

### Rev. David Hall (1704-1789) of Sutton

This file contains Parkman's references to David Hall (and to members of his family). Hall (Harvard 1724) served as minister of Sutton, 1729-1789. He received an honorary doctorate from Dartmouth College, 1777.

1736 February 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Hall of Sutton visited me -- dined with me.

1736 May 6 (Thursday). Rev. Mr. Hall of Sutton came towards Night, in the Rain, and lodged with us.

1736 May 7 (Friday). Mr. Hall went home.

1736 July 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Wheeler (appointed to be the Delegate of our Church) and Lieutenant Holloway came to Mr. Cushings and we proceeded on our Journey to Rutland and got up some little while before Noon. When Mr. Hall of Sutton and that Churchs delegates were come we chose Mr. Baxter Moderator of this Council: And they were pleased to choose me Clerk, but I requested that *<word crossed out>* Mr. Hall might be elected Clerk also to assist me. Which was done. And then we proceeded to the Meeting House. See the Minutes of the Council.

1736 July 15 (Thursday). Various hearings of [these?] Complaints of Mr. Frink, and the Peoples Defence. [Finish?] Brethrens Affair [Fentons?] Case issued in the Church, with the Assistance of Rev. Mr. Hall and Coll. William Ward -- but the Council was adjourned to Mr. F\_\_\_\_'s House and there kept upon Business. *<Word crossed out.>* The Council in great Perplexity and Distress in the Evening at the Prospect of the Desperate State of this Flock. We dealt plainly and freely with Mr. F\_\_\_\_ when we were favoured with opportunity. When the Brethren came to us to have the hearing of the particulars under the Sixth Article of Mr. F\_\_\_\_s Complaint, they were exceedingly *[illegible]*d and impatient with Mr. F. Were heartily willing to throw all the matter into the Arms of the Council; for it became evident that Mr. F. made a most lame, trifling Defence -- and more and more exposed himself the more he undertook to Defend or prove any Thing. Divers of the Church resolved not to hear Mr. F. again. Matters at a Dreadful Extremity. The Brethren would by no means hear of our Dissolving -- and we could not adjourn without we provided other preaching for them until we should meet again etc. 11 or 12 o'Clock when the Church was adjourned. We were not able to *[illegible]* --adjourned the Council (in great Distress of Heart) to tomorrow Morning Six o'Clock.

1738 April 17 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Hall of Sutton here.

1738 June 8 (Thursday). When I return'd home Mr. Hall of Sutton had been there to request me to preach for him next week.

1738 August 21 (Monday). N.B. In going up to Mr. Winchesters I met Mr. Campbel, Mr. Hall, Captain Larnard etc. going to a Council at Concord.

1740 March 20 (Thursday). The Next Morning after some Discourse of Land at Hartford and Simsbury, etc. I rode with great Haste over to Sutton yet the Roads very bad, and wholly New to me. Mr. Hall half a Mile from his House and his wife from Home. I went to him upon the Affair of Some Land which had lately bought of Mr. Smith, Sugar Baker of Boston, but it was chiefly bargained away. At 1/4 after one I left Mr. Hall and rode down to Grafton, to Mr. Prentice's in about an Hour.

1740 June 25 (Wednesday). I rode up to Grafton to their Fast on account of the Throat Distemper. P.M. Mr. Prentice pray'd and Mr. Hall preach'd on Job 5.8.9. Mr. Cushing pray'd p.m. and I preach'd on Hos. 14.1.

1740 December 8 (Monday). At Eve Ensign Maynard and Mr. Francis Whipple here, and Mr. Hall of Sutton came and lodg'd here.

1740 December 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Hall went upon his Journey to Boston.

1742 January 28 (Thursday). There being at *Leicester* very considerable awakenings among some of the people, they Sat apart this Day for Fasting and prayer for the obtaining a plentiful Effusion of the holy Spirit upon them and they having Sent for me to assist on that occasion, I went up. Mr. *Edwards*<sup>1</sup> of Northampton there, and preached a very awakening Sermon on *Rom. 9.22 -- Vessels of wrath*. I preached p.m. on *Zech. 12.10*. In the Evening Mr. Hall preached on *Isa. 54.13*. N.B. some stirrings. I lodged at Mr. *Goddards*<sup>2</sup> with his Father.

1742 February 1 (Monday). It was a rainy Day, but I rode to *Grafton* and *Sutton*. Mr. *Prentice*<sup>3</sup> though his Child was very ill, yet was gone up to *Sutton*. In going from Deacon Halls in Sutton in order to find Brother *Hicks's*<sup>4</sup> I wandered fruitlessly; for though I found the House they had dwelt in yet they having removed to their own House lately (which I was not informed of) I missed of them and struck across the woods to the Road up to Town. Mr. *Edwards* was come from *Leicester*. Mr. *Webb*<sup>5</sup> of *Uxbridge* and Mr. *John Fairfield* there. Mr. *Edwards* to a large Assembly on *Ps. 18.35*. At Eve in a very rainy, stormy Time I preached to a Considerable Assembly on *Ps. 68.8*. I lodged at Mr. *Halls*. Religion has been of late very much revived in *Sutton*, and a general Concern about their souls.

1742 March 10 (Wednesday). Fast at *Shrewsbury*. A.M. Mr. Hall on *Luk. 13.24*. P.M. Mr. *Prentice*<sup>6</sup> of *Lancaster* prayed and I preached on *Luk. 13.10*. Mr. *Jenison* and I returned at Eve.

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<sup>1</sup>Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758; Yale 1720), minister of Northampton.

<sup>2</sup>David Goddard (1706-1754; Harvard 1731), minister of Leicester, 1736-1754.

<sup>3</sup>Solomon Prentice (1705-1773; Harvard 1727), minister at Grafton, 1731-1747; Easton, 1747-1755; and Hull, 1768-1772.

<sup>4</sup>Parkman's brother-in-law, John Hicks.

<sup>5</sup>Nathan Webb (1705-1772; Harvard 1725), minister of Uxbridge, 1731-1772.

<sup>6</sup>John Prentice (1682-1748; Harvard 1700), minister at Lancaster, 1705-1746.

1742 March 11 (Thursday). Fast in this place on account of the Extraordinary Dispensations of God's Grace in the Land, that we might on the one Hand implore the Gift of the holy Spirit and Divine Direction that we be not carried away by the many Snares, Temptations and Delusions to which we are greatly exposed. Mr. Stone preached a.m. on *Jonah* 1.6. Mr. Cushing prayed p.m. and Mr. Hall on Act. 13.40.41. O may we not go without a special Blessing! May God please to humble us and awaken and Sanctifie both us and our Children!

1742 March 12 (Friday). Mr. Hall returned.

1742 April 27 (Tuesday). *Rutland Fast*. Mr. Burr and Mr. David Goddard, came in the Morning and Mr. Hall in sermon Time. Mr. Prentice and I in the forenoon performed the Devotions of the Fast. I preached on 1 Pet.5.6. P.M. Mr. Hall prayed and Mr. Burr preached on Rom. 10.14.15.17 verses. O might it be a Day of Atonement etc.! The Church was stayed, and directed to come to us in the Evening. The Council was formed, and matters and Papers were put into our Hands, divers of them for hearing. We read over 1/2 Dozen and referred the Rest till Tomorrow. N.B. *John Kidney*.<sup>7</sup> Lodged to night at *Ensign Moses Hows* with Mr. Hall of Sutton, but our Residence was at Deacon Stevens's.

1742 April 28 (Wednesday). Hard at it in the Council -- reading the papers and hearing their Defence. Mr. Frink also very ready to wait on the Council, though he made a Distinction as he did not join with the Church in calling it. P.M. Mr. Hall preached at the request of the people. It interrupted the Business of the Council and carried off the Members, So that we did not finish this Evening.

1742 May 19 (Wednesday). ½ after eleven I left home and rode to Sutton Fast. Preached there on *Eph.* 5.14. After Meeting an elderly Woman, one Mrs. White (whose Husband is a Baptist) So overcome that She was led into Mr. *Halls*. She Seemed to be in great Distress -- but She had much Joy and Love. At Evening Dr. Morss and divers others came in and Sung.

1742 May 20 (Thursday). I had determined to go to Worcester to see the Prisoner, *Green*, whom I had lately writ to on occasion of his turning Quaker. But I could not go from Mr. *Halls* seasonably enough -- Mr. Hall and his wife went with me to Brother *Hicks's*, who has got his New place into a very good way.

1742 October 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Hall came at Evening. We expected Mr. *Champney*<sup>8</sup> of Beverly but he came not.

1742 October 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Hall* preached a moving Sermon on *Joh.* 5.40. No crying out in the meeting House, but as I was going home from the Meeting House, Mrs. Ruth Fay, in anguish of Spirit, burst out and went into my House. I took her into my Study and gave her what Instructions I could. In the Mean Time Sarah Sparhawk was crying and Screaming upon

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<sup>7</sup>John Kidney had served as an indentured servant to Parkman and tried to rape Molly Parkman in 1739.

<sup>8</sup>Joseph Champney (1704-1773; Harvard 1721), minister at Beverly, 1729-1773.

her Bed in another part of the House. Many people were in the House below. Mr. *Edwards* of *North hampton* was come, and both he and Mr. Hall assisted me in Ministering to these distressed souls and others that needed. It was an Evening of great Engagement.

1742 October 21 (Thursday). Mr. Hall and Mr. Edwards went, the one to Sutton and the other for *Boston*.

1742 November 26 (Friday). Mr. Prentice of Grafton came to see me. I enquired whether he had sought Reconcilement with Mr. *Loring* of Sudbury, as he had engaged at Rutland? He could not say he had. He brought me his Church's Desire and his own, to assist them in a Fast next Thursday come sennight. But I insisted upon his reconcilement with Mr. *Loring*. N.B. Mr. Hall had told him and his wife that at his late visit to me, I received him but Coldly.

1743 January 4 (Tuesday). The people of Grafton (where have been peculiar awakenings of late especially among the Children) have agreed to Spend most of the Days of this Week in Exercises of Religion and have Sent to some Number of Ministers, Mr. Hall, Goddard,<sup>9</sup> Webb of Uxbridge,<sup>10</sup> Bliss,<sup>11</sup> Haven<sup>12</sup> to preach to them. To Day Mr. Hall p.m. and Mr. Goddard in the Eve. May God grant them the Assistance and Measures of Wisdom which they need at this Time, and succeed them to his Glory!

1743 January 5 (Wednesday). The Late Frown of Heaven in my sickness through which I am much Weaken'd and sett back in my Business. The present Times among us -- call'd for no less. We Sent Ebenezer to Grafton but though I design'd he should wait upon what Exerciser [*sic*] he could yet he return'd without going to Meeting at all. Mr. Hall a.m. and Mr. Bliss p.m. Mr. Goddard at Eve. My own Mind wrought very much on my inward State and upon what God is doing among his people.

1743 January 11 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode up to Mr. Snells and to Shrewsbury to a Lecture by Mr. Hall. He preach'd on Rom. 2.4. Many present. N.B. Mr. Harwood in his Fitts, panting, heaving, etc. We return'd at Evening but there was also an Evening Exercise By the Same Gentleman, Reverend Mr. Cushing being passive therein.

1744 January 26 (Thursday). Was also at Stephen Fays. His Brother James there. He acquaints me with Mr. Halls going to Framingham shortly to preach there. Desir'd me to let him preach at his House. I chose he should at the Meeting House and wrote a Letter to Mr. Hall for that End, which he took the Care to Convey.

1744 February 1 (Wednesday). Mr. Hall came and preach'd my Lecture on Luke 21.36, which Lecture I was the more willing to appoint both because of our Standing so much in need of

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<sup>9</sup>Rev. David Goddard of Leicester.

<sup>10</sup>Rev. Nathan Webb (HC 1725), first minister at Uxbridge, 1731-1772. *SHG* 7:617-619.

<sup>11</sup>Rev. Daniel Bliss of Concord.

<sup>12</sup>Rev. Elias Haven of Franklin.

Quickening and Awakening -- and because it happen'd to be the first Wednesday of the Month, according to the manner of our beginning the Lectures last Year. Reverend Mr. Cushing here. Mr. Coollidge also din'd with us. N.B. After Lecture Captain Hazeltine<sup>13</sup> came with a message from Upton Church to Mr. Hall and me, acquainting us with their increasing Divisions and praying that Five Ministers would go over on the 14 Day of the Month and endeavour their Help. The other Ministers Mr. Peabody,<sup>14</sup> Mr. Bliss, and Mr. Prentice of Grafton. But he brought no Letters for the Church did not go into the form of voting as a Church nor would Mr. Weld lead them into any, nor make any Records thereof -- but they had mutually agreed to choose by Partys each side Two, and then to pitch upon one in which both could agree -- and to these Things Mr. Weld<sup>15</sup> Consented -- and he the said Messenger was come in the Name of the Church accordingly. We Consented to go and I wrote to Mr. Peabody, committing it to Mr. Hall who was going to Framingham to forward it.

1744 February 14 (Tuesday). In my riding to Upton I call'd at Mr. Thurstons<sup>16</sup> who acquaints me that a Number of North Side people met those of the South, last night at Captain Fays<sup>17</sup> to gather subscriptions to a petition to the General Court that the Town may be divided. At the Same Meeting Eliezer Rice broke his legg by wrestling with Silas Pratt. I proceeded to Upton and met Mr. Prentice of Grafton on the Road. We went to Mr. Sadlers<sup>18</sup> -- waited for Mr. Hall, but in Vain.

1744 March 16 (Friday). Mr. Peabody, Bucknam and I had partly drawn up Something which when Mr. Hall<sup>19</sup> came to us conceiv'd to Contain More than the Separating Brethren would conform to so that he sat down to draw anew But when the Council met, neither would his Draught be accepted. Mr. Weld declar'd his utter and positive determination to have Nothing done respecting Rachel Wheeler till he had taken Advice; notwithstanding that Ensign Woods and his Wife, Daughter, Friends etc. were all of them very Desirous to throw all that Matter up and acknowledge both their folly and their sin. P.M. at Eve, though we adjourn'd yet since it rain'd and storm'd we tarried and rested ourselves as well as we Could.

1744 March 20 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode to Grafton Fast. Mr. Prentice pray'd and Mr. Haven<sup>20</sup> preach'd on Hosea 11.4. I drew therewith the Bands of Love. We went and refresh'd at Mr. Prentice's -- and there were also Mr. Halls and Mr. Havens wives.

1744 June 2 (Saturday). Thomme rode behind me and we got home about 2 p.m., while my Family were at Dinner. N.B. I had Mr. Hall and his Wife's Company from Wards Tavern.

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<sup>13</sup>John Hazeltine, a prominent resident of Upton.

<sup>14</sup>Rev. Oliver Peabody of Natick.

<sup>15</sup>Rev. Thomas Weld of Upton.

<sup>16</sup>Joseph Thurston of Westborough.

<sup>17</sup>Deacon John Fay of Westborough.

<sup>18</sup>Capt. John Sadler of Upton.

<sup>19</sup>Rev. David Hall of Sutton.

<sup>20</sup>Rev. Elias Haven of Franklin.

1744 June 6 (Wednesday). But when we came to propose the Hearing of the Case relating to Rachel Wheeler, we had great Struggle. It was plain that Mr. Wheeler would never submit it, nor yield to any Thing that could be done about it. The Vote was put and there appear'd 8 for it and 7 against it, without the Moderator -- but there was great Stir and noise on the Yea Side and Mr. Hall and Prentice threaten'd that they would forthwith go home if it was to be kept out, and in short the Moderator upon Considering all the State of Things condescended to give his Vote for hearing it, insisting at the Same Time upon the Liberty to Enter his Dissent in the Result. How much we might then wish for the help of Brother Whipple who was gone to Boston! But at length even he came, whilst in the hearing of the Wheeler Case. See the Minutes of the Council for the rest of the Proceedings.

1744 June 8 (Friday). Exceeding poor and weak, Sweating and fainting Last Night and very little sleep. But in the Morning when I got up and Stirr'd about I revived and was Better. We who were the Committee for drawing up a Result, could not be wholly alone without great Inconvenience. Mr. Hall who had drawn up the most of the Votes which had pass'd in the Council, undertook to draw up the rough Draught for the Result -- of that part which was most Critical and difficult. N.B. the church were call'd in (inadvertently) to hear it read, before the Committee themselves could have time to weigh and recommend it, But it was read. Upon my mentioning it to the Moderator how unfit till we had Scann'd and finish'd the Preparation of it - - we had the privilege to be alone -- and the Draughting the Result took us til late in the Afternoon. Not without many Strivings if not deep mutual Dissatisfactions. But at length it was finish'd, and pass'd in Council though to my great Dislike in many respects. Just before sundown the people were summon'd, Mr. Prentice, at the Moderators desire Read the Result (in Captain Sadlers Entry, for we never went to the meeting House at all) and the Moderator concluded with prayer.

1744 June 21 (Thursday). N.B. receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Hall requesting a Copy of our Result.

1744 June 22 (Friday). Richard Roberts here a.m. David Marble (from old Mr. Prentice's of Lancaster). Sent by those Young Men a Return to Mr. Halls request of the Result. P

1744 September 19 (Wednesday). Rode up to Worcester. Mr. Welds Case against Rachel Wheeler was try'd at Superior Court; but only as to the Libel, and did not go into the proof of the Facts -- and was committed to a Jury -- but they could not agree. So that it was put off to another Year. I din'd at Colonel Chandlers.<sup>21</sup> P.M. I was at Mr. Eatons, where were Mr. Hall and Mr. Prentice and their Wives.

1744 October 5 (Friday). George Reed came with a Message from Grafton from Drury and Hardy to go up. I rode up and p.m. the Council took under Consideration the aggrieved Brethrens Complaint of Reverend Mr. Prentice's Disgust at my sermon on their Fast in September 1743, and I was Desir'd to produce my Notes. At their request I read the disquieting Prayer -- and after a Short Debate withdrew. At Eve Mr. Hall preach'd a Lecture (while the

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<sup>21</sup>John Chandler, Jr., of Worcester.

Council were in their Debates in private) on Job 22.21, a very savoury and usefull sermon. The Lord graciously bless it to my Spiritual Profit! Return'd home Mr. James Fay and wife being in Company.

1744 October 30 (Tuesday). A.M. Mr. Weld left us. P.M. came Mr. Peabody,<sup>22</sup> accompany'd by Deacon Felch<sup>23</sup> and Chickery, on their Journey to Worcester Council. O what Cause of Grief and Mourning that God has permitted So many unhappy Divisions and Contentions to arise among us! May God Sanctifie these Evils and hasten them to an End! New Perplexitys also arise respecting the Affairs of Upton. The Moderator at the Request of Sundry of the Upton Brethren has issued out Letters for the Council to meet the first Tuesday of November, but it falls out to be the week of West-Leicester Ordination at which Mr. Hall, Prentice and Goddard<sup>24</sup> are to officiate. So that it was concluded by the people at Upton that there must be another appointment which the Moderator refuses to make, but abides by his old Appointment, and requests me to Certifie Mr. Weld that he does; nor can attend any other Time, unless it be adjourn'd to Spring.

1744 December 5 (Wednesday). Methods improving for Accommodations without going into further hearing. Mr. Hall of Sutton greatly Sensible of Wrong done by the former Result. He endeavours to compose a New Plan, the main of which was afterwards Accepted.

1744 December 6 (Thursday). We accomplish'd the Arduous and Sorrowful Affair of Mr. Welds Separation and Dismission from his people. Mr. Hall went away Home before the Solemn reading of the Result. Mr. Peabody, Bucknam<sup>25</sup> and I invited Mr. Weld to our Pulpits and we all offer'd to preach a Lecture to the people at proper seasons. Mr. Peabody and Bucknam to preach tomorrow.

1744 December 27 (Thursday). Brother Hicks here. He brought me a packet from Reverend Mr. Hall containing the Christian History No. 74<sup>26</sup> with Marginal Defence which he wrote at my Motion made to him when we were at Upton Council.

1745 January 1 (Tuesday). We began the Year with a Little Association at our House. Reverend Ministers [Messrs.?] Cushing, Stone and Smith came up and din'd with me, and Smok'd a Pipe.... But N.B. some unhappy Contrast between Mr. Smith and me at Table on the Score of Mr. Hall, and his Letter concerning the revival of Religion in Sutton inserted in the Christian History.

1745 May 5 (Sunday). Preach'd at North Sutton at the House of Mr. Singletary<sup>27</sup> by the Great Pond on Eph. 3.8, last Clause, a. and p.m. Din'd at the Same House, and my Kinswoman Mrs.

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<sup>22</sup>Rev. Oliver Peabody of Natick.

<sup>23</sup>Ebenezer Felch of Natick.

<sup>24</sup>Rev. David Goddard of Leicester.

<sup>25</sup>Rev. Nathan Bucknam of East Medway(now Millis).

<sup>26</sup>[Thomas Prince], *The Christian History, Containing Accounts of the Revival and Propagation of Religion in Great Britain, America, etc.*, No. 74 [Boston], July 28, 1744. This issue contained the Reverend David Hall's account of the revival in Sutton, Mass.

Susanna Fuller with me. After Exercises and refreshments I rode to Mr. Halls which was nigher than my Landlord Barnards and lodg'd there.

1745 September 2 (Monday). My wife and I rode to Stephen Fays. Mr. Hall was there, and many people. Mr. Hall preach'd on Mat. 6.10. Thy Kingdom Come. Mr. Winchester<sup>28</sup> a Candidate for the Ministry and preacher at Sutton was there also. N.B. an Handsome Entertainment after the Exercise. Mr. Hall on his Journey to Concord.

1745 October 1 (Tuesday). Fast at Hopkinton on account of the sorrowful Divisions and Separations among them. Mr. Loring and Mr. Hall there, but Mr. Messinger,<sup>29</sup> who was sent to also, did not come. I began with Prayer a.m. and Mr. Hall preach'd on Mat. 6.12. Mr. Loring p.m. both pray'd and preach'd. His Sermon on Mat. 5.4. May it please God to accept this Day! and have Compassion on his People! We all lodg'd at Mr. Barretts.

1745 October 10 (Thursday). In the Morning I rode up to Shrewsbury Fast, which was on occasion of the Mortal Sickness among them (the Fever and Flux). Mr. Hall was to have been there but he came not. My part was to perform the forenoon service since I could not be there in the afternoon. I preach'd on 1 Pet. 5.6.

1745 November 4 (Monday). Wrote to Mr. Hall of Sutton to preach a Lecture for me next Friday.

1745 November 6 (Wednesday). N.B. Receiv'd by Brother Hicks a Letter from Mr. Hall that he could not preach my Lecture next Friday but he desir'd my assistance at a Fast in Sutton (on account of the Sickness) next Wednesday.

1745 November 13 (Wednesday). Notwithstanding the weather was rugged yet I ventur'd up to Sutton to the Fast on account of the Sickness there. It was almost noon when I got there. Exercise was begun. I turn'd into the nearest Pew to the Door, after Mr. Hall had pray'd, and preach'd from 1 Thess. 5.19. At Eve Mr. James Fay<sup>30</sup> at Mr. Halls. Mr. Prentice not very well, return'd with Mr. Fay: but I tarry'd at Mr. Halls.

1745 December 25 (Wednesday). I borrow'd Mr. Williams's Mare and rode (though not sent for, yet a bright Comfortable Day inviting and hearing that a number of Ministers were to be there) to Grafton Fast. I arriv'd just at 12 yet forenoon Prayer was not much more than half

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<sup>27</sup>John Singletary had come from Haverhill. Benedict and Tracy, *Sutton*, 726-727.

<sup>28</sup>Jonathan Winchester (HC 1737), later first minister of the First Congregational Church of Ashburnham, 1760-1767. *SHG* 10:264-265.

<sup>29</sup>Rev. Henry Messenger of Wrentham.

<sup>30</sup>Son of Capt. John Fay.



done. I sat in Mr. Prentice's Pew. Mr. Bliss and Mr. Hall were the Ministers that were come to Assist. Mr. Bliss preach'd on Heb. 4.16. At noon at Mr. Prentice's. Mr. Hall pray'd p.m. and Mr. Bliss preach'd again. His Text Mat. 5.16. Stay'd to Supper.... N.B. Mr. Hall agreed to preach a Lecture to my Young People this Day fortnight.

1746 January 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Hall of Sutton preach'd a Lecture to Young People on 1 K. 18.12. Several from other Towns at Meeting. After Meeting Ward (Colonel Nahums son) from College with his Two sisters, viz. Mrs. Eager and Mrs. Patty Ward, here. Mr. Hall went home.

1746 May 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Barrett here going to the Ordination. My Wife went over with me. Met at Lieutenant Holloways. Messrs. Prentice, Cushing, Gardner, there already. Mr. Loring and Mr. Hall did not come, So that there were but 5 Churches.

1747 February 13 (Friday). Bright, but Windy, as it was very much last Night. Mr. Simon Tainter of Grafton here with a Letter from that Church to me requesting me to join with four other ministers viz. Reverend Messrs. Martyn, Hall, Webb and Stone, to advise them in their Difficultys. The Day appoint'd is the 24th Instant, the place of Meeting the house of Mr. Joseph Rice in Grafton. I return'd that I would endeavour to if my Family Circumstances did not prevent which they might be like to know more of by next Thursday.

1747 February 24 (Tuesday). Mr. Martyn came, and in Conformity to the Request of the Church in Grafton we rode up there, first to Reverend Mr. Prentice's where was Mr. Stone and thence to Mr. Joseph Rice's, where we were entertain'd. Mr. Webb of Uxbridge came also, but Mr. Hall of Sutton came not. After Dinner we had something of Formality, and they chose me Moderator and Mr. Martyn Scribe. I pray'd -- their Grievances were then laid before us.

1747 February 25 (Wednesday). Though we were adjourn'd to 8 a.m. yet no Business was done till noon. Mr. Hall came. We sent messages to the five Separating Brethren praying 'em to let us Speak with them: viz. to Messrs. Jacob and Joseph Whipple, Joseph Goodell, Nehemiah Batchelor and Thomas Axtell. N.B. The Church Sent to them -- and our messages accompany'd theirs. Only the first and the last came, viz. Jacob Whipple and Thomas Axtell, and with them we had Some considerable Discourse, but I Suppose to be little Effect. Josiah Lyon also appear'd and our Conference with him was drawn out to Considerable Length. They judg'd the very Ground work and gathering of the Church in Grafton was not according to the Gospel. They Vindicated the Doctrine of Knowledge of one another by the union of Love etc. etc. Not to bed till very late.

1747 February 26 (Thursday). Though we were adjourn'd to eight o'Clock this Morning yet the Church did not come together till noon, nor any of the offended in any season for us to begin our Business. The Remainder of the Hearing was up in Neighbour Rice's Chamber. Towards Evening Mr. Hall return'd Home -- though our Business was extreme arduous. We apply'd ourselves with some Resolution to prepare our Judgment and gather up a Result. In this we spent the Whole Night -- I never put off my Cloths, yet Mr. Martyn and Mr. Stone Slept not at all.

1747 September 9 (Wednesday). After Dinner Mr. Wellman went to Sutton. He tells me that tomorrow is to be a fast with his people in order to gather a Church. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Hall, Mr. Webb, and Mr. Maccarty are to assist in it.

1747 October 15 (Thursday). Mrs. Jerusha Ward was bury'd -- I attended through twas raining, and the storm prevailed very much at Evening; and in the Night. Fast at Grafton. They send to Messrs. Martyn and Hall, Eaton and Frost.

1747 November 2 (Monday). N.B. Brother Hicks among us. Mr. Hall of Sutton on his journey to Concord, spake with him on the Road. He informs me that the people of his Parish lately voted him 400£ (Old Tenor) for this Year.

1748 May 12 (Thursday). My wife and I rode to Sutton and din'd at my Cousen Fullers, and Trasks. Preach'd the Lecture on Rom. 6.13. After Lecture Mr. Wellman rode with us first to Mr. Singleterrys, where we were kindly entertain'd and refresh'd, and then to Mr. Halls -- where was Mr. Aaron Hutchinson (of Connecticut) Preacher at Grafton, who had preach'd the Lecture this Day for Mr. Hall. We all lodg'd at Mr. Halls. N.B. Mr. Hall had had a Church Meeting on account of the Separatists among them.

1748 May 13 (Friday). Mr. Hall and his Wife, Mr. Wellman and Mr. Hutchinson went with us down to Brother Hicks, who also came to show us the way to his House. We all din'd there. In the Afternoon Brother Hicks and his wife mounted and rode with us as far as to Deacon Hall's, whither we all went. My Spouse and I parted from the rest of the Company at Deacon Halls and we rode, with Mr. Hutchinson accompanying to Deacon Whipples in Grafton, where this Gentleman lodges. Our Conversation was chiefly on the Melancholly Subject of the Separations -- both at Sutton and at Grafton.

1748 July 9 (Saturday). Not only tired with my Journey but interrupted with Company both a. and p.m. Mr. Hall and Mr. Wellman here a.m. and broke their fast here.

1748 July 19 (Tuesday). Mr. Hall of Sutton, his wife and son David din'd here.

1748 August 11 (Thursday). Mr. Wainwright sent me word he could not preach my Lecture being pre-engaged to preach for Mr. Hall of Sutton.

1748 September 6 (Tuesday). Waited some Time for Mr. Martyn, but at Length I went without him. Deacon Newton and Brother Nathaniel Whitney, from Mr. Grouts accompany'd me to Grafton, we being warned to Meet there to sit in Council upon their affairs, by adjournment. Mr. Loring (who is Moderator) came, but brought no messenger. Mr. Goddard of Leicester came not, nor any Delegate, so that we did not sit as a Council. We neither acted, nor dissolv'd. But the Church of Grafton had, by vote, desir'd several Neighbouring Ministers to come and join with the Elders of the Council to hear their Affairs. We therefore had the Church together and Reverend Messrs. Martyn, Hall of Sutton, and Eaton of Leicester being with us we formed, and

Chose Mr. Loring Moderator, and the same meet to choose their Clerk -- and the Church was adjourn'd to tomorrow 9 a.m. to the Meeting House.

1748 September 7 (Wednesday). We met at the Meeting House. Mr. Hall (according to Turn) pray'd. Such of the Separatists as had any Things to offer, who had not opportunity heretofore, were call'd; and while the Moderator was attending upon one or Two who presented themselves, a Certain Woman (Mr. David Wadsworths Wife) from behind cry'd out and came up the Great Alley crying out "O Dear souls in the Name of my great Lord and Master, have a Single Eye etc." With much ado the Moderator Still'd her. Dr. David Batchellor openly declar'd himself a Separatist; and the rather because we had resisted (as he judg'd) the Ordinance and will of the Lord in not suffering that sister to go on with her message. We din'd at Deacon Whipples. P.M. the ministers call'd in several of those who had been wont to clogg the church in dealing with the Separatists, and conferr'd with them -- viz. Mr. Abner Stow, Joseph Batchelour, Gideon Baker and several others. At length the whole Church and all the people were call'd in: and Deacon Merriam was interrogated. Mr. Eaton pray'd, before the Church was dismiss'd at Night.

1748 September 8 (Thursday). Mr. Davis of Holden being by providence among us, pray'd in the morning. The Weight of forming the Result was thrown upon Me. I retir'd and (with some assistance in one sentence from Mr. Hall, and in the Exhortation from Mr. Martyn) I drew it up. It was voted unanimously. Mr. Loring preach'd a Lecture on Mat. 5.4, and after Lecture I publish'd the Result to the Congregation. The Church stop'd and voted their acceptance of the Result about 4 or 6 Dissenting. But Deacon Merriam voted. After dining we Dissolv'd and Return'd home.

1748 October 7 (Friday). A Letter from the Church of Grafton, signed by Deacon Merriam, desiring me to assist in a Fast there, in concurrence with Reverend Messrs. Hall and Maccarty on the 13th instant.

1748 October 13 (Thursday). Mr. Ballantine came. It held up and I left him to go to Grafton Fast. I sat in the Pulpit sometime waiting for Mr. Hall and Maccarty. At length I began with Prayer. Mr. Maccarty came and preach'd from Hebrew. Follow Peace etc. We were entertain'd at Serjeant James Whipples. P.M. Mr. Hall pray'd and I preach'd from Song 1.7.8. At Evening return'd. Mr. Edwards Whipple accompany'd me. We call'd at Mr. Winchesters -- Mr. Goddard of Grafton there, who with Mrs. Winchester was in Defence of Separatists.

1748 October 24 (Monday). Mr. Graves<sup>31</sup> Messenger from the Church of Southborough here without Mr. Stone,<sup>32</sup> his eldest son being ill of the Throat Distemper. Captain Baker and Ensign Miller came (as Delegates of our Church) and we went to Rutland. On the way din'd at Mr. Cushings,<sup>33</sup> and stopp'd again at Captain Biglo's.<sup>34</sup> Got up in Comfort and lodg'd at Mr.

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<sup>31</sup>Joseph Graves.

<sup>32</sup>The Reverend Mr. Nathan Stone of Southborough.

<sup>33</sup>The Reverend Mr. Job Cushing.

Buckminsters. The Council was call'd on account of uneasiness and irregularitys among some of the Brethren, particularly Messrs. Samuel Stone, and Simon Davis. John Stone also and Jones were join'd therein; and on account of the Conduct of a Number of Ireland<sup>35</sup> people who were members of the Church in Rutland; but without Dismission or acquainting the Church with it, drew off and join'd with others who Sett up another Assembly in the Town by the assistance of Mr. Moorhead.

1748 October 25 (Tuesday). The Council was form'd. I was their unwritten Moderator. Mr. Hall of Sutton was Clerk. We went to the Meeting House a.m. I opened the Meeting with prayer. We read the Paper of Grounds of uneasiness which Samuel Stone had exhibited to the Church some time ago. Great Debate whether that Paper should be the beginning of our Business in Hearing. Mr. Buckminster chiefly took up the Time. Mr. Williams of Weston pray'd when we broke up this session at Night.

1748 October 26 (Wednesday). Mr. Campbell pray'd at the opening the forenoon session. Mr. Samuel Stone chiefly this forenoon, with his Friends. We were again in hearing p.m. giving fair opportunity to the Irish etc. to answer if they pleas'd. Evening Mr. Hall pray'd, when we had adjourn'd to Mr. Buckminsters where we sat again the Same Night till very late -- Reading over, debating and Voting -- and appointing a Committee to draw up a Result. The Committee were the Reverend Messrs. Williams, Hall and Eaton.

1749 January 2 (Monday). Another very Cold Day. Mr. Hall of Sutton here with a Letter from the first Church there requesting me to assist in a Fast next Week on Account of Various Difficultys among them by reason of the Separations increasing and on Consideration of a Late Council at Oxford, met at the Request of one of the members of the 1st Church in Sutton (one Davidson) under the Censure of Said Church. But I was oblig'd to refuse, both because of my own uncertain Health, and my wife's present Circumstances.

1749 March 22 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Simon Tainter of Grafton here and brought me a Letter from Mr. Hall of Sutton, inclosing a Remarkable one from Mr. Edwards of Northampton to him to be communicated to me containing Extracts from Letters from Scotland of the Good Tokens respecting Religion in some very eminent Persons in Great Britain -- some of the Royal Family, the Archbishop of Canterbury -- Esquire West etc. -- and in Holland, the prince of Orange.

1749 August 8 (Tuesday). I expected Mr. Martyns Company but he came not; I proceeded alone to Grafton Fast preparatory to Calling a Minister. I began the Exercises with Prayer, Mr. Hall preach'd on Jer. 8.22. Went to Ensign Whipples at Noon. Mr. Maccarty pray'd p.m. I preach'd on 2 Cor. 11.3. As we supp'd at Ensign Whipples, thither the Church came to take Advice of the Minister what Steps they Should now take. N.B. Mr. Wellman, Mr. Hutchinson and Sir Dodge there.

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<sup>34</sup>Joseph Bigelow, a selectman of Shrewsbury.

<sup>35</sup>Ulster Presbyterians.

1750 January 3 (Wednesday). A.M. to Southborough to Lieutenant Brighams to Speak with him again about the Land near the Meeting House, but he was not at home. I din'd there and then return'd home as soon as I could that I might get upon my Journey p.m. to Upton. Mr. James Bradish accompany'd me to Mr. Elijah Warrins, and Mr. Marshall Baker from thence to Captain Hazzletine's where I lodg'd. But neither Mr. Hall nor Mr. Frost nor Mr. Dodge (who were expected) were there.

1750 June 6 (Wednesday). My Wife, Mr. Haven, Son Ebenezer and Two Daughters Molly and Lucy rode in the Rain, in Company with Mr. Martyn, his wife and Daughter, to Grafton to the Ordination of Mr. Aaron Hutchinson. Council met at Mr. Ebenezer Brooks'. Consisted of the following Churches. West Church in Sudbury, the 2 Churches of Westborough, First Church in Sutton, Church in Southborough, and the First in Hebron, and the Church in Worcester. Mr. Loring Moderator, Mr. Martyn Clerk. Moderator pray'd, Mr. Hutchinson was examin'd. Mr. Ebenezer Wadsworth came and objected against our proceeding. N.B. Captain Sadler and his wife, his witnesses on the one part, to prove falsehood upon him. Mr. Joseph Batchellour and his wife were to be the other, but they could not be had, nor were prepar'd -- but if they were, the Subject Matter of the Difficulty was not thought to be sufficient to retard the Council. About 2 p.m. went to Meeting. Mr. Martyn pray'd, Mr. Pomroy of Hebron preach'd on Acts 20.28. Mr. Loring gave the Charge. Mr. Hall pray'd after the Charge. The Right Hand I deliver'd was much the same with that which I prepar'd for and gave at Mr. Buckminsters Ordination at Rutland.... Thus have we Seen the Vacancy at Grafton, which has given the Churches so great Trouble, from Year to Year, thus far happily made up; and God grant the Joy may not diminish!

1751 June 5 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and his Daughter rode with me and my Daughter Lucy and son Thomas to Upton Ordination. The rest went their respective ways. But by means of So much Company I was later in setting out than I had appointed. The Churches met and Mr. Dor was chose Moderator. N.B. My Enquiry, in the Council, whether Mr. Fish had been at the Shepards Tent? which was Satisfy'd by Mr. Owen, his Pastor who gave a good Testimony of the Candidate. N.B. Mr. Fishs having sign'd an agreement with the people about Church Government which I could not approve of; yet did not think it sufficient to break Communion and therefore proceeding. Mr. Hall open'd the public Exercise with Prayer. Mr. Owen preach'd on Eph. 4.12. Mr. Dor the Charge. I pray'd after the Charge. Mr. Barret gave the right Hand. N.B. our Entertainment was at Lieutenant Woods. We return'd to Westborough at night and Mr. Martyn and his Daughter lodg'd here.

1751 December 2 (Monday). Mr. Hall of Sutton din'd here, in his Way to Concord. Sent Mr. Henry Goold 7£ old Tenor by him.

1751 December 7 (Saturday). Reverend Mr. Hall of Sutton din'd here. N.B. He paid Mr. Henry Goold 18/ lawful Money, and brought me my Note -- and 5/ Change (old Tenor).

1751 December 11 (Wednesday). Rain. I was inform'd that a Number of Young persons lodg'd last night at my other House. Mr. Halls son and Daughter, Mr. Minot's son -- and one Mr. Hale of Sutton.

1752 February 25 (Tuesday). Wrote to Mr. Prince of Boston per Mr. Hall of Sutton.

1752 February 28 (Friday). Mr. Hall of Sutton here, bought Two Cloth for Thomas of him.

1752 May 5 (Tuesday). Mr. George Bruce of Mendon and Mr. Hall of North Sutton here.

1752 June 26 (Friday). The Reverend Mr. Hall of Sutton and young Master Minot here.

1752 September 18 (Monday). Young Mr. Minot and Mrs. Bekky Hall dine here, in their Return to Sutton.

1753 January 26 (Friday). Mr. Hall of Sutton here, and informs that Brother Samuel Breck was lately at his House, came from Rhode Island through Upton -- was going to Worcester -- and from thence home.

1754 June 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn came here in order to go with me to Grafton. No word nor Lisp of either Side respecting the Epistolary Acrimony. At Grafton we join'd with Messrs. Cushing and Hall in hearing the Matters of Difficultie between a Number of the Church and Mr. Hutchinson, who they conceive, was chargeable with Falsehood in saying that the Selectmen had agreed and determin'd to move Mr. Arnolds Shop and at Such a Time -- when they had not. See the Minutes of the Council. Mr. Carter, Father in Law to Mr. Hutchinson there. Mr. Hall at Eve went home. The rest of us lodg'd there.

1754 October 5 (Saturday). Mr. Hall of Sutton and his Daughter Hale here.

1755 April 21 (Monday). P.M. Reverend Mr. Hall of Sutton here, going to Boston on account of Troubles he meets with by means of Mr. Elisha Putnam and Duncan Campbell Esquire.

1755 October 31 (Friday). Mr. Hall and his Delegate here, in their return from a Council on Mr. Reeds affair at Framingham.

1756 May 3 (Monday). Mr. Hall of Sutton here.

1756 July 15 (Thursday). Mr. Noah Rice and his son Bacon here from Commencement. Likewise Mr. Hall.

1756 December 17 (Friday). Cold Snow Storm. Mr. *Hall of Sutton* on his Journey home, turns in and tarrys with us. He purposes to me this Question, Whether a Child baptized by *Ezekiel Cole*, shall be baptized again? N.B. *Cole* has acknowledged his sin and folly in professing to be ordained and to act as a Minister: and the Father of the Child desires it might be baptized notwithstanding all that was done by *Cole*; yet it is allowed that *Coles* Ordination was as good as *Wadsworth's* and the rest of the Separate Teachers, who have baptized many; So that the Conduct about this Instance of *Cole's*, though but a single one (for the Other which he baptized

was dead), would be of considerable Influence whether one way or t'other. I told him I believ'd that if the Case was mine I Should baptize the Child, at least under those Circumstances.

1756 December 18 (Saturday). Mr. *Hall* undertakes the rest of his Journey home.

1757 December 17 (Saturday). Mr. *Hall* of Sutton, journeying from Boston, home calls to See me. Certifies me that a principal Article in the Protestation of Mr. *Gay, Rand, Mayhew* etc. at No. 2 against the Result of the Council there, was without Grounds; nay that it was opposite to the Truth.

1758 April 28 (Friday). Mr. *Hall* of Sutton here.

1758 October 3 (Tuesday). I rode to Sutton Council on Mr. *Welmans* Affair with his Brethren. Mr. *Winter* and his Wife return to Boston. Deacons *Tainter* and *Bond* accompany me to Mr. *Welmans*, where we dined. Besides all the Pastors and Delegates, who were all there this session, Mr. *Maccarty*, who was moderator of the Church Meeting just after the last Council, was there. P.M. went to the Meeting House; the withdrawing Brethren as well as the Standing part of the Church, there. Lodged at Mr. *Welmans*.

1758 October 4 (Wednesday). Matters are very difficult -- a.m. labouring with the contending Partys. As Mr. *Wellman* Shew'd what he had done towards Pacification and exhibited a Paper of Offers which he had made to them *So they* in their Turn exhibit proposals -- but they are rejected by the other Side. P.M. Mr. *Welman* produces his Grievances etc. And we go into the *Hearing*, and at his House (to which we were adjourned in the Evening). I lodged at Mr. *Welmans*. All is dark and Sad.

1758 October 5 (Thursday). Nothing can be darker and more sad -- the Partys extremely stiff and resolute against one another. Mr. *Welman* and his Brethren urging that we *do* what we came for, and give them a Result: the aggrieved making Offers of a mutual Council, which if rejected, tis thought probable many of the precinct will hear him no more. Thus we have things when we first meet one another in sadness this morning. Our Hearts aking, our Eyes often to Heaven for the divine Compassion. When we were also recollecting what God had done Sometimes heretofore; and to Support our Spirits observing that it was darkest just before morning -- Ensign *Goddard* and Mr. *Daniel Greenwood* came with new Proposals and Offers (Perhaps Some of the withdrawing Partys late extraordinary Conduct, being likely to be Severely animadverted upon, might be a Stimulus) in which they are willing to bear the intire Charge of a mutual Council if they may have one. Mr. *W.* and Ensign *Barnard* etc. will agree to having a mutual Council, if this Council may be one half, the aggrieved Brethren adding as many Churches hereto, and if they will bear half the Charge of this Council and of that proposed. We ripen this Scheme, and it proves Successful thus far. N.B. Rev. Messrs. *Hall, Maccarty, John Brown, and Phipps* dine with us. I at night rode to my Kinsman *Trasks* to See his aged mother *Fuller*: and lodged there.

1758 October 17 (Tuesday). My own Mare being gone it was with much Difficulty, but I obtained an Horse, and rode to Mr. Hall in Sutton, according to the Appointments made to attempt something for the Reconcilement of the Ministers and Churches there. Mr. Cushing was there: Mr. Dor soon came and with him Mr. Webb of Uxbridge; who being desired by Mr. Hall to assist in the Reconcilement before us, became one with us. And we had the Happiness to see the two Ministers aforesaid reconciled with respect to their ministerial Rights; and they respectively Signed the Terms. After which we prepared the way as we could, respecting all other Matters. We all lodged there. A stormy, rainy Night.

1758 October 18 (Wednesday). Messrs. Hall and Wellman were, to our great rejoicing, brought to an Amicable Composition, and signed reciprocally a Paper, containing mutual condescensions and Engagements which We all witnessed, and the Instruments were interchangeably delivered. Mr. Dorr also left a Paper of Advice with Rev. Mr. Hall, as Mr. *Wellman* had signed his Consent to what is Called the Uxbridge proposals -- and this last did indeed precede the Paper of amicable Composition abovesaid. So having dined (and the Weather agreeable) we joyfully parted.

1758 November 6 (Monday). Mr. Hall of Sutton returning from Framingham (where he had been to preach and administer the Lords Supper to the people lately under Mr. Solomon Read) dined here.

1759 January 5 (Friday). P.M. Mr. *Hall* of Sutton here in his return from Boston.

1759 August 22 (Wednesday). In conformity to the Summons Yesterday I rode to Worcester -- but I might e'en as well stay at home -- for the Cause did not come on. I dined at Mr. Maccartys. A great Number of Ministers in the Town -- Messrs. *Martyn, Stone, and Harrington* were summoned -- Messrs. *Hall, Wellman, Hill, Davis, Kendall* etc.

1759 September 5 (Wednesday). Rev. *Hall of Sutton* from Boston, here. Tells me that fresh Advices are come in from *Canada* River, very diverse from what we lately had, especially that there were not so great Numbers slain nor did the Generall design to raise the Seige; but to Continue his Endeavours against the City till it shall surrender, unless the Season shall forbid: Yet if the Season shall prevent, not to return to England, but renew the Attack again early in the Spring. N.B. Delivered to Mr. Hall, Mr. Webb of Uxbridge's Letter to the first Church in Sutton.

1759 October 12 (Friday). Mr. Hall and wife dine here in their returning home.

1759 December 21 (Friday). Mr. Hall and Dr. Morse of Sutton in their return from Boston, call here.

1760 May 2 (Friday). Mr. Gardner of Stow and his Delegates, returning from the Council at Sutton, here and read their Result; which again setts Mr. *Welman* upon his Leggs. That is so far as their Influence can extend. Afterwards Mr. Hall called here in his Journey home.



1760 September 17 (Wednesday). Break fast at Capt. Allens with Pemberton and Halsey. Rode to Court but the Boxford Case with Mr. Rogers took up the Day. No body invited me to dinner. I went to Mr. Maccartys and dined well there: with Messrs. Martyn, Hall and Putnam of Pomfret. At Court p.m. the Same Case as a.m.

1764 June 23 (Saturday). Messrs. Hall and Hutchinson returning from a Fast at Concord, dined here.

1764 September 7 (Friday). P.M. Mr. Hall of Sutton.

1764 November 13 (Tuesday). We call at Mr. Halls. N.B. I received a Bundle of Papers of him relative to the *Davidson* Case. We arrive at Squire *Davis's*. Rev. Goss with us -- and lodge there.

1764 November 15 (Thursday). Waited long for my Daughter and Miss Molly Baker, who have kept at Capt. Moores, where Mr. Bowman lodges. Have opportunity of conversing with my son *Ebenezer*, who came, a Delegate with Mr. Forbes. Mr. *Martyn* returns by Worcester. Squire *Whipple* accompanys us from Squire *Davis's*. When we came to Sutton there was an Exercise at the Meeting House. Squire and I attended -- the Girls tarried at Mr. *Halls*. Mr. *Emmerson* of *Mendon* preached -- Text *Ezek. 36.9*. We dined at Mr. Halls. He gives us Account that Yesterday there was great Difficulty at Sutton North End, when they attempted to ordain (one) Mr. *Chaplin* there: and that it was not accomplished till it was done by Candle Light and by but Three Ministers -- Mr. Hall, Mr. Webb and Mr. Frost. For Mr. Stone of Southborough and his Delegates refused to act. A great Obstruction was, a Strange Plan of Church Government.

1765 March 29 (Friday). Mr. Hall of Sutton here from Hollis. Informs me that Rev. Mr. Thomas Parker of Dracut was buried last Thursday (yesterday sennight) and that it was Collonel Oliver Wilder of Lancaster who dyed lately, Suddenly as he sat in his Chair. The Lord prepare me for the awfull Hour!

1765 August 1 (Thursday). Mr. Hall of Sutton dined with us.

1765 September 30 (Monday). At Eve two young men from Cambridge, viz. Thomas Barrett and William Manning. Mr. *Hall* also from Sutton, with two young Ladies, his Daughter, Miss Hannah, and Miss Eliphal Swift -- the last five lodged here.

1766 September 4 (Thursday). Rev. Hall of Sutton, called here in his way home.

1766 November 24 (Monday). Thence I rode to Grafton (being Sent for by the widow and Brother of the deceased and by Mr. Hutchinson who was obliged to go to Worcester) to attend the *Funeral* of our late Brother Mr. *Benjamin Hills*. Mr. *Hall* of Sutton was also there. I prayed at the House before Interment. Was at Mr. Hutchinsons with Mr. Hall and Sir Willard who has lately begun to preach. N.B. Mr. Hall shewed me a Letter from Mr. *Cleveland* to him desiring him to favour the Admission of Mrs. Andrews to Communion with their Church.

1766 December 1 (Monday). Mr. Hall of Sutton calls.

1767 December 19 (Saturday). Though it was a snow storm, yet Mr. Hall of Sutton called in going home and told me Mr. Stone had some Expectation to Change with me tomorrow, So that (after some Conversation with him upon the *Andrews* Affair, and my dining) I rode to Southborough and he came here.

1766 January 31 (Friday). Mr. Hall of Sutton dines. Mr. Hall mentions to me Mr. and Mrs. Andrews's Uneasiness: and tells me he had carryed home and read Mr. *Cleavelands* Letter to me.

1768 March 31 (Thursday). Visit and drink Tea at Mr. Halls -- his Daughter Lucy very ill.

1768 May 30 (Monday). Mr. Smith from Marlborough to see me, and dines here. Mr. Hall of Sutton also.

1768 October 3 (Monday). Deacon *Bond* and Mr. *Daniel Forbes* accompanying me as Delegates, I sat out about 9 a.m. for *Charlton*. Called at Mr. *Hutchinsons* -- dined at Mr. *Halls*, but he was gone to *Yarmouth*.

1768 December 26 (Monday). Mr. *Hall* of Sutton going to Boston, calls and dines here. I write by him to Messrs. *Mein* and *Fleming* to continue the *Chronicle* another Year. He gives me account of Mr. Edward Putnams Case among them, and of Mr. Corbens Case at Dudley. Relates what he met with himself from [*Dane?*] *Campb*: Esq.

1768 December 31 (Saturday). Mr. *Hall* of Sutton only calls to inform me he had delivered my Letter to *Mein* and *Fleming* for the *Continuance of the Chronicle*, and other Letters to my Son *Samuel* etc. but brought nothing for me.

1769 March 31 (Friday). Mr. Hall of Sutton, calls here as he journeys home from Boston. Brings Mr. Stone's Desire to Change with me after the Fast.

1769 June 5 (Monday). N.B. My Wife informs me that last week (viz. on the 30 ult.) Mr. *Hall* of Sutton dined here, that Mr. *Cushing* came at Night, that he brought a Letter from *William* informing that his wife was delivered of a son on the 27th of May; and both mother and Child are well.

1769 October 24 (Tuesday). Mr. *Hall* of Sutton, in his Journey to Boston, calls here. Wrote by him to *Samuel*.

1769 October 27 (Friday). Rev. Mr. *Hall* of Sutton with Letter from *Samuel*.

1769 November 18 (Saturday). We have the Sorrowfull News of the Death of the Rev. Mr. *Silas Biglow*, pastor of the Church in *Paxton*, of about 29 years. Was just going to be married to Miss Sarah Hall of Sutton. A most heavy Stroke! The Lord Sanctifie it! And repair the Breach!

1770 August 31 (Friday). Mr. Hall of Sutton, from *Cambridge*, calls here. His Son *Joseph* is admitted into College. By what Mr. Hall says from *Concord*, my Son *William* is moving there this Week. [*Marginal notation: It was on the 28th.*]

1772 March 5 (Thursday). Miss *Lucy Hall* of Sutton called and dined here, with a young Man who waited on her.

1772 July 13 (Monday). Mr. Hall of Sutton brings *Burroughs* Vol. 1.

1772 September 9 (Wednesday). After many Conflicts in my own Mind, concerning the Miserable state of *Grafton*, who have appointed a Fast, and yet have not accepted Mr. *Hutchinsons* Confession and will not forgive him; I rode up there (my Daughter *Sophy* with me) hoping to See the Ministers which they had sent to besides; and consult with them but there was very little Opportunity for that. Mr. *Hall* and Mr. *Maccarty* came, but must presently go to Meeting. Mr. *Hall* began with prayer. Mr. *Maccarty* entertained us with a pertinent Discourse on Ps. 133. P.M. Mr. *Frost* not coming, Mr. *Maccarty* prayed and I preached on *Phil. 2.1* to 5 v. And O that God would forgive and pardon! That He would accept and bless, us and this poor divided People! I stopped the Church according to adjournment. Lt. *Ward* and *Ephraim Sherman* in Church Meeting had still their ill-natured Reflections -- which I was obliged to resent and Suppress. What was so contrary to all the fervent Exhortations they had heard, was too grievous for me to bear. I could not easily get rid of my Moderatorship, though I made attempts one time after another: but I desired the Church to join Mr. *Hall* and Mr. *Maccarty* and invite them to come -- first adjourning to next Monday come Se'nnight, one p.m. N.B. Deacon *Batchellor*, and Deacon *Merriam* Seconding him, desired it might be *Friday* next, and it was voted -- but in Condescension to Mr. *Adams*, *Ward* etc., receded -- and the Motion for Monday come sennight obtained. I was glad to See that good Spirit towards their Brethren. I gave the Blessing at the Close of their Meeting.... I returned home, though in the Rain.

1772 September 21 (Monday). Mr. *Bradshaw* setts out on his Journey to *Brookfield* and designs to go to *Pelham* to preach there. I went again to the Church Meeting at *Grafton*, according to adjournment. Rev. Messrs. *Hall* and *Maccarty* came. We dined at Mr. *Hutchinson's*. We all went to the Meeting. Mr. *Hall* prayed. Unhappy altercations follow. Mr. *Holbrook*, Mr. *Nathaniel Whitney* and others desired that the late Transactions of the Church should be Re-considered. It was proposed, and voted Affirmatively. See the Records for the rest of the proceedings. But I may well remember, that from the Copy which I had given of Mr. *Hutchinsons* Letter to me, there arose great Disquietment (which had occasioned those mens coming to me on the 15th), for they had Supposed that to be in the Letter, which was not. For which Reason I produced the Letter it self and read it. This caused Surprize, and I was asked earnestly whether it was indeed the very Letter. It was affirmed by some of them that it was very different from what I read in the first Meeting. I offered to be deposed before a

Magistrate that it was the Same and that I had not read any other as his Letter. I conceive they have made this Mistake, viz. At the opening of the Business of these Meetings, I desired Mr. Hutchinson to read his Record of the Votes of the Meeting of the Church when this Meeting was appointed or warned. This he did, and I suppose I did after him -- and therein Mention is made of the Motion made by the aggrieved for a Church Meeting. Now this (my reading his Record) was probably what they imagined to be his Letter to me; which led them into Mistake; and they were so stirred as that (having put it into the late paper of Charge against Mr. *Hutchinson* and not finding they could Support it) they would now question my Faithfulness. It was remarked how strong, extensive and mischievous the power of prejudice. I hope that what I said gave satisfaction to the impartial. When they moved for further adjournment I told them they might not depend upon my Coming again. The Meeting was adjourned to Wednesday come fortnight. Mr. Maccarty prayed at the Close. Was obliged to tarry at Mr. Hutchinsons. Mr. Hall also. In the Eve came in there Two Deacons Merriam and Batchellor, Mr. Ephraim *Sherman*, Mr. John Prentice and others. N.B. Mr. Shermans Exception against Mr. Hutchinson for baptizing a Negro without Administering the Covenant to him. Mr. Hutchinson told us he judged he did, for he did it as he, the Negro, could bear -- in such Language as, by its being familiar, he might understand -- spoke Negro, That is, such broken words and accents as they Speak. Mr. Sherman hastily took him up, and asked him if he could speak Negro? And grew ready to accuse him for this, which was to us Surprizing. Lodged with Mr. Hall.

1772 September 22 (Tuesday). Mr. Hall and Mr. Hutchinson go to Mendon Association. I returned home.

1772 October 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Cushing and his Wife leave us early to go to Shrewsbury and thence home. Had designed to go to Mr. Stones about Mr. Lorings Papers, but it rained, and afterwards proved stormy. I pity the miserable Condition of poor Grafton. May the Lord extend Compassion to them! The storm is so great that it is doubtful whether either Mr. Hall or Mr. Maccarty can be with them. Read in Dr. *Appleton of being led by the Spirit*, his Six Discourses. At Eve Deacon Wood makes me a visit. The chief Thing he came about seems to be to let me know that the People will not be willing to contribute to Mr. Fay unless it be committed to the Care of Some suitable Person or Persons to dispose of it for the Familys Good.

1772 October 12 (Monday). I rode to *Grafton* and a.m. attended the Church Meeting as Moderator again: and prayed. Rev. Messrs. Hall and Maccarty there also. The aggrieved Brethrens Paper of Sept. 7th, by Desire, was read. Question put whether it should be sustained? It passed in the Negative. And by the Church's Consent it was returned. N.B. Mr. Isaac *Harrington* affirmed to the Church that I, at the first Church Meeting, did read a Letter or what I said was a Letter, from Mr. Hutchinson and which was not the Same with that Copy which I sent -- or the Original which I at another Meeting afterwards read as Mr. Hutchinsons and that there were 20 persons besides which could testify the same. See on Sept. 21. I urged for Dissolution of the Meeting. Put it to a Vote -- but they would not vote it. I repeated it -- but still there was no Vote. The Meeting was adjourned to this Day fortnight, 9 o'Clock precisely. N.B. The aggrieved desire they may have a Friendly Conference with Mr. Hutchinson at his House next Thursday at his House, and he to invite such as he pleases of his Brethren. He

consents. N.B. Mr. John Sherman, after Meeting, tells me he has been disquieted with me these 17 Years -- and relates what I know nothing of -- could remember nothing in the world about it. But asked his pardon if it were so. Dined at Mr. Hutchinsons. Return home.

1772 October 15 (Thursday). Mr. Hall of Sutton here.

1772 October 26 (Monday). According to my Promise to Mr. Hutchinson and in compliance with several Others who sollicitd me, I went again to *Grafton* to the Church Meeting. Messrs. Hall and Maccarty came also. Mr. Hutchinson apprized us of his Design of asking a Dismission and shewed us a Paper which he designed to present us to be read to the Church. But we went to the Meeting in the form which had been planned for this adjournment. Mr. Hall began with Prayer. I proposed the Business of the Meeting -- but did not go far into either Article. Mr. Hutchinson gave me his Paper exhibiting his Desire, which was read -- I suppose to the Churchs Surprize. But it being directed to us the Moderators we desired to have a little Space to conferr together and therefore adjourned to one p.m. When we had dined and returned, having drawn up our Minds in a paper [which?] was read to the Church. The Church (with reluctance indeed) voted that they conformed to it. And as we therein advised to call a Council of five Churches to Conduct the solemn Affair of Dismission, So the Church Voted it and proceeded to nominate and vote them. They were Westborough, 1st in Sutton, Worcester, 1st in Shrewsbury, and Mr. Leonards in Woodstock. Mr. *Hutchinson* offered to have the Council at his House, but the Church chose a Committee both to Sign Letters Missive, and to take Care respecting Provision for the Council. The *Meeting* was dissolved. Mr. Maccarty prayed. After meeting I talked with Mr. *Isaac Harrington* and told him how probably, his and his Neighbours great Mistake was made, viz. through their apprehending that I read Mr. *Hutchinsons* Letter to me, when I read the Record of the preceeding Meeting. He went away Satisfyed. Mr. Maccarty drew a Letter Missive, whereby to form the rest. I gave Mr. Hutchinson solemn Charge to consider deeply and lay to Heart this awful Dispensation of divine Providence which he was *himself* so much the Cause of; and to labour to become truly and deeply humbled before God for all is [*sic*] Defects and Miscarriages, Such especialy as he had himself owned and acknowledged and that he might be verily Sincere -- which if he was then he would not try to mitigate and palliate etc., for extenuating aggravates etc. etc.

1773 May 1 (Saturday). Mr. Ballard of Oxford from Boston, returning home, calls here: Mr. *Stone* changes with Mr. *Hall* of Sutton -- as he goes to *Sutton* takes a Dinner here.

1773 September 7 (Tuesday). Mr. *Hall* of Sutton and his son *Joseph* dined here.

1773 September 28 (Tuesday). Mr. *Hall* of Sutton here, and dines. He is again going to *Boston*. He gives me some Account of his Conduct at the Association last week at Mr. *Chaplins*: when he prayed before the sermon, and Mr. *Walley* after.

1773 October 18 (Monday). Mr. *Grosvenor* and I broke Fast at Deacon Merriams. N.B. I committed Mr. *Hall* of Suttons Book, Mr. *Burroughs* on *Hosea* Vol. 1 to be delivered safely to Mr. *Hall*.

1774 February 23 (Wednesday). Attended the *Fast* at *Grafton*, preparatory to Electing a Pastor. Mr. *Sumner* prayed a.m. Mr. Hall preached on Dan.9. I prayed p.m. and preached on Col.1.11. Mr. Sumner also prayed after Sermon. The Church Stopped, and Chose Mr. *Daniel Grosvenor*. I hope we have had some good Tokens of Success for which the Lord be Praised -- but O that it might please Him to forgive the Iniquitys of our holy Things!

1774 September 27 (Tuesday). Afterwards Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton* and Mr. *Grosvenor*, of *Grafton*, returning from Ministers Meeting at *Hopkinton*, call in to See me. Mr. *Hall* informs that the Council at *Chauxcitt* last Week, broke up and were dissolved, without doing any thing to purpose, on their difficult Affairs. For which I heartily grieve. May the Lord pity their miserable state!

1775 July 18 (Tuesday). Rev. *Hall* of *Sutton* returning from the Army called here, and I prevailed with him to pray with us under our Afflictions: which may God graciously hear and Answer!

1775 November 29 (Wednesday). Rev. Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton*, calls herein his way to [blot].

1776 June 28 (Friday). P.M. Rev. *Hall* of *Sutton* called to See me.

1776 October 27 (Sunday). Capt. *Brooks* and his Wife dined with us: as did Master *Joseph Hall* (Son of Rev. Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton*) who is come to keep our school; Mrs. *Maynard* and Miss *Katy [How?]* of *Marlborough* and Miss *Suse Brigham*.

1776 November 15 (Friday). At Eve Master *Hall* came, Spent the Eve and lodged, here.

1776 November 17 (Sunday). N.B. Master *Hall* was at Dinner here.

1776 December 1 (Sunday). Dr. *Crosby* and Master *Hall*, Miss *Suse Brigham* dined here.

1776 December 8 (Sunday). I had but an ill night -- better in the Morning. A.M. on *Deut.* XI.28 to p. 12. Mr. *Hall* and Miss *Suse Brigham* dined here.

1776 December 22 (Sunday). Masters *Hall* and *Stone* dined here!

1777 January 5 (Sunday). Messrs. *Hall* and *Stone* dined here, as did Mrs. *Ruth Godfry*.

1777 January 9 (Thursday). None of my Children from *New Braintry*, etc. are come though Sent to. Messrs. *Hall*, *Stone*, and *Crosby* come a.m. They, with my Daughters accompany *Breck* (who is better) to Col. *Brighams*. I went with them. Mr. *Whitney* of *Northborough* there ready. We dined sumptuously. P.M. Mr. *Whitney* prayed and administered the marriage Covenant to *Breck* and *Suse*. I prayed after. My son *Alexander* Came from *Leicester* and attended the Solemnity. In closing the solemnity the *Bridegroom*, *Bride*, Mr. *Whitney*, the young Gentlemen, *Winslow Brigham*, *Edward* (son of Captain *Jonas*), two or three young women came to my

House, where we *supped*. Mr. *Whitney* returned home. And part of the Company did so. *Alexander*, Messrs. *Hall* and *Stone* tarried. May God grant His special Blessing! Pardoning all amiss and grant the Joy may never Cease! O that we may all be espoused to Jesus Christ!

1777 January 12 (Sunday). Messrs. *Hall*, *Stone* and *Crosby*, also Miss *Molly Pratt* and [blank] *Brigham* (from Coll. *Brighams*) dined here.

1777 January 16 (Thursday). At Eve came Masters *Hall* and *Stone*. Supped and lodged here.

1777 January 19 (Sunday). N.B. At dinner, besides our own Family, and [torn] *Suse* and *Billy Spring*, had *Winslow* and *Mindwell Brigham*, Miss [May? illegible]; also Master *Hall* and Dr. *Crosbys* Wife. Sixteen in all.

1777 January 27 (Monday). Master *Hall* and his Brother *Jonathan* here going to *Hollis*.

1777 April 1 (Tuesday). N.B. Mr. *Grosvenor* and his Wife, Mr. *Kendal*, with Master *Hall* visited, and dined here -- though I saw nothing of them.

1777 May 20 (Tuesday). Mr. *Hall* of *Sutton*, going to *Concord* and *Boston*, dines with us.

1777 May 22 (Thursday). Mr. *Hall* returning from *Roxbury* (he went not into *Boston* for fear of the Small Pox) was with us. He heard that General *Bourgoyne's* Army and Fleet are within 4 or 5 Days from our Harbour.

1777 July 1 (Tuesday). Before noon came my Son *William* waiting upon his Mother, who met the Girls and an increased Company (Master *Joseph Hall* of *Sutton* etc.) going to *Concord*.

1777 July 4 (Friday). Mr. *Hall* (*Josiah* of *Sutton*) came with two of Deacon *Tarrant Putnam's* Daughters, return from *Concord*, and inform that *Hannah* got down to *Samuels* pritty well, and on Thursday undertook to go to *Boston*. They turn out here -- drink Coffee etc.

1777 September 25 (Thursday). Master *Joseph Hall* of *Sutton* dined here.

1777 November 25 (Tuesday). Dr. *Hall* of *Sutton* called here in his way to *Boston*.

1777 November 28 (Friday). Dr. *Hall* coming from *Boston* was here in his Way home.

1778 March 6 (Friday). Master *Joseph Hall*.

1778 June 3 (Wednesday). I rode on an Horse of Mr. *Tainters* to the *Fast* at *Grafton*. It was occasioned by Rev. *Grosvenor's* Hoarseness, so that he has not preached these two Years. Dr. *Hall*, Mr. *Fish* and Mr. *Sumner* came. Dr. *Hall* began the Solemnity with Prayer. Mr. *Fish* preached a.m. on *Isa.* 31.9. An excellent good and pertinent Sermon. May God forgive my ill

Frame and bless it to me and to all Concerned! P.M. Mr. *Sumner* prayed and I preached on 2 *Cor.* 4.1 and read Several more verses. Which may God bless to us to our highest Benefit!

1779 January 18 (Monday). Dr. Hall of Sutton in his Journey to Concord calls here.

1779 April 12 (Monday). Dr. Hall of Sutton going to Boston calls and dines here (with Mr. Cushing).

1779 April 15 (Thursday). Dr. Hall returning from Boston called here.

1779 August 12 (Thursday). Dr. Hall of Sutton calls here in Return from Boston.

1780 April 10 (Monday). N.B. Dr. Hall going to Boston calls here.

1780 April 13 (Thursday). Dr. Hall from Boston.

1781 April 7 (Saturday). Dr. *Hall* of Sutton going to Marlborough to preach there tomorrow.

1781 April 11 (Wednesday). Dr. *Hall* returning from *Concord* was here, and drank Tea.

1781 May 31 (Thursday). Mr. *Isaac Johnson* came with the heavy Tidings, that Mr. *Stone* expired about 7 o'Clock a.m. Alas! my Brother! Help, Lord! The Godly cease the Righteous fail [*illegible*] do not Thou forsake us! Mr. *Johnson* dines here and goes to Dr. *Hall*.

1781 June 2 (Saturday). Had but a poor night, and am not able to discharge the Dutys called for. *Elias* goes over to *Hopkinton*, to wait on Mrs. *Cotton* here. Mr. *Cushing* waited on me to the *Funeral* of Mr. *Stone*. I had Such a Cough I could not Speak in the Assembly. Dr. *Hall* prayed there, made a brief funeral Address and Exhortation to the people which was followed with a Short Prayer by Mr. *Bridge*. (The Corps having been plac'd before the Deacons Seat in the Meeting House, was then solemnly born to the Grave.) I assisted only as a Bearer, and with a few words at Interring. The other Bearers were, Dr. *Hall*, Mr. *Bridge*, Mr. *Sumner*, Mr. *Whitney* and Mr. *Biglow*. Under-Bearers were 4 Brethren of the Church; and the Rest of the Church walked before the Corps.

1781 June 30 (Saturday). Dr. *Hall* calls here in his way to *Southborough*.

1781 July 2 (Monday). Rev. Dr. *Hall* come in in his Return home. N.B. his Text Yesterday was *Rev.* 14.13, "Blessed are the Dead that die in the Lord, etc."

1781 August 18 (Saturday). Dr. Hall in his way to Marlborough dined here.

1782 May 27 (Monday). Dr. *Hall* of Sutton, going to *Boston*, calls here.



1782 May 31 (Friday). Mrs. *Lydia Morse* was here with her *Relation*. Dr. *Hall* returning from *Boston* calls here. I talk with him about Mr. *Sanford*. Says that Mr. *Sanford* is of Opinion that is [*sic*] the Author of Sin, as He is of Poison in a Serpent. P

1782 August 20 (Tuesday). N.B. A Fast at Shrewsbury. Mr. *Grosvenor* preached a.m. on Isa. 26.4. Rev. Dr. *Hall* p.m. on Isa. 45.22.

1782 August 23 (Friday). Wrote to Dr. *Hall* and to Mr. *Grosvenor* concerning the *Fast* -- to Mr. *Whitney* likewise.