

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

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## August 1747.

1. ♀. Fair, hot. At home all day.
2. ☉. Fair, hot. W. S. Sacrament Day. Text. A.M. Matthew 5:7. P.M. John 13:35. Went after meeting to see John Bisbe Jr., his wife [Abiah] who has the throat distemper. Prayed with her. My wife went with me.
3. ☽. Hot, thunder, some rain. At [Amos] Sylvester's in Hanover where ye Probate Court was held, being a witness to Abraham Howland's will; dined there. At Thomas Turner's, and Ebenezer Barker's, and John Turner and Theophilus Cushing's.<sup>1</sup>
4. ♂. Fair, W.N., W. At John Ford's, dined there. At [Bonney's?], prayed with his wife, and at Isaac Oldham's, Mr. Paine lodged with us. [Acts]<sup>2</sup>
5. ♀. Fair, hot. W. E. Heard this day that the small pox is in my brother's family [Rev. Isaiah Lewis] at Billingsgate [Wellfleet], his wife [Abigail] being sick of it. Her sister [Sarah (Winslow) Smith], viz. Capt. [Samuel] Smith's wife is dead of it, and their daughter, and Edward [Prye?] also a boarder in my brother's family. Heard also of Mrs. Mary Marsh's death of Hingham, who died suddenly there yesterday, I suppose about my age.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Amos Sylvester's (1685–1753) house “stood on Washington St. . . and was for many years a tavern stand.” John S. Barry, *A Historical Sketch of the Town of Hanover, Mass.* (Boston, Mass.: Bazin & Chandler, 1853), 402. Ebenezer Barker d. in 1756. Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 894.

<sup>2</sup> Isaac Oldham (1709–1796) lived on Oldham St. His son Daniel was baptized by Rev. Lewis 18 October 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 156; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 14863; Cross Proctor, *Pembroke Chronicles*, 103–105. Possibly Thomas Paine (1694–1757), former minister of Weymouth. Colonial Collegians.

<sup>3</sup> Isaiah Lewis married Abigail Winslow (1707–1776), daughter of Kenelm and Abigail (Waterman) Winslow, in Marshfield 25 June 1730. *Vital Records of Marshfield*, 30, 146. Her sister Sarah (Winslow) Paine married Capt. Samuel Smith at Eastham 29 December 1737. Sarah and their daughter and their boarder died during this smallpox outbreak. Eastham VRs record the birth of Samuel and Sarah's son Joseph in 1741, but the subsequent page [which likely included this unnamed daughter] is missing. *Vital Records of the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, Massachusetts* (Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993), 100, 206. Mary Marsh, wife of Thomas Marsh, died 4 August 1747. *Vital Records of Hingham*, 2:106.

6. ☽. A.M. Fair, hot. At. Peleg Barker's, dined there. At Theophilus Cushing's. At Widow [Mary] Turner's. At Isaac Hatch's. At Josiah Keen's. P.M. a thunder shower.<sup>4</sup>
7. ☽. Fair, hot. W. N, W. At home all day.
8. ♃. Fair, hot. W. S. W. At John Bisbe's Junr. At Ebenezer Bonney's, prayed with his wife [Elizabeth]. At Mrs. Howland's [widow of Abraham].<sup>5</sup>
9. ☉. Very hot. W. S. W. Text A.M. Deut. 11.29. P.M. Heb. 9.27. Baptised Sarah Chamberlain, daughter of Nathaniel Chamberlain and Sarah his wife. After meeting & in the evening, thunder, lightning, rain light. very sharp, no hard thunder with us.<sup>6</sup>
10. ☽. Cloudy, W. E. P.M. Fair, hot. [1 Corinthians] Preached to ye [Mat-takeeset] Indians at ye Ponds, from Eccles. 12:5, "Man goeth to his long home." I heard today, that last night, a barn was burnt and an house struck by the thunder and lightning at Plymouth. Mr. [John] Howland with us.
11. ♂. Generally fair, hot. W. S. Abiah Bisbe with us, who is not well. Heard yesterday, wh' is in [delicate?], ye 5<sup>th</sup> [current?] as to be, is not so.
12. ♀. Fair, exceeding hot. Went to Middleboro to a fast, there, occasioned partly by the throat distemper, which begins to spread up. Preached P.M. From Micah 6:13. Returned ye same day, much fatigued. In ye evening thunder, lightning and rain, lightening and one clap of thunder very sharp.
13. ☽. Cloudy, thunder and rain by times almost all day, a kind of storm. W. variable.
14. ♀. Stormy, W. N. Cool. [2 Corinthians]
15. ♃. Fair, pleasant, W. variable. At Joseph Ford's, Theophilus Cushing's, widow [Mary] Turner's and Joshua Baker's. Heard this day, yt a barn was consumed by lightning at Braintree last Thursday, which had 200 bushels of grain in it, and a great deal of hay. This day Caleb Bates of Hingham shot himself to death. This day Caleb Bates of Hingham, the oldest man in that town (being, as I have heard, upwards of fourscore) purposefully shot himself to Death, in his own house, by discharging his gun against his breast. One that saw him, soon after the deed was done, told me that his breast was torn up in a terrible manner, so that his bowels were left naked. A sad Providence in deed. O what reason have we all to bless God, not only for saving, but also for restraining grace, else any of us might do the like.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Josiah Keen (1713–1778). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 129, 421.

<sup>5</sup> The Bonneys and widow Howland lived in Pembroke's West Parish (now Hanson). Ebenezer Bonney (1706–1762) married Elizabeth Parris (1704–1788) in Pembroke in 1729. Rev. Lewis prayed for Elizabeth's restored health on 11 October 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 40, 159, 240; *Vital Records of Hanson*, 89.

<sup>6</sup> Sarah Chamberlain, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah (Foster) Chamberlain, was born in Pembroke 5 July 1747. Nathaniel and Sarah were admitted to Rev. Lewis's church on 6 September 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 58, 251.

<sup>7</sup> Caleb Bates (1666–1747) m. (1) Ruth \_\_\_\_\_, m. (2) Mary Lane, m. (3) Sarah Sprague (descendant of Richard Warren). *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, Vol.

16. ☉ . This morning a little after break of the day, there was a shock of an earthquake, which waked me out of a sound sleep; not by any roar of it, but by ye trembling of ye bed under me, and by the clattering of a table leaf near my bed. There were some scattering clouds, and the wind (what there was) was N.E. Text this day, Hebrews 9:27. Baptized the Widow Mary Turner, I suppose upwards of 60 years of age.
17. ☽ . Generally fair, hot, W. E. At home all day.
18. ♂ . Fair, pretty hot. W. S. At Peleg Barker's, John Delano's, William Mackfarland's, prayed with his wife [Sarah] being ill. [Galatians]<sup>8</sup>
19. ☿ . Fair, hot. W. S. At Capt. [Isaac] Little's, Isaac Hatch Sr.'s. At Isaac Hatch Jr.'s.
20. ☽ . Cloudy, W. N. E. At home all day. [Ephesians].
21. ♀ . Fair, W. N.E. At Peleg Barker's, and Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's. Heard this day of the death of the Rev. Mr. [John] Rogers of Boxford, who I knew at college, being 2 years before me.<sup>9</sup>
22. ♃ . Fair, W. S. W. At John Bisbe's Junr.
23. ☉ . Cloudy, muggy hot weather, Text Heb. 9. 27. Propounded Nathaniel Chamberlain, and his wife for ye Sacrament. Heard this day of ye Death of ye Rev. Mr. [Christopher] Tappan of Newbury: Rain, thunder, lightning in the night. At John Bonney Prayed with his wife. [Philippians]<sup>10</sup>
24. ☽ . In ye morning cloudy, afterwards cleared away, and grew very hot. W. N. At Aaron Soul's; got several things there, viz. Rum, Sugar, Pepper, Chocolate, Coffee, Glass Marble, all which amounted to £3.3.10. Mr. [John] Howland with us. [Colossians]
25. ♂ . Fair, pleasant, W. E. Dr. [Charles] Chauncey and Mr. [Edward] Jackson of Boston dined with us.<sup>11</sup>
26. ☿ . Somewhat cloudy, W. E. At Joseph Ford's who has a flux. Prayed with him [Hosea]
27. ☽ . Fair, hot. At Deacon [Joseph] Stockbridge's, Henry Josselyn's, and John Bonney's. Prayed with his sick wife. [2 Thessalonians]
28. ♀ . Fair, pleasant. W. N, W. [1 Timothy]
29. ♃ . Fair, W. E. Cool night.

18, Part 1 Richard Warren, 71; Victor Grant Hillard Jr., "William Hillard of Duxbury, Massachusetts," *Mayflower Descendant* 49 (2000): 103–4, cites the coroner's jury ruling for his death: "Caleb Bates being shot, the jury brought in willful murder."

<sup>8</sup> John Delano (1699–1776). Rev. Lewis also visited John Delano on 9 September 1747. *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 68; *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 16 John Alden*, 550. William MacFarland (1714–1760), son of John and Martha (Barstow) MacFarland, married Sarah Peterson (1710–1789) in Pembroke 18 November 1734. Rev. Lewis also visited William MacFarland on 9 September and 22 and 23 October 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 144, 313; *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 395.

<sup>9</sup> The report of Rev. John Rogers's death was mistaken, he died in 1755 after a bitter fight with his parish regarding his salary (1684–1755, Harvard 1705). *Colonial Collegians*.

<sup>10</sup> Christopher Tappan (1671–1747). *Colonial Collegians*.

<sup>11</sup> Boston merchant Edward Jackson (1708–1757, Harvard 1726) was a good friend of Rev. Charles Chauncey. *Colonial Collegians*.

30. ☉ . Fair, pleasant, W. S. Baptised 3 children, viz. Lot Keen, Lydia Keen, children of Isaac Keen Jr., and Abimelech Bisbee, son of Jonah Bisbe. [2 Timothy] Warned ye Sacrament. Text Isaiah 64:7.<sup>12</sup>
31. ☽ . Fair, W. W. At John Ford's. Hot. [Titus]

### September 1747.

1. ♂ . Fair, At Capt. [Isaac] Little's, Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing, Joshua Baker's. [Philemon]
2. ♀ . Fair hot. At Palmer's at Scituate, Paid the woman, for all the goods I had had in her shop, and for all I then had. I had this day 18 s/ old tenor of Josiah Barker, late constable. [Hebrews] Mr. John Brown, originally of Haverhill, was ordained pastor, of the second church in Hingham.<sup>13</sup>
3. ☼ . Hot, somewhat cloudy. Joshua Barker, and Capt. Benjamin Turner to see us. Daniel [Lewis Jr.] set out this day for Woodstock, a journey of about an 100 miles. At Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's to see his sick wife [Sarah].<sup>14</sup>
4. ♀ . Fair, W. S. At Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's home to see his wife, who is sick.
5. ☽ . Somewhat cloudy; W. W. Sent [Black Poll] to Aaron Soul's for several things.
6. ☉ . Fair, cool, W. N, W. Sacrament day. Admitted Nathaniel Chamberlain, and Sarah his wife into the Church. Text Isaiah 64:7. [James]
7. ☽ . Cloudy, W.S. At Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's to see his sick wife, who is in recovery. Wrote a letter to Dr. [Benjamin] Stockbridge about my grandson, William Lewis, who is not well; sent it by Samuel Bisbe.<sup>15</sup>
8. ♂ . Fair, pleasant. W. S. W. Preached at the [Indian] Ponds, Text, Acts 24:25. At Henry Josselyn's, and John Ford's. [1 Peter]
9. ♀ . Somewhat cloudy, hot, wind high at south. At William Mackfarlands, Joshua Baker's, John Delano's, Nathaniel Loring's, Peleg Barker's, Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's, William Tubbs', and John Ford's.<sup>16</sup>
10. ☼ . Rain, W. N. At home all day. [2 Peter]
11. ♀ . Somewhat cloudy, cool, W. N. W. Betty, and Polle White, set out for Hingham. Sent Black Poll to Aaron Soul's. [1 John]

<sup>12</sup> Lot Keen was born 6 March 1743 and Lydia Keen was born 12 August 1746, children of Isaac Keen Jr. and Lydia Jones. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 130. Abimelech Bisbee, son of Jonah Bisbe/Bisbee (b. 1716) and Ruth Bryant. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 35, 238.

<sup>13</sup> Jonathan/John Palmer Jr. was a Scituate retailer licensed to sell liquor in 1746 and 1753. Perhaps Rev. Lewis paid Jane (Doten) Palmer (descendant of Edward Doty) for goods at Palmer's shop. Plymouth Court Records, 2:188, 3:42, 43; *Vital Records of Scituate*, 2:228; *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations*, Vol. 11 Edward Doty, 25.

<sup>14</sup> Joshua Barker (b. 1711) "a distinguished military officer and loyalist" married his cousin Abigail Barker, daughter of Thomas Barker. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 25; Litchfield, *Ancient Landmarks of Pembroke*, 96.

<sup>15</sup> Dr. Benjamin Stockbridge (1704–1788). Samuel Deane, *History of Scituate, Massachusetts* (Boston, Mass.: James Loring, 1831), 343–344.

<sup>16</sup> William Tubbs married Abigail Bonney in Pembroke 6 March 1721. Rev. Lewis visited their sick child on 11, 12, and 13 October 1747, and Abigail became a church member on 4 June 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 365.

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12. ♀. Fair, pleasant, W. N, W. Abiah Bisbe, and Sarah Holloway with us, and lodged with us. My son [Daniel Lewis Jr.] returned safe and well from Woodstock. Blessed be God.<sup>17</sup>
  13. ☉. Fair, pleasant, W. N, W. Text Isaiah 64:7. [John]
  14. ☽. Cloudy, raw weather, W.N. [Judges]
  15. ♂. Cloudy, raw weather, W. N,W. [Revelation]
  16. ♀. Fair, more moderate, W. W. Aurora borealis. In the night, thunder and lightning.
  17. ♀. Fair, pleasant, W. W. Abiah Bisbe, went home. Had of Capt. Nehemiah Cushing 20 s/ of beef.
  18. ♀ [sic, ♀]. Fair, W. W.
  19. ☉ [sic, ♀]. Somewhat cloudy, warm, W. S.W. Text 2 Cor. 6:1. Baptized one child, Increase Robinson's, Propounded Samuel Howland, and Sarah his wife, for ye Sacrament.<sup>18</sup>
  21. ☽. At home all day.
  22. ♂. At home all day.
  23. ♀. Cloudy, Rain at night. Mr. [John] Howland with us.
  24. ♀. Cloudy. At the fast in the west part of the town, Mr. [Benjamin] Bass began with Prayer, I preached from Jer. 3:13,14,15. Mr. [Shearjashub] Bourn concluded with prayer. P.M. Mr. [Nathaniel] Eelles began with prayer, Mr. [John] Cotton preached from Matthew 9:36,37,38. Mr. [John] Angier concluded with prayer.<sup>19</sup>
  25. ♀. Cloudy. At home all day.
  26. ♀. Fair, at home all day.
  27. ☉. Fair, text John. 13.33. Baptized one child. Rev. Mr. [Nathaniel] Eelles lodged with us.
  28. ☽. Fair, warm, set out this morning (the Rev. Mr. [Nathaniel] Eelles, with me) for Middleborough, a committee of the General Court being to be [there], this day, about the differences in said town. Dined at Mr. [Thomas] Weld's. Lodged at Moses Sturdevant's.<sup>20</sup>
  29. ♂. Fair, breakfasted at Mr. [Peter] Oliver's. This day completes my 62d year, being born, Sept. 29 1685. Dined at Mr. [Ebenezer] Sprout's with the court committee. Mr. [Nathaniel] Eelles, and I returned here in the evening. This day, I began the grand climacteric year of my age.<sup>21</sup>
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<sup>17</sup> The recently orphaned Sarah Holloway, b. 1726, daughter of Thomas Holloway (d. 1739) and Rebecca Tubbs (d. 1746). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 108, 290, 414.

<sup>18</sup> Zebulon Robinson, b. 3 July 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 178. Samuel Howland married Sarah Joy in Pembroke 13 October 1738. They were accepted into Rev. Lewis's church on 4 October 1747 and he prayed with their sick child on 10 November 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 294.

<sup>19</sup> Rev. John Cotton (1712–1789, Harvard, 1730), minister of Halifax. *Colonial Collegians*.

<sup>20</sup> Middleborough minister Rev. Thomas Weld (1702–1757/8, Harvard 1723). *Colonial Collegians*. Moses Sturdevant married Elizabeth Horrill in 1720 and joined the Middleborough church in 1731. *Vital Records of Plympton*, 404; *Book of the First Church of Christ in Middleborough, Plymouth County, Mass.* (Boston, Mass.: C.C.P. Moody, 1852), 87.

<sup>21</sup> Judge Peter Oliver (1713–1791, Harvard 1730) was later a Loyalist who settled in England. *Colonial Collegians*. Ebenezer Sprout/Sproat ran Sproat's Tavern, located on the green

30. ☽ . Cloudy, went and dined (my wife with me) at Nathaniel Loring's. Mrs. [Deborah] Richmond, his mother there, and some other good friends. Had a comfortable interview. Afterwards, went to Deacon [Joseph] Ford's, who is sick, prayed with him. And then returned home.<sup>22</sup>

October 1747.<sup>23</sup>

1. ☾ . A storm, W. N, E. At Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's. Dined there. At Theophilus Cushing's, Peleg Barker, and Nathaniel Loring, each made me a present.
2. ☽ . Cloudy, W. N. Daniel [Lewis Jr.] came home from Boston.
3. ☽ . Fair, pleasant, W. E. At home all day.
4. ☽ . Fair, pleasant, W. N, W. & N, E. Sacrament day. Text A.M. Isaiah 64:7. P.M. Jeremiah 44:16. Admitted into the Church Samuel Howland and Sarah his wife, and Elizabeth Wallis dismissed from the First Church in Scituate, and received into our communion.
5. ☽ . Fair, W. N, E. Set out (Deacon [Samuel] Jacob's with me) for Norton to set in Council there. Dined at the Rev. Mr. [Daniel] Perkins's at Bridgewater, got to the Rev. Mr. [Joseph] Avery's at Norton a little after sunset. Lodged there.<sup>24</sup>
6. ☽ . Fair, at Norton Council.
7. ☽ . Fair, at Norton Council.
8. ☾ . Cloudy, some rain, at Norton Council.
9. ☽ . Fair, at Norton Council. Read the result this evening in the Meeting House, by candle light. Then set out for Bridgewater. Got to Mr. [Edward] Howard's in said town, between 9 & 10 o'clock in the night, and lodged there.<sup>25</sup>
10. ☽ . Fair, cool. Set out for Pembroke. Got home safe and well, about the middle of the afternoon. Bless God, his hand my going out, and coming in, and watched between me and mine when we were absent one from another. Blessed be his Glorious Name.
11. ☽ . Fair, pleasant. W. W. Text A.M. Jer. 44:16. P.M. Psal. 128:1,2. Prayers were delivered, and thanks returned for several persons. Prayers for

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in Middleborough. Thomas Weston, *History of the Town of Middleborough, Massachusetts* (Cambridge, Mass.: The Riverside Press, 1906), 318–21. Rev. Lewis held astrological beliefs—the grand climacteric year, or 63<sup>rd</sup> year, of a man's life supposedly held a higher risk of death.

<sup>22</sup> Mrs. Deborah (Cushing) (Loring) Richmond (1674–1770). Nathaniel Loring lived in a house on High St. built ca. 1702 by his father Thomas Loring. Proctor, *Images of America: Pembroke*, 83.

<sup>23</sup> Printed almanac page for the month of October 1747. Skulls by entries for 29 and 30 October represent the death of Calvin Bisbe and the anniversary of Rev. Lewis's mother's death.

<sup>24</sup> Deacon Samuel Jacob (1695–1784) married Susannah Howard (1692–1766). Rev. Lewis visited the Jacobs on 20 April 1749; 13, 17, 29, 30 May 1749; 25 and 29 July 1749; and 28 August 1749. *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:36; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 417. Bridgewater West Parish (now West Bridgewater) minister Rev. Daniel Perkins (1697–1782, Harvard 1717). Norton minister Rev. Joseph Avery (1687–1770, Harvard 1706). Colonial Collegians.

<sup>25</sup> Edward Howard (1687–1771) of Bridgewater West Parish (now West Bridgewater) kept a tavern on the corner of Howard and River Streets. Heman Howard, *The Howard Genealogy* (Brockton, Mass.: The Standard Printing Co., 1903), 2.

- Deacon [Joseph] Ford, Elijah Bonney's, and William Tubbs' child. Thanks returned for the Delivery of David Hersey Jr.'s wife, for the recovery of Ebenezer Bonney's wife [Elizabeth]. In the return of Job Randall Jr. and Nehemiah Randall from sea.<sup>26</sup>
12. ☽ . Fair, cool, at William Tubbs' to see his Child, who has the throat distemper. Prayed with it.
  13. ♂ . Fair, pleasant, W. S, W. At Deacon [Joseph] Ford's, Prayed with him, who is I hope, upon recovery at Elijah Bonney's. Prayed with his Child, sick of the Throat Distemper. At William Tubbs', prayed with his child, who seems to be worse I doubt it will not recover. At John Ford's, Isaac Taylor's, and Israel Turner's. Rev. Mr. [Benjamin] Bass to see us. [Exodus]<sup>27</sup>
  14. ♀ . Fair, pleasant, W. S. At Benjamin Barstow's, Joshua Baker's, Isaac Wadsworth's. Bought of him 80 pounds of cheese, which was then weighed off to me. Had of Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing 42 shil.<sup>28</sup>
  15. ☾ . Cloudy, cool, W.N. P.M. Rain. At the funeral of Tobey Cromwell's wife [Billah], a Negro Woman.<sup>29</sup>
  16. ♀ . Cloudy, cold, W. N., W. Mr. Tupper, and wife of Middleborough to see us.<sup>30</sup>
  17. ♀ . Fair, W. N, W. At ye funeral of Luke Bishop's child.<sup>31</sup>
  18. ☉ . Fair, W. S, W. Text, A.M. Phil. 128:1,2. P.M. Isaiah 64:7. Baptized two children, viz Daniel Oldham and Sarah Barker.<sup>32</sup>
  19. ☽ . Fair, at Isaac Hatch's, Israel Turner's &c.

<sup>26</sup> Elijah Bonney married Susannah Tubbs in Pembroke 27 June 1737. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 241. David Hersey Jr. married Susannah Ramsdell in Pembroke 20 May 1743. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 288. Mariner cousins Job Randall Jr. (1710–1759) and Nehemiah Randall (b. 1711). *Vital Records of Scituate*, 1:306; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 440, 174.

<sup>27</sup> Isaac Taylor (d. 1766) married Jerusha Tilden in 1728. Rev. Lewis also visited Taylor on 1 and 3 May 1749 and 19 July 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 358, 452.

<sup>28</sup> Benjamin Barstow (d. 1751). Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 1148.

<sup>29</sup> Tobe Cromwell and Billa published intentions in Plymouth 20 May and married 14 July 1720. In the 1740s, he was frequently warned out of the towns of Plymouth, Kingston, and Plympton. On 13 September 1742, Pembroke selectman paid Elisha Barker for warning out of Pembroke Tobe Cromwell and his wife Billah. In 1753 Plymouth officials claimed ignorance of his origins and requested relief for supporting Toby Cromwell, "a negro man who for many years past has lived as a free negro and is now residing in Plymouth and is old and infirm and hath no estate [to] support him, and being so infirm is unable to support himself by labor." Toby Cromwell died in Plymouth 15 October 1760. Plymouth Court Records, 2:209, 3:4, 14, 28; *Vital Records of Plymouth*, 92, 177; *Plymouth Church Records, 1620–1859*, 391; Massachusetts Town and Vital Records, 1620–1988 (online database at Ancestry.com), citing Pembroke Town Records..

<sup>30</sup> Either Ichabod and Hannah (Hatch) Tupper or his son Thomas and Rebecca (Bumpas) Tupper. "Hannah Hatch's Three Husbands Japhet Turner, Ebenezer Tinkham and Capt. Ichabod Tupper," *Mayflower Descendant* 21 (1919): 97–101.

<sup>31</sup> A child of Luke Bishop and Lydia Bowker, who married in Scituate 2 October 1746. *Vital Records of Scituate*, 2:51.

<sup>32</sup> Daniel Oldham was the son of Isaac Oldham and Mary Stetson. Sarah Barker was b. 14 September 1747, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Macomber) Barker. Elizabeth Frye Barker, *Barker Genealogy* (New York, N.Y.: Frye Publishing Co., 1927), 176–77.

20. ♂. Cloudy, cold, W. N. At Capt. Benjamin Turner.
21. ♀. At home. Not well. Mr. [John] Howland went home.
22. ♀. At home all day. William Macfarland did some work for me.
23. ♀. At Joshua Baker's, Isaac Hatch Jr.'s, William Macfarland's, Theophilus Cushing's, and Peleg Barker's. Cloudy.
24. ♀. Cloudy, rain. At Joshua Baker's to get my horse shod. Had of him 4 pounds old tenor. Paid to Elijah Cushing 10.0.9. for a barrel of cider in part. Set out for Plympton, lodged at Dr. [Polycarpus] Loring's.<sup>33</sup>
25. ☉. Fair, Pleasant, W. N, W. Preached at Lakenham, Text, John 13:33. Lodged at Dr. [Polycarpus] Loring's.
26. ☽. Fair, cold, W. N.W. Came from Plympton, in the morning. Found my family well; blessed be God.
27. ♂. Cloudy, rain, cold, W. N. At Elisha Bisbe's to see his children: sick of ye throat distemper. Prayed with them.
28. ♀. Fair, pleasant, W. N, W. At the Funeral of Josiah Bourn Jr.'s child [Levit.] Calvin Bisbe, dyed this morning.<sup>34</sup>
29. ♀. Cloudy, raw weather, W. N, W. At Elisha Bisbe's child [Calvin]'s funeral. At Ephraim Nichol's, prayed with his daughter Sarah, sick of the measles, but upon recovery.<sup>35</sup>
30. ♀. Rainy, dark day. W. N,E. At Hannah Tubbs', prayed with her sick daughter. At John Ford's, and Ephraim Nichol's, whose daughter is not well, perhaps, rather better. This day 32 years ago, my mother died.
31. ♀. Cloudy, raw, cold, W. N. At Josiah Bourn's, to see his son [Abner] sick of the throat distemper. I fear he will not recover. Prayed with him. Called at Elisha Bisbe's, and John Ford's.

### November 1747.<sup>36</sup>

1. ☉. Generally fair, cold, raw weather. W. N. W. Text A.M. Eccles. 2:1,2. P.M. 2 Chron. 30:8. In ye evening at Elisha Bisbe's. Prayed with his son, sick of ye throat distemper.

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<sup>33</sup> Elijah Cushing's (1698–1762) house still stands at 89 East Washington St., Hanson. Rev. Lewis also visited Elijah Cushing on 22 December 1747, and 17 and 20 July 1749. Donna McCulloch Brown, *Images of America: Hanson* (Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2003), 59. Dr. Polycarpus Loring (1700–1770). *Vital Records of Plympton*, 132, 492.

<sup>34</sup> A child of Josiah Bourn Jr. and Abigail Holmes, who married in Pembroke 5 April 1744. Their son Abner died several days later and Rev. Lewis performed his funeral 3 November 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 244.

<sup>35</sup> Calvin, son of Elisha Bisbe and Patience, was born in Pembroke 17 December 1738. Rev. Lewis visited again on 31 October, and 1 and 6 November 1747. On 9 November 1747, Rev. Lewis performed the funeral of another Bisbe son (probably Seth). He visited again on 10 November, and on 14 November son Elisha Jr. died; Rev. Lewis performed his funeral on 16 November 1747. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 34, 35.

Ephraim Nichols (1689–1749) and his daughter Sarah (b. 1715). *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:17; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 156; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 14635.

<sup>36</sup> Printed almanac page for the month of November 1747. Cross by 26 November with handwritten note "Thanksgiving day." Skulls by 2, 7, and 8 November representing the deaths of Abner Bourn, Seth Bisbe, Joshua Turner's daughter, and Freedom Chamberlain's child. Handwritten 17 at bottom of page.

2. ☽ . Fair. This day my people voted that my salary for ye year ensuing should be 300 pds old tenor, it being before but 240 pds.
3. ☽ . Fair, at the funeral of Abner Bourn, son of Josiah Bourn.
4. ☽ . At Deacon [Joseph] Stockbridge's. At Hanover. At diverse houses in said town.
5. ☽ . Cloudy, rain, W. NW. At home all day. John Bisbe Jr. with us.
6. ☽ . Fair, cool. W. NW. At the Widow [Mary] Turner's. Prayed with her. At Isaac Hatch Junr. At Elisha Bisbe's, prayed with his sick children.
7. ☽ . Fair, at home all day.
8. ☽ . Fair, pleasant, W. NW. Text Phil 2:27. Read ye Proclamation, for the Public Thanksgiving. [Numbers]
9. ☽ . Fair, hot, W. SW. At the funeral of Elisha Bisbe's son [Seth]; and the funeral also of Joshua Turner's daughter. Both of them dyed of the throat distemper.<sup>37</sup>
10. ☽ . Fair, at John Ford's, At Samuel Howland's, to see his sick child; prayed with it. At ye funeral of Freedom Chamberlain's child, prayed at the house. At Elisha Bisbe's, prayed with his sick son [Elisha Jr.].<sup>38</sup>
11. ☽ . At Israel Turner's. Fair.
12. ☽ . At Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's, dined there. At Israel Turner's, at Isaac Hatch Jr.'s, at Theophilus Cushing's, and Tracy's.<sup>39</sup>
13. ☽ . Cloudy, rain. At home all day.
14. ☽ . Cloudy, rain. Messrs. [John] Howland and [Grindall] Rawson with us. Heard yt Elisha Bisbe's 3<sup>rd</sup> son [Elisha Jr.] dyed this day, of the throat distemper.
15. ☽ . Showery weather, W. chiefly NW. Text AM Phil 2:27. PM Hebrews 3:2. Read Samuel Tilden's letter to the church, desiring a council. The church chose Deacon [Joseph] Stockbridge messenger.<sup>40</sup>
16. ☽ . Fair. W. NW. At the funeral of Elisha Bisbe, son of Elisha Bisbe, his 3<sup>rd</sup> son yt died of the throat distemper, he was in ye 17<sup>th</sup> year of his age. At Joshua Turner's, prayed with his sick child.
17. ☽ . Fair, pleasant, went to Marshfield Council. 5 Churches present, viz, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Churches of Hingham, [1<sup>st</sup>] church of Pembroke, church of Weymouth, and [2<sup>nd</sup>] church of Pembroke. Had a public hearing this day.
18. ☽ . Very rainy day. Council came to a repast. Returned home.
19. ☽ . Fair. W. NW. At Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing and Isaac Hatch Jr.'s.
20. ☽ . Fair. At home all day.
21. ☽ . Fair, cold, W. N.
22. ☽ . Generally fair, W. NW. Text 2 Corinthians V1. [Deuteronomy]
23. ☽ . Cloudy, rain all day, W. SE high. At Peleg Barker's and Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's.

<sup>37</sup> A daughter [possibly Sarah or Alice], of Joshua Turner and Sarah Winslow, who married in Pembroke 28 January 1731. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 210, 214, 367.

<sup>38</sup> Freedom Chamberlain married Mary Soul in Pembroke 5 April 1722. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 251.

<sup>39</sup> Thomas Tracey/Tracy (1688–1755). Rev. Lewis also visited him on 1 January 1748. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 456.

<sup>40</sup> Samuel Tilden (1695–1774) of Marshfield. *Vital Records of Marshfield*, 384.

24. ♂. Stormy, W. high at N.
25. ♀. Cloudy, some rain. At John Ford's, Resolved Stetson's, Widow [Abigail] Magoun's, Theophilus Cushing's, Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's.<sup>41</sup>
26. ☿. Cloudy, rain, W.NE. Public Thanksgiving. Text Acts 14:17. Supped at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's.
27. ♀. Fair, cold, W. NW at Capt. John Little's in Marshfield. At Anthony Winslow's in said town. Supped at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's.<sup>42</sup>
28. ♁. Fair, cold. W. NW.
29. ☉. Fair, cold, W. NW. Text Rom 2:8, 9. Baptized 3 children.
30. ☽. Fair, cold, W. NW. set out for Boston, carried Betty with me. Lodged at Mr. [Cornelius] Nye's.

### December 1747.

1. ♂. Fair, W. NW. Cold. Set out for Boston, from Mr. [Ebenezer] Gay's. Mrs. [Jerusha] Gay, and I rode in their chair to Boston. Dined at [Thomas] Crosbey's, at Braintree. Lodged at Mrs. Barker's.<sup>43</sup>
2. ♀. Cloudy, at Boston.
3. ☿. Cloudy, in the evening, and night a great snow; accompanied with a violent wind, at NE. Lodged at Mrs. Barker's.
4. ♀. Fair, cold, W. NW. At Boston.
5. ♁. Fair, cold, set out from Boston, Lodged at Joseph Humphrey's of Hingham.<sup>44</sup>
6. ☉. Very cold, fair, W. NW. Attended public worship at Mr. [Daniel] Shute's meeting in Hingham, preached for him A.M. from Jer. 29:13. P.M. Gal. V25. Did not finish ye subject. Lodged at Theophilus Cushing's.<sup>45</sup>
7. ☽. Fair, very cold, came to Pembroke, Mr. Shute helped us along as far as

<sup>41</sup> Resolved Stetson (d. 1748). Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 19351.

<sup>42</sup> John Little (1683–1767). Legislators of the Massachusetts General Court, 1691–1780 (online database available at [www.americanancestors.org](http://www.americanancestors.org)). Anthony Winslow (1707–1789). Nahum Mitchell, *Mitchell's History of Bridgewater, Massachusetts* (Bridgewater, Mass.: Henry T. Pratt, 1897), 371.

<sup>43</sup> Hingham innholder Cornelius Nye (1697–1749, Harvard 1718). The Nye tavern was located next to the “Gay Mansion,” residence of Hingham minister Rev. Ebenezer Gay (1696–1787, Harvard 1717) and his wife Jerusha Bradford (1699–1783). *History of the Town of Hingham, Part I*, 186–87. Colonial Collegians. Braintree innholder Thomas Crosby (d. 1759). William Samuel Pattee, *A History of Old Braintree and Quincy: With a Sketch of Randolph and Holbrook* (Quincy, Mass.: Green & Prescott, 1878), 166–69. Mrs. Barker may have been Abigail (Barker) Barker (1718–1795), wife of Joshua Barker (1711–1785), who was the proprietor of Boston's Bunches of Grapes Tavern, located on the corner of Kilby St. and State St. in 1749 and possibly earlier. Mrs. Barker previously visited Rev. Lewis on 21 July 1747. Samuel Adams Drake, *Old Landmarks and Historic Personages of Boston* (Boston, Mass: James R. Osgood and Co., 1873), 105.

<sup>44</sup> Joseph Humphrey of Hingham likely inherited the inn of his wife Hannah (Vickery) (Langlee) Humphrey's first husband, John Langlee, who operated a tavern on North St. near Ship St. *History of the Town of Hingham, Part II*, 423.

<sup>45</sup> Rev. Daniel Shute (1722–1802, Harvard 1743), minister of Hingham's Second Congregational Church. Colonial Collegians. Theophilus Cushing (1703–1779) operated a tavern on Main St. which still stands. *History of the Town of Hingham Volume II Genealogical*, 156–57.

- Deacon [David] Jacob's in Scituate.<sup>46</sup>
8. ♂. Fair, cold, at home all.
  9. ♀. Fair, cold, at Israel Turner's, and the Widow [Mary] Turner's, prayed with her.
  10. ☿. At home all day. Cold.
  11. ♀. Snow, at Hannah Tubbs', prayed with her sick daughter.
  12. ♁. Fair, cold, at Josiah Hatch's, and Joshua Baker's. Paid Prince Barker 13 pounds/10 s at his brother Peleg's for half an heifer bought of him the first current. [Joshua]<sup>47</sup>
  13. ☉. Fair, very cold, text Eccles. 11:10.
  14. ☽. A snow storm. W. NE. At Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's.
  15. ♂. Fair, cold, W. NW.
  16. ♀. Fair, cold, W. NW.
  17. ☿. Some snow, and thawing weather.
  18. ♀. Fair, very cold.
  19. ♁. Fair, not very cold. At Josiah Hatch's.
  20. ☉. Fair, cold. Text AM Phil. 119:19. PM John 5:25.
  21. ☽. Fair, more moderate.
  22. ♂. Cloudy, cold, Mr. [Rowland] Thacher of Wareham and Mr. [John] Howland with us. At Elijah Cushing's.<sup>48</sup>
  23. ♀. Cloudy, at Theophilus Cushing's.
  24. ☿. Fair, not very cold.
  25. ♀. Fair, Mr. [John] Howland went to Plympton. Mr. [Rowland] Thacher of Wareham lodged with us.
  26. ♁. Fair, pleasant. [I Samuel]
  27. ☉. Cloudy, sprinkling of snow. Text A.M. John 5:25. P.M. Psal 147:19, 20.
  28. ☽. Cloudy, snow, W. N.
  29. ♂. Cloudy, at home all day.
  30. ♀. Fair, pleasant, W. NW. Mr. [John] Howland with us.
  31. ☿. Fair, moderate. Preached in public to a considerable congregation from 1 Sam. 7:12. Mr. [Daniel] Shute and Mr. [John] Howland with us. There were many of the neighboring towns at the meeting.

## 1748

### January 1748.

1. ♀. Rainy, thawing weather. At John Ford's, and Tracey's, and Peleg Barker's W. SW.
2. ♁. Cloudy, thawing weather. W. SW.
3. ☉. Snow, W. SW. Mr. Howland preached, from Matthew V4. But one meeting.
4. ☽. Fair, W. NW. Very cold. At Peleg Barker's. [II Samuel]

<sup>46</sup> Deacon David Jacob (1664–1748) was a schoolmaster and deacon of Scituate's First Church. Deane, *History of Scituate*, 291–92.

<sup>47</sup> Josiah Hatch (1712–1758). Rev. Lewis also visited Josiah on 19 December 1747 and 24 May 1749, and prayed for his wife's recovery 30 July 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 412. Prince Barker (d. 1784). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 385.

<sup>48</sup> Rev. Rowland Thatcher (1710–1775, Harvard 1733). *Colonial Collegians*.

5. ♂. Very cold.
6. ♀. Cold, cloudy, wind S. Snow.
7. ♄. AM. Very dark. Thunder, lightning PM. Fair, wind NW. Sent a letter to Rev. Mr. [William] Rand of Kingston.
8. ♀. Somewhat cloudy. W. SW. At John Ford's. At ye widow [Mary] Turner's in the evening. Prayed with her, who is in great affliction.
9. ♃. Cloudy, W. SW. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's Prayed with him, being of what is called the shanqury.
10. ☉. [blank]

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### April 1749.

16. ☉. Fair, W. NW. Text Rom. 1:6. Baptized Seth Briggs, son of Seth Briggs.<sup>49</sup>
17. ☽. At the funeral of a twin child of John Lincoln's.<sup>50</sup>
18. ♂. At home all day.
19. ♀. At John Ford's.
20. ♄. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's, and John Wallis's, and Deacon [Samuel] Jacob's.
21. ♀. At home.
22. ♃. At Joseph Stetson's Jr., prayed with his son John, sick of a fever.<sup>51</sup>
23. ☉. Fair, Text. Rom. 1:6. Baptized three children viz. Abigail Loring, daughter of Nathaniel Loring, and Priscilla his wife James Glover, son of Robert Glove, and Bethiah his wife. And Ursula Barker, daughter of Josiah Barker, and Sarah his wife.<sup>52</sup>
24. ☽. Fair, wind very high at South. At the funeral of John Lincoln's twin child, who died last Saturday morning about 10' o'clock.
25. ♂. Fair, went to Plympton, with my wife, lodged at our son [John] Howland's. Mr. [Rowland] Thacher of Wareham lodged there also.
26. ♀. Went from Plympton to Plymouth to assist in the installment of Mr. Jacob Bacon. Mr. [Rowland] Thacher, and Mr. [John] Howland with me. Returned and lodged at Mr. [John] Howland's, that evening.<sup>53</sup>

<sup>49</sup> Seth Briggs (1721–1801) was a shipwright who built ships on the brick kilns along the North River in Pembroke. He married Abigail Church in 1745, and their second son Seth Briggs Jr. was born 8 November 1748. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 52, 393; L. Vernon Briggs, *History of Shipbuilding on North River, Plymouth County, Massachusetts* (Boston, Mass.: Coburn Brothers, 1889), 178.

<sup>50</sup> John Lincoln Jr. was son of John and Susannah (Nichols) Lincoln. He married Content Turner in 1740. The birth of their twin children is not recorded in Pembroke vital records, but they likely died shortly after birth, since Rev. Lewis performed a funeral for the first twin on 17 April and the other twin on 24 April *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 309.

<sup>51</sup> John Stetson, b. 20 May 1730, son of Joseph Stetson Jr. and Abigail Hatch. Rev. Lewis visited Abigail on 19 May 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 193, 353.

<sup>52</sup> Ursula Barker was born in Pembroke 5 March 1749, daughter of Josiah Barker and Sarah Macomber. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 26.

<sup>53</sup> Rev. Jacob Bacon (1706–1787, Harvard 1721), installed as minister in Plymouth's Third Church. Colonial Collegians.

27. ♀. Fair, came home, with my wife. We found our tabernacle in peace. Blessed is God for it.
28. ♀. At home all day.
29. ☁. Cloudy, some rain. At Peleg Barker's. At home the greatest part of the day.
30. ☉. Text Ezekiel 2:4. In the afternoon was a shower, accompanied with some thunder and lightning, and a violent gust of wind. Contribution for Samuel Samson, of East Jersey, where 3.7s.10, old tenor, was collected. Warned the sacrament.

### May 1749.

1. ☽. Fair, cool, W. NW. At Aaron Soul's, Isaac Taylor's, and Israel Turner's.
2. ♂. Fair, cool, W. NW. At home all day.
3. ♀. Fair, at Isaac Taylor's, and Israel Turner's, and [William] Page's. Mr. [John] Howland with us.<sup>54</sup>
4. ♀. Generally fair, Mr. [John] Howland went home.
5. ☁. Cloudy and rain.
6. ☁. Cloudy and much rain, W. S.
7. ☉. Fair, W. SW. Text Psalms 78:37. It should have been sacrament day, but wine could not be had.
8. ☽. Fair, W. SW. At Samuel Taylor's. Prayed with his son, sick of the throat distemper.<sup>55</sup>
9. ♂. Fair, W. S. At Marshfield to see old Mr. [William] Carver, prayed with him. At Mr. [Samuel] Hill's, at Isaac Keen's.<sup>56</sup>
10. ♀. Fair, Mr. [Samuel] Brown at Abington with us.<sup>57</sup>
11. ♀. Fair, took an [emetic] pained and sick all day.
12. ♀. Fair, no well, all day at home.
13. ☁. Fair, somewhat better. At Mr. [Samuel] Jacob's and Capt. [Isaac] Little's.
14. ☉. Fair, much indisposed, preached from Phil. 2:7.
15. ☽. Fair at George Russell's, prayed with his sick child. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's, prayed with him.
16. ♂. Fair, at Elnathan Fishes's, prayed with his sick child. At Jonathan Crooker's.<sup>58</sup>
17. ♀. Fair. At Mr. [Samuel] Jacob's.
18. ♀. Fair, W. SW. At Peleg Barker's.
19. ♀. Fair, W.S. At Joseph Stetson's Jr. Prayed with his wife [Abigail], sick of a fever. But I hope will recover.

<sup>54</sup> William Page married Agatha Stetson 31 May 1742. His son George was baptized 30 July 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 325.

<sup>55</sup> Samuel Taylor married Elizabeth Carver in Marshfield 16 November 1721; they had several sons who may have been ill. *Vital Records of Marshfield*, 143.

<sup>56</sup> 89 year old William Carver (1659–1760). Mrs. John E. Barclay, "The Children of John<sup>2</sup> Carver of Marshfield, Mass.," *Register* 119 (April 1965): 92–94. Marshfield minister Rev. Samuel Hill (1714–1764, Harvard 1735). Colonial Collegians.

<sup>57</sup> Rev. Samuel Brown (1687–1749, Harvard 1709), minister of Abington. Colonial Collegians.

<sup>58</sup> Elnathan Fish (1716–1801). His ill child was either Elnathan (b. 1740), Thaddeus (1741), or Joseph (b. 1746). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 82, 83, 404; *Vital Records of Kingston*, 75, 76. Jonathan Crooker (1685–1757) settled the neighborhood of Pembroke that became known as Crookerville. Cross Proctor, *Images of America: Pembroke*, 51.

20. ☽ . Fair, W. S. [2 Chron.]
21. ☉ . Cloudy, cool, W. NE. Text Heb. 2:2,3.
22. ☽ . Fair. At ye funeral of Robert Samson's son [Levi], a boy of 9 years old, and one month. At Elnathan Fish's. Prayed with his sick children, being ill. Mr. [John] Howland, wife [Betty] and child [Daniel] came to Pembroke this day. All well. The first of my d[laughter Betty]'s coming since she lay in.<sup>59</sup>
23. ☽ . At home all day. Fair. Some Rain.
24. ☽ . Fair, at Joshua Baker's, Nathaniel Loring's, and Josiah Hatch's.
25. ☽ . Fair, rain. Betty went to [Aaron] Soul's.
26. ☽ . Fair. at home all day.
27. ☽ . Somewhat cloudy.
28. ☉ . Fair, W. NE. Text AM. Heb: 2:2,3. PM Heb. 12:24. Warned ye Sacrament.
29. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. E. At Mr. [Samuel] Jacob's, prayed with his wife [Susanah]. At Capt. [Isaac] Little's.
30. ☽ . Fair. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's. Prayed with him. At Mr. [Samuel] Jacob's.
31. ☽ . Fair. Hot. At Home. Dined with my wife & daughter.

### June 1749.

1. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. E. At Barnabas Ford's who is sick of a fever, but I hope will recover. Prayed with him. At Aaron Soul's.<sup>60</sup>
2. ☽ . Cloudy in ye morning, after fair. [Ezra]
3. ☽ . Cloudy, sprinkling of rain.
4. ☉ . Fair. Sacrament Day. Text AM. Rom. 12:1. PM Heb. 12:27. Brother [Isaiah] Lewis with us. Abigail Tubbs, wife of William Tubbs, taken into ye church this day.
5. ☽ . Fair, hot, Brother [Isaiah] Lewis went to Hingham. Mr. [John] Howland came from Plympton and lodged with us.
6. ☽ . Fair, hot. At. Capt. Joshua Cushing's, prayed with him.
7. ☽ . Fair, W. high at S. Went to Plympton, with Mr. [John] Howland and his wife and child. Lodged at his house. In ye night thunder, lightning at a distance in ye north, a sprinkling of rain.
8. ☽ . Fair, cool, W. NW. Returned from Plympton.
9. ☽ . Fair, read Dr. Colman's life.<sup>61</sup>
10. ☽ . Hot, a small shower, or two of rain, accompanied with moderate thunder at Deacon [Joseph] Stockbridge's, prayed with his aged father.

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<sup>59</sup> Levi Sampson, born in Duxbury 10 April 1740, was the nine year and one month old son of Robert Samson (1712–1775) who married Alice Sampson in Duxbury 19 December 1734. *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 147, 156, 301, 411. John and Betty (Lewis) Howland brought their son Daniel, born in March 1749, on his first visit to grandparents Rev. Daniel and Betty Lewis.

<sup>60</sup> Barnabas Ford (1714–1773). *Vital Records of Marshfield*, 45, 401.

<sup>61</sup> Rev. Lewis read "The Life and Character of the Reverend Benjamin Colman, D.D., Late Pastor of a Church in Boston, New England, who Deceased August 29<sup>th</sup> 1747," which was published in 1749.

- (Prayed with sister Tuels, sick).<sup>62</sup>
11. ☉ . Fair, W. NW. Text AM Epistles Jude V.6. PM Mr. Paine preached, Text 2 Cor. 4:18. Baptised Ursula Turner, daughter of John Turner. presented by ye mother. Prayed at noon with Sister Juels, who is sick).<sup>63</sup>
  12. ☽ . Fair, hot, at Capt. [Isaac] Little's, prayed at ye funeral of a negro infant which died there.<sup>64</sup>
  13. ♂ . Very hot, W. SW. Rev. Mr. [Nathaniel] Eelles to see sister [Susannah] Juels, prayed with her. Thunder winds in the NW and N. [Esther].
  14. ♀ . Fair, very hot. At Peleg Barker's, by his invitation to dine with him.
  15. ♃ . Fair, hot, fast day, on ye occasion of the drought, and the prevailing of the insects, text 2 Sam 25:1. [Job]
  16. ♀ . Fair, hot, Mr. [John] Howland and [Ezra] Carpenter with us.<sup>65</sup>
  17. ♃ . Fair, hot, at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's, and Peleg Barker's, Mr. [John] Howland with me. Went PM to Lakenham. Presents sent me this day. Capt. [Isaac] Little, quarter of veal. Comfort Bates, loin of veal. John Ford a rooting pig.
  18. ☉ . Fair, the hottest day, I think, I ever knew. Text at Lakenham Sam 21:1 very faint.
  19. ☽ . Returned from Plympton.
  20. ♂ . Fair, W. NE. Cloudy in ye morning.
  21. ♀ . Fair W. N.
  22. ♃ . Fair, hot. Daniel [Lewis Jr.] came from Brookfield.
  23. ♀ . Pleasant, rain in ye morning. PM Thunder & lightning & rain.
  24. ♃ . Fair, hot.
  25. ☉ . In ye morning some rain, PM. Fair, hot. Text 2 Pet. 2:8. Mrs. [Sarah] Cushing prayed for. Thanks returned for 3 lying in women. Prayed in the evening with Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's wife [Sarah].<sup>66</sup>

<sup>62</sup> Deacon Joseph Stockbridge Jr.'s father, Joseph Stockbridge Sr. (1672–1773), was also a deacon of the Hanover Congregational Church. *A Copy of the Records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, and of Intentions of Marriage of the Town of Hanover, Mass., 1727–1857* (Rockland, Mass.: Press of the Rockland Standard, 1898), 192; Roger D. Joslyn, "The Descendants of John Stockbridge," *Register* 134 (1980): 135–39. "Sister Tuels" was Rev. Lewis's sister Susanna (b. 1697), wife of Barnabas Tuels. *Vital Records of Hingham*, 1:39.

<sup>63</sup> Ursula, daughter of John Turner and Mary Randall, was born in Pembroke 12 April 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 214; *Vital Records of Scituate*, 2:303.

<sup>64</sup> This was probably a son of Belah, Rose, or Dinah, women enslaved by Capt. Little. In Isaac Little's will, written 15 August 1751, he bequeathed to his wife Abigail his "manservant" Aesop, to his daughter Mary (Little) Winslow his "negro woman" Belah "since given to her," to his son Isaac Little Jr. his "negro boy Saul," to his son Lemuel his "negro girl Rose," and to his minor daughter Marcy Little his "negro woman Dinah." A codicil was added 21 January 1758 which stated that the "negro girl" Dinah had died, and that in the meantime Rose had given birth to a daughter named Dinah, who was bequeathed to Marcy Little "in lieu of the other Dinah, deceased." Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 13041.

<sup>65</sup> Rev. Ezra Carpenter (1699–1785, Harvard 1720). Carpenter had been minister at Hull until he was overthrown by New Lights and dismissed in 1746. In 1749 he was a traveling minister in on the South Shore, before his installment in 1753 in Keene, N.H. Colonial Collegians.

<sup>66</sup> The three women were Mary, wife of Isaac Bonney, who gave birth to daughter Abigail 18 June; Hannah, wife of Samuel Garnet, who gave birth to daughter Hannah on 20

26. ☽ . Rain. At Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's.
27. ☽ . At home all day, not well.
28. ☽ . Cloudy, W. NE.
29. ☽ . Fair, wind west.
30. ☽ . At Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's, prayed with his wife. Hot day, and a very hot night. Joe [Nowet] came home.<sup>67</sup>

### July 1749.

1. ☽ . Fair, hot. W. SW. [Psalms]
2. ☽ . Fair, exceeding hot. Sac. day. Text AM Phil 1:21. PM Act 17:2. Baptized one man and 6 children. At. Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's. Prayed with his wife [Sarah].
3. ☽ . Generally fair, very hot. At. Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's. Prayed with his wife.
4. ☽ . Fair, moderately hot. At Deacon [Joseph] Stockbridge's. Prayed with his aged father. At Nehemiah Cushing's, prayed with his wife; who appears to be worse.
5. ☽ . Fair, hot, W. S. About noon at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's, prayed with his wife, who is still worse. Prayed with her again in the evening.
6. ☽ . A storm of rain, W. NE cool. At Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's in the evening, prayed with his wife who is growing worse.
7. ☽ . Cloudy, W.E. Rev. Mr. [Joseph] Avery of Norton dined with us. At Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's in the forenoon. Prayed with his wife. Began to Rain towards evening very plentifully. Went to Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's, prayed with his wife. Continued raining plentifully all the night, as far as I could perceive.
8. ☽ . Cloudy, hot.
9. ☽ . Fair, hot, text Job 33:17 at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's in ye evening, prayed with his wife, seems to be much worse.
10. ☽ . Remote thunder early in the morning afterwards a very plentiful rain. AM at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's prayed with his wife who is worse.
11. ☽ . Cloudy, muggy hot, W. SW at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's in the morning, prayed with his wife [Sarah] who I apprehended to be dying. She dyed about an hour after, sensible to ye last. She was in ye [blank, probably "- year of her age" that he intended to later fill in].<sup>68</sup>
12. ☽ . Went to Plymouth Court, being subpoenaed there. Very hot. Returned in the evening. Very hot went again to Plymouth. Returned to Weds night, attended ye funeral of Capt. [Nehemiah] Cushing's wife, prayed at the house.
13. ☽ . Very hot, dined at Capt. [Isaac] Little's.
14. ☽ . Very hot, went to Plymouth, returned ye same day, much indisposed.
15. ☽ . Somewhat cloudy, hot, W. S. Still not well.

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June; and Ann, wife of Isaac Hatch Jr., who gave birth to son Clift on 23 June 1749. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 38, 95, 101.

<sup>67</sup> Joseph Nowet, a Mattakeeset Indian indentured servant in Rev. Lewis's family.

<sup>68</sup> Sarah Nichols (1688–1749), wife of Capt. Nehemiah Cushing Sr. (1689–1774).

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16. ☉. Fair, hot, Some thunder and rain the forenoon. Text AM Joh 13:36. PM Eccles. 7:2. Baptized 3 children, viz. Elizabeth Pearse, d. of Nehemiah Pearse; Henry Munroe, son of Henry Munroe and Nye Keen, son of Levi Keen.<sup>69</sup>
17. ☽. Fair, hot, at Peleg Barker's, and Elijah Cushing's.
18. ♂<sup>1</sup>. Fair, hot.
19. ♀. At Capt. Benjamin Turner's, Ebenezer Hatch's, I prayed with him being sick; at Isaac Taylor's, at Israel Turner's; prayed with John Poland, sick at his house.<sup>70</sup>
20. ☿. Cloudy, rain. At home all day only went in the morning to Elijah Cushing's & Peleg Barker's.
21. ♀. Fair, hot. At home all day. Two men from Duxborough, viz Micah Soul, and Samuel Weston, both members of the church in said town, came to advise with me, to whom I gave the best direction I could think of; and drew a short poem for them to deliver to their pastor. I hope I aimed only at the Glory of God and peace with Holyness in what I did, and the Lord grant that these pray the effects thereof. Amen.<sup>71</sup>
22. ♁. Fair, hot. At the funeral of John Poland, who died yesterday at the house of Mr. Israel Turner, where he had been at work for ye family, as a shoemaker, for about a week before. He died (as the Dr. said of a pluritch fever) in the 47 year of his age. He was sensible to the last, and died praying. He came to us from Marshfield; having no settled habitation.<sup>72</sup>
23. ☉. Hot, in ye afternoon remote thunder in NW and N. My son's children all ill of the throat distemper, were prayed for in public. The Lord be their Healer. Help Lord, else all Humane help will be in vain. Read to the Church two Letters of Dismission from our Church; the first of John Pratt to Mr. Hitchcock's church in Pembroke, the second of Mary [Taylor?] to the 3d Church in Rochester, which were both voted by the Church, and accordingly they were dismiss. Text preached upon was from Rom. 12:21. Baptized Betty Perry, daughter of Samuel Perry.<sup>73</sup>
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<sup>69</sup> Elizabeth, daughter of Nehemiah and Abigail (Hanks) Pearse/Pierce. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 326. Henry Munroe Jr., born 11 June 1749, son of Henry Munroe (1715–1794) and Hannah Josselyn (1719–1759). *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 154, 321; Joan Sheridan Guilford McGuire, *The Munroe book: being the history of the Munro clan from its origins in Scotland to settlement in New England and migration to the West, 1652–1850 and beyond* (J.S. Guilford, 1993), 279. Nye Keen was born in Pembroke 13 June 1749, son of Levi Keen. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 131.

<sup>70</sup> Ebenezer Hatch (1721–1756) married in Pembroke 14 November 1744, Sarah Turner, daughter of Capt. Benjamin Turner. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 285, 411; *Vital Records of Scituate*, 382.

<sup>71</sup> Micah Soul (1711–1778). *Vital Records of Duxbury*, 164, 422. Samuel Weston (1690–1751). *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 16 John Alden*, 186–87.

<sup>72</sup> John Poland (1702–1749) married Thankful (Sherman) Atkins (descendant of William White) in Marshfield 26 May 1726. *Vital Records of Plymouth*, 1:31; *Vital Records of Marshfield*, 143, 145; *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Volume 13 William White*, 59–60.

<sup>73</sup> John Pratt of Pembroke married Sarah Peirce of Bridgewater the following year. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 332. Betty, daughter of Samuel Perry (1701–1781) and Eunice

24. ☽ . Fair, hot. Mr. [Nathaniel] Eelles and his two messengers called this morning to see us; they were going to Mr. [Thomas] West's ordination at Rochester. Towards evening I went to see Joshua Cushing, Esq. who is an aged gentleman, and seems near to the end of his pilgrimage here on earth. Prayed with him. My son's children, are all but one in doubtful circumstances. We are waiting to see what the will of God is concerning them and us. The Lord fit us and them for it, whatever it may be. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's prayed with him.<sup>74</sup>
25. ☽ . A plentiful moderate and pleasant rain this day; for which great thankfulness is due to God, who is the Father of the Rain. Our sick children seem not to be worse but rather better, to God be Glory. Wrote a letter to Mrs. [Susannah] Jacob, who is and has been so for many more months past.
26. ☽ . Cloudy, muggy hot weather, wind. Some rain and thunder in the afternoon. At Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's. My son's children seem to be all better, but his wife is ill of the same malady and appears to be somewhat dangerous.
27. ☽ . Not very hot. Several small showers, accompanied with moderate thunder. All my grandchildren seem to be somewhat better. In the evening at Capt. Joshua Cushing's. Prayed with him. He is in very much pain.
28. ☽ . Not very well, at Capt. Joshua Cushing's.
29. ☽ . Fair, hot, at Capt. Joshua Cushing's. Prayed with him. At Deacon [Samuel] Jacob's. My grandchildren much as they were.
30. ☽ . Fair, comfortable, text John 12:28. Capt. Joshua Cushing's prayed for Hannah Jennings, wife of Isaac Jennings, prayed for on ye account of the death of her brother Cornelius Nye, M.A., who died at Hingham. Thanks returned for the safe deliverance of David Darling's wife in child bearing; also for the recovery of Josiah Hatch's wife; baptized George Page, son of William Page. Warned the sacrament.<sup>75</sup>
31. ☽ . A small shower PM Brother Isaiah Lewis to see me, and his daughter [Hannah]. At Joshua Cushing's Esq., prayed with him, who I think will not continue long. This day I heard of the death of two ministers, viz., Mr. Henry Rust of Stratham, my classmate; and Mr. John Warren of Wenham, in the midst of their days.<sup>76</sup>

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Witherell (1713–1795), who married in 1734. *Vital Records of Hanover*, 116; *Vital Records of Scituate*, 1:406; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 163, 437.

<sup>74</sup> Rev. Thomas West (1708–1790), minister of the First Congregational Church in Rochester. Colonial Collegians.

<sup>75</sup> Hannah Nye married Isaac Jennings in Sandwich 26 September 1723. Her brother Cornelius Nye of Hingham ran Nye Tavern, where Rev. Lewis had previously lodged. *Vital Records of Sandwich*, 1:184. Mercy Redding (1708–1779) married Josiah Hatch in Middleboro 12 November 1730. *Vital Records of Middleborough*, 15, 47; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 412.

<sup>76</sup> Stratham, N.H. minister Rev. Henry Rust (1686–1749, Harvard 1707). Colonial Collegians. Wenham minister Rev. John Warren (1704–1749, Harvard 1725). Colonial Collegians.

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**August 1749.**<sup>77</sup>

1. ♂. Fair, hot. At Peleg Barker's. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's. Prayed with him. He is under great affliction.
2. ♀. Fair, at home all day.
3. ☿. Somewhat cloudy. Remote thunder in ye SW about noon. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's prayed with him, who seems not worse. PM a small shower. At Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's in the evening.
4. ♀. Cloudy, W. NE At Capt. Joshua Cushing's, but had no discourse with him, he being asleep. This day, Hannah Cushing, (daughter of Theophilus Cushing, formerly of Pembroke, now at Plympton) appeared to be dangerously ill of the throat distemper (as tis now called). She was taken with it the last Lord's day, but with symptoms so favorable that she was not thought to be in danger till this day. I fear she will not recover. Her father was today sent for, her mother [Hannah (White) Cushing] being with her sometime before. She had been with us some weeks upon a visit, and seemed very well, till the last Sabbath. The Lord prepare the sorrowful parents for his Holy Will. We are in great distress and trouble, yet must say, as in Nehemiah 9:33.<sup>78</sup>
5. ♃. Cloudy, some rain. Hannah Cushing seems to be somewhat revived, so far as to give us some faint hope of her recovery. The Lord preserve her health in his own time and way. Amen.
6. ☉. Sac. day. Text AM. Zech 7:6. Mr. B's Confession was read, and accepted. PM Text Rom. 12:12. Theophilus Cushing's daughter [Hannah] prayed for. She seems to be worse. My hopes, concerning her recovery are much damaged again. [Proverbs]
7. ☽. Fair. Mr. [John] Howland to see us. Went with me to visit Joshua Cushing Esq. He prayed with him; and I also. At our return home I heard of a very sad accident, viz. the death of John Ransome of Hanover, who this day going homeward with a load of hay, was suddenly killed, by the cartwheels running over his head.<sup>79</sup>
8. ♂. Fair, very hot. At the funeral of John Ransome, at his house in Hanover. Prayed at the house. A long funeral. He was buried at Pembroke, where he had served his apprenticeship, and lived some years after marriage. Perhaps he might be about 30 years of age. Hannah Cushing was this day in very uncomfortable circumstances. Perhaps it might be in some measure occasioned by her taking phisick, but I hope as to the main, she is better, and that she will recover.
9. ♀. Cloudy all day. At home all day. Hannah Cushing, not so bad as yesterday. I hope she will recover.

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<sup>77</sup> Printed almanac page for the month of August 1749. Hand drawn skull by the entry for 7 August, representing the death of John Ransom.

<sup>78</sup> Hannah Cushing was b. 29 April 1744. Rev. Lewis may have inadvertently passed the illness onto the visiting young Hannah when he was attended to his sick grandchildren, the children of Daniel Lewis Jr. Hannah survived her illness. *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 73.

<sup>79</sup> John Ransom married Desire Bishop in Kingston 11 October 1742. Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 16465; *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 336; *Vital Records of Kingston*, 266.

10. ♀. Cloudy. Theophilus Cushing at my house in ye evening.
11. ♀. Fair, one Reed of Abington brought me a letter from the pastor [Rev. Samuel Brown] &c. there, to go to an Ecclesiastical Council, on Aug. 22d.
12. ♀. Fair, W. W. At home all day.
13. ☉. Fair, generally. Text AM. Job 34:20. In a moment shall they die. PM John 11:9,10.
14. ☽. At home, chiefly, in ye evening at Capt. Nehemiah Cushing's.
15. ♂. Fair, at home all day.
16. ♀. Fair, at home.
17. ♀. Fair, at home. Grannie Glasco gave me 10 s. in cash.<sup>80</sup>
18. ♀. Fair. At Capt. Joshua Cushing's, prayed with him. Dined at Peleg Barker's, my wife &c.
19. ♀. Fair, pleasant. Dr. [Ichabod] Richmond of Little Compton to see us and Nathaniel Loring with him.<sup>81</sup>
20. ☉. Fair, text AM Joh. 55:9, 10. PM Mat. 6:19,20,21. Baptized James White Cushing, son of Theophilus Cushing and Hannah his wife, of Plympton. Read ye proclamation for ye Public Thanksgiving and Aaron Bisbe's request for a contribution, to be on ye 24<sup>th</sup> current, also Micah Soul's and Samuel Weston's letter of demission from the church of Duxborough to the first church in Pembroke to be acted upon the next Sabbath.<sup>82</sup>
21. ☽. Fair, warm. Theophilus Cushing, his wife [Hannah] and 2 children [Hannah and James], went home. [Isaiah]
22. ♂. Fair, at home all day.
23. ♀. At home all day in my study.

<sup>80</sup> Jane/Jean alias Sarah (Boyce) Glasco. On 27 March 1711, Charles Turner of Scituate brought Sarah Boyce of Scituate "in a helpless condition, big with child" to Boston, where she was warned out the following day, and removed by Boston selectman back to Scituate in April 1711, where she had an illegitimate child. Her race is not mentioned, perhaps she was a white domestic servant in the Turner household. She was later whipped by Plymouth officials for having two bastard mulatto children: one with "Squire, a negro man" in 1716 and a child by "Richard, a Negro of Marshfield" in 1722. She settled in Pembroke, and likely at some point had another child with Glasco, a negro enslaved by Widow Lydia (Gray) Loring of Plympton prior to 1738, Theophilus Cushing of Hingham in 1738, and Deacon George King of Scituate (now Norwell) in 1740. She died in Pembroke in 1752, and her "mulatto" son Joseph Boyce served as administrator to her Pembroke estate in which she was listed as Jane/Jean Boyce and Jane/Jean Glasco. She was a grandmother to Joseph and Mary Boyce's children Mary (b. Pembroke 25 October 1746) and Elisha. Jean Glasco probate (1752), Plymouth Co., Mass. Probate Records, docket 8555.

<sup>81</sup> Dr. Ichabod Richmond (1704–1762, a descendant of John Alden) was a step-uncle to Nathaniel Loring, and married Abigail Ford in Pembroke in 1757. *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 16 John Alden Part II*, 23–24; "Marriages Solemnized in Pembroke, Mass., by the Rev. Thomas Smith, 1755–1787," *Register* 31 (1877): 70.

<sup>82</sup> *Vital Records of Pembroke*, 73 lists the birthdate of James White Cushing, son of Theophilus and Hannah (White) Cushing, as 19 November 1750, likely in error unless the first James White Cushing died following this baptism and another was born shortly thereafter. Aaron Bisbee (1700–1753). *Vital Records of Scituate*, 1:34; Plymouth County, Mass. Probate Records, docket no. 2018.

24. ♃. Thanksgiving day, for rain. Text Psalms 87:1,2.
25. ♀. Very hot, remote thunder in ye north, John Bonney gave me ½ barrel of white cider
26. ♁. Drizzly, wet weather. W. NE.
27. ☉. Somewhat cloudy. Text Psalms 119:8. At night gave lecture to the congregation that the contribution appointed to be on Thanksgiving day was deferred to ye 30<sup>th</sup> of September. It was also voted, that Michah Soul, and Samuel Weston, members of the church of Duxborough should have the privilege of communion with us, occasionally. And two messengers were elected to represent the church of Pembroke at the Council to be held at Abington on the 29<sup>th</sup> current. The Sacrament was forgot to be warned.
28. ☽. At George Russell's; Deacon [Samuel] Jacob's went with me. Russell's wife [Hannah] gave me 9 watermelons, squash and corn.
29. ♂. Cloudy, drizzly weather all day. W. E. At John Ford's, and Mr. [Thomas] Burton's. Molle Ford sent us a neat tongue, and a piece of pork. Capt. [Isaac] Little's wife [Abigail], a leg of lamb.

#### Deaths A. D. 1749

1. Josiah Bishop, dyed of a fever Feb. the first, in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He was my near neighbor.
2. Peleg Smith, died of a fever Feb. the 8<sup>th</sup> aged 22 years, and 3 days. He came ill from Scituate, and died at Isaac Wadsworth's, where his brother lived<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>83</sup> Peleg Smith (1727–1749), son of Joseph and Rachel (Randall) Smith. One of Peleg Smith's brothers lived and worked for Isaac Wadsworth at the time of his death: Joseph (b. 1720), Isaac (b. 1722), Israel (b. 1723) Abial (b. 1725), Levi (b. 1729), and Joshua (bp. 1734). *Vital Records of Hanover*, 1:10; *Vital Records of Scituate*, 1:324, 2:261.