

Timothy Bryant (b. 1763)

born Apr. 12, 1763, Stoneham
son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Cowell) Bryant

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A Timothy Briant received a Revolutionary War pension that commenced on Mar. 4, 1831 at the age of 69. "A statement showing the names, rank, &c., of persons residing in Essex county, in the State of Massachusetts, who have been inscribed on the pension roll under the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832," 410.

Parkman referred to Timothy's father Joseph as "cousin" and "kinsman." Timothy's mother Elizabeth (Cowell) Bryant was related to Peam Cowell who married Parkman's niece, Elizabeth.

1776 May 31 (Friday). Went to *Charlestown*; in Ruins -- to *Bunker-Hill*, *Winter-Hill*, *Prospect-Hill*. Parted with my dear sons in Law.... I rode to my Kinsman *Briant* at *Stoneham*. Lodged there. N.B. Was received with great Joy; and was entertained generously.

1778 January 16 (Friday). Mr. *Lovering* left us. N.B. by him I wrote to my Cousen *Briant* at *Stoneham* concerning one of his sons living with me, as had been by them motioned to me heretofore.

1778 February 20 (Friday). Receive an Answer by Letter from Cousen *Bryant* about his *Timothy*; and from Cousen *Corsser*; who lives still at Mr. Jos. *Bradfords*.

1778 March 9 (Monday). N.B. wrote to *Elias* at *Cambridge*, and having heard nothing from my Kinsman *Bryant*, I wrote to him again.

1778 March 27 (Friday). N.B. Received a Letter from *Elias* per Mr. Cal. *Harrington* and he therein informs me that he has been to *Stoneham* and that *Timothy Bryant* is to come after a Short space....

1778 April 27 (Monday). Having received a Letter from Lt. *Bryant* about his son, I wrote an Answer and committed it to Deacon *Dolliver*.

1778 May 30 (Saturday). *Elias Bryant* and his Brother *Timothy* arrived and lodged here.

1778 May 31 (Sunday). Mrs. *Maynard*, *Winslow Brigham*, and the *Bryants* dined here.

1778 June 1 (Monday). *Elias Bryant* returns home, and leaves his Brother *Timothy* to live with me a Year, or at least till next March.

1778 July 13 (Monday). For *Timothys* Work for the Doctor in hoeing *Stephen Maynard* came and mowed part of my Clover in the West Field, much diminished indeed by Mr. Harringtons sheep getting frequently into it, feeding and trailing and tangling it. *Timothy* very faithful in tending, raking etc. I could not but go out and rake part of the p.m.

1778 July 24 (Friday). N.B. Captain [Elderkin] brought a Letter to *Timothy Bryant* from his Father and Mother dated June 26. So that it was almost a Month in Coming.

1778 August 24 (Monday). At home found *Ebenezer Briant* -- but he has come to tell *Timothy* of their Fathers Sickness and Danger, and that his F_____ must See him.¹

1778 August 25 (Tuesday). This Morn at Break of Day, they sat out for *Stoneham*.

1778 September 11 (Friday). *Breck* and *Suse* return from *Boston*, and *Timothy Bryant* from *Stoneham*.

1778 October 16 (Friday). P.M. came a Young Man, one *Benjamin Brown* of Lyn, now from *Stoneham*, and expecting to see two of *Timothy's* Sisters, who came at Evening, viz. Miss *Rebecca Cowell*, and Mrs. *Mary Brown*, who also brought her little son *Ezra*, of about 5, who rode in the Chaise with they [*sic*]. They all lodge here.

1778 November 13 (Friday). Old Mr. Nathan Maynard came with a yoke of oxen. Ben Wood with a yoke and my Tim. fetches a yoke of Squire's and his plough, and they plough the Orchard, and a while at the Island. Several loads of Wood were brought me: which is a great Comfort to me. I desire to thank God therefor.

1778 December 2 (Wednesday). Elias sat out early to return to Cambridge and Timothy with him to bring back the mare which he was to ride upon as far as Framingham. Timothy returns about 2 o'clock, and brings Patty Forbush, one of Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's Daughters to spin here.

1778 December 15 (Tuesday). Timothy goes to Mrs. Temple at Upton for Cloth, but in vain.

1778 December 26 (Saturday). An extraordinary tedious Time. Cold, blowing, snowing. How invaluable the Mercies I enjoy. I am through great goodness, in health, Habitation, Cloths, Food, Fewel: my son and Timothy etc. tend the Fires, the Cattle, get Wood and Water etc. But how many are at this time exposed to terrible *Hardships*, both by land and Sea! May God extend pity to the miserable poor -- to Sailors, to Soldiers, to Teamers abroad and their destitute Families at home!

1779 January 11 (Monday). Dr. Hawes in the Evening. He offers to pay me money for Timothy's work for him last year (15 days in the whole, Stephen Maynard worked 2 1/2 for me, Timmy's at 2 Dolls. and Stephen's at 3), but I told the Doctor it was in the way of exchanging work, and therefore I expected to have work again for it.

¹Joseph Bryant died between Aug. 2, 1778, when he wrote his will, and Jan. 19, 1779, when the will was a filed (Case 3313, Middlesex Co. Probate).

1779 January 18 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Badcock keeps a singing-school at Mr. Barn. Newton's. Elias and Timothy go to it to hear.

1779 January 28 (Thursday). Elias and Timothy to the Singing School (as hearers) at Mr. Barn. Newton's.

1779 February 22 (Monday). I could not visit the Sick by reason of a Storm. I review and Set in order great numbers of Letters. I give way to Timothy's cyphering, though (besides his taking Care of the Cattle) there are many things to be done.

1779 March 18 (Thursday). At eve came two of Timothy's brothers Elias and John Bryant from Stoneham on Foot. They lodged here.

1779 March 20 (Saturday). The Bryants left us a.m. to go to Littleton and thence home.

1779 April 14 (Wednesday). William Deadman a soldier from Stoneham going to the Camp near [blank] Manor, breaks fast here. He brings a Letter from Tim's Mother. She writes of the death of her Son-in-law, Lt. Daniel Bryant.

1779 May 13 (Thursday). Breck undertakes to new modell the Frame for the Grape Vine in the Garden to run upon: and Parker and Timothy help him. I am still engaged in Logan's Cicero of old age, with very useful notes.

1779 May 14 (Friday). Breck, Parker and Tim. are still upon the Vine and garden.

1779 June 3 (Thursday). Ephraim went to Waltham, sat out about 3 a.m. N.B. Timothy Bryant's Time being out, he went with Parker, in order to return to his Mother at Stoneham. I gave him eight dollars, which was as much as I could spare. I wrote by him to his Mother. May God be the guardian of his Youth!

1779 September 14 (Tuesday). Had some Debate with Dr. Hawes about Tim. Bryant's Work for him last year.

1779 September 21 (Tuesday). Wrote to Cousin Briant.

1779 September 22 (Wednesday). N.B. This morn I sent my Letter to Cousen Briant by Mr. Moses Potter, going to Ipswich: and with it a Bundle containing for Timothy, Seven yards of White tow cloth etc. etc. See Memorandum Book.

1779 October 28 (Thursday). When I came home, found here my Kinsman Bryant, and her Daughter, Mrs. Pearn Atwell, and her little Girl, Pearn, in a Chaise. Timothy also came to wait on his Mother and Sister. They lodged here.

1779 November 3 (Wednesday). It being bright, though cold, my Cousin Bryant and her children leave us to return to Stoneham. N.B. I gave her 14 Dollars for making and mending 3 pair of Shooes by her Son Elias Bryant and to Tim, Leather for a pair of Shooes.