

Walter Lyon (1757-1826), Dartmouth 1777

Born in Woodstock, CT, September 23, 1757. Graduated from Dartmouth College, 1777. Ordained minister of the Congregational Church in the Abington parish at Pomfret, CT, Jan. 1, 1783. Died Feb. 11, 1826.

George T. Chapman, *Sketches of the Alumni of Dartmouth College, from the First Graduation in 1771 to the Present Time, with a Brief History of the Institution* (Cambridge, MA: Riverside Press, 1867), 22. See also H. B. Smith, *A Historical Discourse Delivered in Abington, January 30, 1853, at the Close of the First Century of Abington Church and Society. With an Appendix* (Hartford: Press of Case, Tiffany and Company, 1853), 22-23.

From the entries below, it appears that Lyon was a candidate for the pulpit in Southborough after the death of Nathan Stone (May 31, 1781), but if he was selected (as Parkman heard on June 25), the vote was not unanimous, and the pulpit remained vacant until the ordination of Samuel Sumner in 1791.

1782 March 1 (Friday). Mr. *Kendal* dined here -- as did also Mr. *Walker Lyon* from *Woodstock*, who is on his way to Southborough.

1782 March 14 (Thursday). Wrote to Mr. *Walter Lyon* at Southborough to come and preach my Lecture this day Sennight (D.V.).

1782 March 21 (Thursday). Sacramental Lecture. Mr. *Walter Lyon* (who came a.m. and dined with us) preached on *Mat.* 11.28, which may God succeed!

1782 April 8 (Monday). Mr. *Lyon* returning to *Southborough*.

1782 June 17 (Monday). Mr. *Lyon* came from *Southborough* and dined here.

1782 June 24 (Monday). Mr. *Lyon* and Mrs. *Stone* from *Southborough* made us a Visit and dined -- after Tea they returned. *Southborough* Meet to Choose a Minister.

1782 June 25 (Tuesday). Hear that *Southborough* have elected Mr. *Lyon*. There were votes for divers Others, viz. for Messrs. *Killbourn*, *Millen* and *Wolcott*.

1782 July 16 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. *Isaac Johnson* of *Southborough* came and requested me to 'change with Mr. *Lyon* next Sabbath, and administer the Lords Supper.

1782 July 20 (Saturday). They go on their Journey to Brookfield. P.M. I rode to *Southborough*. Mr. *Lion* came here.