

Silas Biglow (1739-1769), Harvard 1765

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1760 January 13 (Sunday). N.B. Dr. Gott dined with us, as did Silas Biglow.

1764 July 11 (Wednesday). N.B. *Silas Biglow* of College here, with his Sister Dorcas, on their Journey to Cambridge. I gave him *Rohault's* Philosophy, with various Cutts, large Octavo, and *Bartholine's* Specimen of Natural Philosophy.

1765 July 19 (Friday). Rode to Lt. Joseph Howards to find *Jonathan Hill* (to whom Mrs. Cutting of Waltham had committed a Bundle for my son William then at Townshend, which never arrived) and found him. He resolves to search after the Bundle. Dine at Mr. Smiths, and tarry till the Cool. We call at Coll. *Williams*. Tea etc. Arrive Safe at home, through the Great Goodness of God. Sir Biglow, his Mother and sister here, in their way home.

1766 March 9 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. *Biglow* delivered me a Packet containing a large Letter and two Pamphlets from Mr. *Holbrook*.

1766 June 8 (Sunday). N.B. Sir Biglow from Chelsea, here -- dines etc. with us, as did Mr. Hezekiah How.

1766 June 13 (Friday). Sir Biglow brings a Letter from Brother *Samuel*.

1766 June 19 (Thursday). I went to Southborough, to attend a Fast, appointed by the Pastor and people there on consideration of the various Frowns of Heaven -- in the then Drought, Divisions in our State, low state of Religion. In my Way Met Mr. Andrews accompanying Mr. *Cleveland* of Chebacco. See Account of what was said etc. in a paper on purpose. Messrs. Moore and Cushing [assist?] as Biglow with me.... At Eve return. Sir Biglow and I call at Mr. Andrews: where where [*sic*] some Number of people still -- with Mr. Cleveland, who I suppose has preached and baptized. See the Paper aforesaid. Messrs. Moore, Cushing and Biglow lodge here.

1766 June 20 (Friday). Messrs. Cushing and Biglow leave us after Breakfast.

1766 September 29 (Monday). Mr. Silas Biglow returns from the Eastward.

1766 October 7 (Tuesday). Deacon Tainter carries a Letter to Mr. Silas Biglow to preach for me next Lords Day.

1766 October 11 (Saturday). Mr. Biglow here to preach for me. Therefore lodges here.

1766 October 12 (Sunday). Read Isa. 39. Mr. *Biglow* a. and p.m. His Text a.m. Rom. 1.16. P.M. 1 Cor. 3.11. May God grant His Blessing on him and us. Read p.m. Joh. 8 from v. 30 to the End.

1766 October 13 (Monday). Mr. Biglow left us.

1766 October 22 (Wednesday). Messrs. Cushing and Biglow here -- and lodge here.

1767 June 18 (Thursday). Here were also Masters Cushing and Biglow, who lodged here last Night.

1767 November 5 (Thursday). Messrs. *Biglow* of *Paxton*, *Willard* (from Haverhil) dined here; and had with them one *Swan*, an House Carpenter.

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!

1769 November 20 (Monday). Hear that Mr. Biglow of Paxton was buried on Saturday last.