

## Avery: References in the Diary of Ebenezer Parkman

1736 September 29 (Wednesday). We went from our Lodging up to Mr. *Fisk's*, where the Council was to meet. Here we formed into an Ecclesiastical Council. Mr. Campbel Moderator and Mr. Bridgham scribe. N.B. Mr. Baxter of Medfield could not come by Reason of the Distemper in that Town: nor did Mr. Cheney of Brookfield come till it was very late. Mr. Rice was Examined by the Moderator and his Qualifiedness voted. The Church was gathered and signed their Covenant. They as a Church voted Mr. Rice their Pastor. When we went to the Meeting House, I was offended with the Indecency of a wrestling Ring and I went to 'em and expressed my Dissatisfaction. Rev. Mr. Cheney joined me and we dispersed 'em. We also went up resolutely into the Chamber at the Tavern where was a violin and Dancing and stilled and scattered 'em, declaring loudly against such Indecencys -- and then we repaired to the public worship. Mr. Bridgham prayed. I preached from Heb. 13.17. Mr. Campbell prayed and gave the Charge, Mr. Cheney prayed after the Charge. Mr. Breck gave the Right Hand -- and Part of Ps. 132 was sung (read by Mr. How of *Dudley* the other pastor in the Council). *<illegible gave the Blessing?>* N.B. Mr. *Brigham*, Mr. *Breck*, *Devotion*, *Allis*, *Avery*, *Whittlesey*, and several others (with Madam *Throop* and Mrs. *Morris*, whose Husband also came afterwards into the Company) were at a New House near by the House of Entertainment and spent the Evening there, with no little Cheerfullness. Mr. Breck and Deacon Rice and I lodged at Mr. Rice's Lodgings; But it was very late before we got to Bed.

1747 May 27 (Wednesday). Rain in Early Morning. When it slack'd I rode to Boston. N.B. My Brother Alexander never mention'd my little Boy, when with so much affection I nam'd after him. Dr. Chauncy<sup>1</sup> preach'd on 2 Sam. 23.3. Din'd at Brother Samuels with Captain Maynard. My Brethren Seem desirous to take this Opportunity to consult together respecting the settlement of Mothers Estate -- but Brother Alexander seems very unquiet and unmanageable and will consent to nothing, but what is in his particular Scheme. To this Disturbance and Ruffle about the Estate, I attribute his Disregard to my little son. But I am not willing to take any Notice of it. Was at the Convention -- Dr. Sewal<sup>2</sup> Moderator and pray'd, Mr. Checkley<sup>3</sup> Clerk. Mr. Josiah Cotton<sup>4</sup> desires to be remov'd from Providence. Letter of Dr. Avery<sup>5</sup> on the Subjects of his presenting the Address of the Convention of Ministers last year to the king and the Affair of Mr. Torrey, read -- voted Thanks to Dr. Avery for his Pains and Care. At Eve at the North End.

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<sup>1</sup>Charles Chauncy.

<sup>2</sup>Joseph Sewell of the Old South Church.

<sup>3</sup>Samuel Checkly of the Second Church of Boston.

<sup>4</sup>The minister of the First Congregational Church in Providence who later served the third church in Woburn, 1747-1756.

<sup>5</sup>John Avery (Harvard 1706) was the minister of Truro, 1711-1754. He was also a physician. *Sibley*, V, 302-305.

Lodg'd at Dr. Parkmans<sup>6</sup> (who was marry'd some months ago) and his sister Eliza just by it, to one Mr. Cowel, a Cooper. N.B. Mr. Winget,<sup>7</sup> Mr. Chase<sup>8</sup> and Mr. Wellman<sup>9</sup> lodg'd there also.

1751 April 10 (Wednesday). N.B. Sent a Letter by Mr. Holbrook to Mr. John Avery at Boston, Merchant respecting my Young Horse.

1768 July 22 (Friday). Past 5 Mounted and rode to *Dedham* to see Mr. *Holbrook*, who, with his Wife, lives at Deacon *Avery's*, by reason of his Lameness and Languishment. I lodged there.

1774 October 19 (Wednesday). At Evening came Mr. *Nehemiah Porter*, heretofore Minister at *Chebacco*; and Mr. *Avery of Dedham*, Candidate; and they lodged here.

1774 October 29 (Saturday). Mr. Avery called and dined here.

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<sup>6</sup>Elias Parkman, a physician of Boston, was Ebenezer Parkman's uncle. [Correction: This was Parkman's nephew, Elias Parkman, son of his brother Elias. The nephew married Abigail White, Jan. 1, 1747. *Sibley*, X, 223-224.]

<sup>7</sup>The Reverend Paine Wingate (Harvard 1723), the minister of the West Church in Amesbury, 1726-1786. *Sibley*, VII, 287-289.

<sup>8</sup>The Reverend Stephen Chase of Lynnfield.

<sup>9</sup>James Wellman (Harvard 1744) was the first minister of Millbury, Mass., 1747-1760.