

Dr. Elias Parkman (1718-1751) of Boston

Harvard 1737; *SHG*, 10:223-24.

This compilation is incomplete as I searched only for "Dr. Parkman."

1745 May 17 (Friday). On my Journey home I call'd at Dr. Robys, at Sudbury, and found he was not averse to taking up my Kinsman Elias to study Physic with him, upon which I wrote to my Kinsman and committed it to the Care of the Doctor.

1747 May 27 (Wednesday). Rain in Early Morning. When it slack'd I rode to Boston.... At Eve at the North End. Lodg'd at Dr. Parkmans (who was marry'd some months ago) and his sister Eliza just by it, to one Mr. Cowel, a Cooper.

1747 December 25 (Friday). Receiv'd a Letter by Mr. Barns from Brother Samuel Parkman informing that Dr. Parkman had a Son born on the 9th instant, and which they have call'd Elias. May God make him a great Blessing!

1748 March 16 (Wednesday). I visited Dr. Parkman in his affliction -- his wife remaining in a very languishing condition.

1748 March 17 (Thursday). Dined at Brother Samuels at evening at Dr. Parkmans, it proving raining I could not go to the South End -- spent the Evening at Captain White's and at Mr. Eliot's. Lodged with my Kinsman. His wife very weak and languishing in danger of death and very full of distress, being afraid to die.

1748 May 25 (Wednesday). I went to see Dr. Parkmans Wife who remains in Very low and weak Condition, but is not worse. I lodg'd there with them.

1748 May 26 (Thursday). 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). Nobody spoke to me at Evening about it and I was very deeply engag'd in my mind about some other Things, So that twas too late to begin an Exercise. Captain White and his Lady were there, and I lodg'd there.

1748 December 16 (Friday). Din'd at Brother Samuels -- did not see Dr. Parkman though I was at his House yesterday -- not having Time to Day to go to the North End.

1749 June 1 (Thursday). I attended the Convention.... Lodg'd at Dr. Parkman's.

1750 January 26 (Friday). Set out Early for Boston.... Lodg'd at Dr. Parkmans.

1750 January 27 (Saturday). Visited my Sister, who remains in much the Same distress'd Condition as last Night.... With my dear Sister at Eve who is Still in great Distress and grows weaker. Yet She entertains an Hope in God through Christ which is as an Anchor fasten'd etc.

And were it not for her burthen'd Mind, could bear the anguishes of her Body, even though she despairs of continuing in this World. Thinks She shall never See another Sabbath after this which (I intimated to her) is now begun -- (But I keep my reckoning of Time here, after a Roman Manner). Lodg'd at the Doctors again.

1750 January 28 (Sunday). Visited my Sister in the Morning. She told me She had had an horrible Night. Complain'd of the Vilest Things entering into her Mind which She Seem'd to be full of Indignation at. She desir'd Prayers at both Meeting Houses. I wrote Several Notes. Attended at the New North. Sat in Brother Samuels Pew, where was Mr. Whipple also. Mr. Eliot preach'd on John 15. Of the Spiritual Union to Jesus Christ. In Sermon Time Mrs. Kelland came under the Window and gave us to understand we must return to my Sister. Brother Samuel and I went accordingly. Sister was Still breathing, but, not Sensible. We commended her to God by Prayer. She expir'd just as we finish'd, About 1/2 past 11 a.m. and hope She Sleeps in Jesus. One of the most affectionate of Women. May God of his infinite Mercy grant this Providence mayn't go over without Special Benefit to my own Soul! I had determin'd not to preach to Day: but Mr. Webb sent his Son with So urgent a Letter that I went to him and din'd with him. He was So ill that I thought it my Duty to comply -- for that weeping ought not to hinder Sowing. I preach'd therefore as I was able p.m. on Gal. 2.20. At Eve at Brother Parkman's, our remaining kindred being together and Some few Friends, (Colonel Cotton, Mr. Thomas Stoddard, etc.) I delivered an Exercise on John 12.35. Lodg'd at the Doctors.

1750 January 31 (Wednesday). Attended the Funeral of my dear and only Sister. My Brother Samuel led Sarah Tyley and I led sister Rebecca. Brother Parkman was confin'd. The Bearers were Deacon Larrabee, Messrs. Leazonby, Stoddard, Grant, Greenough and Bradford. Brother Samuel and I went to Brother Parkmans and Spent the Evening together -- in Conversation according to the season. May God prepare me for my Turn! Lodg'd at the Doctors.

1751 March 17 (Sunday). N.B. a Letter from Brother Parkman of the Death of the Doctor the Day, he dy'd, by the Date of it.

1751 September 17 (Tuesday). At Night Rain -- in the Rain and Dark came Mr. William Winter of Boston, and Dr. Parkmans Widow, and Mr. Henry Newhall's Wife -- Two Chairs. Not having got our Beds from t'other House I was oblig'd to go with Mr. Winter to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's and we lodg'd there.

1751 September 18 (Wednesday). The Company din'd with us. P.M. Mr. Winter to Worcester Court. My Kinswoman and Mrs. Newhall to the other House.

1751 September 19 (Thursday). My Kinswoman and Mrs. Newhall here. N.B. A Blunder about Dinner. A Lamb kill'd but was brought afternoon. They return'd to the other House, and I supp'd with them there.

1751 September 20 (Friday). The Company return'd to Boston: Molly accompany'd them to Marlborough.

1757 December 13 (Tuesday). Sent by Mr. Solomon Stow of Grafton Sundry Books belonging to my late Kinsman Dr. Elias Parkman, viz. Lowman on the Revelation, Watts on the Improvement of the Human Mind, Savage's History of Germany and Lives of the Emperors; and Mr. Broughtons Consent of Scripture; to Mr. Joshua Winter for Conveyance to the Doctors Widow, at Boston: His Library being to be sold at Vendue next Thursday, by divine Leave.