

Stillbirths and Miscarriages in the Diaries of Ebenezer and Breck Parkman

by Ross W. Beales, Jr.
(rev. September 6, 2021)

This table provides information about thirty-one stillbirths and miscarriages that are recorded in the diaries of Ebenezer Parkman and Breck Parkman¹ and in the Westborough vital records. (Only two stillbirths appear in the vital records, one of which was recorded in Ebenezer Parkman's diary.²)

Stillbirths appear to have been rarely noted in vital records. In towns near Westborough, there were none in Northborough; two recorded stillbirths in Southborough; two in Upton; two in Shrewsbury; seven in Hopkinton; and seven in Marlborough – most before the nineteenth century. By contrast, in Grafton, ten stillbirths were recorded in the 1840s.

Most of the stillbirths were unnamed, although in several cases parents did name the child: in Southborough, Nathan, the stillborn son of Nathan Bridges; in Upton, Huldah, the stillborn daughter of Thomas and Elisabeth Forbush; and in Shrewsbury, Appleton, the stillborn son of John and Abigail Richerson, and Benjamin, the stillborn son of Joshua and Sarah Smith.

Abbreviations:

NVR: Vital Records of Northborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1850 (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1901).

MVR: Vital Records of Marlborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Price, 1908).

WVR: Vital Records of Westborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849 (Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1903).

Diary entries in the “Notes” are from the diary of Ebenezer Parkman (unless noted as “BP”: from Breck Parkman's diary).

Mother's Name	Date of Stillbirth	Mother's Age	Notes
Tomlin, Martha (wife of Isaac, Jr.)	1722-01-21	23 ³	1725 November 15 (Monday). I was call'd out to see Mrs. Tomlin who was in Travail and in terrible Fits. She continued in them in a very awfull and Ghastly manner. The Infant was Dead at the Birth. 1725 November 16 (Tuesday). Mrs. Tomlin dy'd, a Sore

¹Although incomplete, the diaries cover many of the years through 1802, the last extant year of Breck Parkman's diary. The American Antiquarian Society (AAS) and the Massachusetts Historical Society hold the extant portions of Ebenezer Parkman's diary, while AAS holds Breck Parkman's diary. For the extant years and locations of Ebenezer Parkman's diary, see <http://diary.ebenezerparkman.org/#Location>.

²Ebenezer Parkman did not record the stillborn son of Abigail and Zebulun Rice, Sept. __, 1754 (*WVR*, 90).

³Martha, dau. Thomas and Record Newton, b. June 1, 1699 (*MVR*, 139); m. Isaac Tomlin, Jr., Sept. 20, 1721 (*ibid.*, 291); d. Jan. 21, 1722, “in 24th year” (*WVR*, 254).

			Trial to the Young Man, Who in such a mann'r Lost his First wife and Child.
Tomlin, Mary (wife of Isaac, Jr.)	1725-11-16	[21?] ⁴	1725 November 15 (Monday). I was call'd out to see Mrs. Tomlin who was in Travail and in terrible Fits. She continued in them in a very awfull and Ghastly manner. The Infant was Dead at the Birth. 1725 November 16 (Tuesday). Mrs. Tomlin dy'd, a Sore Trial to the Young Man, Who in such a mann'r Lost his First wife and Child.
Parkman, _____, child of Ebenezer & Hannah (Breck) Parkman	1738-02-20	22 ⁵	Miscarriage 1738 February 20 (Monday). Late home and Cold. My wife had a very ill turn, and had been very ill for Two Dayes. Keeps her Chamber. Abort, ⁶ etc., etc. 1738 February 21 (Tuesday). My wife keeps Chamber. 1738 February 22 (Wednesday). Mr. Maynard and Sister Hicks were kind in visiting my wife. 1738 February 28 (Tuesday). My Spouse first got down stairs after her illness.
Fay, Hannah (wife of Silas)	1738-07-31	? ⁷	1738 August 2. P.M. I rode over to the North Side of the Town and visited Seven Familys, particularly Silas Fay who buried a Still born child yesterday.
Forbush, Sarah (wife of Samuel)	1738-08-10	?	1738 August 11 (Friday). Captain Forbush Sent for me to the Funeral of his Infant (Still born) and both my Wife and I went to the House but not to the grave because of the Hurry and Urgency of my Business at Home.
Parkman, Hannah (wife of Ebenezer)	1739-12-25	23 ⁸	1739 December 25 (Tuesday). My Wife had been not well in the Night -- continued ill at Times with Travail pains most of the Day, yet kept up, and din'd with us. I sent for Mrs. Clark of Shrewsbury but she was not at Home. I sent for Mrs. Forbush and she came. Sister Hicks also was sent for and her Husband with her again about 10 o'Clock at Night to get us more help. About 12 (although she had gone

⁴Mary Jonson m. Isaac Tomlin, Jr., Feb. 9, 1724 (*WVR*, 174). Two Mary Johnsons were born in Marlborough and were in the age range to have married Isaac Tomlin, Jr.: Mary, dau. of William and Hannah, b. Dec. 4, 1696, and Mary, dau. of Jonathan Jr. and Mary, b. Oct. 2, 1704 (*MVR*, 117). I have assumed that the latter married Tomlin.

⁵Hannah, dau. Rev. Robert and Elizabeth Breck, b. Feb. 10, 1716 (*MVR*, 34); m. Ebenezer Parkman, Sept. 1, 1737, in Boston (*WVR*, 128).

⁶Old usage for an untimely birth or miscarriage (Walett note).

⁷Hannah Billing of Concord m. Silas Fay, Feb. 21, 1737 (*WVR*, 124).

⁸Hannah, dau. Rev. Robert and Elizabeth Breck, b. Feb. 10, 1716 (*MVR*, 34); m. Ebenezer Parkman, Sept. 1, 1737, in Boston (*WVR*, 128).

			<p>but about 5 Months) She was deliver'd of a tender, lifeless, Male Child, The Measure of which was 13 1/2 Inches long. Immature for Birth, Yet with all its part perfect. See Ps. 139 (Tate and Bradys Version) 10.13.15.16. But my wife through the great Goodness and Mercy of God in an hopeful State.</p> <p>1739 December 26 (Wednesday). I improv'd Ebenezer Maynard to Digg a Grave for the Stillborn, little Babe and Brother Hicks made a Coffin, but did not Colour it. Mrs. Forbush tarried with us.... I Sent over to Mrs. Rice (widow) to come and Nurse my Wife, but she sent back word that she could not come. Granny Forbush therefore tarrys. The Deacon came in the Evening, and we improv'd him to bury the Infant.</p>
Stone, Mary (wife of Daniel)	1740-12-01	? ⁹	1740 December 2 (Tuesday). A.M. I went over to the Funeral of the widow Tomlins Child, and p.m. to the Funeral of Deacon Newtons Child both of which dy'd of the Throat Distemper. A Third Grave was open'd this Day, Scil. for a Still born Infant of Daniel Stone.
Fay, Hannah (wife of Silas)	1744-04-08	? ¹⁰	1744 April 9 (Monday). P.M. my wife and I rode to the Burial of Silas Fays dead born Infant. N.B. at the Grave some Such Questions were ask'd me by Mr. Fay by which I came to understand that his Brother Timothy held the odd opinion that an unborn Child had not a rational immortal soul and that he had been thus minded several Year.
Abimaleck, Deborah	1746-12-__		1746 December 29 (Monday). Din'd with Mrs. Beamans after which Abimaleck (Indian) his Daughter Deborah having a Child Dead in their Wigwam and having desir'd Mr. Jonah Warrin to Send for me, I went to them, pray'd in the Wigwam and went to the Grave. I gave them Severe Admonitions and Earnest Exhortations.
Rice, Abigail (wife of Zebulun)	1754-09-__	36 ¹¹	Son, "Still born," <i>WVR</i> , 90.
Rice, Sarah (wife of Elijah), "who now live within Upton Bounds"	1755-09-27	35 ¹²	1755 September 27 (Saturday). Call'd away at Night to visit Elijah Rice's Wife (who now live within Upton Bounds). She had been deliver'd of one Child, which was living; but there was another of which She could not be

⁹Mary Wood m. Daniel Stone, May 11, 1726, or Jan. 11, 1725 (*Vital Records of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to the Year 1849* [Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1911], 393).

¹⁰Hannah Billing of Concord m. Silas Fay, Feb. 21, 1737 (*WVR*, 124).

¹¹Abigail, dau. Jonathan and Hannah Forbush, b. at Sutton, Feb. 17, 1718 (*MVR*, 73); m. Zebulun Rice, Jan. 27, 1737 (*WVR*, 201).

¹²Sarah, dau. Daniel and Martha Shattuck, b. Aug. 8, 1720 (Worcester births in *Collections of the Worcester Society of Antiquity*, 12 [1894], 230); m. Elijah Rice, May 24, 1744 (*WVR*, 205)

			deliver'd. They had Mrs. Forbush and Mrs. Clark -- and had Sent to Dr. Greenleaf.
Tainter, Hannah (wife of Benjamin)	1759-09-02	34 ¹³	1759 September 3 (Monday). P.M. Cousen Nabby rode with me in the Chair to the burying of an infant Child of Mr. Benjamin Tainter -- which was Still-born.
Hardy, Jemimah (wife of Constantine)	1766-02-10	28 ¹⁴	1766 February 11 (Tuesday). Mr. Constantine Hardy acquaints me his Wife last Eve had very perillous Travel and the Infant is Dead.
Chamberlin, Esther (wife of Ebenezer, Jr.)	1767-05-15	20 ¹⁵	1767 May 15 (Friday). Am sent for to go to Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlins junior -- his Wife being in Travail and can't be delivered -- went -- found she was delivered but the Child dead. Prayed. Dr. Ball accompanied me back.
Tainter, Hannah (wife of Benjamin)	1767-06-__	42	1767 June 9 (Tuesday). Attend the Burying of Mr. B. Tainter's premature Infant.
Whipple, Sarah (wife of Edwards)	1768-09-17	42 ¹⁶	1768 September 19 (Monday). A.M. attended the Funeral of Mr. Whipples dead born Infant, and visit Mr. Joseph Grouts Sick Child. "Still born child": WVR, 106.
Fay, Joanna (wife of Jonathan)	1770-02-01	39 ¹⁷	1770 February 1 (Thursday). Capt. <i>Jonathan Fay</i> here to acquaint me with the Distresses of his Wife, and that the Infant born is dead. They desire I would be with them tomorrow at the burying of it.
Gleason, Azuba (wife of Phinehas)	1770-04-19	?	1770 April 19 (Thursday). Went a.m. to See Mrs. <i>Gleason</i> who is extremely low. She has been delivered and the Child is dead. Could converse very little with her. Prayed with her. She looks almost like a Corps already. I dined there. 1770 April 20 (Friday). Hear that Mrs. <i>Gleason</i> dyed last night, whereas I was otherwise to have attended the Funerall of her infant Child.
Rice, Eunice (wife)	1770-09-21		1770 June 10 (Sunday). We have very Sorrowfull News, of

¹³Hannah, dau. Josiah and Hannah Wood, b. July 23, 1725 (Francis Olcott Allen, ed., *The History of Enfield, Connecticut* [Lancaster, Pennsylvania: The Wickersham Printing Co., 1900], 2: 1608); m. Benjamin Tainter, Oct. 11, 1750 (<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Wood-26623>).

¹⁴Jemima, dau. Silas and Mindwell Brigham, b. Mar. 23, 1737 (*WVR*, 26); int. Constantine Hardy, Jan. 15, 1763 (*Vital Records of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 1904], 132).

¹⁵Esther, dau. Benjamin and Martha Fay, b. Nov. 30, 1746; mar. Ebenezer Chamberlain, Jr., Apr. 10, 1766 (*WVR*, 39, 148).

¹⁶Sarah, dau. Jonathan and Sarah Green, b. Dec. 24, 1725 (*Vital Records of Groton, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1926], 102); m. Edwards Whipple, Dec. 14, 1743 (*WVR*, 162). They had seven children between 1744 and 1764.

¹⁷Joanna, dau. Ebenezer and Mary Phillips, b. May 17, 1729 (*Vital Records of Stoneham, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1918], 55); m. Jonathan Fay, June 25, 1746 (*Vital Records of Southborough, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [Worcester, MA: Franklin P. Rice, 103], 135).

of Joseph)			<p>the grievous Fall and Elopement of Mrs. <i>Eunice</i> Rice (Wife of <i>Joseph</i> Rice)....</p> <p>1770 July 11 (Wednesday). Mrs. <i>Eunice</i> Rice, wife of Mr. <i>Joseph</i> Rice, it is reported Commonly, and upon strong grounds feared, has fallen into a great sin: she sojourns at Deacon Wood's. I went to see her, to talk with her. I brought to her mind how I had several Times warned her against living in so dangerous a manner as theirs was, who being in a sort Single persons, would be greatly exposed to Temptations. She owned it was so. She said she was sorry there was So much Occasion for my coming to See her at this Time. Added that She hoped after a while to give satisfaction to us all. Upon which I asked her whether She would then have me doubt, or call in Question whether she was guilty or no? She replied that she did neither own nor deny. After dealing plainly with her, exhorting, Cautioning her, and defending my Visiting her (which she said She did not in any wise take in ill part) I wished her the Grace of God and took leave.</p> <p>1770 August 30 (Thursday). Mrs. <i>Eunice</i> Rice in Travail Pains: Mrs. P _____ is Sent for, and is gone all Night.</p> <p>1770 September 21 (Friday). ...I heard that Mrs. <i>Eunice</i> Rice was brought to bed with a dead Child.</p>
Maynard, Lucy (wife of Nathan)	1773-02-24	43 ¹⁸	<p>1773 February 9 (Tuesday). Visited Mr. <i>Nathan</i> Maynards Wife who is very ill, and in peculiarly distressing Circumstances. Discoursed and prayed with her.</p> <p>1773 February 15 (Monday). Visit and pray with Mrs. <i>Lucy</i> Maynard.</p> <p>1773 February 24 (Wednesday). Mr. <i>Nathan</i> Maynards wife has been delivered of a dead child. I visited and prayed with her. Exhorted the Children etc. at her Desire.</p> <p>1773 May 10 (Monday). Visit Mrs. <i>Maynard</i> again who lyes in a very low and distressed Condition yet -- discoursed and prayed with her. May I Suitably consider who makes me to differ!</p>

¹⁸Luci Whipple, dau. Francis and Abigail Whipple, b. Jan. 1, 1730 (*WVR*, 106); m. Moses Pratt of Hardwick, Nov. 10, 1747 (*ibid.*, 218). Moses Pratt d. Dec. __, 1748 (*Vital Records of Hardwick, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston, 1917], 316). Lucy (Whipple) Pratt m. Nathan Maynard, Jan. 1, 1751 (*WVR*, 198). Lucy and Nathan Maynard had five children, 1751-1767 (*WVR*, 71-72).

			1773 May 18 (Tuesday). Mrs. Lucy Maynard (wife of Mr. Nathan Maynard) after 13 years Suffering of Pain and illness, and in the 45th Year of her Age, dies, about noon, hopefully in Christ. A Pattern of Patience and Meekness. May God sanctifie this Breach!
Wood, Susanna (wife of William)	1773-07-__	? ¹⁹	1773 July 29 (Thursday). To <i>Southborough</i> and dined at Mr. <i>Stones</i>In returning call in to See Mr. William <i>Wood's</i> Wife who was lately delivered of a Child which dyed at its Entrance into the World. 1773 July 30 (Friday). Attend my studys as I can; but am obliged to attend the Solemnity of burying Mr. <i>William Woods</i> Child, though about 3 Mile off, and prayed there.
Parkman, Susanna (wife of Breck)	1777-07-27	23 ²⁰	1777 July 27 (Sunday). <i>Suse</i> was so afflicted and impressed that She had an ill Night, and this morning fell into Travail. Dr. <i>Hawes</i> deliver'd her at about 20 minutes after 8 o'clock in the Morning, of a Male Child, <i>premature</i> . 1777 July 28 (Monday). In the morning Mr. <i>Paul Lambson</i> prepared a Coffin, dugg a Grave; and we interred the <i>Abortion</i> . 1777 August 4 (Monday). Mr. <i>Jonathan Batherick</i> here and perswades <i>Suse</i> to take his Infant of a fortnight old, to <i>Suckle</i> it: and p.m. it is brought, Mrs. <i>Batheric</i> being very low.
Ball, Lucy (wife of Benjamin)	1778-04-06	? ²¹	1778 April 7 (Tuesday). I rode to Mr. <i>B. Balls</i> solemnizing the Burying of his New born, but Dead Child; and prayed there.
Broad, Rhoda, wife of William of Shrewsbury	1778-09-03	23 ²²	1778 August 8 (Saturday). I rode to <i>Shrewsbury</i> -- called at the Door of Mr. <i>Ebenezer Garfield</i> to see Mr. <i>Broad</i> and prayed with him. Mr. <i>Broad</i> was under a terrible <i>Haemorrhage</i> : had bled at the Nose from yesterday forenoon without ceasing; and was still dropping. 1778 August 10 (Monday). Lit also at Mr. <i>Jos. Knowltons</i>

¹⁹Susanna How of Middleton int. William Wood, Apr. 4, 1759 (*WVR*, 223). She died Mar. 6, 1786 (*WVR*, 258). Her birth and marriage are not in the *Vital Records of Middleton, Massachusetts to the End of the Year 1749* (Topsfield, Mass.: Topsfield Historical Society, 1904).

²⁰Susanna, dau. Levi and Susanah Brigham, b. Jan. 21, 1754 (*WVR*, 28); m. Breck Parkman, Jan. 9, 1777 (*NVR*, 82).

²¹Lucy Belknap m. Benjamin Ball, May 2, 1777 (*WVR*, 122). He died in Westborough, July 1795; she at St. Albans, VT, Aug. 15, 1810. Her date and place of birth are yet to be determined.

(<https://www.newenglandballproject.com/g0/p218.htm#i5448>).

²²Rhoda, dau. Theodore and Lois Harding, b. Apr. 29, 1755 (*Vital Records of Medway, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston: New-England Historic-Genealogical Society, 1905], 71); m. Billy Broad, Sept. 10, 1777 (ibid., 203). Billy, s. Thaddeus and Eunice Broad, b. Sept. 25, 1753 (ibid., 26).

			<p>whose Wife is much better -- was at Mr. <i>Gershom Brigham</i>s -- but especially I hastened to Mr. <i>Broad</i>, who though alive, yet is very low. The Bleeding has Stopped; but is now dropping. I pityed, instructed, prayed with him -- hastened Mr. <i>Rider</i> (who lives there) for Dr. Ball. When I got home, Mrs. P_____ inclined to go to him.</p> <p>1778 August 12 (Wednesday). P.M. I rode over to see Mr. <i>Broad</i>, who (Thanks to God!) is more comfor[table?] does not bleed as heretofore. Discoursed and [prayed with him?] left him with my [<i>illegible</i>] to improve [<i>illegible</i>] Life to the divine Glory.</p> <p>1778 August 24 (Monday). Visit and pray with Mr. <i>Broad</i>, who bleeds at times and is very weak and feeble.</p> <p>1778 September 1 (Tuesday). Mr. <i>Rider</i> came in the Morning to acquaint me that last night Mr. <i>William Broad</i> expired. A sad Loss, being a man much esteemed. May God be gracious to his very mournful Widow, near her time!</p> <p>1778 September 2 (Wednesday). At 9 a.m. attend, and pray at, the Funeral of Mr. <i>Broad</i>. Aets. 25. N.B. His Mournful Widow falls into Travel. The women are with her, and Dr. <i>Ball</i> is come.</p> <p>1778 September 3 (Thursday). Mrs. <i>Broad</i>, I understand, has been delivered of a son, but it was dead -- and to day it is buried; I attended and prayed.</p>
Forbes, Lucy (wife of Eli) of Gloucester	1780-06	? ²³	<p>1780 June 9 (Friday). But the sorrowful news is from the Harbour of Cape Anne, that Mrs. Forbes departed on Monday night last, in Child bed. She had been delivered of a Dead Child about two Hours before. A sad loss to my poor Son-in-law! The Lord sustain him! and pity the Motherless Children, for there are pritty many of them -- hope they will all find Mercy!</p> <p>1780 June 21 (Wednesday). Rec[eiv]ed a letter from my Son Forbes dated the 6th containing an account of his Wife's Death. I undertook to write him an answer to it....</p>
Maynard, Molly (wife of Reuben)	1781-11-29	23 ²⁴	<p>1781 June 1 (Friday). I rode up to <i>Reuben Maynards</i> to See his Wife who is very low -- trouble in her Mind about her</p>

²³After the death of his first wife, Mary (or Molly Parkman), Eli Forbes mar., Sept. 15, 1776, "the Widow [Lucy] Saunders, where he once boarded" (Diary of Ebenezer Parkman, Sept. 17, 1776; *Vital Records of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849* [2 vols.; Salem, Mass.: The Essex Institute, 1923], 2: 212).

²⁴Molly Garfield m. Reuben Maynard, Feb. 15, 1776 (*WVR*, 158); d. Nov. 25, 1832 (*ibid.*, 247), a. 73.

			<p>Guilt (which She confesses) impresses her Body, most probably. Prayed with her.</p> <p>1781 June 7 (Thursday). I was under So much Indisposition that I could not ride abroad, either to visit the mournful Family at <i>Southborough</i> or Mr. <i>Reuben Maynards</i> Wife.</p> <p>1781 November 29 (Thursday). Mr. Thomas <i>Whitney</i> came to acquaint me that Mr. <i>Reuben Maynards</i> wife is delivered of Twins, that one is dead, and desire my Assistance in burying it tomorrow.</p> <p>1781 November 30 (Friday). P.M. to Mr. <i>R. Maynards</i> and stood between the Living and the dead, to pray with the few that were there.</p>
Hardy, Rachel (wife of Samuel)	1782-01-28	43 ²⁵	1782 January 28 (Monday). Memorandum. Deacon <i>Hawes</i> has been here to inform that Mr. Samuel Hardys wife is delivered of a Dead Child and would have me attend the Funeral tomorrow at one O'Clock. After which Mr. <i>Andrews</i> was here upon the sorrowful Errand that his Daughter <i>Bettys</i> Infant is dead, and ask me to the Burial.
Batherick, Abigail (wife of Jonathan)	1782-10-16	? ²⁶	[1782 October 17 (Thursday).] I attended the burying of Mr. <i>Jonathan Batherick's</i> Infant: still-born.
Parkman, Susanna (wife of Breck)	1783-06-17	29 ²⁷	Stillbirth: "Mrs. Parkman in a poor state of Health. Occationed by her having had the measles and continues Poorly till Fryday 17th when she produced an untimely birth" (Breck Parkman's diary, July 1, 1783).
Parkman, Susanna (wife of Breck)	1790-02-08	36	<p>From Breck Parkman's diary:</p> <p>1790 February 8 (Monday). Mrs. Parkman taken ill in the morning sends for Doctor Haws and Several Neighbour Women. Has exceeding hard Labor. Sends for Doctor Ball about 11 oClock who delivers her of a Female child. Dead born. Katy Hill comes to Nurse. Have a very ill night.</p> <p>1790 February 9 (Tuesday). Mrs. P. more Comfortable.</p>

²⁵Rachel Gold (or Gould) m. Samuel Hardy, Jr., Sept. 30, 1760 (*MVR*, 256); d. June 28, 1821, a. 83 ("A Record of the Deaths which happened in Westboro after October 26, 1808"; https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2495/images/40168_270725_0003-00078?usePUB=true&_phsrc=ODR646&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&pId=78117900).

²⁶Abigail Battle m. Jonathan Batherick, May 17, 1769, in Mendon (*WVR*, 121); May 17, 1770, both of Westborough (*Vital Records of Mendon, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* [Boston, Wright & Potter, 1920], 245); d. Aug. 3, 1786 (*WVR*, 227).

²⁷Susanna, dau. Levi and Susanah Brigham, b. Jan. 21, 1754 (*WVR*, 28); m. Breck Parkman, Jan. 9, 1777 (*NVR*, 82).

			1790 February 10 (Wednesday). Ditto. Gets better Slowly. Old Mr. Martin Pratts wife being the oldest person in Town is buried, and we have a publick Funeral and put our dead infant into the Tomb. A Large and Solemn Procession. Reverend Mr. Robinson Prayed.
Tyler, Hannah (Parkman), wife of John Eugene Tyler of Boston	1802-07-11	23 ²⁸	<p>From Breck Parkman's diary:</p> <p>May 18 (Tuesday). I set off for Boston in the Chaise which I sold to Major Burnap, with Nancy and Augusta for Boston. Find Hannah far advanced in Pregnancy, but in good health and Spirits. Sukey there to keep Hannah Company etc.</p> <p>1802 June 2 (Wednesday). Mrs. Parkman and Charles set off for Boston in Solomon Fays Chaise.</p> <p>1802 June 18 (Friday). We have Letter from Boston which informs that my daughter Hannah is not yet confined, altho we have expected it some time.</p> <p>1802 June 25 (Friday). Late at night Mr. B. came home. Brot a letter from Mrs. Parkman in which she writes that Hannah is yet about and [cleverly?].</p> <p>1802 June 28 (Monday). I set off for Boston in Benjamin Fays Chaise, with some expectation of Bringing my wife, when I return; arrive at Boston 1/2 past 4 oClock; am very gladly received by my wife, and my daughter, Hannah, who contrary to her expectation, keeps about house yet, and is quite [lusty?].</p> <p>1802 July 10 (Saturday). I receive a letter from Mrs. Parkman informing that Hannah keeps about yet which is quite beyond our expectation.</p> <p>1802 July 15 (Thursday). Received a letter Yesterday from Mrs. Parkman to inform me that Hannah was put to Bed on Sunday afternoon. Delivered of a dead child. She had an exceeding hard time. Her life was quite endangered.</p> <p>1802 July 21 (Wednesday). I Return to Westboro with Mrs. Parkman, she having been gone 7 weeks.</p>

²⁸Hannah Breck, dau. Breck and Susanna Parkman, b. Oct. 22, 1778 (*WVR*, 82); mar. John Eugene Tyler of Boston, June 25, 1801 (*WVR*, 194).