

The Day Journal of Rev. Daniel Lewis of Pembroke, Massachusetts (1747–1749)

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Rev. Daniel Lewis served as the first minister of the First Congregational Church of Pembroke in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, from 1712 until his death in 1753. He lived with his family in the parsonage, which no longer survives but which was located at the corner of Oldham Street and Little's Avenue, just north of the church.¹

In 1980, the New England Historic Genealogical Society purchased the 1747–49 day journal of Daniel Lewis (Mss C 1157) from appraiser Nino D. Scotti of Providence, Rhode Island. This diary consists of published almanacs for the years 1747, 1748, and 1749, with Lewis's annotations recording his daily activities, preaching, and the weather. The manuscript is missing pages from mid-January 1748 to April 1749, which included the marriage of his daughter Elizabeth in January 1748 and the October 1748 ordination of Rev. Gad Hitchcock as minister to the newly-established Second Church in Pembroke's West Parish (now Hanson, Massachusetts).

Lewis traveled throughout the parish and occasionally beyond with his wife Betty, and his diary details visits with the families of his married children. He worked with Rev. John Howland of Lakenham in Plympton (now Carver, Massachusetts) and his diary from this period hints at Howland's courtship with Lewis's daughter Betty. The diary provides evidence of his domestic life, through the purchase of luxuries including alcohol, garlic, and chocolate; hiring farm laborers for planting and harvesting; and purchasing livestock. He provided daily descriptions of the weather. Most days he noted the general temperature, state of the weather, and direction of the wind, but he also documented an eclipse, the Aurora Borealis, an earthquake, snowstorms, and thunderstorms.

Lewis's 1747–49 diary includes references to the throat distemper epidemic which spread throughout Plymouth County in 1747, as well as to an outbreak of smallpox. In 1747, he recorded his thoughts about the suicide of Hingham's eldest resident Caleb Bates. Lewis documented house-calls in which he prayed with sick parishioners, noting biblical passages read in prayer, and often-received gifts of food from thankful

¹ Henry Wheatland Litchfield, *Ancient Landmarks of Pembroke* (Pembroke, Mass.: George Edward Lewis, 1909), 139.

parishioners. He recorded the baptisms, marriages, and funerals that he performed in Pembroke.

His journal also references local slaves and Mattakeeset Indians. Lewis sent “Black Poll,” a woman enslaved by the widow Polly White, on several errands. He prayed with and attended the funerals of Mattakeeset Indian Stephen Samson, the wife of former slave Toby Cromwell, and Capt. Isaac Little’s “negro infant.” He received a present from “Grannie” Sarah (Boyce) Glasco, a woman who had been whipped years earlier for having illegitimate children with two enslaved men. Lewis preached several times to the Mattakeeset tribe, led by sachem Patience (Momontauge) (Coomes) Thomas, at the “Indian Ponds” (located off of present-day Mattakeesett Street at the intersections of Oldham Pond, Furnace Pond, and Great Sandy Bottom Pond).

Lewis likely maintained annual diaries throughout his life since his 1742 diary has previously been published: “Pembroke (Mass.) Records,” *Register* 69 (July 1915): 283. Additionally, it appears that some of Lewis’s church records have been misplaced. According to *Register* 31 (1877): 69: “We hope to present to our readers, in the April number, a transcript of Mr. Lewis’s original record of admissions to the Pembroke church from its foundation in 1712, to the close of his ministry in 1753, together with other interesting items relating to the church.—Ed.” However, this record was not published in the *Register*, and its current whereabouts are unknown. Lewis’s 1747–49 journal, therefore, provides several vital records for Pembroke that have never been published.

The diary appears to have been in the possession of mariner Charles Edwards of Rochester, Massachusetts circa 1829, when he used the blank margins to practice his penmanship. Edwards’s shaky font, misspelled words, and awkward grammar, written in black ink across the margins, are distinctive from Lewis’s neater script in brown ink.²

² On the top page of Lewis’s diary entries from 16–23 April 1749 is a curious, oddly phrased and misspelled entry by Charles Edwards, which apparently documented his marriage, established that his first name was Steven [despite additional records simply naming him “Charles Edwards”], and included a line of spelling practice. It reads: “April 10. Steven United October 6th 1829 Ann [Lamzeck?] Hill in Pembrock Massachusetts[.] **Steven Charles His Boock[.]** brown stag fetchid the cash that you may depend a pon.” [Steven] Charles Edwards published intentions with Ann Eldredge Hiller in Rochester on 24 April 1829. His note in Lewis’s diary likely indicates they also published intentions 10 April 1829, and were married in Pembroke 29 October 1829, although their marriage is not listed in either Pembroke or Rochester records. Ann E. Hiller’s roots go back several generations in Rochester. Neither apparently had a connection to the Lewis family or to Pembroke, other than the fact that they were married there in October 1829. Did someone in Pembroke give Charles Edwards the old diary to practice his writing? Their daughter Ann Sophia was born in Rochester 7 March 1831 and died in Rochester 24 March 1832, and daughter Hannah Hiller Edwards was born in Rochester 11 January 1833. Charles died “on board ship in the Pacific Ocean” 14 March 1835. Anna E. (Hiller) Edwards married James Foster 28 September 1854, and she died in New Bedford 19 December 1900. Hannah Hiller Edwards married William P. Sullings in 1854 and died in East Providence, Rhode Island 29 October 1929, where she lived with her son Charles Henry Sullings (1857–1935). Perhaps Rev. Lewis’s diary was one of the “books” in Charles

Also enclosed within the diary appear to be several unrelated manuscripts from the eighteenth century. No familial connection has been identified linking the authors of any of these manuscripts to the family of Rev. Daniel Lewis. It is possible that they were combined under Scotti's ownership, either intentionally or accidentally. These include the "Church Records of Rev. William Cooper of Brattle Street Church, Boston" (1730), "The Day Journal of Mr. Wheelwright of Wells, Maine" (1760), "A List of Letters" (1764–67), and "The Day Journal of An Unknown Solder Transporting Fort Ticonderoga Cannons Under Henry Knox" (1775).

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. **REV. DANIEL LEWIS** was born in Hingham 29 September 1685, son of John and Hannah (Lincoln) Lewis.³ He died in the parsonage in Pembroke 29 June 1753.⁴ He was buried in Center Cemetery, Pembroke.⁵ He married in Hingham 11 December 1712, **ELIZABETH "BETTY" HAWKE**.⁶ She was born in Hingham 16 December 1689, daughter of Capt. James and Sarah (Jacob) Hawke.⁷ She died in Pembroke 11 June 1753,⁸ and was buried in Center Cemetery, Pembroke.⁹

Following Daniel's graduation from Harvard in 1707, he taught grammar school in Hingham for several years. When Pembroke was incorporated in 1712, the town selected Rev. Daniel Lewis of Hingham as their first minister; he was ordained 3 December 1712. He served as the minister of Pembroke's First Church for 40 years until his death.

According to *Ancient Landmarks of Pembroke*: "Under Mr. Lewis' [sic] ministry the parish prospered: the church was enlarged in 1717 to accommodate the [Mattakeeset] Indians, and new pews were constantly

Edwards's 1835 inventory. Perhaps the diary was brought by Hannah H. (Edwards) Sullings to Rhode Island, where it ultimately ended up with Providence manuscript dealer Nino D. Scotti sometime prior to 1980. On the January 1747 printed almanac page the letters "A H [Hiller?]" are written in the top margin. On the July 1749 printed almanac page the letters C, C, C Edwards and S. Charles Edwards are written in the right margin. On the pages covering 1–11 July 1749 and August 1749 the letter C is written several times. *Vital Records of Rochester*, 2:122, 1:123, 2:378, 1:123; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 7163, 7168; *Rhode Island, Marriages, 1851–1920* (online database available at www.Ancestry.com); Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 1900 Deaths, 504:377; Massachusetts Vital Records, 1841–1910, 1854 Marriages, 78:90; Find A Grave memorial #51633918, #89642018.

³ *Vital Records of Pembroke, Massachusetts To The Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1911), 137, citing P.R. 41, a private Lewis family record in the possession of Sarah Lewis of West Duxbury in 1911. *Vital Records of Hingham, Massachusetts, ca. 1639–1844*, (online database at AmericanAncestors.org), 1:25.

⁴ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 424; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 12706.

⁵ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 424.

⁶ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 308; *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:56, 2:187.

⁷ *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:31, 1:15.

⁸ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 425.

⁹ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 425.

building.” Rev. Daniel Lewis “was at first little inclined to soften the hard dogmas of salvation for the elect and eternal damnation for the many. Trained in a strict though for those days liberal school of theology, he showed himself in the pulpit a staunch disciple of Calvin. His sermons, however, were little at variance with the taste of his hearers: and in private life he is reputed to have been a man of cheerful temperament; fond of joking [with] his people, and highly esteemed by them as a neighbor and as a minister. He became known to fame through his love of horses, and richly enjoyed passing parishioners on the road. His salary varied considerably with the need or abundance of his parish: in 1719 he was settled for life at £80 annually; in 1733 the Town voted to make his salary £150 ‘for one year and no more.’ No serious trouble occurred during his ministry; which ended only with his death, having covered the nowadays unparalleled period of over forty years. He died 29 June 1753, having survived by eighteen days only his ‘virtuous consort’ Elizabeth: and his funeral sermon was preached from the text: ‘Daniel, a man greatly beloved.’ Late in the ministry of Mr. Lewis occurred the separation of the West Parish.”¹⁰

Rev. Lewis indentured Joseph Nowet, a Mattakeeset Indian servant. On 1 March 1736/37, Pembroke merchant Isaac Little Esq. sued John Nowet on an account for £42.13, and Nowet defaulted. To help ease his debts, on 16 March 1736/37 John Nowet indentured his four year old son Joseph Nowet to Rev. Daniel Lewis for a term of 16 years, 9 months, and 6 days, at which time Joseph would turn 21 years old and be released from the indenture. In 22 April 1738, Little’s lawsuit against John Nowet was returned as *non est inventus*, since John Nowet could not be found in Pembroke. Rev. Lewis referred to “Joe” in 1749, so Joseph Nowet likely remained in the Lewis’s service until the end of his indenture in 1753.¹¹

At the time of his death, Rev. Lewis’s “corpse was attended to the place of interment by at least twenty ministers, besides a vast concourse of other people of all ranks.”¹²

Children of Rev. Daniel and Elizabeth (Hawke) Lewis, b. Pembroke parsonage:

- i. DANIEL² LEWIS, b. 8 May 1714;¹³ d. Pembroke 26 June 1759; bur. Center Cemetery, Pembroke;¹⁴ m. Pembroke 30 Sept. 1736, SARAH BISBEE,¹⁵ b. Hingham 5 March 1714/5, daughter of Elisha and Sarah (Burr) Bisbee,¹⁶ d. Pembroke 23 July 1756.¹⁷ He graduated from Harvard in 1734.¹⁸

¹⁰ Litchfield, *Ancient Landmarks of Pembroke*, 172–176.

¹¹ Plymouth Court Records, 6:34; *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988* (online database at Ancestry.com), citing Pembroke Vital Records.

¹² *Colonial Collegians* (online database at AmericanAncestors.org).

¹³ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 308.

¹⁴ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 425.

¹⁵ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 308.

¹⁶ *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:89a; *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988* (online database at Ancestry.com), citing Hingham Vital Records.

¹⁷ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 425.

¹⁸ *Colonial Collegians*.

- ii. (MALE) LEWIS, b. and d. Pembroke 6 July 1719; bur. Center Cemetery, Pembroke.¹⁹
- iii. ELIZABETH “BETTY” LEWIS, b. 5 June 1726;²⁰ d. Carver 20 June 1797; bur. Lakenham Cemetery, Carver;²¹ m. Pembroke 21 Jan. 1747/48, REV. JOHN HOWLAND,²² b. Barnstable 13 Feb. 1720/21, son of John and Mary (Crocker) Howland,²³ d. Carver 17 Nov. 1804; bur. Lakenham Cemetery, Carver.²⁴
- iv. WILLIAM LEWIS, b. 10 June 1736;²⁵ d. Pembroke 18 July 1736.²⁶

The Rev. Daniel and Elizabeth (Hawke) Lewis also adopted:²⁷

- v. HANNAH WHITE ALIAS LEWIS, b. Boston say 1719–22, dau. of Daniel’s sister Hannah (Lewis) (Hopkins) White ; d. after 7 July 1788;²⁸ m. Pembroke 27 Jan. 1743, THEOPHILUS CUSHING,²⁹ b. Pembroke 22 Oct. 1719, son of Capt. Nehemiah and Sarah (Nichols) Cushing,³⁰ d. Pembroke (now Hanson) 8 June 1788; bur. Fern Hill Cemetery, Pembroke (now Hanson).³¹

¹⁹ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 138, 425.

²⁰ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 137.

²¹ *Vital Records of Carver*, 157.

²² *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 309.

²³ *Vital Records of Barnstable*, 32, 165.

²⁴ *Vital Records of Carver*, 157.

²⁵ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 138.

²⁶ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 425.

²⁷ Hannah Lewis m. (1) Boston 15 March 1716/17, Martin Hopkins, he d. 8 Jan. 1718/19, aged 35 years and was buried at Granary Burial Ground. She m. (2) James White and was probably dead by 13 December 1722 when James White m. Judith Whiton. Perhaps Hannah (Lewis) Hopkins White died in childbirth with Hannah White. James White died in 1733 after “a fall into a cellar.” “Hannah White” married Theophilus Cushing and named her second son James White. Martyn Hopkins, Suffolk County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 4141; *Boston, MA: Old Cemeteries of Boston* (online database at AmericanAncestors.org), 608; Find A Grave memorial #21038493; *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:95; *History of the Town of Hingham Volume III Genealogical* (Cambridge, Mass.: University Press, 1897), 287. *Genealogy of the Cushing Family* listed Hannah as the “daughter of Rev. Daniel Lewis of Pembroke” and also listed their marriage as taking place in Pembroke on 6 June 1743. James S. Cushing, *The Genealogy of the Cushing Family, an Account of the Ancestors and Descendants of Matthew Cushing, Who Came to America in 1638* (Montreal: The Perrault Printing Co., 1905), 72–73.

²⁸ On 7 July 1788, Hannah Cushing requested that her son Daniel Lewis Cushing [Rev. Lewis’s namesake] be appointed administrator of her husband’s estate, which was deemed insolvent and valued at £19.3.4. Hannah was allowed £16.0.4. Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 5760.

²⁹ *Plymouth County Marriages, 1692–1746, Literally Transcribed from the First Volume of Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and from an Unnumbered Volume and Volume One of the Records of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Plymouth County, Massachusetts* (Cambridge, Mass.: Lucy Hall Greenlaw, 1900), 48.

³⁰ *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 74; *Vital Records of Hingham*, 2:187.

³¹ *Vital Records of Hanson, Massachusetts To The Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1911), 93.

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January 1747.³²

1. ♃ [Jupiter]. Fair, Cold. Wind North, West.
2. ♀ [Venus]. Raw, Cloudy, Snow at night.
3. ♄ [Saturn]. Fair, Cold.
4. ☉ [Sun]. Snow, Cold, but one Melting. Text (Psalms 84:13. Ruth)
5. ☾ [Moon]. Cloudy, Moderate; at Benjamin Turner's. (II Samuel)³³
6. ♂ [Mars]. Clear, Cold, Wind W. at Benjamin Turner's, with my Wife.
7. ☿ [Mercury]. Fair, cold, Wind N, W. at Thomas Burton's. This was the first day Betty went out after her Sickness. She went this day to Mr. [Thomas] Burton's.³⁴
8. ♃. Fair, pleasant, Wind N, W, Betty went to John Bonney's and Polle White with her.³⁵
9. ♀. Snow all day, moderate weather, Wind N.
10. ♄. Fair, Pleasant. Wind N, W.
11. ☉. Fair, Cold Wind N, W. Text Psalms 54:1.
12. ☾. Fair, cold, at John Ford's, and Betty with me. Wind N, W.³⁶
13. ♂. Fair, Wind N, W, very cold. [II Samuel]
14. ♀. Fair, Wind N, W, very cold.

³² Printed almanac page for the month of January 1747. Rev. Lewis added a drawing of two skulls beside the date of January 31, marking the death of Mrs. Susannah (Nichols) Lincoln.

³³ Capt. Benjamin Turner (1704–1770) was a shipbuilder on the North River. Rev. Lewis also visited with Benjamin Turner on 4 May, 3 Sept., 20 Oct. 1747 and 19 July 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 457.

³⁴ Thomas Burton (1693–1779) and his wife Alice (Wadsworth) Burton (1697–1791) owned a 25-acre lot by the Pembroke churchyard at the corner of Center St. and Mattakeeset St. [a portion of their house still remains in the present-day Rockland Trust Bank building], and were neighbors to the Lewis family who resided in the parsonage near the Pembroke church. Burton was schoolmaster and town clerk. Rev. Lewis also visited with Thomas Burton on 29 August 1749. Betty was the nickname of both Rev. Lewis's wife and their youngest daughter, who was still living with the family, but his diary entries for "Betty" appear to pertain to his wife. Susan A. Smith, "Stephen Burton of Bristol, R.I., and Some of His Descendants," *Register* 60 (1906): 29–30; Karen Cross Proctor, *Pembroke Chronicles* (Charleston, S.C.: The History Press, 2015), 90–91.

³⁵ Betty Lewis and Polly White likely went to visit Elizabeth "Betsy" (Hatch) Bonney (1690–1765), wife of John Bonney (1690–1765). Visits with John Bonney also occurred on 17 February 1747, 23 and 27 August 1747, and 25 August 1749. Polly White may have been Mary "Polly" (Doggett) White (b. 1687), widow of Eleazer White (1686–1737). Polly White was probably living in Pembroke during the 1740s; in 1745 her son Benajah White was warned from Pembroke. Betty Lewis and Polly White also traveled together on 11 September 1747. Polly White enslaved a woman known as "Black Poll" or "Black Polla," who occasionally ran errands for Rev. Lewis. *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 13, William White* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2006), 48–49.

³⁶ Capt. John Ford (1694–1776) and Mary (Cushing) Ford (1702–1790). Rev. Daniel Lewis and Capt. John Ford (son of Deacon Joseph Ford) were close friends, made apparent by Lewis's frequent visits with Ford in 1747: 28 January; 5 and 26 February; 2 and 9 March; 3 and 16 April; 6 and 20 May; 5, 9, 11, 20, and 24 June; 4 and 21 August; 8 and 9 September; 13, 30, and 31 October; and 10 and 25 November; in 1748, 1 and 8 January; and in 1749, 19 April, 17 June, and 29 August. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 275, 405.

15. ♁ . Fair, Wind N, W, somewhat near moderate, at John Lincoln's, to see his sick wife [Susannah].³⁷
16. ♀ . Fair, moderate, Wind N, W, at John Lincoln's. Mr. [Shearjashub] Bourn, [Lemuel] Bryant and [John] Brown with us.³⁸
17. ☁ . Somewhat cloudy, moderate weather W S, W. at John Lincoln's, Prayed with his wife.
18. ☉ . Cloudy, Little rain, and Snow, Wind S. Text Psalms 54:13.
19. ☽ . Cloudy, Wind S. W. at John Lincoln's. Prayed with his wife.
20. ♂ . Fair, very cold, Wind N. W. At John Lincoln's. Prayed with his wife, who seems to fail very fast. [I Kings]
21. ♀ . Fair, pleasant, at John Lincoln's, whose wife seems to be revived. At Henry Josselyn's.³⁹
22. ♁ . A snow storm, Wind S.E. & N.W.
23. ♀ . Fair, moderate, Wind N, W.
24. ☁ . Fair, Cold, Wind N, W. At John Lincoln's.
25. ☉ . Cloudy, moderate, Wind S, W. Text Matthew 4:19,20.
26. ☽ . Fair, moderate, at Nathaniel Baker's, and John Lincoln's.⁴⁰
27. ♂ . Very pleasant day. Wind W. [II Kings]
28. ♀ . At John Lincoln's, Prayed with his wife who is very bad. In ye afternoon a snowstorm. Wind N.E. At John Ford's.
29. ♁ . Cloudy. Wind S, E. Attempted to go to Duxbury, but was discouraged by reason of the badness of road.
30. ♀ . A snow storm, Wind N, W.
31. ☁ . Not very cold, somewhat cloudy. Wind N, W. I heard this day of ye Death of John Lincoln's wife, who dyed a little before day.

February 1747⁴¹

1. ☉ . Somewhat cloudy, moderate Wind N, E and N. Text, Matthew 4.19,20.
2. ☽ . Cloudy, some snow, Wind S, then N, W towards night cleared up, cold. John Lincoln's Wife Buried this day. A Pretty large Funeral, considering the season. [I Aaron.].

³⁷ John Lincoln's wife Susannah (Nichols) Lincoln died 31 January 1747, her illness is documented by Rev. Lewis in subsequent entries. He visited and prayed with her on the 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 28; reported her death on the 31th; and attended her funeral 2 February. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 309, 425.

³⁸ Rev. Shearjashub Bourn/Bourne (1699–1768, Harvard 1720), minister of Scituate. Rev. Lewis also saw Rev. Bourn on 15 July 1747 and 24 September 1747. Rev. John Brown (1724–1791, Harvard 1741) was looking for a permanent settlement in 1747. Rev. Lewis noted on 2 September 1747 that Brown had been ordained minister in Hingham (now Cohasset). Rev. Lemuel Briant/Bryant (1722–1754, Harvard 1739), minister of Quincy. Rev. Lewis also saw Rev. Bryant on 31 March 1747. *Colonial Collegians*.

³⁹ Henry Josselyn (1697–1787) and Hannah (Oldham) Josselyn. Additional visits 4 March 1747; 10, 12, and 14 July 1747; 27 August 1747; and 8 September 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 298; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 11660.

⁴⁰ Nathaniel Baker (1719–1760) was son-in-law of John and Susannah (Nichols) Lincoln. *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 18 Richard Warren Part III* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2001), 20–21.

⁴¹ Printed almanac page for the month of February 1747. Rev. Lewis added a drawing of a skull beside 7 and 14 February, marking the deaths of Priscilla Symonds and Nathaniel Cole.

3. ♂. Somewhat cloudy, Wind W. Fresh, very cold.
4. ♀. Fair, Wind N, W. at James Randall's.⁴²
5. ♁. Fair, Wind N, W. at John Ford's. Very cold. In ye Evening Married Nathaniel Bishop, and Eleanoar Burton both of Pembroke.⁴³
6. ♀. Fair, very cold, Wind N, W.
7. ♁. Fair, wind N, more moderate.
8. ☉. Fair, Wind N, not very cold. Text A.M. Genesis 35:8. P.M. 2 Samuel 1:26. Baptized Lusanna Ramsden, daughter of Benjamin Ramsden.⁴⁴
9. ☽. Somewhat cloudy, Wind N, W. Not very cold. [II Chronicles]
10. ♂. In ye morning Snow, afterwards cleared up very pleasant. At the funeral of Priscilla Symonds, ye wife of Benjamin Symonds of Duxbury. She dyed ye 7th in ye 59th year of her age of a consumption. Prayed at ye House.⁴⁵
11. ♀. Fair, pleasant, Wind S. W.
12. ♁. Cloudy, Rain, Wind S. at Nathaniel Cole's, who is wasting away with a consumption, prayed with him.⁴⁶
13. ♀. Fair, cold, Wind N, W. A Total Eclipse of ye Moon at night, the Heavens being clear.
14. ♁. Fair, moderate, Wind N, W. Nathaniel Cole dyed.
15. ☉. Fair, Wind E. moderate, Text A.M.: Matthew 26:39. P.M: John 8:51.
16. ☽. Cloudy; Rain, Wind S. E. and S. a considerable thaw. At Nathaniel Cole's Funeral, Prayed at the House. [Ezra]
17. ♂. Generally fair, moderate, Wind N, W. At John Bonney's, to visit his Wife, not well.
18. ♀. Rain, moderate, Wind variable, at night cleared away. [Nehemiah]
19. ♁. Fair, very pleasant Wind S, W. Married Levi Keen, and Eunice Jennings, both of Pembroke.⁴⁷
20. ♀. Cloudy, cool, Wind N, and N, W. at home all day.

⁴² Blacksmith James Randall (b. 1713, m. 1737 Ruth Magoun) lived in the Thomas Barker house on Washington St., just north of Water St. in Pembroke, later called the Anthony Collamore Estate. He briefly served as the herring farmer for the town. Rev. Lewis visited James Randall on 4 and 16 March, 2 April, and 4, 7, and 14 May 1747. Litchfield, *Ancient Landmarks of Pembroke*, 83, 98; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 174, 334.

⁴³ Nathaniel Bishop married Eleanor Burton (1728–1751) daughter of Rev. Lewis's neighbor Thomas Burton. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 55, 239, 250, 389.

⁴⁴ Lusanna Ramsdell/Ramsden was born 11 December 1746, second child of Benjamin and Lusanna (Bishop) Ramsdell. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 169, 333.

⁴⁵ Priscilla Delano (a descendant of Myles Standish) m. Benjamin Symonds/Simmons/Simons (a descendant of John Alden) in Duxbury in 1715. *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 14 Myles Standish* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2007), 29–30; *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 16 John Alden* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 1998), 196; *Vital Records of Duxbury, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1911), 306, 419.

⁴⁶ Nathaniel Cole (1685–1747). Lewis reported his death 14 and attended his funeral 16 February. Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 4714; *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 51, 236.

⁴⁷ Levi Keen (b. 1722) and Eunice Jennings (b. 1729). Levi Keen was hired by Rev. Lewis to till Lewis's field for spring planting on 8 May 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 130, 304; *Vital Records of Sandwich, Massachusetts to 1885* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1996), 1:69.

21. ♀ . Cloudy, raw weather, Wind NE. [Esther].
22. ☉ . Fair, pleasant, Wind S, E. Text Psalms 25:18. Read a Law to ye Congregation, about Cursing and Swearing, sent me by the High Sheriff, which said Law accommend it to every Minister to read to his Congregation. [Job]⁴⁸
23. ☽ . Fair, Town-meeting day.
24. ♂ . Fair, pleasant.
25. ♀ . Cloudy, at home all day.
26. ♃ . Fair, pleasant and warm for ye time of year. Went up to Daniel [Lewis Jr.]'s Lot, beyond Increase Robinson's, called as I came back at Deacon [Joseph] Ford's, Comfort Bates', and John Ford's.⁴⁹
27. ♀ . Cloudy, raw,
28. ♀ . Cloudy raw weather, Some hail, Wind E. and N,E.

March 1747

1. ☉ . Cloudy warm, little rain, Wind S. Text 1 Chronicles 28:9. [Psalms]
2. ☽ . Fair, pleasant. General Town-Meeting: At Joshua Baker's, and John Ford's.⁵⁰
3. ♂ . Fair, pleasant, Wind S, W. Mr. [Grindall] Rawson with us.⁵¹
4. ♀ . Cloudy, moderate, Rain, all ye after noon. At Deacon [Joseph] Stockbridge's, Joshua Briggs, James Randall's, & Henry Josselyn's. Wind south.⁵²
5. ♃ . Raw, cold, Wind fresh at N.
6. ♀ . Raw, cold, Wind, fresh at N, E.
7. ♀ . Raw, cold, some Hail, and drizly wet, & snow. Wind N, E.
8. ☉ . Cold, raw, Wind N. Mr. [Grindall] Rawson Preached A.M. from Psalms 133:1. I preached P.M. from Matthew 5.:33, 34, 35, 36, 37.

⁴⁸ This was Massachusetts law 1746–1747, Chapter 17, “An Act More Effectually To Prevent Profane Cursing And Swearing.” This entry reveals that when new Massachusetts legislation was passed in the eighteenth century, the public was informed by a regulation that the text of the law was required to be read aloud to every Massachusetts parish by its local minister or leader.

⁴⁹ Increase Robinson m. 1737/38 Margaret Bonney. Rev. Lewis baptized their son 19 September 1747. *Vital Records of Plympton, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1923), 258. Deacon Joseph Ford (1666–1749) was a deacon in Rev. Lewis's church, and father of his friend John Ford. Subsequent visits with Deacon Ford occurred on 20 May 1747, 15 and 26 August 1747, 30 September 1747, and 11 and 13 October 1747. Comfort Bates (1692–1756) was Dea. Joseph Ford's son-in-law through marriage to his daughter Desire Ford. Comfort Bates gave Rev. Lewis a gift of veal in June 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 406, 234; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 1497.

⁵⁰ Blacksmith Joshua Baker (1710–1753) m. in Pembroke in 1730, Sarah Cushing (b. 1711). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 74, 230; *Vital Records of Marshfield*, 32; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 795.

⁵¹ Rev. Grindall Rawson III (Harvard, 1741). He arrived 3 March and stayed with the Lewis family until 10 March, preaching on 8 March, and returning for visits on 28 and 31 March, 7 and 25–29 July, and 14 November. In 1747 Rawson was a traveling preacher looking for a permanent settlement; he was soon invited to preach in Ware. *Colonial Collegians*.

⁵² Deacon Joseph Stockbridge Jr. (1698–1787) was a deacon of the Hanover Congregational Church. He was also visited by Rev. Lewis on 9 July 1747, 27 August 1747, 4 and 15 November 1747, and 10 June 1749. Joshua Briggs was the husband of Zerviah Delano (a descendant of Henry Samson). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 247.

9. ☽ . Fair, cool, Wind N. At John Ford's, Esq. Calling Mr. [Grindall] Rawson went with me. Dined at John Ford's.
10. ♂ . Fair, pleasant, Wind S. Mr. [Grindall] Rawson went home.
11. ♀ . Pleasant weather, Wind N, W. At Joshua Baker's, and John Stetson's.⁵³
12. ☿ . Fair, warm, Wind high at S. At Palmer's.⁵⁴
13. ♀ . A High of Snow in ye morning. Afterwards cleared up. Wind at N, & N, E. At home all day.
14. ♃ . Fair, moderate, Wind N. & S. E.
15. ☉ . Fair, moderate, Wind S, W. Text Phil. 62.8.
16. ☽ . Fair, warm, Wind S. At Hanover [Proverbs] to see James Randall, Prayed with Him.
17. ♂ . Cloudy, Same rain growing weather. Wind S. I Dined at Peleg Barker's.⁵⁵
18. ♀ . Cloudy, Wind N, W. Betty went to Duxbury.
19. ☿ . Fair, pleasant, at Hanover, Married Mr. Bowker.
20. ♀ . Dull weather at Home all day.
21. ♃ . Fair, Mr. Nathaniel Gardner at our House.⁵⁶
22. ☉ . Raw drizzly weather, Wind N. Text A.M. Eccl. 2/123. P.M. Eph. 1/112. Baptised Despard West.⁵⁷
23. ☽ . Stormy, cold Wind N, E. [Ecclesiastes].
24. ♂ . Stormy, cold Wind N. At home all day.
25. ♀ . Cloudy, Wind N. Went to Bridgewater [Canticles].
26. ☿ . Fair, wind N, E. At Theophilus Cushing's. Dined there.⁵⁸
27. ♀ . Cloudy, cool, Wind N. [Isaiah].
28. ♃ . Raw, cool, Wind N. Mr. [Grindall] Rawson with us.
29. ☉ . Fair, pleasant, Wind S. E. Text Jer. 31.18. Read ye announcement. Read ye Proclamation for a Public Fast.

⁵³ John Stetson (1712–1802) married Abigail Crooker/Crocker. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 197, 352, 449.

⁵⁴ Palmer may refer to Jerusha (Stetson) Palmer, wife of Elisha Palmer of Hanover, who was about three months pregnant at the time. Perhaps the previous day her brother John Stetson asked Rev. Lewis to pay her a visit. Or perhaps “Palmer’s” refers to a shop in Scituate which Rev. Lewis visited on 2 September 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 325; *Copy of the Records of Hanover, Mass.*, 24.

⁵⁵ Peleg Barker (1712–1788) was remembered in 1831 by Hannah Barker as “a jolly soul, fond of fun and frolic.” He was a friend of Rev. Lewis, who visited him frequently, on 23 May 1747; 6, 18 and 21 August 1747; 9 September 1747; 1 and 23 October 1747; 1 and 4 January 1748; 29 April 1749; 18 May 1749; 14 and 17 June 1749; 17 and 20 July 1749; and 1 and 18 August 1749. Barker Newhall, *The Barker Family of Plymouth Colony and County* (Cleveland, Ohio: F.W. Roberts Co., 1901), 28.

⁵⁶ Nathaniel Gardner (1719–1760, Harvard 1739). “In the old meeting-house, before Mr. [Rev. John] Howland, it was, that Mr. Nathaniel Gardner, an usher of a school in Boston, a scholar and a wit, occasionally preached. His Sabbath was passed here; but his social week at Plymouth, to and from which he usually travelled on foot.” “Description of Carver,” *Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Vol. IV* (Boston, Mass.: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1846), 278; *Colonial Collegians*.

⁵⁷ Despard West was born in Duxbury 8 September 1746, son of Peleg and Mary (Stetson) West. *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 1:186.

⁵⁸ Rev. Lewis’s son-in-law Theophilus Cushing and adoptive daughter/niece Hannah (White alias Lewis) Cushing.

30. ☽ . Fair, warm. Wind W. At the Funeral of David Stockbridge's Wife, at Hanover, who died, on Fryday last.⁵⁹
31. ☼ . Cloudy, warm Wind S. Mr. [Lemuel] Bryant, [Grindall] Rawson, and [Nathaniel] Gardner with us, the two former dined with us.

April 1747.⁶⁰

1. ☽ . Cloudy, misty, W. N. At Home all day.
2. ☽ . Fair, exceeding pleasant. W. variable. At Peleg Barker's, and James Randall's.
3. ☽ . Cloudy, rain in ye morning, afterwards cleared up, warm and pleasant. At John Ford's.
4. ☽ . Fair, W. N, W.
5. ☽ . Fair, cold. W. E. Sacrament day. Text A.M. I Peter 2:5. P.M. Jez. 31:18. Baptised Isaac Magoun, son of David Magoun.⁶¹
6. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. S. E. At Elisha Bonney's. Prayed with his Child, who has the Quincy and fear will not recover.⁶²
7. ☼ . Fair, Cool, W. S. and S. E. At Elisha Bonney's, Prayed with his Child, have some [altogether?] hopes of it, than yesterday.
8. ☽ . Fair, somewhat warmer, W. N., W.
9. ☽ . Fair, W. E. Public Fast. Text Deut, 31:17. Gave notice at night that the time of Intermission of Public Worship on Lord's Days, should, during ye remainder of the Spring, and ye Summer season, be two hours.
10. ☽ . Fair, W. S. E. and S. At Home all day.
11. ☽ . A. M. A pleasant, and plentiful rain. P.M. Cleared up, and warm, W. S. Went to Lakenham to Preach for Mr. [John] Howland.⁶³
12. ☽ . Cloudy, W. N.E. Preached at Lakenham. Text A.M. Zeph, 3:10. P.M. 2 Chron, 32:31. Returned home in ye Evening.
13. ☽ . Cloudy, Rain. At Home all day.
14. ☼ . Cloudy, drisly weather, W. N. At Barnabas Perry's, Prayed with his Child, a boy, about 6 years old, sick of the Dropsie. At Samuel Perry's, Prayed with Thankful Pearse, being under great Affliction, and of long Continuance.⁶⁴

⁵⁹ Deborah Cushing, wife of David Stockbridge, died in Hanover 27 March 1747. *Copy of the Records of Hanover, Mass.*, 192.

⁶⁰ Printed almanac page for the month of April 1747. Lewis drew a skull by 22 April, marking the death of Barnabas Perry's child. Rev. Lewis did not record a death on 29 April, although he marked it with a skull. Perhaps it was the death of Thankful Pierce.

⁶¹ Isaac Magoun, son of David and Rachel (Soule) Magoun, was born in Pembroke 4 September 1746, in the Magoun estate on Water St. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 146, 314; Karen Cross Proctor, *Images of America: Pembroke* (Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2008), 116.

⁶² Elisha and Elizabeth (Lincoln) Bonney had children James (b. 1730), Ruth (b. 1733), Elisha (b. 1735), Leah (b. 1737), Daniel (b. 1739), William (b. 1741), and Elizabeth (1744). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 39–46, 241.

⁶³ Rev. John Howland of Plympton (now Carver). He soon began courting Rev. Daniel Lewis's daughter Betty, and they married 21 January 1747/48.

⁶⁴ Barnabas Perry (1708–1753). Rev. Lewis prayed with Barnabas's son 22 April and attended his funeral 24 April. This was probably Lot Perry, born in Pembroke 19 September 1740 and described by Rev. Lewis as about six years old. Samuel Perry (1701–1781) was a brother of Barnabas Perry. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 161, 162, 163, 437; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 15674. Thankful Pearse was the daughter of John Pearse; she was baptized

15. ☽ . Cloudy, some Rain. W. N, W. Mr. [John] H[owland] went from us to Plympton. [Jeremiah].
16. ☽ . Fair, warm. At John Ford's. W. N, W.
17. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. N. W. At Peleg Barker's, dined there.
18. ☽ . Cloudy, Rain, W. S.E..
19. ☽ . Cloudy, Rain. W. N, E. Text Jer. 31.18. Baptised Nabbe Cushing, daughter of Nehemiah Cushing Junr.⁶⁵
20. ☽ . Cloudy, Raw, W. N, E.
21. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. N, E.
22. ☽ . Fair, pleasant, W. S, W. At Barnabas Perry's, Prayed with his Child, in a dying condition. Dined at Theophilus Cushing's.
23. ☽ . A Cloudy, Rainy day, W. E.
24. ☽ . Cloudy, cool. Wind N, E. At the Funeral of Barnabas Perry's Child.
25. ☽ . Fair, Pleasant, Wind S. W.
26. ☽ . Text Jer. 31:18. Warm. Ye Sacrament. Baptized 2 Children.
27. ☽ . Cloudy, Raw, Wind E.
28. ☽ . Very rainy day. Wind N.E.
29. ☽ . Somewhat cloudy day. Preached to Thankful Pierce.
30. ☽ . Fair, pleasant, Wind N. W. [Lamentation]

May 1747.⁶⁶

1. ☽ . Fair, W. N, W. My Uncle Joseph Lewis of Hingham to see me. Had 12 Long Pipes brought home.⁶⁷
2. ☽ . Dined at Peleg Barker's. [Ezekiel].
3. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. E. Sacrament day. Text A.M. Song Solomon 2:5. P.M. Jeremiah 31:18. Baptized Bearsheba Gardner, Daughter of Samuel Gardner. Warned ye Lecture to be on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock P.M.⁶⁸
4. ☽ . Cloudy, drizzly weather, W. E. At Capt. Benjamin Turner's, and James Randall's.
5. ☽ . Cloudy, Some rain, W. S. W. Lecture day, Rev. Mr. [John] Howland, of Plympton Preached from Acts 24:25, "And as he reasoned of &c."
6. ☽ . Fair, pleasant, W. S.E. At John Ford's.
7. ☽ . Fair, very warm, W fresh at W. At James Randall's, prayed with him.
8. ☽ . Cloudy, cool, W. N, W. Levi Keen turned ye ground for Planting. Betty went to Aaron Soul's had there, some Garlic, Chocolate, and Rum.⁶⁹

in Pembroke 25 December 1712. Rev. Lewis again prayed with Thankful on 29 April and noted a skull on the day, possibly indicating her death. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 160.

⁶⁵ Nabbey, daughter of Nehemiah Cushing Jr. (1721–1762) and Sarah Humphrey (1722–1804), was born 20 November 1747, according to *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 73, an error since she was baptized on 19 April 1747.

⁶⁶ Printed almanac page for the month of May 1747. Lewis added a note "Lect[ure]" beside the 5th, and a cross beside the 14th.

⁶⁷ Rev. Lewis's paternal uncle Joseph Lewis (1676–1767). *Descriptions from Hingham Cemetery (Old Part) copied September 1947 by Waldo C Sprague, Wollaston, Mass.*, citing Joseph Lewis gravestone.

⁶⁸ Samuel Gardner married Hannah Russell in Pembroke 29 December 1743. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 279.

⁶⁹ Aaron Soul/Soule operated a store in North Pembroke. Rev. Lewis often purchased specialty groceries from Soul, sometimes sending Polly White's slave "Black Poll" to run

9. ♀ . Fair, warm, W. S. Planted this day.
10. ☉ . Fair, very pleasant, W. S. E. Text A. M. Genesis 18:26. P. M. Micah 2:3, “For this time is Evil.”
11. ☽ . Fair, Hot. W. S. Went to see Abraham Howland, supposed to be in a consumption. Prayed with him. At Josiah Cushing’s also.⁷⁰
12. ♂ . Cloudy some Showers of Rain. W. S. Fine growing weather. Fair towards night.
13. ♀ . Fair, pleasant. W. S. At home all day.
14. ♀ . Fair, W. E. Preached a Sermon to James Randall, at his House from Eccles. 7:14: “In the day of Adversity Consider.”
15. ☾ . Cloudy, Rain, W. S.
16. ♀ . Generally Fair, W. S, W. Sowed oats & flax.
17. ☉ . Cloudy, W. S. E. Text James 1:3. Baptized Ruth Darling, daughter of David Darling. In ye night Rain.⁷¹
18. ☽ . A. M. Cloudy. P. M. Fair. Town-meeting, Representative chosen, viz. Capt. [Isaac] Little. [Text Daniel]⁷²
19. ♂ . Fair, pleasant, W. S, W.
20. ♀ . Fair, pleasant. At John Ford’s, at Deacon [Joseph] Ford’s. At Joshua Baker’s. At Nathaniel Loring’s. At Widow [Martha] Macfarland’s. At Israel Turner’s. At Theophilus Cushing’s.⁷³

the errand. Rev. Lewis visited Aaron Soul on 21 July, 24 August, 5 and 11 September 1747, and 1 and 25 May and 1 June 1749. This was Aaron Soul Jr. (1705–1783). *Mayflower Families in Progress, George Soule* (Plymouth, Mass.: General Society of Mayflower Descendants, 2011), 18, 70–71.

⁷⁰ Both Abraham Howland and Josiah Cushing lived in Pembroke’s West Parish (now Hanson). Rev. Lewis again visited the sick Abraham Howland (1675–1747) on 11 June, prepared him for baptism on 14 June, baptized him on 15 June, prayed with him an hour prior to his death on 22 July, and attended his funeral and read his will on 23 July. *Vital Records of Hanson*, 97; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 10898. Capt. Josiah Cushing (1715–1792) married Ruth Thomas (1721–1806) in Scituate 20 October 1737. Rev. Lewis visited on 11 June and baptized their daughter Ruth on 21 June. The Cushings enslaved married couple Richard and Margaret and their six children. *Vital Records of Scituate, To The Year 1850* (Boston, Mass.: NEHGS, 1909), 1:119, 2:92; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 204, 400; *Vital Records of Hanson*, 93.

⁷¹ David Darling (ca. 1705–1784) and Ruth Samson (171–1765). Rev. Lewis noted on 30 July 1749 the David Darling’s wife safely delivered a child. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 400; *Vital Records of Plympton*, 177, 317.

⁷² Capt. Isaac Little Esq. (1677–1758), married Abigail Cushing (b. 1704). His house, built ca. 1710, was located on present-day Littles Avenue. He owned slaves and Mattakeeset Indian servants. Rev. Lewis also visited Capt. Little on 19 August 1747, 1 September 1747, 13 and 29 May 1749, 12 June 1749 (when he performed the funeral of Little’s infant slave), 17 June 1749, 13 July 1749; on 29 August 1749, his wife gave Lewis a present. Karen Cross Proctor, *Images of America: Pembroke*, 40; Proctor, *Pembroke Chronicles*; *Vital Records of Marshfield, Massachusetts, To The Year 1850* (Warwick, R.I.: 1970), 15; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 311, 426.

⁷³ Nathaniel Loring (1704–1775) married Priscilla Bailey (1711–1787). Rev. Lewis also visited Nathaniel Loring on 9 and 30 September 1747, 1 October 1747, 23 April 1749, 24 May 1749, and 1 August 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 23, 141, 427; *Rhode Island Vital Records, 1636–1850* (online database at AmericanAncestors.org). Martha (Barstow) MacFarland (1678–1749), widow of John MacFarland (1674–1726). Rev. Lewis also visited her on 23 and 31 July 1747. *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:10; *Vital Records of Scituate*, 1:33; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket nos. 13801, 13807. Israel Turner

21. ☿ . A Cloudy, and Rainy day, W. N, E. Thunder at a distance, in the S. W.
22. ♀ . Fair, W. E. Went with Mr. Isaac Hatch to buy me a cow; but lit[tle] of none at Marshfield. Bought one of the Widow [Abigail] Magoun in Pembroke. Gave 20 lb. for her, paid ye cash down.⁷⁴
23. ♁ . Cloudy, some rain. At Peleg Barker's. [Hosea]
24. ☉ . Fair, W. fresh at W., and S, W. Text 2 Corinthians V.4. Prepared Matthew Whiton for Baptism.⁷⁵
25. ☽ . Set out for Boston, my Daughter [Elizabeth] with me, got to Hingham P.M. Took passage for Boston in Levet's boat, got there next morning.
26. ♂ . Fair. At Boston. Hot.
27. ♀ . General Election. Dr. [Charles] Chauncey Preached ye Sermon from 2 Samuel 23:3. Dined at ye Orange Tree.⁷⁶
28. ♀ . Fair. At the Convention. Mr. [Benjamin] Prescot of Salem Preached ye Sermon from Romans 3:28. Dined at Dr. [Joseph] Sewall's.⁷⁷
29. ♀ . Set sail for Hingham, had a good Passage, lodged at the [illegible].
30. ♁ . Came home to Pembroke.
31. ☉ . Fair, W. N, W. Text 2 Corinthians 5:4. Gave ye Lecture, and Sacrament. [Joel]

June 1747.⁷⁸

1. ☽ . Pleasant shower of Rain. W. S. W. [Amos]
2. ♂ . Somewhat Cloudy. Hot. Lecture-day. Rev. Mr. [William] Rand of Kingston Preached. Text, Gal. 6:10.⁷⁹
3. ♀ . Rain. P.M. Fair, Jonathan Mitchel, John Lewis and their Wives dined with us, We to Hingham in the Afternoon. [Obediah]⁸⁰

(1706–1760, descendant of Edward Doty) married Abigail Holmes (1705–1787). Turner requested that his wife sell their slaves Zilpha “negro woman,” Dick “negro boy,” and Dina “negro girl.” Rev. Lewis also visited Israel Turner on 28 July 1747, 13 and 19 October 1747, 11 and 12 November 1747, 9 December 1747, 1 and 3 May 1749, and 19 and 22 July 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 212, 457, 458; *Vital Records of Plymouth, Massachusetts to the Year 1850* (Camden, Me.: Picton Press, 1993), 74; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 21364; *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 11 Edward Doty*, 61.

⁷⁴ Isaac Hatch Sr. (1687–1759). Rev. Lewis also visited Isaac Hatch Sr. on 19 June 1747, 5 and 7 July 1747, 6 and 19 August 1747, and 19 October 1747. *Vital Records of Scituate*, 173; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 9506. Abigail (Waterman) Magoun (1710–1791), the widow of Capt. John Magoun, who died 19 Aug. 1743, aged 41. Rev. Lewis also visited widow Magoun on 27 July and 25 November 1747. *Vital Records of Marshfield*, 30, 146; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 429, 430.

⁷⁵ Matthew Whitton (d. 1811) married Mary Bisbe (1727/8–1814) in Pembroke 1 May 1746. Rev. Lewis baptized Matthew and son John on 7 June 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 36, 374, 463.

⁷⁶ Dr. Charles Chauncey (1705–1787, Harvard 1721) was the minister of the First Church in Boston; he later visited Rev. Lewis on 25 August 1747. Orange Tree tavern was located at the northeast corner of Court and Hanover Streets. *Colonial Collegians*.

⁷⁷ Rev. Lewis attended the annual convention of ministers. Rev. Benjamin Prescott was the minister of the Salem parish that later became Peabody. Rev. Lewis dined at the house of Rev. Dr. Joseph Sewall (1688–1769).

⁷⁸ Printed almanac page for the month of June 1747. Lewis added a skull beside the 11th, representing the death of Josiah Bishop's child.

⁷⁹ Rev. William Rand (1700–1779). Rev. Lewis saw Rev. Rand on 2 June 1747 and wrote to him on 7 January 1748. *Vital Records of Kingston*, 372.

⁸⁰ Rev. Lewis's niece Sarah (Loring) Mitchell (b. 1723) and her husband Jonathan Mitchell. *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:73, 2:161. Rev. Lewis's brother John Lewis (1683–1754) and

4. ☿ . Fair, Pleasant, W. S. At John Clark's. [Jonah]⁸¹
5. ♀ . Fair, cool, W. A. M. N, W. P. M. S. W. at John Ford's. [Micah]
6. ♃ . Fair, W. S, W. [Nahum]
7. ☉ . Cloudy, Hot, W. S. Sacrament day. Text A. M. Matthew 25:11, 12. P. M. James 1:22. Baptized Matthew Whiton, in his adult age, John Whiton his son, Theophilus Cushing, son of Theophilus Cushing, and John Gulliford, son of Thomas Gulliford of Duxborough [Habakkuk]⁸²
8. ☽ . Generally Fair, Hot. W. variable. At Theophilus Cushing's. [Haggai]
9. ♂ . Muggy, hot, W. S, W. At John Ford's, and Josiah Bishop's to see his sick child [Josiah Jr.], prayed with it. [Zechariah]⁸³
10. ♀ . Fair Hot. At Josiah Bishop's. Prayed with his sick child [Josiah Jr.]. At Hanover. Brother Isaiah Lewis lodged with us. Fair.⁸⁴
11. ☿ . Fair, Hot. W. S. At Josiah Bishop's. Prayed with his sick child [Josiah Jr.]. It dyed a few minutes after. At John Ford's, Capt. Josiah Cushing's and Abraham Howland's, who is wasting away with a consumption. Prayed with him.
12. ♀ . Fair, Hot. W. S, W. At the Funeral of Josiah Bishop's child.
13. ♃ . Rain by times all day. [Text?] 5:2. W. S. E.
14. ☉ . Cloudy, some rain. Text A. M. 2 Sam 12.22,23. P. M. James 3.17, 18. Baptised Sarah Hatch, daughter of Isaac Hatch Jr. Prepared Abraham Howland for Baptism.⁸⁵
15. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. high at N, W. Went to Abraham Howland's, baptized him at his own House. 13 of ye Male Members of ye Church present. He being far gone of a consumption. Behaved very Christian like. Perhaps about 73 years of age. [Matthew]
16. ♂ . Fair, Pleasant, W. S. W. At Theophilus Cushing's. Mr. [John] Howland of Plympton with us.
17. ♀ . Fair, hot. At Theophilus Cushing's.
18. ☿ . Fair. Hot. W. W. At Robert Samson's of Duxbury. Some Hingham friends lodged with us.⁸⁶

wife Deborah Hawke (b. 1692), sister of Rev. Lewis's wife Elizabeth (Hawke) Lewis. *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:22, 1:32, 1:62, 2:83.

⁸¹ John Clark married Abigail Tolman in Pembroke 11 June 1724. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 255.

⁸² Thomas Gulliford/Gullifer (1721–1763) married Keturah Sampson in Duxbury 26 October 1743. *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 260, 381.

⁸³ The young Josiah Bishop Jr. (b. 1744), son of Josiah Bishop Sr. and Sarah (Crooker) Bishop, died 11 June 1747 in his father's house on Oldham St. (known today as the Josiah Bishop house). Rev. Lewis later recorded the death of Josiah Bishop Sr. on 1 February 1749: "my near neighbor." *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 37, 389; Proctor, *Images of America: Pembroke*, 44.

⁸⁴ Rev. Lewis's brother Rev. Isaiah Lewis (1703–1786, Harvard 1723). Rev. Lewis reported an outbreak of smallpox in Isaiah's family on 5 August 1747, and a visit on 31 July 1749. *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:52; *Colonial Collegians*.

⁸⁵ Deacon Isaac Hatch Jr. (1717–1799) married Ann Fisher (b. 1718, daughter of John and Sarah Fisher). Their daughter Sarah was born in Pembroke 9 June 1747. Rev. Lewis visited Isaac Hatch Jr. on 19 August, 23 October 1747, and 6, 12, and 19 November 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 103, 411; Frederick S. Sherman, "Mary Fisher, wife of Jabez⁵ Hatch (1709–1763)," *Register* 155 (2001): 105–10.

⁸⁶ Robert Samson (1712–1775) Rev. Lewis attended the funeral of Robert Samson's son on 22 May 1749. *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 147, 301, 411.

19. ♀ . Fair, Pleasant. W. N, W. Isaac Hatch at my house. To be prepared for ye Sacrament next Sabbath.
20. ☁ . Cloudy, Some Rain. At Esqr. [Joshua] Cushing's. Prayed with him. At John Ford's.⁸⁷
21. ☉ . A.M. Cloudy, P.M. Fair, W. S. W. Text Jam. 3:17, 18. Baptized Ruth Cushing, daughter of Josiah Cushing, and Ruth, his wife.⁸⁸
22. ☽ . Fair, pleasant. Wind maintained at same time.
23. ♂ . At Marshfield Council on Tilden's call, nothing done. Fair, hot.
24. ♀ . Hot. At John [Ford's].
25. ☉ . Cloudy, hot. At John Wallis's and Widow [Mary] T[urner]'s.⁸⁹
26. ♀ . Hot. At Home all day.
27. ☁ . Hot, cloudy. At home all day. [Mark]
28. ☉ . Fair, very Hot. Text A.M. Job 7:17. P.M. 1 Corinthians 6:17. Warned ye Sacrament. Prepared Widow Mary Turner for Baptism.
29. ☽ . Somewhat Cloudy. W. S, W. At Josiah Cushing's, prayed with his sick child. At Abraham Howland's. Prayed with him, who is in a deep consumption.
30. ♂ . Fair, at home all day.

July 1747.⁹⁰

1. ♀ . Fair. Hot. W. S. At home all day.
2. ☉ . At Kingston. Preached to Lecture. Text from 1 Pet. 2.V. "To offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, by Jesus Christ." Exceedingly hot. A Thunder shower, in ye time of Public worship. One Clap very hard. Returned home in the evening.
3. ♀ . Fair, pleasant. P.M. Some Rain and Thunder. W. shifted often.
4. ☁ . Fair, W. E. Pleasant, not hot. Dr. Hovey and wife with us. [Luke].⁹¹
5. ☉ . Somewhat Cloudy, Hot. Sacrament day. Text A.M. Galatians 4:4. P.M. Thessalonians 2:1. Admitted Isaac Hatch into the church.
6. ☽ . Cloudy, Hot. W. S. At Joshua Baker's. Had of him one gallon brandy, at 35 s/ old tenor.

⁸⁷ Capt. Joshua Cushing Esq. (1670–1750). Rev. Lewis also visited Joshua Cushing on 20 June 1747; 24 July 1747; 9 January 1748; during a severe illness on 20 April 1749; on 15 and 30 May 1749; 6 June 1749; 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 July 1749; and 1, 3, 4, 7, 18 August 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 400.

⁸⁸ Ruth was born 24 April 1747, daughter of Josiah and Ruth (Turner) Cushing. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 74.

⁸⁹ John Wallis (d. 1758) married Elizabeth Patterson in Pembroke 29 December 1741. Rev. Lewis also visited John Wallis on 20 April 1749. Elizabeth (Patterson) Wallis was accepted into Rev. Lewis's church on 4 October 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 370; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 21820. Mary (Perry) Turner (d. 1748) was the widow of Joshua Turner (d. 1728). Rev. Lewis also visited Mary Turner on 25 and 28 June 1747; 3 July 1747; 6, 15 and 16 August 1747; 6 November 1747; 9 December 1747; and 8 January 1748. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 458; *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 178.

⁹⁰ Printed almanac page for the month of July 1747. Lewis drew a skull on entries for 13 and 22 July, marking the deaths of Stephen Samson and Abraham Howland.

⁹¹ Rev. Dr. Ivory Hovey (1714–1803, Harvard 1735) and Olive Jordan (1722–1805). *Vital Records of Topsfield, Massachusetts to the End of 1849* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1903), 58; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, 10712; *Colonial Collegians*.

7. ☉. Fair, hot, cloudy. W. S. At Isaac Hatch's, bought a barrel of cider of him for 25 s/. Mr. [Grindall] Rawson with us. In ye Evening a Gentleman from Woburn brought me a letter from the 3d Church there desiring our assistance in ye installment of Mr. Josiah Cotton, pastor at the 3d Church in said town.⁹²
8. ☽. A.M. Fair, exceedingly hot. W. S. P.M. Thunder, light rain, all moderate.
9. ☿. Cloudy, W. N, W., N. & N, E. Muggy hot. At Deacon [Joseph] Stockbridge's.
10. ♀. Fair. Hot. Began to reap Rye this day. Henry Josselyn, and wife to visit us.
11. ♃. Generally fair, hot, W. E. At Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's; Prayed with Stephen Samson, Indian man, in a deep consumption. This day I heard of ye Death of ye Rev. Mr. [John] Angier's wife [Mary] of Bridgewater [East Parish].⁹³
12. ☉. Very hot, cloudy, W. variable. Text 2 Thessalonians 2:1. Read a letter from ye 3d Church in Woburn about Mr. Josiah Cotton's installment, Mr. Henry Josselyn delivered. Baptized Sarah Bonney, daughter of Ichabod Bonney.⁹⁴
13. ☽. Stephen Samson, Indian, dyed this morning. At home all day.
14. ☉. Fair, set out for Woburn to Mr. Cotton's installment. Very hot. Henry Josselyn with me. Got there in ye evening. Lodged at Mr. Flagg's.
15. ☽. This day Mr. Cotton installed. Mr. [Benjamin] Bass began with Prayer. Mr. Bourn preached, from Ezekiel 3:17, 18, 19. Mr. Niles gave ye Charge, and I ye right hand of Jesus. Sung ye 122 Psalms. Mr. Cotton gave ye Blessing. Hot.⁹⁵
16. ☿. Exceeding hot returned from Woburn, got here about day breaking. Very much tired and spent.
17. ♀. Very hot, some thunder. P.M. much laid up by reason of my journey.
18. ♃. Cloudy hot, little thunder, no rain. [John]

⁹² Rev. Josiah Cotton (1703–1780, Harvard 1722). *Colonial Collegians*.

⁹³ Capt. Nehemiah Cushing (1689–1774) was the father of Theophilus Cushing, husband of Rev. Lewis's niece Hannah White. He lived in a house on Center St. built prior to 1700 by Abraham Pearse, later known as the Kilborn Whitman house. Rev. Lewis was a frequent visitor to Capt. Nehemiah Cushing, visiting on 21 August 1747; 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 17 September 1747; 1 and 14 October 1747; 12, 19, 23, 25, 26, and 26 November 1747; and 14 December 1747. He also visited often during Nehemiah's wife Sarah's final illness, on 17, 25, and 30 June 1749; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 26 July 1749; and 3 and 14 August 1749. Mattakeeset Indian Stephen Samson was living at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's, possibly as a servant. He died two days later. Proctor, *Images of America: Pembroke, 47; Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:27, 1:54; Find A Grave memorial #113519976. Mary (Bourne) Angier (1708–1747), wife of East Bridgewater minister Rev. John Angier (1701–1787, Harvard 1720), died 11 July 1747 at the beginning of the throat distemper epidemic in Plymouth County. Several of their children died shortly thereafter: Martha on 23 July, John on 25 July, and Ezra on 29 July. Rev. Lewis heard of the death of Angier's eldest son John on 27 July and visited Rev. Angier on 30 July after he buried his wife and children. Angier prayed with Lewis on 24 September 1747. *Vital Records of East Bridgewater*, 335; *Vital Records of Bridgewater*, 2:35, 2:432; *Colonial Collegians*.

⁹⁴ Sarah Bonney, daughter of Ichabod Bonney and Elizabeth Howland, was born in Pembroke 12 June 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 46, 241.

⁹⁵ Rev. Benjamin Bass of Hanover (1694–1756, Harvard 1715) Rev. Lewis also saw Rev. Bass on 24 September and 13 October 1747. Rev. Samuel Niles of Braintree (1674–1762, Harvard 1699). *Colonial Collegians*.

19. ☉ . Very hot, W. S, W. Text Micah 6:13. P.M. a thunder shower, one clap very hard. Baptized Lydia Bearse, daughter of Jacob Bearse.⁹⁶
20. ☽ . Somewhat cloudy, very cool, W, N, E. P.M. Fair. At George Russell's, prayed with his sick children. At Abraham Howland's, prayed with him.⁹⁷
21. ♂ . Somewhat cloudy, hot. W. S. E. At Aaron Soul's, and Isaac Wadsworth's. Mrs. Barker of Boston to see us, In ye night thunder, lightning and a plentiful rain. No hard thunder, but pretty sharp lightning.⁹⁸
22. ♀ . A.M. cloudy. P.M. Fair. Went in the afternoon to see Abraham Howland, found him dying. Prayed with him. Then took my last leave of him. He seemed to be very sensible; tho he could scarce speak, so as to be understood. The next news I expect to hear is, yt he is dead. He dyed (as I afterwards heard) about 12 o'clock at noon ye same day; yt is, about 3 quarters of an hour after I came away.
23. ♀ . Fair, hot. At ye Widow [Martha] Mackfarland's, to see George Russell's daughter, ill of the throat distemper. Afterwards went to the Funeral of Esther Russell, daughter of ye said George Russell. Prayed there. Then went to the funeral of Abraham Howland, who died yesterday. Prayed at the house after the funeral was over, Read his Will, left with me, and gave it to the Widow, Sole Executrix of it; and then returned home.
24. ♀ . Fair, Pleasant weather, wind west. Had ½ a bushel of Indian Corn of John Turner fetched by Black Poll. Went with my Wife to see Capt. Joshua Cushing who is not well.⁹⁹
25. ♀ . Fair, Hot, W.S. Mr. [Grindall] Rawson came towards night and lodged with us.
26. ☉ . Cloudy, muggy, hot, W. E. P.M. Some rain. Mr. [Grindall] Rawson preached A.M. from Mark 8:36,37. I preached P.M. from 1 Corinthians 7:29,30. Baptized Lydia Bisbe, daughter of Gideon Bisbe. Warned the sacrament.¹⁰⁰

⁹⁶ Jacob Bearse (1718–1763) married Hannah Hall in 1741. *Vital Records of Plympton*, 16; *Vital Records of Kingston*, 176; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 1759.

⁹⁷ George Russell married Hannah MacFarland in Pembroke 18 December 1732. His children were ill with throat distemper. Rev. Lewis attended daughter Esther Russell's (b. 1739) funeral on 23 July 1747. Rev. Lewis also visited the Russells on 15 May 1749 and 28 August 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 179, 340.

⁹⁸ Isaac Wadsworth (d. 1749) married Susannah Nichols in Pembroke on 16 December 1730. Rev. Lewis also visited Wadsworth on 14 October 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 369, 460.

⁹⁹ John Turner (1712–1794) served as selectman, town clerk, and guardian of the Plymouth County Indians. During the Revolutionary War he was the head of Pembroke's Committee of Correspondence and its elected representative. Rev. Lewis also visited John Turner on 3 August 1747 and baptized his daughter Ursula 11 June 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 212, 458. "Black Poll" was enslaved by the widow Polly White, a friend of Rev. Lewis's wife Elizabeth "Betty" (Hawke) Lewis. Rev. Lewis also sent "Black Poll" on errands on 5 and 11 September 1747. In 1753, Pembroke's West Parish (now Hanson) minister Rev. Gad Hitchcock recorded that Polly White "has given to me Dinah, daughter of Black Polla, negro servant," and that Dinah was born "June ye 6th 1753." *Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988* (online database at Ancestry.com), citing Rev. Gad Hitchcock's Church Records.

¹⁰⁰ Gideon Bisbe/Bisbee (1719–1760) married Rebecca Turner in Pembroke 7 September 1742. They had a daughter Lydia b. 21 September 1744 and a daughter Lydia b. 19

27. ☽ . Fair, hot, W. S. at ye Widow [Abigail] Magoun's, with Mr. [Grindall] Rawson. Dined there. Heard this day of the death of Mr. [John] Angier's eldest son.
28. ♂ . Fair, pleasant, W. N, W. Training and Trooping day at Pembroke; a vast number of spectators. Dined with the troop at Israel Turner's. At evening prayed and sang a psalm in the field, with the troop and foot.
29. ♀ . Fair, Mr. [John] Howland, [Grindall] Rawson & Dined with us.
30. ♁ . Fair, went with Rev. Mr. [Nathaniel] Eelles to Bridgewater [East Parish] to visit Rev. Mr. [John] Angier who has lately buried his wife and three children of the throat distemper. Returned the same day much indisposed.¹⁰¹
31. ♀ . Fair, hot, W. W. At Theophilus Cushing's, Josiah Barker's; had of him 20 s/ old tenor. At the Widow [Mary] Turner's. At the Widow [Martha] Mackfarland's, at Joshua Baker's. At John Bisbe's Jr. to see his wife ill of the throat distemper. Prayed with her. Rode this day about 14 miles.¹⁰²

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February 1746. Daughter Lydia d. 28 March 1746. The daughter Lydia baptized by Rev. Lewis 26 July 1747 was either an unrecorded third Lydia born to this couple—or the first Lydia is the one who died 28 March 1746, and their month-old as-yet-unnamed daughter born in February 1746 was given the name Lydia following her sister's death, then baptized the following year. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 35, 36, 238; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 2035.

¹⁰¹ Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Eelles of Scituate South Parish [Norwell] (1677–1750, Harvard 1699). Rev. Lewis also visited Rev. Eelles on 24, 27, 28, and 29 September 1747; 13 June 1749; and 24 July 1749. *Colonial Collegians*.

¹⁰² Josiah Barker (d. 1774). Rev. Lewis again visited Josiah Barker on 2 September 1747 and baptized his daughter Ursula on 23 April 1749. Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 921. John Bisbee Jr. (d. 1773) and wife Abiah Bonney (b. 1712) married in Pembroke 6 September 1733. Rev. Lewis also visited with John and Abiah Bonney on 8, 11, and 22 August 1747; 12 and 17 September 1747; and 5 November 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 38, 238, 389.