

## Work House

1766 May 29 (Thursday). [Boston.] After the Convention I went to the [Alms?] House -- where I heard the Grievous Complaints of Mr. Procter and his Wife against Mr. *Leazenby* overseer of the Work House, Royal Tyler and others of the Overseers of the poor, who (they Say) are unreasonably prejudiced against them.

1767 March 16 (Monday). Town Meeting to build a Work House. They vote it, and to set it by Mr. Warrins.

1767 April 8 (Wednesday). Town Meeting to reconsider the Vote about the place of the Work-House, and to Vote to have it stand near the Stables, before my House. Upon discerning men there viewing the Ground I went out and Spoke to them and at the Motion of several I went in to the Meeting House and remonstrated against it, and prayed them to set it elsewhere. They reconsidered their Vote and placed it where it was voted at first.

1767 December 24 (Thursday). Towards Eve I rode to Mr. *Benjamin How* who is building the Chimneys at the Work House, to get him to rebuild my sleigh.

1768 February 9 (Tuesday). Mr. Samuel *Hardy* junior, his wife, Children and goods, are removed from the (*Whipple*) school House, to go to *the Work House* -- but it not being fit to receive them they are taken in at Lt. *Bruce's*. Sorrowful sight!

1768 May 10 (Tuesday). Called at the Workhouse to see Garfields and Samuel Hardys Family[s?].

1773 March 8 (Monday). Also called at the workhouse to See *Garfield*, but he went off. I nevertheless went in to see his Wife and Children.

1779 July 5 (Monday). On my way home I went into the Workhouse to see a Stranger who was taken sick on the Road from Fishkill and going to his Family at Casco Bay.

1779 July 7 (Wednesday). Visit the poor Sick Stranger at the Workhouse -- and prayed with him. His name is James Webber of Purpoodock and has a Wife and two Children: he is ill of bilious Fever and Camp-Distemper.

1779 July 12 (Monday). Having understood that Mr. James Webber was still sick at the Work house, I went there p.m. to see him and prayed with him.

1779 July 14 (Wednesday). I visited and prayed with the sick Stranger, Mr. James Webber. He is grown worse. May God prepare him and us for His Sovereign Will!

1779 July 15 (Thursday). P.M. attended Mr. Webber's Funeral, and prayed.

1780 October 10 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Ebenezer Forbush conducted me to the thick Swamp, where is the hideous Dwelling of Jacob Garfield, and I went in, though with Difficulty, to see it.

Garfield himself led my Horse out, and I visited at Mr. Tim. Warrin's -- but my principal visit was to Mr. Daniel Stockwell's young Child, which was sick -- I prayed with it -- and then went to the poor at the Work House.