

Dr. Ebenezer Roby (1701-1772), Harvard 1719

Ebenezer Roby (1701-1772), Harvard 1719, physician of Sudbury, m. Sarah, daughter of Rev. John Swift (Harvard 1697) and sister of Rev. John Swift, Jr. (Harvard 1733). *SHG*, 6:336-39.

1729 April 15. About five months agoe I set down some account of the more remarkable Mercies of God to Me in the Course of His Providence in and Since that my memorable dangerous Sickness when I was a Young School Boy....

Divine Benignity and Providence

28. I must ever remember with hearty gratitude My Recovery out of Dangerous Sickness, weakness and Pains that I was brought low with in March 1729.... I was in the beginning of my illness under the Care of Reverend Mr. Barrett and afterwards of Dr. Roby. However I was under Confinement and in Weakness, in Pain and [*illegible*] for weeks after.

1736 September 4 (Saturday). Before I left the Town Brother Elias appeared in great Distress by his sons growing still worse -- light-headed and confused.... I rode to Cambridge and then to Capt. Samuel Jacksons where I found young Mr. Smith, Mr. Swan and Mr. Wakefield upon their Journey upward. Mr. Swift rode as far as his Brother Robys. The rest of us dined at Mr. Baldwins.

1737 February 18 (Friday). I rode to Father Champney's and thence to Westborough. N.B. Mr. Tilestone and Captain William Roby of Boston my Company from Watertown to Sudbury.

1739 August 21 (Tuesday). Finding myself Still better I undertook my Journey. Stopp'd a while at Mr. Amsdens, at Mr. David Hows, at Mr. Cooks, at Dr. Robys, at Woolsons from where I had Captain Samuel Chandler's (of Woodstock) Company -- and at Mr. Benjamins at Waterton. Arriv'd at Father Champneys after Dark.

1740 September 26 (Friday). We rode to Dr. Roby's and din'd there. From thence to Marlborough to see Colonel Woods who was by this Time reduced to a very low State by the Hydrops Pectoris.

1742 June 23 (Wednesday). N.B. Dr. *Robys wife* (Daughter of Rev. Mr. Swift)¹ dead.

1742 July 5 (Monday). I called to see my Friend Dr. Ebenezer *Roby* in his sorrowful bereaved State.

1745 May 17 (Friday). I went over to College in the Morning.... On my Journey home I call'd at Dr. Robys, at Sudbury, and found he was not averse to taking up my Kinsman Elias

¹John Swift (1679-1745), Harvard 1697, minister of Framingham, 1701-1745. *SHG* 4:387-90.

to study Physic with him, upon which I wrote to my Kinsman and committed it to the Care of the Doctor.

1746 July 4 (Friday). My Sister rode Home with me. We Stopp'd at Mrs. Bekky Walkers, at Dr. Robys and at Wards Tavern.

1748 May 28 (Saturday). We pursued our Journey. I was sometimes very sick at my Stomach by means, as I suppose, of drinking Tea (I believe Green) for Breakfast. We call'd at Dr. Robys and were refresh'd. I grew better.

1755 May 31 (Saturday). N.B. I din'd at Mr. Isaac Brooks in Waltham and rode most of the Journey home alone. Call'd at Dr. Robys, and at the Widow Darlings.

1758 June 1 (Thursday). I did not go very early to the Convention.... At Mr. Foxcrofts with Mr. *Roby* at Tea Time.

1765 April 6 (Saturday). Deacon Tainter brought from Boston Magazines for Sept., Oct., Nov. and brings a Vine, a Mulberry Tree, Gooseberry Bushes etc. from Mr. Holbrook, with a Letter. Letters also from Brother Parkman, Samuel and from Dr. Robie with *Scudders* daily Walk.

1766 July 18 (Friday). We attempt to come home, but the Horse proves very dull, according to his Keeping. We drag along -- dine at Mr. Woodward's -- called at Dr. *Roby's* and at Mr. *Bridge's*. Tea at Cyprian Hows. We arrive safely, through divine Goodness.

1769 April 15 (Saturday). Rode home, having called at Mr. Woodward's. Dr. *Robys* (where was Mr. *Lock* of Sherb. and we dined together), at Mr. *Bridge's*, and at old Mrs. *Darlings*, who is above 90 Years old, and Stood in Need of Assistance in her great work. Found my Family in Comfort.

1770 July 20 (Friday). Could not set out Early in the Morning by Reason of many unexpected obstruction. Dined at Weston, at Mr. *Woodwards*. Called at Dr. *Roby's*, Mr. *Bridge's*, Capt. *Wood's*, and engage Mr. *Abraham* to preach for me on the 12th or 19th of next month. Stopped and drank Tea at Dr. *Joslins*. Got home before 10.

1773 May 24 (Monday). Mr. *Breck* and I sat out for *Boston*: but he went through *Framingham*. I went to *Sudbury*, and dined at Mr. *Daniel Lorings*. Gathered up a Number of Manuscript Books of his Grandfathers, and left my Desire that his Father would Convey them to me -- which he promised. Called at Mr. Jacob *Biglows*, at Mr. *Bridge's*, at Dr. *Robys*, at Mr. Woodward's, where I lodged.

1779 October 31 (Sunday). My kinswoman Atwell, member of Mr. Roby's Church at Lynn, partook.