

Sore Throat

1723 August 3 (Saturday). N.B. we arriv'd here by 1/4 after one and Set out between 3 and 4, having stop'd Twice or Thrice more, jolted and tired, I entered Lieutenant Lee's¹ house at Worcester where I was Kindly received by Deacon Haywood,² etc. With Pains in my Head and a Sore Throat I went to Bed.

1723 August 4 (Sunday). In the Morning I was much Better, but my Sore Throat continued. I preach'd all Day on 1 Sam. 16.7. I din'd at Deacon Haywoods. I was obliged to retire to finish my Sermon at Noon Time.

1724 October 2 (Friday). I came up to Westborough.... I got a very bad Cold and Sore Throat, But

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1726 October 19 (Wednesday). I was much indispos'd with a Cold, but went to Lieutenants.

1726 October 20 (Thursday). My Cold increas'd and I had much Trouble from a Sore Throat, so I was Oblig'd to keep Close. I study'd the blessings of [*blot*] and the Mischiefs of Divisions among People and this I continued the 21 and 22.

1726 October 23 (Sunday). I preach'd all Day upon Heb. 12.14. But I had much difficulty to go through the Exercises by Reason of my being Stuff'd with my Cold.

1736 March 10 (Wednesday). [Boston.] N.B. I was pritty much Diverted and Chearfull at Eve, at Cousin *Clarks* particularly. But yet I felt considerable of Sore Throat which was increased as I went through the Sloppy streets to my Brother Elias's; and it prevailed as the Night grew old. But with a [*illegible*], emollient application I Slept well, through the Goodness of God.

1736 March 11 (Thursday). Rose Comfortable (Grat. D.).

1736 April 29 (Thursday). Received from Brother Samuel Parkman a Mournfull Letter of the *Death* of his Dear Daughter *Dorcas*³ taken with Sore Throat the 18th. Expired the 24. Buryed 28.

¹Lieutenant Henry Lee.

²Daniel Heywood (1695-1773). An early settler of Worcester, selectman for 20 years, and an officer in an early military company. William Lincoln, *History of Worcester* (Worcester, 1837), p. 42.

³Dorcas, daughter of Samuel Parkman. Death not in Robert J. Dunkle and Ann S. Lainhart, comps., *Deaths in Boston, 1700 to 1799* (2 vols.; Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1999).

1736 May 18 (Tuesday). I visited a Sick Child of *Ithamar* Bellows, and *Mindwell King* Sick at his House of Sore Throat and Fever.

1736 May 24 (Monday). Benjamin Garfield, a Lad, Son of Benjamin Garfield of this Town dyed to day of Sore Throat and Fever, having been taken but the Day before yesterday.⁴

1736 May 31 (Monday). The Doctor [Benjamin Gott] Informs that the Sore Throat distresses Mr. Britons Family at Southborough. One Child Dead, Mrs. Briton Dangerous and one or Two Children more sick.⁵

1736 August 19 (Thursday). At Evening I rode over to Mr. *Whipples* to visit the Young Man and his Children⁶ sick of Sore Throat and Fever.

1736 August 22 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Whipples Son Jonathan ill of Fever and Sore Throat; and Mr. Aaron Forbush's 3d Daughter.⁷

1736 August 26 (Thursday). Sister *Lydia* (who went yesterday with Sister Hicks to Cousen Winchesters, and doubtless took Cold) very much indisposed. Feverish, great pain in her Head and Sore Throat -- informed that She did not go to Lecture.

1736 August 31 (Tuesday). I rode to Boston.... I rode to Brother Alexanders. John Tyley⁸ sick of Fever and sore Throat.

1736 September 3 (Friday). [Boston.] I...returned to lodge at Brother Elias's. Mrs. Storer watched with the Sick, who were still very bad. Little Dolly⁹ also complaining much of her Throat.

1736 September 4 (Saturday). A very Melancholly, distressed House. Elias¹⁰ much worse. I perceived his Mouth and Throat to be exceeding bad -- a great Bladder or Tumor upon his *Swallow*. Fever very Strong. His Mother very low. The little Girl (his sister) confined also by her sore Throat. Before I left the Town Brother Elias appeared in great Distress by his sons growing still worse -- light-headed and confused. Our Mother was very ill also at his House. We parted with heavy hearts, yet confiding in the tender Compassion of our Merciful heavenly Father.

⁴Benjamin, son of Benjamin and Bethiah Gafel, b. May 3, 1718, *WVR*, 51. Death not recorded.

⁵Elizabeth, wife of John Britten, d. May 31, 1736; James, son of John, d. May 29, 1736; William, son of John, d. June 2, 1736 (*Southborough VR*, 159).

⁶Francis and Abigail Whipple had four children born in Westborough by 1736: Benjamin, b. Apr. 23, 1727; Lucia, b. Jan. 1, 1730; Thomas, b. Oct. 21, 1731; and Abigail Warrin, b. July 6, 1734 (*WVR*, 105-06). But there is no Westborough record of Jonathan's birth (see Aug. 22, below), although the Ipswich Vital Records report the death of an unnamed child of Francis Whipple, Oct. 1730. *Vital Records of Ipswich, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, Vol. II: *Marriages and Deaths* (Salem: Essex Institute, 1910), 710

⁷Susannah, dau. of Aaron and Susannah (Morse) Forbush, b. Aug. 14, 1735 (*WVR*, 50).

⁸Parkman's sister Elizabeth married John Tyley of Boston.

⁹Dolly, daughter of Elias Parkman.

¹⁰Elias Parkman (1718-1751), *Harvard 1737. SHG*, 10:223-24.

1745 November 26 (Tuesday). Wrote to my wife by Deacon Amos Rice of Brookfield, that I was well etc. except somewhat of a sore throat. Din'd with my aged mother. But at Night I grew so bad of it that I was in great Trouble. Something of a Fever accompany'd it -- and I had an ill night. N.B. Lay at Brother Alexanders -- but it was a sick House without me, for besides Sisters low Condition, Mr. Walker continues in his Confinement by the Gout there, and Alexander Kelland lyes very low there, in a Consumption.

1736 October 18 (Monday). Had not been for my son *Ebenezer's* Sickness Mr. Cushing and I had visited Mr. Prentice of *Grafton* after his Sickness. But David Batherick came up this Morning to Shrewsbury to inform that Ebenezer was grown still worse. I hastened home and found he had a Strong Fever and a Sore Throat. I Desire to Humble my Self under the mighty Hand of God as for the Sins of the Land in General that have brought Divine Judgments upon us So for my own Family's Sins, and my own personal Offences. And God be Mercifull to us for His Name's Sake! David Watched the fore part of the Night and I the latter part. The Child in great Confusion in his understanding and Talk.

1736 October 19 (Tuesday). We hope Ebenezer is a little better.... Dr. Gott came up to Mr. Seth Rice's Son, by which I had advantage for a Visit from him to *Ebenezer*. The Canker rose very visibly upon the inside of his Throat but not Swelled a great Deal nor very troublesome to him -- <but?> his Fever not so high. Mrs. Whipple¹¹ kindly visited us. *Sarah Ward* and *Deborah* watched.

1736 October 29 (Friday). *Thomas* a sore Throat. Swelled outwardly on both Sides.

1736 October 30 (Saturday). *Thomas* no better, but no Fever rises, and the swelling is most outwardly.... *Deborah* not Come.

1736 October 31 (Sunday). *Thomas* remains in Much the Same State; but the Swelling on Each side very hard. We were greatly Concerned yesterday, and much more so to Day that *Deborah* is not Come yet. But still the more so because the mare she rode upon returned home to Brother Hicks's alone, and without her Tackling.

1739 November 6 (Tuesday). Doctor came. Found me with a very bad Sore Throat, my Head on the back part great disorder'd -- tottering and pained -- Yet he judg'd I was better, and did not bleed me. Mr. Stone visited me and pray'd with us. Several of my Nei[gh]bours here. My Head grew worse and those Disorders were very troublesome. But I had some good Rest nevertheless. Samuel Baker¹² and Molly Lee watch'd.

¹¹"Francis Whipple and Abigail his Wife being dismissed from the particular Relation in which they Stood to the Third Church of Christ in Ipswich, were admitted into our Communion," Jan. 6, 1734 (WCR, 33).

¹²Son of Edward Baker, an original settler.

1742 February 25 (Thursday). Cold. Ensign Maynard¹³ to Boston with Several Affairs of mine committed to him because I am so confined my self: my Cold, sore Throat etc. being very bad yet; so that I cannot go to Boston.

1744 May 23 (Wednesday). Rainy Day, but old Mr. Rice lys in so low a state and sending for me I ventur'd to go and See him. Visited also Jonathan Tainter in his Waste. When I return'd home Mr. Breck from Springfield was here, but much indispos'd by a Sore Throat.

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1745 November 27 (Wednesday). My Throat bad, but the Weather so moderate that I accepted Brother Samuels Invitation to go to his House and reside there. Was out no further than to Mr. Stoddards and Mr. Thayers, lodg'd at Brother Samuels my sore Throat increasing -- but no Canker that I perceive.

1745 November 28 (Thursday). Having heard that Mr. Gee¹⁴ has been trouble with a sore Throat, I sent for him, who accordingly came and gave me his advice to use a Tea of Mullen, Cullenbine and Sage which I did at Night, and hope that this and other means, accompany'd with divine Blessing, had a good Effect.

1745 December 11 (Wednesday). I Visited at Moses Winchesters where Betty Chamberlin was ill of Sore Throat -- at James Fays, where Silas Pratt was ill of a Fever; and Mr. Grouts whose Children were much better: at Mr. Williams's also whose Wife continues ill.

1748 March 3 (Thursday). Mr. Wellman of Sutton came and preached my Lecture. His Text, Mat. 5.6. My son Ebenezer has been indisposed and done Little for several Days -- having a sore throat, etc., but is a little better.

1749 July 13 (Thursday). Hinder'd in the Morning so long as to have my Horse's Shooes rectify'd and fasten'd, and one Shooe put on. Got down to Mr. Hastings's at Watertown so as to dine there -- to Cambridge about 2 p.m. My visit was to my Daughter though the Crowd was going by to the Gallows with Mary Rogers,¹⁵ alias Elizabeth Richardson, alias etc. My Molly was very low, having Fever and sore Throat.... After Visiting divers Friends and Spending Some Time

¹³Ensign Stephen Maynard.

¹⁴Rev. Joshua Gee of Boston.

¹⁵"The Woman under Sentence of Death for Theft, who has been in Prison at Cambridge, for some Months past, having had several Reprieves, was on Thursday last carried to the Place of Execution, where a Pardon was read to her, and she accordingly discharged." *The Boston Weekly News-Letter*, July 20, 1749.

with my Daughter, I repair'd to Mr. Appleton's where, at his repeated Sollicitations I lodged; my Horse also was kept in his Pasture.

1749 July 14 (Friday). Molly a poor Night, but better Morning.

1751 September 7 (Saturday). Alexander so ill with Cough and Sore Throat that I had my Cloths on the Chief of the Night.

1756 August 14 (Saturday). It was too heavy Weather for me to go out: and I am somewhat worse by my Rheumatism but especially by a *sore Throat*. Mr. Daniel Forb. dined with us.... My sore Throat increases much at Night.

1756 August 15 (Sunday). Mr. *Fish* preached on *Rom.* 8.8 a. and p.m. Mr. Gardner and Dr. Crosby dined here. Mr. Fish left us after Evening Service. My sore Throat continues.

1756 August 16 (Monday). My Rheumatism is not now so troublesome as my sore Throat, and the general Weakness of my Limbs.

1777 March 11 (Tuesday). P.M. hear that Mr. *Edwards Whipple* is very ill with a sore Throat and Canker. I went immediately to see him -- but he was dead before I got to him. A sorrowful Sudden Death! The Lord grant I may be ready for my own! Prayed with the afflicted Mourners.

1777 August 1 (Friday). Attended early in the forenoon the Burying of Mr. *Hannaniah Parkers* little *Sophy*, who dyed of the Canker and sore Throat, in her 4th Year.

1777 October 13 (Monday). Little *Alexander* has been ill these two Days with bad Cough and sore Throat. Was Vomited this morning.

1777 October 14 (Tuesday). Cousen *Maynard* came and with our sister *Brigham*, watched here, and especially with little *Alexander*. My Neighbour *Barnabas Newton* setts out for *Brookfield*, and New *Braintry*; but in peculiar to call this Evening at my Son *Alexanders* to inform him, if he be there, of the dangerous condition his son lies in.

1777 October 17 (Friday). [After the funeral of Parkman's daughter Hannah] The Company retire to go home except my sons *Ebenezer* and *Alexander*, his Wife and two Children, *Isaac Baldwin*, Miss *Jedidah Woodward* (who watches with little *Alexander*) and *Molly Pratt*, who tarrys to help us. Mrs. *Harrington* is ill and Mrs. P _____ goes to her to night.

1777 October 18 (Saturday). Little *Alexander* is Still under the Distemper; and his Case doubtfull.

1777 October 19 (Sunday). Miss *Betty Bevil* tarrys here and watches with the Child.

1777 October 20 (Monday). I wrote to *Breck*, and Send it by the Hand of *Alexander*: to the Post for Conveyance -- for *Alexander* returns to *Leicester*, his little Boy being better, as we hoped.