

## Deafness

### Hastings, Mr. of Shrewsbury

1764 September 16 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mr. Hastings of Shrewsbury (who is deaf) with his Wife, dined here. P.M. he sat in the Pulpit.

### Wood, Mrs. John

1769 October 18 (Wednesday). As I was returning Lt. John Wood besought me to go in to see his Wife, under her sorrowful Deafness, and at his earnest Request I prayed there.

### Miller, Mary, wife of Solomon

1766 September 26 (Friday). Mr. Solomon Millers Wife came and brought her Relation. And because of her Deafness I read over the Church-Covenant to her, loud and into her Ear, so as that She declared before two Witnesses, that She understood it, and freely consented to it.

1777 August 12 (Tuesday). Visit at Lt. *Bowman's* -- but my main Design was to visit Mr. *Solomon Millers* Wife who has been in a poor weak state -- her Deafness such as that it is difficult to *converse*; but more difficult still to *pray* with her -- but I did what I could as to both, and in a Measure Succeeded.

1778 June 14 (Sunday). Mrs. *Maynard*, Mrs. *Miller* (deaf), Miss *Anna Brigham* (*Suse's* Sister) dined here.

### Parkhurst, Darius of Pomfret

1774 May 27 (Friday). Called at Mr. *Adams's* at *Roxbury* where I saw Mr. [blank] of *Woodstock*, who was blind and deaf. The way to Converse with him, was by writing in his hand.

1774 August 12 (Friday). Mr. Putnam of Pomfret and his Sister *Bethiah* dined here. N.B. He gave me a further account of Mr. *Darius Parkhurst* of *Pomfret* (whom I saw at Mr. *Adams's* at *Roxbury* last *May*) and his accomplishments though deprived of Sight and hearing about 11 AETs. Is now about 34. You must write in his hand, with your or his finger, to convey your meaning. Blessed be God for my sight and hearing! May I have grace to improve them!