

William Parkman (1741-1832)

b. Feb. 12 [19], 1741

m. (1) Sept. 9, 1766: Lydia Adams of Medfield (Medfield VR 112)

b. Nov. 25, 1741, daughter of Henry and Jemima Adams (Medfield VR 12)

d. May __, 1787, ae. 46 y.

Need to see Andrew N. Adams, *A Genealogical History of Henry Adams* (Rutland, 1898). How was she related to Amos Adams (HC 1752), minister of Roxbury? Upon the latter's death, Parkman wrote, "May God pity us! the mournful Widow -- -- Parents, Children -- Brothers and Sisters -- and in special my Daughter [i.e., daughter-in-law, William's wife] *Lydia*."

m. (2) Jan. 26, 1789: Lydia Procter

b.

d. Nov. 21, 1810, ae. 75 (Concord VR 331)

m. (3) Sarah, wid. of Ephraim Wheeler

died Nov. 15, 1837, ae. 92

d. Feb. 5, 1832

Children

Lydia, July 3, 1767 (Parkman diary, 5 July 1767)

died Feb. 17, 1786, a. 18 y.

son, May 27, 1769 (Parkman diary, 5 June 1769)

William, 1769 (Parkman diary, 22 August 1769) at Ashby

Susanna, Feb. 2, 1772 (Concord VR 233)

Sophia, Apr. 11, 1774 (Concord VR 238)

Sarah, May 25, 1777 (Concord VR 243, 246)

John, Aug. 28, 1779 (Concord VR 247)

Hannah, Dec. 29, 1781 (Concord VR 249)

Cyrus, d. Feb. 19, 1784

1742 FEBRUARY 19: 1 YEAR OLD

1742 April 6 (Tuesday). We began to wean *Billy*, by *Bekky Hicks*.

1742 May 4 (Tuesday). Catechized at the Meeting House a. and p.m. but had but a slender Number of either Boys or Girls. Little *William* carried to Nurse at Ensign *Mainards*.

1742 May 5 (Wednesday). *My Wife rode to Cambridge*.

1742 May 7 (Friday). Ensign Maynard here -- informed that little *William* was not well.

1742 May 12 (Wednesday). Hopes of my Wife this Evening blasted.

1742 May 14 (Friday). Rainy Morning. Clear p.m. At Eve my Wife returned, and in safety. Blessed be God!

1742 June 30 (Wednesday). P.M. My wife and I rode to Mr. Wheelers and to Mr. James Balls -- visited the rest on the Hill.... We got home Comfortably at Eve. At Ensign Maynards (where we left *Billy*) was Mr. Gibbs of Hopkinton waiting to deliver me Mr. *Barretts* and Mr. *Isaac Hows* request that I would preach to said How on the Morrow if he shall be then alive.

1742 July 9 (Friday). *Billy* ill most of the week of Fever and Flux.

1742 July 19 (Monday). N.B. Dr. Gott at Capt. Warrins. At my Return he was at our House to see *Billy*; and dined with us.

1742 August 14 (Saturday). Got home in the middle of the afternoon, and found my Family in Comfort; except *Billy*, whose illness remains.

1742 August 20 (Friday). [Boston.] A Letter from my wife that *Billy* is very ill, and nothing does him any good.... Sent a Medicine to *Billy* by Mr. James Fay.

1742 August 22 (Sunday). *Billy* grows better by Means of the Medicine I sent him by Mr. Fay. *Rhubarb* and *Callomell*.

1744 FEBRUARY 19: 3 YEARS OLD

1744 October 9 (Tuesday). My Wife and I with our little son *William* rode to Sudbury in Madam Sartels Chaise. We got down about 12. It was the Time of the Ministers Meeting at Mr. Cooks.

1745 FEBRUARY 19: 4 YEARS OLD

1745 December 7 (Saturday). Sarah Henry came last night, and works here this Day, making a pair of Leather Breeches for William.

1746 FEBRUARY 19: 5 YEARS OLD

1746 October 13 (Monday). Our Children Billy and Suse are somewhat indispos'd with Flux, but (through Divine Goodness) run about yet.

1746 October 18 (Saturday). N.B. Billey has a Bloody Flux, but helps about House.

1746 October 19 (Sunday). Billy about yet.

1746 October 22 (Wednesday). I visited Abigail Whipple who is very ill of the Common Distemper. My little Billy is ill of the Same, yet runs about.

1747 January 14 (Wednesday). Exceeding Cold season. The snow deep, but the last snow light. The air very sharp, and somewhat windy. Yet Billy goes to School.

1747 FEBRUARY 19: 6 YEARS OLD

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

1747 April 3 (Friday). N.B. Billey begins more manfully to ride to plough.

1747 August 6 (Thursday). We are so belated in our Haying that after Morning Studys I went to raking Hay with Ebenezer and my little Billy.

1747 September 16 (Wednesday). Sarah Henry makes Billey Leather Breeches.

1748 January 27 (Wednesday). Sarah Henry at Work here making Billy a Bannian.

1748 February 8 (Monday). Mr. Phinehas Hardy went to him [Mr. Barr] to know his mind, besides my message to him to come up to me, by my Billy.

1748 FEBRUARY 19: 7 YEARS OLD

1748 February 24 (Wednesday). It was evening, and, calling at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's (where came Dominick Dyer) and at Neighbour Pratt's (of whom I got a Leather Apron for Billy) I returned home.

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

1748 July 12 (Tuesday). Thomme and Billy return'd from Worcester.

1749 January 3 (Tuesday). Billy began to learn Latin. May God be pleas'd to grant it may succeed.

1749 January 4 (Wednesday). The Morning was Somewhat snowy, but Elijah Bellows according to appointment came to go with Ebenezer to Harvard to bring back the Horse. And therefore my son went Scil. to Mr. William Keyes's to learn what he can of the Gunsmiths Business. And God most merciful be gracious to him and be the Guide of his Youth!

1749 January 8 (Sunday). Very Cold Day. No Nathan. Tending the Cattle at this extreme season very troublesome to me, having been so very unus'd to it -- but my little Billy has been some help. At noon came Cornelius Cook (by desire) to take Care of the Cattle.

1749 FEBRUARY 19: 8 YEARS OLD

1749 July 29 (Saturday). Sent Billey to Mr. Allens (the miller) with Letter to Mr. Jonathan Goodale about Cart Wheels.... Billey return'd frustrated as to Mr. Goodale: but from Mr. Martyns with Dissenting Gentlemans Answer to Mr. Whites Letters -- and Esq. Prior on Tar-water.

1749 August 1 (Tuesday). N.B. Billey met me when I was on the Road from Mr. Fays and inform'd me of Mr. Cushing etc. otherwise I Should have visited Mr. James Maynard again.

1749 August 2 (Wednesday). When I return'd in the Eve found that Billy had been brought home lame from the Meadow, for he had been with his Brothers there -- and Silas Rice had accidentally cutt his Legg with a Scythe. A fifth Load Hay home.

1749 August 3 (Thursday). Early to Dr. Smith to come and Dress Billys Legg which he comply'd with.

1749 August 9 (Wednesday). Rode up to Shrewsbury in my Chair, with Billy to have his Leg dress'd.

1749 August 20 (Sunday). Billy also got out to meeting to Day. Blessed be God for all his Goodness towards us!

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 November 22 (Wednesday). It proves exceeding Cold at Night. My little Son William putt up the Cattle and meated them himself though so very Cold.

1749 November 23 (Thursday). Josiah Lock (at my Request) is here to help my Billy in tending the Cattle and cutting Wood; and lodg'd here.

1749 November 25 (Saturday). A very Cold Night, and this morning very sharp. Captain Maynard sent Joshua Winchester (who lives with him) to Cut Wood at the Door and assist Billy about the Creatures. At Eve Ebenezer came home, having had a tedious Journey to Boston and Concord: he came from Concord to Day.

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 7 (Thursday). Sent Billy to Mr. Billings, who last night took a wrong Hat. He went also to Mr. Martyns to inform him of Mr. Maccartys preaching to our young men next Wednesday -- and ask him and his wife to let us wait on them this Time. For I would by all means promote and strengthen the Bonds of our Fraternity.

1749 December 17 (Sunday). My wife and Billy and I din'd at Esq. Bakers.

1749 December 25 (Monday). At the Funerall of Mr. Pratts Child -- carry'd Lucy, Billy and Sarah in the Slay.

1750 January 21 (Sunday). My wife din'd with me at the Justice's. Lucy at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, Billy at Mr. Abner Newtons.

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 19: 9 YEARS OLD

1750 February 19 (Monday). My Son William taken ill, having took Cold Yesterday (most probably) in coming from Meeting.

1750 February 20 (Tuesday). Billy seems better in the first of the Morning, but afterwards droops again. Dr. Gott here. He gives Billy a Purge. Lucy complains and is laid by.

1750 February 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer considerably better -- blessed be God! Lucy much indispos'd Still, but Billy is at his Lessons again.

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

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

1750 May 17 (Wednesday). Ebenezer and Billy went up to Brother Hicks's with 5 Young Cattle.

1750 June 15 (Monday). N.B. William rode to Marlborough with Lucy and brought up Mrs. Sally Gott.

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

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

1750 November 17 (Saturday). Dr. Gott call'd and dress'd my Legg. Dr. Smith also came here, by Billys Means at Mr. Whipples.

1750 November 21 (Wednesday). Ebenezer went to Bolton. Thomas a.m. carts wood; p.m. husks. William to Mr. Britons with a Piece of Cloth to be full'd for Riding Hoods.

1750 November 23 (Friday). Mr. Benjamin How and Ebenezer laying Floor in the Stable. Thomas sledded Wood part of the Day. William to Mr. William Goddards Mill.

1750 November 26 (Monday). Billy brought 46 pounds of Salt Fish from Mr. Jonah Warrins.

1750 November 30 (Friday). Billy as he was cutting Wood at the Door, cut his ankle. The wound was Somewhat Cross-wise, and bled very much. It was in the Forenoon and when his Brothers who were able to do any Thing were gone from home, Ebenezer to work for Mr. Rogers, and Thomas to Mr. Goddards Mill. We try'd Puff Ball to Stopp the Bleeding, but to no purpose. After some Time, the Blood running fresh Still, we took off the Bindings, and fill'd the Sore with Sugar -- but neither did this Succeed. We Sent about Noon for Mrs. Hephzibah Maynard. Both the Captain and his Wife came. It Seem'd to be Stanch'd for a while, but flow'd again. He had now bled So much that we were much Concern'd at the Event. Thomas was groaning with the Tooth Ach and wanted to go to Dr. Smith to get his Tooth drawn out. I therefor hasten'd him, though it was past Evening, to bring the Doctor to Billy. We having also try'd scrapings of Tann'd Leather and Scorch'd Cotton, and still fresh Puddles appear'd. N.B. Several Times when it was open'd, the Blood Spurted out as in Phlebotomy. While Thomas was gone and tarried long, our Fears arose higher, for Billy had lost so great a Quantity of Blood that he began to turn pale and we did not know but that it was still running. I ardently committed him and his Case to God who is a present Help in Time of Trouble. After a while the Blood ceas'd, as we conceiv'd, nor did any more appear throughout the Night. Blessed be God for his Sparing Mercy! Thomas did not come till past Nine o'Clock, and no Doctor with him; but got his own Tooth out, or rather part of it, for it broke in the Jaw. 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. My wife watch'd with Billy.

1750 December 1 (Saturday). Billy Somewhat chearful though we dare not let him Stir for fear of his Bleeding again. We let him lie in the Blood, which we now hope is Stopp'd.... P.M. Ebenezer rode to Dr. Gotts on Billy's Case.

1750 December 2 (Sunday). Dr. Gott being ill, his son Benjamin came and dress'd Billy's Leg, which (through Gods Mercy) was effected without any more bleeding.

1750 December 3 (Monday). Billy bears the Dressing his Leg very well, is Sensible of but very little Pain. Ebenezer and Thomas husking p.m.

1750 December 5 (Wednesday). Benjamin Gott here and dresses Billy's Legg.

1750 December 12 (Wednesday). Ebenezer a.m. fits up an House for the Doves, which were lately presented me, and p.m. Swingled Flax. Thomas to mill a.m. Cut Wood at the Door p.m. Billys Sore begins to digest a little.

1751 January 15 (Tuesday). The Storm continues (ever since last Saturday) and rains all Day. My 2 Sons can employ themselves to but small purpose. I was both yesterday and this Day engag'd on my preparations. William gets to School through the Wet and Dirt.

1751 January 20 (Sunday). Din'd at Justice Bakers -- my wife and several of the Family tarried at the Meeting house -- Billy din'd at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's.

1751 FEBRUARY 19: 10 YEARS OLD

1751 February 19 (Tuesday). N.B. My son William this Day ten years old -- he goes over to Mr. Benjamin Hows, and at Eve Ebenezer and Thomas go over there, and to my Grief tarry (all of them) too late.

1751 February 20 (Wednesday). Manifested to my sons Somewhat of my affectionate Concern for them. Ebenezer acknowledges. Thomas more insensible.

1751 April 5 (Friday). Ebenezer and Billy plough at Cook Island.

1751 April 12 (Friday). Ebenezer and Billy go to ploughing a.m. at the Cook Island.

1751 May 12 (Sunday). Din'd as usual, myself; but my wife, Thomas, William, Sarah and Susanna tarried at the Meeting House.

1751 May 21 (Tuesday). Was at Deacon Forbush's. N.B. Mr. Solomon Woods (Tything man) complains of my son Williams's Rudeness at Meeting on Lords Day.... William setts out Cabbage Plants and goes to Mill at Mr. Allens.

1751 June 3 (Monday). I was also in a great deal of Consternation at the view and prospect of our Family Circumstances -- my sons Ebenezer and Billy not able to accomplish our Weeding at Home -- yet have the Cook Island to tend besides -- my Mind could be in no Composedness for the Exercises of the Solemnity of Ordination at Upton which approaches -- told Mr. Grout I did not see but that I must Stay at Home and hoe.

1751 June 15 (Saturday). Sent Billy with a Letter to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin about Clabboards -- and another to Jonas Bradish.

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

1751 July 13 (Saturday). Somewhat bright Day but we do nothing at all about Hay. Ebenezer and Thomas after killing a Lamb, went to Hilling. Sent Billy to Mr. Martyns and to Mill.

1751 July 26 (Friday). My Brother to the New House. Ebenezer mows. Thomas and William reap Rye.

1751 July 28 (Sunday). N.B. my Brother William sabbatizing with us.... My Wife, my Brother, Son William, Jeduthan Baldwin and John Woods din'd with me at my New House.

1751 August 1 (Thursday). Thomas and William reap Wheat. P.M. they rake Hay in the Southside and Ebenezer mows.

1751 September 2 (Monday). I sent Billy with a Team to the North-End-Meeting House for a Cyder screw made by Deacon Livermore for me -- one of those made by Woolly having Scal'd and Split so much that it is useless; and it is lodg'd at the North Meeting House, under the Care of Mr. Jeduthan Baldwin, who is at work there. I rode after him lest some Disaster Should befall him.

1751 September 3 (Tuesday). Ebenezer gets up the Swamp Hay at home: and Some Rowing. Billy cutts Stalks.

1751 October 14 (Monday). I rode to Lieutenant Tainters to see what was like to come of my Island-Corn. N.B. Mr. Charles Rice makes a Corn-Binn with poles brought by my son Ebenezer.

1751 October 15 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter with his Team (a Load of Wood, Quarter of Lamb and a present of Salt Pork) to cut up and Cart home my Island Corn. Joseph Grout junior with his Team, my William also came with our own -- 8 Load of Cutt up Corn were brought home. Old Mr. Rice and his sons (3 of them) and his son-in-law with a small number more,

came in the afternoon and Evening and husk'd -- till about Nine o'Clock at Night -- a very Cold Evening.

1751 October 16 (Wednesday). My Corn was laid expos'd where there was no fence, so that I rose Early to look after it.... Mr. Jonathan Bellows came and work'd for me to Day, in taking Care of the Husks, building up the Corn Bin etc. N.B. Ephraim Bruce, Barnabas Newton and Jonathan Bellows. P.M. Sent Billy into the Whipple Corner for help in Husking. Nobody came till about 4 p.m. when Mr. Samuel Fay junior, Mr. Joseph Green junior, and four Ladds -- viz. Abner and Francis Whipple and two sons of Mr. Fay aforesaid came and husk'd.

1751 October 29 (Tuesday). N.B. Jonathan Bond junior (a Lad) who with my Billy and my Team plough'd in Rye at my Island.

1751 October 30 (Wednesday). Jonathan Bond and Billy plough'd in Rye again.

1751 October 31 (Thursday). Billy brought over a side of Beef.

1751 November 29 (Friday). Billy has been not well for some time. Pain in his Neck and Face.

1751 December 5 (Thursday). Billy not well, but is better.

1751 December 6 (Friday). Billy writes a Days, and helps a little about the Cattle etc.

1751 December 7 (Saturday). Reverend Mr. Hall of Sutton din'd here.

1751 December 12 (Thursday). N.B. one of the Heifers which we have been wont to keep here, calv'd -- Samuel Bumpso kind and helpfull about the Calf -- that it may be Comfortable in the Hovel: Billy being gone to Mill at Southborough with the first Grist of Corn that we ever sent from this House.

1752 January 2 (Thursday). Least the Deacon should mistake my meaning I sent Billy with a note -- at Eve came the Deacon, as if I had unraveled by my paper what I had spoke by word of mouth.

1752 January 6 (Monday). A variety of Interruptions. Sent Billy to Ebenezer that he may improve the sledding.

1752 January 17 (Friday). Billy to Horns mill.

1752 January 27 (Monday). The School begins at Mr. Hezekiah Pratt's, and Billy and Sarah attend it.

1752 FEBRUARY 19: 11 YEARS OLD

1752 February 24 (Monday). Billy to Mr. Allen's Mill and to Mr. Woods' fulling Mill with a pair of blanketts to be fulled. Came home so late p.m. that I could not go to Mr. Pierce's to see his son William who is sick.

1752 March 21 (Saturday). N.B. Ebenezer and William went to Mr. Daniel Matthews with our Barley to be Malted.

1752 April 9 (Thursday). Billy is forc'd to go to plough at t'other House.

1752 May 8 (Friday). Mr. Phinehas Hardy setts up Fence for me: and he and his son Elijah (together with my son William) Planted the Grounds at the Island.

1752 May 16 (Saturday). Billy works at t'other House so that I am alone to take Care of things and put all to rights after the Raising.

1752 May 27 (Wednesday). At Eve it rain'd: Billy did not return from his play at Mr. Martyns.

1752 June 13 (Saturday). Billys Hair cutt off.

1752 June 15 (Monday). P.M. Billy in the Rain went as far as to Mr. Seth Hudson for Tobacco Plants.

1752 June 30 (Tuesday). Fair, hot -- N.B. Billy assisted a Drover (one Boardman of Exeter) with a Flock of Sheep and went so far with him as put us in great Consternation. I visited old Mrs. Dorcas Forbush and borrow'd Lieutenant's Horse to ride after Billy. Went as far as Mr. Elisha Wards and found him there. He had been as far as Mr. Jonathan Strattons. In returning we din'd at Lieutenant Bruce's. I sent Billy to the other House to help his Brother this Afternoon.

1752 July 1 (Wednesday). Billy at t'other House helping his Brother Ebenezer at night returns.

1752 July 4 (Saturday). Alpheus Newton gave an half Day, mowing at my Island -- and the great likelihood of foul Weather made me conceive it to be my Duty, part of the p.m. to assist my son William in raking. If the rain should come upon that sort of thing, it would be of very little value: but this was the Chief of the English Hay I should have to trust to. And I was fully apprehensive that I should not be able to prepare more than one sermon for the sabbath.

1752 July 10 (Friday). Mr. Samuel Williams with my Mare, and with Billy to lead, plough'd among my Indian Corn: and Mr. Eliezer Rice came with plough, Horse and Boy and plough'd likewise, but there were but few Hoers -- only Mr. Edwards Whipple and his Boy which made me go to Mr. Clafflands and get Robert to help. The Men broke off about 1/2 after 10 a.m. The Boys, viz. Robert Claffland, Moses Sever and my Billy, hoed all Day, but did not finish the work. N.B. Sow'd Rie, which I had of Mr. Hezekiah Pratt, at the Hilling. This work was gratis, as was Alpheus Newton's also, who mow'd at the Island a.m. Mr. Jonathan Bellows (upon hire) mow'd and rak'd at the Meadow, and Mr. Eliezer Rice help'd him rake p.m. changing work with us.

1752 July 11 (Saturday). Rak'd Hay at the Island. Billy finish'd the Hilling there. P.M. Mr. Aaron Nurse help'd us get in a Load of Hay from the Island. It was very hot and tedious to me to bear -- but I think it my Duty to do what in me lies having so large a Family and so little help.

1752 July 13 (Monday). John Kelly of Hopkinton work'd for me instead of Mr. Martyn Pratt. The forenoon I sent him to work for Mr. Eliezer Rice. P.M. he work'd (with my sons Thomas and William) in raking and Carting home Hay from the Meadow -- they got home Two Load this p.m.

1752 July 24 (Friday). Aaron and Billy at the Meadow -- Two Jaggs of Hay. The Warrins Daniel and Timothy brought, each of them, a Small Load of Hay from Mr. Beriah Rice's Meadow. Aaron at Eve goes to his Fathers.

1752 July 25 (Saturday). Aaron and Billy to the meadow. Thomas goes there with the Team and carries home to the other House, a stout Load of Hay from the Meadow. Lieutenant Bruce kindly brought me the last Load from Mr. Rice's Meadow, and this was a large Load of 18 Cocks. So that I have now got all my part of that Hay and my mind greatly reliev'd.

1752 July 27 (Monday). Somewhat poor Night -- am stiff and in pain this Morning. So that I don't stirr about without Difficulty. Thomas and Billy rak'd a Load of Hay which Aaron mow'd and carted it to t'other Barn.

1752 July 28 (Tuesday). A.M. to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's to get Mr. Dunlop to reap, he having long disappointed me, yet it is Winter Rie and suffers. Mr. Jonathan Bellows reaps from about 11 a.m. till night -- and p.m. Mr. Dunlop and Short Richard Kelly come from Mr. Ebenezer Rice's and reap. My son Billy also reaps.

1752 September 14 (Thursday). Billy has been about the Stalks, which he having cut, he is gathering and Piking as he is able. By Reason of the late Frosts the Bushes are so Brown'd that the Year is advanc'd into the Fall even more than in proportion to the alteration of the Date.

1752 September 19 (Tuesday). Ebenezer waits upon his Aunt Lydia to Cambridge in Sergeant Maynard of Shrewsbury's Chair.... Billy goes to t'other House to take Care of Things and Creatures etc. there.

1752 September 23 (Saturday). Billy brought over divers of our Goods from t'other House.

1752 September 25 (Monday). Noah Hardy came to plough my Stubble at the Island: but Billy was so late in bringing the Team from t'other House that they did little in the forenoon. P.M. they kept to the Work.

1752 September 27 (Wednesday). Billy goes to Mill to Captain Drurys.

1752 October 3 (Tuesday). I prepar'd my Self to go over to Mr. Martyns, but not having an Horse, I went not. In order to get an Horse I walked to Mr. Nurse's and thence to old Mr. Maynards. I proceeded further to my t'other House. N.B. I was without an Horse because Billy

was gone to Mill, and I suppos'd Ebenezer to be gone to Leicester to look up the young Cattle which are missing; but the Cattle at Home were so unruly that he went not -- but by that Time I got there it was too late.

1752 October 12 (Thursday). Billy goes with my Team to Mr. Tainters for a Load of Cyder, and brings home a pair of Guinea Fowls from Mr. Daniel Forbush's and 30 Rails from Mr. James Millers junior.

1752 October 13 (Friday). A Fair and pleasant Day for our Harvest. D.G. Lieutenant Tainter, Mr. Jonathan Forbush, Joseph Bowman and Isaac Miller cut up my Corn; and my Son William with my Team to Cart it; and afterwards Mr. Harrington with his Team; So that they got it all home before noon.

1752 October 14 (Saturday). Billy with assistance putts the remainder of the Husk'd Corn into the Barns. It was so Spoil'd with the Drought and with the Frost that there is but here and there a good Ear among it. But God is holy and Sovereign.

1752 October 26 (Thursday). Mr. Aaron Nurse with my Billy puts up my Husks from the Barn Floor.

1752 October 27 (Friday). Breck's Leg no better: from the Discoverys I could make no Bone is broke, or put out of Joint, but I conceive the Tendons are strain'd, and perhaps the Ligaments at the Ankle. Mr. Grout, and old Mrs. Maynard at my Desire, came to See Breck, being feverish and not able to stir his Leg. I Sent by Mr. William Nurse for Dr. Brigham, who came, and I hope his anointing and bathing him was beneficial. Sent Billy to Mr. Joseph Goodale at Grafton for a pair of Chair Wheels, the time Sett being more than up. At Eve he returns, but without 'em.

1752 November 3 (Friday). Billy went with the Team and brought home from Mr. Jonathan Fay's, his present a Barrell of Cyder which Ebenezer Nurse presents me, and further Lieutenant Tainter brought a Barrell of Cyder which Mr. Bowman has given.

1752 November 4 (Saturday). My son Ebenezer draws Stones with my Team, for underpinning the Barn and Billy assists him.

1752 November 15 (Wednesday). N.B. Billy, and Mrs. Molly Bond are all that keep House at my other House.'

1752 November 20 (Monday). Rainy. No one but Billy and Molly Bond to keep House and take all the Care of the Stock etc. at t'other Place.

1752 November 21 (Tuesday). The Weather exceeding windy -- Sour -- and therefore So uncomfortable that I am much confin'd whereas I had otherwise gone to t'other House to See

EP Jr. and his wife were among those who accompanied Eli and Molly Forbes to Brookfield, 14 November, returning on 21 November.

how Billy Conducts there, or to Mr. Pierce's seeing another, Francis, lies now Sick among them -
- Five, in all, now Sick. May God be mercifull to them.

1752 November 22 (Wednesday). Billy from t'other House informs me that his Brothers
return'd from Brookfield last Night. Billy rides p.m. to Mr. Joseph Batchellors at Grafton.

1752 December 1 (Friday). Billy goes to School to Day to Mr. Jonathan Ward at Mr. Eliezer
Rice's.

1752 December 4 (Monday). N.B. We this Day gave out the Last of the Corn in the Corn-Barn
(which was the Island Corn) Nor is there any left of all the Indian Corn that I rais'd here,
excepted a few Ears in the Garrett which were trac'd up. Billy gets out Corn for our Eating, at
t'other House.

1752 December 22 (Friday). Billy at t'other House. They kill'd one of the Ridgling Shoats
which have been some Trouble to us. Ensign Rice sent another Turkey Cock to t'other House --
price 20/ old Tenor.

1752 December 30 (Saturday). Billy face remains So broke out that it is very Sore, but goes up
to Mr. Winchesters in Grafton.

1753 January 12 (Friday). Exceeding pleasant Day. Fear 'tis a weather breeder. William and
many more go afishing at the great Pond -- they catch a great Number of Pickerell.

1753 January 16 (Tuesday). Billy goes to School to learn to write, the School being kept at
Captain Maynards.

1753 FEBRUARY 19: 12 YEARS OLD

1754 January 25 (Friday). Billy thrash'd with Ebenezer.

1754 January 26 (Saturday). Billy thrashing with Ebenezer.

1754 February 6 (Wednesday). I sent Billey over to Mr. Jonathan Green with Sufficient silver to
pay his Demands of Samuel Bumpso, viz. £6.11.0, old Tenor.

1754 FEBRUARY 19: 13 YEARS OLD

1754 March 5 (Tuesday). Billy begins the Accidence again.

1754 March 12 (Tuesday). Billy brought over four Sheep and [blank] Lambs from t'other
House.

1754 March 13 (Wednesday). Ebenezer rode (on Mr. Smiths Stallion) to his Father Harringtons at Watertown where his Wife has hitherto continued. And Billy is over at tother place taking Care of his Brothers Cattle.

1754 April 12 (Friday). Billy work'd part of the Day at Mr. Nurse's.

1754 May 20 (Monday). Billy must furrow out for ploughing; he has Benjamin Rice to help him; but they prove insufficient -- forc'd to get Mr. Jonathan Forbush to hold plough and we plant part of the piece by the Barn.

1754 May 23 (Thursday). Billy has Eben Rice to help him furrow and plant: and they almost finish.

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

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

1754 June 13 (Thursday). Billy to School at the School House. Mr. Hezekiah Coolidge Master.

1754 July 9 (Tuesday). Thomas mow'd at the Island. Billy mow'd p.m.

1754 July 10 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy at the Island part of the Day.

1754 July 11 (Thursday). Thomas and Billy mowing and raking at the Island.

1754 July 12 (Friday). Thomas and William mowe and make Hay at the Island, and Lieutenant Tainter Carts up a few Cocks of it. It is So Cloudy Weather and now and then Sprinkles of Rain, that the Hay does not make as we could wish.

1754 July 16 (Tuesday). At home Thomas and Billy rak'd at the Meadow a.m.

1754 July 17 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy, and Rody Smith rak'd at the Meadow, and on 18 Neighbour Eliezer Rice, Hezekiah Pratt and Edwards Whipple brought three Load of Hay from the Meadow.

1754 July 19 (Friday). Neighbour Eliezer Rice brought home another Load of Hay from the Meadow. Thomas and Billy work'd part of the Day for Neighbour Eliezer Rice, and part of the Day at the Meadow.

1754 July 20 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy at the Meadow.

1754 July 22 (Monday). Thomas and Billy at Work at the Meadow. Ebenezer carted one Load of Hay from thence.... Billy breaks out with Poison.

1754 July 24 (Wednesday). N.B. greatly put to't for plough and for Horse -- sent Billy to t'other Place for my own Mare. Thomas Stay'd to Plough which was one of the Reasons of his being late to Ebenezer. Billy works with Difficulty because he is so much poison'd.

1754 July 25 (Thursday). Thomas and William bring home two small Jaggs of Hay from Ministerial Meadow, which make Six small turns from thence and is all of the South side of the Brook. N.B. Neighbour Eliezer Rice assisted -- for which my sons work'd for him.

1754 July 26 (Friday). Thomas and Billy hoed at the Island Field.

1754 July 27 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy hoed a.m. P.M. Thomas mow'd in Newton Meadow.

1754 August 1 (Thursday). Joseph Bowman and Richard Kelly reap'd, bound up and with Mr. Timothy Warrins Team Carted in my Rye -- Thomas and Billy helping them.

1754 August 2 (Friday). Thomas can make but very Slow Work at the Meadow it being bad to Mow -- Billy helps him.

1754 August 3 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy work at the Meadow.

1754 August 5 (Monday). Thomas and William at the Meadow Still.

1754 August 6 (Tuesday). Thomas and Billy mow and rake a little at the Newton Meadow: and Neighbour Moses Nurse brings up a Load of Hay from thence.

1754 August 7 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy still at the Meadow.

1754 August 8 (Thursday). Thomas and Billy at the Meadow this Day also. Neighbour Moses Nurse Carts a large Load of Hay from thence.

1754 August 9 (Friday). Thomas and Billy went to the Ministerial Meadow and Mow'd the North Side of the Brook, and rak'd up about 9 Cocks, and left about as much more.

1754 August 10 (Saturday). Thomas and Billy were going to the Meadow to rake the rest which they left Yesterday, and to bring it home but it prov'd a rainy Day.

1754 August 12 (Monday). Thomas and Billy went in the morning to the Ministerial Meadow to look after the Hay which they lately Cut there -- but they were drench'd by that time they rak'd up the Rest of the Hay -- a very Heavy Rain.

1754 August 16 (Friday). Sent Billy over to help his Brother Ebenezer in his Harvest and haying.

1754 August 17 (Saturday). Very Rainy Day. Concern'd about Billy who went from his Brother's to Mr. Hows -- and thence he went out upon the Great Pond a fishing, and did not return to them till Even, till Dark -- and not to us till

1754 August 18 (Sunday). Next Morning -- when he came Safely.

1754 August 22 (Thursday). I sent Billy to work with his Brother, but being not well he return'd home.

1754 August 23 (Friday). Sent Billy to Ebenezer.

1754 August 27 (Tuesday). Billy helps Ebenezer.

1754 August 29 (Thursday). Billy is Still helping his Brother Ebenezer who is about his Hay yet.

1754 August 31 (Saturday). Billy help'd his Brother Yesterday and to Day, and he is now almost done Haying.

1754 September 4 (Wednesday). I have been in a great deal of deep Concern about how to dispose of Billy. He Seems not willing to resume his Books except I can keep him wholly to 'em -- which our present Circumstances forbid. His Mothers Consent to Learning for him, is hard to obtain. It grieves me much to give him up -- But as he was yesterday Clearing at the Island Pasture, So there he goes to Day.

1754 September 5 (Thursday). Billy clearing at the Island part of the forenoon.

1754 September 6 (Friday). Billy cutts Stalks.

1754 September 27 (Friday). Billy cutt up part of the Corn by the Barn.

1754 October 2 (Wednesday). William waits upon his Mother to Mr. Martyns, and Lucy undertakes to wean little John.

1754 October 3 (Thursday). Sent Billy to Mr. Garfields for pursely Water for little John, and bagg of Apples from Mr. Joseph Knowlton -- which he brought.

1754 October 9 (Wednesday). Thomas and Billy husk.... Thomas and Billy, and 3 Rices (Merchants Sons) husk in the Evening.

1754 November 21 (Thursday). Moses Nurse with 2 Yoke of Oxen, and my Billy helping, plough'd, sow'd Rye and harrow'd it in.

1754 November 23 (Saturday). Last Night is froze hard. Billy having harrow'd yesterday with Ebenezer's Oxen at the Island at Night went home with them. He this Morning return'd here

with them, and Carted out Muck into the Garden and Grass Ground. Thomas help'd him a.m. but was ill p.m.

1754 November 27 (Wednesday). Cold Day. Winds high; Snow blowing about. Billy must needs go a Hunting, having long begg'd this Favour.

1754 December 28 (Saturday). Sent Billy over to help his Brother in the forenoon.

1755 January 1 (Wednesday). It was very Cold, yet Billy went to Ensign Woods the Clothier and to Allens Mill.

1755 January 2 (Thursday). Very Cold -- but Billy to Johnsons Mill. I have almost Every Day Deep Concern for both the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of my Children especially my dear son Ebenezer. Would humbly lift my Soul to God on this Account and beg Grace to Committ my whole Cause to Him, who I know will do what is wisest and best. In That I would repose myself.

1755 FEBRUARY 19: 14 YEARS OLD

1755 March 27 (Thursday). Billy brings home sad News of Betty Bimelock (Indian) Murdering her Child about six weeks old.

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

1755 June 2 (Monday). Mr. Freeland at work here, turning a Coat for Billy.

1755 June 5 (Thursday). Billy brought over Rails from t'other Place, and carry'd out Ashes to the Cook Field, and laid 'em on the New-broke ground.

1755 June 10 (Tuesday). Rody Smith work'd with Billy in hoeing Corn.

1755 June 13 (Friday). Mr. Kenny and his son Nathan I hir'd to hoe my Corn with Billy.

1755 June 20 (Friday). Ebenezer finishes Weeding. Billy comes home Sick from thence.

1755 June 25 (Wednesday). N.B. Billy, though drooping began to Mow a little. Thomas has his Fits of Fever and Ague yet.

1755 June 28 (Saturday). Both Thomas and Billy not well.

1755 June 30 (Monday). Set out a little before Sun rise on my Journey to Groton; leaving Billy ill of (I Suppose) the Fever and Ague.

1755 July 3 (Thursday). Billy, as well as Thomas, laid up with the Fever and Ague.

1755 July 4 (Friday). My Son Thomas has his Fitts yet, and Billy grows worse. May God prepare us for his Sovereign Will!

1755 July 8 (Tuesday). Both Thomas and Billy their Fitt of Fever and Ague.

1755 July 14 (Monday). Thomas his Fitts, Billy a little better.

1755 July 18 (Friday). We din'd at Mr. Bridge's in Framingham, call'd at Mr. Stone's, and at Lieutenant Bruce's: Mrs. Bruce being yet alive, and at 9 or 10 at night arriv'd at home -- our House in safety (except Thomas and Billy's illness) D.G.

1755 July 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Moses Twitchell came and mow'd for me. Part of the Day the remainder of the upland at the Island, and part in the Meadow near to it. Mr. Joseph Rice's wife and Joshua Lock's, came to See me but my Business in my Hay was so urgent I desir'd to be excus'd -- and went to my raking. N.B. There was no Hand could be hir'd, and both my sons, Thomas and Billy incapable of any Labour at all.

1755 July 28 (Monday). Lieutenant Tainter and a Young Man of his hiring -- and two Boys also under him, in all four Hands, came and hill'd for me. There were also Ensign Harrington, Mr. Eleazer Whitney, Ezra Baker, Ebenezer Rice junior for Barnebas Newton, and William Bowman -- nine in all -- and they ended by baiting Time. Mr. Thomas Twitchel raking for me in the Newton Meadow, and Lieutenant Tainters two Boys help him. Both Thomas and Billy drooping yet; and their Fitts follow them. Thomas's Yesterday and Billy's to Day.

1755 July 29 (Tuesday). Mr. Nurse going to Dr. Willson, I sent Billy with him. And he endur'd the Journey without Injury. Brought a Letter from Doctor to Me -- with Medicines particularly a Vomit. Cortex-Elixir Vitr. and a Saline Infusion. Mr. Thomas Twitchell and Jedidiah Woods rak'd, cock'd, pol'd and Carted the rest of the Hay that was now ready at the Newton Meadow being 3 Load. Had Ebenezers Team for one and Mr. Nurse's gratis for the other. Towards Night went to see the Ministerial Meadow which is now brown but I have No body to cut it.

1755 August 1 (Friday). Only Breck and I to rake Barley. Thomas and Billy yet ill.

1755 August 3 (Sunday). Both Thomas and Billy at Meeting a.m. but Billy had a fit p.m.

1755 August 6 (Wednesday). Billy and Lucy rode over to Mr. Martyns and return'd at Eve. Billy no [*sic*] fit to Day.

1755 August 7 (Thursday). Can't get any Body to Cart my Hay from the Ministerial Meadow, though I have taken a great deal of Pains...My wife, Thomas and Billy there.

1755 August 9 (Saturday). Thomas and William are Somewhat better and Stronger. Blessed be God for it!

1755 August 16 (Saturday). Billy reaps a few Oates. Rain p.m.

1755 August 18 (Monday). Mr. Dunlop came to thrash my Wheat -- finds it too damp. Thrashes only the out Sides of the Sheaves and leaves them to be dry'd. He with Billy reaps Oates.

1755 August 21 (Thursday). Thomas and William Somewhat worse again.

1755 August 22 (Friday). My son grow [*sic*] somewhat better.

1755 September 11 (Thursday). I held a Catechetical Exercise design'd to Young Men -- but there were only 3 Youths came besides my sons Thomas and William.

1755 September 17 (Wednesday). Mr. Nichols came to Work -- he thrash'd Rye -- Billy with him.

1755 October 3 (Friday). Mr. Edwards Whipple (with the Assistance of my Son William and Steers) brought a Load of Boards and Eight Braces.

1755 October 17 (Friday). My Sons Thomas, and William undertake to gather our Corn, but it rains hard before they got home one Load. My Wife in Pains, expecting her Hour....

1755 October 18 (Saturday). The Women din'd here with us, and then went home o'foot Except Mrs. Forbush who was waited on by William with an Horse.

1755 October 22 (Wednesday). Thomas and William cutt up and bring in 3 Turns of Corn from the Cook Field. A great Frost last Night.

1755 November 11 (Tuesday). Rain a.m. P.M. Billy works at Mr. Nurse's in cutting Turnips.

1755 November 12 (Wednesday). Billy work'd a.m. for Mr. Nurse.

1755 November 13 (Thursday). Billy with Mare and Steers work'd for Mr. Nurse all Day. Thomas for Ebenezer, who finishes getting in his Corn.

1755 November 14 (Friday). Brought home Mrs. Bonds Oxen and Billy and Nathan (Kenny) plough with them and my Steers at the Cook Field.

1755 November 20 (Thursday). Ebenezer has Billy part of to Day to help him.

1755 November 21 (Friday). Billy to Ebenezer.

1755 November 25 (Tuesday). N.B. Thomas and Billy at their Brother Ebezers who has a Husking to Day.

1755 November 29 (Saturday). Billy so out of Order that he is incapable of any Business.

1755 December 19 (Friday). Billy not well, but thrashes Rye.

1755 December 24 (Wednesday). My Son William much indispos'd.

1755 December 30 (Tuesday). Billy is ill with a Flux and confin'd most of the Day, to the House.

1756 January 3 (Saturday). My son *Billy*, through Gods mercy is grown better. O that his Soul were healed of Spiritual Distempers!

1756 January 5 (Monday). Billy went to Mill to *Hopkinton* and brought home 3 Bushels Rye which I have bought of Mr. Daniel Forb.

1756 January 23 (Friday). Another bright Day. Billy winnows up the remainder of our Small matter of Barley. It amounts to about 4 Bushels only.

1756 January 28 (Wednesday). The Weather in the Morning was doubtful. My Son William Sat out with a Team made up of my Steers with my sons Cart, and Neighbour Barnabas Newtons oxen, to go to Sutton for Corn from Mr. Trasks. Mr. Jonathan *Kenny* induces him and is very fair in promising me to go with him and assist him and See him well back as far as Mr. *Jennisons* -- but when Mr. Kenny had set out it began to rain -- for which reason I Sent word that if it rained they Should not proceed, yet they proceeded notwithstanding the Rain.

1756 January 30 (Friday). At Eve I was in much Trouble about *Billy*, it being very Dark and Sometimes rainy. At length he came, and Mr. *Simon Tainter* with him, having another Yoke of Oxen, to assist him. They brought 18 Bushels of Indian Meal, and two of Rye bolted. Mr. Tainter lodged here.

1756 February 7 (Saturday). Billy has cleared up my few Oates and brought them in.

1756 February 9 (Monday). Billy went to Mr. *Cutlers* in Sudbury to change Barley for Malt.

1756 February 12 (Thursday). Am in much Concern what to do in providing for my son *William*, it being high time he Should be put out an Apprentice since I can't(as I Should much rather choose) give him a Liberal Education.

1756 FEBRUARY 19: 15 YEARS OLD

1756 February 25 (Wednesday). At *Newtown* took Capt. Thomas *Prentice* with me to Mr. *John Rogers's* to talk with him about his taking my son William Apprentice and to teach him the *Smiths* and Clock-Makers Business.

1756 February 27 (Friday). Mr. Rogers gives me no determinate answer about *Billy*.

1756 March 9 (Tuesday). Billy waits on his Mother in the Chair to Marlborough to see her Neece, the *widow of Dr. Brigham*: and return safely at Eve.

1756 March 15 (Monday). [*Marginal notation:* Billy went on the 15th to work for Mr. Moses Twitchell.]

1756 April 6 (Tuesday). Billy ploughed at Cook field.

1756 April 27 (Tuesday). Billy carts Muck from the Barn. Nathan Kenny helps him. It is to my great Comfort that *Billy* is able to do So well for me as he does, since it is so exceeding Difficult for me to get Help.

1756 April 28 (Wednesday). Billy at Neighbour Nurse's part of the Day.

1756 May 3 (Monday). N.B. *Billy* ploughing at the Island, *Joseph Rice* helps him.

1756 May 4 (Tuesday). Joseph Rice a.m. helps Billy in Ploughing at the Island and in my young Orchard near the Barn.

1756 May 5 (Wednesday). P.M. Charles Rice junior works for me. He and Billy (with my own Team) ploughs the rest of the Field by the Barn.

1756 May 8 (Saturday). Billy plants Indian Corn at the Island, the weather p.m. being warmer.

1756 May 12 (Wednesday). Billy, with Neighbour Barney Newtons Oxen, and Abners Cart goes with our steers to attempt a Load of Rails from Mr. *Moses Twitchels*.

1756 May 13 (Thursday). Billy planted part of the Field by the Barn.

1756 May 14 (Friday). Finished planting by the Barn. *Billy* worked for Ebenezer with the steers etc.

1756 May 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Charles Rice came in the Morning and finished the dropping my Corn, and a.m. *Billy* finished the covering.... *Billy* p.m. helps his Brother get ready for Planting.

1756 May 20 (Thursday). Billy goes to help his Brother plant, and is with him all Day.

1756 May 21 (Friday). N.B. Billy helped his Brother finish his Planting.

1756 June 8 (Tuesday). Billy finishes hoing the Island Field.

1756 June 10 (Thursday). *Thomas* and *Billy* finish the Field by the Barn before Dinner.

1756 June 12 (Saturday). Billy ploughs in the New Field.

1756 June 23 (Wednesday). Billy hoes in the Island Field a 2d time.

1756 June 24 (Thursday). *Billy* is at the 2d hoing of the Island Field.

1756 June 26 (Saturday). N.B. having agreed to change with Mr. *Martyn* tomorrow, was obliged to Send over *Billy* to acquaint him of my Sickness. When he returns he informs me that *they* also are in much Affliction, Mrs. *Molly* being sick and o'Bed, and they had sent for Dr. *Morse*. A bright Day. I took a Cathartick; an infusion of Senna, Liquorish etc.

1756 June 27 (Sunday). *Billy* walks over (as does Master *Gardner*) to Mr. *Martyns* Meeting. He dines at Mr. *Martyns* also.

1756 July 2 (Friday). John Forbush, Sent by his Father, hoed with *Billy* in the New Field.

1756 July 3 (Saturday). *Billy* is obliged to hoe my New field very much alone.

1756 July 5 (Monday). *Billy* hoes in the New Field alone.

1756 July 8 (Thursday). P.M. *Billy* and he raked and carted up a Jagg from the Island.

1756 July 9 (Friday). *Billy* mows a little. 1756 July 12 (Monday). Thomas and *Billy* hoeing in the New Field and finished it.

1756 July 15 (Thursday). Thomas and *Billy* begin to hill the Corn at the Island, and finish it.

1756 July 19 (Monday). Mr. Moses Twitchel mows at Newton Meadow. *Billy* mows at the Island. Thomas a while.

1756 July 23 (Friday). Messrs. Barachias Rice and *Martyn Pratt* came to work in Ministerial Meadow. Thomas and *Billy* go to raking in Newton Meadow.... Thomas and *Billy* brought home a Jagg of Hay from Newton Meadow with Neighbour Abner Newtons Team. Neighbour *Morse* lodges here.

1756 July 24 (Saturday). Neighbour *Morse* and Neighbour *Martyn Pratt* work in Ministerial Meadow till about 5p.m. Neighbour Eliezer Rice carts home 3 Load from thence. Thomas and *Billy* work at the Meadow also, but a shower beat them all off Sun two hours high.

1756 July 26 (Monday). Thomas and *Billy* mowed in Ministerial Meadow....

1756 July 29 (Thursday). *Billy* is poisoned and can do no Work.

[1756 August 1 (Sunday).] N.B. Not a few are detained at Home with me: My Wife who is full of Pains and Smart in her Feet; *Billy*, who is poisoned; and Sarah who is greatly indisposed to Day: These, besides divers little ones.

1756 August 7 (Saturday). N.B. *Billy* desired to work at Mr. *Nurse's*, that Nathan *Kenny* may help him, and accordingly goes there till the Rain, and then returns.

1756 August 9 (Monday). Nathan Kenny helped Billy thrash Rye.

1756 August 11 (Wednesday). Billy reaps Oats.

1756 August 16 (Monday). Thomas goes over to help Ebenezer. N.B. he was there all last Week. I Send *Billy* there also.

1756 August 18 (Wednesday). N.B. Thomas came home from his Brothers this Morning but Billy remains there still.

1756 August 23 (Monday). Billy goes again to Ebenezers to work for him.

1756 August 27 (Friday). Billy was again with Ebenezer but p.m. went with him to the great Pond with a Team and got a Load of Sand for the Floor.

1756 September 3 (Friday). *Billy* begins to cutt Stalks, afraid lest the Frost Should spoil 'em.

1756 September 11 (Saturday). Last night *Adam* and *Ebenezer* Rice help Billy cutt Stalks by Moon Light.

1756 September 17 (Friday). The Frost having in some Measure seized my Corn, *Billy* (agreeable to the practice which some of the Neighbours go into) strips down the Husks, as it stands in the Field. Ebenezer Rice junior helps him.

1756 September 21 (Tuesday). *Billy* gathers part of the Island Corn. Nathan Kenny helped him p.m. We were obliged to gather it because of the Hogs invading it.

1756 September 22 (Wednesday). Billy gathered the rest of the Corn at the Island.

1756 September 29 (Wednesday). My Wife and Billy in the Chair to *Marlborough* (having left little *Sophy* at Ebenezers, his wife to suckle her, and Sarah to tend her) in order to her going to Boston.

1756 October 5 (Tuesday). A yet greater Frost last night. We are Exceedingly put to't for Water to Wash: Billy went yesterday as far as the Brook beyond Mr. Nurse's for two Barrells; to Day my Wife sends her Cloths, for rinsing, to a Spring in Capt. Forbush's Meadow.

1756 October 18 (Monday). Mr. Thomas *Frost* with Billy carting in Stalks, Husks, Pumpkins.

1756 November 5 (Friday). *Billy* brings over 4 Bushell of Turnips from Ebenezer and works for him P.M. in gathering or cutting up his Corn.

1756 November 6 (Saturday). *Billy* thrashes Rye.

1756 November 9 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Jonah Warrin with a Yoke of Oxen, *Billy* with his Brothers Oxen, and Mr. Nurse's Plough, ploughed part of my Field behind the Meeting House:

but Mr. Warrin tarried only a.m., the Coulter of the Plough being worn too much, and we could not get it immediately Mended. *Billy* having done Some small Jobbs with Ebenezers Oxen, went home with them before Night.

1756 November 10 (Wednesday). Mr. Jonah Warrin with his Oxen, and *Billy* with his Brothers plough again.

1756 November 13 (Saturday). *Billy* brings home a shoat which I bought of Mr. *Mason* -- weighed 84 lb. at 12 d. per pound alive.

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

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

1756 November 27 (Saturday). *Billy* finishes thrashing our small Crop of Rye.

1756 November 28 (Sunday). Early in the Morning sent *Billy* to Mr. *Martyn* to acquaint him with my Indisposition: It was also misty and Sloppy uncomfortable stirring.

1756 December 6 (Monday). At Eve *Billy* goes to Mr. Joseph Bruces with many others, on the Affair of setting up an Artillery Company.

1756 December 16 (Thursday). *Billy* cleared part of the Day next to the Young Orchard Fence.

1756 December 30 (Thursday). I Sent *Billy* with a Letter to Mr. Kimball House wright in Grafton, to See whether he will take *Billy* to be his 'prentice, but it does not succeed. I send word also by him to Mr. Ball to Desire him not to come for Money I ow'd him, Mr. Pratt who owes me not having paid me.

1757 January 4 (Tuesday). *Billy* with his Brothers Oxen goes to Marlborough for Sundrys my Wife bought of her Cousen Brigham, viz. Valences, [Head?] Cloth, Teister, Bed, Bolster, Pillows, and 1/2 Doz. Chairs. Thomas setts out for Boston. He has Mr. *Samuel Fay* junior's Horse.

1757 January 8 (Saturday). Fowl weather. *Billy* variously employed. Shaves a few Lath etc.

1757 January 15 (Saturday). Capt. *Baldwin* consents to take *Billy* as Apprentice. And he is to go up to Brookfield in a Fortnight or 3 Weeks. Capt. B. Sat out to Day, facing the Cold, for Brookfield.

1757 January 17 (Monday). P.M. *Billy* to an Artillery Training at Mr. *Benjamin Tainters*.

1757 January 31 (Monday). P.M. Billy goes to Artillery Training at Neighbour *Alpheus Newtons*.

1757 February 1 (Tuesday). *Billy* clears north of the Orchard. Adam Rice works with him and dines with us.

1757 February 4 (Friday). *Billy* went to Mr. Johnsons Mill in Southborough with a Team, Carrying 8 Bushels of Indian and 4 of Rye, and came home early, the whole ground into good meal. But it proves a great Trouble that we can't succeed at Mr. *Whipples* which is so much nearer.

1757 February 6 (Sunday). N.B. had some Serious Discourse with Billy, which I beg of God to Succeed to his Saving Good.

1757 February 7 (Monday). Sent by Daniel Nurse to Mr. William *Boardman* for an Hatt for *Billy*.

1757 February 9 (Wednesday). Billy and John wait on their Mother in a visit to Mrs. *Martyn* and return in safety.

1757 February 11 (Friday). Capt. B. returns to Brookfield and Carrys Some of Billys Cloths.... Billy trims my young Orchard.

1757 FEBRUARY 19: 16 YEARS OLD

1757 March 1 (Tuesday). My Wife rides to Marlborough to get a Pair of New Stays made by Miss Nanny Woods; and buy Billy a Castor Hatt.

1757 March 2 (Wednesday). My son William leaves me to go to 'Prentice to Capt. Jeduthan Baldwin at Brookfield. My son Ebenezer goes up with him.

1757 May 28 (Saturday). N.B. *Billy* here.

1757 June 1 (Wednesday). Daniel Wyman, 'prentice to my son Baldwin, came here last night, from Sudbury; and lodged here. This morning Billy and he drove my Bell-Cow (of Cambridge breed) to their Master Baldwin: And they are to take my Young Cattle with *Ebenzers* along with them to Brookfield.

1757 October 4 (Tuesday). Happy among my Children who (through divine Favour) are generally comfortable. Dined at my son Baldwins.

1757 October 6 (Thursday). N.B. My Children at Each Family dined with me both yesterday and to Day (except *Billy*).

1757 November 15 (Tuesday). At Eve *Billy* came from Brookfield. He brought a Letter from *Ebenezer* of his Willingness and Desire to buy the *Gilbert* place, and that he would have me provide 200£ for a first payment.

1757 November 16 (Wednesday). My Son William goes agunning and brings in 7 Squirrells.

1757 November 19 (Saturday). *Billy* returned to *Brookfield*. Charles Rice junior went up also.

1758 January 2 (Monday). At Eve *Billy*, from Brookfield.

1758 January 6 (Friday). Sent *Billy* to Capt. Eagers to try to Send Money to Brookfield both to *Ebenezer* and to Baldwin -- but in Vain, except that my Letters to them were left.

1758 January 12 (Thursday). *Billy* is cyphering. The Lesser Boys write. *Sarah* begins to cypher.

1758 January 13 (Friday). *Billy* undertakes Something of building a Stable in the Barn.

1758 January 14 (Saturday). *Billy* at the Stable -- putts up the Rack and boards up the Partitions.

1758 January 16 (Monday). *Billy* finishes at the Stable a.m.

1758 January 17 (Tuesday). *Billy* cyphering.

1758 January 25 (Wednesday). *Billy* left us to go to Brookfield. He rode up Mr. Forb.'s Horse. His Company were Thomas Hardy and William Wood.

1758 FEBRUARY 19: 17 YEARS OLD

1758 April 17 (Monday). At Eve *Billy* from *Brookfield* and acquaints me he *listed* and was *mustered* last Friday under Capt. *Samuel How*, hired by *Lt. Adams*, and is to wait on Lt. Joseph Stone. This throws me into fresh Trouble; but may God Himself Support and direct me! Yet I am easier than in the Case of my Son *Thomas* because he is sturdier for his age; and I can't be utterly Opposite to some one or other of my sons going. But still he is alas too young, and Small: a mere stripling! but most of all, I fear going in the paths of irreligion! The Lord grant he may have a New Heart and lead a New Life.

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

1758 May 2 (Tuesday). Sent a Letter to Mr. Thomas Hardy directed to my son Baldwin about Billys Affair; and I therein assure him I can't Stand to the Agreement made between them. Presently after came Billy himself who lodged last Night at Capt. Eagers. Mr. Carter dined with us. N.B. It was Training Day to See whether any would enlist, or otherwise to press five Men. Capt. Fay had desired me Yesterday to be at Hand, that they might Send for me in Season -- and he told me the Time appointed was one o'Clock. I waited for his sending till well nigh 1/2 after 3, then went to the Meeting House my Self (without any Message from him), having Concerns with divers Men, whom otherwise I could not well see, particularly Capt. Stephen Maynard, with whom I talked about admitting Billy into his Company. Which he Consented to -- and told me he would into his Tent.

1758 May 3 (Wednesday). The last enlisted and pressed men go to Marlborough to be mustered by Coll. Williams. My son *Billy* also goes to enlist under Capt. Maynard.

1758 May 8 (Monday). Am willing my Sons and Cattle Should work for Others that they may for me. Especially This is necessary in breaking up, and therefore Billy goes with my Sons steers to work for Neighbour Zebulon Rice to Day.

1758 May 22 (Monday). My Exercise to the Soldiers was not till past 3 o'Clock. I preached on Exod. 33.15. Which may God Himself be pleased to accompany with a Saving Efficacy! My son *William* is with them though he has not as yet received his Bounty. N.B. The Company marched to the Meeting House from Capt. *Maynards* where they dined -- and returned there again.... At night Billy returns home from Capt. *Maynards* much troubled not having received so much as the Bounty which is Usual at enlisting, Yet is appointed to March with the Company to morrow.

1758 May 23 (Tuesday). I went to Capt. *Maynards*, who promises to do what in him lies for *Billy*; yet when I asked him what I might expect, was too Short with me. I rode up to *Worcester* where they were to receive their Billeting Money. But they could not get it.

1758 May 24 (Wednesday). To my son Baldwins to acquaint them that Billy was coming and that tis necessary to provide for him, if they would take the Care of it, otherwise I would my Self.

1758 May 25 (Thursday). *Billy* comes up to Brookfield. He has received 5 Dollars of Capt. Maynard and is promised the rest of the Bounty, as well as the Billeting money with the other Soldiers. I dined at my son Baldwins. Have some debate with him about Billy and the fitting him out. P.M. at Mr. Forb. Lt. Rice takes Billy for his *Waiter*. At Eve Capt. Wit came to see me. Lodged at Capt. Baldwins -- because of Billys Case.

1758 May 26 (Friday). *Lieut.* Rice and his men march from Brookfield for *Hardwick*. I take solemn and affectionate Leave of them. And particularly of *Billy*, whom God be gracious to and preserve! N.B. I had yesterday, and did again this morning, take Opportunity to talk distinctly and closely with Lt. *Rice*, especially upon the Head of profaneness -- and he repeatedly promised me that he *would* take heed to himself and those he had Care of -- I talked with the rest also -- and most of them by them Selves most Seriously charging them and instructing them particularly *Elijah Rice*, *Joseph Rice*, *Joseph How*, *Constantine Hardy* and *Samuel Stone* (son in

Law to the Lieutenant). Brother Joseph Woods was also among them who yesterday gave me a hint about the Lieutenant -- which was the rather the Cause of my going again to him, both on his own Account and that of the men. And thus I committed them to God and parted.

1758 June 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Abraham Williams of *Sandwich* came to see us -- the same night an Heifer which we valued was Sick and dyed. N.B. he brought me a Letter from *Billy* who dates it Northhampton.

1758 June 7 (Wednesday). I made another visit to Capt. Maynards to talk with him before he goes off -- and in some measure succeeded. Sent some Things by him (checked Shirt, Wafers) to *Billy*.

1758 July 1 (Saturday). Having received lately from Billy a Third Letter, it was necessary to improve an Opportunity by Mr. Artemas Bruce who is to set out on Monday Morning and not to come near here so that I am obliged to write to Day....

1758 August 7 (Monday). We dined at Justice Convers's. The Esquire went with us Capt. *Wolcotts* where I lodged a Letter for Mr. Forbush and one for Billy in the Army.

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

1758 September 12 (Tuesday). Received two Letters from *Billy*, one of Aug. 25, the other of the 28th. Several Women from Hopkinton make a visit here to Day, to my sad Interruption. They are Mrs. Crossman, widow Nicols and Mrs. Gibbs. George Crossman also here, who has lately returned from the Lake, and Saw Billy well, just before he came away.

1758 September 18 (Monday). I Sent by Mr. *Ephraim Bruce*, to Lt. Rice and to Billy in the army.

1758 October 6 (Friday). Silas Rice (son of Lt. Eliezer) is come from the Camp and brought a Letter of Sept. 19 from my son *William*.

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 11 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Benoni Shurtleff is going to the Camp, for Capt. *Aaron Fay* who is an Invalid. I wrote by him to Billy and Sent him a Dollar.

1758 October 24 (Tuesday). William *Dunlop* here being newly come from the Lake and brings me fresh news from my *Billy*.

1758 November 6 (Monday). Mr. Jonathan Cook here, being returned from the Lake -- says that Capt. Maynards Company were so Sickly and indisposed, that there were none but what had been at one time or another taken off from Duty except my Son William and two more.

1758 November 21 (Tuesday). At Night we had the Favour to See *Billy* again who came from *Brookfield* on Foot to Day; and is in good Health. To God be Praise and Thanks for His great Goodness and Benignity!

1758 December 1 (Friday). Deacon *Tainter* having had my Mare to *Boston* and carryed a Calf for us (for which he got 6£ without the Skin) returns, and brings a Letter and Mourning Gloves for us -- and a Pair of white Gloves for *Thomas*, who had watched with his *Billy* in his Sickness. My son William is under Indisposition and fear what it will increase to.

1758 December 11 (Monday). *My son William* setts out for *Boston*.

1758 December 14 (Thursday). When I came home *Billy* was returned from *Boston* -- and Capt. *Wood* here.

1758 December 15 (Friday). My Boys are cutting Wood and piling it up.

1758 December 18 (Monday). *Billy* is cyphering, but has but little Instruction from me.

1758 December 23 (Saturday). Very tedious Weather. *Billy* writing and Cyphering.

1758 December 26 (Tuesday). *Billy* uneasy to be gone to *Brookfield*.

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

1758 December 30 (Saturday). *Alexander* returns in safety, having lodged at t'other House. He went to *Leicester* with *Billy*.

1759 FEBRUARY 19: 18 YEARS OLD

1759 March 22 (Thursday). Lt. *Wood*, the Clothier, who gave me the dying of my black Jacket: In returning home called at Capt. Maynards and received *Billys* Wages of Mrs. Maynard -- her Husband not being at Home, but was at *Thomas's* shop yesterday (without coming into the House) and desired I would come and take the Money. And I gave a Receipt to Mrs. Maynard for it -- for £13.15.10.2 Lawful Money -- £103.9.0 old Tenor.

1759 March 24 (Saturday). My Son *Baldwin* having told me that he had received the Wages of his other Prentice's, and that he expected *Billys* -- withall Shewing me his Orders from *Billy* to receive them of Capt. Maynard, I delivered him every farthing of what I received of the *Captains* Wife on the 22d. This I have done for the Sake of Peace and to induce my Son *Baldwin* to carry it well to *Billy* -- yet am not satisfied with the Justice of the Demand.

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. I was very much struck at his Account of *Billys* going again. He dined here and soon went off to go to Boston, taking leave of me as Supposing he Should not See me again before his Marching.

1759 April 11 (Wednesday). *Billy* came home. Came from Brookfield yesterday, and from Worcester to Day. He coughs as one that has the Meazles and thinks he took the Distemper at his Brother *Parkmans*, he having been there several Times while the Children were coughing and ill of it.

1759 April 12 (Thursday). *Billys* Meazles come out thick. He keeps Chiefly on the Bed, but went out twice. Dr. Crosby here and looks on him as well as my wife. *Samme* has his Fit of Fever and Ague likewise. Mr. *Moses Twitchell* works for me, mending Fence. *Suse Newton* comes to watch. I have a very poor Night my Self, with Care and Concern, tending *Billy*, yet have good help of *Persis Rice* and *Suse Newton*.

1759 April 13 (Friday). *Billy* has the Meazles full -- and keep[s] his Bed all Day. All Things work kindly with *him*.

1759 April 14 (Saturday). *Billy* gets up and walks -- but keeps the Chamber. A great and noticeable Favour that he has the Distemper so moderately. But *Samme* is poorly -- So checkered is our State! May the Lord look upon us and be mercifull to us as He uses to do to them that fear His Name! Mrs. Bond watches.

1759 April 16 (Monday). *Billy* rides to Mr. Dunlops to carry *Patty*.... On the 16 Brother Hicks and his Wife from Cambridge here and lodge here. N.B. He is unreasonably set against Mr. *Wellman*, is very bitter -- declares he is a man that will not Stand by the Truth. My son William and *Jemima* were in hearing. I checked him smartly; and desired him to Say no more of these Affairs.

1759 April 17 (Tuesday). *Billy* leaves us to go into the Service. *Alexander* goes with him to help him on his way, as far as Shrewsbury. N.B. I gave him six Dollars; and he gave me a province Note of 8£ L.M. or 60£ Old Tenor.

1759 June 4 (Monday). Received a Letter from *Billy* Dated Albany May 27.

1759 July 14 (Saturday). Am oblig'd to write several Letters -- viz. to *Thomas* at Stillwater in Hudsons River, To *Billy* gone over the Lake. To Mr. Martyn to desire him to improve the ministerial meadow this Year.

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 August 8 (Wednesday). Letter from *Billy* dated the Camp at *Ticonderoga* July 28. All Praise to God.

1759 August 10 (Friday). I Sent to *Billy* -- also to Mr. Forbush.

1759 August 31 (Friday). Severall Letters lately from the Camp. From Capt. Baldwin to me and to his Wife; From *Billy* -- from Thomas to Sarah.

1759 September 22 (Saturday). N.B. paid Mr. Job Cushings wife 10/ old Tenor in part for carrying a Cheese to my son William when at Lake George last Year.... 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 November 6 (Tuesday). Daniel How brings a Letter from *Thomas* at *Still-Water* dated Oct. 12. And from *Billy* at *Crown Point* Oct. 16. Blessed be God for their Welfare! May they have Grace to improve it!

1759 December 1 (Saturday). P.M. Nahum Eager, and Nathaniel and Levi Allen here. Nahum brings the heavy Tidings that *Billy* is dead. A very humbling and Shocking stroke if true! The Lord fit and prepare us for what He shall please to inflict!

1759 December 2 (Sunday). Omitted Reading in Publick. Preached a.m. on Mal. 3.7 from p. 45 to 52. P.M. on Ps. 39.9. *Administered* the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Cousen Maynard dines here as do Deacon Tainter and his Wife. My son Baldwin with us at the Lords Table. The Air very frosty. The Night Windy and very Cold. May we fear God with whom is terrible Majesty! O that Since the Lord has favour'd me once more with Opportunity to renew my Dedication to Him at the holy Communion I may now live to His Gory and advance His Kingdom!

1759 December 4 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. Baldwin rode to Rutland and from Shrewsbury wrote me a Comfortable Letter that *Billy* was at Springfield last Saturday -- but Mr. Joseph Chattuck (now of Brookfield, and who had Miss Thankfull Watson with him) by whom the Letter was brought says he is at Brookfield.

1759 December 5 (Wednesday). My Son *Billy* (Glory and Praise to God!) came home well and dined with us.

1759 December 8 (Saturday). We have thirteen in Family -- and no Beef provided nor brought in except a piece Mr. Hezekiah Pratt brings to roast (he says) for *Billys* coming home. Our Cows give but little Milk. No body engages to get my Wood. Nor have we any Tallow. My Wife sends to Capt. Fays Wife to spare her some (for money) and she sends her an handsome present of Beef, Sewet, Tallow and a Cheese. Nor am I out of Hopes respecting other needed Articles, Since I am in the Hands of a carefull, Watchfull, faithfull, and bountiful Providence. Only the Lord grant me the Faith to live to and upon Him; to hope and Trust in Him as I ought to do!

1759 December 9 (Sunday). Billy desired to give Thanks to God in the Congregation for His Goodness to him in his Return Home; and desired prayers that God would Sanctifie to him the Death of his Brother.

1759 December 17 (Monday). After a great deal of Debate with my Son Baldwin respecting the Terms of Billys living with him; in which I manifested my great dissatisfaction with Mr. B.'s having the Wages of this last year as he had of the year before. My backwardness to comply with the Proposal to me to bind him unless, he might at least be made equal with the other 'Prentice that did go out in the service (viz. Daniel Wyman) upon Billys consenting if he would pay for a Gun for him, and being desirous to be bound, Mr. B. paying him now in Cash all his Extra Wages as his Clerk, the Indentures were filled up and Signed reciprocally. These Things were not accomplished till after noon. Then Cold as it was Mr. B., my Daughter and their son took leave to go as far as they could upon their Journey to Brookfield. N.B. They went in a New Chair which he had bought last week.

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

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

1760 January 1 (Tuesday). To God be the Glory of His Long Suffering and unmerited Goodness! That I am preserved through So many and So wonderful Changes! Particularly of the Last Year, a year of uncommon Tryals. Besides the Sickness of my Children by the Meazles which came four times into my Family, and my Daughter *Sarahs* Sickness again, there was my Wife's deep and Dangerous Sickness, in the former part; and my own in the more advanced part of the Year. Blessed be God for His Sparing Mercy to all of us who were at home: And to *Billy* in his safe Return; and that of my two sons in Law, from the Army; But, -- alas! For the holy Frown of divine Providence in the Premature Death of my dear son *Thomas*! May God grant me and all that survive, the Grace suitably to improve that Dispensation, and His wonderful Indulgence in allowing us the New Year! I attended the Private Meeting at Deacon Bonds, and my Daughter *Sarah* with me. I preached on 1 *Chron.* 29.15, latter Clause, delivering 8 Heads of Reflections proper for the New Year; And there was a good Auditory. The Lord bless it to all of us through Jesus Christ!

1760 January 2 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Bowman keeps School at Mr. Timothy Warrins. I send Alex and Breck to learn Latin, and Samuel to read. Billey having gone yesterday and got a large Piece of Timber to make Crooks for a sleigh, hews them.

1760 January 3 (Thursday). Four of my Boys go to school.² Billy at work upon the Crooks part of the Day -- till he cutts his Leg with an Addze, which takes him off.

1760 January 7 (Monday). My wife and Billy p.m. Set out for Boston, designing as far as Framingham (Coll. Buckminster) to night.

²Alexander, b. 17 Feb. 1747; Breck, b. 17 Feb. 1749; Samuel, b. 22 Aug. 1751; John, b. 21 July 1753.

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

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

1760 FEBRUARY 19: 19 YEARS OLD

1760 July 1 (Tuesday). N.B. Coll. Jones, Capt. *Dunlop* dined there also. Gilbert *Dench* (I think nigh a Year younger than my Billy) going out a Lieutenant to the Said *Dunlop*.

1760 November 25 (Tuesday). My Son William came from Brookfield.

1760 November 27 (Thursday). Am informed Mr. Blanc was at meeting. Billy invited him to come here to dine, but he chose to go to Deacon Tainters.

1760 November 28 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden -- and my 4 Boys went to school. Billy after dinner left us.

1761 January 29 (Thursday). At Night *Billy* came from Brookfield. His Sister Baldwin and Suse stopped at Shrewsbury.

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 February 4 (Wednesday). Billy Set off for Boston in his Master Baldwins Service gave him Money to pay my son Thomas's Debt to Mr. William Bowes.

1761 February 7 (Saturday). A very rainy Time yet at Evening Billy returned from Boston having loaded up Mr. Walcott, as well as Mr. Bartlet Waggoners from Brookfield, for his Brother Baldwin.

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

[Diary for 1761 ends on May 31.]

1764 FEBRUARY 19: 23 YEARS OLD

1764 September 5 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. *Adams* ordained at Lunenburg, and Billy is gone to it.

1764 September 8 (Saturday). Billy returned from *Fitchbourg*. Has got a man there to work for him.

1764 September 15 (Saturday). Billy at Eve says a Load of Beeton's Goods went by the House, and were lodged at Capt. Maynards. Strange stubbornness!

1764 September 17 (Monday). N.B. my Wife had visited at Bruce's and She had many Things to Say of the Great Clash which Mrs. Maynard and Mrs. Bruce had this afternoon upon Beeton's Account. And Billy comes over with an Errand from Beeton to desire me to do something though I can't tell what, to perswade Bruce. The Lord pity 'em under their miserable Circumstances and Temptations!

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Mrs. Johnson at work here for William.

1764 November 16 (Friday). Mrs. Johnson here at work for Billy.

1764 November 20 (Tuesday). Billy has a side of Beef of Mr. Samuel Forbush. 240 lb.

1764 November 30 (Friday). Towards Eve Billy returns from Medfield. In the Eve he setts some Glass where windows had been broke.

1764 December 16 (Sunday). *Billy* is taken ill, and goes to bed with an ague.

1764 December 17 (Monday). *Billy* rides so well (through divine Goodness) as to go to his Work at Capt. Maynards.

1764 December 19 (Wednesday). Lt. *Baker* sent a Sleigh for me with those Gentlemen above named, to go up to their House to Breakfast and I take Leave of Mr. and Mrs. *Bowman*, who, waited upon by two Deacons, and expecting others, from *Oxford*; attended also by Mr. *Asaph Rice*, Master *Cushing*, my son William, Daughter *Sarah*, and sundry Relations [*blank*], remove home.

1764 December 20 (Thursday). Such a storm as prevents all Expectation of the Return of Billy and Sarah from Oxford.

1764 December 21 (Friday). Billy returns at Eve: but *Sarah* is left at Oxford.

1764 December 30 (Sunday). William and Breck ride in the Sleigh with John Maynard to Captains.

1765 January 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Tainter brought Billy an Hog. Weighed 9 Score and 14 lbs. at 2/. I hired 60£ old Tenor of Billy.

1765 January 24 (Thursday). Master Cushing came and received the Money which I hired of Billy; I add 6/3 old Tenor and gives me a Receipt. Supps with us and lodged here.

1765 January 28 (Monday). Billy delivers me from Capt. Maynard (who gave it to him on the 26th) one double Joannes and Six single ones (being 150£ old Tenor).

1765 February 1 (Friday). Billy and Breck come home from Capt. *Maynards*.

1765 February 4 (Monday). Billy has, of Mr. Wheelock, part of Deacon Storers House to work in; the shop not being big enough for him and Breck, though it was for Thomas.

1765 February 15 (Friday). Attended the Funeral of John Pratt. A very mournful Time! May God Shew Mercy to the poor distressed Father, and the bereaved sisters! A great Concourse of People, though it was difficult stirring. Billy is one of the Bearers.

1765 February 16 (Saturday). Billy finishes his Sleigh.

1765 FEBRUARY 19: 24 YEARS OLD

1765 February 23 (Saturday). *Billy* returns from *Medfield* and *Boston*. *John Maynard* with him.

1765 February 25 (Monday). Paid *Billy* £13.15 old Tenor. Sent by *Billy* to Mr. *Hills* 2 Guinea's.

1765 March 7 (Thursday). Billy to Brookfield having heard that *Batchellor* (by whom he had Sent) was come from *Albany*, with money for him.

1765 March 9 (Saturday). Mr. Hananiah Parker leaves £4.13.4 lawful Money, for Billy.

1765 March 11 (Monday). At Evening Billy returns from Brookfield, and in a good Measure Succeeded.

1765 March 14 (Thursday). Billy and Breck cut Timber on t'other place, for a Corn Barn.

1765 April 3 (Wednesday). Billy and Breck hewing the Timber, etc.

1765 April 4 (Thursday). Billy hewing -- Breck a.m. P.M. *John* with *Breck* cart Timber from Mr. Beetons, and they bring all from thence.

1765 April 5 (Friday). Billy and Breck hewing.

1765 April 6 (Saturday). Billy otherwise employed.

1765 April 8 (Monday). It being foul Weather Billy can't *frame* the Corn Barn. He finishes a sink in the Kitchin. Breck cutts a few Gains in the Beams over the Barn Floor, and Saws and joints some Boards for Flooring in the Garrett etc.

1765 April 9 (Tuesday). Fowl Weather prevents Billys working for me.

1765 April 10 (Wednesday). Billy to Boston.

1765 April 11 (Thursday). Billy returns from Boston, and perhaps from some other where.

1765 April 12 (Friday). Billy and Breck begin to Frame a Corn Barn for me.

1765 April 13 (Saturday). Billy and Breck get ready for their Journey. John Maynard with a Waggon etc.

1765 April 15 (Monday). Billy and Breck leave us to go to Townshend. They Expect John Maynard setts out from his Fathers with a Waggon to Carry (what was moved from here last Saturday) Beef, Pork and many other stores -- and Joseph Warrin (son of Mr. Timothy) hired by Billy goes with them.

1765 April 17 (Wednesday). Send a Dollar by Deacon Tainter, in Billys Name, to Mr. Haskill.

1765 May 30 (Thursday). N.B. My son Samuel is returned from *Westborough* and tells me *Billy* has been at Home. We lodged again at Brother P_____ 's.

1765 June 26 (Wednesday). Letter from Billy, of the 18th that my Oxen and his Cow have strayed away from him.

1765 July 5 (Friday). At Night came *Breck* first, and afterwards Billy from Townshend. The Oxen are come home likewise.

1765 July 8 (Monday). Billy and Breck are framing my Corn Barn.

1765 July 9 (Tuesday). Billy and Breck are framing.

1765 July 10 (Wednesday). After Dinner Billy raises the Corn Barn and that being over, Billy and Breck rake and get in Hay.

1765 July 11 (Thursday). Billy rides to Medfield.

1765 July 12 (Friday). P.M. Billy returns and goes to work a while on the corn Barn, but is called off and goes with Dr. Hawes to help move his Barn,

1765 July 13 (Saturday). Billy works on the Barn, boarding and Shingling.

1765 July 19 (Friday). Rode to Lt. Joseph Howards to find *Jonathan Hill* (to whom Mrs. Cutting of Waltham had committed a Bundle for my son William then at Townshend, which never arrived) and found him. He resolves to search after the Bundle.... Billy has partly coloured the

House -- but it was so dry, and the Weather so hot, that it has Swallowed up Oyl and Colouring extremely.

1765 July 20 (Saturday). Billy Painting the House Still, but much discouraged, by the great Expence and So little sign of Good.

1765 July 22 (Monday). Billy paints part of the Day. Reaps part of p.m.

1765 July 23 (Tuesday). Mr. Richard Kelly mows for me, and Billy with him.

1765 July 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Kelly having lodged here, works again for me to day, and Billy a.m. with him.

1765 July 25 (Thursday). *Billy* and *Breck* set out for Townshend: and have my Mare to carry their Luggage.

1765 August 9 (Friday). P.M. Billy from Townshend and brought home my Oxen.

1765 August 12 (Monday). Billy leaves us to go to Townshend and John goes with him to Lancaster to bring back my Horse.

1765 August 20 (Tuesday). I rode over to Capt. Maynard and told him I must either have 50£ of money for Billy, to be carried by Joseph Warrin to him tomorrow morning, or else I must be obliged to send him my Oxen.

1765 August 21 (Wednesday). I have word that Capt. Maynard pays 50L for Billy -- therefore my Cattle are preserved and Thomas goes with them and my Mare to Thad. Fay's and brings me 300 of Bricks.

1765 September 30 (Monday). *Billy* came from Townshend and goes to Medfield.

1765 October 1 (Tuesday). Billy returned from Medfield.

1765 October 2 (Wednesday). Billy colouring the East End of the House.

1765 October 3 (Thursday). Billy Painting.

1765 October 4 (Friday). Billy paints a.m.

1765 October 5 (Saturday). Billy works at the Corn-Barn.

1765 October 7 (Monday). Billy at the Corn Barn.... Reckoned with Billy.

1765 October 8 (Tuesday). Billy returns to Townshend.

1765 October 26 (Saturday). Joseph Warrin came from Billy at Townshend, and brings a Cow for me to keep.

1765 October 28 (Monday). Sent John to Mr. John Locks with Sundrys for Billy: *two Dollars* etc. for David Lock of Townshend to carry with him.

1765 December 3 (Tuesday). Breck came from Townshend -- and brought Billys Oxen for me to keep.... Billy also came from Townshend.

1765 December 6 (Friday). Breck closes up a Shelter for Cattle. Billy to Medfield. I wrote a Letter by him to Squire *Adams*.

1765 December 10 (Tuesday). Billy is come from Medfield.

1765 December 11 (Wednesday). Billy and Breck *return to Townshend*; and John goes with them to bring back my mare.

1765 December 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Joseph Grout comes with a Quarter of Beef for me. Weight 132. Another for Billy. Weight 140. At 16d old Tenor.

January 1 (Wednesday). At Eve came Billy also: but much worried also. God be praised who Sustained them! The storm grows very Severe. The Girls tarry at Capt. Maynards till better Weather. May God pity all that are exposed!

1766 January 2 (Thursday). We have both Billy and Breck to help John, both as to the Creatures and Wood; which we have enough of at the Door.

1766 January 3 (Friday). Billy and Breck with us. Except that Billy went to Capt. Maynards to assist his Sisters in returning home.

1766 January 9 (Thursday). Billy and Breck make an Ox sled.

1766 January 14 (Tuesday). In *Billys* sleigh and one of Mr. Nurse's Horses with my Mare, my Wife, Billy, and I rode over to Mr. Martyns -- dine -- return. May God prosper Such Visits: and pardon our Defects!

1766 January 15 (Wednesday). Billy and Master Cushing wait on Sarah and Suse to Marlborough.

1766 January 17 (Friday). Billy to Medway.

1766 January 18 (Saturday). Returns.

1766 January 23 (Thursday). Deacon Tainter and Capt. Wood (Billy and Breck assisting) killed my two Hogs. One weighed 262 lbs., the other 256.

1766 January 27 (Monday). Billy watches with *Eliz. Whipple*, whose Fitts continue still.

1766 January 28 (Tuesday). Elizabeth Whipple had 13 fitts (as *Billy* says) last Night. She has none a Days.

1766 February 7 (Friday). Billy Examined in part.

1766 February 8 (Saturday). Billy Examined more fully.

1766 February 9 (Sunday). My Son *William* was propounded in order to his joining with the Church.

1766 February 11 (Tuesday). *Billy* and *Breck* have been waiting for snow, but none comes. And they have been very much without Employ -- except reading, writing, Cyphering etc. now and then a little Job for me. But to Day Billy works at Mr. David Warrins in making Cart Wheels -- and Breck works in the Shop in making a Maple Chest etc.

1766 February 12 (Wednesday). Billy again to Mr. *Warrins*.

1766 February 14 (Friday). Billy works at Mr. Warrins: Breck writes: John Cyphers.

1766 February 17 (Monday). *Billy*, though for want of Snow he can't go to Townshend with a Sled, as he has long desired, yet goes upon my Mare, and carries what he can.

1766 FEBRUARY 19: 25 YEARS OLD

1766 February 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden p.m. and returns to his Lodging again. The Business with many now is to prepare for tomorrow. But *Billy* though invited, is out of the Way. Mr. *Moore* comes, and Master *John Stone* at Eve with Chaise. They lodge here.

1766 February 20 (Thursday). Mr. Moore and Master John Stone, each provided with a Carriage, carry off *Sarah* and *Suse*, to Marlborough to wait on Mr. *Bridge* and his new Spouse, to *Sudbury* -- and they are like to make an Extr. Time of it. Capt. *Wood* and Mr. *Tainter* here and want me to meet with them and others about fixing a place for a School House in the South Easterly Squadron, as they call it; I being *outside* man, as they will have it, to the North -- and am outside of all the Rest of the Divisions. But I refuse utterly to meddle with it.

1766 February 22 (Saturday). Billy yesterday and to Day at work upon his Cart-Wheels at Mr. Warrins. At Eve brings his Relation. May God give him a perfect Heart!

1766 February 23 (Sunday). My Son *William* was admitted into the Church. May God accept of him and enable him to walk accordingly!

1766 March 3 (Monday). Billy fetches my Oxen from Mr. *Grouts*.

1766 March 5 (Wednesday). Billy works from Day to Day, last week and this at Mr. Daniel Warrins, in making a Pair of Cart Wheels, and *Breck* is here making the Body of the Cart.

1766 March 6 (Thursday). *Billy* (or Mr. Warrin) has finished his Cart Wheels.

1766 March 8 (Saturday). Billy comes home from Mr. Warrins with his Wheels tarred; but he is not Well.

1766 March 10 (Monday). *Billy* having got mine and his own Oxen shod, and loaded his Cart with a great Variety -- his Chest -- Barrell of Meat -- Cyder etc. sets out, and *Breck* with him, for Townshend.

1766 March 11 (Tuesday). Have been much concerned about Billy, on his Journey by reason of the Lameness of my Oxen, which he has with him; and the Depth of the Snow clogging his Wheels.

1766 March 27 (Thursday). P.M. *Billy* comes home, has his and my Oxen and his Cart, with him -- leaves *Breck* at Townshend.

1766 March 28 (Friday). *Billy* goes (on my Mare) to Medfield.

1766 March 29 (Saturday). Billy returns from Medfield and brings me a Letter from Squire *Adams* of Feb. 21 in answer to mine of December 6th last.

1766 March 31 (Monday). Mr. Joseph Grout takes Billy Oxen, to keep.

1766 April 7 (Monday). Thomas Arnold brought Billys Oxen from Mr. Joseph Grouts. With them and my 4 and Nathan Kennys, break up my West Pasture. Mr. Ebenezer Maynard, Nathan Kenny, and a son of Mr. Nathan Maynard with my John, are the Hands.

1766 May 3 (Saturday). At Eve came Billy from Townshend.

1766 May 5 (Monday). Capt. *Wood* pays 50£ old Tenor for Mr. *Daniel Forbush*. And this I deliver to *Billy*.

1766 May 6 (Tuesday). Billy to Medfield.

1766 May 7 (Wednesday). Billy returns from Medfield.

1766 May 8 (Thursday). *John* goes to Mr. Joseph Grouts and brings Billys Oxen. He gets Hay for his Journey, of Mr. Moses Nurse.

1766 May 9 (Friday). Billy Sets out on his Journey to Townshend, with his Cart and Oxen, and my Steers to make out his Team. He carries various Goods -- his Desk, Curtains, Chairs, etc. *John* also goes with him to help drive his Cow and Calf, and two Yearling Heifers of mine.

1766 June 20 (Friday). P.M. I rode to Neighbour B. How to try to get him to go to Townshend to work for Billy, but in vain. Write to Billy by Mr. Moore, who goes to No. 1, next town to Townshend.

1766 June 23 (Monday). Squire Whipple here about Billys Affair with [*illegible*]dish. I wrote to Billy to inform him of the Necessity of either Coming, or else Send a power of Attorney, before he draws a writ.

1766 June 27 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden designs to go to Lancaster; wrote again to Billy by him.

1766 July 12 (Saturday). William came from Townshend and dined with us. He came from his House this Morning.

1766 August 23 (Saturday). I sent yesterday by Capt. Wood to Capt. *Tyler* of Mendon or Upton to pay a Demand upon Mr. Benjamin Hills's Books, of a Debt my son William is charged with, or otherwise he must be sued.

1766 August 24 (Sunday). N.B. Letter from William of his Designs etc. etc.

1766 August 30 (Saturday). John goes to Marlborough with a Bag of Wool for Billy -- to be left at Merchant Barns's for Conveyance....

1766 September 8 (Monday). Return at Eve. Find *Billy* here, and with him his Neighbour *Barrett* to accompany him to *Medfield*, to his Marriage.

1766 September 9 (Tuesday). Messrs. *Wheelock* and *John Maynard* come; they go with *Billy* to *Medfield*.

1766 September 10 (Wednesday). Though it was a rainy Day, yet at Evening *Billy* came and the Young Lady (heretofore Miss *Lydia Adams*) whom he had last night marryed at *Medfield*. Besides those that went with *Billy* then, none except her Brother Mr. *Elijah Adams*, came hither with them. We were altogether unprepared, having no Expectation at all of them, but designed, tomorrow, to give our Selves to make Preparations for them. Mr. *Adams* and *Barrett* lodge here. The Others, respectively, went home.

1766 September 11 (Thursday). My Son *Billy* and his Bride leave us for *Townshend*. All the Company we have a Breakfast (besides my son and Daughter) is Mr. *Adams* and *Barrett* -- And but two more join them to go home with them, viz. Messrs. *Wheelock* and *John Maynard*.

1766 October 2 (Thursday). N.B. Wrote to Billy and sent it to Cuttings at Waltham for Conveyance. At Eve Thomas Arnold says he is going to Leominster. Therefore I write again to Billy; about my preaching there: and concerning my Cattle; and *Breck* and *Samuels* Sheep. When they must be brought home; or what be done with them.

1766 October 20 (Monday). Squire Whipple brings me 14£ 7/6 old Tenor to be delivered to *Billy*, it being Mr. Jonas Bradish's Debt to him.

1766 October 25 (Saturday). Sat out for *Townshend*, westwardly part. Arrived at my *Son Williams* and dined with my Daughter in Law. P.M. went to him at his Saw-Mill at *Ashbournham*. N.B. Mr. James *Colman* with a Number of Hands, building a large Bridge over the River (my son tells me it is) *Souhegan*. Return back to his House and lodge there. N.B. I wrote a Letter in the Morning to Rev. Mr. *Dix* of *Townshend* to inform him of my purpose to preach, but that I would desist from it, if he prohibited it. Committed it to the Care of Mr. *Stearns*, inn-holder to convey it with Speed -- immediately.

1766 October 26 (Sunday). An Assembly met at my Sons House. We began with Singing. I preached a.m. on Ps. 85.9 and 12. P.M. began again with Singing. Preached on Heb. 12.25. May God grant Success! I baptized two Children *Ezra* and *Rebecca*: presented by their mother Mrs. *Agnes Whitney* wife of Mr. *Ezra Whitney*, who are of *Fitchbourg*. The man is gone a great Journey, and the Family about to remove far up into the Woods. The Woman says they have been wont to enjoy this Privilege: that the late Rev. Mr. *Trowbridge* gave them a Certificat: that there were Witnesses that Rev. Mr. *Winchester* baptized a Child of theirs at *Ashburnham* by vertue of it. Accordingly Messrs. *Christian*, *William Whiteman* and *Jacob Schoff* (Germans) testified it before the Assembly. I made proclamation of it and repeatedly asked whether there was any Objection? There being none offered, I again asked whether there was any Objection against the Conduct of the woman? But there was none. I then Demanded of her, Whether She would promise to bring up the Children in the Way of true Religion etc.? To which She replied affirmatively. After which I proceeded and baptized them. N.B. Old Mr. *Fitch* din'd with us at my Son's. Mr. *Steward* preached for me a. and p.m., a.m. [blank].

1766 October 27 (Monday). A.M. Visited Several of my son's Neighbours Places, particularly Mr. *Samuel Browns*. Went to the *Pot-Ash Works* near my son's. P.M. he kills a large Ox. At Eve came Mr. *Fitch*. I take Minutes from his Mouth, concerning the Germans and a Number of North Eastwardly Inhabitants of *Ashburnham*.

1766 October 28 (Tuesday). My son goes with me to Mr. *Gales's* new House. Ascend the high Prospect-Hill, in or nigh *Lexington Farm*; in the Confines of which the Germans live. Went to Several of their Houses, viz. Mr. *John Keblinger*, *John Rich*, *Jacob Schoff*, *Henry Selleham*. Lodge Still at my sons, as do Number of men besides.

1766 October 29 (Wednesday). Undertake my Journey back. 1766 October 31 (Friday). Mrs. *Whipple* here, and receives a parcel of woollen Yarn which I have brought from *Billy* to be wove.

1766 December 27 (Saturday). Capt. *Benjamin Fay* brought a Piece of Cloth for my Son *William* of about 10 Yards from Mr. *William Brown* of *Framingham*.

1767 February 6 (Friday). At Eve *Billy* and his Wife came from *Townshend*.

1767 February 7 (Saturday). *Billy* and his Wife go to *Medfield*.

1767 February 13 (Friday). *Billy* and his Wife came from *Medfield*.

1767 February 14 (Saturday). Sent my Mare over to Capt. Maynards to be kept there till Billy has Occasion for her again.

1767 February 17 (Tuesday). Though Cold, Billy and his Wife sat out for Townshend. They ride Single. *John* is gone before them to bring back my Mare. After they went away, we regretted that we suffered them to set out in so Smart Weather.

1767 FEBRUARY 19: 26 YEARS OLD

1767 April 20 (Monday). Wrote to Billy by Mr. Joseph Perry of Ashburnham.

1767 May 18 (Monday). N.B. Sent a Letter etc. per Capt. *Wood* to Billy.

1767 June 2 (Tuesday). Breck returns to *Ashby* and takes with him a Cow and two Young Creatures. Jonas Kenny goes with him and drives Mr. Nurse's Cattle to Billy.

1767 July 4 (Saturday). At *Gibson* in *Fitchburg* have the joyful News that my Daughter is o'Bed. The Child was born yesterday p.m. Thanks to God! I hastened up to them and arrived some time before night and found both Mother and Child in Comfort, and every one in Joy. Lodged at *Billy's*.

1767 July 5 (Sunday). Preached at *Ashby*, in the House of Mr. *Peter Lawrence*, on *Rom. 8.7* a. and p.m. Which may God bless! P.M. baptized my Grandchild, *Lydia*. And O that God would graciously accept the Offering! And that the Sacred Obligations may be fulfilled!

1767 July 6 (Monday). Visit at Mr. *Barretts* (a near Neighbour of Billys). P.M. Billy goes with me to one Capt. *Adams* (who has bought what is called *Cambridge Farm* in *Ashburnham*) he having offered to go with me in the way to Mr. *Winchesters*. This he did, and I arrived and lodged there.

1767 July 7 (Tuesday). Mr. *Winchester* in his Goodness, to conduct me right, runs before me in the woods, so far as till I could keep the Road; and safely arrived at Billys. Before noon Mrs. P_____ and I set out upon our Journey back from *Ashby*.

1767 July 14 (Tuesday). Dined at Mr. *Cushings*, *Waltham*. Paid old Mr. *Stretton* 3£ old Tenor Interest for *Billy*.

1767 December 1 (Tuesday). At Eve came my son William with his Wife and Child from *Ashbuy*. Informs me of the Sudden Deaths of Rev. Mr. *Winchester* of *Ashburnham*, and Rev. Mr. *Whitemore* of *Suncook*. That the last dyed in the Pulpit. May it please God to quicken me to be ever ready! And repair the Breaches made on the Flocks and Familys!

1767 December 2 (Wednesday). Billy is not well -- he and his, tarry with us, and defer their going to *Medfield* till after Thanksgiving.

1767 December 4 (Friday). *John* gets my Mare Shod at Mr. Beetons for Billy to go to Medfield and Boston. The storm of snow prevented their Journeying in the morning as they designed, and got up a great while before Day. But having dined, though it still snowed, both Billy and his Wife with the Child in her Arms, Set out, first for Medway -- and then Purposing to go to her Fathers. I keep one of his Horses whilst he is gone with mine.

1767 December 9 (Wednesday). Billy and his wife and Child returned from *Medfield*.

1767 December 10 (Thursday). Before Day Billy etc. set out for *Ashby*.

1768 FEBRUARY 19: 27 YEARS OLD

1768 February 23 (Tuesday). Breck and John leave us to go to *Ashby*. They carry Cart Boxes which I have at Capt. Maynards; [*marginal notation*: weighed 31 lbs.] and Hoops for the Hubbs, of a pair of wheels, which Billy is to make. The Hoops were made by Mr. Townsend, weighed 14 lbs. at 2/ per pound for making: the Iron I had of Mr. Nurse at 2/ per pound.

1768 May 2 (Monday). A.M. My son William comes from *Ashby*. He yesterday attended divine service at Fitchbourg, and lodged at [*blank*].

1768 May 4 (Wednesday). William takes away his White Cow and her Calf. John goes with him, and they drive before them my Nurse Cow and two yearlings to summer at *Ashby*.... N.B. I send per Mrs. Wood £53.18.0 to Mr. Joseph Stratton of Waltham which I received of my son William and for him.

1768 May 30 (Monday). Billy came a.m. not from *Ashby*, but from Brookfield. I provide a Tire for Cart-Wheels which he has been making for me. The Iron of Mr. Nurse, and Mr. Beeton does the work.

1768 June 1 (Wednesday). Billy (having bought him an Horse and which he rode upon here) carries upon him the Tire which Beeton has made; with Sufficient Nails to fasten it on with. He also drives my Oxen before him, to *Ashby*.

1768 September 15 (Thursday). Visit Squire Adams at Medfield -- and Mr. Thomas Adams -- his Library -- dined at Mr. Townsends with Mr. Moses Adams and Mr. Jason Whitney who were returning from *Mendon* Ordination. Call at Mr. Locks in Sherbourn -- Coll. Buckminsters -- Mr. Stones -- old Madam Thatcher there. Through divine Goodness, arrive safe and find my Tabernacle in Peace, but it is between 9 and 10 o'Clock at Night. Mrs. P _____ informs that Billys wife and Child have been here, and are gone home.

1768 October 13 (Thursday). My Sons *William* and *Breck*, with *Williams* Wife came last night. Mr. Forbes, Mr. *Cushing* this morning. Mr. Collins *Moore*, Messrs. *Ballard* and *Barton* and their Wives, Miss *Sarah Moore*, my son *Alexander*, came, a.m. I dined with them though late -- nigh

3 o'Clock. Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife came. Mr. *Whitney* and his Wife, and Sister *Martyn* likewise. Towards Eve My Daughter *Susanna* was married to Mr. *Moore*.

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

1768 December 23 (Friday). Mr. *Keys* of *Ashby* here and dines. Wrote to *Billy* by him and Send *Samuels* late Letter, of the Condition of *Boston* etc.

1769 January 12 (Thursday). William from *Ashby*, on his Journey to See his Sister *Moore* at *Rochester*.

1769 January 13 (Friday). *William* setts out for *Medway*, on his Journey aforesaid. N.B. I sent by him to Mr. *Moore* an Account of what I would have him buy at *Rochester* for *Suse* -- viz. *Feathers* etc. and Sent *Religio* [*Medlio*?] for Mr. *S. West*. Wrote by *Billy* also to Mr. *Thomas Adams* and Sent his *Select Collection of Poems*.

1769 January 26 (Thursday). At Eve my son William returned from *Rochester*, with Letters etc. He came by the way of *Roxbury*. He brings me from Mr. *West* of *Dartmouth*, *Sale's* 2d Volume of the *Koran*, and from Mr. *Thomas Adams* of *Medfield*, *Kennicotts* two Dissertations, viz. on the Tree of Life; and on the Offerings of *Cain* and *Abel*.

1769 January 27 (Friday). *Billy* with us.

1769 January 28 (Saturday). *Billy* (having left with me a Pair of Silver rim'd Buckles, at 6£ old Tenor, as part of what I have lent him) goes upon his Journey home.

1769 FEBRUARY 19: 28 YEARS OLD

1769 February 24 (Friday). Breck leaves us to go to *Ashby*, and I write by him to *Billy*.

1769 April 22 (Saturday). Before night My Son William from *Ashby*.

1769 June 5 (Monday). N.B. My Wife informs me that last week (viz. on the 30 ult.) Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton* dined here, that Mr. *Cushing* came at Night, that he brought a Letter from *William* informing that his wife was delivered of a son on the 27th of May; and both mother and Child are well. Blessed be God!

My Daughter *Sarah* informs me that Samuel has been at home, came on purpose to consult me about his undertaking to keep a store for *Henry Barns* Esq. of *Marlborough* as far off as *Northfield*. And that my Daughter *Lydia* and her little *William* have been here, from *Ashby*.

1769 August 24 (Thursday). Meet Mr. *Phineas Hardy* in the Road as I was endeavoring to go to the Widow *Persis Warrin*, to talk with her about Sending her son *Moses* to live at *Ashby*.³

³Moses, son of Moses and Persis, b. 2 Aug. 1760.

1769 December 30 (Saturday). My Son *William* brought a pair of Three year old steers for me to keep this Winter.

1770 January 1 (Monday). My Son *William* with us.

1770 January 2 (Tuesday). My Son *William* leaves us to go home to *Ashby*. I make my self more acquainted with the Morning Exercises. Delivered one Vol. (a Duplicate) to *Billy* for his and the people of *Ashby*'s use.

1770 February 16 (Friday). At Eve came *Breck* from *Ashby*, and much tired. His Brother *William* has writ to me of his Trouble and Difficulty at the Time of the great Thaw in January last. He himself got over a swift stream which he was endeavouring to pass -- but his Horse was carried down the Current -- but was at length stopped and was got out -- the Saddle and Housing finally lost.

1770 FEBRUARY 19: 29 YEARS OLD

1770 May 1 (Tuesday). Returned home at Eve. Found here Mr. *Loyd* from *Boston* and before we went to Bed came *William* from *Ashby*.

1770 May 2 (Wednesday). *Billy* is also with us.

1770 May 3 (Thursday). *Billy* takes his Steers with him home.

1770 July 4 (Wednesday). Wrote to *Billy* to let him know the late Disappointment and the Circumstances of it.

1770 August 9 (Thursday). I took leave of Mr. *Gardner* there, and hastened to *Ashby*: and found all well at My Sons. My Daughter *Cushing* also there. Lodged at *Williams* and in good Comfort. D.G.

1770 August 10 (Friday). Accompanied my Daughter *Cushing* home to *Ashburnham*. Mr. *Cushing* busy with workmen, getting in Hay. Dined there. P.M. returned at Eve to *Ashby* and lodged there. N.B. In going to *Ashburnham* was kindly entertained by Mr. *Hole*.

1770 August 11 (Saturday). Visited divers of *Williams* Neighbours *Barrett*, *Abraham Taylor* and *Brown*. Dined at Mr. *Barretts* -- and returned to my Sons.

EP Jr. and his wife were among those who accompanied Eli and Molly Forbes to Brookfield, 14 November, returning on 21 November.

·Alexander, b. 17 Feb. 1747; Breck, b. 17 Feb. 1749; Samuel, b. 22 Aug. 1751; John, b. 21 July 1753.

·Moses, son of Moses and Persis, b. 2 Aug. 1760.

1770 August 12 (Sunday). Preached at *Ashby* on *Col.* 1.21 a. and p.m. Baptiz'd *Henry*, of *Henry* and *Katharine Sellenheim*, and *Elizabeth* of *Job* and *Elizabeth Colman*. May the Lord pardon, accept and bless!

1770 August 13 (Monday). William went out with me to View my 37 Acre Lott. Bid *Adieu* to *Ashby* and rode to *Ashburnham*. Mrs. *Hole* very generous as I passed their Road. Dined at Mr. *Cushings*. P.M. Visit Mrs. *Winchester*, Mr. and Mrs. *Cushing* with me. Return thence at Eve to Mr. *Cushings*.

1770 August 14 (Tuesday). Read part of *the Auction*. Dined and then we [*marginal notation*: Mr. *Cushing* and his Wife, with me] rode to *Winchendon*; and it being rainy, we lodged at Mr. *Browns*.

1770 August 18 (Saturday). Wrote by Mr. *Loyd* to *Ebenezer* on *Billys* urgency for money to help him pay for his *Concord Place*. Delivered Mr. *Loyd* four Dollars on my own account with him.

1770 August 31 (Friday). By what Mr. *Hall* says from *Concord*, my Son *William* is moving there this Week. [*Marginal notation*: It was on the 28th.]

1770 September 10 (Monday). My Son *William* came -- tells me he has removed his Family to *Concord* -- and is now come from thence. He expected here to have received Money from his Brother *Ebenezer* -- but it was not come. I lent him Six Dollars (and which I borrowed of Lt. *Baker*). Towards Evening he sat out for home again.

1770 October 23 (Tuesday). Received a Letter from *William* requesting 50£ old Tenor.

1770 October 29 (Monday). Delivered Mr. *Wheelock* 3 Guineas, 7 Dollars and 15/ for my Son *William*. My Son is, I suppose, at *Medfield*. Mr. *Wheelock* is going to the Ordination there.

1770 November 22 (Thursday). Mrs. P_____ and I undertake a Journey to *Concord* to see *William* and his Family in his New situation. Went in Dr. *Hawes's* Chaise drawn by my Horse. Arrived there in Safety and found them well. To God be Thanks and Praise! N.B. had din'd at Coll. *Weeks's* -- Coll. *Charles Prescott* at *Billys* (as a Tavern) in the Evening and fervently invites me to his House. We lodge at our sons.

1770 November 23 (Friday). Take a View of *Williams Possessions* there. Lodge another Night there.

1770 December 7 (Friday). *William* came from *Concord* -- brought my Heiffer, and some onions.

1770 December 8 (Saturday). *William* returns home.

1771 January 12 (Saturday). My Son *Samuel* came from *Boston*. He hoped to have seen his Brother *Breck* -- but he is gone, this forenoon to see *William* at *Concord*.

1771 January 14 (Monday). *Samuel* left us, designing to go to *Boston* by the way of his Brother *Williams* hoping also to meet *Breck*. N.B. delivered him 20£ old Tenor to lay out for me in Sundrys, viz. a Ream of paper etc.

1771 FEBRUARY 19: 30 YEARS OLD

1771 April 23 (Tuesday). Then Mr. Stone and I rode to Mr. *Bridge's* at Sudbury to Ministers Meeting. Messrs. Loring, Smith and Goss there. Mr. Loring prayed. Mr. Bridge a Concio on *Joh. 16.27*. After meeting I went to my son *Williams* and lodged there. He tells me of new Discord in *Concord*.

1771 October 11 (Friday). N.B. I left here my Daughter in Law, *Lydia*, and her *Lydia*, who came up from *Concord* to see us and I found here *Joshua Winter* who in a Chaise which *Samuel* had provided, brought up *Sophy* from *Boston*.

1771 December 27 (Friday). We hear that *Brecks* Purse is found at his Brother *Williams*.

1772 January 3 (Friday). He sets out for *Concord* -- and carrys Letters to my Son *William*.

1772 February 6 (Thursday). Capt. Benjamin Fay, at Eve, brings welcome Letters from *Billy* of his Wife's Safe Deliverance last Sabbath Morning and that the Child was baptized the Same Afternoon *Susanna*: and from Mr. Moore of Jan. 14 that they were well.

1772 FEBRUARY 19: 31 YEARS OLD

1772 March 15 (Sunday). Preached at *Sudbury, West Side*, on the Sorrowful Occasion of the Death of *F. Loring*, on *John 12.35* a. and p.m., in which I gave some Account of Mr. *Loring* from his Diary, which he had appointed to be at my and Mr. *Stone's* Disposal. N.B. My son *William* came to Meeting and heard me; he being but about 4 Miles off. He came on Racketts, across meadows etc. which made it much nigher.

1772 April 20 (Monday). My Son *William* at Eve from *Concord*.

1772 April 21 (Tuesday). Sold *Billy* a two year old steer for 14£ old Tenor because he was urgent to have him to mate another. *Billy* returned.

1772 May 26 (Tuesday). Missed our way and went to Mr. Nathan Lorings at *Sudbury*. Proceeded to my Son *Williams* and lodged there.

1772 August 25 (Tuesday). See minutes of Association. Mr. Stone and I rode to my son *Williams* and lodged there.

1772 October 29 (Thursday). When I came home, found my Son *William* here.

1772 October 31 (Saturday). My Son William returns to Concord and takes with him a 2 year old Steer and a fat Heiffer which I have Sold him.

1773 FEBRUARY 19: 32 YEARS OLD

1773 March 17 (Wednesday). My Son William came this Way from Medfield and Medway and lodges here. His Wife, he tells me is, and has been for some time, much out of Health.

1773 March 18 (Thursday). *Billy* pays me £14 old Tenor for the Steer he bought of me. He pays me also 31£ for the fat Heiffer which he had with the Steer. P.M. he leaves us to go home. At Eve came my Son *Alexander* and laments it that he hath missed again of Seeing his Brother *William*, this being, he says, the 3d or 4th time when it has been so; and he has not seen him for [blank] Years.

1773 June 21 (Monday). Rode to Mr. *Stone*. We rode to *Marlborough*.... from thence we went to my Son *Williams* at *Concord*, and lodged there.

1774 January 1 (Saturday). At Evening came my son William and brought with him his own little son; to our Joy.

1774 January 4 (Tuesday). *William* and his little *Billy* return to Concord.

1774 FEBRUARY 19: 33 YEARS OLD

1774 March 11 (Friday). Young Mr. *Hutchinson* going to preach at *Concord*, calls here. Sent by him a Letter to my Son *William* with an 100£ old tenor which he requested me to lend him.

1774 March 14 (Monday). In the Eve came young Mr. *Hutchinson* from *Billy* and brings his Note.

1774 May 23 (Monday). I rode to my son *Williams* at *Concord*...Lodged at my Son *William*'s where (D.G.) they are all in Comfort.

1774 July 11 (Monday). Mr. *Hutchinson* brings a Letter from my son *William* in which he lets me know he has no further Dependence on my Land at *Ashby*; and he informs that all the Aggrieved Brethren in *Concord* Church come together to Meeting again. Blessed be God for this agreeable Reconcilement!

1774 August 9 (Tuesday). Dined at my Son *Williams*. All well there. D.G. Lodged there. He had not done haying, but was nigh it.

1774 August 10 (Wednesday). We rode into the Town. My Daughter *Lydia* went also. Visit Master *Minot*. Old Mr. *Hartshorn* there. Dined at the Doctors. Mrs. *Martyn* was there also.

P.M. Visit Mr. *Emmerson*. His Mother *Bliss* in a low State. Visit Thomas *Whitney* Esquire who is under a Dropsie. Prayed with him. Returned to my Sons and lodged there.

1775 FEBRUARY 19: 34 YEARS OLD

1775 March 17 (Friday). Breck returned from Boston. He came Via Concord, and brought his Brother Williams Daughter Lydia, though the roads are very Snowy.

1775 March 25 (Saturday). My son William came from Concord.

1775 March 27 (Monday). My Son William and his Daughter Lydia here, but intends to return to Concord to day.

1775 April 9 (Sunday). A Letter from my son *William*.

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

1775 June 15 (Thursday). My Son *William* brought his son *Billy* and his Daughter *Suse* to stay with us a while in these threatning Times. P.M. he left us.

1775 July 7 (Friday). P.M. my Son William came from Concord to see us and his Children.

1775 July 8 (Saturday). [*torn*] my Son William is greatly impressed with the [*torn*]oubles -- is affected with his Situation [*torn*]me what infirm in Body, especially in Mornings. Endeavour to support him. He returns home.

1775 September 4 (Monday). My Son William came from Concord -- and towards Night returned.

1775 September 13 (Wednesday). My Son *Ebenezer* went with me. Mr. *Forbes* [*torn*] (having been to Dr. [*illegible*] at *Mendon* about her Breast) came, as did *William* [*torn*] and Daughter *Lydia*.

1775 October 27 (Friday). My Son *William* came from *Concord*. Dined here. P.M. returned.

1775 November 1 (Wednesday). I went to my son Williams and lodged there. I have taken Cold, and go to Bed indisposed.

1775 December 14 (Thursday). I wrote by *Ripley* to my son *William*.

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 20 (Saturday). *Billy* returns home -- takes *Samuels* Horse with him.

1776 FEBRUARY 19: 35 YEARS OLD

1776 May 3 (Friday). At Evening found my Daughter in Law *Lydia*, who has brought me from her Husband £7.9.6 Lawful Money or £41.1.3 old Tenor upon one of the Notes which he gave me.

1776 June 12 (Wednesday). Sat out before Breakfast (though not without Family Prayer) and came to My Son *Williams*. Both breakfast and dine there. N.B. my son *William* droops. *Ebenezer* and *William* take a ride into the *Town*, and return Seasonably for Dinner and the remainder of our long Journey. Through the Great Goodness of God arrived in considerable Comfort, and found my Family in a measure of safety and Joy.

1776 October 2 (Wednesday). Lodged at my Son *Samuels*, where was also Mrs. *Carter* and her Daughter *Cary*, of *Newburyport*.

1776 October 3 (Thursday). I rode thence to my son *Williams* who was gone to *Newport, Rhode Island*.

1777 FEBRUARY 19: 36 YEARS OLD

1777 May 26 (Monday). My Son *William* came up for his Mother to go to *Concord*. His Wife was brought to bed yesterday morning with another Daughter. Thanks to God! He dines with us, and after 3 his mother not prepared to go, I sat out with him in the Same Chaise, and before the Light was gone arrived at his House.

1777 May 27 (Tuesday). Having lodged and dined at my Sons, rode into the town, found my Son *Samuel*, his Wife, Children and Family in Health.

1777 May 29 (Thursday). Lodged as last night. My Son waited on me to his Brothers (*Williams*) Where is one Mr. *Samuel Hosmer*, belonging that Neighbourhood; who relates Marvels of *An Egg at Rev. Mr. Dix's* in *Townshend*; which the said *Hosmer* declares he saw, Mr. *Ezekiel Miles junior* with him: that on the Egg there were the figures 1777 with a number more. Dined with *William* and p.m. Sat out for home and (only calling at Mr. *Thomas Biglows* to refresh), I arrived at home Safe before sunset.

1777 July 1 (Tuesday). Before noon came my Son *William* waiting upon his Mother, who met the Girls and an increased Company (Master *Joseph Hall* of *Sutton* etc.) going to *Concord*.

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

1777 October 17 (Friday). My Son *Cushing* came a.m. Mr. Whitney and spouse. My son *William*, his Wife, his son *William* and his Daughter *Lydia*, my son *Samuel*, Miss *Patty Fish* -- dined with us. Mr. *Caleb Harrington* has dug a Grave. Mr. *Paul Lambson* has made and brought a Coffin. Mr. *Whitney* at the *Funeral* prayed with us and the Assembly which gathered upon the Sorrowful Occasion. Messrs. *Thomas Stone*, *Edward*, *Antepas* and *Winslow Brigham*, [blank] *Wheelock* and *Reuben Lambson*, were Bearers, and we solemnly interred my dear *Daughter Hannahs Remains!*

1777 December 20 (Saturday). Candidate

the South of *Worcester*, dines here. At night came

my Son *William*.

1777 December 22 (Monday). *Breck* sets out before Day for *Boston*.

William goes

to *Capt. Maynards* to visit there but dines here, and p.m. he

goes to *Noah Hardys* and Sells him (*Hardy*) for

23£ L.M. Mr. *Bullard* returns from [fort?] [*Beggachadge?*]

and goes I settle with my Son *William*

He takes up his note by paying me only L

For I remitt him

N.B. I delivered him Sixty Dollars of my Money which Mr. *hardy* is

to deliver me when he takes the Mare which he has bought of

William

1777 December 23 (Tuesday). Mrs. *Dolly Rice* makes us a Visit

shop. Mr. *Noah Hardy* is here: gives a Note of Hand to

my son *William* for 23£ *L.M.* for his Mare; which Note is lodged

with me, *Billy* have gone home early in the morning:

but thus it happens that I do not receive the 60 Dollars [aforesaid?] instead

of those which I lent *Billy* last Eve. *Harrington* brings some Pine.

1778 January 16 (Friday). At Eve came my Sons *William* and *Samuel* with their Wives, and *Williams* little *Sally*, in a sleigh, having been to *Ashburnham* to visit their Brother and sister *Cushing*.

1778 FEBRUARY 19: 37 YEARS OLD

1778 February 23 (Monday). Write to My son *William* to supply *Elias* with a Load of Wood.

1778 March 27 (Friday). N.B. Received a Letter from *Elias* per Mr. Cal. *Harrington* and he therein informs me that he has been to *Stoneham* and that *Timothy Bryant* is to come after a Short space -- That he himself has [missed?] of waiter-ship -- yet is not in Commons -- That his Brother *William* has carryed him a Load of Wood etc.

1778 April 27 (Monday). *Noah Hardy* pays me 81 Dollars on *Billys* Note and gave it [up?].

1778 June 17 (Wednesday). P.M. returned to Mr. *Lawrences*; to old Capt. *Daniel Adams*, and to my Son *Williams* in *Concord*, where I lodged. N.B. My Son has lately bought a Chaise: also a large Number of Pictures. These last at the late Judge *Russells*. N.B. My son *Samuel* has returned to *Boston* last week.

1778 June 18 (Thursday). Left *Billeys* and returned home.

1778 July 7 (Tuesday). At Eve came *Billy* from *Concord*, and lodged here.

1778 July 8 (Wednesday). *Billy* takes leave of us to return home. N.B. [illegible] have the Irons of my old Chair-Wheels [illegible] [viz. the Tire?]Hoops, the Boxes; also 4 Bolts. And I [torn] [to him five?]pounds Lawful Money which remained with me of the money which Mr. *Noah Hardy* Paid me upon his [Rate?], given me for my sons Horse.

1778 July 17 (Friday). This morning early came *Elias* from *Cambridge* in his Brother *Williams* Chaise and brings a Letter from Mr. *Thomas Barrett* to sister *Champney*, which is to her great Disappointment as she hoped and expected to have gone to live at his House; but he now signifies to her that he can't admitt her there.

1778 June 18 (Thursday). Left *Billeys* and returned home.

1778 September 15 (Tuesday). I rode to my Son Williams at Concord, and lodged there -- Had many serious Reflections as on my finishing my 75th Year.

1778 September 16 (Wednesday). *Another Birth Day* arrives, through the Long-suffering of God. I rendered, as I was able, Thanksgiving and Praise to my Almighty Author, Preserver and Benefactor. My Son rode with me to Dr. *Swifts* at *Acton*. Spent Some time in the Library. Dined with the old Lady, her son and his Wife. Bought *Buxtorfs* Lexicon and they gave me *Nortoni Responsio ad Apollonium*. Visit Mr. *Adams* (the Minister) who is under scrophulous Disorders. On the Road in returning home, had Opportunity for Serious Discourse with my Son, especially on the solemn Article of my own Departure from temporal Enjoyments and settling what may be left.

1779 FEBRUARY 19: 38 YEARS OLD

1779 March 10 (Wednesday). Breck goes to Boston. I wrote to Mr. Ripley of Concord for my Books and for Sister Champney's Chest. Also to my Son William to hasten my Cart Wheels.

1779 April 21 (Wednesday). N.B. In some perplexity about getting up a pair of Cart Wheels from Monroe's, which Billy has made for me. Captain undertakes to get them up.

1779 June 2 (Wednesday). I wrote a letter for Sister Champney to Mr. Ripley of Concord, about her Chest. I covered it with a Letter to my Son William in reply to his of May 24, received by Breck.

1779 August 17 (Tuesday). I had an Horse of Deacon Wood to go to Minister's Meeting at East Sudbury.... When we broke up, I rode to my Son William's and lodged there. 1779 August 18 (Wednesday). Rode from my Son's to Coll. Week's, where my Horse as well as myself was refreshed.

1779 August 27 (Friday). My son William came with his Chaise for his Mother to go with him, to Concord (his Wife drawing near the Time of Travail). He, Capt. Goddard of Sutton, Dr. Stinson now of Marlborough and Mr. Caleb Harrington dined with us. P.M. Mrs. P. to Concord.

1779 September 1 (Wednesday). Breck returns from Boston, brings me a joyful Letter from William that his Wife was delivered last Saturday morning at 8 a.m. of a Son, baptized John.

1779 September 11 (Saturday). Mrs. P. came home from Concord with my son William and his little Sophy is with her Father, and after Dinner, they return to Concord.

1779 December 4 (Saturday). Breck returns from Boston, my Relations well there. He brings me a present from my son Samuel, a valuable Silk Handkerchief of Fifty Dollars price, much wanted: my son William, his Wife and Young Child John, rode here in their Chaise, arrived in the Evening.

1780 FEBRUARY 19: 39 YEARS OLD

1780 March 15 (Wednesday). I wrote to the president -- to Mr. Quincy -- to my son William.

1780 March 21 (Tuesday). Elias on Mr. Elisha Forbes' horse to Cambridge, and by him I sent to the President, and to my Son William at Concord.

1780 March 24 (Friday). Breck unhappily brought back the Letter I wrote to my son William, about Wood for Elias. I wrote another, but know of no conveyance. It is so rugged Weather that I am much afraid Elias will be put to Difficulty, and he obliged to buy at the excessive Cambridge price.

1780 April 29 (Saturday). My son William, Lydia and William from Concord came to tarry over the Sabbath here.

1780 May 1 (Monday). Billy and Lydia here yet.

1780 May 2 (Tuesday). Too cold for Billy and Lydia to go home.

1780 May 3 (Wednesday). William Parkman and his Sister Lydia leave us to go to Concord.

1780 September 20 (Wednesday). My son William, his Wife and Child John, came up from Concord unexpectedly. Afterwards my Son Samuel and his Wife with their Baby, Sukey, came from Boston. They all lodged here. N.B. Mr. Brigham asked me whether it would suit me to have the Marriage of my Daughter to him to be tomorrow?

1780 September 21 (Thursday). Mrs. P. I hope is better. Sophy has unhappily a good deal of a cough. I had a most agreeable sight of my children and their Consorts at Dinner, viz.: William and Lydia, Mr. Cushing and Sarah, Breck and Suse, Samuel and Sally, and Mr. Brigham with Sophy. To God be Praise and Glory!

1780 September 22 (Friday). My son William and his Wife sat out early for Concord.

1780 October 17 (Tuesday). I went to my so William's where all was well, and I lodged there in comfort and Health. D.G.

1780 October 18 (Wednesday). I payed William an hundred Dollars for so much sent to Elias, last Winter, and he paid me Six Silver Dollars which I lent him some time ago.

1781 FEBRUARY 19: 40 YEARS OLD

1781 March 6 (Tuesday). Col. *Cushing* here p.m. -- wrote my son William particularly about sister *Champneys* Chest, that Mr. Ripley send money to Mr. Zecharaih Hicks, to pay for it.

1781 March 8 (Thursday). I send to *Deacon Hawes* Mr. *Cranch's* Vol. 5 (F and part of G) of Biographical Dictionary, also a Letter to my Son *William* and another to Mr. *Quincy*.

1781 March 27 (Tuesday). I rode to *E. Sudbury* to assist in celebrating *Obsequies* of Rev. Mr. *Aaron Smith*, who was a very Dear Brother and the Loss we sustain hereby is very great.... I thence rode to my Son *Williams* at *Concord* and lodged there.

1781 March 28 (Wednesday). My Son waited on me with his Chaise, into the Town to visit Mr. *Ripley*, who is recovering from sickness, and delivered me 240 Dollars for sister *Champney*. We dined at Dr. *Minots*. P.M. Visited old Madam *Minot*. At Eve returned and lodged at my son's.

1781 March 30 (Friday). I wrote to Mr. *Bridge* of *Sudbury* concerning a *Wig*, and to Mr. *Simon Willard* in my son *Williams* Name about his *Time-piece*.

1781 April 17 (Tuesday). I had expected my son *William* or his son to have come for *Suse*, and have carried her to *Concord*, but neither of them came, so that we both of us tarryed at

1781 May 4 (Friday). *Billy junior* from *Concord* brought little *Suse* -- and tarrys to night.

1781 May 5 (Saturday). *Billy* returns to *Concord*. I delivered him, Bishop *Beveridge's* Private Thoughts. 1781 July 2 (Monday). *Breck* goes to *Marlborough*. It is Proprietors Meeting there, and to Visit Brother *Williams*.

1781 August 21 (Tuesday). I rode to my son *Williams* and lodged there.

1781 August 22 (Wednesday). Lt. *Elijah Day* of *Springfield west*, under a bad sore, boards at my Son's. Offers to wait on me to the Town. We visit Dr. *Minot* and Mr. *Ripley*. I went also to see good old Mrs. *Minott*, and at her Request prayed there. We returned and dined at my Son's. P.M. rode home....

1781 September 1 (Saturday). Mr. *Brigham* returned from *Concord*. Not going to *Boston*, he brought back the *Bradshaw* Letter. He brought me from my Son *Williams* the 2d Volume of *Joe Thompson*.

1781 September 19 (Wednesday). Lt. *Elijah Day* came up from my son *Williams* and dined here.

1781 October 20 (Saturday). My Son *William* came up to keep sabbath with us.

1781 October 21 (Sunday). This was *Sacrament Day*. Preached on *Luk. 22.15*. My Son *William* at Communion.

1781 October 22 (Monday). P.M. I rode with *William* as far as *Marlborough*.

1782 February 13 (Wednesday). I Sent by [him?] a Letter to my son *William* -- also another to my Son *Samuel*.

1782 February 20 (Wednesday). At Eve came my Son *William* from *Concord* and brought up his Daughter *Suse*. N.B. His wife somewhat better, but *Lydia* is worse -- with various Disorders.

1782 February 21 (Thursday). *William* stays to dine with us -- leaves *Suse* and returns home himself.

1782 April 17 (Wednesday). *Luke* Baldwin came from Mr. *Moody's* School at *Byfield* yesterday to *Concord* and from his uncle *Williams* hither to day.

1782 June 18 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. *Bridge's*, *East-Sudbury*, it being the Time of our *Association*.... Then riding to my son *Williams* and passing over a Bridge near one Mr. *Ephraim Abbots*, my Horse took a bad Fright, Set to running -- and, threw me off, wounded my Head, tore my Cloths, my Coat and Jacket especially. But Mrs. *Abbot*, and her son, were very kind. The latter (when the Storm of Thunder and Rain which arose at that time was over) took his Horse and rode with me a good part of the Way to *Williams* where I arrived and lodged Safely.

1782 June 19 (Wednesday). I rode home. *Billy*, my Grandson rode with [me] to Col. *Weeks*; where we dined.

1782 September 7 (Saturday). At Eve came my Daughter *Lydia* from *Concord* and in the Chaise brought her little *John* and her Babe *Hannah*. After these came My Son *William* himself from *Ashburnham*.

1782 September 19 (Thursday). *Billy* P_____ from *Concord*.

1782 September 20 (Friday). *Billy* returns home.

1782 November 26 (Tuesday). Through the Goodness of God I am still alive; and yet am somewhat Strangely exercised with pain in my Right great *Toe*; which makes me go very lame. At eve came from *Concord* my Son *William* who tarrys with us.

1782 November 27 (Wednesday). After Dinner *William* and his Daughter *Suse* left us for *Concord*.