with his Horse Load of Rye (4 Bushels) left us, and *Jonathan Maynard* with 5 of my Cattle to go to *Brookfield* to be pastured at my Son *Baldwins*.

1773 July 6 (Tuesday). Mount my Horse before the Sun. Breakfast at Mr. *Woodwards*. He goes with me to *Cambridge*.... Call at Mr. *Adams's* at *Roxbury*.... The Drought So great that instead of Pasturing Horses, the people at *Roxbury* give Hay to their own. Lodge at my Son *Samuels*.

1773 July 21 (Wednesday). [Newtown.] But my Horse had got out of the Stable, and a Gate having been carelessly left open, he was gone. I was thrown into great Perplexity. Hired one *Cook* and Sent him to look after him. He Succeeded and brought him back. D.G.! Attended the *Commencement*. Mr. John Hicks takes Care of my Horse.

1773 July 22 (Thursday). Rode to *Boston*.... I thence went to my Sons where I lodged, and Mr. *Moore* with me. My Horse being at Mr. *Simonds*.

1773 July 28 (Wednesday). My Son *Moore* left us to return home: and may God grant him a prosperous Journey by His holy Will! N.B. He leaves me to read Mr. *Cotton of Plymouths* Essays on the Custom of the New England Churches relating to Baptism -- and Mr. *Robins's* Reply -- and carried with him my Sermon-Notes on *Ezek. 24.16*, on *Lam. 3.19.20*, on *Rev. 6.8*, "a Pale Horse."

1773 July 30 (Friday). *Sophy* rode *Brecks* Mare to Alexanders at *Leicester*.

1773 August 3 (Tuesday). N.B. My son *Breck* went to *Providence*, takes with him my Horse for Sale. He Sends a Team also.

1773 August 4 (Wednesday). My Horse being gone, had Neighbour *Newtons* to go to Lecture at *Shrewsbury*.

1773 August 5 (Thursday). *Breck* returned with my Horse.

1773 August 11 (Wednesday). *John* takes the Horse and *Elias* with him, and rides to *Mendon* designing to go to one Mr. *Smith* a Sadler there. P.M. *Elias* returns with the Horse.

1773 August 16 (Monday). My Daughter *B.* is so much better and so desirous to return to her Husband and Family that I provide Mr. *Thomas Bonds* Horse, and her mother prepares to accompany her in her Chaise to *Brookfield*.

1773 September 21 (Tuesday). Had Mr. *Haskills* Chaise and Deacon *Woods* Horse to go up to *Worcester* with *Elias* who is Summoned to Court, to give Evidence in *Ensign Fay's* Case against Mr. *Manasseh Smith*.... Also visit Mr. *Richard Pratt*, who took Care of my Horse and Chaise, and kindly invites to Lodge etc. *Elias* goes there, lodges. I at Mr. *Maccarty's*.

1773 September 26 (Sunday). At Night came *John* from *Providence* -- from *Wrentham* to Day, and not well. I had sent him my Horse by Mr. *Dupec*.

1773 October 19 (Tuesday). It is the Day for the Association to meet at Mr. *Bridge's* at *Sudbury*: but I am unable to attend. My Horse being sold, I tried in Vain to get an Horse. It was also very rainy in the early Morning and the Journey so great as to require very early Setting out, so that after my Disappointments yesterday, there was no time nor room to [*illegible*]; though it was to my great Trouble.

1773 October 28 (Thursday). A Letter from *John* of his having sold my Horse to Mr. *Ezra Bowman* of *Oxford* for 14£ lawful.

1773 December 13 (Monday). *Jonathan* came p.m. and goes to the widow *Brighams* Lot to get Wood. He puts Brecks mare into the Team, this first time of drawing with her, and thus *Jonathan* finished his *Obligation to Serve me*.

1774 January 3 (Monday). At Eve came an old, miserable man *Ichabod Jones*, he says, of Dorchester. He lyes by the Fire. A poor distempered, rheumatic, [Scorbutic?] Object. I keep his Horse also.

1774 February 3 (Thursday). My Son Alexander having a good sleigh and two Horses waited on his Mother and me (it being stormy, Snowing fast, and too bad for his wife and Children to go home) to Mr. Eleazar Pratts, to the Funeral of a Child of his Daughter Mrs. *Susanna Adams*.

1774 February 22 (Tuesday). They that went for wood yesterday, So broke the way, and made it fit to Sled in; and the Cutters cut So much more than was brought home; that therefore Lieut. *Baker* in his generousness sent his Team and Man again to Day, also to sled Wood for me; and Neighbour *Newton* in his Goodness likewise, sent his Team and Man to sled up, what was left and what another Number of Cutters cutt, viz. Mr. *Keene*, *John Fay* hired, *Stephen Maynard* hired, *Nathaniel Chamberlin* hired, and *Phinehas Brigham* (son of Widow *Hitty*). To the Teams, add my own of 3 Cattle, and p.m. Dr. *Hawes*' Steers instead of the Mare, and my son *John* drove. *Breck* also procured Mr. *Joseph Bond* to come with his 5 Cattle. They all went 3 times each -- therefore brought 12 Load to day.

1774 February 24 (Thursday). *John Fay* works for me from Day to Day in cutting wood in the *Brigham Lott* -- day to Day. And *Elias* a.m. sleds with our Team. P.M. *Breck* p.m. goes to *Lancaster*; and we have added to my oxen (instead of Brecks mare), Dr. *Hawes*'s steers, and his young man to drive. Mr. *Joseph Bond* sleds to Day likewise. They brought home, in all, to day, Six Load.

1774 May 3 (Tuesday). Mr. *Fisher* undertakes to do the work of my Fence against the Garden with Pales and to make two Cart and one Horse Gate, for one Guinea. And his Diet, I finding the Stuff.

1774 May 19 (Thursday). I walked up to Widow *Brighams* to obtain her Mare for next week but She is bespoken. Walked to Mr. *F. Whipples* -- got an Horse there to ride to *Shrewsbury*, that is to Master *Goddards* and dined there.

1774 May 23 (Monday). I rode to my son *Williams* at *Concord*. Had an Horse of Mr. *Barnabas Newton*.

1774 May 24 (Tuesday). At Boston My Horse was committed to the Care of Deacon Sherbourn: I lodged at my son *Samuels* as did My Son *Moore* likewise.

1774 June 17 (Friday). N.B. *John* gave me last Eve Mr. *Ezra Bowmans* Note for Fourteen pounds L.M. for my Horse.

1774 August 2 (Tuesday). *Brecks Mare* unfortunately wounded in the near Eye by James Bellows.

1774 August 9 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. and I having the Doctors Chaise and Deacons Horse rode to Concord.

1774 August 20 (Saturday). Mr. *Ezra Bowman* who bought my Horse, came and paid for him. His note is given up, on his paying £14.14.8 Lawful money to *Breck* in my behalf.

1774 September 3 (Saturday). Capt. *Benjamin Fay* came here between 2 and 3 o'Clock in the morn in much Concern and knew not what to do. After Light and through most of the forenoon, vague uncertain Reports. *Sutton* men that had gone to Deacon Wood, came back to go down the Road again. My son *Breck* with provisions, Bread, Meat, etc., Coats, Blanket etc., for it was rainy, rides down towards Cambridge to relieve *Asa Ware*, Mr. *Spring*, and others who were unprovided. About noon the *Sutton* Companys come back again and go home, Rev. Chaplin among them. So do the *Grafton* men. Mr. *Abraham Temple* relates to me, that he, having been as far as to Cambridge and himself Seen many of the Transactions, that there were no Regulars there, no Artillery, no body Slain -- but that Lt. Gov. *Oliver*, Messrs. *Danforth*, *Joseph Lee*, Col. *Phips* (the high Sheriff) had resigned and promised that they would not act as Counsellors -- that Mr. *Samuel Winthrop* computed there were about 7000 of the Country people had gathered into *Cambridge* on this Occasion -- that it was probable, as he (Mr. Temple) conceived, that the Troubles would subside. N.B. When the Sun run low, Our Company returned (consisting of Horse and Foot about 150). With them were my Son and my young man -- all without any Evil Occurance. To God be Praise and Glory! I Suppose Capt. *Maynard* and those who were with him are returned also.

1774 October 29 (Saturday). P.M. came *Alexander* from *Framingham* whither he had been for Money: but received only from his Brother *Gleason*. I delivered to him

One hundred Dollars which I hired for him at <i>Boston</i>	225.0.0
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almost 24 Dollars received last night from Lt. <i>Baker</i> , viz.	53.0.0
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and 3 Dollars received from Mr. <i>William Watson</i> -- and he had received 30 old Tenor	36.15.0
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This with the money I received for my Horse, delivered already	110.
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1774 November 23 (Wednesday). I rode over on Mr. Newtons Horse, to Northborough Lecture.

1774 December 22 (Thursday). Am concerned about *Breck* who does not come home till night, it being difficult Weather, and the night dark -- till at length he came with his Mare in his Hand, Strangely and Suddenly distempered. Has been obliged to Send Nehemiah Maynard to Mr. *Job Carly's* -- but he did not come.

1774 December 23 (Friday). *Elias* goes to hasten Mr. *Carly*. He came, dined. We killed a large Sow, and Mr. *Carly* uses it as a Medicine against the Mares Disorders. He designs also to give her Oyl of Turpentine. These being good Remedys against the Botts. He leads the Mare to his House beyond *Northborough*.

1775 January 4 (Wednesday). *Breck* goes to *Boston* in my Sleigh. I wrote to Mr. *Moore*, and sent it to the white Horse Boston.

1775 January 5 (Thursday). Mr. *Job Carly* came with my son Brecks Mare, recovered (as he judges) from her illness. He asks 4 Dollars and half, for what he has done. Which (my Son being absent) I paid him.

1775 January 11 (Wednesday). My son and Daughter set out for Brookfield, and *Elias* goes with them with an Horse to accompany them part of the way -- as far as to Capt. Curtis's at Worcester.

1775 January 24 (Tuesday). At Eve came old Mr. *David Maynard*, and afterwards Deacon *Wood*. They tell me they have been, and Mr. *Tainter* with them, to See Mr. *Samuel Fay*, who, they find, is very much disturbed with me, that I don't make my son Breck pay him for his dead Mare, or turn him out of Doors if he will not. Such was the unreasonableness of his Conversation with them and that he would not come to meeting till he had Satisfaction.

1775 March 2 (Thursday). *Breck* to Worcester to Sell his Mare. Returned with her at night.

1775 March 13 (Monday). Mr. *Belknap*, at his Return from Mr. *S. Fay*, calls here, and Acquaints me that the Committee had no Success with him, that he continued resolute he would not come to meeting unless we would find him an Horse instead of what he had lost.

1775 March 27 (Monday). Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I undertake our Journey to Boston. We had Mr. Tainters Horse and Chaise.

1775 March 31 (Friday). Sat out from Mr. *Whitneys*. The Horse was so very dull that we did not get home -- but dined at Deacon *Browns*; called at Col. *Buckminsters* and the Evening being Cold, we lodged at Mr. *Stone's*.

1775 April 1 (Saturday). We called at Mr. *Gales* partly to bear a Message from Mrs. *Surcomb* concerning her *Caesar*, who had left his Mistress's Horse there, and was upon Charge; partly to see old Mr. *Gale* and his wife; and to receive also a present of fine Carrotts.

1775 April 18 (Tuesday). I could not go to Ministers Meeting at *East Sudbury*. I had no Horse.

1775 April 22 (Saturday). *Ripley* comes in the Morning from *Brookfield* on Mr. *Forbes's* Horse....

1775 May 13 (Saturday). I rode down through our South East Corner to *Hopkinton* to Dr. *Wilson's*. Called at Capt. *Clarks* to See him. He has been confined to his Bed by reason of a Fall - in which his Hip bone was greatly injured. Mrs. *Cotton* also was not well. I dined there. Young *Stimson* took Capt. *Clarks* Horse and rode to one Mr. *Alexanders* to bring up *William Bradfords* Bundle, which was Supposed to be brought there from *Charlestown* with Goods of [Capt.?] *John Tyler* of *Boston*. But it was not there.

1775 May 15 (Monday). Mr. *James Godfry* rides to *Cambridge* on *Brecks* Mare for him to ride home upon.

1775 May 30 (Tuesday). Sat out for *Watertown*, where the *Provincial Congress* is to sit. I had *Jonathan Maynards* Horse.

1775 June 2 (Friday). In the Morning *Richard Cary* Esq. came to *Swan's* and took me to his House to *Breakfast*. Performed Family Prayers at each place. N.B. going down on the Ferry Wharf, had the B Prospect of the garrisoned, [devoted?] Town -- and several Men of War. It was said that some of our People from *Chelsey* burnt a Building at *Noddle's Island* -- and were otherwise endeavouring to annoy the Kings Forces. I saw the *Somerset* fire Several times at them. There was also firing from other Parts of the Harbour, as if a Number of Vessels were come in. Mr. *Hopkins* the Ferry-man, who took last Evening my *Letter* directed to my Son (and which was inspected by a person appointed for that Purpose) brought me an *Answer* at Capt. *Goodwins* where my Horse had been put up.

1775 June 7 (Wednesday). But I Sat out for *Shrewsbury* a.m. on a visit to good Deacon *Miles*. I dined at Mr. *Solomon Bakers* and rode his Horse.

1775 June 18 (Sunday). News flies all abroad that a Body of Regulars have gone over to *Charlestown* yesterday P.M. An hot engagement at *Bunker's Hill* there: and *Burned* [the Town] and the *Meeting House* in Special.... Mr. *Moore* preached and prayed both parts of the Day.... My son *John* was so weak and low that *Breck* went for Dr. *Willson*, who came, and Dr. *Hawes* consulted with him. Dr. *W.* dines here.... My Son *Samuel* thought it wisest to [go] this Evening and ride to *Charlestown Neck*, to look after Goods which he had sent there from *Boston*. He rode as far as *Southborough*, where he Met his Father *Shaw* o'foot. He took him up into his Chaise, and returned here; and lodged with us.

[Notation at bottom of page: This Night We have 19 to lodge and 6 Horses in the Pasture.]

1775 July 13 (Thursday). Missed my Way (and therewith Dinner) in *Hopkinton*. Went to See Dr. *Bond* at [*torn*] who refreshed me and my Horse.

1775 July 18 (Tuesday). Mr. *Edmund Rice* is extreme bad. At Evening I was desired to go to [*illegible*] *Gale's* Tavern, where he lay. But I was So very much indisposed, that I could not cease long from going to the little House -- And besides this I had no Horse.

1775 September [6?] (Wednesday). I took leave; and [*borrowing?*] [*torn*]Horse rode over to see Mrs. *Martyn* before she dyes.

1775 September 9 (Saturday). *Moses Brigham* singularly kind in procuring and fetching his Mothers Chaise and Horse for me to ride to Northborough. *Hannah* rode with me to Mrs. *Martyns* Funeral.

1775 November 2 (Thursday). Have a bad Cold, yet designed to go and See Mr. *Swift*, but my Horse was taken lame, and prevented me.

1775 November 7 (Tuesday). It was so rainy, and no Horse sent me as was agreed, therefore I conclude there was no Expectation of me, and I did not go to the Funeral of Mr. *Reuben Bellows's* Child....

1776 January 4 (Thursday). Neighbour N. *Chamberlain* goes to the Lot, with my Team, my Oxen and two Horses (*Brecks* and *Samuels*), but the going is so difficult, that he brings only one Load of Wood.

1776 January 12 (Friday). Straitened for Wood. *Nath. Chamberlain* went with my Oxen, my son *Samuels* Horse, and *Benjamin Clark* to the Ministerial Lot and brought some wood (not a full Load) for present supply.

1776 January 20 (Saturday). *Billy* returns home -- takes *Samuels* Horse with him.

1776 January 30 (Tuesday). My son *Samuel*, his Wife and Child, with *Elias* also, go in the Sleigh to *Concord*; *Samuel* designing to take his own Mare at *Concord* and proceed to *Plymouth*, *Rochester*, *Dartmouth* etc.

1776 February 26 (Monday). A.M. at Squire *Bakers* -- his Wife is ill. He lends me his Horse to go over to the House of the late *Martyn* Tavern, there being a Vendue of Household Goods.

1776 March 20 (Wednesday). Notwithstanding the badness of the Roads I rode over (on Mr. *Nurse's* Horse) to *Northborough* Lecture.... In returning home I met Mr. *Beeton*, who came up from *Boston* and brought home my Son *Samuels* Mare with a Letter to *Sally* -- informing that at the Regulars leaving the town (*Boston*) Lieut. *Robinson* who lodged at Mr. *Shaws*, has, like a Villain, carried off 3-4ths of his Shop Goods.

1776 May 11 (Saturday). Mrs. *Hicks*, waited on by her son *Zechary*, brings her son *James* to live with me till he shall be 14 Years old. D.V. They tarry here with us. Being short of Hay, am forced to send her Horse to Mr. *Nurse's*.

1776 May 29 (Wednesday). Young Mr. *Pidgeon* waited on me, with Chaise and Horse, to *Watertown*, where the *Assembly* meets.

1776 May 30 (Thursday). P.M. Messrs. *Moore* and *Cushing* rode with me to *Boston*. This is the first time of my going to this miserable place Since last Election time.... Lodged at my Kinswoman *Bradfords*. We put up our Horses at the Sign of the *Yankee Hen*.

1776 June 11 (Tuesday). In our Journey towards home we called at Mr. *Holt's* of *Danvers*; at sister *Rebecca's* at *Reading*.... Called at Mr. *Thomas Harringtons* (in *Watertown*) to bait the Horses.

1776 June 12 (Wednesday). But Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ informs me that *Elias*, the Day after the Election, having mounted a young Horse which he rode here, in order to ride back to Mill-River, the Horse reared up, threw *Elias* off, and as it is said the Horse fell upon him, and his Head meeting with sharp stone; cut a great Gash in it, from whence the Blood issued plentifully -- but his Life and senses were preserved.

1776 June 20 (Thursday). *Elias* returns to Mr. *Frost* of *Mendon* -- has Squire *Whipple's* Horse, and *James Hicks* goes to bring him back.

1776 June 30 (Sunday). My Engagement to Mr. *Whitney* carryed me over to *Northborough* (had Neighbour *Barn. Newtons* Horse).

1776 July 10 (Wednesday). I borrowed Mr. *Jonathan Maynards* Mare to go to *New Braintry*.

1776 July 13 (Saturday). At Evening Mr. *Fitch* of *Hopkinton* came here to 'Change with me. His Horse is turned (by Order) into Squire *Bakers* Pasture.

1776 July 14 (Sunday). Early (having the widow *Hills* Horse), I rode to *Hopkinton*.

1776 August 13 (Tuesday). N.B. Mounting the young Horse I rode upon I was in peculiar Danger by being cast on the Horse's Neck, from which I could not recover for some time; but by the good Providence of God I was saved. D.G.!

1776 August 20 (Tuesday). I hire also Mr. *Paul Lambson* (whom we diet) and Mr. *Jonathan Maynard* and Mr. *Nurse* with his Team (of 3 Horses) -- both the last diet them Selves. They bring home four Load from the Interval.

1776 September 12 (Thursday). Mr. P. *Whitney* (I hear) has appointed a Lecture to day on Occasion of reading the *Declaration of Independency* but my Affairs and Circumstances would not admitt of my attending it. I could not have an Horse -- had divers men to work -- my Boy was needed to carry Rails and Posts, but could not without my Direction etc. etc.

1776 September 28 (Saturday). I was prepari[torn] for the Lords Day; but unexpectedly Mr. *Stone* [torn] Change with me. I rode his Horse to *Southborough*.

1776 September 30 (Monday). Mr. *Stone* came home in the Chaise in which my son *Elias* rides. He takes me in (it is Mr. *Barnabas Newtons* Chaise and Squire *Bakers* Horse) and we go to *Newtown*.

1776 October 1 (Tuesday). We went to *Cambridge*. Put the Horse and Chaise under the Care of Mrs. *Hicks*.

1776 October 2 (Wednesday). [Concord.] P.M. Visit Dr. *Minot* -- Mrs. *Emmerson*, who had lately lain in, her Husband also gone to *Ticonderoga*, where he has been Sick; and a man is gone with an Horse to help him in returning home.

1776 October 4 (Friday). Having no Body to help me, my Business abroad has miserably Suffered. No *Rowing* cut -- Bushes unmowed, the few Apples are lost: no plowing done, and yet keep Oxen, Mare and plough, for want of an Hand to take hold of it! Almost no Wood; but no Body to go and fetch [more?].

1776 October 12 (Saturday). Mr. *Constantine Hardy* came hastily with an Horse for me to go immediately to his Father who is conceived to be near his End.

1776 October 21 (Monday). Undertook a Journey to *Ashburnham*, where I have not been for a Number of years. Was forced to Stop at *Beetons* for Horse-shooing.

1776 November 1 (Friday). At Eve *Breck* returned from *Boston* and *Cambridge*. Says *Elias* is not well -- is returning home. Left him at *Framingham*, where he lodges to night.

1776 November 2 (Saturday). Sent *James Hicks* with an Horse to meet him. He arrived about noon.

1776 December 18 (Wednesday). Neighbour Nurse came home (this ninth Day, and with 4 Horses). He was not very well. The Charge must needs be, in these times, very great.

1777 February 8 (Saturday). My son *Samuel* and his Wife, though it was cloudy and began to rain, yet having waited long for fit weather, Sat out for *Concord*. *Breck* waits upon *Sally* with Mr. *Newtons* Chaise, *Sam* puts his Mare into his Sleigh-Thills, and drives her before him, he running on foot, hoping that from the 26th Milestone in *Marlborough* they Shall have snow.

1777 February 12 (Wednesday). Though it was fair Weather, yet too Cold and rough, for me to venture to go to Marlborough Fast; nor could I have an Horse: The mare (Brecks) of Necessity goes in the Team to sled Wood.

1777 February 13 (Thursday). The *Bradshaws* having but one Horse, put him into my Sleigh and take in *Elias*, to go to *Cambridge*.

1777 February 20 (Thursday). *Alexander* goes home. Mr. *May* tarrys -- but Sends his Horse to Deacon Woods.

1777 February 21 (Friday). Mr. *Moses Nurse* went to the Lott with a Team of two Horses and brought one Load. Mr. *May* left us a.m.

1777 March 1 (Saturday). My Son and his *Neddy* Sat out for home (in a large, 2 Horse Sleigh, with a Cargo of Rum etc.) but their Journey will be difficult and long, by reason of the Roads being so blocked up with snow.

1777 March 27 (Thursday). I rode to *Southborough* on Mr. Ebenezer Forbushs Horse to See Mr. *Stone* and his Family. Mr. *Stone* informed me that his Daughter *Rice* was thought to be dying and that he, being sent for, was riding there, but the Horse stumbled and threw him, by which he was sadly bruised -- and was blooded.

1777 April 15 (Tuesday). Rode to the Association at Mr. *Bridge's* at *East Sudbury*. Had so far the Company of young *David Fay*, who there took my Horse to lead him to *Cambridge* for *Elias* to ride up thus far, it being Vacation time.

1777 June 3 (Tuesday). In the Storm of thunder and lightning, Mr. *Amasa Maynards* young, agreeable Horse was killed.

1777 June 4 (Wednesday). We hear that yesterday's Storm was more Severe down lower. Five men at *Framingham* were standing together -- Two of which were killed, the other three, though Struck down, recovered; an Horse that was near them was killed.

1777 June 26 (Thursday). Yesterday and to day wrote to Coll. *Baldwin* -- but instead of any other Way to Send it, *Isaac* comes from *Brookfield* and leads down an Horse for his Mother.... Invalids, accommodated with Neighbour *Newtons* mare, take a ride, nothing refreshing them like *Riding*.

1777 July 1 (Tuesday). The Girls prepared and Mounted in Mrs. *Baldwins* Chaise, and Drawn by *Brecks* Mare, and Mr. *Crosby* rode the *Baldwin* Horse, to ride as far as they could towards *Boston* via *Concord*.

1777 July 7 (Monday). Capt. *Edmund Brigham* came to desire me to visit aged Miss *Stone* (who came from *Charlestown*, and is now Sick) at Mr. *Haskills*. I rode and returned on Capt. *Brighams* Horse -- discoursed and prayed with her.

1777 July 8 (Tuesday). She [daughter *Baldwin*] has wrote to her Brother *Forbes* to meet her at *Concord*: and therefore *Breck*, after Dinner, waits upon her, in her own Chaise and with her Horse, to go down there.

1777 July 14 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* came from New Braintree and lodges here. His Horse is kept (by order) in Capt. *Maynards* Pasture.

1777 July 15 (Tuesday). I was about to go to *Cambridge* to bring up *Elias*, but Mr. *Bradshaw* takes this Affair upon him. Rides in the *Baldwin* Chaise with the *Baldwin* Horse, and his own Horse is rid by *Samuel Hindes* of Watertown.

1777 July 16 (Wednesday). My Wife rides with *Hannah* on Horse back to Capt. *Maynards*.

1777 July 17 (Thursday). *Bradshaw* rides the *Baldwin* Horse to *Brookfield* and leads an Horse of *Breck's* to be pastured at *Coi's* Hill.

1777 July 25 (Friday). *Breck* hires Mr. *Levi Warrins* Horse to go in the *Baldwin* Chaise to *Brookfield* and waits upon his sister home. P.M. *Sophy* and *Hannah* have Mr. *Newtons* Horse and Chaise to ride a little way.

1777 July 26 (Saturday). They ride to Col. *Brighams*, and *Sophy* on horseback to *Marlborough*.... Mr. *Moses Nurse* rowels *Brecks* mare, as being distempered.

1777 August 5 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Batherick* has had so poor a night that they are almost ready to despair of her Life. Mr. *Solomon* is come to request me to go to her. I got Mr. *Nurse's* Horse (though rainy) and went to see the poor sick Woman.

1777 August 12 (Tuesday). *Hannah* rode with Mr. *Elijah Brigham* to Mr. *Whitneys* at *Northborough*. I rode his Horse to visit in the South.

1777 August 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Bradshaw* has presented me Dr. *Eliots* 20 sermons. At eve he returns with his Brothers Horse, and lodges here.

1777 September 16 (Tuesday). Having Squire *Whipple's* Horse, I rode to *Southborough* to Ministers Meeting at Mr. *Stone's*.

1777 September 20 (Saturday). At Eve came *Elias*, not well, from *Cambridge* on an Horse he had hired of one Mr. *Jarvis*.

1777 September 29 (Monday). Elias was to have gone back to *Cambridge* on Saturday last, but is so out of Health that he could not undertake it. I was therefore obliged to go out into my Neighbourhood in quest of somebody to lead down Mr. *Jarvis's* Horse, but could not succeed.

1777 September 30 (Tuesday). Not having success yesterday in my Endeavours to Send Mr. *Jarvis's* Horse, I rode out again to day. Went up to Mr. *Joseph Grouts* -- Capt. *Jonathan Fays*. Dined at Mr. *Elijah Hardys*.... No success about the Horse.

1777 October 1 (Wednesday). In the Morning Mr. *Moses Nurse* takes the *Jarvis Horse* at the Tail of his Waggon to deliver him at *Cambridge*.

1777 October 13 (Monday). Went to Deacon *Woods* and got his Horse. Rode to see the widow *Fay* who is Sick; and dined there.

1777 October 15 (Wednesday). *Elias* goes on an Horse of Col. *Brighams*, and with him (who is Representative for *Northborough*) to *Boston*, to *Cambridge*, and to *Concord*, to inform his Brothers there, of what God has seen meet to do [his sister *Hannah's* death].

1777 October 27 (Monday). *Alexander* waits upon me with the Chaise and Horse he came with, to see Mr. *Reuben Bellows's* Wife, who lies sick; and having discoursed with her, I prayed there.

1777 November 5 (Wednesday). *Elias*, on *Brecks* Mare, undertakes to go up to *Cois* Hill to drive down my young Cattle.

1777 November 6 (Thursday). *Reuben* went to his uncles in order to his going to *Worcester*, but though he tarried there all the forenoon, yet he went not. It rained, and the Horse he was to have rid got away.

1777 November 13 (Thursday). Mr. *William May* came and lodged here, but put up his Horse at Deacon *Woods*.

1777 November 17 (Monday). Went to Mr. *Gleasons*. Stayed there while he shod the Mare.

1777 December 3 (Wednesday). *Suse*, having an Horse from her Fathers, and *Sophy* with *Brecks* Mare rode away (though a Cold season) to *Leicester*, and designing to visit further.

1777 December 5 (Friday). Mr. *Moore* had designed to go to *Oxford*, but his mare is too ill to go any further.

1777 December 9 (Tuesday). On Mr. *Nurse's* Horse (and [torn] very rough) I rode to M[torn] *Woods*, the House of mourning to see and Symp. with [Mr. and?] Mrs. *Haden* before the removing the Corps of their [torn].



1777 December 22 (Monday). *William* goes to *Capt. Maynards* to visit there, but dines here, and p.m. he goes to *Noah Hardys* and Sells him (*Hardy*) his Mare for 23£ L.M. Mr. *Bullard* returns from [fort?] [*Boggachadge?*] and goes to Framingham at Eve. I settle with my Son *William*. He takes up his note [inserted from margin: N.B. I delivered him Sixty Dollars of my Money which Mr. *Hardy* is to deliver me when he takes the Mare which he has bought of *William*.] by paying me only 1£2/. For I remit to him [*illegible*] amount.

1777 December 23 (Tuesday). Mr. *Noah Hardy* is here: gives a Note of Hand to my son *William* for 23£ L.M. for his Mare; which Note is lodged with me, *Billy* have gone home early in the morning: but thus it happens that I do not receive the 60 Dollars [aforesaid?] instead of those which I lent *Billy* last Eve.

1778 February 13 (Friday). Squire *Baker* Sent Three Teams, viz. 12 Oxen in two of them and four Horses in the third: bringing 3 Loads of Wood from his own Lot: drove by Mr. James Bellows, Eleazer Wheelock and Isaac Forbush. All of them dined here.

1778 April 2 (Thursday). With Difficulty I obtain an Horse (my son gone with his to *Worcester*) and on Mr. Levi [Warrins?] Horse, go to *Southborough* (bad Riding) to preach his both sacramental and Singing Lecture.

1778 April 23 (Thursday). I rode up to *Worcester*.... At Eve I returned to Mr. *Pratts*, who was So very good as to take care of me and my Horse.

1778 April 25 (Saturday). I was kindly found and spoke to, in the Dark, at the Meeting-House Door, by the friendly Mr. *Richard Pratt*; and when altogether at a Loss what Course to take, or what to do with myself; this benevolent, hospitable man invited me to his House to lodge there the rest of the Night.... I returned to Mr. *Pratts* (where my Horse was kept also) and rode to *Grafton*,

1778 May 29 (Friday). *Elias* came home from *Cambridge*, and rode his Classmate *Hastings's* Horse.

1778 June 3 (Wednesday). I rode on an Horse of Mr. *Tainters* to the *Fast* at *Grafton*.

1778 June 12 (Friday). *Elias* is Sadly disappointed about an Horse, and Setts out for *Cambridge* on foot: goes away late in the p.m. choosing to travel chiefly in the night.

1778 June 29 (Monday). At Eve came Mr. *Cushing* from *Ashburnham*. His Horse is put to Mr. *Daniel Forbes's*.

1778 June 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cushings* Horse [is gone?] from Mr. *Forbes* [*torn*]ure -- he fears he is gone to *Lancaster*.

1778 July 1 (Wednesday). Mr. *Cushing* goes early to *Lancaster* after his Horse.

1778 July 8 (Wednesday). Billy takes leave of us to return home. N.B. [*illegible*] have the Irons of my old Chair-Wheels [*illegible*] [viz. the Tire?] Hoops, the Boxes; also 4 Bolts. And I [*torn*] [to him five?] pounds Lawful Money which remained with me of the money which Mr. *Noah Hardy* Paid me upon his [Rate?], given me for my sons Horse.

1778 July 18 (Saturday). *Elias* went early to *Concord* in his Brothers Chaise, and led Dr. Hawes' Horse to ride back on. He returned p.m. between two and three o'Clock.

1778 July 21 (Tuesday). I rode to *Brecks* Mare to Ministers Meeting at [*West Sudbury?*].

1778 September 8 (Tuesday). Sister *Champney* left us to return to *Cambridge*. *Suse* rode with her in the Chaise (Mr. *Newton's*) and *Breck* rode on a Horse which I procured for Mr. *Eleazer Rider*.

1778 September 10 (Thursday). Mr. *Thomas Twitchel* came to acquaint me with the Death of an Infant of Mr. *John Underwood*, newly come into the Town; and to desire to attend the Burial of it. I accordingly went and prayed there. I had Deacon Woods Horse.

1778 September 16 (Wednesday). Found here Mr. *Forbes* and his son, also *John Honeywood*, with a Letter from Mr. *Jos. Willard*. He is to tarry here with us a While. He was brought here by Mr. *Simon Willard* of *Grafton*, who led back his Horse. They all lodged here.

1778 September 26 (Saturday). *Breck* returned from *Boston* seasonably to dine with us. He had a Fall by the Stumbling of his Mare, So that he is lame.

1778 September 28 (Monday). *Brecks* Mare Missing.

1778 September 30 (Wednesday). Sir *Brigham (Elijah)* returns from his Excursion in Quest of the Mare without finding or hearing any Thing.

1778 October 5 (Monday). *Elias*, before Day, in the Chaise in which he brought up sister *Champney* went away for *Cambridge*.... We seem very much weakened, broken and destitute by being unhorsed: but we are obliged to conform our minds to our Circumstances.

1778 October 6 (Tuesday). *Elias* returns from *Cambridge* and has been also to *Boston*. But what we are somewhat Surprized with is, he rides home *Brecks* Mare, which was found in a Pasture at [*blank*] by *Gershom Hill* the Molatto from Squire Bakers, who going down below, *Breck* furnished with an Advertisement. We are now whole footed again: but the Charges by the Loss and Recovery amount to 40 Dollars.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>In an advertisement dated Sept. 28, 1778, Breck Parkman announced that "whoever will take up said MARE and return her to the subscriber, shall be handsomely rewarded and all necessary charged paid."

1778 October 19 (Monday). Rode the *Stoneham* Horse to Mr. *Gleasons*, his Wife being Sick (a Dysentery).

1778 October 22 (Thursday). P.M. rode to Mr. *Gershom Brighams* and Solemnized the Marriage of his son *Seth* to *Ruth Palmer*. As I went, I called to see a Child of Mr. *Joseph Green* junior and Prayed there. In returning Mr. [blank] *Hancock* wait'd upon me to lead back the Horse I rode upon.

1778 October 26 (Monday). I walked to Dr. *Hawes* and borrow his Horse for *Elias* to go to Deacon *Browns* at *Framingham* for Cloth to make him an homespun Suit.

1778 October 28 (Wednesday). *Elias* takes great Pains to get an Horse to go to *Worster* [sic], in Vain.

1778 October 29 (Thursday). *Elias* obtains Mr. *Ebenezer Maynards* Horse to go to *Wor'ster* to buy Trimming for his Cloths.

1778 November 3 (Tuesday). Mr. *Ezra Houghton* of *Chauxit* came with a message from Mr. *Mellen* to request me to go up there, inasmuch as the Arbitrators on their Affairs were to meet, and he has sent to Mr. *Stone* likewise. But I was obliged to deny. I must be otherwise employed, it is too cold, I have no horse, and know I can't get one etc. etc.... *Elias* tries to get a horse to go to *Cambridge*, but in vain. P.M. I preached at Mr. *Tainter's* on Rev. 2.10. Borrow Mr. *Tainter's* Horse for *Elias*.

1778 November 4 (Wednesday). *Elias*, on Mr. *Tainter's* Horse returned to *Cambridge*.

1778 November 6 (Friday). Mr. *Caldwell* of *Sutton* brought the Horse which *Elias* rode and gratis.

1778 November 10 (Tuesday). Mr. *Timothy Whitney* has got my oxen and pays me 40£ L.M., and gives me his Horse for 40£ more in three months with interest.

1778 December 2 (Wednesday). *Elias* sat out early to return to *Cambridge* and *Timothy* with him to bring back the mare which he was to ride upon as far as *Framingham*.

1778 December 5 (Saturday). Rev. *Buckminster* of *Rutland* hindered by weather from proceeding on his journey home. Stopt and tarrys here with us. Send his horse to Deacon *Wood's*.

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*Massachusetts Spy*, Oct. 1, 1778. The mare was described a brown, "with a star in her forehead, one hind foot white, a long trail, trots and paces, about ten years old."

1779 January 13 (Wednesday). Suse rode to Capt. Maynard's in the Sleigh and safely, but in returning the Mare took a start, and tore away with Speed from Suse, who had got out of the Sleigh, and came home o'foot: but the mare first, broke the Sleigh and threw out a Case of Gin - - however broke but one Bottle (which might at this time stand at [*blank*] Dollars, but no Mischief done to Life or Limb. The praise to God!

1779 March 10 (Wednesday). P.M. came my son and Daughter Baldwin from Brookfield and with them Oliver How to wait on them, and by Tea Time came Dr. Stimson and young Mr. Sam. Woodward of Weston. The two latter returned to Marlborough. The others lodged here: the Horses were taken in to keeping by Capt. Morse. Ephraim Parker lodges here.

1779 March 12 (Friday). At noon came my son Alexander of Marlborough in New Hampshire. I am so short out for good Hay that I send one horse to Mr. Ebenezer Maynard, the other to Mr. Jonathan Forbes to be kept. For Mr. Moore will Tarry over the Sabbath.

1779 March 18 (Thursday). Elias sat out on Breck's mare for Cambridge.

1779 March 15 (Monday). I rode in the Sleigh to visit poor Mr. Daniel How, who has a mortification in one of his Feet. But I first dined at Mr. Davis's. At Mr. Fessenden's (where Mr. How lives), I talked with him (Mr. Fessenden) about his not coming to meeting -- but he gave me no Answer. Mr. Davis furnished me with his Horse to ride back -- for Elias proceeded in the Sleigh to Northborough.

1779 March 21 (Sunday). Mr. [Caleb] Alexander lodges here. His horse at Mr. Elijah Hardy's.

1779 March 30 (Tuesday). P.M. came Parkman Bradshaw from Brookfield.... Sent Mr. Joseph Bond Mr. Bradshaw's Horse to keep. He himself lodges here.

1779 April 5 (Monday). P.M. I had Dr. Hawes' mare to go to Bolton.

1779 April 9 (Friday). My son Cushing and his son John came -- lodged here: but Mr. C's horse is sent to Mr. Bond's.

1779 April 13 (Tuesday). Elias came home, rode upon Dr. Hawes' horse. N.B. He went from College this morning to Boston, and yet came home before night, the Sun considerable Heighth.

1779 April 15 (Thursday). Cousin Maynard sent over an Horse for her aunt, and Stephen to wait upon her, not immediately to return.

1779 April 16 (Friday). Elias went p.m. to Concord with Cart, Boxes and Horse.

1779 April 26 (Monday). I was much taken up in trying (though fruitlessly) to get an Horse for Elias to go with the Cattle to Brookfield.

1779 April 30 (Friday). Elias left us to go to Cambridge, and to Charleston, on Mr. Jonathan Fay's Horse.

1779 May 7 (Friday). N.B. Breck has bought another horse, which his brother Samuel procured for him, of Major Stillman at Boston.

1779 May 11 (Tuesday). Col. Baldwin and his son lodge at Breck's. Their horses are put into the burying-place, our Hay being gone.

1779 May 12 (Wednesday). Col. Baldwin puts one of his horses into Salley's Chaise, and waits upon her to Boston.

1779 May 18 (Tuesday). I rode Breck's mare to Bolton, it being Association.

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

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

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

1779 July 30 (Friday). P.M. came from Worcester, my Daughter Baldwin, with her son Isaac waiting upon her. She has been of late much borne down with her Disorders, but is (just now) somewhat brighter. They lodge here, as does Mrs. Ellwell, who in coming to help Mrs. Lamson, had a Fall from her Horse, and is rendered incapable to help her.

1779 August 6 (Friday). I left my Study to visit Sister Cushing. Mr. Moses Nurse has bought my son Breck's fine mare so that (tho' it was more tedious to me) I rode his grey Horse, to Shrewsbury, dined at Mr. Sumner's.

1779 August 17 (Tuesday). I had an Horse of Deacon Wood to go to Minister's Meeting at East Sudbury.

1779 August 18 (Wednesday). Rode from my Son's to Coll. Week's, where my Horse as well as myself was refreshed.

1779 August 21 (Saturday). Winslow Brigham having led an Horse to Ashburnham, for Pamela Coolidge to live with us: but returns without her, to Mrs. Parkman's great disappointment.

1779 August 24 (Tuesday). Elias (to whom I delivered 30 Dollars more -- see on the 17th) left us to return to Cambridge and with him Isaac Baldwin. Neddy goes with them to bring back the Horses.

1779 September 30 (Thursday). Rode to Shrewsbury Lecture -- had Deacon Wood's Horse.

1779 October 14 (Thursday). Mr. Cushing from Ashburnham. He has led an Horse for Sophy to ride there.

1779 October 19 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. Biglow's at West Sudbury -- it being Minister's Meeting.

1779 October 20 (Wednesday). In the morning perplexed -- Our Horses had left us. I rode Mr. Biglow's Horse in Search after them. Found them at Mr. Samuel Sherman's in Marlborough. I went on to Mr. Stone's and informed his Son who sent back Mr. Biglow's Horse and his Father's from Mr. Sherman's, so that I came home. Elias was come from Cambridge and with him Gen'l Ward's Son (whose Brother led down Breck's Horse for Elias to come up on) and Parkman Bradshaw here likewise.

1779 October 21 (Thursday). I visited and prayed with Asahel Biglow, who is much better. On his Horse I rode to Southborough and preached the Lecture on Luke 22.15, which may God graciously own and bless!

1780 January 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes still alive, but no Horse can go in the deep snow, but I have no Racketts nor Strength to go far, as to visit him. Send my Love and Sympathy by those who (eight of them) draw on an Hand Sled his two Daughters Forbush and Bond to see him before he dies.

1780 January 18 (Tuesday). As no Team of Oxen or Horses can pass, people are obliged to go to Mill with Hand Sleds.

1780 February 10 (Thursday). The plan for going to Cambridge is so ripened that I can't defeat it. The affair is chiefly Breck's, who loads a sleigh with Grain etc. and loads up with Rum -- has provided two Horses as well as the Sleigh.

1780 February 16 (Wednesday). A fine day after such a violent Storm. The Snow is much sunk, but it is so pervaded by the Rain that the Creatures slump very deep, and no Horse can pass the Road.

1780 March 9 (Thursday). P.M. at Mr. Stockwell's Desire I rode down to Mr. Tim. Warrin's. Elias went with me to drive the Sleigh. I married Stephen Belknap to Eunice Warrin and supped there. Elias went for me again at evening -- and we returned safely, notwithstanding the badness of the way -- the Horse breaking in to the Snow banks, oftentimes and the Sleigh tossing uncomfortably, being also in the Rain.

1780 March 16 (Thursday). Elias depended upon Mr. Elisha Parker to go to Boston and in returning to bring up our Horse: but by Parker not going, Elias is disappointed and does not go.

1780 March 21 (Tuesday). Elias on Mr. Elisha Forbes' horse to Cambridge, and by him I sent to the President, and to my Son William at Concord.

1780 April 4 (Tuesday). Col. Baldwin and his son Isaac, also my grandson, Thomas P.... They lodge here and have three Horses.

1780 April 15 (Saturday). Josiah Brigham returns from an Excursion to purchase Cattle: he has been as far as to Fitz William and has brought two Cows, one has a Calf, t'other with Calf. They are put into my Barn to keep. Breck has now four Creatures there, his Horse and 3 cows besides the young Calf.

1780 April 19 (Wednesday). A Storm of Rain and Snow -- but I ventured to try for Home. Sat out in the Morning under another Disadvantage, viz., the Horse lame -- got to Capt. Edmund Brigham's and dined there.

1780 April 29 (Saturday). Kenny and his Son came to get out muck, and has my Steers and Cart. Mr. Moses Nurse joins with his Horses and waggon.

1780 May 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing came from Shrewsbury (from Ashburnham yesterday) and lodged here. Has two Horses, one for Mrs. Cotton to ride upon.

1780 June 2 (Friday). Elias goes to Hopkinton again with Mr. Cushing's Horse with him for Mrs. Cotton, who comes here at evening.

1780 June 6 (Tuesday). Elias setts out on Breck's Horse for Cambridge.

1780 June 19 (Monday). Dr. Hawes rides down to Court designing (as I suppose) that Elias shall ride up from Cambridge on his Horse.

1780 August 1 (Tuesday). A Message by Mr. Elijah Brigham from Mr. Summer, to preach his Lecture -- borrowed Mr. Ware's Mare to ride there -- made several short Visits in the Street -- dined at Squire Baker's, but he came not home as was expected.

1780 August 7 (Monday). Was anxious about Breck's Horse, which Elias rode to Springfield, and is not come back: but before noon came young Joshua Johnson of Bolton, who returning from his 3 years Warfare rode Horse from Springfield hither, thereby saving Charge, and brought a Letter from Elias, who has taken the School there, for a year upon settled pay to his Satisfaction.

1780 August 28 (Monday). On Deacon Wood's Horse I rode to Mr. Gershom Brigham's to see his Wife, who is dangerously ill.

1780 September 7 (Thursday). I rode of Alexander's Horses to the Funeral of Mrs. Brigham (wife of Mr. Gershom) and prayed there.

1780 September 14 (Thursday). With some difficulty as to an Horse I rode to Grafton and dined at Mr. Grosvenor's, and preached his Lecture in his House on Mat. 17.4.

1780 October 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Ebenezer Forbush conducted me to the thick Swamp, where is the hideous Dwelling of Jacob Garfield, and I went in, though with Difficulty, to see it. Garfield himself led my Horse out, and I visited at Mr. Tim. Warrin's -- but my principal visit was to Mr. Daniel Stockwell's young Child, which was sick -- I prayed with it -- and then went to the poor at the Work House.

1780 October 27 (Friday). to plow for me. We try the new Horse my son Alexander sent me, and with my Oxen I have a sufficient Team for splitting ----- ( ? ) and harrowing in Rye.

1780 November 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Gale was at eve thrown by his Horse and much hurt, but after a while returned home.... My grandchildren Isaac and Betsy Baldwin from Shrewsbury this morning came to see us. Isaac leads an Horse, besides one in his Surkey[?]: these (with Elias's, Breck's and my own) make six Horses which are kept here this Night.

1780 November 23 (Thursday). Mrs. Nabby Martyn has my Horse to ride to Bolton.

1780 November 25 (Saturday). Towards night it held up: and Miss Nabby Martyn returned on my Horse from Bolton.

1781 January 7 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. [Curtiss relates?] the Incursion of the Indians and Tories upon *Royalton* when [blank] were killed, [blank] *Captivated*. Among the last was his own Brother, *Elias Curtis*: He himself was one of those who hastened up to the relief of Town, on Pursuit of the Enemy; and having an Horse, brought off his Brothers Wife and [illegible] Children.

1781 January 25 (Thursday). A sleigh is provided and Tackling for two Horses by Mr. Brigham. Mrs. P\_\_\_\_ and *Sophy* are preparing to go to *Springfield*.

1781 January 28 (Sunday). I had prepared to preach on one part of the Day, on *Ps. 20.5* to encourage young Men and others to go out against our cruel Invaders -- but it was exceeding difficult getting to Meeting, and I expected but few Hearers; (Yet there did come some Number in sleighs and on Horses).

1781 February 8 (Thursday). *Stephen Maynard* (who has my Horse to Northborough) carries Mr. Whitneys Copy of Bolton Councils Result.

1781 February 17 (Saturday). Though the weather was not agreeable, yet Master [Fish] has my Horse to go to his Fathers.

1781 February 26 (Monday). Mr. Nathan Maynard hires my Horse for the p.m. to sled wood.



1781 April 16 (Monday). *Elias* Sat out with my Horse besides what he rode upon, to go to *Springfield* -- to day to *Brookfield*.

1781 April 18 (Wednesday). At my arrival here, were for the unexpectedness, a *marvellous Number* -- Viz. My Grand Children *Isaac* and *Betsey Baldwin* (who to my Sorrow inform me that Sister *Champney* was gone back to Mr. Hicks's at Sutton). *Elias* was come this day from *Springfield*: Mr. *Joseph Allen*, a preacher, came to lodge here. So that the Company and the Horses to night crowd us, at this time of Scarcity of Hay especially.

1781 April 26 (Thursday). *Alexander* rides my Horse to *Worcester*.

1781 May 4 (Friday). *Ben.* had my Horse to *Hopkinton* -- brought Potatoes from Mr. *Barretts* to plant.

1781 May 30 (Wednesday). *Pamela*, on my Horse, goes her Journey to Visit her Parents and Friends.

1781 July 12 (Thursday). I rode Mr. *Isaac Parkers* Horse to *Southborough* Fast.

1781 July 14 (Saturday). Am concerned about my Horse which *Elias* rode to *Northampton* and is not returned.

1781 July 21 (Saturday). I am somewhat concerned about *Elias*, having heard nothing about him, whether he has arrived at *Northampton*, or about the Horse.

1781 July 24 (Tuesday). In the morning from *Shrewsbury* came to *Breakfast* here, my dear Son *Ebenezer* after long Absence in the Army, and his son in Law, Master *Peregrine Foster*, who is going to Boston with a Covered Waggon and two Horses, to carry up Goods to *Brookfield*.

1781 August 2 (Thursday). As I was writing to Mr. *Quincy*, Mr. *Joseph Freeland* came with urgency to have me visit his Sister, the Widow *Hall* at *Hopkinton*. I had Mr. *Nurse's* Horse to go there.

1781 August 4 (Saturday). I have heard Nothing from my Son *Elias*, nor any thing about my Horse; and therefore think it best to try another Letter which must be committed to the Care of Cousin *Maynard* for Conveyance.

1781 August 10 (Friday). This morning *Billy Spring* brings from Capt. *Maynards* my Horse, who has come from *Northampton*; and from *Belcher* Town drawed in a Waggon: Was in a miserable Condition, as to Flesh and Shooes, and without my Bridle. But I rejoice to See him *any How*. There is no Letter to inform of any Thing.

1781 September 26 (Wednesday). I returned home this Evening. [Blot] Wood and Mr. *Joseph Harrington*, but especially my son *Cushing*, my Company -- and here found my dear Daughter *Cushing* and their Son *John*. Deacon *Wood* was kind in Horse keeping. All praise and Thanks to God!

1781 November 14 (Wednesday). Miss *Eunice Fish* here, brings a Letter from her Brother *Elijah Warrin* in reply to mine by Col. *Ezra Wood*. She lodges here. Her Horse kept here.

1781 November 19 (Monday). Mr. *K.* toward *Eve* goes up to Deacon *Woods* (where I sent his Horse last Saturday) and he tarried there over the night.

1781 December 31 (Monday). Lt. *Isaac Parker* here, and wants to buy my Horse but he bids too little -- but little more than half of what he cost me.

1782 January 1 (Tuesday). When I came home I found Dr. *Gordon* here, being returned thus far from *Virginia*, having been with the Generals etc. Doctor lodges here. Mr. *Fish* lodges at the Squires, and his Horse is kept there. Mr. *Killbourn* (who preaches at *Southborough*) was with us, but returns to Mrs. *Stones*. It was with us, a Time of *much Company*: some of our young Scholars [here?], favoured us by going home, and took Horses with them to keep.

1782 February 6 (Wednesday). I took the sleigh and Horse, with *Billy Spring* to drive, and rode to *Southborough*.

1782 February 14 (Thursday). N.B. Two of our Scholars, viz. *Josiah Brigham* and *John Baker*, move their Lodgings from our House to Mr. [blank] *Bush's* at *North Shrewsbury*, to be under the Tuition of Mr. *Fairbank*. *Bowman* with my Horse, assists them in it.

1782 February 28 (Thursday). Mr. *Thomas Kendal* came. His Horse is put up at the Deacons (*Woods*) -- but he lodges here.

1782 March 4 (Monday). *Isaac Baldwin* came from *Brookfield* and lodges here. His Horse goes to Mr. *Eli Whitneys*.

1782 March 6 (Wednesday). At night old Mr. *Rider*, of *Shrewsbury*, fell from his Horse, and the though long calling for Help, none came for a great While. He was got up to Deacon *Woods*.

1782 April 11 (Thursday). A Gentleman who came from *Northampton* his Name was *William Moore*, with Letter to Mr. *Brigham* from *Elias*, who is not well and wants an Horse to return.

1782 May 4 (Saturday). Capt. *Clapp* of *Northampton* (according to a Letter from *Elias* to his Brothers *Breck* and *Brigham*) Calls here to take an Horse and lead up to *Northampton*, that *Elias* may come home. Saddle Bags are sent likewise.

1782 May 22 (Wednesday). Mr. William *More*, an Acquaintance of Elias's came, has two notable Horses -- Lodges here.

1782 May 23 (Thursday). Mr. *Moore* goes away with his Horses.

1782 June 18 (Tuesday). Then riding to my son *Williams* and passing over a Bridge near one Mr. *Ephraim Abbots*, my Horse took a bad Fright, Set to running -- and, threw me off, wounded my Head, tore my Cloths, my Coat and Jacket especially. But Mrs. *Abbot*, and her son, were very kind. The latter (when the Storm of Thunder and Rain which arose at that time was over) took his Horse and rode with me a good part of the Way to *Williams* where I arrived and lodged Safely.

1782 June 20 (Thursday). We expected Mr. *Whitney* of *Brookline* in *Connecticut* from *Harvard*: but his Horse had got away, and therefore he came not but Mr. *Peter Whitney* and his Wife came and Spent the p.m.

1782 August 26 (Monday). Mr. *Brigham* goes to *Boston* in Col. *Baldwins* Chaise, and with his Horse; they waiting on my Daughter *Baldwin* to tarry a little at her Brother *Samuels*.

1782 August 29 (Thursday). Mr. *Frost* tarrys with us. The Pastures are so burnt, that the Horses are put into the Barn.

1782 September 19 (Thursday). Our Sister *Brigham* fell from her Horse.

1782 September 21 (Saturday). My Daughter *Baldwin*, aided by her son *Isaac*, came from Cape Ann -- last from *Horns* Tavern where they lodged, and came here to Breakfast this Morning. They are greatly fatigued. *Isaac* returned back to *Charlestown*, and leaves his Mother here. *Ebenezer* and *Elias* still here: But our Family is lessened and relieved, in some Measure, by Mrs. *White's* going from us, to Mr. *Graves's*. *Elias* waited upon her with an Horse.

1782 September 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Langton* and Daughter leave us. *Isaac Baldwin* returns from *Cambridge* to *Brookfield*. Their great Horse is Sick (of [Potts?] etc.) and like to die.

1782 September 27 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Lady from Cape Anne; Mr. *Cushing* and his Children, *George* and *Sally* with him, and lodge here. We have Such a Number of Horses that we send, One to Mr. *Elisha Forbes*, and one to Deacon *Woods*.

1782 September 30 (Monday). Went also to Deacon *Woods*, who is generous [to] me as to Horse-keeping (Mr. *Langtons* and his Daughters, gratis).

1782 October 3 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. *Forbes* and Wife from *Brookfield* and lodged here. Pasturing Horses is the *Most difficult* of any with us.