

Cornelius Waters (1749-1824), Dartmouth 1774

Born in Sutton (Millbury), MA, May 6, 1749; graduated from Dartmouth College, 1774. Ordained at Goffstown, NH, Dec. 27, 1781; dismissed May 4, 1795. Installed as minister of Ashby, MA, June 14, 1797; dismissed, Feb. 14, 1816. Died in Ashby, July 30, 1824.

Vital Records of Sutton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Worcester: Franklin P. Rice, 1907), 180; Samuel L. Gerould, *A Brief History of the Congregational Church in Goffstown, N.H., Being Part of a Sermon Preached by Samuel L. Gerould, Pastor, July 9, 1876, with a Few Later Additions* (Bristol, N.H.: R. W. Musgrove, Printer, 1881), 8-9.

1772 September 15 (Tuesday). P.M. Rode to Mrs. Kendalls to the Marriage of her Daughter Mehetabel to Nathan Fisher. N.B. A young man from *Dartmouth College, Cornelius Waters*, there: he is the present School-Master and boards there.

1772 September 20 (Sunday). Master *Waters*, old Mrs. Dunlop and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1772 October 4 (Sunday). Mr. *Waters* dined here.

1772 October 12 (Monday). Master *Waters* here -- and lodges.

1772 October 18 (Sunday). Mr. *Waters* dined here.

1772 October 25 (Sunday). Master *Waters* and Ruth Bellows dined here.... I hear there are two School masters in Town besides *Waters*.

1772 October 28 (Wednesday). Mr. *Fitch* came. Dined with me, and preached my Lecture on *Rom. 3.24*, "Being justified freely by His Grace" etc. A good Discourse and Awakening. The Lord make it profitable to us. After Lecture our three Schoolmasters were here, viz. Mr. *Manasseh Smith*, Mr. [blank] *Barnard*, and Master *Waters*.

1772 November 22 (Sunday). Master *Waters* dined with us.

1772 November 23 (Monday). Two of the School masters, *Waters* and *Smith*, here at Eve.

1772 November 26 (Thursday). Master *Waters* has Mr. *Thomas Bonds* Horse and Chaise, and goes with *Sophy* to *Fitchborough*, Mr. *Payson* brings home his wife to Day, and Mr. *Cushing* is to take *Sophy* there to transport her to *Ashburnham*.

1772 November 28 (Saturday). Master *Waters* returns at night from *Ashburnham*, having landed and left *Sophy* Safe there. He brings me two Volumes of Dictionary of Arts and Sciences, from Mr. *Cushing*.

1772 November 29 (Sunday). Mr. *Waters* dined here.

1773 January 27 (Wednesday). Master *Waters* here at Eve.

1773 March 30 (Tuesday). At Eve came Master *Waters* from Sutton and lodges here.

1773 September 26 (Sunday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* dined with us.

1773 September 28 (Tuesday). Master *Waters* at Eve -- supps and lodges here.

1773 October 6 (Wednesday). Mr. *Waters* here after Meeting -- and tarrys here over night.

1773 December 8 (Wednesday). A Letter from Mr. *Adams* of Roxbury lamenting the State of the College and of Mr. *Locke*. Another from Master *Waters* of Dartmouth College.

1773 December 25 (Saturday). Wrote to Mr. *Cornelius Waters* of *Dartmouth* College, in Answer to his concerning *Cagnawaga* and the *Rices*. Committ it to the Care of Mr. *Ebenezer Waters* of *Sutton*.

1774 April 1 (Friday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* brings me from Dr. *Wheelock* of *Dartmouth* College a Continuation of the Narrative of the Indian School etc. Mr. *Waters* lodges here and gives me Some further Account of the College he comes from.

1774 April 2 (Saturday). Mr. *Waters* returns to *Sutton*, telling me I may expect Mr. *Kendal* of *Dartmouth*, here in a few Days. Read the Narrative.

1774 April 6 (Wednesday). *Elias* is gone to Mr. *Waters* School, which I suppose begins to Day at the South School-House.

1774 April 12 (Tuesday). *Fast* at Mr. *Seth Morse's*, on account of his miserable Wife.... Mr. *Morse* told me last Eve that they could not well provide. I offered to for such as would come our way. Mr. *Fish*, Masters *Phinehas Bowman* and *Cornelius Waters*, also Old Mr. *Seth Morse* Eat at our House.

1774 April 16 (Saturday). Mr. K. [Thomas Kendall] goes to Master *Waters*.

1774 April 22 (Friday). *Elias* to School daily to Mr. *Waters*.

1774 April 25 (Monday). I attended the *Funeral* of *Mrs. Morse*.... After *Funeral* Mr. *Waters* here.

1774 September 6 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* from *Dartmouth* College dines with us.

1774 September 13 (Tuesday). *Elias* goes to School to Mr. *Cornelius Waters* who keeps at the *Bond* School House, but lodges at Mr. *Levi Warrins*, where *Elias* is allowed to study.

1774 September 26 (Monday). I dined by Desire, at Mr. *Seth Morse's* (to day Captain) and Master Waters, and others with me. P.M. The Company under Capt. *Morse*, and the Company under Capt. *Edmund Brigham*, met at the Meeting House and trained. By formal Request I marched to them and prayed with them. N.B. Master Waters walked with me. N.B. A Number of Boys under their Capt. *Moses Warrin*, trained also and behaved agreeably. After Viewing them Mr. Waters and Master [blank] *May*, the other school-master, were here, and, with others drank Coffee.

1774 October 17 (Monday). At Eve the School-Masters *Waters* and *May* here.

1774 October 23 (Sunday). Master *Waters*, Deacon *Bond*, Mrs. *Maynard*, Mrs. *Ruth Godfry* dined with me.

1774 October 24 (Monday). Training of both Companys, and of the Boys. I dined at Capt. *Morse's*; as did Master *Waters*, and a Number of New Officers from Marlborough and Southborough.

1774 November 14 (Monday). Master *Waters* not well, and breaks off from keeping School.

1774 November 15 (Tuesday). Mr. Waters dines here.

1774 December 1 (Thursday). At Eve *Ezra Bellows* and *Ruth Harrington* were married. Master *Waters* and Master *May* were present. These latter lodge here.

1774 December 27 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Edwards Whipple and Master *Waters*, who tells me he lives at Mr. Fish's.

1775 January 28 (Saturday). P.M. Master *Waters* here, at his going off from keep School in this Town. Says he has reason to believe that Mr. *Fish* did not draw up the paper sent in to our Church and Signed by Eleven of our Brethren.

1775 February 13 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Waters* waits upon Miss *Patty* and *Hannah Fish* here. The young women lodge here.

1775 February 14 (Tuesday). Misses *Fishes* went home. Mr. *Waters* accompanys.

1775 April 3 (Monday). P.M. Master *Cornelius Waters* made us a Visit. He has preached. He shewed me his Certificat Signed by the Association South of us. Ten of them. He lodges here.

1775 April 4 (Tuesday). Mr. *Waters* left us.

1775 July 15 (Saturday). I expected Mr. *Cornelius Waters* of *Sutton* to [preach?] for me tomorrow -- but he came not to me [torn].

1775 July 16 (Sunday). Mr. *Waters* not coming I was obliged to p[*torn*] Except that I had before, viz. on *Isa.* 55.3, a. and P.M. [*torn*] these peculiar Times.

1775 October 18 (Wednesday). At Eve called upon Master *Waters*, who lodges at Mr. *Jonah Warrins*.

1775 October 27 (Friday). At Eve Master *Waters* here. Asked him to preach for me, if he can, next Sabbath.

1775 November 8 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. *Fitch* of *Hopkinton* dined here and preached for me on *Heb.* 9.14. Master *Waters* dined here and was ready to preach if Mr. *Fitch* had not come.

1775 December 5 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hawes* and Wife and Mr. *Waters* also here at Coffee P.M. The latter consents to preach for me.

1775 December 10 (Sunday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* p[*torn*] for me on *Joh.* 8.36 and P.M. on *Luk.* 13.3. I [baptized?] my Son *Samuels* Daughter *Sarah*. Mr. *Waters* lodged here. N.B. shews me his *Call* which the People of *Ashby* have given him; and he consults me upon it.

1775 December 11 (Monday). Mr. *Waters* leaves us.

1776 May 10 (Friday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* dined with us.

1776 May 11 (Saturday). Mr. *Waters* and Miss *Cloe Grosvenor* here. Her Brother was married yesterday.

1776 November 12 (Tuesday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* came and lodged here.

1776 November 13 (Wednesday). Mr. *Waters* undertakes, at my request, to preach the Lecture, in my Stead, at *Grafton*; and leaves us.

1777 October 2 (Thursday). At night came Mr. *Cornelius Waters* and a young Gentleman, an *Hazzletine* with him, of *Dartmouth* College, but I was in so much trouble about my Daughter, and my pasture so gnawed up, that I could not freely ask them to tarry all night, though I did repeatedly urge them to stay to sup here. N.B. Mr. *Waters* has a Specimen of an excellent Spirituous Liquor distilled at *Salem* from indian Corn Stalks.

1777 December 6 (Saturday). Towards Eve came Mr. *Corn. Waters* to preach for me, and therefore lodges here. He came from *Grafton*. He found Mr. [*Pratt* or *Brett?*] was to preach there.

1777 December 7 (Sunday). In the morning came from Southborough Mr. *Jeremiah Barnard* to assist me. Mr. *Charles [Stearns?]* being there to preach for Mr. *Stone*. Mr. *Barnard* a.m.

prayed, and Mr. *Waters* preached from *Cant.* 5.1, on those Words, "He is altogether lovely." P.M. Mr. *Waters* prayed, and Mr. *Barnard* preached from *Gen.* [24?].12 and first Clause of v. 13 on *Jacobs* Dream of a Ladder. I baptized several Children and read the Congress's Proclamation for a *general Thanksgiving*. The abovementioned Gentlemen lodged here.

1779 May 10 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Waters* who has been preaching at Newtown here and informs me of the Death of Dr. *Wheelock*, president of the College at Dartmouth, and of Dr. *Winthrop*, professor of Matham. and Philosophy at Cambridge. The last was buried at Cambridge May 1. O that God would show compassion on the bereaved Semenerrys!

1779 May 19 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. *Waters* on his way to Newtown to preach for Mr. *Merriam*.

1779 July 26 (Monday). Mr. *Waters* from Newtown, where he has been preaching calls here.

1779 July 31 (Saturday). Mr. *Waters* returning to Newtown.

1780 November 27 (Monday). Mr. *Cornelius Waters* came -- is with Mr. *Brigham*, lodges here.

1780 November 28 (Tuesday). Mr. *Waters* and Mr. *Brigham* go to Boston.

1780 December 5 (Tuesday). Mr. *Corn. Waters* and Miss *Sarah Shepherd* going from Newtown to Sutton call and dine here.

1780 December 9 (Saturday). In compliance with Mr. *Corn. Waters* Request, I being somewhat better and recovering my voice in some measure, I rode to Southborough and Mr. *Stone* to Framingham.

1781 October 28 (Sunday). Mr. *Waters* came in the morning and preached for me a.m. on *Job* 23.3.4, p.m. on *Phil.* 3 and 4. May God bless what was delivered, and reward his Labour of Love!... At Eve Mr. *Waters* repeated Some parts of the p.m. Sermon.

1781 October 29 (Monday). Wrote to Mr. *Quincy* per Mr. *Waters*, who after dining, left us to pursue his Journey to Boston.