

Hannah Parkman, 1758-1777

Born: Feb. 9, 1758

Died: Oct. 14, 1777

1758 February 8 (Wednesday). The Weather is much more moderate and pleasant. But my poor Wife in great Pain and Distress. P.M. She thinks greater than ever. She seems almost discouraged: they are Still of Cramp kind. But at Eve especially they were extremely great. She knows not what to do with her Self, her anguishes so great. Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Abigail Forb. (my Neighbour Zebuluns Wife) here. In the Eve Capt. Fay. I was in deep Concern for my dear Wife whose sufferings are inexpressible. We prayed with some Fervency, resigning the sorrowfull Case to our most mercifull, Covenant God in Jesus Christ our Lord. N.B. she told me a while after that her pains were altered, and She had Travail Pains upon her. About midnight I sent Thomas for Mrs. Maynard again and a few Nighest Neighbours. Mrs. Newton, Beeton, two Rice's, Mrs. Baker, there being good Road to them.

1758 FEBRUARY 9: BIRTH

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. At Eve Mr. *Hammond* brought our Nurse, Miss *Martha Dunlop*.

1758 February 10 (Friday). My Wife very Comfortable; Thanks be to God and the Child flourishing.... Deacon Tainter goes to Boston and carries the Genealogical Account of our Family (contains the Account of my fifteenth child, *Hannah*) to my eldest Brother.

1758 February 11 (Saturday). My wife more Comfortable and has the Blessing of her Milk come to suckle the Child. A fresh divine Favor. D.G.

1758 February 12 (Sunday). Omitted public Reading both a. and p.m., it being Still a rigorous Season though the Afternoon was pleasanter than of late has been usual. Preached a.m. on Rom. 8.28. P.M. on Ps. 62.5. Read v. 8 also, and the intermediate verses. This Sermon was much too hastily thrown together. May God most Compassionate overlook my Defects! P.M. I dedicated to God in the Ordinance of Baptism, my dear Daughter *Hannah*. I desire humbly to wait on God respecting her that She may be truly Gracious! My wife was got up. Brother Forb. and Granny Maynard dined with us.

1758 February 13 (Monday). My Wife has Sore Nipples to her great Distress.

1758 February 14 (Tuesday). At Evening Ebenezer and his Wife return from Watertown, having been at Boston. My Brother Parkman living, and is better. Brother Samuel gone to *Nottingham*. His Daughter *Bradford* offended that I had not called my Infant *Elizabeth Bradford* -- whereas She never had given Leave nor any way hinted it.

1758 February 16 (Thursday). My Wife has Several very faint turns -- and She is kept back, though the Child grows apace.

1758 October 6 (Friday). When I came home find *Sophy* and *Hannah* have the Fever and Ague.

1758 October 11 (Wednesday). My little *Hannah*, having the Fever and Ague, turns Yellow also. *Sophy* also grows worse.

1758 October 21 (Saturday). Little *Hannah* ill yet.

1758 December 28 (Thursday). Memorable deliverance of my little *Hannah*. The Cellar Door was left open, and She in her Go-Cart, pitched down, and went to the bottom -- yet without any great Hurt. To God our preserver be all Glory!

1759 FEBRUARY 9: 1 YEAR OLD

1759 April 2 (Monday). My little *Hannah* first goes across the Room.

1759 April 4 (Wednesday). The Fever increases upon my Wife. She keeps her Bed. Sarah goes with little *Hannah* to Mrs. *Joanna Forbush's* to wean the Child. Molly Pratt here to help us -- washing etc.

1759 April 9 (Monday). The Widow Newton watched with my Wife last night. She takes *Sophy* home with her; and little *Hannah* is at Deacon Tainters. By reason of *Patty Dunlops* uneasiness to go home, I rode to Lt. Brigham's at Southborough to get Mrs. *Suse Gleason* to be in her Room, but in Vain.... At Deacon Tainters to see my little *Hannah*. *Nabby Rice*, Mr. *Zebulun's* Daughter, watches to night.

1759 April 23 (Monday). The Widow Forbush brought little *Hannah* to see us.

1759 May 12 (Saturday). My Family much indisposed. My Wife has much of her Illness remaining, though she is about House. *Sarah* lies by. *Suse* has grievous Head-ach. *Alexander* lame. *Samme* Fever and ague. *Hannah* very tendfull.

1759 May 18 (Friday). Little *Hannah* much out of Health.

1759 July 3 (Tuesday). *Samuel* very drooping. So is *Sophy*: *Sarah* and *Hannah* not well -- but I miss *Alexander* most, because my Field behind the Meeting House is unhoed.

1759 July 5 (Thursday). *Samme* and *Sophy* keep their Bed all Day: *Hannah* partly broke out -- so are *Sarah* and *Alexander* and keep on the Bed considerable part of the Day.

1759 July 6 (Friday). Divers of the Children have purgings. *Samme* has also signs of Canker. He sleeps very much. *Sophys* Meazles were in splotches and Spread over her yesterday. To Day she is better but is confined to her bed. *Sarah* is chiefly upon the Bed, breaks out in a Measure and So does *Alex* -- but neither of them fully. The latter has a great Cough. *Hannah* also Somewhat more broke out, yet the Distemper is to no ripeness with her.

1759 July 7 (Saturday). We have a sick House. May God be gracious to us. *Hannahs* Meazles fully out, and she is very touchy and troublesome. P.M. Cousen Maynard kindly Visits us and helps her Aunt in tending the Sick. Mrs. Newton comes at Night, and these two watch with them.

1759 July 8 (Sunday). *Patty Dunlop* (by Desire) comes in the Morning to assist us and tarrys till next morning.... All the Children continue ill, though *Samme* and *Sophy* tis hoped are somewhat better. We desire publick prayers for them.

1759 July 9 (Monday). *Patty Dunlop* and Miss Nanny Bradish watched last night. The Children are better, through the divine Goodness and Mercy; To God be Glory!

1759 July 10 (Tuesday). The Children much better. All of them go abroad, though they are weak still.

1759 July 12 (Thursday). Some of my Children are drooping -- at Times *Samme*, *John*, *Hannah*.

1759 July 20 (Friday). The Family at home were in some Comfort, except the drooping of some of those who had the Meazles. *Sarahs* Relicks of the Distemper breaks out in a bad finger. *Samuel* is weak and pale. *John* has something of Fever and Ague: and *Hannah* has sore Eyes.

1759 October 24 (Wednesday). Both the Young Children were ill and troublesome in the Night - - I mean *Hannah* and *Jeduthun*.

1759 October 28 (Sunday). I sat up too late this Evening and had but a poor Night -- but especially by reason of the little Children *Hannah* and *Jeduthun*, that are very troublesome, having bad Laxes.

1759 October 29 (Monday). *Persis Rice* assists my Wife and dines here.

1765 FEBRUARY 9: 7 YEARS OLD

1765 September 20 (Friday). *John*, *Sophy*, *Hannah* and the little Boys, all at school.

1767 FEBRUARY 9: 9 YEARS OLD

1767 September 1 (Tuesday). At Eve *Sarah* brought home *Hannah* from Capt. *Clarks* She having been there about Seven Weeks.'

1768 FEBRUARY 9: 10 YEARS OLD

1768 June 27 (Monday). P.M. 5 o'Clock *Alexander* and *Suse* Set out for *Ashby* and have *Hannah* with them. They design to reach Lancaster this Eve.

1768 September 15 (Thursday). Mrs. P_____ informs that *Billys* wife and Child have been here, and are gone home. *Hannah* is come home.

1769 FEBRUARY 9: 11 YEARS OLD

1769 November 9 (Thursday). I prepared an Explanation of the Ordinance of *Baptism*, and delivered it at the *Catechetical Exercise* to Young Women. Including my Daughters *Cushing* and *Hannah* (*Sophy* was too ill to go) there were only 14. I could not Sing; and therefore omitted it at this Time.

1770 FEBRUARY 9: 12 YEARS OLD

1770 October 25 (Thursday). *Kezia* lodges here. *Ruth* goes to her mother, but the Horse she came on is left here for *Hannah*.

1770 October 26 (Friday). Mr. *Cushing* and *Hannah* leave us for *Ashburnham*, a.m. P.M. came Mr. *Silas Hill* from Boston and brought Sundrys for *Hannah* -- a Gown etc.

1771 FEBRUARY 9: 13 YEARS OLD

1771 February 19 (Tuesday). At nine o'clock Dr. *Hawes* brought home my wife and Daughter *Hannah*. They came round by the way of *Marlborough* and made it so late by Calling at many places.

1771 December 12 (Thursday). *Breck* at work for himself in the Shop. Miss *Susan* makes riding Hoods for *Sophy* and *Hannah*.

1772 January 9 (Thursday). *Breck* to Mrs. *Kendals*, with the Sleigh to bring home *Sophy* and *Hannah*, who went there in the morning.

[No earlier mention of Capt. Clark or the reason for *Hannah's* stay at his home.]

1772 January 22 (Wednesday). Rode in my Sleigh to Northborough. My Daughter Hannah with me. We dined with Mrs. Martyn. Visit at Mr. Whitneys. Drank Tea there. Borrow Wards Mathem. Guide for Breck. Return at Eve in Safety. D. Gr.

1772 FEBRUARY 9: 14 YEARS OLD

1772 May 21 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. *Bradshaw* and Mr. *Taylor*, each in a Chaise, take *Sophy* and *Hannah* with them to Northborough.

1772 June 2 (Tuesday). *Hannah* rode with me to Mr. Jonah Warrins, where I preached on Mat. 6.21, "For where your Treasure is" etc.

1772 June 11 (Thursday). Miss Patty Fish rides home. Hannah (my Daughter) rode with her.

1772 June 12 (Friday). Hannah returns from *Upton*.

1772 June 27 (Saturday). Breck has Mr. *Bradshaws Mare*, and *Hannah* has my Horse to go up to *Leicester*.

1772 June 29 (Monday). *Breck* and *Hannah* return from *Leicester* between 10 and 11 o'Clock.

1772 July 3 (Friday). The new married Couple^s Send Invitation to *Sophia* and *Hannah* to go over and See 'em. They comply and ride together.

1772 October 14 (Wednesday). I rode to *Southborough*, my Daughter *Hannah* with me.

1772 November 7 (Saturday). Miss *Hannah Fish* goes home, and my Daughter *Hannah* with her.

1773 January 11 (Monday). By a Letter from Ashburnham *Sophy* to *Hannah*, we are certified that *Sophy* has been sick, but is in a Way of Recovery. To God be Glory!

1773 January 13 (Wednesday). *Hannah* to Capt. *Maynards*.

1773 January 14 (Thursday). *Hannah* came home.

1773 January 20 (Wednesday). *Hannah* receives a Letter from *Sophy*, who does not come home as expected.

1773 February 2 (Tuesday). The Day was very Cold, the wind high and sharp, yet I ventured to go to the private Meeting at Capt. *B. Fays*. John Fay drove the Sleigh. *Hannah* went with me.

^sJonathan Kendal mar. Sarah Brigham, 2 July 1772.

1773 FEBRUARY 9: 15 YEARS OLD

1773 February 23 (Tuesday). I rode in my Sleigh to *Grafton*. *Breck* and *Hannah* went with me. We dined at Mr. *Hezekiah Taylors*, and his Son (from *Wrentham* whither he has been Since he went from us) met us there. Thence I went to visit old Mr. *Prentice* (which was my principal Design in going), he being far gone in a Dropsy.

1773 March 19 (Friday). *Alexander* having tarried over Night and dined, took leave. And *Hannah* goes with him to be with them a while, by reason of his Wife's great Incapacity for Business, being near her Time.

1773 April 13 (Tuesday). William *Sergeant* from my son *Alexander* came for *Ruth Bellows*: but he lodges here.

1773 April 14 (Wednesday). Hear from *Leicester* that my Son *Alexander* has another son born. The Lord be magnified for His great Goodness! May the Child be blessed and prove a Blessing! Will the Lord please to perfect the begun Salvation and restore His Handmaid.

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 April 21 (Wednesday). Daughter *Hannah* droops as if with Jaundice.

1773 May 1 (Saturday). P.M. *Alexander* came with *Ruth Bellows*, and returned with a Bush. of Rye and a Bush. and half of Indian Corn.

1773 June 17 (Thursday). N.B. John waited on his Sister *Hannah* to *Marlborough* to get two Gowns made, viz. Taffety and Bengall.

1773 July 29 (Thursday). To *Southborough* and dined at Mr. *Stones*. Would have carryed my Daughter *Baldwin* there, but She was too poorly -- vomiting a great many times. *Hannah* rode with me, in my Daughters Chaise.

1773 August 23 (Monday). My Daughter *Hannah* very poorly. Dr. Hawes with her.

1773 August 25 (Wednesday). *Hannah* very poorly to Day: can't keep off from the Bed. *Elias* also not well.

1773 August 26 (Thursday). Both *Hannah* and *Elias* not well. The Doctor visits and administers but *Hannah* is no better.

1773 August 27 (Friday). *Elias* as well as *Hannah* Still laid by. Can't but wish for Mrs. P_____ 's Return, but it rains hard a.m. and can't wish her to be in it. However I hope She got to Alexanders last night.³

³Mrs. Parkman accompanied Lucy (Parkman) Baldwin to Brookfield, 16 August 1773.

1773 August 28 (Saturday). My Family are much indisposed. My Wife poorly; *Hannah* is ill; the Jaundice appears evidently; her stomach much disordered. The Doctor has given her a Vomit, which works as expected. *Elias* is exercised very much with Pain -- is capable of very little.

1773 September 1 (Wednesday). My Wife is Still worse; the Doctor visits her. *Hannah* is, through divine Compassion, better. So is *Elias*; but does very little at his Books.

1773 September 8 (Wednesday). N.B. *Hannah Forbush* junior (Daughter of Mr. *Ebenezer*) came to work in the Family. Mrs. P_____ remaining poorly Still, and my Daughter *Hannah* not firm. *Sophy* is at *Brecks* Shop.

1773 November 7 (Sunday). This being the last Lords Day in our Ecclesiastical Year, Thanks were given to God for His Goodness and Longsuffering in continuing us for the Space of 49 Years. With Humiliations and Prayers according to the Occasion, Read Ps. 34. Preached on Jonah 1.6. Mr. *Nathaniel Oake* of *Bolton* dined here. P.M. Read Rev. XII. Preached again on the Subject of *forgiving* from Mat. 6.14.15, repeating from page 23 to 32 (N.B. pages 30, 31, 32 Capitulation). I would earnestly beg of God to bless these Exercises both to Me and to the People. In the Evening recollecting find, that since this time 12 Months, I and my Family have been exercised with divers and grievous Frowns of divine Providence. In particular by the Death of my dear Daughter *Moore*, and by the Sickness of divers of us -- Old Mrs. *Kelly*, Mrs. P_____, *Hannah*, *Elias*. May we be humbled and (Since they are so recovered) thankful to the Lord our Healer!

1773 November 8 (Monday). *Suse Brigham* who Stayed here after Meeting yesterday and lodged, works for *Sophy* and *Hannah* in making New Crape Gowns -- altering etc. etc.

1773 November 11 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Hannah* to *Lancaster*; the Latter expecting to go to *Ashburnham*.

1773 November 13 (Saturday). *Breck* returns -- has been with *Hannah* quite to *Ashburnham* and left her there.

1773 November 16 (Tuesday). *Breck* (who did not return till Saturday Evening, having accompanied his Sister *Hannah* to *Ashburnham*) goes to *Mendon*.

1773 December 4 (Saturday). *Breck* returned -- and *Hannah* with him.

1773 December 6 (Monday). Mr. *Bass* waited on *Sophy* and *Hannah* home (after their visit to Mrs. *Bass*), and Spent the Evening here.

1773 December 7 (Tuesday). P.M. Preached at Deacon *Bonds* on Ps. 119.126 to p. 18. May divine Blessing be added! My Daughter *Hannah* went with me. An handsome entertainment followed.

1773 December 31 (Friday). My Daughters, *Sophy* and *Hannah*, being invited to dine at Mr. *Edmund Brigham*s, they are gone down there, and visit at *Gales*.

1774 January 13 (Thursday). *Hephzibah Rice*, who has lived here a Month, returns to her Grandfathers. *Breck* and *Hannah* go with her in a sleigh.

1774 January 26 (Wednesday). *Breck*, *John*, and *Hannah* ride in the Sleigh, to *Boston*.

1774 FEBRUARY 9: 16 YEARS OLD

1774 February 15 (Tuesday). N.B. *Hannah* remains still at *Boston*.

1774 February 26 (Saturday). I was in great Expectation of Mr. *Bowman*, with my Daughter *Hannah* from *Boston*: and depend upon his preaching for me tomorrow, but he came not.

1774 February 28 (Monday). When I returned home my Daughter *Hannah* was come. Mr. *Bowman* and She came as far as *Southborough* on Saturday Evening but could get no further.

1774 April 27 (Wednesday). My Daughters *Cushing*, *Sophy* and *Hannah* rode to *Northborough* and returned at Eve.

1774 June 20 (Monday). *Breck* returns with *Hannah* from *Brookfield*.

1774 December 27 (Tuesday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* went over to visit Mrs. *Davis*, *Fessenden* etc.

1775 January 21 (Saturday). *Breck*, *Sophy* and *Hannah* have a Sleigh ride to Mill-River with Master *Jenison* and *Jonathan Fay*, who is up here in the Vacancy.

1775 January 23 (Monday). My Daughter *Hannah* complains much of her Arm, hurt against a Tree which the sleigh ran near to, in their way to Mill-River last Saturday.

1775 January 24 (Tuesday). *Hannah*s arm is much swelled and grows very troublesome.

1775 January 25 (Wednesday). *Hannah* has a bad Arm. Sent for Dr. *Hawes*; who came. *Breck* Sends up Dr. *Ball*. Both Doctors dine here.

1775 January 26 (Thursday). *Hannah* Somewhat easier, but her Arm is bad.

1775 January 27 (Friday). Dr. *Hawes* visits *Hannah* and dresses her Arm. The appearance is a little better. Ben. Clark is Sent over to Dr. *Balls* a Second time for more Unguent. Polychrist and to Mr. *Bass*'s etc. for sundrys.

1775 January 30 (Monday). Dr. *Hawes* attends on *Hannah* every day of late.

1775 February 7 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes* here, but *Hannah* better.

1775 FEBRUARY 9: 17 YEARS OLD

1775 February 19 (Sunday). My Daughter Hannah went out to Meeting. Blessed be God for His great Goodness therein!

1775 February 20 (Monday). *Hannah* rides with them to Mr. *Morse's*.

1775 March 1 (Wednesday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* go to Capt. *Edmund Brighams*, and to Mr. *Gales*.

1775 June 3 (Saturday). But Mrs. P_____ has been poorly and had a fever. *Hannah* also is laid by with the like Disorder.

1775 June 26 (Monday). P.M. My Son *Samuel* goes in his Chaise to Mr. *Russells*, Waiting on his Wife and sister *Hannah* there. I went up also at Evening.

1775 June 28 (Wednesday). We are again 19 in Family, a Number of which are infirm, viz. besides John, *Hannah* and *Ben* [?].

1775 July 1 (Saturday). *John* is but weak and low; he fears he looses Ground. My Daughter *Hannah* also droops and is poorly from Day to day.

1775 July 2 (Sunday). *Hannah* out of Health.

1775 July 7 (Friday). *Hannah* is much out of Health: and we are at a loss what to do for her. Dr. *Hawes* being frequently here to See *John* takes Care of [torn]

1775 July 10 (Monday). *John* is better, yet very weak. But *Hannah* is worse -- has the *Rash*, as the Doctors Judges. Her Head and Face are much affected. One of her Teeth was drawn. [torn]

1775 July 17 (Monday). *Hannah* has for a good while been ill; but now her Disorders are increased, and her Case is become very Piteous.... Send the *Doctor* to *Hannah*.

1775 July 18 (Tuesday). *Hannah* So bad in the last Night that at about 2 (in the Morn) *Elias* went for the Doctor -- who came. *Hannah* but very poorly.

1775 July 24 (Monday). My *Sally* and *Hannah* [ride in Chaise?] to Capt. *Maynards*.

1775 September 9 (Saturday). *Hannah* rode with me to Mrs. *Martyns* Funeral.

1775 October 4 (Wednesday). *Hannah* rode with me to See Mrs. *Miriam Batherick* still Sick.

1775 October 17 (Tuesday). Breck and *Hannah* to Concord, Ben. Clark to *Cambridge*.

1775 October 20 (Friday). At Eve *Breck* and *Hannah* returned (in the Rain) from *Concord*. They have been also to the Camp at *Cambridge* at prospect Hill in Charlestown, and at *Roxbury* were at General *Wards* Head Quarters. They went as far as *Dorchester* to See our people's Tents there.

1775 October 25 (Wednesday). Mr. *Wilder* and my Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah*, after Dinner, set out [to] got to *Worcester*, [? ? ? ? ?] designing for *Leicester*.

1775 October 26 (Thursday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* returned from *Leicester*.

1775 October 31 (Tuesday). [torn]ife and *Hannah* ride to Capt. *Jonas Brigham*s.

1775 November 27 (Monday). *Hannah* droops again.

1776 January 3 (Wednesday). At Eve *Hannah* goes to watch with her Cousen *Davis*.

1776 January 11 (Thursday). I rode up to Mrs. *Mehitable Brigham*s, and with me my Daughter *Hannah*; *Sophy* riding in another Chaise with Mr. *May*. Mr. *Thomas Rice Willard* came with another Chaise for *Hannah*, but not in season. It was to the *Wedding* of Mr. *John Fay* and Miss *Mehitabel Brigham* junior which was Solemnized, and we supped and sang there. After my Return home solemnized the marriage of Mr. *Thomas Andrews* and Miss *Hannah Forbush*. Masters *May* and *Willard* brought home my Daughters and Miss *Suse Brigham*.

1776 February 7 (Wednesday). P.M. and Eve *Nanny Beeton* with her Kinswoman Miss *Polly Ayres* and a Friend of hers, were here. Miss *Polly* takes the *Profile* of the Faces of *Breck*, *Samuel*, *Sally*, *Sophy*, *Hannah* and *Elias*. [blot]

1776 FEBRUARY 9: 18 YEARS OLD

1776 May 13 (Monday). *Breck*, *Sophy* and *Hannah* go to Mr. *Grosvenor's* to wait upon him as newly married. They Return at Evening.

1776 June 4 (Tuesday). Mr. F. and I visited and dined with Mr. *John Rogers*, Minister of the *Town Parish* (as its called), though the 3d Church. But we returned at Evening and saw our Delegates, who were come -- viz. Mr. *Daniel Forbes* and Mr. *Abijah Gale*; My Sons *Ebenezer* and *Breck*, and Daughter *Hannah* also; Not to forget Miss *Suse Brigham*, all arrived there this Evening.

1776 June 6 (Thursday). *Breck* and *Suse* returned homewards. I rode with Mr. F., his son and Daughter *Coffin*, my Son *Ebenezer* and Daughter *Hannah* to Col. *Coffins*, where were a Number more, and all of us dined very handsomely.

1776 June 10 (Monday). *Ebenezer*, *Hannah* and I sat out from *Cape Ann* to come home.

1776 September 19 (Thursday). *Hannah* [illegible] for Trimmings for *Elias's* Cloths [illegible].

1776 September 20 (Friday). *Hannah* rides to *Marlborough* on *Elias's* Account Still.

1776 November 15 (Friday). *Mrs. Parkman* not able to go to *Concord*, though *Sally* came up on purpose (with *Chaise*) to wait on her. *Sally* returns to *Concord*, and *Hannah* with her. *Memorandum* gave *Hannah* two Dollars.

1776 December 7 (Saturday). *Breck* returns from *Salem Vendue*: and *Hannah* returned from *Concord* with him.

1777 January 6 (Monday). *Elias* goes to *Uxbridge* and *Mendon* for what cloths etc. *Breck* left after his Inoculation. *Hannah* goes with him as far as to *Mr. Fish's* at *Upton*.

1777 January 7 (Tuesday). *Elias* and *Hannah* return home. 1

1777 FEBRUARY 9: 19 YEARS OLD

1777 March 17 (Monday). At home found my Daughter *Hannah* ill: her Face greatly Swelled and pained.

1777 April 3 (Thursday). *Sophy* and *Hannah*, I am informed, are *inoculated* this evening, by *Dr. Hawes*. I could not resist their Importunity. May God be gracious to us all, as the Matter now requires!

1777 April 4 (Friday). My Daughters are recluse in the Back Chamber, and are dieting them selves.

1777 April 5 (Saturday). The Girls take Physick, but none of us go to 'em, but *Mrs. Crosby* who having had the Small Pox, waits upon 'em.

1777 April 12 (Saturday). Hear that *Hannah* has Symptoms of the Distemper upon, but *Sophy* not much altered. The Doctor tells me there are 43 persons, men, Women and Children belonging to this and the nei[gh]boring Towns, at the Hospital.

1777 April 13 (Sunday). Squire Baker acquaints me with the general Requests of those who are at the Hospital, that public prayers be made for them. I preached a.m. on *Rom. 8.1*. P.M. on Occasion of the Judgment of God upon us in the Small Pox, I preached on *Isa. [64.9?]*. The body of the Discourse was what I delivered in the year 60 but with Introduction, alterations, Additions, and especially Applications Suited to the present Circumstances which may God graciously be pleased to own and bless! [*Mr. Elijah Brigham?*] and Cousen *Davis* dined here. Am informed my Daughters are both of them broke out. May God sustain and preserve them! May they have Grace to profit Spiritually hereby and prepare them for His holy Will!

1777 April 19 (Saturday). I hear my Daughters in a Way of Recovery. D.G.

1777 April 24 (Thursday). My Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah* return from the Hospital, as they hope cured of the Small-Pox. To God be Glory and Praise! And may they ever live devoted to the Service and Honour of their almighty Healer and Saviour!

1777 May 13 (Tuesday). *Hannah* is much out of Health.

1777 May 14 (Wednesday). Memorandum. We took Dr. *Kitteridge's* Advice on *Hannah's* Case. She rode to the Widow *Brigham's*.

1777 May 15 (Thursday). *Hannah* rode as far as Mr. *Haskills* with Mrs. *Meheitabel Fay* and her little sister; both of them Invalids.

1777 May 16 (Friday). *Hannah* rides with her Sister *Suse* to Col. *Brighams*; and Mrs. P_____ makes a Visit with Mrs. *Spring* to Mrs. *Newton* and Mrs. *Wood*.

1777 May 18 (Sunday). My Daughter *Hannah* droops; yet p.m. She went to Meeting.

1777 May 20 (Tuesday). *Hannah* a.m. Worse. P.M. rides as far as Capt. *Maynards*.

1777 May 23 (Friday). *Hannah* is Still in but a feeble State.

1777 June 1 (Sunday). N.B. A Negro Man, who calls himself *Enoch Noble*, and pretends to practise Physick, and was Sent here (we suppose) by Deacon *Woods* Wife, has come to See *Hannah* this Morning and She inclines to take Something of him.

1777 June 2 (Monday). *Sophy* goes with *Hannah*, after dinner, in Mr. *Tainters* Chaise, to Mr. *Grosvenors*.

1777 June 4 (Wednesday). *Hannah* rode a little way.... My son *Alexander* also came from *Leicester* to see his Sister *Hannah* and lodged here.

1777 June 6 (Friday). *Elias* came home from *Cambridge* before Day, to See his Sister *Hannah*, and it happened that his sister *Baldwin* is here also. He takes a Ride with *Hannah* in their sisters Chaise.

1777 June 7 (Saturday). *Elias* waits upon his Sisters in Mrs. *Baldwins* Chaise. They remain very infirm and tender.

1777 June 8 (Sunday). My Daughters *Baldwin* and *Hannah* were too Weak and infirm to go to Meeting.

1777 June 9 (Monday). My poor invalids are confined by the weather, and can't ride out.

1777 June 10 (Tuesday). *Hannah* is very weak, but her Cough not so violent. Mrs. *Wood* rides for her Health, and came here; She is so good as to take up *Hannah* into the Carriage, and they rode to *Beetons*.

1777 June 11 (Wednesday). Sent *Elias* for Dr. *Ball*; who came, and Dr. *Hawes* is here with him, to consult about *Hannahs* Case. My Daughter rode a little way, a.m.

1777 June 12 (Thursday). *Hannah* remains poorly.

1777 June 14 (Saturday). Dr. *Hawes* daily visits my Invalids.

1777 June 16 (Monday). *Hannah* Seems to be better. D.G.

1777 June 18 (Wednesday). At home, *Hannah* a little better.

1777 June 22 (Sunday). I returned at Eve by Dr. *Balls* for my Daughters *Baldwin* and *Hannah*; both of them but weak and low.

1777 June 24 (Tuesday). Dr. *Ball* visits my Invalids and dines here.

1777 June 26 (Thursday). Invalids, accommodated with Neighbour *Newtons* mare, take a ride, nothing refreshing them like *Riding*.

1777 June 27 (Friday). The Two Doctors here. *Hannah* Blooded.

1777 June 29 (Sunday). My Daughters are rather worse. *Hannah* especially has more discouraging symptoms -- and *Sophy* is much affected with it. May God graciously appear for our Help, or prepare us for His holy will! It is a Time of great Trouble!

1777 June 30 (Monday). *Hannah* through the great Goodness of God has rested comfortably, but *Lucy* had a poor morning: *Riding* being usefull, I rode with her in her Chaise to Mr. *Gleasons*. I went also to Dr. *Crosby's*. The Doctor is at *Providence* in the Army. His son being at home I agree with him to go with my Daughters in a designed Journey to *Concord*.

1777 July 1 (Tuesday). Mr. *Crosby* came. 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*. Mrs. *Baldwin* is too poorly (as she thinks) to venture; and therefore tarrys here with Me. Before noon came my Son *William* waiting upon his Mother, who met the Girls and an increased Company (Master *Joseph Hall* of *Sutton* etc.) going to *Concord*.

1777 July 4 (Friday). Mr. *Hall* (*Josiah* of *Sutton*) came with two of Deacon *Tarrant Putnam's* Daughters, return from *Concord*, and inform that *Hannah* got down to *Samuels* pritty well, and on Thursday undertook to go to *Boston*. They turn out here -- drink Coffee etc.

1777 July 6 (Sunday). *Simon Crosby* came to enquire after his Brother (who went with *Sophy* and *Hannah*, but is not returned), and he dined here.

1777 July 7 (Monday). N.B. My Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah* return from *Concord, Boston, Cambridge* etc. Sir *Crosby* accompanys them throughout their Journey. *Hannah* has born the Ride pritty well: but we can't tell yet, the Effect of it.

1777 July 11 (Friday). *Hannah* has a more difficult morning by a severe Turn of Coughing: Appetite depraved etc.

1777 July 13 (Sunday). N.B. *Hannah* asks publick Prayers. At Evening Exercise, read (very much for *Hannah's* sake) principal part of Mr. *John Masons* 2d Discourse on *Mic. II.10*, former part. A good Composition. May the reading of it be savingly blessed to us!

1777 July 14 (Monday). *Hannah* rides with *Suse* in the *Baldwin* Chaise, to Col. *Brighams* but is much exercised with Cough at Evening.

1777 July 15 (Tuesday). My poor Daughter is in a low state -- Cough, purging, faint, no appetite -- wastes, I think, more and more.

1777 July 16 (Wednesday). Jej. and prec. My Wife rides with *Hannah* on Horse back to Capt. *Maynards*. *Hannah* greatly Sunk in Spirit as well as Body. May God graciously extend Compassion! A Day of Trouble *in the Family*, as well as distressing on Account of the Public State.

1777 July 18 (Friday). *Hannah*, though She was pritty Comfortable Yesterday, had a bad night for coughing, etc. The morning Mr. *Wood* who is out of Health and rides about to help her, came here and in the *Baldwin* Chaise took *Hannah* and rode up to *Shrewsbury* to meet with the abovesaid Dr. *Clark*. But they all returned without that Part of their Errand.

1777 July 17 (Thursday). *Breck* also goes to *Worcester*, and designs then for *Hubbards* Town to one Dr. *Clark*, to bring him to See *Hannah*.

Possibly Anthony Clark, "the celebrated colored doctor," whose daughter Anna married Ralph Adams ("colored"). "He, his sons, his daughter Anna (Mrs. Adams), and his grandsons, Amos and Benjamin, all had a wide reputation for skill in curing diseases by the use of roots and herbs." J. M. Stowe, *History of the Town of Hubbardston, Worcester County, Mass...with the Genealogy of Present and Former Resident Families* (Hubbardston, Mass.: Published by the Committee, 1881), 220, 250.

1777 July 19 (Saturday). *Hannah* another poor Night for Coughing, etc.

1777 July 21 (Monday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* p.m. rode over to Mr. *Monro's*. They carry a Packet for the Post to carry to Col. *Baldwin*. Mrs. *Hannah Rug* visits here. The Girls return well, as I hope, though the Air was heavy, and it began to rain.

1777 July 24 (Thursday). *Hannah* is a little better at times, but fear, not in the main. She rides a little almost every Day. *Sophy* takes the principal Care of her Day and Night.

1777 July 25 (Friday). 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*.

1777 July 27 (Sunday). N.B. *Hannah* was remarkably exercised last night by uncommon and most tedious Smart in *her Feet*, which was caused by a plaister of Turpentine applyed to them: Her Pain was so great as to need, and had, the Doctor in the Night, and both her Mother and sister (*Sophy*) were obliged to attend her till break of Day. So that with what occurred with *Suse*, we had double Distress! But God has graciously carryed us through To His Name be praise! And may we have Grace to improve these so peculiar Dispensations!

1777 July 29 (Tuesday). *Hannah's* Feet easier, but She can't walk.

1777 July 30 (Wednesday). A *Still* from a Lambs Entrals, for *Hannah* brought from Mrs. (*Jeduthun*) Fay.

1777 August 3 (Sunday). *Hannah* is yet very low and weak: It is difficultt to discern it if She is really any better.

1777 August 12 (Tuesday). *Hannah* rode with Mr. *Elijah Brigham* to Mr. *Whitneys* at *Northborough*.

1777 August 14 (Thursday). *Hannah* is still [*torn*].

1777 September 1 (Monday). *Sophy* and *Hannah* rode down to Mr. *Stones*. N.B. It proved a damp, heavy air for them to return in; and *Hannah* had (I fear) rather Hurt than Benefit.

1777 September 2 (Tuesday). *Hannah* has coughed so much last night, she has had almost no sleep.... My sons *Breck* and *Samuel* with their Wives, taking their Sister *Hannah* with them ride to Col. *Brighams*.

1777 September 5 (Friday). *Hannah* has an ill Day; is feverish etc.

1777 September 6 (Saturday). *Hannah* is somewhat better, but evidently wastes.

1777 September 8 (Monday). I went up to Squire *Bakers* to get his Chaise for my dear *Hannah's* Journey. His Carriage being defective, he let me have the *Top*, which we put on Mr. *Tainters* Wheels, and Mr. *Noah Hardy* being come, *Sophy* and *Hannah* undertake somewhat after noon, to ride to *Billys* if they can reach it. This important Enterprize I would humbly *committ to the* sovereign and most gracious God! May the Lord grant success and return them in safety; or prepare all for His holy will!

1777 September 15 (Monday). At Night *Breck* returned from *Boston*. He believes that the Girls are gone to Cape Ann.

1777 September 18 (Thursday). I am daily concerned for my Children that are upon so doubtful a Journey, especially my dear *Hannah*. May God sustain and support her, and grant safe Return!

1777 September 19 (Friday). Am more and more sollicitous about my Children, as it is foul weather from Day to Day: And *Elias* being ill at College and can have no Wood.

1777 September 25 (Thursday). But this Afternoon, while I was abroad, my Daughters *Sophy* and *Hannah* with Mr. *Noah Hardy* returned home from *Cape Ann*: but [I see?] not *Hannah* [this?] night. I understand She is more sick and wasted than when she went away.

1777 September 26 (Friday). This Morning I went in to see my Daughter *Hannah* who I conceive is lower and weaker. God grant His Almighty Grace as her Case requires, and fit her and all of us for His sovereign Pleasure!

1777 September 27 (Saturday). *Hannah* is somewhat comfortable in the morning.

1777 September 28 (Sunday). At Eve Dr. *Crosby* came to see *Hannah*, and pursues the Directions of Dr. *Plummer*.

1777 September 29 (Monday). *Hannah* pines away more and more. We are ready to despair of her Recovery. Her Mind I hope is suitably employed on the vast Affairs before her. My Heart is much affected with our Troubles. O that it might please God who is most compassionate, to pity us!

1777 October 1 (Wednesday). *Hannah* has somewhat more Comfort, yet has more Fever: especially p.m. Conversed with her, read to her -- viz. Dr. I. *Mathers* sermon on [blank].

1777 October 2 (Thursday). *Hannah* not so feverish: rode to Dr. *Hawes* -- but seems to decline: her Cough etc. no better. At night came Mr. *Cornelius Waters* and a young Gentleman, an *Hazzletine* with him, of *Dartmouth* College, but I was in so much trouble about my Daughter, and my pasture so gnawed up, that I could not freely ask them to tarry all night, though I did repeatedly urge them to stay to sup here.

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1777 October 4 (Saturday). *Hannah* evidently looses Ground -- does not get over the Fatigue of her Journey. I read to her some chosen Passages of Dr. *Doddridges* Rise and Progress. Which may God bless!

1777 October 5 (Sunday). Preached again on Jer. 8.22. O that we might have the Precious Remedy applied effectually by the Holy spirit to our Souls Healing!

1777 October 6 (Monday). *Hannah* weaker -- read to her part of Mr. *Showers* sermon on *Mat.* 24.44.

1777 October 7 (Tuesday). *Hannah* has a bad Day: fever, Coughing; and She is very Weak.

1777 October 8 (Wednesday). We are apprehensive that *Hannah* can continue but a little longer. Almost every Day Shews a Difference. Her mind is more calm: yet not without Disquietment. In Every Prayer I would remember both her, and our own share in her sufferings! May the Lord graciously and almightily appear for both her and us! We are too unfit to meet our God in these ways of Severity (yet Righteousness) with us!

1777 October 9 (Thursday). *Hannah* is so low She speaks but a little, and *Sophy* is continually attached to her, till I fear the Event. *Suse* is very helpful as a kind, affectionate sister; took Care of her last night, when Cough followed her so tediously, that She had but little Rest.... Dear *Hannah* has the Covenant read to her; to which She freely (and She thinks *heartily*) consents. She has Such signs and Tokens of Sincerity and of Faith in Christ, that I am much relieved; and desire to praise God for it. She says (among other Things) that if there was no Hell, She would Shun and loath sin.

1777 October 10 (Friday). *Hannah*, though I don't know but that She is lower then ever, yet has had a night of more Quiet from coughing and from other Disorders, than of late.

1777 October 11 (Saturday). *Hannah* I think looses Ground still.

1777 October 12 (Sunday). At Eve read to the Family part of Mr. *Byfields* Cure of the Fear of Death -- on Consideration of *Hannahs* low state.

1777 October 13 (Monday). Prayed there. At Eve read Dr. *Whitakers* Sermon on *Judg.* 5.23, "Curse ye Meroz," etc. *Hannah* is in much bodily Distress -- extreme low -- besides cough, a very smarting Pain in her side -- and is grown raw with lying -- complains that she has not Assurance, can't pray Steddily -- her Cough very bad, but what is special is, *she is much weaker*.

1777 October 14 (Tuesday). *Hannah* draws near her End -- in the Morning is sensible of it -- asks me to go to my study, and pray for her -- or rather Stay and pray by her -- which I did. I read to her part of Mr. *Crawfords* *Zions Traveller*, S.XXVI, Edit. 3. Edinb. p. 75.6.7. To which she added her own *Amen*, as peculiarly Suiting her. And She Seems to have her understanding clear. As we sat down at Dinner in all probability an internal sore in her side broke, and there came forth at her mouth putrid Matter. She waxes weaker and weaker. She looks round upon us, but can't utter any thing She appears to have hope in her Death. Her breathing is feebler. She Sinks by Degrees without any Groan, Sign or Gasp, *She ceases*. It is 20 minutes past 2 p.m. We resign her to the Great almighty Author of her Being, and that gave her to us. Blessed be His Name, who has continued her so long to us, and has granted Such hopeful Tokens of the Grace of God to her! Cousen *Maynard* came and with our sister *Brigham*, watched here, and especially with little *Alexander*. My Neighbour *Barnabas Newton* setts out for *Brookfield*, and New *Braintry*; but in peculiar to call this Evening at my Son *Alexanders* to inform him, if he be there,

of the dangerous condition his son lies in. Neighbour *Nathan Maynard* will go hastily to *Ashburnham* to inform Mr. *Cushing*.

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. *Alexander* and his wife and young Child.

1777 October 16 (Thursday). Mr. *Whitney* came -- dined -- preached on *Prov. 3.17*. After the Exercise, he returned home. Mr. *Newton* here at Eve and his Wife; they watched. *Ebenezer* came from *Dudley*, from burying his Daughter *How*. *Isaac Baldwin* here from *Brookfield*. My Son *Alexander* waited on me to Mr. *Nathan Maynards*. Thence we walked over to Mr. *D. Maynards* to see his Wife. Prayed with her. Her Fever strong. Dr. *Gordon* and his Lady, journeying from *Lyme* to *Boston*, call upon us and lodge here. N.B. Certifies me of General *Gates's* Temp[erance?]. *Elias* returns from *Cambridge*. *Ebenezer* and *Isaac* lodge at the Doctors. Mrs. *Lucy Forbush* came and watched with little *Alexander*.

1777 October 17 (Friday). Dr. *Gordon* and Lady leave us. My Son *Cushing* came a.m. Mr. *Whitney* and spouse. My son *William*, his Wife, his son *William* and his Daughter *Lydia*, my son *Samuel*, Miss *Patty Fish* -- dined with us. Mr. *Caleb Harrington* has dug a Grave. Mr. *Paul Lambson* has made and brought a Coffin. Mr. *Whitney* at the *Funeral* prayed with us and the Assembly which gathered upon the Sorrowful Occasion. Messrs. *Thomas Stone, Edward, Antepas* and *Winslow Brigham*, [blank] *Wheelock* and *Reuben Lambson*, were Bearers, and we solemnly interred my dear Daughter *Hannah's* Remains! May God most gracious grant us the Grace of holy Mourning and to be ready also! The Company retire to go home except my sons *Ebenezer* and *Alexander*, his Wife and two Children, *Isaac Baldwin*, Miss *Jedidah Woodward* (who watches with little *Alexander*) and *Molly Pratt*, who tarrys to help us. Mrs. *Harrington* is ill and Mrs. P____ goes to her to night.

1777 October 19 (Sunday). Preached a.m. on *Mat. 17.4* and administered the Sacrament. Cousin *Maynard* and Miss *Katy How* with her, dined here. P.M. delivered two sermons in one Exercise, with some Omissions, from *Ps. 39.9*, on Occasion of the Death of my Daughter *Hannah*; and desire Grace to enable me in the Same Manner, with the holy [Psalmist?], to Exercise holy *Resignation* and *submission to the sovereign Will* of God. Miss *Betty Bevil* tarrys here and watches with the Child.

1777 December 4 (Thursday). My Son *Moore* came by the way of *Providence* and *Uxbridge* to make us a Visit. He knew Nothing of the Death of his sister *Hannah* till he heard it here. He lodges here.

1778 October 25 (Sunday). Preached another Sermon on *Luk. 22.15*. Administered the Lords supper. Mrs. *Maynard* dined here; as did Sir *Fay*. P.M. on Consideration of the Baptism of *Brecks* Child, I preached on *Gal. 3.14*. The Child was called *Hannah-Breck*. At Eve went down to *Brecks*, and have our Evening Exercise there. May God graciously accept us in these various Solemnitys! And May the Blessing of Abraham descend on us through Christ! N.B. The singers chiefly are in the Front to day, and Sing again.