

**Molly Parkman (1725-1776) and Eli Forbes (1726-1804)**

**Born** Sept. 14, 1725

**Mar.** Aug. 6, 1752, Eli Forbes (HC 1751)

b. Oct. 5, 1726

d. Dec. 15, 1804 (*Columbian Centinel*, Feb. 5, 1805)

**Died** Jan. 16, 1776

**Eli Forbes mar. (2)**, Sept. 15, 1776, Lucy Sanders, wid. of Thomas Sanders (HC 1748) and dau. of Rev. Thomas Smith (HC 1720).

Children: Charlotte (died young)

Jo (died young)

Feb. 12, 1779 (Friday). At Even I rec'd a Letter dated January 25, from my son Forbes, acquainting with the Death of Mr. Forbes' Daughters, by a Fever....

Lucy died in childbirth, June 5, 1780

1780 June 9 (Friday). But the sorrowful news is from the Harbour of Cape Anne, that Mrs. Forbes departed on Monday night last, in Child bed. She had been delivered of a Dead Child about two Hours before. A sad loss to my poor Son-in-law! The Lord sustain him! and pity the Motherless Children, for there are pritty many of them -- hope they will all find Mercy!

**Eli Forbes mar. (3)**, Sept. 13, 1781, Sarah, widow of Dr. Enoch Sawyer and Capt. Thomas Parsons of Newbury

Sarah d. of smallpox, Sept. 19, 1792

**Eli Forbes mar. (4)**, Nov. 13, 1793, Lucy (Parkman) Baldwin, mother of Isaac Baldwin (HC 1783)

Lucy d. Mar. 13, 1804 of cancer (eulogy in *Salem Gazette*, Mar. 10 1804(?))

**Children:**

Mary b. Apr. 7, 1754

m. Oct. 21, 1773 Peter Coffin (HC 1769)

d. May 18, 1795

Lydia b. Feb. 17, 1756

d. Feb. 2, 1762, a. 5 yrs., 11 mos., 16 days

Lucy b. Aug. 23, 1758

d. Sept. 20, 1758 (N-N) neonatal

- Eli    b. Aug. 29, 1760  
      d. Sept. 26, 1760, a. 28 days (GS: 1 mo., 2 d.) (N-N) neonatal  
          (Parkman's diary, Oct. 3, 1760: Oct. 1, 1760  
          Oct. 3, 1760 (Friday): N.B. Had a Letter from Mr. Forbush yesterday, that his  
          little son dyed the Day before. And his Wife's Breast has been lanced by himself.
- Eli    b. Dec. 17, 1761 (settled in Baltimore)

**1725 SEPTEMBER 14: BIRTH**

Divine Benignity and Providence [15 April 1729]

14. Gods appearing for my Wife in her hour of Peril and giving us a Daughter (which was Mary) September 14, 1725.

15. Three weeks after her lying in my wife had a very Sore Breast, which broke twice, and brought us into a great Affliction. I would thankfully remember the Deliverance out of that Grievous Trouble.

1726 July 14 (Thursday). Molly not well.

1726 July 15 (Friday). My Wife Complaining of weakness. Neighbor Maynard came to make up my Barley and get it in. My Studys minded.

1726 July 16 (Saturday). Molly was much indispos'd and I sent Yesterday to Marlborough for Mrs. Williams but she was not there. To Day I sent Hannah Peterson to her house, but she sent me Reasons she thought Sufficient for her not coming. We were very low at the news my wife being oppress'd with Every illness: The Procidentia, etc., the turning of her Milk, Her Mouth Obstructed, pain in her Breast, and great pain and weakness in Every part.

1726 July 18 (Monday). Molly was further revived, and though she was very weak, yet she was all Day much more comfortable.

1726 July 19 (Tuesday). Molly grew worse by a vomiting flux; the Morning very grievous. I sent Phinehas Hardy to Mr. Barrett who sent us Some plaisters and more Tent. She was somewhat better in the Afternoon; by various Applications the Flux Stay'd till night. Mrs. Thurston watch'd.

1726 September 8 (Thursday). We Sent to Dr. Matthews for Little Molly ill with a fever and violent flux. The cause was from her breading her Eye Teeth. We have Sometimes been up with her till after midnight. My wife has not had a Comfortable night's Rest this week. I reflected upon Davids case when his Child was Sick.

1726 September 9 (Friday). My Babe I hope is better and in some method of Recovery.

**1726 SEPTEMBER 14: 1 YEAR OLD**

1727 July 3 (Monday). My Little Daughter Molly was extremely ill So that we thought between 9 and 10, She would have expir'd.

Divine Benignity and Providence [15 April 1729]

18. The Lords Compassion in healing My Daughter when very ill. July 3, 1727, is to be observ'd by Me.

1727 July 4 (Tuesday). My Child was very bad about noon and continued So, Sometime. But it was Some Comfort that Captain Whooods Widow was with us.

1727 July 20 (Thursday). I came home and our Mother Champney with me.

### **1728 SEPTEMBER 14: 3 YEARS OLD**

Divine Benignity and Providence [15 April 1729]

31. August 18 [1729]. The Goodness of God was manifested to us and to my little Daughter Mary in preserving her when She had Sadly wander'd away, and was a long time lost in the Swamp; and directing a Young Man (David Maynard, Jr.) to her Deliverance.

### **1735 SEPTEMBER 14: 10 YEARS OLD**

1736 February 8 (Sunday). My Daughter *Molly* had been much troubled with an Ague in her Face, her Teeth and Ear; but is better.

1736 February 18 (Wednesday). Little *Molly* broke out since her Blister for her ague.

1736 March 24 (Wednesday). My Daughter *Molly* very grievously exercised still, with her Hands breaking out and remaining exceeding Sore.

1736 April 5 (Monday). I carried my Daughter *Molly* with me to Cambridge.

1736 August 30 (Monday). Sister Lydia and I rode to Cambridge. Father Champney remains in a most Sorrowful Condition -- almost continually from Home etc. -- to the great Distress of his Afflicted Family. My Daughter *Molly* had begun to learn her Accidence.

### **1736 SEPTEMBER 14: 11 YEARS OLD**

1736 November 16 (Tuesday). At Eve at Brother *Elias's* who was confined by indisposition. My Daughter *Molly* had been in Town for 3 Weeks and chiefly resided there.

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 carried up *Molly* and I sent for my own Horse and rode to Cambridge at Eve.

1736 November 19 (Friday). Though it was very cold and raw yet I undertook to carry my Daughter *Molly* to Westborough and through Divine Goodness she bore the Journey very well. N.B. We called at Mr. *George Cuttings* at Waterton to speak with his Daughter *Lydia* to come and keep my House, but she was at Mr. *Amos Waits* at Framingham, where I Spoke with her.

### **1737 SEPTEMBER 14: 12 YEARS OLD**

1737 October 20 (Thursday). Funeral of Captain Joseph Byles. My Spouse, Mrs. Richard Burrough and my Daughter Molly all there with me.

1738 February 2 (Thursday). I cannot but remember the Wormwood and the Gall of the Funeral Day Two years agoe and Desire my Soul may still be humbled with me. But God has turned the mourning of the Day (Day Two years agoe) into rejoicing and my sorrow into Gladness. But O that I may neither forget the Blessing enjoyed in my Dear Molly, nor the holy, Severity of the most high in So Sorely and grievously bereaving me of her!

1738 June 30 (Friday). N.B. Benjamin How brought home an irish or Foot Wheel which he had made for Molly.

### **1738 SEPTEMBER 14: 13 YEARS OLD**

1738 November 8 (Wednesday). N.B. Molly went with Mr. Tainter up to Mr. Joseph Miles's and then home with Mr. Tainter.

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

1739 June 2 (Saturday). Mr. Aaron Forbush at Colonel Woods's who rode up with me and acquaint'd me with the Rude and Vile Conduct of John Kidney towards my Daughter Molly [age 14], when alone with her, except little Lucy [age 4], her Mother being at Marlborough with Mrs. Pierpont and her other Friends, whom she waited upon thither the Day before. It was to my great Surprize, but Blessed by God who is the Refuge of all Distressed ones, and who appear'd for the Dear Child in the middst of her Troubles calling aloud upon His Mercifull and allmighty name, and wondrously Sav'd her, though he had button'd the Door and assaulted and Striven with her, thrown her on the Ground and was very indecent towards her, Yet was not suffer'd to hurt her -- except what was by the Fright and bruising her arms in struggling with her. When disengag'd She ran out to go to her uncles, but he ran after her and forc'd her back and made her wash the Blood from her arms, which she did upon his Swearing to her that he would not go into the House again till night. As soon as She had got him out to his work, She ran to Ensign Maynards who rode to Marlborough and at Eve brought up her Mother. Stephen Maynard lodg'd in the House that night and Noah How the next, My wife being afraid to be alone with so brutish a Creature. When I came home I examin'd Molly very Strictly. Brother Hicks and Ensign Maynard were here, whose advice I needed at so important a Juncture. John upon his Knees ask'd my Pardon, and again fell on his Knees and ask'd his mistresses Pardon. It was difficult with me to know what was fittest to be done, the Sabbath being approaching and the Holy Exercises thereof to be prepar'd for. As Compos'd as I could I deferr'd the Matter till the beginning of the Week.

1739 June 3 (Sunday). A.M. on Ps. 116.12 from page 7. On Consideration of the Great Goodness of God to Me and my Dear Daughter Molly in her late Remarkable Deliverance. [Psalm 116.12: What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?]

1739 June 30 (Saturday). Mr. Earl return'd to Boston. He carry'd Molly in his Chair.

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. We din'd at Baldwins.

#### **1739 SEPTEMBER 14: 14 YEARS OLD**

1739 October 4 (Thursday). Mr. Dorr, etc. rode away, and my Daughter Molly, Single on her Horse rode with them, Mr. Weld carrying my Niece Elizabeth behind him. At Evening, Mr. Weld, Eliza, and Molly return'd, having been to Grafton.

1740 April 10 (Thursday). My Daughter Molly Sick of the Meazles.

1740 May 27 (Tuesday). Molly rode with me to Cambridge.

1740 July 5 (Saturday). My Daughter Molly, who had been at Boston Several Weeks, being now to return home with us.

#### **1740 SEPTEMBER 14: 15 YEARS OLD**

1740 October 14 (Tuesday). Notwithstanding that it was Somewhat rainy My Wife and I rode down to Marlborough to attend upon the preaching of the Reverend Mr. George Whitefield. My Neighbor Barns carried my Sister Willard, Daniel How carried my Daughter Molly, and old Mr. Green carried Thomme. Mr. Whitefield preach'd at Sudbury in the forenoon, and came about 1/2 after 3 this afternoon. He preach'd to a great Assembly from Luke 18.14. N.B. Governor Belcher present. In Dr. Gotts Name I asked Mr. Whitefield and his Fellow Travellers to his House and they accordingly went, but could not be perswaded to make any Stay nor to lodge Short of Worcester, even although the weather was rainy. I Supp'd at Mr. Smiths in Company with Mr. Dorr, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Hemingway of Townshend, but I lodg'd at the Doctors. My Sister rode home with Captain Warrin, and Thomme with Mr. Green, but My Wife and Molly Stay'd because of the Rain.

1740 October 15 (Wednesday). My wife Stays at Marlborough. Molly rode home with me.

#### **1741 SEPTEMBER 14: 16 YEARS OLD**

1742 March 29 (Monday). I rode down with my Daughter Molly to Marlborough, dined and left her at Dr. Gotts.

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 14 (Wednesday). Rainy but yet Molly and I rode to Boston and were at the Ordination of the Rev. Mr. Andrew Eliot at the New North Church.

1742 April 15 (Thursday). I returned to Cambridge *leaving Molly to live at her Uncle Alex's* to go to School with his Daughter *Esther*.

1742 July 6 (Tuesday). Rode to F. Champneys where *Molly* has been for several Days, and is out of Health.

1742 August 12 (Thursday). Molly came yesterday to Boston that She might go to School.

1742 August 13 (Friday). Waited on Madam Condry to prepare the way for Mollys going to School.<sup>1</sup>

1742 August 20 (Friday). I visited Madam Condry to prepare the way for Mollys going to Her School.

#### **1742 SEPTEMBER 14: 17 YEARS OLD**

1742 October 13 (Wednesday). At Eve at Brother Alexanders where Molly Still resides (dining at Cousen Procters) while She attends School at Madam *Condys*.

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 November 26 (Friday). At Eve Brother Hicks returned from Cambridge but brought not Molly. She was still confined with illness at Sister Bettys at Boston.

1742 November 30 (Tuesday). Lodged at Sister Bettys. Molly had been long laid up with a Severe ague and Still kept House.

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<sup>1</sup> *Boston Evening-Post*, March 15, 22, 29 1742: "Mrs Condry opens her School next Week, and Persons may be supply'd with the Materials for the Works she teaches, whether they learn of her or not. She draws Patterns of all sorts, especially, Pocket-Books, House-Wives, Screens, Pictures, Chimney-Pieces, Escrutoires, &c. for Tent-Stitch, in a plainer Manner, and cheaper than those which come from London." Robert Francis Seybolt, *The Private Schools of Colonial Boston* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1970; first published, 1935), 28-29.

1742 December 1 (Wednesday). Mr. Smith having bought a Chaise Molly had a fine [adv.?] to ride up with him. Several women accompanied here to Charlestown.

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.

1742 December 14 (Tuesday). [Ebenezer] Brought up *Molly* from Marlborough but no Doctor.

1743 January 3 (Monday). Molly in an afflicted State by the Pains of her Stomach.

### **1743 SEPTEMBER 14: 18 YEARS OLD**

1744 May 7 (Monday). Visited Several Sick, viz. Amos Whitney, who was ill of a Rheumatism, Eli Forbush, Sick of a pleurisy, Jonathan Tainter in the Wastes of a Consumption, and daily (as tis thought) growing Worse.

1744 June 1 (Friday). Din'd at Brother Alexanders -- waited on Dr. Delhonde [Louis Delhonde, the physician of Boston] and paid him for what he had done last year for my Daughter Molly.

1744 August 6 (Monday). N.B. Eli Forbush with me in the Morning very much engag'd in the Business of his Soul and appears to have experienc'd some Remarkable Convictions.

1744 August 21 (Tuesday). P.M. attended upon my Catechizing of Young Women, and deliver'd them a sermon on Ps. 25.7. Hannah Forbush full of Spiritual Concern came to my House, as her Brother Eli had been not long Since.

1744 September 11 (Tuesday). At Eve Eli Forbush here at my House having wrote the Dealings of God with his soul, he gave it to me.

### **1744 SEPTEMBER 14: 19 YEARS OLD**

1744 September 17 (Monday). Mrs. Patty Ward (Colonel Nahums Daughter) here. She and Molly rode to Marlborough.

1744 September 18 (Tuesday). Molly return'd from Marlborough.

1744 October 21 (Sunday). Eli Forbush and Mrs. Thankfull Maynard here before meeting with their Relations. P.M. they were admitted before the Communion.

1744 December 10 (Monday). Sixteen came to get me Wood. Solomon Woods with a Team, Mr. Grow, Miller, Harrington, Daniel, Jonathan, Phinehas and Eli Forbush, Beriah Rice, Dunlop, Daniel Warrin, Elijah Warrin, Benjamin Tainter, Jonathan Grout, Jonas Child and Zebulon Rice. The Swamp clear'd. My Team improv'd all Day.

1744 December 31 (Monday). N.B. Mr. William Jenison began to keep School at Captain Maynards and Eli Forbush came to board at my House.



1745 January 25 (Friday). Eli rode to Lieutenant Holloways.

1745 January 29 (Tuesday). Eli Forbush went home.

1745 February 14 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. Solomon Rice's, at Upton and preach'd there on Rom. 8.7. The Lord add his effectual Blessing! N.B. Molly went with me.... Was also at Lieutenant Tainters, and Molly not well, but we (through Divine Favour) got home safe.

1745 March 7 (Thursday). N.B. Molly had a Ride to Cramberrying [*sic*] with Mrs. Thankfull Rice.

1745 June 14 (Friday). Molly exercis'd much with Toothach goes to Hopkinton, to Mr. Barrett to pull them out which troubled her. He pull'd Two.

1745 June 30 (Sunday). Eli Forbush din'd here. N.B. He and Jonathan Bruce being press'd to go to Westward to guard the Frontier desir'd prayers for them.

1745 July 1 (Monday). Thomas Winchester got off from going out a solider. His Brother Joshua also got off as did divers others. But the seven that appear'd and that went this Morning from Captain Bakers to Colonel Wards in order to their going up to Colonel Hoddard of Northampton, were there. Jonathan Bruce, James Bradish, Ephraim Whitney, James Miller, Jonas Warrin, Elijah Rice and Eli Forbush. These out of Captain Maynards Company were Two only, viz. his own son, his only child Stephen, and Silas Pratt who went in the Room of Ensign Rice's son Joseph. N.B. I wrote a Letter in Eli's behalf to Mr. Edwards of Northampton.

1745 July 2 (Tuesday). My Daughter Molly accommodated with Captain Fays Horse rode to Cambridge with me.... An Hot Day. Molly and I rested at Lieutenant Biglo's at Waltham.

1745 July 3 (Wednesday). Molly din'd at Mr. Danforths.

1745 July 4 (Thursday). Molly and I rode to Boston.

1745 July 5 (Friday). It was Somewhat misty, but Molly and Mr. John Sparhawk in Company we rode as far as Mrs. Bekky Walkers in Waltham, when Molly being indispos'd we Lit and stay'd the making and Eating of Chocolat. We got up so seasonably to Westborough that I preach'd my Lecture at the usual Time in the afternoon, on John 4.24.

1745 July 17 (Wednesday). Becky [Hicks] and Molly rode to Sutton.

1745 July 20 (Saturday). Becky and Molly return'd from Sutton.

### **1745 SEPTEMBER 14: 20 YEARS OLD**

1745 December 13 (Friday). Molly rode to Grafton, to see whether her Gown was done at Mr. Batchellors.

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1746 March 6 (Thursday). I preach'd at Deacon Jonathan Forbush's on Judg. 11.35. My Daughter Molly went with me.

1746 March 21 (Friday). Mr. Joseph Batchellor brought a piece of Strip'd Camblot Stuff which he had wove for my Daughter Molly.

1746 March 25 (Tuesday). Molly and I rode to Marlborough -- Lecture to young Men. I preach'd on Rom. 6.13. Mr. Smith and I to Madam Woods's after Exercise. Left Molly at Marlborough and Bekky Gott came home with me.

1746 May 1 (Thursday). I preach'd at the Private Meeting at Deacon Newton's on 1 John 1.7.... N.B. Molly rode with me.

1746 June 23 (Monday). Pamela which Colonel Chandler lent to Molly.

1746 July 7 (Monday). Molly return'd Pamela volume I to Colonel Chandler by Mrs. Lucy Stearns.

1746 July 15 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Ward din'd here. He brought Molly the second volume of Pamela from Colonel Chandler.

1746 August 30 (Saturday). My Daughter Molly ill and full of pain. Ever since Wednesday Night. She seems to have the Same Distemper with my Neighbours.

1746 August 31 (Sunday). N.B. Ebenezer Maynard went to Dr. Gott for his wife and brought physick for Molly which she took.

1746 September 1 (Monday). Molly took another part of her purge, and I hope she is better.  
*Deo Soli Laus!*

1746 September 8 (Monday). At Eve Eli Forbush borrow'd Tully's Orations -- and having heard that Mr. Barns has lost their Fourth and last Child, I improv'd Eli to go to Mr. Barns and acquaint them that Mr. Chamberlin had fix'd the Time for his Son's Funeral to be (God Willing) tomorrow at 2 o'Clock; and that therefore they must avoid appointing their Child's to be at the Same Time.

**1746 SEPTEMBER 14: 21 YEARS OLD**

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 31 (Friday). Din'd at Brother Alexanders -- and having dispatch'd my Business rode with Molly in the Same Chair I came down in, to Cambridge.

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, having stop'd and been kindly refresh'd at Mr. Thomas Dana's, Mr. Patersons and at Mr. Darlings.

1746 November 22 (Saturday). Deacon Forbush here about his son Eli.

1746 November 25 (Tuesday). Eli Forbush wants to lodge here when the School comes into the Middle of the Town.

1746 December 1 (Monday). Mr. Jenison keeps at Mr. Barns's and Eli lodges with him at Captain Forbush's.

1747 January 19 (Monday). Mr. Jension return'd from Brookfield at Evening. Eli having kept school to Day also.

1747 January 13 (Tuesday). Diverse also of the Family complain of Agues in their Faces -- Molly and Bekky particularly.

1747 February 4 (Wednesday). Eli din'd here.... Eli Forbush and Asaph Rice came at Eve to Lodge and board here.

1747 February 7 (Saturday). Eli and Asaph recited to me therefore.

1747 February 10 (Tuesday). P.M. I Rode to Worcester. Deliver'd Colonel Chandler his third and fourth volumes of Pamela with my Daughter Mollys gratitude. We went to his son Johns and Drank Tea.

1747 February 11 (Wednesday). Major Keyes my Company to Shrewsbury. Receiv'd a Pair of black Shoes for my Daughter Molly and paid Mr. Parker all to this Day, viz. 4£ 1.6. Home at Eve.

1747 February 14 (Saturday). Mr. Jenison leaves the School again this Morning to go over to Mr. Jones's to preach there tomorrow. So that Eli and Asaph are oblig'd to recite to me.

1747 February 15 (Sunday). Mr. Joseph Knowlton, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. Miller din'd here as well as Eli and Asaph.

1747 February 16 (Monday). Rainy, as it was all night. My wife very full of pain. This Morning I sent Ebenezer for Mrs. Forbush. Eli was not here last night but came in the forenoon.

Asaph recited to me there being no Schoolmaster. P.M. they were both dismiss'd and they went to Captain Forbush's.

1747 February 17 (Tuesday). Eli and Asaph went to Captain Forbushs yesterday but today return'd and din'd with us.

1747 March 1 (Sunday). Mrs. Sybil Child, Mr. Jonathan Forbushes wife and Eli and Asaph din'd with us.

1747 March 8 (Sunday). Deacon Fay, Eli and Asaph din'd here.

1747 April 6 (Monday). Deacon Forbush's wife here and brought me excellent Flax seed, a peck and half, and Eli half peck from his uncle Tainters, all of it gratis.

1747 March 1 (Sunday). Mrs. Sybil Child, Mr. Jonathan Forbushes wife and Eli and Asaph din'd with us.

1747 March 25 (Wednesday). Eli Forbush brought from Worcester Mr. Hedge's Henry volume 5.

1747 May 7 (Thursday). Preach'd at Captain Fays the remainder of sermon on Mat. 16.26. May God write these moving Things upon our Hearts. N.B. Mrs. Whitney crying out in the Orchard after Meeting. My Daughter Molly rode with Nabby How.

1747 May 14 (Thursday). Molly rode to Mr. Batchellors at Grafton and was at Mr. Prentice's.

1747 May 29 (Friday). Rode over to College and smok'd a Pipe with Mr. Mayhew. Talk'd with him about Eli Forbush.

1747 June 10 (Wednesday). Captain Baker accompany'd me to Worcester. Ebenezer was disappointed of his Cloths which could not be made, and he resign'd his Horse to his sister Molly who therefore went.... I design'd to have return'd home this Eve, but my Daughter Molly was not well. She lodg'd at Colonel Chandlers but I lodg'd at Dr. Brecks.

1747 June 22 (Monday). Eli Forbush came here to board and to be instructed.

1747 June 24 (Wednesday). Ebenezer mowing and getting in Hay. Eli help'd him pole in what was fit to go in.

1747 June 26 (Friday). Eli Forbush is with me this week to be instruct'd -- and though I rejoice in his Learning Yet it is a great avocation and Impediment to me in my studys.

1747 June 29 (Monday). Eli Forbush here.

1747 July 17 (Friday). Molly rode over to Mr. Martyns with Hannah Forbush, and return's at Evening and Hannah lodg'd here.

1747 August 4 (Tuesday). Forbush with his Theme.

1747 August 8 (Saturday). Eli Forbush here, and being able to go to live at Cambridge took leave.

1747 August 31 (Monday). I carry'd Molly as far as Esquire Brighams at Marlborough (she having the Toothach) in order to her going to Dr. Gotts.

### **1747 SEPTEMBER 14: 22 YEARS OLD**

1747 September 15 (Tuesday). Benjamin Tainter and Molly rode in Chaise to Cambridge.

1747 September 29 (Tuesday). I walk'd down to Mr. Cooks and there wrote a Letter to my Daughter Molly at Cambridge and sent it with 12£ of money by Eli Forbush.

1747 October 4 (Sunday). N.B. Captain Maynard here in the morning and informs me that his son is sick -- and that my Daughter Molly is ill at Boston.

1747 October 22 (Thursday). Molly was at Mother Champneys and pritty well.

1747 October 23 (Friday). N.B. Ward of College with Molly.

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). I rode down to Neighbour Bavericks and Captain Warrins. Sent my mare and Sidesaddle by Mr. Bowman to Molly at Cambridge.

1747 November 21 (Saturday). Bright and pleasant but Cold and blustering. Expect Molly from Cambridge and she came at Evening with Forbush from Mr. Strattons at Waltham where they lodg'd having come from Cambridge the Evening before. They brought me Turretine's Theol. Elenct. 3 volumes quarto which Mr. Eliot bought for me of Captain Wadsworth for 5£ old Tenor.

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1747 November 27 (Friday). Forbush was here at Evening and brought a Letter from Mr. Martyn desiring we might Change next Lords Day.

1747 December 8 (Tuesday). My Daughter Molly rode with me to the Burial of Martha Ward. May every Instance of Death awaken and quicken us! and in Special our Youth! After Burying

we went to Deacon Newtons, and I sat there whilst Silas How Sow'd a Soal, upon one of my Boots.

1748 January 7 (Thursday). Forbush from College here, he tells me he keeps School in Town to make up some of Mr. Jenison's Time.

1748 February 5 (Friday). Forbush here at Eve, and lodged here.

1748 February 7 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter and Forbush dined here.

1748 February 15 (Monday). Molly and Lucy to Mr. Martyns.

1748 June 13 (Monday). Ebenezer and Molly and Betty rode to Colonel Wards.

1748 June 15 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Cousen Betty Parkman set out this Morning for Boston. Molly went with them in the Chair to Marlborough.

1748 July 18 (Monday). Forbush (who keeps School at Mr. Joslins) here, and the Rain prevailing, he lodg'd here.

1748 July 25 (Monday). A letter subscribed Eli Forbush, desiring free Liberty to discourse with Molly without giving Offence.

1748 August 22 (Monday). Heard that My Daughter Molly accompany'd by Mr. Wellman had been at Colonel Wards and with Mrs. Patty, was gone to Mr. Morse's. But they return's at Night.

#### **1748 SEPTEMBER 14: 23 YEARS OLD**

1748 September 27 (Tuesday). My Daughters Molly and Lucy went over to Mr. Martyns.

1748 November 26 (Saturday). Molly rode yesterday to Mr. Warrins -- returns to Day.

1748 November 27 (Sunday). N.B. A Nuisance from the Gallery over my Pew -- Tobacco Spittle druling down upon my Daughter Mollys Hand.... Molly and I visited old Mrs. Brigham at the Eve.

1748 December 1 (Thursday). I rode over to Upton. Forbush went with me. We din'd at Jonas Warrins. Preach'd a Lecture on John 3.36, and baptiz'd Two Children, one of them the Child of Moses Wood, the other of Samuel Wood, their wives being Members of the Church. Was at Captain Sadlers his wife (who is my kinswoman) was very urgent to have me tarry all night, for it began to rain. But I chose to get as near home as possible. It was very dark and rainy before we got to Mr. James Bradish's. Then we lodg'd.

1748 December 3 (Saturday). Molly and Lucy rode together and Bekky Gott rode with me to the Funeral of Mrs. Brigham.

1748 December 19 (Monday). Rain. Kitty Grout here making a New, cloth-colour'd Riding Hood for my Wife, and altering my Wife's Scarlet Riding Hood for Molly.

1748 December 22 (Thursday). Kitty Grout went home a.m. Molly rode with me over to Mr. Martyns and Mr. Martyn rode with me to Harvard.

1748 December 23 (Friday). It was Evening when Molly and I return'd home.

1749 January 13 (Friday). Thomas (and his Sister Molly with Bekky Gott) rode in the Slay to Marlborough.

1749 February 16 (Thursday). Mrs. Molly Martyn here. She came yesterday -- she was brought by Ebenezer and Forbush -- and there had been considerable Company besides here.

1749 February 21 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. [blank] Stone of Lexington (about to marry Hannah Holloway) here, with Gideon Hayward, to invite Ebenezer and Molly to Wedding tomorrow, but Ebenezer was gone (this Day) to Harvard again.

1749 April 6 (Thursday). At Merchant Rice's at Evening -- Daughter Molly with me.

1749 April 11 (Tuesday). Forbush who has been sick at College, here.

1749 April 20 (Thursday). N.B. Forbush here -- wants opportunity to talk with me, and with my wife that all Grounds of Offence in his acquaintance with Molly and his Conduct about her may be removed. Being in a low State of Health, he is going over to live at Dr. Scammells.

1749 April 27 (Thursday). Molly rode with me over to Mr. Martyns -- Mr. Cushing and his wife came.

1749 May 3 (Wednesday). N.B. Forbush brought a message from Mr. Frost of Mill-River to desire me to change with him next Lords Day.

1749 May 10 (Wednesday). Molly went to Cambridge with Mr. Beriah Rice and his son Asaph. I accompany'd her as far as Mr. Daniel Warrins.

1749 June 10 (Saturday). Receiv'd Sundrys from Molly by Mr. Ebenezer Rice.

1749 June 11 (Sunday). Some Number Din'd with us. Mrs. Tainter and her sister Hastings, Benjamin Hastings, Eli Forbush, Mrs. Chaddock, Mrs. Deborah Brigham and Rebecca Warrin.

1749 June 19 (Monday). Forbush came home with me.

1749 June 21 (Wednesday). N.B. Ebenezer and Forbush went in my Chair, in order to go to Cambridge, but they turn'd in to Sudbury meeting in the Afternoon.

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 11 (Tuesday). After Exercise I was refresh'd at Mr. Jonas Childs and Forbush was with me. We went also to Ensign Millers, where Forbush read his account of the Ordination or anointing of one Hovey at Mill-river.

1749 July 12 (Wednesday). Sir Dodge here. Confirms the account which Forbush gave of Mill river, he also having been present at Said Ordination.

1749 July 13 (Thursday). Got down to Mr. Hastings's at Watertown so as to dine there -- to Cambridge about 2 p.m. My visit was to my Daughter though the Crowd was going by to the Gallows with Mary Rogers, alias Elizabeth Richardson, alias etc. My Molly was very low, having Fever and sore Throat. N.B. Forbush got down by 10 a.m. As to the vile Woman who was carry'd up to the place of Execution She Seem'd somewhat affected but Said very little -- though the Terrible Instruments of Death were before her, the Rope about her Neck, her Coffin before her etc. -- and the Sheriff bid her prepare for Death, for he had no further Reprieve for her -- But Colonel Brattle read her Pardon and Mr. Appleton pray'd.

1749 July 14 (Friday). Molly a poor Night, but better Morning.

1749 July 15 (Saturday). I consulted Dr. Davis who has the Care of Molly. I thereupon ventur'd to return when I had Seen, examin'd and encourag'd her what I could....

1749 July 22 (Saturday). Hear that Molly is better.

1749 August 3 (Thursday). P.M. I preach'd at Deacon Forbushs on Eph. 1.4. After Exercise I went to Mr. Kellys to see his Daughter Jane, and then to Mr. William Pierce's to see 2 of his Children, they being Sick. N.B. Forbush with me.

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.

1749 August 16 (Wednesday). Association Fast here.... There came also of Scholars, Sir Cushing and Forbush.... Daniel Hastings brought up Molly from Cambridge. Sarah and Elizabeth Tainter assisted my Wife, but at night went home.

1749 August 20 (Sunday). Molly got to meeting among us a.m.

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.



1749 September 2 (Saturday). Benjamin Tainter came up from Cambridge with my Chair and brought a Letter from Forbush that he got down well with Mrs. Grice but without sister Lydia Champney whom I now hop'd for; and it was a great Disappointment that she did not come.

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 12 (Tuesday). Molly and I rode in the Chair to Concord -- din'd at Mr. John Weeks at Marlborough and got to Mr. Minot's seasonably -- made a visit to Colonel Minot -- but both my Daughter and I lodg'd at Mr. Timothys.

### **1749 SEPTEMBER 14: 24 YEARS OLD**

1749 October 8 (Sunday). My wife, sister Lydia and Daughter Molly din'd at Deacon Newtons.

1749 October 15 (Sunday). Molly and I din'd at Deacon Newtons.

1749 October 27 (Friday). Pleasant Weather. Sister Lydia Champney and Molly rode over to see Mrs. Warrin at Upton.

1749 November 2 (Thursday). Molly return'd from Upton and Mrs. Warrin with her.

1749 November 12 (Sunday). Molly and I din'd at Deacon Newtons.

1749 November 19 (Sunday). Molly and Lucy were at the Deacons but had dinners of their own.

1749 December 3 (Sunday). Molly and Lucy and Billy tarry'd at the Meeting House. I enquir'd of Mrs. Newton what was become of them and she manifested concern and Disappointment for she had ask'd them (heretofore) and did Desire they might be with us at Dinner, and said she spoke to Billy (to Day) at the Meeting House Door, to come. (But I suppose they knew not upon what foot they were to come and therefore did not. It is a pity that this Affair has made any Difficulty.)

1749 December 24 (Sunday). Din'd at Esq. Bakers, Molly at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, and Lucy at Mr. Abner Newtons.

1750 January 14 (Sunday). Lucy and I din'd at Esq. Bakers. Molly dines at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's.

1750 January 26 (Friday). Molly went over to Mr. Palatiah Rice's and brought Martha Pannell to live with us.

1750 February 4 (Sunday). My wife and I din'd at Justice Bakers -- Molly at Lieutenant Tainters, William at Mr. Williams's. Ebenezer and Martha Pannell came home.

1750 February 16 (Friday). Sent for the Two Young Men aforesaid who were at Breakfast with me.... At Eve came Forbush and afterwards Benjamin Tainter, and they by turns watch'd with Ebenezer.

1750 February 18 (Sunday). At Eve Forbush, but return'd (to his uncle Holloways).

1750 March 4 (Sunday). My Wife and Daughter Molly tarry'd at the Meeting House.

1750 March 15 (Thursday). Public Fast.... 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 April 28 (Saturday). Forbush (from College) lodg'd here last Night.

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.

1750 May 4 (Friday). P.M. Ebenezer and Molly to Mr. Martyns.

1750 May 6 (Sunday). 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 June 6 (Wednesday). My Wife, Mr. Haven, Son Ebenezer and Two Daughters Molly and Lucy rode in the Rain, in Company with Mr. Martyn, his wife and Daughter, to Grafton to the Ordination of Mr. Aaron Hutchinson.

1750 June 17 (Sunday). My wife and I rode in the Chair, and Mr. Haven and Molly on the Horse.

1750 June 18 (Monday). Mr. Martyn here.... At Eve he carry'd Molly over to his House as to tarry a few Days with them.

1750 June 21 (Thursday). I rode to Mr. Martyns -- din'd there. Thunder storm arose and detain'd me an House or Two. Brought Molly home.

1750 July 15 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Haven, invited by Esq. Baker, din'd there with us (viz. with my wife, Daughter Molly and I).

1750 July 16 (Monday). Forbush begins to keep School at Mr. Eliezer Rice's, and lodges here.

1750 July 25 (Wednesday). P.M. Molly and Lucy went to the Funeral of Prudence Winchester, who dy'd yesterday Morning.

1750 August 7 (Tuesday). Forbush goes home, having lodg'd here.

1750 August 8 (Wednesday). N.B. Molly to Mr. Martyn alone.

1750 August 9 (Thursday). Molly and Lucy rode in the Chair to Mr. Twitchells.

1750 August 26 (Sunday). Molly din'd at Deacon Newtons.

### **1750 SEPTEMBER 14: 25 YEARS OLD**

1750 September 22 (Saturday). Mr. Haven to Upton and Molly with him to See Bekky Warrin.

1750 September 24 (Monday). At Evening Mr. Haven return'd home with Molly from Upton by the Way of Grafton.

1750 October 9 (Tuesday). My Wife and Daughter Molly rose early and rode to Worcester to Dr. Brecks to visit them before they leave these parts of the World.

1750 October 12 (Friday). Three Sons and Two Daughters, with Patty Pannell husk Corn in the Barn this Eve, and Except Molly, they Stay till Eleven o'Clock.

1750 October 29 (Monday). P.M. Molly and Lucy rode in the Chair to Colonel Wards at Shrewsbury.

1750 October 30 (Tuesday). Molly and Lucy return'd from Colonel Wards, where they lodg'd last Night.

1750 November 30 (Friday). Molly is also in great Anguish with Tooth ach So that with my own Lameness, we have no Small Trouble in the House. But would humbly wait on God.

1750 December 13 (Thursday). P.M. Molly rode with me to the Funeral of Experience Thurston. N.B. She was almost 19 years of age, and after a few Days illness fell into Fitts and dyed Suddenly.

1750 December 26 (Wednesday). Storm of Rain. Forbush begins to keep School at Captain Maynards and lodges there.

1750 December 27 (Thursday). Molly and Lucy undertook to walk over to Mr. Martyn's.

1751 January 15 (Tuesday). Master Forbush here at Eve and lodg'd here.

1751 January 23 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Stephen Sadler and his wife and they lodg'd here; as did Master Forbush also; there being an Entertainment or Frolick, of some young people at his Lodgings (Captain Maynards) to Night.

1751 February 4 (Monday). This Day concludes the School kept by Forbush at Captain Maynards.

1751 March 3 (Sunday). Molly din'd at Deacon Newtons.

1751 March 14 (Thursday). Have heard to Day and yesterday of Several sudden Deaths -- but when I got home (instead of finding Mr. Martyn and his wife, to dine with me, as I expected) found Forbush from College there, who came up with Tidings of Asaph Rice's illness at College. But especially -- O Especially! with the heavy and grievous Accounts of the Death of my Dear Kinsman, and rather Brother or Son than Nephew Elias Parkman who was taken ill Friday night was sennight of a Pleurisie, Soon grew delirious -- continued all Wednesday after and expir'd -- was interr'd the next Saturday. May I be suitably affected with this Holy Dispensation -- remember and prepare for my own Decease! May God remember dear Nabby, and her Maker be her Husband! and with him may the dear Orphans find Mercy!

1751 May 15 (Wednesday). My wife and I, together with my two sons Ebenezer and Thomas attended the Marriage of Mr. Abraham Batchellor to Mrs. Sally Newton, only Daughter of the late Mr. Abner Newton; which was solemniz'd at the Widow Newtons p.m. N.B. My Daughter Lucy was invited also, (and not Molly) -- Molly rode over to Mr. Martyns, agreeable to Appointment Some Time ago, and Lucy tarried at home with the children.

1751 May 17 (Friday). Lucy went over to Mr. Martyns for Molly and they came home at Eve.

1751 May 19 (Sunday). In the Morning Alexander struck a Ram that return'd the Blow and knock'd him down, and repeated it as often as he endeavour'd to rise -- till my Daughter Molly running to his relief, was struck down likewise; So that they were both in Some Danger; till I went to their Succour.

1751 July 22 (Monday). Molly to Deacon Forbush.

1751 July 23 (Tuesday). My son Ebenezer and Daughter Molly there.

1751 July 25 (Thursday). Molly with Sir Forbush, to wait on the Reverend Mr. Fish and his Bride to Upton.

1751 August 2 (Friday). Molly and Sarah go over to tarry at the New House to dress the Carpenters Diet. They lodge there; a Second Bed being Set up there.

1751 August 6 (Tuesday). Baldwin and his Man John all this Time there and my Daughter Molly lodges and works also, tending upon the Workmen in their Meals etc.

1751 August 9 (Friday). At the New House. Deacon Kimball, and his Son Ebenezer lay on the Plaistering. Cornelius Cook tends them. The Carpenters Still there and Molly and Suse to provide for us.... At Night the Walls of my New House being so green and damp, with the New Mortar, no body cares to lodge within them. Deacon and Baldwin make up a Couch in the unfinish'd part of the House. Molly and Suse go to the Widow Newtons. Others disperse otherwise.

1751 August 15 (Thursday). Molly has liv'd at the New House ever since we dieted the Workmen, to Day she went home, and after much hard work in the Day return'd at Eve.

1751 August 17 (Saturday). I lodg'd at the New House. My Family here and Molly, Suse and Alexander.

### **1751 SEPTEMBER 14: 26 YEARS OLD**

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

1751 December 15 (Sunday). Daughter Molly tarried with us over Night -- the Night exceeding Cold.

1752 January 14 (Tuesday). My daughters Molly and Lucy were last Wednesday at Mr. Martyns, and heard their Disgust at my not having been to see 'em for so long time. They pitched upon to Day for us to go, and they would stay at home for us -- but though it was a most agreeable Day and fine slaying, yet I was so very ill that I could by no means go. Mrs. Parkman and Molly went.

1752 January 15 (Wednesday). Sir Forbush from Waltham dined with me, and I dined somewhat agreeably.

1752 January 16 (Thursday). N.B. Forbush receiv'd a call from Brookfield and is here at Eve.

1752 January 22 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. John Martyn junior and his sister, my son Ebenezer and Daughters Molly and Lucy here.

1752 January 28 (Tuesday). My Daughter Molly came and lodged here in order to my riding abroad with her Mother to Marlborough if I be able -- but the weather proves too rough and Cold.

1752 February 6 (Thursday). N.B. Sir Forbes has received a call from the town of Waltham and he is come up.

1752 February 7 (Friday). Mr. John Witt of Brookfield lodged at my other house last night and is here and meets Sir Forbes today here.

1752 February 10 (Monday). P.M. Carried Molly over to take her mother's place whilst my Wife and I rode in the slay to Grafton.

1752 February 17 (Monday). Dr. Gardner lodged over at t'other house -- gone p.m. with Molly and Lucy to Mr. Stone's of Southborough.

1752 February 19 (Wednesday). Sir Forbush here, being come from Waltham and goes today upon his journey to Brookfield.

1752 February 20 (Thursday). N.B. Molly brought Breck here, who has canker in his mouth, yet plays about in the house and abroad.

1752 March 3 (Tuesday). Rainy. Mr. Forbush here from Brookfield.

1752 March 11 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbush from Waltham, here; and wants immediate advice about Brookfield.

1752 March 12 (Thursday). In the Morning having thought of Mr. Forbush's Case with regard to Brookfield Proposals, I rode over to Mr. Martyns whither he was gone to meet a Brookfield Messenger, Mr. Cutter; and I din'd there. Mr. Forbush prepar'd his answer, which had some Conditions inserted respecting Wood and Sallery -- and he sent it by Mr. Cutter. P.M. I rode to Marlborough accompany'd by Forbush who is returning to Waltham.

1752 March 19 (Thursday). Forbush from Waltham again, and wants further Advice.

1752 March 23 (Monday). When I came home understood that Captain Witt and Mr. Barns of Brookfield had been here to see Mr. Forbush but he was not here. They seem determin'd to have him at Brookfield.

1752 March 24 (Tuesday). Captain Witt etc. here again but it still happens to be when I am absent. Mr. Forbush comes to me still to advise with me in the weighty Case before him: For Brookfield do not accept his Conditions, but do make further proposals to him, which are such as make the Matter no better than it was before.

1752 March 31 (Tuesday). Kill'd a young Sow to Send to Boston, but sold it to Mr. John Beeton, Smith; weigh'd 152. Mr. Beeton to Boston. Sent by him to invite Mr. Stoddard to come up to us this Small Pox Time. Sent by Mr. Richard Kelly the like to Brother Samuels Children and to Dr. Parkmans Widow -- to this last because: She had writ to my Daughter Molly that she had rather come here than go to Weymouth.

1752 April 7 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Joseph Hagar from Waltham here with a Letter from Captain Livermore concerning Mr. Forbush. Mr. Eliezer Rice here and asks for a Copy of the Votes of the Church respecting him.

1752 April 9 (Thursday). I wrote to Sir Forbush at Brookfield concerning the Contents of Captain Livermore's Letter from Waltham.

1752 April 14 (Tuesday). Thomas and Molly ride to Cambridge to see their Aunt Lydia. Thomas rode on Mr. Samuel Fay's Beast: Molly on her Brother Ebenezers.

1752 April 17 (Friday). Thomas and Molly return'd from Cambridge.

1752 April 24 (Friday). A Letter etc. from Mr. Forbush at Brookfield.

1752 May 9 (Saturday). Mr. Forbush here -- goes to preach at Southborough.

1752 May 17 (Sunday). Sir Forbush preach'd for me a. and p.m. on Jam. I, 5. May God be pleas'd to Add to his Graces and accomplishments and make him an happy Instrument of Saving Good to Many Souls! May he be abundantly fitted and prepar'd for the very awful and Solemn Charge he will (God willing) in a short Time receive!

1752 May 22 (Friday). Sir Forbush Sends his Chest (containing a number of Valuable Books which I have sold him, viz. Hammond, Saurin, Edwards) by one Ball to Brookfield.

1752 May 24 (Sunday). After Sermon read Letter Missive from Brookfield, second parish respecting Mr. Eli Forbush's Ordination.

1752 May 25 (Monday). Mr. Forbush to Brookfield.

1752 May 27 (Wednesday). I rode to Mr. Jonah Warrins and brought home my Molly and Mrs. Molly Johnson (who is still at Work here) but Lucy lodg'd there.

1752 May 31 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Eli Forbush and Mrs. Hannah Fish dismiss'd.

1752 June 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Eli Forbush's Ordination. A most important Day with one whom I am nearly concern'd for! May God be almightily present with him, and his grace sufficient for him! But it is a Comfort that there is no Objection likely to arise. Captain Ayres does not join, but he does not oppose. We did not form into a Council till it was late in the Day, because the pastors and Deligates of Several Churches did not come Seasonably: and when they came, Several Pastors were unwilling to perform any of the public Service. Mr. Forbush gave the Council to their universal Satisfaction an Account of his Principles; and his Views in undertaking the Ministry. N.B. The Confession of his Faith, contain'd an humble Declaration of his own Hope: and it was to acceptance. N.B. When Mr. Forbush's Call was read, the Church declar'd that the meaning of those Words "While he shall continue in the Work of the Ministry" did mean, as long as he had the pastoral Care of them, and not merely as long as he was able to preach. In public Mr. Jones of Western began with Prayer. Mr. Martyn preach'd in my stead; his Text [*blank*]. I gave the Assembly an Account of our Proceedings in Enquiring into the Qualifications of the Candidate, and the regular steps which the people had taken in ripening Matters thus far. To satisfie them all likewise we went over them again, from each party transacting. I gave the Charge. This was the first Time I ever perform'd this Service: and did it Memoriter. Mr. White of Hardwick pray'd after the Charge. Sung last part of Ps. 118. I hear there was much order and Decency among the people afterwards. May God accept our

Offerrings, and may the Ordain'd especially have Grace to keep the Solemn Charge! Nor may any of us ever forget these solemn actions! Through Gods great Goodness, my feeble Body was sustain'd and carry'd through in a measure of Comfort. So that my Evening was pleasant. N.B. Mr. Breck of Springfield -- Mr. Pynchon of Brookfield there.

1752 June 7 (Sunday). I preach'd at Brookfield for Mr. Forbush and he at Westborough for me. My Text a.m. Heb. 13.17. P.M. Rom. 6.13.

1752 June 8 (Monday). At Worcester talk'd with Mr. Sergeant of Leicester joiner about making an handsome sett of Chest Drawers, for Molly.

1752 June 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbush preach'd for me last Lords Day, and baptiz'd Two Children.

1752 June 10 (Wednesday). Great Rains. Mr. Forbush din'd here.

1752 July 1 (Wednesday). Billy at t'other House helping his Brother Ebenezer at night returns. Sister Lydia rode here with my Daughter Molly, and din'd here. At Eve return'd to t'other House.

1752 July 10 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Eli Forbush here, and paid me 10 Dollars for Books which he has had.

1752 July 12 (Sunday). Preach'd at Grafton on Ps. 4.7, a. and p.m. Return'd home at Night. [N.B. Mr. Forbush and my Daughter Molly were publish'd at Westborough.]

1752 July 27 (Monday). My wife to Ensign Millers to Mr. Harringtons and Lieutenant Tainters - - borrows his Chaise for some of us to go to Watertown on Mollys Account.

1752 August 19 (Wednesday). Blessed be God! Sister Lydia and my Daughter Forbush here, din'd and Spent p.m. with us.

1752 August 23 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Bradish pray'd with me in the Evening, and my Daughter Forbush watches.

1752 August 28 (Friday). Mrs. Dolly Rice here, and nigh Eve came my Daughter Forbush and sister Lydia and lodge here.

1752 September 2 (Wednesday). Somewhat dull and heavy. Yet Mr. Stone and his Wife and Mr. Forbush from Brookfield and my Daughter, were here to see me and din'd with me.

### **1752 SEPTEMBER 14: 27 YEARS OLD**

1752 September 14 (Thursday). Mr. Forbush Studys here to Day, being about his preparations for the Sabbath....



1752 September 15 (Friday). Mr. Forbush takes Leave and goes to Brookfield, appointing to return 4 Weeks from next Monday.

1752 October 10 (Tuesday). My Daughter Forbush here and prepares to go to Cambridge.

1752 October 11 (Wednesday). The Weather Doubtfull and no Money for my Daughter's Journey -- but at length the Air was clearer; and Esquire Baker came and lent me some Gold. Molly came but depended on her Brother Mr. Daniel Forbush to go with her, who did not come as expected. She went to his House. After the middle of the Day they Set out from hence to Cambridge and Boston.

1752 October 20 (Friday). Mr. Daniel Forbush brings up in his Cart, Brass, Pewter, etc. from Boston for my Daughter.

1752 October 27 (Friday). N.B. Mr. John Beton brought a Pair of Andirons for my Daughter Forbush, weigh'd 36 at 4/ per pound.

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 carries with him John Barrett; he has Mr. Martyns Chair and my Mare.

1752 November 4 (Saturday). Mr. Forbush and his wife tarry at Boston or Cambridge yet.

1752 November 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbush and his Wife came from Boston, where my Daughter has been, now a long Time providing for her keeping House. They lodg'd at t'other House, as did Mr. [blank] Taylor of Brookfield from Captain Witts with a Team for Mrs. Forbush's Goods.

1752 November 9 (Thursday). My Daughters Goods which are here, loaded up in Mr. Taylors Cart: and he goes to t'other House to lodge. Mr. Forbush etc. here with us, and both dine and lodge here -- which is a Rarity!

1752 November 10 (Friday). After Mr. Forbush etc. had din'd here they went to Upton to visit Mr. Fish and his Wife, though there was great likelihood of Rain.

1752 November 11 (Saturday). Mr. Forbush and his wife return'd from Upton p.m.

1752 November 12 (Sunday). Mr. Forbush preach'd a. and p.m. A.M. on Isa. 64.6, that Clause "And we all do fade as a Leaf." P.M. on Rom. 16.7 -- "Who were in Christ before me," insisting chiefly on those words, "who were in Christ." N.B. My Daughter was not well and did not go to Meeting.

1752 November 13 (Monday). So great Rain p.m. especially that we little expected Company. Yet at Eve came a number of persons from Brookfield, viz. Captain Witt, Messrs. Bartlett and Abraham How. The two former lodged here. Mr. How lodg'd at Captain Bakers. Several

Persons came also to t'other House -- viz. Jeduthan Baldwin, who rode in a Chair for Mr. Forbush and my Daughter, and one Mr. Smith. Two others also who lodg'd at [*blank*].

1752 November 14 (Tuesday). Early in the Morning Mr. Forbush and his Wife, with the Company who came to wait on them together with a Number from us, My Son Ebenezer and his Wife, Thomas and Lucy -- Messrs. Daniel and Jonathan Forbush and their Wives, took leave of us for Brookfield, designing to dine at Sergeants at Leicester: the weather Fair, and Everyone, through Mercy, in Health. Lucy is gone with her sister to tarry with her this Winter. May God be gracious to them, and give them a prosperous Journey by the Will of God! and may their Joys be never diminish'd!

1752 November 17 (Friday). Mr. Nathan Sergeant of Leicester who has been at Work for me in making some Joiners Ware for my Daughter Forbush in his way to Boston din'd here.

*[The remainder of the diary for 1753 is not extant.]*

1754 January 1 (Tuesday). Esquire Howard had Sent a Message to me Yesterday, and this Morning came himself to invite me and my son Ebenezer who is with me, as well as Mr. Forbush and his Wife, to a New Years Dinner. It prov'd a fine Day, which with good Company, and fine Eating, made it a chearful Time. Thanks be to God for his great Goodness in which He is rich unto all! May it be a truely happy New Year! ...At Eve return'd to Mr. Forbush's.

1754 January 2 (Wednesday). Am upon the Business of Mr. Smiths place. Mr. Forbush and Lieutenant Gilbert accompany us, as Mr. Smith shews us his Bounds. But the Snow being on the Ground we can't See the Soil. At Eve Mr. Benjamin Ruggles, preaching now a Days at New Braintree came to Mr. Forbushs. I preach'd an Eve Lecture at the Meeting House there on Luke 29.10. Mr. Ruggles pray'd. N.B. This was the first Time Mr. Forbush got out since his Fall. May God make his word effectual for our saving Profit! Mr. Ruggles lodg'd with me at Mr. Forbushs.

1754 March 9 (Saturday). Thomas return'd to t'other House last night and came here with Mr. Smith and Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin who is come from Brookfield with a Chair from Mr. Forbush to carry us his Mother.

1754 March 12 (Tuesday). I made a Visit to Mr. Smith to enquire into his Conduct. Colonel William Ward here with whom I advis'd respecting Mr. Smiths Treatment of me. I rode to Mr. Bradishs to See his Wife, and to Mr. Ithamar Bellows. A fine Day overhead, but exceeding bad Road -- snow, Mud etc. Billy brought over four Sheep and [*blank*] Lambs from t'other House. Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin here from Sudbury, returning to Brookfield. Told him I was very sorry that when Mr. Forbush and he knew of Mr. Smiths Mortgaging his Place to Mr. Boardman yet that they did not prevent his moving his Family hither, or Send one word of it.

1754 April 5 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Abraham Smith at the other House to answer to Mr. Ebenezer Rice, sheriff. He lodg'd (as I heard) at Lieutenant Bruce's. N.B. Mr. Ephraim Bruce here, and tells me that Mr. Smith had told Such Things at their House, as if true, he Should be greatly Disaffected to me for: but when I came to understand what they were, it was even astonishing

that ever a professing Christian Should pervert and misrepresent the Truth so. Particularly that when our Agreement to throw up all our Bargain, was So clear, and in presence of his Brother Wheeler as well as other he Should so exceedingly misrepresent the plain and express'd Terms thereof. Thus when it was propos'd that we Should throw up all, it was expressly mention'd that a Bag of Feathers which he sent to my Daughter Forbush (of 50£ weight at 7/6 old Tenor per pound, but was thrown in for 10£ in our Bargain) should be given in -- and this was the least he could do Since he lay expos'd to an action in Law for Breach of Covenant and for Damgages by his presumptuousness coming into my House; Yet Mr. Smith tells 'em at Bruce's that this was not mention'd till after Signing the mutual Discharges; and that though he told me he had forgot that Article, yet I was so unfair and hard as to refuse to Consider it.

1754 April 9 (Tuesday). Receiv'd a joyful Letter from my son Forbush that on the Night before last (the night after the 7th) my Daughter Mary was delivered of a Daughter, and both Mother and Child well. All glory be to God our Saviour and Deliverer. May He perfect begun Mercy!

1754 May 15 (Wednesday). Wrote also to Mr. Forbush of Brookfield. These were sent by Elisha Jones.

1754 May 22 (Wednesday). P.M. my son Forbush here. He goes at Eve to t'other House.

1754 June 28 (Friday). I wrote by Mr. Livermore to Mr. Forbush on the Smith Affair.

1754 July 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbush and his Wife and Child with their Friend Deacon Cutler and his Wife came from Brookfield to t'other House last Night, and this Day here, with Mrs. Brown (Mr. Zechariah Browns Wife) broke fast and din'd here. P.M. Mr. Forbush to Cambridge and the rest of the Company left us except My Daughter and her Child.

1754 July 14 (Sunday). Read 1 Sam. 3. Mr. Forbush preach'd for me on 1Cor. 11.29. I administer'd the Lords Supper. P.M. read 1 John 3. Mr. Forbush preach'd on Eph. 5.8. They went to their Father Forbush at Evening.

1754 July 15 (Monday). P.M. I rode with Mr. Forbush to Waltham and lodg'd at Mr. Isaac Brown's.

1754 July 16 (Tuesday). We proceeded to Mr. John Barkers at Boston, whom Mr. Abraham Smith I Suppose has dependence upon to testify against me; but who in Discourse, tells me he was astonish'd at Smiths Impudence that Night he was at my House, and the next morning likewise, than ever he was in his Life; and says he doth not remember that he so much as once heard me express my Self towards Smith in any unbecoming manner. To this Mr. Forbush was Witness. Thence we went to Dr. Pyncheons and din'd there. Spent the Chief of the p.m. at Brother Samuels, Captain Storsers, and Mr. Kneelands. We return'd as far as to Mr. Adams's and lodg'd there.

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 18 (Thursday). Subscriptions for my Collection of Poems promoted by Mr. Forbush who got a Number of them among his Acquaintance and others, and at Mr. Hancocks Chamber, Mr. Tucker and Mr. Webster subscrib'd.... Mr. Forbush and I rode up to Mr. Woodward of Weston, and lodg'd there.

1754 July 19 (Friday). We Set out early from Mr. Woodward, and broke fast at Mr. Isaac Baldwins. N.B. Jeduthun there. We fish'd in the pleasant Pond beyond the Garden. Mr. Forbush took Ebezers 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 20 (Saturday). Mr. Forbush went to Upton.

1754 July 21 (Sunday). I preach'd at Shrewsbury for Mr. Cushing on Acts 3.19, a. and p.m. N.B. read a.m. the Chapter of the Text. P.M. read Mat. 18. Mr. Fish preach'd for me in the room of Mr. Forbush.

1754 July 22 (Monday). Mr. Forbush and Wife to t'other House and lodg'd there.

1754 July 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbush and his Wife and Ebenezer's Wife rode to Mr. Martyns, but the former return'd here at Eve and lodg'd here.

1754 July 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbush and his Wife and little Daughter leave us to go to Brookfield.

### **1754 SEPTEMBER 14: 29 YEARS OLD**

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. Chamberlin's which She was otherwise to have rid on. Mrs. Chamberlin remaining Still with us. N.B. Mr. Jonathan Forbush brought me my promissory Notes from the Treasurer Hardy given for the Pew, and so ends that Affair. Only now my son Forbush heard his Brother Jonathan declare (as yesterday in the hearing of my Wife) concerning giving up the Pew to my Heirs if he outlives me.

1754 December 6 (Friday). My wife with my son Forbush returned in Safety. Blessed be God!

1754 December 7 (Saturday). Mr. Forbush to Brookfield.

1755 May 2 (Friday). In the morning Captain Baker brought me a Letter from Mr. Forbush and my Wife (at Brookfield) urging me to go up there, and informing me that Mr. Benjamin Lull of the Manor of Peace would meet me Monday or Tuesday next at Brookfield

1755 May 3 (Saturday). Rode to Brookfield.... Found my wife and Mr. Forbush and his in Health.

1755 May 4 (Sunday). My People destitute (for I could not get up to Brookfield soon enough for Mr. Forbush to go to Westborough). I preach'd at Brookfield a.m. on Rev. 22.16 and p.m. on Ps. 110.3. Many of the other part of Town at Mr. Forbush's meeting, Mr. Harding being absent, and his people in great Disquietment.

1755 May 5 (Monday). My Wife and I, with Mr. Forbush and his, at Dinner at Mr. Benjamin Adams's. P.M. Mr. Forbush and I rode to Esquire Fosters and to Mr. Henry Dwights -- and Captain Buckminsters.

1755 May 6 (Tuesday). Preach'd a Lecture for Mr. Forbush from Judg. 14.14. After Lecture came Mr. Lull to Mr. Forbush. Supp'd late at Lieutenant Abraham Hows, my wife, and Mr. Forbush, and his wife there also.

1755 May 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Lull came and we made an agreement about his Pearl-Hill Lot in Townshend, and reciprocally gave Notes of Sixty five pounds Lawfull Money to stand to our agreement -- then we rode up to the Town, an Ecclesiastical Council sitting to Day on the Affair of Mr. Hardings Dismission. I return'd with Mr. Forbush at Evening.

1755 May 8 (Thursday). My Wife and I Set out for home.

1755 May 21 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Forbush from Brookfield here.

1755 May 24 (Saturday). N.B. old Mr. Graves, Deacon Amsden and Deacon Woods desir'd me to preach at Southborough tomorrow, Seeing Mr. Forbush would preach for me, and Mr. Stone was gone to Hardwick.

1755 May 25 (Sunday). Preach'd at Southborough. A.M. on Rev. 22.14, and p.m. on Gal. 3.10. Cursed is Everyone etc. Mr. Forbush for me on [blank].

1755 July 19 (Saturday). About break of Day came Mr. Forbush and Mr. Joseph Manning from Cambridge, and went to bed here.

### **1755 SEPTEMBER 14: 30 YEARS OLD**

1755 October 1 (Wednesday). My Daughter Forbush came down last night to t'other House, and with her Mr. Joseph Manning; they came here today.

1755 October 9 (Thursday). Mr. Manning with my Daughter Forbush at Eve from Cambridge and Boston.

1755 October 11 (Saturday). My Daughter returns here at Eve from her Father Forbushes.

1755 October 12 (Sunday). N.B. My Daughter Forbush was dismiss'd from our Church to Brookfield 2nd Church.

1755 October 13 (Monday). Mr. Manning and my Daughter Forbush here.

1755 October 14 (Tuesday). My Daughters, Forbush and Lucy and Mr. Manning went over to Mr. Martyns and lodged there; though they were also Sopp'd with the Rain.

1756 January 21 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forbush* came hither. He came from *Brookfield* Yesterday, and lodged last Night at my Sons. N.B. He and Mr. John Mead dined here.... Mr. Forb. to his Fathers.

1756 January 23 (Friday). Mr. Forb. dines here. Capt. *Fay* tells me he watched at Mr. Chamberlins, and that Nathaniel dyed last Night about 10 o'Clock. I forward Mr. Forb.'s going to See 'em since I can't my self.

1756 January 24 (Saturday). Mr. Forb. came here at Evening and lodged here.

1756 January 25 (Sunday). Mr. Forb. preached on *Act. 8.23*. P.M. I went to meeting and prayed. D.G. Mr. Forb. preached on *Act. 9.6*. And may the divine Blessing accompany the Word of His Grace! My wife and Daughter (*Lucy*) remain in great Affliction. Mr. Forb. lodged here.

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 February 19 (Thursday). Thomas is come back from *Brookfield*. My Daughter *Forbush*, through God's Goodness has another Daughter born on the 17th. May our Covenant God command His Blessing to rest upon her! And make her a rich Blessing!

1756 May 28 (Friday). N.B. I endeavoured to pay Brother *Champney* my Debt to him (contracted on Mollys and Lucys Account chiefly), but was disappointed by A *Johannes* wanting weight, which *Johannes* I gave Mr. Nathan Maynard (at his earnest request to change) 8 Dollars for.

1756 July 10 (Saturday). P.M. came Mr. Forb. to my great Joy, because of tomorrow. I felt somewhat better at noon.

1756 July 11 (Sunday). Mr. Forb. a. and p.m. on *Eph. 3.6* but I kept House. Could not set at Table at noon.

1756 July 12 (Monday). Mr. Forb. left us to go to Commencement. Sent the History of Mary Queen of Scotts to Sir Rice at Cambridge.

1756 July 17 (Saturday). P.M. to my great Joy came my Brother *Samuel Parkman* from *Boston* to see me, and Mr. Forb. with him. Towards Eve Mr. *Barrett* came, and Mr. Forb. is to go to *Hopkinton*.

1756 July 19 (Monday). Son *Forb.* returns from *Hopkinton* or his Fathers, and sets out for *Brookfield*.

1756 July 30 (Friday). P.M. his Son Daniel [Brother Forb.] and several Others visit me. They enquire about the Nature of *Moral Assurance*. Probably they have reference to Mr. Forb. late sermon which gave some of them Disgust.

1756 August 30 (Monday). Ebenezer came and earnestly requests I would help him to get the *Gilbert Place* in Brookfield near Mr. Forb. but it grieves me I am under such an incapacity to gratifie him herein.

### **1756 SEPTEMBER 14: 31 YEARS OLD**

1756 November 2 (Tuesday). Thence I rode to Deacon Forb. who is grown extremely bad and fears he shall not live through the Night.... Am much affected with the Deacons low Condition. Wrote to Mr. Forb. of Brookfield.

1756 November 6 (Saturday). Mr. *Forbush* of Brookfield here: came last night to his Fathers. He returns back as far as *Worcester* that he may preach there tomorrow.

1756 November 7 (Sunday). Mr. Forb. having preached at Worcester, returns hither and goes to see his Mother and Brother this Eve.

1756 November 10 (Wednesday). Am informed this Morning that about ten o'Clock last night Deacon *Jonathan Forbush* junior departed this Life.... N.B. Capt. *Baldwin* brings my Daughter Forb. who came from Brookfield yesterday, and her Daughter *Lydia*.

1756 November 14 (Sunday). My Son Forb. preached for me, a.m. on Mat. 12.13, p.m. on John 6.28.29. Which may the Lord accompany with His Special Blessing!... At Eve Mr. Forb. went to See his Mother, and tarryed there, She remaying in a low Condition.

1756 November 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Forb. and his Wife went to his Father's, his Mother lying in an extremely low State: and they tarry there.

1756 November 18 (Thursday). This Morning Mr. *Forb.* and his Wife returned, and inform me that their Mother *Forb.* expired last night about 9 o'clock.

1756 November 19 (Friday). At Eve My son and Daughter Forb. and their little *Lydia* left us to go on their Journey to Brookfield. May God grant 'em to be brought on their Journey after a godly sort!

1756 December 2 (Thursday). Mr. Forbush came from Cambridge. He went to his Fathers to lodge.

1756 December 3 (Friday). Mr. Forb. to Brookfield. Returned by him Sir Crawfords 1st Vol. of *Art of Pleasing in Conversation*.

1757 February 9 (Wednesday). Capt. *Baldwin* came. He informs that my Daughter Forbush has had a broken Breast.

1757 July 15 (Friday). Mr. *Forb.* of *Brookfield* came from Cambridge. He dined here: tells me there is no Commencement this Year but the Degrees are given in private. He goes to his Fathers and designs to go as far on his Journey tonight as Worcester.

**1757 SEPTEMBER 14: 32 YEARS OLD**

1757 September 14 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forb.* and his Wife came the Same forenoon. Took Mr. *Forb.* with me to Hopkinton Lecture (on Account of the public Distresses). We dined at Mr. Barretts.... In returning at Eve Mr. *Forb.* and I called at old Mr. *Kelleys* to see him in a very low Condition and (as seems) nigh to Death.... Those Visits made us late by that we got home.

1757 September 15 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbush* and his wife to *Boston*. At Parting he gave me a Letter from *Ebenezer*. He tells me he has sent for sundry *Goods* by a Team.

1757 September 20 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbush* and his Wife come from Mr. *Martyns*; for whom he preached last Lords Day. *Molly* got no further on Saturday Night than Mr. *Smiths* at *Marlborough*. They lodged at their Uncle *Holloways* last Night. They Dined with us and then took leave to go to their Father *Forbush's* and then design home by the way of Brother *Hicks's* at *Sutton*.

1757 October 3 (Monday). Sett out late for *Brookfield*.... Lodged at my son *Forbush's*.

1757 October 4 (Tuesday). Happy among my Children who (through divine Favour) are generally comfortable.... P.M. went with my son *Ebenezer* and *Forb.* to take some View of the Farm of the late Mr. *Jonathan Gilbert*.... Lodged at Mr. *Forb.*

1757 October 5 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forb.* and I rode up to Ware River to Mr. *Lulls*: dining at Deacon *Cutlers* as we went. Mr. *Lull* signed another Deed of the 62 and the 35 Acre Lotts in Townshend, but would not come to a Composition of our Affairs, as I endeavoured, though I made him large offers. At Eve we supped at Deacon *Cutlers* -- and Esq. *Ayres* with us, whom I had obtained to ride up to Deacon *Cutlers* in hopes to have had need of him to take the Acknowledgement of another Deed from *Lull* but I could not perswade *Lull* to go there. N.B. the Esq. asked nothing for his pains.

1757 October 6 (Thursday). I went again into the *Gilbert* Affair -- dined at my son *Ebenezers*. N.B. My Children at Each Family dined with me both yesterday and to Day (except *Billy*). P.M. preached a Lecture there, on Ps. 119.126. After Lecture at Baldw. with Lt. *Thomas Gilbert*, there, about his Brothers place. N.B. Mr. *Kendal* from *Suffield*, and Mrs. *Bowker*, heretofore *Sarah Tainter*, lodged at Mr. *Forb.* last night.

1757 October 7 (Friday). At Mr. *Forb.* (where I have lodged every night) and at *Ebenezers* where we prepare some Agreements about the *Gilbert Place* and include *Thomas Hardy* likewise.... It was 11 a.m. before I took leave. Mr. *Forb.* rides with me as far as Capt. *Wolcotts* that we may have some discourse with him, the Grand Juror, about the School (which *Ebenezer* has undertaken to keep).



1758 January 9 (Monday). 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). When he [Joseph Gilbert] left us, he left Mr. Forbush's Horse here, for Thomas to go to Boston and wait upon Miss Lydia Champney.

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

1758 January 24 (Tuesday). At Night Mr. [Zebulun] 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 May 24 (Wednesday). Attended the Ordination of Mr. Nathan *Fisk*.... At Eve at *Ebenezer's* but lodged at Mr. Forbush's.

1758 May 25 (Thursday). P.M. at Mr. Forb.

1758 May 26 (Friday). N.B. Mr. *Forb.* having received Commission or Warrant from Governor *Pownall* to go Chaplain in Coll. *Ruggles's* Regiment, is preparing for it.

1758 June 3 (Saturday). After I was in Bed and asleep came my son Forb. from Boston. He lodged here.

1758 June 4 (Sunday). Mr. *Forbush* being here to preach for me, and Mr. Cushings people to be destitute, *I rode to Shrewsbury*, notifying as I went along -- and preached there, a.m. on Prov. 1.28, p.m. on Ps. 20.7.... Mr. Forb. preached at Westborough on Isa. 26.20 a. and p.m.

1758 June 5 (Monday). *Mr. Forbush takes Leave.* N.B. he leaves here Dr. *Doddridge's Family Expositor*, and he takes with him my *Reynolds* on Sacred Zeal, and *Scougals* Life of God in the Soul of man. He goes to *Uxbridge* and Sutton and then home.

1758 June 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Gross came and accompanys my Daughter Suse to Wor'ster where she is to meet her Brother Forb. and So to return to her Brother Baldwins.

1758 July 31 (Monday). At Eve had News from Brookfield that Ebenezer His Wife lay in the 20th Instant and has a Boy. She is also in much Comfort for the Time, but *Molly* (who was delivered on Wednesday last) has a Girl; which is poor and weak, and not like to live. She Sends for me to come: wants I Should go up to morrow morning -- but my Affairs do not allow of it.

Thus we Sing of Mercy and Judgment. May God grant the Grace necessary to each of my Children, as their Circumstances are! And prepare us all for His Sovereign Will!

1758 August 1 (Tuesday). My wife in great Affliction and pain with her Breast and am concerned for *Molly's* Infant; nor am I without tender Sympathy with those in the Wilderness -- but otherwise it was a Day of Gladness with me for the Divine Goodness to my Children at Brookfield.

1758 August 2 (Wednesday). About 11 I Sat out for Brookfield. Did not dine till I got to Capt. Curtis's. At 3 1/2 p.m. sat off from thence. Called at my son *Baldwins* to rejoice in the divine Goodness to them -- but lodged at my Daughter Forb. whose Child is yet alive, but is very weak, tender, premature Babe.

1758 August 3 (Thursday). Spent my Time among my Children, rejoicing in the divine Goodness to them. Dined at my son Ebenezer's. The infant flourishes. Lodged at Forb.

1758 August 4 (Friday). Lodged at Baldwins. Their Child flourishes.

1758 August 6 (Sunday). Preached at Brookfield a.m. on Ps. 46.1.10 and p.m. on Gen. 18.19.... I lodged most commonly at my Daughter Forb.'s.

1758 August 7 (Monday). The Esquire [Convers] went with us Capt. *Wolcotts* where I lodged a Letter for Mr. Forbush and one for Billy in the Army.... My return to my Daughter Forb. was therefore in the Evening. Her Infant remains in the same low state in which I first saw it.

1758 August 8 (Tuesday). I sat out, and my son Ebenezer with me, to ride part of the way, to come home. But Capt. *Wolcott* and his wife met us, with News from Mr. Forb. that he was coming home.... I therefore went back with them in Company, to my Daughters and we dined there.

1758 August 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbush not being come, Dr. Gott and I, and my Son Ebenezer with us, rode up the Road to meet him; but saw nothing of him -- yet heard still of him, that he was coming.... N.B. Dr. Munro gave further account of Mr. Forb.

1758 August 10 (Thursday). Am waiting for Mr. Forbush.... At Eve I being at Mr. Forb. and a Number of his Neighbours waiting to See him, he came. And though yesterday he lay by at Springfield, having taken physick there, yet now he was in a Comfortable State. N.B. he found not his Watch; though his going back was So great an inconvenience to him that he was obliged to ride 70 Miles that Day; which proved too hard for him and caused the illness which detained him at Springfield.

1758 August 11 (Friday). I took leave, commending them all, and particularly the feeble tender Infant to a Gracious, almighty God and savior.

1758 August 15 (Tuesday). A number of Neighbours here to hear Mr. Forb.'s Letter which he wrote to Rev. Eaton (of which I have a Copy) presently after the [Retreat.?] the French at Ticonderoga.

1758 August 16 (Wednesday). Neighbours often here to hear Mr. Forb. Letter and hear what he says of our shameful retreat July 8.

1758 August 17 (Thursday). I rode to Marlborough to Mr. Daniel Wards to pay 50£ O.T. for my son Forbush and took up his Note.

1758 August 20 (Sunday). Deacon Forb. dined here and brought me a Letter from Mr. Forb. of Brookfield correcting what was amis in his Letter to Mr. Eaton concerning our Armys Shameful Retreat from *Ticonderoga*.

1758 August 22 (Tuesday). Wrote to my son Forb. and to Billy, and carryed the Letters to Capt. Bezaleal Eager for Conveyance.

1758 September 1 (Friday). N.B. Yesterday I Sent to Mr. Winter, in the Name of my Son Forbush, by the Hand of Barnabas Newton £39.7.0 Old Tenor.

#### **1758 SEPTEMBER 14: 33 YEARS OLD**

1758 October 9 (Monday). Mr. Ephraim Bruce returned last eve, from the Lake, with Jonas Bradish. Brings me a Letter from *Billy* of Sept. 28. And one from Mr. (who writes himself) *Forbes*, of Sept. 8 and another from him of Sept. 25.

1758 October 16 (Monday). My Daughter *Sarah* rode with Mr. Tainter, his Wife and Sister Forb. to Brookfield. N.B. Sent by her Mr. Roberts Life of *Czar Peter* Vol. 2 and 3 and to my Daughter Forbes 6 Edwards on Original Sin.

1759 January 29 (Monday). Notwithstanding it snowed all Day, at Night came my Son *Baldwin* and Daughter *Sarah* from Brookfield, on two Horses. My Daughter *Baldwin* they tell me, is not well; but her sister *Forbush* is Fatt and hearty. *Ebenezer* is in the School and can't come down. *Breck* is not at rest with living there.

1759 February 10 (Saturday). Job Lane returns to Brookfield and carrys 4 Dollars from me to Mr. Forb; Interest. My son *Ebenezer* to pay him 4 more on my Account.

1759 February 26 (Monday). At night came Mr. Forbush from Brookfield -- lodges here.

1759 February 27 (Tuesday). Mr. F. sets out for Boston to try for his wages as Chaplain etc.

1759 March 2 (Friday). At Eve my son Forbush returns from Boston, goes to his own Fathers and

1759 March 3 (Saturday). Returns here in the morning as he pursues his Journey home.

1759 April 10 (Tuesday). My son in Law *Baldwin* came; and informed that *Billy has listed* again, to go under him, who is going Captain of the Second (of *Captain's*) Companys in the first Battalion of Coll. *Ruggles's* Regiment: He supposes also that Mr. Forbush is going.

1759 May 3 (Thursday). A.M. came my son and Daughter Forb. with their Daughter *Molly*. They last night got only as far as Capt. *Maynards*.... Mr. Forb. rides to Dr. Wilson to get him to go chief Surgeon in Brigadier *Ruggles's* Regiment.

1759 May 4 (Friday). N.B. My son Forb. goes to Uxbridge, to See Mr. Jos. Manning in order to obtain him to preach for him, when he goes into the Camp.

1759 May 6 (Sunday). Read Neh. 4, Act. 14. My Son Forbush preached on Exod. 15.3. The Lord is a man of War. P.M. on [*blank*]. Deacon Forb. dined with me. A pleasant agreeable Sight to have my dear Daughters and their Husbands here with me.

1759 May 7 (Monday). Mr. Forb. Wife and Daughter leave us to go to Boston.

1759 July 24 (Tuesday). N.B. I have writt Letters, to Mr. Forb. and to Thomas.

1759 July 27 (Friday). Received another Letter from Mr. *Forbush* at the Lake; and from *Billy* who is at the Same place. They are in hourly Expectation of Orders to embark upon the Lake: And all Things are carried on with greatest Dispatch and Chearfullness. Blessed be God!

1759 July 31 (Tuesday). Send another Letter to *Mr. Forb.* to the Care of Mr. Bowden of Holliston, to be conveyed to the Lake.

1759 August 10 (Friday). N.B. *John Bowden* came here to take Letters for the Army (he rides for that purpose). I Sent to *Billy* -- also to Mr. Forbush.

1759 August 11 (Saturday). Mr. Manning preaches for my son Forb. and Sends me a Letter by Bowman that he designs to come down with my Daughter Baldwin next Week.

1759 August 13 (Monday). A Letter from Mr. Forb. of July 31.

1759 August 25 (Saturday). Before the Family (at Mr. Eatons) were stirring I rose and tackled -- and without Seeing any of them rode to Brookfield and broke fast with my Daughter Forb. and Mr. *Manning* -- he tarried to dine and then sat out for Westborough to preach in my stead. My Daughter is distressed on Account of an hard tumor in her left Breast, which was heretofore broke: And her two Children having the hooping Cough so has my son Ebenezers Children all of them.

1759 August 26 (Sunday). Preached to my son Forb's Congregation a.m. on Ps. 60.9 and onward. P.M. on 2 Cor. 10.4.

1759 August 28 (Tuesday). N.B. Between the First Prayer and Singing Capt. Wolcott delivered me a Packet of Letters from Mr. Forb. One of them was to his Church and Congregation which, before the Blessing I read to them. Sundry Friends and Neighbours at Mr. Forb. after Meeting.

1759 August 30 (Thursday). Stopped but a little while at Wor'ster, at Coll. Gardner *Chandlers*, and at Squire *Pains*, where was Mr. *Thayer*, who is going to supply Mr. Forb.'s place at Brookfield.

### **1759 SEPTEMBER 14: 34 YEARS OLD**

1759 September 22 (Saturday). N.B. Bowden of Holliston, Letter Carrier, brought a Letter from Mr. Forbush, from Crown Point -- another from Billy who is at the Road between Crown Point and Ticonderoga -- one also from Capt. Baldwin to his wife.

1759 October 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *David Witt* of Brookfield here and informs that Last Saturday Night Mr. Forb. returned home.

1759 October 29 (Monday). The former [Mr. Fish] prays: the Latter delivers me a Letter from Mr. Forbush inclosing his Letter to his people at the Time that I preached the Lecture in Brookfield.

1759 December 7 (Friday). Last Night came Mr. Baldwin from Brookfield. Brings a Letter from Mr. Forb. in which he shews his great surprize and deep Grief at hearing the Hints about Mr. Manning, but is unbelieving.

1759 December 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Forb. came from Brookfield and lodged here.

1759 December 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Adonijah Rice broke and dressed out almost 6 pound of Flax for us. Mr. Forb. and he dine here.... Mr. Forb. goes to Visit his Father.

1759 December 13 (Thursday). My son Forb. I hear is gone to Upton, and Uxbridge to See Mr. *Manning*.

1759 December 14 (Friday). P.M. Mr. Forb. returned and gave me an Account of poor Mr. *Manning*. And find by him that though he has been foolishly free with the woman, yet that he had not lain with her but that She acknowledges to him she is with Child by another Man. Blessed be God, that He has granted such Measure of His restraining Grace to him! But alas! That the poor man has been so left, and so beguiled! And that there is so great Dishonour to Religion on his Account! Mr. Forb. takes with him Dr. Edwards Theol. Reform. and Dr. Doddridge's 6th Vol. of Family Instructor.

1760 January 29 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbush* from Brookfield and dined here. P.M. he proceeds upon his Journey to Boston. N.B. He informs me that the Council last week at Sutton, were very thorow and effectual as to the Dismission of Mr. *Wellman*; and that he is accordingly dismissed from that people. He will have great Cause to reflect upon the Advice I have from Time to Time given him, that it would be best for him to remove from them, that Surely it would some time

ago, have been best for him to have asked a Dismission; and Especially presently after our last Council, in May last: when he might have gone well recommended. For I was fully persuaded he would not be able to stand what would follow if his adversarys Should themselves get a Council. O Lord how unsearchable are thy Judgments and thy Ways past finding out!

1760 January 30 (Wednesday). Coll. Chandler not at home -- is at Boston. Madam Chandler advised to write to him. After Tea (where our Company was young Dr. William Crawford and two young Ladies with him, besides Mrs. *Pain*) I complied -- and wrote also to Mr. Forb. at Boston to wait upon the Judge [Chandler]; and wrap up both to Esq. *Pain* who is there also. All to be sent per Coll. *Gendley* as *Crawford* tells me.

1760 February 5 (Tuesday). At Night Mr. Forb. of Brookfield comes from Boston. He had kept sabbath there. He preached for Mr. *Eliot* a.m., for Dr. *Sewall* p.m. For the latter he received 10£ old Tenor.

1760 February 6 (Wednesday). Mr. Forb. went to see his Father. P.M. he rode to his Aunt Holloways.... N.B. Delivered Mr. Forb. 2 Dollars on the 29th last, for my Son Ebenezer on Account of an Hat which Mr. Forb. bought for him.

1760 March 13 (Thursday). In the night Mr. Daniel Forbush came to the Door. He calls to bear a message from Mr. Hananiah Parker, that he will come Speedily to See me again about *taking* my Place. N.B. Mr. Forb.'s Discourse concerning the Power of Pastors and Brethren in Ecclesiastical Councils. N.B. he seemed Surprized at that Paragraph, Ch.10, S. 11 of the Platform "From the premises. So [no?] Church-Act can be consummated or perfected without the Consent of Both."

1760 April 30 (Wednesday). Mr. Forb. and Daughter Baldwin here from Brookfield. Hear that my Grandson Ebenezer is better. Glory to God!

1760 May 1 (Thursday). Mr. Forb. carries my son Samuel to Brookfield to help his Brother *Ebenezer*.

1760 August 12 (Tuesday). P.M. my son [Baldwin] and Daughter in their Chair rode with us through Rutland Woods to Brookfield. My son Ebenezer and his Family Well; and at Mr. Forb.'s where we lodged.

1760 August 13 (Wednesday). Dined at Mr. Forb. P.M. Mr. Forb. and I visited Mr. Bartlet, Squire Howard, and Mr. Joseph Chaddock.... Lodged at Mr. Forb.

1760 August 14 (Thursday). Broke Fast at Dr. Gotts. My Son Ebenezer and I (on an Horse provided me) rode to Ware River Parish. Dined with Mr. Thayer at his Lodgings there. Proceeded to Mr. Lulls.... We supped at Mrs. Cutler's -- returned to Mr. Forbush's in the Dark and Rain, and I lodged there, Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ there also. My Daughter so near her Time as very much to keep her mother there.

1760 August 15 (Friday). Rain. Can't journey home. It held up p.m. Mr. Forb. and I rode out to visit the Squires *Convers* and *Ayres* -- the former not at home. At Squire *Ayres'* Capt. Thomas Gilbert acknowledges the Deed which he had given my Son Ebenezer of Jonathan Gilberts place. At Night Mr. Forb. in Ebenezer's behalf acquaints me with his great straits and Difficultys, to my great Grief to hear when I am so little able to do what is necessary for his Relief.

1760 August 16 (Saturday). My Daughter Forb. has been so ill in the Night past, She prays we would not go home as I designed. Was at Ebenezers. Dined at Forb. P.M. Mr. Forb. and I rode to see Mr. Parsons and Capt. Gilbert, where was Mr. Joseph Bowman with his Aunt Walker from Blanford.

1760 August 17 (Sunday). Mr. Forb. prayed before sermon. I preached on Joel 3.13 a.m. to p.12. After Dinner Mr. Forb. rode to the West Parish and preached for Mr. Parsons. While I for him on *Dan.* 5.25. May God pardon my great Defects and Miscarriages and add his almighty Blessing!

1760 August 18 (Monday). Much against my Daughter Forb.'s Inclination, but much obliged thereto by our unavoidable Calls other where, my wife and I sat out on our Journey home.

1760 August 22 (Friday). Deacon Tainter returns from Brookfield, informs that my Daughter Forb. is yet well and comfortable.

1760 August 29 (Friday). [*Marginal notation:* My Daughter Forb. was delivered of a son, which afterwards was called *Eli.*]

1760 September 12 (Friday). Letters from Mr. Farward and Mr. Forb. to go to Council at *Cold Spring*.

### **1760 SEPTEMBER 14: 37 YEARS OLD**

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). We arrived at Mr. Forb.'s in Brookfield in Comfort our selves -- but Daughter's Breast very bad, and little *Eli* very ill.... I visited at my son Ebenezers but lodged (and my son Baldwin with me) at Mr. Forbush's.

1760 September 30 (Tuesday). My Son Forbush's Child so very ill; my Daughter also so bad with her Breast, that Mr. Forb. does not go to Cold Spring.

1760 October 3 (Friday). N.B. Had a Letter from Mr. Forbush yesterday, that his little son dyed the Day before: And his Wife's Breast has been lanced by himself. To day he came up to *Cold Spring*; but we were come from Mr. Forwards -- waited for him at Deacon Lymans. I Stopped at *Mr. Lulls* at Ware River -- and in presence of Mr. Forbush he promises to pay me what I have

Expended about his Deeds -- and what it shall Cost to have them recorded: and for security to me, he declares he shall not expect nor desire that I Should give him a Deed of the 35 (or 37) Acre lot, till he pays me his Note of Hand, and these re-embursements. Mr. Whipple and I lodge at my son Forbush's. Visited my Daughter in Law in Brookfield -- who is near her Time. N.B. Laid out for Ebenezer 40/ for sundrys at Mr. Benjamin Hills, which I carryed up with me, and delivered to my son: and this Eve delivered him nigh 80/ in all this Journey 6£ old Tenor.

1760 October 4 (Saturday). Took leave of my daughter Forb. (who is more Comfortable) and of all of them early this morning.

1760 October 5 (Sunday). Read the Proclamation for Thanksgiving. Was so full of fear least I should forget *That*, that I forgot to acquaint the Church of our success at Cold-Spring: and made no Mention of the Death of my Grandson, Eli Forbush junior.

1760 November 12 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forb.* from Brookfield with his Neece *Hannah*. They, and her sister Rebecca, dine with us. P.M. he visits his own Father.

1760 November 13 (Thursday). Mr. Forb. comes from his Fathers, and goes his Journey to Cambridge and Boston -- carries his neece with him.

1760 November 19 (Wednesday). This Eve Mr. Forb. brought my good sister Barrett, from Cambridge here.

1760 November 20 (Thursday). Mr. Forb. preached for me a Lecture to Young people, and particularly to the young Society. His Text Prov. 4.7.... Mr. Forb. and Sister Barret left us after Lecture and go on their Journey.

1761 January 21 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden from Brookfield, he having preached for Mr. Forb. last Lords Day.

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. Fears of the Small pox in their Neighbourhood over.

1761 January 28 (Wednesday). Mr. Forb. etc. Set out for Boston

1761 January 31 (Saturday). In the Dead of the Night between 2 and 3 o'Clock we are Surprized by the Coming of Lieut. Joseph Stone of Brookfield, in pursuit of my Son and Daughter Forbush; their youngest Daughter, *Lydia*, being in great Extremitys, and almost beyond Hope of Recovery. Billy goes to Mr. Daniel Forb. to acquaint him with it. Who comes before Day, and goes to Boston after his Brother and sister.

1761 March 3 (Tuesday). N.B. *Jacob Rice* and *Samuel Cutler* from Mr. Forbush's at Brookfield, here, and lodged with us.



1761 March 4 (Wednesday). The Young Men go to Cambridge for Mr. Forbush's Slay. I sent by them 4 Dollars to Brother Champney to pay part of my Son Ebenezers Debt to him.

1761 April 13 (Monday). I write a Number of Letters -- to Mr. Stone, to Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Forb., my son Ebenezer. Send to Brookfield by Isaac Baldwin who dines here....

**1761 SEPTEMBER 14: 36 YEARS OLD**

**1762 SEPTEMBER 14: 37 YEARS OLD**

**1763 SEPTEMBER 14: 38 YEARS OLD**

1764 June 17 (Sunday). My son Ebenezer and his wife were dismissed to the Church in Brookfield of which Mr. Forbes is Pastor.

1764 July 30 (Monday). At Eve Mr. Forbes and Sarah from Brookfield. They inform that Lucy is often very poorly but that *Neddy* Parkman is better.

1764 July 31 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and Suse to Boston.

1764 August 3 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Forbes and Suse from Boston. The Honorable Mr. *Thomas Hancock* dyed yesterday -- and Cousen *Isabella Breck*, I hear, went to Bed well (a while ago) and dyed before Morning. O that I might be ready also! Mr. Eliot has sent me the Result of another Council on Chebacco Affairs.

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.... Mr. F. \_\_\_\_\_ pursues his Journey.

**1764 SEPTEMBER 14: 39 YEARS OLD**

1764 October 26 (Friday). My son Forbes (who has been to Boston) and Daughter Baldwin from Sudbury. N.B. Mr. Forbes brought me a Pair of Black, Leather Breeches from my Brother Samuel.

1764 October 27 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes rides to Shrewsbury and writes home -- therefore returns to me, and goes to his Father.

1764 October 28 (Sunday). Mr. Forbes comes -- preaches a.m. on Mat. 15.24, p.m. on 2 Pet. 3.18. I read Prov. 23 and Mat. 27 to v. 34.

1764 October 29 (Monday). My son Forbes goes to Upton and preaches a Lecture there. I went to Capt. Maynards -- he was not well. Mr. Forbes has desired me to pay 100£ old Tenor of the Gilbert Money urgent Necessity for Mr. Bowmans supply presses it. My Dependence is on Capt. Maynard -- but no money from him.

1764 October 30 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes, Lucy* and *Suse* Set out for Brookfield.

1764 November 14 (Wednesday). The solemnity (of the *Installment* of Mr. *Bowman*) at the Meeting House was opened by Mr. Forbes of Brookfield.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Have opportunity of conversing with my son *Ebenezer*, who came, a Delegate with Mr. Forbes.

1764 December 15 (Saturday). N.B. he [Baldwin] brought a Letter from Mr. Forbes, that I must pay what's due upon my Bond to him for *Ebenezers Gilbert Place*.

1764 December 17 (Monday). N.B. Gave an Order to Lt. Baker upon Capt. Maynard for an 100£ old Tenor to be paid to Mr. *Bowman* for Mr. Forbes. But Lt. Baker agreed that it Should be dated as if paid December 1.

1765 February 4 (Monday). Mr. Baldwin gives me his Account which much surprizes Me. I deliver him £100 old Tenor for Mr. *Forbes*: and he gives me a Receipt.

1765 February 5 (Tuesday). But 50£ old Tenor I delivered to Mr. *Nathaniel Ball* for my Brother from Mr. *Forbush*. It being money which I pay him upon my Note to him. And by this, pay the full of it.

1765 February 14 (Thursday). *Ebenezer* delivered me my Bond given to Mr. Forbes as Guardian of the *Gilbert Children*, for Forty pounds Lawfull Monday, bearing Date Feb. 16, 1758. N.B. It appears by the back of the Bond that I have paid of Interest for this Money 56 Dollars -- but deduct 20/ old Tenor: remains 124£ 10/ old Tenor.

1765 June 7 (Friday). At Eve came My Son Forbes and his Wife; and with them their Daughter - - also *James Dean* who is educating for Onohoquaye.

1765 June 8 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes, his Daughter and Jemmy leave us for Boston. My Daughter Forbes tarrys and keeps Company with her sister Baldwin, who is in a poor weak State.

1765 June 12 (Wednesday). Got Mr. Wheelocks Chair, and Mrs. Forbes and I drove to her Brother *Kendalls*. Prayed with him and dined there: then made a Visit to Mr. *Tainter* under their Bereavement (they having lately lost their little Daughter) and may God please to sanctify it to them! At Eve Sent my Scudders daily Walk, by *Elisha Forbes*, to Mr. *Nat. Porter* of Boston to be New bound.

1765 June 13 (Thursday). Mr. Forbes, Jemmy Dean and Joshua Winter from Boston and lodge here. Mr. Forbes informs me of the great stir in Boston about the Indian Minister, Mr. *Sampson Occum*, and especially the Disquietment between Mr. *Pemberton* and the Committee of his Meeting House, about his preaching last Lords Day.

1765 June 14 (Friday). Mr. Forb. and wife, Jemmy and Joshua, leave us for Brookfield. Yesterday and to Day Thomas and John cleared at the Island.

1765 August 26 (Monday). Some time before night My Daughter *Forbes* and Miss Hannah came from Brookfield and drank Tea here.

1765 August 27 (Tuesday). The Rain prevented my Daughter's Journeying a.m. but p.m. She and the Young Woman with her, sat out for Boston.... N.B. I wrote by my Daughter *Forbes* to Mr. Quincy and to Mr. Holbrook, desiring to be informed respecting the state of the Town.

1765 September 6 (Friday). P.M. Molly returns from Boston -- Hannah *Forbes* with her, and Mr. Silas Crosby and Wife. The latter all go to their Fathers.

1765 September 7 (Saturday). Mr. Daniel *Forbes*'s Wife dines, and goes with my Daughter, to See their Father in law. Jej. priv.

1765 September 8 (Sunday). I administered the Lords supper, and Daughter *Forbes* with us.

1765 September 9 (Monday). My Daughters undertake their Journey towards Brookfield, and Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ and I go with them as far as Mr. Sumners, to make a Visit there. Mrs. Sumner ill. My Daughters proceed: Hannah *Forbes* with them, but we dine at Mr. Sumners where was Mr. Conklin.

#### **1765 SEPTEMBER 14: 40 YEARS OLD**

1765 October 3 (Thursday). Received a Letter from my son *Forbes*, of the 27th ult., which Shews him very mournful and sunk in his Spirits by reason of Contests among some of his people. O the instability of human affections and Volubility of popular Applause! May God Support, direct, and Still improve and bless, him, and his Labours! I hope Light will arise in Darkness; and that he may yet prove, as I believe he has been, very useful to the People!

1765 October 16 (Wednesday). The Council was formed. I was chose Moderator and Mr. *Morse*, at my Motion, Scribe -- He being in situation, somewhat Nigh, compared with some others, and well acquainted with their Affairs. Mr. *Marsh* came with a Remonstrance and Complaint against the Church, which we considered, and easily got over. Mr. *Rice* read a Confession of Faith (besides Mr. Fish's Testimony of his Examination and Approbation before the Association). The Church voted to proceed. Mr. *Marsh* came no more. Twas told Me Mr. Reuben Miles voted to proceed. In the public assembly Mr. Davis prayed. Mr. *Forbes* preached on 1 Cor. 2.2. After Sermon I addressed the Audience, and the Church in Special, who renewed their Call -- Mr. *Rice* his Acceptance and read his Confession of Faith. I prayed and gave the Charge. Mr. *Morse* prayed after the Charge. Mr. *Martyn* gave the Right Hand. Mr. *Rice* appointed the 68 Ps. 17 and onward and gave the Blessing. Entertainment at Capt. *Hoars*, where I lodged again.

1765 November 1 (Friday). As the Case is with me, I am obliged to journey to Brookfield.... Lodged at Mr. *Forbes*'s. He has set up a new End to his House, and the workmen are there to finish it (at least part of it) for his use.

1765 November 2 (Saturday). My Daughter Baldwin was So well as to ride over to Mr. Forbes's alone. Dined at my Son B.'s. My Grandson Ebenezer P \_\_\_\_\_ somewhat ill and confined: All the rest, throughout the Family, of mine, well. D.G. Lodged at Mr. Forb.

1765 November 3 (Sunday). I preached at *Brookfield* on Hos. 9.12. P.M. on *Isa.* 4.5. Both Sermons because of the Times. Lodged at Mr. F.

1765 November 4 (Monday). The Eve was very remarkable -- for a sad Disquietment subsisted between Mr. Forb. and Mr. Joseph Gilbert. This Evening a Committee of the Church (Capt. Wit, Capt. Hale, Ensign Adams, Mr. Weeks, and others) met at Mr. G's this Evening to enquire into it, and promote peace. They sent for Mr. F. who went -- but all the Efforts were vain.

1765 November 5 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and I rode to *Hardwick*. Called at the Furnace which was now newly Set to work, at Hardwick, by Mr. Washbourn but they had not as yet cast any Thing. We dined at Mr. Whites. Visited Brigadier Ruggles who was lately returned from the Congress at New York. He was not well. N.B. Capt. *Lee* of Rutland (and Ensign Jones with him) came there, want Advice (at least of Mr. Forbes) under their Troubles with Mr. *Frink*. We visited Mr. Ruggles of New Braintree and lodged there.

1765 November 6 (Wednesday). Return to Brookfield. Preached the Lecture on Gal. 1.3. The Church there met to receive the Return of the Committee who were with Mr. Joseph Gilbert on Monday Evening last. Capt. Wit and his Wife at Mr. Forbes in the Evening. I lodged at my son Ebenezers.

1765 November 7 (Thursday). Took leave of my Children....

1765 November 8 (Friday). P.M. called at Mr. Pains and delivered a Deed of my Son Ebenezers to be recorded. N.B. Col. [Murrey?] of Rutland there. He was one of the Committee to view the Road in Brookfield about which my sons Forbes and Baldwin have Trouble from Mr. Joseph Gilbert.

1766 January 2 (Thursday). Mr. *John Forbes* from Brookfield brings a Letter from my Son Forbes, about *Kendal Land* upon our plain etc. and delivers me his *Burnetts Theory* of the Earth.

1766 January 20 (Monday). Mr. Moore after dinner goes to Oxford, and having Mr. Forbes's Chair on Runners, carries Suse with him to go to Brookfield.

1766 January 22 (Wednesday). Send Mr. Forbes Jennings's Origin etc. by Mr. *Haven*.

1766 February 17 (Monday). At Eve came Masters *Cushing* and John *Stone* -- also Mr. Bowman. They Supped here. Mr. Bowman brought me Mr. Forbes's *Burnet*; the Sacred Theory, Vol. 1.

1766 July 10 (Thursday). Mr. Daniel Forb. junior from Brookfield -- says my Daughter Forb. is confined by a Fever.

**1766 SEPTEMBER 14: 41 YEARS OLD**

1766 October 8 (Wednesday). Undertook a Journey to Brookfield, provided I dont meet with Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ on the way, to wait on her home. Carryed my grand Daughter Mary Forbes with me (in Lt. Bakers Chair)... Arrived at Mr. Forbes' about sunset. My Wife was not come from Stafford -- but in a little Time she appeared -- was brought by Mr. Rob. Watson in Mr. Forbes's Chaise. We lodged at Mr. Forbes's. Glory to God for His Preserving and restoring Goodness! Mrs. P. is, in her apprehension, better for going to the famous Spring.

1766 October 10 (Friday). We dine at our son Baldwins. Each of my Children being together, and Dr. Throop entertains us with vocal and instrumental musick after Dinner. We were at the *Potash* to see the Melting off. We again lodge there.

1766 October 11 (Saturday). We take leave. Broke fast at Mr. Forbes.

1766 November 5 (Wednesday). 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 6 (Thursday). Mr. Forbes leaves us to go to Boston.

1766 November 8 (Saturday). At Eve Mr. Forbes came from Boston. He brought me a Letter from Venerable Mr. *Chipman* of *Beverly* -- In which he Certifies me concerning the Separate society at Chebacco and Mr. Cleavelands Conduct -- and another Letter added to it and Confirming it, subscribed by my old Friend Mr. *Champney* of *Beverly* also.

1766 November 9 (Sunday). Mr. Forbes preached on *Jam.* 1.8. His Father and sister Kendal dined here. P.M. read *Joh.* 10 from v. 19 to the End of the Chapter. Mr. Forbes on *2 Tim.* 2.19, latter part. May the Blessing of God accompany these Exercises!

1766 November 10 (Monday). Mr. Forb. visits his aged uncle.... Mr. Forb. goes to his own Fathers and lodges there.

1766 November 11 (Tuesday). P.M. my Wife and I rode to Mrs. Grow's to attend Mr. Forbes's Exercises there. He preaches there on Ps. 92.14.

1766 November 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbes here at Breakfast at [*sic*] sets out on his Journey home.

1767 January 1 (Thursday). A Letter from Mr. *Forbes* of *Brookfield* informs that *Jeduthun*, youngest Son of *Ebenezer* was at the Point of Death. This was writ 4 p.m. last Lords Day. At Eve came another Letter from the Same, acquainting Me that the Child dyed half after 6 in the morning of *that Day*, viz. *Dec.* 29. The Lord Sanctify it to all of us! To the more immediate Parents especially! The Child was born *Apr.* 2, 1765.

1767 January 2 (Friday). A Letter from my Son Baldwin of *Dec.* 29 informing me of *Jeduthun Parkman's* Death and apprizing us of his Design to send a sleigh for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_.

1767 June 5 (Friday). Mr. Forbes from Sutton Council. He goes to See his Aged F. and lodges there.

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. P.M. We attended Mrs. Hardys Funeral; Mr. Forbes being her Pastor, prayed. From thence went up to Worcester; Squire Goddard of Sutton accompanys from Mr. Sumners. Met Dr. Throop and my Daughter *Sarah* from Brookfield. Mr. Maccarty consents, but 'tis not his Custom to go the Evening before. Lodge there.

1767 June 8 (Monday). Mr. Forbes to Boston: Dr. Throop to Providence.

1767 June 12 (Friday). Mr. Forbes from Boston late at Night.

1767 June 13 (Saturday). N.B. My son *Forbes* had come last night after we were in Bed and asleep, from Boston at 4 p.m. yesterday -- acquaints me that the Court has employed him in the Affair of educating four Children of the *Onida* Indians from Six to Ten years old, upon the Warren Benefaction. He also desires me to write to Mr. Mein on his Behalf to Send Magazines to him by Me. He left us for home.

1767 June 26 (Friday). Mr. John Forbes of Brookfield brings me Dr. *Fordyce* sermons to young Women, vol. 1, from my Son *Forbes*.

1767 August 26 (Wednesday). Mr. Roger Bruce here from Brookfield. Acquaints me with the sad divided state of my son Forbes's Parish. At least 10 male members absent from the last Communion.

### **1767 SEPTEMBER 14: 42 YEARS OLD**

1767 October 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Rice my Company home -- met my Son and Daughter Forbes who with their *Eli* came last night.

1767 October 22 (Thursday). Mr. More and Miss *Beckky Hill* from Boston; Miss Bridget Cushing and her Brother Jobs Daughter, Mr. Forb. Wife and son dined here. Mr. Forb. preached my Lecture on 1 *Cor.* 11.28. May God grant success to this seasonable sermon!

1767 October 23 (Friday). My Daughter *Sarah* has been to Boston to bring up *Polly* Forbes, and they are come.... Mr. Forbes and his wife go to the South and return to us at Evening.

1767 October 24 (Saturday). They go to Northborough.

1767 October 25 (Sunday). Mr. *Forbes* preaches at Northborough for Mr. *Moore* who engages for *Brookfield*.... N.B. Mrs. Maynard and my grand Daughter and little grandson, Forbes, dined

with us, as these latter also lodge here. At Eve their Parents return hither from *Northborough*. My son *Forbes* has (in part) inform'd me of the great Troubles he meets with among some of his people, particularly from Lt. Joseph Stone, and Rufus Putnam. We have reason mutually to Sympathize -- the Lord be with us under these bitter Tryals! N.B. Mr. F. Yesterday acquainted me with his F's Desire that he would preach at their House (fearing he shall never have another Opportunity), but Mr. Forbes wants to return on Tuesday; therefore I appoint it on Monday 2 p.m.

1767 October 26 (Monday). After Dinner I attend the Exercise at Brother Forbes's. (Mr. *Forbes* and his Daughter go with me in a Chaise.) He preached from 2 K. 20.1, a very profitable sermon. May God bless it to us all.

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 3 (Thursday). N.B. I have received from Mr. *Mein* at Boston, Eight Magazines for Mr. *Forbes*: with a Letter for me concerning the Boston Chronicle That I am entered a subscription for it etc.

[January 1768] This Eve came Mr. *Forbes* and Lt. *John Wit* with him from Brookfield and lodged here. My Daughter Forbes not recovered, but better.

1768 January [12?]. Mr. F. and Lt. Wit leave us for Boston. Delivered Mr. F. *nine Dollars* to be delivered to Mrs. *Winter* to get a Riding Hood for Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_.

1768 January 19 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes* returns from *Boston*. His Account for his Mohawk Children allow'd in the General Court -- but has not got his Money. Bought of him 12 yards of Shirting, which he bought at Vendue, at 15/6 old Tenor and I paid him the Cash for it. He informs me that young Mr. *Checkley* is lethargick, and is not like to continue. May God be gracious to him, to his Family and Flock, and all concerned! He also brought me a long, and agreeable Letter from my only Brother.

1768 January 21 (Thursday). Wrote to my Brother in Answer to his of the 13th, brought me by Mr. Forbes on the 19th.

1768 February 18 (Thursday). Am revising some M.S. sermons of Mr. *Forbes*, on *Act. 18.23*.

1768 March 15 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes came from Brookfield and lodged here.

1768 March 16 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbes had visited his F. who is exceeding low. He was here after dinner and Mr. Goddard after Lecture.

1768 March 18 (Friday). Mr. Forbes has been with his Father; but has taken Leave. Calls here in his Way. Says his F. is in a comfortable Frame. He expects that though he goes Home, he Shall Soon return, viz. to his funeral.

1768 March 24 (Thursday). But what was chiefly remarkable to Day was, Deacon *Forbes* expired about 8 o'Clock this Morning, having just completed his 84th Year.

1768 March 25 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* came from Brookfield and lodged here. Mr. John Wood brought me 2 1/4 Yards of blue broad Cloth from *Samuel* which I buy of Mr. *Forbes*, and take it for Money delivered him ([or which he received?]) for my son Ebenezer, a year agoe, per Capt. Maynard -- at 5£ old Tenor per yard.

1768 March 26 (Saturday). Am not very well, but attend (with my Wife) the Funeral of aged Deacon *Jonathan Forbes* -- and prayed. Tis our Duty to "mark the perfect Man and behold the upright; for the End of Such is Peace."

1768 March 27 (Sunday). My son Forbes came to preach for me, though, he tells me, his Brother Fish was displeas'd with him that he would not at Upton. Read *Jer. 13* and *Act. 15*. Mr. Forbes a.m. on *Job 30.23*. P.M. *Prov. 16.31*. The Lord sanctifie the Word and providence to our effectual awakening!... Mr. Forbes lodges here.

1768 March 28 (Monday). Mr. F. setts out for Brookfield.

1768 August 15 (Monday). Send by Elisha Forbes, two of Mr. *Forbes's* MSS., viz. on *Act. 17.23* and on *Mat. 22.42* to be conveyed to him from Capt. Wolcotts.

### **1768 SEPTEMBER 14: 43 YEARS OLD**

1768 September 15 (Thursday). Mr. Lovel and his wife (*Lydia's* sister), Mr. Forbes -- Mr. Putnam, have been here.

1768 September 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes here and lodges; but his Horse is at his Brother Rice's.

1768 September 21 (Wednesday). Mr. F. goes to wait upon the Superior Court at Worcester, in the Cause depending between Mr. *Frink* and the people of New Rutland.

1768 October 7 (Friday). I then hasten to Mr. *Forbes'* -- get there seasonably -- and lodge there.

1768 October 8 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes goes to Mr. *Conklin*, that the latter may go to Mr. *Sumner*, who is to go to *Westborough*. I visit my son; where are the young Indians; a Girl, who is much grown up, and two Boys -- *Oneidas*. Dine at my Son *Baldwins*.... Return at Eve to my son *Forbes'* and lodge there again.

1768 October 9 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Forb.* returns home. Lodged there again.



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). My Sons *William* and *Breck*, with *Williams* Wife came last night. Mr. Forbes, Mr. *Cushing* this morning.... Towards Eve My Daughter *Susanna* was married to Mr. *Moore*.

1768 October 14 (Friday). Mr. Forbes and his Wife, *Billy*, his Wife, and *Breck*, left us a.m.

1769 June 1 (Thursday). I repaired to the School House to attend the Convention.... Lodged at Cousen *Winters*, and with me my Son *Forbes*.

1769 June 2 (Friday). Variously engaged, chiefly in Visits among my Friends and Relations.... My Son Forbes has bought Brother Samuels Clock, and is putting it up, for Brookfield.

1769 August 17 (Thursday). [*torn*] Brookfield to See my son Forbes who has been [*torn*]....

1769 August 20 (Sunday). The Fever has so far left Mr. Forbes that he went to Meeting and prayed one part of the Day.

1769 August 21 (Monday). Visit divers Families and Old Mr. Charles Rice, at his son Zebulun's. Dined at my Son P\_\_\_\_s. P.M. Mr. Forbes and I visited Rev. Mr. *Parsons* -- Mr. Mic. *Martyns*, and the Manufactory House, which they begin to work in. We return at Eve to Mr. F.'s and I lodged there, as I have done every Night, and with *Brother Eliot* aforesaid.

1769 August 22 (Tuesday). Sat out on my journey from Brookfield.

### **1769 SEPTEMBER 14: 44 YEARS OLD**

1769 September 16 (Saturday). Sister *Champney* and her Nephew leave us to go to *Brookfield*. They ride in a Chaise which he has made for Mr. *Forbes*.

1769 September 28 (Thursday). We expected Company earlier than came. At length came Mr. *Cushing*. Afterwards my Son *Ebenezer*, Mr. *Forbes*, and in their New Chaise his Wife and Daughter with Sister *Lydia Champney*. By and by Mr. *Hancock* of *Cambridge*. My Daughter *Sarah* was married at Evening. Mr. *Forbes* prayed after the Covenant.... Mr. *Forbes* to his Sister *Kendals*, and *Ebenezer* to his Brother *Bonds*.

1769 September 29 (Friday). My Son, with Mr. Forbes's Chaise and Horse, waits on sister *Lydia* to *Cambridge*.... The rest of the Company dined with us. At Eve Mr. *Forbes* goes to his Brothers.

1769 September 30 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes has one Mr. *Bascomb* to preach for him.

1769 October 1 (Sunday). Read *Ezek. 4*. Mr. *Forbes* preached a.m. on Joh. 6.29. Besides our own Family and Company (who were 14) at Dinner we had Mr. *Joseph King* of *Suffield* and his

Wife, who was Mrs. *Trypheena Bowker*. P.M. I read 2 *Cor.* 3. Mr. *Forbes* preached on *Joh.* 6.44. And may God grant His Blessing to accompany these useful Discourses!

1769 October 2 (Monday). Ebenezer (with Miss *Lucy Bond*) returns to *Brookfield*. N.B. I sent by him a Letter to Mr. *John Eliot* (Squire's Son) in Answer to his by Mr. *Forbes* to me, and informing him that I can't Comply with his Request to come and live with me, to Study Divinity here. Mr. Cushing goes to Southborough, Mr. Forbes to his Brothers, Mrs. Forbes and Mrs. Cotton to Mrs. Townsend the Taylor. They dine at Deacon Woods.... Mr. Forbes and his Wife begin their Journey to Rochester by going as far as to Mr. Stones, at Southborough.

1769 October 11 (Wednesday). When I came home, found my *son and Daughter Forbes* returned from *Rochester*; and they Inform that Suse is better, her Breast being in a Measure Comfortable Again.

1769 October 12 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife set out for *Brookfield*.

1769 October 18 (Wednesday). When I came home *Ezra Ripley* was come for my grand-Daughter *Polly Forbes*. He lodges here.

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*....

1769 November 4 (Saturday). I gave my Son a Note of Hand, written to Mr. Samuel Haskell for the Colt which Mr. Forbes lately Sent me from him, of £13.6.8 lawful money to be Paid *Jan.* 1 next, to him or his Order. Ebenezer is accompanied on his Journey by his Sister Bond, who is going to *Brookfield*.

1769 December 14 (Thursday). *Samuel* carryed 20£ old Tenor to Mr. *Malachi Maynard* to be delivered to my son *Forbes* to be delivered to Mr. *Samuel Haskill* at *Brookfield*.

1769 December 22 (Friday). *Samuel* returns from *Brookfield* (from *Worcester* to Day) and dines here, brings me a Letter from Mr. *Forbes* concerning the Effects of the *Canine Fury* among them of late.

1770 January 31 (Wednesday). At Eve came Jonathan Forbes from Brookfield with my Horse, and with a Letter from Mr. Forbes, that *John* is gone to live as apprentice to Mr. Hitchcock, that my son Breck is also come from *Ashby* to work with Mr. Hitchcocks Brother, a Shop-Joyner -- and that all, especially my Daughter *Baldwin*, are well. Blessed be God for all His Goodness to me and mine!

1770 March 19 (Monday). When I returned home, found Mr. Forbes and with him Messrs. Fisk of Brookfield and Mr. Enos Hitchcock who preaches at Paxton. Mr. Forbes tells us that Ebenezer has called his last Son *Benjamin*. Brings the uncomfortable News of Alexanders shop being broke open while he was at Westborough etc., that he had lost about 30 yards of Cloth, and was in pursuit of the Thief who was gone into Connecticut. A Letter also from *John*. Mr. F. goes to his Sister Kendals; the other Gentlemen lodge here.

1770 March 20 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. *Moore*, by Mr. Forb. to the Care of the Rochester Representative. The abovesaid Gentlemen proceed on their Journey.

1770 March 24 (Saturday). Expected Mr. Forbes, whom I depend upon to preach tomorrow; but he did not come.

1770 March 28 (Wednesday). Am much taken up in reviewing a MS Discourse of my son Forbes on 1 *Thess.* 5.21. "Prove all Things" etc.

1770 March 29 (Thursday). Mr. Forbes from Boston dines here. Lend him the 4th Vol. of *Casuistical Morning Exercises*. He goes to his Sister *Joanna's* -- returns here and then hastens to Worcester in his way home.

1770 May 5 (Saturday). My Son Breck came from Brookfield. A Letter from Ebenezer informs that his Indian Girl, *Susanna*, is gone, against both her and their Will, and without any Complaint against them, to live at Mr. Forbes's.

1770 May 31 (Thursday). Attended the Convention.... My Children were going out of Town. Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife, Mr. *Moore* and *Cushing* with theirs.

1770 July 20 (Friday). N.B. Mr. *Forbes* and Mrs. *Loyd* had got up here from *Cambridge* so as to dine here seasonably, and went to Capt. *Allens*, Shrewsbury.

1770 July 26 (Thursday). Mr. *Roger Bruce* returns from Mendon and dines here. I have sent by him several MSS of my son *Forbes* Sermons, to be delivered by his own Hands to Mr. F.

### **1770 SEPTEMBER 14: 45 YEARS OLD**

1770 September 17 (Monday). Dr. *Southgate* came to me and accompanied me to Brookfield. We dined at Mr. Forbes's, who was gone to *Conway*. P.M. Visit at *Ebenezers* and at Mr. *Baldwins*. Returned to my Daughter *Forbes* and lodged there. Sir *Crosby*, School master, lodged there also.

1770 September 18 (Tuesday). Dined at Mr. F's. P.M. [pay?] an Indenture for *John*. Mr. F. returns from *Conway*. Lodged at my son *Baldwins*.

1770 September 19 (Wednesday). I returned at Eve to Mr. Forbes's and lodged there.

1770 September 20 (Thursday). Mr. Forbes and I visit Capt. *Abbot*, who is grievously exercised with the *Stone*. I prayed with him. I visit Mrs. *Gilbert* to condole the Loss of her Father and Brother Moses, *Wheat*. Dined at my son *Baldwins* -- Mr. Forbes and his Wife, and my son *Ebenezer* (not his Wife) there.

1770 September 21 (Friday). I bid them farewell and return home.

1770 November 6 (Tuesday). My Son *Baldwin* returns from *Boston* with his Daughter *Betty*, and *Molly Forbes*. They lodge here.

1770 November 7 (Wednesday). Our Company go on their Journey to *Brookfield*.

1771 January 19 (Saturday). He [John Marsh] has lately come from Mr. Forbes's at *Brookfield*, and informs me that *Mr. Parsons dyed on Thursday last* -- to be buried next Tuesday.

1771 January 22 (Tuesday). At Eve came Mr. *John Eliot*, who tells me he has been preaching at *Salisbury* (nigh *New Hopkinton*) in *New Hampshire*.... Shews great Disgust with the Association at *Brookfield* and with Mr. *Forbes* in particular and with his wife -- and is grieved about their Daughter. He lodges here.

1771 January 28 (Monday). When I came home I found [here?] Mr. *Forbes* from *Brookfield* going to *Boston* to get a surgeon to extract a stone from poor pained Capt. *Abbot*. Our Brother in Law Mr. *William Brown* of *Framingham* from *Leicester*, was with Mr. *Forbes*, and informs me more clearly of my Son *Alexanders* Disappointment in having rollin fulling Works. They lodge here.

1771 January 29 (Tuesday). Our Company leave us.

1771 April 24 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forbes* and Sir *Crosby* from *Brookfield*. The Former lodges here, the other goes to his Classmate *Taylor*s.

1771 April 25 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes* and *Crosby* Sat out in the morning for *Boston*, in their way to *Beverly* Ordination (of Mr. *Hitchcock*).

1771 May 13 (Monday). Received a Letter from My son *Forbes* concerning his Troubles relative to the Ministerial Rights.

1771 June 7 (Friday). Afterwards Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife and son *Eli* came: and they lodged here.

1771 June 8 (Saturday). The Company proceed on their Journey to *Brookfield*.

1771 June 25 (Tuesday). My Son *Ebenezer* came from *Brookfield* -- acquaints me with the great Disturbance there, about ministerial Rights, in the 2d Parish. Insomuch that Mr. Forbes talks of leaving them.

1771 July 8 (Monday). Mr. Taylor is here and is about to go to Brookfield. I wrote by him to Mr. Forbes.

1771 July 11 (Thursday). Mr. *Taylor* is returned from Brookfield. Mr. *Crosby* from Brookfield also, calls here. Mr. Forbes in great Trouble.

1771 August 12 (Monday). At Evening came Mr. Forbes from *Brookfield* and Mr. Aaron *Crosby* with him.

1771 August 13 (Tuesday). William Crosby came here. Mr. *Forbes* is going to Cambridge to present him to Examination.

1771 August 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Moses *Hitchcock* of Brookfield and his Sister *Sally* here -- dined here -- Mr. *Forbes*, and a little Boy with him from *Boston* returning to Brookfield. Dr. Crosby, and Mr. Aaron Crosby, who is going a Missionary to Onohoquage, met Mr. Forbes here. They go to Dr. *Crosby's*, to lodge.

1771 September 4 (Wednesday). Receive a Dozen of Mr. *Forbes* Artillery sermon.

1771 September 7 (Saturday). Mr. Daniel *Forbes* here to buy my Oxen. Would give 80£ old Tenor but would have till next June to pay it upon Interest. Delivered him one of Mr. Eli Forbes's Artillery Sermons. To Mr. Hezekiah Taylor another.

### **1771 SEPTEMBER 14: 46 YEARS OLD**

1771 October 7 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Forbes writes me that his Troubles increase; 16 of the Brethren of the Church have drawn up Charges against him; and are to have a Meeting on Wednesday next. He desires me to go up.

1771 October 16 (Wednesday). Mrs. P. tells me she has Sent the Chaise to Boston by Mr. *Thomas Temple*. That Mr. *Zebulun Rice's* Wife has been here, and says her Brother Forbes has gained his Point, and his ministerial Rights are Secured.

1771 October 18 (Friday). Old Mrs. Tabitha Hardy of Brookfield here. Desires Dismission from our Church to Mr. *Forbes's*.

1772 May 5 (Tuesday). Received from Brookfield Mr. Forbes is gone to Boston, but called at his Cousen Samuels.

1772 May 7 (Thursday). At Eve came my son *Forbes* from Boston and lodges here.

1772 May 8 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* leaves us early to return home.

1772 July 15 (Wednesday). N.B. William Crosby, having conducted unfitly, especially ungratefully to my Son Forbes, who was bound for him, has absconded.

1772 August 19 (Wednesday). Wrote to Mr. *Forbes* of Brookfield by John Arnold, concerning my Great Coat, which probably Mr. Forbes, or Mr. *Merick* of *Wilbraham* carried away when they went from hence.

1772 August 31 (Monday). I sat out on my Journey to *Brookfield*.... Arrived at my son *Forbes's* Some time before night; and lodged there. N.B. Mr. *Forbes* came home at Eve from *Pelham*.

1772 September 2 (Wednesday). Was willing to attend the Ministers Meeting at Mr. *Jones's*, *Western*. Went with Mr. *Ruggles* and Mr. *Forbes*, and their Wives. Was obliged to preach the Publick Lecture. Mr. *Ruggles* prayed. My Text was Ps. 139.23.24. The Rain prevailed so that many Stayed there. I lodged with Mr. *White* of *Hardwick*. N.B. At this Meeting there were 12 Ministers and 2 Candidates. May God add His Almighty Blessing!

1772 September 3 (Thursday). In returning to Mr. *Forbes's*, Stopped at Mr. *Wards*.

1772 September 4 (Friday). Dined at Mr. *Forbes's*. Preached the Lecture on *Joh. 1.11*, and O that God would please to make it savingly beneficial to us all!

### **1772 SEPTEMBER 14: 47 YEARS OLD**

1772 October 2 (Friday). My Sister in law, Miss *Lydia Champney*, with my Son *Baldwin*, and little *Eli Forbes* came.... They all lodge here.

1772 October 3 (Saturday). The Company leave us for *Brookfield*.

1773 January 18 (Monday). At Eve came my son *Forbes* and lodges here. He tells me his Daughter has a Wen growing on her side. May the Lord sanctifie this great Trouble, and prepare for His holy Will!

1773 January 19 (Tuesday). Mr. *Forbes* goes to Boston.

1773 January 22 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* returns from *Boston*: informs that Mr. *Bailey's* and my Kinswoman *Winter's* Desire of Marriage is clogged by Dr. *Byles* and his Church, of which Mr. *Bailey* is a Member.

1773 January 23 (Saturday). *John* goes to Brookfield with Mr. Forbes, to whom I have committed Johns Indenture, and have writ to his Master *Hitchcock* concerning his Coming away -- Since he is So uneasy there, and has in part agreed with his Master about the Terms etc. This is also the 2d Journey *John* has taken to me on this Affair. As Wisdom is profitable to direct and

a good man orders his Affairs with Discretion, May we have divine Guidance to manage this important matter to divine Glory and with success!

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 26 (Wednesday). Attended the *Election Sermon*.... Visit Mr. *Quincy*. Several of my Children there also, viz. Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife, Mr. *Moore* (my Daughter *Baldwin* was at Mr. *Bailys*), besides Samuel and his Sally.

[1773 May 29? (Saturday)]. Mr. Forbes and his Wife here, but their sister *Lucy* [torn] were obliged to leave at Coll. *Brighams* at Southborough.

1773 May 30 (Sunday). Mr. Forbes preached on *Gal. 5.5* a. and p.m. [Torn] God be graciously pleased to add His almighty Influences and [torn] the Exercises Savingly Beneficial! N.B. p.m. read the [torn] wherein was the Text. Sad News from Brookfield of the dying State [torn] *evi Rice*. A message is come to Mr. *Forbes* to hasten home. [Torn]y God be with the Distressed, and be a present Help in time of Trouble!

1772 May 31 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Forbes and his Wife, with their distressed Sister [Baldwin], leave us to go as far as Worcester, or Leicester [torn] they can: Riding and Diverting Objects being best for her.

1773 July 19 (Monday). Mr. *Forbes* and sister *Champney* from *Brookfield*: and Mr. *Bradshaw*, who preached at Grafton, here.

1773 July 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and Sister *Champney* leave this place before me.

1773 July 21 (Wednesday). Attended the *Commencement*.... I improve *Barretts* for my Self -- where was also Mr. *Forbes* etc.... Lodged with Mr. *Forbes* at *Barretts*.

1773 July 24 (Saturday). Mr. *Forbes* and sister came -- dined with us in their way to *Shrewsbury*: where my Sister will tarry a while. Mr. *Forbes* goes to *Grafton* to preach for Mr. *Bradshaw*, who Supplies for him at *Brookfield*.

1773 July 31 (Saturday). Mr. *George Caryl* brought me a Letter from Mr. *Forbes* of Brookfield concerning his having found Some Dates relative to the *Champney* Money.

1773 August 16 (Monday). At Eve came my Grand Daughter *Molly Forbes*, accompanied by *Ripley* of College. They lodge here.

1773 August 17 (Tuesday). They Set out for *Boston*.

1773 September 2 (Thursday). In the Morning came my grand Daughter *Molly Forbes* and Miss *Hannah Coffin*, accompanied by *Ripley* of College. After breakfast They Sat out for *Brookfield*.

**1773 SEPTEMBER 14: 48 YEARS OLD**

1773 October 13 (Wednesday). My Kinsman *Bradshaw* came from *Boston* and from his Fathers.... N.B. I delivered to him 60£ old Tenor to be delivered to Mr. *Forbes*, and for it I have his (*Bradshaws*) Receipt.

1773 November 19 (Friday). At Eve came Mr. *Forbes*, his Wife and son, returning home from *Cape Ann*, whither they had been to visit their new-married Daughter.

1773 November 20 (Saturday). They pursue their Journey to *Brookfield*.

1774 March 22 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes came and Mr. [blank] *May*, Merchant in Boston.

1774 March 23 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forbes* and Mr. *Maynard* go to Boston.

1774 March 26 (Saturday). But by Such interruptions of my Studys, I was obliged to have the greater Dependence on Mr. *Forbes* return from *Boston*, and preaching for Me, as I have requested him to do.

1774 August 8 (Monday). My son *Forbes* and Sister *Champney* came and lodge.

1774 August 18 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes* and Son *Eli* came from *Cape Ann -- Boston* and from *Southborough* this Morning.

1774 August 30 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Parkman* returned from *Brookfield*. She relates the Great Trouble my Son *Forbes* was in last Saturday Night -- by reason of the Disquietments of the people, and the [ministers?] Premonitions given [illegible]. N.B. My Son *Ebenezer* and his son *Bradshaw* (who has married his Daughter *Mary*) are among the high Liberty men.

**1774 SEPTEMBER 14: 49 YEARS OLD**

1774 October 6 (Thursday). When I arrived at home (through God's Goodness) found Mr. Forbes and his wife here, who are designing to go to *Cape Ann*, after the next sabbath.

1774 October 8 (Saturday). Rode to *Brookfield*.... Lodged at Mr. *Forbes's*.

1774 October 9 (Sunday). Preached at *Brookfield* on *Judg.* 10.6.7.9.10.16 a. and p.m. on the present deplorable Times.... N.B. Mr. *Forbes* preached at *Westborough* on *Mat.* 23.37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem."

1774 November 4 (Friday). Mr. Forbes and sister *Lydia Champney* came at Eve. One from *Cape Ann*, the other from *Cambridge*, and lodge here.

1774 November 5 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes and sister *Champney* to *Brookfield*.



1774 November 22 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Forbes came, and lodged here. He has met with peculiar Difficultys at Brookfield Since he left us last, but through divine Goodness, has escaped Extremitys that were threatned.

1774 November 23 (Wednesday). Mr. F. Setts out for Cape Ann.

1774 December 18 (Sunday). Having Sent a Letter to Mr. Whitney to change, I rode to Northborough. Mr. *Whitney* did not receive it, but was gone to *Worcester*, that Mr. *Maccarty* might go to Brookfield for Mr. Forbes (who is still at Gloucester).

1775 January 10 (Tuesday). My Son *Forbes* and his Wife came from Cape Ann, but last from Mr. *Brooks's* at *Medford*. Their Daughter *Coffin* brought forth a Daughter (whom they have called *Polly*) on December 30 last. To God her Deliverer be Glory and Praise! May the Child be new-born and an Instrument of the divine Glory! They lodge here. My Daughters Trouble in her Breast somewhat mitigated, by Methods used by Friend *Pope* of *Boston*. Thanks to the Supreme Healer!

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....

1775 January 12 (Thursday). I hear that probably my Son and Daughter *Forbes* got no further than Alexanders last night.

1775 February 7 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. *Quincy*, and Sent it by *Ripley*, who came from *Brookfield*, and brings me a Letter from Mr. *Forbes* etc., who writes of his ill Reception when he and his Wife went home from Cape Ann, that her Breast is no better -- that he has asked a *Dismission* -- and I perceive that he is greatly discouraged.

1775 February 13 (Monday). Mr. William *Bowman* in his way home to *Brookfield* at Breakfast. Relates Some of his uncle Forbes's Troubles.

1775 February 14 (Tuesday). This Day (as I understand) my dear son *Forbes* has a Church-Meeting at *Brookfield*, by Adjournment that they may give Answer to his Request of Dismission. May the Lord be graciously present with him and them, and grant an Issue to His Glory!

1775 February 21 (Tuesday). Master *Fisher Ames* came from Brookfield. Informs that the Church which Mr. Forbes ministers to have sent for a Council of 3 Churches, viz. the other two in the Town, and that of *Spencer*, to meet the next Week or the Week after, to Consider the Affair.

1775 March 3 (Friday). Squire *Whipple* informs me that Mr. *Forbes* is dismissed from Brookfield.

1775 March 11 (Saturday). My son and Daughter *Forbes* with their black Girl came. Mr. Daniel *Forbes* junior came also with them. They also dined here, and (except the last) lodge here.

1775 March 12 (Sunday). I had engaged to change with Mr. *Whitney*, but Mr. *Forbes* being here I rode early to *Northborough* and prevented Mr. *Whitney's* coming. I preached there a.m. on *Isa.* 22.12. P.M. on v. 13.14 with the 12th. At Eve returned home. Unhappily found that there was disquietment with Mr. *Forbes's* forenoon sermon. The Text was *Job* 2.10. When he was going to meeting in the afternoon Several persons stopped him by the Well: viz., Capt. Brigham, Mr. Andrews, Dr. Hawes, Select men; and many more. Besides which Joseph Harrington and Ebenezer Chamberlin junior had been with him here in the House to talk with him. A multitude gathered at the Well. On his promising to explain himself from the Desk they would consent to his going into the Meeting House, except Some, who went home. It was conceived he was faulty in saying that God is so the *primary Cause* of the Evils we suffer, as that we are not to dwell upon and find So much fault with second *Causes* or *Instruments* etc. etc. My Family were in the Eve in much Trouble on Account of what had Occurred. The P.M. Text was [*blank*].

1775 March 13 (Monday). Mr. *Forbes* and my Daughter Set out on their Journey to *Boston*, designing to go to Mr. Pope, to consult him on her Sad Case, of her Breast. *Gin*, their Negro Girl, rides in Mr. *Elisha Forbes's* Waggon.

1775 March 17 (Friday). Mr. [Joseph] Harrington tarries in the Eve and talks with Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_ on the uproar against Mr. Eli Forbes last Lords day.

1775 March 21 (Tuesday). I dined at Mr. *Stones*. Lt. *Lyscombe* of Brookfield there, and defends the People there in the Dismissing Mr. Forbes. He says it was owing to Mr. Forbes's desiring it, whereas he believes 3 4th of the Parish had rather he would have stayed. And that it was Mr. Forbes's Request that the Causes and Reasons might not be Searched into.

1775 March 22 (Wednesday). A Second Letter from my Son Forbes at Boston, that his Wife has gone through a Second Dressing by the hard Plaister and "by appearance these two have en[crusted?] the Schirrous Tumor about 1/4 of an inch. This dead mass must be separated from the live Flesh by digestive lenient Dressings before another hard Dressing is applied: which will require a Week or ten Days."

1775 March 24 (Friday). Received another Letter from Mr. *Forbes*, dated the 20th (the Day before the last, which was the 21st) that "moment" whilst She was actually "under the painfull Operation of the 2d *hard Plaister*, and is as full of pain as She can well bear, though She endures (he writes) with more patience and fortitude than I feared. The Doctor says all Things work very kindly, and he doubts not with the Blessing of God he shall be able to effect a Cure: but will require some time, at least two Months. At present she is extremely agitated. Last Night she had no sleep, and this Night (Sabbath 2 o'Clock) She has been much worse -- but by the help of an Anodyne she gets a little sleep -- hope She will be supported and carryed through -- I am encouraged, but verily Sir, it is hard Work -- and we hope in God." "Six o'Clock in the Morning. We have got through the Night. It has been pritty distressing, though through the great Goodness of God mine and your dear *Molly* has had several refreshing Naps of Sleep, and is now Comfortable -- and does not expect to have any more of these hard Plaisters for a Week or ten Days, and I hope the worst is past. However, Sufficient to the Day is the Evil thereof."

1775 March 28 (Tuesday). We ride into *Boston*, though 'tis Said the Small Pox spreads. Went to Mrs. *Holbrooks*. Put up at Bracketts: hastened to Samuels to see Mrs. *Forbes*. She was under the lenient Plaister -- was calm and easy. I saw the sore dressed. Mr. Forbes, Samuel and I dined at Squire *Shaws*, being invited there to eat *Moose*, which was brought from *Goldsborough*.

1775 March 29 (Wednesday). Mrs. *Forbes* has Comfort, and is cheerfull. We lodged there.

1775 April 10 (Monday). Write...to Mr. *Forbes* and Mr. *Cushing*.

1775 April 15 (Saturday). A Letter from Mr. *Forbes* (by *Ripley*, who is come to us from *Boston* and *Cambridge*) that on the 13th the Remainder of the Cancer in my Daughters Breast came out in a *Body*, near of the Bigness and Shape of a Sheeps Kidney -- the Breast in an healing way. All Praise and Thanks to the glorious God our Healer!

1775 April 22 (Saturday). *Ripley* comes in the Morning from *Brookfield* on Mr. *Forbes's* Horse, I wrote by *Ripley* to Brother *Champney* at *Cambridge*, designing to find *him* out, for we know not where he is.

1775 April 29 (Saturday). Numberless Reports -- many of which are groundless. But we conceive my Son and Daughter *Forbes* are at Capt. *Coffins* at *Gloucester*.

1775 May 5 (Friday). *Ripley* from *Cambridge* here. Certifies that my Daughter *Forbes* at *Cape-Ann*, recovers apace.

1775 June 4 (Sunday). At Evening *Breck* returned from his Journey, in which he went to *Cape-Anne*, and saw his Sister *Forbes*, who is (through Gods Goodness) recovering apace.

1775 June 6 (Tuesday). My Daughter *Baldwin*, attended by *Ripley* and *Eli Forbes*, came. They are going to *Cambridge* and *Gloucester* (or *Cape-Anne*).... P.M. My Daughter *Baldwin*, *Ripley* and *Eli Forbes*, take leave and pursue their Journey.

1775 June 28 (Wednesday). *Ripley* waits on my Daughters *Forbes* and *Baldwin* who are come from *Cape Ann* -- and they lodge here.

1775 June 30 (Friday). My Daughter *Forbes* goes to *Mendon* in search of her Doctor, *Pope*: her Breast has Twinges, and she wants some of his [illegible] salve.

1775 July 1 (Saturday). P.M. My Daughter *Forbes* and *Ripley* return from *Mendon*.

1775 July 2 (Sunday). *Ripley* and Daughter *Forbes* were at the Communion.

1775 July 3 (Monday). My Daughters *Forbes* and *Baldwin*, assisted and accompanied by *Ripley*, undertook their Journey to *Brookfield*.

1775 September 12 (Tuesday). [torn] *Ebenezer* came. [illegible], an Indian Boy from Mr. *Forbes's*, with him. [torn] drooping, and has a bad Cough. Fear what the Event may be.

1775 September 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forbes* [torn] (having been to Dr. [Pope?] at *Mendon* about her Breast) came, as did *William* [torn] and Daughter *Lydia*. *Alexander*, his Wife and young Child -- *Samuel* with his [torn] -- Mr. *Whitney* came also and dined with us.

### **1775 SEPTEMBER 14: 50 YEARS OLD**

1775 September 14 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes*, his Wife and [illegible] left us and are going to *Cape Ann*.

1775 October 24 (Tuesday). Received from Mr. *Forbes* [illegible] [£3?].

1775 October 26 (Thursday). In Sending a Letter to Mr. *Forbes*, I wrote to the Care of Capt. *Foster* of Brookfield, but it should have been Capt. *Foster* of Gloucester. This mistake I fear may expose it to Hands which I would not have it fall into.

1775 December 5 (Tuesday). At Eve my Son *Samuel* and his Wife, with little son and Daughter came in their Chaise. They came from Mr. *Forbes*' House in *Brookfield*; but only from *Alexanders* in *Leicester* to day. Mr. *Daniel Forbes* junior brought their Goods; He brought also for me, Mr. *Eli Forbes*' *Chambers Cyclopedia* in 2 Vols., and Scots Supplement 2 vols.

1775 December 17 (Sunday). N.B. Receive a [large?] Letter from Mr. *Forbes* of *Gloucester*, dated Nov. [23?].

1776 January 8 (Monday). N.B. My son *William* wrote me by one *Osmer* and inclosed part of his Brother *Forbes*'s Letter from *Gloucester* of his Wifes Illness, and fear of her Cancer's rising again. At eve wrote to Mr. *Forbes*.

1776 January 19 (Friday). But *Billy* comes from *Concord* -- with The Heavy News, and Letter from my dear son *Forbes*! Of my most dear Child *Mary*'s Departure on the 16th at Eve, between 9 and 10 o'Clock! O Lord, Help!

1776 January 21 (Sunday). I preached at *Grafton* on Judg. 10.6.7.9.10, and 16 a. and p.m.

1776 January 22 (Monday). Wrote to My son *Forbes*.

1776 January 24 (Wednesday). Sent my Letter to Mr. *Forbes* by Mr. *Elisha Forbes*.

1776 January 28 (Sunday). Preached a. and p.m. on 1 *Chron.* 29.15....<sup>?</sup> N.B. I could not finish the preparations which I designed; and therefore with new Introduction concerning the Occasion, namely my late Bereavement (the Death of my eldest Child) and several other Deaths of late (particularly what occurred last Night), I delivered the abovesaid sermons; which may the Lord sanctify to us all! Especially those of us more immediately concerned.

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<sup>?</sup>! *Chron.* 29.15: "For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding."

1776 February 4 (Sunday). A Letter from my Son *Baldwin*, of *Jan.* 18 on the Death of his Sister *Forbes*.

1776 March 28 (Thursday). At Eve a letter from my Son *Forbes*, dated *March 2*, in which he laments that he had not had any Answer to his Sorrowful Account of the Death of his Wife: whereas I did Send by *Elisha Forbes*, Soon after. He now writes more particularly, of Some Things Especialy which were omitted before.... Received a mournful Letter from Mr. *Forbes*.

1776 March 30 (Saturday). P.M. I wrote to Mr. *Forbes*.

1776 April 4 (Thursday). Sent a letter to Mr. *Forbes*, by Mr. *Levi Warrin*, to be committed to the Care of *Gloucester* Representative at *Waterton*.

1776 April 9 (Tuesday). At Eve Received a large and very affectionate Letter from my Son *Forbes* of *Gloucester*, dated 14 *Mar.* He informs me that the Church has given him a Call to settle with them.

1776 April 25 (Thursday). My dear son *Forbes* came this Forenoon. He is Journeying in a Surkey from *Gloucester* to *Brookfield*. He lodged last night at the widow *Brighams* at *Southborough*. Dines with us and goes on his Journey. N.B. He leaves a Letter to our Church requesting Assistance in his Installment. And asks me to preach on that Solemnity.

1776 April 30 (Tuesday). On my way [to Worcester] called to talk with Mr. *Daniel Forbes* (at old serjeant *Maynards*) concerning the *Gloucester* Letter.

1776 May 5 (Sunday). Stopped the Church and read the Letter from the first Church in *Gloucester* requesting Assistance in the Installment of Mr. *Forbes*. It laboured -- divers made objections, viz. Mr. *Thomas Bond*, Mr. *Batherick*, Mr. *Joseph Harrington*. When the Vote was put, the Opposers went into the womens Seats: they were, Mr. *Daniel Hardy*, Mr. *Ithamar Bellows*, Mr. *David Batherick*, Mr. *B. Tainter*, Mr. *Samuel Forbush*, Capt. *Morse*, Lt. *Bond*, Mr. *Joseph Harrington*, *Levi Warrin*, *Eli Whitney*. On the other side there were 22.

1776 May 8 (Wednesday). Mr. [Peter?] *Coffin*, with his Wife (my grand daughter) came lodging last night at *Worcester* in their [illegible], from *Brookfield* and in their Way to *Cape Ann*. They dined here. Their Father *Forbes* came afterwards and *Alexanders* Wife and Child. They all lodged here.

1776 May 9 (Thursday). Our Company left us.

1776 June 3 (Monday). At Eve arrived at Mr. *Forbes* in *Gloucester*, who dwells in the House that was Mr. *William [blank]* at the *Harbour*, and his Son and Daughter *Coffin*, with their little Daughter also, my Great grand Daughter, in the Same House. Here I lodged, and continued while I was in the first Parish.

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 5 (Wednesday). An Ecclesiastical Council was formed at the House of Mr. *Samuel Whittemores* consisting of Six Churches with their Elders and Delegates, viz. of *Westborough*, 2d and 3d in Brookfield, and the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th of *Gloucester*, except Rev. *Ebenezer Cleavland* pastor of the last, who is Supposed to be at N. York. *Parkman* Moderator, and Rev. *Obadiah Parsons* Scribe. The Church which sent for us, by *Desire*, came in. No Objection. Mr. *Forbes* was admitted a Member: and the Church renewed their Request to have him inaugurated or installed their Pastor. Adjourned to the Meeting House. The Solemnity was Opened by an Anthem and Mr. *Ward* prayed. *Parkman* preached on *Heb. 13.17*. After which proclamation was made that if any had Objection etc. The Choice and Acceptance renewed. Mr. *Fisk* prayed before the Charge, which Mr. *Rogers* gave. Mr. *Fuller* gave the Right Hand and Mr. *Parsons* prayed after it. A Psalm was sung. Mr. F. gave the Blessing -- and an Anthem concluded. All was performed without the least Interruption, notwithstanding there were several Companys of Soldiers at the Harbour. Nor any *Murry* there, nor his Followers. At Eve at Coll. *Jonathan Stevens's*. N.B. At Mr. *Forbes's*, when we returned, the Company of Singers performed with much Decency and Agreeableness.

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. P.M. I with Mr. F. and *Ebenezer* rode to Mr. *Jaques's*, where lies the poor man in a very deplorable Condition -- but with wonderful Patience in bearing, and his dear *Judith* in faithfully tending him. Prayed with them. Returned to Col. *Coffins*, and lodged there.

1776 June 7 (Friday). We went to *Squam* -- Mrs. *Coffin* with us. Dined at Rev. *Parsons's*. Preached his Lecture on *2 Cor. 5.20*. At Eve in returning to the Harbour called at Dr. *Plummers* -- but I took Cold, and became very Hoarse.

1776 June 8 (Saturday). A rich prize taken by Capt. *John Adams* was brought into the Harbour yesterday.... We went on board in the Morning and were treated civilly and generously by the Mate, who now had the Care and chief Command. We also a.m. rode to the End of the Cape -- and returned so as to dine at Col. *Stevens's*. P.M. We (that is, Mr. F. and *Ebenezer* with me) rode to See the Rock, *Normans Wo*, where my dear Brother *John* perished.

1776 June 9 (Sunday). Was so hoarse I endeavoured to excuse myself from preaching but I was compelled to try. My Text was *Rom. 15.2*. I found it so difficult to Speak that I refused in the p.m. Mr. *Forbes* preached on *2 Cor. 5.20*. At Eve We went, by Special Invitation, to Mrs. *Saunders's* (Widow of the late honorable *William Saunders*, and Daughter of Rev. *Smith of Falmouth*), a worthy, pious and agreeable Lady; and treated us with great Respect. After our Visit there, I walked, with divers to accompany, to the Burying Place, to See my Daughter *Forbes's* Grave. O might I be adequately affected, and Suitably prepared!

1776 June 10 (Monday). *Ebenezer, Hannah* and I sat out from *Cape Ann* to come home. Mr. *Forbes* and his Son *Coffin* accompanied us -- first to his store, which was a few Miles out of the *Harbour*. And there were well refreshed. After riding a few Miles further, they left us and we proceeded....

1776 September 12 (Thursday). At Eve came Mr. *Solomon Parsons* of *Cape Ann-Harbour*, and his Wife was with him. They brought me a Letter from Mr. *Forbes* of 9 September informing that Mrs. *Coffin* has had another Daughter. They also lodge here.

1776 September 13 (Friday). *Another Letter* from Mr. *Forbes* acquainting me more particularly with the Birth of my grand-Daughters 2d Child, on the 20th of August.

1776 September 16 (Monday). Apprehending there would be Opportunity to Send to *Cape Ann* I wrote to my Son *Forbes*; and was up till past 12.

1776 September 17 (Tuesday). N.B. He [Daniel Forbes] informs me that his uncle *Forbes* was (as he [*illegible*] conceives) married last Lords Evening to the Widow *Saunders*, where he once boarded. But his [*illegible*] Law *Coffin*, does not like. The new married have Set out by Land for [*Falmouth?*] *Coffin* and wife with [*illegible*] try again and Succeed.

1776 October 11 (Friday). My Cousen *Winter* goes to *Brookfield*. N.B. He says Mr. *Forbes* lives in Mrs. *Saunders* House and has married her.

1776 November 1 (Friday). Mr. *Noah Hardy* and his Wife came in, having been to *Gloucester*; visited their Uncle and New Aunt, *Forbes*.

1776 November 7 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. *Daniel Forbes* junior brought me a Letter from his uncle at *Gloucester*, giving Me Account of his Marriage; and of 10 French Gentlemen with their servants there.

1777 March 18 (Tuesday). N.B. finished and Sent a letter to Mr. *Forbes* of *Gloucester*.

1777 June 28 (Saturday). *Isaac Baldwin* leaves us to go to *Cape Ann* -- but to day to *Concord*. I wrote by him to Mrs. P\_\_\_\_\_, who is still there, and to Mr. *Forbes* at the Harbour.

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 17 (Thursday). I Committ all of them to the Care of Mr. *Crosby* who is going to Boston. N.B. I inclose them [*blot*] a Letter to Mr. *Forbes* at *Gloucester*.

1777 September 26 (Friday). Nigh 9 at Night came Mr. *Forbes* of *Cape Ann*, with his Wife and son. They all lodge here.... Mr. *Forbes* communicates his Letter from Col. *Eveleigh* of *South Carolina*; and thinks Mr. *Paine*, who is the Author of *Common Sense*, and an Acquaintance of

Col. *Evelith's*, is *Junius*, or at least one of the three which make up that Character which is so celebrated.

1777 September 27 (Saturday). Our Company leave us for Brookfield etc.

1777 October 1 (Wednesday). Mr. *Forbes* and Lady and son came, nigh 9 at night, and lodge. I read *Flavel* on *Mortification*.

1777 October 2 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes* etc. leave us a.m. Leaves Dr. *Robinsons* History of *Scotland* and 2 of his MS. sermons.

1777 December 25 (Thursday). At Eve came my Son *Forbes* from *Cape Ann* lodged here

1777 December 26 (Friday). Breakfast with Mr. *Forbes* He goes to

1778 January 1 (Thursday). At Eve came my Son *Forbes* from *Brookfield* and lodged here.

1778 January 2 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* agrees to committ to me 9 of his Sheep, to be kept here till after the next Shearing time. He leaves us to return home.

1778 January 8 (Thursday). He [Elias] drove home [from Brookfield] my steer, and with him four of my Son *Baldwins* young Cattle: and Nine of my son *Forbes's* sheep, Eight from Mr. *Jonas Brewers*, and one from Mr. *Daniel Forbes*.

1778 January 28 (Wednesday). I wrote to Mr. *Forbes* of *Gloucester*....

1778 January 30 (Friday). A Letter from Mr. *Forbes*.

1778 February 21 (Saturday). Hear that Mr. *Abraham Bonds* Child dyed last night. I Send Verbally to Mr. *Forbes* by one *Humphry Bray* of *Cape Ann* Harbour.

1778 March 27 (Friday). He [Elias] has also sent me Two Letters from Mr. *Forbes*, one of Feb. 17, the other of March 9, which informs that on the 6th his Daughter *Coffin* had a Third Daughter, which is named *Lucy*.

1778 July 1 (Wednesday). No Mr. *Forbes* Come, though much expected. It is probable that he is detained by means of the Separating Preacher *Murray's* being there.

1778 September 8 (Tuesday). By *Breck* I write to *Elias*...and to Mr. *Forbes* of *Gloucester*, concerning his Sheep.

1778 September 14 (Monday). Walked to Mr. *Greaves's* to See Deacon *Dolliver* -- who went with me to Squire *Bakers* -- who was so generous as to take my whole Flock of Sheep to his pasture, and gratis. Thanks to God for this His Goodness! Wrote to Mr. *Forbes* again, by D. *Dolliver*.



1778 September 16 (Wednesday). Found here Mr. *Forbes* and his son....

1778 September 17 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes* and son are confined here by Rain. They dine here, and at Eve they go to his Brothers.

1778 September 18 (Friday). When Mr. *Forbes* hears me relate what Mr. *David Stow* demands for keeping his Sheep, viz. 1 sh. per Head per Week -- he is not willing to pay it, but thinks I ought to have informed him, that he might have taken them away, according to the first Method proposed, that is, after *shearing*. We are therefore thrust on to the *Second Method* which is to keep them till the year be up. Which we consent to. He and his son leave us to go to *Brookfield*.

1778 September 23 (Wednesday). At Eve came Mr. *Forbes* and his Son from Brookfield. N.B. He preached there last Sabbath, and by the Special Desire of the Committee of that Parish. They lodge here.

1778 September 24 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes* and his son leave us to go home by way of *Cambridge* and *Boston*. He proposes to Send, if he can, for his Sheep this Fall, but to leave me the Lambs; but he must have a pound of Wool per Head -- that is 9 pound as if they were kept till January when at furthest he will send for them.

1779 January 4 (Monday). Wrote Letter to Mr. Forbes.

1779 February 9 (Tuesday). Wrote again to Mr. Forbes about his Sheep.

1779 February 11 (Thursday). Mr. Badcock leaves us. I sent by him Mr. Cranch his Vol. I of Biographical Dictionary, and a Letter to Mr. Forbes to the care of Col. Coffin, Rep. for Gloucester.

1779 February 12 (Friday). At Even I rec'd a Letter dated January 25, from my son Forbes, acquainting with the Death of one of Mr. Forbes' Daughters, by a Fever, and the Distress Cape Ann is in by the Small Pox, that he, being desired by the Selectmen and the Doctors Plummer and Coffin to assist, has innoculated and administered physic to near 100: Col. Stevens and his Wife have got safely through.

1779 April 30 (Friday). Eli Forbes, from Cape Ann, by the way of Boston, came and lodged here. He brings me a Letter from his Father, which relates many sorrowful things, which have befallen them, particularly the death of Col. John Stevens, Mr. Solomon Parsons and his wife. Mr. Rogers has left his people for want of Support. Mr. Cleaveland at Sandy Bay is on the wing, Mr. Parsons of Squam at present under disgrace etc. etc.

1779 May 1 (Saturday). My Daughter in Law, Salley, rides in her Chaise with Eli Forbes to Brookfield.

1779 May 5 (Wednesday). My Daughter-in-law returns with Eli Forbes from Brookfield.

1779 May 7 (Friday). Eli Forbes Returns to Cambridge and Boston. Sally tarries with us. I send by Eli to Elias, Ferguson's Astronomy, with a Letter against his Selling Books, which he has had of me, and have writ to Eli's Father, particularly to send for his Sheep after Shearing.

1779 June 15 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and Miss Charlotte Saunders came at eve, and lodged here.

1779 June 16 (Wednesday). Mr. Forbes and his Daughter left us to go to Brookfield. N.B. Before he went, his cousin Elisha came, and they agree about the nine Sheep of Mr. F. which I have heretofore kept.

1779 June 19 (Saturday). We are in anxiety about Mr. Forbes and Daughter, which should have come last night, Commencement at Cambridge.

1779 June 21 (Monday). Mr. Forbes and Daughter Charlotte came from Spencer, he having preached there yesterday: and sent Mr. Maccarty to Concord. They lodge here.

1779 June 22 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and daughter leave us to go to Concord, Camb. and Boston. Wrote to Elias by him.

1779 August 2 (Monday). Mr. Nathan Maynard junior goes to Boston for Breck and carries in his Team Mr. Eli Forbes' Trunk.

1780 January 13 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Elisha Forbes came and informed that his Father was dead! that he expired last evening about 8 o'clock. He was 69 years old last October.

1780 January 14 (Friday). Mr. Forbes has left, of Children, Grandchildren, and one Great grandchild, about 60.... At request, I in the Evening wrote a Letter to Mr. Forbes of Gloucester.

1780 March 23 (Thursday). Breck returned before night -- brought two letters from Mr. Forbes to me. One from Mrs. Rebecca Wetmore at London to Mr. William Spring. One also from Mr. Thomas Barrett of Cambridge to Miss Lydia Champney, which relates the Death of her Brother, Mr. Samuel Champney, Feb'y 3rd last.

1780 June 9 (Friday). But the sorrowful news is from the Harbour of Cape Anne, that Mrs. Forbes departed on Monday night last, in Child bed. She had been delivered of a Dead Child about two Hours before. A sad loss to my poor Son-in-law! The Lord sustain him! and pity the Motherless Children, for there are pritty many of them -- hope they will all find Mercy!

1780 June 21 (Wednesday). Rec[eiv]ed a letter from my Son Forbes dated the 6th containing an account of his Wife's Death. I undertook to write him an answer to it....

1780 June 27 (Tuesday). N.B. Sent by Sophy a letter to Mr. Forbes, Gloucester.

1780 August 20 (Sunday). Rec'd a Letter from Mr. Forbes of Gloucester.

1780 September 18 (Monday). At eve came my son Forbes, but from Dedham, where he had preached yesterday. Brought with one of his Sons-in-law, Joseph Saunders, about 8 years old. They lodge.

1780 September 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Forbes and little Boy left us to go to Brookfield.

1780 September 22 (Friday). At eve came Mr. Forbes and his little Boy, Jo Saunders. Mr. F. delivers me a letter from Col. Baldwin to his wife, containing an account of General Gates's Defeat.... Mr. Forbes goes to see his Sister, the Widow of his Brother Daniel.

1780 September 23 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes came and I delivered him his first volume of Robinson's Hist. of Scotland. He and his Joseph Saunders left us to go to Concord.

1781 July 10 (Tuesday). Having lately received another Letter from Mr. *Forbes* I set myself to write an Answer.

1781 September 1 (Saturday). At Eve my Son *Ebenezer* came from *Gloucester*, but last from *Concord*. A Letter from Mr. *Forbes*.

1781 September 4 (Tuesday). N.B. As he [Ebenezer] left me his Steel-spectacle Case, So I gave him a pair with Case, which Mr. Forbes generously Sent me....

1781 October 3 (Wednesday). I have writ also to Mr. *Forbes* upon his supposed Marriage -- on what I have done about Sister *Champney* -- and concerning the Wool I owe him; and have caused nine pound to be weighed out for him: which is ready for him.

1781 October 9 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter by Mr. [Aaron] Crosby to Mr. *Forbes*.

1781 October 13 (Saturday). Mr. *Aaron Crosby* from Cape Ann. He was at Coffins, but not at Mr. Forbes'. Sister *Champney* at Mr. *Forbes*; his New Wife not yet there.

1781 November 1 (Thursday). Mr. *Forbes* from *Cape Ann* brought Sister *Champney*, and dined with us. He turned back p.m. to go home, though it rained. She is to go to *Upton*, to her Cousin *Warren's*.

1782 April 27 (Saturday). A Letter from *Elias* dated the 15th who writes, that he has received from Mr. *Forbes* of *Cape Ann* Invitation to keep Grammar School there.

1782 May 18 (Saturday). Mr. *Cornelius Biglow* here, with a Letter from Mr. *Forbes* of *Gloucester*, dated Apr. 26.

1782 July 30 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. *Forbes*, and to *Elias* at *Cape Ann*, by Mr. *Brigham* who goes to *Boston* a.m.

1782 August 17 (Saturday). He [Brigham] delivered Letters from Cape Ann, viz. from Mr. *Forbes* and from *Elias*.

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.

1782 September 28 (Saturday). Mr. Forbes (accompanied by Ebenezer) goes to *West Sudbury*.... Mrs. *Forbes* and *Sally Cushing* remain with us.

1782 September 29 (Sunday). At Eve Mr. *Forbes* and Ebenezer returned from *Sudbury*....

1782 September 30 (Monday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Wife sat out for *Brookfield*.

1782 October 3 (Thursday). At Eve Mr. *Forbes* and Wife from *Brookfield* and lodged here.

1782 October 4 (Friday). Mr. *Forbes* preached an excellent Sermon at his Cousen *Elisha's* on Luk. 10.20, latter part -- "but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven." It was very Seasonable and well accepted by a considerable Auditory. I pray God to add His Special Blessing thereon! N.B. Mr. *Elisha* gave an handsome Entertainment and gave generous Invitation to his Relations and Friends, and with his Chaise kindly waited upon Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ and me to the Dinner, and came home with us in the Same manner at Even.

1782 October 5 (Saturday). Mr. *Forbes* and his Consort having lodged here, Sat out for *Cambridge*.... Mr. *Brigham*, further, has brought a Letter from Dr. *Holyoke* of Salem, to *Elias* to Signifie to him the Terms on which he would take a *Tyro*: and my Son returns an Answer by *Forbes*: and which I perceive is, that his Demands are too high.