

## Raisings: Houses, Barns, Meeting Houses, and Other Structures

1723 August 8 (Thursday). There was a Raising of an House, a Suiting Diversion for Mr. Rice, while Mr. McKinstry, his wife and I took a Ride to Oxford to See Mr. Cambell. This is Six Miles and 1/2.

1726 March 9 (Wednesday). I went over to Neighbor Pratts to the Raising of his Barn.

1726 June 20 (Monday). I rode as far as Mr. Tainters to raising his Barn. It was a pleasant time, but not altogether without Trouble and Toil.

1726 November 7, 8 (Monday, Tuesday). Very Busy in preparing for the Solemnity approaching. I was at Mr. Wards at Supper after the Raising his Mill. N.B. We sang Ps. 128th after Supper.

1740 June 12 (Thursday). Lieutenant King of Suffield, and his New marry'd wife (who was Mrs. Hannah Devotion) was here and din'd with us. P.M. Mr. Wigglesworth, Mr. Prentice, Deacon Thorn and Mr. Adams (the Two last of Ipswich) came. Mr. Prentice went home to Grafton and Deacon Thorn to Shrewsbury. The rest went with my wife and me to a raising Supper at Ensign Maynards.

1742 May 12 (Wednesday). Mr. Smith of Marlborough preached to the Young Men of the first Society on 1 Chr. 28.9, a good usefull sermon.... Mr. Smith rode away immediately after Exercise on occasion of his Neighbours setting him up a Barn Frame this afternoon.

1742 June 14 (Monday). Raising at Capt. Fays a Barn of 70 feet length.

1742 September 1 (Wednesday). At Eve Supped at Capt. Eagers after his raising the back Part of his House.

1744 April 30 (Monday). Captain Maynard rais'd another Large Barn. My Wife and I were there. N.B. One Goodhew, a Young Man from Boston residing among us, had a fall from the Frame and was led into the House much hurt, but afterwards recover'd. At Supper there were So many to be entertain'd that we were kept till 10 o'Clock. I manifested so much uneasiness that we were so detain'd that I concluded everybody would retire home as Soon as they might, but it prov'd otherwise. Many tarried long after I was got home and the Time run off; among the rest 3 of my own Family. After 12 I walk'd away towards the House again. Ebenezer and Thomas Needham were returning home -- upon which I went to my Bed -- but understanding that there were many yet behind and among them Some Heads of Family, I rose very uneasy and went down to the House, and having acquainted Captain Maynard with what Time of Night it was, I ask'd him whether he did not Consent to my going in among the Company that were Still diverting themselves at this unseasonable Time. I went in and admonish'd them, and sent them home. N.B. George Smith (the Taylor) and Robert Bradish made the Chief Stand -- but Smith I Sent off and Bradish took up his Lodging there. This Exerting my Authority gave me great uneasiness, but I was resolute to Shew Impartiality and not be partaker of other Mens

Sins, as likewise to discharge my own Duty as Watchman in this Place and as having the Care of their Souls.

1744 November 30 (Friday). Brother Samuel Parkman having been at Hopkinton and rais'd his House there, at Eve came here, and lodg'd with us.

1745 April 11 (Thursday). I visited old Deacon Tomlin who has not only rais'd him a New House in this Parish but this Day begins to move into it. I am Sorry to find the Deacon Shaken in Mind -- but is dispos'd to listen to any Defence of the Church of England, or Opinions of the Baptists. I gave him earnest Cautions, Exhortations and Instructions, and then proceeded to Ensign Rice's where I found a New Common Prayer Book and a New Book publish'd by the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Defence of the Church of England. Ensign was not at Home. I left my Counsel and Charge with his Wife and visited Neighbour Jeduthan How. Went next over to Brother Seths, with whom I also Seriously discours'd -- but I found him, through Grace, Stedfast. I understand that his Brother Josiah is preparing to raise a New House in our parish -- and being greatly Concern'd for him would not go home without seeing him, though he was far off, Carting Stones. To my great Sorrow found him leaning to the Church. He had been with Mr. Price at Boston, etc. I discharg'd my Duty to him with Some fervency and left him -- Committing this Cause to God.

1745 April 27 (Saturday). John Oake told me that his Aunt Holloway was to do a message to me, viz. that the people over there desir'd me to go over next Tuesday to the raising their Meeting House, and they would have me be with them at 8 in the Morning to pray with them -- and his aunt not coming he did the message by her Order. I told him I was in Some difficulty for want of an Horse, my mare having lately foal'd.

1745 April 30 (Tuesday). No body from the North Side to bring me an Horse or accompany me over to the raising the meeting House there. Nor any one person of the Multitude who pass'd by my House from the South, so much as call'd to See whether I were to go or could go or no.... P.M. I rode over to the North side on my own Mare, notwithstanding the inconvenience of it, and the misting, uncomfortable Weather. For though I mislik'd many Things in their Conduct there, yet I found not enough to warrant my proclaiming War against them as my refusing to go to Day would do. I found Mr. Cushing and Mr. Morse there. Afterwards came Mr. Martin and Mr. Goss. The raising began about 10 a.m. and was finish'd about 4 p.m. without Hurt, through the Great Mercy and Goodness of God. To him be the Glory! At their Request I pray'd after the work was finish'd, and we Sung Ps. 127, first Stanza, Ps. 125, first half Stanza and Ps. 128 beginning. Their Entertainment was in the Frame. The people brought their provisions in great Plenty. Mr. Cushing crav'd and Mr. Martyn return'd. A number of us were at Captain Eagers after supper. In returning home Captain Baker in Company and we had some earnest arguings all the way, but kept and parted in peace.

1745 June 17 (Monday). N.B. Thomas Winchester gone part of today, as he was half of Saturday, p.m. of Friday helping Mr. Chamberlain, and p.m. Thursday last, at his Fathers raising.

1747 August 17 (Monday). P.M. My wife and I went to Esquire Bakers to raising of west end of his house....

1748 May 20 (Friday). At Mr. Whipples with my wife at the Raising of his Barn.

1748 June 21 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode over to Mr. Martyns, to the raising of their New House.

1748 June 22 (Wednesday). After the Exercise I went to Mr. Amsdens to the raising of his New House. My Wife not well and therefore could not go with me.

1749 March 15 (Wednesday). Rode to Marlborough to Deacon Tainters and din'd there. Went to Mr. Joseph Williams to get some Things for Thomas but could not get at 'em by reason that the Lock seem'd to have been Strain'd, whether by anybodys trying to open it or by what other means can't be found. From thence I proceeded on my Design'd Journey to Mr. Jotham Browns, who with his Lads were gone to a Raising at Mr. Dakins -- going there I was compell'd to tarry and sup with 'em; and then (though it was by this Time Candle-Light) I was oblig'd to visit and pray with his aged Mother.

1749 April 17 (Monday). A Precinct Meeting -- partly to provide for raising the New Meeting House,<sup>1</sup> and among divers other Things to See whether they would pull off the Covering and Closing of the old Meeting House and Use them upon the New -- but could not obtain a vote to meddle with it.

1749 April 27 (Thursday). I went from thence to see old Mrs. Forbush (nigh 85 years of age). But when I came out from her, I thought it would be best to ride round by the Meeting House place to give 'em opportunity and prevent their Sending on purpose to my House and as Mr. Forbush aforesaid intimated they would. I therefore came home that way. Captain Baker and Lieutenant Bruce were very complaisant. I enquir'd whether the work went on well and how forward they were etc.? They told me that Time that they had last night agreed upon for the Raising Day -- viz. Next Wednesday -- But that they intended to send to me and to the Neighbouring Ministers, But as there was but one of the Committee there, Captain Baker, there could be no public message as yet to Mr. Martyn. I put 'em in mind to Send without Fail to his Spouse also. One Mr. Hastings, a Carpenter, brought me their bottle and offer'd to give me a Dram -- which gave me occasion to talk with them about their offering (as I had heard) their Bottle to Travellers to beg of them as they pass'd in the high way: I talk'd with the Chief Workman Mr. Hemingway, but he vindicated himself. I told him I had rather give 'em, myself, Every Penny of what they Should so Collect -- and I took out my Book to pay him what they Said had been given though they Said it was only by Such as had turn'd aside to see them and that only by Two persons -- one of which gave 3/, the other 1/. I parted as decently as I could professing my Concern to have Every Thing carry'd on in Righteousness, Peace and Honour. Esquire Baker, in his Conversation, inform'd me that at the Meeting last Night (which was of

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<sup>1</sup>Built after Westborough was divided into two parishes.

Such of the Inhabitants of the precinct as pleas'd to Show their Minds about the Provision they would make for the Raising) Some that were disaffected brought in a Petition to the Committee to raise a Meeting, if possible to remove the Spot for the Meeting House. But it was too late, and he said it could be thought no other than Vexations, design'd so -- by its being brought at this Time.

1749 April 29 (Saturday). Deacon Newton came and in the Name of the Committee of the Precinct invited me and my wife to the Raising of the Meeting House next Wednesday.

1749 April 30 (Sunday). Preach'd all Day upon Ps. 119.60. Read a.m. Gen. 31, p.m. Mark 3. N.B. I gave the People a fervent Caution and Exhortation respecting their Conduct on the design'd Raising of a new Meeting House.

1749 May 3 (Wednesday). A.M. came Mr. Martyn and his Wife; Mr. Cushing also, and Mr. Stone and din'd with us. After Dinner we all rode over to the Raising of the New Meeting House. Mr. Barrett likewise came: and a great Concourse of people. The Frame went up well; and through God's great Goodness, Neither Life nor Limb lost. The only Hurt I have heard of was by the Fall of a Board which graz'd a man's forehead but Slightly. But the Impudence of Young Men with the Young Women was with them very Shameless. I was obliged to go and reprove several. Reverend Mr. Cushing, Barrett, Martyn and Stone refresh'd themselves with me at Deacon Newtons. Mr. Cushing (when all the Timber was in place and the Frame compleated) Pray'd and gave Thanks. After which we sang Ps. 13.10.13-16 and there was a plentiful Entertainment. Mr. Barrett carved; Mr. Martyn Return'd Thanks after Supper. When the Company drew off we repair'd again to Deacon Newtons.

1749 December 25 (Monday). Lieutenant Bruce was here about the Stables which Several of them had join'd to raise at the Meeting House and had done it last Friday, on the Land which I am buying of Lieutenant Brigham of Southborough.

1750 May 21 (Monday). My Wife and I to Mr. Beemans raising his Barn. Ebenezer and Joseph there. After Dinner we went to Lieutenant Bruce's to move his Barn.

1750 June 8 (Friday). N.B. Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard raised his House this Afternoon. I supp'd there.

1750 June 19 (Tuesday). Took up Mr. Fay into my Chair to see how he could bear to ride in one. Mr. Haven and I rode to Mr. Winchesters -- would have had Prudy ride in the Chair, but she was too Weak. We return'd to Mr. Moses Brighams Raising of his Barn, and were well entertain'd there. Mr. Ebenezer Rice undertakes to get me the 4 Beams of my intended House, and Mr. William Pierce to hew the 4 Girts (which are wanting). Mr. Daniel Hardy finding the Timbers.

1750 September 6 (Thursday). Deacon Forbush and his son Daniel at Stoning the Cellar, and Samuel Bumpso, employ'd by me, diggs in the Cellar and tends Mr. Forbush with Stones. At the Frame Messrs. Gale, Grow, Bradish, Tainter, Charles Rice, Jonah Warrin, Bowman, Harrington,

Bond, Ephraim Bruce. Since it is concluded upon to raise tomorrow,<sup>2</sup> I very earnestly entreated every one who was at the Work to notifie all the Several Quarters of the Parish which they liv'd in. I made a Business especially of going to Captain Maynards to invite him and all his that could come. Captain was gone to Brookfield -- but I invited Stephen and Joseph Winchester. I took all the pains I could to Send every where, that none might be excepted. I rode over to the other side of the River, Spake and Sent word to Every One, that way: particularly both Sent and went to Mr. James Maynard and to Mr. Seth Rice, and Spake with them both. N.B. Mr. Haven with me, and we rode over to Mr. Martyns. Ask'd him and his Spouse -- and brought over Mrs. Molly to our House.

1750 September 7 (Friday). Deacon Forbush a.m. and his son Daniel at the Cellar. Deacon Newton tends 'em. At the Frame, Messrs. Gale, Bradish, Grow, Tainter, Batheric, Charles Rice, Nathaniel Whitney, Bowman, Harrington, Jonah Warrin, John Rogers, and [blank] who all gave their Work of this forenoon. Mr. Martyn and Mrs. Molly din'd with us, Mr. Haven went briskly to Mrs. Martyn and brought her over (Mr. Martyn having come without her). P.M. My Neighbours rais'd my New Frame and we sung part of Psalm 127. Scil. one Stanza and Psalm 128 (second meetre) except the last half stanza. Sundry Neighbours Sent and brought Cheese, Cake, Wheat Bread, etc. which with Some Apples Pyes which my Wife provided, made up our Entertainment. Mr. Martyn pray'd and Mr. Haven return'd Thanks.

1751 March 11 (Monday). I was at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's to pay them Rum which I had borrow'd of them -- chiefly for raising my New House, my Well, Cellar and Chimney work.

1751 May 24 (Friday). At Neighbour Bathericks Barn-raising p.m. I was in a great Deal of Trouble about Sending to Mr. Willson, the Mason, again. Neither of my Two Eldest sons return'd from Raising till late at Night.

1751 June 20 (Thursday). Thomas to Sutton, to the Raising of their New Meeting House.

1751 June 21 (Friday). My son Thomas return'd from Sutton Meeting-House-Raising.

1752 May 15 (Friday). Mr. Zebulon Rice at the Frame. Added to him afterwards were, Mr. Batherick, Mr. Grow -- old Mr. Graves, and Mr. Simon Tainter -- who work'd and din'd with us. In the afternoon by the help of a Sufficient Number of Hands (about 70 Great and Small) we rais'd the Barn. 30 feet long and 28 wide -- and through the Goodness of God there was no Evil Accident. I had provided only for about a Score, yet I hope no one went away without some refreshment. It was only Cake and Cheese and Butter etc.

1752 May 16 (Saturday). Billy works at t'other House so that I am alone to take Care of things and put all to rights after the Raising.

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<sup>2</sup>Parkman built a new house after Westborough was divided into two parishes.

1754 January 28 (Monday). Alpheus Newton's House rais'd. Captain Eager ask'd me to go up, and I did so. Some refreshment at Deacon Newtons by Captain Eager.

1755 June 5 (Thursday). P.M. went to Mr. Daniel Forbush to the raising of a New House.

1755 June 25 (Wednesday). My Wife and I, after Lucy came home with the Chair (N.B. she and Elizabeth came from Brookfield Yesterday) rode to See Lieutenant Bruce's Wife; and went to Mr. Timothy Warrins Raising of one Barn and removing another.

1755 October 6 (Monday). Mr. Ebenezer Forbush dug in my Cellar way for the new Kitchin. Messrs. Gale, Zebulun Rice, and Batheric at Work on the Frame. Towards Night we Rais'd -- No Hurt -- Thanks to God.

1757 May 31 (Tuesday). P.M. I visited Mr. Joseph Greens Daughter Mary who is sick and at Dr. Crosby's Desire, went to the raising of his House.

1756 March 23 (Tuesday). My Wife and I rode to Ensign Millers, being formally invited to the Raising a New Barn there.

1756 April 7 (Wednesday). I rode Barny Newtons Mare to Young Mr. Martyns Raising.

1756 September 20 (Monday). N.B. I was invited by Deacon Forbush to the Raising of his saw-Mill, but Providence called me to other Work!

1758 June 28 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Zebulun Rice's Wife here -- she wants Advice and Direction respecting her Duty towards a sister of the Church who (She says) was last week the worse for Drink -- about half a Dozen women being able to testify to it. I Suppose it was at the Raising Cornelius Biglow Junior's Barn, which was on the 23d.

1760 April 21 (Monday). *Jacob Rice* junior comes to School (learning Latin) and boards here. I was at the Raising of a South End and West Side to his House. Sung 2 Stanzas of Ps. 127.

1760 April 22 (Tuesday). From thence I went to the raising of Mr. Jonathan Fays great Barn. Mr. Fessenden there, and returned home with me at Night. N.B. Sung part of Ps. 112.

1760 May 6 (Tuesday). After Meeting my wife and I, Mr. Fessenden, Jacob Rice, and my Boys went to the raising of Mr. David Maynards Additions to his House.

1761 April 2 (Thursday). After Catechizing my wife and I were at the raising of Mr. Zebulun Rice's New House. No very bad Accident. D.G.

1761 April 24 (Friday). Capt. Wood and Mr. Zebulun Rice work upon the Well-Crotch till noon and dine here. Several Neighbours are here to help raise it up, viz. Messrs. Phinehas Hardy,

Barney Newton, and a Number of young men, Noah Hardy, Adam Rice, John Wood, Amon Blanc, Nathan Kenny. And, except the two last, they dined here.

1765 July 10 (Wednesday). After Dinner Billy raises the Corn Barn and that being over, Billy and Breck rake and get in Hay.

1766 May 8 (Thursday). My Wife and I, also John, attend the Family Meeting at Mr. Daniel Hardys (which was put off to this Day, by reason of the Funeral of Mr. Amsden on the Day upon which it ought otherwise to have been). I preached on Rev. 22.14. N.B. At the Same Time there was a Raising of a Barn at Mr. John Woods, notwithstanding that public Notice was given of the said Family Meeting. This was to my great Grief!

1766 May 13 (Tuesday). By Virtue of a Letter from Dr. Crosby I was induced to go to Shrewsbury, who raised their Meeting-House. Capt. Maynard accompanied me up to Mr. Sumners; where I dined. Messrs. Martyn, Maccarty, and Morse there. It was late when we supped. We Sung at Eve within the Frame of the Building. I appointed and read Dr. Watts's Hymn in imitation of Ps. 132. I [prayed?] at Table, and Mr. Martyn returned Thanks.

1766 May 14 (Wednesday). Lt. Forbush here, asks me and my Wife to raising of his House.

1766 May 15 (Thursday). P.M. I went to the Raising of Lt. Forbush's House, and was at the Entertainment. N.B. Neighbour Batherick Sat the Psalm and Sung a New Tune, and triple Time, viz. New York. N.B. both Caleb and John at this Raising.

1766 June 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Every one goes to the Raising Neighbour Thomas Bonds Barn: 80 feet long.

1766 July 9 (Wednesday). My Wife and I had Dr. Hawe's Chair to Hopkinton to Visit Brother Barrett. Dine there. Cannot return home because of Mr. Barrett and his sons going to Dr. Wilsons Raising a new back part to his House.

1767 June 25 (Thursday). P.M. At Mr. Edwards Whipple's Raising of an House. Temple and John there.

1767 October 30 (Friday). Deacon Wood raises (what I am told is) a Bake-House.

1768 April 13 (Wednesday). Mr. Beeton raised his Barn. I could not go to it.

1768 April 26 (Tuesday). Went to the Raising of a large Barn of Mr. Fessendens.

1768 May 12 (Thursday). I was sent for to the Raising of Levi Warrins New House. Sang Ps. 128, omitting v. [blank] in Dr. Watts's Version.

1768 August 31 (Wednesday). Rode to Mr. Jonah Warrins and buy of him a parcel of Boards. Some oak -- some pitch pine, amounting to 447: and a parcel of slit work, about 30 feet. Thence to Forbes's Saw Mill for more slitwork which I buy of Mr. Zebulon Rice. They were 80 feet. Mr. Whipple and son, Mr. Batherick and Rich Temple work at the Frame. We p.m. 3 or 4 o'clock Summons Hands to help raise, Mr. Whipple Supposing he shall be ready, and that 14 or 15 Hands can accomplish it. But we make it night before we begin. 25 persons are waiting -- 28 or 29 in all, to entertain; but got the Frame up.<sup>3</sup>

1768 September 1 (Thursday). Mr. Whipple and his son, and Mr. Batheric come to work but are sadly hindered by having the Principals to raise, and are yet more for want of Boards fit for the Gable End -- Mr. Nurse, who was to provide white Pine Boards, not coming with them. Nay I understand he is not So much as returned from his Journey in which he went to trade for them. So far is he from bringing them here, that he is not so much as gone for them. The work men break off a.m. and went home. However I perswaded them to stay and dine. P.M. borrowed Mr. Nurse's Horse and rode to Mr. Amasa Maynards and agreed with him for some Boards, and John goes with a Team for them -- brings 600, at 20/. Though I have already provided Nails for my Building, yet Mrs. P \_\_\_\_\_ sends me by Mr. Joseph Green junior a large Quantity of both Board and shingle Nails.

1768 October 12 (Wednesday). P.M. visit Mr. Beeton who had his Leg broke at the Raising of Mr. Maynards saw Mill.

1769 May 24 (Wednesday). P.M. When we returned we stopped at Mr. Timothy Warrins who raises his New House, and moves two Barns to Day.

1769 June 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Phinehas Maynard invites me to raising his House tomorrow.

1769 June 8 (Thursday). P.M. Go to the Raising of Mr. Phineas Maynards New House. Many there. Sing Watts's Ps. 128.

1770 May 3 (Thursday). P.M. went to the raising of S. Whipples Saw-Mill.

1770 May 9 (Wednesday). P.M. at the Raising of Benjamin Fay's Barn.

1770 June 7 (Thursday). Attended at the Entertainment made by Mr. Ebenezer Forbes, who this Day raised a long Barn. Capt. Jonathan Fay raised a new House, but I could not be there, though invited, being pre-requested.

1771 May 2 (Thursday). Mr. Bellows 2 House<sup>4</sup> raised. I could not be there by reason of my Cold -- Headach etc.

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<sup>3</sup>This was an addition to Parkman's barn.

<sup>4</sup>Ithamar Bellows's house was destroyed by fire on April 25.



1771 May 13 (Monday). Then attended the Raising of the House of young Benjamin Fay.

1771 September 16 (Monday). Wrote to Breck by Mr. Levi Brigham junior of Monadnock who yesterday delivered us a Letter from him, which informs that lately he met with a Wound at a Raising. A Timber fell on his Right Hand, which broke one of his fingers, and hurt two more. John returns from Concord and Boston.

1772 August 28 (Friday). The Proprietors of the Stables nigh the Stoore [sic], generally for the moving the stables, except Mr. Andrews and Mr. Richard Barns. I went to them and made 'em Offer, to their Satisfaction. P.M. a Number of Hands (to 40) came together and moved the Stables aforesaid -- and the Shop -- and raised a store 35 feet long; but 8 feet post.

1773 May 4 (Tuesday). The workmen and a great Number of people undertake the moving the West End. Messrs. William Brigham and David Brigham with their Wives, dined here, as did Mr. Keenes. Mr. Peter Whitney (whom I had writ to, apprizing and inviting) came p.m. N.B. Mr. Walley and Coll. Whitcomb, going to Upton, Stop at the Meeting House, and the Movings there being accomplished, the people requested me to Return Thanks publicly; to perform which we gathered into the House -- and after prayer we Sung part of the 132 Ps. Deacon Wood invited me, Mr. Whitney etc. to an Entertainment at his House. I went, but Mr. Whitney to Capt. Maynards. Thus this arduous Enterprise was finished without any Disaster. The Praise to God our Preserver!

1773 June 29 (Tuesday). Rode to Hopkinton through our East Corner. Called at a Number of the Houses. Bellows (new married), Baker, Belknap. Thence to Dr. Wilsons -- but my principal Design (as to visiting) was to Capt. Clarks, who had lately lost his Wife. Dined there. Went to Mr. Fitchs -- has lately erected an House. Hopkinton Meeting House is repairing.

1774 June 9 (Thursday). N.B. I attended the Raising Mr. Benajah Brighams Barn.

1775 June 13 (Tuesday). P.M. I conformed to Mr. Jonathan Grouts request to be at his House on Occasion of Raising a large Barn.

1775 March 23 (Thursday). Mr. Caleb Harrington raises an House near the End of my Beeton Field.

1775 December 5 (Tuesday). Capt. Maynard raises a Stable at the Corner in my Land on the back side of the Meeting House.

1776 November 6 (Wednesday). Squire Baker raises a large Building for a Tan-House. I, by request, went, but did not tarry to their Supper.

1778 April 30 (Thursday). Breck raised a Leanto, [addition?] to his House. The Dimentions 27 by 12 1/2.

1778 June 5 (Friday). Dr. Hawes raises a new part to his Barn. My sons assist at it.

1779 June 3 (Thursday). At eve, but before Sunsetting, I by Request of Mr. Sam'l Forbush, went to his House. He has been raising a new Barn, and moving part of an Old One. I was at their Supper, after which we Sang part of Ps. 112.

1779 August 24 (Tuesday). Breck has Carpenters at work to raise the Back Roof of his Store.

1779 September 2 (Thursday). I turned into Mr. Sheriff Greenleaf's, thence to Mr. Harrington's -- he not at home, and sat out for home but in Northborough was compelled to go into Deacon Paul Newton's to raising Supper, and lodged there.

1780 May 29 (Monday). Rec'd a Letter from Rev. Whitney to request me to dine with him and to attend the Raising a New House for him.<sup>5</sup> In riding over there met with Mr. McCarty -- he was going to Boston. But turned about and went with me to Northborough. Mr. Stone came also. We dined at Mrs. Briggs, and there Supped. Mr. Maccarty went to Boston. Mr. Stone and I went to the Raising. I prayed and gave the Psalm (Ps. 127). Mr. Stone made the last prayer. No Evil occurrence. Blessed be God! Mr. Elijah Brigham was my Company home. An Excellent Frame, and a great Company.

1780 June 8 (Thursday). Squire Baker came and invites me to the Raising of a Grist Mill and a Saw Mill. I went. The Company was double, but all supped together at Mr. Rider's. No evil Occurrence befell anyone. D.G.

1781 June 14 (Thursday). A Notable Raising of Squire Bakers great Barn of 110 feet long. I was invited and as our Lord and Saviour did not refuse when asked to an Entertainment so I complied -- went, dined and supp'd there. No Evil Occurrence, nor signs of Intemperance among them.

1782 May 23 (Thursday). In the Evening Solemnized the Marriage of Isaac Ruggles and *Hepzibah Parker*. After which I was hurried away to Capt. *Jonas Brigham's*, who has been raising a Barn -- from the upper part of which a Young Man has fallen to the Ground and tis feared his Death is Nigh. I am requested to make all Haste to him. When I arrived the young man was reviv'd and complained only his Wrists, which were bruised and strained -- a Marvellous Deliverance. God be praised and magnified! I gave Thanks and prayed with him and the people who were there. The Young Man was *John*, son of Mr. *Seth Woods*: aged about 19 Years. I lodged there.

1782 May 24 (Friday). The People flock together to Capt. Jonas Brighams, to finish the Raising of the Barn, which was broke off by the Sad Accident above mentioned. This Addition to the former Barn makes the whole Barn about 105 feet long.

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<sup>5</sup>The home of Rev. Peter Whitney of Northbortough was destroyed by fire on April 26.

1782 July 10 (Wednesday). Breck Raises his House. 28 feet Front; 30 feet back. Mr. Jonathan Batheric and Capt. Fisher were the principal Workmen. Through the Goodness of God there was no Evil Occurrence. An hundred and fifteen persons were entertained. Cousen Maynard was very kind and helpfull. She came early and stayed here over night.