

Ordinations and Installations (Chronological)

The record of ordinations and installations is a good illustration of how important Ebenezer Parkman's diary is to a more complete understanding of the church records. In the privacy of his diary, he recorded some of the contentious responses from church members to proposed participation in those important events.

Over the fifty-eight years of Parkman's ministry, the Westborough church was invited to participate in many ordinations and installations, most often accepting the invitation but sometimes declining. Parkman's attendance was usually in response to an invitation but occasionally because he simply had the opportunity to attend.

For the most part, the ordinations and installations were in contiguous towns or at least nearby towns. Parkman preached at the ordination of John Martyn at the newly formed church in the north precinct of Westborough (later Northborough); his text was Heb. 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." He also served as moderator for the council and delivered the charge to Peter Whitney at Northborough. Invitations came from the contiguous towns of Grafton (formerly Hassanamisco) for the ordinations of Solomon Prentice and Aaron Hutchinson (Parkman extended the right hand of fellowship to Hutchinson); Upton for Elisha Fish (at which Parkman prayed after the charge); Shrewsbury for Joseph Sumner; Marlborough for Aaron Smith; Hopkinton for Elijah Fitch; and Southborough for Nathan Stone. Before his own ordination, he attended the ordination of his Harvard classmate, Samuel Barrett, at Hopkinton.

Invitations came from other nearby but not contiguous towns: Bolton for Thomas Goss; North Shrewsbury (Boylston) for Ebenezer Morse; Worcester for Thaddeus Maccarty; the second church of Sutton (Millbury) for James Wellman (Parkman was scribe for the council and extended the right hand to Wellman); Lancaster for Timothy Harrington's installation; Bolton South Church (Berlin) for Reuben Puffer; and Sudbury for Jacob Bigelow. He was unable to attend this last ordination because of the illness of his daughter Susannah Moore at Rochester.

Other invitations came from more distant towns whose new ministers had a connection to the Westborough area. Caleb Rice, at whose ordination at Sturbridge Parkman preached on Heb. 13:17, was born in Marlborough. At the ordination of another Marlborough native, Benjamin Brigham, at Monadnock No. 4 (Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire), Parkman served as moderator and gave the charge. Joseph Buckminster, to whom Parkman extended the right hand of fellowship in Rutland, was the son of one of Parkman's friends, Col. Joseph Buckminster of Framingham. The church in Henneker, New Hampshire, invited the Westborough church to the ordination of Jacob Rice, a native of Westborough, "but the Pastor signifying to the Church that he could not attend it, tho he left it to the Church to Send nevertheless if they saw meet, there was not a Vote for it." Joseph Bowman, a Westborough

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native, was married to Lavinia Baker of Westborough more than a year before his ordination at Oxford; Parkman served as moderator of the ordaining council and preached on Jer. 3.15, “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

Family connections were also important. Invitations came from the relatively distant churches where three prospective sons-in-law were ordained: Brookfield for Eli Forbes (who married Molly Parkman); Rochester for Jonathan Moore (who married Susannah Parkman); and Ashburnham for John Cushing (who married Sarah Parkman). Parkman and his daughter Molly attended the ordination of Andrew Eliot at Boston’s New North Church where Parkman’s father became a ruling elder and where Parkman had made his profession of faith.

When towns did not invite a representation from the Westborough church, Parkman nonetheless attended – for example, at Upton for the ordination of Thomas Weld; at Framingham for Matthew Bridge; and at Leicester for David Goddard.

Parkman declined to attend other ordinations. When Solomon Reed was ordained over a separatist church in Framingham, Parkman “kept at home for I fear what Grounds they go upon.” The church at Abington extended an invitation, but the Westborough church “Voted Compliance...on Condition the pastors Affairs (particularly difficult at this Time will allow his going.” Parkman was unable to attend. He was invited to attend the ordination of William Johnson at Worcester “among the Presbyterians” but did not attend. When Daniel Grosvenor was ordained at Grafton, October 19, 1774, “as our Church was not Sent to, I did not go, conceiving that by this their Conduct, they did not desire to see me there.”

Not all ordinations were satisfactory from Parkman’s perspective. After attending the ordination of William Hobby at Reading, he left early: “But I was not able to keep my Self through the whole (nor through so considerable part) of the Day, as I propos’d and hop’d for, upon my own particular Case -- The Vanity of Company, Strangers, Old Friends, etc.; my being much a stranger in the place, and riding off again the Same Day, extreamly and unavoidably diverted me.”

Ordinations and installation were, of course, solemn affairs – at least for members of the ministry. For others, the gatherings provided more earthy opportunities. Thus, when Parkman participated in the ordination of Caleb Rice, he noted,

When we went to the Meeting House, I was offended with the Indecency of a wrestling Ring and I went to ‘em and expressed my Dissatisfaction. Rev. Mr. Cheney joined me and we dispersed ‘em. We also went up resolutely into the Chamber at the Tavern where was a violin and Dancing and stilled and scattered ‘em, declaring loudly against such Indecencys -- and then we repaired to the public worship (Sept. 29, 1736).

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Such “Indecencys” aside, Parkman also reported that a number of the dignitaries “were at a New House near by the House of Entertainment and spent the Evening there, with no little Cheerfullness,” and “it was very late before we got to Bed.”

Note: The dates for the ordinations, if not noted either in the Westborough Church Records or in Parkman’s diary, are taken from Frederick Lewis Weis, *The Colonial Clergy and the Colonial Churches of New England* (1936; reprinted Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1977) and from John Langdon Sibley and Clifford K. Shipton, *Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts* (18 vols.; Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Boston, 1873-1999), the latter hereafter referred to as *SHG*.

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			<p>1759 May 30 (Wednesday). [Boston.] Attended the Convention at Dr. <i>Sewalls</i>. Mr. <i>Wigglesworth</i> of Ipswich Hamlet moderator and prayed. A message from the Honorable Board, signed by the Lieut. Governor to the Convention concerning the Indecencys and Disorders at Ordinations. A Committee was Chosen to consider this important Affair: All the Convention, as one Man, heartily desirous to have those great Disorders reformed.</p> <p>1759 November 4 (Sunday). N.B. I read to the Assembly the Resolve of the Honorable his Majesty’s Council, and the Declaration “and Vote of the Convention of Ministers last May respecting the Disorders at Ordinations” which I followed with my own solemn Testimony against said Disorders, and gave Caution and Exhortations.</p>
			<p>1774 November 26 (Saturday). At Eve <i>Breck</i> returns from Boston. He brings me a Volume of Ordination sermons bound by Mr. A. <i>Barclay</i>, at 15/ old tenor.</p>
			<p>1777 January 15 (Wednesday). Mr. [Thomas] <i>Kendal</i> has given me Account of his Endeavours to obtain Ordination but was frustrated in his whole Attempt. I dealt plainly with him, and I hope he received it well. May God Sett it home on his Heart!</p> <p>Note: Thomas Kendall (d. 1836, ae. 91), from Framingham; Dartmouth 1774. Studied divinity with Rev. Daniel Emerson at Hollis, 1775 Mission to the Caghnawaga Indians with Levi Frisbie (Dartmouth 1771) and James Dean (Dartmouth 173); ordained pastor of Congregational Church, Foxborough, May 25, 1786; dismissed 1800. Pastor, Kingston, RI, 1802-1818. George T. Chapman, <i>Sketches of the Alumni of Dartmouth College: From the First Graduation...</i> (Cambridge, MA: Riverside Press, 1867), 16.</p>

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1723 Dec. 18	Gee, Joshua at Old North, Boston	Not present	1723 December 18 (Wednesday). The Reverend Mr. Gee ¹ was ordain'd Colleague Pastor of the Old North Church with Doctor Cotton Mather.
1724 Oct. 28	Parkman, Ebenezer at Westborough	Ordained	<p>1724 October 2 (Friday). I came up to Westborough. I din'd at Mr. Williams'² (Weston). I asked him to preach my Ordination Sermon. He made Some Provisos.</p> <p>1724 October 7 (Wednesday). Mr. Stone³ came to See Mr. Swift in the Morn. I inquir'd of Mr. Swift concerning a form of Letter to Send to Churches to request their Help in Ordination but was not satisfy'd.</p> <p>1724 October 9 (Friday). My Business about this time was reading Ordination Sermons and wherever the Minister's Duty was Explain'd, Especially van Mastricht, De Ministaris Ecclesiastico.</p> <p>1724 October 12 (Monday). I return'd to Westborough. Mrs. Wood⁴ at her house discours'd about Some Methods for the people in their provision for Ordination. In the Evening came a Committee to treat with my Landlord about providing, etc. There was much Caring about bringing up my Goods.</p> <p>Memorandum. I formed Letters (by the Towns Desire) to be Sent to Severall Churches, (viz. Boston to Mr. Webb, Framingham Mr. Swift, Marlborough Mr. Breck, Lancaster Mr. Prentice⁵ and (a Letter from myself to ask him to preach), Sudbury Mr. Loring,⁶ and Mendon Mr. Dorr). These were drawn up on the 9th Day.</p> <p>1724 October 13 (Tuesday). I read Sermons, etc.</p> <p>1724 October 28 (Wednesday). This was truely the Greatest Day I ever Yet Saw -- The Day of my Solemn Separation to the Work of the Gospel Ministry and my Ordination to the Pastorate in Westborough.</p>

¹Reverend Joshua Gee (Harvard 1717). *SHG*, 6:175-83.

²Reverend William Williams (Harvard 1705). *SHG*, 5:295-300.

³Probably Thomas Stone, selectman of Framingham. Josiah H. Temple, *History of Framingham* (Framingham, 1887), p.708.

⁴Mrs. Benjamin Wood.

⁵Reverend John Prentice (Harvard 1700). *SHG*, 4:529-32.

⁶Reverend Israel Loring (Harvard 1701). *SHG*, 5:75-83.

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			<p>The Solemnity came on and proceeded in the manner following.</p> <p>In Order to the gathering the Church, a Covenant was prepar'd before hand; read, and consider'd by the Candidates for Membership, and was Sign'd.</p> <p>N.B. An Ecclesiastical Council was form'd, and they having got all Things ready (as they apprehended) proceeded to the Meeting House. N.B. Reverend Mr. Swift was Sent to, but he was detain'd by Sickness in his Family. Nevertheless the Church sent two Delegates, viz. Colonel Buckminster⁷ and Captain Goddard.⁸</p> <p>Reverend Mr. Breck was also Sent to, but he was himself so ill (of the Strangury) that he could not attend. Those ministers being Absent, the Council, with Consent, Admitted and requested Reverend Mr. Williams of Weston to Assist.</p> <p>Being come to the House of God, the Reverend Mr. Dorr of Mendon open'd the Solemnity with Prayer. The Reverend Mr. Prentice of Lancaster preach'd a Suitable Sermon from 2 Cor. 12.15. Afterwards The Reverend Mr. Williams of Weston aforesaid pray'd and gather'd the Church. There were 12 besides the Pastor Elect, who sign'd the Covenant and answered to their Names in the Assembly.</p> <p>The Reverend Mr. Prentice gave the Solemn Charge.</p> <p>The Reverend Mr. Loring of Sudbury the Right Hand of Fellowship.</p> <p>The Ordain'd appointed the Psalm (part of the 68th) and gave the Blessing.</p> <p>I wish Every Day throughout my Life, may bear a Suitable proportion to this Day! That I may be Strong in the Grace which is in Christ Jesus, and that I may grow then into the Glory of God and the Edification of His Church! Amen!⁹</p>

⁷Joseph Buckminster of Framingham. Temple, *Framingham*, p. 490

⁸Captain Edward Goddard of Framingham. Temple, *Framingham*, p. 566.

⁹See DeForest and Bates, *Westborough*, pp. 81-84, and Westborough Church Records.

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1724 Sept. 2	Barrett, Samuel at Hopkinton	Attended	1724 August 4 (Tuesday). Fast at Hopkinton [<i>sic</i>] in order to Ordination. Mr. Baker a.m., Mr. Dor ¹⁰ and Mr. Swift p.m. They Read a Paper of Meeting to Pray and Confer, etc. N.B. We met in Mr. Barrett's New House. 1724 September 2 (Wednesday). In the Morning I rode with My Landlord ¹¹ over to Hopkinton to Mr. Barrett's Ordination. We met in Mr. Barretts New House. Mr. Appleton ¹² Pray'd First; Mr. Webb of Boston Preach'd; Mr. Dor then pray'd; Mr. Swift gave the Charge; Mr. Brown ¹³ of Reading the right Hand of Fellowship; and Elder Lyman ¹⁴ Set the Psalm. We din'd handsomely. Mr. Cushing, Mr. Thornton Barrett, ¹⁵ Cousin Charles Coffin and I all Lodg'd at Mr. Woods.
1725 Oct. 17	Ruggles, Benjamin at Middleborough	Not present	1774 October 10 (Monday). Went to my Son Ebenezers. Dined and p.m. Visit Mr. Ruggles. Rev. <i>Benjamin Ruggles</i> was ordained at Middleborough, Oct. 17, 1725, old Style.
1726 Jan. 19	Lowell, John at Newbury Harvard 1721	Not present	1726 January 19 (Wednesday). [Boston.] To Day Mr. Lowell ordained at Newbury.
1727 May 24	Throop, Amos at Woodstock, CT	Not present	1727 May 24 (Wednesday). Tis the Day appointed [f]or the ordination of Mr. Amos Throop ¹⁶ at Woodstock. Gods presence be in his Church and with his Servant.
1730 Oct. 21	Stone, Nathan at Southborough	Prayed	Westborough Church Records, 23 (Oct. 18, 1730): A Letter from the Congregation of the Lord in <i>Southborough</i> to this Church was read; and the Request of it, namely to Send the Elder and Such Messengers as the Church Should See meet to their Assistance in the Gathering a Church there and ordaining Mr. <i>Nathan Stone</i> their pastor, was voted. 2d Vote that the Church would send 2 Persons with the Pastor, its Messengers on that occasion. 3d vote that the Two Deacons, be those Messengers to go with the Elder.

¹⁰Reverend Joseph Dorr (Harvard 1711) of Mendon, Mass. *SHG*, 5:574-78.

¹¹David Maynard.

¹²Reverend Nathaniel Appleton (Harvard 1712) of Cambridge. *SHG*, 5:599-609.

¹³Reverend Richard Brown, Jr.

¹⁴Deacon Caleb Lyman of the New North Church, Boston.

¹⁵Of Hopkinton.

¹⁶(Harvard 1721). Minister of the First Congregational Church, Woodstock, Conn., 1727-1735. *SHG*, 6:572-74.

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			1730 October 21. [From the <i>New-England Weekly Journal</i> , Nov. 2, 1730, p. [2]: “ <i>Southborough, October 21. 1730. This Day a Church was Gathered in this Place, and the Rev. Mr. Nathan Stone was Ordained the Pastor thereof. The Rev. Mr. Parkman of Westborough open'd the Solemnity with Prayer, Mr. Greenwood of Rehoboth preach'd from Rev. xi.I. Mr. Swift of Framingham gave the Charge, and Mr. Loring of Sudbury the Right Hand of Fellowship.</i>]
1731 Dec. 29	Prentice, Solomon at Grafton	Attended	Westborough Church Records, 29 (Dec. 26, 1731): The Church was Stayed after the usual Exercises of the Lords Day, and a Letter from our Christian Friends in <i>Hassinemisco</i> requesting our countenance and Assistance at their Approaching Solemnities (of Ordination etc.) 1. Voted a Compliance with their Request. 2. Voted that Two Persons accompany the Pastor in that Affair. 3. Voted that Deacon Fay be one. 4. Voted that Brother Thomas Newton be the other.
1733 Sept. 5	Hobby, William at Reading Harvard 1725	Attended	1733 September 5. ¹⁷ The Ordination of Mr. William Hobby at Reading (at which Solemnity I chose to be present) was manag'd with great Devotion by the principal Persons of the Council, who were ordainers. Mr. Appleton's ¹⁸ Sermon (on 2 Tim. 2.21) was especially very instructing and moving, And I hope was not without Some good quickening Influence upon Me. But I was not able to keep my Self through the whole (nor through so considerable part) of the Day, as I propos'd and hop'd for, upon my own particular Case -- The Vanity of Company, Strangers, Old Friends, etc.; my being much a stranger in the place, and riding off again the Same Day, extreamly and unavoidably diverted me.
1736 Dec. 8	Sparhawk, John at Salem	Not present	1736 December 8 (Wednesday). [Cambridge.] Rose early and Set out with Design to go to <i>Salem</i> to the Ordination of Mr. <i>John Sparhawk</i> , ¹⁹ but I found it so <i>exceeding Cold</i> , and so rough, hard riding that I diverted to Charleston Ferry.
1736 June	Bridgham, James at Brimfield	Not present	1736 June 7 (Monday). Mr. Peabody ²⁰ and one of his Deacons ²¹ here upon their Journey to Brimfield, to Mr. Bridghams ²² Ordination there.

¹⁷From the *Natalitia*.

¹⁸Reverend Nathaniel Appleton of Cambridge.

¹⁹John Sparhawk (1713-1755), Harvard 1731. *SHG*, 9:100-06.

²⁰Oliver Peabody (1698-1752), Harvard 1721, minister of the Indian church at Natick, 1729-1752. *SHG*, 6:529-34.

²¹The deacons of the Natick church were Joseph Ephraim, Ebenezer Felch, and Nathan Chickering. Harold Field Worthley, *An Inventory of the Records of the Particular (Congregational) Churches of Massachusetts Gathered 1620-1805* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1970), 400.

²²James Bridgham (1707-1776), Harvard 1726, minister of Brimfield, 1736-1776. *SHG*, 8:7-10. There is an account of the proceedings and a list of those taking part in Bridgham's ordination in Ezra Stiles, *Itineraries* (New Haven, 1916), 321.

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			<p>1736 June 8 (Tuesday). Venerable Mr. Baxter²³ called as he was upon his Journey to Brimfield to his Son in Laws Ordination but it was noon and therefore he was Strained for Time, and therefore did not Come in.</p> <p>1736 June 11 (Friday). As I was going came in Mr. Baxter, of Medfield, Mr. Peabody, and Capt. Buckminster²⁴ from the Ordination of Mr. Bridgham of Brimfield.</p>
1736 June 30	Goddard, David at Leicester	Attended	<p>1736 June 28 (Monday). I rode into the South Part of the Town. Bought Quarter of Veal of Neighbour James Fay, thinking that Some Ministers would call to Morrow in their Journey to Leicester to Ordination.</p> <p>1736 June 29 (Tuesday). No ministers came.</p> <p>1736 June 30 (Wednesday). Only Mr. Cushing, Mr. Bridgham and I, of ordained Ministers besides the Council. We waited long for Refreshment for our Selves and Horses, but yet in vain. We rode up to Mr. Parsons's, and had our Horses put out there. Meeting began after Two. Mr. Webb²⁵ of Uxbridge prayed. Mr. Barrett preached on 1 Pet. 4.11. Mr. Prince gave the Charge to Mr. <i>Goddard</i>²⁶ and he gave a Charge <i>to the Church</i> likewise. Mr. <i>Gee</i>²⁷ the Right hand. There was but a small assembly. Mr. Cushing and I were invited <i>Nominatim</i> and in the Assembly, to the Entertainment; Mr. <i>Bridgham</i> was there, but he was invited to Mr. <i>Larkin's</i>.</p>
1736 Oct. 27	Johnson, William at Worcester	Not present	<p>1736 October 26 (Tuesday). I sent an Answer to a Letter I received last night from Worcester, which contained an Invitation to be present at the Ordination of Mr. William Johnson²⁸ there among the Presbyterians.</p> <p>1736 October 27 (Wednesday). The Day appointed for the Ordination of Mr. William Johnson among the Irish at Worcester.</p>

²³Joseph Baxter (1676-1745), Harvard 1693, minister of Medfield, 1697-1745. His third wife was James Bridgham's mother, Mercy Bridgham, whom he mar. in 1716 when James Bridgham was nine years old – hence the reference to his "Son in Laws Ordination." *SHG*, 4:146-53.

²⁴Joseph Buckminster "Died at Framingham, May 15, 1780, in the 84th year of his age"; *Independent Chronicle*, May 25, 1780, v. 12, p. [3].

²⁵Nathan Webb (1705-1772), Harvard 1725, minister at Uxbridge, 1731-1772; *SHG*, 7:617-19.

²⁶David Goddard (1706-1754), Harvard 1731, minister at Leicester, 1736-1754; *SHG*, 9:40-43.

²⁷Joshua Gee (1698-1748), Harvard 1717, minister of Boston's Second Church, 1723-1748. *SHG*, 6:175-83.

²⁸William Johnson, probably U. of Edinburgh 1704, minister of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian in Worcester, MA, 1725-1736. Weis, *Colonial Clergy*, 118.

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1736 Sept. 29	Rice, Caleb at Sturbridge	Preached on Heb. 13.17.	<p>Note: There is nothing in the Westborough Church Records about Rice's letter asking the church to assist at his ordination.</p> <p>1736 September 7 (Tuesday). Mr. Caleb Rice here at Eve -- Letter to the Church to assist at his Ordination -- requests me to prepare Ordination sermon.</p> <p>1736 September 28 (Tuesday). Mr. <i>Haven</i> and I set out for <i>New Medfield</i> though in the Rain. Deacon Rice and his son Josiah²⁹ overtook us upon the Road. Mr. Haven because the Rain continued, went to Mr. Goddards of Leicester, but we (with Mr. Cushing) to Richardsons and thence up to New Medfield -- got there Comfortably in the Evening about 7 or 8 o'Clock, and had very Comfortable Lodging in that New Place.</p> <p>1736 September 29 (Wednesday). We went from our Lodging up to Mr. <i>Fisk's</i>, where the Council was to meet. Here we formed into an Ecclesiastical Council. Mr. Campbel Moderator and Mr. Bridgham scribe. N.B. Mr. Baxter of Medfield could not come by Reason of the Distemper in that Town: nor did Mr. Cheney³⁰ of Brookfield come till it was very late. Mr. Rice was Examined by the Moderator and his Qualifyedness voted. The Church was gathered and signed their Covenant. They as a Church voted Mr. Rice their Pastor. When we went to the Meeting House, I was offended with the Indecency of a wrestling Ring and I went to 'em and expressed my Dissatisfaction. Rev. Mr. Cheney joined me and we dispersed 'em. We also went up resolutely into the Chamber at the Tavern where was a violin and Dancing and stilled and scattered 'em, declaring loudly against such Indecencys -- and then we repaired to the public worship. Mr. Bridgham prayed. I preached from Heb. 13.17. Mr. Campbell prayed and gave the Charge, Mr. Cheney prayed after the Charge. Mr. Breck gave the Right Hand -- and Part of Ps. 132 was sung (read by Mr. How of <i>Dudley</i>³¹ the other pastor in the Council). <illegible gave the Blessing?> N.B. Mr.</p>

²⁹Josiah, son of Calleb and Mary Rice, b. Dec. 30, 1700 (*MVR*, 157).

³⁰Thomas Cheney (c. 1692-1747), Harvard 1711, minister of Brookfield, 1717-1747. *SHG*, 5:561-63.

³¹Perley How (c. 1710-1753), Harvard 1731, minister of Dudley, 1735-1743, Killingly (First Congregational Church of Putnam), 1746-1753. *SHG*, 9:51-54

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			<p><i>Brigham</i>,³² <i>Mr. Breck</i>, <i>Devotion</i>,³³ <i>Allis</i>,³⁴ <i>Avery</i>,³⁵ <i>Whittlesey</i>,³⁶ and several others (with <i>Madam Throop</i>³⁷ and <i>Mrs. Morris</i>, whose Husband also came afterwards into the Company) were at a New House near by the House of Entertainment and spent the Evening there, with no little Cheerfulness. Mr. Breck and Deacon Rice and I lodged at Mr. Rice's Lodgings; But it was very late before we got to Bed.</p> <p>Heb. 13.17: Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.</p> <p>[From the <i>New-England Weekly Journal</i>, Oct. 5, 1736, p. [2]: "New-Medfield in the County of Worcester, Sept. 29. This Day the Rev. Mr. <i>Caleb Rice</i>, was ordain'd Pastor of the Church in this Place. The Rev. Mr. <i>Bridgham</i> of Brimfield, began with Prayer; the Rev. Mr. <i>Parkman</i> of Westborough, preach'd on Heb. 13.17. The Rev. Mr. <i>Campbell</i> of Oxford gave the Charge, the Rev. Mr. <i>Cheney</i> of Brookfield making the latter Prayer during the Imposition of Hands. And the Rev. Mr. <i>Breck</i> of Springfield gave the Right Hand of Fellowship.]</p>
1738 Jan. 4	Weld, Thomas at Upton	Attended	<p>1738 January 4 (Wednesday). Captain Eager called me in the morning to go over to Upton to the Ordination of Mr. Thomas Weld.³⁸ Mr. Tainter also went over with us. The Churches sent to were, the Church in Mendon, Brookline, Hopkinton, Attlebury, Uxbridge and Grafton; Mr. Barrett prayed before Sermon, Mr. Allen³⁹ preach'd on Isa. 6.8. Mr. Dorr⁴⁰ gave the Charge; Mr. Weld of Attlebury the right Hand. Entertainment was plentiful at Ensign Woods. N.B. Deacon Millins⁴¹ of Hopkinton Disputes for Ruling Elders, in opposition to the Doctrine deliver'd to Day. A very fine, bright, moderate Day. Return'd at Evening.</p>

³²James Brigham (1707-1776), Harvard 1726, minister of Brimfield, 1736-1776; *SHG*, 8:7-10.

³³Ebenezer Devotion (1684-1741), Harvard 1707, minister of Suffield, Connecticut, 1710-1741; *SHG*, 5:329-31.

³⁴Samuel Allis (1705-1796), Harvard 1724, minister of Somers (Second Church of Enfield), Conn., 1727-1747. *SHG*, 7:292-94.

³⁵Probably Ephraim Avery (1713-1754), Harvard 1731, minister of Brooklyn (Second Church, Pomfret), Connecticut, 1735-1754. *SHG*, 9:4-7.

³⁶Samuel Whittlesey, Jr. (1713-1768), Yale 1729 (Honorary Harvard, 1732), minister of Second Church, Milford, Conn., 1737-1768. *SHG*, 8:635-38.

³⁷Possibly Frances (Davis) Throop, widow of Amos Throop (1702-1736), Harvard 1721, minister of Woodstock, 1727-1736. *SHG*, 6:572-74.

³⁸(Harvard 1723). *SHG*, 7:273-79.

³⁹Probably James Allin (Harvard 1710), the first minister of Brookline. *SHG*, 5:506-10.

⁴⁰Reverend Joseph Dorr of Mendon.

⁴¹Henry Mellen.

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1740 June 11	Smith, Aaron of Marlborough	Attended	<p>Westborough Church Records, 56 (June 8, 1740): A Letter from the Church of Marlborough requesting the Assistance of this Church by the Pastor and Delegates hereof in Ordaining Mr. <i>Aaron Smith</i> over them Read and Voted compliance with the Said Request. Voted that <i>Two</i> be the Number of the Delegates. And Voted that Deacon <i>Fay</i> and Deacon <i>Forbush</i> be the Persons to Serve upon that Occasion.</p> <p>1740 June 11 (Wednesday). Deacon Fay and Deacon Forbush accompany'd me to Marlborough to the Ordination of Mr. Aaron Smith. The Council being form'd, the Church was call'd. Mr. Jabez Ward,⁴² Strengthened by Colonel Woods⁴³ and Mr. William Witt,⁴⁴ Objected First, against the Council, alledging that it was not what the Church of Marlborough had chose but what their Committee for appointing the Time of the Ordination and who had no Authority to go any further, had chose. This was answer'd from the Votes of the Church. Secondly that the Church were not ripe for ordaining Mr. Smith, for he had never seen, or Consented to their Original Covenant. This was removed by his Consenting to a Covenant which the Church, upon its being read to them, acknowledged and accepted. He further debated, and alledged many Things, and frequently repeated and insisted upon the Same over again. Mr. William Witt objected against the Council and so not owning them as such had prepar'd no reasons, but had divers to offer if there might be a regular Council call'd, and time to prepare himself. The Council noted that the Church had been regular in their Calling and choosing of this Council, nor any infringement of their Privileges, it having been their own proper act, and that the agrieved had had Sufficient Time to prepare themselves with their Reasons. Colonel Woods offer'd (as he Said) not by way of Objection or Opposition, but by way of Self Defence, what the hasty and precipitant proceeding of the Church had been, and his great Dissatisfaction therewith, which the Council by Examining the Records or Minutes thereof found to be very different (in their Apprehension) from what the Colonel had represented, and especially as to the Choice, the coming to the Choice, and the renewing and strengthening of it -- it being by Continuation and adjournment November latter End to December 24 and the last meeting not till some time in February. The Colonel urg'd that not thinking the Church would come to a Choice neither he nor many Others of them acted -- But it was made Evident that both Church and Town were fully apprized Sufficient time beforehand what the Business was, and might have come and acted if they had pleas'd -- but that those persons were plainly desirous to clogg and impede the Church's Settlement. When the</p>

⁴²Ward was one of a group of residents of eastern Marlborough, who in the period 1738-1744 were endeavoring to divide the town. Hudson, *Marlborough*, 128-30.

⁴³Benjamin Woods.

⁴⁴Son of John Witt of Marlborough.

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			<p>Colonel declar'd his unpreparedness to offer his Reasons against Mr. Smiths settlement there, the Council desir'd him to reveal what the Reasons were if he did not offer the Defence of them. Colonel said he judg'd him unqualify'd for the Gospel ministry. Upon this the Council read the Testimonials of Sundry Ministers in the County of Essex concerning him; and the Moderator had given an Account of his Examination by a number of ministers at the Church's express Desire, and the Result of it. And as to ordaining him without hearing him preach, there being but few in the Council, to be sure of the ministers, but what had, They who were of that number, that had not gave the Council to understand that they had taken equivalent Methods for Satisfaction in his ability for public Exercises, and were satisfy'd. Then the Council voted that they were ready (having chose a person to give the Charge -- This was done at the Churchs express Desire -- and another to give the Right Hand) to proceed to the Public Service. And the Church likewise voted that they were ready. Four o'Clock p.m., Mr. Williams of Weston pray'd. Mr. Wigglesworth preach'd on 1 Tim. 4.16. Mr. Prentice⁴⁵ gave the Charge, and Mr. Loring⁴⁶ the Right Hand. Sung Ps. 68.18.19.20. After supper Mr. Stone, Mr. Daniel Rogers,⁴⁷ of College, and several others of us went to see the Colonel. N.B. Dr. Gott no hand in any of the Business of the Church or Council to Day. Deacon Brown⁴⁸ of Weston rode with us as far as Captain Warrins. Late before we got home.</p>
1741 Nov. 4	Goss, Thomas at Bolton Harvard 1737	Attended	<p>Westborough Church Records, 61 (Nov. 1, 1741): A Letter from <i>Bolton</i> requesting Assistance in the designed Ordination of Mr. <i>Thomas Goss</i>, read and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voted a Compliance with Said Request. 2. Voted That Deacon <i>Forbush</i> be one of the Church's Delegates upon this Occasion. 3. Voted that Brother (Jonathan) <i>Whipple</i> be the other. <p>1773 September 20 (Monday). Mr. <i>Joshua Johnson</i> of <i>Bolton</i> was here with another Message from Mr. <i>Goss</i> praying that I would not fail to go to <i>Worcester</i> tomorrow, inasmuch as the Lawyers of the Opposite Party would oblige him to prove his Ordination, the Churches Choice and his Acceptance; and 'tis Said I was Clerk or Scribe at that time.</p> <p>1774 April 21 (Thursday). Mr. <i>John Southgate</i>, Juryman for <i>Lei'ster</i> my Company to <i>Wor'ster</i> -- hastened to Court. Mr. <i>Goss's</i> Case was pleaded a. and p.m. Mr. <i>Goss's</i> Ordination not disputed: and therefore I was not called to give my Testimony concerning it.</p>

⁴⁵Rev. Solomon Prentice of Grafton.

⁴⁶Rev. Israel Loring of Sudbury.

⁴⁷(HC 1725). A tutor at Harvard College, and later minister at Exeter, N.H., 1748-1785. *SHG*, 7:554-60.

⁴⁸Benjamin Brown. Lamson, *Weston*, 12.

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1741 Sept. 16	Hovey, John at Kennebunkport (Arundel) ME	Not present	1765 November 20 (Wednesday). Read Mr. Samuel <i>Willards</i> (of Beddeford) Sermon at Ordination of Mr. Hovey, and Mr. Thompsons sermon on Mr. Willards Death.
1742 Apr. 14	Eliot, Andrew at Boston's New North	Attended	1742 April 14 (Wednesday). Rainy but yet Molly and I rode to Boston and were at the Ordination of the Rev. Mr. Andrew Eliot ⁴⁹ at the New North Church. Dr. Sewall ⁵⁰ prayed, Mr. Eliot preached 1 Cor. 4.2, Mr. Webb the Charge, Mr. Appleton the Right Hand. N.B. a vast Assembly, and a Glorious Time of Gods Grace. I dined at Mr. Webbs. There was entertainment also at Mr. <i>Owens</i> . Note: Parkman grew up in this church where his father was a ruling elder.
1742 Dec. 22	Davis, Joseph at Holden Harvard 1740	Not present	1742 December 8 (Wednesday). As were also Messrs. John Stone ⁵¹ of Rutland, and Mr. Howard ⁵² of <i>Holden</i> with a Letter from thence respecting Mr. Davis's ordination.
1742 Sept. 15	Buckminster, Joseph at Rutland Harvard 1739	Right hand	Westborough Church Records, 63 (Sept. 12, 1742): Letter from Rutland read, requesting the Churchs assistance in Ordaining Mr. Joseph Buckminster: Voted 1. to comply with the Request. 2. Two to be the Number of Delegates. 3. Brother Ed[war]d Baker to be one and 4. Brother Jonathan Livermore to be the other. 1742 September 14 (Tuesday). Rode to Rutland in Company of Mr. Cushing and Lieutenant Stone, and Lieutenant Baker and Mr. Livermore. Mr. Swift ill and could not Come. Mr. Prentice of <i>Lancaster</i> gone to the Council at Concord. 1742 September 15 (Wednesday). The Churches that met were the Church in <i>Weston, Shrewsbury, Grafton</i> and <i>Westborough</i> . Mr. Williams Moderator of the Council which was formed. N.B. we were much impeded by Mr. Buckminster's not having obtained his Dismission from the Church of Framingham. But Considering that it was owing to the providence of God (namely by the Sickness of Rev. Mr. <i>Swift</i>) that we were deprived of it, both the Council and the Church were of opinion it was more

⁴⁹Andrew Eliot, Jr. (1718-1778), Harvard 1737, minister at Boston's New North Church, 1742-1778; *SHG*, 10:128-61.

⁵⁰Joseph Sewall (1688-1769), Harvard 1707, minister of Boston's Old South Church, 1713-1769; *SHG*, 5:376-93.

⁵¹John Stone of Rutland

⁵²Mr. Howard of Holden

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			advisable to proceed without it than to put by the Ordination. Mr. Solomon Prentice prayed before sermon, Mr. Williams preached from 2 Cor. 5.20, and he gave the Charge. Mr. Cushing prayed after the Charge, and I gave the Right Hand. I was So faithful to my old Friendship that I went to see Mr. Frink but his treatment and Conduct was rugged and ungratefull. Mr. Brintnall desired me to preach this Evening but for Several Reasons I declined it.
1743 Oct. 26	Morse, Ebenezer at North Shrewsbury (Boylston) Harvard 1737	Attended	Westborough Church Records, 66-67 (Oct. 16, 1743): A Letter from <i>North Shrewsbury</i> requesting Assistance Ordaining a Pastor: Voted 1. Compliance with the request. 2. To send 2 Delegates with the pastor. 3. Deac. Fay and Deac. Forbush be the Persons. N.B. Church stoped at the Desire of Deac. <i>Forbush</i> who prayed that for several Reasons, he might be excusd from attending the Service to which he was last sabbath appointed, Seeing his Circumstances were such that he could not wait upon that Business without great inconvenience and Trouble. He was accordingly dismissed from it; and the Church proceeded to vote for another in his room. Voted that Brother <i>Samuel Williams</i> be appointed a Delegate for this Church at the approaching Ordination at <i>North Shrewsbury</i> instead of Deac. Jonathan Forbush. Note: Nathan Bucknam (Harvard 1721) preached at the ordination; the sermon was printed as <i>Ability to, and Fidelity in the Ministry</i> (Boston, 1743). There is nothing in the sermon to indicate which other ministers participated.
1744 Dec. 19	Mellen, John at Sterling Harvard 1741	Not present	1746 April 8 (Tuesday). Mr. Davis and I rode over to Association at Hopkinton. Mr. Loring, ⁵³ Mr. Cushing and Mr. Stone ⁵⁴ were all (except Two Young Gentlemen) that came besides. Mr. Seccomb, who was to have deliver'd the Concio, did not come. Mr. Barrett repeat'd his sermon at Mr. Millens Ordination.
1744 June 27	Salter, Richard at Mansfield, CT	Not present	1745 June 9 (Sunday). On John 17.3, and p.m. on Mat. 6.10. Received from Reverend Mr. Salter ⁵⁵ of Mansfield (who stop'd at Captain Fays ⁵⁶ in his journey home) Mr. Solomon Williams's ⁵⁷ Sermon ⁵⁸ on his

⁵³The Reverend Israel Loring of Sudbury.

⁵⁴The Reverend Nathan Stone of Southborough.

⁵⁵Richard Salter (HC 1739), minister at Mansfield, Conn., 1744-1787. *SHG*, 10:404-409.

⁵⁶Capt. John Fay.

⁵⁷Solomon Williams (HC 1719), minister of the First Church in Lebanon, Conn., 1722-1776. *SHG*, 6:352-361.

⁵⁸Solomon Williams, *Ministers of the Gospel* (New London, 1744).

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			Ordination and the Windham Associations Letter to the Several Societys in that County concerning Mr. Pain ⁵⁹ etc.
1746 Feb. 19	Bridge, Matthew at Framingham	Attended	<p>1746 February 18 (Tuesday). I rode over to Mr. Biglo's to see his Daughter that was Sick; and I proceeded to Mr. Barretts -- who (as I before conceiv'd would be) was going down to a Council at Framingham previous to the Ordination of Mr. Matthew Bridge.⁶⁰</p> <p>1746 February 19 (Wednesday). I rode to the Ordination of Mr. Matthew Bridge at Framingham. My son Ebenezer rode down also. Entertain'd at Ensign Stones. Great opposition by Captain Goddard⁶¹ and others Yesterday and today. The Council consisted of 11 Churches. Mr. Loring Moderator and Mr. Stone Clerk. The Council repair'd to the Meeting House before noon. Mr. Cook of Sudbury pray'd. Mr. Appleton⁶² preach'd from 1 Cor. 13.1.2. Then the Clerk read the Councils Result. Mr. Loring gave the Charge, Mr. Williams⁶³ of Weston pray'd after the Charge, and gave the Right Hand. An Exceeding great Throng attended. May I have a suitable Impression upon my Spirits at the Remembrance of my own solemn Ordination!</p> <p>1746 April 8 (Tuesday). Mr. Davis and I rode over to Association at Hopkinton.... Mr. Bridge of Framingham told us a Council call'd by the Dissenting party, was to sit at that place tomorrow, and he desir'd advice. The advice given him was not to concern himself with them. The Council which had ordain'd him having sufficiently Examin'd him already.</p>
1746 May 21	Martyn, John of north precinct (Northborough)	Preached on Heb. 13.17.	<p>1746 April 28 (Monday). Mr. Martyn⁶⁴ here. He tells me the Day for his Ordination is appoint'd, and Church to assist are chose. N.B. he asks me to preach on that Solemn occasion.</p> <p>1746 May 12 (Monday). Mr. Martyn visited me. I urg'd him to provide Some Body else to preach the Ordination Sermon, and especially because of the uncertainty of the Councils allowing our Church votes. I enquir'd what he might intend by preventing Jealousies and Suspicions in his Letter to me, Since I had</p>

⁵⁹Elisha Paine had been imprisoned in 1743 in Connecticut for preaching without a license. He is said to have founded the First Baptist Church in Harwich. The pamphlet Parkman mentioned is *A Letter from the Associated Ministers of the County of Windham* (Boston, 1745).

⁶⁰(Harvard 1741), minister of the church at Framingham, 1746-1775. *SHG*, 11:8-11.

⁶¹Edward Goddard. These opposition charges were printed as *A Brief Account* (Boston, 1750).

⁶²The Reverend Nathaniel Appleton of Cambridge.

⁶³The Reverend William Williams.

⁶⁴The Reverend John Martyn of the north precinct.

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			<p>given No Cause for any? He invited my Wife and Daughter to Ordination. Mr. Martyn left me to go to a Number of his Brethren who were to meet in the Northside to Day.</p> <p>1746 May 19 (Monday). Mr. McAllister here for his Certificat; and Mr. Matthias Rice here with a Letter from Mr. Martyn concerning my preaching his Ordination sermon which I had already consented to in Case the Council Should advise that we Should join in the work of that Day. I rode over to Mr. Allens, and there (at the Mill) wrote a Letter to Mr. Barrett,⁶⁵ Seconding a Letter from Mr. Martyn desiring him to come prepar'd to preach in Case etc.... In Return was at Mr. James Balls. There were Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Jacob Rice, Lawrence, etc. contriving and preparing to oppose the Ordinance [ordination?][;] call'd at Mr. George Smiths and Timothy Fays. N.B. in their Talk of Mr. Martyn I was every way endeavouring to mollifie etc., and should they make the worst of it they might Remember the Story of St. Augustine who did not preach till he was 35.</p> <p>1746 May 21 (Wednesday). Mr. Barrett here going to the Ordination. My Wife went over with me. Met at Lieutenant Holloways. Messrs. Prentice, Cushing, Gardner,⁶⁶ there already. Mr. Loring and Mr. Hall⁶⁷ did not come, So that there were but 5 Churches. Mr. Prentice Moderator. Mr. Barrett Clerk. The Church of Westborough refus'd to join in the Council till the Votes of Said Church were Scann'd and judg'd of. The Council judg'd them Valid; yet they requested the advice of the Council whether all Things consider'd it could be, nevertheless, advisable for them to Act? Who Still advis'd to it. Upon which they join'd in Council. Objections were brought in (about 12 o'Clock) by Messrs. Wheeler, Jacob Rice, and Timothy Fay, but when debated on by the Council they were Voted insufficient to be any Barr to proceeding. We went to meeting 1/2 after 4 p.m. Mr. Barrett began with prayer. I preach'd on Heb. 13.17. Mr. Gardner gather'd the Church which consisted of Ten, viz. Ephraim Alen, John McAllister, Joshua Dowsing, Jonathan Livermore, John Caruth, Matthias Rice, Gershom Fay, Silas Fay, [blank] Shepherd and Samuel Allen. Mr. Prentice gave the Charge, Mr. Cushing the Fellowship of the Churches. Sung Ps. 66 from number 17 one staff and 1/2. It was almost night when we broke off. An unhappy accident befell a young man by the Fall of one of the Supporters of the Gallery. He was knock'd down to the Ground and seem'd Stunn'd for a while, but he was taken up and grew better. It was that son of Mr. Nathaniel Oake who has already met with Many Sad Disasters -- but God be prais'd he yet survives!</p>

⁶⁵The Reverend Samuel Barrett of Hopkinton.

⁶⁶Reverend John Gardner of Stow.

⁶⁷Reverend David Hall of Sutton.

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			<p>After Supper we were accompany'd home by Sir Williams and three young scholars more. Baldwin,⁶⁸ Cook,⁶⁹ and Richardson,⁷⁰ who all lodg'd here. And thus we have seen another Church founded in this Town and another Pastor ordain'd: And may the God of infinite Mercy forgive all my unfaithfulness to those who have been under my Care! may all that has been unrighteous, and blameworthy in them be pardon'd of God! May that Church be a Pure Golden Candlestick and the person Set up therein be a Starr, a burning and Shining Light! May we all be united in Faith and Love! that we may have Sweet Communion, mutual assistance and Consolation here, and meet together in the heavenly Glory at last -- through Christ Jesus. Amen! Besides my having So much Company of late to Shorten my Pasture, a Number of Horses, chiefly from Captain Maynards, have broke in for Several Nights.</p> <p>1746 November 13 (Thursday). Thence I went to Mr. James Maynards and to Ensign Rice's. N.B. Mrs. Rice's inveighing against Mr. Martyn; against his prayers at Ensign Newtons Funeral. She is greatly displeas'd with me for assisting in his Ordination.</p> <p>1746 December 31 (Wednesday). Captain Maynard as he was going to Boston gave me his hints and Resentments of my neglecting to visit Abner Newton -- but he soon went off. I consider'd with myself that I visited them Some Number of Times in their Affliction, one Day after another -- and when I came from Boston preach'd a Funeral Sermon on Purpose. But have been of late more than ordinarily fill'd with perplexing Cares and important Business -- as particularly my Bond with Mr. Jesse Rice of Marlborough; the weighty Affairs of my settlement with this Precinct; the Sickness at Mr. Whipples; the troublesome Affair, and great Disappointment about my Pork; but especially a Daily anxiety about my Cattle my Hay being very Short and my Stock much increas'd. My Corn also Much Shorter than Ordinary; which was caus'd me to ride much more than I should have done, and yet without success. It was Somewhat Rainy this Morning, but was moderate air, so I delay'd no longer, but made a Visit to Mr. Abner Newtons. He was not at Home; his wife much confin'd by Lameness. She manifested no uneasiness that I had not been to see 'em, but said that they had hop'd I would, and I cant but remark that though I have occasionally seen Mr. Newton, and did of very late yet he has shown no Disgust nor was I aware that they had any special Expectation of me -- though I acknowledge I should have done well to have gone -- and am Sorry I neglected it. I told Mrs. Newton I hop'd they would not be offended -- and She manifested her Satisfaction and ask'd me to come again to see her. Call'd at Deacon Newtons.</p>

⁶⁸William Baldwin (Harvard 1748).

⁶⁹William Cooke (Harvard 1748).

⁷⁰Gideon Richardson (Harvard 1749).

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			Return'd and din'd at home. It has been more than Ordinary Cold, difficult Weather, So that I could go out but little unless upon pressing Occasions. Was disappoint'd and hinder'd by the Cold when I was out. The Year Ends with this Uneasiness of my Nearest and most bountiful Neighbours -- which I am sorry for -- but I can't but fear there is, and has been of late, a great Dissatisfaction on another Score; and I fear Some Disposition to Watch for my halting. There has been no sweetness I believe Since the Ordination of Mr. Martyn, or as my Neighbour calls him Esquire Martyn. But God forgive what has been amiss in me! quicken me to my Duty and enable me to walk inoffensively -- that the Ministry be not blamed!
1747 Jan. 8	Reed, Solomon of Framingham separatist church Harvard 1739	Decided not to go.	1747 January 7 (Wednesday). The Day appointed for the Ordination of Mr. Reed ⁷¹ over the second Church in Framingham. But I kept at home for I fear what Grounds they go upon. 1747 January 8 (Thursday). Mr. Reed ordain'd at Framingham. 1749 May 3 (Wednesday). N.B. Forbush brought a message from Mr. Frost ⁷² of Mill-River to desire me to change with him next Lords Day. I Spake of it to the Ministers, and Mr. Barrett oppos'd it, without Mr. Frost would retract his having an Hand in ordaining Mr. Reed ⁷³ of Framingham. Mr. Martyn Seconded him so that I sent this return that I could not, but would be glad to see him and converse with him.
1747 June 10	Maccarty, Thaddeus at Worcester	Attended	Westborough Church Records, 79 (June 7, 1747): A Letter from the Church of Christ in Worcester, bearing Date May 11 last, and Requesting the Assistance of this Church in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. <i>Thaddeus Maccarty</i> , next Wednesday, in the pastoral office over them. The Request of which was Voted. And Brother Baker (Edward Esquire) was chosen the Church's Delegate on this occasion. 1747 June 7 (Sunday). After Evening Service I Stop'd the Church and having read the Letter from the Church of Worcester requesting our assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Maccarty, I ask'd for a Vote whether they comply'd with it, and for better Discovery desir'd those who voted it to move into the womens Seats -- upward of Twenty appear'd for it and but 13 against it. 1747 June 10 (Wednesday). Captain Baker accompany'd me to Worcester. Ebenezer was disappointed of his Cloths which could not be made, and he resign'd his Horse to his sister Molly who therefore went.

⁷¹Solomon Reed (Harvard 1739) was the minister of the Second Church (Separatist) of Framingham, and later Titicut Separatist Church of Middleborough, 1756-1785. *SHG*, 10:398-400.

⁷²The Reverend Amariah Frost (Harvard 1740), the minister of Milford, Mass., 1742-1792. *SHG*, 10:494-96.

⁷³The Reverend Solomon Reed of Framingham was a New-Light preacher. *SHG*, 10:398-400.

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			Thomme also (who came up from Marlborough last night) went to Worcester. Mr. Williams ⁷⁴ of Weston was chose Moderator and Mr. Gray ⁷⁵ of Boston Clerk. N.B. Colonel Chandlers interpretation of that part of a Paper which Mr. Maccarty had Sign'd relating to Itinerants, viz. not to intend orderly ministers and of good standing in the Church of God who may Journey etc., but rambling Fellows that go about preaching. We went to Meeting in procession. Mr. Campbell ⁷⁶ began with prayer. Mr. Maccarty preach'd on 1 Thess. 2.13. Mr. Moderator pray'd and gave the Charge, and Mr. Cotton ⁷⁷ of Newton the Right Hand. Handsome Entertainment at Colonel Chandlers. N.B. Mr. Flynt ⁷⁸ and his Nephews son Henry Quincy ⁷⁹ in Company with us from Mr. Cushings. A great many Clergy men at the Installment.
1747 June 17	Mayhew, Jonathan of Boston's West Church	Not present	1747 July 1 (Wednesday). [Boston.] N.B. Mr. Abraham Williams ⁸⁰ disputing against the Respondent Mayhew, ⁸¹ and advancing that the Christian Religion was opposite to Reason because of its maintaining the Doctrine of original Sin, Mayhew though newly ordain'd at Boston answer'd <i>Utraque pare, Domine, Vera est.</i>
1747 Oct. 7	Wellman, James of Millbury (2 nd church of Sutton)	Scribe Right hand	Westborough Church Records, 80-81 (Sept. 20, 24, 1747): The Church was Stopped after Exercise, and a Letter from the Second Church in Sutton was Communicated, containing a Request [80-81] of Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>James Wellman</i> - The Church Voted Compliance with it. But when the Number of Delegates was proposd, there arose some Debate - which caused us to defer the Affair to Next Thursday. _____ 24. After Lecture, the Church Stayd, and there appearing an Earnest Desire to have the Result of the late Council at <i>Grafton</i> read, it was read accordingly - And then, proceeded to the Business abovesaid. <i>Voted</i> , that Two be the Number of Delegates from this Church to accompany the Pastor in the said Ordination. <i>Voted</i> , That Brother <i>S. Williams</i> be the First. <i>Voted</i> , That Brother <i>J. Miller</i> be the other.

⁷⁴The Reverend William Williams.

⁷⁵Ellis Gray (Harvard 1734), the minister of the New Brick Church in Boston, 1738-1752.

⁷⁶John Campbell of Oxford.

⁷⁷John Cotton.

⁷⁸Henry Flynt, the famous tutor of Harvard College.

⁷⁹The grandson of Judge Edmund Quincy, Flynt's brother-in-law.

⁸⁰(Harvard 1744). The son of Colonel Abraham Williams of Marlborough.

⁸¹Jonathan Mayhew (Harvard 1744), the minister of the West Church in Boston, 1747-1766.

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			<p>1747 September 20 (Sunday). At Evening I read to the Church a Letter from the Second Church in Sutton desiring our Assistance in their approaching Ordination. Upon which our Church voted Compliance with their Request, and confirm'd it by asking whether any body objected? But all being Silent, we then proceeded to appointment of the Delegates, and Two were offer'd to be the Number, and try'd by Vote; but there were So few voted, that I enquir'd what might be the Matter? Captain Warrin answer'd that seeing the Church had no Returns made 'em of what was done when they sent out to Councils and such like, he did not know whether it was worthwhile to send any more. I soon found by Ensign Bruce's warm Speech (that follow'd as well as went before Captain Warrins) it was my not reading the Grafton Result that had given such Disgust. I told 'em That we had not the Custom with us, nor in the Churches where I had been concern'd that I know of, that when we had ever done it it was a special occasion for doing it; That indeed I had Some Reasons against Reading Results abroad round the Country, to Spread at great Distance (it would be some times) the miscarriages of Christians and Ministers etc. But yet I was free and ready to gratifie 'em in the present Case; either at my own House or otherwise when desir'd and was sorry they would make Such a Difficulty as that to clogg the present Duty (or to that purpose). Lieutenant Forbush said a man had told me that he ask'd me to read it -- but that I did not. I reply'd that I had not a Copy at first, when I came Back from that Council -- and that afterwards it seem'd late to read a Result; and I did not know there was any uneasiness about it, and could not take it well that the first Discovery of uneasiness Should be in such a public manner as this. Captain Baker mov'd that being it was the sabbath it might be better to defer it to some other Time. Lieutenant Tainter said he saw not why the Business might not go on, for this was a different work from that of going to Councils upon Differences etc. But twas urg'd that we should be together again at the Thursday ensuing, and we had best wave anything further about it till then. So it was deferr'd accordingly to that Day (the Day of the Lecture). But note well, that when Brother Stephen Fay and Brother Daniel Hardy said they believ'd there was not a Vote, it made me recurr from that to the first vote (of granting the request of the Letter), and observ'd to them that I esteem'd that vote to have been pass'd, for I had put it both ways, and desir'd if there was objection it might be shown. But at this Time there was no Objection made against that Vote. I look upon that therefore as doubly confirm'd.</p> <p>1747 October 6 (Tuesday). Conceiving it somewhat probably that I may be call'd to give the Right Hand to Mr. Wellman tomorrow I took a little time to prepare a few Hints.... Mr. Stone and his Delegates here in their way to Sutton, but I was not ready to go with them nor had I design'd to go so soon in the Day, my Circumstances being very pressing and difficult at this Time.... Just at Evening (I suppose Sundown) I set</p>

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			<p>out on my Journey alone. Reach'd to Captain Lelands, and lodg'd there. N.B. Mr. Isaac Glezon⁸² of Framingham there.</p> <p>1747 October 7 (Wednesday). We were Somewhat disturb'd by a Crew of Indians with a Violin last night while we were o'Bed. But through Divine Mercy I rose well and rode (alone) to Mr. Samuel Brecks in North Sutton. Mr. Turners⁸³ Church in Rehoboth did not come. But the following Churches came, viz. of Oxford, first in Sutton, first in Westborough, of Uxbridge, second in Lynn, Southborough, Worcester, Wilmington. Reverend Campbell was chose Moderator and I was Chosen Scribe. N.B. My Brethren Williams and Miller satisfy'd themselves about joining with the first Church in Sutton, by discoursing with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Wellman was somewhat carefully examin'd yet gave the Council good Satisfaction, both praying and delivering part of a sermon before the Council also. In the public Assembly Mr. Chase⁸⁴ deliver'd a very good sermon on Rev. 1.20, those words, the angels of the Churches. N.B. Mr. Stone was appoint'd to pray after the Charge, but he not sitting in the pulpit, the Moderator did himself, but (an unusual thing) he did not lay on Hands in said last prayer, and therefore none of us did. Soon after supper (at which Mr. Webb pray'd, and Mr. Stone in returning Thanks omitted to mention what he had receiv'd) we mounted to come home. Called at my Cousen Fullers, and at Captain Lelands.⁸⁵ My Family in Peace. Blessed be God. N.B. Ebenezer at Ordination and supp'd at Mr. Hollands.</p> <p>1748 February 1 (Monday). Mr. Wellman⁸⁶ came and lodg'd here. He is going down to get Mr. Chase's⁸⁷ sermon at his Ordination printed. Wants my Right Hand.⁸⁸</p> <p>1748 May 26 (Thursday). [Boston.] Mr. Chase's Sermon at Mr. Wellmans Ordination is now come out of the Press.⁸⁹</p>

⁸²Gleason.

⁸³David Turner (Harvard 1718), minister of Rehoboth, 1721-1757. *SHG*, 6:287.

⁸⁴The Reverend Stephen Chase of Lynnfield.

⁸⁵James Leland of Sutton.

⁸⁶The Reverend Mr. James Wellman of Millbury.

⁸⁷The Reverend Mr. Stephen Chase of Lynnfield.

⁸⁸[Additional note: Stephen Chase (1705-1778), *The angels of the churches. A sermon at the ordination of the Reverend Mr. James Welman, in the Second Parish in Sutton: October the 7th. 1747. Published at the desire and expence of a number of Reverend ministers and other gentlemen present, unto whom it is humbly dedicated.* Boston: Printed by J. Draper, for D. Gookin, over against the South Meeting-House in Marlborough-Street., M,DCC,XLVIII. [1748]; Evans 6110. Parkman's "right hand" was not printed, although the charge by Campbell of Oxford was printed, [30-31].]

⁸⁹Stephen Chase, *The Angel of the Churches* (Boston, 1748).

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1747 Sept. 2	Checkley, Samuel, Jr., at Boston's old North	Not present	1747 September 2 (Wednesday). [Boston.] Mr. Samuel Checkley ⁹⁰ junior was ordain'd at old North.
1748 Dec. 7	Lawrence, William at Lincoln	Not present	1748 December 5 (Monday). When I came home found Mr. Wellman ⁹¹ here, on his Journey to Concord to the Ordination of Mr. Lawrence. ⁹² 1748 December 6 (Tuesday). Mr. Williams prosecuted his design for Concord.
1748 Nov. 16	Harrington, Timothy at Lancaster INSTALLATION	Attended	Westborough Church Records, 83 (Nov. 10, 1748): The Church was Stoppd after Lecture and <i>First</i> , Result of the Council at Rutland read and <i>Then</i> , A Letter from the first Church in Lancaster (dated Lancaster Nov. 1. 1748. Signd Joseph Wilder, Josiah White, Hooker Osgood, Israel Houghton) requesting assistance in the Installment of the Rev. Timothy Harrington, on the 16th instant, read and Voted Compliance with the request thereof. Votes the Number of Delegates to be Two. Voted Deacon Newton and Brother Miller to be the Delegates on this Occasion. 1748 November 15 (Tuesday). Captain Baker and Ensign Miller accompany'd me to Lancaster to the Installment of Mr. Timothy Harrington. ⁹³ We din'd at Mr. Nathan Balls. I lodg'd at Colonel Willards. ⁹⁴ Mr. Maccarty ⁹⁵ my Bedfellow. 1748 November 16 (Wednesday). The Council form'd at Captain Willards. Mr. Hancock ⁹⁶ Moderator and pray'd. Mr. Harrington was examin'd by Mr. Loring respecting his principles. Mr. Storer ⁹⁷ pray'd publicly. Mr. Hancock preach'd on 1 Cor. 9.19. Mr. Loring ⁹⁸ gave the Charge, Mr. Gardner ⁹⁹ pray'd after it; and Mr. Appleton ¹⁰⁰ the right Hand of Fellowship. Were entertain'd at the Colonels and at his

⁹⁰(Harvard 1743).

⁹¹The Reverend Mr. James Wellman of Millbury.

⁹²William Lawrence (Harvard 1743), the minister of Lincoln, Mass., 1748-1780.

⁹³The minister of Lancaster, 1748-1795.

⁹⁴Aaron Willard of Lancaster.

⁹⁵The Reverend Mr. Thaddeus Maccarty of Worcester.

⁹⁶John Hancock of Lexington;

⁹⁷Seth Storer of Watertown.

⁹⁸Israel Loring of Sudbury.

⁹⁹John Gardner of Stow.

¹⁰⁰Nathaniel Appleton of Cambridge.

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			son's. At Eve visited Madam Prentice ¹⁰¹ and the Doctor, ¹⁰² but lodg'd as Last. Mr. Trowbridge ¹⁰³ of Groton lodg'd with me.
1748 Oct. 6	Hitchcock, Gad at Hanson	Not present	1748 September 30 (Friday). When I return'd found Mr. Breck ¹⁰⁴ of Springfield and Mr. Ballantine ¹⁰⁵ of Westfield, on their Journey to the Ordination (next week) of Mr. Gad Hitchcock. ¹⁰⁶ They lodg'd here.
1749 May 31	Hovey, Samuel at Milford Baptist Church	Not present	1749 July 11 (Tuesday). We went also to Ensign Millers, where Forbush read his account of the Ordination or anointing of one Hovey at Mill-river. 1749 July 12 (Wednesday). Sir Dodge here. Confirms the account which Forbush gave of Mill river, he also having been present at Said Ordination.
1749 Sept. 13	Harding, Elisha at Brookfield Harvard 1745	Not present	1749 September 18 (Monday). Mr. Hutchinson to Mr. Martyns. Mr. Bucknam here in his return from Mr. Hardings Ordination.
1750 Dec. 5	Bean, Joseph at Wrentham	Not present	1750 December 7 (Friday). Mr. Maccarty ¹⁰⁷ and Mr. Wellman, ¹⁰⁸ came from Mr. Beans ¹⁰⁹ Ordination at Wrentham, were here and din'd....
1750 June 6	Hutchinson, Aaron at Grafton	Right hand	Westborough Church Records, 86-87 (May 27, 1750): P.M. read a Letter from Church of Grafton desiring our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. A. Hutchinson. Voted Compliance with the Request - that there Should be Two Delegates. - that Brother Edward <i>Baker</i> be the first, and Brother Nathaniel Whitney be the other. 1750 April 23 (Monday). Mr. Martyn brought Mrs. Molly, his Daughter here, and rode himself to Grafton-Church Meeting which was concerning the Ordination of Mr. Hutchinson.

¹⁰¹The widow of the Reverend Mr. John Prentice.

¹⁰²Stanton Prentice, the physician of Lancaster.

¹⁰³The Reverend Mr. Caleb Trowbridge.

¹⁰⁴The Reverend Mr. Robert Breck, Jr.

¹⁰⁵The Reverend Mr. John Ballantine.

¹⁰⁶(Harvard 1743). The minister of Hanson, 1748-1803. *SHG*, 11:231-36.

¹⁰⁷The Reverend Thaddeus Maccarty of Worcester.

¹⁰⁸The Reverend James Wellman of Millbury.

¹⁰⁹Joseph Bean (Harvard 1748), the minister of the First Congregational Church in Wrentham, 1750-1784. *SHG*, 12:240-42.

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			<p>1750 April 26 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Martyn as Moderator of the Church in Grafton draws Letters Missive to the Churches which they invite to the Ordination of Mr. Hutchinson.</p> <p>1750 May 27 (Sunday). N.B. When the Church was transacting the Affair relating to the Ordination of Mr. Hutchinson at Grafton the Choice of one of the Delegates was much clogg'd. Deacon Forbush was nominated, but the vote not clear -- he excus'd himself. Lieutenant Tainter was nominated, but no vote. At length Brother Whitney was chose; Scil: together with Esq. Baker.</p> <p>1750 June 2 (Saturday). Wrote, and sent to Mr. Ebenezer Rice's for Conveyance a Line to Mr. Hutchinson concerning his preparing a Confession of his Faith against his Ordination.</p> <p>1750 June 6 (Wednesday). My Wife, Mr. Haven, Son Ebenezer and Two Daughters Molly and Lucy rode in the Rain, in Company with Mr. Martyn, his wife and Daughter, to Grafton to the Ordination of Mr. Aaron Hutchinson. Council met at Mr. Ebenezer Brooks'. Consisted of the following Churches. West Church in Sudbury, the 2 Churches of Westborough, First Church in Sutton, Church in Southborough, and the First in Hebron, and the Church in Worcester. Mr. Loring Moderator, Mr. Martyn Clerk. Moderator pray'd, Mr. Hutchinson was examin'd. Mr. Ebenezer Wadsworth came and objected against our proceeding. N.B. Captain Sadler and his wife, his witnesses on the one part, to prove falsehood upon him. Mr. Joseph Batchellour and his wife were to be the other, but they could not be had, nor were prepar'd -- but if they were, the Subject Matter of the Difficulty was not thought to be sufficient to retard the Council. About 2 p.m. went to Meeting. Mr. Martyn pray'd, Mr. Pomroy¹¹⁰ of Hebron preach'd on Acts 20.28. Mr. Loring gave the Charge. Mr. Hall¹¹¹ pray'd after the Charge. The Right Hand I deliver'd was much the same with that which I prepar'd for and gave at Mr. Buckminsters Ordination at Rutland.</p>
1750 May 23	Dodge, Ezekiel at Abington	Not able to go.	<p>Westborough Church Records, 86 (Apr. 22, 1750): After the usual Exercises The Church was Stoppd, and a Letter from the Church of Christ in Abington was read requesting the Assistance of the Church in the Ordination of Mr. Ezekiel Dodge over them. Voted Compliance with Said Request on Condition the pastors Affairs (particularly difficult at this Time) will allow his going - Voted, that the Church send Two Delegates Voted that Brother Francis Whipple be the first Voted that Brother Simon Tainter be the other. Concluded with prayer and Blessing.</p>

¹¹⁰The Reverend Benjamin Pomeroy of Hebron, Conn.

¹¹¹The Reverend David Hall of Sutton.

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			<p>1750 April 17 (Tuesday). Mr. Ezekiel Dodge came here last Night from Abington with Letter to our Church to request Assistance in his Ordination, and with a Special Request to Me in particular which I am full of Fears I can't comply with my reason of my great Perplexity about my Building.</p> <p>1750 April 22 (Sunday). After the Exercises read the Letter from Abington, requesting the Church to assist in the Ordination of Mr. Dodge¹¹² -- the Church votes Compliance.¹¹³ But some did not vote among the Rest Deacon Newton,¹¹⁴ who gave this Reason that the Church had no Return made 'em of Shrewsbury Council's Proceedings -- No Result. This answer of the Deacons Troubled me because the Deacon had several Opportunitys to have Spoken to me in private but never gave me any hint of disquietment.</p> <p>1750 May 17 (Thursday). N.B. Mr. Cushing at my House (while I was absent and knew it not) waiting Some Hours to Speak with me concerning going to Mr. Dodge's Ordination and that he purpose to preach.</p>
1750 Nov. 7	Humphrey, James at Athol Harvard 1744	Not present	<p>1750 November 8 (Thursday). N.B. Revd. Mr. Curtis¹¹⁵ (who marry'd a Bass) having attempted to go to Poquoag Ordination but without Success, call'd here in his way to his aunt Buckminsters at Framingham.</p> <p>Note: "Payquage" and "Poguaige" are listed as archaic names for Athol; William Francis Galvin, <i>Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts</i> (Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1997), 15.</p>
1751 Jan. 31	Cole, Ezekiel at Sutton separatist church	Not present	<p>1756 December 17 (Friday). Cold Snow Storm. Mr. <i>Hall of Sutton</i> on his Journey home, turns in and tarrys with us. He purposes to me this Question, Whether a Child baptized by <i>Ezekiel Cole</i>, shall be baptized again? N.B. <i>Cole</i> has acknowledged his sin and folly in professing to be ordained and to act as a Minister: and the Father of the Child desires it might be baptized notwithstanding all that was done by <i>Cole</i>; yet it is allowed that <i>Coles</i> Ordination¹¹⁶ was as good as <i>Wadsworth's</i> and the rest of the Separate Teachers, who have baptized many; So that the Conduct about this Instance of <i>Cole's</i>, though but a single</p>

¹¹²Ezekiel Dodge (Harvard 1749) had been a supply preacher in several towns of central Massachusetts.

¹¹³The church voted to send Francis Whipple and Simon Tainter to Abington ordination. Westborough Church Records, April 22, 1750.

¹¹⁴Josiah Newton.

¹¹⁵Philip Curtis (Harvard 1738), the first minister of the First Congregational Church of Sharon, 1741-1797. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Joseph Bass of Dorchester, Sept. 6, 1744. *SHG*, 10:282-84.

¹¹⁶According to Harold Field Worthley, Cole was ordained at the separatist church in Sutton on Jan. 31, 1751; see Worthley, *An Inventory of the Records of the Particular (Congregational) Churches*, 610. Parkman mentioned Cole on several other occasions: Dec. 28, 1742; May 9, 1744; and Nov. 14, 1746.

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			<p>one (for the Other which he baptized was dead), would be of considerable Influence whether one way or t'other.</p> <p>I told him I believ'd that if the Case was mine I Should baptize the Child, at least under those Circumstances.</p>
1751 June 5	Fish, Elisha at Upton	Prayed after charge.	<p>Westborough Church Records, 89 (May 19, 1751): A Letter from the Church of <i>Upton</i> was read desiring assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Elisha Fish</i> on June 5th next: and the Request therein was voted. Voted to send Two Delegates with the pastor. Voted that Brother Nathaniel <i>Whitney</i> be one. Voted that Justice <i>Baker</i> be the other.</p> <p>1751 May 8 (Wednesday). Mr. Fish here and din'd with us. Brings Letter respecting his Ordination.</p> <p>1751 May 19 (Sunday). After Divine Service, read Letter from Upton for Ordination of Mr. Fish.¹¹⁷ N.B. I nominated Justice Baker.</p> <p>1751 June 3 (Monday). Mr. Grout here -- Mr. Grout desires a note to the Collector for 40/ which is the price of the Timber which he got me for the Frame of my New House. It was so contrary to my Expectation from one who pretended to be so generous, that I was surpriz'd at it. I was also in a great deal of Consternation at the view and prospect of our Family Circumstances -- my sons Ebenezer and Billy not able to accomplish our Weeding at Home -- yet have the Cook Island to tend besides -- my Mind could be in no Composedness for the Exercises of the Solemnity of Ordination at Upton which approaches -- told Mr. Grout I did not see but that I must Stay at Home and hoe. I took my Horse and rode out -- din'd at Lieutenant Thomas Forbushs. Was at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's etc.</p> <p>1751 June 4 (Tuesday). I rode over to Mr. Cooks and to Mr. Martyns in the Morning -- Then to the Island with Victuals and Drink, supposing I should find Some Hands at Work there -- but though it was not (I suppose) past 10 a.m. A number had been there and had finish'd the work. Lieutenant Tainter and Mr. Charles Rice ploughed and young Mr. Tainter, Mr. Joseph Woods, Two Hands from Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, Two from his fathers, and one from the widow Newton, in all Seven that Hoed. Young Mr. Jeduthun Baldwin, my Carpenter, and his Prentice John Woods came about Noon -- they Eat with us and went to work to finish the New House.</p>

¹¹⁷The Reverend Elisha Fish.

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			<p>1751 June 5 (Wednesday). Mr. Martyn and his Daughter rode with me and my Daughter Lucy and son Thomas to Upton Ordination.... But by means of So much Company I was later in setting out than I had appointed. The Churches met and Mr. Dor¹¹⁸ was chose Moderator. N.B. My Enquiry, in the Council, whether Mr. Fish had been at the Shepards Tent?¹¹⁹ which was Satisfy'd by Mr. Owen,¹²⁰ his Pastor who gave a good Testimony of the Candidate. N.B. Mr. Fishs having sign'd an agreement with the people about Church Government which I could not approve of; yet did not think it sufficient to break Communion and therefore proceeding. Mr. Hall¹²¹ open'd the public Exercise with Prayer. Mr. Owen preach'd on Eph. 4.12. Mr. Dor the Charge. I pray'd after the Charge. Mr. Barret¹²² gave the right Hand. N.B. our Entertainment was at Lieutenant Woods. We return'd to Westborough at night and Mr. Martyn and his Daughter lodg'd here.</p> <p>1751 June 10 (Monday). N.B. Saw Lieutenant Tainter who seems offended that I said, last Monday, that I saw not but that I must go to hoeing instead of going to Ordination on Wednesday, but I endeavour'd to render him some answer to his Opposition as well as Some Thanks for his Assistance in the work done for me.</p>
1751 Sept. 25	Woodward, Samuel at Weston	Not present	<p>1751 September 24 (Tuesday). N.B. Messrs. Whitney (of Nitchewog),¹²³ Maccarty, Davis, and Humphreys¹²⁴ -- going to the Ordination at Weston. Mrs. Martyn rode with me to the Burying at Mr. Townsends.</p> <p>1751 September 25 (Wednesday). This Day Mr. Woodward¹²⁵ (as I understand) is to be ordain'd at Weston in the Room of Mr. William Williams but I could not go.</p>

¹¹⁸The Reverend Joseph Dorr of Mendon.

¹¹⁹See Richard Warch, "The Shepherd's Tent: Education and Enthusiasm in the Great Awakening." *American Quarterly* 30 (Summer 1979), 177-98.]

¹²⁰The Reverend John Owen (Harvard 1723), the minister of the First Congregational Church of Groton, Conn., 1727-1753. *SHG*, 7:244-47.

¹²¹The Reverend David Hall of Sutton.

¹²²The Reverend Samuel Barrett of Hopkinton.

¹²³The Reverend Aaron Whitney of the plantation called Nichewoag, which became the town of Petersham in 1754.

¹²⁴The Reverend James Humphrey (Harvard 1744), the minister of Payquage or Pequigoig plantation (later the town of Athol), 1750-1782. *SHG*, 11:416-

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¹²⁵The Reverend Samuel Woodward (Harvard 1748), the minister of Weston, 1751-1782. *SHG*, 12:349-52.

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			1751 September 26 (Thursday). The Reverend Mr. Maccarty din'd here. Tells me that the Ordination went on yesterday without any Lett. The Reverend Mr. Townsend ¹²⁶ of Needham preach'd on Mat. 11.16.17.
1752 June 3	Forbush [Forbes], Eli at Brookfield Eli Forbes (Harvard 1751) married Parkman's daughter Mary (Molly), Aug. 6, 1752.	Charge	<p>Westborough Church Records, 93-94 (May 24, 31, June 6, 1752): A letter from Sundry Inhabitants of the North-East part of <i>Brookfield</i>, respecting the Ordination of Mr. <i>Eli Forbush</i> on June 3 next, was read, and the request therein of our Assistance complyd with. Voted that there be two Delegates of the Church on that Occasion. Voted Brother Tainter to the first - Voted that Brother Fr. Whipple to the other.</p> <p>May 31. The Church was Stopd and voted Dismission of Mr. <i>Eli Forbush</i> to the work of founding and Settling a Church in the North East part of <i>Brookfield</i>, or to the Church there, if there be one gatherd; in order to his being ordaind the pastor thereof. And the Dismission of Mrs. Hannah Fish (heretofore <i>Hannah Forbush</i>) to the Church in <i>Upton</i>.</p> <p>June 6. <i>Eli</i>, of Jonas and Persis Brigham, and <i>Mindwell</i>, of Samuel and Margaret Forbush (this last of <i>Upton</i>) were baptized by the Rev. Mr. <i>Eli Forbush</i>, being the first Children which he baptized. N.B. His Ordination was the last Wednesday, the 3rd Instant.</p> <p>1752 May 24 (Sunday). After Sermon read Letter Missive from Brookfield, second parish respecting Mr. Eli Forbush's Ordination.</p> <p>1752 June 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Eli Forbush's Ordination. A most important Day with one whom I am nearly concern'd for! May God be almightily present with him, and his grace sufficient for him! But it is a Comfort that there is no Objection likely to arise. Captain Ayres¹²⁷ does not join, but he does not oppose. We did not form into a Council till it was late in the Day, because the pastors and Deligates of Several Churches did not come Seasonably: and when they came, Several Pastors were unwilling to perform any of the public Service. Mr. Forbush gave the Council to their universal Satisfaction an Account of his Principles; and his Views in undertaking the Ministry. N.B. The Confession of his Faith, contain'd an humble Declaration of his own Hope: and it was to acceptance. N.B. When Mr. Forbush's Call was read, the Church declar'd that the meaning of those Words "While he shall continue in the Work of the Ministry" did mean, as long as he had the pastoral Care of them, and not merely as long as he was</p>

¹²⁶Jonathan Townsend.

¹²⁷William Ayers or Ayres of Brookfield.

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			able to preach. In public Mr. Jones ¹²⁸ of Western began with Prayer. Mr. Martyn preach'd in my stead; his Text [<i>blank</i>]. I gave the Assembly an Account of our Proceedings in Enquiring into the Qualifications of the Candidate, and the regular steps which the people had taken in ripening Matters thus far. To satisfie them all likewise we went over them again, from each party transacting. I gave the Charge. This was the first Time I ever perform'd this Service: and did it Memoriter. Mr. White ¹²⁹ of Hardwick pray'd after the Charge. Sung last part of Ps. 118. I hear there was much order and Decency among the people afterwards. May God accept our Offerrings, and may the Ordain'd especially have Grace to keep the Solemn Charge! Nor may any of us ever forget these solemn actions! Through Gods great Goodness, my feeble Body was sustain'd and carry'd through in a measure of Comfort. So that my Evening was pleasant. N.B. Mr. Breck ¹³⁰ of Springfield -- Mr. Pynchon ¹³¹ of Brookfield there.
1752 May 6	Haven, Samuel at Portsmouth NH	Not present	1752 May 4 (Monday). P.M. I attended the Funeral of Mr. Brewer at Framingham. A most Solemn Time! Mr. Barrett there also, and pray'd. N.B. Mr. Bridge ¹³² gone to the Ordination of Mr. Haven ¹³³ at Portsmouth: and Mr. Stone to the Funeral of the Widow of old Mr. Daniel Newton.
1752 Nov. 22	Cushing, Jacob at Waltham	Not present	1752 November 22 (Wednesday). North West Wind very Cold this morning -- Tis the Day appointed for the Ordination of Mr. Jacob Cushing ¹³⁴ at Waltham. May he be strong in the Grace which is in Christ Jesus! Am debarr'd the pleasure of Waiting upon it, but may God be with me in my Solitude!
1753 Oct. 4	Carpenter, Ezra at Keen and Swanzey, NH Harvard 1720 INSTALLATION	Not present	1782 July 8 (Monday). I read Mr. <i>Gay</i> of <i>Hingham's</i> Sermon at the Instalment of Mr. <i>Ezra Carpenter</i> at <i>Keen</i> and <i>Swanzy</i> , from <i>Zech. 2.1</i> , "I lift up mine Eyes again and looked, and behold, a man with his Measuring Line in His Hand."

¹²⁸Isaac Jones (Yale 1742), the minister of Western (now Warren) Mass., 1744-1784. Dexter, *Biographical Sketches*, p. 715.

¹²⁹David White (Yale 1730), the minister of Hardwick, Mass., 1736-1784. Dexter, *Biographical Sketches*, pp. 419-420.

¹³⁰The Reverend Robert Breck, Jr., of Springfield.

¹³¹Joseph Pynchon of Brookfield.

¹³²Matthew Bridge of Framingham.

¹³³Samuel Haven (Harvard 1749) had been reading theology with Ebenezer Parkman, keeping school and preaching in numerous pulpits in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He was ordained in the South Church of Portsmouth, May 6, 1752. *SHG*, 12:382-92.

¹³⁴Jacob (Harvard 1748), son of Rev. Job Cushing of Shrewsbury, served the First Congregational Church of Waltham, 1752-1809. *SHG*, 12:252-57.

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1754 Oct. 23	Roberts, Joseph at Leicester	Not present	<p>1754 October 21 (Monday). My Brother Samuel Parkman from Boston waits on Reverend Mr. Gay¹³⁵ of Hingham here, and lodge. They are going to Leicester, to the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Roberts.¹³⁶</p> <p>1754 October 22 (Tuesday). Came the Reverend Messrs. Barrett and Eliot¹³⁷ and with them Deacon Barret of Boston and his son, and Mr. Thayer of Boston also -- and they din'd here. N.B. Deacon Barret ill and with his Brother returns to Hopkinton. The rest to go Leicester.</p> <p>1754 October 23 (Wednesday). Mr. Briant to Leicester.... The Reverend Joseph Roberts's Ordination at Leicester.</p>
1757 Nov. 23	Parsons, Joseph at Brookfield	Not present	<p>1757 November 22 (Tuesday). Thomas, and a Number more, ride to Brookfield to Ordination.</p> <p>1757 November 23 (Wednesday). The Day for the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Parsons junior at Brookfield 1st Church.</p>
1758 May 24	Fisk, Nathan at Brookfield	Attended	<p>1758 May 24 (Wednesday). Attended the Ordination of Mr. Nathan <i>Fisk</i>. Mr. Jones prayed. Mr. Woodward preached on 1 Tim. 3.3 -- apt to teach. Mr. White prayed before the Charge. Mr. Bridgham gave it. Mr. Swift prayed after it -- and Mr. Eaton gave the Right Hand. N.B. A great Blunder about the Singing -- Mr. Fisk using Tate and Brady and not advertising the Chorister and Reader of it. Entertained at Capt. <i>Uphams</i>.</p>
1758 Nov. 1	Symmes, William at North Andover		<p>1758 October 31 (Tuesday). Lodged at Mr. Cushings at Waltham, but he was gone to Ordination at <i>Andover</i>.</p>
1759 Nov. 7	Locke, Samuel at Sherbourn	Not present	<p>1759 November 6 (Tuesday). P.M. Mr. Mellen and his Wife here going to Hopkinton and to Sherbourn Ordination.</p> <p>1759 November 7 (Wednesday). Mr. <i>Locks</i> Ordination at Sherbourn. May almighty Grace be given him in Christ Jesus.</p>

¹³⁵Ebenezer Gay (Harvard 1714), minister of Hingham, 1718-1787. *SHG*, 6:59-66.

¹³⁶Joseph Roberts (Harvard 1741) had preached at various places. He served Leicester, 1754-1762. *SHG*, 11:65-68.

¹³⁷Andrew Eliot of the New North Church in Boston.

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1761 Feb. 25	Cumming, Alexander at Boston, Old South Church INSTALLATION	Not present	1761 April 28 (Tuesday). Had Mr. Ebenezer Forbush's Horse to <i>Marlborough</i> . Dined at Mr. <i>Smiths</i> . Messrs. Loring, Gardner, Martyn, Stone, Morse, Maccarty, Davis, Mellen, also Mr. Peter Thatcher Smith, preacher, there. N.B. Mr. Barnet not there, though I had taken Pains, at his Desire, to inform him. Mr. Goss was coming but fell from his Horse, and was carried home hurt, in a Chair. N.B. Conversation chiefly on the Conduct of the Boston Ministers at the Installment of Mr. <i>Cummings</i> , and the Animadversions thereon in the late Newspapers. Mr. Stone drew up something for us, by way of <i>Exculpating</i> (as its called) but it dropped.
1762 June 23	Sumner, Joseph at Shrewsbury Yale 1759	Attended	Westborough Church Records, 121 (June 20, 1762): A Letter from the first Church in Shrewsbury requesting the Assistance of this Church in the Ordination of Mr. Joseph Sumner, on the 23 instant - read - The Church voted compliance - That Two be the Number of the Delegates - That Brother Whitney be one - That Deacon Bond be the other.
1763 Dec. 14	Livermore, Jonathan at Wilton NH Harvard 1760	???	Westborough Church Records, 127 (Dec. 4, 1763): The Church was Stopt and a Letter form the people of <i>Wilton</i> was read. Therein they Request Assistance in gathering a Church and ordaining Mr. <i>Jonathan Livermore</i> their Pastor, on the 14 instant. Voted approbation and Compliance if providence give Leave. But it being above 40 miles off, and at Such a season, it is uncertain whether we can attend. Note: Jonathan Livermore, son of Jonathan and Abigail, was born in Westborough, Dec. 7, 1729; Westborough Vital Records, 68.
1764 Nov.	Goddard, William of Westmoreland	Declined to send	Westborough Church Records, 130 (Oct. 28, 1764): A Letter was read to the Church, from <i>Westmorland</i> , desiring assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>William Goddard</i> : but it is too far, considering how lately we have been a great Journey - but esp. this Ordination must interfere with one we are more nearly concernd in: And therefore when Compliance was put to Vote, there was no Hand. 1764 October 28 (Sunday). I read to the Church a Letter from <i>Westmorland</i> to desire our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. William Goddard on Nov. 7 next: but the Request could not be complied with both because it was so far, and too late in the Year for me to pretend to ride so far at so late season and especially because we had another Duty of like kind, at which we could not avoid our assistance and which would interfere, viz. the Installation of Rev. Mr. Bowman -- for I read also a Letter from the

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1764 Nov. 14	Bowman, Joseph at Oxford INSTALLATION Bowman was b. in Westborough and married Lavinia Baker of Westborough, June 29, 1763.	Moderator and prayed. Preached on Jer. 3.15.	<p>Church of Oxford to that purpose, to be on the 14th. This was accepted -- and Squire Whipple and Mr. Daniel Forbes were chosen Delegates.</p> <p>Westborough Church Records, 130 (Oct. 28, Nov. 11): Another Letter was also read, viz from the Church in <i>Oxford</i>, desiring our Assistance in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. <i>Bowman</i>. Compliance Voted - Two Delegates, viz Squire Whipple and Mr. Daniel Forbush.</p> <p>Nov. 11. The Request of the Rev. Mr. <i>Joseph Bowman</i> to have his Relation to this Church transferrd to the Church in <i>Oxford</i>, Voted; and that he be recommended.</p> <p>1764 October 28 (Sunday). I read to the Church a Letter from <i>Westmorland</i> to desire our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. William Goddard on Nov. 7 next: but the Request could not be complied with both because it was so far, and too late in the Year for me to pretend to ride so far at so late season and especially because we had another Duty of like kind, at which we could not avoid our assistance and which would interfere, viz. the Installation of Rev. Mr. Bowman -- for I read also a Letter from the Church of Oxford to that purpose, to be on the 14th. This was accepted -- and Squire Whipple and Mr. Daniel Forbes were chosen Delegates.</p> <p>1764 November 11 (Sunday). By Reason of my Preparation for the Installment next week I could not prepare another Sermon for p.m. but with Some Alterations formed an Exercise from another part of the Discourses on 2 Pet. 7.9, viz. from page 17 to 22.</p> <p>1764 November 12 (Monday). Am finishing my Sermon for the expected Installment. The Addresses etc. Having finished every Thing, I made a Visit to Mr. Seth Morse, especially because of the Indispositions of their only Child -- as also to borrow his better Horse.</p> <p>1764 November 13 (Tuesday). Uncertain whether Mr. Martyn would come this way and understanding that Mrs. Hardy grew much worse, I thought it my Duty to Set out so much the Sooner as to visit her. I did so and prayed with her. She was very weak and low, but her Faith strong and her hope firm. She Said I had been her Father this forty Year. Mr. Forbush and afterwards Squire Whipple came there. Deacon Paul Newton also came, from Mr. Martyn, who was on the Road to call us. N.B. Sarah has my mare (as I ride Mr. Morse's) and with my Consent to gratifie Lt. Baker put her into his Chaise, and take up Miss <i>Molly</i>. They come to me at Mr. Hutchinsons in Grafton, where we dine. The rest of the Company I</p>

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			<p>overtake at Capt. Lelands. We call at Mr. Halls. N.B. I received a Bundle of Papers of him relative to the <i>Davidson</i> Case. We arrive at Squire <i>Davis</i>'s. Rev. Goss with us -- and lodge there.</p> <p>1764 November 14 (Wednesday). We repair to Deacon <i>Davis</i>'s, where the Pastors and Delegates are formed into a Council. I was chose Moderator and prayed. Mr. Maccarty Scribe. N.B. The Church drop the <i>Davidson</i> Affair. Mr. Bowman was admitted a member of the Church. The solemnity (of the <i>Installment</i> of Mr. <i>Bowman</i>) at the Meeting House was opened by Mr. Forbes of Brookfield. I preached on Jer. 3.15. Mr. Martyn gave the Charge. Mr. Gleason prayed after it. Mr. Maccarty the Right Hand. Rev. Bowman appointed Ps. 119, latter part, and gave the Blessing. I visited old Mrs. Campbel and Capt. Griffin. Plentifully entertained at Deacon <i>Davis</i>'s. In the Eve at the fine singing at Capt. Moores. Lodged at Deacon <i>Davis</i>'s.</p> <p>Jer. 3.15: "And I will give your pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."</p>
1764 Nov. 14	Chaplin, Ebenezer at Millbury (Sutton North End)	Not present	<p>1764 November 15 (Thursday). [Sutton.] We dined at Mr. Halls. He gives us Account that Yesterday there was great Difficulty at Sutton North End, when they attempted to ordain (one) Mr. <i>Chaplin</i> there: and that it was not accomplished till it was done by Candle Light and by but Three Ministers -- Mr. Hall, Mr. Webb and Mr. Frost. For Mr. Stone of Southborough and his Delegates refused to act. A great Obstruction was, a Strange Plan of Church Government.</p> <p>1765 March 8 (Friday). Mr. <i>Chaplin</i> of Sutton here. Calls to See me and promote Acquaintance. He asks me to change with him some time or other. I told him I know not how to do that. N.B. I had Spoke freely of Church Government and vindicated Pastoral Authority. Shewed my Dissatisfaction with the Sutton, and his Proceedings in his Ordination. But we parted in Peace.</p>
1764 Oct.	Dean, Samuel at Falmouth, ME	Not present	1764 October 10 (Wednesday). Rainy morning. Mr. Adams is going to Falmouth to the Ordination of Mr. Samuel <i>Dean</i> .
1764 Oct. 17	Stone, Nathan, Jr., at Yarmouth	Right hand	<p>Westborough Church Records, 130 (Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 1764): The Church was Stopped to communicate a Letter from the East Church in <i>Yarmouth</i> desiring Assistance of the Pastor and Messenger from this Church in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Nathan Stone</i> junior Oct. 17 next.</p> <p>Voted compliance.</p> <p>Voted that Deacon Bond be the Messenger from the Church on that Occasion. [Insertion: The Church Stopped at the Request of Deacon Bond, who was excused from going as above and Chose Brother Gale.]</p>

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			<p>Oct. 7: At Brother Gale's Request the Church was stayd and he also desired to be excused from going to the mentioned Ordination - His Reason for it was accepted, and <i>Deacon Tainter</i> was chose to go in his stead.</p> <p>1764 August 18 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. <i>Nathan Stone</i> junior came to Preach for me; and he asks me whether I would be willing to go to <i>Yarmouth</i> to his Ordination if the Church there Should send to us?</p> <p>1764 September 30 (Sunday). Read a Letter from the East Church in Yarmouth to desire our Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Nathan Stone</i> junior.</p> <p>1764 October 3 (Wednesday). [Lecture.] Stopped the Church to acquaint them with Deacon Bonds Request that the Church would excuse him from going to Yarmouth Ordination because the general Court is prorogued to the 10th and he (a member of it) must attend it. The Church accepted it, and voted to Send another. They chose Brother <i>Gale</i>.</p> <p>1764 October 4 (Thursday). Write, and Send, to Mr. Jonathan Moore of Oxford, to preach for me, while I am gone to Ordination.</p> <p>1764 October 7 (Sunday). N.B. Mr. Gale desired the Church might be stopped that he might speak with them and he was excused. But we met with so much Difficulty in choosing Deacon Tainter who was however chose, that I could not but make a reprehensive Remark.</p> <p>1764 October 17 (Wednesday). [Yarmouth.] Mr. Green and other Pastors together with their Delegates being come, the Council was formed. Mr. Green Moderator and his Son Scribe. Mr. Stone's Dismission from the Church in Lyn was read and he was admitted into the Church of East Yarmouth. He exhibited a Confession of Faith -- all were satisfied, and every thing being prepared, we repaired to the Meeting House. There Every thing was very Orderly, quiet and Solemn. Mr. Smith of Marlborough began with prayer, Mr. Stone's Father preached on 2 Tim. 2.12, latter part. Mr. Green prayed and gave the Charge. Mr. Josiah <i>Lewis</i> prayed after the Charge; I gave the Right Hand of Fellowship. Young Mr. Stone appointed the Psalm and gave the Blessing. May God pardon us and accept us all in Christ Jesus!</p> <p>1764 October 31 (Wednesday). This morning was informed the Ministers Meeting was adjourned to this Time, because of the Absence of three of us at the Ordination at Yarmouth. Hastened over to it. Got to</p>

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			<p>Mr. Martyns before Lecture. Mr. Gardner preached, on Gen. 11.32, last words. Mr. Stone, Goss and Wheeler absent nevertheless.</p> <p>1764 December 26 (Wednesday). At Mr. Stones desire by his Son of Yarmouth (who was here lately while I was from home) I look over his Notes of his late Ordination Sermon.</p> <p>1765 May 7 (Tuesday). N.B. Sarah to Southborough. Brings 4 of Mr. Stones Ordination Sermons, with Mr. Greens Charge, and my right Hand.</p>
1764 Sept. 5	Adams, Zabdiel at Lunenburg	Not present	<p>1764 September 5 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. <i>Adams</i> ordained at Lunenburg, and Billy is gone to it.</p> <p>1764 September 6 (Thursday). Mr. Fessenden from <i>Dunstable</i>, but last from Ordination at Lunenburg. Supped and lodged here.</p>
1765 Oct. 16	Rice, Asaph at Westminster	Moderator. Prayer. Gave charge	<p>Westborough Church Records, 132 (Oct. 6, 1765): The Church was Stayd to hear and act upon a Letter from the Church of Christ in Westminster containing Request to assist in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Asaph Rice</i>, on Oct. 16th.</p> <p>Voted Compliance with the Request. Voted that two be the Number of Delegates Voted that Brother Daniel Hardy be one. Voted that Brother Zebulun Rice be the other - The Blessing concluded.</p> <p>1765 September 25 (Wednesday). Mr. Asaph Rice brings Letter Missive from the Church in Westminster requesting Assistance in his Ordination. He dines with us. P.M. leaves us.</p> <p>1765 October 15 (Tuesday). Brother Daniel Hardy and Brother Zebulun Rice came and accompany me as Delegates to Westminster. My Son Baldwin with us. We call at Mr. Martyns, who and Mr. <i>Fessenden</i> with his Delegate <i>Caruth</i>, join us, as does Deacon Livermore at Mr. Morse's: where part of us dine -- the Delegates at Mr. Bush's. P.M. set out and at Eve arrive at Capt. Hoars at Westminster. N.B. We called at Mr. Marsh's Door, but did not light. Lodged at Capt. Hoars.</p> <p>1765 October 16 (Wednesday). The Council was formed. I was chose Moderator and Mr. <i>Morse</i>, at my Motion, Scribe -- He being in situation, somewhat Nigh, compared with some others, and well acquainted with their Affairs. Mr. <i>Marsh</i> came with a Remonstrance and Complaint against the Church, which we considered, and easily got over. Mr. <i>Rice</i> read a Confession of Faith (besides Mr. Fish's Testimony of his</p>

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			Examination and Approbation before the Association). The Church voted to proceed. Mr. <i>Marsh</i> came no more. Twas told Me Mr. Reuben Miles voted to proceed. In the public assembly Mr. Davis prayed. Mr. Forbes preached on 1 Cor. 2.2. After Sermon I addressed the Audience, and the Church in Special, who renewed their Call -- Mr. Rice his Acceptance and read his Confession of Faith. I prayed and gave the Charge. Mr. <i>Morse</i> prayed after the Charge. Mr. <i>Martyn</i> gave the Right Hand. Mr. <i>Rice</i> appointed the 68 Ps. 17 and onward and gave the Blessing. Entertainment at Capt. <i>Hoars</i> , where I lodged again.
1767 Jan. 7	Fessenden, Thomas at Walpole NH	Church declined invitation.	<p>Westborough Church Records, 136 (Dec. 28, 1766): The Brethren of the Church were stopd, and a Letter was communicated to them from the Church and Inhabitants of <i>Walpole</i> in New-Hampshire, bearing Date Nov. 29. 1766: requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. Thomas <i>Fessenden</i>, on Jan. 7, next. But when it was put to Vote whether the Church would comply with their Request? It passd in the Negative - by Reason of the great Distance and Rigor of the Season.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1767 January 8 (Thursday). At Eve Messrs. <i>Moore</i> and <i>Cushing</i> with my Daughters, return from <i>Westminster</i>, and notwithstanding our Fears, are Well, having had a good Journey -- for which Thanks and Praise to God! They bring us the bad news that Mr. Harrington of Lancaster has had a bad Fall on the Ice and broke one of his Leggs which prevented his going to Walpole Ordination -- and that Mr. <i>Bridge</i> of Sudbury hast lost his New-born son; which probably has prevented his Grand father Smith's going to that ordination also.</p>
1767 Nov. 4	Whitney, Peter at Northborough	Moderator. Prayer and Charge.	<p>Westborough Church Records, 139-40 (Oct. 25, 1767): The Church Stayd and a Letter from Northboro Signd by Jonathan Livermore, Paul Newton and Jacob Rice, dated Oct. 14. desiring Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Peter</i> Whitney.</p> <p>Voted Compliance with their Request.</p> <p>Voted to send two Delegates.</p> <p>Voted that Deacon Bond be one.</p> <p>Voted that Deacon Wood be the other.</p> <p>1767 October 15 (Thursday). When I returned at Eve, was informed that Mr. <i>Peter Whitney</i> had been here. He has brought a Letter from the Church and people of Northborough, desiring assistance in his Ordination.</p>

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			<p>1767 November 1 (Sunday). Gave Warning to people respecting the Ordination next Wednesday, their Behavior etc.</p> <p>1767 November 4 (Wednesday). Ordination of Mr. <i>Peter Whitney</i>. Mrs. P_____ rode over with me. Deacons Bond and Wood attended. The Pastors, except Mr. <i>Stone</i>, and Delegates, met at Mrs. Martyns. I was chose Moderator and prayed. Mr. Smith was chose Scribe. The Chief Debate in Council was, whether Mr. <i>Whitneys</i> Confession after it had been read among us, Should be read in public. It was put to a Vote and there appeared 21 against, and 20 for. So that it was not read. The Concourse was so exceeding great that it was much feared the Meeting House was like to give way. [Steps?] abroad proposed to be erected -- but we ventured in. Mr. Morse began with Prayer. Mr. Whitney Preached a good sermon on <i>Mat. 28.19.20</i>. The <i>Charge</i> with the Prayer preceding was my Part: Mr. Bridge of Chelmsford prayed after it. Mr. Smith gave the Right Hand -- and so ordered his speech as to receive Mr. Whitneys Return of the Right Hand to him. This was wholly new to me. Sang Ps. 122. Mr. <i>Morse</i> sat the Tune. Before the Blessing I spake to the people concerning the Props of the Gallerys -- and concerning Conduct after the solemnity in public. After supper Subscriptions for printing the sermon etc. Capt. Clark and Miss Patty, Cousin Barrett, Mr. Moore, his sister Sarah and his Cousin Miss Ruth Moore, lodged here. May God grant an happy Issue! And may I retain, and have increased Impression upon my own Heart!</p> <p>1767 November 9 (Monday). P.M. adjournment of Town Meeting. They refuse to grant money for a legal School. A Sad Spirit prevails, against Government, Ministry, Learning. Some are so bent upon finding Fault, that my going into the meeting House at <i>Northborough</i> Ordination has given great Displeasure; and this was because upon hearing that the Gallerys gave way I declared that if it was so, I would not go in -- and again said <i>I would not go in</i> (taking it as beforesaid) yet I sent in Lt. <i>Martyn</i> and others, to See how the Case verily was -- which Shews the Matter was not absolutely determined -- In the mean time, Rev. Mr. <i>Whitney</i> (who was to preach) was consulted. He said he was not able to preach abroad. Mr. Martyn, and others, returned and said they had examined the Timbers, Joists and the Supports -- and declared they were safe and secure -- that the Supporter which had given way, and was the Cause of the Alarm, was well fastened -- and that the Report of the joists and the Beam, was not true -- upon which I was hurried in; and the Throng pressed in -- so that I was obliged to go in against my Inclination -- committing the Matter to God, our Great Preserver! So that I could not be charged with any unfairness in any of this Conduct, and it must be owing only to prejudice and ill will that Such fault is found with me for it. May the Lord guard and help me under such unreasonable and injurious Treatment!</p>

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1767 Sept. 9	Fuller, Timothy at Princeton	Not present	1767 November 6 (Friday). <i>Sarah</i> who went to Mr. <i>Richard Martyns</i> before Ordination is brought home. 1767 September 11 (Friday). Informs me of Mr. <i>Fullers</i> Ordination at Prince-town on the 9th.
1768 Nov. 2	Cushing, John at Ashburnham Harvard 1764 Cushing married Parkman's daughter Sarah, Sept. 28, 1769	Moderator Prayed Charge	Westborough Church Records, 145 (Oct. 16, 30, 1768): A Letter from the Church of <i>Ashburnham</i> desiring assistance in the Ordination of our Brother Mr. John Cushing, on Nov. 2. Read, and Compliance voted - that there be two Delegates - Brother Whipple (viz. Francis Esq.) to be one and Brother Benj. Tainter to be the other. Oct. 30: The Church were detain'd after the Blessing, <i>First</i> , to transfer the Relation which our Brother <i>John Cushing</i> bears to this Church to the Church of <i>Ashburnham</i> , and that he be recommended to the work to which he is there called. <i>Secondly</i> , Brother <i>Whipple</i> desired to be excus'd from going to Ashburnham; giving his reasons - and Deacon <i>Wood</i> was chose in his stead. 1768 October 18 (Tuesday). Mr. Cushing (after earnest sollicitation to go to his Ordination) leaves us p.m. 1768 November 2 (Wednesday). All that were sent to for this Ordination came. There was neither Pastor nor Delegates (I suppose) absent. I was chose Moderator and prayed at the Opening of the Council. The Church of <i>Ashburnham</i> were very unanimous and fervent for Mr. <i>Cushing</i> . One Mr. <i>Foster</i> had a Difficulty with the Church; but he was by no means willing to clogg the Ordination. He was not a member of that, but of <i>Lunenburg</i> Church, but we put him and the Church into a way of Peace. Mr. <i>Cushing</i> gave a Confession of his Faith, which was read before the Council and Church; and it was accepted. In public Mr. <i>Farrar</i> prayed, Mr. <i>Jacob Cushing</i> preached on <i>Gal. 1.11.12</i> . I gave the Charge, Mr. Asaph Rice prayed after the Charge, and Mr. <i>Morse</i> the Right Hand. May God accept us, and command His Blessing! The Evening afforded good Singing, but when it grew late, Some young Men who could be accommodated with lodgings, were too musical and airy, to our Disturbance. For which 1768 November 3 (Thursday). In the Morning I gave them admonition, which was Strengthened by my Brother <i>Morse</i> : and it had, I hope, some good Effect. We returned by Westminster, and dined at Mr. <i>Rice</i> 's.
1768 Sept. 14	Balch, Benjamin at Mendon South	Not present	1768 September 13 (Tuesday). Mr. Moore's Brother <i>Collins</i> waited for me to be my Company in my Journey. We rode to Titicut and dined there (at Mr. Reeds) -- but <i>Collins</i> wants to go to the Ordination at

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	Parish (Blackstone)		<p><i>Mendon</i> and therefore leaves me. Mr. Reed rides with me part of the way to Mr. <i>Perkins's</i> at Bridgewater where I lodged.</p> <p>1768 September 15 (Thursday). Call at Mr. Paysons in Walpole. N.B. his wife languishes. Visit Squire Adams at Medfield -- and Mr. Thomas Adams -- his Library -- dined at Mr. Townsends with Mr. Moses Adams and Mr. Jason Whitney who were returning from <i>Mendon</i> Ordination.</p>
1768 Sept. 7	Moore, Jonathan at Rochester Harvard 1761 Moore married Parkman's daughter, Susannah, Oct. 13, 1768	Right hand	<p>Westborough Church Records, 144 (Aug. 28, 1768): The Church was detain'd after Exercises and a Letter was communicated from the 1st Church in <i>Rochester</i>, desiring Assistance in ordaining Mr. <i>Jonathan Moore</i>. Voted compliance - two Delegates - Brother John Cushing to be one - Deacon <i>Bond</i> to be the other.</p> <p>1768 August 28 (Sunday). Read to the Church the letter from the first Church of Rochester, requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Moore</i>. There was a good Majority for it, but Mr. Daniel Forb. said it was needless. Mr. Batheric much the Same. Several others did not vote.</p> <p>1768 September 4 (Sunday). Read <i>Jer.</i> 33 and p.m. Read Rom. 6. Was disappointed of Help in preaching -- having writ to and depended, on Mr. <i>Cushing</i> to come, that he might go with me to Mr. <i>Moore's</i> Ordination but he did not come. I was so hindered by the Barn and preparing my self for the Ordination that I was obliged to use a. and p.m. former Compositions, altered to the present Time, viz. on Hos. 9.12.</p> <p>1768 September 5 (Monday). Deacon Bond excused himself from going with me to Mr. <i>Moore's</i> ordination. Neither did Mr. Cushing come; I therefore Sat out alone in my Journey to Rochester.</p> <p>1768 September 7 (Wednesday). [<i>Rochester.</i>] The Church met at Mr. <i>Perrys</i>. Council was formed. Mr. Perk. Moderator and prayed. Mr. Williams of Sandwich Scribe. Found the Steps the Church and Town had taken preparatory were regular. Deacon Foster desired Mr. <i>Moore</i> might be examined. He was briefly, but exhibited a Confession which was read and voted satisfactory both by the Church and the Council. Rev. Roland Thatcher opened the public Solemnity with prayer. Mr. Adams of <i>Roxbury</i> preached on 2 Cor. 1.5. The Moderator gave the solemn Charge; I gave the Right Hand. Went in to See Venerable old Mr. <i>Ruggles</i> who is in his 83d Year. Entertainment at Mr. <i>Perrys</i> and at Squire <i>Ruggles's</i>. Lodged again at Mr. <i>Perrys</i>, and every Night that I continued in Rochester.</p>

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			1769 May 15 (Monday). Mr. <i>Moore</i> and my dear <i>Suse</i> are leaving us. I have delivered to him, in old Tenor 30£ being in part of what he has bought for Suse at Rochester. 5/ for one of Mr. Adams's sermons at his Ordination ¹³⁸ and 9/7 1/2 for the old Book which I had of old Mr. <i>Ruggles</i> , of Memorable History, etc.
1769 June 1	McClallen, Daniel at Colrain	Not present	1770 January 20 (Saturday). P.M. Mr. Wood came with Rev. Mr. <i>Daniel McClallan</i> . He Shews me his Testimonials of his Licence for preaching -- his admission into the Presbytery, and his Installment Pastor of Coulrain. Which having seen and interrogated as I then thought meet, I asked him to preach tomorrow. He endeavoured to excuse himself as a stranger etc., Presbyterian etc., but upon my manifesting my Self Satisfyed and repeating my Desire, he consented to preach half the Day. Afterwards he yielded to the other Part also. He returned to Mr. Wood's.
1769 June 7	Rice, Jacob at Henneker, NH Harvard 1765. Rice was b. in Westborough, Nov. 27, 1740	EP could not attend. Church declined invitation.	Westborough Church Records, 146 (May 21, 1769): And a Letter from <i>Henneker</i> in New-Hampshire, requesting Asssistance in the Gathering a Church there and ordaining Mr. <i>Jacob Rice</i> pastor, on June 7th next, was read: but the Pastor signifying to the Church that he could not attend it, tho he left it to the Church to Send nevertheless if they saw meet, there was not a Vote for it.
1770 Apr. 11	Hopkins, Samuel at Newport INSTALLATION	Not present	1775 June 24 (Saturday). Breck who went to <i>Newport</i> a few days since, and carryed Dr. <i>Stiles</i> his <i>Watts</i> on the Glorys of Christ, ¹³⁹ returned, and brings Me the Doctors Discourse at the Installment of Mr. <i>Hopkins</i> . ¹⁴⁰ 1782 October 28 (Monday). P.M. came Mr. <i>Fitch</i> . He agrees to Send me <i>Montanus's Hebrew Bible</i> to use as long as I want it. He carrys away four Pamphlets. Dr. <i>Solomon Williams</i> Ordination of Mr. <i>Jacob Eliot</i> . Dr. St[iles?] Installment of Mr. <i>Hopkins: Tachygraphy</i> ; and a Poem delivered at Commencement.
1770 June 13	Ely, Samuel at Somers CT	Not present	1770 July 20 (Friday). One Mr. <i>Peas</i> , of <i>Enfield</i> , was my Company part of the way. I found him a good deal in the Brownistical Way. He informed me of Mr. <i>Ely's</i> Ordination at <i>Summers</i> , and that it was performed by Laymen: that he was present and liked it much.

¹³⁸Amos Adams, *The Pleasures Peculiar to the Ministerial Life Pointed Out; in a Sermon Preached at the Ordination of the Revd. Mr. Jonathan Moore, to the Pastoral Care of the First Church in Rochester; (Colleague with the Revd. Mr. Ruggles.)* (Boston, New England: Printed and sold by Kneeland and Adams, at their printing-office in Milk-Street, 1768).

¹³⁹The first American edition of Isaac Watts (1674-1748), *The Glory of Christ as God-Man*, appeared in 1795 (Boston, 1795; Evans 29,844).

¹⁴⁰Ezra Stiles, *A Discourse on Saving Knowledge: Delivered at the Instalment of the Reverend Samuel Hopkins...Newport, Rhode-Island...April 11, 1770* (Newport, 1770; Evans 11,871).

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	Yale 1764 "lay ordination (his licensure having been revoked)" – Dexter, <i>Yale Graduates</i> , 3:68.		<p>1770 September 21 (Friday). In my way dine at Mr. <i>Conklins</i>. He was gone to <i>Worcester</i>; but met him on the Way. He gave me some Account of the Sentiments of Mr. <i>Fish</i> respecting Mr. <i>Ely</i>, ordained in the Separate way at <i>Sumners</i> -- who, I had reason to expect would have Visited me. But Providence has hitherto otherwise ordered.</p> <p>1773 September 6 (Monday). Mr. <i>War</i> [illegible] <i>Cadaman</i> of <i>Oxford</i>, merchant, brought a Letter from Reverend Mr. <i>Bowman</i>, asking Advice concerning Mr. <i>Ely's</i> Ordination at <i>Sommers</i>.</p> <p>1773 September 17 (Friday). Mr. <i>Gordon</i> informs me that Mr. <i>Ely</i> of <i>Sommers</i> is very much rejected by the ministers, and that it is not likely the Council will meet, or if they <i>do</i>, will accept of Him. He heard so much of it among the Ministers at Commencement (and especially mentioned President <i>Doggett</i>) that he believes there will not be ordination.... Finish a Letter to Mr. <i>Bowman</i> of <i>Oxford</i> (at his Request) concerning Mr. <i>Ely's</i> Ordination at <i>Somers</i>.</p>
1770 Nov. 28	Brown, Elijah at Sherbourn	Not present	<p>1770 November 28 (Wednesday). This is the Day appointed for the Ordination of Mr. Brown at <i>Sherbourn</i>, and of Mr. [blank] <i>Thayer</i> at <i>Paxton</i> -- but is a great Snow Storm. May the almighty and most gracious Presence of the Great Head of the Church be with each of His servants in their Solemn Consecration -- with His people in each society, and with all those who may perform, that may attend and that may be in any wise concerned therein! May I be seriously Thoughtful of the Solemn and awful Charge which I my Self received in the Name of the Lord! And may I remember how I have delivered the like to a Number of others, on whom I have in that sacred Action laid my Hand! O that God would pardon my numberless Defects, and wash me in the Blood of the Lamb!</p>
1770 Nov. 28	Thayer, Alexander at Paxton	Not present	<p>1770 November 28 (Wednesday). This is the Day appointed for the Ordination of Mr. Brown at <i>Sherbourn</i>, and of Mr. [blank] <i>Thayer</i> at <i>Paxton</i> -- but is a great Snow Storm. May the almighty and most gracious Presence of the Great Head of the Church be with each of His servants in their Solemn Consecration -- with His people in each society, and with all those who may perform, that may attend and that may be in any wise concerned therein! May I be seriously Thoughtful of the Solemn and awful Charge which I my Self received in the Name of the Lord! And may I remember how I have delivered the like to a Number of others, on whom I have in that sacred Action laid my Hand! O that God would pardon my numberless Defects, and wash me in the Blood of the Lamb!</p>

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1770 Oct. 31	Prentice, Thomas at Medfield	Not present	<p>1770 October 29 (Monday). Delivered Mr. Wheelock 3 Guineas, 7 Dollars and 15/ for my Son <i>William</i>. My Son is, I suppose, at Medfield. Mr. Wheelock is going to the Ordination there.</p> <p>1770 October 31 (Wednesday). This Day, I Suppose, Mr. <i>Thomas Prentice</i> is ordained at <i>Medfield</i>.</p>
1771 Mar. 27	<p>Brigham, Benjamin at Fitzwilliam, NH</p> <p>Harvard1764. Brigham was b. in Marlborough, Mar. 11, 1742.</p>	Moderator. Prayed and gave the charge.	<p>Westborough Church Records, 151 (Mar. 17, 1771): And A Letter was communicated to the Church from the people of <i>Monadnock</i> No. 4 requesting our Assistance in Erecting a Church there, and ordaining Mr. <i>Benj. Brigham</i> their Pastor.</p> <p>Voted Compliance.</p> <p>Voted to Send two Delegates.</p> <p>Voted that Brother Levi Brigham be one.</p> <p>Voted that Brother Benj. Fay be the other.</p> <p>1771 March 7 (Thursday). Mr. <i>Benjamin Brigham</i> brought a Letter from the people and proprietors of <i>Monadnock</i> No. 4 to our Church to assist in Ordination of Mr. <i>B. Brigham</i> junior on the 27th.</p> <p>1771 March 17 (Sunday). N.B. The Church consented to send to the Ordination of Mr. <i>Brigham</i>, at <i>Monadnock</i> No. 4.</p> <p>1771 March 25 (Monday). I sat out upon my Journey to <i>Monadnock</i> No. 4, though the ways were very bad, and the Weather somewhat wet. Met the Delegate, Brother Levi Brigham, at Mr. Whitneys in Northborough. We proceeded to Lancaster and dined at Mr. Harringtons. From thence we had one Mr. Pepper at Framingham our Company. Arrived at Ashburnham at Eve. Mr. Smith was at Mr. Cushings and lodged there.</p> <p>1771 March 26 (Tuesday). We proceeded to <i>Winchenden</i> and baited at Rev. Mr. Browns. Road tolerable, though the Snows up there were very deep. We arrived at Mr. John <i>Mellens</i>, the Entertainer, at <i>Monadnock</i>, so as to dine though late. Few of the Ministers came. We lodged there.</p> <p>1771 March 27 (Wednesday). Mr. Brown of <i>Winchenden</i>, Mr. Goddard of <i>Swanzy</i>, and Mr. <i>Lee</i> of <i>Royalston</i>, were all the Ministers that came to join us; So that we were only five Ministers with our Delegates; and a Delegate from the Church in <i>Keen</i>. These six Churches formed into a Council. I was chose Moderator and Mr. Brown the scribe. The Candidates for Convenanting presented them Selves with their Dismissions from the Churches they belonged to. The Covenant was read to them which they</p>

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			Consented to; and Mr. Brigham's Confession of Faith -- voted Satisfactory. Every Thing being prepared, we proceeded to the place of public Assembly -- and there Mr. Lee opened the Solemnity by Prayer. Mr. <i>Smith</i> Preached on Joh. 21.15. Then the Church was gathered. I prayed and gave the Charge: Mr. Goddard prayed after the Charge; and Mr. Brown gave the right Hand. Returned to Mr. Mellen's. Were decently refreshed and lodged there.
1771 May 1	Hitchcock, Enos at Beverly	Not present	1771 April 25 (Thursday). Mr. Forbes and Crosby Sat out in the morning for <i>Boston</i> , in their way to <i>Beverly</i> Ordination (of Mr. <i>Hitchcock</i>). 1771 May 3 (Friday). Mr. <i>David Hitchcock</i> of <i>Brookfield</i> comes from the Ordination of his Brother <i>Enos</i> at <i>Beverly</i> : dines with us and then pursues his Journey home.
1771 May 22	Penniman, Joseph of Bedford	Not present	1771 May 30 (Thursday). I dined at Dr. <i>Chauncy's</i> where were Mr. <i>Gay</i> , <i>Rand</i> etc. The Doctor was very Sanguine against those Councils which sat at <i>Concord</i> and lately at Bedford Ordination, and which treated Mr. <i>Emmerson</i> of <i>Concord</i> with Severities not to be vindicated.
1772 Jan. 15	Fitch, Elijah of Hopkinton Harvard 1765	Moderator. Charge.	Westborough Church Records, 154 (Jan. 12, 1772): A Letter from the Church in Hopkinton requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Elijah Fitch</i> , was communicated - and the Church Voted Ccompliance Voted Deacon Bond to be a Delegate And Voted Deacon Wood to be another. Then concluded with the Blessing. 1771 October 16 (Wednesday). P.M. Deacon Burnap of Hopkinton came, and with him Mr. <i>Fitch</i> a Candidate who preaches there. 1771 November 9 (Saturday). Mr. <i>Elijah Fitch</i> from <i>Hopkinton</i> came, dined -- communicated his Credentials. I rode to Hopkinton and lodged at Mr. Barretts. 1771 November 13 (Wednesday). Rode to <i>Hopkinton</i> Fast previous to their Calling a Minister to be Colleague with Mr. <i>Barrett</i> . Mr. <i>Frost</i> pray'd and Mr. <i>Fish</i> Preached on <i>Act. 20.24</i> , latter part. P.M. Mr. <i>Fish</i> prayed and I Preached on <i>Joh. 12.35</i> . Several Gentlemen came after Meeting, and asked Advice, viz. Capt. Joseph Mellens, Mr. Israel Walker, and Mr. George Caryl.

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			<p>1772 January 5 (Sunday). Preached a.m. on <i>Act. 26.22</i>. Deacon Burnet dined here and gave me a Letter from Hopkinton Church, but by reason of very few Members of the Church being at Meeting I did not read it.</p> <p>1772 January 14 (Tuesday). P.M. rode over to Hopkinton.... Went to see Mr. <i>Fitch</i> that I might be better acquainted with him. He read one of his sermons to me. Lodged at Mr. Barretts.</p> <p>1772 January 15 (Wednesday). Break fast at Capt. Joseph Mellens, where the Council met. Received a Letter from Rev. Mr. <i>Mosely</i> of <i>Canada</i>. Being chose Moderator I prayed in the Council. Mr. Prentice of Holliston Scribe. We passed two votes relative to Mr. [Elijah] <i>Fitch</i>'s Baptism, and that we were ready to proceed to his Ordination. Mr. Fish began with Prayer, Mr. <i>Leonard</i> preached on <i>Act. 16.17</i>. Mr. Frost prayed before the Charge; This I delivered; Mr. Bridge of Framingham prayed after; Mr. Webb gave the Right Hand, and Mr. <i>Fitch</i> appointed Ps. 118, latter part, to be Sung. We returned to Capt. <i>Mellens</i>, where we supped and lodged. N.B. Capt. <i>Howard</i> of <i>Canada</i> gave me some Account of Mercy Maynard, who lives, and has done for some years, at his House. Subscription goes on for printing Mr. <i>Leonards</i> Sermon.</p> <p>1772 January 16 (Thursday). After breakfast, in returning home, a Number of us called at Brother <i>Barretts</i>, and seriously Saluted and took leave of him.... <i>Breck</i> and <i>Sophy</i> who went to ordination in a double Sleigh, with <i>Elijah</i> and other <i>Brighams</i>, returned -- but <i>Breck</i> had by a Fall on the Ice, a grievous shock, especially on his shoulder.</p> <p>1772 May 13 (Wednesday). Mr. <i>Fitch</i> came for the Copy of the <i>Charge</i> I gave at his Ordination, and he has Received it, and Returned home.</p>
1772 Nov. 11	Bigelow, Jacob at Sudbury	Unable to attend because of Suse (Parkman) Moore's illness	<p>Westborough Church Records, 156 (Nov. 8, 1772): A Letter from the west Church in Sudbury was read, requesting Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Jacob Biglow</i>, on the 11th instant.</p> <p>Voted Compliance with it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That there be two Delegates. - That Deacon Bond be one. - That Deacon Wood be the other. <p>1772 October 20 (Tuesday). Capt. <i>Ezekiel How</i> of Sudbury brought me a Letter from the Church of the West side to desire Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Jacob Biglow</i>, their Pastor.</p>

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			<p>1772 October 29 (Thursday). <i>Had a Letter from Mr. Jacob Biglow</i> (instead of Seeing him there) by which I can have no hope of any Acquaintance with him till the Day of Ordination.</p> <p>1772 November 1 (Sunday). Mr. Barns returned to Marlborough. Prayed him to acquaint Mr. Josiah <i>Bridge</i> who (I suppose) is at Marlborough with my Difficulty with regard to the Sudbury Ordination.</p> <p>1772 November 9 (Monday). <i>John</i> meets me to give me the Sorrowful News from <i>Rochester</i>, that <i>Suse</i> was nigh Expiring last Evening and a Man was come on Purpose to acquaint me with it.... I proposed to go in a Chaise. We provided one -- but could not get a suitable Horse.... Deacon <i>Wood</i> keeps the Horses; and I desired the Deacons <i>Bond</i> and <i>Wood</i>, to go to the Ordination at <i>Sudbury</i>, without me, and left the Letter missive for them accordingly.</p> <p>1772 November 21 (Saturday). My Son <i>Cushing</i> here from Ordination on the 12th.</p> <p>1773 January 20 (Wednesday). Mr. <i>Jacob Cushing</i> Sends me his Ordination sermon at <i>Sudbury</i>.¹⁴¹</p>
1773 Aug. 31	Walley, John, at Bolton INSTALLATION	Not present	<p>1773 June 5 (Saturday). Mr. <i>Fish</i> and his Delegates, together with the Mill-river D[<i>torn</i>] (without their Pastor: he went not) returning from <i>Bolton</i>, call here: Shew me their Result, and [<i>torn</i>] I am informed that they did not install Mr. <i>Wall</i> [<i>torn</i>] [i.e., John Walley] but that the Council is adjourned to August next. N.B. Mr. <i>Jewet</i> of <i>Rowley</i> was Moderator but he and [Mr.?] <i>Chandler</i> (of <i>Rowley</i> also) left them before the fini[<i>torn</i>].</p> <p>1773 August 5 (Thursday). My Son <i>Cushing</i> came to See us. He was at the <i>Bolton</i> Council yesterday, when they had a public Conference, but he fears to little Effect. Mr. <i>Fish</i> was Moderator of the Council to install Mr. <i>Walley</i>. Dr. <i>Chauncey</i> led in the Council for Mr. <i>Goss</i>. Mr. <i>Cushing</i> has but little Patience when he relates the Speeches and Conduct of Mr. <i>Fish</i>. So unreasonable and precipitant!</p> <p>1773 August 7 (Saturday). Rev. <i>Frost</i> and Dr. <i>Jenison</i> breakfast here in their Return from the <i>Bolton</i> Council: Inform that it is dissolved without doing any thing about installing Mr. <i>Walley</i>, and without any Result. The other Council also, called by Mr. <i>Goss</i> and his Adherents, are, they Suppose, gone off. But tis feared the Contest still unhappily remaining. May the Lord Himself who has the Hearts of all men in</p>

¹⁴¹Jacob Cushing, *A Sermon Preached at the Ordination of the Reverend Mr. Jacob Bigelow to the Pastoral Care of the West-Church in Sudbury, November 11th, 1772* (Boston, 1772). Evans 12,370.

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			<p>His Hand, graciously interpose for His own Cause, So sorrowfully bleeding there; and grant some happy Issue!</p> <p>1773 August 27 (Friday). [<i>illegible</i>] Joshua <i>Johnson</i> of <i>Bolton</i> here, going to Mr. <i>Fish</i>, to Mr. <i>Chaplain</i> and to Mr. <i>Stone</i> of <i>Douglass</i>, to deliver each of them a Copy of the late Council at <i>Bolton</i> called by Rev. <i>Goss</i> and Adherents, that each of those Churches may know what they are going to do if they Send to and assist in the Installment of Mr. <i>Walley</i> at <i>Bolton</i> as things are now circumstanced among them. N.B. I advise Mr. <i>Johnson</i> to wait upon the Pastors of the Churches that are or may be sent to, in the main place, and leave the Copys with <i>them</i> and as to engaging any private Brethren of those Churches therein, if the Pastors refuse to read them to their Churches, or to take them, I would leave him to his own Discretion, charging it upon him that Order be kept to strictly in Every Thing and wishing him divine Direction.</p> <p>[<i>Boston News-Letter</i>, Sept. 9, 1773, 1/1; <i>Boston Gazette</i>, Sept. 6, 1773, 2/2-3, 3/1, as quoted in <i>Sibley's Harvard Graduates</i>, 4:459: The Rev. Mr. <i>Stone</i> of <i>Douglass</i> began the Solemnity with Prayer; the Rev. Mr. <i>Fish</i> of <i>Upton</i> preached a Sermon well adapted to the Occasion . . . the Rev. Mr. <i>Chaplin</i> of <i>Sutton</i> prayed before the Charge; Mr. <i>Fish</i> gave the Charge and prayed after it; and Mr. <i>Chaplin</i> gave the Right Hand of Fellowship; the Conclusion was as usual. There was no Interruption, but an uncommon Seriousness and Attention in a full Assembly throughout this public Solemnity.]</p> <p>1773 September 1 (Wednesday). At Eve hear that the Council have installed Mr. <i>Walley</i>.</p>
1773 Oct. 20	Pope, Joseph at Spencer	Not present	1773 October 20 (Wednesday). Mr. <i>Joseph Pope</i> is this Day to be ordained, at <i>Spencer</i> . May he and the people he is to be set over, and those Servants of God that carry on the Solemnity, have much of the divine Presence with them! And I wish they may have lasting peace and Joy! May I ever remember the Solemn Charge which I have received! May I be humbled under a sense of my unfaithfulness and unprofitableness this long time that the Lord has continued me in the work; for which Patience of God I would bless His Name; and entreat Grace that may be sufficient for me the little Time I may be still endured.
1774 Jan. 12	Marsh, John at Wethersfield CT	Not present	1774 January 12 (Wednesday). This Day, as I Suppose, Mr. <i>John Marsh</i> is ordained at <i>Weathersfield</i> . May his Soul be suitably apprehensive of the weight of the Solemn Charge, and May God most gracious Support him under it; help him in fulfilling, and in finally giving up his Account to God the Judge!
1774 Jan. 27	Chapman, Hezekiah at Uxbridge	Not present	1774 January 27 (Thursday). The Day appointed for the <i>Ordination of Mr. Chapman at Uxbridge</i> . I desire to bear this Affair upon my Heart most tenderly before the Lord. May it please the Omnipresent, omnipotent and most gracious God, the God of Knowledge and who has the Hearts of all men in His

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			<p>Hands, to pity His own Cause, His own Servants and His people, grant Wisdom and Direction, Peace, Assistance and an happy Event! Remarkably Cold, Windy and tedious!</p> <p>1774 January 29 (Saturday). Mr. <i>John Tyler</i> here in his return from <i>Uxbridge</i> to <i>Marlborough</i>, acquaints me that the Ordination of Mr. <i>Chapman</i> was accomplished the Day before yesterday.</p>
1774 Oct. 19	Grosvenor, Daniel at Grafton	Decided not to go.	1774 October 19 (Wednesday). Mr. <i>Daniel Grosvenor</i> was Ordained at <i>Grafton</i> : but as our Church was not Sent to, I did not go, conceiving that by this their Conduct, they did not desire to see me there. I spent the Day in Retirement. Not only on my own and their Account but that of the Publick; the <i>Province</i> , and particularly <i>Boston's</i> .
1776 June 5	Forbes, Eli at Gloucester INSTALLATION	Moderator. Preached.	<p>Westborough Church Records, 173 (May 5, 1776): The Church was Stayd to hear and Act upon a Letter from the first Church in <i>Gloucester</i> requesting the Assistance of this, in the Installment of the Rev. Mr. <i>Eli Forbes</i>, on the 5th Day of June next; as their pastor.</p> <p>Voted to Comply.</p> <p>Voted, to Send two Delegates.</p> <p>_____ that Squire <i>Joseph Baker</i> be one, but he prayd to be excusd bec: he could not think he could go.</p> <p>Voted, that Brother Daniel Forbes be one.</p> <p>_____ that Brother Abijah Gale be the other.</p> <p>1776 April 25 (Thursday). My dear son <i>Forbes</i> came this Forenoon.... N.B. He leaves a Letter to our Church requesting Assistance in his Installment. And asks me to preach on that Solemnity.</p> <p>1776 May 5 (Sunday). Stopped the Church and read the Letter from the first Church in <i>Gloucester</i> requesting Assistance in the Installment of Mr. <i>Forbes</i>. It laboured -- divers made objections, viz. Mr. <i>Thomas Bond</i>, Mr. <i>Batherick</i>, Mr. <i>Joseph Harrington</i>. When the Vote was put, the Opposers went into the womens Seats: they were, Mr. <i>Daniel Hardy</i>, Mr. <i>Ithamar Bellows</i>, Mr. <i>David Batherick</i>, Mr. <i>B. Tainter</i>, Mr. <i>Samuel Forbush</i>, Capt. <i>Morse</i>, Lt. <i>Bond</i>, Mr. <i>Joseph Harrington</i>, <i>Levi Warrin</i>, <i>Eli Whitney</i>. On the other side there were 22.</p> <p>1776 June 5 (Wednesday). An Ecclesiastical Council was formed at the House of Mr. <i>Samuel Whittemores</i> consisting of Six Churches with their Elders and Delegates, viz. of <i>Westborough</i>, 2d and 3d in <i>Brookfield</i>, and the 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th of <i>Gloucester</i>, except Rev. <i>Ebenezer Cleavland</i> pastor of the last, who is Supposed to be at N. York. <i>Parkman</i> Moderator, and Rev. <i>Obadiah Parsons</i> Scribe. The Church which sent for us, by Desire, came in. No Objection. Mr. <i>Forbes</i> was admitted a Member: and</p>

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			<p>the Church renewed their Request to have him inaugurated or installed their Pastor. Adjourned to the Meeting House. The Solemnity was Opened by an Anthem and Mr. <i>Ward</i> prayed. <i>Parkman</i> preached on <i>Heb. 13.17</i>. After which proclamation was made that if any had Objection etc. The Choice and Acceptance renewed. Mr. <i>Fisk</i> prayed before the Charge, which Mr. <i>Rogers</i> gave. Mr. <i>Fuller</i> gave the Right Hand and Mr. <i>Parsons</i> prayed after it. A Psalm was sung. Mr. <i>F.</i> gave the Blessing -- and an Anthem concluded. All was performed without the least Interruption, notwithstanding there were several Companys of Soldiers at the Harbour. Nor any <i>Murry</i> there, nor his Followers. At Eve at Coll. <i>Jonathan Stevens's</i>. N.B. At Mr. <i>Forbes's</i>, when we returned, the Company of Singers performed with much Decency and Agreeableness.</p>
1777 Mar. 26	Fairbank, Eleazar of Boylston (2 nd or North Precinct of Shrewsbury)	Not present	<p>1777 March 26 (Wednesday). This is the Day appointed for the Ordination of Mr. [blank] <i>Fairbank</i> at North <i>Shrewsbury</i>.</p> <p>1777 March 27 (Thursday). I hear the Ordination at <i>Shrewsbury</i> was put off.... Am now informed that Mr. <i>Fairbank</i> was Ordained this Day.</p>
1778 Nov. 7	Ripley, Ezra of Concord Harvard 1776	Not present	<p>1778 October 3 (Saturday). Mr. <i>Ripley</i> came from <i>Barre</i>, from burying his Father, He is returning to <i>Concord</i>, but very thoughtful about what he shall say to the Committee who will meet with him soon to confer about the Preparation for his Ordination. At which Time he is Apprehensive they will demand of him his Sentiments about Pastoral Power and Authority in the Government of the Church, which seems now out of season to Enquire into; they should have done this before they gave him any Call.</p> <p>1778 November 11 (Wednesday). This day as I suppose is the Time appointed for the Ordination of Mr. <i>Ripley</i> of <i>Concord</i>, but it's Rainy and by Noon a very Severe Storm of Wind and Rain.</p> <p>1778 November 12 (Thursday). Master <i>Elijah Brigham</i> returns with <i>Sophy</i> from <i>Concord</i>, and informs that yesterday, Mr. <i>Ripley</i> was ordained. Rev. <i>Josiah Bridge</i> of <i>Sudbury</i> began with prayer. Mr. <i>Haven</i> of <i>Dedham</i> preached on [blank]. Mr. <i>Ebenezer Bridge</i> of <i>Chelmsford</i> prayed before the charge and delivered it. Mr. <i>Dana</i> of <i>Barre</i> prayed after the charge, Mr. <i>Clark</i> of <i>Lexington</i> gave the Right Hand of Fellowship. May God graciously accept their Work and their Offerings, and may the Ordained be Strong in the Grace of our Lord <i>Jesus Christ</i>!</p> <p>1778 November 29 (Sunday). I had a letter from Rev. <i>Ezra Ripley</i> of <i>Concord</i>, concerning his Ordination etc.</p>

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1778 Oct. 29	Foster, Daniel of New Braintree	Not present	<p>1778 October 31 (Saturday). <i>Stephen Maynard</i> has been up to <i>New Braintree</i>, to the Ordination of Mr. <i>Daniel Foster</i>, which was on <i>Thursday</i>: not on <i>Wednesday</i>, by reason of Difficulty concerning his Opinions. There were 12 Churches; but two of them would not <i>Act</i>.</p> <p>1779 May 24 (Monday). At eve came Mr. John Belknap Junior of New Braintree, and is full of exceptions against Mr. Foster -- has got also Mr. Isaac Foster's (the father's) ordination sermon preached at New Braintree. He leaves it for me to read.</p> <p>1779 September 14 (Tuesday). Received a Letter from Mr. Zebulon Rice of Brookfield concerning Rev. Mr. Buckminster's preparing to answer Mr. Isaac Foster's ordination Sermon, and consulting an Association at Sturbridge thereon.</p> <p>1780 February 1 (Tuesday). Read Mr. Isaac Foster's sermon on Luke 2.14 delivered at New Salem June 9 last at the Ordination of Mr. Joel Foster.</p> <p>1781 February 7 (Wednesday). N.B. Mr. Daniel Foster has sent me by my son Brigham, his Fathers sermon at his own Ordination.</p>
1779	Goodall, David – ordained at large		<p>1779 June 9 (Wednesday). Mr. Goodhall here and shows me the Certificate of his Ordination at large, or as a Missionary, to go to the State of Vermont.</p> <p>Note: Parkman also spelled his name Goodall. David Goodall (1749-1830), Dartmouth 1777, was born in Marlborough, studied divinity with Rev. Benjamin Brigham of Fitzwilliam. He was settled in the pastorate at Halifax, VT, 1781.</p>
1779 Sept. 23	Reed, Samuel (1755-1812) of Warwick Yale 1777	Not present	<p>1779 September 16 (Thursday). Messrs. Reed of Middleborough and Turner of same Town, going to the Ordination of Mr. Reed's son at Warwick, came and lodged here.</p>
1781 Jan. 10	Kellogg, David at Framingham	Not present	<p>1781 January 10 (Wednesday). Mr. David <i>Kellogg's</i> Ordination at Framingham. I could not attend by reason of the Foul Weather and my great fear that it would be too hard for me. May they have the presence of the glorious Head of the Church and grant an happy Issue!</p>

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1781 Sept. 26	Puffer, Reuben at Bolton South Church (Berlin) Harvard 1774	Prayed with council. Prayed and gave charge.	<p>Westborough Church Records, 179 (Mar. 21, 1779): The pastor read a Letter from the South, or new, parish in <i>Bolton</i>, requesting Assistance from this Church in a Fast and embodying a Church there. Voted Compliance; and Dr. <i>Hawes</i> and Deacon <i>Wood</i> to be Delegates. To meet at Mr. <i>Benjamin Baileys</i> in <i>Bolton</i> on the 25th 9 a.m.</p> <p>1781 August 29 (Wednesday). Mr. <i>Peter Whitney</i> here: also Mr. <i>David Taylor</i> of <i>Bolton</i>, brought me a Letter from the South Church there, to be Communicated requesting out Assistance in the Ordination of Mr. <i>Reuben Puffer</i>.</p> <p>1781 September 9 (Sunday). I Communicated the <i>Bolton</i> Letter, requesting Assistance in Ordaining Mr. <i>Puffer</i>. It was Voted. Mr. <i>Batheric</i> would not Vote, but made unhandsome Answer. [Note: Nothing in the Westborough Church Records about this vote.]</p> <p>1781 September 15 (Saturday). Mr. <i>Peter Whitney</i> here. He fears some Difficulty will arise tomorrow in their Church when they Choose Delegates for Bolton Ordination.</p> <p>1781 September 26 (Wednesday). Ordination at <i>South Bolton</i>. In the morning we rode to Mr. <i>Benjamin Baileys</i> at <i>Bolton</i>, where the Ministers and Delegates were desired to meet. All the Pastors and Messengers of the Churches sent to, came. The Church were present and Mr. <i>Reuben Puffer</i>, the Pastor-Elect, with them. They request us to proceed. The Council was formed by choosing Moderator and Scribe. The last was Mr. <i>Whitney</i> of <i>Northborough</i>. I prayed with the Council. Mr. <i>Puffer</i> delivered a Confession of Faith in his own name, which was well accepted. Near to the South side of the Meeting House a Scaffold and Breastwork was erected, and long seats for the Council. Mr. <i>Sumner</i> prayed: Mr. <i>Biglow</i> of <i>Sudbury</i> preached a good sermon on <i>Col. 1.7</i>. I prayed and gave the <i>solemn Charge</i>. Mr. <i>Harrington</i> gave the Right Hand: Mr. <i>Bridge</i> of <i>East-Sudbury</i> Prayed; and Hymn 100 was Sung, appointed by the Ordained, who finally pronounced the <i>Blessing</i>. The Musical stayed and Sung Anthems. Our Supper was at Mr. <i>Benjamin Bailey's</i>. There I was informed that my dear and worthy Friend Dr. <i>Stiles</i>,¹⁴² President was one of the Gentlemen who saluted me after the Exercises, while I was [out?] on the Scaffold; and through my Infirmary of Sight and unapprehensiveness, I knew him not, nor could I by my utmost Enquirys, find out where he went or what became of him. I returned home this Evening.</p>

¹⁴²Franklin Bowditch Dexter, ed., *The Literary Diary of Ezra Stiles, D.D., LL.D., President of Yale College* (3 vols.; New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1901), 2:558.

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1781 Dec. 19	Willard, Joseph as President of Harvard College Harvard 1765	Not present	1781 December 21 (Friday). Am informed that Rev. <i>Joseph Willard</i> late of <i>Beverly</i> , was on the 19 install'd <i>President of Harvard College Cambridge</i> .
1782 June 19	Grosvenor, Ebenezer at Harvard Yale 1759 INSTALLATION	Not present	1782 June 19 (Wednesday). This is the Day of the Great Solemnity of the <i>Instalment of Rev. Mr. Ebenezer Grosvenor at Harvard</i> . May God be among them!