

## Dr. Charles Russell (1739-1780) of Lincoln

Harvard 1757; *SHG*, 14:202-04.

1774 August 1 (Monday). *Martin Piper*, a Lad in his 12th Year, was thrown by a Colt, and his Head came down on a Rock, nigh Mr. Newtons. He was carryed in there. It was feared to be a mortal Blow. Mr. Newton came in haste for me. I went. He was delirious. Dr. Hawes soon blooded him. He bled well. Vomited Several Times -- inclined to sleep; when any thing was given him, he cryed out bitterly, but could not speak. I prayed with him. What a Warning! Especially to Youth! But how great the Mercy he was not killed! His parents much distressed.

1774 August 2 (Tuesday). Preached at Capt. *Benjamin Fays* -- on Act.17.30. "The Times of Ignorance God winked at -- now Commands etc. to repent." Few attend -- only 2 or 3 men. Call at Lt. Bakers to see young Piper. He is no better. Prayed with him.

1774 August 4 (Thursday). Went to old Mr. *William Nurse's*, and son *Daniels* (who had brought up Sugar from *Boston* for me) and at Mr. *Eleazar Pratts*. Called also to See *Calvin* who is but little better. He has not Spoke yet.

1774 August 6 (Saturday). Went to Lt. Bakers in the morning. Dr. *Charles Russell*, Dr. *Flynt*, Dr. *Hawes*, and a Number of Doctors besides being there on the Case of the poor Boy, *Calvin Piper* -- (who last Evening began to recover his senses and to Speak -- and is this morning composed and utters himself pertinently). It was feared the Trepan must be used: but it was first determined to take off part of his scalp and examine his Head. We began with prayer. Dr. *Russel* performed the Operation, and finding the grumous Blood, and that there was no Fracture, desisted from any thing further.