

Thomas Fessenden (1739-1813)

Thomas Fessenden (1739-1813), Harvard 1758 (*Sibley's Harvard Graduates* 14:256-62); second minister of Walpole, NH.

Born in Cambridge, the son of William and Martha (Brown) Fessenden

1723 August 1 (Thursday). I got to Cambridge by noon, return'd my Horse, paid 1/2 a Crown to Mrs. Fessenden.

1759 April 25 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Thomas *Fessenden* (who is junior Batchellour) keeps School for a little while, at Mr. Francis Whipples's [*sic*] -- was here.

1759 May 1 (Tuesday). At home found Mr. Abner *Bailey* Minister of New Salem, in New-Hampshire Government and Master Fessenden.

1759 May 13 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden dined here; as did Mrs. Tainter and her sister Harrington of Framingham.

1759 May 27 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden dines here.

1759 June 6 (Wednesday). Master Fessenden here after Lecture.

1759 June 11 (Monday). Master Fessenden here. He borrows Dr. Souths Works Vol. 2, fol.

1759 June 23 (Saturday). Mr. Fessenden and his Brother here.

1759 June 30 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden at Tea here.

1759 July 1 (Sunday). Master Fessenden dined here.

1759 July 8 (Sunday). Cousen Maynard remains with us. She and her Daughter *Nanny* at dinner here as were Master *Fessenden*, Patty Dunlop.

1759 July 15 (Sunday). Master Fessenden, Capt. Foster and his Wife dined here.

1759 July 22 (Sunday). Master Fessenden dined with us.

1759 July 26 (Thursday). After Lecture Master Fessenden and Bowman here.

1759 July 29 (Sunday). Master Fessenden, Mrs. Tainter and Mrs. *Maynard* dined here.

1759 August 4 (Saturday). But about 3 p.m. came my *Brother Samuel and his Daughter Nabby*, which rendered it impossible for me to do much more in my studys. Master Fessenden also came, p.m., brought me a little more money from Mr. Jonathan Fay. Such Interruptions even by the most agreeable Friends is very Troublesome at this Time in the Week.

1759 August 5 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden dined here.

1759 August 11 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden here. He now lodges at Mr. Daniel Forb. Keeps School at Ensign Harringtons.

1759 August 12 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden dines here Every Sabbath.

1759 September 2 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden not at meeting, being, as I hear, not well.

1759 September 9 (Sunday). Dr. Crosby and his wife at the Communion. The Doctor, Mr. Fessenden, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Betty Johnson, dined here.

1759 September 16 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden, Miss Betty, and the Widow *Woods* (of the South East Corner) dined here.

1759 September 23 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Fessenden went yesterday to keep the School at the North End.

1759 October 31 (Wednesday). Master Fessenden -- he tells us young Mr. *Nathaniel Stone* of *Southborough* is dead -- a most sorrowful stroke! The Lord support my dear Brother under this heavy Dispensation!

1759 November 30 (Friday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden and his Brother (of Cambridge) came to see me. The latter informs that the Church Interest prevails very much in Cambridge and they are determined soon to build. That Deacon Whittemore having sold a piece of Land to the Gentleman who is to be the Minister, the Cellar for his House is digging.

1760 January 26 (Saturday). Mr. *Fessenden* here -- brings *Heliodorus's Ethiopic History*, and the Court and City Register.

1760 January 30 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden begins to keep School at Mr. Francis Whipples. Alexander and Breck go. They are in the Nomenclature.

1760 February 7 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden having come to visit me last Evening, it was too dark and muddy for him to return to his Lodging. Therefore he tarried and lodged here. This morning goes to his School, but he Seems not to be well.

1760 February 9 (Saturday). Master Fessenden sick o'Bed -- therefore the Boys return again.

1760 February 11 (Monday). I visited Master Fessenden in his sickness, at Mr. Whipples -- while I sat there Alex came for me, Mr. Stone being at our House.

1760 February 17 (Sunday). Master Fessenden and Mrs. Harrington dined here.

1760 February 24 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden dined here.

1760 March 12 (Wednesday). Master Fessenden waits upon Cousen Maynard and her Child here, after Lecture.

1760 March 17 (Monday). Mr. Fessenden here p.m. and at Evening. He helps transcribe the Sutton Result.

1760 March 20 (Thursday). My Wife and I went to Mr. *Martyns* from the Burying place. Mr. Fessenden there also.

1760 March 29 (Saturday). Mr. Fessenden here p.m. -- at Tea etc.

1760 April 2 (Wednesday). Master Fessenden and Cousen Maynard drink Tea here.

1760 April 9 (Wednesday). Mr. *Hezekiah Coollidge* (poor man!) and Master Fessenden, here.

1760 April 14 (Monday). Mr. Francis Whipple came to me and Master Fessenden with him to ask me for my late sons Shop to keep School in; and that he might board at our House. Mr. Whipple tells me plainly that the Town will not give any more than 30/ old Tenor per week and that it is not probable it will be paid till next March. Mr. Fessenden accordingly has Lodging here. My Daughter Sarah had her School there a.m. Mr. Fessenden having dined here, kept p.m.

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 April 24 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden and I walked at Noon to visit Mr. *Jonah Warrin* who I understood is Sick. But find he is better and gone from Home. But his Wife grows worse of her Palsie.

1760 April 27 (Sunday). At Evening Family prayer, Master Fessenden prayed.

1760 April 30 (Wednesday). Master Fessenden came. I rode home with him.

1760 May 1 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden obtains an Horse at Capt. Maynards to go with my Daughter Baldwin, who is still weakly, to Boston: and they Sett out.

1760 May 3 (Saturday). Master Fessenden returns from Boston and Cambridge. Tells me my Daughter Baldwin got down well, but that my good sister Barret has been much Confined and in a poor state through the Winter.

1760 May 4 (Sunday). N.B. Master Fessenden prayed at Eve in the Family.

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.

1760 May 9 (Friday). Dr. *John Wright*, Mr. *Fessenden's* Brother in Law, here. And lodges here. His Horse to Capt. *Woods*.

1760 May 11 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden prays at Evening.

1760 May 18 (Sunday). This Morning was misty -- too heavy Air for me to go abroad in. Mr. Fessenden went to the North End Meeting -- he carryed Sarah.

1760 May 23 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden leaves us and goes to Cambridge....

1760 May 27 (Tuesday). To Cambridge.... Master Fessenden had invited me Strongly to their House, but was gone a Fishing both he and his Brother Wright. Proceeded to Boston.

1760 June 8 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Chase dined here.

1760 June 9 (Monday). N.B. Mr. Fessenden hard put to't to get a place to keep School and to Board at, on this Side the Town. He rides over to the North End, and agrees to keep School at the School House there and to board at Mr. *Martyns*. He returns and lodges here.

1760 June 10 (Tuesday). Mr. Fessenden leaves us and goes to the North End.

1760 June 23 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Thomas *Twitchell* -- Master *Fessenden*.

1760 July 5 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden.

1760 July 16 (Wednesday). Rose early; took Horse; and with Mr. Maccarty from Roxbury, rode to Cambridge. Put up at Master Fessendens.

1760 July 17 (Thursday). I rose Early. Master Fessenden and I broke fast at Dr. Wrights -- with his wife.

1760 July 23 (Wednesday). N.B. I wanted to return home because Mr. Stone had brought his Wife and the Widow of [*blank*] Prince late of Boston deceased. And they dined here. Mr. Fessenden p.m.

1760 August 23 (Saturday). Mr. *Fessenden* here also.

1760 September 13 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden here. I advise him before he preaches any more, to be examined; but to be sure to join with some Church and go to the Communion.

1760 October 4 (Saturday). N.B. hear that Mr. Fessenden is to preach at Shrewsbury tomorrow.

1760 October 13 (Monday). Mr. Fessenden dines with us: he is returning over to this Part of the Town to keep school.

1760 October 16 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden and Dr. Baker here, at Tea.

1760 October 21 (Tuesday). Master *Fessenden* came there, to me, and was my Company from Marlborough. I supposed he was going with Design to be examined -- but I said nothing to him about it to Day. There were but few at Mr. Gardners. Mr. Loring (who went home at Eve), Mr. Davis and Mr. Mellen. I prayed before the Concio; which was by Mr. Gardner on 2 Kings 13.20.

1760 October 22 (Wednesday). [Meeting of the Marlborough Association.] Mr. *Fessenden* was backward about Examination, but at length asked to be. He was [also?] interrogated concerning his Joining with the Church -- he said he had with Mr. *Martyns*. (It was last Lords Day.) He (at Mr. Mellens motion) construed some Verses in the Greek Testament. Mr. Gardner enquired what Books he had read, in Divinity. He answered Willards Body, part of Charnock's works -- etc. etc. He delivered a large Confession of his Faith. Mr. Loring asked him whether he did really and uprightly believe thus, and whether these Should be the Subjects of his Preaching? He answered yes, he did design thus. He also was desired by me to let the Association See something of his Ability in sermonizing and he produced a sermon on [*blank*] and read the principal Heads of it. Upon these Examinations he was approbated.

1760 October 23 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden here. N.B. I received yesterday his Promise to preach for me next Lords Day; but he told me a Man had been with him to desire him to preach at the North End because Mr. Martyn was gone to Cambridge to the Funeral of Mrs. Monis, and would not return to preach himself but the people would be *without*, if Mr. Fessenden should not go. I therefore consented to his going there; and engaged him to preach for me the Lords Day following.

1760 October 25 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. *Fessenden* here going over to the North End to preach there tomorrow. N.B. In private Conversation (Since in his late Examination the Ministers omitted it) I asked him whether he could uprightly and sincerely Declare that as far as he knew himself he had reason to hope his End and Aim in undertaking to preach was not Carnal, but the Glory of God and to promote the Salvation of Men. He answered affirmatively.

1760 October 30 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden was to preach my Lecture if I could get no Body else. I could get no Body else; but neither could I have any Help from him: for though I wrote to him my Dependence, he made Return that he was not well and had taken physick.... I preached on Ps. 119.77, using Sermon on Prov. 3.17 from p. 13 to 21. The more, probably, at Meeting, from Expectation of Mr. Fessenden.

1760 October 31 (Friday). N.B. Mr. Fessenden here and tarrys to Night.

1760 November 1 (Saturday). Master Fessenden here with us not well. His two Brothers here in their Journey to Rutland.... Master Fessenden dines here.

1760 November 2 (Sunday). I had many Services last week, and relyed upon Mr. Fessenden to preach, but by his illness was unable to. The Lord accept of my (as I hope) Sincere Endeavors!

1760 November 3 (Monday). P.M. Mr. *Martyn* comes to desire me to preach for him next Sabbath, if Mr. Fessenden for me.

1760 November 6 (Thursday). Cousen Maynard dined here with us. P.M. Mr. Ol. Carter from Leominster. He has agreed with Mr. Fessenden for 3 Days preaching; and wants me to go one of them to administer the Sacrament but I refuse.

1760 November 7 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Fessenden and Deacon Tainter.

1760 November 9 (Sunday). The Day was very uncomfortable, rainy and stormy, yet to gratifie Mr. Martyn I rode over to the North End. Stopped at Young Mr. *Martyns* and accepted of their Invitation to *breakfast* with them though I had taken something at Home. I preached a. and p.m. on Mat. 16.24. Took young Mr. Martyn to Dinner with me at his Fathers. His Father, Mother and Brother (*Richard*) being all gone to Cambridge. After exercises was well refreshed at his House again. I returned home at Evening. Mr. Fessenden had preached for me. A.M. on [blank], p.m. on *Mat. 5.4*. He lodges here.

1760 November 20 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Fessenden dined here.

1760 November 25 (Tuesday). I asked Mr. Fessenden to preach the Thanksgiving Sermon. He answered that he had none -- what Text would I give him etc.?

1760 November 26 (Wednesday). I was So indisposed that I concluded it was best to have Mr. Fessenden prepare. I had also good forwardness of Preparation -- mine was on Exod. 15.11. P.M. Mr. Fessenden came -- and Stydyed [*sic*] and lodged here.

1760 November 27 (Thursday). *Publick Thanksgiving* but the Weather so Stormy I did not go out. Mr. Fessenden went to meeting when it was about 7 m. past 11. There being nobody but Mr. Batherick, besides my Family, he waited a while till somebody else came. Allowing my Watch to be a little too fast, he could not be supposed to begin before 11. But I had requested the Congregation would not exceed 11. I had promised to be Seasonable. The Congregation did not assemble in Season. He preached on Ps.107.8. He came home 5 m. before One. Many Seemed Disappointed at the Exercise finishing So soon.... Mr. Fessenden lodged here.

1760 November 28 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden -- and my 4 Boys went to school.

1760 December 3 (Wednesday). After Lecture Mr. Fessenden, Mrs. Maynard etc.

1760 December 6 (Saturday). Mr. Fessenden here.

1760 December 7 (Sunday). Deacon Forbush, Deacon Tainter, Master Fessenden, Mrs. Maynard, dined here.

1760 December 8 (Monday). Mr. Francis Whipple came and took the Account of Mr. Fessendens Board here last Spring to carry to the Town-Meeting, which is at t'other End of the Town. At Eve Mr. Phinehas Hardy informed me that the Town would not provide a School -- nor money to pay a school-Master. I gave him a Line to put into the Notification for a precinct Meeting.

1760 December 10 (Wednesday). Fresh News that Jacob Garfield has the Small Pox at Capt. Maynards. Mr. Fessenden came from the Very House, and informs here that it is now beyond all Doubt.

1760 December 13 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden here. He has been at Capt. Maynards Barn and conversed with Mrs. Maynard -- but went not into the House. *Jacob* Somewhat bad, but not dangerously.

1760 December 14 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden and Dr. Crosby dined here.

1760 December 16 (Tuesday). Am closely engaged -- in reading various Authors --Viz. Nature delineated -- Bishop of Londons Discourses -- Magazines Sent me by Mr. Fessenden.

1760 December 17 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Chamberlin here about the Paper of Subscriptions for Mr. Stones sermons. Mr. Fessenden here also, says he will take half my Subscription. He sups here.

1760 December 21 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden came in the morning and preached for me a. and p.m. His Texts were Prov. 28.9 and 1 *Joh.* 1.7, latter part. He dined here, and tarried over Night. His Horse also. N.B. His Exercises Valuable especially his afternoon. And may God add his Blessing, and make his Servant an Instrument of His Glory! I prayed before the last Sermon. Omitted public Reading a. and p.m.

1760 December 26 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden at Eve.

1760 December 27 (Saturday). The School finishes for this time, by *Mr. Fessenden* at Lieutenant *Bruce's*.

1760 December 29 (Monday). Though it was very rainy Mr. Fessenden came. Breaks fast with us. N.B. He preached for Mr. Stone yesterday -- and now finally leaves us as Schoolmaster.

1761 January 12 (Monday). Mr. Fessenden came to see us and lodges here.

1761 January 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Fessenden goes to Rutland.

1761 January 21 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden from Brookfield, he having preached for Mr. Forb. last Lords Day.

1761 February 5 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden came, tarrys with us.

1761 February 6 (Friday). *Mr. Fessenden* (having lodged here) leaves us to go to Rutland.

1761 February 20 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden is come to lodge at Capt. Maynards, this afternoon Visits me.

1761 February 25 (Wednesday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden here.

1761 March 2 (Monday). N.B. Messrs. *John* and *Michael Martyn* -- also Mr. *Fessenden* here.

1761 March 4 (Wednesday). P.M. Dr. Wright here from Cambridge with Mr. Fessenden.

1761 March 8 (Sunday). Have been exercised with Tooth ach -- besides divers Other Interventions So that I could prepare but one Sermon. Very much desired that Mr. Fessenden would preach, but could not convey my mind to him.

1761 March 9 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Maynard.

1761 March 11 (Wednesday). Capt. Wood brought his Horse that I might ride to Mr. Morse's of North Shrewsbury. Took Mr. Fessenden with me.

1761 March 14 (Saturday). I Sent for Mr. Fessenden and he came to preach for me.

1761 March 15 (Sunday). Mr. *Fessenden* a.m. on Col. 3.2 and p.m. on 1 Joh. 4.19.

1761 March 19 (Thursday). Alexander on Mr. Fessendens Horse, fetches Sperma Ceti Oyl from Mr. Asa Brigham, Shrewsbury.

1761 March 20 (Friday). Lt. *Stone* of Shrewsbury comes to desire me to change with Mr. Fessenden, who he has obtained to preach to them next Sabbath; for this End, that Children might be baptized, but I cannot go by Reason of the Special work of the Next Sabbath among us.

1761 March 22 (Sunday). Cousen Maynard dined here. Says Mr. Fessenden is gone to Shrewsbury to preach there.

1761 March 24 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden, Michael Martyn and his Cousen *Marit* here and drink Tea.

1761 March 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden and Mr. Pain go over to Mr. Martyns.

1761 March 29 (Sunday). P.M. not having writ the Close of my designed afternoon sermon, and my Thoughts broken by so much Company at my House (for Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Maynard besides Mr. Monis etc. dined here), I took a sermon Suitable to the Occasion on *Rom.* 6.3.4 and with Some Additions presented it.

1761 March 30 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Maynard here -- also young Mrs. Baker and Miss Lavinia.

1761 March 31 (Tuesday). Mr. Fessenden comes with a Chair and waits upon my wife over to Capt. Maynards.

1761 April 1 (Wednesday). At Eve Mr. Fessenden brings Mrs. P_____ and the Child home, having lodged at Capt. Maynards, and brings a Letter from Brother Breck relating their state last winter by the Small Pox.

1764 June 20 (Wednesday). Mr. *Fessenden* came.

1764 June 23 (Saturday). Mr. Fessenden goes again to Dunstable.

1764 August 23 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden returns from Dunstable, dines with us, and Says the People there have given him a Call.

1764 September 6 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden from *Dunstable*, but last from Ordination at Lunenbourg. Supped and lodged here.

1764 September 7 (Friday). Mr. *Fessenden* left us a.m. for Dunstable again.

1764 September 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden from Dunstable, and dines here.

1764 September 21 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden and Mrs. Johnson here: So that (with Breck who comes home to night) we have no small Number of us all. Nor is it a little Interruption only.

1764 September 22 (Saturday). Mr. Fessenden to Prince Town.

1764 September 28 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden and his Mother. The last 7 drank Tea here, and the two last lodged here.

1764 September 29 (Saturday). Mr. Fessenden goes to Prince Town -- but waits on his mother to his Brother Johns.

1764 September 30 (Sunday). Master Cushing and Mr. Fessendens Mother dined here.

1764 October 21 (Sunday). At Eve came Mr. Benjamin Fessenden, Deacon Toby and Deacon Smith. I lodge at Mr. Williams and find his Conversation very agreeable.

1764 November 1 (Thursday). Wrote by Mr. Bowman to Mr. Fessenden who is gone to Gloucester, to preach for Mr. Jaques.

1764 December 6 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden came from Gloucester and he, and Dr. Rice having dined here, he left us again to return there.

1765 April 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Smith and Mr. Fessenden (the last newly from Gloucester) dined with me. Mr. F. leaves is designing to return from the Northwest tomorrow.

1765 April 4 (Thursday). Called at Deacon Bonds and hastened home to meet Mr. *Fessenden* -- but he came not.

1765 April 5 (Friday). Sarah and Suse with my Mare in Mr. Wheelocks Chair rode to Mr. *Martyns*. When they return they inform me that Mr. Fessenden went to Marlborough yesterday in order to go his Journey to Gloucester.

1765 June 1 (Saturday). I find that Mr. *Steward* preached last Lords Day: and that a variety of Company have been here -- Messrs. Fessenden, John Marrett etc.

1765 June 18 (Tuesday). I returned at Evening. Mr. *Fessenden* from Gloucester. Stays at Mr. Smiths.

1765 June 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden dined here. P.M. He and I went over to Capt. Maynards.... Mr. Fessenden returns with me and lodges here.

1765 July 17 (Wednesday). Was obliged to deny Mr. Fessendens Request of going to Cape Ann. Supped at Mr. Appletons.

1765 July 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Fessenden is returned from Cape Ann. I saw him at Capt. Maynards. He said he would come here, but he went to Mr. Marytns.

1765 August 2 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden dines here.

1765 August 10 (Saturday). P.M. came Mr. Hawley of Mashpee, accompanied by Mr. Fessenden of Framingham. The latter returns -- the former lodges here.

1765 August 20 (Tuesday). Mr. Fessenden and I rode to Ministers Meeting at Southborough.

1765 August 21 (Wednesday). After Dinner Mr. Fessenden returned with me and drank Tea with us. Then he proceeded to Mr. Martyns.

1765 September 21 (Saturday). I Set my Self to Study -- but p.m. came Mr. *Fessenden* to preach for me.

1765 September 22 (Sunday). I read 1 Pet. 1, the Chapter of Mr. *Fessendens* Text, which was v. 8, former part a.m., latter part p.m.

1765 September 23 (Monday). Mr. *Fessenden* left us.

1765 September 30 (Monday). P.M. Mr. Martyn and Fessenden make me a Visit.

1765 October 15 (Tuesday). We call at Mr. Martyns, who and Mr. *Fessenden* with his Delegate *Caruth*, join us, as does Deacon Livermore at Mr. Morse's: where part of us dine -- the Delegates at Mr. Bush's.

1765 October 24 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden and Miss Betty Gott here.

1765 November 17 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden and Master Cushing dined here.

1765 December 14 (Saturday). My Pain continuing was obliged to Send to Mr. Fessenden to preach for me tomorrow. P.M. Mr. Fessenden, Mrs. Maynard and two Martyns, *Michael* and *Richard*, here and drink Tea with us. Mr. Fessenden tarrys and lodges.

1765 December 31 (Tuesday). Prayed with Mr. *Fessenden* and Miss *Bridget Cushing*. Send for Master Cushing. He came. They all Sup, and lodge here.

1766 January 5 (Sunday). Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing and Mrs. Maynard dined here.

1766 January 9 (Thursday). P.M. Mr. Fessenden.

1766 January 12 (Sunday). Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing dined here.

1766 January 19 (Sunday). Besides Mr. Moore, Mr. Fessenden and Cushing dined here. They were here after meeting.

1766 January 22 (Wednesday). When I returned, Mr. Fessenden here.

1766 January 26 (Sunday). Mr. Fessenden dined with us.

1766 January 31 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden here and dines. Acquaints us that [Rev.?] Mr. *Josiah Bridge* and Miss *Patty Smith* were married last night; and intend us a visit.

1766 February 4 (Tuesday). Mr. *Bridge* brings his Bride to see us. Mr. Fessenden and Capt. Maynard and his Wife walked over also. And Mr. *Smith* who had been to Worcester, returns hither, to be with his Children in this Visit. They all dine here.

1766 February 10 (Monday). Miss *Betty Gott* came with Mr. Fessenden and her sister Maynard p.m. and lodges here.

1766 February 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden p.m. and returns to his Lodging again.

1766 March 2 (Sunday). Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing dine here.

1766 March 9 (Sunday). (Neither Mr. Fessenden nor Master Cushing at meeting.)

1766 March 16 (Sunday). I read Isa. 14. Instead of the Sermon I had designed to be before the Sacrament, I preached on Tit. 3.5 which I had designed for p.m. and acquainting the Church that we were not furnished with wine etc. the Communion must be unavoidably deferred till next sabbath, got Mr. *Fessenden* to preach p.m. which he did on Luk.16 ult. N.B. Read p.m. Luk. 15. Messrs. Fessenden and Cushing and Mrs. Sever dined with us.

1766 March 19 (Wednesday). Mr. Fessenden. N.B. His Hypothesis of Souls pre-existent to the Mosaic Creation.

1766 March 25 (Tuesday). Went to Capt. Maynards, but he was gone to Salem and Mr. Fessenden to Cambridge -- told Mrs. Maynard that I was willing to take 50£ old Tenor upon me, which my son Ebenezer owes Mr. Fessenden, and Mr. Fessenden owes Capt. Maynard.

1766 April 8 (Tuesday). At Eve Mr. Fessenden and lodges.

1766 April 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Moore and Fessenden dine. Reckoning with Mr. F. and he pays all that I ask him for his Board here two year agoe. They both leave us -- and at Eve Capt. *Maynard* came, and we settle Accounts and Interest with respect to his two first Notes of Hand, and the Interest of the rest of the notes to the 2nd of this instant, in which we take in Mr. Moffatts account of 27£ 4/ for Colouring Oil etc. and Ebenzers Note to Mr. Fessenden and the interest of it which was 9£ 2.6 old Tenor, but Capt. owes me, of Interest 36 pounds old Tenor, neither can he now pay any Thing upon the Note which is now up.

1766 April 15 (Tuesday). Of the Members only Mr. Stone and Mr. Goss there. Mr. Josiah Bridge and Mr. Fessenden. See Minutes of Association.

1766 April 24 (Thursday). Publick Fast. Preached a.m. on 1 King 8.57.58.59. P.M. Mr. Fessenden on Joel 1.14. May God graciously accept our Offerings and bless His Word to us!

1766 June 7 (Saturday). Speak to Mr. Fessenden to preach for me.

1766 June 8 (Sunday). Read Isa. 24 and Luk. 23 to v. 27. Mr. Fessenden preached a. and p.m. on 1 Joh. 5.10.

1766 June 18 (Wednesday). Though we have but few proper members of the Association yet there are many Candidates here, viz. Messrs. Fessenden, Moore, Cushing, Brigham, Biglow and afterwards Stewart.

1766 June 23 (Monday). Mr. Fessenden brings me Mather on the Lords prayer which I read out.

1766 June 25 (Wednesday). I preached Mr. Martyns Lecture on Ps. 57.7. My Wife with me and Mr. Fessenden there also at Dinner with us.

1766 June 27 (Friday). Mr. Fessenden here.... Mr. Fessenden designs to go to Lancaster; wrote again to Billy by him.

1766 September 14 (Sunday). Miss Peggy Fessenden dined here.

1766 September 21 (Sunday). Mrs. Tainter, Miss Betty Gott and Miss Peggy Fessenden dined here.

1766 October 14 (Tuesday). Mr. Fessenden here: newly returned from Walpole of New Hampshire. He also signs a Testimony concerning Mr. Cleaveland and his Church. Miss Peggy Fessenden and Cousen Betty Gott here. At Tea, Sup and lodge here.

1766 October 23 (Thursday). Called at Mr. Martyns -- Mr. Fessenden there.

1766 November 3 (Monday). My Wife and I at the Funeral of Mr. John Fessendens little son William.

1766 December 7 (Sunday). Mr. *Fessenden* also came, but went to Northborough.

1766 December 11 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden who is come from Boston, sollicit my going to his Ordination. I ask him to preach for me next Lords Day, and he complys.

1766 December 12 (Friday). At Eve Mr. John Fessenden came to desire Baptism for his Child, and I examine him.

1766 December 14 (Sunday). By Reason of Mr. *Fessendens* complying, in Words, with my Desire that he would preach for me to Day, I did not finish the sermon I was composing, but depended upon him. I looked for him till I was obliged to put myself into some Capacity to preach my self. He came not -- neither sent me any Message. I went to the Meeting House. I prayed -- omitted Reading -- I was obliged to repeat Sermon on Eccl. 8.13. At noon heard Mr. F. was sick. Mr. Cushing dined here. No word from Mr. F. I preached p.m. repeating sermon on Luk. 13.25 and read to v. 24.

1766 December 15 (Monday). Went to Capt. Maynards to See what was the Matter with Mr. Fessenden and found him under a bad Cold -- but he said he was not aware that his not preaching for me would be so great a Disappointment to me -- and he was silent as to any Reason but [*illegible*] for his not sending me word of his not Coming.

1766 December 16 (Tuesday). Mr. Fessenden here. As he yesterday broached Some peculiar Notions about the Trinity, this Eve he goes on further therein. The Sum is, That there is no *Trinity*, but with respect to our Redemption. That there is no son of God before the New Testament. That there is not eternal Gen[eratio?]n. That Jesus is no otherwise the Son of God than as he was *divinely* conceived and born when he was so of the Virgin Mary. That the Father was the Author of the Old Creation, the Material Heavens and the Earth; the son whom he believes to be *God*, is Author of the *New* -- that is, the Evangelic Oeconomy: And as for Joh. 1.1 and Col. 1.15.16.17 those Passages are to be taken Spiritually, and not literally. And whatever is said of him in the old Testament, it was Spoken Prophetically and would not take place till his Conception and Birth of *Mary*. As to the Appearances of old, to *Abraham*, *Moses*, *Joshua*, etc., they were Angels, Special and eminent, as the Angel of Gods Presence etc. I had Shewed him *Turretine* etc. -- but it was of no avail. He would adhere *to the Bible*, in interpreting which we made many Mysterys where there was none. He took leave, designing to go upon his Journey tomorrow: and I took leave, assuring him that I could not go to *Walpole*, and praying that God might be with him to give him *Light* and *Grace*, and *prepare him for His service*.

1767 July 10 (Friday). At Eve Mr. Thomas *Fessenden* of Walpole, New Hampshire, and lodges here.

1767 July 11 (Saturday). Mr. *Fessenden* p.m. and lodges here.

1767 July 12 (Sunday). Read Isa. 61. Mr. *Fessenden* a.m. on 2 *Cor.* 10.17. P.M. read *Act.* 5. Mr. Fessenden on *Act.* 28.4.5.6. He left us at Evening.

1767 July 20 (Monday). Mr. *Fessenden* here -- brings Mr. *Cleavelands* lately published Narrative. I read part of it. Mr. F. dines here. P.M. leaves us.

1768 February 28 (Sunday). Dr. Wight (Mr. Fessendens Brother in Law) here -- dines with us.

1768 June 5 (Sunday). Dr. Wright and his Mother Fessenden dined here.

1772 January 6 (Monday). Rev. *Fessenden* of *Walpole New Hampshire* and his Wife here and dine with us. Leaves a Petition for Contribution (having been burnt out in Nov. last).

1772 January 26 (Sunday). A.M. on Luk. XV.17. P.M. on v. 20 and appointed a Contribution for Rev. Mr. Fessenden.

1772 February 2 (Sunday). N.B. *Contribution for Mr. Fessenden.*

1772 February 3 (Monday). Deacon Wood here and counted the Collection made Yesterday; which was £21.4.9 old Tenor.

1772 March 3 (Tuesday). Went to Mr. *Fessendens*. Borrowed of him Mr. Hookers Souls Humiliation and *Preparation* for Christ, also in the Same Vol. The unbeliever preparing for Christ.

1779 April 16 (Friday). Hear that a girl has set Fire to Mr. Kendal's House at New Salem, the same that fired Mr. Fessenden's at Walpole. She is committed to Jayl.